

# GD::Graph - Graph Plotting Module

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GD::Graph is a perl5 module to create charts using the GD module. The following classes for graphs with axes are defined:

**GD::Graph::lines** Create a line chart.

**GD::Graph::bars** Create a bar chart with vertical or horizontal bars.

**GD::Graph::linespoints** Combination of lines and points.

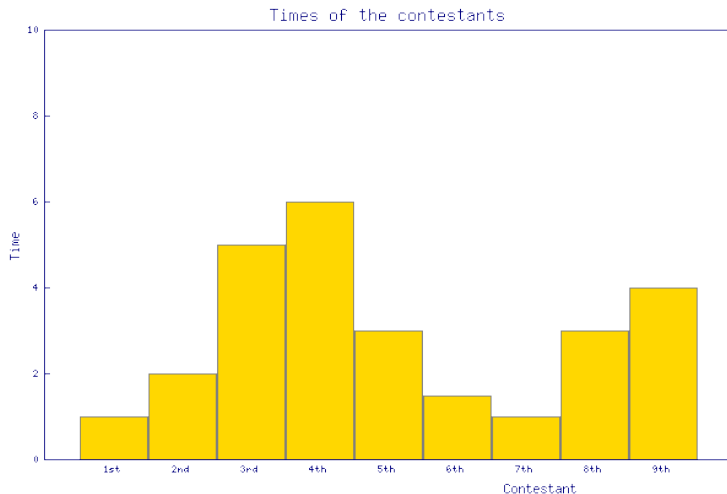
**GD::Graph::area** Create a graph, representing the data as areas under a line.

**GD::Graph::pie** Create a pie chart.

# Bars

```
1  sub plotPng {
2      my $fileName = shift;
3      @data = ( ["1st","2nd","3rd","4th","5th","6th","7th", "8th", "9th"],
4                 [ 1,    2,    5,    6,    3,  1.5,    1,    3,    4]
5                 );
6      my $mygraph = GD::Graph::bars->new(600, 400);
7
8      $mygraph->set (
9          x_label      => "Contestant",
10         y_label      => "Time",
11         title        => "Times of the contestants",
12         dclrs        => [ qw(gold red green) ],
13     ) or warn $mygraph->error;
14
15     my $myimage = $mygraph->plot(\@data) or warn $mygraph->error;
16
17     open (IMG, '>' , $fileName);
18     binmode IMG;
19     print IMG $myimage->png;
20     close (IMG);
21 }
```

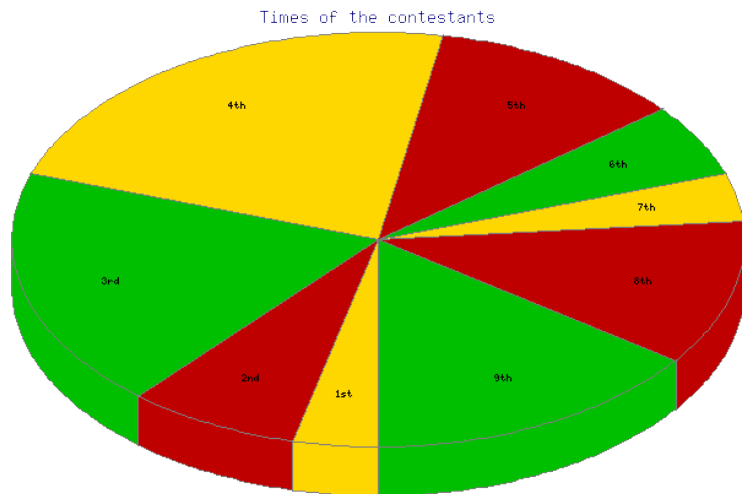
# Bars - Output



# Pie

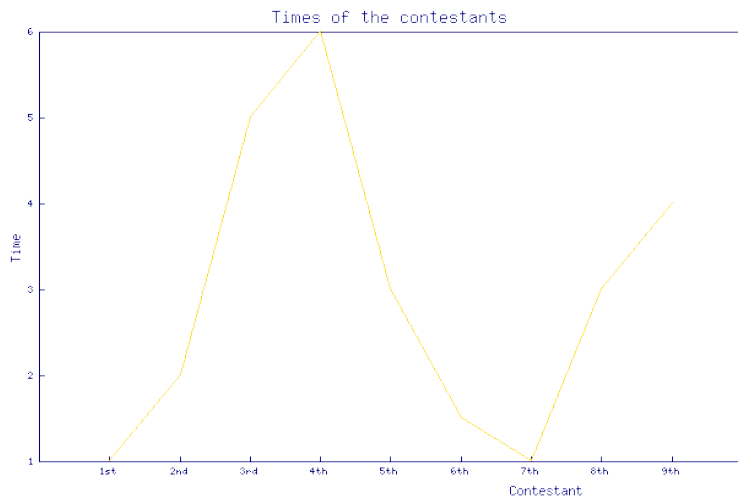
```
1  sub plotPng {
2      my $fileName = shift;
3      @data = ( ["1st","2nd","3rd","4th","5th","6th","7th", "8th", "9th"],
4                [ 1,    2,    5,    6,    3,  1.5,    1,    3,    4]
5                );
6      my $mygraph = GD::Graph::pie->new(600, 400);
7
8      $mygraph->set (
9          title      => "Times of the contestants",
10         dclrs      => [ qw(gold red green) ],
11     ) or warn $mygraph->error;
12
13     my $myimage = $mygraph->plot(\@data) or warn $mygraph->error;
14
15     open (IMG, '>' , $fileName);
16     binmode IMG;
17     print IMG $myimage->png;
18     close (IMG);
19 }
```

# Pie - Output



```
1  sub plotPng {
2      my $fileName = shift;
3      @data = ( ["1st","2nd","3rd","4th","5th","6th","7th", "8th", "9th"],
4                [ 1,    2,    5,    6,    3,  1.5,    1,    3,    4]
5                );
6      my $mygraph = GD::Graph::area->new(600, 400);
7
8      $mygraph->set (
9          title      => "Times of the contestants",
10         dclrs      => [ qw(gold red green) ],
11     ) or warn $mygraph->error;
12
13     my $myimage = $mygraph->plot(\@data) or warn $mygraph->error;
14
15     open (IMG, '>' , $fileName);
16     binmode IMG;
17     print IMG $myimage->png;
18     close (IMG);
19 }
```

# Line - Output

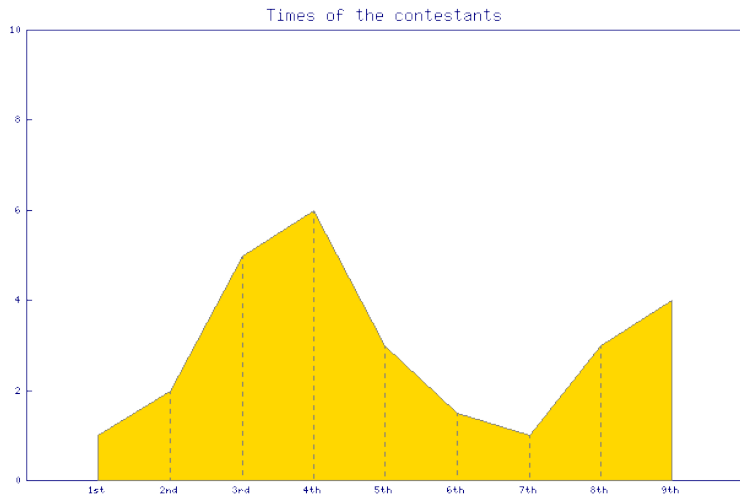




# Area

```
1  sub plotPng {
2      my $fileName = shift;
3      @data = ( ["1st","2nd","3rd","4th","5th","6th","7th", "8th", "9th"],
4                [ 1,    2,    5,    6,    3,  1.5,    1,    3,    4]
5                );
6      my $mygraph = GD::Graph::area->new(600, 400);
7
8      $mygraph->set (
9          title      => "Times of the contestants",
10         dclrs       => [ qw(gold red green) ],
11     ) or warn $mygraph->error;
12
13     my $myimage = $mygraph->plot(\@data) or warn $mygraph->error;
14
15     open (IMG, '>' , $fileName);
16     binmode IMG;
17     print IMG $myimage->png;
18     close (IMG);
19 }
```

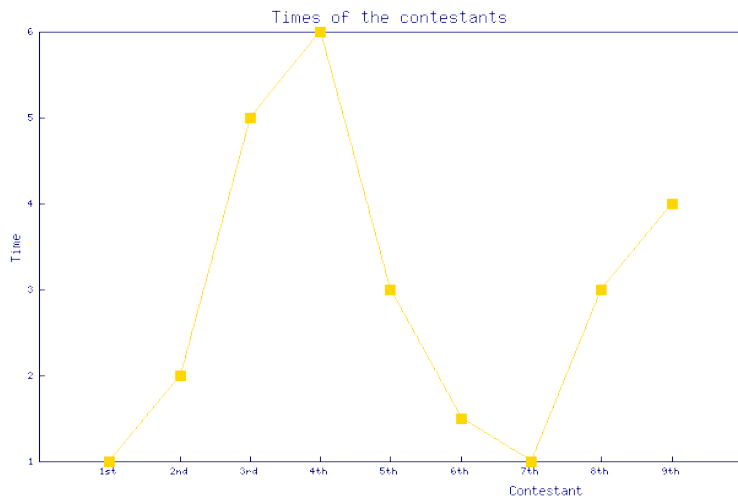
# Area - Output



# Points and Lines

```
1  sub plotPng {
2      my $fileName = shift;
3      @data = ( ["1st","2nd","3rd","4th","5th","6th","7th", "8th", "9th"],
4                [ 1,    2,    5,    6,    3,  1.5,    1,    3,    4]
5                );
6      my $mygraph = GD::Graph::points->new(600, 400);
7
8      $mygraph->set (
9          title      => "Times of the contestants",
10         dclrs       => [ qw(gold red green) ],
11     ) or warn $mygraph->error;
12
13     my $myimage = $mygraph->linespoints(\@data) or warn $mygraph->error;
14
15     open (IMG, '>' , $fileName);
16     binmode IMG;
17     print IMG $myimage->png;
18     close (IMG);
19 }
```

# Points and Lines - Output



# Examples of output formats

```
1  print IMG $graph->plot(\@data)->gif;  
2  print IMG $graph->plot(\@data)->png;  
3  print IMG $graph->plot(\@data)->gd;  
4  print IMG $graph->plot(\@data)->gd2;
```

# Methods for all graphs

*GD :: Graph :: chart*— *> new(width, height)* Create a new object *graph* with optional width and height. Default *width* = 400, default *height* = 300. *chart* is either bars, lines, points, linespoints, area, mixed or pie.

*graph*— *> set\_text\_clr(colourname)* Set the colour of the text. This will set the colour of the titles, labels, and axis labels to colour name. Also see the options *textclr*, *labelclr* and *axislabelclr*.

*graph*— *> set\_title\_font(fontspecification)* Set the font that will be used for the title of the chart.

*graph*— *> plot(data)* Plot the chart, and return the *GD::Image* object.

*graph*— > *set*(*attrib1* => *value1*, *attrib2* => *value2*...) Set chart options.

*graph*— > *get*(*attrib1*, *attrib2*) Returns a list of the values of the attributes. In scalar context returns the value of the first attribute only.

*graph*— > *gd*() Get the GD::Image object that is going to be used to draw on. You can do this either before or after calling the plot method, to do your own drawing.

*graph*— > *export\_format()* Query the export format of the GD library in use. In scalar context, it returns 'gif', 'png' or undefined, which is sufficient for most people's use. In a list context, it returns a list of all the formats that are supported by the current version of GD. It can be called as a class or object method

*graph*— > *can\_do\_ttf()* Returns true if the current GD library supports TrueType fonts, False otherwise. Can also be called as a class method or static method.



# Options for graphs with axes

*x\_label, y\_label* The labels to be printed next to, or just below, the axes. Note that if you use the *two\_axes* option that you need to use *y1\_label* and *y2\_label*.

*show\_values* Set this to 1 to display the value of each data point above the point or bar itself.

*values\_space* Space to insert between the data point and the value to print. Default: 4.

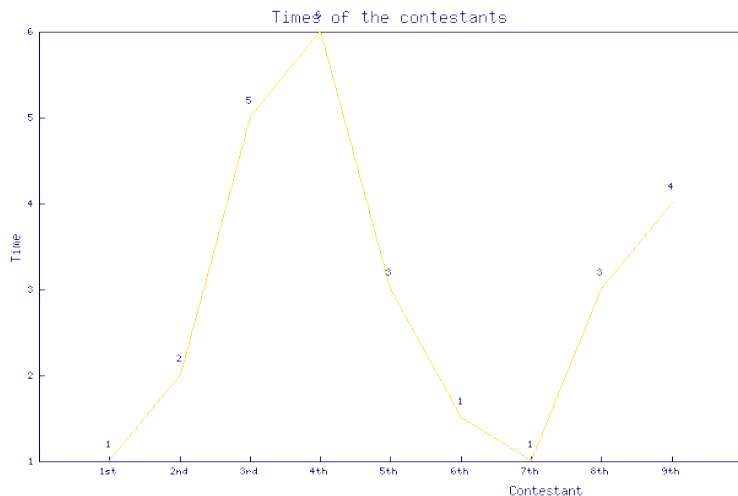
*values\_format* How to format the values for display.

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# Lines with *show\_values*

```
1  $mygraph->set (
2      x_label => "Contestant",
3      y_label => "Time",
4      values_format => sub { return sprintf("%d", shift); } ,
5      values_space  => 10,
6      show_values   => 1,
7      title         => "Times of the contestants",
8      dclrs         => [ qw(gold red green) ]
9  ) or warn $mygraph->error;
```

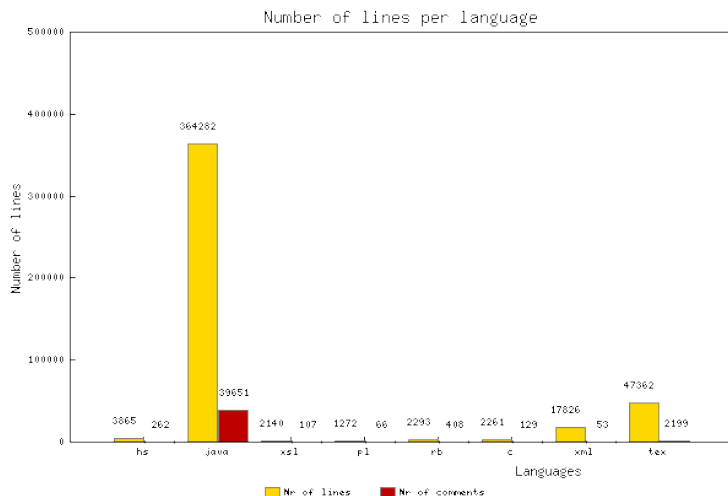
# Lines with *show\_values*



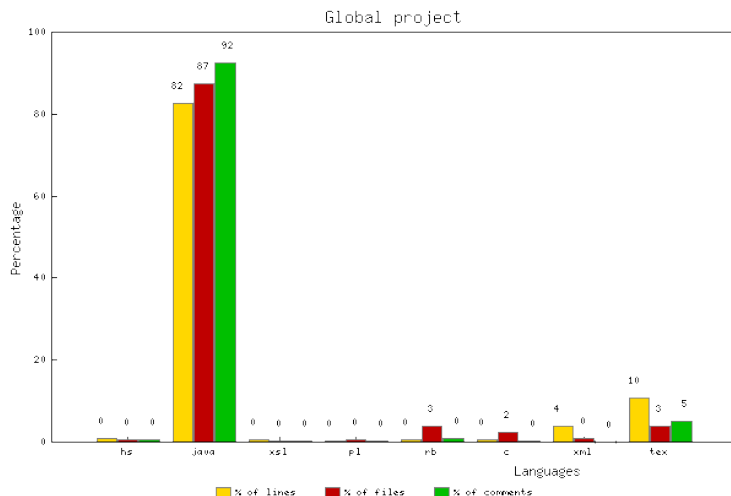
# Legends and multiple Y values

```
1 my @legend_keys = ("Nr of lines","Nr of comments");
2 $mygraph->set_legend(@legend_keys);
3 $mygraph->set(
4     transparent => 1,
5     overwrite => 0,
6     fgclr => black ,
7     labelclr => black,
8     axislabelclr => black,
9     legendclr => black,
10    valuesclr => black,
11    textclr => black,
12    transparent => 1,
13    overwrite => 0,
14    bargroup_spacing => 10,
15    show_values => 1,
16    values_format => sub { return sprintf("\%d", shift); } ,
17    values_space => 10,
18    x_label => $x_label,
19    y_label => $y_label,
20    title => $title,
21    dclrs => [ qw(gold red green) ],
22 ) or warn $mygraph->error;
```

# Legends and multiple Y values - Output



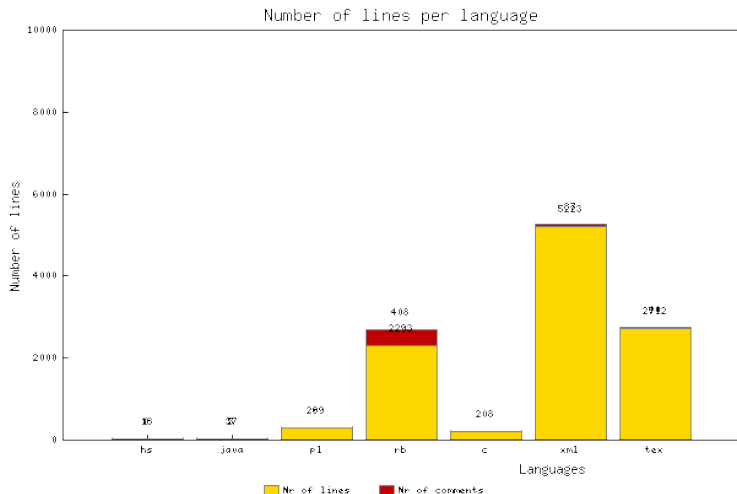
# Legends and multiple Y values 2 - Output



# Overwrite bars

```
1 my @legend_keys = ("Nr of lines","Nr of comments");
2 $mygraph->set_legend(@legend_keys);
3 $mygraph->set(
4     transparent => 1,
5     overwrite => 2,
6     fgclr => black ,
7     labelclr => black,
8     axislabelclr => black,
9     legendclr => black,
10    valuesclr => black,
11    textclr => black,
12    transparent => 1,
13    overwrite => 0,
14    bargroup_spacing => 10,
15    show_values => 1,
16    values_format => sub { return sprintf("%d", shift); } ,
17    values_space => 10,
18    x_label => $x_label,
19    y_label => $y_label,
20    title => $title,
21    dclrs => [ qw(gold red green) ],
22 ) or warn $mygraph->error;
```

# Overwrite bars - Output





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