

inkey

<variable name(s)>

inkey waits for a keystroke to enter the value of the specified variable(s)

Use **inkey** to read individual keystrokes from the terminal, without waiting for the user to press a return and without any 'echo' on the terminal screen.

Examples

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inkey n
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This command waits until the user presses a key and sets *n* to the decimal value of the ASCII code for the key (for example, pressing key A sets *n* to 65).

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inkey c1, c2, c3
```

This command reads three keys in turn, returning their ASCII codes in variables *c1*, *c2* and *c3*.

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This command waits until a key is pressed before continuing. The keystroke value is not returned.