



Linux Ubuntu 26.04 Manual Pages on command 'ioctl_kd.2'

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NAME

ioctl_kd - ioctls for console terminal and virtual consoles

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <linux/kd.h> /* Definition of op constants */

#include <sys/ioctl.h>

int ioctl(int fd, unsigned long op, void *argp);
```

DESCRIPTION

The following Linux-specific ioctl(2) operations are supported for console terminals and virtual consoles.

KDGETLED

Get state of LEDs. argp points to a uint8_t. The lower three bits of *argp are set to the state of the LEDs, as follows:

```
LED_CAP 0x04 caps lock led
LED_NUM 0x02 num lock led
LED_SCR 0x01 scroll lock led
```

KDSETLED

Set the LEDs. The LEDs are set to correspond to the lower three bits of the unsigned long integer in argp. However, if a higher order bit is set, the LEDs revert to normal: displaying the state of the keyboard functions of caps lock, num lock, and scroll lock.

Before Linux 1.1.54, the LEDs just reflected the state of the corresponding keyboard flags, and KDGETLED/KDSETLED would also change the keyboard flags. Since Linux 1.1.54 the LEDs can

be made to display arbitrary information, but by default they display the keyboard flags.

The following two ioctls are used to access the keyboard flags.

KDGKBLED

Get keyboard flags CapsLock, NumLock, ScrollLock (not lights). `argp` points to a `uint8_t` which is set to the flag state. The low order three bits (mask 0x7) get the current flag state, and the low order bits of the next nibble (mask 0x70) get the default flag state. (Since Linux 1.1.54.)

KDSKBLED

Set keyboard flags CapsLock, NumLock, ScrollLock (not lights). `argp` is an unsigned long integer that has the desired flag state. The low order three bits (mask 0x7) have the flag state, and the low order bits of the next nibble (mask 0x70) have the default flag state. (Since Linux 1.1.54.)

KDGKBTYPE

Get keyboard type. This returns the value `KB_101`, defined as 0x02.

KDADDIO

Add I/O port as valid. Equivalent to `ioperm(arg,1,1)`.

KDDELIO

Delete I/O port as valid. Equivalent to `ioperm(arg,1,0)`.

KDENABIO

Enable I/O to video board. Equivalent to `ioperm(0x3b4, 0x3df-0x3b4+1, 1)`.

KDDISABIO

Disable I/O to video board. Equivalent to `ioperm(0x3b4, 0x3df-0x3b4+1, 0)`.

KDSETMODE

Set text/graphics mode. `argp` is an unsigned integer containing one of:

`KD_TEXT` 0x00

`KD_GRAPHICS` 0x01

KDGETMODE

Get text/graphics mode. `argp` points to an int which is set to one of the values shown above for `KDSETMODE`.

KDMKTONE

Generate tone of specified length. The lower 16 bits of the unsigned long integer in `argp` specify the period in clock cycles, and the upper 16 bits give the duration in msec. If the duration is zero, the sound is turned off. Control returns immedi?

ately. For example, `argp = (125 << 16) + 0x637` would specify the beep normally associated with a ctrl-G. (Thus, since Linux 0.99pl1; broken in Linux 2.1.49-50.)

KIOCSOUND

Start or stop sound generation. The lower 16 bits of `argp` specify the period in clock cycles (that is, `argp = 1193180/frequency`). `argp = 0` turns sound off. In either case, control returns immediately.

GIO_CMAP

Get the current default color map from kernel. `argp` points to a 48-byte array. (Since Linux 1.3.3.)

PIO_CMAP

Change the default text-mode color map. `argp` points to a 48-byte array which contains, in order, the Red, Green, and Blue values for the 16 available screen colors: 0 is off, and 255 is full intensity. The default colors are, in order: black, dark red, dark green, brown, dark blue, dark purple, dark cyan, light grey, dark grey, bright red, bright green, yellow, bright blue, bright purple, bright cyan, and white. (Since Linux 1.3.3.)

GIO_FONT

Gets 256-character screen font in expanded form. `argp` points to an 8192-byte array. Fails with error code `EINVAL` if the currently loaded font is a 512-character font, or if the console is not in text mode.

GIO_FONTX

Gets screen font and associated information. `argp` points to a `struct consolefontdesc` (see `PIO_FONTX`). On call, the `charcount` field should be set to the maximum number of characters that would fit in the buffer pointed to by `chardata`. On return, the `charcount` and `charheight` are filled with the respective data for the currently loaded font, and the `chardata` array contains the font data if the initial value of `charcount` indicated enough space was available; otherwise, the buffer is untouched and `errno` is set to `ENOMEM`. (Since Linux 1.3.1.)

PIO_FONT

Sets 256-character screen font. Load font into the EGA/VGA character generator. `argp` points to an 8192-byte map, with 32 bytes per character. Only the first `N` of them are used for an `8xN` font (`0 < N <= 32`). This call also invalidates the Unicode mapping.

PIO_FONTX

Sets screen font and associated rendering information. `argp` points to a

```
struct consolefontdesc {  
    unsigned short charcount; /* characters in font  
                               (256 or 512) */  
    unsigned short charheight; /* scan lines per  
                               character (1-32) */  
    char *chardata; /* font data in  
                    expanded form */  
};
```

If necessary, the screen will be appropriately resized, and SIGWINCH sent to the appropriate processes. This call also invalidates the Unicode mapping. (Since Linux 1.3.1.)

PIO_FONTRESET

Resets the screen font, size, and Unicode mapping to the bootup defaults. `argp` is unused, but should be set to NULL to ensure compatibility with future versions of Linux. (Since Linux 1.3.28.)

GIO_SCRNMAP

Get screen mapping from kernel. `argp` points to an area of size `E_TABSZ`, which is loaded with the font positions used to display each character. This call is likely to return useless information if the currently loaded font is more than 256 characters.

GIO_UNISCRNMAP

Get full Unicode screen mapping from kernel. `argp` points to an area of size `E_TABSZ*sizeof(unsigned short)`, which is loaded with the Unicodes each character represents. A special set of Unicodes, starting at U+F000, are used to represent "direct to font" mappings. (Since Linux 1.3.1.)

PIO_SCRNMAP

Loads the "user definable" (fourth) table in the kernel which maps bytes into console screen symbols. `argp` points to an area of size `E_TABSZ`.

PIO_UNISCRNMAP

Loads the "user definable" (fourth) table in the kernel which maps bytes into Unicodes, which are then translated into screen symbols according to the currently

loaded Unicode-to-font map. Special Unicodes starting at U+F000 can be used to map directly to the font symbols. (Since Linux 1.3.1.)

GIO_UNIMAP

Get Unicode-to-font mapping from kernel. `argp` points to a

```
struct unimapdesc {  
    unsigned short entry_ct;  
    struct unipair *entries;  
};
```

where `entries` points to an array of

```
struct unipair {  
    unsigned short unicode;  
    unsigned short fontpos;  
};
```

(Since Linux 1.1.92.)

PIO_UNIMAP

Put unicode-to-font mapping in kernel. `argp` points to a `struct unimapdesc`. (Since Linux 1.1.92)

PIO_UNIMAPCLR

Clear table, possibly advise hash algorithm. `argp` points to a

```
struct unimapinit {  
    unsigned short advised_hashsize; /* 0 if no opinion */  
    unsigned short advised_hashstep; /* 0 if no opinion */  
    unsigned short advised_hashlevel; /* 0 if no opinion */  
};
```

(Since Linux 1.1.92.)

KDGKBMODE

Gets current keyboard mode. `argp` points to a long which is set to one of these:

```
K_RAW      0x00 /* Raw (scancode) mode */  
K_XLATE    0x01 /* Translate keycodes using keymap */  
K_MEDIUMRAW 0x02 /* Medium raw (scancode) mode */  
K_UNICODE   0x03 /* Unicode mode */  
K_OFF       0x04 /* Disabled mode (since Linux 2.6.39) */
```

KDSKBMODE

Sets current keyboard mode. `argp` is a long equal to one of the values shown for `KDGKBMODE`.

KDGKBMETA

Gets meta key handling mode. `argp` points to a long which is set to one of these:

`K_METABIT` 0x03 set high order bit

`K_ESCPREFIX` 0x04 escape prefix

KDSKBMETA

Sets meta key handling mode. `argp` is a long equal to one of the values shown above for `KDGKBMETA`.

KDGKBENT

Gets one entry in key translation table (keycode to action code). `argp` points to a

```
struct kbentry {  
    unsigned char kb_table;  
    unsigned char kb_index;  
    unsigned short kb_value;  
};
```

with the first two members filled in: `kb_table` selects the key table ($0 \leq \text{kb_table} < \text{MAX_NR_KEYMAPS}$), and `kb_index` is the keycode ($0 \leq \text{kb_index} < \text{NR_KEYS}$). `kb_value` is set to the corresponding action code, or `K_HOLE` if there is no such key, or `K_NO?` `SUCHMAP` if `kb_table` is invalid.

KDSKBENT

Sets one entry in translation table. `argp` points to a struct `kbentry`.

KDGKBSENT

Gets one function key string. `argp` points to a

```
struct kbsentry {  
    unsigned char kb_func;  
    unsigned char kb_string[512];  
};
```

`kb_string` is set to the (null-terminated) string corresponding to the `kb_func` function key action code.

KDSKBSENT

Sets one function key string entry. `argp` points to a struct `kbsentry`.

KDGKBDIACR

Read kernel accent table. `argp` points to a

```
struct kbdiacrs {  
    unsigned int  kb_cnt;  
    struct kbdiacr kbdiacr[256];  
};
```

where `kb_cnt` is the number of entries in the array, each of which is a

```
struct kbdiacr {  
    unsigned char diacr;  
    unsigned char base;  
    unsigned char result;  
};
```

KDGETKEYCODE

Read kernel keycode table entry (scan code to keycode). `argp` points to a

```
struct kbkeycode {  
    unsigned int scancode;  
    unsigned int keycode;  
};
```

keycode is set to correspond to the given scancode. (89 <= scancode <= 255 only.

For 1 <= scancode <= 88, keycode==scancode.) (Since Linux 1.1.63.)

KDSETKEYCODE

Write kernel keycode table entry. `argp` points to a struct kbkeycode. (Since Linux 1.1.63.)

KDSIGACCEPT

The calling process indicates its willingness to accept the signal `argp` when it is generated by pressing an appropriate key combination. (1 <= `argp` <= NSIG). (See `spawn_console()` in `linux/drivers/char/keyboard.c`.)

RETURN VALUE

On success, 0 is returned (except where indicated). On failure, -1 is returned, and `errno` is set to indicate the error.

ERRORS

EINVAL `argp` is invalid.

STANDARDS

Linux.

SEE ALSO

[ioctl\(2\)](#), [ioctl_console\(2\)](#)

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