# media open()

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### Name

media-open - Open a media device

### **Synopsis**

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#include <fcntl.h>
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.. c:function:: int open( const char *device_name, int flags )
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### **Arguments**

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device_name
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Device to be opened.

flags

Open flags. Access mode must be either o RDONLY or o RDWR. Other flags have no effect.

## **Description**

To open a media device applications call :c:func:`open()` with the desired device name. The function has no side effects; the device configuration remain unchanged.

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When the device is opened in read-only mode, attempts to modify its configuration will result in an error, and error will be set to EBADF.

### **Return Value**

ccfurc: open() returns the new file descriptor on success. On error, -1 is returned, and errno is set appropriately. Possible error codes are:

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#### **EACCES**

The requested access to the file is not allowed.

**EMFILE** 

The process already has the maximum number of files open.

**ENFILE** 

The system limit on the total number of open files has been reached.

**ENOMEM** 

Insufficient kernel memory was available.

**ENXIO** 

No device corresponding to this device special file exists.