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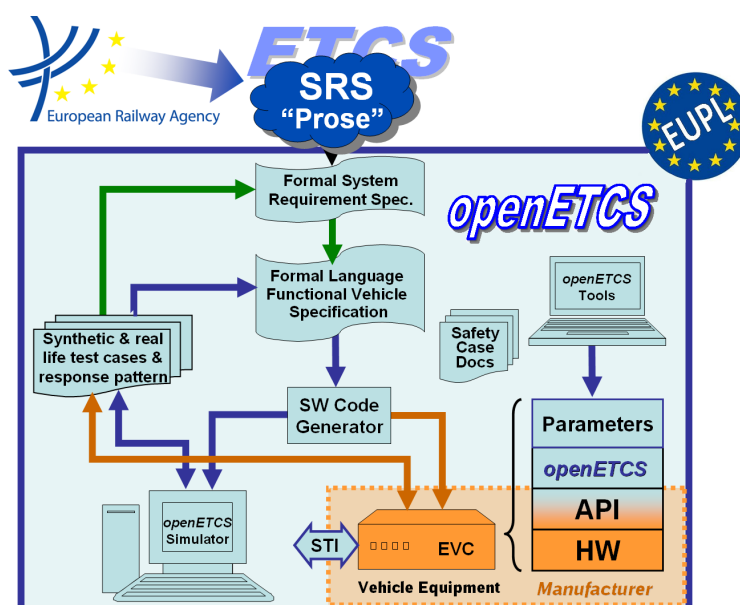
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Abstract: This document describes strategy and plan of the verification and validation in the development of the software of the EVC (European Vital Computer) in the openETCS approach. It revises the previous versions (V01, V01.01) of this document. This document refers to the process for openETCS as defined in [1]. It comprises the current versions of the artifacts “0-03 Verification Plan” and “0-04 Validation Plan” as defined there.

The structure of the document follows the distinction from [1] between the current *openETCS project*, funded as part of the EUREKA cluster programme ITEA 2, and the *openETCS activity* as a whole, which encompasses the project.

In its three main parts, the current document addresses:

- verification and validation for the full development (openETCS activity)
- verification and validation for the current ITEA 2 project
- details about verification & validation tools and methods

The current document shall provide an important part of the basis for deliverable D4.4, the Final Report of the project on Verification & Validation.

Some of the revision work needed to be done for this version is indicated in the form of comments like this one. Most of the comments are missing themselves, though.

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Part I

General Definitions

1 Purpose and Structure of the Document

This document describes strategy and plan of the verification and validation in openETCS. It revises the previous versions (V01, V01.01) of this document. This document refers to the process for openETCS as defined in [1]. It comprises the current versions of the artifacts “0-03 Verification Plan” and “0-04 Validation Plan” as defined there.

The structure of the document follows the distinction from [1] between the current *openETCS project*, funded as part of the EUREKA cluster programme ITEA 2, and the *openETCS activity* as a whole, which encompasses the project.

1. The first part defines (in this section) the role and purpose of the document. It provides basic definitions of verification and validation and provides a generic description of how to perform them.
2. The second part defines verification and validation for the full development. In its final version, it shall be a CENELEC-compliant plan for verification and validation of the openETCS EVC software.
3. The third part plans those activities which will actually be performed within the current project. These are related to the overall plan from the second part. They focus on the particular instantiation of the development in the project. They define concrete verification activities for the artifacts which are produced.
4. A fourth part collects descriptions of methods and tools. Most of these are already available from project partners or third parties. Some of them are subject to adaptations or even further development within openETCS. The second and third part refer to relevant methods and tools from the fourth part—ones which are used or could be used for verification or validation. Vice versa, the descriptions specify for which activity they can be used.

In both the second and third part, the verification & validation strategy, the verification plan and the validation plan are defined. Verification and validation share some of their methods and tools, and in some case are applied to the same design artifacts. Therefore, the plans for both are included in this document. Nevertheless, these activities are intended to be and remain independent.

Verification and validation play an important role in the safety case. This document identifies the V&V activities which do contribute and refers to the safety plan for further details on the additional requirements to be met and a precise statement of what has to be established.

2 Definitions

2.1 Verification

According to [2, 3.1.48], verification is an activity to check whether the output of a development phase meets the requirements. This concerns the following aspects.

Formalities: [2, 5.3.2.7 to 10]

1. The unambiguous identifiability of the artifacts which make up the objects of verification, their versions and their relationship with other artifacts by the consistent use of unique reference numbers.
2. Consistency in the usage of terms, names, descriptions
3. Formal completeness in addressing all applicable requirements laid down in the process plan.

Traceability: [2, 6.5.4.14 to 17] Most of the artifacts subjected to verification must provide detailed tracing information which establishes a relation between the constituting items of each object of verification and other artifacts, in particular the input artifacts of the design step whose output is verified.

Completeness, Correctness and Consistency: These properties refer to the specific content of the artifact.

The openETCS process [1] requires verification to be done in each of the phases. Verification has to check aspects of formal nature and those that refer to the content of the artifacts.

A typical example of verification is the check of a design refinement. The refined design must cover all required aspects, refine all requirements coming from the previous design step, and provide adequate tracing information. The requirements must all be correctly refined, and the refined design must in itself be consistent. Though correctness and consistency are not independent, it is usually beneficial to address both aspects explicitly. Furthermore, the refining artifacts must be readable and clearly structured.

Tracing information must be provided by the Quality Assurance Plan (0-01), the Verification Plan (0-03), the Validation Plan (0-04), the SW Requirement Specification (3-16), the Overall SW Test Specification (3-17), the SW Architecture and Design Specification (4-19), the SW Interface Specification (4-20), the SW Integration Test Specification (4-21), the SW Component Test Specification (4-22), the SW Components (5-24), the SW Component Test Report (5-25), the SW Integration Test Report (6-27), the Overall SW Test Report (7-29), the Validation Report (7-30).

2.2 Validation

Validation is name for the activity by which the compliance of an artifact with the user requirements is checked. Here, this means that the developed SW of the EVC is fit for its purpose: correct, safe, operational and fills its role in the EVC architecture.

One might also consider “early” validation activities, e.g. “validating” an executable model against requirements from the SS 026. These are not mandated by the standards and can per se neither replace verification nor validation steps. They may be worthwhile as means for early defect detection, and may also be integrated into verification activities, but they are not made parts of the current verification and validation plans.

Further (mostly complementary) information on V&V can be found in the report on the CEN-ELEC standards (D2.2).

2.3 Review

Most verification and validation activities consist in reviewing artifacts produced in the development process.

A *review* is

- a systematic analysis
- of a document or set of documents, the object of the review,
- performed by suitably trained personnel
- to determine the satisfaction of a specified set of properties
- potentially taking into account evidential material
- producing a documentation in a defined, structured format.

The *object of the review* may be text or structured text, can contain graphics, include formal notations of logical or mathematical nature, may be formal or semi-formal descriptions, programs or engineering descriptions.

The *documentation* classifies results as positive, negative or inconclusive with detailed references which items of the objects of the review and the properties to be checked these verdicts concern. Verdicts may be required to be substantiated by explanations.

Part II

Verification & Validation for a Full Development

3 Verification & Validation in the openETCS Process

4 Verification & Validation Strategy for a Full Development

5 Verification Plan for a Full Development

Verification has to be done in each of the phases of the development. This chapter is structured according to the verification reports to be produced.

5.0 Template for Describing a Verification or Validation Activity

General description of the activity	
Verification object	
Responsible role	
Reference material	
Objective	
Evidential material	
Method(s)	
Documentation	

Detailed description of the objective	
Formalities	
Traceability	
Completeness	
Correctness	
Consistency	

Detailed description of the documentation [Option 1]	
Template	

Detailed description of the documentation [Option 2]	
Managerial items	
[Output item/section <i>nn</i>]	

Detailed description of the activity	
Activity steps	
Step <i>nn</i>	

5.1 Verification of Planning

These verifications are done by reviewing the documents. The results are collected in the Planning Verification Report (0-05).

5.1.1 Verification of the Project Plan

General description of the activity	
Verification object	Project Plan (0-00)
Responsible role	VER
Reference material	EN 50126, EN 50128, FPP, openETCS Process (D2.3a)
Objective	Establish that the project plan defines a viable management structure, where all activities are assigned properly and adequately.
Evidential material	–
Method	Review
Documentation	Text document

Detailed description of the objective	
Formalities	<i>tbd</i>
Traceability	–
Completeness	<i>tbd</i>
Correctness	<i>tbd</i>
Consistency	<i>tbd</i>

Detailed description of the documentation	
Managerial items	Input: [Project plan version], Output: [Project plan verification report version], Responsible person: [person of role VER], Contributors: [list], Date: [date]
[Output item/section <i>nn</i>]	

Detailed description of the activity	
Activity steps	<i>tbd</i>
Step <i>nn</i>	<i>tbd</i>

5.1.2 Verification of the Quality Assurance Plan

5.1.3 Verification of the Configuration Management Plan

5.1.4 Verification of the Verification Plan

5.1.5 Verification of the Validation Plan

5.1.6 Planning Verification Report

Sec. 5.1.6 gives an overview of the components of the Planning Verification Report. Its main parts are described in the subsections of Sec. 5.1 preceding this subsection (Sec. 5.1.6).

- 5.2 Verification of the System Design**
- 5.3 Verification of the Sub-System Architecture Design**
 - 5.3.1 Verification of the Sub-System Architecture Design**
 - 5.3.2 Verification of the Acceptance Plan**
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- 5.8 Verification of the SW Validation**

6 Validation Plan for a Full Development

Part III

Verification & Validation Plan for the Project openETCS

7 Verification & Validation Strategy for the Project openETCS

8 Verification Plan for the Project openETCS

This chapter (Sec. 8) should have been based on a tailoring of the process for the full development [1] to the project activities. In absence of such a tailoring, which would relate the project activities and their outcome appropriately the full development, this is done here for each planned verification activity. I.e., the artifacts of the project which are subjected to verification are related to the artifacts defined in [1]. And for each verification activity of the project, the corresponding verification activity (or activities) from the Verification Plan for the full development (Sec. 5) is adapted here to the scope and form of the respective project result.

8.0 Template for Describing a Verification Activity of the Project

The template from Sec. 5.0 is to be extended by a description of the verification object in relation to the corresponding artifact(s) in the full development.

9 Validation Plan for the Project openETCS

Part IV

Methods and Tools for Verification and Validation

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