

**NAME**

**gvgen** – generate graphs

**SYNOPSIS**

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gvgen [ -dv? ] [ -in ] [ -cn ] [ -Cx,y ] [ -g/f/x,y ] [ -G/f/x,y ] [ -hn ] [ -kn ] [ -bx,y ] [ -Bx,y ] [ -mn ] [ -Mx,y ] [ -pn ] [ -rx,y ] [ -Rx ] [ -sn ] [ -Sn ] [ -Sn,d ] [ -tn ] [ -td,n ] [ -Tx,y ] [ -Tx,y,u,v ] [ -wn ] [ -nprefix ] [ -Nname ] [ -ooutfile ]
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**DESCRIPTION**

**gvgen** generates a variety of simple, regularly-structured abstract graphs.

**OPTIONS**

The following options are supported:

- c n** Generate a cycle with  $n$  vertices and edges.
- C x,y** Generate an  $x$  by  $y$  cylinder. This will have  $x*y$  vertices and  $2*x*y - y$  edges.
- g /f/x,y** Generate an  $x$  by  $y$  grid. If **f** is given, the grid is folded, with an edge attaching each pair of opposing corner vertices. This will have  $x*y$  vertices and  $2*x*y - y - x$  edges if unfolded and  $2*x*y - y - x + 2$  edges if folded.
- G /f/x,y** Generate an  $x$  by  $y$  partial grid. If **f** is given, the grid is folded, with an edge attaching each pair of opposing corner vertices. This will have  $x*y$  vertices.
- h n** Generate a hypercube of degree  $n$ . This will have  $2^n$  vertices and  $n*2^{(n-1)}$  edges.
- k n** Generate a complete graph on  $n$  vertices with  $n*(n-1)/2$  edges.
- b x,y** Generate a complete  $x$  by  $y$  bipartite graph. This will have  $x+y$  vertices and  $x*y$  edges.
- B x,y** Generate an  $x$  by  $y$  ball, i.e., an  $x$  by  $y$  cylinder with two "cap" nodes closing the ends. This will have  $x*y + 2$  vertices and  $2*x*y + y$  edges.
- m n** Generate a triangular mesh with  $n$  vertices on a side. This will have  $(n+1)*n/2$  vertices and  $3*(n-1)*n/2$  edges.
- M x,y** Generate an  $x$  by  $y$  Moebius strip. This will have  $x*y$  vertices and  $2*x*y - y$  edges.
- p n** Generate a path on  $n$  vertices. This will have  $n-1$  edges.
- r x,y** Generate a random graph. The number of vertices will be the largest value of the form  $2^n-1$  less than or equal to  $x$ . Larger values of  $y$  increase the density of the graph.
- R x** Generate a random rooted tree on  $x$  vertices.
- s n** Generate a star on  $n$  vertices. This will have  $n-1$  edges.
- S n** Generate a Sierpinski graph of order  $n$ . This will have  $3*(3^(n-1) + 1)/2$  vertices and  $3^n$  edges.
- S n,d** Generate a  $d$ -dimensional Sierpinski graph of order  $n$ . At present,  $d$  must be 2 or 3. For  $d$  equal to 3, there will be  $4*(4^(n-1) + 1)/2$  vertices and  $6 * 4^(n-1)$  edges.
- t n** Generate a binary tree of height  $n$ . This will have  $2^n-1$  vertices and  $2^n-2$  edges.
- t h,n** Generate a  $n$ -ary tree of height  $h$ .
- T x,y**
- T x,y,u,v** Generate an  $x$  by  $y$  torus. This will have  $x*y$  vertices and  $2*x*y$  edges. If  $u$  and  $v$  are given, they specify twists of that amount in the horizontal and vertical directions, respectively.
- w n** Generate a path on  $n$  vertices. This will have  $n-1$  edges.

**-i n** Generate *n* graphs of the requested type. At present, only available if the **-R** flag is used.

**-n prefix**

Normally, integers are used as node names. If *prefix* is specified, this will be prepended to the integer to create the name.

**-N name**

Use *name* as the name of the graph. By default, the graph is anonymous.

**-o outfile**

If specified, the generated graph is written into the file *outfile*. Otherwise, the graph is written to standard out.

**-d** Make the generated graph directed.

**-v** Verbose output.

**-?** Print usage information.

## EXIT STATUS

**gvgen** exits with 0 on successful completion, and exits with 1 if given an ill-formed or incorrect flag, or if the specified output file could not be opened.

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## SEE ALSO

gc(1), acyclic(1), gvpr(1), gvcolor(1), ccomps(1), sccmap(1), tred(1), libgraph(3)