

# Fetching input character without newline?

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Good afternoon.

I am attempting to solicit user input using the following:

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while ()
{
print "Enter your response here (1-5): ";
$ret = <STDIN>;
if ($ret =~ /^[1-5]$/)
{print "\nUser chose $1\n";
last;
}
}
```

This code reprints the prompt string on the next line each time the user responds incorrectly. I would like to handle an incorrect response by erasing the user's entry and leaving the prompt in place on the current line.

Any suggestions on how to do this?

Thanks  
-Mark

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