

Getting Characters from the Terminal

- `getch()`
 - Get a character from the terminal
- `getstr(str)`
 - Get a string from the terminal
- `scanw(fmt, arg1, arg2, ...)`
 - Formatted input from the terminal like `scanf()`.

pdcourses_3.cpp

```
#include <courses.h>

int main()
{
    char text[10];
    int i, j;
    initscr();
    getstr(text);           // input the string "1,2"
    addstr(text); addch('\n');

    scanw("%d,%d", &i, &j); // input the string "1,2" again
    printw("%d\t%d\n", i, j);

    getch();
    endwin();
    return 0;
}
```

noecho ()

```
#include < curses.h>

int main()
{
    int c;
    initscr();
    // noecho();
    do {
        c = getch();
        printw(" %d\n", c);
    } while (c != '0');

    endwin();
    return 0;
}
```

pdcourses_4.cpp

```
// pdcourses_4.cpp
#include <courses.h>

int main()
{
    int y=10, x=10;
    char c;
    initscr();
    noecho();
    do {
        move(y, x); addch('Q');
        c = getch();
        move(y, x); addch(' ');
        switch (c)
        {
            case 'h':
                x--;
                break;

            case 'l':
                x++;
                break;

            case 'j':
                y++;
                break;

            case 'k':
                y--;
                break;

        }
    } while (c != 'q');

    endwin();
    return 0;
}
```

curs_set ()

- `curs_set ()` alters the appearance of the text cursor.
- `int curs_set(int visibility);`
 - A value of 0 for visibility makes the cursor disappear;
 - a value of 1 makes the cursor appear "normal" (usually an underline)
 - 2 makes the cursor "highly visible" (usually a block).

pdcourses_4a.cpp

```
// pdcourses_4.cpp
#include < curses.h>

int main()
{
    int y=10, x=10;
    char c;
    initscr();
    noecho();
    curs_set(0); // no cursor
    do {
        move(y, x); addch('Q');
        c = getch();
        move(y, x); addch(' ');
        switch (c)
        {
            case 'h':
                x--;
                break;
```

```
            case 'l':
                x++;
                break;
            case 'j':
                y++;
                break;
            case 'k':
                y--;
                break;
        }
    } while (c != 'q');

    endwin();
    return 0;
}
```

Function Keys

- ❑ Call `keypad()` to enable the handling of Function keys and arrow keys.
 - `int keypad(WINDOW *win, bool bf);`
 - `keypad(stdscr, TRUE);`
- ❑ `getch()` returns an integer corresponding to the key pressed.
 - If it is a normal character, the integer value will be equivalent to the ASCII code of the character.
 - Otherwise it returns a number which can be matched with the constants defined in `curses.h`.
 - ❑ For example if the user presses F1, the integer returned is 265.

Function Keys (cont.)

- With `keypad()` enabled, you can check the returned value of `getch()` with the constants defined in `curses.h`
 - `KEY_UP`, `KEY_DOWN`, `KEY_LEFT`, `KEY_RIGHT`
 - `KEY_HOME`, `KEY_END`,
 - `KEY_F(n)`

Key Definitions

- ❑ `#define KEY_IC` `0x14b` `/* insert char or`
 `enter ins mode (Insert) */`
- ❑ `#define KEY_DC` `0x14a` `/* delete character`
 `(Delete) */`
- ❑ `#define KEY_HOME` `0x106` `/* home key */`
- ❑ `#define KEY_END` `0x166` `/* end key */`
- ❑ `#define KEY_PPAGE` `0x153` `/* previous page`
 `(PageUp) */`
- ❑ `#define KEY_NPAGE` `0x152` `/* next page`
 `(PageDown) */`
- ❑ `#define PADENTER` `0x1cb` `/* enter on keypad */`

You may check `curses.h` to see more definitions.

Colors

- ❑ To start using color, you should first call the function `start_color()`.
 - To find out whether a terminal has color capabilities or not, you can use `has_colors()` function, which returns `FALSE` if the terminal does not support color.
- ❑ Colors are always used in pairs.
 - A color-pair consists of a foreground color and a background color.
 - Initializes a color-pair with the routine `init_pair()`. After it has been initialized, `COLOR_PAIR(n)` is used to represent the color attribute.

pdcourses_2.cpp

```
#include <courses.h>

int main()
{
    initscr();
    start_color();

    init_pair( 1, COLOR_WHITE, COLOR_RED );
    attron( COLOR_PAIR(1) );
    printw("Background red");
    attroff( COLOR_PAIR(1) );

    refresh();
    getch();
    endwin();
    return 0;
}
```

Curses Provides Pre-defined Colors

- ❑ COLOR_BLACK = 0
- ❑ COLOR_RED = 1
- ❑ COLOR_GREEN = 2
- ❑ COLOR_YELLOW = 3
- ❑ COLOR_BLUE = 4
- ❑ COLOR_MAGENTA = 5
- ❑ COLOR_CYAN = 6
- ❑ COLOR_WHITE = 7

HW: Tetris

