



Linux Ubuntu 26.04 Manual Pages on command 'fish_key_reader.1'

\$ man fish_key_reader.1

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NAME

fish_key_reader - explore what characters keyboard keys send

SYNOPSIS

fish_key_reader [OPTIONS]

DESCRIPTION

fish_key_reader is used to explain how you would bind a certain key sequence. By default, it prints the bind <> command for one key sequence read interactively over standard input.

The following options are available:

-c or --continuous

Begins a session where multiple key sequences can be inspected. By default the program exits after capturing a single key sequence.

-h or --help

Displays help about using this command.

-V or --verbose

Explain what sequence was received in addition to the decoded key.

-v or --version

Displays the current fish version and then exits.

USAGE NOTES

fish_key_reader intentionally disables handling of many signals. To terminate

fish_key_reader in --continuous mode do:

? press ctrl-c twice, or

? press ctrl-d twice, or

? type exit, or

? type quit

EXAMPLE

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> fish_key_reader
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Press a key:

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# press up-arrow
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bind up 'do something'
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