
Subject: using GET_KBRD

Posted by [Walid](#) on Wed, 26 Feb 1997 08:00:00 GMT

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I have what should be a simple problem. The following 3-line program:

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Anyone know what's wrong. I'm running IDL 4.0.1 on a PC. Also, to get around this problem in a large program that I wanted the option to exit from (ctrl-c doesn't usually work from a PC), I went ahead and used the print,a--but it took several passes in the program's loop before the keyboard buffer was read. I also tried to flush,0 the keyboard buffer to no avail.

Thanks in advance,

Walid

Subject: Re: using GET_KBRD

Posted by [pit](#) on Mon, 03 Mar 1997 08:00:00 GMT

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In article <33150043.7B48@wam.umd.edu>,

Walid Atia <atia@wam.umd.edu> writes:

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Works here (also PC, Linux), but with some delay, i.e. you have to press the "q" for a while until something happens. Not very nice, indeed.

Maybe change the GET_KBRD to GET_KBRD(1), then it waits until a key is pressed, or insert a short wait, then it also works as expected.

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