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## Easy Access: Slow Keys Appears to Prevent Keyboard Input (3/93)

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TOPIC --------------------------------------------------------------

I lose the ability to input data from the keyboard after entering numerous
hard returns in Microsoft Word or TeachText.  I hear a beep, then the
keyboard won't accept more keystrokes -- it just makes a strange beep.
Even quitting the application doesn't fix it.

This doesn't happen with extensions off, but occurs even immediately after
a clean install.


DISCUSSION ---------------------------------------------------------

This is a feature of Easy Access called Slow Keys.  Slow Keys gets turned
on whenever the return key is held down for 8 consecutive seconds (there's
a warning beep after 4 seconds).  Thus, even though all features of Easy
Access Control Panel may be off, Slow Keys can still activate itself.
Slow Keys is supposed to prevent accidental key presses by waiting a brief
amount of time before accepting a keystroke.  It may appear as though the
keyboard is locked up.

When this happens, turn off Slow Keys in the Easy Access control panel (the
mouse will still be functional).  Be aware, however, that holding the
return key down again for another 8 seconds will turn it back on.  The
long-term solution is simply to remove Easy Access.
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