



# **NVIDIA Framebuffer Capture API for Linux Reference Manual**

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## **Chapter 1**

# **NVIDIA Framebuffer Capture (NvFBC) for Linux.**

NvFBC is a high performance, low latency API to capture the framebuffer of an X server screen. The output from NvFBC captures everything that would be visible if we were directly looking at the monitor. This includes window manager decoration, mouse cursor, overlay, etc.

It is ideally suited to desktop or fullscreen application capture and remoting.



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## Module Documentation

### 6.1 Requirements

The following requirements are provided by the regular NVIDIA Display Driver package:.

The following requirements are provided by the regular NVIDIA Display Driver package:.

- OpenGL core  $\geq 4.2$ : Required. NvFBC relies on OpenGL to perform frame capture and post-processing.
- Vulkan 1.1: Required.
- libcuda.so.1  $\geq 5.5$ : Optional. Used for capture to video memory with CUDA interop.

The following requirements must be installed separately depending on the Linux distribution being used:

- XRandR extension  $\geq 1.2$ : Optional. Used for RandR output tracking.
- libX11-xcb.so.1  $\geq 1.2$ : Required. NvFBC uses a mix of Xlib and XCB. Xlib is needed to use GLX, XCB is needed to make NvFBC more resilient against X server terminations while a capture session is active.
- libxcb.so.1  $\geq 1.3$ : Required. See above.
- xorg-server  $\geq 1.3$ : Optional. Required for push model to work properly.

Note that all optional dependencies are `dlopen()`'d at runtime. Failure to load an optional library is not fatal.

## 6.2 ChangeLog

NvFBC Linux API version 0.1

- Initial BETA release.

NvFBC Linux API version 0.1

- Initial BETA release.

NvFBC Linux API version 0.2

- Added 'bEnableMSE' field to NVFBC\_H264\_HW\_ENC\_CONFIG.
- Added 'dwMSE' field to NVFBC\_TOH264\_GRAB\_FRAME\_PARAMS.
- Added 'bEnableAQ' field to NVFBC\_H264\_HW\_ENC\_CONFIG.
- Added 'NVFBC\_H264\_PRESET\_LOSSLESS\_HP' enum to NVFBC\_H264\_PRESET.
- Added 'NVFBC\_BUFFER\_FORMAT\_YUV444P' enum to NVFBC\_BUFFER\_FORMAT.
- Added 'eInputBufferFormat' field to NVFBC\_H264\_HW\_ENC\_CONFIG.
- Added '0' and '244' values for NVFBC\_H264\_HW\_ENC\_CONFIG::dwProfile.

NvFBC Linux API version 0.3

- Improved multi-threaded support by implementing an API locking mechanism.
- Added 'nvFBCBindContext' API entry point.
- Added 'nvFBCReleaseContext' API entry point.

NvFBC Linux API version 1.0

- Added codec agnostic interface for HW encoding.
- Deprecated H.264 interface.
- Added support for H.265/HEVC HW encoding.

NvFBC Linux API version 1.1

- Added 'nvFBCToHwGetCaps' API entry point.
- Added 'dwDiffMapScalingFactor' field to NVFBC\_TOSYS\_SETUP\_PARAMS.

NvFBC Linux API version 1.2

- Deprecated ToHwEnc interface.
- Added ToGL interface that captures frames to an OpenGL texture in video memory.
- Added 'bDisableAutoModesetRecovery' field to NVFBC\_CREATE\_CAPTURE\_SESSION\_PARAMS.
- Added 'bExternallyManagedContext' field to NVFBC\_CREATE\_HANDLE\_PARAMS.

## NvFBC Linux API version 1.3

- Added NVFBC\_BUFFER\_FORMAT\_RGBA
- Added 'dwTimeoutMs' field to NVFBC\_TOSYS\_GRAB\_FRAME\_PARAMS, NVFBC\_TOCUDA\_GRAB\_FRAME\_PARAMS, and NVFBC\_TOGL\_GRAB\_FRAME\_PARAMS.

## NvFBC Linux API version 1.4

- Clarified that NVFBC\_BUFFER\_FORMAT\_{ARGB,RGB,RGBA} are byte-order formats.
- Renamed NVFBC\_BUFFER\_FORMAT\_YUV420P to NVFBC\_BUFFER\_FORMAT\_NV12.
- Added new requirements.
- Made NvFBC more resilient against the X server terminating during an active capture session. See new comments for [NVFBC\\_ERR\\_X](#).
- Relaxed requirement that 'frameSize' must have a width being a multiple of 4 and a height being a multiple of 2.
- Added 'bRoundFrameSize' field to NVFBC\_CREATE\_CAPTURE\_SESSION\_PARAMS.
- Relaxed requirement that the scaling factor for differential maps must be a multiple of the size of the frame.
- Added 'diffMapSize' field to NVFBC\_TOSYS\_SETUP\_PARAMS and NVFBC\_TOGL\_SETUP\_PARAMS.

## NvFBC Linux API version 1.5

- Added NVFBC\_BUFFER\_FORMAT\_BGRA

## NvFBC Linux API version 1.6

- Added the 'NVFBC\_TOSYS\_GRAB\_FLAGS\_NOWAIT\_IF\_NEW\_FRAME\_READY', 'NVFBC\_TOCUDA\_GRAB\_FLAGS\_NOWAIT\_IF\_NEW\_FRAME\_READY', and 'NVFBC\_TOGL\_GRAB\_FLAGS\_NOWAIT\_IF\_NEW\_FRAME\_READY' capture flags.
- Exposed debug and performance logs through the NVFBC\_LOG\_LEVEL environment variable. Setting it to "1" enables performance logs, setting it to "2" enables debugging logs, setting it to "3" enables both.
- Logs are printed to stdout or to the file pointed by the NVFBC\_LOG\_FILE environment variable.
- Added 'ulTimestampUs' to NVFBC\_FRAME\_GRAB\_INFO.
- Added 'dwSamplingRateMs' to NVFBC\_CREATE\_CAPTURE\_SESSION\_PARAMS.
- Added 'bPushModel' to NVFBC\_CREATE\_CAPTURE\_SESSION\_PARAMS.

## NvFBC Linux API version 1.8

- Retired the NVFBC\_CAPTURE\_TO\_HW\_ENCODER interface. This interface has been deprecated since NvFBC 1.2 and has received no updates or new features since. We recommend using the NVIDIA Video Codec SDK to encode NvFBC frames. See: <https://developer.nvidia.com/nvidia-video-codec-sdk>
- Added a 'Capture Modes' section to those headers.
- Added a 'Post Processing' section to those headers.

- Added an 'Environment Variables' section to those headers.
- Added 'bInModeset' to NVFBC\_GET\_STATUS\_PARAMS.
- Added 'bAllowDirectCapture' to NVFBC\_CREATE\_CAPTURE\_SESSION\_PARAMS.
- Added 'bDirectCaptured' to NVFBC\_FRAME\_GRAB\_INFO.
- Added 'bRequiredPostProcessing' to NVFBC\_FRAME\_GRAB\_INFO.

## 6.3 Capture Modes

When creating a capture session, NvFBC instantiates a capture subsystem living in the NVIDIA X driver.

When creating a capture session, NvFBC instantiates a capture subsystem living in the NVIDIA X driver.

This subsystem listens for damage events coming from applications then generates (composites) frames for NvFBC when new content is available.

This capture server can operate on a timer where it periodically checks if there are any pending damage events, or it can generate frames as soon as it receives a new damage event. See [NVFBC\\_CREATE\\_CAPTURE\\_SESSION\\_PARAMS::dwSamplingRateMs](#), and [NVFBC\\_CREATE\\_CAPTURE\\_SESSION\\_PARAMS::bPushModel](#).

NvFBC can also attach itself to a fullscreen unoccluded application and have it copy its frames directly into a buffer owned by NvFBC upon present. This mode bypasses the X server. See [NVFBC\\_CREATE\\_CAPTURE\\_SESSION\\_PARAMS::bAllowDirectCapture](#).

NvFBC is designed to capture frames with as few copies as possible. The NVIDIA X driver composites frames directly into the NvFBC buffers, and direct capture copies frames directly into these buffers as well.

Depending on the configuration of a capture session, an extra copy (rendering pass) may be needed. See the 'Post Processing' section.

## 6.4 Post Processing

Depending on the configuration of a capture session, NvFBC might require to do post processing on frames, which consists of an extra frame copy.

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Post processing is required for the following reasons:

- NvFBC needs to do a pixel format conversion.
- Diffmaps are requested.
- Capture to system memory is requested.

NvFBC needs to do a conversion if the requested pixel format does not match the native format. The native format is `NVFBC_BUFFER_FORMAT_BGRA`.

Note: post processing is *\*not\** required for frame scaling and frame cropping.

Skipping post processing can reduce capture latency and video memory usage. An application can know whether post processing was required by checking `NVFBC_FRAME_GRAB_INFO::bRequiredPostProcessing`.



## 6.5 Environment Variables

Below are the environment variables supported by NvFBC:.

Below are the environment variables supported by NvFBC:.

- `NVFBC_LOG_LEVEL` Bitfield where the first bit enables debug logs and the second bit enables performance logs. Both can be enabled by setting this envvar to 3.
- `NVFBC_LOG_FILE` Write all NvFBC logs to the given file. Specifying this variable allows the NVIDIA X driver to generate logs as well, provided the X server has permission to access the given file.
- `NVFBC_FORCE_ALLOW_DIRECT_CAPTURE` Used to override [NVFBC\\_CREATE\\_CAPTURE\\_SESSION\\_PARAMS::bAllowDirectCapture](#).
- `NVFBC_FORCE_POST_PROCESSING` Used to force the post processing step, even if it could be skipped. See the 'Post Processing' section.

## 6.6 Structure Definition

### Classes

- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_BOX](#)  
*Box used to describe an area of the tracked region to capture.*
- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_SIZE](#)  
*Size used to describe the size of a frame.*
- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_FRAME\\_GRAB\\_INFO](#)  
*Describes information about a captured frame.*
- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_CREATE\\_HANDLE\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the `CreateHandle()` API call.*
- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_DESTROY\\_HANDLE\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the `NvFBCDestroyHandle()` API call.*
- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_OUTPUT](#)  
*Describes an RandR output.*
- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_GET\\_STATUS\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the `NvFBCGetStatus()` API call.*
- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_CREATE\\_CAPTURE\\_SESSION\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the `NvFBCCreateCaptureSession()` API call.*
- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_DESTROY\\_CAPTURE\\_SESSION\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the `NvFBCDestroyCaptureSession()` API call.*
- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_BIND\\_CONTEXT\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the `NvFBCBindContext()` API call.*
- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_RELEASE\\_CONTEXT\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the `NvFBCReleaseContext()` API call.*
- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_TOSYS\\_SETUP\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the `NvFBCToSysSetUp()` API call.*
- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_TOSYS\\_GRAB\\_FRAME\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the `NvFBCToSysGrabFrame()` API call.*
- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_TOCUDA\\_SETUP\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the `NvFBCToCudaSetUp()` API call.*
- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_TOCUDA\\_GRAB\\_FRAME\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the `NvFBCToCudaGrabFrame()` API call.*
- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_TOGL\\_SETUP\\_PARAMS](#)

*Defines parameters for the [NvFBToGLSetUp\(\)](#) API call.*

- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_TOGL\\_GRAB\\_FRAME\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the [NvFBToGLGrabFrame\(\)](#) API call.*
- struct [NVFBC\\_API\\_FUNCTION\\_LIST](#)  
*Structure populated with API function pointers.*

## Defines

- #define [NVFBCAPI](#)  
*Calling convention.*
- #define [NVFBC\\_VERSION\\_MAJOR](#) 1  
*NvFBC API major version.*
- #define [NVFBC\\_VERSION\\_MINOR](#) 8  
*NvFBC API minor version.*
- #define [NVFBC\\_VERSION](#) (uint32\_t) (NVFBC\_VERSION\_MINOR | (NVFBC\_VERSION\_MAJOR << 8))  
  
*NvFBC API version.*
- #define [NVFBC\\_STRUCT\\_VERSION](#)(typeName, ver) (uint32\_t) (sizeof(typeName) | ((ver) << 16) | (NVFBC\_VERSION << 24))  
*Creates a version number for structure parameters.*
- #define [NVFBC\\_ERR\\_STR\\_LEN](#) 512  
*Maximum size in bytes of an error string.*
- #define [NVFBC\\_BUFFER\\_FORMAT\\_YUV420P](#) NVFBC\_BUFFER\_FORMAT\_NV12
- #define [NVFBC\\_CREATE\\_HANDLE\\_PARAMS\\_VER](#) NVFBC\_STRUCT\_VERSION(NVFBC\_CREATE\_HANDLE\_PARAMS, 2)  
*NVFBC\_CREATE\_HANDLE\_PARAMS structure version.*
- #define [NVFBC\\_DESTROY\\_HANDLE\\_PARAMS\\_VER](#) NVFBC\_STRUCT\_VERSION(NVFBC\_DESTROY\_HANDLE\_PARAMS, 1)  
*NVFBC\_DESTROY\_HANDLE\_PARAMS structure version.*
- #define [NVFBC\\_OUTPUT\\_MAX](#) 5  
*Maximum number of connected RandR outputs to an X screen.*
- #define [NVFBC\\_OUTPUT\\_NAME\\_LEN](#) 128  
*Maximum size in bytes of an RandR output name.*
- #define [NVFBC\\_GET\\_STATUS\\_PARAMS\\_VER](#) NVFBC\_STRUCT\_VERSION(NVFBC\_GET\_STATUS\_PARAMS, 2)  
*NVFBC\_GET\_STATUS\_PARAMS structure version.*

- `#define NVFBC_CREATE_CAPTURE_SESSION_PARAMS_VER NVFBC_STRUCT_VERSION(NVFBC_CREATE_CAPTURE_SESSION_PARAMS, 6)`  
*NVFBC\_CREATE\_CAPTURE\_SESSION\_PARAMS structure version.*
- `#define NVFBC_DESTROY_CAPTURE_SESSION_PARAMS_VER NVFBC_STRUCT_VERSION(NVFBC_DESTROY_CAPTURE_SESSION_PARAMS, 1)`  
*NVFBC\_DESTROY\_CAPTURE\_SESSION\_PARAMS structure version.*
- `#define NVFBC_BIND_CONTEXT_PARAMS_VER NVFBC_STRUCT_VERSION(NVFBC_BIND_CONTEXT_PARAMS, 1)`  
*NVFBC\_BIND\_CONTEXT\_PARAMS structure version.*
- `#define NVFBC_RELEASE_CONTEXT_PARAMS_VER NVFBC_STRUCT_VERSION(NVFBC_RELEASE_CONTEXT_PARAMS, 1)`  
*NVFBC\_RELEASE\_CONTEXT\_PARAMS structure version.*
- `#define NVFBC_TOSYS_SETUP_PARAMS_VER NVFBC_STRUCT_VERSION(NVFBC_TOSYS_SETUP_PARAMS, 3)`  
*NVFBC\_TOSYS\_SETUP\_PARAMS structure version.*
- `#define NVFBC_TOSYS_GRAB_FRAME_PARAMS_VER NVFBC_STRUCT_VERSION(NVFBC_TOSYS_GRAB_FRAME_PARAMS, 2)`  
*NVFBC\_TOSYS\_GRAB\_FRAME\_PARAMS structure version.*
- `#define NVFBC_TOCUDA_SETUP_PARAMS_VER NVFBC_STRUCT_VERSION(NVFBC_TOCUDA_SETUP_PARAMS, 1)`  
*NVFBC\_TOCUDA\_SETUP\_PARAMS structure version.*
- `#define NVFBC_TOCUDA_GRAB_FRAME_PARAMS_VER NVFBC_STRUCT_VERSION(NVFBC_TOCUDA_GRAB_FRAME_PARAMS, 2)`  
*NVFBC\_TOCUDA\_GRAB\_FRAME\_PARAMS structure version.*
- `#define NVFBC_TOGL_TEXTURES_MAX 2`  
*Maximum number of GL textures that can be used to store frames.*
- `#define NVFBC_TOGL_SETUP_PARAMS_VER NVFBC_STRUCT_VERSION(NVFBC_TOGL_SETUP_PARAMS, 2)`  
*NVFBC\_TOGL\_SETUP\_PARAMS structure version.*
- `#define NVFBC_TOGL_GRAB_FRAME_PARAMS_VER NVFBC_STRUCT_VERSION(NVFBC_TOGL_GRAB_FRAME_PARAMS, 2)`  
*NVFBC\_TOGL\_GRAB\_FRAME\_PARAMS structure version.*

## Typedefs

- `typedef enum _NVFBCSTATUS NVFBCSTATUS`  
*Defines error codes.*
- `typedef enum _NVFBC_BOOL NVFBC_BOOL`

*Defines boolean values.*

- typedef enum `_NVFBC_CAPTURE_TYPE NVFBC_CAPTURE_TYPE`  
*Capture type.*
- typedef enum `_NVFBC_BUFFER_FORMAT NVFBC_BUFFER_FORMAT`  
*Buffer format.*
- typedef uint64\_t `NVFBC_SESSION_HANDLE`  
*Handle used to identify an NvFBC session.*
- typedef struct `_NVFBC_BOX NVFBC_BOX`  
*Box used to describe an area of the tracked region to capture.*
- typedef struct `_NVFBC_SIZE NVFBC_SIZE`  
*Size used to describe the size of a frame.*
- typedef struct `_NVFBC_FRAME_GRAB_INFO NVFBC_FRAME_GRAB_INFO`  
*Describes information about a captured frame.*
- typedef struct `_NVFBC_CREATE_HANDLE_PARAMS NVFBC_CREATE_HANDLE_PARAMS`  
*Defines parameters for the `CreateHandle()` API call.*
- typedef struct `_NVFBC_DESTROY_HANDLE_PARAMS NVFBC_DESTROY_HANDLE_PARAMS`  
*Defines parameters for the `NvFBCDestroyHandle()` API call.*
- typedef struct `_NVFBC_OUTPUT NVFBC_RANDR_OUTPUT_INFO`  
*Describes an RandR output.*
- typedef struct `_NVFBC_GET_STATUS_PARAMS NVFBC_GET_STATUS_PARAMS`  
*Defines parameters for the `NvFBCGetStatus()` API call.*
- typedef struct `_NVFBC_CREATE_CAPTURE_SESSION_PARAMS NVFBC_CREATE_CAPTURE_SESSION_PARAMS`  
*Defines parameters for the `NvFBCCreateCaptureSession()` API call.*
- typedef struct `_NVFBC_DESTROY_CAPTURE_SESSION_PARAMS NVFBC_DESTROY_CAPTURE_SESSION_PARAMS`  
*Defines parameters for the `NvFBCDestroyCaptureSession()` API call.*
- typedef struct `_NVFBC_BIND_CONTEXT_PARAMS NVFBC_BIND_CONTEXT_PARAMS`  
*Defines parameters for the `NvFBCBindContext()` API call.*
- typedef struct `_NVFBC_RELEASE_CONTEXT_PARAMS NVFBC_RELEASE_CONTEXT_PARAMS`  
*Defines parameters for the `NvFBCReleaseContext()` API call.*
- typedef struct `_NVFBC_TOSYS_SETUP_PARAMS NVFBC_TOSYS_SETUP_PARAMS`  
*Defines parameters for the `NvFBCToSysSetUp()` API call.*
- typedef struct `_NVFBC_TOSYS_GRAB_FRAME_PARAMS NVFBC_TOSYS_GRAB_FRAME_PARAMS`

*Defines parameters for the [NvFBCToSysGrabFrame\(\)](#) API call.*

- typedef struct [\\_NVFBC\\_TOCUDA\\_SETUP\\_PARAMS](#) [NVFBC\\_TOCUDA\\_SETUP\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the [NvFBCToCudaSetUp\(\)](#) API call.*
- typedef struct [\\_NVFBC\\_TOCUDA\\_GRAB\\_FRAME\\_PARAMS](#) [NVFBC\\_TOCUDA\\_GRAB\\_FRAME\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the [NvFBCToCudaGrabFrame\(\)](#) API call.*
- typedef struct [\\_NVFBC\\_TOGL\\_SETUP\\_PARAMS](#) [NVFBC\\_TOGL\\_SETUP\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the [NvFBCToGLSetUp\(\)](#) API call.*
- typedef struct [\\_NVFBC\\_TOGL\\_GRAB\\_FRAME\\_PARAMS](#) [NVFBC\\_TOGL\\_GRAB\\_FRAME\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the [NvFBCToGLGrabFrame\(\)](#) API call.*

## Enumerations

- enum [\\_NVFBCSTATUS](#) {  
[NVFBC\\_SUCCESS](#) = 0, [NVFBC\\_ERR\\_API\\_VERSION](#) = 1, [NVFBC\\_ERR\\_INTERNAL](#) = 2, [NVFBC\\_ERR\\_INVALID\\_PARAM](#) = 3,  
[NVFBC\\_ERR\\_INVALID\\_PTR](#) = 4, [NVFBC\\_ERR\\_INVALID\\_HANDLE](#) = 5, [NVFBC\\_ERR\\_MAX\\_CLIENTS](#) = 6, [NVFBC\\_ERR\\_UNSUPPORTED](#) = 7,  
[NVFBC\\_ERR\\_OUT\\_OF\\_MEMORY](#) = 8, [NVFBC\\_ERR\\_BAD\\_REQUEST](#) = 9, [NVFBC\\_ERR\\_X](#) = 10, [NVFBC\\_ERR\\_GLX](#) = 11,  
[NVFBC\\_ERR\\_GL](#) = 12, [NVFBC\\_ERR\\_CUDA](#) = 13, [NVFBC\\_ERR\\_ENCODER](#) = 14, [NVFBC\\_ERR\\_CONTEXT](#) = 15,  
[NVFBC\\_ERR\\_MUST\\_RECREATE](#) = 16, [NVFBC\\_ERR\\_VULKAN](#) = 17 }  
*Defines error codes.*
- enum [\\_NVFBC\\_BOOL](#) { [NVFBC\\_FALSE](#) = 0, [NVFBC\\_TRUE](#) }  
*Defines boolean values.*
- enum [\\_NVFBC\\_CAPTURE\\_TYPE](#) { [NVFBC\\_CAPTURE\\_TO\\_SYS](#) = 0, [NVFBC\\_CAPTURE\\_SHARED\\_CUDA](#) = 1, [NVFBC\\_CAPTURE\\_TO\\_GL](#) = 3 }  
*Capture type.*
- enum [NVFBC\\_TRACKING\\_TYPE](#) { [NVFBC\\_TRACKING\\_DEFAULT](#) = 0, [NVFBC\\_TRACKING\\_OUTPUT](#), [NVFBC\\_TRACKING\\_SCREEN](#) }  
*Tracking type.*
- enum [\\_NVFBC\\_BUFFER\\_FORMAT](#) {  
[NVFBC\\_BUFFER\\_FORMAT\\_ARGB](#) = 0, [NVFBC\\_BUFFER\\_FORMAT\\_RGB](#), [NVFBC\\_BUFFER\\_FORMAT\\_NV12](#), [NVFBC\\_BUFFER\\_FORMAT\\_YUV444P](#),  
[NVFBC\\_BUFFER\\_FORMAT\\_RGBA](#), [NVFBC\\_BUFFER\\_FORMAT\\_BGRA](#) }  
*Buffer format.*
- enum [NVFBC\\_TOSYS\\_GRAB\\_FLAGS](#) { [NVFBC\\_TOSYS\\_GRAB\\_FLAGS\\_NOFLAGS](#) = 0, [NVFBC\\_TOSYS\\_GRAB\\_FLAGS\\_NOWAIT](#) = (1 << 0), [NVFBC\\_TOSYS\\_GRAB\\_FLAGS\\_FORCE\\_REFRESH](#) = (1 << 1), [NVFBC\\_TOSYS\\_GRAB\\_FLAGS\\_NOWAIT\\_IF\\_NEW\\_FRAME\\_READY](#) = (1 << 2) }

*Defines flags that can be used when capturing to system memory.*

- enum `NVFBC_TOCUDA_FLAGS` { `NVFBC_TOCUDA_GRAB_FLAGS_NOFLAGS` = 0, `NVFBC_TOCUDA_GRAB_FLAGS_NOWAIT` = (1 << 0), `NVFBC_TOCUDA_GRAB_FLAGS_FORCE_REFRESH` = (1 << 1), `NVFBC_TOCUDA_GRAB_FLAGS_NOWAIT_IF_NEW_FRAME_READY` = (1 << 2) }

*Defines flags that can be used when capturing to a CUDA buffer in video memory.*

- enum `NVFBC_TOGL_FLAGS` { `NVFBC_TOGL_GRAB_FLAGS_NOFLAGS` = 0, `NVFBC_TOGL_GRAB_FLAGS_NOWAIT` = (1 << 0), `NVFBC_TOGL_GRAB_FLAGS_FORCE_REFRESH` = (1 << 1), `NVFBC_TOGL_GRAB_FLAGS_NOWAIT_IF_NEW_FRAME_READY` = (1 << 2) }

*Defines flags that can be used when capturing to an OpenGL buffer in video memory.*

## 6.6.1 Typedef Documentation

### 6.6.1.1 typedef struct \_NVFBC\_BOX NVFBC\_BOX

Box used to describe an area of the tracked region to capture.

The coordinates are relative to the tracked region.

E.g., if the size of the X screen is 3520x1200 and the tracked RandR output scans a region of 1600x1200+1920+0, then setting a capture box of 800x600+100+50 effectively captures a region of 800x600+2020+50 relative to the X screen.

### 6.6.1.2 typedef struct \_NVFBC\_OUTPUT NVFBC\_RANDR\_OUTPUT\_INFO

Describes an RandR output.

Filling this structure relies on the XRandR extension. This feature cannot be used if the extension is missing or its version is below the requirements.

**See also:**

Requirements

### 6.6.1.3 typedef enum \_NVFBCSTATUS NVFBCSTATUS

Defines error codes.

**See also:**

[NvFBCGetLastErrorStr](#)

## 6.6.2 Enumeration Type Documentation

### 6.6.2.1 enum \_NVFBC\_BOOL

Defines boolean values.

**Enumerator:**

`NVFBC_FALSE` False value.

`NVFBC_TRUE` True value.

### 6.6.2.2 enum \_NVFBC\_BUFFER\_FORMAT

Buffer format.

#### Enumerator:

- NVFBC\_BUFFER\_FORMAT\_ARGB*** Data will be converted to ARGB8888 byte-order format.  
32 bpp.
- NVFBC\_BUFFER\_FORMAT\_RGB*** Data will be converted to RGB888 byte-order format.  
24 bpp.
- NVFBC\_BUFFER\_FORMAT\_NV12*** Data will be converted to NV12 format using HDTV weights according to ITU-R BT.709.  
12 bpp.
- NVFBC\_BUFFER\_FORMAT\_YUV444P*** Data will be converted to YUV 444 planar format using HDTV weights according to ITU-R BT.709.  
24 bpp
- NVFBC\_BUFFER\_FORMAT\_RGBA*** Data will be converted to RGBA8888 byte-order format.  
32 bpp.
- NVFBC\_BUFFER\_FORMAT\_BGRA*** Native format.  
No pixel conversion needed. BGRA8888 byte-order format. 32 bpp.

### 6.6.2.3 enum \_NVFBC\_CAPTURE\_TYPE

Capture type.

#### Enumerator:

- NVFBC\_CAPTURE\_TO\_SYS*** Capture frames to a buffer in system memory.
- NVFBC\_CAPTURE\_SHARED\_CUDA*** Capture frames to a CUDA device in video memory.  
Specifying this will dlopen() libcuda.so.1 and fail if not available.
- NVFBC\_CAPTURE\_TO\_GL*** Retired.  
Do not use.  
Capture frames to an OpenGL buffer in video memory.

### 6.6.2.4 enum \_NVFBCSTATUS

Defines error codes.

#### See also:

[NvFBCGetLastErrorStr](#)

#### Enumerator:

- NVFBC\_SUCCESS*** This indicates that the API call returned with no errors.
- NVFBC\_ERR\_API\_VERSION*** This indicates that the API version between the client and the library is not compatible.
- NVFBC\_ERR\_INTERNAL*** An internal error occurred.



**NVFBCErrInvalidParam** This indicates that one or more of the parameter passed to the API call is invalid.

**NVFBCErrInvalidPtr** This indicates that one or more of the pointers passed to the API call is invalid.

**NVFBCErrInvalidHandle** This indicates that the handle passed to the API call to identify the client is invalid.

**NVFBCErrMaxClients** This indicates that the maximum number of threaded clients of the same process has been reached.

The limit is 10 threads per process. There is no limit on the number of process.

**NVFBCErrUnsupported** This indicates that the requested feature is not currently supported by the library.

**NVFBCErrOutOfMemory** This indicates that the API call failed because it was unable to allocate enough memory to perform the requested operation.

**NVFBCErrBadRequest** This indicates that the API call was not expected.

This happens when API calls are performed in a wrong order, such as trying to capture a frame prior to creating a new capture session; or trying to set up a capture to video memory although a capture session to system memory was created.

**NVFBCErrX** This indicates an X error, most likely meaning that the X server has been terminated.

When this error is returned, the only resort is to create another FBC handle using [NvFBCCreateHandle\(\)](#).

The previous handle should still be freed with [NvFBCDestroyHandle\(\)](#), but it might leak resources, in particular X, GLX, and GL resources since it is no longer possible to communicate with an X server to free them through the driver.

The best course of action to eliminate this potential leak is to close the OpenGL driver, close the forked process running the capture, or restart the application.

**NVFBCErrGLX** This indicates a GLX error.

**NVFBCErrGL** This indicates an OpenGL error.

**NVFBCErrCUDA** This indicates a CUDA error.

**NVFBCErrEncoder** This indicates a HW encoder error.

**NVFBCErrContext** This indicates an NvFBC context error.

**NVFBCErrMustRecreate** This indicates that the application must recreate the capture session.

This error can be returned if a modeset event occurred while capturing frames, and NVFBC\_CREATE\_HANDLE\_PARAMS::bDisableAutoModesetRecovery was set to NVFBC\_TRUE.

**NVFBCErrVulkan** This indicates a Vulkan error.

#### 6.6.2.5 enum NVFBC\_TOCUDA\_FLAGS

Defines flags that can be used when capturing to a CUDA buffer in video memory.

##### Enumerator:

**NVFBCTOCUDA\_GRAB\_FLAGS\_NOFLAGS** Default, capturing waits for a new frame or mouse move.

The default behavior of blocking grabs is to wait for a new frame until after the call was made. But it's possible that there is a frame already ready that the client hasn't seen.

See also:

[NVFBCTOCUDA\\_GRAB\\_FLAGS\\_NOWAIT\\_IF\\_NEW\\_FRAME\\_READY](#)

***NVFBC\_TOCUDA\_GRAB\_FLAGS\_NOWAIT*** Capturing does not wait for a new frame nor a mouse move.

It is therefore possible to capture the same frame multiple times. When this occurs, the `dwCurrentFrame` parameter of the `NVFBC_FRAME_GRAB_INFO` structure is not incremented.

***NVFBC\_TOCUDA\_GRAB\_FLAGS\_FORCE\_REFRESH*** [in] Forces the destination buffer to be refreshed even if the frame has not changed since previous capture.

By default, if the captured frame is identical to the previous one, `NvFBC` will omit one copy and not update the destination buffer.

Setting that flag will prevent this behavior. This can be useful e.g., if the application has modified the buffer in the meantime.

***NVFBC\_TOCUDA\_GRAB\_FLAGS\_NOWAIT\_IF\_NEW\_FRAME\_READY*** Similar to `NVFBC_TOCUDA_GRAB_FLAGS_NOFLAGS`, except that the capture will not wait if there is already a frame available that the client has never seen yet.

#### 6.6.2.6 enum NVFBC\_TOGL\_FLAGS

Defines flags that can be used when capturing to an OpenGL buffer in video memory.

##### Enumerator:

***NVFBC\_TOGL\_GRAB\_FLAGS\_NOFLAGS*** Default, capturing waits for a new frame or mouse move.

The default behavior of blocking grabs is to wait for a new frame until after the call was made. But it's possible that there is a frame already ready that the client hasn't seen.

**See also:**

[`NVFBC\_TOGL\_GRAB\_FLAGS\_NOWAIT\_IF\_NEW\_FRAME\_READY`](#)

***NVFBC\_TOGL\_GRAB\_FLAGS\_NOWAIT*** Capturing does not wait for a new frame nor a mouse move.

It is therefore possible to capture the same frame multiple times. When this occurs, the `dwCurrentFrame` parameter of the `NVFBC_FRAME_GRAB_INFO` structure is not incremented.

***NVFBC\_TOGL\_GRAB\_FLAGS\_FORCE\_REFRESH*** [in] Forces the destination buffer to be refreshed even if the frame has not changed since previous capture.

By default, if the captured frame is identical to the previous one, `NvFBC` will omit one copy and not update the destination buffer.

Setting that flag will prevent this behavior. This can be useful e.g., if the application has modified the buffer in the meantime.

***NVFBC\_TOGL\_GRAB\_FLAGS\_NOWAIT\_IF\_NEW\_FRAME\_READY*** Similar to `NVFBC_TOGL_GRAB_FLAGS_NOFLAGS`, except that the capture will not wait if there is already a frame available that the client has never seen yet.

#### 6.6.2.7 enum NVFBC\_TOSYS\_GRAB\_FLAGS

Defines flags that can be used when capturing to system memory.

##### Enumerator:

***NVFBC\_TOSYS\_GRAB\_FLAGS\_NOFLAGS*** Default, capturing waits for a new frame or mouse move.

The default behavior of blocking grabs is to wait for a new frame until after the call was made. But it's possible that there is a frame already ready that the client hasn't seen.

**See also:**

[`NVFBC\_TOSYS\_GRAB\_FLAGS\_NOWAIT\_IF\_NEW\_FRAME\_READY`](#)

***NVFBTOSYS\_GRAB\_FLAGS\_NOWAIT*** Capturing does not wait for a new frame nor a mouse move.

It is therefore possible to capture the same frame multiple times. When this occurs, the `dwCurrentFrame` parameter of the `NVFB_FRAME_GRAB_INFO` structure is not incremented.

***NVFBTOSYS\_GRAB\_FLAGS\_FORCE\_REFRESH*** Forces the destination buffer to be refreshed even if the frame has not changed since previous capture.

By default, if the captured frame is identical to the previous one, `NvFBC` will omit one copy and not update the destination buffer.

Setting that flag will prevent this behavior. This can be useful e.g., if the application has modified the buffer in the meantime.

***NVFBTOSYS\_GRAB\_FLAGS\_NOWAIT\_IF\_NEW\_FRAME\_READY*** Similar to `NVFBTOSYS_GRAB_FLAGS_NOFLAGS`, except that the capture will not wait if there is already a frame available that the client has never seen yet.

### 6.6.2.8 enum NVFBC\_TRACKING\_TYPE

Tracking type.

`NvFBC` can track a specific region of the framebuffer to capture.

An X screen corresponds to the entire framebuffer.

An `RandR` CRTC is a component of the GPU that reads pixels from a region of the X screen and sends them through a pipeline to an `RandR` output. A physical monitor can be connected to an `RandR` output. Tracking an `RandR` output captures the region of the X screen that the `RandR` CRTC is sending to the `RandR` output.

#### Enumerator:

***NVFB\_TRACKING\_DEFAULT*** By default, `NvFBC` tries to track a connected primary output.

If none is found, then it tries to track the first connected output. If none is found then it tracks the entire X screen.

If the `XRandR` extension is not available, this option has the same effect as `NVFB_TRACKING_SCREEN`.

This default behavior might be subject to changes in the future.

***NVFB\_TRACKING\_OUTPUT*** Track an `RandR` output specified by its ID in the appropriate field.

The list of connected outputs can be queried via `NvFBCGetStatus()`. This list can also be obtained using e.g., `xrandr(1)`.

If the `XRandR` extension is not available, setting this option returns an error.

***NVFB\_TRACKING\_SCREEN*** Track the entire X screen.

## 6.7 API Entry Points

Entry points are thread-safe and can be called concurrently.

### Typedefs

- typedef [NVFBCSTATUS](#)(NVFBCAPI \* [PNVFBCCREATEINSTANCE](#) )([NVFBC\\_API\\_FUNCTION\\_LIST](#) \*pFunctionList)  
*Defines function pointer for the [NvFBCCreateInstance\(\)](#) API call.*

### Functions

- const char \*NVFBCAPI [NvFBCGetLastErrorStr](#) (const [NVFBC\\_SESSION\\_HANDLE](#) sessionHandle)  
*Gets the last error message that got recorded for a client.*
- [NVFBCSTATUS](#) NVFBCAPI [NvFBCCreateHandle](#) ([NVFBC\\_SESSION\\_HANDLE](#) \*pSessionHandle, [NVFBC\\_CREATE\\_HANDLE\\_PARAMS](#) \*pParams)  
*Allocates a new handle for an NvFBC client.*
- [NVFBCSTATUS](#) NVFBCAPI [NvFBCDestroyHandle](#) (const [NVFBC\\_SESSION\\_HANDLE](#) sessionHandle, [NVFBC\\_DESTROY\\_HANDLE\\_PARAMS](#) \*pParams)  
*Destroys the handle of an NvFBC client.*
- [NVFBCSTATUS](#) NVFBCAPI [NvFBCGetStatus](#) (const [NVFBC\\_SESSION\\_HANDLE](#) sessionHandle, [NVFBC\\_GET\\_STATUS\\_PARAMS](#) \*pParams)  
*Gets the current status of the display driver.*
- [NVFBCSTATUS](#) NVFBCAPI [NvFBCBindContext](#) (const [NVFBC\\_SESSION\\_HANDLE](#) sessionHandle, [NVFBC\\_BIND\\_CONTEXT\\_PARAMS](#) \*pParams)  
*Binds the FBC context to the calling thread.*
- [NVFBCSTATUS](#) NVFBCAPI [NvFBCReleaseContext](#) (const [NVFBC\\_SESSION\\_HANDLE](#) sessionHandle, [NVFBC\\_RELEASE\\_CONTEXT\\_PARAMS](#) \*pParams)  
*Releases the FBC context from the calling thread.*
- [NVFBCSTATUS](#) NVFBCAPI [NvFBCCreateCaptureSession](#) (const [NVFBC\\_SESSION\\_HANDLE](#) sessionHandle, [NVFBC\\_CREATE\\_CAPTURE\\_SESSION\\_PARAMS](#) \*pParams)  
*Creates a capture session for an FBC client.*
- [NVFBCSTATUS](#) NVFBCAPI [NvFBCDestroyCaptureSession](#) (const [NVFBC\\_SESSION\\_HANDLE](#) sessionHandle, [NVFBC\\_DESTROY\\_CAPTURE\\_SESSION\\_PARAMS](#) \*pParams)  
*Destroys a capture session for an FBC client.*
- [NVFBCSTATUS](#) NVFBCAPI [NvFBCToSysSetUp](#) (const [NVFBC\\_SESSION\\_HANDLE](#) sessionHandle, [NVFBC\\_TOSYS\\_SETUP\\_PARAMS](#) \*pParams)  
*Sets up a capture to system memory session.*
- [NVFBCSTATUS](#) NVFBCAPI [NvFBCToSysGrabFrame](#) (const [NVFBC\\_SESSION\\_HANDLE](#) sessionHandle, [NVFBC\\_TOSYS\\_GRAB\\_FRAME\\_PARAMS](#) \*pParams)

*Captures a frame to a buffer in system memory.*

- [NVFBCSTATUS](#) [NVFBCAPI](#) [NvFBCToCudaSetUp](#) (const [NVFBC\\_SESSION\\_HANDLE](#) sessionHandle, [NVFBC\\_TOCUDA\\_SETUP\\_PARAMS](#) \*pParams)

*Sets up a capture to video memory session.*

- [NVFBCSTATUS](#) [NVFBCAPI](#) [NvFBCToCudaGrabFrame](#) (const [NVFBC\\_SESSION\\_HANDLE](#) sessionHandle, [NVFBC\\_TOCUDA\\_GRAB\\_FRAME\\_PARAMS](#) \*pParams)

*Captures a frame to a CUDA device in video memory.*

- [NVFBCSTATUS](#) [NVFBCAPI](#) [NvFBCToGLSetUp](#) (const [NVFBC\\_SESSION\\_HANDLE](#) sessionHandle, [NVFBC\\_TOGL\\_SETUP\\_PARAMS](#) \*pParams)

*Sets up a capture to OpenGL buffer in video memory session.*

- [NVFBCSTATUS](#) [NVFBCAPI](#) [NvFBCToGLGrabFrame](#) (const [NVFBC\\_SESSION\\_HANDLE](#) sessionHandle, [NVFBC\\_TOGL\\_GRAB\\_FRAME\\_PARAMS](#) \*pParams)

*Captures a frame to an OpenGL buffer in video memory.*

- [NVFBCSTATUS](#) [NVFBCAPI](#) [NvFBCCreateInstance](#) ([NVFBC\\_API\\_FUNCTION\\_LIST](#) \*pFunctionList)

*Entry Points to the NvFBC interface.*

### 6.7.1 Detailed Description

Entry points are thread-safe and can be called concurrently.

The locking model includes a global lock that protects session handle management (

**See also:**

[NvFBCCreateHandle](#),  
[NvFBCDestroyHandle](#)).

Each NvFBC session uses a local lock to protect other entry points. Note that in certain cases, a thread can hold the local lock for an undefined amount of time, such as grabbing a frame using a blocking call.

Note that a context is associated with each session. NvFBC clients wishing to share a session between different threads are expected to release and bind the context appropriately (

**See also:**

[NvFBCBindContext](#),  
[NvFBCReleaseContext](#)). This is not required when each thread uses its own NvFBC session.

### 6.7.2 Function Documentation

#### 6.7.2.1 [NVFBCSTATUS](#) [NVFBCAPI](#) [NvFBCBindContext](#) (const [NVFBC\\_SESSION\\_HANDLE](#) sessionHandle, [NVFBC\\_BIND\\_CONTEXT\\_PARAMS](#) \*pParams)

Binds the FBC context to the calling thread.

The NvFBC library internally relies on objects that must be bound to a thread. Such objects are OpenGL contexts and CUDA contexts.

This function binds these objects to the calling thread.

The FBC context must be bound to the calling thread for most NvFBC entry points, otherwise `NVFBCErrContext` is returned.

If the FBC context is already bound to a different thread, `NVFBCErrContext` is returned. The other thread must release the context first by calling the `ReleaseContext()` entry point.

If the FBC context is already bound to the current thread, this function has no effects.

#### Parameters:

← *sessionHandle* FBC session handle.

← *pParams* `NVFBCErrContextParams`

#### Returns:

`NVFBCErrContext`  
`NVFBCErrInvalidHandle`  
`NVFBCErrApiVersion`  
`NVFBCErrBadRequest`  
`NVFBCErrContext`  
`NVFBCErrInternal`  
`NVFBCErrX`

#### 6.7.2.2 NVFBCErrContext NVFBCErrContextParams NvFBCCreateCaptureSession (const NVFBCErrContextHandle sessionHandle, NVFBCErrContextParams \* pParams)

Creates a capture session for an FBC client.

This function starts a capture session of the desired type (system memory, video memory with CUDA interop, or H.264 compressed frames in system memory).

Not all types are supported on all systems. Also, it is possible to use NvFBC without having the CUDA library. In this case, requesting a capture session of the concerned type will return an error.

After this function returns, the display driver will start generating frames that can be captured using the corresponding API call.

#### Parameters:

← *sessionHandle* FBC session handle.

← *pParams* `NVFBCErrContextParams`

#### Returns:

`NVFBCErrContext`  
`NVFBCErrInvalidHandle`  
`NVFBCErrApiVersion`  
`NVFBCErrBadRequest`  
`NVFBCErrContext`  
`NVFBCErrInvalidParam`  
`NVFBCErrOutOfMemory`  
`NVFBCErrX`  
`NVFBCErrGLX`  
`NVFBCErrGL`  
`NVFBCErrCUDA`

NVFBCErrMustRecreate  
NVFBCErrInternal

### 6.7.2.3 NVFBCErrStatus NVFBCAPI NvFBCCreateHandle (NVFBCErrSessionHandle \* pSessionHandle, NVFBCErrCreateHandleParams \*pParams)

Allocates a new handle for an NvFBC client.

This function allocates a session handle used to identify an FBC client.

This function implicitly calls [NvFBCBindContext\(\)](#).

#### Parameters:

→ *pSessionHandle* Pointer that will hold the allocated session handle.

← *pParams* NVFBCErrCreateHandleParams

#### Returns:

NVFBCErrSuccess  
NVFBCErrInvalidPtr  
NVFBCErrApiVersion  
NVFBCErrInternal  
NVFBCErrOutOfMemory  
NVFBCErrMaxClients  
NVFBCErrX  
NVFBCErrGLX  
NVFBCErrGL

### 6.7.2.4 NVFBCErrStatus NVFBCAPI NvFBCCreateInstance (NVFBCErrApiFunctionList \* pFunctionList)

Entry Points to the NvFBC interface.

Creates an instance of the NvFBC interface, and populates the pFunctionList with function pointers to the API routines implemented by the NvFBC interface.

#### Parameters:

→ *pFunctionList*

#### Returns:

NVFBCErrSuccess  
NVFBCErrInvalidPtr  
NVFBCErrApiVersion

### 6.7.2.5 NVFBCErrStatus NVFBCAPI NvFBCDestroyCaptureSession (const NVFBCErrSessionHandle sessionHandle, NVFBCErrDestroyCaptureSessionParams \*pParams)

Destroys a capture session for an FBC client.

This function stops a capture session and frees allocated objects.

After this function returns, it is possible to create another capture session using the corresponding API call.

**Parameters:**

- ← *sessionHandle* FBC session handle.
- ← *pParams* NVFBC\_DESTROY\_CAPTURE\_SESSION\_PARAMS

**Returns:**

NVFBC\_SUCCESS  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_INVALID\_HANDLE  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_API\_VERSION  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_BAD\_REQUEST  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_CONTEXT  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_INTERNAL  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_X

#### 6.7.2.6 NVFBCSTATUS NVFBCAPI NvFBCDestroyHandle (const NVFBC\_SESSION\_HANDLE *sessionHandle*, NVFBC\_DESTROY\_HANDLE\_PARAMS \**pParams*)

Destroys the handle of an NvFBC client.

This function uninitializes an FBC client.

This function implicitly calls [NvFBCReleaseContext\(\)](#).

After this function returns, it is not possible to use this session handle for any further API call.

**Parameters:**

- ← *sessionHandle* FBC session handle.
- ← *pParams* NVFBC\_DESTROY\_HANDLE\_PARAMS

**Returns:**

NVFBC\_SUCCESS  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_INVALID\_HANDLE  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_API\_VERSION  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_BAD\_REQUEST  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_INTERNAL  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_CONTEXT  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_X

#### 6.7.2.7 const char\* NVFBCAPI NvFBCGetLastErrorStr (const NVFBC\_SESSION\_HANDLE *sessionHandle*)

Gets the last error message that got recorded for a client.

When NvFBC returns an error, it will save an error message that can be queried through this API call. Only the last message is saved. The message and the return code should give enough information about what went wrong.

**Parameters:**

- ← *sessionHandle* Handle to the NvFBC client.

**Returns:**

A NULL terminated error message, or an empty string. Its maximum length is NVFBC\_ERROR\_STR\_LEN.



#### 6.7.2.8 NVFBCSTATUS NVFBCAPI NvFBCGetStatus (const NVFBC\_SESSION\_HANDLE *sessionHandle*, NVFBC\_GET\_STATUS\_PARAMS \* *pParams*)

Gets the current status of the display driver.

This function queries the display driver for various information.

##### Parameters:

← *sessionHandle* FBC session handle.

← *pParams* NVFBC\_GET\_STATUS\_PARAMS

##### Returns:

NVFBC\_SUCCESS  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_INVALID\_HANDLE  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_API\_VERSION  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_INTERNAL  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_X

#### 6.7.2.9 NVFBCSTATUS NVFBCAPI NvFBCReleaseContext (const NVFBC\_SESSION\_HANDLE *sessionHandle*, NVFBC\_RELEASE\_CONTEXT\_PARAMS \* *pParams*)

Releases the FBC context from the calling thread.

If the FBC context is bound to a different thread, NVFBC\_ERR\_CONTEXT is returned.

If the FBC context is already released, this function has no effects.

##### Parameters:

← *sessionHandle* FBC session handle.

← *pParams* NVFBC\_SUCCESS  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_INVALID\_HANDLE  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_API\_VERSION  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_BAD\_REQUEST  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_CONTEXT  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_INTERNAL  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_X

#### 6.7.2.10 NVFBCSTATUS NVFBCAPI NvFBCToCudaGrabFrame (const NVFBC\_SESSION\_HANDLE *sessionHandle*, NVFBC\_TOCUDA\_GRAB\_FRAME\_PARAMS \* *pParams*)

Captures a frame to a CUDA device in video memory.

This function triggers a frame capture to a CUDA device in video memory.

Note about changes of resolution:

##### See also:

[NvFBCToSysGrabFrame](#)

**Parameters:**

- ← *sessionHandle* FBC session handle.
- ← *pParams* NVFBC\_TOCUDA\_GRAB\_FRAME\_PARAMS

**Returns:**

NVFBC\_SUCCESS  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_INVALID\_HANDLE  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_API\_VERSION  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_BAD\_REQUEST  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_CONTEXT  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_INVALID\_PTR  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_CUDA  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_INTERNAL  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_X  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_MUST\_RECREATE

**See also:**

NvFBCCreateCaptureSession  
 NvFBCToCudaSetUp

#### 6.7.2.11 NVFBCSTATUS NVFBCAPI NvFBCToCudaSetUp (const NVFBC\_SESSION\_HANDLE *sessionHandle*, NVFBC\_TOCUDA\_SETUP\_PARAMS \**pParams*)

Sets up a capture to video memory session.

This function configures how the capture to video memory with CUDA interop should behave. It can be called anytime and several times after the capture session has been created. However, it must be called at least once prior to start capturing frames.

**Parameters:**

- ← *sessionHandle* FBC session handle.
- ← *pParams* NVFBC\_TOCUDA\_SETUP\_PARAMS

**Returns:**

NVFBC\_SUCCESS  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_INVALID\_HANDLE  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_API\_VERSION  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_BAD\_REQUEST  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_INTERNAL  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_CONTEXT  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_UNSUPPORTED  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_GL  
 NVFBC\_ERR\_X

#### 6.7.2.12 NVFBCSTATUS NVFBCAPI NvFBCToGLGrabFrame (const NVFBC\_SESSION\_HANDLE *sessionHandle*, NVFBC\_TOGL\_GRAB\_FRAME\_PARAMS \**pParams*)

Captures a frame to an OpenGL buffer in video memory.

This function triggers a frame capture to a selected resource in video memory.

Note about changes of resolution:

See also:

[NvFBCToSysGrabFrame](#)

Parameters:

← *sessionHandle* FBC session handle.  
 ← *pParams* [NVFBC\\_TOGL\\_GRAB\\_FRAME\\_PARAMS](#)

Returns:

[NVFBC\\_SUCCESS](#)  
[NVFBC\\_ERR\\_INVALID\\_HANDLE](#)  
[NVFBC\\_ERR\\_API\\_VERSION](#)  
[NVFBC\\_ERR\\_BAD\\_REQUEST](#)  
[NVFBC\\_ERR\\_CONTEXT](#)  
[NVFBC\\_ERR\\_INVALID\\_PTR](#)  
[NVFBC\\_ERR\\_INTERNAL](#)  
[NVFBC\\_ERR\\_X](#)  
[NVFBC\\_ERR\\_MUST\\_RECREATE](#)

See also:

[NvFBCCreateCaptureSession](#)  
[NvFBCToCudaSetUp](#)

#### 6.7.2.13 NVFBCSTATUS NVFBCAPI NvFBCToGLSetUp (const NVFBC\_SESSION\_HANDLE *sessionHandle*, NVFBC\_TOGL\_SETUP\_PARAMS \* *pParams*)

Sets up a capture to OpenGL buffer in video memory session.

This function configures how the capture to video memory should behave. It can be called anytime and several times after the capture session has been created. However, it must be called at least once prior to start capturing frames.

Parameters:

← *sessionHandle* FBC session handle.  
 ← *pParams* [NVFBC\\_TOGL\\_SETUP\\_PARAMS](#)

Returns:

[NVFBC\\_SUCCESS](#)  
[NVFBC\\_ERR\\_INVALID\\_HANDLE](#)  
[NVFBC\\_ERR\\_API\\_VERSION](#)  
[NVFBC\\_ERR\\_BAD\\_REQUEST](#)  
[NVFBC\\_ERR\\_INTERNAL](#)  
[NVFBC\\_ERR\\_CONTEXT](#)  
[NVFBC\\_ERR\\_UNSUPPORTED](#)  
[NVFBC\\_ERR\\_GL](#)  
[NVFBC\\_ERR\\_X](#)

#### 6.7.2.14 NVFBCSTATUS NVFBCAPI NvFBCToSysGrabFrame (const NVFBC\_SESSION\_HANDLE *sessionHandle*, NVFBC\_TOSYS\_GRAB\_FRAME\_PARAMS \* *pParams*)

Captures a frame to a buffer in system memory.

This function triggers a frame capture to a buffer in system memory that was registered with the ToSysSetUp() API call.

Note that it is possible that the resolution of the desktop changes while capturing frames. This should be transparent for the application.

When the resolution changes, the capture session is recreated using the same parameters, and necessary buffers are re-allocated. The frame counter is not reset.

An application can detect that the resolution changed by comparing the dwByteSize member of the [NVFBC\\_FRAME\\_GRAB\\_INFO](#) against a previous frame and/or dwWidth and dwHeight.

During a change of resolution the capture is paused even in asynchronous mode.

##### Parameters:

- ← *sessionHandle* FBC session handle.
- ← *pParams* [NVFBC\\_TOSYS\\_GRAB\\_FRAME\\_PARAMS](#)

##### Returns:

[NVFBC\\_SUCCESS](#)  
[NVFBC\\_ERR\\_INVALID\\_HANDLE](#)  
[NVFBC\\_ERR\\_API\\_VERSION](#)  
[NVFBC\\_ERR\\_BAD\\_REQUEST](#)  
[NVFBC\\_ERR\\_CONTEXT](#)  
[NVFBC\\_ERR\\_INVALID\\_PTR](#)  
[NVFBC\\_ERR\\_INTERNAL](#)  
[NVFBC\\_ERR\\_X](#)  
[NVFBC\\_ERR\\_MUST\\_RECREATE](#)

##### See also:

[NvFBCCreateCaptureSession](#)  
[NvFBCToSysSetUp](#)

#### 6.7.2.15 NVFBCSTATUS NVFBCAPI NvFBCToSysSetUp (const NVFBC\_SESSION\_HANDLE *sessionHandle*, NVFBC\_TOSYS\_SETUP\_PARAMS \* *pParams*)

Sets up a capture to system memory session.

This function configures how the capture to system memory should behave. It can be called anytime and several times after the capture session has been created. However, it must be called at least once prior to start capturing frames.

This function allocates the buffer that will contain the captured frame. The application does not need to free this buffer. The size of this buffer is returned in the [NVFBC\\_FRAME\\_GRAB\\_INFO](#) structure.

##### Parameters:

- ← *sessionHandle* FBC session handle.
- ← *pParams* [NVFBC\\_TOSYS\\_SETUP\\_PARAMS](#)

**Returns:**

NVFBC\_SUCCESS  
NVFBC\_ERR\_INVALID\_HANDLE  
NVFBC\_ERR\_API\_VERSION  
NVFBC\_ERR\_BAD\_REQUEST  
NVFBC\_ERR\_INTERNAL  
NVFBC\_ERR\_CONTEXT  
NVFBC\_ERR\_UNSUPPORTED  
NVFBC\_ERR\_INVALID\_PTR  
NVFBC\_ERR\_INVALID\_PARAM  
NVFBC\_ERR\_OUT\_OF\_MEMORY  
NVFBC\_ERR\_X



# Chapter 7

## Class Documentation

### 7.1 `_NVFBC_BIND_CONTEXT_PARAMS` Struct Reference

Defines parameters for the [NvFBCBindContext\(\)](#) API call.

```
#include <NvFBC.h>
```

#### Public Attributes

- `uint32_t dwVersion`  
*[in] Must be set to NVFBC\_BIND\_CONTEXT\_PARAMS\_VER*

#### 7.1.1 Detailed Description

Defines parameters for the [NvFBCBindContext\(\)](#) API call.

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [NvFBC.h](#)

## 7.2 `_NVFBC_BOX` Struct Reference

Box used to describe an area of the tracked region to capture.

```
#include <NvFBC.h>
```

### Public Attributes

- `uint32_t x`  
*[in] X offset of the box.*
- `uint32_t y`  
*[in] Y offset of the box.*
- `uint32_t w`  
*[in] Width of the box.*
- `uint32_t h`  
*[in] Height of the box.*

### 7.2.1 Detailed Description

Box used to describe an area of the tracked region to capture.

The coordinates are relative to the tracked region.

E.g., if the size of the X screen is 3520x1200 and the tracked RandR output scans a region of 1600x1200+1920+0, then setting a capture box of 800x600+100+50 effectively captures a region of 800x600+2020+50 relative to the X screen.

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [NvFBC.h](#)



## 7.3 \_NVFBC\_CREATE\_CAPTURE\_SESSION\_PARAMS Struct Reference

Defines parameters for the [NvFBCCreateCaptureSession\(\)](#) API call.

```
#include <NvFBC.h>
```

### Public Attributes

- [uint32\\_t dwVersion](#)  
*[in] Must be set to NVFBC\_CREATE\_CAPTURE\_SESSION\_PARAMS\_VER*
- [NVFBC\\_CAPTURE\\_TYPE eCaptureType](#)  
*[in] Desired capture type.*
- [NVFBC\\_TRACKING\\_TYPE eTrackingType](#)  
*[in] What region of the framebuffer should be tracked.*
- [uint32\\_t dwOutputId](#)  
*[in] ID of the output to track if eTrackingType is set to NVFBC\_TRACKING\_OUTPUT.*
- [NVFBC\\_BOX captureBox](#)  
*[in] Crop the tracked region.*
- [NVFBC\\_SIZE frameSize](#)  
*[in] Desired size of the captured frame.*
- [NVFBC\\_BOOL bWithCursor](#)  
*[in] Whether the mouse cursor should be composited to the frame.*
- [NVFBC\\_BOOL bDisableAutoModesetRecovery](#)  
*[in] Whether NvFBC should not attempt to recover from modesets.*
- [NVFBC\\_BOOL bRoundFrameSize](#)  
*[in] Whether NvFBC should round the requested frameSize.*
- [uint32\\_t dwSamplingRateMs](#)  
*[in] Rate in ms at which the display server generates new frames*
- [NVFBC\\_BOOL bPushModel](#)  
*[in] Enable push model for frame capture*
- [NVFBC\\_BOOL bAllowDirectCapture](#)  
*[in] Allow direct capture*

### 7.3.1 Detailed Description

Defines parameters for the [NvFBCCreateCaptureSession\(\)](#) API call.

## 7.3.2 Member Data Documentation

### 7.3.2.1 NVFBC\_BOOL\_NVFBC\_CREATE\_CAPTURE\_SESSION\_PARAMS::bAllowDirectCapture

[in] Allow direct capture

Direct capture allows NvFBC to attach itself to a fullscreen graphics application. Whenever that application presents a frame, it makes a copy of it directly into a buffer owned by NvFBC thus bypassing the X server.

When direct capture is *not* enabled, the NVIDIA X driver generates a frame for NvFBC when it receives a damage event from an application if push model is enabled, or periodically checks if there are any pending damage events otherwise (see [NVFBC\\_CREATE\\_CAPTURE\\_SESSION\\_PARAMS::dwSamplingRateMs](#)).

Direct capture is possible under the following conditions:

- Direct capture is allowed
- Push model is enabled (see [NVFBC\\_CREATE\\_CAPTURE\\_SESSION\\_PARAMS::bPushModel](#))
- The mouse cursor is not composited (see [NVFBC\\_CREATE\\_CAPTURE\\_SESSION\\_PARAMS::bWithCursor](#))
- No viewport transformation is required. This happens when the remote desktop is e.g. rotated.

When direct capture is possible, NvFBC will automatically attach itself to a fullscreen unoccluded application, if such exists.

Notes:

- This includes compositing desktops such as GNOME (e.g., gnome-shell is the fullscreen unoccluded application).
- There can be only one fullscreen unoccluded application at a time.
- The NVIDIA X driver monitors which application qualifies or no longer qualifies.

For example, if a fullscreen application is launched in GNOME, NvFBC will detach from gnome-shell and attach to that application.

Attaching and detaching happens automatically from the perspective of an NvFBC client. When detaching from an application, the X driver will transparently resume generating frames for NvFBC.

An application can know whether a given frame was obtained through direct capture by checking [NVFBC\\_FRAME\\_GRAB\\_INFO::bDirectCapture](#).

### 7.3.2.2 NVFBC\_BOOL\_NVFBC\_CREATE\_CAPTURE\_SESSION\_PARAMS::bDisableAutoModesetRecovery

[in] Whether NvFBC should not attempt to recover from modesets.

NvFBC is able to detect when a modeset event occurred and can automatically re-create a capture session with the same settings as before, then resume its frame capture session transparently.

This option allows to disable this behavior. [NVFBC\\_ERR\\_MUST\\_RECREATE](#) will be returned in that case.

It can be useful in the cases when an application needs to do some work between setting up a capture and grabbing the first frame.

For example: an application using the ToGL interface needs to register resources with EncodeAPI prior to encoding frames.

Note that during modeset recovery, NvFBC will try to re-create the capture session every second until it succeeds.

### 7.3.2.3 NVFBC\_BOOL \_NVFBC\_CREATE\_CAPTURE\_SESSION\_PARAMS::bPushModel

[in] Enable push model for frame capture

When set to NVFBC\_TRUE, the display server will generate frames whenever it receives a damage event from applications.

Setting this to NVFBC\_TRUE will ignore dwSamplingRateMs.

Using push model with the NVFBC\_\*\_GRAB\_FLAGS\_NOWAIT\_IF\_NEW\_FRAME\_READY capture flag should guarantee the shortest amount of time between an application rendering a frame and an NvFBC client capturing it, provided that the NvFBC client is able to process the frames quickly enough.

Note that applications running at high frame rates will increase CPU and GPU loads.

### 7.3.2.4 NVFBC\_BOOL \_NVFBC\_CREATE\_CAPTURE\_SESSION\_PARAMS::bRoundFrameSize

[in] Whether NvFBC should round the requested frameSize.

When disabled, NvFBC will not attempt to round the requested resolution.

However, some pixel formats have resolution requirements. E.g., YUV/NV formats must have a width being a multiple of 4, and a height being a multiple of 2. RGB formats don't have such requirements.

If the resolution doesn't meet the requirements of the format, then NvFBC will fail at setup time.

When enabled, NvFBC will round the requested width to the next multiple of 4 and the requested height to the next multiple of 2.

In this case, requesting any resolution will always work with every format. However, an NvFBC client must be prepared to handle the case where the requested resolution is different than the captured resolution.

[NVFBC\\_FRAME\\_GRAB\\_INFO::dwWidth](#) and [NVFBC\\_FRAME\\_GRAB\\_INFO::dwHeight](#) should always be used for getting information about captured frames.

### 7.3.2.5 NVFBC\_BOOL \_NVFBC\_CREATE\_CAPTURE\_SESSION\_PARAMS::bWithCursor

[in] Whether the mouse cursor should be composited to the frame.

Disabling the cursor will not generate new frames when only the cursor is moved.

### 7.3.2.6 NVFBC\_BOX \_NVFBC\_CREATE\_CAPTURE\_SESSION\_PARAMS::captureBox

[in] Crop the tracked region.

The coordinates are relative to the tracked region.

It can be set to 0 to capture the entire tracked region.

### 7.3.2.7 uint32\_t \_NVFBC\_CREATE\_CAPTURE\_SESSION\_PARAMS::dwSamplingRateMs

[in] Rate in ms at which the display server generates new frames

This controls the frequency at which the display server will generate new frames if new content is available. This effectively controls the capture rate when using blocking calls.

Note that lower values will increase the CPU and GPU loads.

The default value is 16ms (~ 60 Hz).

### 7.3.2.8 NVFBC\_CAPTURE\_TYPE \_NVFBC\_CREATE\_CAPTURE\_SESSION\_PARAMS::eCaptureType

[in] Desired capture type.

Note that when specifying [NVFBC\\_CAPTURE\\_SHARED\\_CUDA](#) NvFBC will try to dlopen() the corresponding libraries. This means that NvFBC can run on a system without the CUDA library since it does not link against them.

### 7.3.2.9 NVFBC\_SIZE \_NVFBC\_CREATE\_CAPTURE\_SESSION\_PARAMS::frameSize

[in] Desired size of the captured frame.

This parameter allow to scale the captured frame.

It can be set to 0 to disable frame resizing.

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [NvFBC.h](#)

## 7.4 \_NVFBC\_CREATE\_HANDLE\_PARAMS Struct Reference

Defines parameters for the CreateHandle() API call.

```
#include <NvFBC.h>
```

### Public Attributes

- uint32\_t [dwVersion](#)  
[in] Must be set to NVFBC\_CREATE\_HANDLE\_PARAMS\_VER
- const void \* [privateData](#)  
[in] Application specific private information passed to the NvFBC session.
- uint32\_t [privateDataSize](#)  
[in] Size of the application specific private information passed to the NvFBC session.
- NVFBC\_BOOL [bExternallyManagedContext](#)  
[in] Whether NvFBC should not create and manage its own graphics context
- void \* [glxCtx](#)  
[in] GLX context
- void \* [glxFBConfig](#)  
[in] GLX framebuffer configuration

### 7.4.1 Detailed Description

Defines parameters for the CreateHandle() API call.

### 7.4.2 Member Data Documentation

#### 7.4.2.1 NVFBC\_BOOL \_NVFBC\_CREATE\_HANDLE\_PARAMS::bExternallyManagedContext

[in] Whether NvFBC should not create and manage its own graphics context

NvFBC internally uses OpenGL to perform graphics operations on the captured frames. By default, NvFBC will create and manage (e.g., make current, detect new threads, etc.) its own OpenGL context.

If set to NVFBC\_TRUE, NvFBC will use the application's context. It will be the application's responsibility to make sure that a context is current on the thread calling into the NvFBC API.

#### 7.4.2.2 void\* \_NVFBC\_CREATE\_HANDLE\_PARAMS::glxCtx

[in] GLX context

GLX context that NvFBC should use internally to create pixmaps and make them current when creating a new capture session.

Note: NvFBC expects a context created against a GLX\_RGBA\_TYPE render type.

### 7.4.2.3 void\* \_NVFBC\_CREATE\_HANDLE\_PARAMS::glxFBConfig

[in] GLX framebuffer configuration

Framebuffer configuration that was used to create the GLX context, and that will be used to create pixmaps internally.

Note: NvFBC expects a configuration having at least the following attributes: GLX\_DRAWABLE\_TYPE, GLX\_PIXMAP\_BIT GLX\_BIND\_TO\_TEXTURE\_RGBA\_EXT, 1 GLX\_BIND\_TO\_TEXTURE\_TARGETS\_EXT, GLX\_TEXTURE\_2D\_BIT\_EXT

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [NvFBC.h](#)

## 7.5 \_NVFBC\_DESTROY\_CAPTURE\_SESSION\_PARAMS Struct Reference

Defines parameters for the [NvFBCDestroyCaptureSession\(\)](#) API call.

```
#include <NvFBC.h>
```

### Public Attributes

- `uint32_t dwVersion`  
*[in] Must be set to NVFBC\_DESTROY\_CAPTURE\_SESSION\_PARAMS\_VER*

### 7.5.1 Detailed Description

Defines parameters for the [NvFBCDestroyCaptureSession\(\)](#) API call.

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [NvFBC.h](#)

## 7.6 \_NVFBC\_DESTROY\_HANDLE\_PARAMS Struct Reference

Defines parameters for the [NvFBCDestroyHandle\(\)](#) API call.

```
#include <NvFBC.h>
```

### Public Attributes

- uint32\_t [dwVersion](#)  
*[in] Must be set to NVFBC\_DESTROY\_HANDLE\_PARAMS\_VER*

### 7.6.1 Detailed Description

Defines parameters for the [NvFBCDestroyHandle\(\)](#) API call.

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [NvFBC.h](#)



## 7.7 \_NVFBC\_FRAME\_GRAB\_INFO Struct Reference

Describes information about a captured frame.

```
#include <NvFBC.h>
```

### Public Attributes

- uint32\_t [dwWidth](#)  
*[out] Width of the captured frame.*
- uint32\_t [dwHeight](#)  
*[out] Height of the captured frame.*
- uint32\_t [dwByteSize](#)  
*[out] Size of the frame in bytes.*
- uint32\_t [dwCurrentFrame](#)  
*[out] Incremental ID of the current frame.*
- [NVFBC\\_BOOL](#) [bIsNewFrame](#)  
*[out] Whether the captured frame is a new frame.*
- uint64\_t [ulTimestampUs](#)  
*[out] Frame timestamp*
- uint32\_t [dwMissedFrames](#)
- [NVFBC\\_BOOL](#) [bRequiredPostProcessing](#)
- [NVFBC\\_BOOL](#) [bDirectCapture](#)

### 7.7.1 Detailed Description

Describes information about a captured frame.

### 7.7.2 Member Data Documentation

#### 7.7.2.1 NVFBC\_BOOL \_NVFBC\_FRAME\_GRAB\_INFO::bIsNewFrame

*[out]* Whether the captured frame is a new frame.

When using non blocking calls it is possible to capture a frame that was already captured before if the display server did not render a new frame in the meantime. In that case, this flag will be set to NVFBC\_FALSE.

When using blocking calls each captured frame will have this flag set to NVFBC\_TRUE since the blocking mechanism waits for the display server to render a new frame.

Note that this flag does not guarantee that the content of the frame will be different compared to the previous captured frame.

In particular, some compositing managers report the entire framebuffer as damaged when an application refreshes its content.

Consider a single X screen spanned across physical displays A and B and an NvFBC application tracking display A. Depending on the compositing manager, it is possible that an application refreshing itself on display B will trigger a frame capture on display A.

Workarounds include:

- Using separate X screens
- Disabling the composite extension
- Using a compositing manager that properly reports what regions are damaged
- Using NvFBC's diffmaps to find out if the frame changed

#### 7.7.2.2 `uint32_t _NVFBC_FRAME_GRAB_INFO::dwCurrentFrame`

[out] Incremental ID of the current frame.

This can be used to identify a frame.

#### 7.7.2.3 `uint64_t _NVFBC_FRAME_GRAB_INFO::ulTimestampUs`

[out] Frame timestamp

Time in micro seconds when the display server started rendering the frame.

This does not account for when the frame was captured. If capturing an old frame (e.g., `bIsNewFrame` is `NVFBC_FALSE`) the reported timestamp will reflect the time when the old frame was rendered by the display server.

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [NvFBC.h](#)

## 7.8 \_NVFBC\_GET\_STATUS\_PARAMS Struct Reference

Defines parameters for the [NvFBCGetStatus\(\)](#) API call.

```
#include <NvFBC.h>
```

### Public Attributes

- [uint32\\_t dwVersion](#)  
*[in]* Must be set to `NVFBC_GET_STATUS_PARAMS_VER`
- [NVFBC\\_BOOL bIsCapturePossible](#)  
*[out]* Whether or not framebuffer capture is supported by the graphics driver.
- [NVFBC\\_BOOL bCurrentlyCapturing](#)  
*[out]* Whether or not there is already a capture session on this system.
- [NVFBC\\_BOOL bCanCreateNow](#)  
*[out]* Whether or not it is possible to create a capture session on this system.
- [NVFBC\\_SIZE screenSize](#)  
*[out]* Size of the X screen (framebuffer).
- [NVFBC\\_BOOL bXRandRAvailable](#)  
*[out]* Whether the XRandR extension is available.
- [NVFBC\\_RANDR\\_OUTPUT\\_INFO outputs](#) [`NVFBC_OUTPUT_MAX`]  
*[out]* Array of outputs connected to the X screen.
- [uint32\\_t dwOutputNum](#)  
*[out]* Number of outputs connected to the X screen.
- [uint32\\_t dwNvFBCVersion](#)  
*[out]* Version of the NvFBC library running on this system.
- [NVFBC\\_BOOL bInModeset](#)  
*[out]* Whether the X server is currently in modeset.

### 7.8.1 Detailed Description

Defines parameters for the [NvFBCGetStatus\(\)](#) API call.

### 7.8.2 Member Data Documentation

#### 7.8.2.1 NVFBC\_BOOL \_NVFBC\_GET\_STATUS\_PARAMS::bInModeset

*[out]* Whether the X server is currently in modeset.

When the X server is in modeset, it must give up all its video memory allocations. It is not possible to create a capture session until the modeset is over.

Note that VT-switches are considered modesets.

#### **7.8.2.2 NVFBC\_BOOL\_NVFBC\_GET\_STATUS\_PARAMS::bXRandRAvailable**

[out] Whether the XRandR extension is available.

If this extension is not available then it is not possible to have information about RandR outputs.

#### **7.8.2.3 uint32\_t\_NVFBC\_GET\_STATUS\_PARAMS::dwOutputNum**

[out] Number of outputs connected to the X screen.

This must be used to parse the array of connected outputs.

Only if XRandR is available.

#### **7.8.2.4 NVFBC\_RANDR\_OUTPUT\_INFO\_NVFBC\_GET\_STATUS\_PARAMS::outputs[NVFBC\_OUTPUT\_MAX]**

[out] Array of outputs connected to the X screen.

An application can track a specific output by specifying its ID when creating a capture session.

Only if XRandR is available.

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [NvFBC.h](#)

## 7.9 \_NVFBC\_OUTPUT Struct Reference

Describes an RandR output.

```
#include <NvFBC.h>
```

### Public Attributes

- `uint32_t dwId`  
*Identifier of the RandR output.*
- `char name[NVFBC_OUTPUT_NAME_LEN]`  
*Name of the RandR output, as reported by tools such as `xrandr(1)`.*
- `NVFBC_BOX trackedBox`  
*Region of the X screen tracked by the RandR CRTC driving this RandR output.*

### 7.9.1 Detailed Description

Describes an RandR output.

Filling this structure relies on the XRandR extension. This feature cannot be used if the extension is missing or its version is below the requirements.

**See also:**

Requirements

### 7.9.2 Member Data Documentation

#### 7.9.2.1 `char _NVFBC_OUTPUT::name[NVFBC_OUTPUT_NAME_LEN]`

Name of the RandR output, as reported by tools such as `xrandr(1)`.

Example: "DVI-I-0"

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [NvFBC.h](#)

## 7.10 \_NVFBC\_RELEASE\_CONTEXT\_PARAMS Struct Reference

Defines parameters for the [NvFBCReleaseContext\(\)](#) API call.

```
#include <NvFBC.h>
```

### Public Attributes

- `uint32_t dwVersion`  
*[in] Must be set to NVFBC\_RELEASE\_CONTEXT\_PARAMS\_VER*

### 7.10.1 Detailed Description

Defines parameters for the [NvFBCReleaseContext\(\)](#) API call.

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [NvFBC.h](#)

## 7.11 \_NVFBC\_SIZE Struct Reference

Size used to describe the size of a frame.

```
#include <NvFBC.h>
```

### Public Attributes

- [uint32\\_t w](#)  
*[in] Width.*
- [uint32\\_t h](#)  
*[in] Height.*

### 7.11.1 Detailed Description

Size used to describe the size of a frame.

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [NvFBC.h](#)

## 7.12 \_NVFBC\_TOCUDA\_GRAB\_FRAME\_PARAMS Struct Reference

Defines parameters for the [NvFBCToCudaGrabFrame\(\)](#) API call.

```
#include <NvFBC.h>
```

### Public Attributes

- [uint32\\_t dwVersion](#)  
*[in]* Must be set to `NVFBC_TOCUDA_GRAB_FRAME_PARAMS_VER`.
- [uint32\\_t dwFlags](#)  
*[in]* Flags defining the behavior of this frame capture.
- [void \\* pCUDADeviceBuffer](#)  
*[out]* Pointer to a `CUdeviceptr`
- [NVFBC\\_FRAME\\_GRAB\\_INFO \\* pFrameGrabInfo](#)  
*[out]* Information about the captured frame.
- [uint32\\_t dwTimeoutMs](#)  
*[in]* Wait timeout in milliseconds.

### 7.12.1 Detailed Description

Defines parameters for the [NvFBCToCudaGrabFrame\(\)](#) API call.

### 7.12.2 Member Data Documentation

#### 7.12.2.1 [uint32\\_t \\_NVFBC\\_TOCUDA\\_GRAB\\_FRAME\\_PARAMS::dwTimeoutMs](#)

*[in]* Wait timeout in milliseconds.

When capturing frames with the `NVFBC_TOCUDA_GRAB_FLAGS_NOFLAGS` or `NVFBC_TOCUDA_GRAB_FLAGS_NOWAIT_IF_NEW_FRAME_READY` flags, NvFBC will wait for a new frame or mouse move until the below timer expires.

When timing out, the last captured frame will be returned. Note that as long as the `NVFBC_TOCUDA_GRAB_FLAGS_FORCE_REFRESH` flag is not set, returning an old frame will incur no performance penalty.

NvFBC clients can use the return value of the grab frame operation to find out whether a new frame was captured, or the timer expired.

Note that the behavior of blocking calls is to wait for a new frame *after* the call has been made. When using timeouts, it is possible that NvFBC will return a new frame (e.g., it has never been captured before) even though no new frame was generated after the grab call.

For the precise definition of what constitutes a new frame, see `bIsNewFrame`.

Set to 0 to disable timeouts.



### 7.12.2.2 void\* \_NVFBC\_TOCUDA\_GRAB\_FRAME\_PARAMS::pCUDADeviceBuffer

[out] Pointer to a CUdeviceptr

The application does not need to allocate memory for this CUDA device.

The application does need to create its own CUDA context to use this CUDA device.

This CUdeviceptr will be mapped to a segment in video memory containing the frame. It is not possible to process a CUDA device while capturing a new frame. If the application wants to do so, it must copy the CUDA device using cuMemcpyDtoD or cuMemcpyDtoH beforehand.

### 7.12.2.3 NVFBC\_FRAME\_GRAB\_INFO\* \_NVFBC\_TOCUDA\_GRAB\_FRAME\_PARAMS::pFrameGrabInfo

[out] Information about the captured frame.

Can be NULL.

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [NvFBC.h](#)

## 7.13 \_NVFBC\_TOCUDA\_SETUP\_PARAMS Struct Reference

Defines parameters for the [NvFBCToCudaSetUp\(\)](#) API call.

```
#include <NvFBC.h>
```

### Public Attributes

- [uint32\\_t dwVersion](#)  
*[in] Must be set to NVFBC\_TOCUDA\_SETUP\_PARAMS\_VER*
- [NVFBC\\_BUFFER\\_FORMAT eBufferFormat](#)  
*[in] Desired buffer format.*

### 7.13.1 Detailed Description

Defines parameters for the [NvFBCToCudaSetUp\(\)](#) API call.

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [NvFBC.h](#)

## 7.14 \_NVFBC\_TOGL\_GRAB\_FRAME\_PARAMS Struct Reference

Defines parameters for the [NvFBCToGLGrabFrame\(\)](#) API call.

```
#include <NvFBC.h>
```

### Public Attributes

- [uint32\\_t dwVersion](#)  
*[in]* Must be set to `NVFBC_TOGL_GRAB_FRAME_PARAMS_VER`.
- [uint32\\_t dwFlags](#)  
*[in]* Flags defining the behavior of this frame capture.
- [uint32\\_t dwTextureIndex](#)  
*[out]* Index of the texture storing the current frame.
- [NVFBC\\_FRAME\\_GRAB\\_INFO \\* pFrameGrabInfo](#)  
*[out]* Information about the captured frame.
- [uint32\\_t dwTimeoutMs](#)  
*[in]* Wait timeout in milliseconds.

### 7.14.1 Detailed Description

Defines parameters for the [NvFBCToGLGrabFrame\(\)](#) API call.

### 7.14.2 Member Data Documentation

#### 7.14.2.1 [uint32\\_t \\_NVFBC\\_TOGL\\_GRAB\\_FRAME\\_PARAMS::dwTextureIndex](#)

*[out]* Index of the texture storing the current frame.

This is an index in the [NVFBC\\_TOGL\\_SETUP\\_PARAMS::dwTextures](#) array.

#### 7.14.2.2 [uint32\\_t \\_NVFBC\\_TOGL\\_GRAB\\_FRAME\\_PARAMS::dwTimeoutMs](#)

*[in]* Wait timeout in milliseconds.

When capturing frames with the `NVFBC_TOGL_GRAB_FLAGS_NOFLAGS` or `NVFBC_TOGL_GRAB_FLAGS_NOWAIT_IF_NEW_FRAME_READY` flags, NvFBC will wait for a new frame or mouse move until the below timer expires.

When timing out, the last captured frame will be returned. Note that as long as the `NVFBC_TOGL_GRAB_FLAGS_FORCE_REFRESH` flag is not set, returning an old frame will incur no performance penalty.

NvFBC clients can use the return value of the grab frame operation to find out whether a new frame was captured, or the timer expired.

Note that the behavior of blocking calls is to wait for a new frame *after* the call has been made. When using timeouts, it is possible that NvFBC will return a new frame (e.g., it has never been captured before) even though no new frame was generated after the grab call.

For the precise definition of what constitutes a new frame, see `bIsNewFrame`.

Set to 0 to disable timeouts.

#### **7.14.2.3 NVFBC\_FRAME\_GRAB\_INFO\* \_NVFBC\_TOGL\_GRAB\_FRAME\_PARAMS::pFrameGrabInfo**

[out] Information about the captured frame.

Can be NULL.

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [NvFBC.h](#)

## 7.15 \_NVFBC\_TOGL\_SETUP\_PARAMS Struct Reference

Defines parameters for the [NvFBCToGLSetup\(\)](#) API call.

```
#include <NvFBC.h>
```

### Public Attributes

- [uint32\\_t dwVersion](#)  
*[in] Must be set to NVFBC\_TOGL\_SETUP\_PARAMS\_VER*
- [NVFBC\\_BUFFER\\_FORMAT eBufferFormat](#)  
*[in] Desired buffer format.*
- [NVFBC\\_BOOL bWithDiffMap](#)  
*[in] Whether differential maps should be generated.*
- [void \\*\\* ppDiffMap](#)  
*[out] Pointer to a pointer to a buffer in system memory.*
- [uint32\\_t dwDiffMapScalingFactor](#)  
*[in] Scaling factor of the differential maps.*
- [uint32\\_t dwTextures](#) [NVFBC\_TOGL\_TEXTURES\_MAX]  
*[out] List of GL textures that will store the captured frames.*
- [uint32\\_t dwTexTarget](#)  
*[out] GL target to which the texture should be bound.*
- [uint32\\_t dwTexFormat](#)  
*[out] GL format of the textures.*
- [uint32\\_t dwTexType](#)  
*[out] GL type of the textures.*
- [NVFBC\\_SIZE diffMapSize](#)  
*[out] Size of the differential map.*

### 7.15.1 Detailed Description

Defines parameters for the [NvFBCToGLSetup\(\)](#) API call.

### 7.15.2 Member Data Documentation

#### 7.15.2.1 NVFBC\_SIZE \_NVFBC\_TOGL\_SETUP\_PARAMS::diffMapSize

*[out]* Size of the differential map.

Only set if `bWithDiffMap` is set to `NVFBC_TRUE`.

### 7.15.2.2 `uint32_t _NVFBC_TOGL_SETUP_PARAMS::dwDiffMapScalingFactor`

[in] Scaling factor of the differential maps.

See also:

[NVFBC\\_TOSYS\\_SETUP\\_PARAMS::dwDiffMapScalingFactor](#)

### 7.15.2.3 `uint32_t _NVFBC_TOGL_SETUP_PARAMS::dwTextures[NVFBC_TOGL_TEXTURES_MAX]`

[out] List of GL textures that will store the captured frames.

This array is 0 terminated. The number of textures varies depending on the capture settings (such as whether diffmaps are enabled).

An application wishing to interop with, for example, EncodeAPI will need to register these textures prior to start encoding frames.

After each frame capture, the texture holding the current frame will be returned in `NVFBC_TOGL_GRAB_FRAME_PARAMS::dwTexture`.

### 7.15.2.4 `void** _NVFBC_TOGL_SETUP_PARAMS::ppDiffMap`

[out] Pointer to a pointer to a buffer in system memory.

See also:

[NVFBC\\_TOSYS\\_SETUP\\_PARAMS::ppDiffMap](#)

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [NvFBC.h](#)

## 7.16 \_NVFBC\_TOSYS\_GRAB\_FRAME\_PARAMS Struct Reference

Defines parameters for the [NvFBCToSysGrabFrame\(\)](#) API call.

```
#include <NvFBC.h>
```

### Public Attributes

- [uint32\\_t dwVersion](#)  
*[in] Must be set to NVFBC\_TOSYS\_GRAB\_FRAME\_PARAMS\_VER*
- [uint32\\_t dwFlags](#)  
*[in] Flags defining the behavior of this frame capture.*
- [NVFBC\\_FRAME\\_GRAB\\_INFO \\* pFrameGrabInfo](#)  
*[out] Information about the captured frame.*
- [uint32\\_t dwTimeoutMs](#)  
*[in] Wait timeout in milliseconds.*

### 7.16.1 Detailed Description

Defines parameters for the [NvFBCToSysGrabFrame\(\)](#) API call.

### 7.16.2 Member Data Documentation

#### 7.16.2.1 [uint32\\_t \\_NVFBC\\_TOSYS\\_GRAB\\_FRAME\\_PARAMS::dwTimeoutMs](#)

*[in]* Wait timeout in milliseconds.

When capturing frames with the `NVFBC_TOSYS_GRAB_FLAGS_NOFLAGS` or `NVFBC_TOSYS_GRAB_FLAGS_NOWAIT_IF_NEW_FRAME_READY` flags, NvFBC will wait for a new frame or mouse move until the below timer expires.

When timing out, the last captured frame will be returned. Note that as long as the `NVFBC_TOSYS_GRAB_FLAGS_FORCE_REFRESH` flag is not set, returning an old frame will incur no performance penalty.

NvFBC clients can use the return value of the grab frame operation to find out whether a new frame was captured, or the timer expired.

Note that the behavior of blocking calls is to wait for a new frame *after* the call has been made. When using timeouts, it is possible that NvFBC will return a new frame (e.g., it has never been captured before) even though no new frame was generated after the grab call.

For the precise definition of what constitutes a new frame, see `bIsNewFrame`.

Set to 0 to disable timeouts.

#### 7.16.2.2 [NVFBC\\_FRAME\\_GRAB\\_INFO\\* \\_NVFBC\\_TOSYS\\_GRAB\\_FRAME\\_PARAMS::pFrameGrabInfo](#)

*[out]* Information about the captured frame.

Can be NULL.

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [NvFBC.h](#)



## 7.17 \_NVFBC\_TOSYS\_SETUP\_PARAMS Struct Reference

Defines parameters for the [NvFBCToSysSetUp\(\)](#) API call.

```
#include <NvFBC.h>
```

### Public Attributes

- [uint32\\_t dwVersion](#)  
*[in] Must be set to NVFBC\_TOSYS\_SETUP\_PARAMS\_VER*
- [NVFBC\\_BUFFER\\_FORMAT eBufferFormat](#)  
*[in] Desired buffer format.*
- [void \\*\\* ppBuffer](#)  
*[out] Pointer to a pointer to a buffer in system memory.*
- [NVFBC\\_BOOL bWithDiffMap](#)  
*[in] Whether differential maps should be generated.*
- [void \\*\\* ppDiffMap](#)  
*[out] Pointer to a pointer to a buffer in system memory.*
- [uint32\\_t dwDiffMapScalingFactor](#)  
*[in] Scaling factor of the differential maps.*
- [NVFBC\\_SIZE diffMapSize](#)  
*[out] Size of the differential map.*

### 7.17.1 Detailed Description

Defines parameters for the [NvFBCToSysSetUp\(\)](#) API call.

### 7.17.2 Member Data Documentation

#### 7.17.2.1 NVFBC\_SIZE \_NVFBC\_TOSYS\_SETUP\_PARAMS::diffMapSize

*[out]* Size of the differential map.

Only set if `bWithDiffMap` is set to `NVFBC_TRUE`.

#### 7.17.2.2 uint32\_t \_NVFBC\_TOSYS\_SETUP\_PARAMS::dwDiffMapScalingFactor

*[in]* Scaling factor of the differential maps.

For example, a scaling factor of 16 means that one pixel of the diffmap will represent 16x16 pixels of the original frames.

If any of these 16x16 pixels is different between the current and the previous frame, then the corresponding pixel in the diffmap will be set to non-zero.

The default scaling factor is 1. A `dwDiffMapScalingFactor` of 0 will be set to 1.

### 7.17.2.3 void\*\* \_NVFBC\_TOSYS\_SETUP\_PARAMS::ppBuffer

[out] Pointer to a pointer to a buffer in system memory.

This buffer contains the pixel value of the requested format. Refer to the description of the buffer formats to understand the memory layout.

The application does not need to allocate memory for this buffer. It should not free this buffer either. This buffer is automatically re-allocated when needed (e.g., when the resolution changes).

This buffer is allocated by the NvFBC library to the proper size. This size is returned in the dwByteSize field of the [NVFBC\\_FRAME\\_GRAB\\_INFO](#) structure.

### 7.17.2.4 void\*\* \_NVFBC\_TOSYS\_SETUP\_PARAMS::ppDiffMap

[out] Pointer to a pointer to a buffer in system memory.

This buffer contains the differential map of two frames. It must be read as an array of unsigned char. Each unsigned char is either 0 or non-zero. 0 means that the pixel value at the given location has not changed since the previous captured frame. Non-zero means that the pixel value has changed.

The application does not need to allocate memory for this buffer. It should not free this buffer either. This buffer is automatically re-allocated when needed (e.g., when the resolution changes).

This buffer is allocated by the NvFBC library to the proper size. The size of the differential map is returned in diffMapSize.

This option is not compatible with the NVFBC\_BUFFER\_FORMAT\_YUV420P and [NVFBC\\_BUFFER\\_FORMAT\\_YUV444P](#) buffer formats.

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [NvFBC.h](#)

## 7.18 NVFBC\_API\_FUNCTION\_LIST Struct Reference

Structure populated with API function pointers.

```
#include <NvFBC.h>
```

### Public Attributes

- uint32\_t [dwVersion](#)  
*[in]* Must be set to `NVFBC_VERSION`.
- PNVFBCGETLASTERRORSTR [nvFBCGetLastErrorStr](#)  
*[out]* Pointer to [NvFBCGetLastErrorStr\(\)](#).
- PNVFBCCREATEHANDLE [nvFBCCreateHandle](#)  
*[out]* Pointer to [NvFBCCreateHandle\(\)](#).
- PNVFBCDESTROYHANDLE [nvFBCDestroyHandle](#)  
*[out]* Pointer to [NvFBCDestroyHandle\(\)](#).
- PNVFBCGETSTATUS [nvFBCGetStatus](#)  
*[out]* Pointer to [NvFBCGetStatus\(\)](#).
- PNVFBCCREATECAPTURESESSION [nvFBCCreateCaptureSession](#)  
*[out]* Pointer to [NvFBCCreateCaptureSession\(\)](#).
- PNVFBCDESTROYCAPTURESESSION [nvFBCDestroyCaptureSession](#)  
*[out]* Pointer to [NvFBCDestroyCaptureSession\(\)](#).
- PNVFBCTOSYSSETUP [nvFBCToSysSetUp](#)  
*[out]* Pointer to [NvFBCToSysSetUp\(\)](#).
- PNVFBCTOSYSGRABFRAME [nvFBCToSysGrabFrame](#)  
*[out]* Pointer to [NvFBCToSysGrabFrame\(\)](#).
- PNVFBCTOCUDASETUP [nvFBCToCudaSetUp](#)  
*[out]* Pointer to [NvFBCToCudaSetUp\(\)](#).
- PNVFBCTOCUDAGRABFRAME [nvFBCToCudaGrabFrame](#)  
*[out]* Pointer to [NvFBCToCudaGrabFrame\(\)](#).
- void \* [pad1](#)  
*[out]* Retired.
- void \* [pad2](#)  
*[out]* Retired.
- void \* [pad3](#)  
*[out]* Retired.

- PNVFBCBINDCONTEXT [nvFBCBindContext](#)  
[out] Pointer to [NvFBCBindContext\(\)](#).
- PNVFBCRELEASECONTEXT [nvFBCReleaseContext](#)  
[out] Pointer to [NvFBCReleaseContext\(\)](#).
- void \* [pad4](#)  
[out] Retired.
- void \* [pad5](#)  
[out] Retired.
- void \* [pad6](#)  
[out] Retired.
- void \* [pad7](#)  
[out] Retired.
- PNVFBCTOGLSETUP [nvFBCToGLSetUp](#)  
[out] Pointer to [nvFBCToGLSetup\(\)](#).
- PNVFBCTOGLGRABFRAME [nvFBCToGLGrabFrame](#)  
[out] Pointer to [nvFBCToGLGrabFrame\(\)](#).

### 7.18.1 Detailed Description

Structure populated with API function pointers.

### 7.18.2 Member Data Documentation

#### 7.18.2.1 uint32\_t NVFBC\_API\_FUNCTION\_LIST::dwVersion

[in] Must be set to NVFBC\_VERSION.

#### 7.18.2.2 PNVFBCBINDCONTEXT NVFBC\_API\_FUNCTION\_LIST::nvFBCBindContext

[out] Pointer to [NvFBCBindContext\(\)](#).

#### 7.18.2.3 PNVFBCCREATECAPTURESESSION NVFBC\_API\_FUNCTION\_LIST::nvFBCCreateCaptureSession

[out] Pointer to [NvFBCCreateCaptureSession\(\)](#).

#### 7.18.2.4 PNVFBCCREATEHANDLE NVFBC\_API\_FUNCTION\_LIST::nvFBCCreateHandle

[out] Pointer to [NvFBCCreateHandle\(\)](#).

**7.18.2.5 PNVFBCDESTROYCAPTURESESSION NVFBC\_API\_FUNCTION\_LIST::nvFBCDestroyCaptureSession**

[out] Pointer to [NvFBCDestroyCaptureSession\(\)](#).

**7.18.2.6 PNVFBCDESTROYHANDLE NVFBC\_API\_FUNCTION\_LIST::nvFBCDestroyHandle**

[out] Pointer to [NvFBCDestroyHandle\(\)](#).

**7.18.2.7 PNVFBCGETLASTERRORSTR NVFBC\_API\_FUNCTION\_LIST::nvFBCGetLastErrorStr**

[out] Pointer to [NvFBCGetLastErrorStr\(\)](#).

**7.18.2.8 PNVFBCGETSTATUS NVFBC\_API\_FUNCTION\_LIST::nvFBCGetStatus**

[out] Pointer to [NvFBCGetStatus\(\)](#).

**7.18.2.9 PNVFBCRELEASECONTEXT NVFBC\_API\_FUNCTION\_LIST::nvFBCReleaseContext**

[out] Pointer to [NvFBCReleaseContext\(\)](#).

**7.18.2.10 PNVFBCTOCUDAGRABFRAME NVFBC\_API\_FUNCTION\_LIST::nvFBCToCudaGrabFrame**

[out] Pointer to [NvFBCToCudaGrabFrame\(\)](#).

**7.18.2.11 PNVFBCTOCUDASETUP NVFBC\_API\_FUNCTION\_LIST::nvFBCToCudaSetUp**

[out] Pointer to [NvFBCToCudaSetUp\(\)](#).

**7.18.2.12 PNVFBCTOGLGRABFRAME NVFBC\_API\_FUNCTION\_LIST::nvFBCToGLGrabFrame**

[out] Pointer to [nvFBCToGLGrabFrame\(\)](#).

**7.18.2.13 PNVFBCTOGLSETUP NVFBC\_API\_FUNCTION\_LIST::nvFBCToGLSetUp**

[out] Pointer to [nvFBCToGLSetUp\(\)](#).

**7.18.2.14 PNVFBCTOSYSGRABFRAME NVFBC\_API\_FUNCTION\_LIST::nvFBCToSysGrabFrame**

[out] Pointer to [NvFBCToSysGrabFrame\(\)](#).

**7.18.2.15 PNVFBCTOSYSSETUP NVFBC\_API\_FUNCTION\_LIST::nvFBCToSysSetUp**

[out] Pointer to [NvFBCToSysSetUp\(\)](#).

**7.18.2.16 void\* NVFBC\_API\_FUNCTION\_LIST::pad1**

[out] Retired.

Do not use.

**7.18.2.17 void\* NVFBC\_API\_FUNCTION\_LIST::pad2**

[out] Retired.

Do not use.

**7.18.2.18 void\* NVFBC\_API\_FUNCTION\_LIST::pad3**

[out] Retired.

Do not use.

**7.18.2.19 void\* NVFBC\_API\_FUNCTION\_LIST::pad4**

[out] Retired.

Do not use.

**7.18.2.20 void\* NVFBC\_API\_FUNCTION\_LIST::pad5**

[out] Retired.

Do not use.

**7.18.2.21 void\* NVFBC\_API\_FUNCTION\_LIST::pad6**

[out] Retired.

Do not use.

**7.18.2.22 void\* NVFBC\_API\_FUNCTION\_LIST::pad7**

[out] Retired.

Do not use.

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [NvFBC.h](#)

# Chapter 8

## File Documentation

### 8.1 NvFBC.h File Reference

This file contains the interface constants, structure definitions and function prototypes defining the NvFBC API for Linux.

```
#include <stdint.h>
```

#### Classes

- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_BOX](#)  
*Box used to describe an area of the tracked region to capture.*
- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_SIZE](#)  
*Size used to describe the size of a frame.*
- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_FRAME\\_GRAB\\_INFO](#)  
*Describes information about a captured frame.*
- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_CREATE\\_HANDLE\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the `CreateHandle()` API call.*
- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_DESTROY\\_HANDLE\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the `NvFBCDestroyHandle()` API call.*
- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_OUTPUT](#)  
*Describes an RandR output.*
- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_GET\\_STATUS\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the `NvFBCGetStatus()` API call.*
- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_CREATE\\_CAPTURE\\_SESSION\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the `NvFBCCreateCaptureSession()` API call.*
- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_DESTROY\\_CAPTURE\\_SESSION\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the `NvFBCDestroyCaptureSession()` API call.*

- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_BIND\\_CONTEXT\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the [NvFBCBindContext\(\)](#) API call.*
- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_RELEASE\\_CONTEXT\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the [NvFBCReleaseContext\(\)](#) API call.*
- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_TOSYS\\_SETUP\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the [NvFBCToSysSetUp\(\)](#) API call.*
- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_TOSYS\\_GRAB\\_FRAME\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the [NvFBCToSysGrabFrame\(\)](#) API call.*
- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_TOCUDA\\_SETUP\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the [NvFBCToCudaSetUp\(\)](#) API call.*
- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_TOCUDA\\_GRAB\\_FRAME\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the [NvFBCToCudaGrabFrame\(\)](#) API call.*
- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_TOGL\\_SETUP\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the [NvFBCToGLSetUp\(\)](#) API call.*
- struct [\\_NVFBC\\_TOGL\\_GRAB\\_FRAME\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the [NvFBCToGLGrabFrame\(\)](#) API call.*
- struct [NVFBC\\_API\\_FUNCTION\\_LIST](#)  
*Structure populated with API function pointers.*

## Defines

- #define [NVFBCAPI](#)  
*Calling convention.*
- #define [NVFBC\\_VERSION\\_MAJOR](#) 1  
*NvFBC API major version.*
- #define [NVFBC\\_VERSION\\_MINOR](#) 8  
*NvFBC API minor version.*
- #define [NVFBC\\_VERSION](#) (uint32\_t) (NVFBC\_VERSION\_MINOR | (NVFBC\_VERSION\_MAJOR << 8))  
  
*NvFBC API version.*
- #define [NVFBC\\_STRUCT\\_VERSION](#)(typeName, ver) (uint32\_t) (sizeof(typeName) | ((ver) << 16) | (NVFBC\_VERSION << 24))  
*Creates a version number for structure parameters.*
- #define [NVFBC\\_ERR\\_STR\\_LEN](#) 512  
*Maximum size in bytes of an error string.*



- `#define NVFBC_BUFFER_FORMAT_YUV420P NVFBC_BUFFER_FORMAT_NV12`
- `#define NVFBC_CREATE_HANDLE_PARAMS_VER NVFBC_STRUCT_VERSION(NVFBC_CREATE_HANDLE_PARAMS, 2)`  
*NVFBC\_CREATE\_HANDLE\_PARAMS structure version.*
- `#define NVFBC_DESTROY_HANDLE_PARAMS_VER NVFBC_STRUCT_VERSION(NVFBC_DESTROY_HANDLE_PARAMS, 1)`  
*NVFBC\_DESTROY\_HANDLE\_PARAMS structure version.*
- `#define NVFBC_OUTPUT_MAX 5`  
*Maximum number of connected RandR outputs to an X screen.*
- `#define NVFBC_OUTPUT_NAME_LEN 128`  
*Maximum size in bytes of an RandR output name.*
- `#define NVFBC_GET_STATUS_PARAMS_VER NVFBC_STRUCT_VERSION(NVFBC_GET_STATUS_PARAMS, 2)`  
*NVFBC\_GET\_STATUS\_PARAMS structure version.*
- `#define NVFBC_CREATE_CAPTURE_SESSION_PARAMS_VER NVFBC_STRUCT_VERSION(NVFBC_CREATE_CAPTURE_SESSION_PARAMS, 6)`  
*NVFBC\_CREATE\_CAPTURE\_SESSION\_PARAMS structure version.*
- `#define NVFBC_DESTROY_CAPTURE_SESSION_PARAMS_VER NVFBC_STRUCT_VERSION(NVFBC_DESTROY_CAPTURE_SESSION_PARAMS, 1)`  
*NVFBC\_DESTROY\_CAPTURE\_SESSION\_PARAMS structure version.*
- `#define NVFBC_BIND_CONTEXT_PARAMS_VER NVFBC_STRUCT_VERSION(NVFBC_BIND_CONTEXT_PARAMS, 1)`  
*NVFBC\_BIND\_CONTEXT\_PARAMS structure version.*
- `#define NVFBC_RELEASE_CONTEXT_PARAMS_VER NVFBC_STRUCT_VERSION(NVFBC_RELEASE_CONTEXT_PARAMS, 1)`  
*NVFBC\_RELEASE\_CONTEXT\_PARAMS structure version.*
- `#define NVFBC_TOSYS_SETUP_PARAMS_VER NVFBC_STRUCT_VERSION(NVFBC_TOSYS_SETUP_PARAMS, 3)`  
*NVFBC\_TOSYS\_SETUP\_PARAMS structure version.*
- `#define NVFBC_TOSYS_GRAB_FRAME_PARAMS_VER NVFBC_STRUCT_VERSION(NVFBC_TOSYS_GRAB_FRAME_PARAMS, 2)`  
*NVFBC\_TOSYS\_GRAB\_FRAME\_PARAMS structure version.*
- `#define NVFBC_TOCUDA_SETUP_PARAMS_VER NVFBC_STRUCT_VERSION(NVFBC_TOCUDA_SETUP_PARAMS, 1)`  
*NVFBC\_TOCUDA\_SETUP\_PARAMS structure version.*
- `#define NVFBC_TOCUDA_GRAB_FRAME_PARAMS_VER NVFBC_STRUCT_VERSION(NVFBC_TOCUDA_GRAB_FRAME_PARAMS, 2)`  
*NVFBC\_TOCUDA\_GRAB\_FRAME\_PARAMS structure version.*

- `#define NVFBC_TOGL_TEXTURES_MAX 2`  
*Maximum number of GL textures that can be used to store frames.*
- `#define NVFBC_TOGL_SETUP_PARAMS_VER NVFBC_STRUCT_VERSION(NVFBC_TOGL_SETUP_PARAMS, 2)`  
*NVFBC\_TOGL\_SETUP\_PARAMS structure version.*
- `#define NVFBC_TOGL_GRAB_FRAME_PARAMS_VER NVFBC_STRUCT_VERSION(NVFBC_TOGL_GRAB_FRAME_PARAMS, 2)`  
*NVFBC\_TOGL\_GRAB\_FRAME\_PARAMS structure version.*

## Typedefs

- `typedef enum _NVFBCSTATUS NVFBCSTATUS`  
*Defines error codes.*
- `typedef enum _NVFBC_BOOL NVFBC_BOOL`  
*Defines boolean values.*
- `typedef enum _NVFBC_CAPTURE_TYPE NVFBC_CAPTURE_TYPE`  
*Capture type.*
- `typedef enum _NVFBC_BUFFER_FORMAT NVFBC_BUFFER_FORMAT`  
*Buffer format.*
- `typedef uint64_t NVFBC_SESSION_HANDLE`  
*Handle used to identify an NvFBC session.*
- `typedef struct _NVFBC_BOX NVFBC_BOX`  
*Box used to describe an area of the tracked region to capture.*
- `typedef struct _NVFBC_SIZE NVFBC_SIZE`  
*Size used to describe the size of a frame.*
- `typedef struct _NVFBC_FRAME_GRAB_INFO NVFBC_FRAME_GRAB_INFO`  
*Describes information about a captured frame.*
- `typedef struct _NVFBC_CREATE_HANDLE_PARAMS NVFBC_CREATE_HANDLE_PARAMS`  
*Defines parameters for the CreateHandle() API call.*
- `typedef struct _NVFBC_DESTROY_HANDLE_PARAMS NVFBC_DESTROY_HANDLE_PARAMS`  
*Defines parameters for the NvFBCDestroyHandle() API call.*
- `typedef struct _NVFBC_OUTPUT NVFBC_RANDR_OUTPUT_INFO`  
*Describes an RandR output.*
- `typedef struct _NVFBC_GET_STATUS_PARAMS NVFBC_GET_STATUS_PARAMS`  
*Defines parameters for the NvFBCGetStatus() API call.*

- typedef struct [\\_NVFBC\\_CREATE\\_CAPTURE\\_SESSION\\_PARAMS](#) [NVFBC\\_CREATE\\_CAPTURE\\_SESSION\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the [NvFBCCreateCaptureSession\(\)](#) API call.*
- typedef struct [\\_NVFBC\\_DESTROY\\_CAPTURE\\_SESSION\\_PARAMS](#) [NVFBC\\_DESTROY\\_CAPTURE\\_SESSION\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the [NvFBCDestroyCaptureSession\(\)](#) API call.*
- typedef struct [\\_NVFBC\\_BIND\\_CONTEXT\\_PARAMS](#) [NVFBC\\_BIND\\_CONTEXT\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the [NvFBCBindContext\(\)](#) API call.*
- typedef struct [\\_NVFBC\\_RELEASE\\_CONTEXT\\_PARAMS](#) [NVFBC\\_RELEASE\\_CONTEXT\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the [NvFBCReleaseContext\(\)](#) API call.*
- typedef struct [\\_NVFBC\\_TOSYS\\_SETUP\\_PARAMS](#) [NVFBC\\_TOSYS\\_SETUP\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the [NvFBCToSysSetUp\(\)](#) API call.*
- typedef struct [\\_NVFBC\\_TOSYS\\_GRAB\\_FRAME\\_PARAMS](#) [NVFBC\\_TOSYS\\_GRAB\\_FRAME\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the [NvFBCToSysGrabFrame\(\)](#) API call.*
- typedef struct [\\_NVFBC\\_TOCUDA\\_SETUP\\_PARAMS](#) [NVFBC\\_TOCUDA\\_SETUP\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the [NvFBCToCudaSetUp\(\)](#) API call.*
- typedef struct [\\_NVFBC\\_TOCUDA\\_GRAB\\_FRAME\\_PARAMS](#) [NVFBC\\_TOCUDA\\_GRAB\\_FRAME\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the [NvFBCToCudaGrabFrame\(\)](#) API call.*
- typedef struct [\\_NVFBC\\_TOGL\\_SETUP\\_PARAMS](#) [NVFBC\\_TOGL\\_SETUP\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the [NvFBCToGLSetUp\(\)](#) API call.*
- typedef struct [\\_NVFBC\\_TOGL\\_GRAB\\_FRAME\\_PARAMS](#) [NVFBC\\_TOGL\\_GRAB\\_FRAME\\_PARAMS](#)  
*Defines parameters for the [NvFBCToGLGrabFrame\(\)](#) API call.*
- typedef [NVFBCSTATUS](#)([NVFBCAPI](#) \* [PNVFBCCREATEINSTANCE](#) )([NVFBC\\_API\\_FUNCTION\\_LIST](#) \*pFunctionList)  
*Defines function pointer for the [NvFBCCreateInstance\(\)](#) API call.*

## Enumerations

- enum [\\_NVFBCSTATUS](#) {  
[NVFBC\\_SUCCESS](#) = 0, [NVFBC\\_ERR\\_API\\_VERSION](#) = 1, [NVFBC\\_ERR\\_INTERNAL](#) = 2, [NVFBC\\_ERR\\_INVALID\\_PARAM](#) = 3,  
[NVFBC\\_ERR\\_INVALID\\_PTR](#) = 4, [NVFBC\\_ERR\\_INVALID\\_HANDLE](#) = 5, [NVFBC\\_ERR\\_MAX\\_CLIENTS](#) = 6, [NVFBC\\_ERR\\_UNSUPPORTED](#) = 7,  
[NVFBC\\_ERR\\_OUT\\_OF\\_MEMORY](#) = 8, [NVFBC\\_ERR\\_BAD\\_REQUEST](#) = 9, [NVFBC\\_ERR\\_X](#) = 10,  
[NVFBC\\_ERR\\_GLX](#) = 11,  
[NVFBC\\_ERR\\_GL](#) = 12, [NVFBC\\_ERR\\_CUDA](#) = 13, [NVFBC\\_ERR\\_ENCODER](#) = 14, [NVFBC\\_ERR\\_CONTEXT](#) = 15,  
[NVFBC\\_ERR\\_MUST\\_RECREATE](#) = 16, [NVFBC\\_ERR\\_VULKAN](#) = 17 }

*Defines error codes.*

- enum `_NVFBC_BOOL` { `NVFBC_FALSE` = 0, `NVFBC_TRUE` }

*Defines boolean values.*

- enum `_NVFBC_CAPTURE_TYPE` { `NVFBC_CAPTURE_TO_SYS` = 0, `NVFBC_CAPTURE_SHARED_CUDA` = 1, `NVFBC_CAPTURE_TO_GL` = 3 }

*Capture type.*

- enum `NVFBC_TRACKING_TYPE` { `NVFBC_TRACKING_DEFAULT` = 0, `NVFBC_TRACKING_OUTPUT`, `NVFBC_TRACKING_SCREEN` }

*Tracking type.*

- enum `_NVFBC_BUFFER_FORMAT` {  
`NVFBC_BUFFER_FORMAT_ARGB` = 0, `NVFBC_BUFFER_FORMAT_RGB`, `NVFBC_BUFFER_FORMAT_NV12`, `NVFBC_BUFFER_FORMAT_YUV444P`,  
`NVFBC_BUFFER_FORMAT_RGBA`, `NVFBC_BUFFER_FORMAT_BGRA` }

*Buffer format.*

- enum `NVFBC_TOSYS_GRAB_FLAGS` { `NVFBC_TOSYS_GRAB_FLAGS_NOFLAGS` = 0, `NVFBC_TOSYS_GRAB_FLAGS_NOWAIT` = (1 << 0), `NVFBC_TOSYS_GRAB_FLAGS_FORCE_REFRESH` = (1 << 1), `NVFBC_TOSYS_GRAB_FLAGS_NOWAIT_IF_NEW_FRAME_READY` = (1 << 2) }

*Defines flags that can be used when capturing to system memory.*

- enum `NVFBC_TOCUDA_FLAGS` { `NVFBC_TOCUDA_GRAB_FLAGS_NOFLAGS` = 0, `NVFBC_TOCUDA_GRAB_FLAGS_NOWAIT` = (1 << 0), `NVFBC_TOCUDA_GRAB_FLAGS_FORCE_REFRESH` = (1 << 1), `NVFBC_TOCUDA_GRAB_FLAGS_NOWAIT_IF_NEW_FRAME_READY` = (1 << 2) }

*Defines flags that can be used when capturing to a CUDA buffer in video memory.*

- enum `NVFBC_TOGL_FLAGS` { `NVFBC_TOGL_GRAB_FLAGS_NOFLAGS` = 0, `NVFBC_TOGL_GRAB_FLAGS_NOWAIT` = (1 << 0), `NVFBC_TOGL_GRAB_FLAGS_FORCE_REFRESH` = (1 << 1), `NVFBC_TOGL_GRAB_FLAGS_NOWAIT_IF_NEW_FRAME_READY` = (1 << 2) }

*Defines flags that can be used when capturing to an OpenGL buffer in video memory.*

## Functions

- const char \*NVFBCAPI `NvFBCGetLastErrorStr` (const `NVFBC_SESSION_HANDLE` sessionHandle)

*Gets the last error message that got recorded for a client.*

- `NVFBCSTATUS` NVFBCAPI `NvFBCCreateHandle` (`NVFBC_SESSION_HANDLE` \*pSessionHandle, `NVFBC_CREATE_HANDLE_PARAMS` \*pParams)

*Allocates a new handle for an NvFBC client.*

- `NVFBCSTATUS` NVFBCAPI `NvFBCDestroyHandle` (const `NVFBC_SESSION_HANDLE` sessionHandle, `NVFBC_DESTROY_HANDLE_PARAMS` \*pParams)

*Destroys the handle of an NvFBC client.*

- `NVFBCSTATUS` NVFBCAPI `NvFBCGetStatus` (const `NVFBC_SESSION_HANDLE` sessionHandle, `NVFBC_GET_STATUS_PARAMS` \*pParams)

*Gets the current status of the display driver.*

- [NVFBCSTATUS](#) [NVFBCAPI](#) [NvFBCBindContext](#) (const [NVFBC\\_SESSION\\_HANDLE](#) sessionHandle, [NVFBC\\_BIND\\_CONTEXT\\_PARAMS](#) \*pParams)

*Binds the FBC context to the calling thread.*

- [NVFBCSTATUS](#) [NVFBCAPI](#) [NvFBCReleaseContext](#) (const [NVFBC\\_SESSION\\_HANDLE](#) sessionHandle, [NVFBC\\_RELEASE\\_CONTEXT\\_PARAMS](#) \*pParams)

*Releases the FBC context from the calling thread.*

- [NVFBCSTATUS](#) [NVFBCAPI](#) [NvFBCCreateCaptureSession](#) (const [NVFBC\\_SESSION\\_HANDLE](#) sessionHandle, [NVFBC\\_CREATE\\_CAPTURE\\_SESSION\\_PARAMS](#) \*pParams)

*Creates a capture session for an FBC client.*

- [NVFBCSTATUS](#) [NVFBCAPI](#) [NvFBCDestroyCaptureSession](#) (const [NVFBC\\_SESSION\\_HANDLE](#) sessionHandle, [NVFBC\\_DESTROY\\_CAPTURE\\_SESSION\\_PARAMS](#) \*pParams)

*Destroys a capture session for an FBC client.*

- [NVFBCSTATUS](#) [NVFBCAPI](#) [NvFBCToSysSetUp](#) (const [NVFBC\\_SESSION\\_HANDLE](#) sessionHandle, [NVFBC\\_TOSYS\\_SETUP\\_PARAMS](#) \*pParams)

*Sets up a capture to system memory session.*

- [NVFBCSTATUS](#) [NVFBCAPI](#) [NvFBCToSysGrabFrame](#) (const [NVFBC\\_SESSION\\_HANDLE](#) sessionHandle, [NVFBC\\_TOSYS\\_GRAB\\_FRAME\\_PARAMS](#) \*pParams)

*Captures a frame to a buffer in system memory.*

- [NVFBCSTATUS](#) [NVFBCAPI](#) [NvFBCToCudaSetUp](#) (const [NVFBC\\_SESSION\\_HANDLE](#) sessionHandle, [NVFBC\\_TOCUDA\\_SETUP\\_PARAMS](#) \*pParams)

*Sets up a capture to video memory session.*

- [NVFBCSTATUS](#) [NVFBCAPI](#) [NvFBCToCudaGrabFrame](#) (const [NVFBC\\_SESSION\\_HANDLE](#) sessionHandle, [NVFBC\\_TOCUDA\\_GRAB\\_FRAME\\_PARAMS](#) \*pParams)

*Captures a frame to a CUDA device in video memory.*

- [NVFBCSTATUS](#) [NVFBCAPI](#) [NvFBCToGLSetUp](#) (const [NVFBC\\_SESSION\\_HANDLE](#) sessionHandle, [NVFBC\\_TOGL\\_SETUP\\_PARAMS](#) \*pParams)

*Sets up a capture to OpenGL buffer in video memory session.*

- [NVFBCSTATUS](#) [NVFBCAPI](#) [NvFBCToGLGrabFrame](#) (const [NVFBC\\_SESSION\\_HANDLE](#) sessionHandle, [NVFBC\\_TOGL\\_GRAB\\_FRAME\\_PARAMS](#) \*pParams)

*Captures a frame to an OpenGL buffer in video memory.*

- [NVFBCSTATUS](#) [NVFBCAPI](#) [NvFBCCreateInstance](#) ([NVFBC\\_API\\_FUNCTION\\_LIST](#) \*pFunctionList)

*Entry Points to the NvFBC interface.*

### 8.1.1 Detailed Description

This file contains the interface constants, structure definitions and function prototypes defining the NvFBC API for Linux.

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