

# Part II - Digital TV API

## Note

This API is also known as Linux **DVB API**.

It was originally written to support the European digital TV standard (DVB), and later extended to support all digital TV standards.

In order to avoid confusion, within this document, it was opted to refer to it, and to associated hardware as **Digital TV**.

The word **DVB** is reserved to be used for:

- the Digital TV API version (e. g. DVB API version 3 or DVB API version 5);
- digital TV data types (enums, structs, defines, etc);
- digital TV device nodes (`/dev/dvb/...`);
- the European DVB standard.

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    frontend
    demux
    ca
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## Revision and Copyright

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  - Ported document to Docbook XML, addition of DVBv5 API, documentation gaps fix.

## Revision History

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Most gaps between the uAPI document and the Kernel implementation got fixed for the non-legacy API.

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DocBook improvements and cleanups, in order to document the system calls on a more standard way and provide more description about the current Digital TV API.

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Add more information about DVBv5 API, better describing the frontend GET/SET props ioctls.

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Add some frontend capabilities flags, present on kernel, but missing at the specs.

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documents FE\_SET\_FRONTEND\_TUNE\_MODE and FE\_DISHETWORK\_SEND\_LEGACY\_CMD ioctls.

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