

# Package ‘rgl2gltf’

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as.gltf	<i>Produce glTF objects</i>
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## Description

The glTF file is the JSON part of a glTF representation of a 3D scene. This function creates the R structure corresponding to one, and writes the binary buffer file for it.

## Usage

```
as.gltf(x, ...)
```

```
## Default S3 method:
```

```
as.gltf(x, y = NULL, z = NULL, vertices,
        material = NULL,
        normals = NULL,
        texcoords = NULL,
        points = NULL, segments = NULL,
        triangles = NULL,
        quads = NULL,
        transform = diag(4),
        extras = NULL,
        ...,
        rglscene = list(),
        previous = Gltf$new(),
        newScene = FALSE,
        parentNode = NULL,
        dir = tempdir(),
        scale = c(1,1,1))
```

```
## S3 method for class 'rglscene'
```

```
as.gltf(x, ..., previous = Gltf$new(),
        newScene = FALSE)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'mesh3d'
```

```
as.gltf(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	An object to convert to a "gltf" object.
y, z	In the default method, combined with x to make coordinates. Any reasonable way of defining the coordinates is acceptable. See the function <a href="#">xyz.coords</a> for details.
vertices	A 3 or 4 row matrix of Euclidean or homogeneous coordinates; takes precedence over x, y, z.
material	material properties for rendering
normals	normals at each vertex as a 3 or 4 <b>column</b> matrix
texcoords	texture coordinates at each vertex as a 2 column matrix
points	vector of indices of vertices to draw as points
segments	2 x n matrix of indices of vertices to draw as segments
triangles	3 x n matrix of indices of vertices to draw as triangles
quads	4 x n matrix of indices of vertices to draw as quads
transform	4 x 4 matrix associated with this object (e.g. a subscene)
extras	A list to attach as extras component to the result
...	Other parameters passed to the default method.
rglscene	The RGL scene this came from, e.g. to look up defaults
previous	Optionally a previously produced "gltf" object; the new geometry will be added to it.
newScene	logical; if TRUE, add a new scene to previous, otherwise try to add to the existing scene.
parentNode	If not NULL, add the new object as a child of this node, otherwise add to the first node of the default scene.
dir	Where to write the binary buffer file.
scale	Rescaling in the enclosing subscene.

**Details**

as.gltf is a generic function.

The method for "rglscene" objects can handle most objects produced by [scene3d](#), but not all objects will be handled. In particular:

- Lights, text, bounding box decorations and backgrounds are saved in "extra" fields, so they can be read by **rgl2gltf**, but most other software will ignore them or only display some parts.
- Most material properties are also stored in "extra" fields.

There are methods for many individual types of "rglobjct", but these are intended for internal use.

**Value**

A "gltf" object.

**Author(s)**

Duncan Murdoch

**References**

The specification of the glTF format: <https://registry.khronos.org/glTF/specs/2.0/glTF-2.0.html>

**Examples**

```
cube <- rgl::rotate3d(rgl::cube3d(col = "red"), -pi/10, 1,0,0)
gltf <- as.gltf(cube)
rgl::plot3d(gltf)
gltf$closeBuffers()
```

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as.rglscene.gltf	<i>Convert a glTF object to an rglscene or mesh3d object.</i>
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**Description**

These methods convert a "gltf" object to a "rglscene" object, similar to what `scene3d` would produce, or a "mesh3d" object.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'gltf'
as.rglscene(x, scene = x$scene, nodes = NULL,
            useRGLinfo = TRUE, time = NULL, ani = 0, clone = TRUE,
            quick = FALSE, add = FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'gltf'
as.mesh3d(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	The "gltf" object to convert.
scene	Which scene to convert? If NULL (e.g. x doesn't define a default scene), scene 0 will be used.
nodes	Which nodes to convert? If NULL, all nodes used in the scene will be converted, otherwise only the listed ones and their children.
useRGLinfo	"gltf" objects contain RGL-specific information in "extra" fields. If useRGLinfo is TRUE, we use that information, otherwise include only what standard glTF viewers would display.
time	Set the "time" within an animation.
ani	Animation number to use.
clone	Whether to clone the gltf object. See the Details below.

quick	If TRUE, <code>plot3d</code> will work on the result, but it is not sufficiently complete to use as the scene in <code>rglwidget</code> .
add	If <code>quick = FALSE</code> , the scene will be plotted in an existing <code>rgl</code> scene, and both old and new parts will be returned.
...	<code>as.mesh3d</code> passes these arguments to <code>as.rglscene</code> .

### Details

These functions need to modify the glTF object, caching some information to help with the conversion. By default they do this on a cloned copy of it, and the original is left unchanged. If the object has already been cloned this can be skipped by setting `clone = FALSE`.

### Value

An "rglscene" object.

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extractTexture	<i>Extract a texture file from a glTF object</i>
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### Description

Extracts a texture from a glTF object, and writes it to a file.

### Usage

```
extractTexture(gltf, index = 0,
              outfile = tempfile(),
              verbose = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

<code>gltf</code>	The glTF object.
<code>index</code>	The texture number (starting from 0).
<code>outfile</code>	The filename to write to. If <code>outfile</code> has no file extension, one will be added based on the MIME type of the texture.
<code>verbose</code>	Whether to report on success.

### Details

Since **rgl** doesn't support any texture format except PNG, this function will attempt to convert JPEG textures to PNG. To do that it needs to have the **jpeg** and **png** packages available.

### Value

Returns the filename that was written, or NULL if the request failed.

If `closeConnections = FALSE`, the filename will have attribute "gltf" containing the gltf object which might now contain a new open connection.

If the texture has a recorded MIME type in `gltf`, that will be returned in attribute "mimeType".

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 findEntry

*Find a component of a recursive object*


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### Description

findEntry searches recursive objects for components matching a condition. namePattern creates a test of whether the component name matches a pattern. hasClass creates a test of whether the component has a class.

### Usage

```
findEntry(x, test, ..., path = c())
namePattern(pattern)
hasClass(class)
```

### Arguments

x	The recursive object to search.
test	A test function. See Details below.
pattern	A regexp pattern to match the desired name(s).
class	A class name to search for.
...	Optional additional arguments to pass to the test function.
path	For internal use: names to prepend to the path.

### Details

Utility/debugging functions to search a large recursive object for a particular component name or class.

The test function should have header function(name, value), and may include other arguments which will be taken from ...

### Value

findEntry returns a list with one entry per hit. Each entry in the list is a named vector giving the path to the hit, numerically in the values, and as an R expression by concatenating the names. The test functions will be passed single names and values, and should return a single logical result.

### Examples

```
x <- list( a = list( b = list(c(d="A", e="B"), 1L, 1:3)))
locations <- findEntry(x, namePattern("e"))
locations

#This shows how the result can be used:
x[[locations[[1]]]]
expr <- paste0(c("x", names(locations[[1]])), collapse = "")
```

```
expr
eval(parse(text=expr))

findEntry(x, hasClass("integer"))
```

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`getTangents`*Use the MikkTSpace code to generate tangent vectors.*

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## Description

This function generates tangent vectors using the MikkTSpace code by Morten S. Mikkelsen.

## Usage

```
getTangents(obj)
```

## Arguments

`obj`                    A triangles or quads object as returned by `rgl::scene3d()`.

## Details

glTF files include normal textures, which require the tangent space to be specified: the normals at each vertex are supplemented with a tangent vector and a bitangent vector that is their cross product. The standard recommends that if the glTF file doesn't specify tangents, they should be generated using the MikkTSpace code.

Note that a comment in `'mikktspace.h'` indicates that indexing needs to be recalculated after computing the tangents, so this function works on unindexed inputs, and reapplies indexing at the end.

## Value

A modified copy of the original object, adding a 4 column `tangents` entry. The order and number of indices may have changed.

## Author(s)

Morten S. Mikkelsen, Johannes Kuehnel and Duncan Murdoch.

## References

The MikkTSpace code was obtained from <https://github.com/mmikk/MikkTSpace>. The interface code is based on code from <https://www.turais.de/using-mikktspace-in-your-project/> by Johannes Kuehnel.

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Gltf

*R6 Class for glTF file objects*

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## Description

The glTF file spec is described here: <https://registry.khronos.org/glTF/specs/2.0/glTF-2.0.html>. This object encapsulates most of the data from those files.

## Super class

`rgl::Buffer` -> `gltf`

## Public fields

`scene` The default scene number

## Methods

### Public methods:

- `Gltf$new()`
- `Gltf$addAccessor()`
- `Gltf$getScene()`
- `Gltf$setScene()`
- `Gltf$addScene()`
- `Gltf$addToScene()`
- `Gltf$defaultScene()`
- `Gltf$getNode()`
- `Gltf$setNode()`
- `Gltf$addNode()`
- `Gltf$addChild()`
- `Gltf$setParents()`
- `Gltf$getSkin()`
- `Gltf$setSkin()`
- `Gltf$getJoint()`
- `Gltf$getInverseBindMatrices()`
- `Gltf$getForwardBindMatrices()`
- `Gltf$getCamera()`
- `Gltf$getExtras()`
- `Gltf$setExtras()`
- `Gltf$getMesh()`
- `Gltf$setMesh()`
- `Gltf$addMesh()`
- `Gltf$getMaterial()`



- `Gltf$getTexture()`
- `Gltf$image()`
- `Gltf$addMaterial()`
- `Gltf$addTexture()`
- `Gltf$addImage()`
- `Gltf$addSampler()`
- `Gltf$getMaterialNumber()`
- `Gltf$writeVectors()`
- `Gltf$makePrimitive()`
- `Gltf$getAsset()`
- `Gltf$setAsset()`
- `Gltf$getTransform()`
- `Gltf$getRglMaterial()`
- `Gltf$getAnimation()`
- `Gltf$setAnimation()`
- `Gltf$timerange()`
- `Gltf$initAnimation()`
- `Gltf$settime()`
- `Gltf$print()`
- `Gltf$listCount()`
- `Gltf$clone()`

**Method** `new()`:

*Usage:*

```
Gltf$new(json = NULL, defaultbin = NULL)
```

*Arguments:*

`json` List read from glTF file.

`defaultbin` Optional external binary file.

**Method** `addAccessor()`: Write values to accessor, including min and max.

The glTF standard requires min and max values in accessors, whereas other uses of buffers may not. This function stores in the usual way using the `Buffer$addAccessor()` method, and then adds min and max values.

The standard also doesn't support signed 4 byte integers or double precision values, so we test for those here.

*Usage:*

```
Gltf$addAccessor(values, target = NULL, types = "anyGLTF", normalized = FALSE)
```

*Arguments:*

`values` Values to write.

`target` Optional target use for values.

`types` Allowed types (from names of `rgl::glTFtypes`), or `c("any", "anyGLTF")`.

`normalized` Are these normalized integer values?

*Returns:* New accessor number.

**Method** `getScene()`: Get scene object.

*Usage:*

`Gltf$getScene(sc)`

*Arguments:*

sc Scene number.

*Returns:* Scene object, documented here: <https://registry.khronos.org/glTF/specs/2.0/glTF-2.0.html#reference-scene>.

**Method** `setScene()`: Update scene record.

*Usage:*

`Gltf$setScene(sc, scene)`

*Arguments:*

sc Which scene to update.

scene New scene record.

**Method** `addScene()`: Add a scene object.

*Usage:*

`Gltf$addScene()`

*Returns:* Scene number.

**Method** `addToScene()`: Add node to scene.

*Usage:*

`Gltf$addToScene(scene, node)`

*Arguments:*

scene Scene number to modify.

node Node number(s) to add.

**Method** `defaultScene()`: Get default scene, creating it if necessary.

*Usage:*

`Gltf$defaultScene()`

*Returns:* Scene number.

**Method** `getNode()`: Get node object.

*Usage:*

`Gltf$getNode(n)`

*Arguments:*

n Node number.

*Returns:* Node object, documented here: <https://registry.khronos.org/glTF/specs/2.0/glTF-2.0.html#reference-node>.

**Method** `setNode()`: Set node object.

*Usage:*

```
Gltf$setNode(n, node)
```

*Arguments:*

n Node number.

node New node object.

**Method addNode():** Add a node object.

*Usage:*

```
Gltf$addNode(mesh = NULL, matrix = NULL, extras = NULL)
```

*Arguments:*

mesh A mesh number.

matrix A matrix transformation for the node.

extras A list of extras, typically `rgl` objects.

*Returns:* Node number.

**Method addChild():** Add node as child of another.

*Usage:*

```
Gltf$addChild(parent, node)
```

*Arguments:*

parent Node number to modify.

node Node number(s) to add as children.

**Method setParents():** Set parent member for all nodes

*Usage:*

```
Gltf$setParents()
```

**Method getSkin():** Get skin object.

*Usage:*

```
Gltf$getSkin(skin)
```

*Arguments:*

skin Skin number.

*Returns:* Skin object, documented here: <https://registry.khronos.org/glTF/specs/2.0/glTF-2.0.html#reference-skin>.

**Method setSkin():** Set skin object.

*Usage:*

```
Gltf$setSkin(n, skin)
```

*Arguments:*

n Skin number.

skin New skin object.

**Method getJoint():** Get joint node.

*Usage:*

```
Gltf$getJoint(skin, num)
```

*Arguments:*

skin Skin number.

num Joint number.

*Returns:* Node object

**Method** `getInverseBindMatrices()`: Get "inverse bind matrices".

These matrices undo the existing transformation before applying the skin transformations.

*Usage:*

```
Gltf$getInverseBindMatrices(skin)
```

*Arguments:*

skin Skin number.

*Returns:* A 4x4xn array of matrices, one per joint.

**Method** `getForwardBindMatrices()`: Get "forward bind matrices".

These matrices applying the skin transformations.

*Usage:*

```
Gltf$getForwardBindMatrices(skin)
```

*Arguments:*

skin Skin number.

*Returns:* A 4x4xn array of matrices, one per joint.

**Method** `getCamera()`: Get camera object.

*Usage:*

```
Gltf$getCamera(cam)
```

*Arguments:*

cam Camera number.

*Returns:* Camera object, documented here: <https://registry.khronos.org/glTF/specs/2.0/glTF-2.0.html#reference-camera>.

**Method** `getExtras()`: Get top-level extras list.

*Usage:*

```
Gltf$getExtras()
```

*Returns:* Extras list, including rgl objects.

**Method** `setExtras()`: Set extras list.

*Usage:*

```
Gltf$setExtras(extras)
```

*Arguments:*

extras New extras list.

**Method** getMesh(): Get mesh object.

*Usage:*

Gltf\$getMesh(m)

*Arguments:*

m Mesh number.

*Returns:* Mesh object, documented here: <https://registry.khronos.org/glTF/specs/2.0/glTF-2.0.html#reference-mesh>.

**Method** setMesh(): Set mesh object.

*Usage:*

Gltf\$setMesh(m, mesh)

*Arguments:*

m Mesh number.

mesh New mesh object

**Method** addMesh(): Add a mesh object.

*Usage:*

Gltf\$addMesh(primitives)

*Arguments:*

primitives A list of primitive objects.

*Returns:* Mesh number.

**Method** getMaterial(): Get material object.

*Usage:*

Gltf\$getMaterial(m)

*Arguments:*

m Material number.

*Returns:* Material object, documented here: <https://registry.khronos.org/glTF/specs/2.0/glTF-2.0.html#reference-material>.

**Method** getTexture(): Get texture object.

*Usage:*

Gltf\$getTexture(tex)

*Arguments:*

tex Texture number.

*Returns:* Texture object, documented here: <https://registry.khronos.org/glTF/specs/2.0/glTF-2.0.html#reference-texture>.

**Method** getImage(): Get image object.

*Usage:*

Gltf\$image(im)

*Arguments:*

im Image number.

*Returns:* Image object, documented here: <https://registry.khronos.org/glTF/specs/2.0/glTF-2.0.html#reference-image>.

**Method** addMaterial(): Construct and possibly add material.

This will return an existing material if possible.

*Usage:*

```
Gltf$addMaterial(mat, defaultMaterial = list())
```

*Arguments:*

mat An rgl material record.

defaultMaterial Default material properties.

*Returns:* Material number.

**Method** addTexture(): Add a texture.

*Usage:*

```
Gltf$addTexture(mat)
```

*Arguments:*

mat An rgl material record.

*Returns:* Texture number.

**Method** addImage(): Add an image for a texture.

*Usage:*

```
Gltf$addImage(mat)
```

*Arguments:*

mat An rgl material record.

*Returns:* Image number.

**Method** addSampler(): Add a sampler.

*Usage:*

```
Gltf$addSampler(mat)
```

*Arguments:*

mat An rgl material record.

*Returns:* Sampler number.

**Method** getMaterialNumber(): Add or return a material.

*Usage:*

```
Gltf$getMaterialNumber(material)
```

*Arguments:*

material A glTF material record.

*Returns:* Material number.

**Method** writeVectors(): Write data.

*Usage:*

```
Gltf$writeVectors(  
  coords,  
  target = targetArray,  
  types = "anyGLTF",  
  normalized = FALSE  
)
```

*Arguments:*

coords Data to write, or NULL.

target Optional target use for data.

types A character vector of allowed types, or "any" or "anyGLTF"

normalized Are these integer values representing floats?

*Returns:* Accessor number, or NULL.

**Method** makePrimitive(): Create a primitive record.

*Usage:*

```
Gltf$makePrimitive(inds, mode = NULL, attributes = NULL, matnum = NULL)
```

*Arguments:*

inds Indices of vertices.

mode Mode of primitive.

attributes Primitive attributes.

matnum Material number.

*Returns:* Primitive record, documented here: <https://registry.khronos.org/glTF/specs/2.0/glTF-2.0.html#reference-primitive>.

**Method** getAsset(): Get asset list.

*Usage:*

```
Gltf$getAsset()
```

*Returns:* Asset object, documented here: <https://registry.khronos.org/glTF/specs/2.0/glTF-2.0.html#reference-asset>.

**Method** setAsset(): Set asset list.

*Usage:*

```
Gltf$setAsset(version, generator)
```

*Arguments:*

version Version number of glTF format.

generator Identifier of code generating it.

**Method** getTransform(): Get local transform.

*Usage:*

```
Gltf$getTransform(n)
```

*Arguments:*

n Node number.

*Returns:* 4x4 matrix of local transform.

**Method** `getRglMaterial()`: Reconstruct rgl material.

*Usage:*

`Gltf$getRglMaterial(n)`

*Arguments:*

n Material number.

*Returns:* rgl material record.

**Method** `getAnimation()`: Get animation.

*Usage:*

`Gltf$getAnimation(ani)`

*Arguments:*

ani Animation number

*Returns:* Animation object, documented here: <https://registry.khronos.org/glTF/specs/2.0/glTF-2.0.html#reference-animation>.

**Method** `setAnimation()`: Set animation.

*Usage:*

`Gltf$setAnimation(ani, animation)`

*Arguments:*

ani Animation number

animation New animation object

**Method** `timerange()`: Find time range of an animation

*Usage:*

`Gltf$timerange(ani)`

*Arguments:*

ani Animation number

*Returns:* Min and max times from the samplers in the animation.

**Method** `initAnimation()`: Initialize animation.

This builds all of the interpolation functions in the samplers.

*Usage:*

`Gltf$initAnimation(ani)`

*Arguments:*

ani Animation number

*Returns:* Modified animation object

**Method** `settime()`: Set time for an animation.

This evaluates all the interpolators and modifies self to reflect the specified time point.

*Usage:*



```
Gltf$settime(time, ani = 0)
```

*Arguments:*

time Time to set.

ani Animation number.

*Returns:* Vector of node numbers that were changed.

**Method print():** Print gltf objects with various levels of detail.

*Usage:*

```
Gltf$print(verbose = FALSE, names = FALSE, showExtras = TRUE, ...)
```

*Arguments:*

verbose Logical indicator of verbose printing, or character vector of components to print verbosely.

names Print names for components.

showExtras Logical: show extra fields?

... Passed ...

*Examples:*

```
\donttest{
samples <- "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/KhronosGroup/glTF-Sample-Models/master/2.0"
gltf <- readGLB(paste0(samples, "/2CylinderEngine/glTF-Binary/2CylinderEngine.glb?raw=true"))
gltf$print(names = "meshes")
}
```

**Method listCount():** Get number of items in private list.

*Usage:*

```
Gltf$listCount(list)
```

*Arguments:*

list Name of list to get.

**Method clone():** The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

*Usage:*

```
Gltf$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

*Arguments:*

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

## Examples

```
## -----
## Method `Gltf$print`
## -----
```

```
samples <- "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/KhronosGroup/glTF-Sample-Models/master/2.0"
gltf <- readGLB(paste0(samples, "/2CylinderEngine/glTF-Binary/2CylinderEngine.glb?raw=true"))
gltf$print(names = "meshes")
```

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glTFWidget

*Create a widget for a glTF display.*


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## Description

This creates a widget holding a glTF scene, with controls to animate it if it supports animation, and with shaders that implement normal textures.

## Usage

```
glTFWidget(glTF,
           animation = 0,
           start = times[1], stop = times[2],
           times = glTF$timerange(animation),
           method = c("shader", "rigid"),
           add = FALSE, close = !add,
           verbose = FALSE,
           open3dParams = get3dDefaults(),
           usePBR = hasPBRparams(glTF),
           PBRargs = list(), ...)
```

## Arguments

glTF	A "glTF" object, e.g. produced by <a href="#">readglTF</a> .
animation	Which animation to use? If no animation is present, this is ignored.
start, stop	The starting and stopping times for the animation. Ignored if no animation.
times	An alternate way to specify the times. Ignored if no animation.
method	The "shader" method installs a custom shader to implement the animation in GLSL, as intended for glTF. This is necessary for the normal texture support. The "rigid" method duplicates vertices as necessary so that all triangles remain rigid as the vertices move, and should match the corresponding method in <a href="#">playglTF</a> .
add	Should the glTF object be added to an existing <b>rgl</b> scene, or should it open a new scene?
close	Should glTFWidget close the <b>rgl</b> scene after producing the widget?
verbose	Give some progress information.
open3dParams	A list to pass as the params argument to <a href="#">open3d</a> .
usePBR	Whether to use physically based rendering methods. The default uses an internal function to determine if glTF actually contains PBR parameters.
PBRargs	A list containing optional arguments to the <a href="#">setPBRshaders</a> function.
...	Additional parameters which will be passed to <code>rgl::playwidget</code> .

**Details**

See [playgltf](#) for a description of the method used for animation. The "fixed" method is fast, but doesn't do a good job on some animations.

If the `gltf` object doesn't contain any animations, or `animation = NA`, this will simply display it as a widget with no controls.

**Value**

A widget suitable for display or inclusion in an R Markdown document.

**Note**

Physically based rendering (PBR, controlled by `usePBR`) is only used with `method = "shader"`.

If PBR is not used, the **V8** package is required so that the shaders can be modified.

**Examples**

```
if ((interactive() || rgl::in_pkgdown_example()) && requireNamespace("manipulateWidget")) {
  gltf <- readGLB(system.file("glb/RiggedSimple.glb", package = "rgl2gltf"))
  gltfWidget(gltf)
}
```

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 imports

*Imports from rgl*


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**Description**

These generic functions are imported from **rgl**.

**Usage**

```
plot3d(x, ...)
as.rglscene(x, ...)
as.mesh3d(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	Objects to handle.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments to pass to methods.

**Details**

The main documentation for these generics is in **rgl**: [plot3d](#).

This package defines "gltf" methods for the generics. Documentation for [as.rglscene.gltf](#) is included.

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matrixSequence	<i>Print the sequence of matrices affecting an object.</i>
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**Description**

This is used for debugging, to see how an object within nested **rgl** subscenes is affected by their user matrices.

**Usage**

```
matrixSequence(tag, scene = scene3d())
## S3 method for class 'matrixSequence'
print(x, n = 5, ...)
```

**Arguments**

tag	Which objects to report on?
scene	The <b>rgl</b> scene to work from.
x	Object to print.
n	In the print method, how many vertices and indices should be printed?
...	Ignored.

**Value**

A list containing records with entries as follows:

id	The object id
vertices	The object's vertices
indices	The object's indices
userMatrix	A list of user matrices affecting this object

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modifyShaders	<i>Edit shader code</i>
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**Description**

This function applies specified edits to shader code to support new functions.

**Usage**

```
modifyShaders(shaders, mod, ...)
```

**Arguments**

shaders	A list of shaders, e.g. as produced by <code>getShaders</code> .
mod	Either a character value naming a built-in set of mods (currently just "skins"), or a list of mods as described in the Details section.
...	Optional arguments; all will be passed to any functions in mods.

**Details**

The mods argument is organized in a nested list.

1. The top level can contain `vertexShader` and `fragmentShader` components.
  2. Each of those is a list of changes to apply to that shader.
  3. Each change is a list with `old` and `new` entries.
  4. The `old` entry is used as a "fixed" pattern to select one or more lines from the shader to be replaced. Multiple matches are allowed, but they shouldn't overlap. Changes will be applied in the order specified, so take care that a pattern doesn't match new text from an earlier change.
  5. The `new` entry contains the replacement. It can either be a character vector or a function that returns a character vector. If it is a function, it will be passed the ... argument.
- See `rgl2glTF:::shaderChanges` for the built-in modifications.

**Value**

A new shader object incorporating the edits.

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<code>playglTF</code>	<i>Play an animated glTF object.</i>
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**Description**

'`.glTF`' and '`.glb`' files can contain animation instructions. This function interprets them and plays them.

**Usage**

```
playglTF(gltf, animation = 0,
         start = times[1], stop = times[2],
         times = gltf$timerange(animation),
         method = c("rigid", "wholeScene", "partialScene"),
         speed = 1, by = NULL, verbose = FALSE, ...)
showNodes(gltf, animation = 0,
          start = times[1], stop = times[2],
          times = gltf$timerange(animation),
          speed = 1, by = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

glTF	A "glTF" object.
animation	Which animation from the object? An integer from 0 to the number of animations defined in glTF.
start, stop	Starting and stopping times.
times	An alternate way to specify start and stop.
method	Which drawing method to use? See details below.
speed, by	Control the updates; see details below.
verbose	Whether to print status updates.
...	Parameter settings to pass to <a href="#">plot3d.rglscene</a> (and hence to <a href="#">open3d</a> ).

**Details**

glTF files are animated by time dependent changes to the transformations in their nodes. Those transformations correspond to RGL `par3d("userMatrix")` settings in subscenes and can sometimes be directly imported as such.

However, glTF files also support "skins", a computer graphics concept not supported in RGL. A skin is a way to say that different vertices of the same object (typically a triangle mesh) respond to different nodes. This allows shapes to be stretched, similar to skin on a moving body. RGL assumes that all graphics objects are rigid.

The `playglTF` function provides partial support for skins. Using the "wholeScene" method, it can modify the vertices of an entire scene and redraw the scene. Typically this is quite slow, and not very satisfactory. The "partialScene" method allows only the changed objects to be redrawn, which might help speed things up. Finally, the "rigid" method converts all polygons to rigid ones that are supported by **rgl**, so that motion is done by changes to the transformations. This is likely the fastest method, but for some animations the errors introduced by the conversion are unacceptably large.

The `showNodes` function displays each node number as text at the origin for that node. By default it plays the animation showing how the nodes move.

For both functions, the `speed` and `by` arguments specify the "times" at which the animation is drawn. If `by` is specified, then a frame is drawn at time `start` and subsequent frames increment the time by `by`. If it is `NULL` (the default), then the `speed` argument is used as a multiplier on the internal time (taken to be in seconds). For example, with the default `speed = 1`, the first frame will be drawn at time `start`, and when it is complete, the next one will be drawn according to how many seconds have passed in real time, etc.

**Value**

Called for the side effect of drawing the animation.

**Examples**

```
if (interactive() && !rgl::in_pkgdown_example()) {
# This example is fast enough using the "whole" method:
```

```
gltf1 <- readGLB(system.file("glb/RiggedSimple.glb", package = "rgl2gltf"))
playgltf(gltf1, start = 0, stop = 3, method = "whole")

# It looks terrible using the "rigid" method, because some triangles
# need to be deformed:

playgltf(gltf1, start = 0, stop = 3, method = "rigid")

# This example is too slow using anything but "rigid", but it's fine there:

samples <- "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/KhronosGroup/gltf-Sample-Models/master/2.0"
gltf2 <- readGLB(paste0(samples, "/BrainStem/gltf-Binary/BrainStem.glb?raw=true"))
playgltf(gltf2, start = 0, stop = 2, speed = 0.25, method = "rigid")
}
```

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readGLB

*Read a GLB file.*

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## Description

GLB is the self-contained binary format of glTF files. This function reads one, extracts the embedded files into the temporary directory, and returns a "gltf" object containing the information in R format.

## Usage

```
readGLB(con, verbose = FALSE, ...)
```

## Arguments

con	The connection or filename to read from.
verbose	Whether to report on the process.
...	Currently unused.

## Value

An object of class "gltf". This is an R version of the structure represented by a "glTF" file's JSON information.

## Author(s)

Duncan Murdoch

## References

The specification of the glTF format: <https://registry.khronos.org/gltf/specs/2.0/gltf-2.0.html>

**See Also**[readglTF](#)**Examples**

```
# This web page has lots of sample files

samples <- "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/KhronosGroup/glTF-Sample-Models/master/2.0"

# Get one of them:  an avocado

gltf <- readGLB(paste0(samples, "/Avocado/glTF-Binary/Avocado.glb?raw=true"))

if (interactive())
  rgl::plot3d(gltf)

if (rgl::in_pkgdown_example())
  gltfWidget(gltf)

gltf$closeBuffers()
```

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`readglTF`*Read a glTF file*

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**Description**

The glTF file is the JSON part of a glTF representation of a 3D scene. This function reads one and returns a "gltf" object containing the information in R format.

Typically most of the data for the scene is contained in other files named in this one, usually found in the same file folder.

**Usage**

```
readglTF(path, defaultbin = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>path</code>	The path to the file being read. R connections cannot be used.
<code>defaultbin</code>	The name of the default associated binary file, if it is not named in the JSON. This is typically used when the JSON has been extracted from a GLB file.
<code>...</code>	Not currently used.

**Value**

An object of class "gltf".



**Author(s)**

Duncan Murdoch

**References**

The specification of the glTF format: <https://registry.khronos.org/glTF/specs/2.0/glTF-2.0.html>

**Examples**

```
# This web page has lots of sample files

samples <- "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/KhronosGroup/glTF-Sample-Models/master/2.0"
filename <- tempfile(fileext = ".gltf")

# Get one of them: a 2 cylinder engine. We need both parts
# to be able to view it, though only the .gltf part is
# needed for readglTF()

download.file(paste0(samples, "/2CylinderEngine/glTF/2CylinderEngine.gltf"),
  destfile = filename)
download.file(paste0(samples, "/2CylinderEngine/glTF/2CylinderEngine0.bin?raw=true"),
  destfile = file.path(tempdir(), "2CylinderEngine0.bin"),
  mode = "wb")

gltf <- readglTF(filename)
gltf

# gltf files contain references to other files using
# relative paths, so we can only use them from their
# own directory
olddir <- setwd(dirname(filename))
rgl::plot3d(gltf)
setwd(olddir)
```

---

 setPBRshaders

*Set shaders for physically based rendering.*


---

**Description**

The glTF format is designed to hold objects which are intended for "physically based rendering", where the parameters of the object map to physical properties such as metallicity, roughness, etc. This function replaces the default **rgl** shaders with PBR shaders based on the reference implementation in <https://github.com/KhronosGroup/glTF-Sample-Viewer/tree/88eda8c5358efe03128b72b6c5f5f6e5b6d023shaders>.

## Usage

```

setPBRshaders(gltf, gltfMat, id,
              scene = scene3d(minimal = TRUE),
              useIBL = TRUE,
              brdfLUT = system.file("textures/brdfLUT.png", package = "rgl2gltf"),
              IBLspecular = system.file("textures/refmap.png", package = "rgl"),
              IBLdiffuse = system.file("textures/refmapblur.jpeg", package = "rgl2gltf"),
              debugBaseColor = 0,
              debugMetallic = 0,
              debugRoughness = 0,
              debugSpecularReflection = 0,
              debugGeometricOcclusion = 0,
              debugMicrofacetDistribution = 0,
              debugSpecContrib = 0,
              debugDiffuseContrib = 0,
              debugIBLDiffuse = 1,
              debugIBLSpecular = 1,
              defines = list(),
              uniforms = list(),
              attributes = list(),
              textures = list())

```

## Arguments

<code>gltf, gltfMat</code>	A "gltf" object, and a material record from it.
<code>id, scene</code>	The <b>rgl</b> id of the corresponding object and the scene holding it.
<code>useIBL</code>	Whether to use image based lighting.
<code>brdfLUT</code>	The texture to use for the "bidirectional reflectance distribution function" lookup table.
<code>IBLspecular</code>	The texture to use for the "image based specular lighting".
<code>IBLdiffuse</code>	The texture to use for the "image based diffuse lighting".
<code>debugBaseColor, debugMetallic, debugRoughness, debugSpecularReflection, debugGeometricOcclusion, debugMicrofacetDistribution, debugSpecContrib, debugDiffuseContrib</code>	These are flags used for debugging. Setting one of these to 1 will display just that contribution to the rendering.
<code>debugIBLDiffuse, debugIBLSpecular</code>	Two more debugging settings. These should be set to non-negative values to control the contribution from each of those components to the image based lighting.
<code>defines, uniforms, attributes, textures</code>	Values to use in <a href="#">setUserShaders</a> in addition to the ones determined by this function.

## Details

**rgl** is designed to work with WebGL version 1, which doesn't support all of the features used in the reference shaders. In particular, no extensions are assumed, and the IBL textures are single 2D textures rather than cube maps.

**Value**

This function modifies the `id` object in scene, and returns the modified scene.

**Author(s)**

Duncan Murdoch for the adaptation to **rgl**, various others for the original shaders.

**References**

<https://github.com/KhronosGroup/glTF-Sample-Viewer>

**See Also**

[gltfWidget](#)

**Examples**

```
# This web page has lots of sample files

samples <- "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/KhronosGroup/glTF-Sample-Models/master/2.0"

# Get one of them: a 2 cylinder engine

gltf <- readGLB(paste0(samples, "/NormalTangentTest/glTF-Binary/NormalTangentTest.glb?raw=true"))
gltfMat <- gltf$getMaterial(0)
scene <- as.rglscene(gltf)
id <- scene$objects[[1]]$id
scene <- setPBRshaders(gltf, gltfMat, id, scene)
cat(scene$objects[[1]]$userFragmentShader)
```

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showTags

*Debugging tool: show tags for objects in rgl scene*

---

**Description**

This function uses `text3d` to display the tags at the center of the objects they label.

**Usage**

```
showTags(tags = NULL, ids = NULL,
         subscenes = ids3d("subscene", subscene = 0)$id,
         depth_test = "always", ...)
```

**Arguments**

tags, ids	If non-NULL, display only these tags and ids.
subscenes	Which subscenes to examine.
depth_test	The "depth_test" material property to use on the displayed tags. The default will put the tag in front of everything, so it won't be obscured by other objects.
...	Other arguments to pass to <code>text3d</code> .

**Details**

If selected objects don't have tags, they will be labelled using their id value instead.

**Value**

The **rgl** ids of the text objects added (one text object per tagged object, with tags as names).

**Examples**

```
example("plot3d", package = "rgl")
showTags()
```

---

showtree

*Show the tree structure of nodes in a glTF object or rglscene object.*

---

**Description**

glTF files contain nodes corresponding to objects and groups of objects in 3D scenes. They must be a tree or forest: a node can only have zero or one parent. This function displays that structure, or the similar structure for rglscene objects.

**Usage**

```
showtree(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'glTF'
showtree(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'rglscene'
showtree(x, transform = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	A "glTF" or "rglscene" object.
transform	Whether to show the transform associated with a subscene.
...	Additional arguments, currently unused.

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writeglTF	<i>Write a glTF or GLB file.</i>
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### Description

GLB is the self-contained binary format of glTF files. These functions write a "gltf" object to one of these formats.

### Usage

```
writeglTF(x, path, bin = TRUE)
writeGLB(x, con)
```

### Arguments

x	A "gltf" object, e.g. from <a href="#">as.gltf</a> .
path	A filename in which to write the JSON part of the file.
bin	logical; whether or not to write the binary part of the object.
con	A filename or connection to which to write the GLB file.

### Details

If `bin = TRUE` (the default), `writeglTF` will write the binary part of the object to one or more separate files with filename constructed by concatenating the main part of `path`, followed by a number and the extension `'.bin'`.

### Value

`writeglTF` returns `path` invisibly. `writeGLB` returns `NULL` invisibly.

### Author(s)

Duncan Murdoch

### References

The specification of the glTF format: <https://registry.khronos.org/glTF/specs/2.0/glTF-2.0.html>

### See Also

[readglTF](#)

### Examples

```
filename <- tempfile(fileext = ".glb")
writeGLB(as.gltf(rgl::cube3d(col = "red")), filename)
```

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