

This call returns any available character data record from the keyboard without removing it from the buffer.

Syntax

KbdPeek (CharData, KbdHandle)

Parameters

;CharData (PKBDKEYINFO) - output : Address of the character data information: :asciicharcode (UCHAR) : ASCII character code. The scan code received from the keyboard is translated to the ASCII character code. :scancode (UCHAR) : Code received from the keyboard hardware. :status (UCHAR) : State of the keystroke event: 'Bit Description' 7-6 00 = Undefined.

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01 = Final character, interim character flag off.  
10 = Interim character.  
11 = Final character, interim character flag on.
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5 1 = Immediate conversion requested. 4-2 Reserved, set to zero. 1 0 = Scan code is a character.

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1 = Scan code is not a character; it is an extended key code from  
the keyboard.
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0 1 = Shift status returned without character. :reserved (UCHAR) : NLS shift status. Reserved, set to zero. :shiftkeystat (USHORT) : Shift key status. 'Bit Description' 15 SysReq key down 14 CapsLock key down 13 NumLock key down 12 ScrollLock key down 11 Right Alt key down 10 Right Ctrl key down 9 Left Alt key down 8 Left Ctrl key down 7 Insert on 6 CapsLock on 5 NumLock on 4 ScrollLock on 3 Either Alt key down 2 Either Ctrl key down 1 Left Shift key down 0 Right Shift key down :time (ULONG) : Time stamp indicating when a key was pressed. It is specified in milliseconds from the time the system was started. ; KbdHandle (HKBD) - input : Default keyboard or the logical keyboard.

Return Code

rc (USHORT) - return Return code descriptions are:
* 0 NO_ERROR * 439
ERROR_KBD_INVALID_HANDLE * 445 ERROR_KBD_FOCUS_REQUIRED * 447
ERROR_KBD_KEYBOARD_BUSY * 464 ERROR_KBD_DETACHED * 504 ERROR_KBD_EXTENDED_SG

Remarks

On an enhanced keyboard, the secondary enter key returns the normal character 0DH and a scan code of E0H.

Double-byte character codes (DBCS) require two function calls to obtain the entire code.

If shift report is set with KbdSetStatus the CharData record returned, reflects changed shift

information only.

Extended ASCII codes are identified with the status byte, bit 1 on and the ASCII character code being either 00H or E0H. Both conditions must be satisfied for the character to be an extended keystroke. For extended ASCII codes, the scan code byte returned is the second code (extended code). Usually the extended ASCII code is the scan code of the primary key that was pressed.

A thread in the foreground session that repeatedly polls the keyboard with KbdCharIn (with no wait), can prevent all regular priority class threads from executing. If polling must be used and a minimal amount of other processing is being performed, the thread should periodically yield the CPU by issuing a DosSleep call for an interval of at least 5 milliseconds.

Family API Considerations

Some options operate differently in the DOS mode than in the OS/2 mode. Therefore, the following restrictions apply to KbdPeek when coding for the DOS mode:

- * The CharData structure includes everything except the time stamp.
- * Interim character is not supported.
- * Status can be 0 or 1.
- * KbdHandle is ignored.

Example Code

C Binding

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<PRE> typedef struct _KBDKEYINFO { /* kbc */
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|--------|------------|--|
| UCHAR | chChar; | /* ASCII character code */ |
| UCHAR | chScan; | /* Scan Code */ |
| UCHAR | fbStatus; | /* State of the character */ |
| UCHAR | bNlsShift; | /* Reserved (set to zero) */ |
| USHORT | fsState; | /* State of the shift keys */ |
| ULONG | time; | /* Time stamp of keystroke (ms since ipl) */ |

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}KBDKEYINFO;

#define INCL_KBD

USHORT rc = KbdPeek(CharData, KbdHandle);

PKBDKEYINFO CharData; /* Buffer for data */ HKBD KbdHandle; /* Keyboard handle */

USHORT rc; /* return code */ </PRE>
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MASM Binding

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<PRE> KBDKEYINFO struc
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| kbc_i_chChar | db ? ;ASCII character code |
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kbc_i_chScan    db  ? ;Scan Code
kbc_i_fbStatus  db  ? ;State of the character
kbc_i_bNlsShift db  ? ;Reserved (set to zero)
kbc_i_fsState   dw  ? ;state of the shift keys
kbc_i_time      dd  ? ;time stamp of keystroke (ms since ipl)

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KBDKEYINFO ends

EXTRN KbdPeek:FAR INCL_KBD EQU 1

PUSH@ OTHER CharData ;Buffer for data PUSH WORD KbdHandle ;Keyboard handle CALL KbdPeek

Returns WORD </PRE>

Note

Text based on [http://www.edm2.com/index.php/KbdPeek_\(FAPI\)](http://www.edm2.com/index.php/KbdPeek_(FAPI))

| Family API | | |
|------------|-----------------|--|
| DOS | Process Manager | DosBeep DosExit DosSleep DosExecPgm |
| | File Manager | DosChDir DosChgFilePtr DosClose DosDelete DosDupHandle DosMkDir DosMove DosQCurDir DosQCurDisk DosSet FileMode DosOpen DosQFileInfo DosRead DosQ FileMode DosQFSInfo DosQVerify DosRmDir DosSelectDisk DosFindClose DosFindFirst DosFindNext DosSet FileInfo DosSet Verify DosWrite DosFileLocks DosSet FHand State DosNewSize DosBufReset DosQFHand State DosSet FSinfo |
| | Memory Manager | DosFreeSeg DosSubAlloc DosSubFree DosSubSet DosAlloc Huge DosAlloc Seg DosRealloc Huge DosRealloc Seg DosGet Huge Shift DosCreate CS Alias |
| | NLS | DosCaseMap DosGet Ctry Info DosGet DBCSEv DosSet Ctry Code DosGet Collate DosGet Message DosIns Message DosPut Message |
| | Date and Time | DosSet Date Time DosGet Date Time |
| | Devices | DosDevConfig DosDevIOCtl DosDevIOCtl2 |
| | Signals | DosHold Signal DosSet Sig Handler |
| | Misc | BadDynLink DosGet Env DosGet Machine Mode DosGet Version DosError DosErr Class DosSet Vec |
| KBD | | KbdCharIn KbdFlush Buffer KbdGet Status KbdSet Status KbdStringIn KbdPeek |
| VIO | | VioGet Buf VioGet Config VioGet Cur Pos VioGet Cur Type VioGet Phys Buf VioRead Cell Str VioRead Char Str VioScroll Up VioScroll Dn VioScroll If VioScroll Rt VioScr Un Lock VioSet Cur Pos VioSet Cur Type VioSet Mode VioGet Mode VioShow Buf VioWrt Cell Str VioWrt Char Str VioWrt Char Str Att VioWrt N Attr VioWrt N Cell VioWrt N Char VioWrt TTY VioScr Lock VioPop Up |
| Tools | | BIND |
| Modules | | DOSCALLS.DLL VIOCALS.DLL KBDCALS.DLL MSG.DLL |
| Libraries | | API.LIB OS2386.LIB FAPI.LIB DOSCALLS.LIB SUBCALLS.LIB |

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