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A/UX: ASCII Codes Returned By Function Keys Under Command Shell

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TOPIC -----

How can I find out what ASCII codes are returned by the function keys under the command shell?

DISCUSSION -----

Follow these steps:

- 1) Open a vi window; type `vi testfkey` and press Enter
- 2) To begin entering data, press Escape i
- 3) In the window, press Control-v followed by the function key.
- 4) To quit vi and save the file, press Escape ZZ Enter
- 5) With the function key keystroke captured, run `od` on the document to find out the ASCII/hex codes. For example, to see the contents of the file in hex, type `od -h testfkey` and press Enter.

Other `od` flags include:

- `a` to display bytes under their ASCII names
- `d`, `l`, or `i` to display bytes in decimal
- `h` to display bytes in hex

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