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- Part 1: "TTCN-3 Core Language";
- Part 2: "TTCN-3 Tabular presentation Format (TFT)";
- Part 3: "TTCN-3 Graphical presentation Format (GFT)";
- Part 4: "TTCN-3 Operational Semantics";
- Part 5: "TTCN-3 Runtime Interface (TRI)";
- Part 6: "TTCN-3 Control Interface (TCI)";
- Part 7: "Using ASN.1 with TTCN-3";
- Part 8: "The IDL to TTCN-3 Mapping";
- Part 9: "Using XML schema with TTCN-3";
- Part 10: "TTCN-3 Documentation Comment Specification";
- Part 11: "Using JSON with TTCN-3";
- Part 12: "Using WSDL with TTCN-3".

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# 1 Scope

The present document defines the Behaviour Types package of TTCN-3. TTCN-3 can be used for the specification of all types of reactive system tests over a variety of communication ports. Typical areas of application are protocol testing (including mobile and Internet protocols), service testing (including supplementary services), module testing, testing of APIs, etc. TTCN-3 is not restricted to conformance testing and can be used for many other kinds of testing including interoperability, robustness, regression, system and integration testing. The specification of test suites for physical layer protocols is outside the scope of the present document.

TTCN-3 packages are intended to define additional TTCN-3 concepts, which are not mandatory as concepts in the TTCN-3 core language, but which are optional as part of a package which is suited for dedicated applications and/or usages of TTCN-3.

This package defines types for behaviour definitions in TTCN-3.

While the design of TTCN-3 package has taken into account the consistency of a combined usage of the core language with a number of packages, the concrete usages of and guidelines for this package in combination with other packages is outside the scope of the present document.

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# 2 References

## 2.1 Normative references

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- [1] 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".
- [2] 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".
- [3] ETSI ES 201 873-5: "Methods for Testing and Specification (MTS); The Testing and Test Control Notation version 3; Part 5: TTCN-3 Runtime Interface (TRI)".
- [4] ETSI ES 201 873-6: "Methods for Testing and Specification (MTS); The Testing and Test Control Notation version 3; Part 6: TTCN-3 Control Interface (TCI)".
- [5] ISO/IEC 9646-1: "Information technology -- Open Systems Interconnection -- Conformance testing methodology and framework; Part 1: General concepts".
- [6] ETSI ES 202 784: "Methods for Testing and Specification (MTS); The Testing and Test Control Notation version 3; TTCN-3 Language Extensions: Advanced Parameterization".
- [7] ETSI ES 201 873-10: "Methods for Testing and Specification (MTS); The Testing and Test Control Notation version 3; Part 10: TTCN-3 Documentation Comment Specification".



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- [i.1] ETSI ES 201 873-7: "Methods for Testing and Specification (MTS); The Testing and Test Control Notation version 3; Part 7: Using ASN.1 with TTCN-3".
- [i.2] ETSI ES 201 873-8: "Methods for Testing and Specification (MTS); The Testing and Test Control Notation version 3; Part 8: The IDL to TTCN-3 Mapping".
- [i.3] ETSI ES 201 873-9: "Methods for Testing and Specification (MTS); The Testing and Test Control Notation version 3; Part 9: Using XML schema with TTCN-3".

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## 3 Definitions and abbreviations

### 3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in ETSI ES 201 873-1 [1], ETSI ES 201 873-4 [2], ETSI ES 201 873-5 [3], ETSI ES 201 873-6 [4], ISO/IEC 9646-1 [5] and the following apply:

**behaviour definition:** definition of an altstep, function, or testcase that can be called explicitly

NOTE: A control part is not considered a behaviour definition, because it cannot be called explicitly.

**behaviour type:** type of behaviour definitions

NOTE: Behaviour types are of kind altstep, function, or testcase.

### 3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in ETSI ES 201 873-1 [1], ETSI ES 201 873-4 [2], ETSI ES 201 873-5 [3], ETSI ES 201 873-6 [4] and ISO/IEC 9646-1 [5] apply.

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## 4 Package conformance and compatibility

The package presented in the present document is identified by the package tag:

"TTCN-3:2009 Behaviour Types" - *to be used with modules complying with the present document*

For an implementation claiming to conform to this package version, all features specified in the present document shall be implemented consistently with the requirements given in the present document; in ETSI ES 201 873-1 [1] and ETSI ES 201 873-4 [2]. All features marked [AdvancedParameterization] have to be implemented only in case that this package is used together with the Advanced Parameterization package [6].

The package presented in the present document is compatible with:

- ETSI ES 201 873-1 [1] (V4.5.1).
- ETSI ES 201 873-4 [2] (V4.4.1).
- ETSI ES 201 873-5 [3] (V4.5.1).

- ETSI ES 201 873-6 [4] (V4.5.1).
- ETSI ES 201 873-7 [i.1] (V4.5.1).
- ETSI ES 201 873-8 [i.2] (V4.5.1).
- ETSI ES 201 873-9 [i.3] (V4.5.1).
- ETSI ES 201 873-10 [7] (V4.5.1).

If later versions of those parts are available and should be used instead, the compatibility to the package presented in the present document has to be checked individually.

The package presented in the present document is also compatible with:

- ETSI ES 202 784 [6] Package Advanced Parameterization (V1.3.1);

and can be used together with this package.

If later versions of those packages are available and should be used instead, the compatibility to the package presented in the present document has to be checked individually.

## 5 Package concepts for the core language

### 5.1 Extension to ETSI ES 201 873-1, clause 5 (Basic language elements)

#### Clause 5.4 Parameterization

Values of behaviour types can be passed as parameters as indicated in table 2.

Table 2: Overview of parameterizable TTCN-3 objects

Keyword	Allowed kind of Parameterization	Allowed form of Parameterization	Allowed types in formal parameter lists
<b>module</b>	Value parameterization	Static at start of run-time	all basic types, all user-defined types and <b>address</b> type.
<b>type</b> (see note)	Value parameterization	Static at compile-time	all basic types, all user-defined types and <b>address</b> type.
<b>template</b>	Value and template parameterization	Dynamic at run-time	all basic types, all user-defined types, <b>address</b> type, <b>template</b> , and behaviour types.
<b>function</b>	Value, template, port and timer parameterization	Dynamic at run-time	all basic types, all user-defined types, <b>address</b> type, <b>component</b> type, <b>port</b> type, <b>default</b> , behaviour types, <b>template</b> and <b>timer</b> .
<b>altstep</b>	Value, template, port and timer parameterization	Dynamic at run-time	all basic types, all user-defined types, <b>address</b> type, <b>component</b> type, <b>port</b> type, <b>default</b> , behaviour types, <b>template</b> and <b>timer</b> .
<b>testcase</b>	Value, template, port and timer parameterization	Dynamic at run-time	all basic types and of all user-defined types, <b>address</b> type, <b>template</b> , and behaviour types.
<b>signature</b>	Value and template parameterization	Dynamic at run-time	all basic types, all user-defined types and <b>address</b> type, <b>component</b> type, and behaviour types.

NOTE: Record of, set of, enumerated, port, component and sub-type definitions do not allow parameterization.

#### Clause 5.4.1.1 Formal parameters of kind value

Also, values of behaviour types can be passed as value parameters.

## 5.2 Extension to ETSI ES 201 873-1, clause 6 (Types and values)

Behaviour types such as **altstep**, **function**, and **testcase** may be used to define flexible behaviour of TTCN-3 libraries.

No subtyping is defined for behaviour types.

### Clause 6.2 Structured Types and Values

Extend clause 6.2 Structured types and values by the following clause 6.2.13.

#### 6.2.13 Behaviour Types

##### 6.2.13.1 Behaviour Type Definitions

Behaviour types are the set of identifiers of altstep, function, and testcase definitions with a specific parameter list, runs on, system and return clauses. They denote those altsteps, functions, and testcases, respectively, defined in the test suite that have a compatible parameter list and compatible **runs on** or **system** clauses.

#### *Syntactical Structure*

```

type function BehaviourTypeIdentifier
[ "<" { FormalTypePar [","] } ">" ] NOTE1
"( " [ { ( FormalValuePar | FormalTimerPar | FormalTemplatePar | FormalPortPar ) [","] } ] )"
[ runs on ( ComponentType | self ] NOTE2
[ return [ template ] Type ]

type altstep BehaviourTypeIdentifier
[ "<" { FormalTypePar [","] } ">" ] NOTE1
"( " [ { ( FormalValuePar | FormalTimerPar | FormalTemplatePar | FormalPortPar ) [","] } ] )"
[ runs on ( ComponentType | self ] NOTE2

type testcase BehaviourTypeIdentifier
[ "<" { FormalTypePar [","] } ">" ] NOTE1
"( " [ { ( FormalValuePar | FormalTemplatePar | FormalPortPar ) [","] } ] )"
runs on ComponentType
[ system ComponentType ]

```

#### *Semantic Description*

Behaviour types define prototypes of altsteps, functions, and testcases.

NOTE 1: [AdvancedParameterization] If the advanced parameterization package [6] is also supported, behaviour types can have type parameters.

NOTE 2: **runs on self** indicates a specific compatibility check, see extension of clause 6.3.

#### *Restrictions*

- The rules for formal parameter lists shall be followed as defined in the TTCN-3 Core Language [1] clause 5.4 and extended in clause 5.1 of the present document.
- Behaviour types of kind **altstep** may have a **runs on** clause, behaviour types of type **function** may have a **runs on** clause and a return clause, behaviour types of kind **testcase** shall have a **runs on** clause and a shall have **system** clause.
- runs on self** shall not be used for test cases.

#### *Examples*

EXAMPLE 1: Function type with one parameter and a return value.

```
type function MyFunc1 ( in integer p1 ) return boolean;
```

EXAMPLE 2: Function type with one parameter, a **runs on** clause and a return value.

```
type function MyFunc2 ( in integer p1 ) runs on MyCompType return boolean;
```

EXAMPLE 3: Altstep type with a type parameter and a **runs on** clause.

```
type altstep MyAltstep1<type T> ( in T p1 ) runs on MyCompType;
```

EXAMPLE 4: Testcase type without parameter, with a **runs on** clause and a **system** clause.

```
type testcase MyTestcase1 ( ) runs on MyCompType system MySysType;
```

### 6.2.13.2 Behaviour Values

The values of a behaviour type are the identifiers of altsteps, functions, and testcases with compatible parameters and **runs on**, **system** and **return** clauses. Both predefined and user-defined, including external, functions can be used as values. Type compatibility of behaviour types is defined in the extension to clause 6.3.5 within the present document.

#### Syntactical Structure

*VariableRef* / *FunctionInstance* / *FunctionRef* / *AltstepRef* / *TestcaseRef* / null

#### Semantic Description

The literal behaviour values are the identifiers of the predefined and user-defined altsteps, (external) functions, and testcases and the special value **null**. The special value **null** is available to indicate an undefined behaviour value, e.g. for the initialization of variables. Behaviour values can be passed around as parameters and behaviour values can be stored. Behaviour values can be used, together with a corresponding list of actual parameters, to invoke the behaviours in statements and expressions. Behaviour values can also be used, again together with a corresponding list of actual parameters, in **activate**, **start**, and **execute** statements, respectively.

The only operators (see clause 7.1 of the TTCN-3 core language [1]) on behaviour values that are defined are the check for equality and inequality.

#### Restrictions

- Values of a behaviour type with a **runs on self** clause shall not be sent to another test component.
- Values of a behaviour type with a **runs on self** clause shall not be used in a start test component operation.
- The special value **null** shall not be used to invoke a behaviour.

#### Examples

EXAMPLE:

```
type function MyFunc3 ( in integer p1 ) return charstring;
function blanks (in integer p1) return charstring {
    // return a charstring of p1 blank characters
}
var MyFunc3 myVar1 := blanks;
var MyFunc3 myVar1 := int2char;
```

### 6.2.13.3 Deferred Behaviour Type Definitions

Deferred behaviour types are the set of altstep, function, and testcase behaviors with possible runs on, system and mtc clauses paired with their actual parameter list which can be passed to the **activate**, **start** and **execute** operations, respectively. They denote those instantiations of altsteps, functions, and testcases defined in the test suite that have compatible **runs on**, **system** or **mtc** clauses.

#### Syntactical Structure

```
type function BehaviourTypeIdentifier
[ runs on ComponentType ]
[ system ComponentType ]
[ mtc ComponentType ]
```

```

type altstep BehaviourTypeIdentifier
[ runs on ComponentType ]
[ system ComponentType ]
[ mtc ComponentType ]

```

```

type testcase BehaviourTypeIdentifier
runs on ComponentType
[ system ComponentType ]

```

### Semantic Description

Deferred behaviour types define references to executable behaviors. Deferred function behaviour types define the set of behaviours that can be started on a ptc. Deferred altstep behaviour types define the set of behaviours that can be activated as default alternatives. Deferred testcase behaviour types define the set of behaviours that can be executed from the control part.

The actual parameters of a deferred behaviour value are evaluated when creating the value.

### Restrictions

- a) The same restrictions apply for the start, activate and execute operations that apply for functions, altsteps and testcases used directly in these statements in a non-deferred way.

### Examples

EXAMPLE 1: Deferred function type with.

```
type function MyFunc1;
```

EXAMPLE 2: Deferred function type with a **runs on** clause.

```
type function MyFunc2 runs on MyCompType;
```

EXAMPLE 3: Deferred altstep type with a **runs on** clause.

```
type altstep MyAltstep1 runs on MyCompType;
```

EXAMPLE 4: Deferred testcase type with a **runs on** clause and a **system** clause.

```
type testcase MyTestcase1 runs on MyCompType system MySysType;
```

## 6.2.13.4 Deferred Behaviour Values

The values of a deferred behaviour type are the un-executed instantiations of altsteps, functions, and testcases together with their compatible actual parameters which have compatible runs on, system and mtc clauses to those in the behaviour type. Type compatibility of deferred behaviour types is defined in the extension to clause 6.3.5 within the present document.

### Syntactical Structure

*VariableRef* | *FunctionInstance*

### Semantic Description

The literal deferred behaviour values are the function instance expressions of the user-defined altsteps, (external) functions, and testcases. Deferred behaviour values can be passed around as actual parameters or stored in a variable. Deferred altstep, function or testcase behavior values can be used in **activate**, **start**, and **execute** statements, respectively.

The only operators (see clause 7.1 of the TTCN-3 core language [1]) on deferred behaviour values that are defined are the check for equality and inequality.

### Restrictions

- a) Only in functions, altsteps and testcases without inout or out parameters shall be used as deferred behaviour values.
- b) For the actual parameters of a function behaviour value instance, restrictions from clause 21.3.2 of the core language specification shall apply.