
Pencil Documentation

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Pencil is a simple wrapper around Graphite URL API

You can report bugs and discuss features on the [issues page](#).

CHAPTER 1

Installation

Either check out Pencil from [Github](#) or to pull a release off [PyPI](#)

```
pip install pencil
```


CHAPTER 2

Usage

Pencil is straightforward to use :

```
>>> from pencil import Pencil
>>> pencil = Pencil(begin="-12hours").set_title("Network").add_metric("front.network.
->eth0.if_*").area_mode("stacked")
>>> pencil.url("http://graphite.local/render/", 510, 318)
'http://graphite.local/render/?fontName=Helvetica&lineMode=slope&from=-12hours&
->target=front.network.eth0.if_*&title=Network&areaMode=stacked&graphType=line&
->height=318&bgcolor=FFFFFF&width=510&template=alphas&fgcolor=000000'
```


CHAPTER 3

API

```
class pencil.Pencil(begin=None, until=None)

    add_deploy(deploy, colors='')
        Add a deploy metric
    add_metric(metric, colors='')
        Add a metric to image, may be either a graphite path or a function (such as avg)
    area_mode(mode)
        May be "none", "first", "stacked" or "all". This causes the area under lines to be shaded in, when using
        "all" you may need to use an alpha masked color
        Default : "none"
    format(value)
        Set output format as "csv" or "json"
        Default : None
    graph_type(value)
        Setup graph type, "line" or "pie"
        Default : "line"
    hide_axes(boolean)
        Hides both the x and y axis labels as well as the background grid
    hide_legend(boolean)
        Hides the graph legend
    line_mode(mode)
        May be either "slope" or "staircase"
        Default : "slope"
    line_width(value)
        Sets the line thickness, by default this is set depending on the size of the image
```

set_bgcolor (*color*)
Set image background color
Default : white

set_fgcolor (*color*)
Set font color
Default : black

set_font (*font*)
Set font for text
Default : “Helvetica”

set_template (*template*)
Used for alternate coloring schemes
Default : “alphas”

set_title (*title*)
Set the image title

set_vtitle (*title*)
Set the image vertical title

url (*base, width, height*)
Return image url based on the given URL for Graphite

y_max (*value*)
yMax set the maximum y-value for the generated image

y_min (*value*)
yMin set the minimum y value for the generated image

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