# media ioctl()

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#### Name

media-ioctl - Control a media device

## **Synopsis**

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#include <sys/ioctl.h>
int ioctl(int fd, int request, void *argp)
```

### **Arguments**

fd

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

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request

Media ioctl request code as defined in the media.h header file, for example MEDIA IOC SETUP LINK.

argp

Pointer to a request-specific structure.

# Description

The ref`ioctl() < media-func-ioctl>` function manipulates media device parameters. The argument fd must be an open file descriptor.

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The ioctl request code specifies the media function to be called. It has encoded in it whether the argument is an input, output or read/write parameter, and the size of the argument argp in bytes.

Macros and structures definitions specifying media ioctl requests and their parameters are located in the media.h header file. All media ioctl requests, their respective function and parameters are specified in <a href="media-user-func">ref: media-user-func</a>.

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#### Return Value

On success 0 is returned, on error -1 and the error variable is set appropriately. The generic error codes are described at the

ref. Generic Error Codes <gen-errors>' chapter.

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Request-specific error codes are listed in the individual requests descriptions.

When an ioctl that takes an output or read/write parameter fails, the parameter remains unmodified.