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1. ProxyObjectFactory

The ProxyObjectFactory is used whenever a v8 objects needs to be converted into it's ROOT counterpart or vice versa. In a lot of cases we have a memory addresses and types, described by a string. The ProxyObjectFactory needs to parse the type string in order to decide on a class (these classes shall be called ProxyObjects) to which the void type variable needs to be forwarded. These ProxyObjects cotain the correct semantics to generate ROOT and Node objects. They are all named [type]ProxyObject derive from the class ProxyObject. The following ProxyObjects need to implemented to make the bindings work:

- **String**ProxyObject
- **Number**ProxyObject
- **Bool**ProxyObject
- **Object**ProxyObject
- ...

1.1. createProxyObject

<i>Name</i>	ProxyObjectFactory::createProxyObject(void* obj, std::string type))
<i>Visibility</i>	Public static
<i>Parameters</i>	obj : The object to be converted type : The typename, provided by ROOT
<i>Return value</i>	ProxyObject The ProxyObjects that matches the given type. The ProxyObject has already been initialized with the obj pointer.
<i>behavior</i>	Decides which ProxyObject can handle the obj pointer and returns an instance of this

Before creating a new ProxyObject this should query the ProxyObjectCache, checking if the object at the given momeory address has already been proxied.

2. ProxyObject

ProxyObject is an interface defining the following abstract methods:

2.1. isScalar

<i>Name</i>	<code>ProxyObject::isScalar()</code>
<i>Visibility</i>	Public abstract
<i>Parameters</i>	<i>none</i>
<i>Return value</i>	bool true: The object is scalar, no recursion is needed to create a ROOT/v8 representation
<i>behavior</i>	This is usually just a return statement, as String, Number, Bool, ... ProxyObjects will always handle scalar data and ObjectProxyObjects will be the only non scalar ProxyObjects (and will therefor return false)

2.2. getV8Handle

<i>Name</i>	<code>ProxyObject::getV8Handle()</code>
<i>Visibility</i>	Public abstract
<i>Parameters</i>	<i>none</i>
<i>Return value</i>	v8::Handle A Handle will be generated containing the data, used to initialize the ProxyObject.
<i>behavior</i>	This highly depends on the object's type scalar types might just call a constructor and return the result, ObjectProxyObjects will need to step down all through the objects children.

3. Appendix

3.1. Glossary