Scripting Function Keys

Many input devices nowadays include dedicated function keys for particular (usually hardware-related) functions, such as volume adjustment, brightness adjustment, power off, etc. Batocera supports the scripting of these function keys to certain commands, and includes most common function keys for various platforms. But it is possible that your device in particular doesn’t have these coded in yet, or you simply want to change what the function key does. This can be achieved via the configuration of triggerhappy.

Create a custom mapping

To create a custom configuration that is overlaid on top of the default function keys:

1. Refer to the list of existing configurations at https://github.com/batocera-linux/batocera.linux/tree/master/package/batocera/core/batocera-triggerhappy/conf and place the ones you’d like to edit into a file named multimedia_keys.conf.

   If you’d like to see these files on your local installation:
   1. Connect to your Batocera machine either by SSH or by WinSCP (any method that lets you see the root of the system).
   2. Navigate to /etc/triggerhappy/triggers.d/ and find the multimedia_key_<device name>.conf for your device.

2. Copy the file to /userdata/system/configs/multimedia_keys.conf.

3. Make your appropriate edits to it and save it.

Your custom multimedia_keys.conf file’s configuration will be overlaid on top of the default profile. If there are conflicting settings, the one in /userdata/system/configs/multimedia_keys.conf will take priority.

For example:

```
multimedia_keys.conf

BTN_TRIGGER_HAPPY3 1 batocera-brightness - 5
BTN_TRIGGER_HAPPY4 1 batocera-brightness + 5
KEY_VOLUMEUP 1 batocera-audio setSystemVolume +5
KEY_VOLUMEDOWN 1 batocera-audio setSystemVolume -5
# power off, switch command to `/usr/sbin/pm-suspend` to go into suspend mode instead
KEY_POWER 1 /sbin/shutdown -h now
# display some information on X displays
KEY_F2 1 /usr/bin/batocera-info --short |
HOME=/userdata/system XAUTHORITY=/var/lib/.Xauthority DISPLAY=:0.0
```
You could also check for various hardware states, such as if there is a device plugged into the headphone jack:

```
multimedia_keys.conf
```

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SW_HEADPHONE_INSERT 0</th>
<th>batocera-audio set headphone</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SW_HEADPHONE_INSERT 1</td>
<td>batocera-audio set speakers</td>
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Reboot the device to apply the new triggerhappy configuration.

**Identifying key names**

Open a terminal and type the following command:

```
evtest
```

Then select your intended controller and press the button on your controller. The detected input will then be displayed like so:

```
Event: time 1614795871.549381, type 1 (EV_KEY), code 99 (KEY_SYSRQ), value 0
```

Look for the key name in parenthesis and its value when depressed after the “code” number. In this example, the key name would be `KEY_SYSRQ` and its value would be `0`.

**What is the default mapping?**

All default configurations are at https://github.com/batocera-linux/batocera.linux/tree/master/package/batocera/core/batocera-trigger happy/conf, but in case either you can’t figure out which one applies to your machine or you’d just like some security you can check the file on your machine at `/etc/triggerhappy/triggers.d`. 

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