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# MATLAB for Brain and Cognitive Psychology (Response collection)

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# Today: Steps in the Psychophysics Lab

- Generating Stimuli
- Visual Display
- Stimulus presentation
- Response collection



# Collecting responses



# PsychHID

- Interaction with USB devices is accomplished through PsychHID (Human Interface Device)
- Even internal keyboards are accessed this way



# Listing devices

```
devices = PsychHID('Devices');
```

- Returns a structure array where each element describes a single device
- PsychHID only checks for USB devices on startup. If you plug in a device *after starting matlab it wont be recognized by PsychHID, even if you can see its input on the screen.* You need to either restart Matlab or issue **clear PsychHID** to renumerate the connected devices.



# Psychtoolbox Response Monitoring

- GetChar()
- KbWait()
- KbCheck()
- KbQueueCheck()



➤ GetMouse()

➤ GetClicks()

➤ GetMouseWheel()

➤ SetMouse()

➤ ShowCursor()

➤ HideCursor()



➤ GamePad()



# Psychtoolbox Response Monitoring

- PsychRTBox()

<http://lobes.usc.edu/RTbox/>



# Other response input methods

- Ask()
- GetEchoNumber()
- GetEchoString()
- GetNumber
- GetString





# Keyboard responses

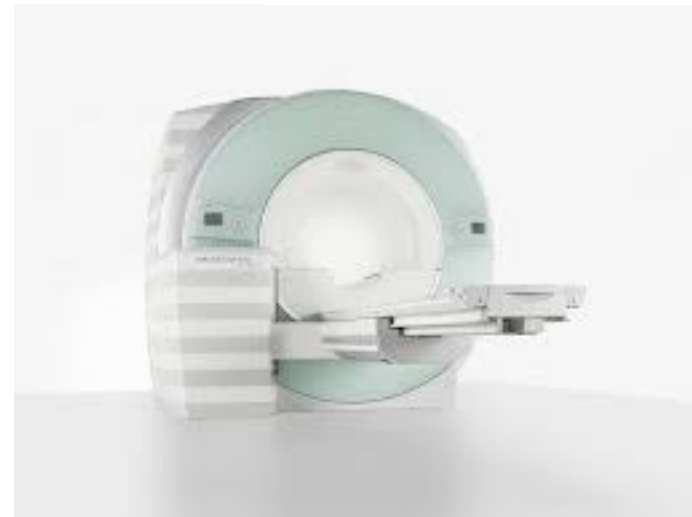
- GetChar()
- KbWait()
- KbCheck()
- KbQueueCheck()



# Keyboard responses



MRI response interface that delivers the keypresses from the button box and the triggers from the scanner is a keyboard device.



# GetChar

[ch, when] = GetChar()

GetChar can return characters that were type *before* you called it!  
As long as listening is turned on, GetChar will be listening. It will then return all the keys pressed since it started listening, in order. If there are none left in the queue, it will wait for a new one.

Use FlushEvents() to clear the queue and to start listening. You can also call ListenChar() to turn listening on and off directly.



# GetChar

```
>> FlushEvents()  
>> pressed = GetChar()  
  
pressed =  
  
p  
  
>> pressed = GetChar()  
  
pressed =  
  
r  
  
>> pressed = GetChar()  
  
pressed =  
  
e  
  
>> FlushEvents;GetChar()  
  
ans =  
  
x
```



# Ascii code

Dec	Hex	Oct	Chr	Dec	Hex	Oct	HTML	Chr	Dec	Hex	Oct	HTML	Chr	Dec	Hex	Oct	HTML	Chr
0	0	000	NULL	32	20	040	&#032;	Space	64	40	100	&#064;	@	96	60	140	&#096;	`
1	1	001	Start of Header	33	21	041	&#033;	!	65	41	101	&#065;	A	97	61	141	&#097;	a
2	2	002	Start of Text	34	22	042	&#034;	"	66	42	102	&#066;	B	98	62	142	&#098;	b
3	3	003	End of Text	35	23	043	&#035;	#	67	43	103	&#067;	C	99	63	143	&#099;	c
4	4	004	End of Transmission	36	24	044	&#036;	\$	68	44	104	&#068;	D	100	64	144	&#100;	d
5	5	005	Enquiry	37	25	045	&#037;	%	69	45	105	&#069;	E	101	65	145	&#101;	e
6	6	006	Acknowledgment	38	26	046	&#038;	&	70	46	106	&#070;	F	102	66	146	&#102;	f
7	7	007	Bell	39	27	047	&#039;	'	71	47	107	&#071;	G	103	67	147	&#103;	g
8	8	010	Backspace	40	28	050	&#040;	(	72	48	110	&#072;	H	104	68	150	&#104;	h
9	9	011	Horizontal Tab	41	29	051	&#041;	)	73	49	111	&#073;	I	105	69	151	&#105;	i
10	A	012	Line feed	42	2A	052	&#042;	*	74	4A	112	&#074;	J	106	6A	152	&#106;	j
11	B	013	Vertical Tab	43	2B	053	&#043;	+	75	4B	113	&#075;	K	107	6B	153	&#107;	k
12	C	014	Form feed	44	2C	054	&#044;	,	76	4C	114	&#076;	L	108	6C	154	&#108;	l
13	D	015	Carriage return	45	2D	055	&#045;	-	77	4D	115	&#077;	M	109	6D	155	&#109;	m
14	E	016	Shift Out	46	2E	056	&#046;	.	78	4E	116	&#078;	N	110	6E	156	&#110;	n
15	F	017	Shift In	47	2F	057	&#047;	/	79	4F	117	&#079;	O	111	6F	157	&#111;	o
16	10	020	Data Link Escape	48	30	060	&#048;	0	80	50	120	&#080;	P	112	70	160	&#112;	p
17	11	021	Device Control 1	49	31	061	&#049;	1	81	51	121	&#081;	Q	113	71	161	&#113;	q
18	12	022	Device Control 2	50	32	062	&#050;	2	82	52	122	&#082;	R	114	72	162	&#114;	r
19	13	023	Device Control 3	51	33	063	&#051;	3	83	53	123	&#083;	S	115	73	163	&#115;	s
20	14	024	Device Control 4	52	34	064	&#052;	4	84	54	124	&#084;	T	116	74	164	&#116;	t
21	15	025	Negative Ack.	53	35	065	&#053;	5	85	55	125	&#085;	U	117	75	165	&#117;	u
22	16	026	Synchronous idle	54	36	066	&#054;	6	86	56	126	&#086;	V	118	76	166	&#118;	v
23	17	027	End of Trans. Block	55	37	067	&#055;	7	87	57	127	&#087;	W	119	77	167	&#119;	w
24	18	030	Cancel	56	38	070	&#056;	8	88	58	130	&#088;	X	120	78	170	&#120;	x
25	19	031	End of Medium	57	39	071	&#057;	9	89	59	131	&#089;	Y	121	79	171	&#121;	y
26	1A	032	Substitute	58	3A	072	&#058;	:	90	5A	132	&#090;	Z	122	7A	172	&#122;	z
27	1B	033	Escape	59	3B	073	&#059;	;	91	5B	133	&#091;	[	123	7B	173	&#123;	{
28	1C	034	File Separator	60	3C	074	&#060;	<	92	5C	134	&#092;	\	124	7C	174	&#124;	
29	1D	035	Group Separator	61	3D	075	&#061;	=	93	5D	135	&#093;	]	125	7D	175	&#125;	}
30	1E	036	Record Separator	62	3E	076	&#062;	>	94	5E	136	&#094;	^	126	7E	176	&#126;	~
31	1F	037	Unit Separator	63	3F	077	&#063;	?	95	5F	137	&#095;	_	127	7F	177	&#127;	Del



# GetChar

- Don't use GetChar() for timing!
- No, really, don't use GetChar for response times!



# KbWait

```
[secs, keyCode, deltaSecs] = KbWait([devicenumber] [, forWhat = 0][, untilTime=inf)
```

which device are we listening to?  
use PsychHID('Devices') to list all devices

GetKeyboardIndices() will return the device numbers  
of all keyboard devices

**Use -1 to listen to all keyboards**

**Use -2 to listen to all keypad devices**

**Use -3 to listen to all keyboards and keypads**



# KbWait

- When you press a key, you press it and then release it





# KbWait

```
[secs, keyCode, deltaSecs] = KbWait([devicenumber] [, forWhat = 0][, untilTime=inf])
```

0: Default. Listen for key down  
1: Listen for key release  
2: Wait until all keys are released,  
THEN wait for key down  
3: Wait until all keys are released,  
then wait for a full key press and  
release

Stop waiting when  
we get to this  
time



# KbCheck

```
[keyIsDown, secs, keyCode, deltaSecs] = KbCheck([deviceNumber])
```

Has a key been pressed?  
1 if any key has been pressed,  
0 otherwise

Time key was  
pressed

256-element logical  
vector indicating which  
key(s) were pressed

interval between this  
check and the last one



```
function getKeypress

WaitSecs(.5);
startTime = GetSecs();
keyIsDown = 0;

while ~keyIsDown
    [ keyIsDown, pressedSecs, keyCode ] = KbCheck(-1);
end

pressedKey = KbName(find(keyCode));
reactionTime = pressedSecs-startTime;

fprintf('\nKey %s was pressed at %.4f seconds\n\n',pressedKey,reactionTime);

end
```

## Use KbCheck to break out of an animation loop

```
function getKeypress2

WaitSecs(.5);
startTime = GetSecs();
keyIsDown = 0;

%open the screen and set up initial color
[wPtr, rect] = Screen('OpenWindow',max(Screen('Screens')));
bgColor = 255;
Screen('FillRect',wPtr,bgColor);
Screen('Flip',wPtr);
increment = -1;

while ~keyIsDown
    [ keyIsDown, pressedSecs, keyCode ] = KbCheck(-1);

    %change the background color
    bgColor = bgColor + increment;
    if bgColor <= 0 || bgColor >= 255
        increment = -increment;
    end
    Screen('FillRect',wPtr,bgColor);
    Screen('Flip',wPtr);

end

pressedKey = KbName(find(keyCode));
reactionTime = pressedSecs-startTime;

fprintf('\nKey %s was pressed at %.4f seconds\n\n',pressedKey,reactionTime);

end
```

Collect a response only while the stimulus is visible

```
function getKeypress3
%Present a stimulus and wait for a response while the stimulus is visible

WaitSecs(.5);
startTime = GetSecs();
keyIsDown = 0;
stimDuration = 5;

%open the screen
[wPtr, rect] = Screen('OpenWindow',max(Screen('Screens')));

%Read in pic and create texture
faceData = imread('sadface.jpg');
faceTexture = Screen('MakeTexture',wPtr,faceData);

%Draw it
Screen('DrawTexture',wPtr,faceTexture);
stimTime = Screen('Flip',wPtr);

while GetSecs() <= stimTime + stimDuration
    [ keyIsDown, pressedSecs, keyCode ] = KbCheck(-1);
    if keyIsDown
        responseKey = KbName(find(keyCode));
        responseTime = pressedSecs-startTime;
    end
end

%Blank screen for 5 seconds, not recording responses now
Screen('Flip',wPtr);
WaitSecs(5);

fprintf('\nKey %s was pressed at %.4f seconds\n\n',responseKey,responseTime);
clear Screen;

end
```

## Continue collecting responses after the stimulus goes away

```
function getKeypress4
%Continue to collect responses after the stimulus is gone

WaitSecs(.5);
startTime = GetSecs();
keyIsDown = 0;
stimDuration = 5;
responseDuration = 10;

%open the screen
[wPtr, rect] = Screen('OpenWindow',max(Screen('Screens')));

%Read in pic and create texture
faceData = imread('sadface.jpg');
faceTexture = Screen('MakeTexture',wPtr,faceData);

%Draw it
Screen('DrawTexture',wPtr,faceTexture);
stimTime = Screen('Flip',wPtr);

while GetSecs() <= stimTime + responseDuration
    [ keyIsDown, pressedSecs, keyCode ] = KbCheck(-1);
    if keyIsDown
        responseKey = KbName(find(keyCode));
        responseTime = pressedSecs-startTime;
    end
    if GetSecs - stimTime >= stimDuration
        %stimulus has been up for as long as it should be, so we erase it
        Screen('Flip',wPtr);
    end
end

fprintf('\nKey %s was pressed at %.4f seconds\n\n',responseKey,responseTime);
clear Screen;

end
```

# Ignoring responses

`DisableKeysForKbCheck([disablekeys])`

vector of key codes  
to ignore

`RestrictKeysForKbCheck([enablekeys])`



```

function waitForScannerTrigger
    WaitSecs(.5);

    %find key code for trigger key, which is a 5
    triggerCode = KbName('5%');
    keyIsDown = 0;

    %Make sure no keys are disabled
    DisableKeysForKbCheck([]);

    %wait for trigger
    while 1
        [ keyIsDown, pressedSecs, keyCode ] = KbCheck(-1);
        if keyIsDown
            if find(keyCode)==triggerCode
                break;
            end
        end
    end

    %Record trigger time for future reference
    triggerTime = pressedSecs;
    fprintf('Trigger detected\n');

    %Now disable 5 key for the rest of the script
    DisableKeysForKbCheck([triggerCode]);

    %Now get a new response, ignoring triggers
    WaitSecs(.5);
    fprintf('Waiting for response.\n');
    keyIsDown = 0;
    while ~keyIsDown
        [ keyIsDown, pressedSecs, keyCode ] = KbCheck(-1);
    end

    pressedKey = KbName(find(keyCode));
    reactionTime = pressedSecs-triggerTime;

    fprintf('\nKey %s was pressed at %.4f seconds\n\n',pressedKey,reactionTime);

end

```

waiting for a specific  
response

waiting for any  
response EXCEPT  
certain keys



# Keyboard responses

- GetChar()
- KbWait()
- KbCheck()
- KbQueueCheck()



# KbQueueCheck

- An alternative set of commands for collecting keypresses:
  - KbQueueCreate
  - KbQueueStart
  - KbQueueStop
  - KbQueueCheck
  - KbQueueWait
  - KbQueueFlush
  - KbQueueRelease



# KbQueueCheck

- Advantages of KbQueueCheck:
  - Sometimes detects really brief responses that KbCheck can miss
  - Very accurate time recording
  - Records presses and releases both
- Disadvantages:
  - Difficulty in recording multiple presses of the same key
  - May not deal well with many rapid keypresses



# Steps to using KbQueue

- KbQueueCreate([deviceNumber]) to create the queue.
- KbQueueStart() to start listening
- KbQueueStop() to stop listening (does not clear the queue)
- KbQueueCheck() to check the values recorded while the queue was active
- KbQueueFlush() to empty the queue
- KbQueueRelease() to destroy the queue object



# KbQueueCheck

```
[pressed, firstPress, firstRelease, lastPress, lastRelease] =  
KbQueueCheck()
```

has a key  
been  
pressed?

array  
indicating  
when each  
key was first  
pressed

array  
indicating  
when each  
key was first  
released



```

function waitForScannerTrigger

WaitSecs(.5);

%find key code for trigger key, which is a 5
triggerCode = KbName('5');
keyIsDown = 0;

%Make sure no keys are disabled
DisableKeysForKbCheck([]);

%wait for trigger
while 1
    [ keyIsDown, pressedSecs, keyCode ] = KbCheck(-1);
    if keyIsDown
        if find(keyCode)==triggerCode
            break;
        end
    end
end

%Record trigger time for future reference
triggerTime = pressedSecs;
fprintf('Trigger detected\n');

%Now disable 5 key for the rest of the script
DisableKeysForKbCheck([triggerCode]);

%Now get a new response, ignoring triggers
WaitSecs(.5);
fprintf('Waiting for response.\n');
keyIsDown = 0;
while ~keyIsDown
    [ keyIsDown, pressedSecs, keyCode ] = KbCheck(-1);
end

pressedKey = KbName(find(keyCode));
reactionTime = pressedSecs-triggerTime;

fprintf('\nKey %s was pressed at %.4f seconds\n\n',pressedKey,reactionTime);

end

```

# Other keyboard response functions

- `GetNumber()`
- `GetString()`
- `GetEchoString(wPtr,message,x,y)`
- `Ask(wPtr, message)`



# Mouse responses

- `GetMouse()`
- `GetClicks()`
- `GetMouseWheel()`
- `SetMouse()`
- `ShowCursor()`
- `HideCursor()`





# Mouse responses

```
[x,y,buttons] = GetMouse([windowPtrOrScreenNumber] [, mouseDev])
```

↑  
vector of three  
numbers, one for  
each mouse button  
0 = not pressed  
1 = pressed

↑  
which mouse device

↘



```
function mouseWait
    buttons = 0;
    while ~buttons
        [x,y,buttons] = GetMouse();
    end
    fprintf('You clicked button %d\n',find(buttons));
end
```

# Mouse responses

```
[clicks,x,y,whichButton] = GetClicks([windowPtrOrScreenNumber]  
[, interclickSecs][, mouseDev])
```

Use this to wait for a click and record where the user clicked, and how many clicks they made (e.g. double-click).

```
wheelDelta = GetMouseWheel([mouseIndex])
```

Use this to get the position of the mouse scroll wheel



# Controlling the mouse

- `SetMouse(x,y)` to move the mouse to a location
- `HideCursor()` to hide the mouse pointer
- `ShowCursor()` to show the mouse pointer



# Other input devices

➤ `GamePad()`

➤ Type `Gamepad` in the command window for help, or `Gamepad Subcommand?` for help with a subcommand



# Gamepad

- Gamepad('GetButton',gamepadIndex, buttonIndex) to get status of buttons
- Gamepad('GetAxis',gamepadIndex,axisIndex) to get joystick position
- Gamepad('GetBall',gamepadIndex,ballIndex) to get trackball info



# Assignment #9

- Create a function called `yourinitials_session9()`
  - The function will take one input, `radius`, which will determine the radius of a circle
  - Draw a black circle in the center of the screen. Using `KbCheck`, wait for the user to press a key. If the user presses R, the ball will turn red; if they press G the ball should turn green; B will turn the ball blue.
  - The ball will begin moving towards the mouse position. Only move the ball 2 pixels each frame, do not jump right to the location of the mouse. The ball will follow the mouse around the screen until the user clicks the mouse, when the program will end and the screen will clear.
  - While the ball is moving, the user may press R, G, or B to change the color of the circle accordingly.

