

Appendix C: Keyboard Scan Codes

Table 90: PC Keyboard Scan Codes (in hex)

Key	Down	Up	Key	Down	Up	Key	Down	Up	Key	Down	Up
Esc	1	81	[{	1A	9A	, <	33	B3	<i>center</i>	4C	CC
1 !	2	82	]}	1B	9B	. >	34	B4	<i>right</i>	4D	CD
2 @	3	83	Enter	1C	9C	/ ?	35	B5	+	4E	CE
3 #	4	84	Ctrl	1D	9D	R shift	36	B6	<i>end</i>	4F	CF
4 \$	5	85	A	1E	9E	* PrtSc	37	B7	<i>down</i>	50	D0
5 %	6	86	S	1F	9F	alt	38	B8	<i>pgdn</i>	51	D1
6 ^	7	87	D	20	A0	space	39	B9	<i>ins</i>	52	D2
7 &	8	88	F	21	A1	CAPS	3A	BA	<i>del</i>	53	D3
8 *	9	89	G	22	A2	F1	3B	BB	/	E0 35	B5
9 (	0A	8A	H	23	A3	F2	3C	BC	<i>enter</i>	E0 1C	9C
0)	0B	8B	J	24	A4	F3	3D	BD	F11	57	D7
- _	0C	8C	K	25	A5	F4	3E	BE	F12	58	D8
= +	0D	8D	L	26	A6	F5	3F	BF	ins	E0 52	D2
Bksp	0E	8E	; :	27	A7	F6	40	C0	del	E0 53	D3
Tab	0F	8F	‘ “	28	A8	F7	41	C1	home	E0 47	C7
Q	10	90	~ `	29	A9	F8	42	C2	end	E0 4F	CF
W	11	91	L shift	2A	AA	F9	43	C3	pgup	E0 49	C9
E	12	92	\ |	2B	AB	F10	44	C4	pgdn	E0 51	D1
R	13	93	Z	2C	AC	NUM	45	C5	left	E0 4B	CB
T	14	94	X	2D	AD	SCRL	46	C6	right	E0 4D	CD
Y	15	95	C	2E	AE	<i>home</i>	47	C7	up	E0 48	C8
U	16	96	V	2F	AF	<i>up</i>	48	C8	down	E0 50	D0
I	17	97	B	30	B0	<i>pgup</i>	49	C9	R alt	E0 38	B8
O	18	98	N	31	B1	-	4A	CA	R ctrl	E0 1D	9D
P	19	99	M	32	B2	<i>left</i>	4B	CB	Pause	E1 1D 45 E1 9D C5	-

Table 91: Keyboard Codes (in hex)

Key	Scan Code	ASCII	Shift ^a	Ctrl	Alt	Num	Caps	Shift Caps	Shift Num
Esc	01	1B	1B	1B		1B	1B	1B	1B
1 !	02	31	21		7800	31	31	31	31
2 @	03	32	40	0300	7900	32	32	32	32
3 #	04	33	23		7A00	33	33	33	33
4 \$	05	34	24		7B00	34	34	34	34
5 %	06	35	25		7C00	35	35	35	35
6 ^	07	36	5E	1E	7D00	36	36	36	36
7 &	08	37	26		7E00	37	37	37	37
8 *	09	38	2A		7F00	38	38	38	38
9 (	0A	39	28		8000	39	39	39	39
0)	0B	30	29		8100	30	30	30	30
- _	0C	2D	5F	1F	8200	2D	2D	5F	5F
= +	0D	3D	2B		8300	3D	3D	2B	2B
Bksp	0E	08	08	7F		08	08	08	08
Tab	0F	09	0F00			09	09	0F00	0F00
Q	10	71	51	11	1000	71	51	71	51
W	11	77	57	17	1100	77	57	77	57
E	12	65	45	05	1200	65	45	65	45
R	13	72	52	12	1300	72	52	72	52
T	14	74	54	14	1400	74	54	74	54
Y	15	79	59	19	1500	79	59	79	59
U	16	75	55	15	1600	75	55	75	55
I	17	69	49	09	1700	69	49	69	49
O	18	6F	4F	0F	1800	6F	4F	6F	4F
P	19	70	50	10	1900	70	50	70	50
[{	1A	5B	7B	1B		5B	5B	7B	7B
] }	1B	5D	7D	1D		5D	5D	7D	7D
enter	1C	0D	0D	0A		0D	0D	0A	0A
ctrl	1D								
A	1E	61	41	01	1E00	61	41	61	41
S	1F	73	53	13	1F00	73	53	73	53
D	20	64	44	04	2000	64	44	64	44
F	21	66	46	06	2100	66	46	66	46
G	22	67	47	07	2200	67	47	67	47
H	23	68	48	08	2300	68	48	68	48
J	24	6A	4A	0A	2400	6A	4A	6A	4A
K	25	6B	4B	0B	2500	6B	4B	6B	4B
L	26	6C	4C	0C	2600	6C	4C	6C	4C
; :	27	3B	3A			3B	3B	3A	3A
' "	28	27	22			27	27	22	22
` ~	29	60	7E			60	60	7E	7E
Lshift	2A								
\ |	2B	5C	7C	1C		5C	5C	7C	7C
Z	2C	7A	5A	1A	2C00	7A	5A	7A	5A
X	2D	78	58	18	2D00	78	58	78	58
C	2E	63	43	03	2E00	63	43	63	43
V	2F	76	56	16	2F00	76	56	76	56
B	30	62	42	02	3000	62	42	62	42
Key	Scan Code	ASCII	Shift	Ctrl	Alt	Num	Caps	Shift Caps	Shift Num

Table 91: Keyboard Codes (in hex)

Key	Scan Code	ASCII	Shift ^a	Ctrl	Alt	Num	Caps	Shift Caps	Shift Num
N	31	6E	4E	0E	3100	6E	4E	6E	4E
M	32	6D	4D	0D	3200	6D	4D	6D	4D
, <	33	2C	3C			2C	2C	3C	3C
. >	34	2E	3E			2E	2E	3E	3E
/ ?	35	2F	3F			2F	2F	3F	3F
Rshift	36								
* PrtSc	37	2A	INT 5 ^b	10 ^c		2A	2A	INT 5	INT 5
alt	38								
space	39	20	20	20		20	20	20	20
caps	3A								
F1	3B	3B00	5400	5E00	6800	3B00	3B00	5400	5400
F2	3C	3C00	5500	5F00	6900	3C00	3C00	5500	5500
F3	3D	3D00	5600	6000	6A00	3D00	3D00	5600	5600
F4	3E	3E00	5700	6100	6B00	3E00	3E00	5700	5700
F5	3F	3F00	5800	6200	6C00	3F00	3F00	5800	5800
F6	40	4000	5900	6300	6D00	4000	4000	5900	5900
F7	41	4100	5A00	6400	6E00	4100	4100	5A00	5A00
F8	42	4200	5B00	6500	6F00	4200	4200	5B00	5B00
F9	43	4300	5C00	6600	7000	4300	4300	5C00	5C00
F10	44	4400	5D00	6700	7100	4400	4400	5D00	5D00
num	45								
scrl	46								
home	47	4700	37	7700		37	4700	37	4700
up	48	4800	38			38	4800	38	4800
pgup	49	4900	39	8400		39	4900	39	4900
- ^d	4A	2D	2D			2D	2D	2D	2D
left	4B	4B00	34	7300		34	4B00	34	4B00
center	4C	4C00	35			35	4C00	35	4C00
right	4D	4D00	36	7400		36	4D00	36	4D00
+ ^e	4E	2B	2B			2B	2B	2B	2B
end	4F	4F00	31	7500		31	4F00	31	4F00
down	50	5000	32			32	5000	32	5000
pgdn	51	5100	33	7600		33	5100	33	5100
ins	52	5200	30			30	5200	30	5200
del	53	5300	2E			2E	5300	2E	5300
Key	Scan Code	ASCII	Shift	Ctrl	Alt	Num	Caps	Shift Caps	Shift Num

a. For the alphabetic characters, if capslock is active then see the shift-capslock column.

b. Pressing the PrtSc key does not produce a scan code. Instead, BIOS executes an int 5 instruction which should print the screen.

c. This is the control-P character that will activate the printer under MS-DOS.

d. This is the minus key on the keypad.

e. This is the plus key on the keypad.

Table 92: Keyboard Related BIOS Variables

Name	Address ^a	Size	Description
KbdFlags1 (modifier flags)	40:17	Byte	This byte maintains the current status of the modifier keys on the keyboard. The bits have the following meanings: bit 7: Insert mode toggle bit 6: Capslock toggle (1=capslock on) bit 5: Numlock toggle (1=numlock on) bit 4: Scroll lock toggle (1=scroll lock on) bit 3: Alt key (1=alt is down) bit 2: Ctrl key (1=ctrl is down) bit 1: Left shift key (1=left shift is down) bit 0: Right shift key (1=right shift is down)
KbdFlags2 (Toggle keys down)	40:18	Byte	Specifies if a toggle key is currently down. bit 7: Insert key (currently down if 1) bit 6: Capslock key (currently down if 1) bit 5: Numlock key (currently down if 1) bit 4: Scroll lock key (currently down if 1) bit 3: Pause state locked (ctrl-Numlock) if one bit 2: SysReq key (currently down if 1) bit 1: Left alt key (currently down if 1) bit 0: Left ctrl key (currently down if 1)
AltKpd	40:19	Byte	BIOS uses this to compute the ASCII code for an alt-Key-pad sequence.
BufStart	40:80	Word	Offset of start of keyboard buffer (1Eh). Note: this variable is not supported on many systems, be careful if you use it.
BufEnd	40:82	Word	Offset of end of keyboard buffer (3Eh). See the note above.
KbdFlags3	40:96	Byte	Miscellaneous keyboard flags. bit 7: Read of keyboard ID in progress bit 6: Last char is first kbd ID character bit 5: Force numlock on reset bit 4: 1 if 101-key kbd, 0 if 83/84 key kbd. bit 3: Right alt key pressed if 1 bit 2: Right ctrl key pressed if 1 bit 1: Last scan code was E0h bit 0: Last scan code was E1h
KbdFlags4	40:97	Byte	More miscellaneous keyboard flags. bit 7: Keyboard transmit error bit 6: Mode indicator update bit 5: Resend receive flag bit 4: Acknowledge received bit 3: Must always be zero bit 2: Capslock LED (1=on) bit 1: Numlock LED (1=on) bit 0: Scroll lock LED (1=on)

a. Addresses are all given in hexadecimal

Table 93: On-Board Keyboard Controller Commands (Port 64h)

Value (hex)	Description
20	Transmit keyboard controller's command byte to system as a scan code at port 60h.
60	The next byte written to port 60h will be stored in the keyboard controller's command byte.
A4	Test if a password is installed (PS/2 only). Result comes back in port 60h. 0FAh means a password is installed, 0F1h means no password.
A5	Transmit password (PS/2 only). Starts receipt of password. The next sequence of scan codes written to port 60h, ending with a zero byte, are the new password.
A6	Password match. Characters from the keyboard are compared to password until a match occurs.
A7	Disable mouse device (PS/2 only). Identical to setting bit five of the command byte.
A8	Enable mouse device (PS/2 only). Identical to clearing bit five of the command byte.
A9	Test mouse device. Returns 0 if okay, 1 or 2 if there is a stuck clock, 3 or 4 if there is a stuck data line. Results come back in port 60h.
AA	Initiates self-test. Returns 55h in port 60h if successful.
AB	Keyboard interface test. Tests the keyboard interface. Returns 0 if okay, 1 or 2 if there is a stuck clock, 3 or 4 if there is a stuck data line. Results come back in port 60h.
AC	Diagnostic. Returns 16 bytes from the keyboard's microcontroller chip. Not available on PS/2 systems.
AD	Disable keyboard. Same operation as setting bit four of the command register.
AE	Enable keyboard. Same operation as clearing bit four of the command register.
C0	Read keyboard input port to port 60h. This input port contains the following values: bit 7: Keyboard inhibit keyswitch (0 = inhibit, 1 = enabled). bit 6: Display switch (0=color, 1=mono). bit 5: Manufacturing jumper. bit 4: System board RAM (always 1). bits 0-3: undefined.
C1	Copy input port (above) bits 0-3 to status bits 4-7. (PS/2 only)
C2	Copy input port (above) bits 4-7 to status port bits 4-7. (PS/2 only).
D0	Copy microcontroller output port value to port 60h (see definition below).
D1	Write the next data byte written to port 60h to the microcontroller output port. This port has the following definition: bit 7: Keyboard data. bit 6: Keyboard clock. bit 5: Input buffer empty flag. bit 4: Output buffer full flag. bit 3: Undefined. bit 2: Undefined. bit 1: Gate A20 line. bit 0: System reset (if zero). Note: writing a zero to bit zero will reset the machine. Writing a one to bit one combines address lines 19 and 20 on the PC's address bus.

Table 93: On-Board Keyboard Controller Commands (Port 64h)

Value (hex)	Description
D2	Write keyboard buffer. The keyboard controller returns the next value sent to port 60h as though a keypress produced that value. (PS/2 only).
D3	Write mouse buffer. The keyboard controller returns the next value sent to port 60h as though a mouse operation produced that value. (PS/2 only).
D4	Writes the next data byte (60h) to the mouse (auxiliary) device. (PS/2 only).
E0	Read test inputs. Returns in port 60h the status of the keyboard serial lines. Bit zero contains the keyboard clock input, bit one contains the keyboard data input.
Fx	Pulse output port (see definition for D1). Bits 0-3 of the keyboard controller command byte are pulsed onto the output port. Resets the system if bit zero is a zero.

Table 94: Keyboard to System Transmissions

Value (hex)	Description
00	Data overrun. System sends a zero byte as the last value when the keyboard controller's internal buffer overflows.
1..58 81..D8	Scan codes for key presses. The positive values are down codes, the negative values (H.O. bit set) are up codes.
83AB	Keyboard ID code returned in response to the F2 command (PS/2 only).
AA	Returned during basic assurance test after reset. Also the up code for the left shift key.
EE	Returned by the ECHO command.
F0	Prefix to certain up codes (N/A on PS/2).
FA	Keyboard acknowledge to keyboard commands other than resend or ECHO.
FC	Basic assurance test failed (PS/2 only).
FD	Diagnostic failure (not available on PS/2).
FE	Resend. Keyboard requests the system to resend the last command.
FF	Key error (PS/2 only).

Table 95: Keyboard Microcontroller Commands (Port 60h)

Value (hex)	Description
ED	Send LED bits. The next byte written to port 60h updates the LEDs on the keyboard. The parameter (next) byte contains: bits 3-7: Must be zero. bit 2: Capslock LED (1 = on, 0 = off). bit 1: Numlock LED (1 = on, 0 = off). bit 0: Scroll lock LED (1 = on, 0 = off).
EE	Echo commands. Returns 0EEh in port 60h as a diagnostic aid.
F0	Select alternate scan code set (PS/2 only). The next byte written to port 60h selects one of the following options: 00: Report current scan code set in use (next value read from port 60h). 01: Select scan code set #1 (standard PC/AT scan code set). 02: Select scan code set #2. 03: Select scan code set #3.
F2	Send two-byte keyboard ID code as the next two bytes read from port 60h (PS/2 only).
F3	Set Autorepeat delay and repeat rate. Next byte written to port 60h determines rate: bit 7: must be zero bits 5,6: Delay. 00- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec, 01- $\frac{1}{2}$ sec, 10- $\frac{3}{4}$ sec, 11- 1 sec. bits 0-4: Repeat rate. 0- approx 30 chars/sec to 1Fh- approx 2 chars/sec.
F4	Enable keyboard.
F5	Reset to power on condition and wait for enable command.
F6	Reset to power on condition and begin scanning keyboard.
F7	Make all keys autorepeat (PS/2 only).
F8	Set all keys to generate an up code and a down code (PS/2 only).
F9	Set all keys to generate an up code only (PS/2 only).
FA	Set all keys to autorepeat and generate up and down codes (PS/2 only).
FB	Set an individual key to autorepeat. Next byte contains the scan code of the desired key. (PS/2 only).
FC	Set an individual key to generate up and down codes. Next byte contains the scan code of the desired key. (PS/2 only).
FD	Set an individual key to generate only down codes. Next byte contains the scan code of the desired key. (PS/2 only).
FE	Resend last result. Use this command if there is an error receiving data.
FF	Reset keyboard to power on state and start the self-test.

Table 96: BIOS Keyboard Support Functions

Function # (AH)	Input Parameters	Output Parameters	Description
0		al - ASCII character ah - scan code	Read character. Reads next available character from the system's type ahead buffer. Wait for a keystroke if the buffer is empty.
1		ZF- Set if no key. ZF- Clear if key available. al - ASCII code ah - scan code	Checks to see if a character is available in the type ahead buffer. Sets the zero flag if not key is available, clears the zero flag if a key is available. If there is an available key, this function returns the ASCII and scan code value in ax . The value in ax is undefined if no key is available.
2		al - shift flags	Returns the current status of the shift flags in al . The shift flags are defined as follows: bit 7: Insert toggle bit 6: Capslock toggle bit 5: Numlock toggle bit 4: Scroll lock toggle bit 3: Alt key is down bit 2: Ctrl key is down bit 1: Left shift key is down bit 0: Right shift key is down
3	al = 5 bh = 0, 1, 2, 3 for 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, or 1 second delay b1 = 0..1Fh for 30/sec to 2/sec.		Set auto repeat rate. The bh register contains the amount of time to wait before starting the autorepeat operation, the b1 register contains the autorepeat rate.
5	ch = scan code c1 = ASCII code		Store keycode in buffer. This function stores the value in the cx register at the end of the type ahead buffer. Note that the scan code in ch doesn't have to correspond to the ASCII code appearing in c1 . This routine will simply insert the data you provide into the system type ahead buffer.
10h		al - ASCII character ah - scan code	Read extended character. Like ah=0 call, except this one passes all key codes, the ah=0 call throws away codes that are not PC/XT compatible.
11h		ZF- Set if no key. ZF- Clear if key available. al - ASCII code ah - scan code	Like the ah=01h call except this one does not throw away keycodes that are not PC/XT compatible (i.e., the extra keys found on the 101 key keyboard).

Table 96: BIOS Keyboard Support Functions

Function # (AH)	Input Parameters	Output Parameters	Description
12h		al- shift flags ah- extended shift flags	<p>Returns the current status of the shift flags in ax. The shift flags are defined as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> bit 15: SysReq key pressed bit 14: Capslock key currently down bit 13: Numlock key currently down bit 12: Scroll lock key currently down bit 11: Right alt key is down bit 10: Right ctrl key is down bit 9: Left alt key is down bit 8: Left ctrl key is down bit 7: Insert toggle bit 6: Capslock toggle bit 5: Numlock toggle bit 4: Scroll lock toggle bit 3: Either alt key is down (some machines, left only) bit 2: Either ctrl key is down bit 1: Left shift key is down bit 0: Right shift key is down

