

ROOT Notebook with Org

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1 Introduction

In the recent ROOT v6.06 announcement we got the interesting news that one can now run ROOT from an Jupyter (ne' ipython) *notebook*. The notebook feature forges a connection between a web browser UI and a backend kernel of which ROOT is one. The notebook can be written to a Markdown document. This document is strikingly similar to, although not as semantically rich as, an Org document. The document you are reading is an attempt to provide a simple, if verbose, “Org Notebook” example.

2 Graphics format

Org supports many graphics formats for inline viewing in Emacs or for export. Different export formats “like” different graphics formats. To support exporting to both PDF (via L^AT_EX) and HTML in the most simple way, we have ROOT produce plots in SVG. SVG is native for most HTML renderers but requires a few tweaks for L^AT_EX. ROOT’s SVG also may have some Unicode characters that cause problems with L^AT_EX. In this example we deal with these issues by adding the following Org headers:

```
#+LATEX_HEADER: \usepackage[clean,pdf]{svg}
#+LATEX_HEADER: \DeclareUnicodeCharacter{2212}{-}
#+LATEX_HEADER: \setsvg{pretex=\tiny}
```

The `svg` package we use here will convert SVG to PDF on the fly. Take note of the ROOT-specific info in the `svg` package documentation. To allow the automatic SVG conversion, `pdflatex` needs to be told it is okay to run external programs. You can either export the Org document to L^AT_EX (`C-c C-e l l`) and run `pdflatex` yourself or you can add `--shell-escape` to

the `org-latex-pdf-process` variable. You can set the variable directly or customize it. Mine looks like this:

```
("pdflatex --shell-escape -interaction nonstopmode -output-directory %o %f"
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```

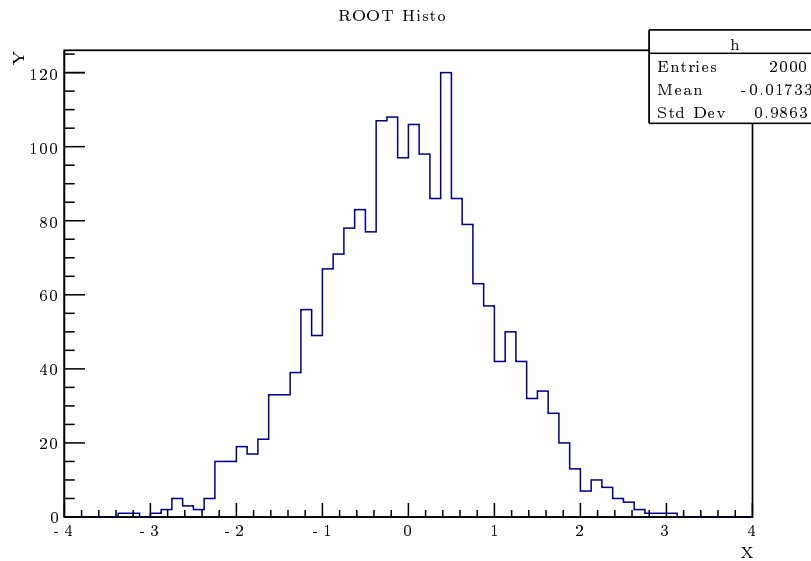
3 The Example

Start with some general ROOT plotting setup. This Python source block exports only the code and has no results. We give it the `:session` argument so that the instance of Python is used for all subsequent code blocks.

```
import ROOT
# set batch so we don't have a TCanvas pop up
ROOT.gROOT.SetBatch(True);
c = ROOT.TCanvas("c")
```

Next, we make a histogram, fill it, draw it and print the canvas to the SVG file. Shown in the Org source for the document you are currently reading, the `:session` flag is given and thus the canvas variable `c` defined above can be used here. Other directives tell Org that both code and results are exported and that the result of the code block is to interpreted as a file name.

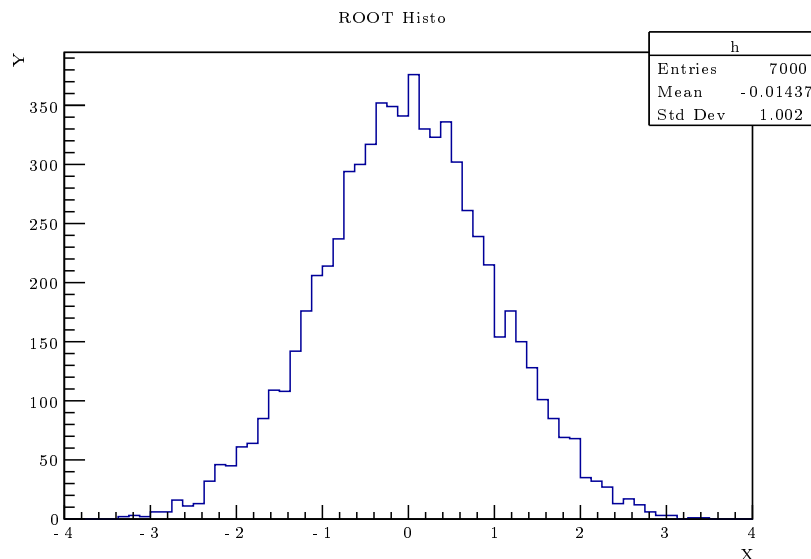
```
h = ROOT.TH1F("h", "ROOT Histo;X;Y", 64, -4, 4)
h.FillRandom("gaus", 2000);
h.Draw();
fname = "output_0_1.svg"
c.Print(fname)
fname
```



If you are reading this document from its Org sources in Emacs you may wish to toggle inline images with `C-c C-x C-v` to see the result above as a figure instead of just the file name.

Next, we do some further operation on the histogram defined above and draw it again to a second file. Note the increase in statistics.

```
h.FillRandom("gaus")
h.Draw()
fname = "output_0_2.svg"
c.Print(fname)
fname
```



4 Exporting

You can export this Org file to PDF via \LaTeX or to HTML with just a few key strokes. You can further have the result load into a PDF or HTML viewer. Try:

`C-c C-e l l` export to \LaTeX

`C-c C-e l p` as above plus run `pdflatex` to make a PDF

`C-c C-e l o` as above plus open the PDF file in a viewer

`C-c C-e h h` export to HTML

`C-c C-e h o` as above plus open the HTML file in a browser

5 Summary

The addition of ROOT as a backend kernel for Jupyter is a nice development. Through Python source blocks and ROOT’s PyROOT binding one has for a while had “Org Notebooks”. For those that prefer to work inside Emacs and especially with Org markup, this provides a full featured alternative. With some nominal setup, the Org file may be exported to both \LaTeX /PDF and HTML using SVG graphics.