

**NAME**

`gv_ruby` - graph manipulation in ruby

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#!/usr/bin/ruby
require 'gv'
```

**USAGE****INTRODUCTION**

`gv_ruby` is a dynamically loaded extension for `ruby` 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.finedge (tail_node_handle, head_node_handle);
attribute_handle Gv.findattr (graph_handle, name);
attribute_handle Gv.findattr (node_handle, name);
attribute_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
```