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Subject: Re: raw keyboard input in PVWAVE?  
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leydon%bruce.decnnet@venus.ycc.yale.edu (Gary Leydon) writes:

> I would like to know if there is a way to get "raw" keyboard input from inside  
> a wave procedure or function. I'm running wave on a vaxstation 3200 running  
> decwindows and I would like to allow the user to cancel input by hitting a  
> single key (e.g. escape) or provide command key equivalents to menu selections.

> All the wave input routines just poll the keyboard and wait for the user to  
> hit return before you can examine the input. Is there a way to get async  
> input from wave via the call\_vms routine?

> Any hints would be greatly appreciated

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IDL has a function called GET\_KBRD, maybe PV~Wave does too. I commonly use a statement like:

if strupcase(get\_kbrd(0)) eq 'A' then return

which just checks to see if the A key has been pressed, but doesn't wait for input. The strupcase makes the input case insensitive.

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