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Compilation Problems

I have a "NAN undeclared" error. What can I do?

Your C++ compiler does not support the C99 standard library. This is a known bug (NAN should not be used without checking for its existence before) and will be corrected. Meanwhile, use another compiler, such as the GNU Compiler Collection version 3.3 or above.

I have a conflit declaration for int getopt().

The flag HAVE_DECL_GETOPT must be set. Compile with -DHAVE_DECL_GETOPT. To use this flag with the script configure, call it with:

configure CPPFLAGS='-DHAVE_DECL_GETOPT'

Usage issues

How can I choose a specific graph implementation?

Use configure's --with-default-graph-impl option to control the default graph implementation of the library. The default is bmig (a graph represented using Boost Multi Indexes), the other choice is listg (a graph represented using adjacency lists). For instance if you want to compile Vaucanson using listg by default, use:

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./configure --with-default-graph-impl=listg
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The Vaucanson libraries will be compiled with this default implementation, but if you do not use these libraries you can switch the default graph implementation at any time using the VCSN_DEFAULT_GRAPH_IMPL preprocessor macro, for instance:

make CPPFLAGS=-DVCSN_DEFAULT_GRAPH_IMPL=listg myprogram