# ioctl VIDIOC PREPARE BUF

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#### Name

VIDIOC PREPARE BUF - Prepare a buffer for I/O

### **Synopsis**

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int ioctl(int fd, VIDIOC PREPARE BUF, struct v412 buffer \*argp)

#### **Arguments**

fd

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

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argp

Pointer to struct :c:type:\v412\_buffer\.

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## **Description**

Applications can optionally call the <a href: "VIDIOC\_PREPARE\_BUF" ioctl to pass ownership of the buffer to the driver before actually enqueuing it, using the <a href: "VIDIOC\_QBUF < VIDIOC\_QBUF" ioctl, and to prepare it for future I/O. Such preparations may include cache invalidation or cleaning. Performing them in advance saves time during the actual I/O.

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The struct :c:type:'v4l2 buffer' structure is specified in :ref.'buffer'.

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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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**EBUSY** 

File I/O is in progress.

**EINVAL** 

The buffer type is not supported, or the index is out of bounds, or no buffers have been allocated yet, or the userptr or length are invalid.