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The present document relates to the multi-part series ETSI ES 201 873 covering the Testing and Test Control Notation version 3, as identified below:

- Part 1: "TTCN-3 Core Language";
- 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".

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1 Scope

The present document defines the Configuration and Deployment Support 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 the TTCN-3 support for static test configurations.

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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- [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".

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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".
- [i.4] 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".

3 Definition of terms, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Terms

For the purposes of the present document, the terms 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.

3.2 Symbols

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3.3 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], ISO/IEC 9646-1 [5] and the following apply:

MTC	Main Test Component
PTC	Parallel Test Component

4 Package conformance and compatibility

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

"TTCN-3:2009 Static Test Configurations" - 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 in ETSI ES 201 873-4 [2].

The package presented in the present document is compatible to:

- ETSI ES 201 873-1 [1] version 4.9.1;
- ETSI ES 201 873-4 [2] version 4.6.1;
- ETSI ES 201 873-5 [3] version 4.8.1;
- ETSI ES 201 873-6 [4] version 4.9.1;
- ETSI ES 201 873-7 [i.1];
- ETSI ES 201 873-8 [i.2];

- ETSI ES 201 873-9 [i.3];
- ETSI ES 201 873-10 [i.4].

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.

5 Package Concepts for the Core Language

5.0 General

This package defines the TTCN-3 means to define *static test configurations*. A static test configuration is a test configuration with a lifetime that is not bound to a single test case. The test components of a static test configuration may be used by several test cases. This package realizes the following concepts:

- A special *configuration function* is introduced which can only be called in the control part of a TTCN-3 module to create *static test configurations*. The configuration function returns a handle of the predefined type **configuration** to access an existing static test configuration.
- A static test configuration consists of *static test components*, a test system interface, *static connections* and *static mappings*. These constituents have the following semantics:
 - A *static test component* is a special kind of test component that can only be created during the creation of a static test configuration and can only be destroyed during the destruction of a static test configuration. By definition, the MTC of a static test configuration is a static test component.
 - The test system interface of a static test configuration plays the same role as the test system interface of a test configuration created by a test case.
 - A *static connection* is a connection between static test components. It can only be established during the creation of a static test configuration and only be destroyed during the destruction of a static test configuration.
 - A *static mapping* is a mapping of a port of a static test component to a port of the test system interface of a static test configuration. Such a mapping can only be established during the creation of a static test configuration and only be destroyed during the destruction of a static test configuration.
- A static test configuration can be used by several test cases. For this the test case is started on a previously created static test configuration. This means:
 - The body of the test case is executed on the MTC of the static test configuration.
 - The MTC may start behaviour on other static test components of the static test configuration.
 - Static test components may create, start, stop and kill normal and alive test components. The lifetime of these components is bound to the actual test case that is executed on the static test configuration. In case that a normal and alive test component is not destroyed explicitly by another test component, it is implicitly destroyed when the test case ends.
 - During test case execution non-static connections and non-static mappings may be established. The lifetime of non-static connections and non-static mappings is bound to the actual test case that is executed on the static test configuration. In case that a non-static connection or a non-static mapping is not destroyed explicitly by another test component, it is implicitly destroyed when the test case ends.
- Component timers and variables of static test components are not reset or reinitialized when a test case is started on a static test configuration. They remain in the same state as when they were left after the creation of the static test configuration or after the termination of a previous test case. This allows to transfer information from one test case to another.

- Ports of static test components are not emptied or restarted when a test case is started on a static test configuration. For example, this allows a delayed handling of SUT responses like e.g. repetitive status messages, during the test campaign. In addition, all port operations (i.e. **clear**, **start**, **stop** and **halt**) are disallowed for ports of static test components. All ports of a static test component remain started during the whole lifetime of a static test configuration.
- In contrast to component timers, variables and ports, the verdict and the default handling is reset. This means all activated defaults are deactivated, all local verdicts and the global verdict are set to **none**.

5.1 Static configurations

5.1.1 The special configuration type: configuration

The special configuration type **configuration** is a handle for static test configurations. The special value **null** is available to indicate an undefined configuration reference, e.g. for the initialization of variables to handle a static test configuration.

Values of type **configuration** shall be the result of configuration functions, they can be checked for equality, e.g. to check if two variables store the same value, and they can be used in **execute** statements for starting a test case on an existing static test configuration and in **kill** configuration statements to destroy an existing static test configuration.

Each successful execution of a configuration function results in a different configuration value which is only equal to itself.

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Restrictions

The following restrictions apply to usages of the **configuration** type:

- The **configuration** type cannot be subtyped or constrained.
- The **configuration** type is not a data type, therefore, the **anytype** does not include the configuration type.
- Module parameters shall not be of type **configuration**.
- Signature parameters shall not be of type **configuration**.
- Templates shall not be of type **configuration**.
- Templates shall not be of a structured type that contains fields or elements of type **configuration** on any level of nesting.
- External functions are not allowed to contain parameters or return values of type **configuration**.

EXAMPLES:

```

var configuration myStaticConfig := null; // Declaration and initialization of a
                                           // configuration variable.

myStaticConfig := aStaticConfig(); // Assigns a value to the previously declared
                                   // configuration variable. It is assumed that
                                   // aStaticConfig() is a configuration function.

myStaticConfig.kill // Kills the static test configuration stored in
                   // variable myStaticConfig.

```

5.1.2 The configuration function

A configuration function allows the start of a static test configuration.

Syntactical Structure

```

configuration ConfigurationIdentifier
"(" [ { ( FormalValuePar | FormalTemplatePar) [ "," ] } ] )"
runs on ComponentType
[ system ComponentType ]
StatementBlock

```

Semantic Description

A configuration function allows the start of a static test configuration. A configuration function has to be defined in the definitions part of a TTCN-3 module and shall only be invoked in the control part of a TTCN-3 module. By definition, a configuration function returns a value of type **configuration** if the start of the configuration was successful, or **null** if the start of the configuration was not successful.

The invocation of a configuration function causes the creation of the MTC and the test system interface of the static test configuration. The types of MTC and test system interface shall be referenced in a **runs on** and a **system** clause. The **system** clause is optional and can be omitted, if the test system has exactly the same ports as the MTC and these ports are mapped one to one to each other.

The behaviour in the body of a configuration function shall be executed on the newly created MTC. During the start of a test configuration only behaviour on the MTC shall be executed and only static test components, static connections and static mappings shall be created or established. Communication with the SUT or with static PTCs is not allowed.

NOTE: The configuration function only returns a reference to a test configuration and no verdict. However, communication with the SUT might have to be checked. For this purpose, initial communication, e.g. for registration or coordination purposes, could be defined in form of a test case.

A static test configuration is successfully started if the behaviour of the corresponding configuration function has been executed till its end or if a **return** statement in the corresponding configuration function is reached. In case of a successful start, a reference to the newly created configuration is returned. The usage of a **stop** or a **kill** statement allows to specify an unsuccessful start of a static test configuration. In case of an unsuccessful start, the value **null** is returned.

Restrictions

- a) The rules for formal parameter lists for the configuration function shall be followed as defined in clause 5.4 of ETSI ES 201 873-4 [2].
- b) Configuration functions shall only be invoked in the module control part.
- c) For the behaviour definition in the body of the configuration function and all functions directly or indirectly from the configuration function, the following restrictions shall hold:
 - Only static test components, static connections and static mappings shall be created or established. All created test components, connections and mappings during the execution of a configuration function are static.
 - Once created or established static test components, static connections and static mappings shall not be destroyed.
 - It is not allowed to start behaviour on newly created static test components.
 - Communication, timer and port operations are not allowed.

EXAMPLES:

```

// The following configuration function can be used to start a simple static test configuration
// which only consists of one MTC.

configuration simpleStaticConfig () runs on MyMTCtype{}

```

```

// The following configuration function starts a more complex static configuration.
// Configuration information is stored in MTC component variables. Further non-static
// connections and mappings may be established by the test cases that are executed
// on this configuration.

configuration aComplexStaticConfig (in integer NoOfPTCs) runs on MyMTCtype system MySystemType {
    var integer i;

    if (NoOfPTCs < 0) {
        log ("Negative number of PTCs");
        kill; // unsuccessful termination
    }
    else if (NoOfPTCs > MaxNoOfPTCs) { // MaxNoOfPTCs is a constant
        log ("Number of PTCs is too high");
        kill; // unsuccessful termination
    }
    else {
        for (i := 1, i <= NoOfPTCs, i := i + 1) {
            PTC[i] := PtcType.create static; // creation of static PTCs,
            // Array PTC[] is a component variable
            connect (mtc:SyncPort, PTC[i]:SyncPort) static; // static connection
        }
        map(mtc:PCO, system:PCO1) static; // static mapping of MTC.
        map(PTC[1]:PCO, system:PCO2); // some static mappings of PTCs,
        map(PTC[2]:PCO, system:PCO3); // further non-static mappings may be
            // established during test runs
    }
    return; // successful termination
}

```

5.1.3 Starting a static test configuration

A static test configuration is started by calling a configuration function in the control part of a TTCN-3 module. In case of a successful start, a reference to the newly created static test configuration is returned. In case of an unsuccessful start, the special value null is returned.

EXAMPLES:

```

control {
    var configuration myStaticConfig := null; // Declaration and initialization of a
    // configuration variable.

    myStaticConfig := aStaticConfig(); // Assigns a value to the previously declared
    // configuration variable. It is assumed that
    // aStaticConfig() is a configuration function.

    if (myStaticConfig == null) {
        stop; // Stop test campaign due to an unsuccessful start
    }
    else {
        execute(MyTestCase(), myStaticConfig) // Successful start, continuation of test campaign
        ...
    }
}

```

5.1.4 Destruction of static test configurations

A static test configuration can be destroyed by executing a **kill** configuration operation.

Syntactical Structure

ConfigurationReference.kill

Semantic Description

The execution of a **kill** configuration operation causes the destruction of a static test configuration. The destruction is similar to stopping a test case by killing the MTC. This means, resources of all static PTCs shall be released and the PTCs shall be removed. The only difference is that no test verdict is calculated and returned. After executing the **kill** configuration operation, it is not possible to execute a test case on the killed static test configuration.

Executing the kill configuration operation with the special value **null** shall have no effect, executing a kill configuration operation with a reference to a non-existing static test configuration shall cause a runtime error.

Restrictions

- a) The **kill** configuration operation shall only be executed in the control part of a TTCN-3 module.

EXAMPLES:

```
control {
  var configuration myStaticConfig := null; // Declaration and initialization of a
                                           // configuration variable.

  myStaticConfig := aStaticConfig(); // Assigns a value to the previously declared
                                     // configuration variable. It is assumed that
                                     // aStaticConfig() is a configuration function.

  myStaticConfig.kill // Destruction of the previously started static
                     // test configuration.
}
```

5.1.5 Creation of static test components

All create operations invoked directly or indirectly from configuration functions create static test components. The creation of static test components can be indicated by the additional optional keyword **static** in the **create** operation. The extension of the **create** operation in clause 21.2.1 of ETSI ES 201 873-4 [2] required for the creation of static test components is described in the following clauses.

Syntactical Structure

ComponentType "." **create** ["(" (Name | "-") ["," HostId] ")"] [**alive** | **static**]

Semantic Description

The **create** operation in combination with the keyword **static** shall only be used to create static test components. Static test components can only be created by executing a configuration function and by functions directly or indirectly invoked by configuration functions. The keyword **static** in a **create** operation shall not be used in combination with the keyword **alive**.

NOTE 1: During the lifetime of a static test configuration, a static component behaves like an alive component.

Static test components are created in the same manner as normal test components that are not declared as alive components. Further details on this can be found in clause 21.2.1 of ETSI ES 201 873-4 [2].

NOTE 2: Static test components can only be created directly or indirectly by a configuration function. This may be checkable at runtime and therefore the keyword **static** may not be required, but for having an explicit specification of static test configurations and for keeping the feature of static test configurations extendible, the keyword **static** has been introduced.

Restrictions

- a) The **create** operation in combination with the keyword **static** shall only be invoked in configuration functions and in function that may be directly or indirectly called by such a configuration function.
- b) The keyword **static** in a **create** operation shall not be used in combination with the keyword **alive**.

EXAMPLES:

```
// This example declares variables of type MyComponentType, which are used to store the
// references of newly created static component instances of type MyComponentType.
// An associated name is allocated to some of the created component instances.
:
var MyComponentType MyNewComponent;
var MyComponentType MyNewestComponent;
:
MyNewComponent := MyComponentType.create static;
MyNewestComponent := MyComponentType.create("Newest") static;
```