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IBM PC KEYBOARD INFORMATION FOR SOFTWARE DEVELOPERS
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Sources:

PORTS.A of Ralf Brown's interrupt list collection
repairfaq.org keyboard FAQ (doesn't appear to exist)
Linux source code

Test hardware:

New Samsung KB3T001SAXAA 104-key keyboard
Old Maxi 2186035-00-21 101-key keyboard

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Lessons learned:

- Both the 8048 MCU in the keyboard and the 8042 controller on the motherboard accept command bytes.
- There is a bit (KCC) in the poorly-named "Command Byte" which seems to enable AT-to-XT scancode conversion (scancode set 2 to scancode set 1). After booting DOS, my keyboard uses scancode set 2 with this conversion bit turned on. If I turn the bit off and switch to scancode set 1, operation remains the same.
- Scancode set 3 is probably the most elegant, in that it returns a one-byte make code for every key. Unfortunately, not all keyboards support it.
- The scancodes of some keys depend on the internal num lock state of the keyboard.

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KEYBOARD I/O REGISTERS ON THE PC
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60h      data
64h      command (write)
64h      Status (read)
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Bits in Status register (names from Linux source)

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b7  PERR      parity error in data received from keyboard
b6  GTO       receive timeout
b5          transmit timeout (or PS/2 mouse?)
b4          keyboard is locked
b3          0=60h was the port last accessed, 1=61h was last (?)
b2          System Flag status: 0=power-up/reset, 1=selftest OK (?)
b1  IBF      input buffer full (data from host to keyboard)
b0  OBF      output buffer full (data from keyboard to host)
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Bits in Output Port of 8042 chip (Table P0383 in PORTS.A)

The Output Port is written by controller command D1h,
and read by controller command D0h

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b7          keyboard data output
b6          keyboard clock output
b5          input buffer NOT full
b4          output buffer NOT empty
b3          (varies)
b2          (varies)
b1          A20 gate
b0          system reset (THIS BIT SHOULD ALWAYS BE SET TO 1)
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Bits in Input Port of 8042 chip

The Input Port is read by controller command C0h
 b7 keyboard NOT locked
 b6-b0 (varies)

Bits in "Command Byte" (confusing name; from Table P0404 in PORTS.A)

The "Command Byte" is written by controller command 60h
 and read by controller command 20h

(names from Linux source)

b7		(reserved)
b6	KCC	convert set 2 scancodes to set 1 ("IBM PC compatibility mode")
b5	DMS	disables PS/2 mouse when set
b4		disables keyboard when set
b3		ignore keyboard lock switch when set
b2	SYS	System Flag (same as b2 in Status register, it seems)
b1		enables IRQ12 from PS/2 mouse when set
b0	EKI	enables IRQ1 on keyboard output buffer full

Result Byte for interface self-tests (Table P0406 in PORTS.A)

Returned by controller commands A9h or ABh

0	no error
1	clock line stuck low
2	clock line stuck high
3	data line stuck low
4	data line stuck high

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CONTROLLER COMMANDS (from Table P0401 of PORTS.A)

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Before writing each byte of these commands to port 64h,
 poll the status register (port 60h) until bit b1=0.

20h-2Fh	reads byte with address=lower 5 bits of command The byte at address 0 is the "Command Byte".
60h-7Fh nn	writes byte nn to address=lower 5 bits of command The byte at address 0 is the "Command Byte".
A7h	disables PS/2 mouse port (MCA only?)
A8h	enables PS/2 mouse port (MCA only?)
A9h	self-test mouse interface, returns Result Byte (see above)
AAh	self-test controller; returns 55h if success, FCh if failure
ABh	self-test keyboard interface, returns Result Byte (see above)
ADh	disables keyboard (sets b4 of "Command Byte")
AEh	enables keyboard (clears b4 of "Command Byte")
C0h	reads Input Port
D0h	reads Output Port
D1h nn	writes Output Port Important: bit 0 (system reset) should always be set here, as the system may hang constantly. To reset the PC, pulse b0 of the Output Port with command FEh instead.
DDh	disable A20 (Not all systems support this byte)
DFh	enable A20 (Not all systems support this byte)
E0h	read test inputs. return value= b1 kbd data b0 kbd clock
EDh nn	write LEDs. nn= b2 Caps Lock b1 Num Lock b0 Scroll Lock
F0h-FFh	pulse bit(s) of Output Port low for 6 microseconds. If b0-b3 of the command is low, the corresponding bit in the Output Port will be pulsed low. b0=system reset, and should ALWAYS be PULSED low, never set low constantly.

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KEYBOARD COMMANDS (from Table P0386 of PORTS.A)

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Before writing each byte of these commands to port 60h,
 poll the status register (port 60h) until bit b1=0.

Unless otherwise noted: each command responds with FAh (ACKnowledge)
 or FEh (Resend) after receiving each byte of the command.

EDh nn write LEDs, as above
 EEh echo, keyboard responds with EEh
 EFh no-operation (reserved)
 F0h nn selects scancode set nn=1-3 or 0 to return current set
 F2h read ID. Keyboard responds with ACK (FAh) and two optional ID bytes:
 (none) AT keyboard
 83h ABh (?)
 ABh 41h MF2, translation mode
 ABh 83h MF2, pass-through mode
 F3h nn set typematic (auto-repeat) rate/delay. nn=
 b7 unused
 b6..5 Repeat delay (00=250 msec ... 11=1000msec)
 b4..0 Repeat rate (00000=30 Hz ... 11111=2 Hz).
 F4h clears output buffer, enables keyboard
 F5h disables keyboard, resets to defaults
 F6h sets keyboard defaults

 F7h make all keys typematic (auto-repeat) [*]
 F8h make all keys make-break [*]
 F9h make all keys make-only [*]
 FAh make all keys typematic and make-break [*]
 FBh nn make one key typematic [*]
 FCh nn make one key make-break [*]
 FDh nn make one key make-only [*]
 [*] these commands may work only for
 scancode set 3; I'm not sure.
 FEh resend previous scan code
 FFh reset keyboard CPU, do power-on self-test, return self-test result byte

non-key status bytes

 00h Key detection error or buffer full.
 AAh Power-on/reset diagnostics successful.
 E0h (scancode sets 1 and 2) Prefix byte for "gray" keys
 (keys not on original 83-/84-key keyboard)
 EEh Sent in response to ECHO command.
 F0h (scancode sets 2 and 3) Prefix byte for break codes.
 FAh ACKknowledge; response to most commands.
 FCh Diagnostics failed (MF keyboard).
 FDh Diagnostics failed (AT keyboard).
 The keyboard stops scanning and waits for next command
 after returning code FCh or FDh
 FEh Last command was invalid or had parity error; resend it.
 FFh Key detection error or buffer full.

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 SCANCODES FOR SCANCODE SET 1 (XT)
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US 104-key keyboard, set 1 scancodes

"Make" code is generated when key is pressed.
 "Break" code is generated when key is released.
 Hex value of make code for each key is shown.

Most keys:

one-byte make code = nn
 one-byte repeat code = nn
 one-byte break code = 80h + nn

"Gray" keys (not on original 84-key keyboard):

two-byte make code = E0nn
 two-byte repeat code = E0nn
 two-byte break code = E0 followed by 80h + nn

"Gray" keys noted by [1] are NumLock-sensitive.

When the keyboard's internal NumLock is active:

four-byte make code = E02AE0nn
 two-byte repeat code = E0nn
 four-byte break code = E0 followed by 80h + nn followed by E0AA

Esc	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6	F7	F8	F9	F10	F11	F12
01	3B	3C	3D	3E	3F	40	41	42	43	44	57	58

~	!	@	#	\$	%	^	&	*	(	)	_	+	|	bksp
`	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	-	=	\	0E	
29	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	0A	0B	0C	0D	2B	0E	
Tab	Q	W	E	R	T	Y	U	I	O	P	{	}			
	[]									[]			
0F	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	1A	1B			
Caps	A	S	D	F	G	H	J	K	L	:	"		Enter		
	;	'													
3A	1E	1F	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28			1C	
L Shift	Z	X	C	V	B	N	M	<	>	?		R Shift			
	,	.	/												
	2A	2C	2D	2E	2F	30	31	32	33	34	35			36	
L Ctrl	L win	L Alt	space					R Alt	R win	menu	R Ctrl				
	[1]							[1]	[1]	[1]					
	1D	E05B	38				39	E038	E05C	E05D	E01D				

[2] For PrintScreen/SysRq key: make code = E02AE037,
 repeat code = E037, break code = E0B7E0AA

[3] The Pause/Break key does not repeat, and it does not
 generate a break code. Its make code is E11D45E19DC5

Prt	Scrl	Paus
Scrn	Lock	Brk
[2]	46	[3]

Ins	Home	PgUp	Num	/	*	-
[1]	[1]	[1]	Lock			
E052	E047	E049	45	E035	37	4A
Del	End	PgDn	7	8	9	
[1]	[1]	[1]	Home	(U)	PgUp	
E053	E04F	E051	47	48	49	
						+
			4	5	6	
			(L)		(R)	
			4B	4C	4D	4E

	(U)		1	2	3	
	[1]		End	(D)	PgDn	
	E048		4F	50	51	Ent
(L)	(D)	(R)	0	.		
[1]	[1]	[1]	Ins	Del		
E04B	E050	E04D		52	53	E01C

code	key	code	key	code	key	code	key
01	Esc	0F	Tab	1D	L Ctrl	2B	\|
02	1!	10	Q	1E	A	2C	Z
03	2"	11	W	1F	S	2D	X
04	3#	12	E	20	D	2E	C
05	4\$	13	R	21	F	2F	V
06	5%	14	T	22	G	30	B
07	6^	15	Y	23	H	31	N
08	7&	16	U	24	J	32	M
09	8*	17	I	25	K	33	,<
0A	9(	18	O	26	L	34	.>
0B	0)	19	P	27	;;	35	/?
0C	-_	1A	{	28	'"	36	R Shift
0D	=+	1B	}	29	`~	37	*
0E	BackSpace	1C	Enter	2A	L Shift	38	L Alt

code	key	code	key	code	key	code	key
39	Space	41	F7	49	PageUp 9	51	PageDown 3
3A	CapsLock	42	F8	4A	-	52	Insert 0
3B	F1	43	F9	4B	(left) 4	53	Del .
3C	F2	44	F10	4C	5		
3D	F3	45	NumLock	4D	(right) 6	57	F11
3E	F4	46	ScrollLock	4E	+	58	F12
3F	F5	47	Home 7	4F	End 1		
40	F6	48	(up) 8	50	(down) 2		

code	key
E01C	Enter (on numeric keypad)
E01D	R Ctrl
E02A	make code prefix for keyboard internal numlock
E02AE037	PrintScreen make code
E035	/
E037	PrintScreen repeat code
E038	R Alt
E047	Home
E048	(up)
E049	PageUp
E04B	(left)
E04D	(right)
E04F	End
E050	(down)
E051	PageDown
E052	Insert
E053	Del
E05B	L Win
E05C	R Win
E05D	Menu
E0AA	break code suffix for keyboard internal numlock
E0B7E0AA	PrintScreen break code
E11D45E19DC5	Pause

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SCANCODES FOR SCANCODE SET 2 (AT)

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US 104-key keyboard, set 2 scancodes,
8042 AT-to-XT scancode translation OFF

"Make" code is generated when key is pressed.
"Break" code is generated when key is released.
Hex value of make code for each key is shown.

Most keys:

one-byte make code = nn
one-byte repeat code = nn
two-byte break code = F0nn

"Gray" keys (not on original 84-key keyboard):

two-byte make code = E0nn
two-byte repeat code = E0nn
three-byte break code = E0F0nn

"Gray" keys noted by [1] are NumLock-sensitive.
When the keyboard's internal NumLock is active:

four-byte make code = E012E0nn
two-byte repeat code = E0nn
six-byte break code = E0F0nnE0F012

Esc	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6	F7	F8	F9	F10	F11	F12
76	05	06	04	0C	03	0B	83	0A	01	09	78	07

~	!	@	#	\$	%	^	&	*	(	)	_	+	|	bksp
0E	16	1E	26	25	2E	36	3D	3E	46	45	4E	55	5D	66
Tab	Q	W	E	R	T	Y	U	I	O	P	{	}		
0D	15	1D	24	2D	2C	35	3C	43	44	4D	[]		
Caps	A	S	D	F	G	H	J	K	L	:	"		Enter	
58	1C	1B	23	2B	34	33	3B	42	4B	4C	'			5A
L Shift	Z	X	C	V	B	N	M	<	>	?			R Shift	
	12	1A	22	21	2A	32	31	3A	41	49	4A			59
L Ctrl	L win	L Alt						space		R Alt	R win	menu	R Ctrl	
	[1]									[1]		[1]		
14	E01F		11				29	E011		E027		E02F		E014

[2] For PrintScreen/SysRq key: make code = E012E07C,
repeat code = E07C, break code = E0F07CE0F012

[3] The Pause/Break key does not repeat, and it does not
generate a break code. Its make code is E11477E1F014F077

Prt	Scrl	Paus
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| Scrn|Lock|Brk |
| [2] | 7E | [3] |
|_____|_____|_____|
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Ins	Home	PgUp	Num	/	*	-
[1]	[1]	[1]	Lock			
E070	E06C	E07D	77	E04A	7C	7B
_____ _____ _____						
Del	End	PgDn	7	8	9	
[1]	[1]	[1]	Home	(U)	PgUp	
E071	E069	E07A	6C	75	7D	
_____ _____ _____						
						+
			4	5	6	
			(L)		(R)	
			6B	73	74	79
_____ _____ _____						
			(U)			
			[1]			
			End	(D)	PgDn	
			E075	69	72	7A
						Ent
_____ _____ _____						
(L)	(D)	(R)	0	.		
[1]	[1]	[1]	Ins	Del		
E06B	E072	E074		70	71	E05A
_____ _____ _____						

code	key	code	key	code	key	code	key
----	---	----	---	----	---	----	---
01	F9	21	C	41	, <	66	BackSpace
03	F5	22	X	42	K	69	End 1
04	F3	23	D	43	I		
05	F1	24	E	44	O	6B	(left) 4
06	F2	25	4\$	45	0)	6C	Home 7
07	F12	26	3#	46	9(
09	F10	29	Space	49	.>	70	Ins 0
0A	F8	2A	V	4A	/?	71	Del .
0B	F6	2B	F	4B	L	72	(down) 2
0C	F4	2C	T	4C	;:	73	5
0D	Tab	2D	R	4D	P	74	(right) 6
0E	~	2E	5%	4E	-_	75	(up) 8
						76	Esc
						77	NumLock
11	L Alt	31	N	52	' "	78	F11
12	L Shift	32	B			79	+
		33	H	54	[{	7A	PageDown 3
14	L Ctrl	34	G	55	=+	7B	-
15	Q	35	Y			7C	*
16	!@	36	6^	58	CapsLock	7D	PageUp 9
				59	R Shift	7E	ScrollLock
1A	Z	3A	M	5A	Enter		
1B	S	3B	J	5B]}	83	F7
1C	A	3C	U				
1D	W	3D	7&	5D	\		
1E	2@	3E	8*				

code	key
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E011	R Alt
E012E07C	PrintScreen make code
E014	R Ctrl
E01F	L Win
E027	R Win

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E02F      Menu
E04A      /
E05A      Enter (on numeric keypad)
E069      End
E06B      Left
E06C      Home
E070      Ins
E071      Del
E072      (down)
E074      (right)
E075      (up)
E07A      PageDown
E07C      PrintScreen repeat code
E07D      PageUp
E0F07CE0F012  PrintScreen break code
E11477E1F014F077 Pause

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SCANCODES FOR SCANCODE SET 3
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US 104-key keyboard, set 3 scancodes

"Make" code is generated when key is pressed.
"Break" code is generated when key is released.
Hex value of make code for each key is shown.

All keys:

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one-byte make code      = nn
one-byte repeat code   = nn
two-byte break code     = F0nn

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When operating in scancode set 3, the keyboard does not maintain an internal NumLock state.

Esc	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6	F7	F8	F9	F10	F11	F12
08	07	0F	17	1F	27	2F	37	3F	47	4F	56	5E

~	!	@	#	\$	%	^	&	*	(	)	_	+	|	bksp
`	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	-	=	\	
0E	16	1E	26	25	2E	36	3D	3E	46	45	4E	55	5C	66
Tab	Q	W	E	R	T	Y	U	I	O	P	{	}		
											[]		
0D	15	1D	24	2D	2C	35	3C	43	44	4D	54	5B		
Caps	A	S	D	F	G	H	J	K	L	:	"		Enter	
										;	'			
14	1C	1B	23	2B	34	33	3B	42	4B	4C	52			5A
L Shift	Z	X	C	V	B	N	M	<	>	?			R Shift	
								,	.	/				

	12|	1A|	22|	21|	2A|	32|	31|	3A|	41|	49|	4A|		59|
L Ctrl	L win	L Alt	space				R Alt	R win	menu	R Ctrl			
11|	8B|	19|					29|	39|	8C|	8D|	58|		

Prt	Scrl	Paus
Scrn	Lock	Brk
57|	5F|	62|

Ins	Home	PgUp	Num /	*	-	
67|	6E|	6F|	Lock			
			76|	77|	7E|	84|
Del	End	PgDn	7	8	9	
			Home (U)	PgUp		
64|	65|	6D|	6C|	75|	7D|	
						+
			4	5	6	
			(L)		(R)	
			6B|	73|	74|	7C|
	(U)		1	2	3	
			End (D)	PgDn		
	63|		69|	72|	7A|	Ent
(L)	(D)	(R)	0	.		
			Ins	Del		
61|	60|	6A|		70|	71|	79|

code	key	code	key	code	key	code	key
07	F1	2A	V	4A	/?	6B	(left) 4
08	Esc	2B	F	4B	L	6C	Home 7
		2C	T	4C	;:	6D	PageDown
0D	Tab	2D	R	4D	P	6E	Home
0E	~	2E	5%	4E	-_	6F	PageUp
0F	F2	2F	F6	4F	F10	70	Ins 0
						71	Del .
11	L Ctrl	31	N	52	' "	72	(down) 2
12	L Shift	32	B			73	5
		33	H	54	[{	74	(right) 6
14	CapsLock	34	G	55	=+	75	(up) 8
15	Q	35	Y	56	F11	76	NumLock
16	!@	36	6^	57	PrintScr	77	/
17	F3	37	F7	58	R Ctrl		
				59	R Shift	79	Enter (on numeric keypad)
19	L Alt	39	R Alt	5A	Enter	7A	PageDown 3
1A	Z	3A	M	5B]}]		

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1B	S	3B	J	5C	\	7C	+
1C	A	3C	U			7D	PageUp 9
1D	W	3D	7&	5E	F12	7E	*
1E	2@	3E	8*	5F	ScrollLock		
1F	F4	3F	F8	60	(down)	84	-
				61	(left)		
21	C	41	,<	62	Pause	8B	L Win
22	X	42	K	63	(up)	8C	R Win
23	D	43	I	64	Del	8D	Menu
24	E	44	O	65	End		
25	4\$	45	0)	66	BackSpace		
26	3#	46	9(	67	Ins		
27	F5	47	F9				
				69	End 1		
29	Space	49	.>	6A	(right)		