



GUI Status and Development

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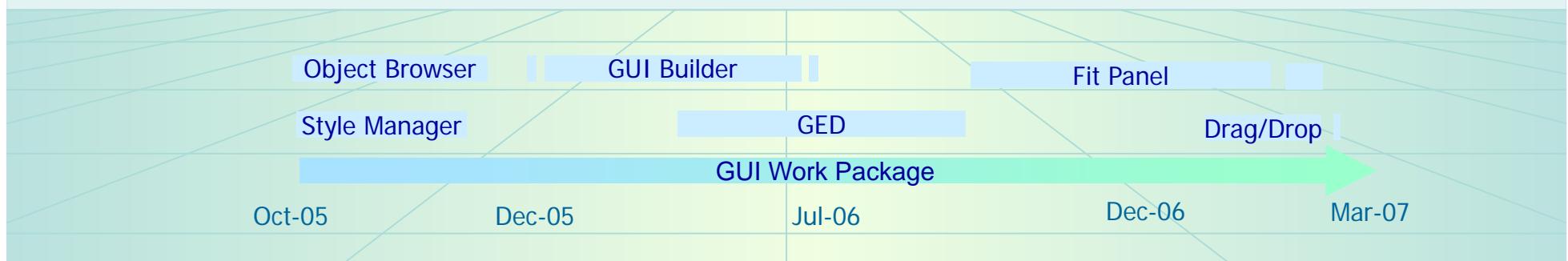
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Overview

- Status
- GUI Classes
- Object Browser
- Graphics Editor
- New Fit Panel
- Future Plans



dedx:logp

Entries: 50000
Mean x: 0.1238
Mean y: 7.751
RMS x: 0.5194
RMS y: 1.149

File Edit View Options Inspect Classes

Style Binning

Name: h6r:TH2F

Line: [] 1

Fill: [] []

Title: dedx:logp

Plot: 2-D 3-D

Type: Surf1

Coords: Cartesian

Cont #: 40

Errors Front

Palette Back

Bar: W: 1.00 O: 0.00

Frame Fill: [] []

Marker: [] [] 1.0

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Color Selector

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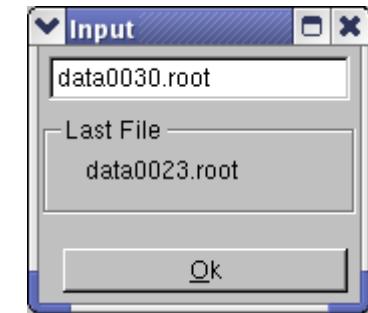
Object Browser Tree Selections GLCanvas

File View Options Help

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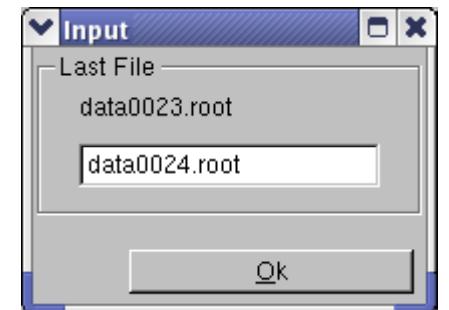
File Session Query Options Help

- Fast GUI prototyping via the CINT - embedded C++ interpreter
 - CINT supports from simple sequence of statements to complex class and method definitions
 - No need for special preprocessors or compilation
 - Macro can be edited and then re-executed via the CINT
 - Compiling macros help for fixing C++ errors

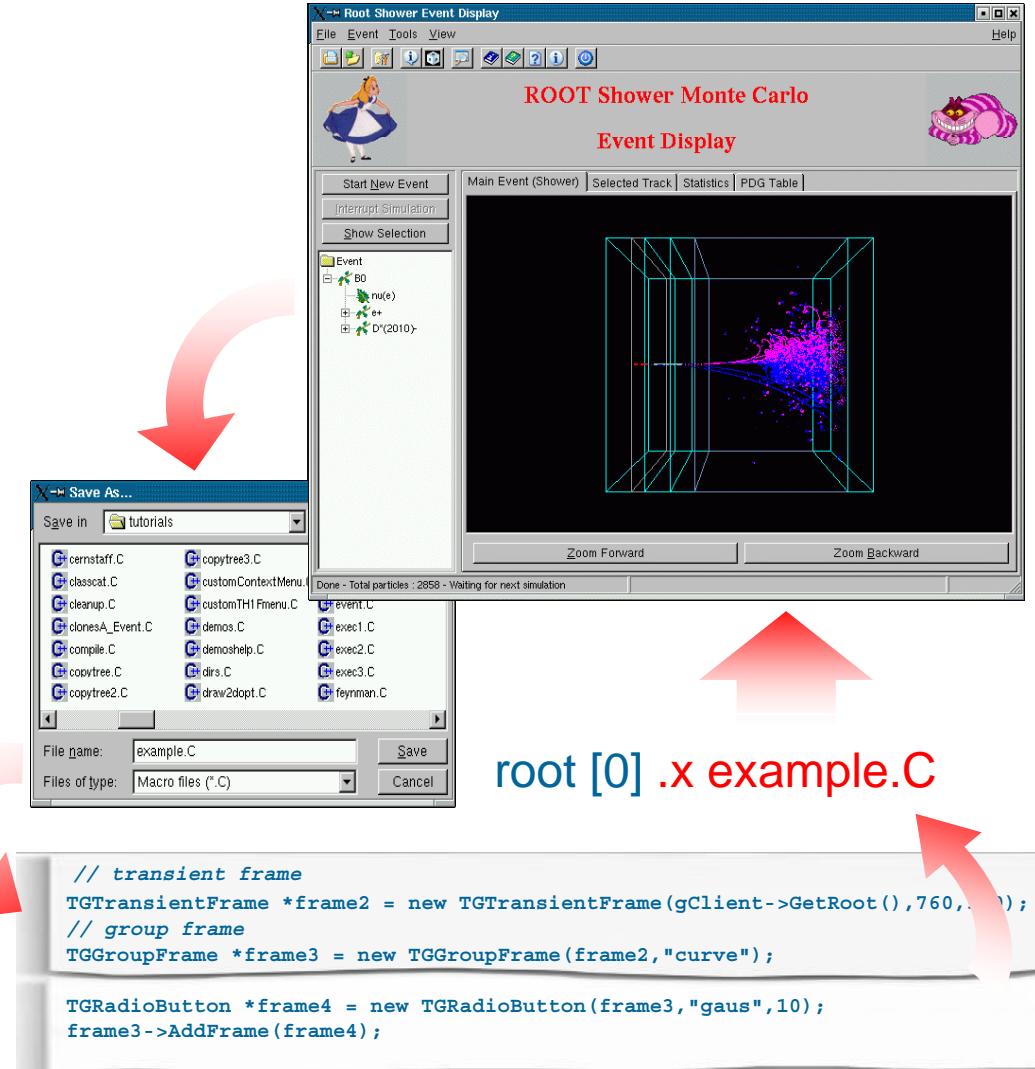


```
root [0] .x myDialog.C
root [1] .x myDialog.C
```

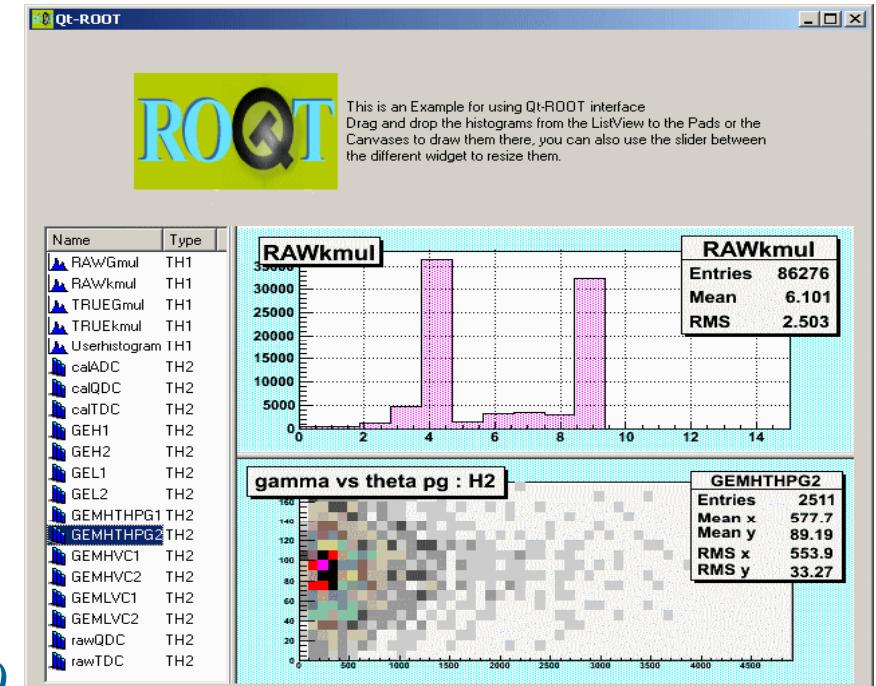
```
// fText = new TGTextEntry(fMain, new TGTextBuffer(100));
// fText->SetToolTipText("Enter the label and hit Enter key");
// fText->Connect("ReturnPressed()", "MyDialog", this, "DoSetlabel()");
// fMain->AddFrame(fText, new TGLayoutHints(kLHintsTop | kLHintsLeft, 5, 5, 5, 5));
fGframe = new TGGroupFrame(fMain, "Last File");
fLabel = new TLabel(fGframe, "No Intut ");
fGframe->AddFrame(fLabel, new TGLayoutHints(kLHintsTop | kLHintsLeft, 5, 5, 5, 5));
fText = new TGTextEntry(fGframe, new TGTextBuffer(100));
fText->SetToolTipText("Enter the label and hit Enter key");
fText->Connect("ReturnPressed()", "MyDialog", this, "DoSetlabel()");
fText->Resize(150, fText->GetDefaultHeight());
fGframe->AddFrame(fText, new TGLayoutHints(kLHintsTop | kLHintsLeft, 5, 5, 5, 5));
fMain->AddFrame(fGframe, new TGLayoutHints(kLHintsExpandX, 2, 2, 1, 1));
```



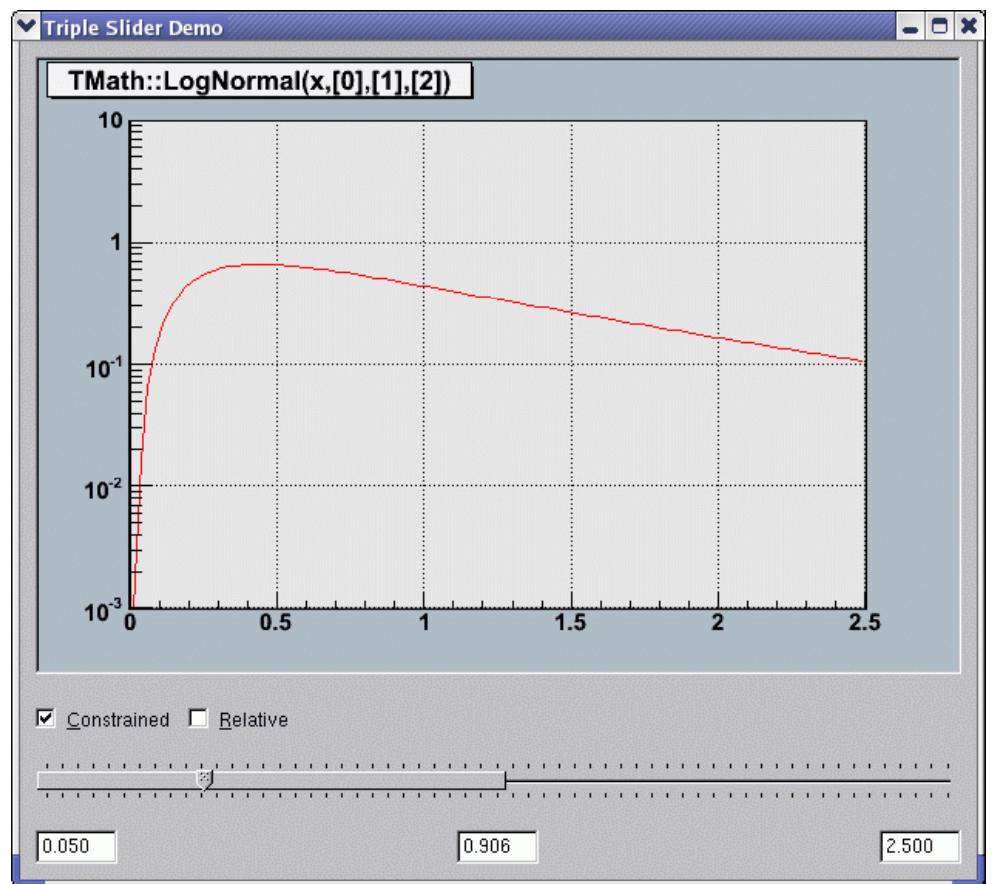
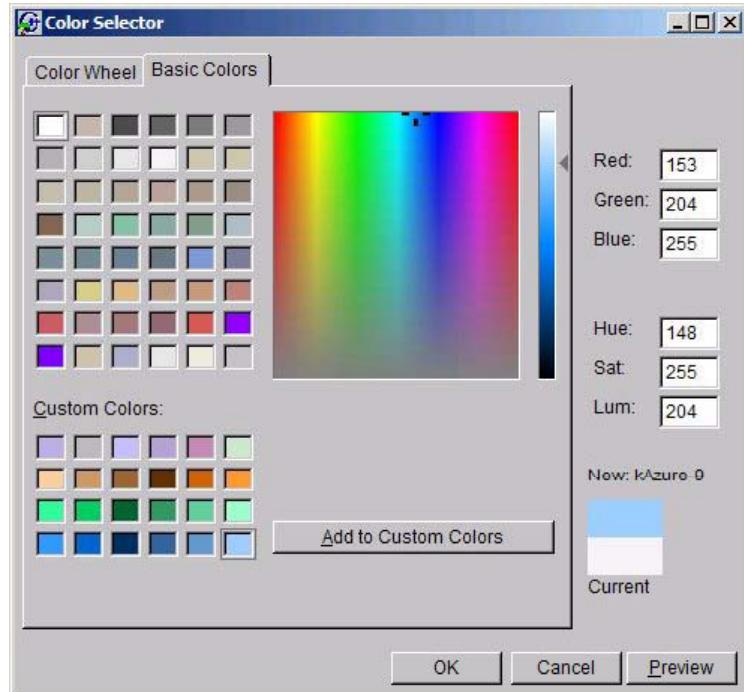
- Using *ctrl+S* any GUI can be **saved as a C++ macro file** thanks to the *SavePrimitive* methods implemented in all GUI classes.
The generated macro can be edited and then executed via the CINT
- Executing the macro restores the complete original GUI as well as all created signal/slot connections in a global way
- Macros can be stored in ROOT files with the data.
- Running extracted macros from ROOT files restores the application to perform data analysis with the stored data.



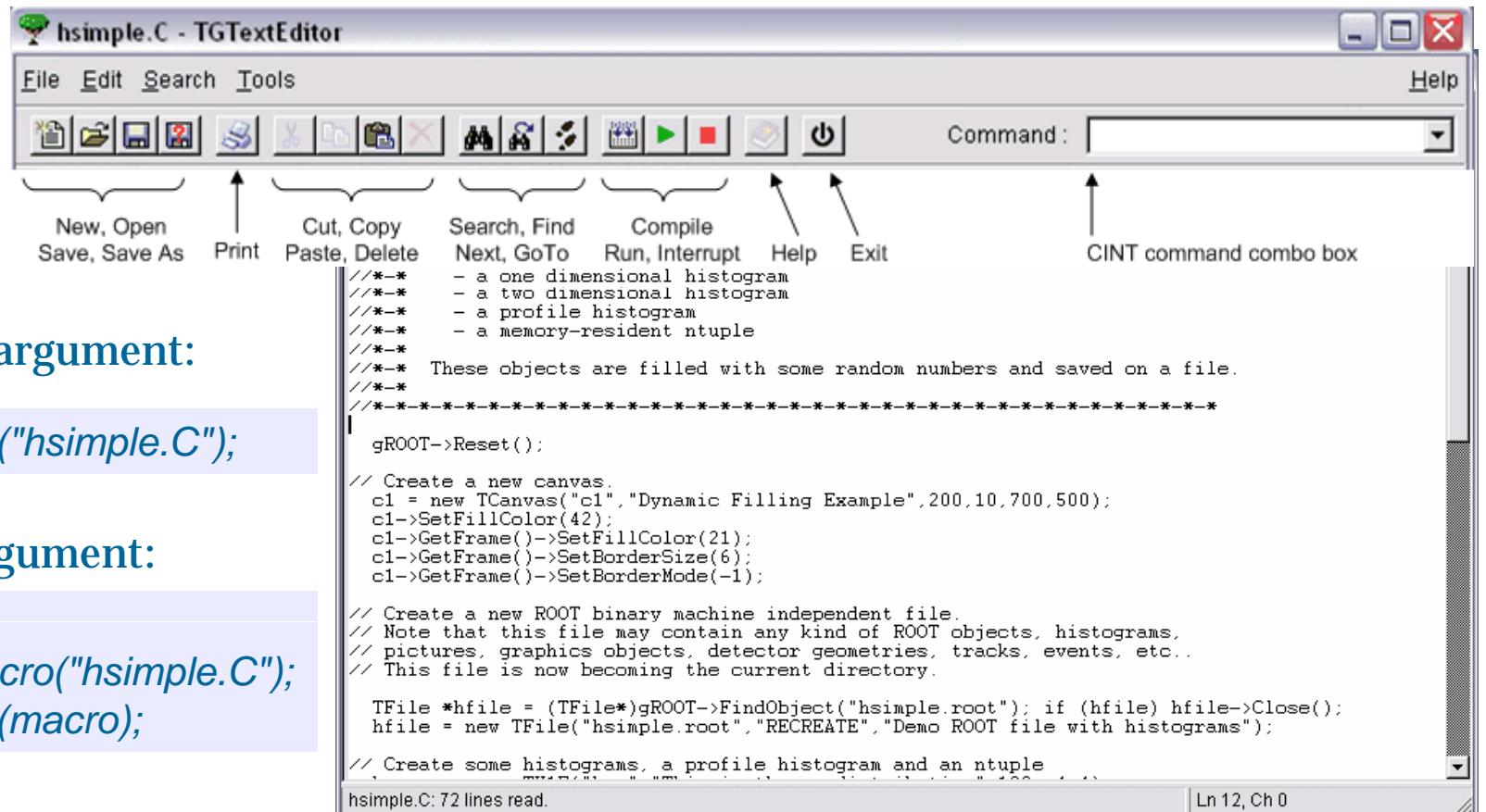
- Qt BNL (in ROOT CVS since 2004)
 - Uses Qt as a render engine for all ROOT graphics (GUI and canvas) via TGQt
 - ROOT Canvases can be embedded in Qt widgets (*talk by Valeri Fine*)
- Qt GSI (works since many years on Linux, Windows port made in 2006)
 - Lightweight interface that uses the Qt event loop to drive Qt widgets and the ROOT event loop to handle all ROOT events: GUI, timers, signals, etc.
 - Qt widgets are rendered via Qt, ROOT widgets are rendered either via TGX11 or TGWin32GDK
 - ROOT canvases can be embedded in Qt widgets
- Another way... (*talk by Bertrand Bellenot*)



- Triple slider widget allows an easy selection of a sub-range and a pointer value in a defined range of values.
- Color selection dialog



- **TGTextEditor** provides all basic editor functionalities and most important is that it allows to compile and execute macros



File name as the argument:

```
new TGTextEditor("hsimple.C");
```

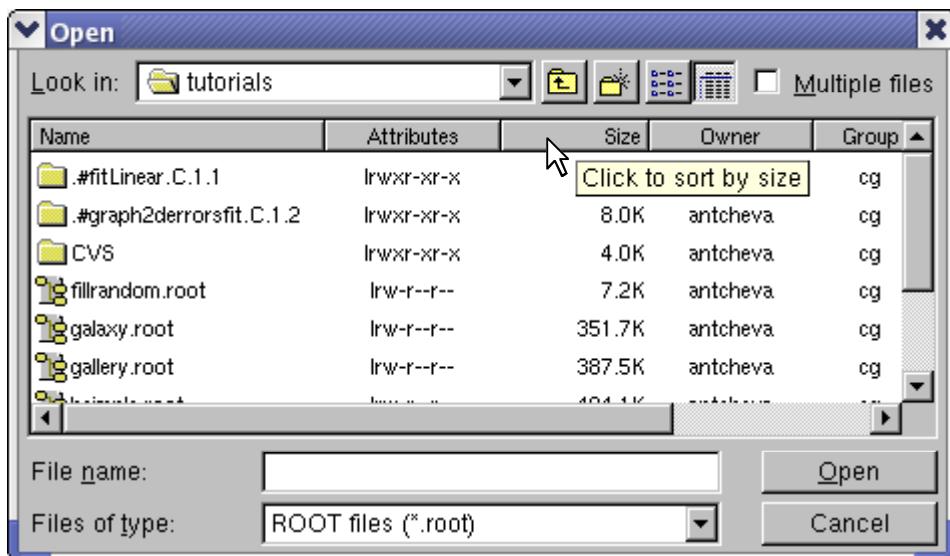
TMacro as the argument:

*TMacro *macro;*

```
macro = new TMacro("hsimple.C");
new TGTextEditor(macro);
```

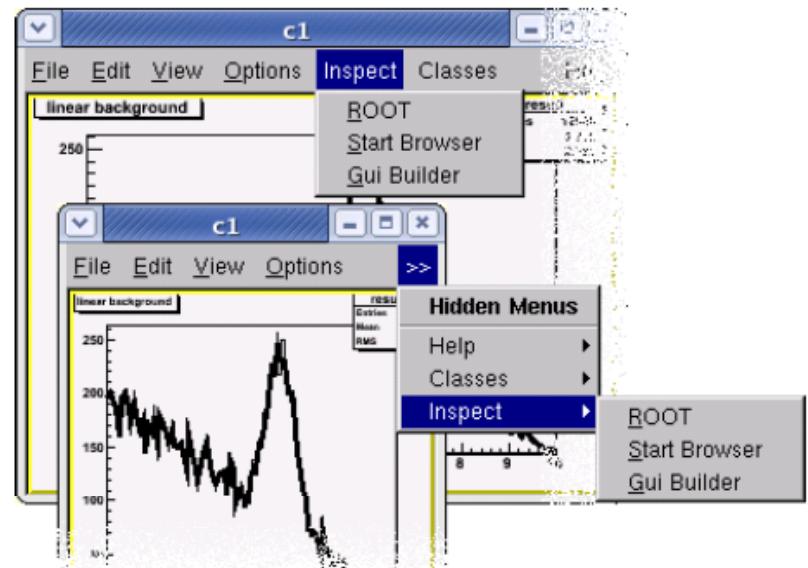
TGListView

- Space taken by each column can be resized
- Sorting columns by different criteria



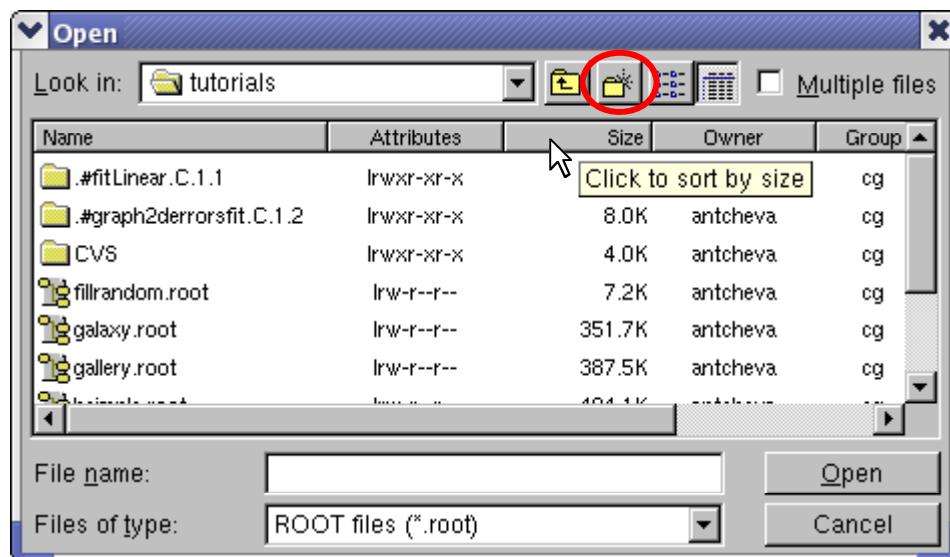
TGMenuBar

- Chevron button – handles all menu titles when they cannot fit the menu bar area



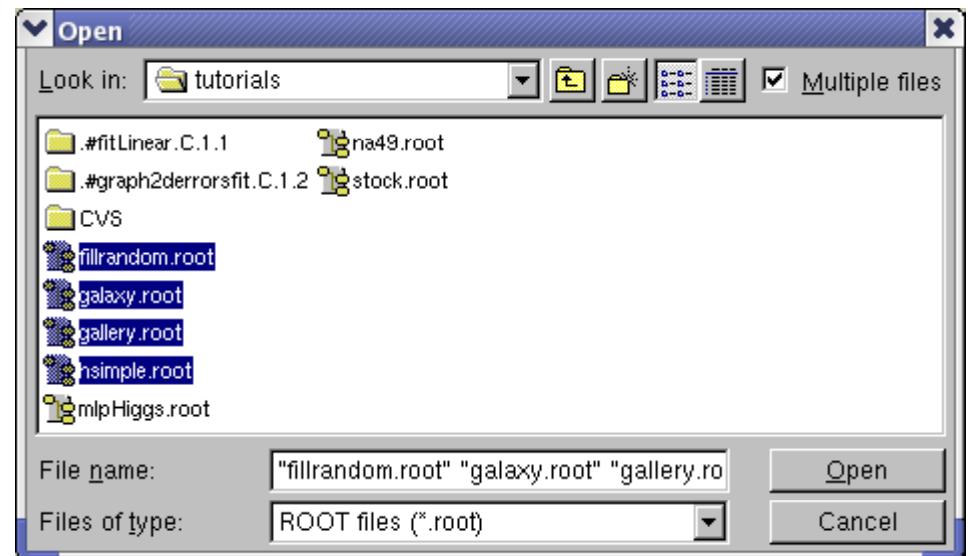
TGFileDialog

- Creating new directory
- Sorting files by clicking on column header

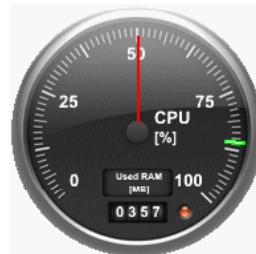


- Multiple ROOT files selection

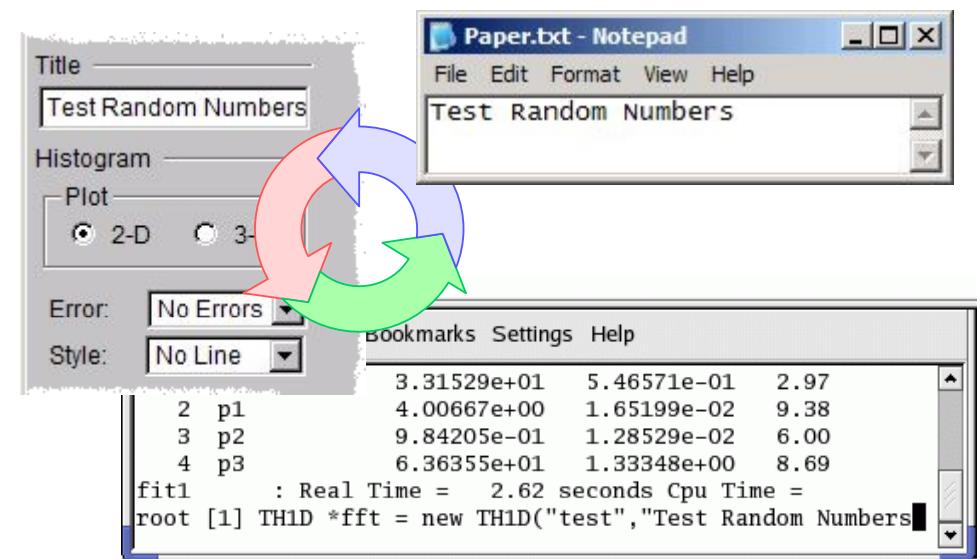
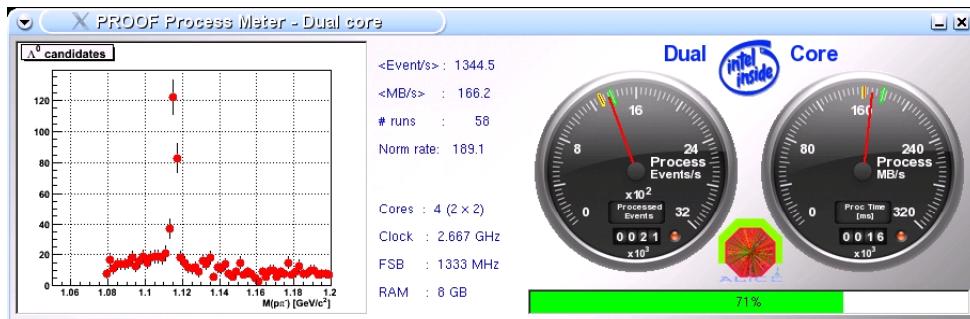
```
TGFileInfo fi;
new TGFileDialog(fClient->GetDefaultRoot(), this, kFDOpen,&fi);
if (fi.fMultipleSelection && fi.fFileNamesList) {
    TObjString *el,
    TIter next(fi.fFileNamesList);
    while ((el = (TObjString *) next())) {
        new TFile(el->GetString(), "update");
    }
} else if (fi.fFilename) {
    new TFile(fi.fFilename, "update");
}
```



- **TGSpeedo** - has a shape of speedometer; can keep track of the highest displayed value

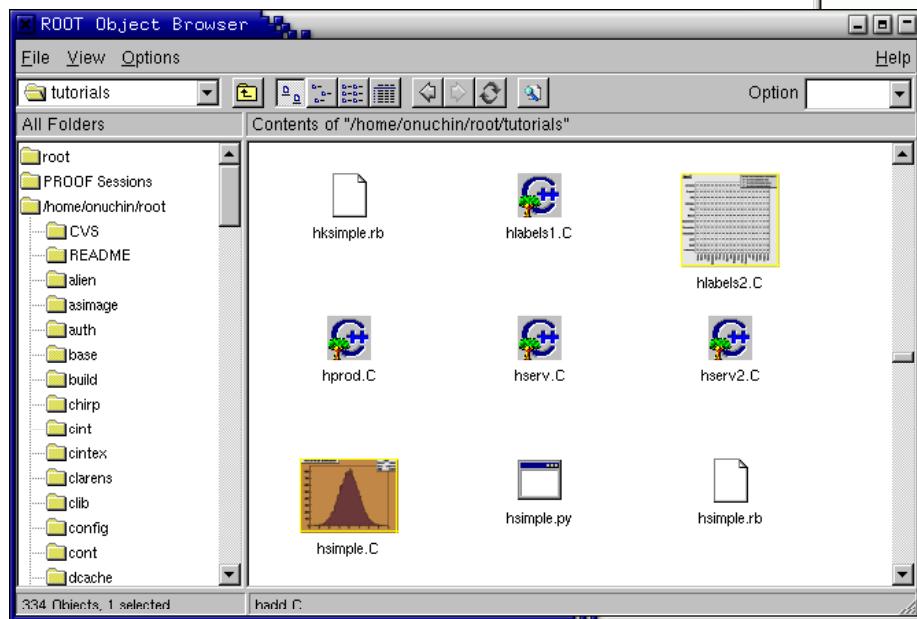
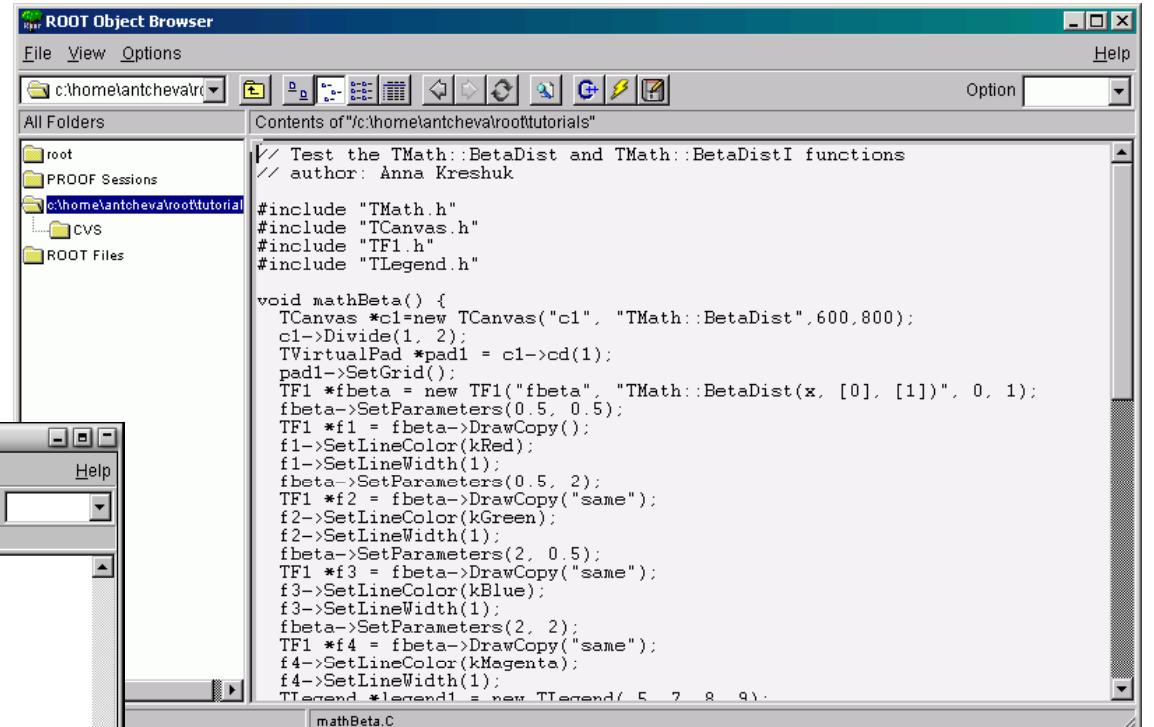


- Many improvements in keyboard navigation (menu, buttons, ROOT dialogs)
- Copy/Paste text between ROOT GUI widgets and other application windows



Object Browser

- Executes browsed macros
- Edits/Saves macros
- Dynamic icon generation
- Invokes Search dialog

This screenshot shows the ROOT Object Browser with a code editor window open. The code displayed is:

```
// Test the TMath::BetaDist and TMath::BetaDistI functions
// author: Anna Kreshuk

#include "TMath.h"
#include "TCanvas.h"
#include "TF1.h"
#include "TLegend.h"

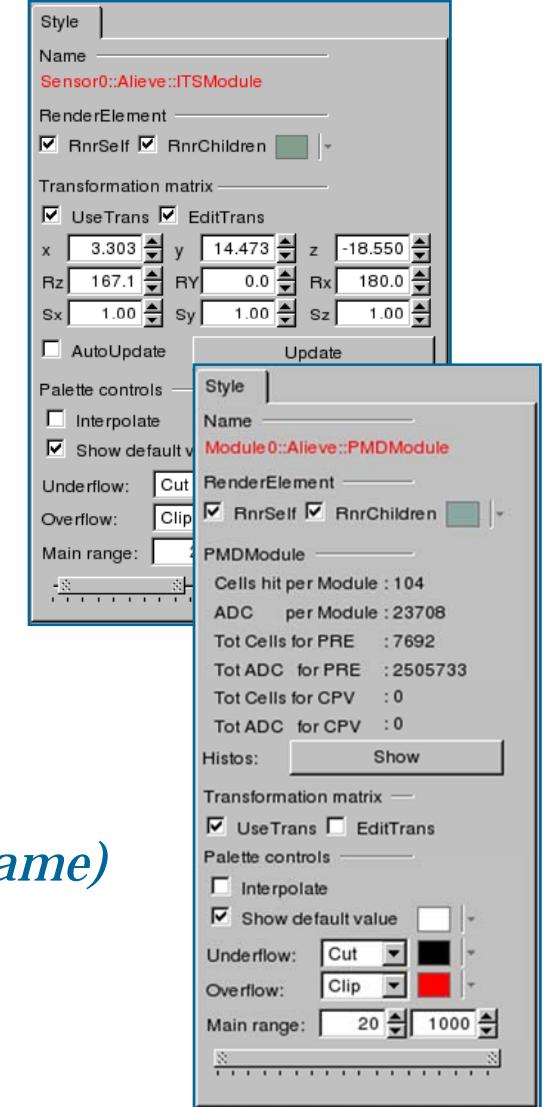
void mathBeta() {
    TCanvas *c1=new TCanvas("c1", "TMath::BetaDist(x, [0], [1])", 0, 1);
    c1->Divide(1, 2);
    TVirtualPad *pad1 = c1->cd(1);
    pad1->SetGrid();
    TF1 *fbeta = new TF1("fbeta", "TMath::BetaDist(x, [0], [1])", 0, 1);
    fbeta->SetParameters(0.5, 0.5);
    TF1 *f1 = fbeta->DrawCopy();
    f1->SetLineColor(kRed);
    f1->SetLineWidth(1);
    fbeta->SetParameters(0.5, 2);
    TF1 *f2 = fbeta->DrawCopy("same");
    f2->SetLineColor(kGreen);
    f2->SetLineWidth(1);
    fbeta->SetParameters(2, 0.5);
    TF1 *f3 = fbeta->DrawCopy("same");
    f3->SetLineColor(kBlue);
    f3->SetLineWidth(1);
    fbeta->SetParameters(2, 2);
    TF1 *f4 = fbeta->DrawCopy("same");
    f4->SetLineColor(kMagenta);
    f4->SetLineWidth(1);
    TLegend *legend1 = new TLegend( 5, 7, 8, 9 );
    legend1->AddEntry(f1, "fbeta");
    legend1->AddEntry(f2, "f1");
    legend1->AddEntry(f3, "f3");
    legend1->AddEntry(f4, "f4");
    legend1->Draw();
}
```

- Changed creation of object editors
 - `TClass::New()` for instantiation
 - Store it in a local `TMap`; inactive object editors are cached in memory for later reuse
- Handle visibility/order of class-editors by priority
- Full control over base-class editors' appearance by the virtual method:

*`TGedFrame::ActivateBaseClassEditors(TClass *cl)`*

- Handle the use of several tabs when needed by
- `TGedFrame::CreateEditorTabSubFrame(const Text_t *name)`*

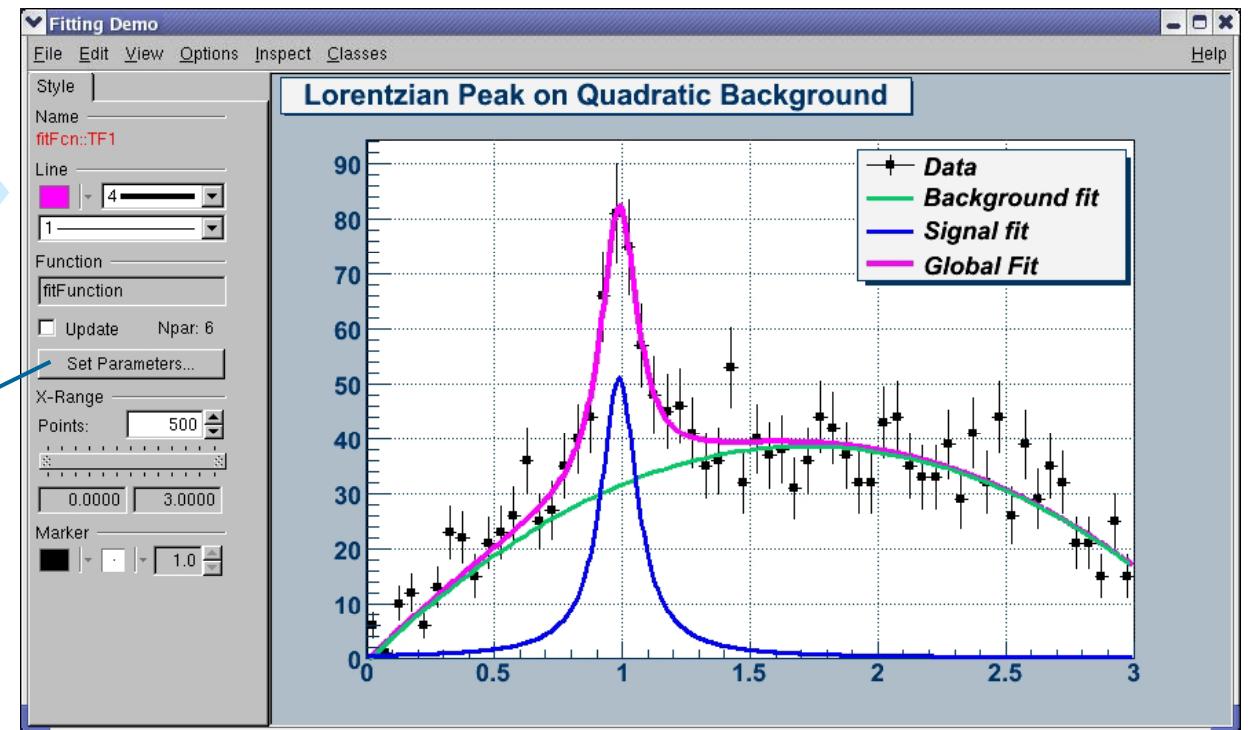
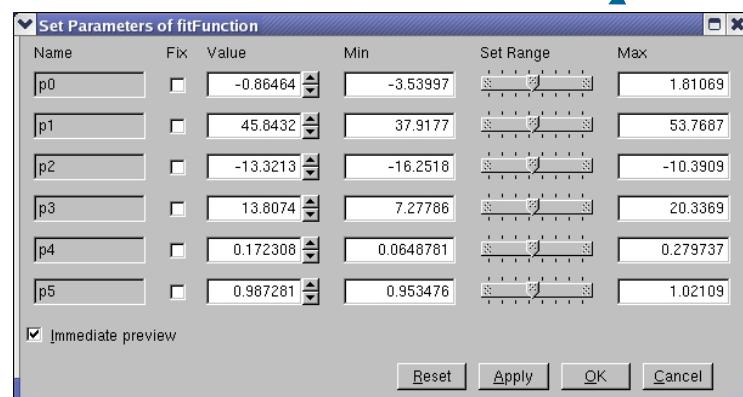
Needed by ALICE experiment



New Editors:

- TF1Editor and its Set Parameters dialog

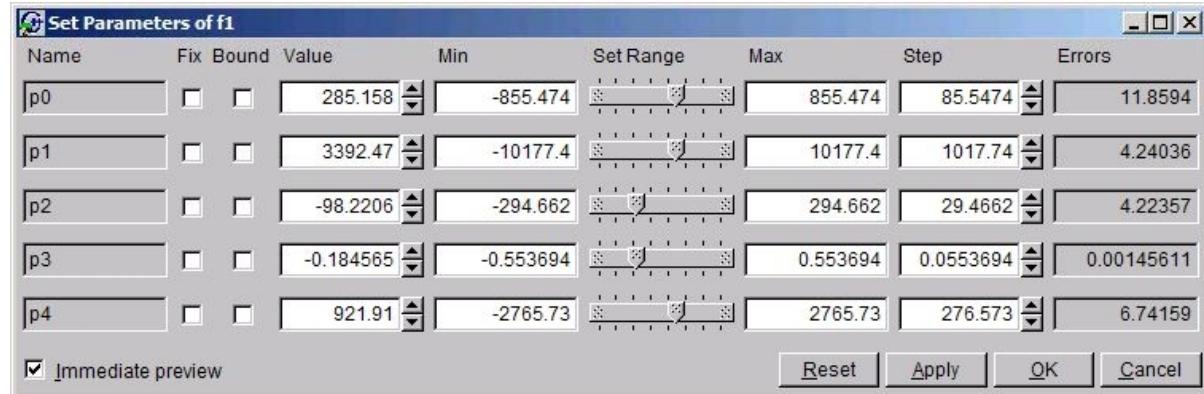
- TLineEditor



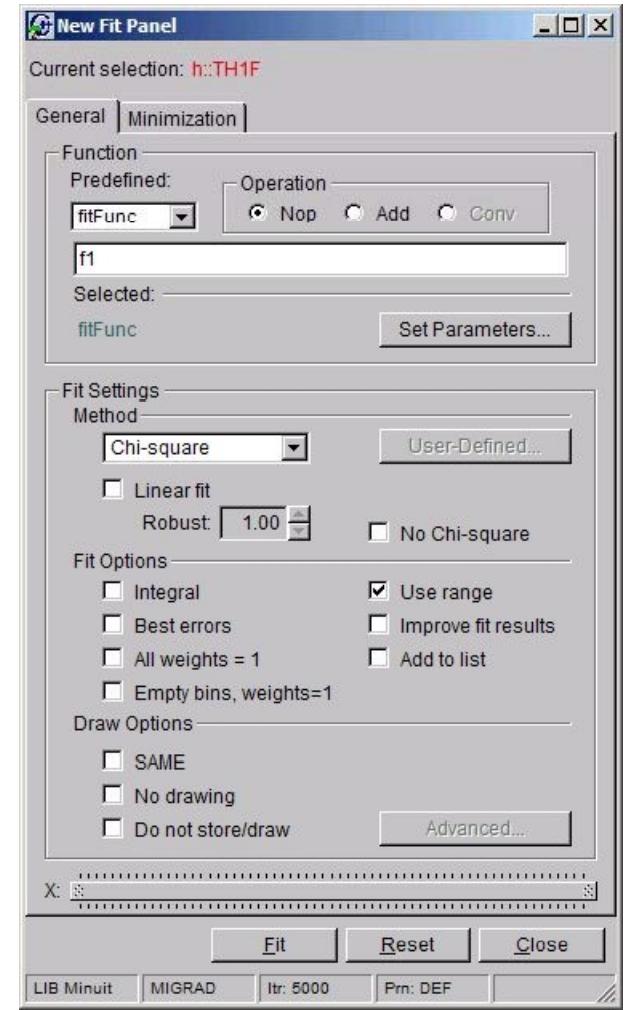
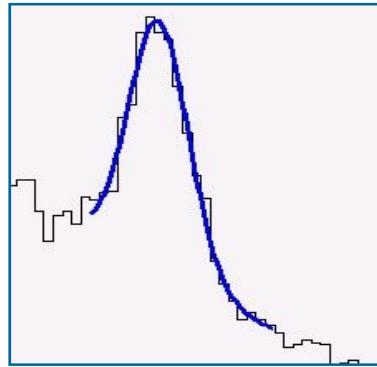
- TGeo editors use the same mechanism
(poster by Mihaela Gheata)

General tab

- Replaces the old Fit Panel interface
- When activated, users can select objects drawn in ROOT canvas for fitting in the usual way (left mouse click)

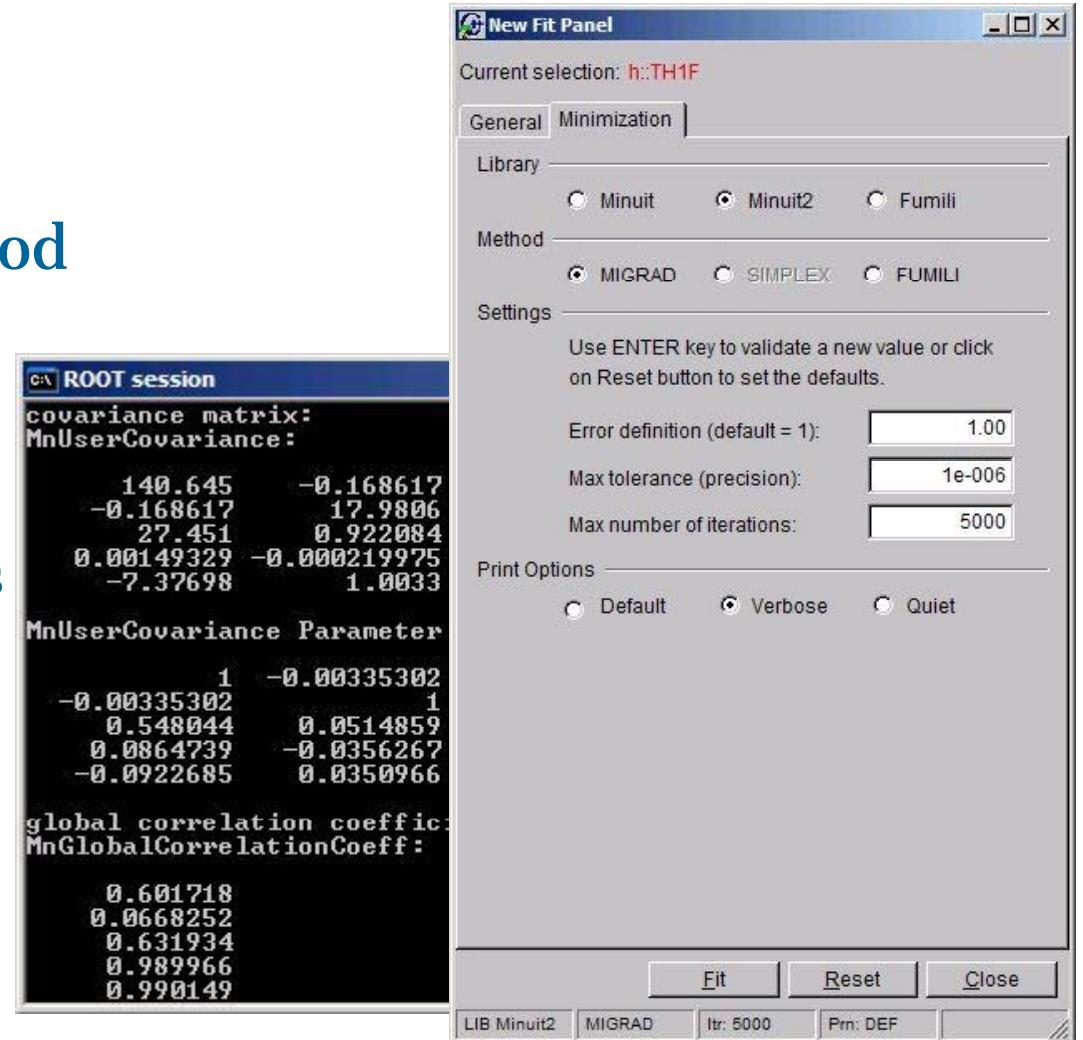


- Status bar displays information about the current minimization settings



Minimization tab

- Interactive library selection
- Choice of minimization method
- Users can specify values for:
 - Error definition
 - Maximum tolerance
 - Maximum number of iterations
- Print Options:
 - Default
 - Verbose
 - Quite



GUI widgets

- Multi-line labels
- TGHtml
- TGTable

High level GUIs

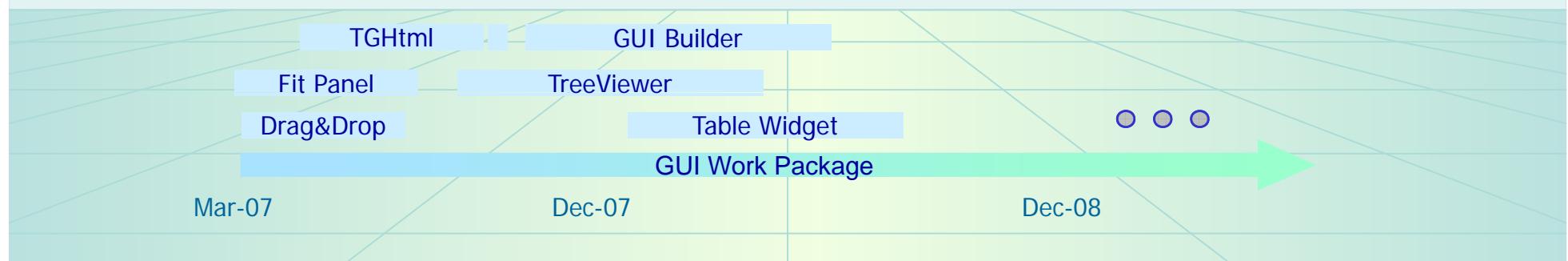
- Fit Panel
- Tree Viewer
- GUI Builder

Drag/Drop

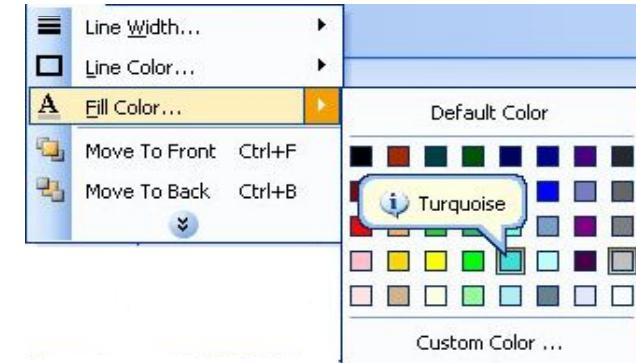
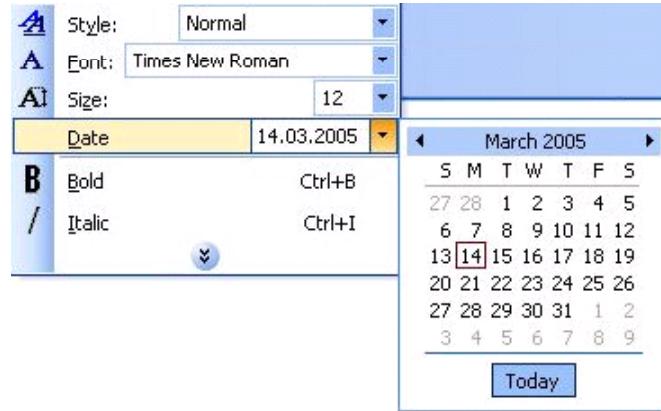
Undo/Redo tools

Documentation

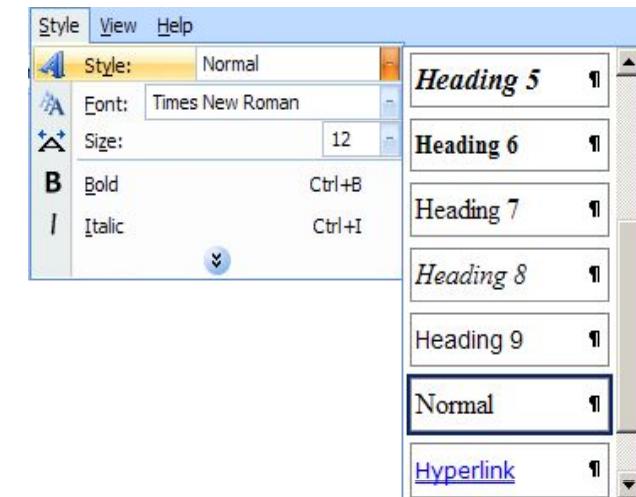
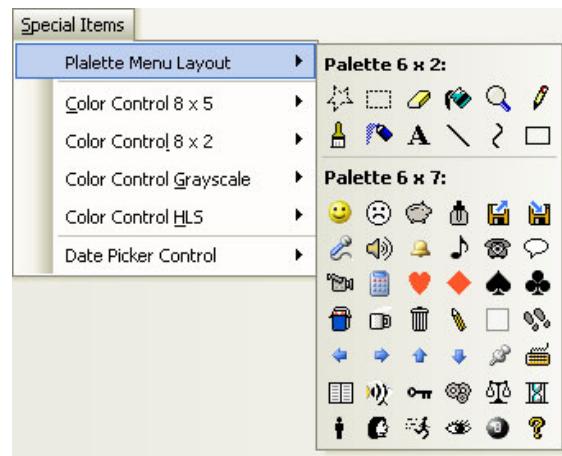
- GUI Tutorials
- On-line help



Complex Menu Entries



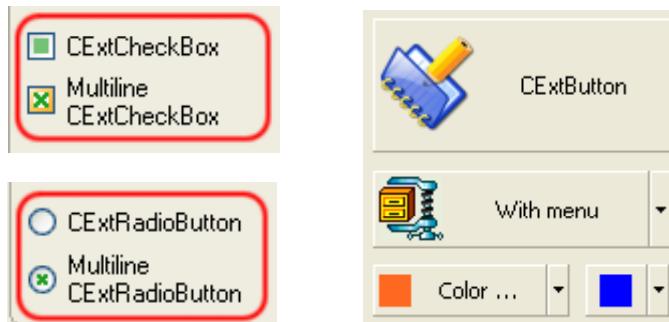
Palette Menu



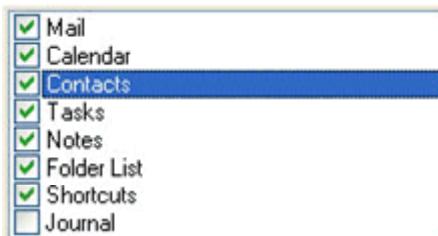
Date/Time Widgets



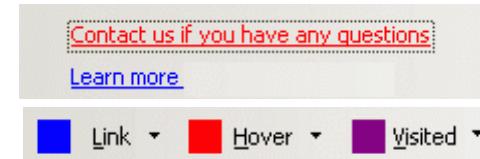
Buttons



Check-List Box



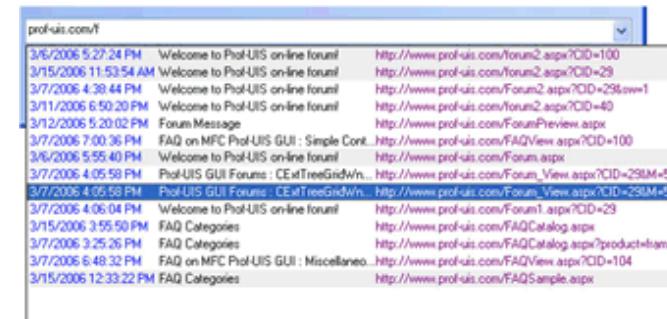
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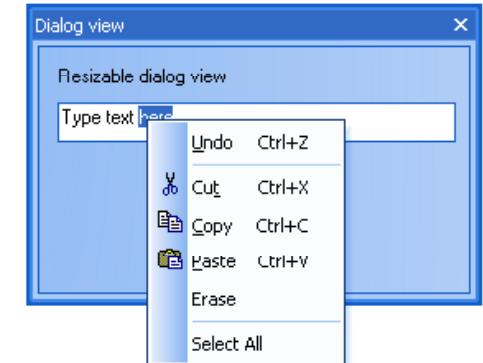
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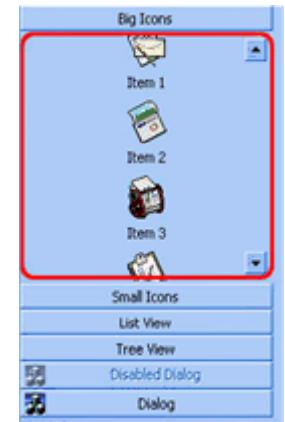
Multi-column Combo Box



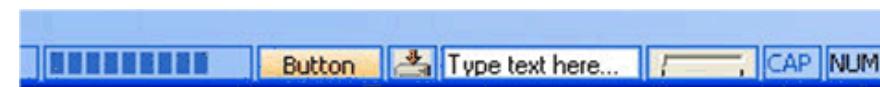
On-fly Edit Controls



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Enhanced Use of Status Bar





Thank you!

