

NAME

glHint – specify implementation-specific hints

C SPECIFICATION

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void glHint( GLenum target,
            GLenum mode )
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PARAMETERS

target Specifies a symbolic constant indicating the behavior to be controlled. **GL_FOG_HINT**, **GL_LINE_SMOOTH_HINT**, **GL_PERSPECTIVE_CORRECTION_HINT**, **GL_POINT_SMOOTH_HINT**, and **GL_POLYGON_SMOOTH_HINT** are accepted.

mode Specifies a symbolic constant indicating the desired behavior. **GL_FASTEST**, **GL_NICEST**, and **GL_DONT_CARE** are accepted.

DESCRIPTION

Certain aspects of GL behavior, when there is room for interpretation, can be controlled with hints. A hint is specified with two arguments. *target* is a symbolic constant indicating the behavior to be controlled, and *mode* is another symbolic constant indicating the desired behavior. The initial value for each *target* is **GL_DONT_CARE**. *mode* can be one of the following:

GL_FASTEST The most efficient option should be chosen.

GL_NICEST The most correct, or highest quality, option should be chosen.

GL_DONT_CARE No preference.

Though the implementation aspects that can be hinted are well defined, the interpretation of the hints depends on the implementation. The hint aspects that can be specified with *target*, along with suggested semantics, are as follows:

GL_FOG_HINT Indicates the accuracy of fog calculation. If per-pixel fog calculation is not efficiently supported by the GL implementation, hinting **GL_DONT_CARE** or **GL_FASTEST** can result in per-vertex calculation of fog effects.

GL_LINE_SMOOTH_HINT Indicates the sampling quality of antialiased lines. If a larger filter function is applied, hinting **GL_NICEST** can result in more pixel fragments being generated during rasterization,

GL_PERSPECTIVE_CORRECTION_HINT Indicates the quality of color and texture coordinate interpolation. If perspective-corrected parameter interpolation is not efficiently supported by the GL implementation, hinting **GL_DONT_CARE** or **GL_FASTEST** can result in simple linear interpolation of colors and/or texture coordinates.

GL_POINT_SMOOTH_HINT Indicates the sampling quality of antialiased points. If a larger filter function is applied, hinting **GL_NICEST** can result in more pixel fragments being generated during rasterization,

GL_POLYGON_SMOOTH_HINT Indicates the sampling quality of antialiased polygons. Hinting **GL_NICEST** can result in more pixel fragments being generated during rasterization, if a larger filter function is applied.

NOTES

The interpretation of hints depends on the implementation. Some implementations ignore **glHint** settings.

ERRORS

GL_INVALID_ENUM is generated if either *target* or *mode* is not an accepted value.

GL_INVALID_OPERATION is generated if **glHint** is executed between the execution of **glBegin** and the corresponding execution of **glEnd**.