

Debug Output

- Obsolete
 - supported, **do not use** (fallback option)

```
#define GLcall(x) x; ... // macros: avoid in general, difficult to debug, error prone

GLenum last_error = glGetError();
if (last_error != GL_NO_ERROR) { // only enum, no details ...

    GLcall(glEnable(GL_CULL_FACE)); // must manually wrap EVERY call: slow, error prone, unreadable, ...
    GLcall(glCullFace(GL_FRONT));
    GLcall(glDrawElements(GL_TRIANGLES, count, GL_UNSIGNED_INT, nullptr));
}
```

- Modern, using asynchronous callback
 - callback function declaration

```
void callback_func(GLenum src, GLenum type, GLuint id, GLenum severity, GLsizei length,
                  GLchar const* msg, void const* user_param);
```

since OpenGL 4.3+

Core in version 4.6

Core since version 4.3

Core ARB extension:

GL_KHR_debug

ARB extension:

GL_ARB_debug_output

Vendor extension

GL_AMD_debug_output

- at the end of init() function, after all GLFW & GLEW init

```
if (GLEW_ARB_debug_output)
{
    glDebugMessageCallback(MessageCallback, 0);
    glEnable(GL_DEBUG_OUTPUT);
    std::cout << "GL_DEBUG enabled." << std::endl;
}
```

GL Error Callback Example (decoding to string)

```
void GLAPIENTRY MessageCallback(GLenum source, GLenum type, GLuint id, GLenum severity, GLsizei length, const GLchar* message, const void* userParam)
{
    auto const src_str = [source]() {
        switch (source)
        {
            case GL_DEBUG_SOURCE_API: return "API";
            case GL_DEBUG_SOURCE_WINDOW_SYSTEM: return "WINDOW SYSTEM";
            case GL_DEBUG_SOURCE_SHADER_COMPILER: return "SHADER COMPILER";
            case GL_DEBUG_SOURCE_THIRD_PARTY: return "THIRD PARTY";
            case GL_DEBUG_SOURCE_APPLICATION: return "APPLICATION";
            case GL_DEBUG_SOURCE_OTHER: return "OTHER";
            default: return "Unknown";
        }
    }();

    auto const type_str = [type]() {
        switch (type)
        {
            case GL_DEBUG_TYPE_ERROR: return "ERROR";
            case GL_DEBUG_TYPE_DEPRECATED_BEHAVIOR: return "DEPRECATED_BEHAVIOR";
            case GL_DEBUG_TYPE_UNDEFINED_BEHAVIOR: return "UNDEFINED_BEHAVIOR";
            case GL_DEBUG_TYPE_PORTABILITY: return "PORTABILITY";
            case GL_DEBUG_TYPE_PERFORMANCE: return "PERFORMANCE";
            case GL_DEBUG_TYPE_MARKER: return "MARKER";
            case GL_DEBUG_TYPE_OTHER: return "OTHER";
            default: return "Unknown";
        }
    }();

    auto const severity_str = [severity]() {
        switch (severity) {
            case GL_DEBUG_SEVERITY_NOTIFICATION: return "NOTIFICATION";
            case GL_DEBUG_SEVERITY_LOW: return "LOW";
            case GL_DEBUG_SEVERITY_MEDIUM: return "MEDIUM";
            case GL_DEBUG_SEVERITY_HIGH: return "HIGH";
            default: return "Unknown";
        }
    }();

    std::cout << "[GL CALLBACK]: " <<
        "source = " << src_str <<
        ", type = " << type_str <<
        ", severity = " << severity_str <<
        ", ID = '" << id << '\\ ' <<
        ", message = '" << message << '\\ ' << std::endl;
}
```

Detailed Debug Output

- synchronous output – slower, but immediate
 - for glGetError() replacement

```
glEnable(GL_DEBUG_OUTPUT);  
glEnable(GL_DEBUG_OUTPUT_SYNCHRONOUS);  
glDebugMessageCallback(MessageCallback, nullptr);
```

- usually too noisy, use filter control

```
void glDebugMessageControl(GLenum source, GLenum type, GLenum severity, GLsizei count,  
                           const GLuint* ids, GLboolean enabled)
```

- e.g. disable notification

```
glDebugMessageControl(GL_DONT_CARE, GL_DONT_CARE, GL_DEBUG_SEVERITY_NOTIFICATION, 0, nullptr, GL_FALSE);
```