

This call reads a character string (character codes only) from the keyboard.

## Syntax

KbdStringIn (CharBuffer, StringLength, IOWait, KbdHandle)

## Parameters

;CharBuffer ([PCH](#)) - output : Address of the character string buffer. ;StringLength ([PSTRINGINBUF](#)) - input/output : Address of the length of the character string buffer. On entry, buflen is the maximum length, in bytes, of the buffer. The maximum length that can be specified is 255. Template processing has meaning only in the ASCII mode. ::buflen ([USHORT](#)) : Length of the input buffer. ::inputlen ([USHORT](#)) : Number of bytes read into the buffer. ;IOWait ([USHORT](#)) - input : Wait if a character is not available. ::0 - Wait. In Binary input mode, the requestor waits until CharBuffer is full. In ASCII input mode, the requestor waits until a carriage return is pressed. ::1 - No wait. The requestor gets an immediate return if no characters are available. If characters are available, KbdStringIn returns immediately with as many characters as are available (up to the maximum). No wait is not supported in ASCII input mode. ;KbdHandle ([HKBD](#)) - input : Default keyboard or the logical keyboard.

## Return Code

rc ([USHORT](#)) - return Return code descriptions are: \* 0 NO\_ERROR \* 375 ERROR\_KBD\_INVALID\_IOWAIT \* 439 ERROR\_KBD\_INVALID\_HANDLE \* 445 ERROR\_KBD\_FOCUS\_REQUIRED \* 464 ERROR\_KBD\_DETACHED \* 504 ERROR\_KBD\_EXTENDED\_SG

## Remarks

The character strings may be optionally echoed on the display if echo mode is set. When echo is on each character is echoed as it is read from the keyboard. Echo mode and BINARY mode are mutually exclusive. Reference [KbdSetStatus](#) and [KbdGetStatus](#) for more information.

The default input mode is ASCII. In ASCII mode, 2-byte character codes only return in complete form. An extended ASCII code is returned in a 2-byte string. The first byte is 0DH or E0H and the next byte is an extended code.

In input mode (BINARY, ASCII), The following returns can be set and retrieved with [KbdSetStatus](#) and [KbdGetStatus](#): \* Turnaround Character \* Echo Mode \* Interim Character Flag \* Shift State

The received input length is also used by the [KbdStringIn](#) line edit functions for re-displaying and entering a caller specified string. On the next [KbdStringIn](#) call the received input length indicates the length of the input buffer that may be recalled by the user using the line editing keys. A value of 0 inhibits the line editing function for the current [KbdStringIn](#) request.

[KbdStringIn](#) completes when the handle has access to the physical keyboard (focus), or is equal to zero and no other handle has the focus.

## Family API Considerations

Some options operate differently in the DOS mode than in the OS/2 mode. Therefore, the following restrictions apply to KbdStringIn when coding in the DOS mode: \* KbdHandle is ignored

Refer to the DosRead Family API Considerations for differences between DOS and OS/2 mode when reading from a handle opened to the CON device.

### Example Code

## C Binding

```
<PRE> typedef struct _STRINGINBUF { /* kbsi */
```

```
    USHORT cb;                /* input buffer length */  
    USHORT cchIn;            /* received input length */
```

```
} STRINGINBUF;
```

```
#define INCL_KBD
```

```
USHORT rc = KbdStringIn(CharBuffer, Length, IOWait, KbdHandle);
```

```
PCH CharBuffer; /* Char string buffer */ PSTRINGINBUF Length; /* Length table */ USHORT IOWait; /*  
Indicate if wait for char */ HKBD KbdHandle; /* Keyboard handle */
```

```
USHORT rc; /* return code */ </PRE>
```

## MASM Binding

```
<PRE> STRINGINBUF struc
```

```
    kbsi_cb    dw  ? ;input buffer length  
    kbsi_cchIn dw  ? ;received input length
```

```
STRINGINBUF ends
```

```
EXTRN KbdStringIn:FAR INCL_KBD EQU 1
```

```
PUSH@ OTHER CharBuffer ;Char string buffer PUSH@ OTHER Length ;Length table PUSH WORD  
IOWait ;Indicate if wait for char PUSH WORD KbdHandle ;Keyboard handle CALL KbdStringIn
```

```
Returns WORD </PRE>
```

# Note

Text based on [http://www.edm2.com/index.php/KbdStringIn\\_\(FAPi\)](http://www.edm2.com/index.php/KbdStringIn_(FAPi))

Family API		
DOS	Process Manager	DosBeep DosExit DosSleep DosExecPgm
	File Manager	DosChDir DosChgFilePtr DosClose DosDelete DosDupHandle DosMkDir DosMove DosQCurDir DosQCurDisk DosSetFileMode DosOpen DosQFileInfo DosRead DosQFileMode DosQFSInfo DosQVerify DosRmDir DosSelectDisk DosFindClose DosFindFirst DosFindNext DosSetFileInfo DosSetVerify DosWrite DosFileLocks DosSetFHandState DosNewSize DosBufReset DosQFHandState DosSetFSinfo DosShutdown
	Memory Manager	DosFreeSeg DosSubAlloc DosSubFree DosSubSet DosAllocHuge DosAllocSeg DosReallocHuge DosReallocSeg DosGetHugeShift DosCreateCSAlias
	NLS	DosCaseMap DosGetCtryInfo DosGetDBCSEv DosSetCtryCode DosGetCollate DosGetMessage DosInsMessage DosPutMessage
	Date and Time	DosSetDateTime DosGetDateTime
	Devices	DosDevConfig DosDevIOct1 DosDevIOct2
	Signals	DosHoldSignal DosSetSigHandler
	Misc	BadDynLink DosGetEnv DosGetMachineMode DosGetVersion DosError DosErrClass DosSetVec
KBD		KbdCharIn KbdFlushBuffer KbdGetStatus KbdSetStatus KbdStringIn KbdPeek
VIO		VioGetBuf VioGetConfig VioGetCurPos VioGetCurType VioGetPhysBuf VioReadCellStr VioReadCharStr VioScrollUp VioScrollDn VioScrollLf VioScrollRt VioScrUnLock VioSetCurPos VioSetCurType VioSetMode VioGetMode VioShowBuf VioWrtCellStr VioWrtCharStr VioWrtCharStrAtt VioWrtNAttr VioWrtNCell VioWrtNChar VioWrtTTY VioScrLock VioPopUp
Tools		BIND
Modules		DOSCALLS.DLL VIOCALLS.DLL KBDCALLS.DLL MSG.DLL
Libraries		API.LIB OS2386.LIB FAPI.LIB DOSCALLS.LIB SUBCALLS.LIB

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