Subject: Re: keyboard problem

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"Chris" <not@this.address> wrote in message news:<2tEW9.294\$mL1.20524@ursa-nb00s0.nbnet.nb.ca>...

- > Hi;
- > We recently moved to IDL 5.5, running on a Dell Inspiron laptop under Linux
- > 8.0, with an NVidia Gforce 4 card. Everything works really well except for
- > one irritating bug IDL doesn't recognize the arrow keys. No other program
- > I run has that problem, so I assume it is either an issue with IDL or the
- > way I have it set up. Any thoughts out there about how to fix this problem?

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> TIA,

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> Chris

Try using HELP,/ALL_KEYS to see what IDL thinks your keyboard mapping should be. On my system I have these settings for the arrow keys:

You can experiment with key mappings using DEFINE_KEY. Check the documentation for the exact synax, but it would be something like

DEFINE_KEY,'LEFT ARROW',ESC='SomeEscapeSequence',/BACK_CHARACTER DEFINE_KEY,'RIGHT ARROW',ESC='SomeEscapeSequence',/FORWARD_CHARACTER DEFINE_KEY,'UP ARROW',ESC='SomeEscapeSequence',/PREVIOUS_LINE DEFINE_KEY,'DOWN ARROW',ESC='SomeEscapeSequence',/NEXT_LINE

If you figure it out, just put the commands in your .idl_startup file.