play_option — Option for playing graph recordings	

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Option play() replays edits that were previously recorded using the Graph Recorder.

Syntax

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play(*recordingname*)	play edits from *recordingname*

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

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