# ioctl VIDIOC G ENC INDEX

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#### Name

VIDIOC G ENC INDEX - Get meta data about a compressed video stream

### **Synopsis**

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.. c:macro:: VIDIOC_G_ENC_INDEX
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int ioctl(int fd, VIDIOC G ENC INDEX, struct v412 enc idx \*argp)

#### **Arguments**

fd

File descriptor returned by :c:func:'open()'.

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argp

Pointer to struct :c:type:\v412\_enc\_idx\.

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## **Description**

The ref. VIDIOC\_G\_ENC\_INDEX < VIDIOC\_G\_ENC\_INDEX> i ioctl provides meta data about a compressed video stream the same or another application currently reads from the driver, which is useful for random access into the stream without decoding it.

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To read the data applications must call ref. VIDIOC\_G\_ENC\_INDEX < VIDIOC\_G\_ENC\_INDEX > with a pointer to a struct xctype: v412\_enc\_idx. On success the driver fills the entry array, stores the number of elements written in the entries field, and initializes the entries cap field.

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Each element of the entry array contains meta data about one picture. A ref. VIDIOC\_G\_ENC\_INDEX 

VIDIOC\_G\_ENC\_INDEX> call reads up to V4L2\_ENC\_IDX\_ENTRIES entries from a driver buffer, which can hold up to 
entries\_cap entries. This number can be lower or higher than V4L2\_ENC\_IDX\_ENTRIES, but not zero. When the application fails 
to read the meta data in time the oldest entries will be lost. When the buffer is empty or no capturing/encoding is in progress, 
entries will be zero.

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Currently this ioctl is only defined for MPEG-2 program streams and video elementary streams.

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.. c:type:: v4l2_enc_idx
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.. flat-table:: struct v412 enc idx
    :header-rows: 0
   :stub-columns: 0
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         u32
     - ``entries``
      - The number of entries the driver stored in the ``entry`` array.
         u32
     - ``entries_cap``
      - The number of entries the driver can buffer. Must be greater than
         u32
     - __usz
- ``reserved``\ [4]
     - Reserved for future extensions. Drivers must set the
       array to zero.
    * - struct :c:type:`v4l2_enc_idx_entry`
      - ``entry``\ [``V4L2_ENC_IDX_ENTRIES``]
      - Meta data about a compressed video stream. Each element of the
       array corresponds to one picture, sorted in ascending order by
        their ``offset``.
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.. c:type:: v412_enc_idx_entry
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.. flat-table:: struct v412 enc idx entry
    :header-rows: 0
    :stub-columns: 0
    :widths:
                    1 1 2
      - <u>u64</u>
- ``offset``
      - The offset in bytes from the beginning of the compressed video
        stream to the beginning of this picture, that is a *PES packet
        header* as defined in :ref:`mpeg2part1` or a *picture header* as
        defined in :ref: `mpeg2part2`. When the encoder is stopped, the
        driver resets the offset to zero.
      - __u64
- ``pts`
      - The 33 bit *Presentation Time Stamp* of this picture as defined in
       :ref:`mpeg2part1`.
    * - _u32
- ``length``
      - The length of this picture in bytes.
      - __u32
- ``flags``
      - Flags containing the coding type of this picture, see
       :ref: `enc-idx-flags`.
      - _u32
- ``reserved``\ [2]
      - Reserved for future extensions. Drivers must set the array to
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#### **Return Value**

On success 0 is returned, on error -1 and the errno variable is set appropriately. The generic error codes are described at the ref. Generic Error Codes <gen-errors>` chapter.

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