

GetLastInputInfo - System Idle Time

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This demo was written in response to a question on the [Community Forum](#).

"I want a function that executes if the user has NOT been working on a PC for 20 mins??"

Tick Count

The user32 API function **GetTickCount** retrieves the number of milliseconds that have elapsed since the system was started, up to 49.7 days. (The elapsed time is stored as a DWORD value. Therefore, the time will wrap around to zero if the system is run continuously for 49.7 days.)

The syntax for GetTickCount looks like this.

```
call dll #kernel32, "GetTickCount",_
startTicks as ulong  'ticks since system start
```

GetLastInputInfo

The user32 API function GetLastInputInfo retrieves information about the last user input by keyboard or mouse. It fills a struct with the information. The struct has two members. The first is the size of the struct. This can be retrieved by Liberty BASIC with the LEN() function. The second member will be filled by the function with the tick count at the last user input in the session.

The struct looks like this:

```
struct LASTINPUTINFO,_
cbSize as ulong,      'size of struct
TickCount as ulong    'tick count at last session input

LASTINPUTINFO.cbSize.struct=LEN(LASTINPUTINFO.struct)
```

Session Idle Time

You can discover the number of ticks the system was idle by subtracting the number retrieved from GetLastInputInfo from the value of the current tick count. The function looks like this.

```
call dll #user32, "GetLastInputInfo",_ 'time of last input event
LASTINPUTINFO as struct,_ 'struct to hold data
result as long 'nonzero=success

ticksLastInput=LASTINPUTINFO.tickCount.struct
```

Demo

The demo instructs the user to avoid keyboard and mouse input. It uses a timer to activate the routine after five seconds. After five seconds, it retrieves the current tick count with **GetTickCount**. It gets information about the last user input with **GetLastInputInfo**. It retrieves the tick count at last user input from the struct. It subtracts the tick count at last input from the current tick count to find out how many ticks (milliseconds) the system has been idle. (Divide by 1000 to get the value in seconds instead of milliseconds.)

```
struct LASTINPUTINFO,_
cbSize as ulong,_ 'size of struct
TickCount as ulong 'tick count at last session input

LASTINPUTINFO.cbSize.struct=len(LASTINPUTINFO.struct)

print "Please wait and do not touch keyboard or mouse."
timer 5000, [getInfo]
wait

[getInfo]
timer 0
call dll #user32, "GetLastInputInfo",_ 'time of last input event
LASTINPUTINFO as struct,_ 'struct to hold data
result as long 'nonzero=success

ticksLastInput=LASTINPUTINFO.tickCount.struct
print "Last input tick count: ";ticksLastInput

call dll #kernel32, "GetTickCount",_
startTicks as ulong 'ticks since system start

print "Ticks since system start ";startTicks
print "Idle ticks: ";startTicks-ticksLastInput
```