
Subject: Re: testing for SHIFT key being pressed
Posted by [davidf](#) on Fri, 15 May 1998 07:00:00 GMT
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Calum McLean (cmclean@holyrood.ed.ac.uk) writes:

- > Is there any mechanism for testing whether SHIFT is being pressed?
- > I have found the 'get_kbrd' command, which will do this for all the
- > alpha-numeric characters, but not SHIFT.
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- > My particular requirement is to be able to test for SHIFT & LEFT MOUSE
- > BUTTON being pressed simultaneously, to add 'preserve aspect ratio'
- > to a rubberband box routine.

Alas, IDL doesn't permit this kind of functionality, although it has been asked for so often that it must be close to the top of the list by now. I usually implement this kind of functionality by using the left button for normal selection and the right button for "aspect" selection.

Cheers,

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