What does Ctrl+Enter mean? It depends on whom you ask
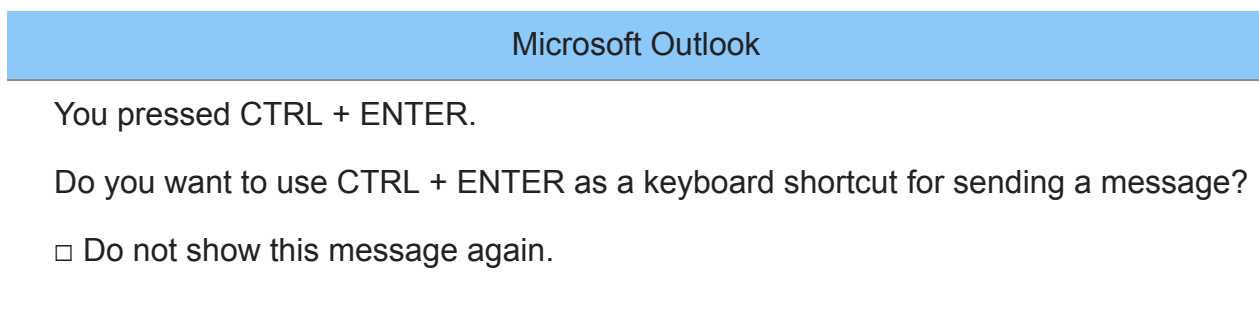
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One of my colleagues was baffled by why Outlook displayed this message:

Microsoft Outlook
You pressed CTRL + ENTER.
Do you want to use CTRL + ENTER as a keyboard shortcut for sending a message?
☐ Do not show this message again.

Yes No

"I never understood the need for that dialog since I thought `Ctrl` + `Enter` meant, by convention, send this message. Then one day a former coworker expressed frustration at the dialog because `Ctrl` + `Enter` means soft return. He's a few years older so perhaps its a generational thing? I do notice that the various web based email services differ in how they interpret `Ctrl` + `Enter`."

Back in the old days, `Ctrl` + `Enter` meant "I'm hitting Enter, but I just want you to insert the Enter character, not execute anything."

From an MS-DOS prompt, `Ctrl` + `Enter` inserted a line break but did not execute the command.

In a multi-line edit control on a dialog box, `Ctrl` + `Enter` inserts a carriage return into the edit control rather than executing the default button on the dialog box.

But since nobody uses MS-DOS or dialog boxes any more, these historical meanings are gradually being lost, and `Ctrl` + `Enter` is pretty much a wide open hotkey that anybody can assign whatever meaning to it they like. (For extra confusion: Some programs use `Shift` + `Enter` to insert a carriage return into a field.)

Someday, people won't even remember what `Ctrl` + `Insert` and `Shift` + `Insert` do. (I still use the first one when working in WinDbg, since the modern hotkey doesn't work; it means "break into the debugger.")

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