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keyboard shortcuts - Disable control+enter when typing a message in Lync

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This has been driving me mad too, since in any other app `Ctrl+Enter` means 'Send'.

Anyway, I found [a post](#) about disabling `Ctrl+Enter` for Outlook with a registry hack; I thought I'd give it a try for Lync, and to my surprise it did work.

So:

- Open Regedit
- Navigate to `HKCU\Software\Policies\Microsoft`
- Right-click Microsoft and add new key Office
- Right-click 'Office' and add a new key named **15.0** (or whatever your Office version number is)
- Right-click the version number key, add a new key and call it **Lync**
- Right-click Lync and add the new key **DisabledShortcutKeysCheckBoxes**
- Right-click the `DisabledShortcutKeysCheckBoxes` key and select new string value

- Name it **CtrlEnter**
- Right-click CtrlEnter, select modify and set the value to **13,8** (that's thirteen comma eight)
- Restart Lync (I killed the Lync process and then started it up again)

Now `Ctrl+Enter` should no longer do anything.

[Update] If you also want to disable `Ctrl+Shift+Enter`, which by default starts an audio call, you can add a **CtrlShiftEnter** string value with data set to **13,12**.

To quickly apply both above changes you can create a file with a `.reg` extension (e.g. `FixLync.reg`), fill it with the content below and run it.

Note: version number 15.0 corresponds to Office 2013, tune this value if necessary!

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Windows Registry Editor Version 5.00
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[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft
\Office\15.0\Lync\DisabledShortcutKeysCheckBoxes]
"CtrlEnter"="13,8"
"CtrlShiftEnter"="13,12"
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