Requirements: collection and prioritisation

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Overview

- Requirement collection
 - Who, when, how
- Requirement sorting
 - Effort, scope
- Prioritisation
 - Annual development goals
 - Modifications, re-prioritisation

Requirements collection

- New requirements and requests are gathered
 - From member experiments/institutes
 - From other users
 - by category coordinators
 - by the TSB
 - At meetings or in email.
- A template form for new user requirements
 - Is starting to be used.

Requirements collection: sorting

- Requirements are classed either as
 - Simple for 'small' requests
 - And are handled at the working group level
 - E.g. time-dependent fields,
 - Complex or major items
 - Are raised at the TSB level
 - Discussed and prioritised
 - E.g.: cuts per material/region, G4Exception, migration to STL

Requirement prioritisation

- Requirements with priorities (2002)
 - At TSB meeting, 6th February 2002
 - Summarised in web document (TSB)
 - http://wwwinfo.cern.ch/asd/geant4/tsb/meetings/TSB_Mar2002/requirements 2002.html
- Resulting development plans (yearly) presented and agreed at TSB meetings (1st quarter: 25th March 2002)
 - Summarised in development plans doc.

Documents: 1) Requirements and requests from Experiments, 2) Development goals of 2002.

Requirement prioritisation (cont)

- In some case(s) major customers have requested a change in priorities
 - E.g. ability to have different cuts became a priority after several experiments requested it urgently
 - Atlas first in 2000, then BaBar, CMS (spring 2001).
 - Adjusted plans (summer 2001) to deliver cuts/material functionality
 - either in release 4.0 of Geant4 or shortly thereafter
 - Delivered it in release 4.0 (December 2001)

Ongoing User Requirement collection

- Form for User Requirements
 - Utilised at G4 workshop 2001
 - Refined with experience
- Online UR Collector
 - Under development, February July 2002
 - Test deployment Aug-Sept 2002
 - Under production deployment (Sept 2002)
 - URL: http://wwwinfo.cern.ch/asd/cgi-bin/geant4/urd/
- URD revision (see talk in Products section on URD)
- HEP User Requirements Committee