

Chapter IV-10 — Advanced Topics

for recursion in your hook function does not solve the problem because subsequent hook event calls occur after your hook function has returned.

To break the chain, your hook function needs to modify the graph window only if necessary. For example, assume that your hook function needs to change something when the range of an axis in a graph changes. You need to store the axis range from the last time your function was called using user data (see [GetUserData](#)). If, in the current call, the axis range has not changed, your function must return without making any changes, thereby breaking the chain.

Keyboard Events

The `WMWinHookStruct` structure has three members used with keyboard and earlyKeyboard events. A fourth member, `focusCtrl`, is used only with earlyKeyboard events, described below.

The `keyCode` field works with ASCII characters and some special keys such as keyboard navigation keys.

The `specialKeyCode` fields works with navigation keys, function keys and other special keys. `specialKeyCode` is zero for normal text such as letters, numbers and punctuation.

The `keyText` field works with ASCII characters and non-ASCII characters such as accented characters.

The `specialKeyCode` and `keyText` fields were added in Igor Pro 7. New code that does not need to run with earlier Igor versions should use these new fields instead of the `keyCode` field. See [Keyboard Events Example](#) on page IV-301 for an example.

Here are the codes for the `specialKeyCode` and `keyCode` fields:

| Key | specialKeyCode | keyCode | Note |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|------------------------|
| F1 through F39 | 1 through 39 | Not supported | Function keys |
| LeftArrow | 100 | 28 | |
| RightArrow | 101 | 29 | |
| UpArrow | 102 | 30 | |
| DownArrow | 103 | 31 | |
| PageUp | 104 | 11 | |
| PageDown | 105 | 12 | |
| Home | 106 | 1 | |
| End | 107 | 4 | |
| Return | 200 | 13 | |
| Enter | 201 | 3 | |
| Tab | 202 | 9 | |
| BackTab | 203 | Not supported | Tab with Shift pressed |
| Escape | 204 | 27 | |
| Delete | 300 | 8 | Backspace key |
| ForwardDelete | 301 | 127 | |
| Clear | 302 | Not supported | |
| Insert | 303 | Not supported | |
| Help | 400 | Not supported | |
| Break | 401 | Not supported | Pause/Break key |