# **NAME**

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buf_ring, buf_ring_alloc, buf_ring_free, buf_ring_enqueue, buf_ring_dequeue_mc,
buf_ring_dequeue_sc, buf_ring_count, buf_ring_empty, buf_ring_full, buf_ring_peek - multi-producer,
{single, multi}-consumer lock-less ring buffer
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#### **SYNOPSIS**

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#include <sys/param.h>
#include <sys/buf ring.h>
struct buf_ring *
buf_ring_alloc(int count, struct malloc_type *type, int flags, struct mtx *sc_lock);
void
buf_ring_free(struct buf_ring *br, struct malloc_type *type);
int
buf_ring_enqueue(struct buf_ring *br, void *buf);
void *
buf_ring_dequeue_mc(struct buf_ring *br);
void *
buf_ring_dequeue_sc(struct buf_ring *br);
int
buf_ring_count(struct buf_ring *br);
int
buf_ring_empty(struct buf_ring *br);
int
buf_ring_full(struct buf_ring *br);
void *
buf_ring_peek(struct buf_ring *br);
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### **DESCRIPTION**

The **buf\_ring** functions provide a lock-less multi-producer and lock-less multi-consumer as well as single-consumer ring buffer.

The **buf\_ring\_alloc**() function is used to allocate a buf\_ring ring buffer with *count* slots using malloc\_type *type* and memory flags *flags*. The single consumer interface is protected by *sc\_lock*.

The **buf\_ring\_free**() function is used to free a buf\_ring. The user is responsible for freeing any enqueued items.

The **buf\_ring\_enqueue**() function is used to enqueue a buffer to a buf\_ring.

The **buf\_ring\_dequeue\_mc()** function is a multi-consumer safe way of dequeueing elements from a buf\_ring.

The **buf\_ring\_dequeue\_sc()** function is a single-consumer interface to dequeue elements - requiring the user to serialize accesses with a lock.

The **buf\_ring\_count()** function returns the number of elements in a buf\_ring.

The **buf\_ring\_empty**() function returns TRUE if the buf\_ring is empty, FALSE otherwise.

The **buf\_ring\_full**() function returns TRUE if no more items can be enqueued, FALSE otherwise.

The **buf\_ring\_peek**() function returns a pointer to the last element in the buf\_ring if the buf\_ring is not empty, NULL otherwise.

# **RETURN VALUES**

The **buf\_ring\_enqueue**() function return ENOBUFS if there are no available slots in the buf\_ring.

### **HISTORY**

These functions were introduced in FreeBSD 8.0.