

# Age distributions

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**Description:** Plots node age distributions.

**Module type:** Plotting

**Module ID:** 5dbe1f3c-dbea-49b3-8f04-f319aefca534

This module can be used to draw age distributions on the tree.  
The age distributions must have been previously set up using the *Set up age distributions* module (id a1ccf05a-cf3c-4ca4-83be-af56f501c2a6 ).  
This module can only be used if the tree is being drawn using *Rectangular* coordinates.



## Parameters

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### Plot type

**Control type:** Drop-down list

**Default value:** Envelope

**Possible values:**

- Histogram
- Envelope

This parameter determines the kind of plot used to draw the age distributions. If the value is `Histogram`, a histogram is drawn at each node, displaying the age distributions. The bars of the histogram are centered so that the plot looks similar to a violin plot. The width of the bars of the histogram is chosen automatically.

If the value is `Envelope`, a violin plot is drawn, using the same samples that would be used to draw the histogram; instead of drawing rectangular bars, a smooth spline is interpolated between the sample points to produce a smooth-looking plot. Please note that this is not a kernel density estimation of the age distribution (as that would be too expensive to draw in real time).

### Show on

**Control type:** Drop-down list

**Default value:** Internal nodes

**Possible values:**

- Leaves
- Internal nodes

- All nodes

This parameter determines on which nodes the age distributions are shown. If the value is `Leaves`, the age distributions are only shown for terminal nodes (nodes with no child nodes). If the value is `Internal nodes` they are shown only for internal nodes (nodes which have at least one child). If the value is `All nodes`, age distributions are shown for both leaves and internal nodes.

## Height

**Control type:** Number spin box

**Default value:** 10

**Range:** [ 0,  $+\infty$  )

This parameter determines the height of the age distribution plot for each node.

## Auto colour by node

**Control type:** Check box

**Default value:** Checked

If this check box is checked, the colour of each age distribution is determined algorithmically in a pseudo-random way designed to achieve an aesthetically pleasing distribution of colours, while being reproducible if the same tree is rendered multiple times.

## Opacity

**Control type:** Slider


**Default value:** 50 %

**Range:** [ 0 %, 100 % ]

This parameter determines the opacity of the colour used if the [Auto colour by node](#) option is enabled.

## Colour

**Control type:** Colour (by node)

**Default value:**  #000000 (opacity: 100%)

**Default attribute:** `Color`

This parameter determines the colour used to draw each age distribution (if the [Auto colour by node](#) option is disabled). The colour can be determined based on the value of an

attribute of the nodes in the tree. For nodes that do not possess the specified attribute (or that have the attribute with an invalid value), a default value is used. The default attribute used to determine the colour is `Color`.