

**NAME**

**gv\_tcl** - graph manipulation in tcl

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#!/usr/bin/tclsh
package require gv
```

**USAGE**

Requires tcl8.3 or later.

**INTRODUCTION**

**gv\_tcl** is a dynamically loaded extension for **tcl** that provides access to the graph facilities of **graphviz**.

**COMMANDS****New graphs**

New empty graph

```
<graph_handle> gv::graph <name>
<graph_handle> gv::digraph <name>
<graph_handle> gv::strictgraph <name>
<graph_handle> gv::strictdigraph <name>
```

New graph from a dot-syntax string or file

```
<graph_handle> gv::readstring <string>
<graph_handle> gv::read <string> filename
<graph_handle> gv::read <channel>
```

Add new subgraph to existing graph

```
<graph_handle> gv::graph <graph_handle> <name>
```

**New nodes**

Add new node to existing graph

```
<node_handle> gv::node <graph_handle> <name>
```

**New edges**

Add new edge between existing nodes

```
<edge_handle> gv::edge <tail_node_handle> <head_node_handle>
```

Add a new edge between an existing tail node, and a named head node which will be induced in the graph if it doesn't already exist

```
<edge_handle> gv::edge <tail_node_handle> <head_name>
```

Add a new edge between an existing head node, and a named tail node which will be induced in the graph if it doesn't already exist

```
<edge_handle> gv::edge <tail_name> <head_node_handle>
```

Add a new edge between named tail and head nodes which will be induced in the graph if they don't already exist

```
<edge_handle> gv::edge <graph_handle> <tail_name> <head_name>
```

**Setting attribute values**

Set value of named attribute of graph/node/edge - creating attribute if necessary

```
<string> gv::setv <graph_handle> <attr_name> <attr_value>
<string> gv::setv <node_handle> <attr_name> <attr_value>
<string> gv::setv <edge_handle> <attr_name> <attr_value>
```

Set value of existing attribute of graph/node/edge (using attribute handle)

```
<string> gv::setv <graph_handle> <attr_handle> <attr_value>
<string> gv::setv <node_handle> <attr_handle> <attr_value>
<string> gv::setv <edge_handle> <attr_handle> <attr_value>
```

### Getting attribute values

Get value of named attribute of graph/node/edge

```
<string> gv::getv <graph_handle> <attr_name>
<string> gv::getv <node_handle> <attr_name>
<string> gv::getv <edge_handle> <attr_name>
```

Get value of attribute of graph/node/edge (using attribute handle)

```
<string> gv::getv <graph_handle> <attr_handle>
<string> gv::getv <node_handle> <attr_handle>
<string> gv::getv <edge_handle> <attr_handle>
```

### Obtain names from handles

```
<string> gv::nameof <graph_handle>
<string> gv::nameof <node_handle>
<string> gv::nameof <attr_handle>
```

### Find handles from names

```
<graph_handle> gv::findsubg <graph_handle> <name>
<node_handle> gv::findnode <graph_handle> <name>
<edge_handle> gv::findedge <tail_node_handle> <head_node_handle>
<attr_handle> gv::findattr <graph_handle> <name>
<attr_handle> gv::findattr <node_handle> <name>
<attr_handle> gv::findattr <edge_handle> <name>
```

### Misc graph navigators returning handles

```
<node_handle> gv::headof <edge_handle>
<node_handle> gv::tailof <edge_handle>
<graph_handle> gv::graphof <graph_handle>
<graph_handle> gv::graphof <edge_handle>
<graph_handle> gv::graphof <node_handle>
<graph_handle> gv::rootof <graph_handle>
```

### Obtain handles of proto node/edge for setting default attribute values

```
<node_handle> gv::protonode <graph_handle>
<edge_handle> gv::protoedge <graph_handle>
```

### Iterators

Iteration termination tests

```
<boolean_string> gv::ok <graph_handle>
<boolean_string> gv::ok <node_handle>
<boolean_string> gv::ok <edge_handle>
<boolean_string> gv::ok <attr_handle>
```

Iterate over subgraphs of a graph

```
<graph_handle> gv::firstsubg <graph_handle>
<graph_handle> gv::nextsubg <graph_handle> <subgraph_handle>
```

Iterate over supergraphs of a graph (obscure and rarely useful)

```
<graph_handle> gv::firstsupg <graph_handle>
<graph_handle> gv::nextsupg <graph_handle> <subgraph_handle>
```

Iterate over edges of a graph

```
<edge_handle> gv::firstedge <graph_handle>
<edge_handle> gv::nextedge <graph_handle> <edge_handle>
```

Iterate over outedges of a graph  
 <edge\_handle> **gv::firstout** <graph\_handle>  
 <edge\_handle> **gv::nextout** <graph\_handle> <edge\_handle>

Iterate over edges of a node  
 <edge\_handle> **gv::firstedge** <node\_handle>  
 <edge\_handle> **gv::nextedge** <node\_handle> <edge\_handle>

Iterate over out-edges of a node  
 <edge\_handle> **gv::firstout** <node\_handle>  
 <edge\_handle> **gv::nextout** <node\_handle> <edge\_handle>

Iterate over head nodes reachable from out-edges of a node  
 <node\_handle> **gv::firsthead** <node\_handle>  
 <node\_handle> **gv::nexthead** <node\_handle> <head\_node\_handle>

Iterate over in-edges of a graph  
 <edge\_handle> **gv::firstin** <graph\_handle>  
 <edge\_handle> **gv::nextin** <node\_handle> <edge\_handle>

Iterate over in-edges of a node  
 <edge\_handle> **gv::firstin** <node\_handle>  
 <edge\_handle> **gv::nextin** <graph\_handle> <edge\_handle>

Iterate over tail nodes reachable from in-edges of a node  
 <node\_handle> **gv::firsttail** <node\_handle>  
 <node\_handle> **gv::nexttail** <node\_handle> <tail\_node\_handle>

Iterate over nodes of a graph  
 <node\_handle> **gv::firstnode** <graph\_handle>  
 <node\_handle> **gv::nextnode** <graph\_handle> <node\_handle>

Iterate over nodes of an edge  
 <node\_handle> **gv::firstnode** <edge\_handle>  
 <node\_handle> **gv::nextnode** <edge\_handle> <node\_handle>

Iterate over attributes of a graph  
 <attr\_handle> **gv::firstattr** <graph\_handle>  
 <attr\_handle> **gv::nextattr** <graph\_handle> <attr\_handle>

Iterate over attributes of an edge  
 <attr\_handle> **gv::firstattr** <edge\_handle>  
 <attr\_handle> **gv::nextattr** <edge\_handle> <attr\_handle>

Iterate over attributes of a node  
 <attr\_handle> **gv::firstattr** <node\_handle>  
 <attr\_handle> **gv::nextattr** <node\_handle> <attr\_handle>

**Remove graph objects**

<boolean\_string> **gv::rm** <graph\_handle>  
 <boolean\_string> **gv::rm** <node\_handle>  
 <boolean\_string> **gv::rm** <edge\_handle>

**Layout**

Annotate a graph with layout attributes and values using a specific layout engine  
 <boolean\_string> **gv::layout** <graph\_handle> <string> engine

**Render**

Render a layout into attributes of the graph  
 <boolean\_string> **gv::render** <graph\_handle>

Render a layout to stdout  
    <boolean\_string> **gv::render** <graph\_handle> <string> format

Render to an open file  
    <boolean\_string> **gv::render** <graph\_handle> <string> format <channel> fout

Render a layout to an unopened file by name  
    <boolean\_string> **gv::render** <graph\_handle> <string> format <string> filename

Render to a string result  
    <string> **gv::renderresult** <graph\_handle> ing <string> format  
    **gv::renderresult** <graph\_handle> <string> format <string> outdata

Render to an open channel  
    <boolean\_string> **gv::renderchannel** <graph\_handle> <string> format <string> channelname

Render a layout to a malloc'ed string, to be free'd by the caller  
(deprecated - too easy to leak memory)  
(still needed for "eval [gv::renderdata \$G tk]" )  
    <string> **gv::renderdata** <graph\_handle> <string> format

Writing graph back to file  
    <boolean\_string> **gv::write** <graph\_handle> <string> filename  
    <boolean\_string> **gv::write** <graph\_handle> <channel>

Graph transformation tools  
    <boolean\_string> **gv::tred** <graph\_handle>

## KEYWORDS

graph, dot, neato, fdp, circo, twopi, tcl.