
Subject: Re: Ctrl-D

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> Mark Fardal <fardal@shapley.colorado.edu> wrote:

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>> does anyone know of a way to disable the Ctrl-D key when running on a
>> Unix system, or even better set it to what it does in Emacs (delete a
>> character in command line)? I like the way the emacs control
>> characters (C-a, C-e, C-k) are available for editing the command line,
>> but this similarity lulls me into using C-d as well sometimes. Then
>> my session is gone instantly. Highly annoying.

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> I have this same problem. I've gone so far as to complain to RSI about
> it, and the response I got was "Well...but people are used to the status
> quo and would complain about the change." (More or less anyway.) I
> don't know who *expects* ^D to kick them out when they're in the middle
> of a command line...

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> I'm all for a revolution. Viva la' ^D==delete! :-)

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> Regards,

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> Brian

Hmm...interesting. Not that I've ever written a language interpreter,
but it doesn't seem like it would be hard to have a routine that allows
you to reset the behavior of the command keys like Ctrl-D. Or you could
just use a system variable that gets examined every time Ctrl-D is hit,
with possible meanings (quit session, delete key, do nothing). Then you
could just set this variable in your idl.startup file and everyone would
be happy.

Anyway, thanks for the info,
Mark
