

Reading input in C

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- scanf returns a EOF (constant) if EOF (Ctrl+D) is sent via stdin
 - We can use this to know when the user wants to stop

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- Returns the number of chars read
 - Or -1 for errors