

Motivation

Large Systems are complex

- Enterprises deploy Composite Applications that leverage a shared infrastructure (Services, Components)
- Services and Components are linked and distributed
- Composite Applications, Services, Components are deployed and upgraded independently of each other.

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Integration Testing is complex

- An observed fault at the level of user interaction could be:
 - a fault or quality of service issue (performance, security, scalability, etc.) in the application or process logic
 - a fault or quality of service issue in any of the components used by the application

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 an unintended interaction in combining components





- Unit testing of application and components:
 - Test the composite application by emulating user behavior.
 - Test the underlying services by emulating the composite application.
 - Test the composite application by emulating the user and the underlying services.

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What needs to be tested? 1.Message correctness

- User receives correct responses to specific requests.
- Composite application sends correct requests to services.
- Service produces correct responses to specific requests from composite application.
- Composite application produces correct responses to the user relative to specific service responses.

What needs to be tested? 2.Quality of service

- Performance
- Scalability
- Security
- Under multi-user conditions
- Under multi-applications using the same services conditions



(interaction issue)

Multi-user behavior:

Competing for resources.

- Application logic mix-ups between different user sessions.
- Caching of messages.
- Unit testing is unable to isolate or diagnose the cause of an observed fault to specific components within an SOA (diagnosis issue)

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Integration testing approach

- Test all messages flowing between all components of a composite application
- Test both sides of all interactions (expected requests, expected responses)





Integration testing strategy

- Integration testing can be composed by reusing part or all of unit testing code.
- The additional requirements consists in:
 - For a given user action, being able to correlate events at different interfaces of the system.
 - Coordinate the testing of the various components.

What does testing consist of?

1. Test specification

- Specify test data
- Specify test behavior as sequences of events
- Specify test outcome (pass/fail)
- 2. Perform the test
 - Manage communication with SUT
 - Invoke test cases
 - Code or decode messages
- 3. Analyzing test results
 - Details to understand results (expected vs actual values)
 - Tracing of test events
 - Produce reports

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How can we implement a test

- By writing an anti-product using a conventional programming language (Java, C, C++, visual-basic, ...).
- By using off-the-shelf testing products.
- · By using open source Frameworks .
- By using languages specialized for testing purposes.

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Purpose of testing tools and frameworks

- Help designing tests.
- Reduce the coding effort for test execution.
- Reduce the coding effort for test results presentation and analysis.
- Help understand the test system.
- · Help understand the results of a test.
- Help debugging.

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Categories of testing tools

- · Generic tools and frameworks
- Targeted tools and frameworks (for specific applications)
 - Web testing
 - Specific telecom protocols (SIP, SS7, 3GPP)
- Frameworks that address only part of the testing problem.
 - httpUnit: handles only the communication management and codec of web applications.



- Generic languages are labor intensive.
- Off-the-shelf tools are limited.
- Off-the-shelf tools depend on the existence of the vendor.
- Open source frameworks are not necessarily reliable. (no one feels responsible)
- Standard high-level languages save considerable work effort and are supported by a variety of vendors. If one vendor fails, your test suite will still work on another's vendors tool.

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Tool evaluation criteria summary

Kind of tool	Coding effort	Risk	Maintenance	Code ownership
Generic Programming language	high	low	high	yes
Off-the-shelf tool	low	high	low	no
High-level specialized programming language	medium	low	low	yes





Testing a web page JUnit	
multiple values testing	
public void testCategories() { List urList = new LinkedList(); String[] theLinkNames = (Main Page', "Category List", "Shopping Cart", "Blues", "Classical", "Jazz", "Opera", "Pop", "Rock", "Contact us");	
final WebClient webClient = new WebClient(); assertNotNull(webClient); tre./	
<pre>final URL url = new URL("file:categories_list.html"); final HtmlPage theCurrentPage = (HtmlPage)webClient.getPage(url);</pre>	
<pre>assertTrue(thct/util(thcCurrentPage); assertTrue(thcCurrentPage.getWebResponse().getStatusCode() == 200); assertTrue(thcCurrentPage.getTilleText().equals("Category List");</pre>	
<pre>int textPosition = theCurrentPage.asText().indexOf("ideal CD Store"); assertTrue(textPosition >= 0);</pre>	
List theLinks = theCurrentPage.getAnchors();	
int n = theLinks.size();	
assertEquals(n, 10);	
<pre>for(int i=0; i<n; assertequarkinanchor.astext(),="" htmlanchor="" i++)="" pre="" theanchor="(HtmlAnchor)" thelinknames[i]);="" thelinks.get(i);="" urllist.add(theanchor.gethrefattribute());<="" {=""></n;></pre>	
<pre>} catch(Exception e) {} }</pre>	21



Test Implementation using TTCN-3

- TTCN-3 is well adapted to the nature of our integration testing problem:
 - Communication ports.

 - The template language construct maps to the fine grained structuring requirements of integration testing.
 The parallel test component language construct (PTC) maps to the concept of testing agent.
 - The complex data type matching mechanism is very powerful and fully abstracts message validation.
 The set-based matching mechanism is very powerful and particularly useful for addressing multiple user message flows

 - The **parametrization** of test cases, templates and test components improves clarity and flexibility.
 - Strong typing enables the detection of many errors at design stage instead of at run time.
 - The separation of concerns between the abstract and the concrete layers enables to focus on the abstract view of the testing problem. 23





TTCN-3 separation of concerns

- Between abstract test suite and adaptation layer where communication and coding/decoding takes place.
- Between behavior and conditions governing behavior (behavior tree and templates).
- Between test behavior and test coordination (parallel test components that represent test agents)

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TTCN-3 template concept is a test oracle

- Based on data types (has field names).
- Looks like an assignment of values but also provides the capability of specifying matching rules.
- Allows re-usability among templates (building blocks).
- Doesn't require complex if-then-else constructs. The TTCN-3 receive() construct and the underlying matching mechanism handles the verification of the oracle without any programming efforts.
- Is a kind of function, thus parametric.
- Has a useful modifies features that enables to build a new template derived from an existing one.

TTCN-3 template example template WebResponseType categoriesPageResponse := { statusCode := 200, title := " Category List " content := pattern "*Ideal CD Store*(CSI5380 Project)*", links := categoriesPageLinks("Main Page"), forms := omit, tables:= omit template linkSet categoriesPageLinks(charstring myText) := { { text := myText, URL := (url_1, url_2) }, { text := my1ext, URL := (un_1, un_2) {"Category List", ?}, ("Shopping Cart", ?), ("Contact us", ?) {"Blues", ?}, ("Jazz", ?), {"Classical", ?}, {"Opera", ?}, {"Pop", ?}, {"Rock", ?} }

}

template charstring url_1 := "http://www.mycompany.com/mylink.html"

TTCN-3 matching mechanism

- · Specify that an incoming message must match a template.
- No detailed coding of the matching of complex • messages is required. That was the role of the template.
- Matching is specified on a named communication port.

web_port.receive(categoriesPageResponse) { ... }

In TTCN-3, the receive statement means both receive data from the communication media and match it against the template

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TTCN-3 behavior tree concept

- A behavior tree is composed of nested alternate responses to given requests.
- Requests and responses are abstracted using TTCN-3 templates.
- Alternatives can be abstracted into functions called altsteps.

alt { st); .. [] servicePort.receive(productDetailsConfirmation) { } [] servicePort.receive(product)erailsContinnation) {} [] servicePort.receive(outofStockNotification) {} [] servicePort.receive {setverdict(fail) }// unexpected request [] serviceTimer.timeout { setverdict(fail) } // webApplPort.receive { setverdict(fail) } // unexpected request

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TTCN-3 Test agents configuration

- A Master test
- component orchestrates all test agents behavior. A test agent is
- mapped to a TTCN-3 parallel test component. A test component
- is started with a specific test case as parameter.
- Behavior of various test agents can be coordinated.

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testcase CompositeWebApplicationTesting() runs on MTCType ... { var ServiceComponentType theServiceComponent; var UserComponentType theUserComponent[2];

theUserComponent[0] := UserComponentType.create; theUserComponent[1] := UserComponentType.create; theServiceComponent := ServiceComponentType.create;

// map all ports here

theServiceComponent.start(serviceEventsTest(expectedMsgTemplate));

theUserComponent[0].start(User_1_events()); theUserComponent[1].start(User_2_events());

theUserComponent[0].done; theUserComponent[1].done;

servCoordPort.send("end test");

all component.done;

log("testcase SOABasedWebTesting completed");

TTCN-3 Verdicts

- Kinds of verdicts:
 - Pass
 - Fail
 - Inconclusive
- TTCN-3 records both passed and failed tests
- JUnit shows only failed tests.
- TTCN-3 is better for tracing because it is based on event tracing.

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Principles of the codec

- Extract a value from the input stream.
- Build an internal representation of this value using the tools API.
- Return it to the abstract layer.
- A TTCN-3 codec is type driven.



C	Complex types Codec examp	ole		
	Abstract type definition:			
	<pre>type record weatherResponse { charstring location, charstring date, charstring kind, integer temperature, integer windVelocity, charstring conditions }</pre>			
	RecordValue theWeatherResponseValue = (RecordValue) type.newInstance();			
	For each field:			
	IntegerValue theTemperatureValue = (IntegerValue) integerType.newInstance();			
	theTemperatureValue.setInt(-25);			
	$the Weather Response Value. {\bf set Field} ("temperature", the Temperature Value);$			

Test Adapter use of external Frameworks

- Test campaign is specified at the abstract layer level
- Codecs are used to translate between concrete data structures and abstract ones
- Adapters are used to communicate with the SUT or CUT
- Codecs and adapters use HttpUnit for communication with the SUT or CUT



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TTCN-3 test adapter and codecs coding effort

- Writing a test adapter for TTCN-3 is a fixed effort that is not repeated for subsequent testing using the same data types.
- Nokia has reported at T3UC'06 that the adapter represented only 25% of the coding effort in a large test application, while the abstract layer represents 75%
- Adapters can be efficiently structured and their components re-usable among different testing projects.
- Thus, test adapter writing efforts largely depend on classic software development structuring techniques and management.

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TTCN-3 tools

- About 7 vendors.
- Some academic Open Source versions.
- Compilers and runtime environments.
- Runtime GUIs, APIs.
- Features
- Off-the-shelf codecs.
- Abstract types libraries (XML, IDL, WSDL)



Web page testing example tools comparison statistics

- JUnit: 43 lines
- TCL/TK: 30 lines
- TTCN-3:

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- Abstract test suite: 63 lines
- Adaptation layer: 200 lines
- Codec: 300 lines
- Total lines: 563 lines

TTCN-3 coding effort comparison Fixed coding effort: 26 lines type definitions: ines. 20 lines Behavior definitions: module/control 4 lines TTCN-3 200 lines 300 lines Test adapter: Codec: Total fixed part: 550 lines Variable coding effort: 33 ber of web pages tested 12 lines Templates definitions: Control part: 1 line 13 lines Total variable part: 43 Total for one page: 563 lines

Important remark about fixed and variable parts of code

- All three approaches can be decomposed into fixed and variable code parts in a similar way with similar coding effort savings.
- However, the main difference between TTCN-3 and JUnit or TCL is that with TTCN-3 there is a **model** that **forces** the tester to decompose the problem that way.

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Separation of concern A post mortem example

- A company spent two person/years to develop a test suite for a web application using JUnit and httpUnit.
- The test suite was hard to maintain due to the intensive use of httpUnit methods buried deep in the code.
- A number of items could not be tested because httpUnit did not provide appropriate features for that purpose.
- Converting to more appropriate htmlUnit would have required massive changes (80% of the code consisted in invocations to httpUnit methods).
- The test suite was merely scrapped and thus never used.

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Differences JUnit/TTCN-3

- In the JUnit version, there are 6 lines of code.
- In the JUnit version every line is invoking a method of the HttpUnit framework.
- In the TTCN-3 version, the abstract layer has only 4 lines of code.
- In the TTCN-3 version, there is no reference to the HttpUnit framework at all.

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consequences of the TTCN-3 separation of concerns

- If you were to re-write the preceding code using a different framework, like htmlUnit:
 - With JUnit you would have to rewrite all of the 6 lines of codes.
 - With TTCN-3 you would have to re-write only the codec that is common to both URL invocations.
- With TTCN-3 you could save 33% of lines of code.
- The TTCN-3 abstract code can be fully reusable regardless of the framework used. 48



- TTCN-3 is a standard, thus a test suite can be circulated among users practically without documentation.
- TTCN-3's separation of concern improves clarity and imposes an efficient programming style.

Problems with SOA testing

- · Correlation gap
 - With multiple users
 - With multiple concurrent composite applications accessing the same services
- · Cached messages
- performance











Correlation gap Multi-user problem

- The well separated end-to-end message flows for each user are only an ideal case.
- Both composite application and service applications may disturb this idealistic view of the problem.
- Messages may be interleaved. Therefore, the order of arrival and departure of messages at underlying services can no longer be correlated with the order of initial requests.
- Caching may remove some messages. (not addressed in these slides, see paper)











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- So far we have checked that when a message has been received from a composite application, it was indeed expected.
- Now, we need to verify that all expected messages have been received. Only then can we set the test verdict to pass.

altstep endTestBehavior(RequestType expectedRequests,

ResponseType expectedResponses) ... {
[] serviceCoordPort.receive('end of test'') {
 if(match(expectedRequests, receivedRequests)
 && match(expectedResponses, receivedResponses)) {
 setverdict(pass);
 }
 else {
 setverdict(fail);
 };
 evaluateQOS()
 }
}

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Completeness checking and alternative behaviors

- When users compete for resources, some will be able to fulfill their requests, other will not.
- Thus, sets of expected requests and expected responses are necessary to determine correctness in the case of alternative responses (check stock example).



JUnit tool features Failure traces	
junit.framework.Gomparison.Failure: expected:<>but was: <xxx> at junit.framework.Assert:assertEquals(Assert]ava:81) at junit.framework.Assert:assertEquals(Assert]ava:81) at ManPageTesting,match/v60Page(ManPageTesting]ava:127) at ManPageTesting,match/v60Page(ManPageTesting]ava:127) at sun:reflect.NaiveMethodAccessortmpl,invoke(NaiveMethodAccessortmpl]ava:39) at sun:reflect.NaiveMethodAccessortmpl.invoke(NaiveMethodAccessortmpl]ava:39) at sun:reflect.NaiveMethodAccessortmpl.invoke(NaiveMethodAccessortmpl]ava:39) at sun:reflect.NaiveMethodAccessortmpl.invoke(NaiveMethodAccessortmpl]ava:39) at junit.framework.TestCase.nr/setSite(Case)apa:159) at junit.framework.TestCase.nr/setSite(Case)apa:159) at junit.framework.TestCase.nr/setSite(Case)apa:169) at junit.framework.TestResult,nurProtected(TestResul]ava:169) at junit.framework.TestResult,nurProtected(TestResul]ava:109) at junit.framework.TestResult.nurProtected(TestResul]ava:109) at junit.framework.TestSite.inr.nurProtected(TestResul]ava:109) at junit.framework.TestSite.inr.nurProtected(TestResul]ava:208) at org.ac[psa;d]:timema] junit.tunner.mexiteRestLava:208] at org.ac[psa;d]:timema] junit.nunner.mexiteRestLava:208] at org.ac[psa;d]:timema] junit.nunner.mexiteRestLava:208] at org.ac[psa;d]:timema] junit.nunner.mexiteRestRestRestRestIng=ava:328] at org.ac[psa;d]:timema] junit.nunner.mexiteRestRestRestRestIng=ava:328] at org.ac[psa;d]:timema] junit.nunner.mexiteRestRestRestRestRestRestRestRestRestRe</xxx>	
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TCL/TK results analysis features

- Basically there are none
- However, because of TK, it is easy to create a custom GUI to display results and improve results analysis
- With TK, GUIs for displaying results can be considered as very flexible. Other tools have only fixed features that a user can not modify.

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TTCN-3 tools features

- Matching mechanism overview: in case of mismatch, the values of all the fields that caused the mismatch can be viewed along with the correct values for other fields.
- **Logging**: each event gets logged and thus the sequence of events can be thoroughly inspected. Thus tracing without the need of a classical debugger.
- Event traceability: Logs are not limited to display failures, they show successful events too. This improves traceability.









JUnit stack dump

- Shows only the points of method invocation.
- Doesn't show the sequence of events that led to a point of failure or success.
- JUnit is good for software testing where nested method calls are the basic events.
- JUnit is not good for discrete events sequences.

Web testing vendor features from Testing Tech

- Instant access to WSDL/SOAP based web services
- Automatic import of WSDL specifications into TTCN-3 that are translated into TTCN-3 data types.
- Zero-coding efforts (codec/adapter)
- Seamless usability within any TTCN-3 test application
- Multiple test components and multiple port mapping
- W3C Web Service Description Language (WSDL) v1.1
- W3C SOAP v1.1 and v1.2 Candidate Recommendation

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Zero-coding-effort?

- Automated transformation of WSDL to TTCN-3 types
- Automated transformation of WSDL to TTCN-3 test components and ports
- Automated generation of the CODEC.

Your coding effort:

- Templates containing test data.
- Test behavior containing sequences of events and alternate events trees







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Conclusions

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• TTCN-3 provides the tools and framework for addressing the complexities of enterprise applications and SOA.