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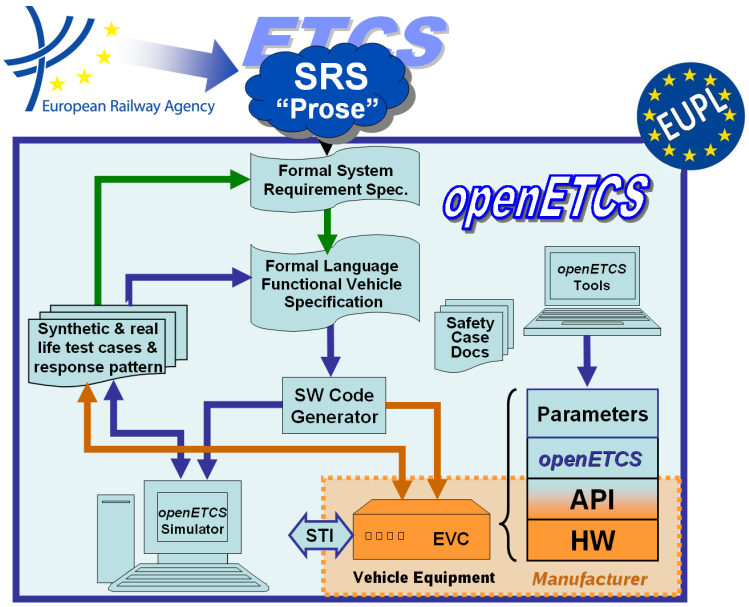

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Abstract: This document summarizes the approach, scope and result of the verification and validation activities in the project openETCS.

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1 Introduction

According to [1, 3.1.48], verification is an activity to check whether the output of a development phase meets the requirements. This concerns formalities, traceability, and, w.r.t. the main content, completeness, correctness and consistency. Within openETCS, examples of each kind of verification have been performed. Thereby, also new methods and tools have been evaluated and adapted.

Validation concerns the compliance of the end result of the development with the user requirements. This has been done employing the demonstrator of the EVC software.

This document summarizes the activities described in more detail in separate reports. It explains how these separate activities fit into the development process of openETCS as defined in the deliverable D2.3a.

Most verification activities are actually reviews of documents (or even programs). For general review activities, a process has been defined in [2].

2 Verification and Validation in the Development Lifecycle

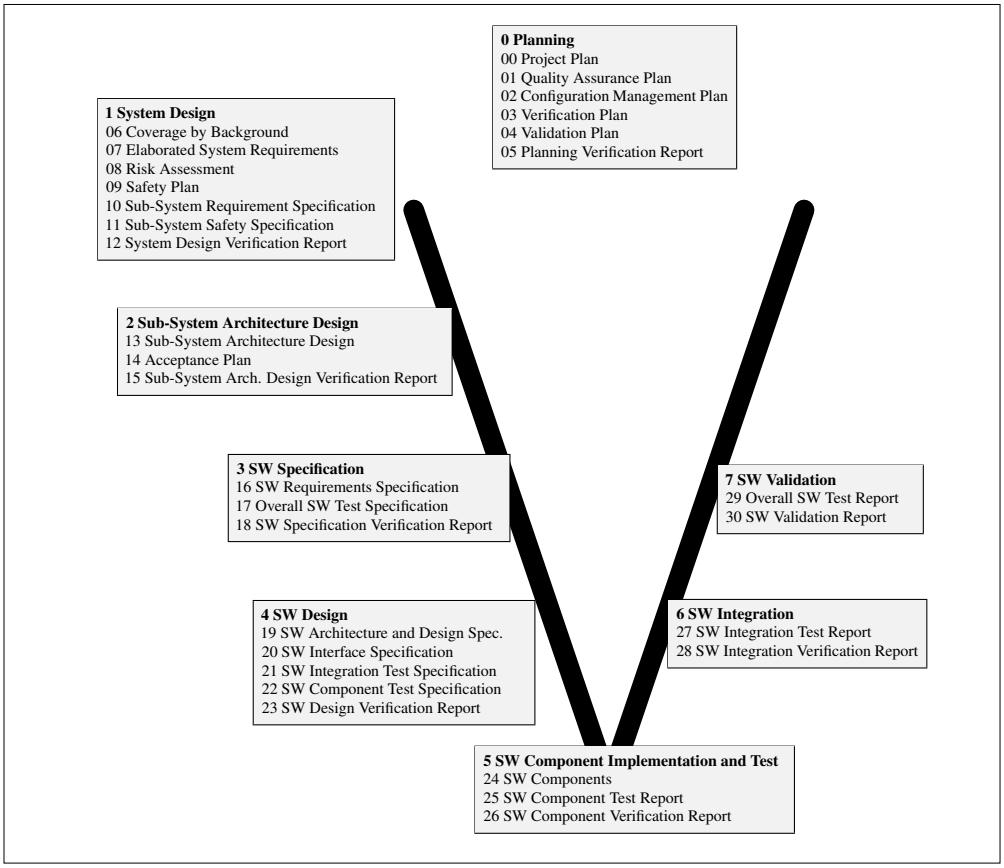

Figure 1. openETCS Development Lifecycle

Fig. 1 is an overview of the openETCS development lifecycle, taken from D2.3a. It depicts the process for a complete development of the EVC software, of which a part has been performed within the project. Verification, resp., validation, has to be done in each of the phases of the development.

3 Overview of Verification and Validation Activities

The verification and validation activities of openETCS fall in two categories.

- They may serve the purpose of supporting the development of the EVC SW. These are activities as defined in the process definition D2.3a, actual verification or validation of design artifacts.
- They may serve to demonstrate or evaluate methods or tools for V&V. Such methods or tools are applied either to available design artifacts, or some such artifacts are created specifically for the purpose of the demonstration/evaluation.

Both kinds of activities are reported about in this document. It is structured according to the phases of the development.

3.0 Verification and Validation in the Planning Phase

There have been reviews of the planning documents. These activities are not reported in detail, here.

3.1 Verification and Validation in the System Design Phase

3.1.1 Verification of Chapter 5 of Subset 026 (TWT)

Contributing project partners

The work has been performed by TWT.

Process step

This activity is part of the verification of the Elaborated System Requirements which are based on Subset 026 [3]. It contributes to the System Design Verification Report (1-12). In formalizing and analyzing the procedures it findings contribute also to the definition of the Elaborated System Requirements themselves (1-07).

Object of verification

The object of verification are the procedures defined in Chapter 5 of Subset 026 [3, 5]. Five of the 25 procedures have been analyzed.

Available specification

The procedures are checked for consistency. They are not checked against an external specification.

Objective

The main objective w.r.t. verification is check the procedure definitions for consistency and some sanity conditions. A by-product are formalizations which enter the Elaborated System Requirements (1-07).

Method/Approach

The control flow of the procedures is modeled with colored Petri nets (CPNs) in the tool [4]. Each model is checked independently by a second person. The necessity of formalization coming with the modeling uncovers inconsistencies in textual specifications. With the help of the simulation and checking facilities of the CPN tools, sanity conditions on the models are checked.

Means/Tools

The analysis has been performed using the CPN tools. This is an open-source tool suite for modeling, simulating checking colored Petri nets.

Results

The modeling and analysis uncovered 36 inconsistencies, ambiguities and gaps in the Subset 026 which were reported in [5].

Observations/Comments

Conclusion

The numerous specification findings illustrate the need for validating the specification. CPNs are well-suited to model the behavioral aspects described in Subset-026 chapter 5. The size of the model clearly indicates the complexity of the procedures, even at the current level of abstraction. The main benefit comes from the activity of formalization itself, and of incomplete, but valuable, simulations.

3.4 Verification and Validation in the SW Design Phase

3.4.1 Verification of the openETCS Architecture and Design Specification

Contributing project partners

This work has been performed by the DLR.

Process step

This activity is part of the verification of the openETCS SW Architecture and Design Specification (4-19), ADD. It contributes to the SW Design Verification Report (4-23).

Object of verification

The object of verification is D3.5.3, the openETCS Architecture and Design Specification.

Available specification

The ADD is checked against Subset 026 [3].

Objective

The objective is to check that the procedures of ETCS OBU are completely, correctly and consistently mapped to the components of the SW as described in the ADD document.

Method/Approach

The verification has been performed by comparing the corresponding specifications of Subset 026 with the ADD document for each relevant paragraph.

Means/Tools

The verification has been performed manually.

Results

The verification uncovered some minor inconsistencies. These have been reported to be removed in D3.5.4 which revises D3.5.3.

Observations/Comments

Conclusion

3.4.2 Model-based Test Generation for the ETCS Ceiling Speed Monitor

Contributing project partners

Main contribution by University of Bremen, additional contributors: DLR and Siemens

Process step

This activity is part of the SW Design (Phase 4). It contributes to the SW Component Test Specification (4-22).

Object of verification

The object of verification are implementations of the ETCS Ceiling Speed Monitor (CSM).

Available specification

The specification of speed and distance monitoring in [3, Sec. 3.13].

Objective

The main objective is to evaluate and demonstrate the new input equivalence class partition test generation method developed by the team of the University of Bremen. The method guarantees 100 per cent error detection inside a fault domain, and is expected to provide high coverage outside the domain. Its results on the CSM are compared with the relevant system test cases as defined in then ETCS standard conformity test specification, Subset 076.

Method/Approach

A test model specifying the expected behaviour of the CSM has been developed in SysML, using state machines and block diagrams. The model elements have been linked to the associated ETCS system requirements. Since this SysML language subset can be associated with a formal semantics, it is possible to execute algorithms that automatically generate sets of executable test cases from the model. These sets of test cases permit to check implementations for compliance with the model. The tracing information enable to derive detailed coverage and fault identification information.

The existing SUBSET-076 test cases were formalised using linear temporal logic (LTL), so that the same test data generation concept could be applied as for the test cases that were automatically identified: SUBSET-076 test cases do not provide concrete test data for every test step, but specify the general constraints from which concrete data can be elaborated. This approach also allows to trace the model coverage achieved by the SUBSET-076 test cases.

All tests were executed against software mutants derived from a reference implementation, using 3 different mutation generators in order to avoid a mutation bias. For each testing strategy applied it was checked

- which parts of the test model were covered by the test execution, and
- which fault coverage (percentage of “killed” mutants) was achieved.

Means/Tools

The whole approach is fully supported by RT-Tester and its model-based testing component RTT-MBT. Test cases are described by LTL formulas. An integrated SMT-solver generate solutions for the LTL formulas which add concrete data and makes the test cases executable. From the SysML test model, the tool automatically derives LTL formulas which describe the test cases. For the SUBSET-076 test cases, the LTL formulas have been provided manually and completed by the solver.

Results

The results can be summarised as follows.

1. The new equivalence class testing method shows significantly higher test strength than all other methods used in the comparison. It achieved nearly 100% fault coverage for mutants outside the fault domain (mutants inside the fault domain are always killed, due to the guaranteed fault detection properties).
2. The new method is very well suited for software testing and HW/SW integration testing, where the high number of test cases (approx. 5000 cases) can easily be executed, in particular, because the test suite is fully automated. The new method, however, yields too many test cases to be applied on system testing level with real trains on real tracks.
3. The SUBSET-076 test cases are missing 2 cases for the CSM in order to achieve requirements coverage. These can be easily identified and added. As a result, these test comprise 11 cases.
4. With the missing test cases added, the SUBSET-076 achieve only a fault coverage of 62% – this would certainly not suffice to obtain certification credit. It is possible, however, to add an acceptable number of test cases to the SUBSET-076 suite for the CSM which would significantly increase its test strength.

All results have been published in

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  Also available as technical report

Observations/Comments

It is interesting to note that typical model-coverage driven test cases (e.g. transition coverage, MC/DC coverage), while achieving higher model coverage than the SUBSET-076 tests, do not achieve much higher fault coverage (approx. 68%). The reason is that these test cases are not invariant under syntactic model transformations: with another – through semantically equivalent – model, higher or lower test strength would be achieved with the coverage-driven test cases derived from that model.

In contrast to that, the new equivalence class testing strategy is elaborated from the *semantic* representation of the model and is therefore invariant (i.e. always maximal) under all syntactic model transformations that leave the behavioural semantics unchanged.

Verified Systems International GmbH who maintain the commercial version of RT-Tester have won the runner-up trophy of the EU Innovation Radar Innovation Prize[1] for implementing the equivalence class testing strategy described above in the commercial version of RT-Tester.

Conclusion

The new test strategy has shown to provide superior test strength when compared to SUBSET-076 test cases and conventional model-coverage driven test cases that are typically provided by other model-based testing tools. As of today, RT-Tester is the only testing tool where the new test strategy is implemented.

3.4.3 Model-based Testing of the ETCS Target Speed Monitor

Contributing project partners

Main contribution by University of Bremen, additional contributors: DLR and Siemens

Process step

This activity is part of the SW Design (Phase 4). It contributes to the SW Component Test Specification (4-22).

Object of verification

The object of verification is an implementation of the target speed monitoring function of the EVC, see technical report

[1] Felix Hübner, Christoph Hilken, and Jan Peleska. Combination of Behavioral and Parametric Diagrams for Model-based Testing – Application to ETCS Target Speed Monitoring. Submitted to DAC 2016, also available as technical openECTS report 2014-11-25.

[1] see `https://www.verified.de/publications/papers-2015/eu-innovation-radar-price-runner-up-trophy-for-verified-systems-international/`

Available under https://github.com/openETCS/validation/tree/master/VnVUserStories/VnVUserStoryUniBremen/04-Results

Available specification

ETCS system specification, SUBSET-026-3; model parts are also available in [1]. The whole target speed monitoring model will be made available on http://www.mbt-benchmarks.org.

Objective

For creating a SysML test model of the target speed monitoring function, both time-discrete (e.g. trigger of the emergency brakes) and time-continuous (e.g. time-dependent train location, speed, and acceleration) variables need to be considered. SysML state machines are suitable for modelling concurrent real-time behaviour of time-discrete control functions. For time-continuous aspects, the report [1] describes how to use parametric constraints and associated diagrams for modelling. It is also explained how the parametric specifications are made available to the SMT solver creating concrete test data from models. As a result, the solver generates data that complies with the time-continuous physical constraints of the model.

Method/Approach

Parametric constraints represent a language aspect of the SysML which has not yet been fully investigated in the research communities. Using so-called constraint blocks, these constraints can be specified. Typically, parametric constraints represent system invariants or – this is the relevant aspect for the target speed monitor – physical laws, such as acceleration-dependent speed and speed-dependent location. For our application, these laws also comprise the ETCS braking curves modelling the speed changes of the braking train. Parametric constraints can be specified using general physical variables; these are bound to concrete model variables using parametric diagrams.

It is shown in [1] how parametric constraints can be used to calculate physically meaningful train behaviours, that is, meaningful changes of speed and location over time, taking into account the braking actions. The method follows a 2-step approach: first, a model abstraction is created, and the equivalence class testing strategy described in Section 3.4.2 is used to identify test cases with guaranteed fault detection properties. Next, the calculated tests are refined with respect to time-dependent behaviour, so that still the same equivalence classes are used, but the representatives for location and speed are selected in a way that complies with the physical laws.

Means/Tools

The method has been implemented in the RT-Tester tool as part of the WP7-related activities of the University of Bremen team.

Results

The results show that the method can be automatically performed with acceptable computation time.

Observations/Comments

To our best knowledge, this is the first SysML-based method for calculating test data with guaranteed fault detection properties in presence of both time-discrete and time-continuous observables.

Conclusion

The method developed here is highly relevant for testing cyber-physical systems in general. Verified Systems International GmbH who maintain the commercial version of RT-Tester has already decided to make this method available in 2016.

3.5 Verification and Validation in the SW Component Phase

3.5.1 Basic Component Verification of Components Implemented in SCADE

Each component which has been implemented with the SCADE Suite Advanced Modeler has been subjected to basic verification by the implementer. The objective of the basic verification is to establish that the component implements the functionality as required in standard (non-exceptional) usage situations. This is part of the process Phase 5, SW Component Implementation and Test. A component which has passed the basic test may be integrated with other components (Phase 6, SW Integration).

The basic test is only a part of the full test according to the SW Component Test Specification, which requires, among other, code coverage criteria to be met. That test must be performed on the final version of the component, and it is to be performed by the Tester.

As an example of the basic component verifications performed, the one of the component implementing the Speed and Distance Monitoring from [3, 3.13] is documented in the following.

3.5.2 Basic Verification of the Implementation of “Speed and Distance Monitoring”

Contributing project partners

This work has been performed by the University of Rostock.

Process step

This activity is part of Phase 5, SW Component Implementation and Test. It addresses the requirement 5.1 (basic tests performed by the Implementer).

Object of verification

The object of verification is the SCADE package `SpeedSupervision_Integration` incorporating the sub packages `CalcBrakingCurves`, `SDM_Commands`, `SDM_GradientAcceleration`, `SDM_Models`, `SDM_TargetLimits` and `TargetManagement`, together with the helper and type package `SDM_Types`.

Available specification

The specification of speed and distance monitoring is given in [3, Sec. 3.13].

Objective

The objective is to establish that the code performs the expected functionality in standard (expected) usage scenarios. It is not meant to be exhaustive. Also, it shall check for performance and memory usage abnormalities.

Method/Approach

The test has been performed by integrating the package `SpeedSupervision_UnitTest_Pkg` into the main module which provides the implementation code with inputs of a usage scenario. The test simulates a linear movement via generated odometry inputs, providing constant default national values, reasonable train data and a generic track that consists of one constant speed profile, a single, non-extending movement authority and a null-gradient. The correctness of the implementation reaction is checked mainly manually.

Means/Tools

The test has been performed with the simulation functions (SCADE Suite Simulator) of the SCADE Suite Advanced Modeler, Version 6.1. Since the basic verification is to complemented by a full verification, the tool qualification level is (only) T1.

Results

The test has been applied to each version of the implementation. Only implementation versions which passed the test had been given clearance for integration.

Conclusion

The test established readiness for integration testing. It does not cover the full verification of the code according to the Component Test Specification (4-22).

3.5.3 Code Reviews

The SW components have been subjected to code reviews to detect design errors prior to testing, and to complement testing. An example of the code reviews is presented in the ensuing section.

3.5.4 Code Review of the SCADE Package trainData

Contributing project partners

This work has been performed by the DLR.

Process step

This activity is part of the verification of the SW components. It contributes to the SW Component Verification Report (5-26).

Object of verification

The SCADE package `trainData` incorporating the sub packages `trainData_ pkg` and `trainData_Types_pkg`.

Available specification

The package was checked against the ADD document (D3.5.4) and the ETCS specification Subset-026, [3, Sec. 3.18.3].

Objective

The objective is to establish plausibility that the SCADE package conforms to the specification.

Method/Approach

The verification has been performed by comparing implementation given by the SCADE model with the corresponding specifications of Subset 026 and the ADD document.

Means/Tools

The verification has been performed using the editing capabilities of the SCADE Suite to display the model, and to search and navigate.

Results

The review uncovered some incomplete coverage of the requirements due to the absence of some implementation packages. The ramifications need to be analyzed.

3.6 Verification and Validation in the SW Integration Phase

There have been automated integration tests on the SW components.

3.7 Verification and Validation in the SW Validation Phase

There have been validations on

- the integrated software within the ¿SCADE simulation environment?, subjecting the SW with a simulated environment to operational use cases.
- an integration of the SW on a reference hardware, applying operational use cases.

3.7.1 Validation of the Implemented and Integrated Demonstration System

Contributing project partners

The implementation and the validation of the integrated demonstration system has been performed by the DLR with support of Fraunhofer FOCUS and GE.

Process step

This activity is part of the SW Validation (Phase 7). It contributes to the Overall SW Test Report (7-29).

Object of validation

The integrated demonstration system is validated. It consists of 2 basic subsystems: the EVC and the DMI. The implementations of both subsystems are generated from the according operators of the SCADE model using the Esterel code generator KCG. The complete integrated demonstration system includes the target platforms and communication systems as well. The triggering of the EVC as well as of the DMI needs to be realised by a platform dependent wrapper. This wrapper has also to handle the communication channels and resources. The wrapper for EVC and DMI depend completely on the chosen target platform and are implemented manually. However, the basic structure and basic schemes are identical since both wrappers have the same tasks.

Available specification

The modelled SCADE simulation of the EVC and DMI running from Amsterdam to Utrecht is used as behavioural reference specification. All driver relevant outputs - such as speeds, distances, and state changes - are relevant for the validation.

Objective

Basic assumption for model driven code generation is the correctness of the code generator. This assumption is also stated for the KCG-generated model code. Hence, the functionality of the implemented EVC and the implemented DMI is not verified, since the verification is already done on model level.

Furthermore, the interaction of each subsystem on a physical hardware platform needs to be validated for correct functional behaviour. Especially platform related resource restrictions or timing issues may influence the overall behaviour of the generated implementations of the subsystems.

Method/Approach

The validation is realised by running the test track (Amsterdam - Utrecht). A concrete sequence of activities is defined in order to start-up and initiate the distributed system. External inputs, e.g. for TIU, odometry, and balise information, are provided by a simulation platform (SEFEV, proprietary software for executing Subset076 sequences) which is connected via TCP-sockets to the EVC. The behaviour of the integrated demonstration system is compared to the behaviour of the SCADE-simulation model. Tolerances for time and distances have been used as specified in Subset076.

The log files of each subsystem were used in order to check concrete behaviour.

Results

The validation was done based on Win32-implementations of each subsystem (EVC, DMI). Both subsystems were executed as single processes on the same machine. The communication was realised via TCP-sockets. The correct behaviour of the implementation compared to the simulated model was shown for a first part of the test drive of around 4km.

Observations/Comments

A second implementation of the demonstrations system was realised on an embedded realtime platform. The EVC was executed on this platform whereas the DMI needed to be executed on a Win32-platform. The generated code for EVC and DMI were identical to the code of the initial Win32-implementation. Only the platform dependent wrappers and the communication management needed to be adopted.

Due to timing and resource restrictions of the real-time platform, several synchronisation issues needed to be solved. It can be stated that the execution times of each part of the subsystem may influence the overall functional behavior.

Conclusion

The generated implementation of the SCADE model and the basic wrapping systems work as expected. Further investigations are necessary in order to validate runtime and synchronisation effects - mainly on heterogeneous target platforms.

4 Conclusion

The conclusion will be written after the completion of the V&V activities.

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