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Foreword

This ETSI Standard (ES) has been produced by ETSI Technical Committee Methods for Testing and Specification (MTS).

The present document is part 5 of a multi-part deliverable. Full details of the entire series can be found in part 1 [2].

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Introduction

The present document consists of two distinct parts, the first part describing the structure of a TTCN-3 test system implementation and the second part presenting the TTCN-3 Runtime Interface specification.

The first part introduces the decomposition of a TTCN-3 test system into four main entities: Test Management (TM), TTCN-3 Executable (TE), SUT Adaptor (SA), and Platform Adaptor (PA). In addition, the interaction between these entities, i.e. the corresponding interfaces, is defined.

The second part of the present document specifies the TTCN-3 Runtime Interface (TRI). The interface is defined in terms of operations, which are implemented as part of one entity and called by other entities of the test system. For each operation, the interface specification defines associated data structures, the intended effect on the test system and any constraints on the usage of the operation. Note that this interface specification only defines interactions between the TSI and the SUT as well as timer operations.

1 Scope

1.1 Scope of the present document

The present document provides the specification of the runtime interface for TTCN-3 test system implementations. The TTCN-3 Runtime Interface provides a standardized adaptation for timing and communication of a test system to a particular processing platform and the system under test, respectively. The present document defines the interface as a set of operations independent of target language.

The interface is defined to be compatible with the TTCN-3 standard (see ETSI ES 201 873-1 [2]). The present document uses the CORBA Interface Definition Language (IDL) to specify the TRI completely. Clauses 6, 7 and 8 present language mappings for this abstract specification to the target languages Java™, ANSI C, and C++. A summary of the IDL based interface specification is provided in annex A.

NOTE: Java™ is the trade name of a programming language developed by Oracle Corporation. This information is given for the convenience of users of the present document and does not constitute an endorsement by ETSI of the programming language named. Equivalent programming languages may be used if they can be shown to lead to the same results.

1.2 Compliance

The requirement for a TTCN-3 test system to be TRI compliant is to adhere to the interface specification stated in the present document as well as to one of the target language mappings included.

EXAMPLE: If a vendor supports Java™, the TRI operation calls and implementations, which are part of the TTCN-3 executable, have to comply with the IDL to Java™ mapping specified in the present document.

2 References

2.1 Normative references

References are either specific (identified by date of publication and/or edition number or version number) or non-specific. For specific references, only the cited version applies. For non-specific references, the latest version of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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The following referenced documents are necessary for the application of the present document.

[1] Recommendation ITU-T X.290: "OSI conformance testing methodology and framework for protocol Recommendations for ITU-T applications - General concepts".

NOTE: The corresponding ISO/IEC standard is ISO/IEC 9646-1: "Information technology -- Open Systems Interconnection -- Conformance testing methodology and framework; Part 1: General concepts".

[2] ETSI ES 201 873-1: "Methods for Testing and Specification (MTS); The Testing and Test Control Notation version 3; Part 1: TTCN-3 Core Language".

[3] ETSI ES 201 873-4: "Methods for Testing and Specification (MTS); The Testing and Test Control Notation version 3; Part 4: TTCN-3 Operational Semantics".

[4] CORBA 3.0: "The Common Object Request Broker: Architecture and Specification", OMG Formal Document (specifies IDL).