

Visualizing Graph Data ¹

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src/graphviz.lisp:

```
1 < * 1 > ≡  
  (in-package :cl-user)  
  (defpackage lol.graphviz  
    (:use :cl :prove)  
    (:export dot-name))  
  (in-package :lol.graphviz)
```

This definition is continued in
chunks 2–5.

Root chunk (not used in this document).

Defines:

lol.graphviz, used in chunk 8.

Uses dot-name 2d.

Converting Node Identifiers

First, create a string representation of `exp`, with escape characters written where appropriate, via `prin1-to-string`.

Then replace each character that *is not alphanumeric* `2b` with *an underscore* `2c`.

`2a` `<exp as a string 2a>≡`
`(prin1-to-string exp)`
 This code is used in chunk `2d`.

`2b` `<is not alphanumeric 2b>≡`
`(complement #'alphanumericp)`
 This code is used in chunk `2d`.

`2c` `<an underscore 2c>≡`
`#_`
 This code is used in chunk `2d`.

`2d` `<* 1>+≡`
`(defun dot-name (exp)`
`(substitute-if <an underscore 2c> <is not alphanumeric 2b> <exp as a string 2a>))`

Defines:

`dot-name`, used in chunks `1`, `3`, `5`, and `8`.

Adding Labels to Graph Nodes

`2e` `<create a string representation of exp 2e>≡`
`(write-to-string exp :pretty nil)`
 This code is used in chunk `2g`.

`2f` `<otherwise return the empty string 2f>≡`
`""`
 This code is used in chunk `2g`.

`2g` `<* 1>+≡`
`(defparameter *max-label-length* 30)`

`(defun dot-label (exp)`
`(if exp`
`(let ((s <create a string representation of exp 2e>))`
`(truncate s if it's too long. 2j))`
`<otherwise return the empty string 2f>))`

Defines:

`*max-label-length*`, used in chunk `2`.
`dot-label`, used in chunks `3` and `5`.

If `<s is too long 2h>`, i.e. more than `*max-label-length*` long, `<truncate s 2i>` and append `"..."`.

`2h` `<s is too long 2h>≡`
`(> (length s) *max-label-length*)`
 This code is used in chunk `2j`.
 Uses `*max-label-length* 2g`.

`2i` `<truncate s 2i>≡`
`(subseq s 0 (- *max-label-length* 3))`
 This code is used in chunk `2j`.
 Uses `*max-label-length* 2g`.

`2j` `<Truncate s if it's too long. 2j>≡`
`(if <s is too long 2h>`
`(concatenate 'string <truncate s 2i> "...")`
`s)`

This code is used in chunk `2g`.

Generating the DOT Information for the Nodes

```

3a  (* 1)+≡
      (defun nodes→dot (nodes)
        (mapc (lambda (node)
                (fresh-line)
                (princ (dot-name (car node)))
                (princ "[label=\\"))
                (princ (dot-label node))
                (princ "\\];"))
              nodes))

```

Defines:

nodes→dot, used in chunks 4a and 5.
 Uses dot-label 2g and dot-name 2d.

Converting Edges into DOT Format

```

3b  (* 1)+≡
      (defun edges→dot (edges)
        (mapc (lambda (node)
                (mapc (lambda (edge)
                        (fresh-line)
                        (princ (dot-name (car node)))
                        (princ "→")
                        (princ (dot-name (car edge)))
                        (princ "[label=\\"))
                        (princ (dot-label (cdr edge)))
                        (princ "\\];"))
                      (cdr node)))
              edges))

```

Defines:

edges→dot, used in chunk 4a.
 Uses dot-label 2g and dot-name 2d.

Generating All the DOT Data

```
4a <* 1>+≡
    (defun graph→dot (nodes edges)
      (princ "digraph{")
      (nodes→dot nodes)
      (edges→dot edges)
      (princ "}"))
```

Defines:

graph→dot, used in chunk 4c.
 Uses edges→dot 3b and nodes→dot 3a.

Turning the DOT File into a Picture

```
4b <* 1>+≡
    (defun dot→png (fname thunk)
      (with-open-file (*standard-output*
                      fname
                      :direction :output
                      :if-exists :supersede)
        (funcall thunk))
      (uiop:run-program (concatenate 'string "dot -Tpng -O " fname))))
```

Defines:

dot→png, used in chunks 4c and 5.

Creating a Picture of Our Graph

```
4c <* 1>+≡
    (defun graph→png (fname nodes edges)
      (dot→png fname
                (lambda ()
                  (graph→dot nodes edges))))
```

Defines:

graph→png, never used.
 Uses dot→png 4b and graph→dot 4a.

Creating Undirected Graphs

```

5 < * 1 > + ≡
  (defun uedges→dot (edges)
    (maplist (lambda (lst)
      (mapc (lambda (edge)
        (unless (assoc (car edge) (cdr lst))
          (fresh-line)
          (princ (dot-name (caar lst)))
          (princ "-")
          (princ (dot-name (car edge)))
          (princ "[label=\"")
          (princ (dot-label (cdr edge)))
          (princ "\"];")))
        (cdar lst)))
      edges))

  (defun ugraph→dot (nodes edges)
    (princ "graph{")
    (nodes→dot nodes)
    (uedges→dot edges)
    (princ "}")

  (defun ugraph→png (fname nodes edges)
    (dot→png fname
      (lambda ()
        (ugraph→dot nodes edges))))

```

Defines:

uedges→dot, never used.
 ugraph→dot, never used.
 ugraph→png, never used.

Uses dot→png 4b, dot-label 2g, dot-name 2d, and nodes→dot 3a.

Full Listing

```

1 (in-package :cl-user)
2 (defpackage lol.graphviz
3   (:use :cl :prove)
4   (:export dot-name))
5 (in-package :lol.graphviz)
6
7
8 (defun dot-name (exp)
9   (substitute-if #\_- (complement #'alphanumeric) (prin1-to-string exp)))
10
11
12 (defparameter *max-label-length* 30)
13
14 (defun dot-label (exp)
15   (if exp
16       (let ((s (write-to-string exp :pretty nil)))
17         (if (> (length s) *max-label-length*)
18             (concatenate 'string (subseq s 0 (- *max-label-length* 3)) "...")
19             s))
20       ""))
21
22
23 (defun nodes->dot (nodes)
24   (mapc (lambda (node)
25         (fresh-line)
26         (princ (dot-name (car node)))
27         (princ "[label=\\"))
28         (princ (dot-label node))
29         (princ "\"];")
30         nodes))
31
32
33 (defun edges->dot (edges)
34   (mapc (lambda (node)
35         (mapc (lambda (edge)
36               (fresh-line)
37               (princ (dot-name (car node)))
38               (princ "→")
39               (princ (dot-name (car edge)))
40               (princ "[label=\\"))
41               (princ (dot-label (cdr edge)))
42               (princ "\"];")
43               (cdr node)))
44         edges))

```

```

47 (defun graph→dot (nodes edges)
48   (princ "digraph{")
49   (nodes→dot nodes)
50   (edges→dot edges)
51   (princ "}"))
52
53
54 (defun dot→png (fname thunk)
55   (with-open-file (*standard-output*
56                   fname
57                   :direction :output
58                   :if-exists :supersede)
59     (funcall thunk))
60   (uiop:run-program (concatenate 'string "dot -Tpng -O " fname)))
61
62
63 (defun graph→png (fname nodes edges)
64   (dot→png fname
65             (lambda ()
66               (graph→dot nodes edges))))
67
68
69 (defun uedges→dot (edges)
70   (maplist (lambda (lst)
71             (mapc (lambda (edge)
72                     (unless (assoc (car edge) (cdr lst))
73                               (fresh-line)
74                               (princ (dot-name (caar lst)))
75                               (princ "--")
76                               (princ (dot-name (car edge)))
77                               (princ "[label=\\")
78                               (princ (dot-label (cdr edge)))
79                               (princ "\\"];"))
80                     (cdar lst)))
81             edges))
82
83
84 (defun ugraph→dot (nodes edges)
85   (princ "graph{")
86   (nodes→dot nodes)
87   (uedges→dot edges)
88   (princ "}"))
89
90
91 (defun ugraph→png (fname nodes edges)
92   (dot→png fname
93             (lambda ()
94               (ugraph→dot nodes edges))))

```

Tests

```
8 <test/graphviz.lisp 8>≡
  (in-package :lol.graphviz)

  (plan 1)

  (subtest "Converting Node Identifiers"
    (is (dot-name 'living-room)
        "LIVING_ROOM")
    (is (dot-name 'foo!)
        "FOO_")
    (is (dot-name '24)
        "24"))
```

```
(finalize)
```

Root chunk (not used in this document).
Uses dot-name [2d](#) and lol.graphviz [1](#).

Glossary

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`prin1-to-string` acts like `write-to-string` with `:escape t`, that is, escape characters are written where appropriate. 2, 9

`write-to-string` `prin1-to-string` and `princ-to-string` effectively print an *object* as if by `write`, `prin1`, or `princ`, respectively, and the characters that would be output are made into a string. 9

References

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