

Repeating keystrokes when typing in a Linux virtual machine.

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Symptoms

When I use the keyboard in a Linux virtual machine, sometimes the keys get repeated.

Cause

The issue is caused by **Repeating Keys** feature in Linux.

Resolution

To resolve the issue, either disable the feature or increase the delay time.

For Gnome 3 based desktops (Debian/Ubuntu/Fedora/CentOS/RHEL):

1. Open the **Activities** overview and start typing *Settings*.
2. Click **Settings**.

3. Click **Universal Access** in the sidebar.
4. Scroll down to the **Typing** section and click **Repeat Keys**.

5. Set **Repeat Keys** switch to **off**.

6. Alternatively, you can adjust the **Delay** slider, gradually increasing the value to the point where the issue disappears.

For other Linux distributions:

To completely disable the feature, open **Terminal** in the virtual machine and execute one of the following commands:

```
xset -r  
or
```

```
gsettings set org.gnome.desktop.peripherals.keyboard repeat false  
To increase the delay time, execute one of the following commands:
```

```
xset r rate 1000  
or
```

```
gsettings set org.gnome.desktop.peripherals.keyboard delay 1000  
(the default the value is usually 500, so you can try different values higher than that).
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