
Subject: Ctrl-D

Posted by [Mark Fardal](#) on Sun, 10 Nov 1996 08:00:00 GMT

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Hi,

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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Posted by [Andy Lough](#) on Tue, 12 Nov 1996 08:00:00 GMT

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A re-mapping of the keys within emacs, or by using xmodmap
doesn't help with this problem?

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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

Subject: Re: Ctrl-D

Posted by [Mike Ressler](#) on Thu, 14 Nov 1996 08:00:00 GMT

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Andilu wrote:

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Since few other programs use ctrl-D to exit, I definitely don't expect it and would just like to see it redefineable. Heck, even Netscape (which I'm using right now) knows how to do something sensible with ctrl-D.

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"A kludge of the highest order ..."

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Posted by [Andy Loughe](#) on Fri, 15 Nov 1996 08:00:00 GMT
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With that line of thinking it's simple-- stop using IDL.

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I'm all for added features such as the one you suggest, but
I am very against taking things away willy-nilly. Just ask
those who are still looking for /smooth in contour!

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Boulder, CO 80309-0449 "He who laughs last thinks slowest!"

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Posted by [Tim Patterson](#) on Sat, 16 Nov 1996 08:00:00 GMT

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Well, it is only a feature on the Unix versions of IDL. On the VMS
version,
CTRL-D moves back one character instead (LEFT ARROW behaviour).
On my system CTRL-D doesn't kick you out of IDL in the middle of the
command line, only if there is nothing after the IDL prompt
(in the manual it says it does EOF if empty or EOL if not).
It does seem a bit user-unfriendly to me (but I guess that's
just Unix :)

Tim

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