

# OpenCL Events



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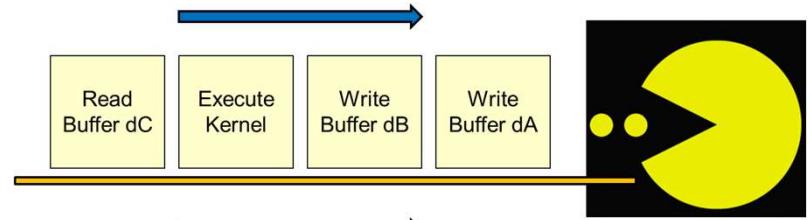
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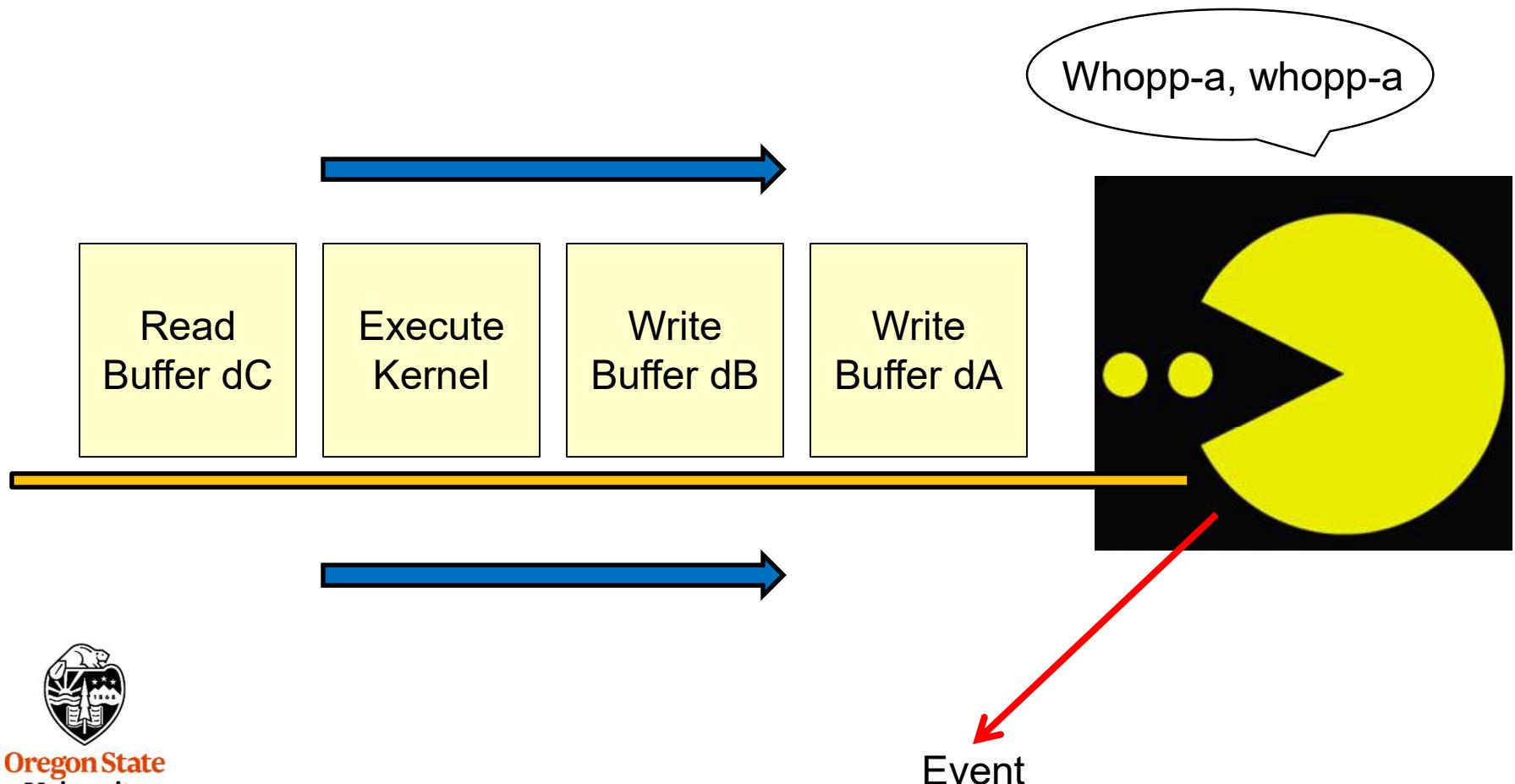
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An event is an object that communicates the status of OpenCL commands

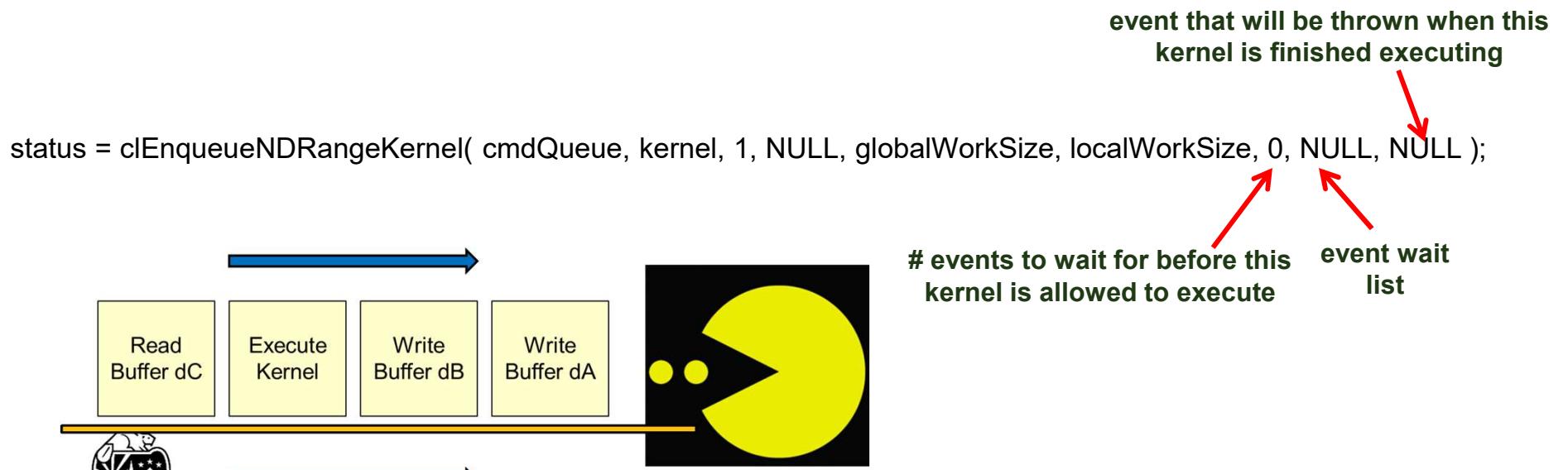


## From the OpenCL Notes:

### 11. Enqueue the Kernel Object for Execution

```
size_t globalWorkSize[ 3 ] = { NUM_ELEMENTS, 1, 1 };
size_t localWorkSize[ 3 ] = { LOCAL_SIZE, 1, 1 };
```

```
status = clEnqueueNDRangeKernel( cmdQueue, kernel, 1, NULL, globalWorkSize, localWorkSize, 0, NULL, NULL );
```



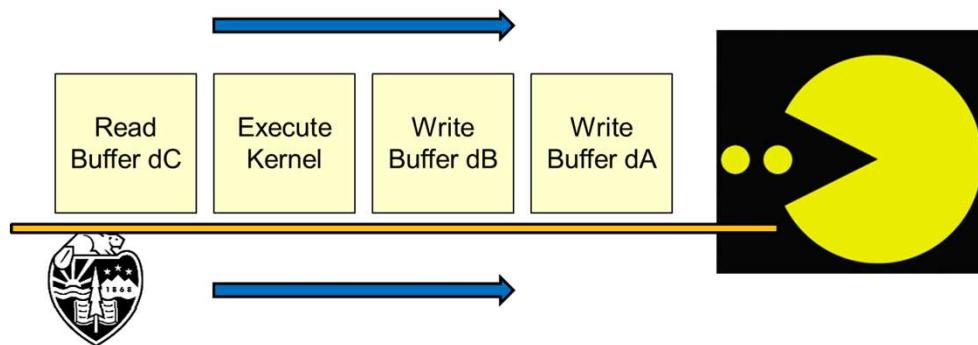
## Creating an Event

event that will be thrown when this kernel is finished executing

```
cl_event waitKernelA, waitKernel B, waitKernelC;
```

```
status = clEnqueueNDRangeKernel( cmdQueue, kernel, 1, NULL, globalWorkSize, localWorkSize, 0, NULL, &waitKernelC );
```

event(s) to wait for before this kernel is allowed to execute



# Waiting for Events from Previously-Executed Kernels

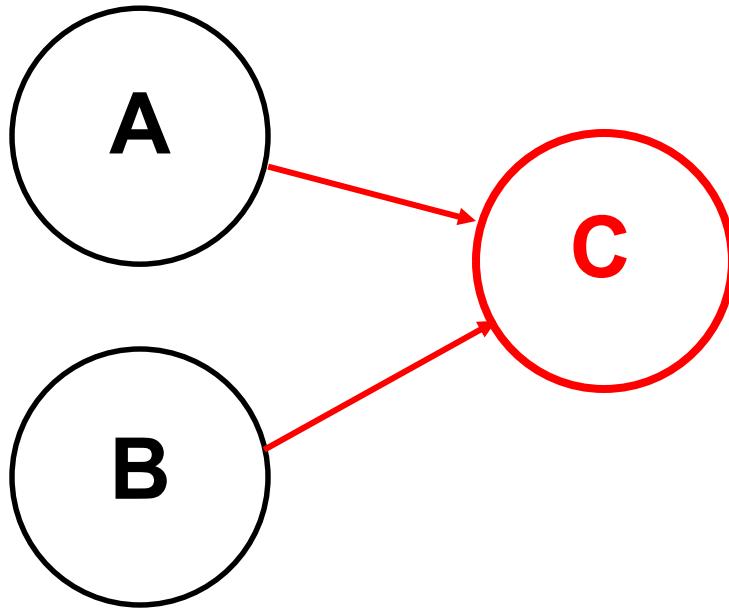
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```
cl_event waitKernelA, waitKernelB, waitKernelC;  
.  
.  
.  
cl_event dependenciesAB[ 2 ];  
dependenciesAB[ 0 ] = waitKernelA;  
dependenciesAB[ 1 ] = waitKernelB;  
status = clEnqueueNDRangeKernel( cmdQueue, kernelC, 1, NULL, globalWorkSize, localWorkSize, 2, dependenciesAB, NULL );
```

event that will be thrown when this  
kernel is finished executing



event(s) to wait for before this  
kernel is allowed to execute



# Creating an Execution Graph Structure

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```
cl_event waitKernelA, waitKernelB, waitKernelC;
```

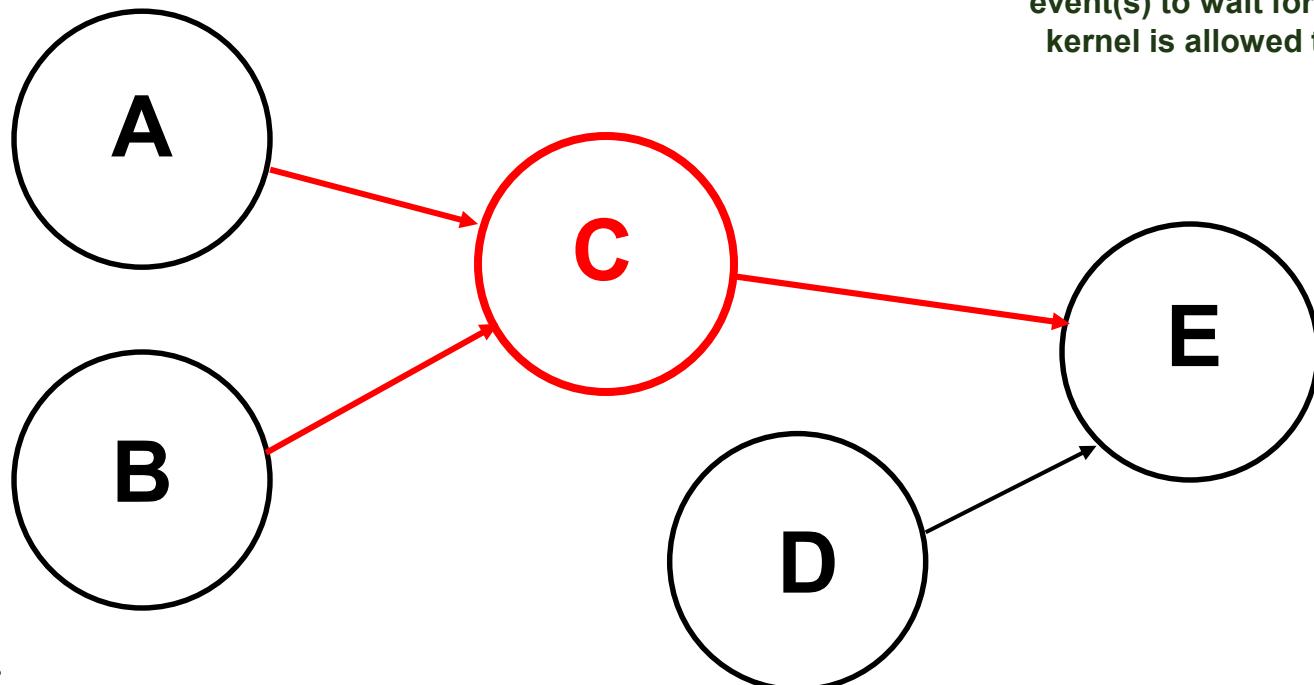
```
cl_event dependenciesAB[ 2 ];
```

```
dependenciesAB[ 0 ] = waitKernelA;  
dependenciesAB[ 1 ] = waitKernelB;
```

```
status = clEnqueueNDRangeKernel( cmdQueue, kernelC, 1, NULL, globalWorkSize, localWorkSize, 2, dependenciesAB, &waitKernelC );
```

event that will be thrown when this  
kernel is finished executing

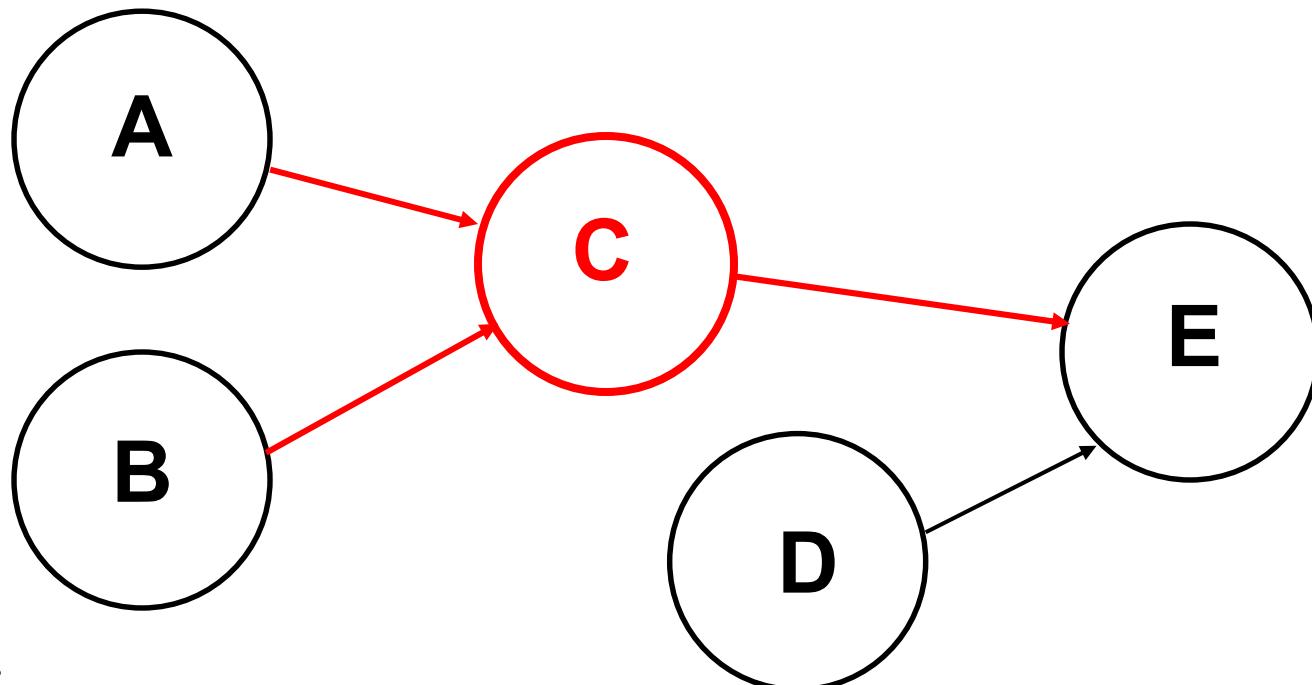
event(s) to wait for before this  
kernel is allowed to execute



# Creating the Full Execution Graph Structure

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```
cl_event waitKernelA, waitKernelB, waitKernelC, waitKernelD;  
  
cl_event dependenciesAB[ 2 ];  
dependenciesAB[ 0 ] = waitKernelA;  
dependenciesAB[ 1 ] = waitKernelB;  
  
cl_event dependenciesCD[ 2 ];  
dependenciesCD[ 0 ] = waitKernelC;  
dependenciesCD[ 1 ] = waitKernelD;  
  
status = clEnqueueNDRangeKernel( cmdQueue, kernelA, 1, NULL, globalWorkSize, localWorkSize, 0, NULL, &waitKernelA );  
status = clEnqueueNDRangeKernel( cmdQueue, kernelB, 1, NULL, globalWorkSize, localWorkSize, 0, NULL, &waitKernelB );  
status = clEnqueueNDRangeKernel( cmdQueue, kernelC, 1, NULL, globalWorkSize, localWorkSize, 2, dependenciesAB, &waitKernelC );  
status = clEnqueueNDRangeKernel( cmdQueue, kernelD, 1, NULL, globalWorkSize, localWorkSize, 0, NULL, &waitKernelD );  
status = clEnqueueNDRangeKernel( cmdQueue, kernelE, 1, NULL, globalWorkSize, localWorkSize, 2, dependenciesCD, NULL );
```



# Waiting for One Event

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```
cl_event waitKernelA, waitKernel B.
```

```
...
```

```
status = clEnqueueNDRangeKernel( cmdQueue, kernelC, 1, NULL, globalWorkSize, localWorkSize, 1, &waitKernelA, NULL );
```



event(s) to wait for



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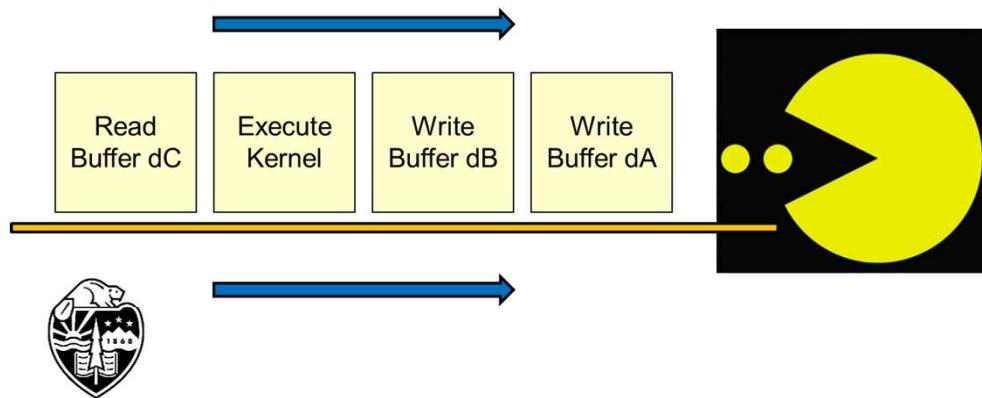
# Placing a Barrier in the Command Queue

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```
status = clEnqueueBarrier( cmdQueue );
```

Note: this *cannot* throw its own event

This does not complete until all commands enqueued before it have completed.



```
cl_event waitMarker;  
  
status = clEnqueueMarker( cmdQueue, &waitMarker );
```

Note: this *can* throw its own event

This does not complete until all commands enqueued before it have completed.

**This is just like a barrier, but it can throw an event to be waited for.**



```
status = clWaitForEvents( 2, dependencies );
```



event(s) to wait for

This **blocks** until the specified events are thrown, so use it carefully!



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```
// wait until all queued tasks have taken place:  
  
void  
Wait( cl_command_queue queue )  
{  
    cl_event wait;  
    cl_int    status;  
  
    status = clEnqueueMarker( queue, &wait );  
    if( status != CL_SUCCESS )  
        fprintf( stderr, "Wait: clEnqueueMarker failed\n" );  
  
    status = clWaitForEvents( 1, &wait );      // blocks until everything is done!  
    if( status != CL_SUCCESS )  
        fprintf( stderr, "Wait: clWaitForEvents failed\n" );  
}
```



Call this before starting the timer, before ending the timer, and before retrieving data from an array computed in an OpenCL program.

## Getting Event Statuses Without Blocking

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CL\_EVENT\_COMMAND\_QUEUE  
CL\_EVENT\_CONTEXT  
CL\_EVENT\_COMMAND\_TYPE  
**CL\_EVENT\_COMMAND\_EXECUTION\_STATUS**

Specify one of these

```
cl_int eventStatus;  
  
status = clGetEventInfo( waitKernelC, CL_EVENT_COMMAND_EXECUTION_STATUS, sizeof(cl_int),  
    &eventStatus, NULL );
```

CL\_EVENT\_COMMAND\_EXECUTION\_STATUS  
returns one of these

CL\_QUEUED  
CL\_SUBMITTED  
CL\_RUNNING  
CL\_COMPLETE

cl\_int is what type  
CL\_EVENT\_COMMAND\_EXECUTION\_STATUS  
returns



Note that this is a nice way to check on event statuses without blocking. Thus, you could put this in a loop and go get some other work done in between calls.

