
Subject: Re: GET_KBRD(0) doesn't work in Windows NT
Posted by [Liam Gumley](#) on Fri, 29 Aug 1997 07:00:00 GMT
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Liam Gumley wrote:

- > Under IDL 5.0.2 on my SGI Unix box, the following code will keep
- > displaying the message until a key is pressed.
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- > while get_kbrd(0) eq " do print, 'Press any key to stop'
- >
- > Under IDL 5.0.2 on a PC running Windows NT 3.51, pressing a key has no
- > effect - I have to kill IDL to get out of the loop.
- >
- > Is this a well known problem with GET_KBRD()? If so, how do I get a
- > single keypress in Windows?

It turns out that I was pressing the 'Enter' key, and this is what caused IDL to stop responding in NT 3.51. The online help does warn against trying to get keypresses from control keys, but I guess I was used to getting keypress events from the 'Enter' key in Unix, and I was expecting it to work under NT (silly me). Keypresses from normal alphanumeric keys seem to work as expected.

Cheers,
Liam.
