



Transforming Automated Procedure Development with a state of the art IDE

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Agenda

- Context
- Digitalization
- Data Continuity
- Update / Change Propagation
- Technologies
- Summary

Problem

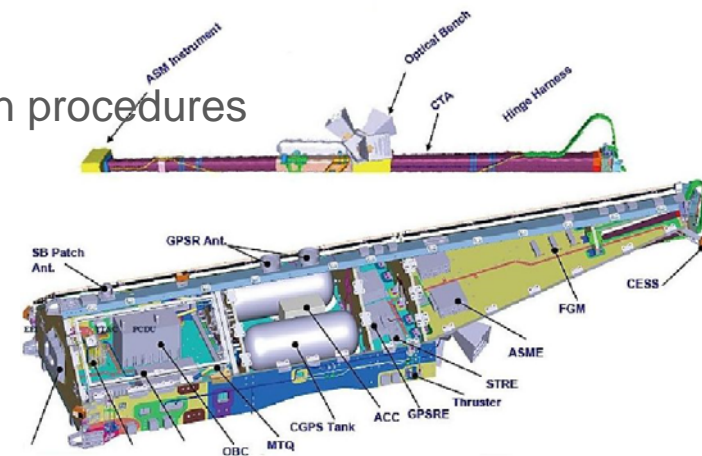
- Existing development environments for automated monitor & control procedures are poorly integrated in the overall spacecraft design & development process
 - Continuity/use of design & configuration data is hardly integrated
 - Process to update configuration data changes implemented manually
 - Limited digitalized transfer from procedure specification environment to development environment
- High level of maintenance effort to follow system data changes
 - Early Development Phases: Baseline not stable
 - Development: Overall status not visible
 - Maintenance Phase: Impact of data changes not identified



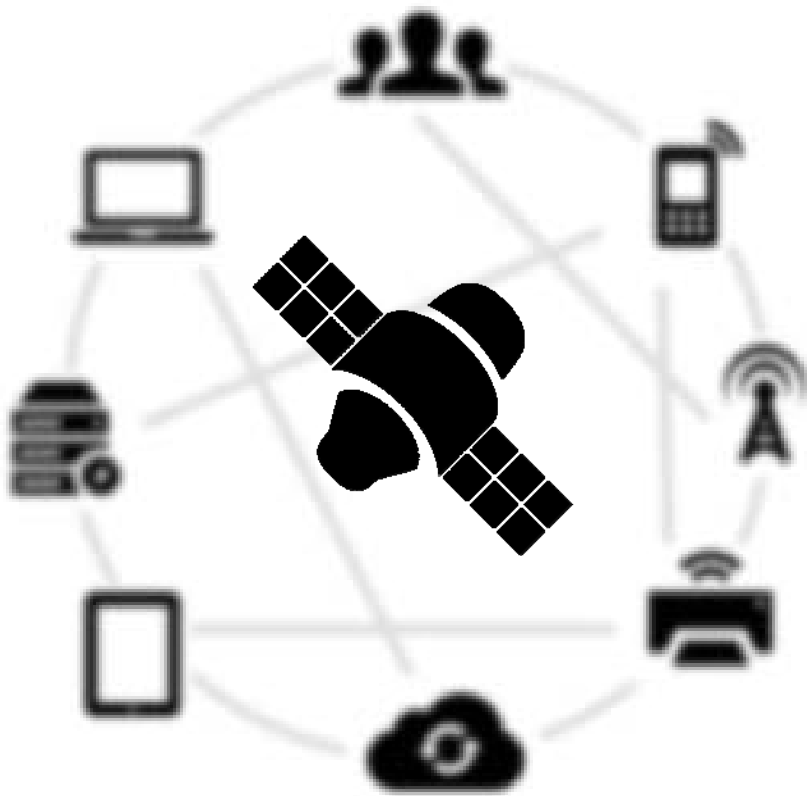
Problem – Needed Information

Development of automated monitor & control procedures requires information about:

- Detailed knowledge of how to operate the spacecraft & EGSE needed
 - Mainly TM/TC definitions
- Detailed knowledge of spacecraft design
- Detailed knowledge of actual configuration
 - Spacecraft & EGSE
- Detailed knowledge of planned verification activities / operation procedures



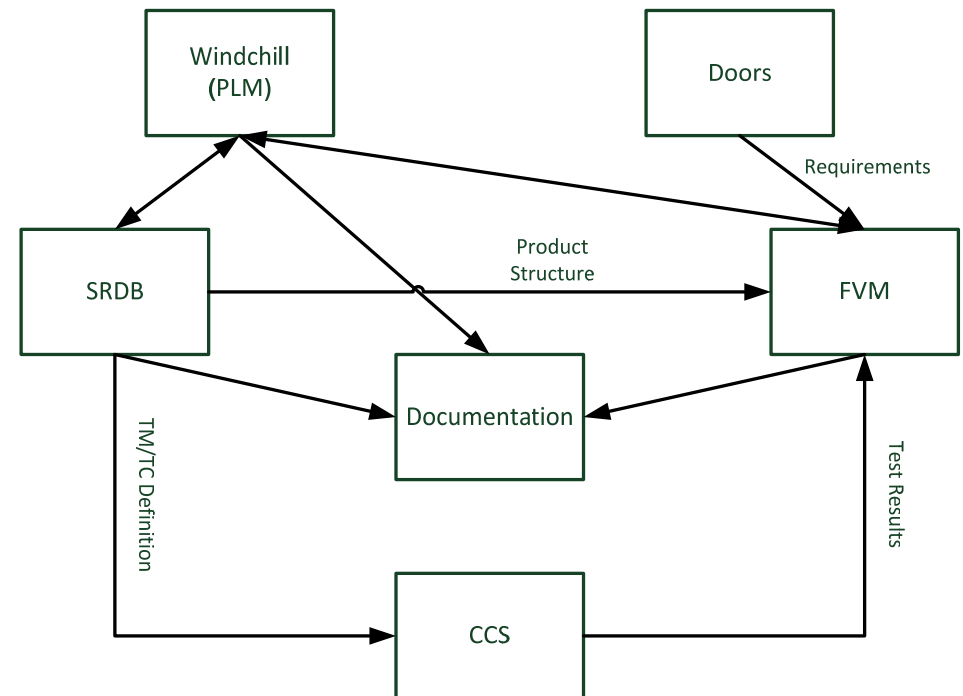
... to Factory/Space 4.0



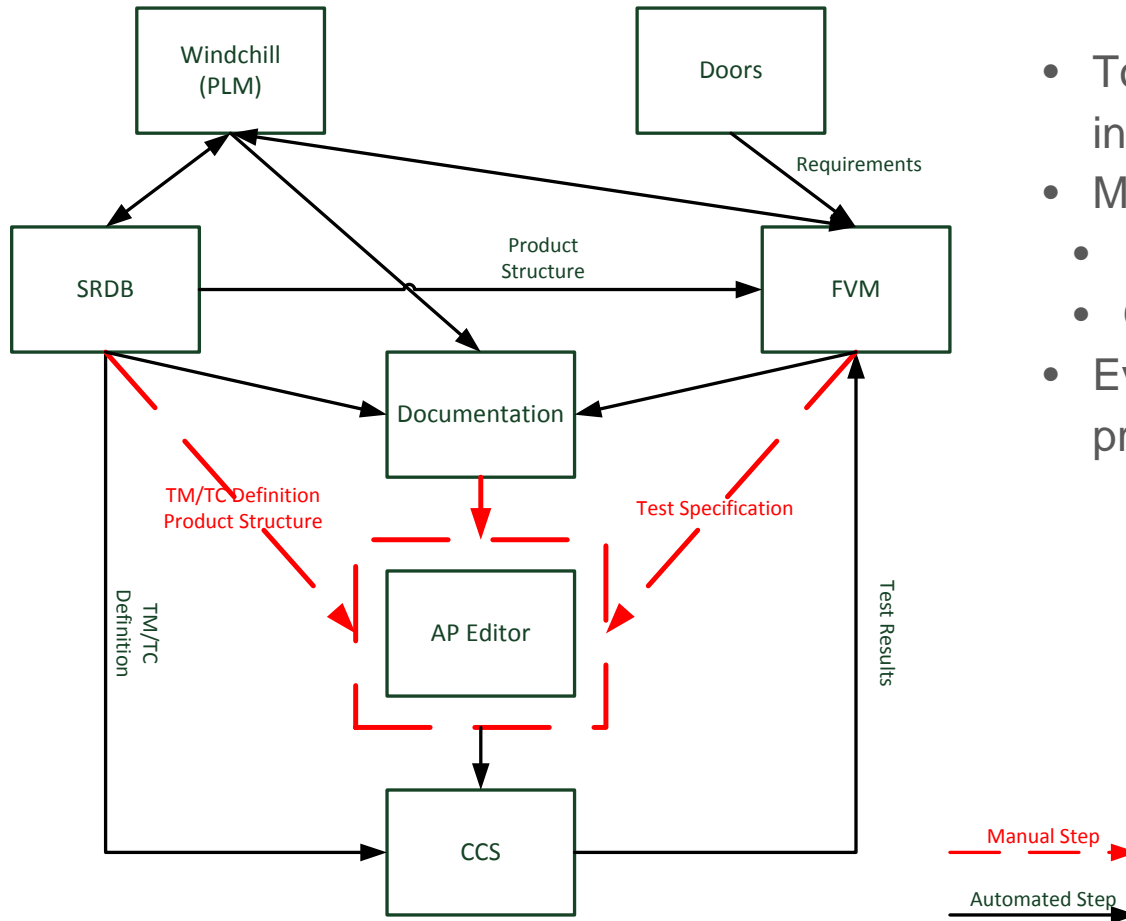
- Digitalization: Integration of digital technologies into everyday life by the digitization of everything that can be digitized.
- Several initiatives running internally & externally
 - Factory 4.0
 - ENS Digitalization
 - E2E PLM
 - Space 4.0
 - ...

Overall Data Flow

- Management of design and system data is well managed today!
- Shared data and common processes well-established & integrated
 - SRDB: Central data set and repository containing the definitions & operational data utilized during engineering & development
 - FVM: Definition of test documentation such as verification tasks, specifications, procedures or reports. Requirement traceability to test specifications and procedures, to execution and archive and generation of VCD



Overall Data Flow – Dark Spots



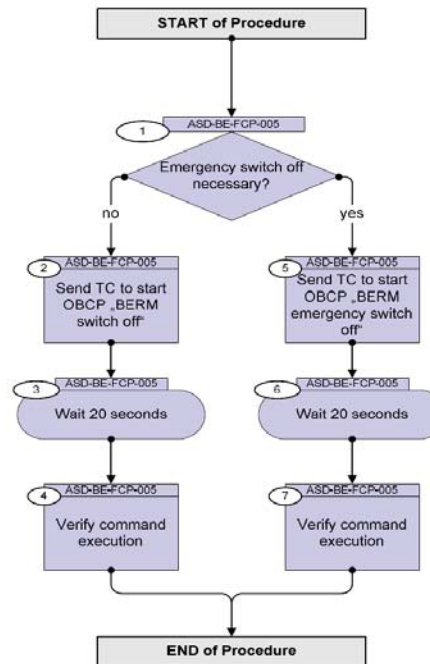
- Tool to develop automated procedures not integrated
- Mainly manual tasks to get / access the data
 - Documents are still used
 - Overall version set not guaranteed
- Evolution of system data not automatically propagated

Goal - Procedures Development Environment that is fully integrated in the already available tool landscape

- Usage of coherent data baseline release (from SRDB and FVM)
 - All tools, developers, testers are using the same data baseline
- Full digitalized process from design data (e.g. TM/TC), link to verification requirements and related test specification, up to the automated procedure running on CCS/MCS
- Automated generation of AP documentation and generation of the overall AP manual
- Common tool used by all users and for all use cases (AIT, FV, Operations)
- State of the art IDE supporting features like:
 - Auto completion
 - Related to procedure language
 - Related to items in the spacecraft product structure
- Tool tips
- Syntax highlighting
- Online help

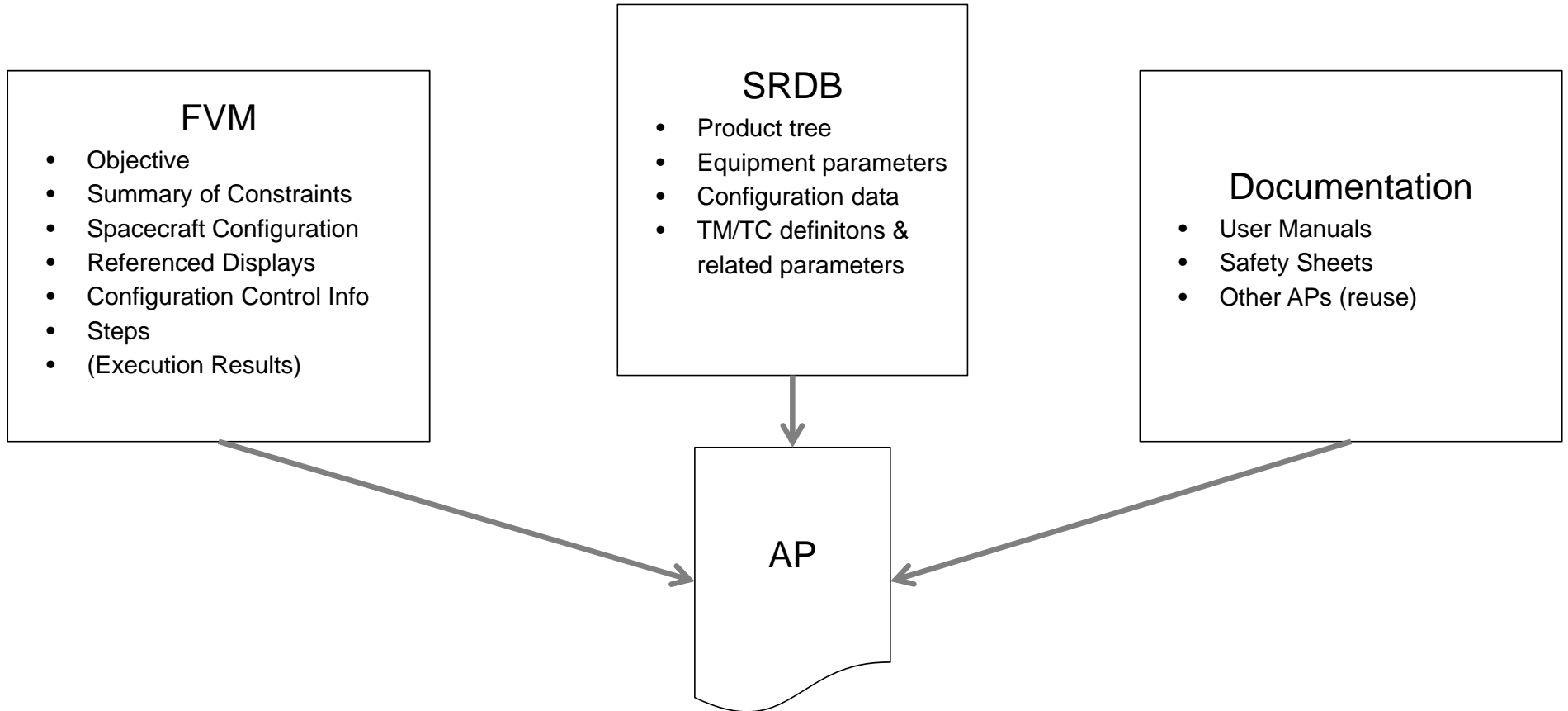
Automated Procedure (AP)

- Def: A fixed, step-by-step sequence of activities or course of action (with definite start and end points) that must be followed in the same order to correctly perform a task. Repetitive procedures are called routines.
- Used mainly for AIT/FV but also spacecraft operations and onboard procedures
 - Send TC & receive TM
 - Control structures to manage the procedure flow



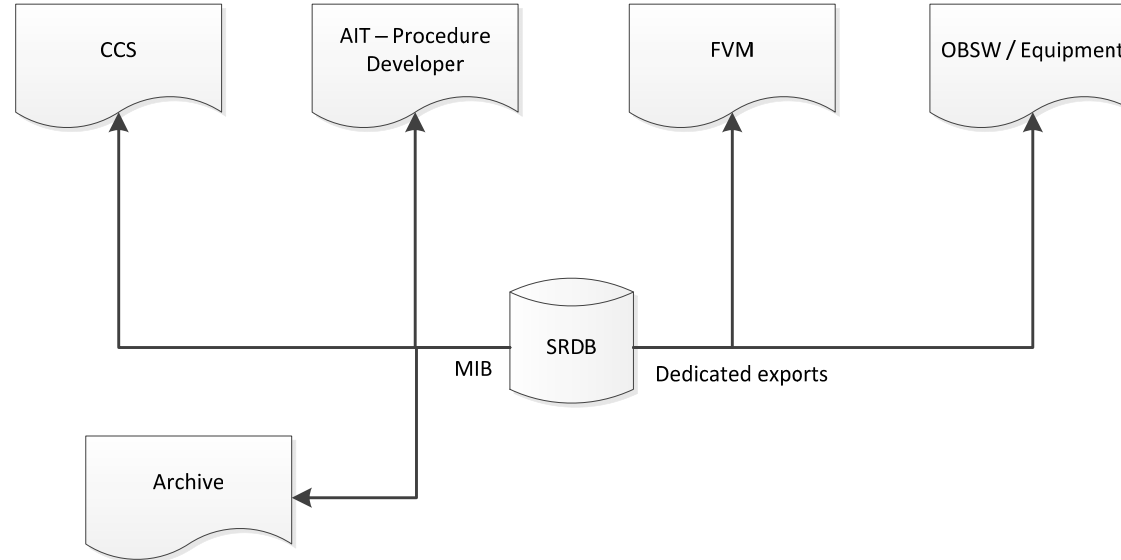
Step	Label/Title	Activity/Comments	Parameters	Priority	Category	Display/Status	Requirements
Deployment of Procedure							
ASD-BE-FCP-005							
Emergency procedure							
ASD-BE-FCP-005							
1		Emergency switch off necessary? Type: (TC) Conditions: Check Variable PT_emergency_switch_off Send TC to start OBCP_BERM emergency switch off wait 20 sec				Full Stage: 1 Sub-Stage: 1	
2		Send TC to start OBCP_BERM emergency switch off				Full Stage: 1 Sub-Stage: 2	
3		Wait 20 seconds Type: (Wait) Conditions: Check Variable wait wait = 0 (class: (Time))				Full Stage: 1 Sub-Stage: 3	
4		Verify command execution Verify TC received Emergency status = OK Verify TC received Emergency status = OK				Full Stage: 1 Sub-Stage: 4	
5		Emergency switch off necessary? Type: (TC) Conditions: Check Variable PT_emergency_switch_off Send TC to start OBCP_BERM emergency switch off wait 20 sec				Full Stage: 1 Sub-Stage: 5	
6		Send TC to start OBCP_BERM emergency switch off				Full Stage: 1 Sub-Stage: 6	
7		Wait 20 seconds Type: (Wait) Conditions: Check Variable wait wait = 0 (class: (Time))				Full Stage: 1 Sub-Stage: 7	
8		Verify command execution Verify TC received Emergency status = OK Verify TC received Emergency status = OK				Full Stage: 1 Sub-Stage: 8	
End of Procedure							

Data used in an AP – where is it from



Data Continuity

- Digitalization
 - Exchanging data between the referenced tools is currently a manual task of import / export!
 - Clearly identifying changes between versions of data is time-consuming depending on the format
 - Ensure a consistent working baseline for the AP developer



Change Propagation - SRDB

- The world is **not** perfect, and hence the latest version of the database may not always be installed on the test bench, or different versions will be available on different benches
- Direct integration utilising the RangeDB SRDB product
 - Available released versions
 - User selection of version for procedure editing
 - Enables content within the TreeViewer (available TM parameters, descriptions, documentation for example)

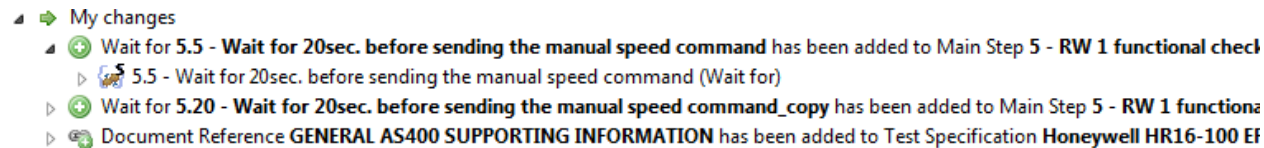


Change Propagation - SRDB

- With close integration of the SRDB, a background syntax check can be performed on the elements within an automated procedure
- Determine the compatibility of the procedure against the version of the database selected, particularly:
 - Removed elements (i.e. deleted User Defined TM parameters or synoptics)
 - Modified elements (i.e. added parameter within a TC)
- Allows the developer to identify required modifications to the procedure, ahead of time
- With most existing editors, this kind of check requires a manual action on the part of the developer (Run/Validate/Check Script or similar)

Change Propagation - FVM

- Connect to the project FVM instance to provide access to the digital data of a test specification
- Using the close integration of FVM (itself based on the RangeDB infrastructure), it is possible to identify changes between revisions of the test specification (not change bars!!)



- Highlight potential changes in the procedure, for example
 - Added or modified test step descriptions
 - Modified requirements to be verified
 - Changes in step success criteria, or in configuration to be used
- A future goal will be to use this revision information to identify these changes clearly in the procedure editor, further automating the change process

Change Propagation - FVM

- Within FVM, a so-called “master” ATP procedure is defined which will implement all of the test specification steps
 - Provides a clear link between a test step defined in the procedure and in the specification (and the mapping to the requirements verified with the step)
- From the specification, an Automated Test Procedure “Skeleton” can be generated in the native language
 - Simplifies procedure development with a standard structure that can then be populated by the test engineer
 - Eases requirement close-out as steps can be identified with run-time or post-processing of the test logs

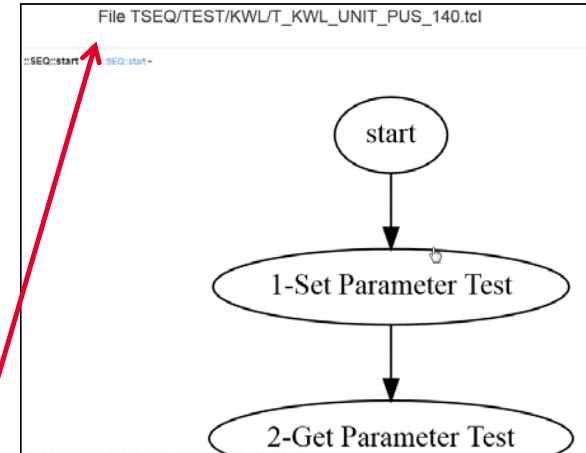
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1 # Autogenerated, do not modify the step description or unique id
2 ::SEQ::step Switch S/C mode to BTM 10000 {
3     # User defined code here
4 }
5
6 # Autogenerated, do not modify the step description or unique id
7 ::SEQ::step Configure OBC to use the A branch 20000 {
8     # User defined code here
9 }
10
11
12 # Autogenerated, do not modify the step description or unique id
13 ::SEQ::step Switch on RIU 30000 {
14     # User defined code here
15 }
16
17
```


Change Propagation - Documentation

- Provide integration of the latest documentation links (User Manual, Design Document, DASYS sheets)
- Clearly identify APs developed in the scope of the project plus any comments or documentation that is available to help the user
- Generate HTML documentation using automated tools, providing information such as available APs and their content

TSEQ/TEST/KWL

- T_KWL_ARCHIVE.tcl
- T_KWL_ARGS.tcl
- T_KWL_ASSERT.tcl
- T_KWL_CONF.tcl
- T_KWL_COP1.tcl
- T_KWL_CSV.tcl
- T_KWL_CSW.tcl
- T_KWL_DICT.tcl
- T_KWL_ERRORS.tcl
- T_KWL_INI.tcl
- T_KWL_LOG.tcl
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- T_KWL_MIB.tcl
- T_KWL_MYSQL.tcl
- T_KWL_REDUNDANCIES.tcl
- T_KWL_REG.tcl
- T_KWL_SEQ.tcl
- T_KWL_SEQSTACK.tcl
- T_KWL_SEQ_CHILD.tcl
- T_KWL_SSH.tcl
- T_KWL_STORE.tcl
- T_KWL_TC.tcl
- T_KWL_TIME.tcl
- T_KWL_TM.tcl
- T_KWL_TM_CHILD.tcl
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- T_KWL_XML.tcl



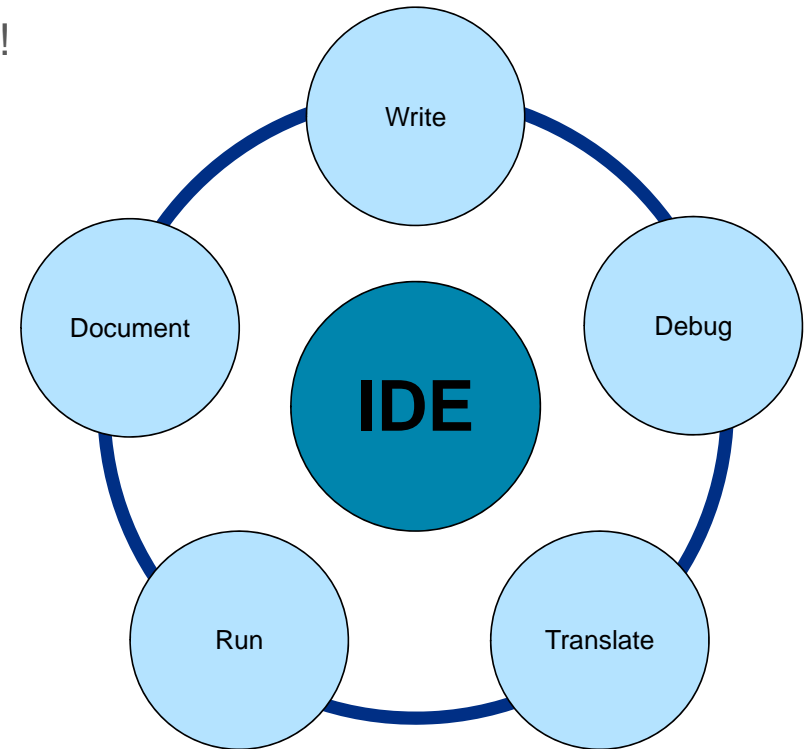
Run & Debug

- Final stage of AP development, move the AP to the CCS
- Provide online access to determine the current status of all available test benches (numerical, or HIL)
- Display the outcome and logs of the executed test session
- The future goal is to provide Run and Debug capability from within the same tool
- Successfully prototyped with CCS5

CCS	⚡ Alive	👤 Users	🗄 Database	🔥 Session	📄 RTS	📄 RTS version	🚀 CSW version
EFM ▾	✓	0	⚠ 3.0.4		■	2.3.9	
EFM-CIt2 ▾	✓	0	2.4.63				
EFM-CIt1 ▾	✓	0	2.4.63				
EFM-Light ▾	✓	3	⚠ 2.4.63	■	■	2.3.9	
EFM-Light-CIt1 ▾	✓	2	⚠ 2.4.63				
AS4-SVF0 ▾	✓	2	3.0.51	■	■	2.3.9	03.00.00
Alive	✓						
Connected users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 👤 Colin Borrett (a27495254) 👤 UNKNOWN (a27485824) 						
Database status	✓ NGSAR_SRDBv3.0.51 [tag]						
Session	No running session						
RTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Running</i>: No • <i>Version</i>: ffuas4svf0rts - SVF_2.3.9 • <i>Disk Used</i>: No idea ✖ 						
CSW	Version: NGSAR_CSW_V03.00.00 (from None)						

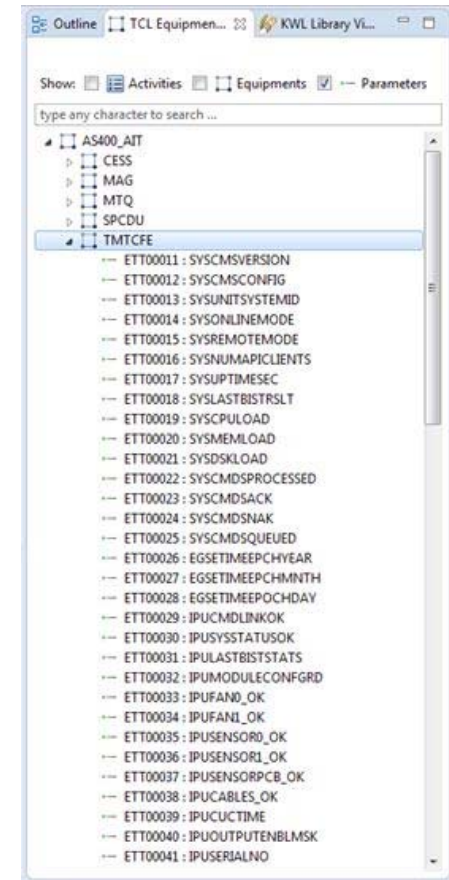
PDE – A state of the art IDE

- PDE is integrated in terms of process and data continuity!
- PDE is based on Eclipse
 - Dynamic Languages Toolkit, Subversion/Git
- Main focus on usability and user support functions
 - Use of features from classical SW development IDEs
 - Code completion
 - Syntax highlighting
 - Error checking
 - Refactoring capabilities
 - Easy source navigation (to and from references)
 - Tool tips



Using SW development features for system data

- Features of modern SW development IDEs are used to ease the writing of target specific source code.
- Using system data as additional kind of meta information to support the developer
- Tooltips also show information based on data from SRDB or FVM
- Auto completion also works for data items like TM, TC packets and related parameters
- Search functions based on product tree
 - Spacecraft → subsystem → equipment → commands → „on“
- Specific navigators based to product tree allowing drag & drop of TM/TC



CCS/MCS Target language support

- PDE is based on a flexible concept to support different CCSs/MCSs
- Several target languages can be supported
 - TCL is mainly used today
 - Prototype to support EGS-CC APPG already available
- Target language editors independent of the link to system data

- Additional target specific support libraries included to ease writing of APs
 - Keyword Library – Common used functions (sendTC, receiveTM, log, ...)

Using a DSL to define Procedures

- Why not using a DSL?
 - Need of using the target language instead of DSL mainly driven by complexity of procedures used for AIT and FV

But

- Different complexity in the scope of procedures for flight- or onboard operations
 - Simplified and generic language possible
 - Transformation from DSL to target specific language
 - Transformation to different targets possible (different CCS and MCS)

Conclusion

- ✓ Introduction of a harmonized PDE has shown that an integrated approach provides a lot of advantages
 - ✓ Used in NGSAR, Sentinel4, Sentinel5, OneWeb, METImage
- ✓ Closing the gap in the dataflow from system design and TM/TC towards PDE is one the most beneficial improvements
- ✓ Thanks to a close link all information needed is available
- ✓ Defined / common data baseline
- ✓ Having additional meta-information from SRDB and FVM
- ✓ Update / notification process established
 - ✓ Changes / inconsistencies directly highlighted
- ✓ Status of APs visible, what is already implemented

Thank you!

Any Questions?