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## Description

The first R package to work with GEXF graph files (used in Gephi and others). Using XML library, it allows the user to easily build/read graph files including attributes, GEXF viz attributes (such as colour, size, and position), network dynamics (for both edges and nodes, including spells) and edges weighting. Users can build/handle graphs element-by-element or massively through data-frames, visualize the graph on a web browser through sigma.js javascript library and interact with the igraph package.

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## Description

rgexf package provides of a collection of functions to generate and read GEXF graph files supported on Gephi (and others).

It supports building dynamic graphs (including spells) and adding attributes to edges and nodes, including visual attributes such as color, shape and size.

Users can chose to build graph from data.frames (using `write.gexf`) or element-by-element (using several other functions to handle gexf objects.)

Through the javascript library sigma.js, rgexf allows exploring graph in the web browser.

Finally, the functions `igraph.to.gexf` and `gexf.to.igraph` convert objects from `igraph` to `gexf` and viceversa keeping attributes and colors.

Please visit the project home for more information: <https://bitbucket.org/gvegayon/rgexf>.

## Details

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See the GEXF primer for details on the GEXF graph format: <http://gexf.net/1.2draft/gexf-12draft-primer.pdf>

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**References**

- rgexf project site: <https://bitbucket.org/gvegayon/rgexf>
- Gephi project site: <https://gephi.org/>
- GEXF project site: <http://gexf.net/>
- Nodos Chile project site (real life examples): <http://nodoschile.org/>
- Sigmasj project site : <http://sigmaj.s.org/>

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
demo(gexf) # Example of gexf command using fictional data.
demo(gexfattributes) # Working with attributes.
demo(gexfbasic) # Basic net.
demo(gexfdynamic) # Dynamic net.
demo(edge.list) # Working with edges lists.
demo(gexffull) # All the package.
demo(gexftwitter) # Example with real data of chilean twitter accounts.
demo(gexfdynamicandatt) # Dynamic net with static attributes.
demo(gexfbuildfromscratch) # Example building a net from scratch.
demo(gexfigraph) # Two-way gexf-igraph conversion
demo(gexfrandom) # A nice routine creating a good looking graph

## End(Not run)
```

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 add.gexf.node

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*Adding and removing nodes/edges from gexf objects*


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**Description**

Manipulates gexf objects adding and removing nodes and edges from both, its dataframe representation and its XML representation.

**Usage**

```

add.gexf.node(graph, id=NA, label=NA, start=NULL, end=NULL,
  vizAtt=list(color=NULL, position=NULL, size=NULL, shape=NULL, image=NULL),
  atts=NULL)

add.gexf.edge(graph, source, target, id=NULL, type=NULL, label=NULL, start=NULL,
  end=NULL, weight=1, vizAtt = list(color=NULL, thickness=NULL, shape=NULL),
  atts=NULL, digits = getOption("digits"))

rm.gexf.node(graph, id=NULL, number=NULL, rm.edges = TRUE)

rm.gexf.edge(graph, id=NULL, number=NULL)

add.node.spell(graph, id=NULL, number=NULL, start=NULL, end=NULL,
  digits = getOption("digits"))

add.edge.spell(graph, id=NULL, number=NULL, start=NULL, end=NULL,
  digits = getOption("digits"))

```

**Arguments**

graph	A gexf-class object.
id	A node/edge id (normaly numeric value).
label	A node/edge label.
type	Type of conection (edge).
number	Index number(s) of a single or a group of nodes or edges.
weight	Edge weight.
vizAtt	A list of node/edge viz attributes (see <a href="#">write.gexf</a> ).
atts	List of attributes, currently ignored.
source	Source node's id.
target	Target node's id.
start	Starting time period
end	Ending time period
rm. edges	Whether to remove or not existing edges.
digits	Integer. Number of decimals to keep for nodes/edges sizes. See <a href="#">print.default</a>

**Details**

`new.gexf.graph` Creates a new gexf empty object (0 nodes 0 edges).

`add.gexf.node` and `add.gexf.edge` allow adding nodes and edges to a gexf object (graph) one at a time. `rm.gexf.node` and `rm.gexf.edges` remove nodes and edges respectively.

In the case of `rm.gexf.node`, by default every edge linked to the node that is been removed will also be removed (`rm.edges = TRUE`).

`add.node.spell` and `add.edge.spell` allow to include spells to specific nodes or edges in a gexf object.

**Value**

A gexf object (see [write.gexf](#)).

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 Jorge Fabrega Lacoa <jorge.fabrega@nodoschile.org>

**References**

The GEXF project website: <http://gexf.net>

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
demo(gexfbuildfromscratch)

## End(Not run)
```

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check.dpl.edges	<i>Check (and count) duplicated edges</i>
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**Description**

Looks for duplicated edges and reports the number of instances of them.

**Usage**

```
check.dpl.edges(edges, undirected=FALSE, order.edgelist=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

edges	A matrix or data frame structured as a list of edges
undirected	Declares if the net is directed or not (does de diference)
order.edgelist	Wether to sort the resulting matrix or not

**Details**

check.dpl.edges looks for duplicated edges reporting duplicates and counting how many times each edge is duplicated.

For every group of duplicated edges only one will be accounted to report number of instances (which will be recognized with a value higher than 2 in the reps column), the other ones will be assigned a -1 at the reps value.

Function is mainly written in C, so speed gains are important.

**Value**

A three column data.frame with colnames "source", "target" "reps".

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
# An edgelist with duplicated dyads
relations <- cbind(c(1,1,3,4,2,5,6), c(2,3,1,2,4,1,1))

# Checking duplicated edges (undirected graph)
check.dpl.edges(edges=relations, undirected=TRUE)
```

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checkTimes	<i>Checks for correct time format</i>
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**Description**

Checks time

**Usage**

```
checkTimes(x, format = "date")
```

**Arguments**

x	A string or vector char
format	String, can be "date", "dateTime", "float"

**Value**

Logical.

**Author(s)**

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Jorge Fabrega Lacoa <jorge.fabrega@nodoschile.org>

**Examples**

```
test <- c("2012-01-17T03:46:41", "2012-01-17T03:46:410")
checkTimes(test, format="dateTime")
checkTimes("2012-02-01T00:00:00", "dateTime")
```

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edge.list	<i>Decompose an edge list</i>
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## Description

Generates two data frames (nodes and edges) from a list of edges

## Usage

```
edge.list(x)
```

## Arguments

x                    A matrix or data frame structured as a list of edges

## Details

edge.list transforms the input into a two-elements list containing a dataframe of nodes (with columns “id” and “label”) and a dataframe of edges. The last one is numeric (with columns “source” and “target”) and based on autogenerated nodes’ ids.

## Value

A list containing two data frames.

## Author(s)

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## Examples

```
edgelist <- matrix(  
  c("matthew","john",  
    "max","stephen",  
    "matthew","stephen"),  
  byrow=TRUE, ncol=2)  
  
edge.list(edgelist)
```

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followers	<i>Edge list with attributes</i>
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**Description**

Sample of accounts by december 2011.

**Usage**

```
data(followers)
```

**Format**

A data frame containing 6065 observations.

**Source**

Fabrega and Paredes (2012): “La politica en 140 caracteres” en Intermedios: medios de comunicacion y democracia en Chile. Ediciones UDP

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igraph.to.gexf	<i>Converting between gexf and igraph classes</i>
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**Description**

Converts objects between gexf and igraph objects keeping attributes, edge weights and colors.

**Usage**

```
igraph.to.gexf(igraph.obj, position=NULL)
```

```
gexf.to.igraph(gexf.obj)
```

**Arguments**

igraph.obj	An object of class igraph.
gexf.obj	An object of class gexf.
position	A three-column data-frame with XYZ coords.

**Details**

If the position argument is not NULL, the new gexf object will include the position viz-attribute.



**Value**

- For `igraph.to.gexf` : gexf class object
- For `gexf.to.igraph` : igraph class object

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[layout](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:

# Running demo
demo(gexfigraph)

# A simple graph without
gexf1 <- read.gexf("http://gephi.org/datasets/LesMiserables.gexf")
igraph1 <- gexf.to.igraph(gexf1)
gexf2 <- igraph.to.gexf(igraph1)

# A graph with attributes
gexf3 <- read.gexf("http://gexf.net/data/data.gexf")
igraph2 <- gexf.to.igraph(gexf3)
gexf4 <- igraph.to.gexf(igraph2)

## End(Not run)
```

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new.gexf.graph

*Build an empty gexf graph*

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**Description**

Builds an empty gexf object containing all the class's attributes.

**Usage**

```
new.gexf.graph(defaultedgetype = "undirected",
  meta = list(
    creator="NodosChile",
    description="A graph file writing in R using \'rgexf\'",
    keywords="gexf graph, NodosChile, R, rgexf"
  )
)
```

**Arguments**

defaultedgetype      “directed”, “undirected”, “mutual”  
meta                  A List. Meta data describing the graph

**Value**

A gexf object.

**Author(s)**

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Jorge Fabrega Lacoa <jorge.fabrega@nodoschile.org>

**References**

The GEXF project website: <http://gexf.net>

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
demo(gexfbuildfromscratch)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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read.gexf	<i>Reads gexf (.gexf) file</i>
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**Description**

read.gexf reads gexf graph files and imports its elements as a gexf class object

**Usage**

```
read.gexf(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                      String. Path to the gexf file.

**Value**

A gexf object.

**Note**

By the time attributes and viz-attributes aren't supported.

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**References**

The GEXF project website: <http://gexf.net>

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
mygraph <- read.gexf("http://gephi.org/datasets/LesMiserables.gexf")

## End(Not run)
```

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 rgexf Methods

*S3 methods for gexf objects*


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**Description**

Methods to print and summarize gexf class objects

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'gexf'
print(x, file=NA, replace=F, ...)
## S3 method for class 'gexf'
summary(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'gexf'
plot(x, EdgeType = c("curve", "line"), output.dir = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	An gexf class object.
object	An gexf class object.
file	String. Output path where to save the GEXF file.
replace	Logical. If file exists, TRUE would replace the file.
EdgeType	For the visualization
output.dir	String. The complete path where to export the sigmajs visualization
...	Ignored

**Details**

`print.gexf` displays the graph (XML) in the console. If file is not NA, a GEXF file will be exported to the indicated filepath.

`summary.gexf` prints summary statistics and information about the graph.

`plot.gexf` plots the graph object in the web browser using sigma-js javascript library. Generated files are stored at the OS's "temp" folder. If `output.dir` is not NULL, then all files required to display the graph in the web browser will be saved in the `output.dir`.

Users must note that `plot.gexf` starts a server using the Rook package, otherwise it will not be possible to see the visualization (sigmajs requires this). to

**Value**

<code>print.gexf</code>	None (invisible NULL).
<code>summary.gexf</code>	List containing some gexf object statistics.
<code>plot.gexf</code>	None (invisible NULL).

**Author(s)**

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Joshua B. Kunst <jbkunst@nodoschile.org>

**References**

sigmajs project website <http://sigmajs.org/>.

**See Also**

See also [write.gexf](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Data frame of nodes
people <- data.frame(id=1:4, label=c("juan", "pedro", "matthew", "carlos"),
  stringsAsFactors=F)

# Data frame of edges
relations <- data.frame(source=c(1,1,1,2,3,4,2,4,4),
  target=c(4,2,3,3,4,2,4,1,1))

# Building gexf graph
mygraph <- write.gexf(nodes=people, edges=relations)

# Summary and print
summary(mygraph)

print(mygraph, file="mygraph.gexf", replace=T)

# Plotting
```

```
plot(mygraph)

## End(Not run)
```

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switch.edges	<i>Switches between source and target</i>
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### Description

Puts the lowest id node among every dyad as source (and the other as target)

### Usage

```
switch.edges(edges)
```

### Arguments

edges            A matrix or data frame structured as a list of edges

### Details

edge.list transforms the input into a two-elements list containing a dataframe of nodes (with columns “id” and “label”) and a dataframe of edges. The last one is numeric (with columns “source” and “target”) and based on autogenerated nodes’ ids.

### Value

A list containing two data frames.

### Author(s)

George Vega Yon <george.vega@nodoschile.org>

### Examples

```
relations <- cbind(c(1,1,3,4,2,5,6), c(2,3,1,2,4,1,1))
relations

switch.edges(relations)
```

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twitteraccounts	<i>Twitter accounts of Chilean Politicians and Journalists (sample)</i>
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**Description**

Sample of accounts by december 2011.

**Usage**

```
data(twitteraccounts)
```

**Format**

A data frame containing 148 observations.

**Source**

Fabrega and Paredes (2012): “La politica en 140 caracteres” en Intermedios: medios de comunicacion y democracia en Chile. Ediciones UDP

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write.gexf	<i>Builds a graph of gexf class</i>
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**Description**

write.gexf takes a node matrix (or dataframe) and an edge matrix (or dataframe) and creates a gexf object containing a data-frame representation and a gexf representation of a graph.

**Usage**

```
write.gexf(
  nodes, edges, edgesLabel = NULL, edgesId = NULL,
  edgesAtt = NULL, edgesWeight = NULL,
  edgesVizAtt = list(
    color=NULL,
    size=NULL,
    shape=NULL
  ),
  nodesAtt = NULL,
  nodesVizAtt = list(
    color=NULL,
    position=NULL,
    size=NULL,
    shape=NULL,
    image=NULL
  ),
)
```

```

nodeDynamic = NULL,
edgeDynamic = NULL,
digits = getOption("digits"),
output = NA, tFormat = "double",
defaultedgetype = "undirected",
meta = list(
  creator="NodosChile",
  description="A graph file writing in R using \"rgexf\"",
  keywords="gexf graph, NodosChile, R, rgexf"),
keepFactors = FALSE,
encoding = "UTF-8"
)

```

### Arguments

nodes	A two-column data-frame or matrix of “id”s and “label”s representing nodes.
edges	A two-column data-frame or matrix containing “source” and “target” for each edge. Source and target values are based on the nodes ids.
edgesId	A one-column data-frame, matrix or vector.
edgesLabel	A one-column data-frame, matrix or vector.
edgesAtt	A data-frame with one or more columns representing edges’ attributes.
edgesWeight	A numeric vector containing edges’ weights.
edgesVizAtt	List of three or less viz attributes such as color, size (thickness) and shape of the edges (see details)
nodesAtt	A data-frame with one or more columns representing nodes’ attributes
nodesVizAtt	List of four or less viz attributes such as color, position, size and shape of the nodes (see details)
nodeDynamic	A two-column matrix or data-frame. The first column indicates the time at which a given node starts; the second one shows when it ends. The matrix or data-frame must have the same number of rows than the number of nodes in the graph.
edgeDynamic	A two-column matrix or data-frame. The first column indicates the time at which a given edge starts; the second one shows when it ends. The matrix or dataframe must have the same number of rows than the number of edges in the graph.
digits	Integer. Number of decimals to keep for nodes/edges sizes. See <a href="#">print.default</a>
output	String. The complete path (including filename) where to export the graph as a GEXF file.
tFormat	String. Time format for dynamic graphs (see details)
defaultedgetype	“directed”, “undirected”, “mutual”
meta	A List. Meta data describing the graph
keepFactors	Logical, whether to handle factors as numeric values (TRUE) or as strings (FALSE) by using <code>as.character</code> .
encoding	Encoding of the graph.

## Details

Just like `nodesVizAtt` and `edgesVizAtt`, `nodesAtt` and `edgesAtt` must have the same number of rows as nodes and edges, respectively. Using data frames is necessary as in this way data types are preserved.

`nodesVizAtt` and `edgesVizAtt` allow using visual attributes such as color, position (nodes only), size (nodes only), thickness (edges only) shape and image (nodes only).

- Color is defined by the RGBA color model, thus for every node/edge the color should be specified through a data-frame with columns *r* (red), *g* (green), *b* (blue) with integers between 0 and 256 and a last column with *alpha* values as a float between 0.0 and 1.0.
- Position, for every node, it is a three-column data-frame including *x*, *y* and *z* coordinates. The three components must be float.
- Size as a numeric colvector (float values).
- Thickness (see size).
- Node Shape (string), currently unsupported by Gephi, can take the values of *disk*, *square*, *triangle*, *diamond* and *image*.
- Edge Shape (string), currently unsupported by Gephi, can take the values of *solid*, *dotted*, *dashed* and *double*.
- Image (string), currently unsupported by Gephi, consists on a vector of strings representing URIs.

`nodeDynamic` and `edgeDynamic` allow to draw dynamic graphs. It should contain two columns *start* and *end*, both allowing NA value. It can be use jointly with `tFormat` which by default is setted as “double”. Currently accepted time formats are:

- Integer or double.
- International standard *date* yyyy-mm-dd.
- date Time W3 XSD (<http://www.w3.org/TR/xmlschema-2/#dateTime>).

## Value

A gexf class object (list). Contains the following:

- `meta` : (list) Meta data describing the graph.
- `mode` : (list) Sets the default edge type and the graph mode.
- `atts.definitions`: (list) Two data-frames describing nodes and edges attributes.
- `nodesVizAtt` : (data-frame) A multi-column data-frame with the nodes’ visual attributes.
- `edgesVizAtt` : (data-frame) A multi-column data-frame with the edges’ visual attributes.
- `nodes` : (data-frame) A two-column data-frame with nodes’ ids and labels.
- `edges` : (data-frame) A five-column data-frame with edges’ ids, labels, sources, targets and weights.
- `graph` : (String) GEXF (XML) representation of the graph.



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### **See Also**

[new.gexf.graph](#)

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demo(gexftwitter) # Example with real data of chilean twitter accounts.  
demo(gexfdynamicandatt) # Dynamic net with static attributes.  
demo(gexfbuildfromscratch) # Example building a net from scratch.  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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