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Keyboard.press()

Description

When called, `Keyboard.press()` functions as if a key were pressed and held on your keyboard. Useful when using [modifier keys](#). To end the key press, use [Keyboard.release\(\)](#) or [Keyboard.releaseAll\(\)](#).

It is necessary to call [Keyboard.begin\(\)](#) before using `press()`.

Syntax

```
Keyboard.press(key)
```

Parameters

key: the key to press. Allowed data types: `char`.

Returns

Number of key presses sent. Data type: `size_t`.

Example Code

```
#include <Keyboard.h>

// use this option for OSX:
char ctrlKey = KEY_LEFT_GUI;
// use this option for Windows and Linux:
// char ctrlKey = KEY_LEFT_CTRL;

void setup() {
  // make pin 2 an input and turn on the
  // pullup resistor so it goes high unless
  // connected to ground:
  pinMode(2, INPUT_PULLUP);
  // initialize control over the keyboard:
```

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```
// do nothing until pin 2 goes low
delay(500);
}
delay(1000);
// new document:
Keyboard.press(ctrlKey);
Keyboard.press('n');
delay(100);
Keyboard.releaseAll();
// wait for new window to open:
delay(1000);
}
```

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