

15-410

“Don't make me stop the car...”

#define
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Outline

What's wrong with this picture?

Example 1

```
int scanbuf[ 64 ] ;  
  
int getchar(void)  
{  
    . . .  
    if (++bufindex == 64)  
        bufindex = 0;  
    . . .  
}
```

Example 1 – Change Requirement

From: Dave Eckhardt

Subject: keyboard buffer size

Keyboard buffers must handle
somebody placing a cat on the
keyboard (the 101-key keyboard).

Option 1

```
int scanbuf[256];  
  
int getchar(void)  
{  
    . . .  
    if (++bufindex == 64)  
        bufindex = 0;  
    . . .  
}
```

Option 2

```
int scanbuf[64];  
  
int getchar(void)  
{  
    . . .  
    if (++bufindex == 256)  
        bufindex = 0;  
    . . .  
}
```

Option 3 – *Try This At Home!!!*

```
#define KSB_SIZE 256
int scanbuf[KSBU_SIZE];

int getchar(void)
{
    ...
    if (++bufindex == KSB_SIZE)
        bufindex = 0;
    ...
}
```

Example 2

```
int scanbuf[ 64 ] ;  
  
int getchar( void )  
{  
    . . .  
    if ( bufindex == 63 )  
        bufindex = 0 ;  
    . . .  
}
```

Example 2 – Truly Pernicious

How to fix *half* of the problem

```
% grep 64 *.c
```

Wrong *two* ways

- Won't find 63
- Will find other 64's

Example 3

```
#define CENTER_X 49  
#define CENTER_Y 12  
  
...  
set_cursor_pos(CENTER_Y,  
    CENTER_X);  
  
...
```

Example 3 – Change Requirement

From: Dave Eckhardt

Subject: new screen size

We have updated the VGA hardware initialization sequence. The new screen size will be:

```
#define CONSOLE_WIDTH 120  
#define CONSOLE_HEIGHT 30
```

Example 4

...

```
p->regsave[-18] |= 0x402;
```

...

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