

Introduction to ROOT

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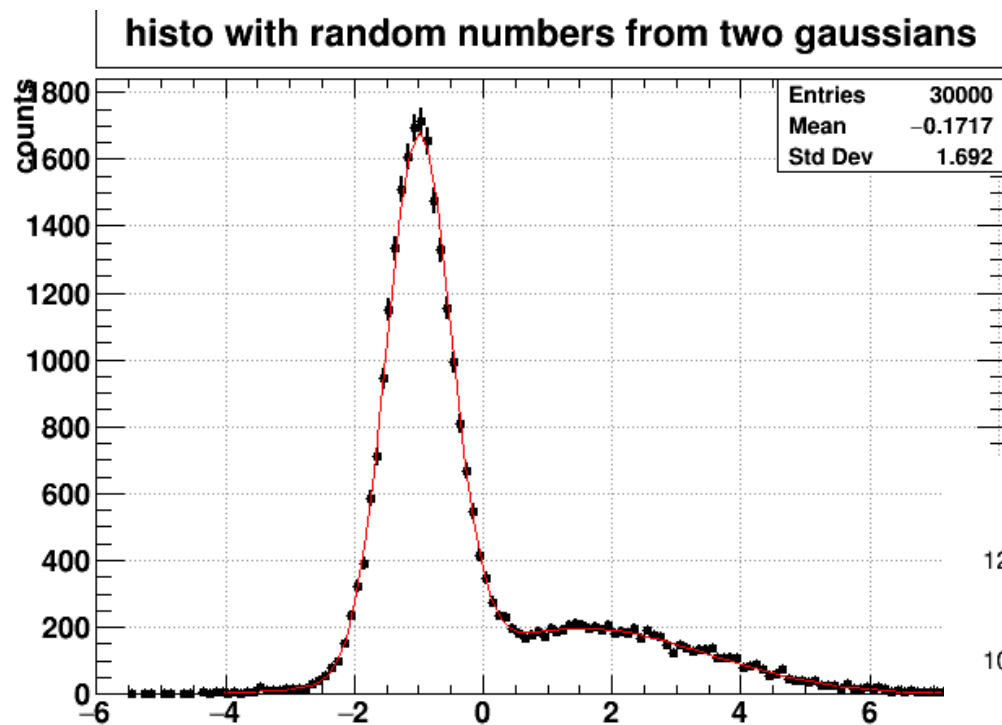
Day 3 – More into the deep

Based on the slides created by dr. Jens Wiechula, Frankfurt University

Additions to yesterday's lecture

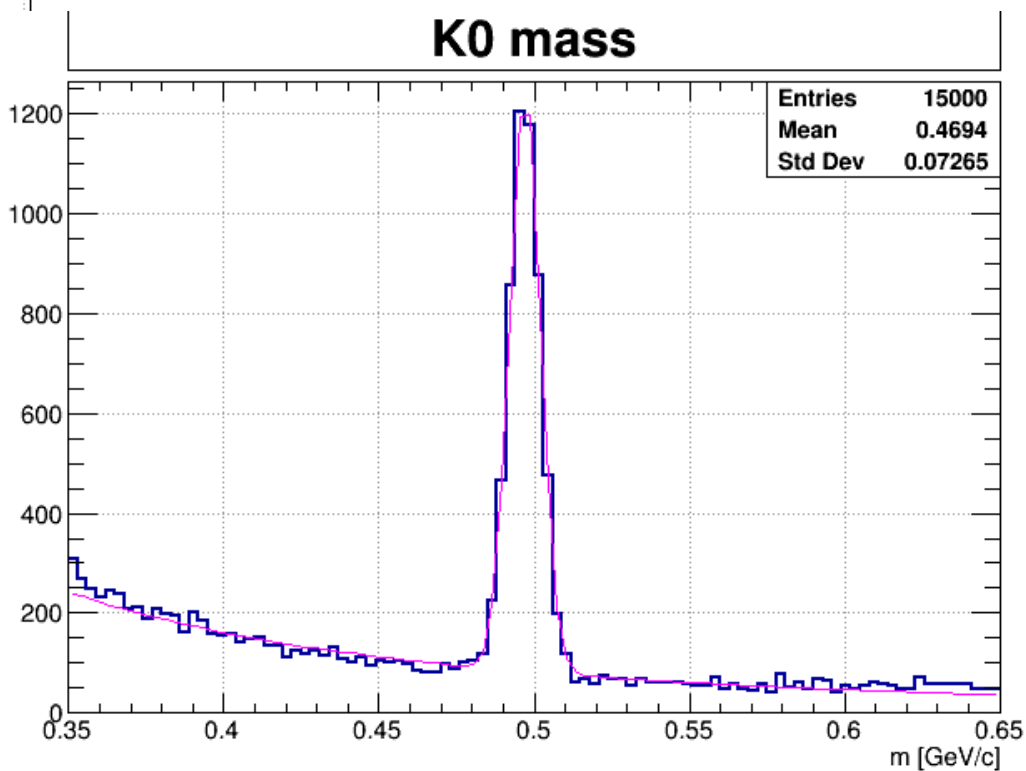
Answers to some of the questions raised during the exercises

Fits



Two of the exercises from yesterday:
Fit using the sum of two Gaussians
or Gaussian + a function for a background

exercises/day02/FillRandomAndFit.C
exercises/day02/drawK0.C



Fits

One way to define the sum of two gaussians

```
// gaus(x) means that the indices of the parameters for that gaussian start at x.  
// Since a gaussian has 3 parameters, the parameters of the second gaussian need to  
// start at index 3  
TF1 fFit("fFit", "gaus(0)+gaus(3)", -10, 10);  
  
// Set some reasonable start parameters (deliberately not perfectly the ones  
// used for random number generation!)  
// We don't know the yield and there normalisations involved, so let's put just 100 here  
Double_t yield1 = 100.;  
Double_t yield2 = 100.;  
Double_t mean1 = -0.9;  
Double_t mean2 = 1.8;  
Double_t sigma1 = 0.3;  
Double_t sigma2 = 2.5;  
  
fFit.SetParameter(0, yield1);  
fFit.SetParameter(1, mean1);  
fFit.SetParameter(2, sigma1);  
fFit.SetParameter(3, yield2);  
fFit.SetParameter(4, mean2);  
fFit.SetParameter(5, sigma2);
```

Initial parameters are important.
If you choose them too far from the
real values, the fit may not converge.

Fits

Another way to define the sum of two functions

```
//define the fit function as sum of two function:
// gaus(x) means that the indices of the parameters for that gaussian start at x
// Since a gaussian has 3 parameters, the parameters of the second function need
to start at index 3
TF1 fFit("fFit", "gaus(0)+[3]*pow(x,[4])", 0.35,0.65);

// Set some reasonable start parameters
// in case the fit does not work, try to search the correct parameters for the t
wo functions individually:
// Fit of the peak region with a gaussian
// Fit the whole region with the second function
Double_t yield1 = 1000.;
Double_t mean1 = 0.5;
Double_t sigma1 = 0.005;
Double_t exp0 = 7.;
Double_t slope = -5.8;

fFit.SetParameter(0, yield1);
fFit.SetParameter(1, mean1);
fFit.SetParameter(2, sigma1);
fFit.SetParameter(3, exp0);
fFit.SetParameter(4, slope);
```

One suggestion on how to
choose reasonable initial values

The fits can be done via GUI or
fitting in sub-ranges with the
option "R"

See tutorial:
\$ROOTSYS/tutorials/fit/multifit.C

Fitting with RooFit

The RooFit library provides a toolkit for modeling the expected distribution of events in a physics analysis. Models can be used to perform unbinned maximum likelihood fits, produce plots, and generate "toy Monte Carlo" samples for various studies.

Mathematical concept			RooFit class
variable	x	→	<code>RooRealVar</code>
function	$f(x)$	→	<code>RooAbsReal</code>
PDF	$f(x)$	→	<code>RooAbsPdf</code>
space point	\vec{x}	→	<code>RooArgSet</code>
integral	$\int_{x_{\min}}^{x_{\max}} f(x) dx$	→	<code>RooRealIntegral</code>
list of space points		→	<code>RooAbsData</code>

https://root.cern.ch/download/doc/RooFit_Users_Manual_2.91-33.pdf

<https://root.cern.ch/roofit-20-minutes>

Reading data from a file (C++)

```
#include <iostream>
#include <fstream>
using namespace std;

void readDataFromFile(){

    //class to read an input file
    ifstream in;
    //open an existing file to read
    in.open("data.dat");

    Float_t x,y,z;
    while (1) {
        //insert the values of each line in the variables x y z
        in >> x >> y >> z;
        // when the file finishes, exit the loop
        if (!in.good()) break;
        //print the values
        cout<<x <<" "<<y<<" "<<z<<endl;
    }
    //close the file
    in.close();
}
```

example_code/day03/readDataFromFile.C

Writing data to a file (C++)

```
1 // basic file operations
2 #include <iostream>
3 #include <fstream>
4 using namespace std;
5
6 int main () {
7     ofstream myfile;
8     myfile.open ("example.txt");
9     myfile << "Writing this to a file.\n";
10    myfile.close();
11    return 0;
12 }
```

[file example.txt]
Writing this to a file.

<http://www.cplusplus.com/doc/tutorial/files/>

Reading from a file with TGraph

Note that TGraphErrors have also a constructor that reads directly from a file.
The data file should contain columns with value_x, value_y, err_x, err_y

```
TGraphErrors::TGraphErrors ( const char * filename,  
                             const char * format = "%lg %lg %lg %lg",  
                             Option_t * option = ""  
                             )
```

And next week we will see that the same holds for TTrees

Outline of today

- Saving and reading of data
- The ROOT browser
- The base class of ROOT classes & casting
- Directories
- Collection classes
- Strings

Saving and reading of data

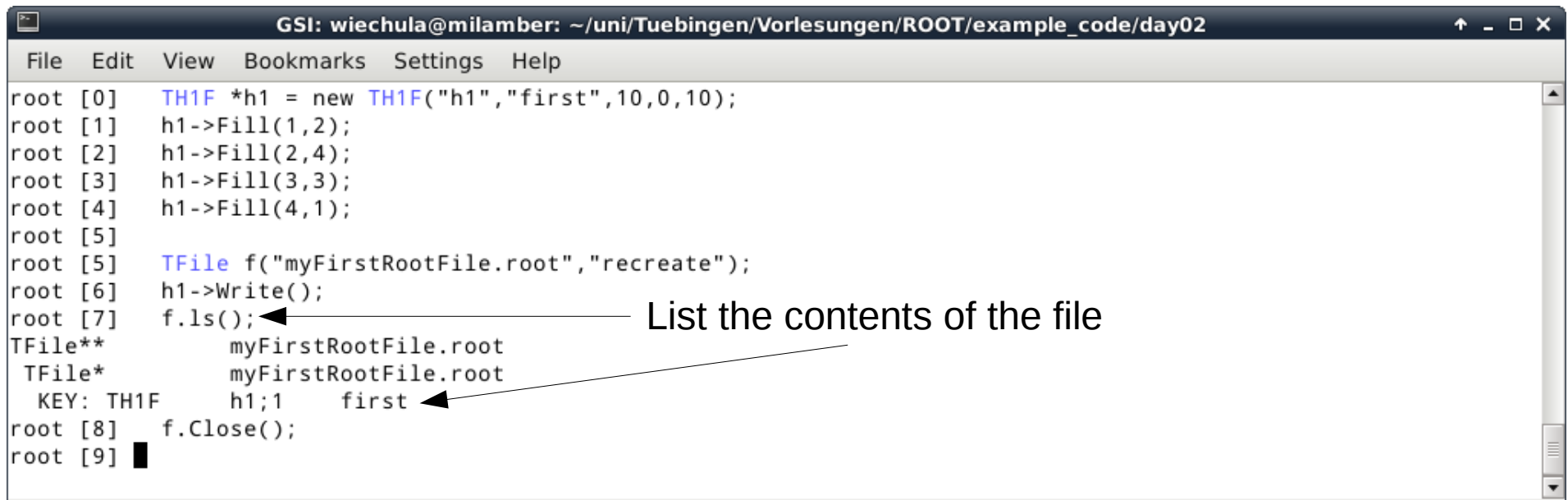
Introduction

- ROOT has a powerful mechanism to save any class into a file
- To store the data the class TFile is used
- The saved classes can easily be read back or graphical objects directly drawn
- All ROOT classes can be written to a file

Saving and reading of data

A first example

- Create a histogram
- Open a file
- Save the histogram
- List the contents of the file
- Close the file



The screenshot shows a ROOT C++ session window titled "GSI: wiechula@milamber: ~/uni/Tuebingen/Vorlesungen/ROOT/example_code/day02". The window has a menu bar with "File", "Edit", "View", "Bookmarks", "Settings", and "Help". The main text area contains the following code:

```
root [0] TH1F *h1 = new TH1F("h1","first",10,0,10);
root [1] h1->Fill(1,2);
root [2] h1->Fill(2,4);
root [3] h1->Fill(3,3);
root [4] h1->Fill(4,1);
root [5]
root [5] TFile f("myFirstRootFile.root","recreate");
root [6] h1->Write();
root [7] f.ls();
TFile**      myFirstRootFile.root
TFile*       myFirstRootFile.root
KEY: TH1F    h1;1    first
root [8] f.Close();
root [9]
```

An arrow points from the text "List the contents of the file" to the `f.ls();` line in the code.

io_examples.txt

Saving and reading of data

A first example – using the browser

GSI: wiechula@milamber: ~/uni/Tuebingen/Vorlesungen/ROOT/example_code/day03

```
wiechula@milamber:~/uni/Tuebingen/Vorlesungen/ROOT/example_code/day03$ r
root [0] TBrowser b
root [1] █
```

ROOT Object Browser

Files

- Dienstreisen
- Praktika
- Projekte
- Urlaub
- Vorlagen
- Vorlesungen
 - KP
 - ROOT
 - Material
 - example_code
 - day01
 - day02
 - day03
 - collection_examples.txt
 - collection_examples.txt~
 - io_examples.txt
 - io_examples.txt~
 - myFirstRootFile.root
 - day04

Filter: All Files (*.*)

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 - h1;1

Filter: All Files (*.*)

Canvas_1 [X] Editor 1 [X]

first

Entries	Mean	RMS
4	2.3	0.9

Command

Command (local):

Saving and reading of data

TFile – constructor

`TFile(const char* fname, Option_t* option = "", const char* ftitle = "", Int_t compress = 1)`

fname name of the file

option NEW or CREATE create a new file and open it for writing,
if the file already exists the file is not
opened

RECREATE create a new file, if the file already
exists it will be overwritten

UPDATE open an existing file for writing.
if no file exists, it is created.

READ open an existing file for reading (default)

ftitle title of the file (not needed)

compress compression level

Saving and reading of data

TFile – most important functions

Retrieve an object:

Get(const char* **name**)

name name of the object to retrieve

List the contents of the file

Is(Option_t* option = "")

option not important, see

<http://root.cern.ch/root/html/TDirectoryFile.html#TDirectoryFile:Is>

Close the file

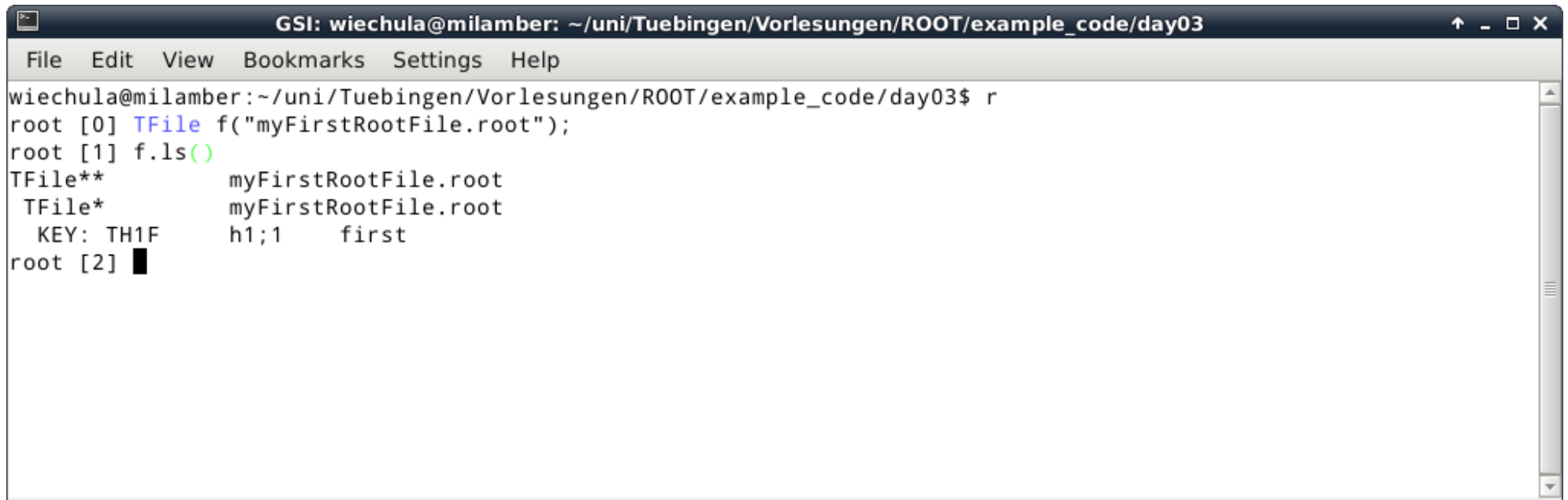
Close(Option_t* option = "")

option not important, see

<http://root.cern.ch/root/html/TFile.html#TFile:Close>

Saving and reading of data

Opening a root file



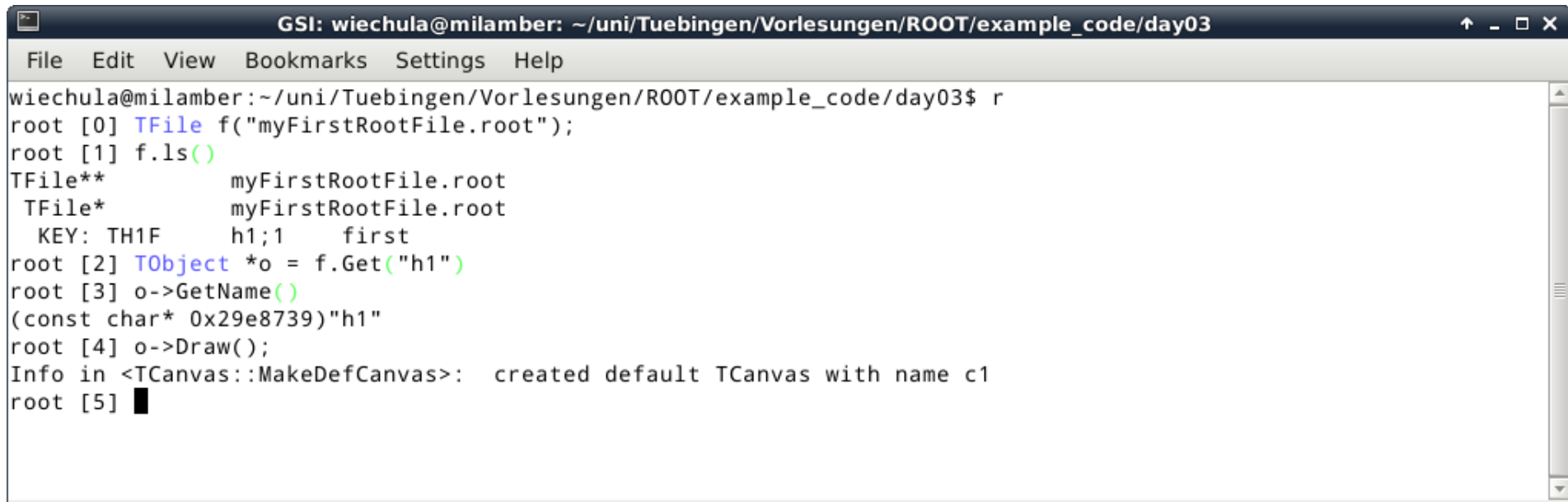
The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "GSI: wiechula@milamber: ~/uni/Tuebingen/Vorlesungen/ROOT/example_code/day03". The terminal displays the following commands and output:

```
wiechula@milamber:~/uni/Tuebingen/Vorlesungen/ROOT/example_code/day03$ r
root [0] TFile f("myFirstRootFile.root");
root [1] f.ls()
TFile**      myFirstRootFile.root
TFile*       myFirstRootFile.root
  KEY: TH1F   h1;1    first
root [2]
```

- Use **TFile** without second parameter (defaults to “read”)
- After this, the file is open and objects can be browsed

Saving and reading of data

Retrieving an object

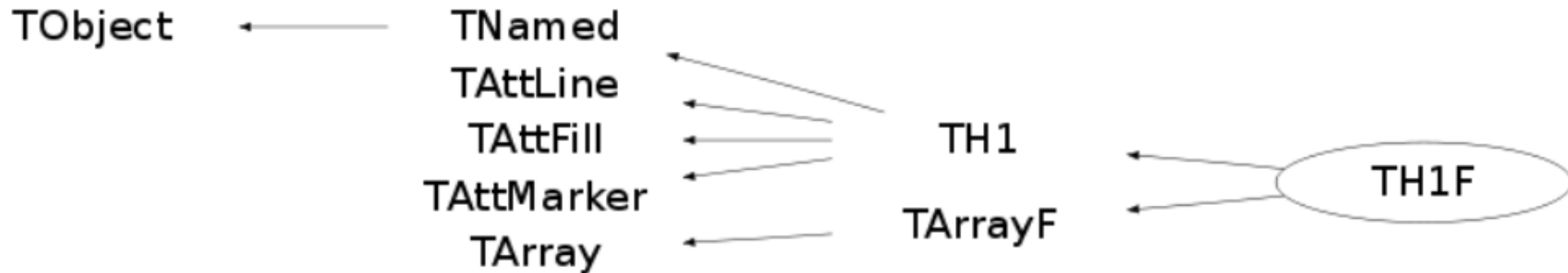


```
GSI: wiechula@milamber: ~/uni/Tuebingen/Vorlesungen/ROOT/example_code/day03
File Edit View Bookmarks Settings Help
wiechula@milamber:~/uni/Tuebingen/Vorlesungen/ROOT/example_code/day03$ r
root [0] TFile f("myFirstRootFile.root");
root [1] f.ls()
TFile**          myFirstRootFile.root
TFile*           myFirstRootFile.root
KEY: TH1F        h1;1      first
root [2] TObject *o = f.Get("h1")
root [3] o->GetName()
(const char* 0x29e8739)"h1"
root [4] o->Draw();
Info in <TCanvas::MakeDefCanvas>:  created default TCanvas with name c1
root [5]
```

- NOTE: since ANY ROOT object can be stored, **TFile::Get(...)** returns as type the ROOT base type **TObject**
- Like this also only the functionality of **TObject** can be used
- In order to convert this again to the correct object (shown in the file listing) one needs to cast the object to another type

Side remark

Casting 1



```
class TH1F : public TH1, public TArrayOf
```

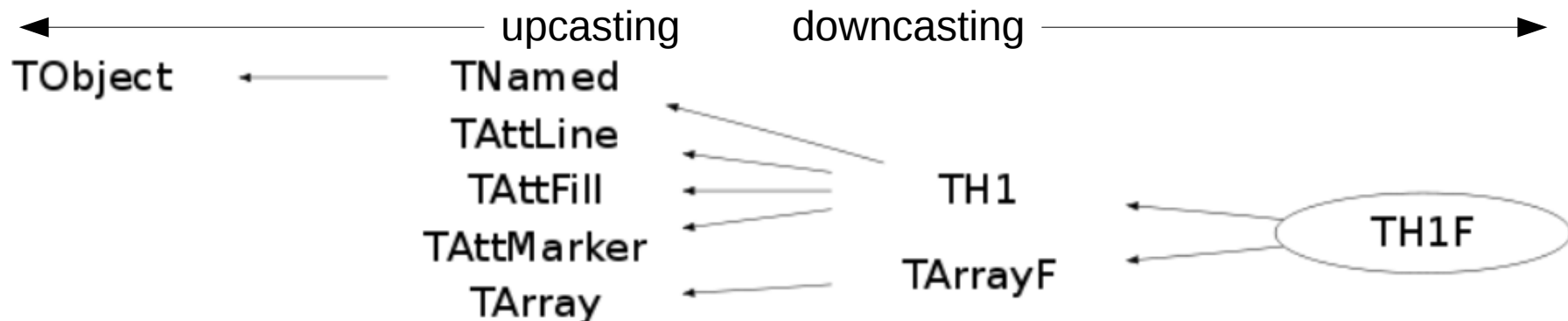
```
class TH1 : public TNamed, public TAttLine, public TAttFill, public TAttMarker
```

- Classes can 'inherit' from other classes
- This means they can extend or modify the possibilities of the inherited class and use their features
- e.g. `TH1F` inherits from `TH1`, which inherits from `TNamed`, which inherits from the ROOT base class `TObject`
- One can read this as: A `TH1F` is also a `TH1` and is also a `TNamed` and is also a `TObject`
- BUT: A `TObject` is not necessarily a `TH1F` ...

Side remark

Casting 2

- The objects can be 'converted' into each other using a method called 'casting'
- One can either cast to parent classes (upcasting) or to child classes (downcasting)



See also: <http://www.cplusplus.com/doc/tutorial/typecasting/>

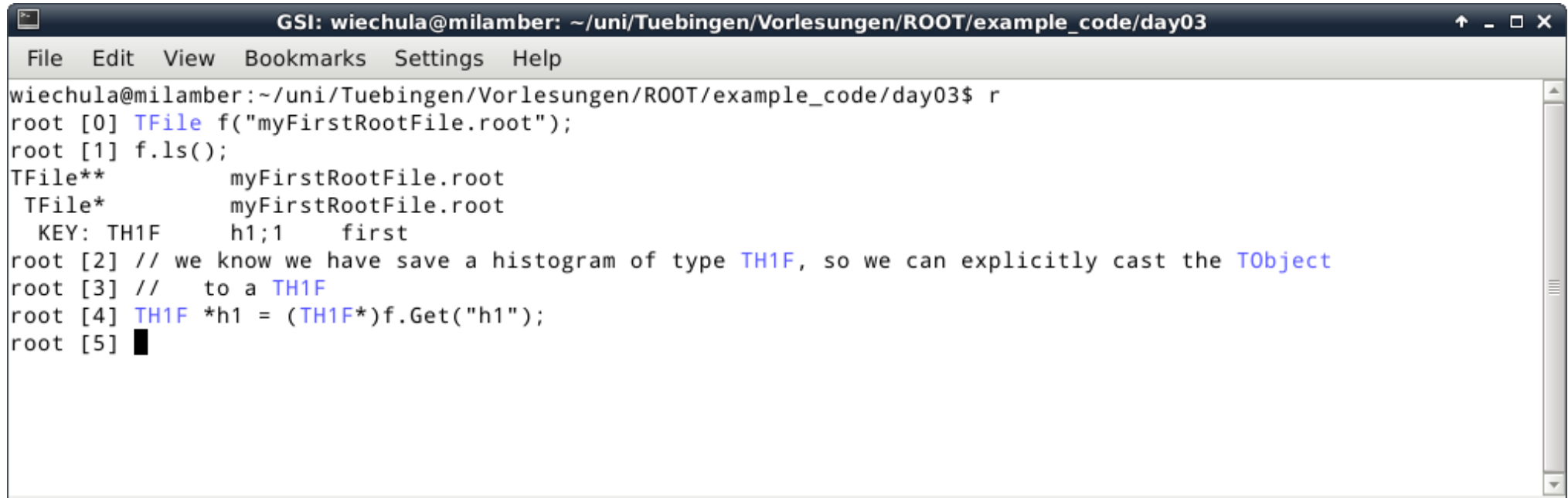
Side remark

Casting 3

- Several methods exist for casting
- (type)object
 - e.g. `TObject *o = (TObject*)myTH1F`
 - This is the c-like type casting and for most purposes fine to be used, however discouraged, since it is not very explicit
- `static_cast<type>(object)`
 - e.g. `TObject *o = static_cast<TObject*>(myTH1F)`
 - More explicit cast, checks at least if a cast is possible at compiler time
- `dynamic_cast<type>(object)`
 - e.g. `TObject *o = dynamic_cast<TObject*>(myTH1F)`
 - This makes a full type check if the casting is allowed at run time, otherwise it returns a NULL pointer. More time consuming than the other casts
 - **Only works in compiled code! In CINT it is like static_cast**
- More info: <http://stackoverflow.com/questions/28002/regular-cast-vs-static-cast-vs-dynamic-cast>

Saving and reading of data

Retrieving an object and casting it



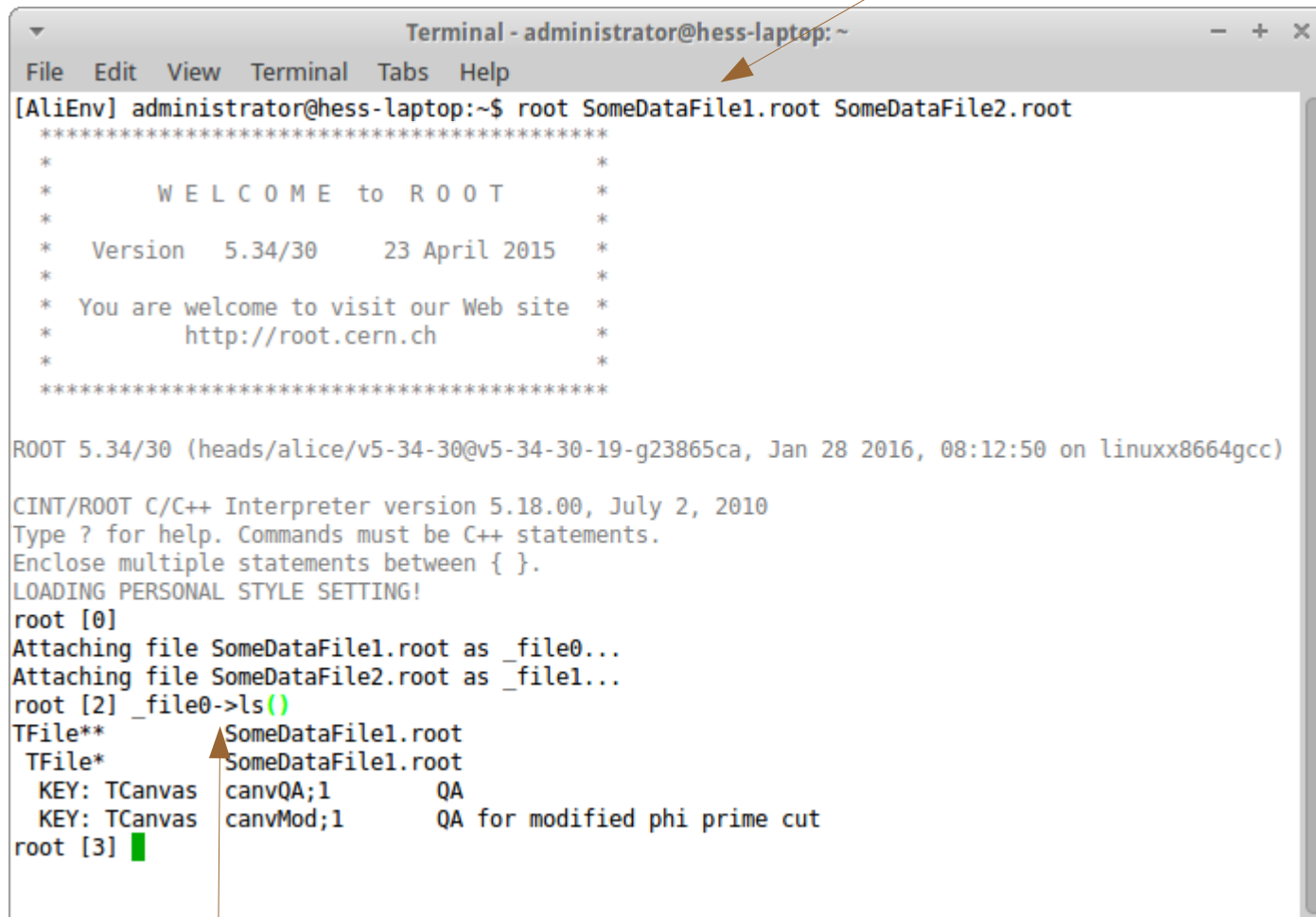
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File Edit View Bookmarks Settings Help
wiechula@milamber:~/uni/Tuebingen/Vorlesungen/ROOT/example_code/day03$ r
root [0] TFile f("myFirstRootFile.root");
root [1] f.ls();
TFile**          myFirstRootFile.root
TFile*           myFirstRootFile.root
KEY: TH1F        h1;1      first
root [2] // we know we have save a histogram of type TH1F, so we can explicitly cast the TObject
root [3] //      to a TH1F
root [4] TH1F *h1 = (TH1F*)f.Get("h1");
root [5] █
```

- When cast into the object itself, the full functionality of the object is available again

Reading of data

Using the shell

- Attach files to ROOT directly in the shell (just provide the relative or absolute pathname(s) to the file(s))



A terminal window titled "Terminal - administrator@hess-laptop: ~" showing the execution of ROOT commands. The user enters `root SomeDataFile1.root SomeDataFile2.root` at the `[AliEnv] administrator@hess-laptop:~$` prompt. The output displays a welcome message for ROOT 5.34/30, followed by CINT/ROOT C/C++ Interpreter version 5.18.00. The user then enters `root [0]`, and the prompt changes to `root [2] _file0->ls()`. The output shows the files `SomeDataFile1.root` and `SomeDataFile2.root` attached as `_file0` and `_file1` respectively. The user then enters `root [3]` and the prompt changes to `root [3]`.

```
Terminal - administrator@hess-laptop: ~
File Edit View Terminal Tabs Help
[AliEnv] administrator@hess-laptop:~$ root SomeDataFile1.root SomeDataFile2.root
*****
*                                     *
*      W E L C O M E  to  R O O T      *
*                                     *
*  Version   5.34/30      23 April 2015  *
*                                     *
*  You are welcome to visit our Web site *
*      http://root.cern.ch              *
*                                     *
*****

ROOT 5.34/30 (heads/alice/v5-34-30@v5-34-30-19-g23865ca, Jan 28 2016, 08:12:50 on linuxx8664gcc)

CINT/ROOT C/C++ Interpreter version 5.18.00, July 2, 2010
Type ? for help. Commands must be C++ statements.
Enclose multiple statements between { }.
LOADING PERSONAL STYLE SETTING!
root [0]
Attaching file SomeDataFile1.root as _file0...
Attaching file SomeDataFile2.root as _file1...
root [2] _file0->ls()
TFile**      SomeDataFile1.root
TFile*       SomeDataFile1.root
KEY: TCanvas canvQA;1      QA
KEY: TCanvas canvMod;1     QA for modified phi prime cut
root [3]
```

- Files are then available in CINT as `_file0`, `_file1`, ...

Remarks on saving objects

A few examples

- ROOT objects can also be directly written to file

```
TH1F *h1 = new TH1F("h1","h1",10,0,10);  
h1->FillRandom("gaus");  
h1->SaveAs("/tmp/histo.root")
```

```
TH1F *h2 = new TH1F("h2","h2",10,0,10);  
h2->FillRandom("gaus"); h2->SetLineColor(kRed);  
TCanvas c;  
c.Divide(2);  
c.cd(1);  
h1->Draw();  
c.cd(2);  
h2->Draw();  
c.SaveAs("/tmp/savedCanvas.root");
```

Directories

Introduction

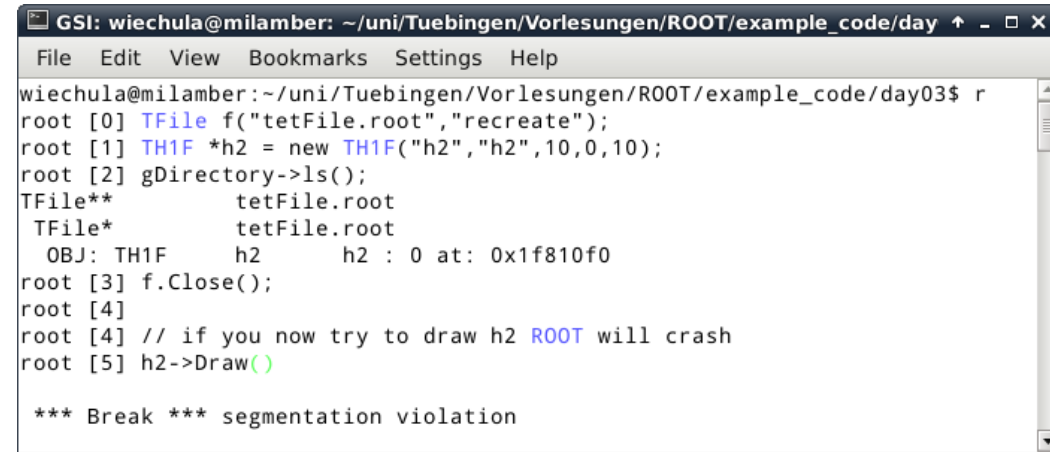
- ROOT has a concept of directories, similar to the file system
- When ROOT is started the base directory (gROOT) is selected
- A TFile is also a directory
- The global variable gDirectory always points to the current directory
- Histograms are by default associated to the current directory → This has a few implications



Directories

Remarks on histograms

```
1 // crate a histogram and list the
2 // contents of the current directory
3 TH1F *h1 = new TH1F("h1","h1",10,0,10);
4 gDirectory->ls();
5
6
7 // open a file first, create a histogram
8 // and list the contents
9 TFile f("tetFile.root","recreate");
10 TH1F *h2 = new TH1F("h2","h2",10,0,10);
11 gDirectory->ls();
12 f.Close();
13
14 // if you now try to draw h2 ROOT will crash
15 h2->Draw()
16
17 // the reason is that h2 is associated to the
18 // file and if the file is closed the histogram
19 // is deleted. However the pointer still exists
20 // but points to a position in memory where
21 // not histogram exists any longer
```



The screenshot shows a ROOT terminal window titled "GSI: wiechula@milamber: ~/uni/Tuebingen/Vorlesungen/ROOT/example_code/day". The terminal output shows the execution of the code from the previous block. It lists the creation of a histogram h2, the closing of the file, and the attempt to draw h2. The final line of output is "*** Break *** segmentation violation", indicating a crash. An arrow points from this error message to the text "Solution: remove the association to the file after this line by calling: h2->SetDirectory(0x0);".

Solution: remove the association to the file after this line by calling:
`h2->SetDirectory(0x0);`

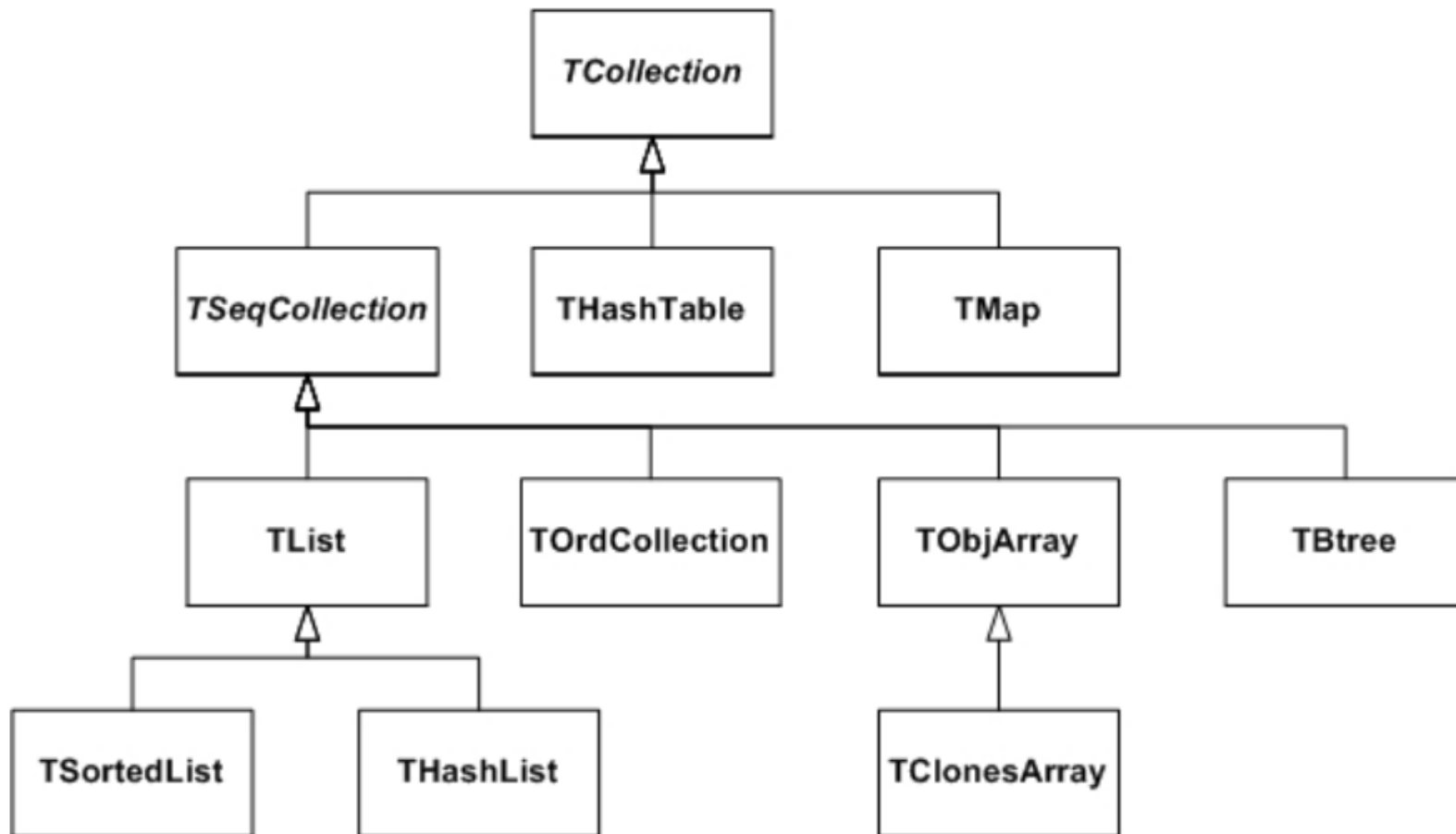
- Dealing with pointers can be tricky

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Collection classes

Introduction

- ROOT Provides several classes to group ROOT objects in one structure



The inheritance hierarchy of the primary collection classes

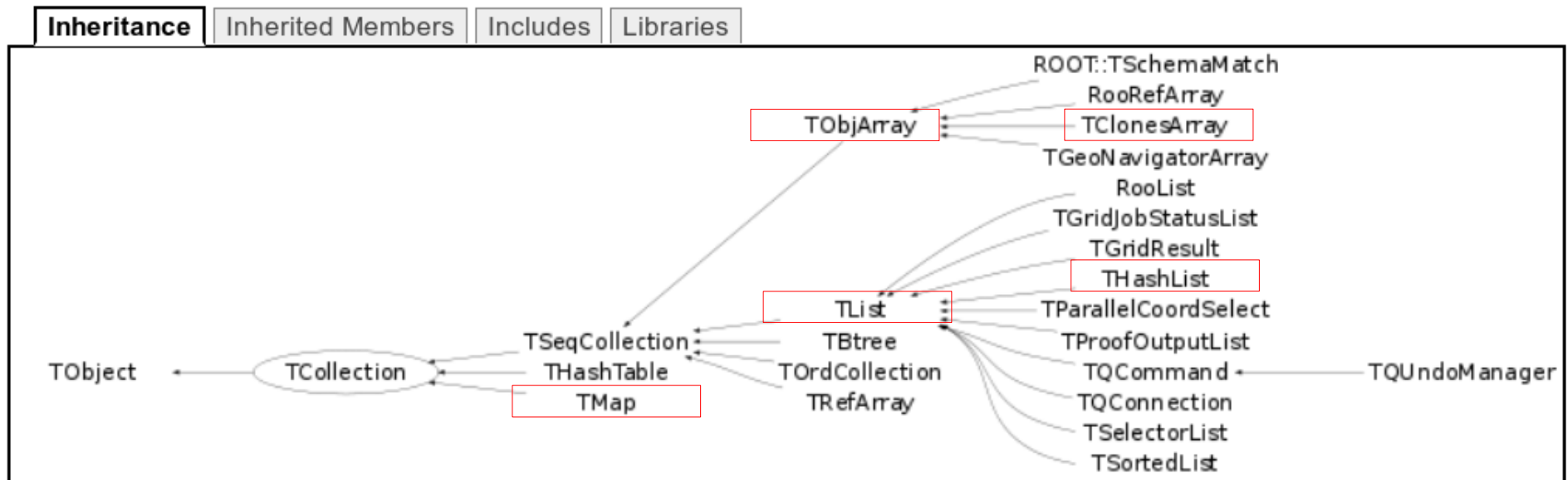
Collection classes

Introduction

- ROOT Provides several classes to group ROOT objects in one structure
- They all inherit from TCollection

Class Charts

<http://root.cern.ch/root/html/TCollection.html>



Collection classes

Introduction

- A collection is a group of related objects
- easier to manage a large number of items as a collection.
- Collections act as flexible alternatives to traditional data structures of computers science such as arrays, lists and trees
- Collections can only hold objects that inherit from TObject
- They return pointers to TObjects, that have to be cast back to the correct subclass
- Collections are dynamic; they can grow in size as required
- Collections themselves are descendants of TObject so can themselves be held in collections

Collection classes

TObjArray and TList

- TObjArray and TList are two of the most important collection classes and can store ANY object that inherits from TObject, also mixed types
- TObjArray is an array of objects with a certain size, objects don't need to be consecutive, so it can contain NULL pointers
- TList is a doubly linked list, an internal structure keeps references to the next and previous object in the list. It cannot contain NULL pointers

Collection classes

TObjArray and TList – most important functions

Adding an object to the collection

Add(TObject* **obj**)

obj Any object that inherits from TObject

Accessing objects in the collection

TObject* At(Int_t **idx**)

idx Position inside the collection

TObject* FindObject(const char* **name**)

TObject* FindObject(const TObject* **obj**)

name name of the object

Int_t IndexOf(const TObject* **obj**)

Number of elements in the collection

Int_t GetEntries()

Int_t GetEntriesFast() (only TObjArray)

In case of TObjArray:

GetEntries() → Number of non-empty slots/number of objects in the array

Removing objects

TObject* Remove(TObject* **obj**)

TObject* RemoveAt(Int_t **idx**)

GetEntriesFast() → Number of slots (including empty slots)

Collection classes

TObjArray and TList – example adding objects

```
1 // first example filling TObjArray or TList
2 // create a few histograms
3 TH1F *h1 = new TH1F("h1", "h1", 10, 0, 10);
4 TH1F *h2 = new TH1F("h2", "h2", 10, 0, 10);
5 TH1F *h3 = new TH1F("h3", "h3", 10, 0, 10);
6 TH1F *h4 = new TH1F("h4", "h4", 10, 0, 10);
7
8 // crate a list and a TObjArray
9 TList list;
10
11 list.Add(h1);
12 list.Add(h2);
13 list.Add(h3);
14 list.Add(h4);
15
16 TObjArray arr;
17 arr.Add(h1);
18 arr.Add(h2);
19 arr.Add(h3);
20 arr.Add(h4);
```

collection_examples.txt

Collection classes

TObjArray and TList – looping over the objects 1

- Several possibilities exist to loop over the objects in the collection
- The simplest is to loop over the number of entries, accessing them by their index

```
22 //
23 // simple for loop over TObjArray and TList
24 //
25 ▼ for (Int_t iObj=0; iObj<list.GetEntries(); ++iObj){
26     cout << "Object name in list at position " << iObj << ": " << list.At(iObj)->GetName() << endl;
27 }
28
29 // NOTE: For TObjArray use 'GetEntriesFast'! Be aware that you might retrieve a NULL pointer!
30 ▼ for (Int_t iObj=0; iObj<arr.GetEntriesFast(); ++iObj){
31     cout << "Object name in array at position " << iObj << ": " << arr.At(iObj)->GetName() << endl;
32 }
--
```

- NOTE the difference between TList and TObjArray:
GetEntries() ↔ GetEntriesFast()
- Reason: the array can have less objects than the maximum size (NULL in between)

collection_examples.txt

Collection classes

TObjArray and TList – difference

TObjArray

idx	name		idx	name
0	h1	Remove(h3)	0	h1
1	h2		1	h2
2	h3		2	0x0
3	h4		3	h4
4	h5		4	h5

GetEntries() = 5 GetEntries() = 4
GetEntriesFast() = 5 GetEntriesFast() = 5

Looping over **GetEntries()** after removing the object would only go up to 'h4'

TList

idx	name		idx	name
0	h1	Remove(h3)	0	h1
1	h2		1	h2
2	h3		2	h4
3	h4		3	h5
4	h5			

GetEntries() = 5 GetEntries() = 4

Looping over **GetEntries()** works correctly, since Remove() removes the object from the linked list

Collection classes

TObjArray and TList – looping over the objects 2

- Another possibility is to use a so called 'iterator'
- Iterators provide a function to sequentially loop over the contents in a collection
- TIter can be used and provides the () operator to access the next object

```
48 TIter nextListItem(&list);
49 TIter nextArrItem(&arr);
50
51 TObject *o=0x0;
52
53 // () in this case is an operator that returns the next object
54 while ( (o=nextListItem()) ) {
55     cout << "Object name in list " << o->GetName() << endl;
56 }
57
58 while ( (o=nextArrItem()) ) {
59     cout << "Object name in list " << o->GetName() << endl;
60 }
```

collection_examples.txt

Collection classes

TObjArray and TList – looping over the objects 3

- If you find the notation with the () operator confusing, you can also use the function Next() of TIter instead – it does exactly the same:

```
63 // Equivalently, one can use the function Next() of the iterator
64 cout << endl << endl << "Alternative way of iterating...." << endl << endl;
65
66 TIter listIterator(&list);
67 TIter arrIterator(&arr);
68
69 o=0x0;
70
71 ▼ while ( (o=listIterator.Next()) ) {
72     cout << "Object name in list " << o->GetName() << endl;
73 }
74
75 ▼ while ( (o=arrIterator.Next()) ) {
76     cout << "Object name in list " << o->GetName() << endl;
77 }
```

collection_examples.txt

Collection classes

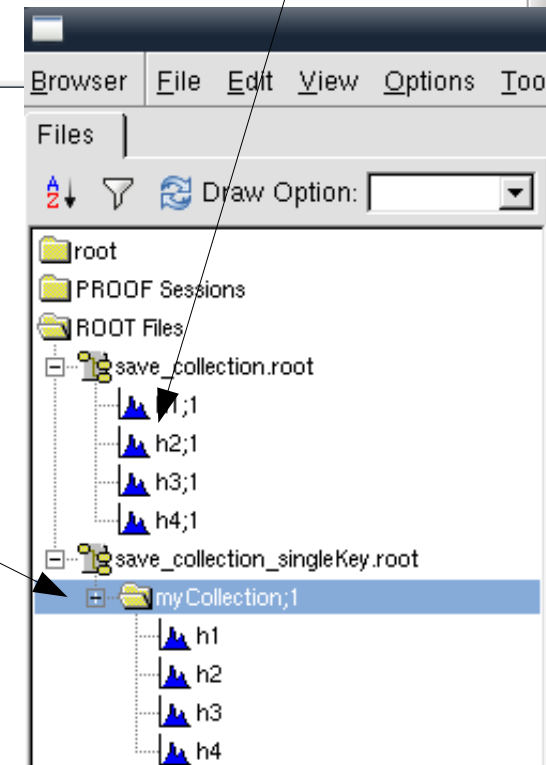
Saving collection classes

```
1 void save_collection()
2 {
3     // create a few histograms and add them
4     // to a collection
5     TH1F *h1 = new TH1F("h1", "h1", 10, 0, 10);
6     TH1F *h2 = new TH1F("h2", "h2", 10, 0, 10);
7     TH1F *h3 = new TH1F("h3", "h3", 10, 0, 10);
8     TH1F *h4 = new TH1F("h4", "h4", 10, 0, 10);
9     ..
10    // crate a list and a TObjArray
11    TList list;
12    ..
13    list.Add(h1);
14    list.Add(h2);
15    list.Add(h3);
16    list.Add(h4);
17
18    //open a file and save the collection
19    // look at the contents
20    TFile f("save_collection.root", "recreate");
21    list.Write();
22    f.ls();
23    f.Close();
24
25    //open a file and save the collection
26    //now with the option kSingleKey
27    // look at the contents
28    TFile f2("save_collection.root", "recreate");
29    list.Write("myCollection", TObject::kSingleKey);
30    f2.ls();
31    f2.Close();
32 }
```

```
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wiechula@milamber:~/uni/Tuebingen/Vorlesungen/ROOT/example_code/day03$ r
root [0] .x save_collection.C
TFile**      save_collection.root
TFile*       save_collection.root
KEY: TH1F    h1;1    h1
KEY: TH1F    h2;1    h2
KEY: TH1F    h3;1    h3
KEY: TH1F    h4;1    h4
TFile**      save_collection_singleKey.root
TFile*       save_collection_singleKey.root
KEY: TList   myCollection;1  Doubly linked list
root [1] █
```

Without kSingleKey
the contents of the
collection are written
directly

With kSingleKey the whole
collection is written as one
object.
In the browser it appears
as a folder



Collection classes

Cleaning up

- If a TCollection object (or one from a derived class) is deleted, the objects in that collection are NOT deleted per default (exception: TclonesArray)
- In other words: the TCollections do not own the objects they hold for the very good reason that the same object could be a member of more than one collection
- This behaviour can be changed by calling SetOwner(kTRUE/kFALSE). If the collection is owner of its contents, they will be deleted/destroyed when the collection is deleted or (depending on the collection type) Clear() is called.

Strings

Introduction

- Strings in ROOT are handled with the class **TString**
- In addition, a wrapper class that inherits from **TObject** exists: **TObjString**
- **TString** allows for very easy manipulation of strings and is recommended to be used over the c functions for string manipulation

Strings

A first example

```
root [0] // simple example: define two strings and add them
root [1]   TString s1("Hi");
root [2]   TString s2="over there";
root [3]   TString s3=s1+" "+s2+"!";
root [4]   cout<<s3<<endl;
Hi over there!
```

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- String can be initialised using the constructor:
TString(const char* **s**) **s**: default c-string
- Or using the assignment operator (like for numbers)
- In CINT: As for numbers simply entering a TString variable shows its contents

Strings

Most important functions

Access to internal c-string

`const char* Data()`

c-strings are often needed e.g. for function arguments

Adding text

`Append(const char* cs)`

`Prepend(const char* cs)`

Replacing

`ReplaceAll(const char* cs1, const char* cs2)`

... and many more functions

cs

A c-string

→ most functions are overloaded and can also take TString instead of a normal c-string

Parts of the string

`char operator()(Ssiz_t i)`

`TSubString operator()(Ssiz_t start, Ssiz_t len)`

i

position in the string

start

start position for sub-string

len

length of sub-string

Split string into sub-strings at a token

`TObjArray* Tokenize(const TString& delim)`

delim

tokens at which to split

Strings

The useful function “Form”

Since we are often dealing with c-strings, you may find the function

`char* Form(const char* fmt, ...)`

useful (with **fmt** being a printf style format descriptor)

```
1 TString path = "myPath/to/some/file";
2
3 for (Int_t fileIdx = 0; fileIdx < 5; ++fileIdx) {
4     TString fileName = Form("myFile%d.root", fileIdx);
5     TString filePathName = Form("%s/%s", path.Data(), fileName.Data());
6     printf("fileIdx %d: filePathName=\"%s\"\n\n", fileIdx, filePathName.Data());
7 }
```

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```
root [0] TString path = "myPath/to/some/file";
root [1]
root [1] for (Int_t fileIdx = 0; fileIdx < 5; ++fileIdx) {
end with '}', '@:abort >   TString fileName = Form("myFile%d.root", fileIdx);
end with '}', '@:abort >   TString filePathName = Form("%s/%s", path.Data(), fileName.Data());
end with '}', '@:abort >   printf("fileIdx %d: filePathName=\"%s\"\n\n", fileIdx, filePathName.Data());
end with '}', '@:abort > }
fileIdx 0: filePathName="myPath/to/some/file/myFile0.root"

fileIdx 1: filePathName="myPath/to/some/file/myFile1.root"

fileIdx 2: filePathName="myPath/to/some/file/myFile2.root"

fileIdx 3: filePathName="myPath/to/some/file/myFile3.root"

fileIdx 4: filePathName="myPath/to/some/file/myFile4.root"
```

printf example

The syntax followed by “Form” is the one of printf

This is the way in C to write to the stdout (in the previous lectures we have seen the C++ way, using cout)

```
1 /* printf example */
2 #include <stdio.h>
3
4 int main()
5 {
6     printf ("Characters: %c %c \n", 'a', 65);
7     printf ("Decimals: %d %ld\n", 1977, 650000L);
8     printf ("Preceding with blanks: %10d \n", 1977);
9     printf ("Preceding with zeros: %010d \n", 1977);
10    printf ("Some different radices: %d %x %o %#x %#o \n", 100, 100, 100, 100, 100);
11    printf ("floats: %4.2f %+.0e %E \n", 3.1416, 3.1416, 3.1416);
12    printf ("Width trick: %*d \n", 5, 10);
13    printf ("%s \n", "A string");
14    return 0;
15 }
```

<http://www.cplusplus.com/reference/cstdio/printf/>

What in practice you may need:

%s string

%d integer

%g float

If you don't like this “c-style” way of handling strings, don't worry.

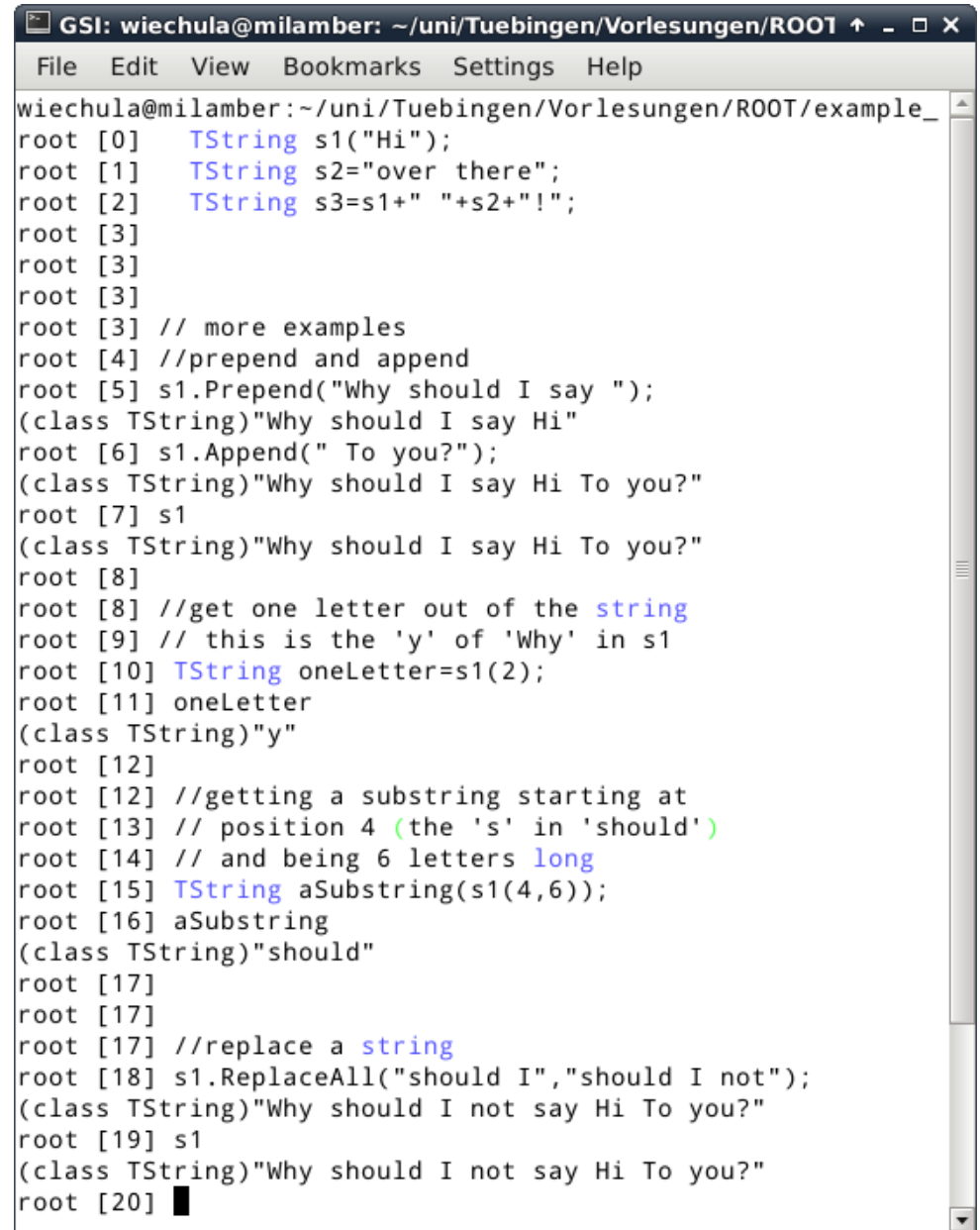
You can also use the less-compact way as on the last slides to create the desired strings.

Strings

More examples

```
1 // simple example: define two strings and add them
2 TString s1("Hi");
3 TString s2="over there";
4 TString s3=s1+" "+s2+"!";
5
6
7
8 // more examples
9 //prepend and append
10 s1.Prepend("Why should I say ");
11 s1.Append(" To you?");
12 s1
13
14 //get one letter out of the string
15 // this is the 'y' of 'Why' in s1
16 TString oneLetter=s1(2);
17 oneLetter
18
19 //getting a substring starting at
20 // position 4 (the 's' in 'should')
21 // and being 6 letters long
22 TString aSubString(s1(4,6));
23 aSubString
24
25
26 //replace a string
27 s1.ReplaceAll("should I","should I not");
28 s1
```

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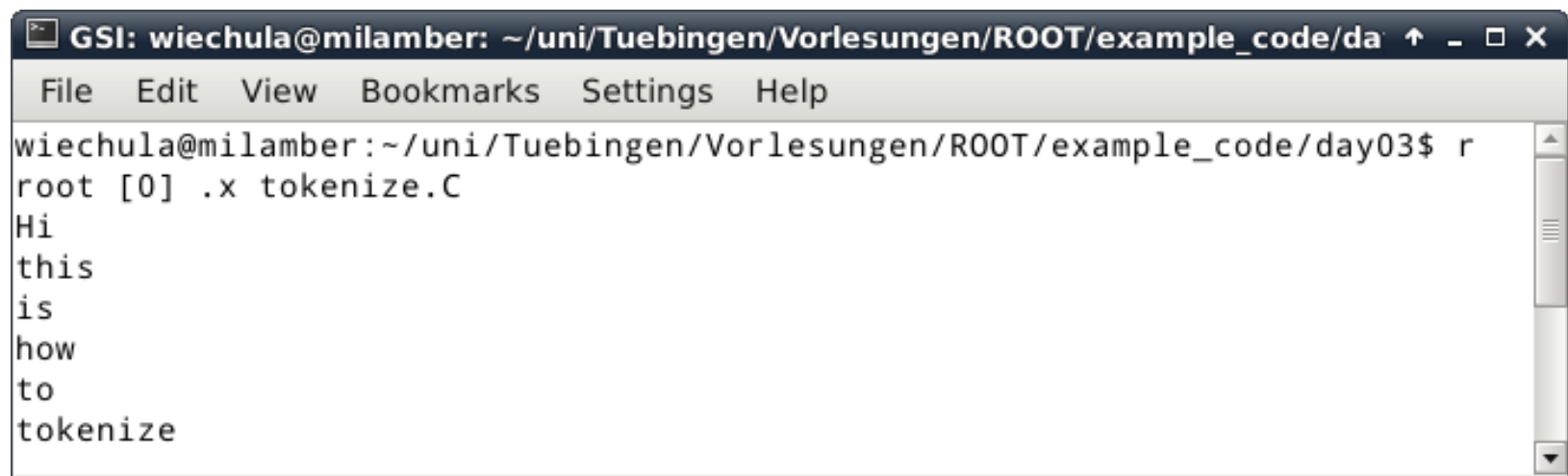


```
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wiechula@milamber:~/uni/Tuebingen/Vorlesungen/ROOT/example_
root [0] TString s1("Hi");
root [1] TString s2="over there";
root [2] TString s3=s1+" "+s2+"!";
root [3]
root [3]
root [3]
root [3] // more examples
root [4] //prepend and append
root [5] s1.Prepend("Why should I say ");
(class TString)"Why should I say Hi"
root [6] s1.Append(" To you?");
(class TString)"Why should I say Hi To you?"
root [7] s1
(class TString)"Why should I say Hi To you?"
root [8]
root [8] //get one letter out of the string
root [9] // this is the 'y' of 'Why' in s1
root [10] TString oneLetter=s1(2);
root [11] oneLetter
(class TString)"y"
root [12]
root [12] //getting a substring starting at
root [13] // position 4 (the 's' in 'should')
root [14] // and being 6 letters long
root [15] TString aSubString(s1(4,6));
root [16] aSubString
(class TString)"should"
root [17]
root [17]
root [17] //replace a string
root [18] s1.ReplaceAll("should I","should I not");
(class TString)"Why should I not say Hi To you?"
root [19] s1
(class TString)"Why should I not say Hi To you?"
root [20]
```

Strings

Tokenize strings – an example

```
3 TString sToTokenize="Hi, this, is, how, to, tokenize";
4
5 //Tokenize the string at ',' and ' '
6 TObjArray *arr=sToTokenize.Tokenize(", ");
7
8 //the array not contains the tokenized words
9 //loop over them
10 TIter nextWord(arr);
11 TObject *o=0x0;
12
13 while ( (o=nextWord()) ){
14 | cout << o->GetName() << endl;
15 }
```



A terminal window titled "GSI: wiechula@milamber: ~/uni/Tuebingen/Vorlesungen/ROOT/example_code/day03" with standard window controls. The menu bar includes "File", "Edit", "View", "Bookmarks", "Settings", and "Help". The terminal shows the command `root [0] .x tokenize.C` being executed, followed by the output of the program: "Hi", "this", "is", "how", "to", and "tokenize" on separate lines.

```
GSI: wiechula@milamber: ~/uni/Tuebingen/Vorlesungen/ROOT/example_code/day03
File Edit View Bookmarks Settings Help
wiechula@milamber:~/uni/Tuebingen/Vorlesungen/ROOT/example_code/day03$ r
root [0] .x tokenize.C
Hi
this
is
how
to
tokenize
```

Exercises: I/O writing and reading

- Create a histogram generated with a Gaussian distribution (mean=2,sigma=0.2) and write it in a file. Close the file
- Open the file and check the content with the TBrowser
- Create another histogram (e.g. Gaussian with mean 3 and sigma 0.2) and write it inside the same file (do not overwrite the previous one)
- Open the file, retrieve the histograms and draw them on the same canvas, using different line colors
- create a TLegend for the two histograms

Solution : exercises/day03/writingReading.C

Exercises: I/O + save canvas

- Open the file “example_code/day03/vertex.root”
- See the content either with TBrowser or via the root prompt
- Write a macro opening the file, getting the objects and drawing them in different pads of a TCanvas
- Save the TCanvas in a root file
- open the file and draw the TCanvas

Solution : exercises/day03/readVertex.C

Exercises: collection and strings

- Create several histograms and graphs. Fill the histograms in one collection class and the graphs in another. Save both to a root file using `kSingleKey` (save them with different names) – browse the file

Solution: exercises/day03/collections.C

- Play around with strings and tokenisation

- Example:

Define a string as `"/data/run2/histos/2016/09/15/"`

Retrieve the different part of the date from it (day, month, year) using `Tokenize` and print them on the `stdout`.

Change the subdir `"histos"` in `"graphs"`

Solution: exercises/day03/stringTest.C

Exercises: gStyle

- Draw a histogram and change the information printed in the statistics box via `gStyle → SetOpt(...)`

For example add the overflow, underflow, the error of the mean

- Take one of your fit of yesterday and use `gStyle → SetOptFit(...)` to display a box with the fit results