

NAVTEL COMMUNICATIONS The Future of Network Testing

TTCN Case Study - InterWatch

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Navtel Overview

Navtel provides network operators and equipment manufacturers with a variety of test solutions on its InterWatch platform

♥InterWatch Features

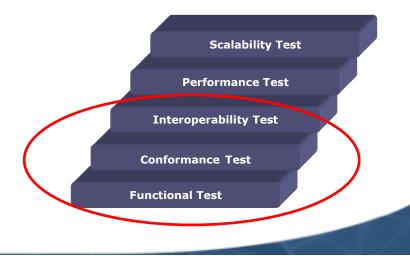
- Control and data-plane testing over a number of interface types
- > Rack-mount and portable configurations
- Testing for Voice over IP, SS7, UMTS 3G Wireless, G.MPLS, ATM and IP technologies



InterWatch
Performance
and Verification
System

TTCN's Fit into Navtel's Test Methodology

- Navtel's progressive test methodology includes functional, conformance, interoperability, performance and scalability testing.
- TTCN is used by Navtel to implement functional, conformance and interoperability testing.



Why Does Navtel Use TTCN?

- TTCN has advantages over other development languages (C++/Java)
 - > Structured, maintainable, readable code
 - > Specially suited to test suites
 - > Less development time, faster time to market for Navtel's test suites
 - faster to market for our customers' products
 - > Common infrastructure can be re-used between protocols
 - TTCN functions and protocol stack PCOs

Functional Testing

- Testing the functional requirements of a protocol implementation or service
- Much easier to work with than Tcl for protocol testing
 - > Encoding/Decoding of messages
 - > Timer implementation
 - > Test case structure
- TTCN provides an easy to implement, reproducible and automated test suite for functional testing

Scalability Test

Performance Test

Interoperability Test

Conformance Test

Functional Test

TTCN Conformance Testing

- TTCN Allows Navtel to write canned test suites for Conformance and InterWorking
 - > Tests are based entirely on standards' "MUST and SHALL" requirements
 - Every MUST has a test case to verify compliance to the clause
 - Executable TTCN test suites sold in a non-editable form, providing automated conformance verification by an independent third party to equipment vendors and network operators
 - > Without conformance, interoperability with other vendors is highly unlikely

TTCN Conformance Testing

Test Purpose:

Verify that the IUT will respond with a ServiceChangeReply, with the ServiceChangeMGCId set to itself, upon receiving a ServiceChange command with a "Restart" method on the ROOT termination.

Reference: RFC 3015 - Section 11.2

Log Information:

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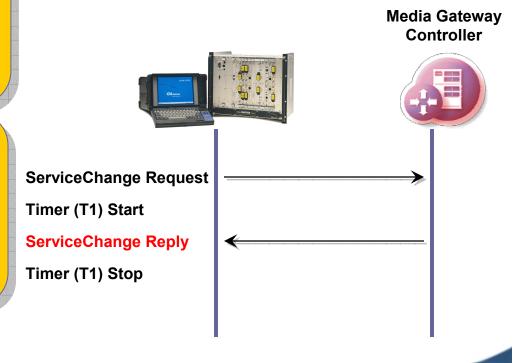
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 TC_x_x
 Final Verdict
 01/01/80 12:50

 TC_x_x
 Execution Ending
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X FAILED

 Navtel uses TTCN as a tool for the implementation of conformance test suites



TTCN Conformance Testing - InterWorking

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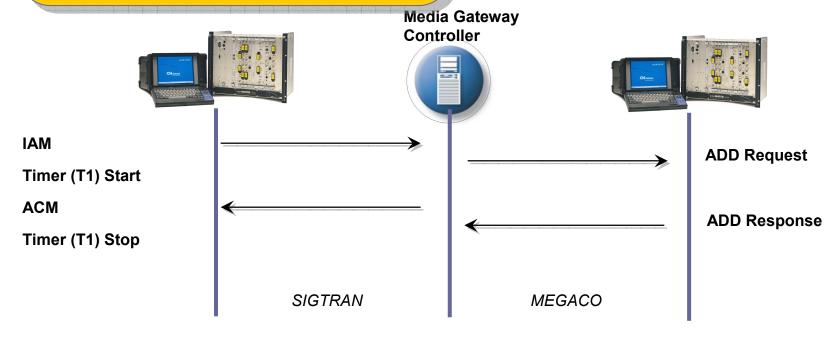
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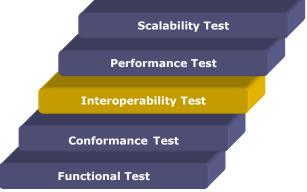
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TTCN is a useful tool for testing interworking

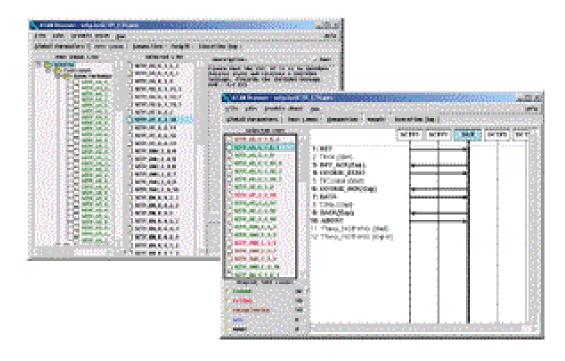


Interoperability Testing

- Test suite that verifies interoperability of devices from different vendors
 - > For example, a SIP Proxy from Vendor A and a SIP Proxy from Vendor B are tested to ensure they work when connected to one another
 - > Test cases for critical services, both mandatory and optional, are run to ensure interoperation
 - Interoperation is crucial for network operators, especially those in the VoIP softswitch arena
 - These tests can be canned test suites or test cases written by our customers



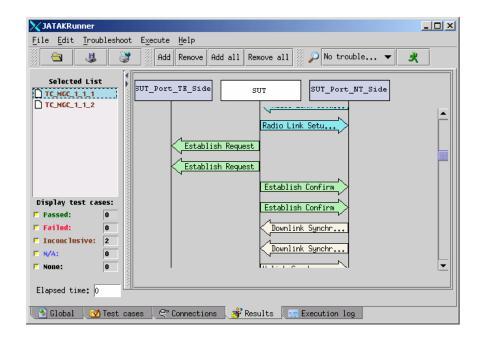
Navtel TTCN Test Suites - Runtime



©Following internal TTCN coding standards, our executable test suites provide logging and message flows resulting in a test environment that makes troubleshooting straightforward

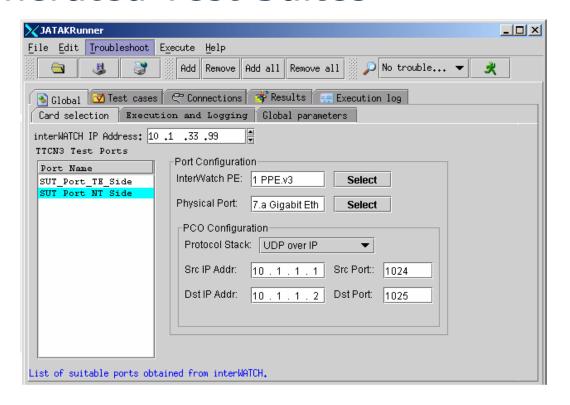
User Generated Test Suites

- environment expanded to support TTCN 3 test suites written by InterWatch users
 - Brings automated functional, conformance and interoperability test authoring to InterWatch users



- > Test suites are compiled and run on the InterWatch platform
- > Message sequence chart and report generation is automated
- > Compliments our canned test suite offering

User Generated Test Suites



PCOs are selectable from available stacks in InterWatch

- > Selections are independent of protocol being tested
 - One test suite, multiple data link layers and physical interfaces

Future of TTCN 3 on the InterWatch

- Navtel will continue to produce canned Conformance testing applications using TTCN 3 as an internal development tool
- Navtel will exploit the flexibility of TTCN 3 to let users generate their own additional TTCN 3 test suites to verify optional clauses in standards
- Users can generate test suites for proprietary protocols or proprietary extensions to standardized protocols using the TTCN 3 development environment on the InterWatch



Thank You