Bringing TDL to Users: A Hands-on Tutorial

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- Design, documentation, representation?
  - ease development and review
  - improve productivity and quality
  - both industry and standardisation
  - reduce implementation details
What is TDL?

- Scenario-based?
  - describe interactions with a system
  - attach test objectives to scenarios
  - derive and automate tests
- Reactive, distributed, real-time
  - common black-box testing concepts
  - domain adaptation, agile development
What is TDL?

• Standardised?
  • clear semantics
  • interoperability of tools and test specifications
  • updated with user needs
  • maintenance commitment
What is TDL?

• Contributions from:
  • Siemens AG, Ericsson Hungary
  • Fraunhofer FOKUS, ETSI CTI
  • University of Göttingen
  • OU Elvior, Cinderella ApS

• Guidance:
  • Steering Group, TC MTS
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Specification of the Abstract Syntax and Associated Semantics

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What is TDL?

- Test data
  - abstract symbols
  - can be composed by using parameters
  - mappable to concrete data
What is TDL?

```plaintext
template Login johnny_correct := {
    user := "johnny",
    password := "apple",
    hint := "seed",
    id := 1000
}
template Login johnny_incorrect := {
    user := "johnny",
    password := "orange",
    hint := "second favourite fruit",
    id := 2000
}

Data Set Login {
    instance correct;
    instance incorrect;
}

Use "data.ttcn3" as DATA;
Map correct to "johnny_correct" in DATA;
Map incorrect to "johnny_incorrect" in DATA;
```

```plaintext
type record Login {
    charstring user,
    charstring password,
    charstring hint,
    integer id
} with {
    encode "xpath=./div[@id='login']";
    encode (user) "relative=./div/dd[3]";
    encode (password) "relative=./div/dd[4]";
};
```
What is TDL?

- Test configuration
  - typed components and gates
  - connections among gates
  - component roles
What is TDL?

Gate Type \texttt{gt} accepts \texttt{Login};

Component Type \texttt{ct} {
  gate types : \texttt{gt};
}

Test Configuration \texttt{tc} {
  instantiate tester as Tester of type \texttt{ct} having {
    gate TesterGate of type \texttt{gt};
  }
  instantiate sut as SUT of type \texttt{ct} having {
    gate SutGate of type \texttt{gt};
  }
  connect TesterGate to SutGate;
}
What is TDL?

• Test behaviour
  • defines expected behaviour
  • failure upon deviations by default
  • actions and interactions
  • alternative, parallel, iterative, conditional
  • defaulting, interrupting, breaking
What is TDL?

Test Description td (p from Login) {
  use configuration : tc;
  {
    TesterGate sends instance incorrect to SutGate;
    alternatively {
      SutGate sends instance failure to TesterGate;
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    } or {
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    }
  }
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or simply (relying on the default semantics):

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What is TDL?

- Test objectives
  - may be attached to any realiser
    - behaviour
  - test description
  - contain description and reference
Test Objective tp {
    description : "ensure that when incorrect login is provided a failure response is sent";
}

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                test objectives : tp;
            };
            set verdict to pass;
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Getting started with TDL?

• “How to cook up your own tooling”

• You’ll need
  • TDL meta-model
  • Eclipse Modelling Tools and Plugins
  • Xtext (EMFText)
  • PlantUML (Sirius/GMF/Graphiti/Spray)
  • Epsilon (any query/transform tech)
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Methods for Testing and Specification (MTS); The Test Description Language (TDL); Specification of the Abstract Syntax and Associated Semantics
What is TDL?

• From this morning’s session…
  • maturity
  • proof by implementation
  • validation by tests
  • transparent change management
What is TDL?

ETSI's Bug Tracker

Logged in as: makedonski (Philip Makedonski - manager)

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Project: TDL

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• Towards automation support
  • Data handling
  • Test configurations
  • Time concepts
What is new in TDL?

• Graphical languages
  • Common in (test) modelling
  • Ease communication

• TDL Graphical Syntax
  • hybrid graphical language
  • simple shapes, compartments
  • textual visualisation of contents
What is new in TDL?

- Aligned with UML
  - distinct where semantics differ
- One diagram to rule them all!
- BNF-like label specification
- Considers both ease of use and implementation
- Prototyped with Sirius
What is new in TDL?

**context: ComponentType**

\[
\text{COMPONENTTYPELABEL ::= self.name} \\
\text{TIMERLISTLABEL ::= self.timer.name} \\
\ldots
\]
What is new in TDL?

- Based on OMG XMI
  - XML: Metadata Interchange
  - Serialisation of MOF models
  - Exchange among MOF tools
- XMI concerns
  - complex, many options
What is new in TDL?

- TDL specific XMI structure
  - exchange of TDL models
  - canonical TDL XMI structure
    - meta-class representations
    - multiplicity, associations, inheritance
  - restrict flexibility of XMI
  - syntactical validity only!
What is new in TDL?

- Syntactical validity only?
  - two-step validation
  - syntax: XMI Schema
  - semantics: MOF model validation
What is new in TDL?

```xml
<xsd:complexType name="ComponentInstance">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="tdl:Element">
      <xsd:choice maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0">
        <xsd:element name="gateInstance" type="tdl:GateInstance"/>
        <xsd:element name="variable" type="tdl:Variable"/>
      </xsd:choice>
      <xsd:attribute name="componentType" type="xsd:anyURI"/>
      <xsd:attribute name="role" type="tdl:ComponentInstanceRole"/>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
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What is new in TDL?

• Based on TPLan
  • refine test objectives
  • formalise specification
  • integrate and unify test description and test purpose specification
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TestPurpose {
  TP Id "TP/CAM/INA/DOP/BV/02"
  Test objective "Checks that CAM message includes DoorOpen information 30s after closed"
  Reference "TS 102 637-2 [1], clauses 7.1 and 7.2"
  PICS Selection PICS_PUBTRANSVEH
  Initial conditions:
  with {
    the IUT having reached an initial_state
    and
    the IUT having sent a new valid CAM message containing DoorOpen TaggedValue
  }
  Expected behaviour:
  ensure that {
    when {
      the door is closed
    }
    then {
      the IUT sends a new CAM message containing DoorOpen TaggedValue
    }
  }
}
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Where does TDL fit in?
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• Context
  
  • Conformance and interoperability test descriptions
  
  • Standardised test specifications for various ETSI technologies
  
  • Typically protocol oriented, used in certification schemes
  
  • End-to-end interoperability of systems involving different equipment
• Stakeholders

  • High-level discussions at often large meetings (80 to 100 participants)
    • ETSI Technical Committees, 3GPP, other standards organisations, CTI Plugtests team and participants, industrial fora and equipment vendors
    • all need to be familiar with and fluent in the syntax being used.
    • different notions of “good” test
  
  • Better comprehension among developers with little or no testing expertise
    • bridge the gap between management, core specifications experts, testing experts
• Challenges

• Informal (Word, Excel) or semi-formal (TPLan) approaches
  • considered inadequate, often no test descriptions produced as a consequence
  • no single consistent approach, varying level of quality, detail, difficult maintenance
  • certification requires completeness and accuracy, test descriptions are the design stage before developing TTCN-3 test cases

• Acceptance for more rigorous approaches among Technical Committees
  • applicable to a wide range of technologies (protocols, services, applications)
• TDL
  
  • Standardised approach improves consistency
  
  • Tools offer faster development, higher quality, easier maintenance
  
  • Direct link to TTCN-3
  
  • Initial run within ITS, expand to other Technical Committees
From 3GPP TS 36.523-1 V10.2.0 (2012-09):

7.2.2.3 UM RLC / Reassembly / 5-bit SN / LI value > PDU size

7.2.2.3.1 Test Purpose (TP)

(1)

with { UE in E-UTRA RRC_CONNECTED state }
ensure that {
  when { UE receives a 5 bit SN configured RLC PDU with Length Indicator value larger than RLC PDU size }
  then { UE discards the RLC PDU }
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7.2.2.3.3 Test procedure sequence

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Table 7.2.2.3.3.2-2: Parallel behaviour

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**4.5.1 General Capabilities**

**4.5.1.1 SIP messages longer than 1 500 bytes**

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### Pre-test conditions:
- HSS of IMS_A and of IMS_B is configured according to table 1
- UE_A and UE_B have IP bearers established to their respective IMS networks as per clause 4.2.1
- UE_A and IMS_A configured to use TCP for transport
- UE_A is registered in IMS_A using any user identity
- UE_B is registered user of IMS_B using any user identity
- MESSAGE request and response has to be supported at II-NNI (TS 129 165 [16] see tables 6.1 and 6.3)

### Test Sequence:

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<td>MESSAGE</td>
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From ETSI TS 186 011-2 V3.1.1 (2011-06):
4.5.1 General Capabilities

4.5.1.1 SIP messages longer than 1 500 bytes

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From ETSI TS 102 868-2 V1.1.1 (2011-03):

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**Initial conditions**

- with {
  - the IUT being in the "initial state" and
  - the IUT having sent a valid CAM message
    containing DoorOpen TaggedValue
}

**Expected behaviour**

- ensure that {
  - when {
    - the door is closed
  }
  - then {
    - the IUT sends CAM messages
      containing DoorOpen TaggedValue during the 30s following the door closing event
  }
}
• **Context**

• **TDL in MBT: Keyword driven UI testing**

• Create behavioural model of the SUT using symbolic action descriptions

  • define keywords once

  • map abstract keyword definitions to keyword implementations in execution language

• Generate abstract test sequences by means of MBT

• Convert abstract test sequences to a test execution language
• Challenges

  • Generated test sequences
    • proprietary format - not accessible, tool-specific integrations to requirements management, test planning
    • straight to executable code - loss of meta-data, difficult parameterisation
  
  • Mapping between abstract (symbolic) and real test system interface
    • implicit - error-prone
    • implemented in test execution language - additional overhead, language limitations
• TDL

• Interoperability with requirements management by explicit test objectives

• Parameterisation of test descriptions and symbolic data representations

• Explicit data mapping to underlying data system of execution language

• Advantages over alternatives

• Less ambiguity, testing specific (e.g. break, stop, default concepts)

• Use of variables and data in expressions and interactions
• Context

  • Test automation tools for performance and load tests

• Challenges

  • Textual test specifications with sequence diagram-like examples (or using a different graphical notation)

  • Manual derivation of TTCN-3 code and configuration settings

  • Too wide a gap between input and output!
• TDL

  • Raises the abstraction level of the test description
    • multiple levels of test specification (from system to implementation), iterative and agile development
    • Concentrate on the problems themselves rather than programming details

• Application

  • Visualisation of test case behaviour
  • Automatic generation of TTCN-3 code from TDL test descriptions
Where does TDL fit in?

- **Requirements**
- **User stories**
  - Manual test derivation
    - in Syntax #1
  - Automatic test generation
- **System models**
  - Automatic Train Protection, Interlocking, HMI, Track Database
- **Information broker (communication channel)**
  - Executable tests
    - NUnit
  - Test documentation
    - in Syntax #2

Methods for Testing and Specification (MTS);
The Test Description Language (TDL);
Part 2: Graphical Syntax

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Exchange Format

Methods for Testing and Specification (MTS);
The Test Description Language (TDL);
Extensions: Advanced Test Objective Specification

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• Context
  • Testing communication between independent rail sub-systems

• Challenges
  • High-level concurrency and non-determinism
  • Multiple aspects over the whole system - safety, real-time, functionality
  • Different development techniques for different components
• More on this tomorrow morning!
Where does TDL fit in?

- User Requirements Notation (URN)
  - Elicitation, analysis, specification, and validation of requirements
  - Complementary views - goals (GRL) and **scenarios** (UCM)
  - ITU-T Recommendation Z.151 (10/12)
• Context

• Test systems for cockpit systems and avionics solutions

• Alternative means for
  • standards-based and model-based test generation and test automation
  • replace proprietary solutions

• Transformation from high-level requirements and scenarios in UCM to TDL

• Transformation from TDL to TTCN-3
• Goals
  • URN/UCM suitable starting point for modelling requirements?
  • TDL appropriate intermediate representation or even starting point?
  • TTCN-3 viable technology in the avionics industry?

• Stakeholders
  • Research, industry, agencies
  • Test engineers, test developers, test managers, analysts and modellers
Motivation

- Tree-like structure of tests
  - TDL/TTCN-3 reflect this, existing transformations from UCM to e.g. MSC/UML do not
  - UCMs do not include much data information
  - Appropriate stage to add data for executable test cases (UCM/TDL/TTCN-3/other)?

- Peculiarities of the domain
  - Support testing in an environment where an unknown number of sensors can send alarms (over unreliable channels) and messages in parallel
• TDL
  
  • Close enough to UCM for test generation

  • Close enough to TTCN-3 for generating executable test cases and test configurations

• Prototype
  
  • Part of jUCMNav (v6.0.0), developed at EECS (University of Ottawa)

  • Support for sequence and concurrent events (no alternatives yet)

http://jucmnav.softwareengineering.ca/ucm/bin/view/ProjetSEG/ExportTdlUserGuide
Concluding remarks

• New technology, growing rapidly

• Commercial tool support not yet available

• Custom tools can be put together in a matter of hours
  • basic yet capable
  • make early adoption easier

• Advanced solutions still require additional effort
  • not immediately necessary to get started with using TDL
Summary

What is TDL?

- Test Description Language
- Design, documentation, and representation of formal test descriptions
- Scenario-based approach
- Standardised at ETSI by TC MTS
- Initial work within STF 454
- Current efforts within STF 476

What is new in TDL?

Where does TDL fit in?

Keyword-Driven Testing
MBT
Generation
Standards
Documentation
Representation
Rail
Visualisation
ITS
Interoperability
Conformance

Where would you consider using TDL?

STF 476 - http://portal.etsi.org/STFs/STF_HomePages/STF476/STF476.asp
What would you want to see in TDL?

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