

## NAME

**glReadBuffer** – select a color buffer source for pixels

## C SPECIFICATION

```
void glReadBuffer( GLenum mode )
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## PARAMETERS

*mode* Specifies a color buffer. Accepted values are **GL\_FRONT\_LEFT**, **GL\_FRONT\_RIGHT**, **GL\_BACK\_LEFT**, **GL\_BACK\_RIGHT**, **GL\_FRONT**, **GL\_BACK**, **GL\_LEFT**, **GL\_RIGHT**, and **GL\_AUX*i***, where *i* is between 0 and **GL\_AUX\_BUFFERS** – 1.

## DESCRIPTION

**glReadBuffer** specifies a color buffer as the source for subsequent **glReadPixels**, **glCopyTexImage1D**, **glCopyTexImage2D**, **glCopyTexSubImage1D**, **glCopyTexSubImage2D**, and **glCopyPixels** commands. *mode* accepts one of twelve or more predefined values. (**GL\_AUX0** through **GL\_AUX3** are always defined.) In a fully configured system, **GL\_FRONT**, **GL\_LEFT**, and **GL\_FRONT\_LEFT** all name the front left buffer, **GL\_FRONT\_RIGHT** and **GL\_RIGHT** name the front right buffer, and **GL\_BACK\_LEFT** and **GL\_BACK** name the back left buffer.

Nonstereo double-buffered configurations have only a front left and a back left buffer. Single-buffered configurations have a front left and a front right buffer if stereo, and only a front left buffer if nonstereo. It is an error to specify a nonexistent buffer to **glReadBuffer**.

*mode* is initially **GL\_FRONT** in single-buffered configurations, and **GL\_BACK** in double-buffered configurations.

## ERRORS

**GL\_INVALID\_ENUM** is generated if *mode* is not one of the twelve (or more) accepted values.

**GL\_INVALID\_OPERATION** is generated if *mode* specifies a buffer that does not exist.

**GL\_INVALID\_OPERATION** is generated if **glReadBuffer** is executed between the execution of **glBegin** and the corresponding execution of **glEnd**.

## ASSOCIATED GETS

**glGet** with argument **GL\_READ\_BUFFER**

## SEE ALSO

**glCopyPixels**, **glCopyTexImage1D**, **glCopyTexImage2D**, **glCopyTexSubImage1D**, **glCopyTexSubImage2D**, **glDrawBuffer**, **glReadPixels**