

**set graphics** — Set whether graphs are displayed

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## Syntax

```
query graphics
```

```
set graphics { on|off }
```

## Description

query graphics shows the graphics settings.

set graphics allows you to change whether graphs are displayed.

## Remarks and examples

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If you type

```
. set graphics off
```

when you type a graph command, such as

```
. scatter yvar xvar, saving(mygraph)
```

the graph will be “drawn” and saved in file mygraph.gph, but it will not be displayed. If you type

```
. set graphics on
```

graphs will be displayed once again.

Drawing graphs without displaying them is sometimes useful in programming contexts, although in such contexts, it is better to specify the nodraw option; see [G-3] [nodraw\\_option](#). Typing

```
. scatter yvar xvar, saving(mygraph) nodraw
```

has the same effect as typing

```
. set graphics off  
. scatter yvar xvar, saving(mygraph)  
. set graphics on
```

The advantage of the former is not only does it require less typing, but if the user should press **Break**, set graphics will not be left off.

## Also see

[G-3] [nodraw\\_option](#) — Option for suppressing display of graph