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Apple II: Disabling Keyboard During Serial I/O (2/97)

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TOPIC -----

This article disucsses how to disable the keyboard during serial I/O on the Apple IIc, Apple IIGS and Apple IIe Super Serial card.

DISCUSSION -----

The Apple II serial interface (Apple IIc serial port, Apple IIGS serial port, and Apple IIe Super Serial Card) has a built-in command that disables the keyboard during serial I/O. The command is FD. Here's how to send it from BASIC:

```
10 print chr$(4);"pr#2"  
20 print chr$(1);"FD": REM Disable the keyboard...
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