



rootJS - results of the implementation phase

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AsyncRunner



- We added a helper class for asynchronous operations, 'AsyncRunner'
- Uses libuv internally
- TThread doesn't allow communication between node threads

MetaInfo



- We added a helper class to encapsulate differences between TGlobals and TDataMember
- TGlobal has a getAdress() method to get the absolute adress,
 TDataMember only getOffset()

Other changes



- Dynamic library loader: ROOT doesn't load enough libraries on its own
- removed get exports



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Workflow



- Test-driven development
- We couldn't use Travis CI, the build of root always timed out
- So we used Jenkins instead
- Implement new features in branches first, then merge later

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- 3200+ LOC
- 400+ commits

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