

In windows, you can use the header `<conio.h>` which has a function called `getch()` for getting a char directly from the console.

Example:

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<conio.h>

main()
{
    printf("Waiting for a character to be pressed from the keyboard to exit.\n");

    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

Example for Dev C++ compiler:

```
#include<stdio.h>

main()
{
    printf("Waiting for a character to be pressed from the keyboard to exit.\n");
    getchar();

    return 0;
}
```

In Linux you can download `<ncurses.h>` library and then you can use `getch()`.