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1 Scope

The present document defines the Core Language 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 CORBA[®] based platforms, 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.

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While the design of TTCN-3 has taken the eventual implementation of TTCN-3 translators and compilers into consideration the means of realization of Executable Test Suites (ETS) from Abstract Test Suites (ATS) is outside the scope of the present document.

2 References

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- [1] 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".
- [2] ISO/IEC 10646: "Information technology -- Universal Coded Character Set (UCS)".
- [3] Void.
- [4] Recommendation ITU-T T.50: "International Reference Alphabet (IRA) (Formerly International Alphabet No. 5 or IA5) - Information technology - 7-bit coded character set for information interchange".

NOTE: The corresponding ISO/IEC standard is ISO/IEC 646: "Information technology -- ISO 7-bit coded character set for information interchange".

- [5] Void.
- [6] IEEE 754[™]: "IEEE Standard for Floating-Point Arithmetic".

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