

### ***Build/Distribution***

2. More test of actual backward compatibility; eg two root trees with a variety of data types (including long long) written on machines of both endianness.

Require backward compatibility.

Autoconf/automake may solve some problems.

3. a cvs-branch per ROOT version. In order to be able to have program-crashing bug without being forced to take the head of the repository.

Namespaces

Problem with ROOT 3.01 (could 3.0/6 be branched?)

More request for cvs branches.

### ***Web Page***

4. ROOT could collect a collection of 'cute' additions (like preview of EPS)

Register project in some sort of database.

Should ROOT have an open contribution Area? Should 'trusted' developer have write access to some part of the ROOT repository?

A place where any user can post/submit and search code, not guaranteed to work.

Rene: How to make the class available to the Event Viewer Classes from one experiment to another?

What about a clearing house for example?

Search method in Release notes

2. Better search engine for Web page

ROOT web site search engine: eg ref.txt and dates.

Fermilab documentation pages should be more prominent

### ***Information/Documentations***

2. Change in hierarchy (eg. TBranchObject vs TBranchElement) should be advertised better

Better info on important changes (eg const in 3.0)

3. Documentation of root GUI classes. Add pictures to source documentation of widgets

GUI Documentation slim

ROOT documentation chapter on GUI and 3D graphics

2. Documentation of member functions in code is often missing or not clear enough (inline functions).

Way of documenting inline.

Link to correct location of inline method in header files

Cross referencing of THtml output into different directories ....

Logically you should not need dictionary for autodoc generation

Same class described in several source files; still want to be able to generate documentation

Show inherited methods

GZip ps files

Index page per directory/package

Community should write more how-to (think of it as a mini-publication)

More documentation on using gdb to debug compiled macros.

### ***Requests satisfied by existing newer release***

- Needs STL I/O support (might be satisfied by ROOT 3.0x)
- Fix colors in X3DC on 16 bits displays =>Fixed
- Fix OpenGL color indices greater than 10 => Fixed
- Data only in TTreeView. => done
- Issue with the scope rules with files and canvas

### ***CINT and ROOTCINT***

- Being able to generate executable version of history files
- Need even more support for STL in CINT (See Brett Viren)
- 2. LinkDef and template, it is very order sensitive
- Templates. Explicit instantiation (always difficult to maintain correct specialization order)
- ClassDef explosion => Is the proxy/template idea usable
- Separating I/O and non-I/O function separately in hope it reduces the need for #pragma extra\_include
- Function with more than 10 arguments of the same time fails without proper error message
- Zero pointer casting results in non-zero pointer
- #include doesn't execute all code in global file scope => Inconvenient because different behavior if same code is compiled.
- We can crash ROOT a lot
  - Usually need to restart
  - Unloading code does not seem to work that well.
- Need to make the system robust enough to be able to run for weeks and hundreds of script at a time.
- Garbage collection and leakage control
- Customized error logging in CINT
- Possibility to execute C++ macro from memory buffer
- Possibility to rewind/undo ROOT actions performed during session
  - gInterpreter->ResetAll();
  - gSystem->Unload(lib);

### ***TQObject***

- Rt => not compiled => no check, lots of cast, sprintf
  - No templated signals or slots (CINT limitation)
  - Need a TClass for interpreted class => done?
- Look at libsig++ (templated slot/signal)

### ***GUI***

- Design confusing/not professional

GUI best handled by GUI expert  
 Need more widget  
 Need tie low (see Brett Viren)  
 Need to stay open to QtROOT type of contributions.  
 Ability to have access to several displays from one ROOT process.  
 Optionally preserve TCanvas aspect ratio.  
 Improve OpenGL support => picking, change of transparency for ind object,  
 3Dtext  
 Speed of graphics with 8 bits display and with netscape open  
 Problem with overdrawing contents on a canvas; (core dump when overlapping 2  
 pads).  
 Could use a canvas design tools and/or more guidance  
 Would like to be able to produce gif files in batch mode.  
 It would be nice to be able to create gif even in batch mode.  
 Windows support (GUI)  
 Need modification of some ROOT Gui classes, eg TBrowser, TGxx classes, in  
 order to have possibility to derive Web GUI classes from them.  
 A better way to list objects that does not include all ROOT functions, classes, etc.

## *I/O*

3. Allow cross reference pointers across branches in TTrees. (Rene mention that  
 he might be better to implement these pointers as indexes instead) (See  
 STAR presentation)  
 Request for cross-branch (and trees and files) pointers  
 Support for Block I/O  
 Write(Event) = ::Streamer(TBuffer)+writer(Tbuffer)  
 Read(event) = read(CDF's tbuffer) + Event::Streamer  
 Fine tuning of error handling  
 Namespaces Support

## *New Feature requests*

Poll/Select functionality in TSocket (Fons point out to TMonitor, Somebody point  
 that multi-thread could be used)  
 Waiting for PROOF.

2. ROOT container vs STL container; Will there be a drive to adapt  
 Will STL container at some point replace TCollection classes  
 Behavior of ROOT collections is different from STL behavior, this can be  
 confusing.  
 Container classes cannot hold non-TObjects

Have a version of ROOT/cint that is quiet for Purify.

Would like a generic interface to IDL (maybe using TStreamerInfo).

Some interfaces are obscure (SetOptFit, SetOptStat, color indices)

Could TObject::Print be more iostream friendly.

Missing algorithm like eigen-values and eigen-vector analysis.

Need a good geometry package. (Community nearly ready for such).  
It is bad to have 2 geometries (root and HIGZ)

H2ROOT conversion lose message of fitted parameters

### ***Comments***

CINT inside compiled code => hidden dependencies

ROOT and Gaudi (would like real ROOT in Gaudi).

Frequent code break with new ROOT versions (due to templates, namespaces)

Recommendations/reviews of ROOT capable CASE tools (IDE, editor, debugger,  
profiler, UML)

ROOT should go more into DAQ and slow control

TMapFile has a lot's of problems.

Hard to follow up the frequently updated ROOT version.

### ***CDF I/O***

Cdf request continued collaboration with Philippe Canal