

play_option — Option for playing graph recordings

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Option `play()` replays edits that were previously recorded using the [Graph Recorder](#).

Syntax

<i>play_option</i>	Description
<code>play(recordingname)</code>	play edits from <i>recordingname</i>

`play()` is *unique*; see [\[G-4\] Concept: repeated options](#).

Option

`play(recordingname)` applies the edits from *recordingname* to the graph, where *recordingname* is the name under which edits previously made in the Graph Editor have been recorded and stored. See [Graph Recorder](#) in [\[G-1\] Graph Editor](#).

Remarks and examples

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Edits made in the Graph Editor (see [\[G-1\] Graph Editor](#)) can be saved as a recording and the edits subsequently played on another graph. In addition to being played from the Graph Editor, these recordings can be played when a graph is created or used from disk with the option `play()`.

If you have previously created a recording named `xyz` and you are drawing a scatterplot of `y` on `x`, you can replay the edits from that recording on your new graph by adding the option `play(xyz)` to your graph command:

```
. scatter y x, play(xyz)
```

To learn about creating recordings, see [Graph Recorder](#) in [\[G-1\] Graph Editor](#).

Also see

[\[G-1\] Graph Editor](#) — Graph Editor

[\[G-2\] graph play](#) — Apply edits from a recording on current graph