

Input and Output Control (IOCTL)

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Summary

- **ioctl function()**
- **Data transfer between user space and kernel space using ioctl function**



Assignment

- 1 Compile and load `simple_driver.c`
- 2 Compile and execute `test.c`
- 3 Pass a different integer value as per your choice
- 4 See the output using `dmesg` command



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