

Ioctl Numbers
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If you are adding new ioctl's to the kernel, you should use the `_IO` macros defined in `<linux/ioctl.h>`:

<code>_IO</code>	an ioctl with no parameters
<code>_IOW</code>	an ioctl with write parameters (copy_from_user)
<code>_IOR</code>	an ioctl with read parameters (copy_to_user)
<code>_IOWR</code>	an ioctl with both write and read parameters.

'Write' and 'read' are from the user's point of view, just like the system calls 'write' and 'read'. For example, a `SET_FOO` ioctl would be `_IOW`, although the kernel would actually read data from user space; a `GET_FOO` ioctl would be `_IOR`, although the kernel would actually write data to user space.

The first argument to `_IO`, `_IOW`, `_IOR`, or `_IOWR` is an identifying letter or number from the table below. Because of the large number of drivers, many drivers share a partial letter with other drivers.

If you are writing a driver for a new device and need a letter, pick an unused block with enough room for expansion: 32 to 256 ioctl commands. You can register the block by patching this file and submitting the patch to Linus Torvalds. Or you can e-mail me at <mec@shout.net> and I'll register one for you.

The second argument to `_IO`, `_IOW`, `_IOR`, or `_IOWR` is a sequence number to distinguish ioctls from each other. The third argument to `_IOW`, `_IOR`, or `_IOWR` is the type of the data going into the kernel or coming out of the kernel (e.g. 'int' or 'struct foo'). NOTE! Do NOT use `sizeof(arg)` as the third argument as this results in your ioctl thinking it passes an argument of type `size_t`.

Some devices use their major number as the identifier; this is OK, as long as it is unique. Some devices are irregular and don't follow any convention at all.

Following this convention is good because:

- (1) Keeping the ioctl's globally unique helps error checking: if a program calls an ioctl on the wrong device, it will get an error rather than some unexpected behaviour.
- (2) The 'strace' build procedure automatically finds ioctl numbers defined with `_IO`, `_IOW`, `_IOR`, or `_IOWR`.
- (3) 'strace' can decode numbers back into useful names when the numbers are unique.
- (4) People looking for ioctls can grep for them more easily when this convention is used to define the ioctl numbers.
- (5) When following the convention, the driver code can use generic

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code to copy the parameters between user and kernel space.

This table lists ioctls visible from user land for Linux/x86. It contains most drivers up to 2.6.31, but I know I am missing some. There has been no attempt to list non-X86 architectures or ioctls from drivers/staging/.

Code	Seq#(hex)	Include File	Comments
0x00	00-1F	linux/fs.h	conflict!
0x00	00-1F	scsi/scsi_ioctl.h	conflict!
0x00	00-1F	linux/fb.h	conflict!
0x00	00-1F	linux/wavefront.h	conflict!
0x02	all	linux/fd.h	
0x03	all	linux/hdreg.h	
0x04	D2-DC	linux/umsdos_fs.h	Dead since 2.6.11, but don't reuse these.
0x06	all	linux/lp.h	
0x09	all	linux/raid/md_u.h	
0x10	00-0F	drivers/char/s390/vmcp.h	
0x12	all	linux/fs.h	
		linux/blkpg.h	
0x1b	all	InfiniBand Subsystem	<http://www.openib.org/>
0x20	all	drivers/cdrom/cm206.h	
0x22	all	scsi/sg.h	
'#'	00-3F	IEEE 1394 Subsystem	Block for the entire subsystem
'\$'	00-0F	linux/perf_counter.h, linux/perf_event.h	
'1'	00-1F	<linux/timepps.h>	PPS kit from Ulrich Windl
<ftp://ftp.de.kernel.org/pub/linux/daemons/ntp/PPS/>			
'2'	01-04	linux/i2o.h	
'3'	00-0F	drivers/s390/char/raw3270.h	conflict!
'3'	00-1F	linux/suspend_ioctls.h	conflict!
		and kernel/power/user.c	
'8'	all		SNP8023 advanced NIC card <mailto:mcr@solidum.com>
'@'	00-0F	linux/radeonfb.h	conflict!
'@'	00-0F	drivers/video/aty/aty128fb.c	conflict!
'A'	00-1F	linux/apm_bios.h	conflict!
'A'	00-0F	linux/agpgart.h	conflict!
		and drivers/char/agp/compat_ioctl.h	
'A'	00-7F	sound/asound.h	conflict!
'B'	00-1F	linux/cciss_ioctl.h	conflict!
'B'	00-0F	include/linux/pmu.h	conflict!
'B'	C0-FF		advanced bbus <mailto:maassen@uni-freiburg.de>
'C'	all	linux/soundcard.h	conflict!
'C'	01-2F	linux/capi.h	conflict!
'C'	F0-FF	drivers/net/wan/cosa.h	conflict!
'D'	all	arch/s390/include/asm/dasd.h	
'D'	40-5F	drivers/scsi/dpt/dtpi_ioctl.h	
'D'	05	drivers/scsi/pmccraid.h	
'E'	all	linux/input.h	conflict!
'E'	00-0F	xen/evtchn.h	conflict!
'F'	all	linux/fb.h	conflict!
'F'	01-02	drivers/scsi/pmccraid.h	conflict!
'F'	20	drivers/video/fsl-diu-fb.h	conflict!

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'F' 20 drivers/video/intelfb/intelfb.h conflict!
'F' 20 linux/ivtvfb.h conflict!
'F' 20 linux/matroxfb.h conflict!
'F' 20 drivers/video/aty/atyfb_base.c conflict!
'F' 00-0F video/da8xx-fb.h conflict!
'F' 80-8F linux/arcfb.h conflict!
'F' DD video/sstfb.h conflict!
'G' 00-3F drivers/misc/sgi-gru/grulib.h conflict!
'G' 00-0F linux/gigaset_dev.h conflict!
'H' 00-7F linux/hiddev.h conflict!
'H' 00-0F linux/hidraw.h conflict!
'H' 00-0F sound/asound.h conflict!
'H' 20-40 sound/asound_fm.h conflict!
'H' 80-8F sound/sfnt_info.h conflict!
'H' 10-8F sound/emul0k1.h conflict!
'H' 10-1F sound/sb16_csp.h conflict!
'H' 10-1F sound/hda_hwdep.h conflict!
'H' 40-4F sound/hdspm.h conflict!
'H' 40-4F sound/hdsp.h conflict!
'H' 90 sound/usb/usx2y/usb_stream.h
'H' C0-F0 net/bluetooth/hci.h conflict!
'H' C0-DF net/bluetooth/hidp/hidp.h conflict!
'H' C0-DF net/bluetooth/cmtcp/cmtcp.h conflict!
'H' C0-DF net/bluetooth/bnep/bnep.h conflict!
'I' all linux/isdn.h conflict!
'I' 00-0F drivers/isdn/divert/isdn_divert.h conflict!
'I' 40-4F linux/mISDNif.h conflict!
'J' 00-1F drivers/scsi/gdth_ioctl.h
'K' all linux/kd.h
'L' 00-1F linux/loop.h conflict!
'L' 10-1F drivers/scsi/mpt2sas/mpt2sas_ctl.h conflict!
'L' E0-FF linux/ppdd.h encrypted disk device driver
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<<http://linux01.gwdg.de/~alatham/ppdd.html>>

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'M' all linux/soundcard.h conflict!
'M' 01-16 mtd/mtd-abi.h conflict!
and drivers/mtd/mtdchar.c
'M' 01-03 drivers/scsi/megaraid/megaraid_sas.h
'M' 00-0F drivers/video/fsl-diu-fb.h conflict!
'N' 00-1F drivers/usb/scanner.h
'O' 00-06 mtd/ubi-user.h UBI
'P' all linux/soundcard.h conflict!
'P' 60-6F sound/sscape_ioctl.h conflict!
'P' 00-0F drivers/usb/class/usbblp.c conflict!
'Q' all linux/soundcard.h
'R' 00-1F linux/random.h conflict!
'R' 01 linux/rfkill.h conflict!
'R' 01-0F media/rds.h conflict!
'R' C0-DF net/bluetooth/rfcomm.h
'S' all linux/cdrom.h conflict!
'S' 80-81 scsi/scsi_ioctl.h conflict!
'S' 82-FF scsi/scsi.h conflict!
'S' 00-7F sound/asequencer.h conflict!
'T' all linux/soundcard.h conflict!
'T' 00-AF sound/asound.h conflict!
'T' all arch/x86/include/asm/ioctls.h conflict!
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'T'    C0-DF    linux/if_tun.h          conflict!
'U'    all     sound/asound.h      conflict!
'U'    00-0F   drivers/media/video/uvic/uvicvideo.h  conflict!
'U'    00-CF   linux/uinput.h        conflict!
'U'    00-EF   linux/usbdevice_fs.h
'U'    C0-CF   drivers/bluetooth/hci_uart.h
'V'    all     linux/vt.h          conflict!
'V'    all     linux/videodev2.h     conflict!
'V'    C0      linux/ivtvfb.h        conflict!
'V'    C0      linux/ivtv.h          conflict!
'V'    C0      media/davinci/vpfe_capture.h  conflict!
'V'    C0      media/si4713.h        conflict!
'V'    C0-CF   drivers/media/video/mxb.h      conflict!
'W'    00-1F   linux/watchdog.h      conflict!
'W'    00-1F   linux/wanrouter.h      conflict!
'W'    00-3F   sound/asound.h        conflict!
'X'    all     fs/xfs/xfs_fs.h        conflict!
        and fs/xfs/linux-2.6/xfs_ioctl32.h
        and include/linux/falloc.h
        and linux/fs.h
'X'    all     fs/ocfs2/ocfs_fs.h      conflict!
'X'    01      linux/pktdvd.h          conflict!
'Y'    all     linux/cyclades.h
'Z'    14-15   drivers/message/fusion/mptctl.h
'['    00-07   linux/usb/tmc.h          USB Test and Measurement Devices
        <mailto:gregkh@suse.de>
'a'    all     linux/atm*.h, linux/sonet.h  ATM on linux

<http://lrcwww.epfl.ch/linux-atm/magic.html>
'b'    00-FF   conflict! bit3 vme host bridge
        <mailto:natalia@nikhef.nikhef.nl>
'b'    00-0F   media/bt819.h          conflict!
'c'    all     linux/cm4000_cs.h      conflict!
'c'    00-7F   linux/comstats.h      conflict!
'c'    00-7F   linux/coda.h          conflict!
'c'    00-1F   linux/chio.h          conflict!
'c'    80-9F   arch/s390/include/asm/chsc.h  conflict!
'c'    A0-AF   arch/x86/include/asm/msr.h      conflict!
'd'    00-FF   linux/char/drm/drm/h      conflict!
'd'    02-40   pcmcia/ds.h          conflict!
'd'    10-3F   drivers/media/video/dabusb.h  conflict!
'd'    C0-CF   drivers/media/video/saa7191.h  conflict!
'd'    F0-FF   linux/digil.h
'e'    all     linux/digil.h          conflict!
'e'    00-1F   drivers/net/irda/irrtty-sir.h  conflict!
'f'    00-1F   linux/ext2_fs.h        conflict!
'f'    00-1F   linux/ext3_fs.h        conflict!
'f'    00-0F   fs/jfs/jfs_dinode.h      conflict!
'f'    00-0F   fs/ext4/ext4.h        conflict!
'f'    00-0F   linux/fs.h          conflict!
'f'    00-0F   fs/ocfs2/ocfs2_fs.h      conflict!
'g'    00-0F   linux/usb/gadgetfs.h
'g'    20-2F   linux/usb/g_printer.h
'h'    00-7F   conflict! Charon filesystem
        <mailto:zapman@interlan.net>
'h'    00-1F   linux/hpet.h          conflict!
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'i'    00-3F    linux/i2o-dev.h      conflict!
'i'    0B-1F    linux/ipmi.h        conflict!
'i'    80-8F    linux/i8k.h
'j'    00-3F    linux/joystick.h
'k'    00-0F    linux/spi/spidev.h    conflict!
'k'    00-05    video/kyro.h         conflict!
'l'    00-3F    linux/tcfs_fs.h      transparent cryptographic file system
                                <http://mikonos.dia.unisa.it/tcfs>
'l'    40-7F    linux/udf_fs_i.h      in development:

<http://sourceforge.net/projects/linux-udf/>
'm'    00-09    linux/mmtimer.h      conflict!
'm'    all     linux/mtio.h        conflict!
'm'    all     linux/soundcard.h    conflict!
'm'    all     linux/synclink.h     conflict!
'm'    00-19    drivers/message/fusion/mptctl.h conflict!
'm'    00      drivers/scsi/megaraid/megaraid_ioctl.h conflict!
'm'    00-1F    net/irda/irmod.h      conflict!
'n'    00-7F    linux/ncp_fs.h and fs/ncpfs/ioctl.c
'n'    80-8F    linux/nilfs2_fs.h     NILFS2
'n'    E0-FF    linux/matroxfb.h      matroxfb
'o'    00-1F    fs/ocfs2/ocfs2_fs.h     OCFS2
'o'    00-03    mtd/ubi-user.h         conflict! (OCFS2 and UBI overlaps)
'o'    40-41    mtd/ubi-user.h         UBI
'o'    01-A1    linux/dvb/*.h          DVB
'p'    00-0F    linux/phantom.h      conflict! (OpenHaptics needs this)
'p'    00-1F    linux/rtc.h          conflict!
'p'    00-3F    linux/mc146818rtc.h    conflict!
'p'    40-7F    linux/nvram.h
'p'    80-9F    linux/ppdev.h          user-space parport
                                <mailto:tim@cyberelk.net>
'p'    A1-A4    linux/pps.h          LinuxPPS
                                <mailto:giometti@linux.it>
'q'    00-1F    linux/serio.h
'q'    80-FF    linux/telephony.h      Internet PhoneJACK, Internet LineJACK
                                linux/ixjuser.h      <http://www.quicknet.net>
'r'    00-1F    linux/msdos_fs.h and fs/fat/dir.c
's'    all     linux/cdk.h
't'    00-7F    linux/if_ppp.h
't'    80-8F    linux/isdn_ppp.h
't'    90      linux/toshiba.h
'u'    00-1F    linux/smb_fs.h
'v'    all     linux/videodev.h      conflict!
'v'    00-1F    linux/ext2_fs.h      conflict!
'v'    00-1F    linux/fs.h          conflict!
'v'    00-0F    linux/sonypi.h      conflict!
'v'    C0-CF    drivers/media/video/ov511.h    conflict!
'v'    C0-DF    media/pwc-ioclt.h      conflict!
'v'    C0-FF    linux/meye.h          conflict!
'v'    C0-CF    drivers/media/video/zoran/zoran.h    conflict!
'v'    D0-DF    drivers/media/video/cpia2/cpia2dev.h    conflict!
'w'    all     CERN SCI driver
'y'    00-1F    packet based user level communications
                                <mailto:zapman@interlan.net>
'z'    00-3F    CAN bus card      conflict!

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<mailto:hdstich@connectu.ulm.circular.de>

'z' 40-7F CAN bus card conflict!
<mailto:oe@port.de>

'z' 10-4F drivers/s390/crypto/zcrypt_api.h conflict!

0x80 00-1F linux/fb.h

0x81 00-1F linux/videotext.h

0x88 00-3F media/ovcamchip.h

0x89 00-06 arch/x86/include/asm/sockios.h

0x89 0B-DF linux/sockios.h

0x89 E0-EF linux/sockios.h SIOCPRIVPRIV range

0x89 E0-EF linux/dn.h PRIVPRIV range

0x89 F0-FF linux/sockios.h SIOCDEVPRIV range

0x8B all linux/wireless.h

0x8C 00-3F WinRADI driver

<http://www.proximity.com.au/~brian/winradio/>

0x90 00 drivers/cdrom/sbpcd.h

0x92 00-0F drivers/usb/mon/mon_bin.c

0x93 60-7F linux/auto_fs.h

0x94 all fs/btrfs/ioctl.h

0x97 00-7F fs/ceph/ioctl.h Ceph file system

0x99 00-0F 537-Addinboard driver

0xA0 all linux/sdp/sdp.h <mailto:buk@buks.ipn.de>

0xA3 80-8F Port ACL Industrial Device Project

<mailto:kenji@bitgate.com>

0xA3 90-9F linux/dtlk.h in development:

0xAB 00-1F linux/nbd.h <mailto:tlewis@mindspring.com>

0xAC 00-1F linux/raw.h

0xAD 00 Netfilter device in development:

0xAE all linux/kvm.h <mailto:rusty@rustcorp.com.au>

0xB0 all RATIO devices Kernel-based Virtual Machine

<mailto:kvm@vger.kernel.org>

0xB1 00-1F PPPoX in development:

0xC0 00-0F linux/usb/iowarrior.h <mailto:vgo@ratio.de>

0xCB 00-1F CBM serial IEC bus <mailto:mostrows@styx.uwaterloo.ca>

0xCD 01 linux/reiserfs_fs.h

0xCF 02 fs/cifs/ioctl.c

0xDB 00-0F drivers/char/mwave/mwavepub.h

0xDD 00-3F ZFCP device driver see drivers/s390/scsi/

0xF3 00-3F drivers/usb/misc/sisusbvga/sisusb.h sisfb (in development)

<mailto:thomas@winischhofer.net>

0xF4 00-1F video/mbxfb.h mbxfb

0xFD all linux/dm-ioctl.h <mailto:raph@8d.com>