

## VioGetBuf

This call returns the address of the logical video buffer (LVB).

*VioGetBuf* (LVBPtr, Length, VioHandle)

*LVBPtr* (**PULONG**) - output Address of the selector and offset of the logical video buffer. Applications should not assume the offset portion of this far address is 0.

*Length* (**PUSHORT**) - output Address of the length buffer in bytes. The length is: number of rows \* number of columns \* size of cell.

*VioHandle* (**HVIO**) - input This must be zero unless the caller is a Presentation Manager application, in which case it must be the value returned by [VioGetPs](#).

*rc* (**USHORT**) - return Return code descriptions are:

0	NO_ERROR
355	ERROR_VIO_MODE
430	ERROR_VIO_ILLEGAL_DURING_POPUP
436	ERROR_VIO_INVALID_HANDLE
465	ERROR_VIO_DETACHED

### Remarks

An application using [VioGetBuf](#) can prepare a screen in the application's own logical video buffer (LVB) offline. When the application is in the foreground, the physical screen buffer is updated from the LVB when [VioShowBuf](#) is issued. When the application runs in the background, the physical screen buffer is updated when the application is switched to the foreground.

Once [VioGetBuf](#) is issued, all [VioWrtXX](#) calls issued while the application is running in the foreground are written to the physical display buffer and LVB. If a [VioGetPhysBuf](#) is subsequently issued, then the [VioWrtXX](#) calls are only written to the physical display buffer. They are no longer written to the LVB.

[VioGetMode](#) may be used to determine the dimensions of the buffer.

If [VioSetMode](#) is issued following a [\[\[en.ibm:prcp:vio:getbuf|VioGetBuf\]](#) call, the size of the logical video buffer is adjusted to correspond to the new mode. There is one logical video buffer per session (or presentation space if AVIO application) that corresponds to the current mode on the current display configuration.

### PM Considerations

This function returns the address and length of the Advanced VIO presentation space. The presentation space may be used to directly manipulate displayed information.

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