

Instructions for coding: Chad 3/25/05 jbp

NOTE: You have root privileges on the PC; please be very careful not to disturb any files or applications. You can do all your coding from within:

C:\Documents and Settings\Anthony\Desktop\VCR_coding folder. Key definitions and results will default to that location. **Please do not store, edit, or delete any files outside of that directory.**

Instructions:

1. Place edit key definition file (e.g., chad.key) in:
C:\Documents and Settings\Anthony\Desktop\VCR_coding
[see sample keydef file: default.key]
2. Turn on VCR and load tape. **Use only JVC-branded tapes.**
Mixing tapes clogs the recording heads.
3. Launch Matlab
4. Run program by entering "vcr_chad_5" in the command window
5. Fill in data when requested: **e.g.,**
Enter subject last name ==> Smith
Enter subject first name ==> Bob
Enter subject initials ==> BCS
Enter experiment name ==> My Experiment
Enter coder name ==> Jeff Pelz
Enter tape name ==> IT-34
6. At prompt:
Enter filename for function key definitions: or <return> for default.key:
Enter the .key file you set up in step 1 (e.g., chad.key), or use default.key

Default location for keydef.key is:
C:\Documents and Settings\Anthony\Desktop\VCR_coding
7. App will launch
 - a. **Verify connection between PC and VCR by hitting the 5 key on the numeric keypad.** If the connection is OK, the tape will start playing. You can stop the tape from the remote control or by hitting the 8 key on the numeric and go to step 8 below.
 - b. If the tape does not play, **you have to quit the application** (hit the **esc** key) before you try to code the tape. Failure to do this will lock up Matlab and you will have to alt-ctrl-del out. The window will close and you will be asked to enter a filename to store the data. You can just use the default name. Go to step 4 and try again.
8. Code tape. Control the VCR with remote control and/or keypad commands as shown on screen, use F-keys to use keydef keys, or the M key to enter manual codes.

9. Hit **ESC** key to end when completed coding the trial

10. Click the **Close** button in the dialog box

11. At prompt:
“Please Enter filename to store coding results (.clv will be appended)”
Enter the filename you want to store the coding results in. Default location is:
C:\Documents and Settings\Anthony\Desktop\VCR_coding

12. Note that there is a ‘failsafe_date.clv’ file stored at
C:\Documents and Settings\Anthony\Desktop\VCR_coding
in case there is a problem with the program after you start coding. It has the date appended, but not the time, so if you have to use it, rename the file.

13. If you don’t **esc** out of the program you will have to alt-ctrl-del out and restart Matlab.
If this happens repeatedly, restart the PC, toggle the VCR power, and see how persistent you are.

14. The program may also not start up correctly at the start; it will display an error message. You have to alt-ctrl-del, end Matlab and restart. If you can figure out why this happens you get a prize...

15. **Before you leave the lab, please:**
 - a. **eject your tape**
 - b. **turn off the VCR**
 - c. **turn off the CRT**
 - d. **log out of the PC (do not shut down)**
 - e. **be sure that the lab door is closed and locked**