



XPA Access Points

The [XPA](#) messaging system provides seamless communication between DS9 and other Unix programs, including X programs, Perl, [S-Lang](#), and Tcl/Tk. It also provides an easy way for users to communicate with DS9 by executing XPA client commands in the shell or by utilizing such commands in scripts. Because XPA works both at the programming level and the shell level, it is a powerful tool for unifying any analysis environment.

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2mass

Support for 2MASS Digital Sky Survey.

Syntax:

```
2mass []  
    [<object>]  
    [name <object>]  
    [coord <ra> <dec> degrees|sexagesimal] # in wcs fk5  
    [size <width> <height> degrees|arcmin|arcsec]  
    [save yes|no]  
    [frame new|current]  
    [update frame|crosshair]  
    [survey j|h|k]  
    [open|close]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 2mass name  
$xpaget ds9 2mass coord  
$xpaget ds9 2mass size  
$xpaget ds9 2mass save  
$xpaget ds9 2mass frame  
$xpaget ds9 2mass survey  
$xpaset -p ds9 2mass  
$xpaset -p ds9 2mass m31  
$xpaset -p ds9 2mass name m31  
$xpaset -p ds9 2mass coord 00:42:44.404 +41:16:08.78 sexagesimal  
$xpaset -p ds9 2mass size 60 60 arcmin  
$xpaset -p ds9 2mass save yes  
$xpaset -p ds9 2mass frame current  
$xpaset -p ds9 2mass update frame  
$xpaset -p ds9 2mass survey j  
$xpaset -p ds9 2mass open  
$xpaset -p ds9 2mass close
```

3d

Support for 3D frame.

Syntax:

```
3d []  
    [vp <az> <el>]  
    [az <az>]  
    [el <el>]  
    [scale <scale>]  
    [method mip|aip]  
    [background none|azimuth|elevation]  
    [border yes|no]  
    [border color <color>]  
    [highlite yes|no]  
    [highlite color <color>]
```

[open|close]

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 3d vp
$xpaget ds9 3d az
$xpaget ds9 3d el
$xpaget ds9 3d scale
$xpaget ds9 3d method
$xpaget ds9 3d background
$xpaget ds9 3d border
$xpaget ds9 3d border color
$xpaget ds9 3d highlight
$xpaget ds9 3d highlight color
$xpaset -p ds9 3d # create new 3D frame
$xpaset -p ds9 3d vp 45 30
$xpaset -p ds9 3d az 45
$xpaset -p ds9 3d el 30
$xpaset -p ds9 3d scale 10
$xpaset -p ds9 3d method mip
$xpaset -p ds9 3d background azimuth
$xpaset -p ds9 3d border yes
$xpaset -p ds9 3d border color red
$xpaset -p ds9 3d highlight yes
$xpaset -p ds9 3d highlight color red
$xpaset -p ds9 3d open
$xpaset -p ds9 3d close
```

about

Get DS9 credits.

Syntax:
about

Example:
\$xpaget ds9 about

align

Controls the World Coordinate System alignment for the current frame.

Syntax:
align []
[yes|no]

Example:
\$xpaget ds9 align
\$xpaset -p ds9 align yes

analysis

Control external analysis tasks. Tasks are numbered as they are loaded, starting with 0. Can also be used to display a message and display text in the text dialog window.

Syntax:

```
analysis [<task number>]
          [<filename>]
          [task <task number>|<task name>]
          [load <filename>]
          [clear]
          [clear][load <filename>]
          [message ok|okcancel|yesno <message>]
          [entry <message>]
          [text]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 analysis
$xpaget ds9 analysis task
$xpaget ds9 analysis entry 'Please enter something'
$xpaget ds9 analysis entry okcancel 'Please enter something'
$xpaset -p ds9 analysis 0 # invoke first analysis task
$xpaset -p ds9 analysis task 0
$xpaset -p ds9 analysis task foobar
$xpaset -p ds9 analysis "{foo bar}"
$xpaset -p ds9 analysis my.ans
$xpaset -p ds9 analysis load my.ans
$xpaset -p ds9 analysis clear
$xpaset -p ds9 analysis clear load my.ans
$xpaset -p ds9 analysis message ok {This is a message}
$xpaset -p ds9 analysis text {this is text}
$cat my.ans | xpaset ds9 analysis load
$cat foo.txt | xpaset ds9 analysis text
```

array

Load raw data array into current frame.

Syntax:

```
array [native|big|little]
array [new|mask] [[xdim=<x>,ydim=<y>|dim=<dim>],zdim=<z>,bitpix=<b>,skip=
<s>,endian=[little|big]]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 array > foo.arr
$xpaget ds9 array little > foo.arr
$xpaset -p ds9 array foo.arr[dim=512,bitpix=-32,endian=little]
$xpaset -p ds9 array new foo.arr[dim=512,bitpix=-32,endian=little]
$xpaset -p ds9 array mask foo.arr[dim=512,bitpix=-32,endian=little]
$cat foo.arr | xpaset ds9 array [dim=512,bitpix=-32,endian=little]
$cat foo.arr | xpaset ds9 array new [dim=512,bitpix=-32,endian=little]
$cat foo.arr | xpaset ds9 array mask [dim=512,bitpix=-32,endian=little]
```

**bg
background**

Set image background color.

Syntax:

```
bg <color>
```

Example:
\$xpaget ds9 bg
\$xpaset -p ds9 bg red

backup

Create a backup save set.

Syntax:
backup <filename>

Example:
\$xpaset -p ds9 backup ds9.bck

bin

Controls binning factor, binning buffer size, and binning function for binning FITS bin tables. The access point blocking is provided for backward compatibility.

Syntax:
bin [about <x> <y>]
 [about center]
 [buffer size <value>]
 [cols <x> <y>]
 [cols z <x> <y> <z>]
 [factor <value> [<vector>]]
 [depth <value>]
 [filter <string>]
 [function average|sum]
 [to fit]
 [match]
 [lock [yes|no]]
 [open|close]

Example:
\$xpaget ds9 bin about
\$xpaget ds9 bin buffer size
\$xpaget ds9 bin cols
\$xpaget ds9 bin factor
\$xpaget ds9 bin depth
\$xpaget ds9 bin filter
\$xpaget ds9 bin function
\$xpaget ds9 bin smooth
\$xpaget ds9 bin smooth function
\$xpaget ds9 bin smooth radius
\$xpaget ds9 bin lock
\$xpaset -p ds9 bin about 4096 4096
\$xpaset -p ds9 bin about center
\$xpaset -p ds9 bin buffer size 512
\$xpaset -p ds9 bin cols detx dety
\$xpaset -p ds9 bin cols z detx dety time
\$xpaset -p ds9 bin factor 4

```

$xpaset -p ds9 bin factor 4 2
$xpaset -p ds9 bin depth 10
$xpaset -p ds9 bin filter '{pha > 5}'
$xpaset -p ds9 bin filter ''
$xpaset -p ds9 bin function sum
$xpaset -p ds9 bin to fit
$xpaset -p ds9 bin match
$xpaset -p ds9 bin lock yes
$xpaset -p ds9 bin open
$xpaset -p ds9 bin close

```

blink

Blink mode parameters. Interval is in seconds.

Syntax:

```

blink []
    [yes|no]
    [interval <value>]

```

Example:

```

$xpaset ds9 blink
$xpaset ds9 blink interval
$xpaset -p ds9 blink
$xpaset -p ds9 blink yes
$xpaset -p ds9 blink interval 1

```

catalog

cat

Support for catalogs. The first three commands will create a new catalog search. All other commands operated on the last search created, unless indicated otherwise.

Syntax:

```

catalog []
    [ned|simbad|denis|skybot]

[ascss|cmc|gsc1|gsc2|gsc3|ac|nomad|ppmx|sao|sdss5|sdss6|sdss7|sdss8|tycho|ua2|ub1|ucac2]
[2mass|iras]
[csc|xmm|rosat]
[first|nvss]
[chandralog|cfhtlog|esolog|stlog|xmmlog]
[cds <catalogname>]
[cds <catalogid>]

[load <filename>]
[import sb|tsv <filename>]

[<ref>] [allcols]
[<ref>] [allrows]
[<ref>] [cancel]
[<ref>] [clear]
[<ref>] [close]

```

```

[<ref>] [coordinate <ra> <dec> <coordsys>]
[<ref>] [crosshair]
[<ref>] [dec <col>]
[<ref>] [edit yes|no]
[<ref>] [export sb|tsv <filename>]
[<ref>] [filter <string>]
[<ref>] [filter load <filename>]
[<ref>] [header]
[<ref>] [hide]
[<ref>] [location <code>]
[<ref>] [match <ref> <ref>]
[<ref>] [match error <value> degrees|arcmin|arcsec]
[<ref>] [match function land2|lnot2|2not1]
[<ref>] [match return land2|only|2only]
[<ref>] [match unique yes|no]
[<ref>] [maxrows <number>]
[<ref>] [name <object>]
[<ref>] [panto yes|no]
[<ref>] [plot <xcol> <ycol> <xerrcol> <yerrcol>]
[<ref>] [print]
[<ref>] [psky <skyframe>]
[<ref>] [psystem <coordsys>]
[<ref>] [ra <col>]
[<ref>] [regions]
[<ref>] [retrieve]
[<ref>] [samp]
[<ref>] [samp broadcast]
[<ref>] [samp send <application>]
[<ref>] [save <filename>]
[<ref>] [server cds|sao|cadac|adac|iucac|beijing|cambridge|ukirt]
[<ref>] [show]
[<ref>] [size <width> <height> degrees|arcmin|arcsec]
[<ref>] [sky <skyframe>]
[<ref>] [skyformat <skyformat>]
[<ref>] [sort <col> incr|decr]
[<ref>] [symbol [#]
condition|shape|color|text|font|fontsize|fontweight|fontslant <value>]
[<ref>] [symbol [#] text|size|size2|units|angle <value>]
[<ref>] [symbol shape {circle point}|{box point}|{diamond point}|
{cross point}|{x point}|{arrow point}|{boxcircle point}|
circle|ellipse|box|text]
[<ref>] [symbol add| [#] remove]
[<ref>] [symbol save|load <filename>]
[<ref>] [system <coordsys>]
[<ref>] [update]
[<ref>] [x <col>]
[<ref>] [y <col>]

```

Example:

```

$xpaset ds9 catalog
$xpaset ds9 catalog header

```

```

$xpaset -p ds9 catalog
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog 2mass
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog cds 2mass
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog cds "I/252"

```

```
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog load foo.xml
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog import tsv foo.tsv

$xpaset -p ds9 catalog allrows
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog allcols
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog cancel
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog clear
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog close
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog coordinate 202.48 47.21 fk5
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog crosshair
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog dec DEC
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog edit yes
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog export tsv bar.tsv
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog filter '$Jmag>10'
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog filter load foo.flt
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog header
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog hide
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog location 500
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog match error 2 arcsec
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog match function land2
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog match unique no
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog match return lonly
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog match 2mass csc
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog maxrows 2000
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog name m51
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog panto no
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog plot '$Jmag' '$Hmag' '$e_Jmag' '$e_Hmag'
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog print
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog psky fk5
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog psystem wcs
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog ra RA
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog regions
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog retrieve
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog samp broadcast
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog samp send aladin
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog save foo.xml
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog server sao
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog show
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog size 1 1 degrees
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog symbol condition '$Jmag>15'
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog symbol 2 shape "boxcircle point"
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog symbol color red
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog symbol font times
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog symbol fontsize 14
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog symbol fontweight bold
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog symbol fontslant italic
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog symbol add
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog symbol 2 remove
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog symbol load foo.sym
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog symbol save bar.sym
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog sky fk5
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog skyformat degrees
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog sort "Jmag" incr
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog system wcs
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog update
```

```
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog x RA
$xpaset -p ds9 catalog y DEC
```

cd

Sets/Returns the current working directory.

Syntax:
cd [<directory>]

Example:
\$xpaset ds9 cd
\$xpaset -p ds9 cd /home/mrbill

cmap

Controls the colormap for the current frame. The colormap name is not case sensitive. A valid contrast value is from 0 to 10 and bias value from 0 to 1.

Syntax:
cmap [<colormap>]
[file]
[load <filename>]
[save <filename>]
[invert yes|no]
[value <contrast> <bias>]
[tag [load|save] <filename>]
[tag delete]
[match]
[lock [yes|no]]
[open|close]

Example:
\$xpaset ds9 cmap
\$xpaset ds9 cmap file
\$xpaset ds9 cmap invert
\$xpaset ds9 cmap value
\$xpaset ds9 cmap lock
\$xpaset -p ds9 cmap Heat
\$xpaset -p ds9 cmap load foo.sao
\$xpaset -p ds9 cmap save bar.sao
\$xpaset -p ds9 cmap invert yes
\$xpaset -p ds9 cmap value 5 .5
\$xpaset -p ds9 cmap tag load foo.tag
\$xpaset -p ds9 cmap tag save foo.tag
\$xpaset -p ds9 cmap tag delete
\$xpaset -p ds9 cmap match
\$xpaset -p ds9 cmap lock yes
\$xpaset -p ds9 cmap open
\$xpaset -p ds9 cmap close

colorbar

Controls colorbar parameters.

Syntax:

```
colorbar []  
    [yes|no]  
    [horizontal|vertical]  
    [orientation horizontal|vertical]  
    [numerics yes|no]  
    [space value|distance]  
    [font times|helvetica|courier]  
    [fontsize <value>]  
    [fontweight normal|bold]  
    [fontslant roman|italic]  
    [size]  
    [ticks]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 colorbar  
$xpaget ds9 colorbar orientation  
$xpaget ds9 colorbar numerics  
$xpaget ds9 colorbar space  
$xpaget ds9 colorbar font  
$xpaget ds9 colorbar fontsize  
$xpaget ds9 colorbar fontweight  
$xpaget ds9 colorbar fontslant  
$xpaget ds9 colorbar size  
$xpaget ds9 colorbar ticks  
$xpaset -p ds9 colorbar yes  
$xpaset -p ds9 colorbar vertical  
$xpaset -p ds9 colorbar orientation vertical  
$xpaset -p ds9 colorbar numerics yes  
$xpaset -p ds9 colorbar space value  
$xpaset -p ds9 colorbar font times  
$xpaset -p ds9 colorbar fontsize 14  
$xpaset -p ds9 colorbar fontweight bold  
$xpaset -p ds9 colorbar fontslant italic  
$xpaset -p ds9 colorbar size 20  
$xpaset -p ds9 colorbar ticks 11
```

console

Display tcl console window.

Syntax:

```
-console
```

Example:

```
$xpaset -p ds9 console
```

contour

Controls contours in the current frame.

Syntax:

```
contour []
```

```

[yes|no]
[<coordsys> [<skyframe>]]
[clear]
[generate]
[load <filename> <coordsys> <skyframe> <color> <width> yes|no]
[save <filename> <coordsys> <skyframe>]
[convert]
[loadlevels <filename>]
[savelevels <filename>]
[copy]
[paste <coordsys> <color> <width> yes|no]
[color <color>]
[width <width>]
[dash yes|no]
[smooth <smooth>]
[method block|smooth]
[nlevels <number of levels>]
[scale linear|log|pow|squared|sqrt|asinh|sinh|histequ]
[log exp <value>]
[mode minmax|<value>|zscale|zmax]
[limits <min> <max>]
[levels <value value value...>]
[open|close]

```

Example:

```

$xpaget ds9 contour
$xpaget ds9 contour wcs fk5
$xpaget ds9 contour color
$xpaget ds9 contour width
$xpaget ds9 contour dash
$xpaget ds9 contour smooth
$xpaget ds9 contour method
$xpaget ds9 contour nlevels
$xpaget ds9 contour scale
$xpaget ds9 contour log exp
$xpaget ds9 contour mode
$xpaget ds9 contour limits
$xpaget ds9 contour levels
$xpaset -p ds9 contour
$xpaset -p ds9 contour yes
$xpaset -p ds9 contour clear
$xpaset -p ds9 contour generate
$xpaset -p ds9 contour load ds9.con wcs fk5 yellow 2 no # solid line
$xpaset -p ds9 contour load ds9.con wcs fk5 red 2 yes # dashed line
$xpaset -p ds9 contour save ds9.con wcs fk5
$xpaset -p ds9 contour convert
$xpaset -p ds9 contour loadlevels ds9.lev
$xpaset -p ds9 contour savelevels ds9.lev
$xpaset -p ds9 contour copy
$xpaset -p ds9 contour paste wcs red 2 no
$xpaset -p ds9 contour color yellow
$xpaset -p ds9 contour width 2
$xpaset -p ds9 contour dash yes
$xpaset -p ds9 contour smooth 5
$xpaset -p ds9 contour method smooth
$xpaset -p ds9 contour nlevels 10

```

```
$xpaset -p ds9 contour scale sqrt
$xpaset -p ds9 contour log exp 1000
$xpaset -p ds9 contour mode zscale
$xpaset -p ds9 contour limits 1 100
$xpaset -p ds9 contour levels "{1 10 100 1000}"
$xpaset -p ds9 contour open
$xpaset -p ds9 contour close
```

crop

Set current image display area.

Syntax:

```
crop [<x> <y> <width> <height> [<coordsys>][<skyframe>][<skyformat>]
[degrees|arcmin|arcsec]
    [match <coordsys>]
    [lock <coordsys>|none]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 crop # get crop in physical coords
$xpaget ds9 crop wcs galactic sexagesimal arcsec
$xpaget ds9 crop lock
$xpaset -p ds9 crop 40 30 10 20 # set crop in physical coords
$xpaset -p ds9 crop +104:51:06.915 +68:33:40.761 28.144405 22.000204 wcs
galactic arcsec
$xpaset -p ds9 crop match wcs
$xpaset -p ds9 crop lock wcs
```

crosshair

Controls the current position of the crosshair in the current frame. DS9 is placed in crosshair mode when the crosshair is set.

Syntax:

```
crosshair [<x> <y> <coordsys> [<skyframe>][<skyformat>]]
    [match <coordsys>]
    [lock <coordsys>|none]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 crosshair # get crosshair in physical coords
$xpaget ds9 crosshair wcs fk4 sexagesimal # get crosshair in wcs coords
$xpaget ds9 crosshair lock
$xpaset -p ds9 crosshair 100 100 physical # set crosshair in physical
$xpaset -p ds9 crosshair 345 58.8 wcs fk5 # set crosshair in wcs coords
$xpaset -p ds9 crosshair 23:01:00 +58:52:51 wcs fk5
$xpaset -p ds9 crosshair match wcs
$xpaset -p ds9 crosshair lock wcs
```

cube

Controls FITS cube dialog.

Syntax:

```
cube [play|stop|next|prev|first|last]
```

```
[<slice> [<coordsys>][<axis>]]
[interval <numeric>]
[axis <axis>]
[match <coordsys>]
[lock <coordsys>|none]
[open|close]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 cube
$xpaget ds9 cube interval
$xpaget ds9 cube axis
$xpaget ds9 cube lock
$xpaset -p ds9 cube play
$xpaset -p ds9 cube last
$xpaset -p ds9 cube 3
$xpaset -p ds9 cube 4.4 wcs 3
$xpaset -p ds9 cube interval 2
$xpaset -p ds9 cube axis 3
$xpaset -p ds9 cube match wcs
$xpaset -p ds9 cube lock wcs
$xpaset -p ds9 cube open
$xpaset -p ds9 cube close
```

cursor

Move mouse pointer or crosshair in image pixels in the current frame.
Note, this will move selected Regions also.

Syntax:

```
cursor [<x> <y>]
```

Example:

```
$xpaset -p ds9 cursor 10 10
```

data

Return an array of data values given a lower left corner and a width and height in specified coordinate system. The last argument of yes indicates to strip the coordinates from the output and just list the data values. The default is yes.

Syntax:

```
data [<coordsys> [<skyframe>] <x> <y> <width> <height> [yes|no]]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 data image 450 520 3 3 yes
$xpaget ds9 data physical 899 1039 6 6 no
$xpaget ds9 data fk5 202.47091 47.196811 0.00016516669 0.00016516669 no
$xpaget ds9 data wcs fk5 13:29:53.018 +47:11:48.52 0.00016516669 0.00016516669 no
```

dsssao

dss

Support for Digital Sky Survey at SAO.

Syntax:

```

dsssao []
    [<object>]
    [name <object>]
    [coord <ra> <dec> degrees|sexagesimal] # in wcs fk5
    [size <width> <height> degrees|arcmin|arcsec]
    [save yes|no]
    [frame new|current]
    [update frame|crosshair]
    [open|close]

```

Example:

```

$xpaget ds9 dsssao name
$xpaget ds9 dsssao coord
$xpaget ds9 dsssao size
$xpaget ds9 dsssao save
$xpaget ds9 dsssao frame
$xpaset -p ds9 dsssao
$xpaset -p ds9 dsssao m31
$xpaset -p ds9 dsssao name m31
$xpaset -p ds9 dsssao coord 00:42:44.404 +41:16:08.78 sexagesimal
$xpaset -p ds9 dsssao size 60 60 arcmin
$xpaset -p ds9 dsssao save yes
$xpaset -p ds9 dsssao frame current
$xpaset -p ds9 dsssao update frame
$xpaset -p ds9 dsssao open
$xpaset -p ds9 dsssao close

```

dsseso

Support for Digital Sky Survey at ESO.

Syntax:

```

dsseso []
    [<object>]
    [name <object>]
    [coord <ra> <dec> degrees|sexagesimal] # in wcs fk5
    [size <width> <height> degrees|arcmin|arcsec]
    [save yes|no]
    [frame new|current]
    [update frame|crosshair]
    [survey DSS1|DSS2-red|DSS2-blue|DSS2-infrared]
    [open|close]

```

Example:

```

$xpaget ds9 dsseso name
$xpaget ds9 dsseso coord
$xpaget ds9 dsseso size
$xpaget ds9 dsseso save
$xpaget ds9 dsseso frame
$xpaget ds9 dsseso survey
$xpaset -p ds9 dsseso
$xpaset -p ds9 dsseso m31

```

```

$xpaset -p ds9 dsseso name m31
$xpaset -p ds9 dsseso coord 00:42:44.404 +41:16:08.78 sexagesimal
$xpaset -p ds9 dsseso size 60 60 arcmin
$xpaset -p ds9 dsseso save yes
$xpaset -p ds9 dsseso frame current
$xpaset -p ds9 dsseso update frame
$xpaset -p ds9 dsseso survey DSS2-red
$xpaset -p ds9 dsseso open
$xpaset -p ds9 dsseso close

```

dssstsci

Support for Digital Sky Survey at STSCI.

Syntax:

```

dssstsci [  

    [<object>]  

    [name <object>]  

    [coord <ra> <dec> degrees|sexagesimal] # in wcs fk5  

    [size <width> <height> degrees|arcmin|arcsec]  

    [save yes|no]  

    [frame new|current]  

    [update frame|crosshair]  

    [survey poss2ukstu_red|poss2ukstu_ir|poss2ukstu_blue]  

    [survey poss1_blue|poss1_red]  

    [survey all|quickv|phase2_gsc2|phase2_gsc1]  

    [open|close]

```

Example:

```

$xpaget ds9 dssstsci name
$xpaget ds9 dssstsci coord
$xpaget ds9 dssstsci size
$xpaget ds9 dssstsci save
$xpaget ds9 dssstsci frame
$xpaget ds9 dssstsci survey
$xpaset -p ds9 dssstsci
$xpaset -p ds9 dssstsci m31
$xpaset -p ds9 dssstsci name m31
$xpaset -p ds9 dssstsci coord 00:42:44.404 +41:16:08.78 sexagesimal
$xpaset -p ds9 dssstsci size 60 60 arcmin
$xpaset -p ds9 dssstsci save yes
$xpaset -p ds9 dssstsci frame current
$xpaset -p ds9 dssstsci update frame
$xpaset -p ds9 dssstsci survey all
$xpaset -p ds9 dssstsci open
$xpaset -p ds9 dssstsci close

```

envi

Load an ENVI header and file. Optional parameter: array endian.

Syntax:

```

envi <header> [<filename>]

```

Example:

```
$xpaset -p ds9 envi foo.hdr
$xpaset -p ds9 envi foo.hdr foo.bsq
$xpaset -p ds9 envi new foo.hdr foo.bsq
```

exit **quit**

Quits DS9.

Syntax:
exit
quit

Example:
\$xpaset -p ds9 exit

export

Export loaded image data of current frame in specified image format.
Optional parameters: array endian, nrrd endian, jpeg quality (1-100)
and tiff compression method.

Syntax:
export [array|nrrd|envi|gif|tiff|jpeg|png] <filename>
export array <filename> [big|little|native]
export nrrd <filename> [big|little|native]
export envi <header> [<filename>] [big|little|native]
export jpeg <filename> [1-100]
export tiff <filename> [none|jpeg|packbits|deflate]

Example:
\$xpaset -p ds9 export array foo.arr little
\$xpaset -p ds9 export nrrd foo.nrrd little
\$xpaset -p ds9 export envi foo.hdr little
\$xpaset -p ds9 export envi foo.hdr foo.bsq little
\$xpaset -p ds9 export tiff foo.tiff jpeg
\$xpaset -p ds9 export jpeg foo.jpeg 75
\$xpaset -p ds9 export png foo.png

file

Query currently loaded file information.

Syntax:
file

Example:
\$xpaset ds9 file

fits

Load a FITS image into the current frame or query the currently loaded image.

Syntax:

```
fits [new|mask|slice] [<filename>]
      [width|height|depth|bitpix|type]
      [size [wcs|wcsa...wcsz] [fk4|fk5|icrs|galactic|ecliptic]
[degrees|arcmin|arcsecs]]
      [header [<ext>] [keyword <string>]]
      [image|table|slice]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 fits > foo.fits
$xpaget ds9 fits width
$xpaget ds9 fits height
$xpaget ds9 fits depth
$xpaget ds9 fits bitpix
$xpaget ds9 fits type
$xpaget ds9 fits size
$xpaget ds9 fits size wcs fk5 arcmin
$xpaget ds9 fits header # primary
$xpaget ds9 fits header 2 # hdu 2
$xpaget ds9 fits header -2 # hdu 2 with inherit
$xpaget ds9 fits header keyword "'BITPIX'"
$xpaget ds9 fits header 1 keyword "'BITPIX'"
$xpaget ds9 fits image > foo.fits
$xpaget ds9 fits table > bar.fits
$xpaget ds9 fits slice > foo.fits
$xpaset -p ds9 fits foo.fits
$xpaset -p ds9 fits new foo.fits
$xpaset -p ds9 fits bar.fits[bin=detx,dety]
$xpaset -p ds9 fits slice foo.fits
$xpaset -p ds9 fits mask foo.fits
$cat foo.fits | xpaset ds9 fits
$cat foo.fits | xpaset ds9 fits new
$cat bar.fits | xpaset ds9 fits -[bin=detx,dety]
$cat foo.fits | xpaset ds9 fits slice
$cat foo.fits | xpaset ds9 fits mask
```

frame

Controls frame functions. Frames may be created, deleted, reset, and centered. While return the current frame number. If you goto a frame that does not exists, it will be created. If the frame is hidden, it will be shown. The 'frameno' option is available for backward compatibility.

Syntax:

```
frame [center [#|all]]
      [clear [#|all]]
      [new [rgb|3d]]
      [delete [#|all]]
      [reset [#|all]]
      [refresh [#|all]]
      [hide [#|all]]
      [show [#|all]]
      [move first]
      [move back]
      [move forward]
```

```

[move last]
[first]
[prev]
[next]
[last]
[frame no #]
[#]
[match <coordsys>]
[lock <coordsys>|none]
[has [amplifier|datamin|datasec|detector|grid|iis|irafmin|physical|smooth]]
[has contour [aux]]]
[has fits [bin|cube|mosaic]]
[has marker [highlite|paste|select|undo]]
[has system <coordsys>]
[has wcs [<wcssys>|equatorial <wcssys>|linear <wcssys>]]

```

Example:

```

$xpaget ds9 frame # returns the id of the current frame
$xpaget ds9 frame frame no # returns the id of the current frame
$xpaget ds9 frame all # returns the id of all frames
$xpaget ds9 frame active # returns the id of all active frames
$xpaget ds9 frame lock
$xpaget ds9 frame has amplifier
$xpaget ds9 frame has datamin
$xpaget ds9 frame has datasec
$xpaget ds9 frame has detector
$xpaget ds9 frame has grid
$xpaget ds9 frame has iis
$xpaget ds9 frame has irafmin
$xpaget ds9 frame has physical
$xpaget ds9 frame has smooth
$xpaget ds9 frame has contour
$xpaget ds9 frame has contour aux
$xpaget ds9 frame has fits
$xpaget ds9 frame has fits bin
$xpaget ds9 frame has fits cube
$xpaget ds9 frame has fits mosaic
$xpaget ds9 frame has marker highlite
$xpaget ds9 frame has marker paste
$xpaget ds9 frame has marker select
$xpaget ds9 frame has marker undo
$xpaget ds9 frame has system physical
$xpaget ds9 frame has wcs wcsa
$xpaget ds9 frame has wcs equatorial wcsa
$xpaget ds9 frame has wcs linear wcsa
$xpaset -p ds9 frame center # center current frame
$xpaset -p ds9 frame center 1 # center 'Frame1'
$xpaset -p ds9 frame center all # center all frames
$xpaset -p ds9 frame clear # clear current frame
$xpaset -p ds9 frame new # create new frame
$xpaset -p ds9 frame new rgb # create new rgb frame
$xpaset -p ds9 frame delete # delete current frame
$xpaset -p ds9 frame reset # reset current frame
$xpaset -p ds9 frame refresh # refresh current frame
$xpaset -p ds9 frame hide # hide current frame
$xpaset -p ds9 frame show 1 # show frame 'Frame1'

```

```

$xpaset -p ds9 frame move first # move frame to first in order
$xpaset -p ds9 frame move back # move frame back in order
$xpaset -p ds9 frame move forward # move frame forward in order
$xpaset -p ds9 frame move last # move frame to last in order
$xpaset -p ds9 frame first # goto first frame
$xpaset -p ds9 frame prev # goto prev frame
$xpaset -p ds9 frame next # goto next frame
$xpaset -p ds9 frame last # goto last frame
$xpaset -p ds9 frame frameno 4 # goto frame 'Frame4', create if needed
$xpaset -p ds9 frame 3 # goto frame 'Frame3', create if needed
$xpaset -p ds9 frame match wcs
$xpaset -p ds9 frame lock wcs

```

gif

Load GIF image into current frame.

Syntax:

```
gif [new|slice] [<filename>]
```

Example:

```

$xpaset ds9 gif > foo.gif
$xpaset -p ds9 gif foo.gif
$xpaset -p ds9 gif new foo.gif
$xpaset -p ds9 gif slice foo.gif
$cat foo.gif | xpaset ds9 gif # not available windows
$cat foo.gif | xpaset ds9 gif new # not available windows
$cat foo.gif | xpaset ds9 gif slice # not available windows

```

grid

Controls coordinate grid. For grid numeric format syntax, click [here](#).

Syntax:

```

grid []
    [yes|no]
    [type analysis|publication]
    [system <coordsys>]
    [sky <skyframe>]
    [skyformat <skyformat>]
    [grid yes|no]
    [grid color <color>]
    [grid width <value>]
    [grid style 0|1]
    [grid gap1 <value>]
    [grid gap2 <value>]
    [axes yes|no]
    [axes color <color>]
    [axes width <value>]
    [axes style 0|1]
    [axes type interior|exterior]
    [axes origin lll|llu|lul|luu|ull|ulu|uul|uuu]
    [format1 <format>]
    [format2 <format>]
    [tickmarks yes|no]

```

```
[tickmarks color <color>]
[tickmarks width <value>]
[tickmarks style 0|1]
[border yes|no]
[border color <color>]
[border width <value>]
[border style 0|1]
[numerics yes|no]
[numerics font times|helvetica|courier]
[numerics fontsize <value>]
[numerics fontweight normal|bold]
[numerics fontslant roman|italic]
[numerics color <color>]
[numerics gap1 <value>]
[numerics gap2 <value>]
[numerics type interior|exterior]
[numerics vertical yes|no]
[title yes|no]
[title text <text>]
[title def yes|no]
[title gap <value>]
[title font times|helvetica|courier]
[title fontsize <value>]
[title fontweight normal|bold]
[title fontslant roman|italic]
[title color <color>]
[labels yes|no]
[labels text1 <text>]
[labels def1 yes|no]
[labels gap1 <value>]
[labels text2 <text>]
[labels def2 yes|no]
[labels gap2 <value>]
[labels font times|helvetica|courier]
[labels fontsize <value>]
[labels fontweight normal|bold]
[labels fontslant roman|italic]
[labels color <color>]
[reset]
[load <filename>]
[save <filename>]
[open|close]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 grid
$xpaget ds9 grid type
$xpaget ds9 grid system
$xpaget ds9 grid sky
$xpaget ds9 grid skyformat
$xpaget ds9 grid grid
$xpaget ds9 grid grid color
$xpaget ds9 grid grid width
$xpaget ds9 grid grid style
$xpaget ds9 grid grid gap1
$xpaget ds9 grid grid gap2
$xpaget ds9 grid axes
```

```
$xpaget ds9 grid axes color
$xpaget ds9 grid axes width
$xpaget ds9 grid axes style
$xpaget ds9 grid axes type
$xpaget ds9 grid axes origin
$xpaget ds9 grid format1
$xpaget ds9 grid format2
$xpaget ds9 grid tickmarks
$xpaget ds9 grid tickmarks color
$xpaget ds9 grid tickmarks width
$xpaget ds9 grid tickmarks style
$xpaget ds9 grid border
$xpaget ds9 grid border color
$xpaget ds9 grid border width
$xpaget ds9 grid border style
$xpaget ds9 grid numerics
$xpaget ds9 grid numerics font
$xpaget ds9 grid numerics fontsize
$xpaget ds9 grid numerics fontweight
$xpaget ds9 grid numerics fontslant
$xpaget ds9 grid numerics color
$xpaget ds9 grid numerics gap1
$xpaget ds9 grid numerics gap2
$xpaget ds9 grid numerics type
$xpaget ds9 grid numerics vertical
$xpaget ds9 grid title
$xpaget ds9 grid title text
$xpaget ds9 grid title def
$xpaget ds9 grid title gap
$xpaget ds9 grid title font
$xpaget ds9 grid title fontsize
$xpaget ds9 grid title fontweight
$xpaget ds9 grid title fontslant
$xpaget ds9 grid title color
$xpaget ds9 grid labels
$xpaget ds9 grid labels text1
$xpaget ds9 grid labels def1
$xpaget ds9 grid labels gap1
$xpaget ds9 grid labels text2
$xpaget ds9 grid labels def2
$xpaget ds9 grid labels gap2
$xpaget ds9 grid labels font
$xpaget ds9 grid labels fontsize
$xpaget ds9 grid labels fontweight
$xpaget ds9 grid labels fontslant
$xpaget ds9 grid labels color
$xpaset -p ds9 grid
$xpaset -p ds9 grid yes
$xpaset -p ds9 grid type analysis
$xpaset -p ds9 grid system wcs
$xpaset -p ds9 grid sky fk5
$xpaset -p ds9 grid skyformat degrees
$xpaset -p ds9 grid grid yes
$xpaset -p ds9 grid grid color red
$xpaset -p ds9 grid grid width 2
$xpaset -p ds9 grid grid style 1
```

```
$xpaset -p ds9 grid grid gap1 10
$xpaset -p ds9 grid grid gap2 10
$xpaset -p ds9 grid axes yes
$xpaset -p ds9 grid axes color red
$xpaset -p ds9 grid axes width 2
$xpaset -p ds9 grid axes style 1
$xpaset -p ds9 grid axes type exterior
$xpaset -p ds9 grid axes origin lll
$xpaset -p ds9 grid format1 d.2
$xpaset -p ds9 grid format2 d.2
$xpaset -p ds9 grid tickmarks yes
$xpaset -p ds9 grid tickmarks color red
$xpaset -p ds9 grid tickmarks width 2
$xpaset -p ds9 grid tickmarks style 1
$xpaset -p ds9 grid border yes
$xpaset -p ds9 grid border color red
$xpaset -p ds9 grid border width 2
$xpaset -p ds9 grid border style 1
$xpaset -p ds9 grid numerics yes
$xpaset -p ds9 grid numerics font courier
$xpaset -p ds9 grid numerics fontsize 12
$xpaset -p ds9 grid numerics fontweight bold
$xpaset -p ds9 grid numerics fontslant italic
$xpaset -p ds9 grid numerics color red
$xpaset -p ds9 grid numerics gap1 10
$xpaset -p ds9 grid numerics gap2 10
$xpaset -p ds9 grid numerics type exterior
$xpaset -p ds9 grid numerics vertical yes
$xpaset -p ds9 grid title yes
$xpaset -p ds9 grid title text {Hello World}
$xpaset -p ds9 grid title def yes
$xpaset -p ds9 grid title gap 10
$xpaset -p ds9 grid title font courier
$xpaset -p ds9 grid title fontsize 12
$xpaset -p ds9 grid title fontweight bold
$xpaset -p ds9 grid title fontslant italic
$xpaset -p ds9 grid title color red
$xpaset -p ds9 grid labels yes
$xpaset -p ds9 grid labels text1 {Hello World}
$xpaset -p ds9 grid labels def1 yes
$xpaset -p ds9 grid labels gap1 10
$xpaset -p ds9 grid labels text2 {Hello World}
$xpaset -p ds9 grid labels def2 yes
$xpaset -p ds9 grid labels gap2 10
$xpaset -p ds9 grid labels font courier
$xpaset -p ds9 grid labels fontsize 12
$xpaset -p ds9 grid labels fontweight boldj
$xpaset -p ds9 grid labels fontslant italic
$xpaset -p ds9 grid labels color red
$xpaset -p ds9 grid reset
$xpaset -p ds9 grid load foo.grd
$xpaset -p ds9 grid save foo.grd
$xpaset -p ds9 grid open
$xpaset -p ds9 grid close
```

header

Display current fits header dialog. Optional extension number maybe specified. Please note, this differs from xpa fits header.

Syntax:

```
header [<ext>]
      [close [<ext>]]
      [save [<ext>] <filename>]
```

Example:

```
$xpaset -p ds9 header
$xpaset -p ds9 header 2
$xpaset -p ds9 header close
$xpaset -p ds9 header save 1 foo.txt
```

height

Set the height of the image display window.

Syntax:

```
height [<value>]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 height
$xpaset -p ds9 height 512
```

iconify

Toggles iconification.

Syntax:

```
iconify []
      [yes|no]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 iconify
$xpaset -p ds9 iconify
$xpaset -p ds9 iconify yes
```

iis

Set/Get IIS Filename. Optional mosaic number maybe supplied.

Syntax:

```
iis [filename <filename> [#]]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 iis filename
$xpaget ds9 iis filename 4
$xpaset -p ds9 iis filename foo.fits
$xpaset -p ds9 iis filename bar.fits 4
```

imexam

Interactive examine function. A blinking cursor will indicate to the user to click on a point on an image. The specified information will be returned at that time.

Syntax:

```
imexam [] [coordinate <coordsys> [<skyframe>] [<skyformat>]]
        [key] [coordinate <coordsys> [<skyframe>] [<skyformat>]]
        [any] [coordinate <coordsys> [<skyframe>] [<skyformat>]]
        [] [data [width][height]]
        [key] [data [width][height]]
        [any] [data [width][height]]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 imexam coordinate image
$xpaget ds9 imexam key coordinate image # return coordinate and key event
$xpaget ds9 imexam any coordinate image # return coordinate and key/mouse event
$xpaget ds9 imexam coordinate wcs fk5 degrees
$xpaget ds9 imexam coordinate wcs galactic sexagesimal
$xpaget ds9 imexam coordinate fk5
$xpaget ds9 imexam data # return data value
$xpaget ds9 imexam key data # return data value and key event
$xpaget ds9 imexam any data # return data value and key/mouse event
$xpaget ds9 imexam data 3 3 # return all data in 3x3 box about selected point
```

jpeg

Load JPEG image into current frame. Optional parameters: jpeg quality (1-100)

Syntax:

```
jpeg [new|slice] [<filename>] [1-100]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 jpeg > foo.jpeg
$xpaget ds9 jpeg 100 > foo.jpeg
$xpaset -p ds9 jpeg foo.jpeg
$xpaset -p ds9 jpeg new foo.jpeg
$xpaset -p ds9 jpeg slice foo.jpeg
$cat foo.jpeg | xpaset ds9 jpeg # not available windows
$cat foo.jpeg | xpaset ds9 jpeg new # not available windows
$cat foo.jpeg | xpaset ds9 jpeg slice # not available windows
```

lock

Lock all other frames to the current frame.

Syntax:

```
lock [frame <coordsys>|none]
      [crosshair <coordsys>|none]
      [crop <coordsys>|none]
      [slice <coordsys>|none]]
      [bin [yes|no]]
      [scale [yes|no]]
      [colorbar [yes|no]]
```

[smooth [yes|no]]

Example:

```
$xpaget -p ds9 lock frame
$xpaget -p ds9 lock crosshair
$xpaget -p ds9 lock crop
$xpaget -p ds9 lock slice
$xpaget -p ds9 lock bin
$xpaget -p ds9 lock scale
$xpaget -p ds9 lock colorbar
$xpaget -p ds9 lock smooth
$xpaset -p ds9 lock frame wcs
$xpaset -p ds9 lock crosshair wcs
$xpaset -p ds9 lock crop wcs
$xpaset -p ds9 lock slice wcs
$xpaset -p ds9 lock bin yes
$xpaset -p ds9 lock scale yes
$xpaset -p ds9 lock colorbar yes
$xpaset -p ds9 lock smooth yes
```

lower

Lower in the window stacking order.

Syntax:

lower

Example:

```
$xpaset -p ds9 lower
```

magnifier

Controls the magnifier settings.

Syntax:

```
magnifier [color <color>]
           [zoom <value>]
           [cursor yes|no]
           [region yes|no]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 magnifier color
$xpaget ds9 magnifier zoom
$xpaget ds9 magnifier cursor
$xpaget ds9 magnifier region
$xpaset -p ds9 magnifier color yellow
$xpaset -p ds9 magnifier zoom 2
$xpaset -p ds9 magnifier cursor no
$xpaset -p ds9 magnifier region no
```

mask

Controls mask parameters.

Syntax:

```
mask [color <color>]
      [mark 1|0]
      [transparency <value>]
      [clear]
      [open|close]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 mask color
$xpaget ds9 mask mark
$xpaget ds9 mask transparency
$xpaset -p ds9 mask color red
$xpaset -p ds9 mask mark 0
$xpaset -p ds9 mask transparency 50
$xpaset -p ds9 mask clear
$xpaset -p ds9 mask open
$xpaset -p ds9 mask close
```

match

Match all other frames to the current frame.

Syntax:

```
match [frame <coordsys>]
      [crosshair <coordsys>]
      [crop <coordsys>]
      [slice <coordsys>]
      [bin]
      [scale]
      [colorbar]
      [smooth]
```

Example:

```
$xpaset -p ds9 match frame wcs
$xpaset -p ds9 match crosshair wcs
$xpaset -p ds9 match crop wcs
$xpaset -p ds9 match slice wcs
$xpaset -p ds9 match bin
$xpaset -p ds9 match scale
$xpaset -p ds9 match colorbar
$xpaset -p ds9 match smooth
```

mecube

Load FITS multiple extension file as data cube.

Syntax:

```
mecube [new] [<filename>]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 mecube > foo.fits
$xpaset -p ds9 mecube foo.fits
$xpaset -p ds9 mecube new foo.fits
$cat foo.fits | xpaset ds9 mecube
$cat foo.fits | xpaset ds9 mecube new
```

minmax

This is how DS9 determines the min and max data values from the data. SCAN will scan all data. SAMPLE will sample the data every n samples. DATAMIN and IRAFMIN will use the values of the keywords if present. In general, it is recommended to use SCAN unless your computer is slow or your data files are very large. Select the increment interval for determining the min and max data values during sampling. The larger the interval, the quicker the process.

Syntax:

```
minmax [auto|scan|sample|datamin|irafmin]
       [mode auto|scan|sample|datamin|irafmin]
       [interval <value>]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 minmax mode
$xpaget ds9 minmax interval
$xpaset -p ds9 minmax scan
$xpaset -p ds9 minmax mode scan
$xpaset -p ds9 minmax interval 10
```

mode

Controls the first mouse button mode.

Syntax:

```
mode [none|region|crosshair|colorbar|pan|zoom|rotate|catalog|examine]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 mode
$xpaset -p ds9 mode crosshair
```

mosaic

Load FITS mosaic segment into current frame.

Syntax:

```
mosaic [wcs|wcsa...wcsz|iraf] [new|mask] [<filename>]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 mosaic > foo.fits
$xpaset -p ds9 mosaic foo.fits
$xpaset -p ds9 mosaic wcs foo.fits
$xpaset -p ds9 mosaic wcs new foo.fits
$xpaset -p ds9 mosaic wcs mask foo.fits
$cat foo.fits | xpaset ds9 mosaic
$cat foo.fits | xpaset ds9 mosaic wcs
$cat foo.fits | xpaset ds9 mosaic wcs new
$cat foo.fits | xpaset ds9 mosaic wcs mask
```

mosaicimage

Load FITS mosaic image into current frame.

Syntax:

```
mosaicimage [wcs|wcsa...wcsz|iraf|wfpc2] [new|mask] [<filename>]
```

Example:

```
$xpaset ds9 mosaicimage > foo.fits
$xpaset -p ds9 mosaicimage foo.fits
$xpaset -p ds9 mosaicimage wcs foo.fits
$xpaset -p ds9 mosaicimage wcs new foo.fits
$xpaset -p ds9 mosaicimage wcs mask foo.fits
$cat foo.fits | xpaset ds9 mosaicimage
$cat foo.fits | xpaset ds9 mosaicimage wcs
$cat foo.fits | xpaset ds9 mosaicimage wcs new
$cat foo.fits | xpaset ds9 mosaicimage wcs mask
```

movie savempeg

Create mpeg1 movie from snap shots of the DS9 window. A `slice` movie cycles through all slices of a cube. A `frame` movie cycles through all active frames. A `3d` movie cycles through specified viewing angles. The default is `frame`. Optional parameters for `3d`: number of frames, azimuth from/to, elevation from/to, slice from/to, oscillate/repeat times.

Syntax:

```
movie [slice|frame|3d] <filename>
movie 3d <filename> [number|azfrom|azto|elfrom|elto|slfrom|slto|oscillate|repeat
<#>]
```

Example:

```
$xpaset -p ds9 movie slice ds9.mpg
$xpaset -p ds9 movie 3d ds9.mpg number 10 azfrom -60 azto 60 oscillate 1
```

multiframe

Load FITS multiple extension file as multiple images.

Syntax:

```
multiframe [<filename>]
```

Example:

```
$xpaset -p ds9 multiframe foo.fits
$cat foo.fits | xpaset ds9 multiframe # not available windows
```

nameserver

Support Name Server functions. Coordinates are in fk5.

Syntax:

```
nameserver [<object>]
           [name <object>]
           [server ned-sao|ned-eso|simbad-sao|simbad-eso]
```

```
[skyformat degrees|sexagesimal]
[pan]
[crosshair]
[open|close]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 nameserver
$xpaget ds9 nameserver server
$xpaget ds9 nameserver skyformat
$xpaget ds9 nameserver m31
$xpaset -p ds9 nameserver m31
$xpaset -p ds9 nameserver name m31
$xpaset -p ds9 nameserver server ned-sao
$xpaset -p ds9 nameserver skyformat sexagesimal
$xpaset -p ds9 nameserver pan
$xpaset -p ds9 nameserver crosshair
$xpaset -p ds9 nameserver open
$xpaset -p ds9 nameserver close
```

nan

Set image not-a-number color.

Syntax:

```
nan <color>
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 nan
$xpaset -p ds9 nan red
```

nrrd

Load an NRRD (Nearly Raw Raster Data) file. Optional parameter: array endian.

Syntax:

```
nrrd [<filename>] [little|big]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 nrrd
$xpaget ds9 nrrd big
$xpaset -p ds9 nrrd foo.nrrd
$xpaset -p ds9 nrrd new foo.nrrd
$xpaset -p ds9 nrrd mask foo.nrrd
$cat foo.nrrd | xpaset ds9 nrrd
$cat foo.nrrd | xpaset ds9 nrrd new
$cat foo.nrrd | xpaset ds9 nrrd mask
```

nvss

Support for NRAO VLA Sky Survey.

Syntax:

```
nvss []
```

```
[<object>]
[name <object>]
[coord <ra> <dec> degrees|sexagesimal] # in wcs fk5
[size <width> <height> degrees|arcmin|arcsec]
[save yes|no]
[frame new|current]
[update frame|crosshair]
[open|close]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 nvss name
$xpaget ds9 nvss coord
$xpaget ds9 nvss size
$xpaget ds9 nvss save
$xpaget ds9 nvss frame
$xpaset -p ds9 nvss
$xpaset -p ds9 nvss m31
$xpaset -p ds9 nvss name m31
$xpaset -p ds9 nvss coord 00:42:44.404 +41:16:08.78 sexagesimal
$xpaset -p ds9 nvss size 60 60 arcmin
$xpaset -p ds9 nvss save yes
$xpaset -p ds9 nvss frame current
$xpaset -p ds9 nvss update frame
$xpaset -p ds9 nvss open
$xpaset -p ds9 nvss close
```

orient

Controls the orientation of the current frame.

Syntax:

```
orient [none|x|y|xy]
        [open|close]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 orient
$xpaset -p ds9 orient xy
$xpaset -p ds9 orient open
$xpaset -p ds9 orient close
```

pagesetup

Controls Page Setup options.

Syntax:

```
pagesetup [orient portrait|landscape]
           [scale <numeric>]
           [size letter|legal|tabloid|poster|a4]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 pagesetup orient
$xpaget ds9 pagesetup scale
$xpaget ds9 pagesetup size
$xpaset -p ds9 pagesetup orient portrait
$xpaset -p ds9 pagesetup scale 50
```

```
$xpaset -p ds9 pagesetup size poster
```

pan

Controls the current image cursor location for the current frame.

Syntax:

```
pan [<x> <y> <coordsys> [<skyframe>][<skyformat>]]
    [to <x> <y> <coordsys> [<skyframe>][<skyformat>]]
    [open|close]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 pan # get current image coords
$xpaget ds9 pan wcs fk4 sexagesimal # get current wcs coords
$xpaset -p ds9 pan 200 200 image # pan relative
$xpaset -p ds9 pan to 400 400 physical # pan to physical coords
$xpaset -p ds9 pan to 13:29:55 47:11:50 wcs fk5 # pan to wcs coords
$xpaset -p ds9 pan open
$xpaset -p ds9 pan close
```

pixeltable

Display/Hide the pixel table.

Syntax:

```
pixeltable []
            [yes|open]
            [no|close]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 pixeltable
$xpaset -p ds9 pixeltable
$xpaset -p ds9 pixeltable yes
$xpaset -p ds9 pixeltable open
$xpaset -p ds9 pixeltable close
```

plot

Display and configure data plots. All plot commands take an optional second command, the plot name. If no plot name is specified, the last plot created is assumed. Plot data is assumed to be a pair of coordinates, with optional error values. The follow are valid data descriptions:

```
xy      x and y coordinates
xyex    x,y coordinates with x errors
xyey    x,y coordinates with y errors
xyexey  x,y coordinates with x and y errors
```

To create a new plot, use the plot new command.

Syntax:

```

# create new empty plot window
plot
plot [bar|scatter]
    [new [name <plotname>] [line|bar|scatter]]
    [new [name <plotname>] [line|bar|scatter] <title> <xaxis label> <yaxis
label> xy|xyex|xyey|xyexey]

# create new plot with data
plot [new [name <plotname>] [line|bar|scatter] stdin] # title, title xaxis, title
yaxis, dimension on line 1
    [new [name <plotname>] [line|bar|scatter] <title> <xaxis label> <yaxis
label> xy|xyex|xyey|xyexey]

# load dataset into an existing plot
plot [<plotname>] [data xy|xyex|xyey|xyexey]

plot [<plotname>] load <filename> [xy|xyex|xyey|xyexey]
    [<plotname>] save <filename>
    [<plotname>] clear
    [<plotname>] duplicate
    [<plotname>] stats
    [<plotname>] list
    [<plotname>] loadconfig <filename>
    [<plotname>] saveconfig <filename>
    [<plotname>] pagesetup orient [portrait|landscape]
    [<plotname>] pagesetup size [letter|legal|tabloid|poster|a4]
    [<plotname>] print
    [<plotname>] print destination [printer|file]
    [<plotname>] print command <command>
    [<plotname>] print filename <filename>
    [<plotname>] print color [rgb|gray]
    [<plotname>] close

plot [<plotname>] mode [pointer|zoom]

# configure graph
plot [<plotname>] axis [x|y] grid [yes|no]
    [<plotname>] axis [x|y] log [yes|no]
    [<plotname>] axis [x|y] flip [yes|no]
    [<plotname>] axis [x|y] auto [yes|no]
    [<plotname>] axis [x|y] min <value>
    [<plotname>] axis [x|y] max <value>
    [<plotname>] axis [x|y] format <string>
    [<plotname>] legend [yes|no]
    [<plotname>] legend position [right|left|top|bottom]
    [<plotname>] font [title|labels|numbers] font [times|helvetica|courier]
    [<plotname>] font [title|labels|numbers] size <value>
    [<plotname>] font [title|labels|numbers] weight [normal|bold]
    [<plotname>] font [title|labels|numbers] slant [roman|italic]
    [<plotname>] title <string>
    [<plotname>] title [x|y] <string>
    [<plotname>] barmode [normal|stacked|aligned|overlap]

# configure current dataset
plot [<plotname>] show [yes|no]
    [<plotname>] shape [circle|square|diamond|plus|splus|scross|triangle|arrow]

```

```

[<plotname>] shape fill [yes|no]
[<plotname>] shape color <value>
[<plotname>] smooth [step|linear|cubic|quadratic|catrom]
[<plotname>] color <value>
[<plotname>] width <value>
[<plotname>] dash [yes|no]
[<plotname>] error [yes|no]
[<plotname>] error color <value>
[<plotname>] error width <value>
[<plotname>] name <string>

```

```

# select current dataset
plot [<plotname>] select <value>

```

Example:

```

# return all plotnames
$xpaset ds9 plot

```

```

# create new empty plot window
$xpaset -p ds9 plot
$xpaset -p ds9 plot scatter
$xpaset -p ds9 plot new
$xpaset -p ds9 plot new bar
$xpaset -p ds9 plot new name foo
$xpaset -p ds9 plot new name foo scatter

```

```

# create new plot with data
$cat foo.dat | xpaset ds9 plot new stdin
$cat foo.dat | xpaset ds9 plot new name foo stdin
$cat bar.dat | xpaset ds9 plot new "{The Title}" "{X}" "{Y}" xy
$cat bar.dat | xpaset ds9 plot new name foo "{The Title}" "{X}" "{Y}" xy

```

```

# load additional dataset into an existing plot
$cat bar.dat | xpaset ds9 plot data xy # plot additional data
$cat bar.dat | xpaset ds9 plot foo data xy # plot additional data

```

```

$xpaset ds9 plot stats
$xpaset ds9 plot list
$xpaset -p ds9 plot load foo.dat xy # load new dataset with dimension xy
$xpaset -p ds9 plot save bar.dat # save current dataset
$xpaset -p ds9 plot clear # clear all datasets
$xpaset -p ds9 plot duplicate # duplicate current dataset
$xpaset -p ds9 plot stats
$xpaset -p ds9 plot list
$xpaset -p ds9 plot loadconfig foo.plt # load plot configuration
$xpaset -p ds9 plot saveconfig bar.plt # save current plot configuration
$xpaset -p ds9 plot pagesetup orient portrait
$xpaset -p ds9 plot pagesetup size letter
$xpaset -p ds9 plot print
$xpaset -p ds9 plot print destination file
$xpaset -p ds9 plot print command "lp"
$xpaset -p ds9 plot print filename "foo.ps"
$xpaset -p ds9 plot print color rgb
$xpaset -p ds9 plot close # close current plot

```

```

$xpaset ds9 plot mode

```

```
$xpaset -p ds9 plot mode pointer

# configure plot
$xpaget ds9 plot axis x grid
$xpaget ds9 plot axis x log
$xpaget ds9 plot axis x flip
$xpaget ds9 plot axis x auto
$xpaget ds9 plot axis x min
$xpaget ds9 plot axis x max
$xpaget ds9 plot axis x format
$xpaget ds9 plot legend
$xpaget ds9 plot legend position
$xpaget ds9 plot font numbers font
$xpaget ds9 plot font numbers size
$xpaget ds9 plot font numbers weight
$xpaget ds9 plot font numbers slant
$xpaget ds9 plot title
$xpaget ds9 plot title x
$xpaget ds9 plot bargmode
$xpaset -p ds9 plot axis x grid yes
$xpaset -p ds9 plot axis x log yes
$xpaset -p ds9 plot axis x flip yes
$xpaset -p ds9 plot axis x auto no
$xpaset -p ds9 plot axis x min 0
$xpaset -p ds9 plot axis x max 100
$xpaset -p ds9 plot axis x format {%f}
$xpaset -p ds9 plot legend yes # show legend
$xpaset -p ds9 plot legend position left
$xpaset -p ds9 plot font numbers font times
$xpaset -p ds9 plot font numbers size 12
$xpaset -p ds9 plot font numbers weight bold
$xpaset -p ds9 plot font numbers slant italic
$xpaset -p ds9 plot title {The Title}
$xpaset -p ds9 plot title x {X Axis}
$xpaset -p ds9 plot bargmode aligned

# configure current dataset
$xpaget ds9 plot show
$xpaget ds9 plot shape
$xpaget ds9 plot shape fill
$xpaget ds9 plot shape color
$xpaget ds9 plot smooth
$xpaget ds9 plot color
$xpaget ds9 plot width
$xpaget ds9 plot dash
$xpaget ds9 plot error
$xpaget ds9 plot error color
$xpaget ds9 plot error width
$xpaget ds9 plot name
$xpaset -p ds9 plot show yes
$xpaset -p ds9 plot shape circle
$xpaset -p ds9 plot shape fill no
$xpaset -p ds9 plot shape color cyan
$xpaset -p ds9 plot smooth step
$xpaset -p ds9 plot color red
$xpaset -p ds9 plot width 2
```

```
$xpaset -p ds9 plot dash yes
$xpaset -p ds9 plot error yes
$xpaset -p ds9 plot error color red
$xpaset -p ds9 plot error width 2
$xpaset -p ds9 plot name {My Data}
```

```
# select current dataset
$xpaset ds9 plot select
$xpaset -p ds9 plot select 2
```

png

Load PNG image into current frame.

Syntax:
png [new|slice] [<filename>]

Example:
\$xpaset ds9 png > foo.png
\$xpaset -p ds9 png foo.png
\$xpaset -p ds9 png new foo.png
\$xpaset -p ds9 png slice foo.png
\$cat foo.png | xpaset ds9 png # not available windows
\$cat foo.png | xpaset ds9 png new # not available windows
\$cat foo.png | xpaset ds9 png slice # not available windows

prefs

Controls various preference settings.

Syntax:
prefs clear

Example:
\$xpaset -p ds9 prefs clear

preserve

Preserve the follow attributes while loading a new image.

Syntax:
preserve [pan yes|no]
 [regions yes|no]

Example:
\$xpaset ds9 preserve pan
\$xpaset ds9 preserve regions
\$xpaset -p ds9 preserve pan yes
\$xpaset -p ds9 preserve regions yes

psprint

For MacOSX and Windows, invokes postscript printing. For all others, same as print. Please see [print](#) for further details.

print

Controls printing. Use print option to set printing options. Use print to actually print.

Syntax:

```
print [destination printer|file]
      [command <command>]
      [filename <filename>]
      [color rgb|cmyk|gray]
      [level 1|2]
      [resolution 53|72|75|150|300|600]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 print destination
$xpaget ds9 print command
$xpaget ds9 print filename
$xpaget ds9 print color
$xpaget ds9 print level
$xpaget ds9 print resolution
$xpaset -p ds9 print
$xpaset -p ds9 print destination file
$xpaset -p ds9 print command '{gv -}'
$xpaset -p ds9 print filename foo.ps
$xpaset -p ds9 print color cmyk
$xpaset -p ds9 print level 2
$xpaset -p ds9 print resolution 75
```

raise

Raise in the window stacking order.

Syntax:

```
raise
```

Example:

```
$xpaset -p ds9 raise
```

regions

Controls regions in the current frame.

Syntax:

```
regions [<filename>]
      [load [all] <filename>]
      [save <filename>]
      [list [close]]
      [epsilon <integer>]
      [show yes|no]
      [showtext yes|no]
      [centroid]
      [centroid auto yes|no]
      [centroid radius <value>|iteration <value>]
      [getinfo]
```

```

[move front]
[move back]
[select all]
[select none]
[select invert]
[delete all]
[delete select]
[format ds9|xml|ciao|saotng|saoimage|pros|xy]
[system image|physical|wcs|wcsa...wcsz]
[sky fk4|fk5|icrs|galactic|ecliptic]
[skyformat degrees|sexagesimal]
[strip yes|no]
[shape <shape>]
[color &lt;color>]
[width <width>]
[fixed|edit|rotate|delete yes|no]
[include|exclude|source|background]
[delim [nl|<char>]]
[command <marker command>]
[composite]
[dissolve]
[template <filename>]
[template <filename> at <ra> <dec> <coordsys> <skyframe>]
[savetemplate <filename>]
[groups]
[group new]
[group <tag> new]
[group <tag> update]
[group <tag> select]
[group <tag> color &lt;color>]
[group <tag> copy]
[group <tag> delete]
[group <tag> cut]
[group <tag> font <font>]
[group <tag> move <int> <int>]
[group <tag> movefront]
[group <tag> moveback]
[group <tag> property <property> yes|no]
[copy]
[cut]
[paste image|physical|wcs|wcsa...wcsz]
[undo]
[-format ds9|ciao|saotng|saoimage|pros|xy]
[-system image|physical|wcs|wcsa...wcsz]
[-sky fk4|fk5|icrs|galactic|ecliptic]
[-skyformat degrees|sexagesimal]
[-delim [nl|<char>]]
[-prop select|edit|move|rotate|delete|fixed|include|source 1|0]
[-group <tag>]
[-strip yes|no]
[-wcs yes|no]

```

Example:

```

$xpaget ds9 regions
$xpaget ds9 regions -format ds9 -system wcs -sky fk5 -skyformat sexagesimal -prop
edit 1 -group foo

```

```
$xpaget ds9 regions epsilon
$xpaget ds9 regions show
$xpaget ds9 regions showtext
$xpaget ds9 regions centroid auto
$xpaget ds9 regions centroid radius
$xpaget ds9 regions centroid iteration
$xpaget ds9 regions selected
$xpaget ds9 regions format
$xpaget ds9 regions system
$xpaget ds9 regions sky
$xpaget ds9 regions skyformat
$xpaget ds9 regions strip
$xpaget ds9 regions shape
$xpaget ds9 regions color
$xpaget ds9 regions width
$xpaget ds9 regions delim
$xpaget ds9 regions source
$xpaget ds9 regions background
$xpaget ds9 regions include
$xpaget ds9 regions exclude
$xpaget ds9 regions selected
$xpaget ds9 regions groups
$cat foo.reg | xpaget ds9 regions -format xy -system wcs -sky fk5
$cat bar.reg | xpaget ds9 regions -format ds9
$echo "image; circle 100 100 20" | xpaget ds9 regions
$echo "image; circle 100 100 20" | xpaget ds9 regions
$echo "fk5; circle 13:29:55 47:11:50 .5'" | xpaget ds9 regions
$echo "physical; ellipse 100 100 20 40" | xpaget ds9 regions
$echo "box 100 100 20 40 25" | xpaget ds9 regions
$echo "image; line 100 100 200 400" | xpaget ds9 regions
$echo "physical; ruler 200 300 200 400" | xpaget ds9 regions
$echo "image; text 100 100 # text={Hello, World}" | xpaget ds9 regions
$echo "fk4; boxcircle point 13:29:55 47:11:50" | xpaget ds9 regions
$xpaset -p ds9 regions foo.reg
$xpaset -p ds9 regions -format ciao bar.reg # load as ciao format
$xpaset -p ds9 regions foo.fits # FITS regions files do not need a format
specification
$xpaset -p ds9 regions load foo.reg # load foo.reg into current frame
$xpaset -p ds9 regions load all foo.reg # load foo.reg into all frames
$xpaset -p ds9 regions load '*.reg'# expand *.reg and load into current frame
$xpaset -p ds9 regions load all '*.reg' # expand *.reg and load into all frames
$xpaset -p ds9 regions save foo.reg
$xpaset -p ds9 regions list
$xpaset -p ds9 regions list close
$xpaset -p ds9 regions epsilon 5
$xpaset -p ds9 regions show yes
$xpaset -p ds9 regions showtext no
$xpaset -p ds9 regions centroid
$xpaset -p ds9 regions centroid auto yes
$xpaset -p ds9 regions centroid radius 10
$xpaset -p ds9 regions centroid iteration 20
$xpaset -p ds9 regions getinfo
$xpaset -p ds9 regions move back
$xpaset -p ds9 regions move front
$xpaset -p ds9 regions select all
$xpaset -p ds9 regions select none
```

```

$xpaset -p ds9 regions select invert
$xpaset -p ds9 regions delete all
$xpaset -p ds9 regions delete select
$xpaset -p ds9 regions format ds9
$xpaset -p ds9 regions system wcs
$xpaset -p ds9 regions sky fk5
$xpaset -p ds9 regions skyformat degrees
$xpaset -p ds9 regions delim nl
$xpaset -p ds9 regions strip yes
$xpaset -p ds9 regions shape ellipse
$xpaset -p ds9 regions color red
$xpaset -p ds9 regions width 3
$xpaset -p ds9 regions edit yes
$xpaset -p ds9 regions include
$xpaset -p ds9 regions command '{circle 100 100 20 # color=red}'
$xpaset -p ds9 regions composite
$xpaset -p ds9 regions dissolve
$xpaset -p ds9 regions template foo.tpl
$xpaset -p ds9 regions template foo.tpl at 13:29:55.92 +47:12:48.02 fk5
$xpaset -p ds9 regions savetemplate foo.tpl
$xpaset -p ds9 regions group new
$xpaset -p ds9 regions group foo new
$xpaset -p ds9 regions group foo update
$xpaset -p ds9 regions group foo select
$xpaset -p ds9 regions group foo color red
$xpaset -p ds9 regions group foo copy
$xpaset -p ds9 regions group foo delete
$xpaset -p ds9 regions group foo cut
$xpaset -p ds9 regions group foo font {times 14 bold}
$xpaset -p ds9 regions group foo move 100 100
$xpaset -p ds9 regions group foo movefront
$xpaset -p ds9 regions group foo moveback
$xpaset -p ds9 regions group foo property delete no

$xpaset -p ds9 regions copy
$xpaset -p ds9 regions cut
$xpaset -p ds9 regions paste wcs
$xpaset -p ds9 regions undo

```

restore

Restore DS9 to a previous state from a backup save set.

Syntax:
restore <filename>

Example:
\$xpaset -p ds9 restore ds9.bck

rgb

Create RGB frame and control RGB frame parameters.

Syntax:
rgb []

```
[red|green|blue]
[channel [red|green|blue]]
[view [red|green|blue] [yes|no]]
[system <coordsys>]
[lock wcs|crop|slice|bin|scale|colorbar|smooth [yes|no]]
[open|close]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 rgb channel
$xpaget ds9 rgb lock wcs
$xpaget ds9 rgb lock crop
$xpaget ds9 rgb lock slice
$xpaget ds9 rgb lock bin
$xpaget ds9 rgb lock scale
$xpaget ds9 rgb lock colorbar
$xpaget ds9 rgb lock smooth
$xpaget ds9 rgb system
$xpaget ds9 rgb view red
$xpaget ds9 rgb view green
$xpaget ds9 rgb view blue
$xpaset -p ds9 rgb # create new rgb frame
$xpaset -p ds9 rgb red # set current channel to red
$xpaset -p ds9 rgb channel red # set current channel to red
$xpaset -p ds9 rgb view blue no # turn off blue channel
$xpaset -p ds9 rgb system wcs # set rgb coordinate system
$xpaset -p ds9 rgb lock wcs yes
$xpaset -p ds9 rgb lock crop yes
$xpaset -p ds9 rgb lock slice yes
$xpaset -p ds9 rgb lock bin yes
$xpaset -p ds9 rgb lock scale yes
$xpaset -p ds9 rgb lock colorbar yes
$xpaset -p ds9 rgb lock smooth yes
$xpaset -p ds9 rgb open
$xpaset -p ds9 rgb close
```

rgbarray

Load raw data array cube into rgb frame.

Syntax:

```
rgbarray [native|big|little]
rgbarray [new|mask] [[xdim=<x>,ydim=<y>|dim=<dim>],[zdim=3],bitpix=<b>,skip=
<s>,endian=[little|big]]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 rgbarray > foo.arr
$xpaget ds9 rgbarray little > foo.arr
$xpaset -p ds9 rgbarray foo.arr[dim=512,zdim=3,bitpix=-32,endian=little]
$xpaset -p ds9 rgbarray new foo.arr[dim=512,zdim=3,bitpix=-32,endian=little]
$cat foo.arr | xpaset ds9 rgbarray [dim=512,zdim=3,bitpix=-32,endian=little]
$cat foo.arr | xpaset ds9 rgbarray new [dim=512,zdim=3,bitpix=-32,endian=little]
```

rgbcube

Load FITS rgbcube into rgb frame.

Syntax:
rgbcube [new] [<filename>]

Example:
\$xpaget ds9 rgbcube > foo.fits
\$xpaset -p ds9 rgbcube foo.fits
\$xpaset -p ds9 rgbcube new foo.fits
\$cat foo.fits | xpaset ds9 rgbcube
\$cat foo.fits | xpaset ds9 rgbcube new

rgbimage

Load FITS rgbimage into rgb frame.

Syntax:
rgbimage [new] [<filename>]

Example:
\$xpaget ds9 rgbimage > foo.fits
\$xpaset -p ds9 rgbimage foo.fits
\$xpaset -p ds9 rgbimage new foo.fits
\$cat foo.fits | xpaset ds9 rgbimage
\$cat foo.fits | xpaset ds9 rgbimage new

rotate

Controls the rotation angle (in degrees) of the current frame.

Syntax:
rotate [<value>]
 [to <value>]
 [open|close]

Example:
\$xpaget ds9 rotate
\$xpaset -p ds9 rotate 45
\$xpaset -p ds9 rotate to 30
\$xpaset -p ds9 rotate open
\$xpaset -p ds9 rotate close

save

Save loaded image data of current frame as FITS.

Syntax:
save [fits|rgbimage|rgbcube|mecube|mosaic|mosaicimage] <filename>
 [image|table|slice]

Example:
\$xpaset -p ds9 save foo.fits
\$xpaset -p ds9 save fits foo.fits image
\$xpaset -p ds9 save fits foo.fits table
\$xpaset -p ds9 save fits foo.fits slice
\$xpaset -p ds9 save rgbimage foo.fits

```
$xpaset -p ds9 save rgbcube foo.fits
$xpaset -p ds9 save mecube foo.fits
$xpaset -p ds9 save mosaic foo.fits
$xpaset -p ds9 save mosaicimage foo.fits
```

saveimage

Create a snap shot of the current DS9 window and save in specified image format. If no format specified, the file name extension is used to determine the output format. Optional parameters: jpeg quality (1-100) and tiff compression method.

Syntax:

```
saveimage [fits|eps|gif|tiff|jpeg|png] <filename>
saveimage <filename>.jpeg [1-100]
saveimage <filename>.tiff [none|jpeg|packbits|deflate]
```

Example:

```
$xpaset -p ds9 saveimage ds9.tiff
$xpaset -p ds9 saveimage jpeg ds9.jpeg 75
```

scale

Controls the limits and color scale distribution.

Syntax:

```
scale [linear|log|pow|sqrt|squared|asinh|sinh|histequ]
      [log exp <value>]
      [datasec yes|no]
      [limits <minvalue> <maxvalue>]
      [mode minmax|<value>|zscale|zmax]
      [scope local|global]
      [match]
      [lock [yes|no]]
      [open|close]
```

Example:

```
$xpaset ds9 scale
$xpaset ds9 scale log exp
$xpaset ds9 scale datasec
$xpaset ds9 scale limits
$xpaset ds9 scale mode
$xpaset ds9 scale scope
$xpaset ds9 scale lock
$xpaset -p ds9 scale linear
$xpaset -p ds9 scale log 100
$xpaset -p ds9 scale datasec yes
$xpaset -p ds9 scale histequ
$xpaset -p ds9 scale limits 1 100
$xpaset -p ds9 scale mode zscale
$xpaset -p ds9 scale mode 99.5
$xpaset -p ds9 scale scope local
$xpaset -p ds9 scale match
$xpaset -p ds9 scale lock yes
```

```
$xpaset -p ds9 scale open
$xpaset -p ds9 scale close
```

shm

Load a shared memory segment into the current frame.

Syntax:

```
shm [<key> [<filename>]]
    [key <key> [<filename>]]
    [shmid <id> [<filename>]]
    [fits [key|shmid] <id> [<filename>]]
    [mosaicimage [iraf|wcs|wcsa...wcsz|wfpc2] [key|shmid] <id> [<filename>]]
    [mosaicimagenext [wcs|wcsa...wcsz] [key|shmid] <id> [<filename>]]
    [mosaic [iraf|wcs|wcsa...wcsz] [key|shmid] <id> [<filename>]]
    [rgbcube [key|shmid] <id> [<filename>]]
    [rgbimage [key|shmid] <id> [<filename>]]
    [rgbarray [key|shmid] <id> [xdim=<x>,ydim=<y>|dim=<dim>,zdim=3],bitpix=
<b>,[skip=<s>]]
    [array [key|shmid] <id> [xdim=<x>,ydim=<y>|dim=<dim>],bitpix=<b>,[skip=<s>]]
    [startload|finishload]
```

Example:

```
$xpaset ds9 shm
$xpaset -p ds9 shm 102
$xpaset -p ds9 shm key 102
$xpaset -p ds9 shm shmid 102 foo
$xpaset -p ds9 shm fits key 100 foo
$xpaset -p ds9 shm mosaicimage iraf key 100 foo
$xpaset -p ds9 shm mosaicimage wcs key 100 foo
$xpaset -p ds9 shm mosaicimage wcsa key 100 foo
$xpaset -p ds9 shm mosaicimage wfpc2 key 100 foo
$xpaset -p ds9 shm mosaicimagenext wcs key 100 foo
$xpaset -p ds9 shm mosaic iraf key 100 foo
$xpaset -p ds9 shm mosaic wcs key 100 foo
$xpaset -p ds9 shm rgbcube key 100 foo
$xpaset -p ds9 shm rgbimage key 100 foo
$xpaset -p ds9 shm rgbarray key 100 [dim=200,zdim=3,bitpix=-32]
$xpaset -p ds9 shm array shmid 102 [dim=32,bitpix=-32]
$xpaset -p ds9 shm startload # start a multiple load sequence without updating
the display
$xpaset -p ds9 shm finishload # finish multiple load sequence
```

single

Select Single Display mode

Syntax:

```
single
```

Example:

```
$xpaset ds9 single
$xpaset -p ds9 single
```

skyview

Support for SkyView image server at HEASARC.

Syntax:

```
skyview []
    [<object>]
    [name <object>]
    [coord <ra> <dec> degrees|sexagesimal] # in wcs fk5
    [size <width> <height> degrees|arcmin|arcsec]
    [save yes|no]
    [frame new|current]
    [update frame|crosshair]
    [survey sdssi|sdssr|sdssg|sdssu|sdssg]
    [open|close]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 skyview name
$xpaget ds9 skyview coord
$xpaget ds9 skyview size
$xpaget ds9 skyview save
$xpaget ds9 skyview frame
$xpaget ds9 skyview survey
$xpaset -p ds9 skyview
$xpaset -p ds9 skyview m31
$xpaset -p ds9 skyview name m31
$xpaset -p ds9 skyview coord 00:42:44.404 +41:16:08.78 sexagesimal
$xpaset -p ds9 skyview size 60 60 arcmin
$xpaset -p ds9 skyview save yes
$xpaset -p ds9 skyview frame current
$xpaset -p ds9 skyview update frame
$xpaset -p ds9 skyview survey sdssi
$xpaset -p ds9 skyview open
$xpaset -p ds9 skyview close
```

sleep

Delays execution for specified number of seconds. Default is 1 second.

Syntax:

```
sleep [#]
```

Example:

```
$xpaset -p ds9 sleep
$xpaset -p ds9 sleep 2
```

smooth

Smooth current image or set smooth parameters.

Syntax:

```
smooth []
    [yes|no]
    [function boxcar|tophat|gaussian]
    [radius <int>]
    [open|close]
    [match]
```

[lock [yes|no]]

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 smooth
$xpaget ds9 smooth function
$xpaget ds9 smooth radius
$xpaget ds9 smooth lock
$xpaset -p ds9 smooth
$xpaset -p ds9 smooth yes
$xpaset -p ds9 smooth function tophat
$xpaset -p ds9 smooth radius 4
$xpaset -p ds9 smooth open
$xpaset -p ds9 smooth close
$xpaset -p ds9 smooth match
$xpaset -p ds9 smooth lock yes
```

source

Source TCL code from a file.

Syntax:

```
source [filename]
```

Example:

```
$xpaset -p ds9 source foo.tcl
```

tcl

Execute one tcl command. Must be enabled via the -tcl command line option.

Syntax:

```
tcl [<tcl command>]
```

Example:

```
$echo 'puts "Hello, World"' | xpaset ds9 tcl
$xpaset -p ds9 tcl 'puts "Hello, World"'
```

theme

Select GUI theme. Use native for the recommended theme for your platform. Note: not all themes are available on all platforms.

Syntax:

```
theme [native|clam|alt|default|classic|aqua|vista|win|xp]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 theme
$xpaset -p ds9 theme clam
```

threads

Set number of process threads for functions which are multi-threaded.

Syntax:
threads #

Example:
\$xpaget ds9 threads
\$xpaset -p ds9 threads 8

tiff

Load TIFF image into current frame. Optional parameters: tiff compression method.

Syntax:
tiff [new|slice] [<filename>] [none|jpeg|packbits|deflate]

Example:
\$xpaget ds9 tiff > foo.tiff
\$xpaget ds9 tiff jpeg > foo.tiff
\$xpaset -p ds9 tiff foo.tiff
\$xpaset -p ds9 tiff new foo.tiff
\$xpaset -p ds9 tiff slice foo.tiff
\$cat foo.tiff | xpaset ds9 tiff # not available windows
\$cat foo.tiff | xpaset ds9 tiff new # not available windows
\$cat foo.tiff | xpaset ds9 tiff slice # not available windows

tile

Controls the tile display mode.

Syntax:
tile []
 [yes|no]
 [mode grid|column|row]
 [grid]
 [grid mode [automatic|manual]]
 [grid layout <col> <row>]
 [grid gap <pixels>]
 [row]
 [column]

Example:
\$xpaget ds9 tile
\$xpaget ds9 tile mode
\$xpaget ds9 tile grid mode
\$xpaget ds9 tile grid layout
\$xpaset -p ds9 tile
\$xpaset -p ds9 tile yes
\$xpaset -p ds9 tile mode row
\$xpaset -p ds9 tile grid
\$xpaset -p ds9 tile grid mode manual
\$xpaset -p ds9 tile grid layout 5 5
\$xpaset -p ds9 tile grid gap 10
\$xpaset -p ds9 tile row
\$xpaset -p ds9 tile column

update

Updates the current frame or region of frame. In the second form, the first argument is the number of the fits HDU (starting with 1) and the remaining args are a bounding box in IMAGE coordinates. By default, the screen is updated the next available idle cycle. However, you may force an immediate update by specifying the NOW option.

Syntax:

```
update []  
    [# x1 y1 x2 y2]  
    [now]  
    [now # x1 y1 x2 y2]  
    [on]  
    [off]
```

Example:

```
$xpaset -p ds9 update  
$xpaset -p ds9 update 1 100 100 300 400  
$xpaset -p ds9 update now  
$xpaset -p ds9 update now 1 100 100 300 400  
$xpaset -p ds9 update off # delay refresh of the screen while loading files  
$xpaset -p ds9 update on # be sure to turn it on when you are finished loading
```

url

Load FITS from URL into the current frame

Syntax:

```
url <url>
```

Example:

```
$xpaset -p ds9 url http://foo.bar.edu/foo.fits
```

version

Returns the current version of DS9.

Syntax:

```
version
```

Example:

```
$xpaset ds9 version
```

view

Controls the GUI.

Syntax:

```
view [layout horizontal|vertical]  
    [info yes|no]  
    [panner yes|no]  
    [magnifier yes|no]
```

```

[buttons yes|no]
[colorbar yes|no]
[colorbar horizontal|vertical]
[colorbar numerics yes|no]
[graph horizontal|vertical yes|no]
[filename yes|no]
[object yes|no]
[minmax yes|no]
[lowhigh yes|no]
[frame yes|no]
[image|physical|wcs|wcsa...wcsz yes|no]
[red yes|no]
[green yes|no]
[blue yes|no]

```

Example:

```

$xpaget ds9 view layout
$xpaget ds9 view info
$xpaget ds9 view panner
$xpaget ds9 view magnifier
$xpaget ds9 view buttons
$xpaget ds9 view colorbar
$xpaget ds9 view graph horizontal
$xpaget ds9 view filename
$xpaget ds9 view object
$xpaget ds9 view minmax
$xpaget ds9 view lowhigh
$xpaget ds9 view frame
$xpaget ds9 view image
$xpaget ds9 view wcsa
$xpaset ds9 view red
$xpaset -p ds9 view layout vertical
$xpaset -p ds9 view info yes
$xpaset -p ds9 view panner yes
$xpaset -p ds9 view magnifier yes
$xpaset -p ds9 view buttons yes
$xpaset -p ds9 view colorbar yes
$xpaset -p ds9 view graph horizontal yes
$xpaset -p ds9 view filename yes
$xpaset -p ds9 view object yes
$xpaset -p ds9 view minmax yes
$xpaset -p ds9 view lowhigh yes
$xpaset -p ds9 view frame yes
$xpaset -p ds9 view wcsa yes
$xpaset -p ds9 view red yes
$xpaset -p ds9 view green no
$xpaset -p ds9 view blue yes

```

vla

Support for VLA Sky Survey.

Syntax:

```

vla []
    [<object>]

```

```

[name <object>]
[coord <ra> <dec> degrees|sexagesimal] # in wcs fk5
[size <width> <height> degrees|arcmin|arcsec]
[save yes|no]
[frame new|current]
[update frame|crosshair]
[survey first|stripe82]
[open|close]

```

Example:

```

$xpaget ds9 vla name
$xpaget ds9 vla coord
$xpaget ds9 vla size
$xpaget ds9 vla save
$xpaget ds9 vla frame
$xpaget ds9 vla survey
$xpaset -p ds9 vla
$xpaset -p ds9 vla m31
$xpaset -p ds9 vla name m31
$xpaset -p ds9 vla coord 00:42:44.404 +41:16:08.78 sexagesimal
$xpaset -p ds9 vla size 60 60 arcmin
$xpaset -p ds9 vla save yes
$xpaset -p ds9 vla frame current
$xpaset -p ds9 vla update frame
$xpaset -p ds9 vla survey stripe82
$xpaset -p ds9 vla open
$xpaset -p ds9 vla close

```

vo

Invoke an connection to a Virtual Observatory site.

Syntax:

```

vo [method xpa|mime]
   [server <url>]
   [internal yes|no]
   [delay #]
   [<url>]
   [connect <url>]
   [disconnect <url>]
   [open|close]

```

Example:

```

$xpaget ds9 vo
$xpaget ds9 vo method
$xpaget ds9 vo server
$xpaget ds9 vo internal
$xpaget ds9 vo delay
$xpaget ds9 vo connect
$xpaset -p ds9 vo method xpa
$xpaset -p ds9 vo server "http://foo.bar.edu/list.txt"
$xpaset -p ds9 vo internal yes
$xpaset -p ds9 vo delay 15 # keep-alive delay
$xpaset -p ds9 vo chandra-ed
$xpaset -p ds9 vo connect chandra-ed

```

```
$xpaset -p ds9 vo disconnect chandra-ed
$xpaset -p ds9 vo open
$xpaset -p ds9 vo close
```

wcs

Controls the World Coordinate System for the current frame. If the wcs system, skyframe, or skyformat is modified, the info panel, compass, grid, and alignment will be modified accordingly. Also, using this access point, a new WCS specification can be loaded and used by the current image regardless of the WCS that was contained in the image file. WCS specification can be sent to DS9 as an ASCII file . Please see [WCS](#) for more information.

Syntax:

```
wcs [[system] wcs|wcsa...wcsz]
    [[sky] fk4|fk5|icrs|galactic|ecliptic]
    [[skyformat] degrees|sexagesimal]
    [align yes|no]
    [reset [#]]
    [replace [#] <filename>]
    [append [#] <filename>]
    [open|close]
```

Example:

```
$xpaset ds9 wcs
$xpaset ds9 wcs system
$xpaset ds9 wcs sky
$xpaset ds9 wcs skyformat
$xpaset ds9 wcs align
$xpaset -p ds9 wcs wcs
$xpaset -p ds9 wcs system wcs
$xpaset -p ds9 wcs fk5
$xpaset -p ds9 wcs sky fk5
$xpaset -p ds9 wcs sexagesimal
$xpaset -p ds9 wcs skyformat sexagesimal
$xpaset -p ds9 wcs align yes
$xpaset -p ds9 wcs reset
$xpaset -p ds9 wcs reset 3
$xpaset -p ds9 wcs replace foo.wcs
$xpaset -p ds9 wcs replace 3 foo.wcs
$xpaset -p ds9 wcs append foo.wcs
$xpaset -p ds9 wcs append 3 foo.wcs
$cat foo.wcs | xpaset ds9 wcs replace
$cat foo.wcs | xpaset ds9 wcs append
$echo "OBJECT = 'foobar'" | xpaset ds9 wcs append
$xpaset -p ds9 open
$xpaset -p ds9 close
```

web

Display specified URL in the web display.

Syntax:

```
web [new|<webname>] [<url>]
    [<webname>] [click back|forward|stop|reload|#]
    [<webname>] [clear]
    [<webname>] [close]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 web
$xpaset -p ds9 web www.cnn.com
$xpaset -p ds9 web new www.cnn.com
$xpaset -p ds9 web hvweb www.apple.com
$xpaset -p ds9 web click back
$xpaset -p ds9 web click 2
$xpaset -p ds9 web clear
$xpaset -p ds9 web close
```

width

Set the width of the image display window.

Syntax:

```
width [<value>]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 width
$xpaset -p ds9 width 512
```

zscale

Set Scale Limits based on the *IRAF* algorithm.

Syntax:

```
zscale []
    [contrast]
    [sample]
    [line]
```

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 zscale contrast
$xpaget ds9 zscale sample
$xpaget ds9 zscale line
$xpaset -p ds9 zscale
$xpaset -p ds9 zscale contrast .25
$xpaset -p ds9 zscale sample 600
$xpaset -p ds9 zscale line 120
```

zoom

Controls the current zoom value for the current frame.

Syntax:

```
zoom [<value>]
    [<value> <value>]
    [to <value>]
```

[to <value> <value>]
[to fit]
[open|close]

Example:

```
$xpaget ds9 zoom  
$xpaset -p ds9 zoom 2  
$xpaset -p ds9 zoom 2 4  
$xpaset -p ds9 zoom to 4  
$xpaset -p ds9 zoom to 2 4  
$xpaset -p ds9 zoom to fit  
$xpaset -p ds9 zoom open  
$xpaset -p ds9 zoom close
```