

## graph twoway scatteri — Scatter with immediate arguments

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## Syntax

```
twoway scatteri immediate_values [ , options ]
```

where *immediate\_values* is one or more of

```
#y #x [ (#clockposstyle) ] [ "text for label" ]
```

See [G-4] [clockposstyle](#) for a description of #<sub>clockposstyle</sub>.

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## Description

`scatteri` is an immediate version of `twoway scatter`; see [U] [19 Immediate commands](#) and [G-2] [graph twoway scatter](#). `scatteri` is intended for programmer use but can be useful interactively.

## Options

*options* are as defined in [G-2] [graph twoway scatter](#), with the following modifications:

If "text for label" is specified among any of the immediate arguments, option `mlabel()` is assumed.

If (#<sub>clockposstyle</sub>) is specified among any of the immediate arguments, option `mlabvposition()` is assumed.

## Remarks and examples

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Immediate commands are commands that obtain data from numbers typed as arguments. Typing

```
. twoway scatteri 1 1 2 2, any_options
```

produces the same graph as typing

```
. clear
. input y x
      y      x
1.  1  1
2.  2  2
3.  end
. twoway scatter y x, any_options
```

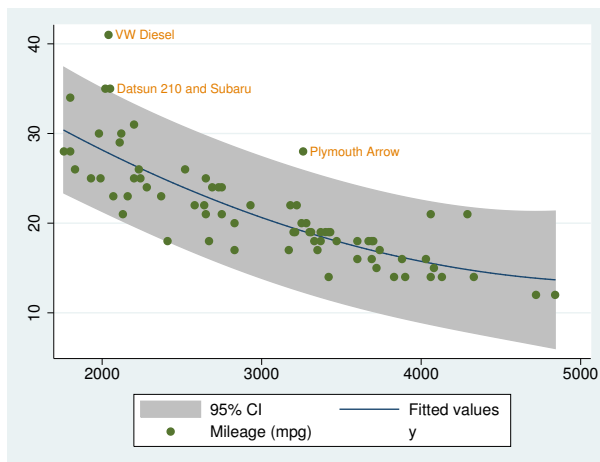
`twoway scatteri` does not modify the data in memory.

`scatteri` is intended for programmer use but can be used interactively. In [G-3] [added\\_text\\_options](#), we demonstrated the use of option `text()` to add text to a graph:

```
. twoway qfitci mpg weight, stdf ||
scatter mpg weight, ms(0) ||
text(41 2040 "VW Diesel", place(e))
text(28 3260 "Plymouth Arrow", place(e))
text(35 2050 "Datsun 210 and Subaru", place(e))
```

Below we use `scatteri` to obtain similar results:

```
. twoway qfitci mpg weight, stdf ||
scatter mpg weight, ms(0) ||
scatteri 41 2040 (3) "VW Diesel"
28 3260 (3) "Plymouth Arrow"
35 2050 (3) "Datsun 210 and Subaru"
, msymbol(i)
```



We translated `text(..., place(e))` to `(3)`, 3 o'clock being the *clockposstyle* notation for the east *compassdirstyle*. Because labels are by default positioned at 3 o'clock, we could omit `(3)` altogether:

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scatter mpg weight, ms(0) ||
scatteri 41 2040 "VW Diesel"
28 3260 "Plymouth Arrow"
35 2050 "Datsun 210 and Subaru"
, msymbol(i)
```

We specified `msymbol(i)` option to suppress displaying the marker symbol.

## □ Technical note

Programmers: Note carefully `scatter`'s *advanced\_option* `recast()`; see [G-3] *advanced\_options*. It can be used to good effect, such as using `scatteri` to add areas, bars, spikes, and dropped lines. □

## Also see

[G-2] [graph twoway scatter](#) — Twoway scatterplots

[U] [19 Immediate commands](#)