



# Files and macros in the ROOT framework

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## Files in ROOT

 A ROOT file (.root) is a machine-independent format containing all the data (and the description of the data)

ROOT uses file compression when saving, thus reducing size and allowing for large amount of data to be stored in a file

 A file in ROOT is following a directory structure, as in the folders hierarchy of an OS. But it can also get more complicated (**TTrees**) or even be much simpler (i.e flat **NTuples**, simple functions and/or histograms, e.t.c)

ROOT files are described by the TFile class: <u>https://root.cern.ch/doc/master/classTFile.html</u>

More on ROOT files: <u>https://root.cern.ch/input-and-output</u>

Q: What is a tree in ROOT?A: A TTree is a data structure containing several variable types

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- A TTree can contain branches (subdirectories) and leaves (variables that contain the actual data)
- We can Print(), Scan() a TTree, or Draw() one of the leaves

mytree->Print(); //list all variables in the tree mytree->Draw("track momentum"); //name of one column mytree->Draw("px:py"); //scatter plot mytree->Draw("px:py","pz>5"); //scatter plot with cut mytree->Scan("px:py","pz>5"); // Print out values with cut

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http://root.cern.ch/root/htmldoc/TTree.html

### NTuples

**Q**: What is the NTuple?**A**: The simple version of a TTree.

NTuples contain only floating-point variables where each and every one of them goes to a separate branch



Basically to keep the backwards compatibility with PAW...

https://root.cern.ch/doc/v608/classTNtuple.html

- Working with the ROOT prompt is not the most efficient way!
- A ROOT macro is a series of C++ directives that ROOT executes (or rather interprets, by means of CINT)
- Macros can be divided into named and unnamed
- They have to be contained either in brackets {} [unnamed macros] or be more complex (i.e contain functions - and at least one with the same name as the macro itself) [named macros]
- We can use a macro to call another macro (to call another macro, to...)
- The simplest unnamed macro ROOT understands and executes: {}

#### https://root.cern.ch/working-macros

### Compiled C++ code

