TTCN-3

Testing and Test Control Notation v3

- Test specification and implementation language
- Standardised by ETSI (European Telecommunications Standards Institute)
- Widely used for testing in the telecommunication and datacommunication domain (SIP, IPv6, WiMAX/HiperMAN, ...)
- Textual syntax (633 EBNF rules)
- Test-specific language concepts (test data templates, test verdicts, test configurations, ...)

Typical Problems Found in TTCN-3 Test Suites

- Huge test suites with single source files >20,000 lines of code
- Badly structured test data templates

TTCN-3 Smell and Refactoring Catalogues

- 17 language independent code smells
- 21 code smells using TTCN-3 specific concepts
- 28 language independent refactorings (based on Fowler)
- 23 refactorings using TTCN-3 specific concepts

The TRex Tool

TTCN-3 Metrics, smell detection, and refactoring automation

- Calculation of common software metrics
- Detection of 11 code smells
- Automation of 11 refactorings
- Automatic refactoring suggestions
- Enhanced editing functionality
- Open source (Eclipse Public License)

Software Metrics

- Size metrics (number of references, ...)
- Complexity metrics (Cyclomatic Complexity, ...)

Code Smell Detection

- Fully-Parameterised Template
- Duplicate Template Fields
- Unused Definitions
- Magic Values
- and more ...

Automated Refactoring

- Replace Template with Modified Template
- Parameterise Template
- Decompose Template
- Extract Template
- Inline Template
- and more ...

Screenshots

Smell detection configuration and analysis results

Application

Size reductions in ETSI test suites after refactoring

Implementation

Toolchain for the analysis and refactoring infrastructure

Future Work

- Exhaustive simulation to validate behaviour preservation
- XML-based description of bad smell patterns
- Problem detection using dynamic analysis
- Further refactoring implementations

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