

**graph save** — Save graph to disk

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## Syntax

```
graph save [graphname] filename [, asis replace]
```

## Description

`graph save` saves the specified graph to disk. If *graphname* is not specified, the graph currently displayed is saved to disk in Stata's `.gph` format.

If *filename* is specified without an extension, `.gph` is assumed.

## Options

`asis` specifies that the graph be frozen and saved as is. The alternative—and the default if `asis` is not specified—is live format. In live format, the graph can be edited in future sessions, and the overall look of the graph continues to be controlled by the chosen scheme (see [\[G-4\] schemes intro](#)).

Say that you type

```
. scatter yvar xvar, ...  
. graph save mygraph
```

which will create file `mygraph.gph`. Suppose that you send the file to a colleague. The way the graph will appear on your colleague's computer might be different from how it appeared on yours. Perhaps you display titles on the top, and your colleague has set his scheme to display titles on the bottom. Or perhaps your colleague prefers *y* axes on the right rather than on the left. It will still be the same graph, but it might look different.

Or perhaps you just file away `mygraph.gph` for use later. If the file is stored in the default live format, you can come back to it and change the way it looks by specifying a different scheme, and you can edit it.

If, on the other hand, you specify `asis`, the graph will forever look just as it looked the instant it was saved. You cannot edit it, and you cannot change the scheme. If you send the as-is graph to colleagues, they will see it exactly in the form that you see it.

Whether a graph is saved as-is or live makes no difference for printing. As-is graphs usually require fewer bytes to store, and they generally display more quickly, but that is all.

`replace` specifies that the file may be replaced if it already exists.

## Remarks and examples

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You may instead specify that the graph be saved at the instant you draw it by specifying the `saving(filename[, asis replace])` option; see [\[G-3\] saving\\_option](#).

## Also see

[G-3] [saving\\_option](#) — Option for saving graph to disk

[G-2] [graph export](#) — Export current graph

[G-2] [graph manipulation](#) — Graph manipulation commands

[G-4] [concept: gph files](#) — Using gph files