



The TINA Conformance Testing Framework

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The Beginning ...



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- **Interoperability** is a key issue for the success of object-oriented (OO) technologies such as CORBA, TINA.
- CAT **Compliance/Conformance Matrix**.
- **Conformance** to standard specifications is essential for multi-vendor systems and a means towards interoperability.
- RM-ODP provides **reference point concept** to facilitate conformance assessment of OO systems.



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Motivation for RP-Facets

- A **practical framework** based on RM-ODP for conformance testing of TINA systems is needed.
- TINA has **large and under-specified RPs**.
- RPs must be refined to support **incremental specification and implementation** of TINA systems as self-contained, meaningful subsystems.



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... A Plan ...



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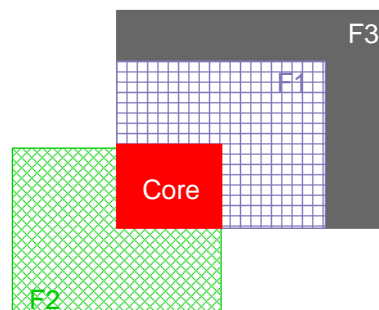
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RP-Facet Concept (1)

- A **RP-facet** is a subset of a reference point, which is **self-contained** in terms of functionality. The smallest element of a RP-facet is an **operation**.
- A RP-facet is always associated with one of the architectural parts separated by the RP, referred as **RP-facet role**.
- A RP-facet is defined in terms of **purpose-oriented scenarios** that describes potential interactions between the RP-facet role and its environment.

RP-Facet Concept (2)

- A reference point has a **core** and may have zero or more **additional cohesive facets**.





RP-Facet Specification

- **Unambiguous** specification, including static and dynamic model, is crucial for testability as **formalism** in the specification reduces misinterpretation and supports automated test generation.
- **Integration of system specification and test specification** is an important aspect so that **reuse** of available specification techniques is desired.



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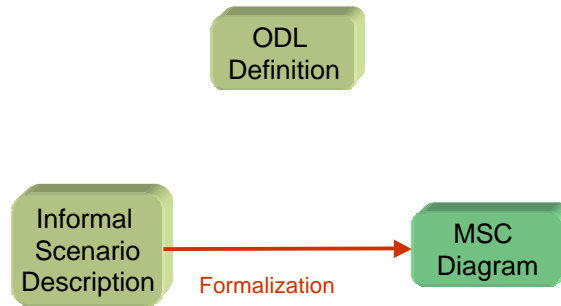
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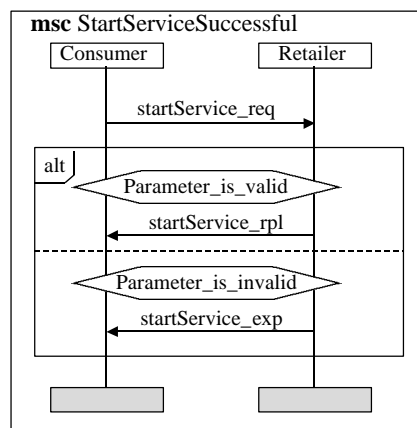
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The Specification Approach (1)



Basic MSC

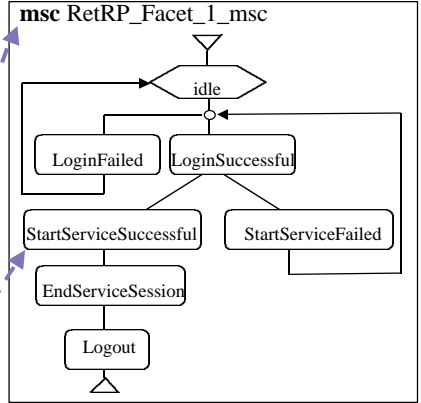


MSC Document

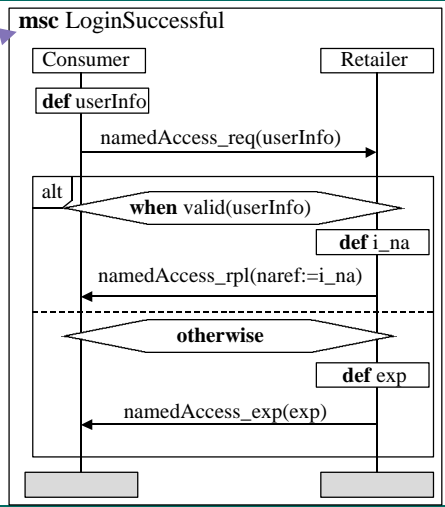
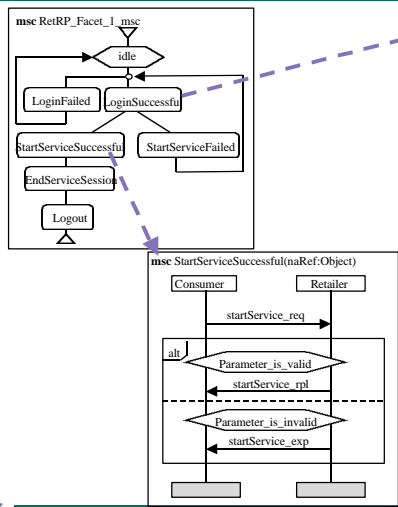
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        userInfo: UserProperty;
inst Retailer variable i_na: Object;
        exp: Exception;
msg namedAccess_req(UserProperty);
msg namedAccess_rpl(Object);
msg namedAccess_exp(Exception);
msg startService_req, startService_rpl;
msg startService_exp(Exception);
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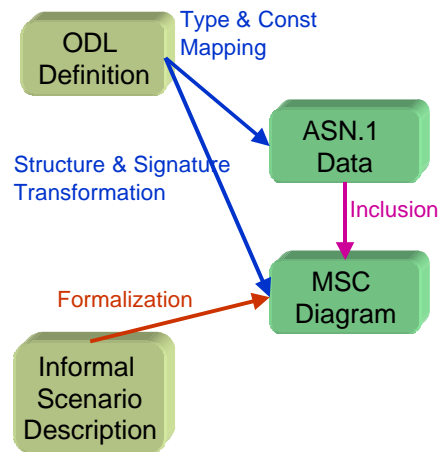
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Logout          StartServiceSuccessful
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MSC Reference and Data



The Specification Approach (2)



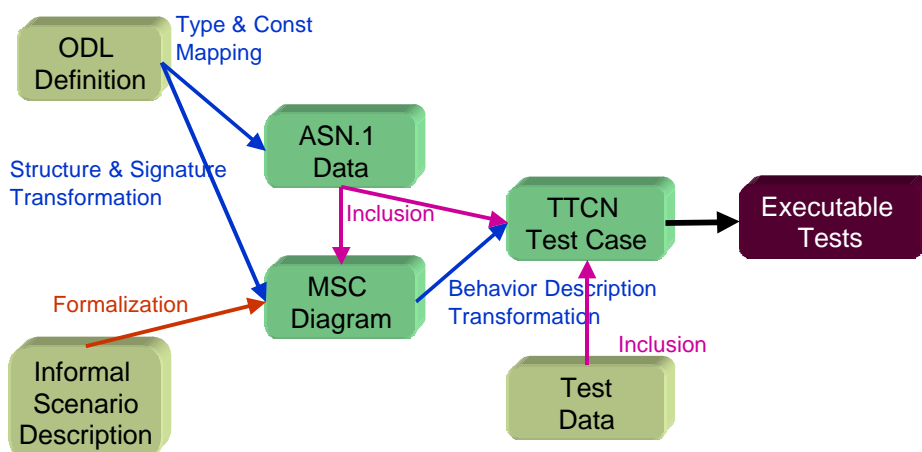
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Testing of RP-Facets (1)

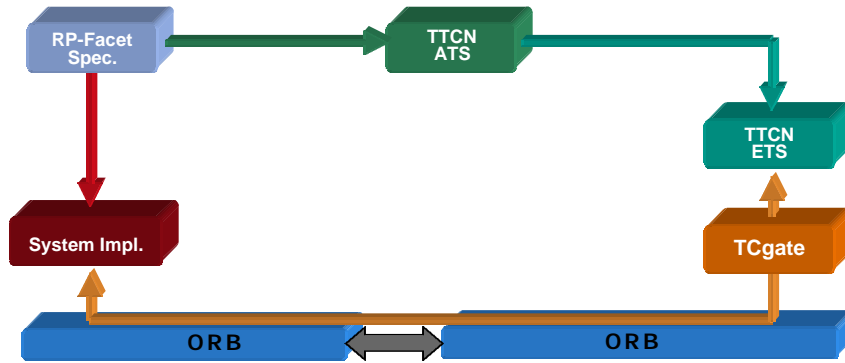
- Test campaign on the basis of dependencies between operations and facets.
- Tests specified in TTCN, which
 - describes interactions between testers and implementations under test in terms of message exchange at PCOs (Points of Control and Observation).
 - is part of the Conformance Testing Methodology and Framework on testing of OSI systems.
 - Concurrent TTCN addresses testing with parallel test components.
- Defined by ITU-T, ISO and ETSI.

The Specification Approach (3)

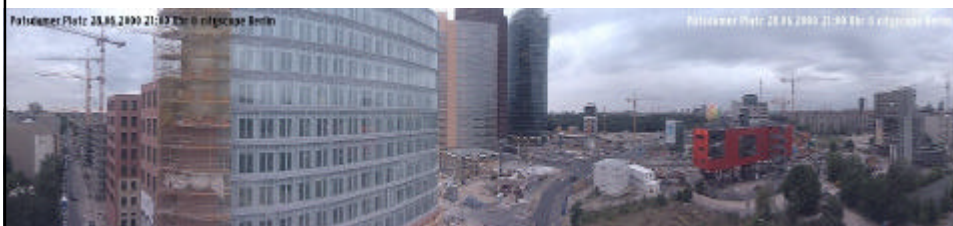


Testing of RP-Facets (2)

Using e.g. the TTCN/CORBA gateway **TCgate**.



... The Finish ...





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- RP-Facet Specification Template
(Definition, Specification)
- Test Method
(Test Specification, Test Campaign Derivation)
- Test Documentation
(Test Reports)
- Testing in Practice
(Tool Support)
- Demonstrate Usability
(An Example)



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Dissemination and Further Work

- Presentation at OMG TM, Telecom DTF in Oslo, June 2000.
- Presentation on MSC and TTCN based Testing at OMG TM, Florida, Dec. 2000 to further the definition of a test notation for UML.
- Extension of the test framework towards TTCN 3rd edition, which will be launched by ETSI in Oct. 2000.



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... Conclusions.

- RP-Facet concept was introduced to achieve unambiguous specifications for conformance testing of TINA products.
- RP-facets support the incremental development of TINA products.
- The testing approach for RP-facets is based on facet specification with structure, data (ODL) and behavior part (MSC).
- Test cases for RP facets are described in TTCN.



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Thank You.



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