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# TTCN-3 COURSE

*PRESENTATION MATERIAL*

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# I. PROTOCOLS AND TESTING

WHAT IS A “PROTOCOL”?
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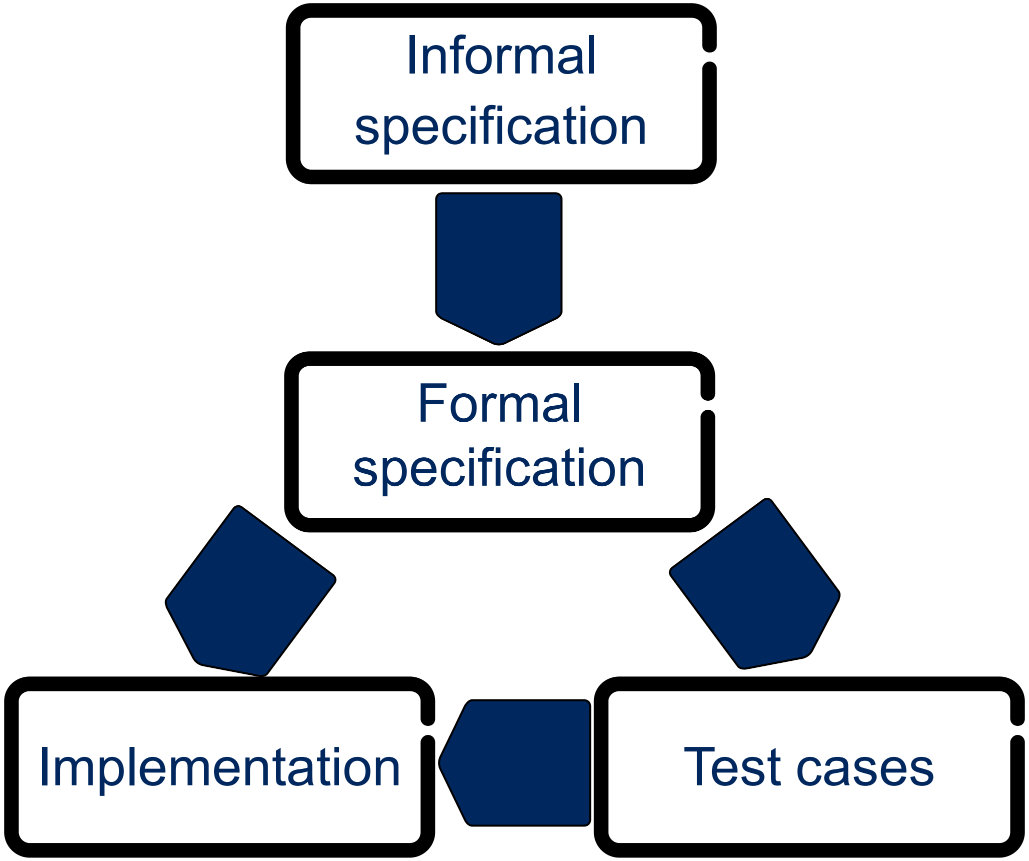
# PROTOCOL

# COMMUNICATIONS PROTOCOLS

- **Protocol is a set of rules that controls the communication**
  - **syntactical rules (static part):**
    - **define *format (layout)* of messages**
  - **semantical rules (dynamic part):**
    - **describe *behavior* (how messages are exchanged) and *meaning* of messages**

# PROTOCOL TECHNOLOGY

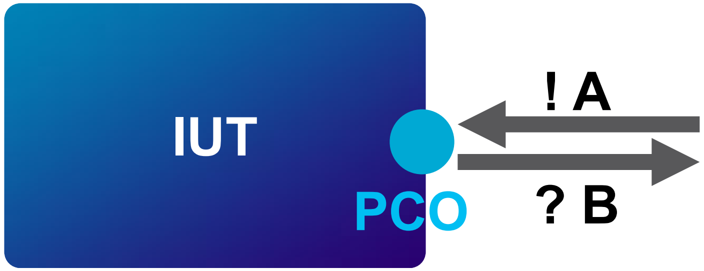


- Ambiguous
- Not complete

- ASN.1, TTCN-3, ...
- UML, SDL, MSC, ...
- Verification, validation

- Conformance tests

# TESTING



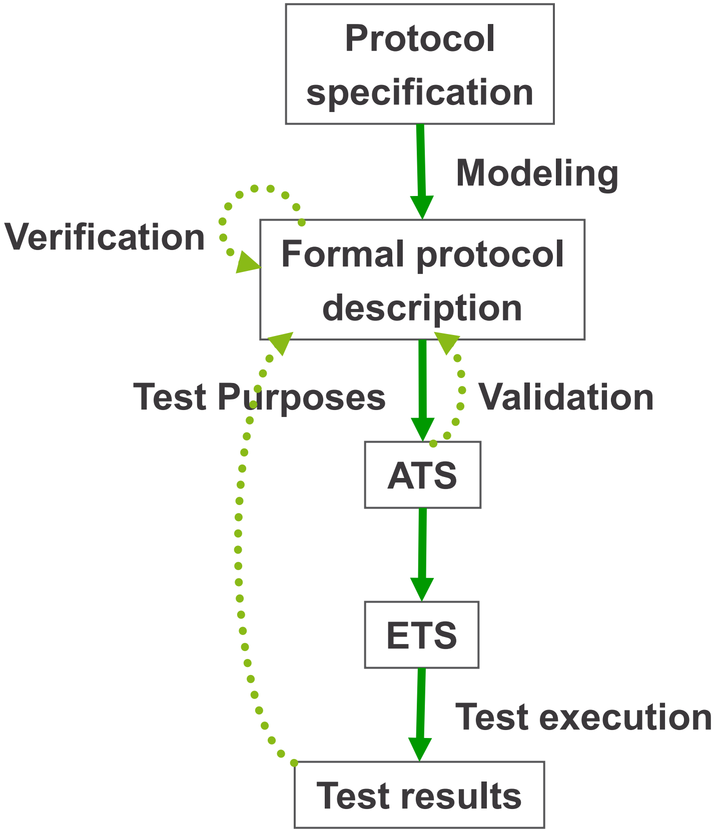
**Verdict:**

**pass,**
**fail,**
**inconclusive**

- Black box testing
  - Implementation/System Under Test
  - Point of Control and Observation
- Not possible to test all the situations
  - Test Purposes

# FORMAL TECHNIQUES IN CONFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

- Verification:
  - Check correctness of formal model
- Testing (black-box):
  - Check if Implementation Under Test (IUT) conforms to its specification
  - Experiments programmed into Test Cases
- Validation:
  - Ensure correctness of test cases of ATS



# TEST TYPES

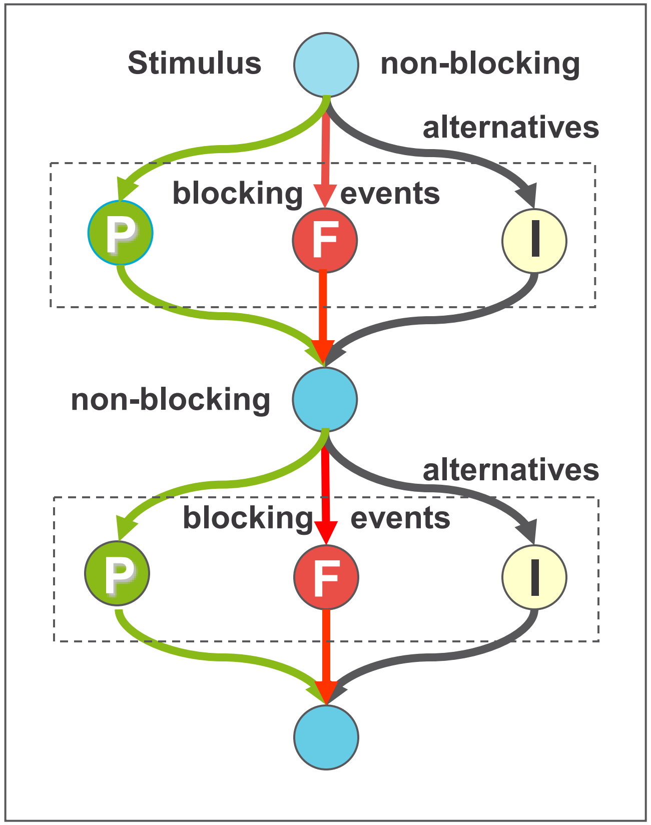
- Conformance testing
  - Function tests
  - System tests
  - Regression tests

- Interoperability testing

- Performance (Load) testing

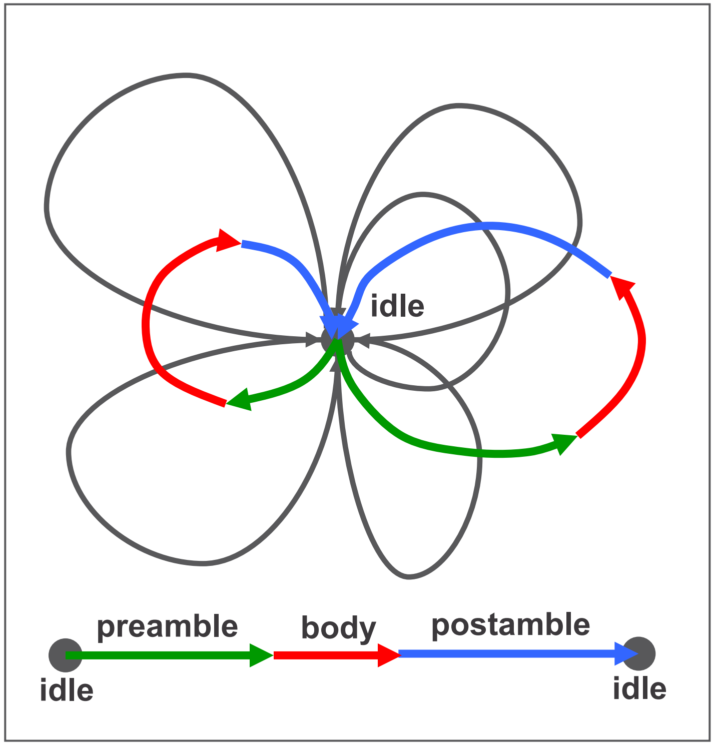
# TEST CASES IN BLACK-BOX TEST

- Implementation of Test Purpose (TP)
  - TP defines an experiment
- Focus on a single requirement
- Returns verdict (pass, fail, inconclusive)
- Typically a sequence of action-observation-verdict update:
  - Action (stimulus): non-blocking (e.g. transmit PDU, start timer)
  - Observation (event): takes care of multiple alternative events (e.g. expected PDU, unexpected PDU, timeout)



# INDEPENDENCE AND STRUCTURE OF ABSTRACT TEST CASES

- *Abstract test cases* shall contain
  - *preamble:* sequence of test events to drive IUT into *initial testing state* from the *starting stable testing state*
  - *test body:* sequence of test events to achieve the *test purpose*
  - *postamble*: sequence of test events which drives IUT into a *finishing stable testing state*
- Preamble/postamble may be absent
- *Starting stable testing state* and *finishing stable testing state* are the idle state in TTCN-3



# REQUIREMENTS ON TEST SUITES

- All test cases in an ATS must be *sound*
  - *Exhaustive* test case results pass verdict if IUT is correct (practically impossible with finite number of test cases)
  - *Sound* test case gives fail verdict if IUT behaves incorrectly
  - *Complete* test case is both sound and exhaustive
- Must not terminate with none or error verdict

# PHASES OF BLACK-BOX (FUNCTIONAL) TESTING

- Test purpose definition
  - Formally or informally
- TTCN-3 Abstract Test Suite (ATS)
  - design or generation
- Executable Test Suite (ETS) implementation
  - using the Means of Testing (MoT)
- Test execution against the Implementation Under Test (IUT)
  - with MoT
- Analysis of test results
  - verdicts, logs (validation)

# ABSTRACT TEST SUITE DESIGN

- Manual design:
  - Identify *test purposes* from protocol specification based on the test requirements
  - Implement *abstract test cases* from *test purposes* using a standardized test notation (TTCN-3)

- Automatic design:
  - Generate *test purposes* and *abstract test cases* directly from formal protocol specification in e.g. UML, SDL, ASN.1
  - Requires formal protocol specification
  - Computer Aided Test Generation (CATG) is an open problem
  - Model Based Testing (MBT)

# TEST EXECUTION

- Realize *Executable Test Suite* (ETS) from Abstract Test Suite (ATS) using the chosen *Means of Testing (MoT)*
  - MoT = TITAN
  - ATS->ETS = build project
- Execute the *ETS* on the *test system* against the IUT
  - execute in TITAN
- Observe the verdict of executed test cases
  - pass, fail, inconclusive (none, error)

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# II. INTRODUCTION TO TTCN-3

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TTCN-2 TO TTCN-3 MIGRATION

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# HISTORY OF TTCN

- Originally: Tree and Tabular Combined Notation
- Designed for testing of protocol implementations based on the OSI Basic Reference Model in the scope of Conformance Testing Methodology and Framework (CTMF)
- Versions 1 and 2 developed by ISO (1984 - 1997) as part of the widely-used ISO/IEC 9646 conformance testing standard
- TTCN-2 (ISO/IEC 9646-3 == ITU-T X.292) adopted by ETSI
  - Updates/maintenance by ETSI in TR 101 666 (TTCN-2++)
- Informal notation: Independent of Test System and SUT/IUT
- Complemented by ASN.1 (Abstract Syntax Notation One)
  - Used for representing data structures
- Supports automatic test execution (e.g. SCS)
- Requires expensive tools (e.g. ITEX for editing)

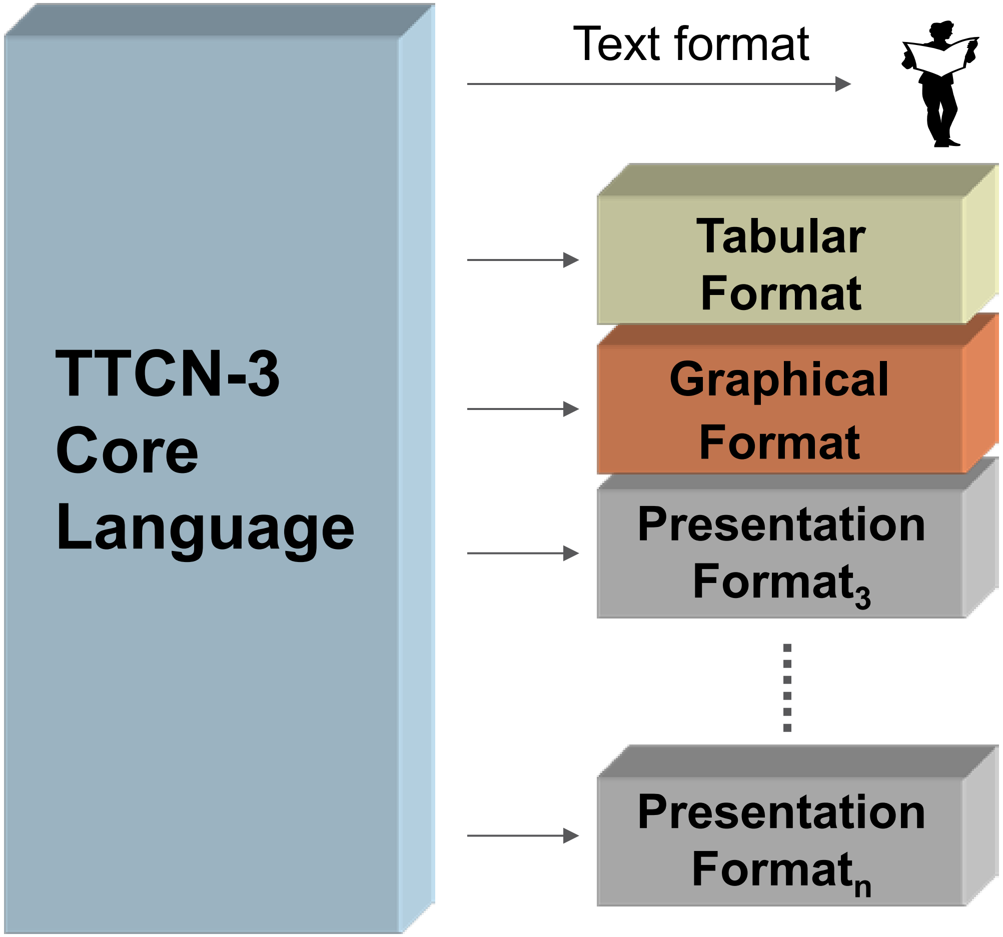
# TTCN-2 TO TTCN-3 MIGRATION

- TTCN-2 was getting used in other areas than Conformance Test (e.g. Integration, Performance or System Test)
- TTCN-2 was too restrictive to cope with new challenges (OSI)
- The language was redesigned to get a general-purpose test description language for testing of communicating systems
  - Breaks up close relation to Open Systems Interconnections model
  - TTCN's tabular graphical representation format (TTCN.GR) is getting obsolete by TTCN-3 Core Language
  - Some concepts (e.g. snapshot semantics) are preserved, others (abstract data type) reconsidered while some are omitted (ASP, PDU)
  - TTCN-3 is not backward compatible
- Name changed: Testing and Test Control Notation

# TTCN-3 STANDARD DOCUMENTS

- Multi-part ETSI Standard
  - ES 201 873-1: TTCN-3 Core Language
  - ES 201 873-2: Tabular Presentation Format (TFT)
  - ES 201 873-3: Graphical format for TTCN-3 (GFT)
  - ES 201 873-4: Operational Semantics
  - ES 201 873-5: TTCN-3 Runtime Interface (TRI)
  - ES 201 873-6: TTCN-3 Control Interface (TCI)
  - ES 201 873-7: Using ASN.1 with TTCN-3 (old Annex D)
  - ES 201 873-8: TTCN-3: The IDL to TTCN-3 Mapping
  - ES 201 873-9: Using XML schema with TTCN-3
  - ES 201 873-10: Documentation Comment Specification
- Available for download at: **http://www.ttcn-3.org/**

# TTCN-3 PRESENTATION FORMATS



- Core Language
  - is the textual common interchange format between applications
  - can be edited as text or accessed via GUIs offered by various presentation formats
- Tabular Presentation Format (TFT)
  - Table proformas for language elements
  - conformance testing
- Graphical Presentation Format (GFT)
- User defined proprietary formats

# EXAMPLE IN CORE LANGUAGE

```
function PO49901(integer FL) runs on MyMTC
{
        L0.send(A_RL3(FL, CREF1, 16));
        TAC.start;
        alt {
        [] L0.receive(A_RC1((FL+1) mod 2)) {
               TAC.stop;
               setverdict(pass);
           }
        [] TAC.timeout {
               setverdict(inconc);
           }
        [] any port.receive {
               setverdict(fail);
           }
        }
        END_PTC1();    // postamble as function call
}
```

# EXAMPLE IN TABULAR FORMAT

| Function | |
|---|---|
| **Name** | MyFunction(integer para1) |
| **Group** | |
| **Runs On** | MyComponentType |
| **Return Type** | boolean |
| **Comments** | example function definition |

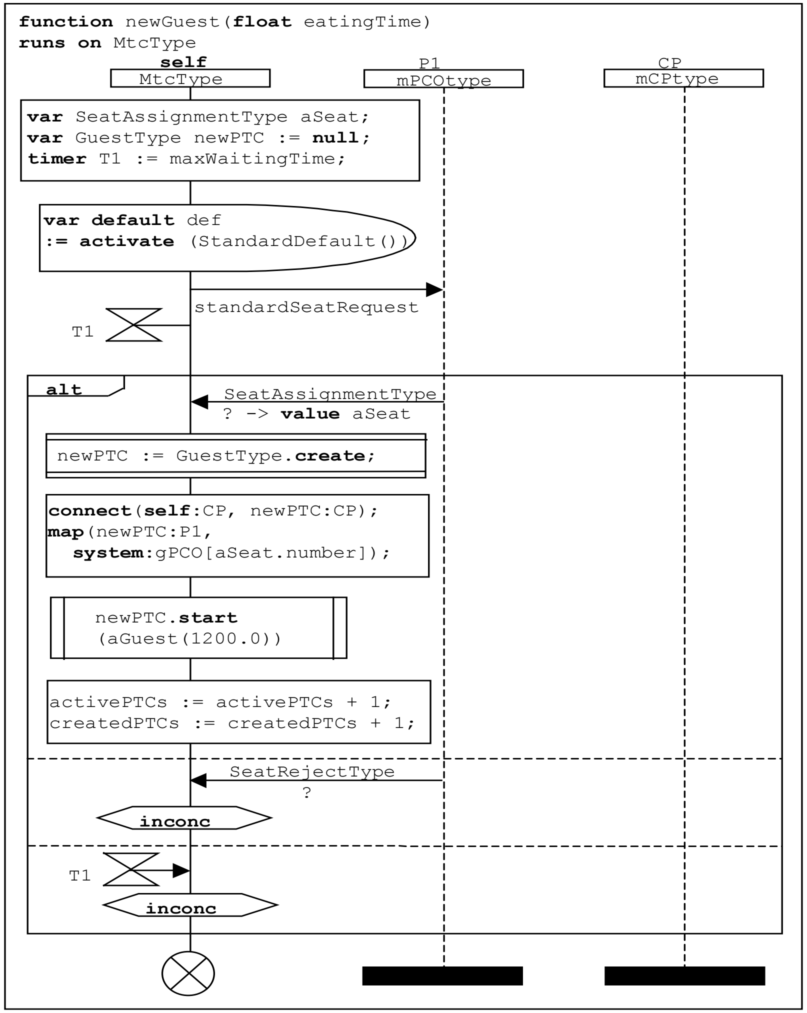
| Local Def Name | Type | Initial Value | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|
| MyLocalVar | boolean | false | local variable |
| MyLocalConst | const float | 60 | local constant |
| MyLocalTimer | timer | 15 * MyLocalConst | local timer |

**Behaviour**

```
if (para1 == 21) {
 MyLocalVar := true;
}
if (MyLocalVar) {
 MyLocalTimer.start;
 MyLocalTimer.timeout;
}
return (MyLocalVar);
```

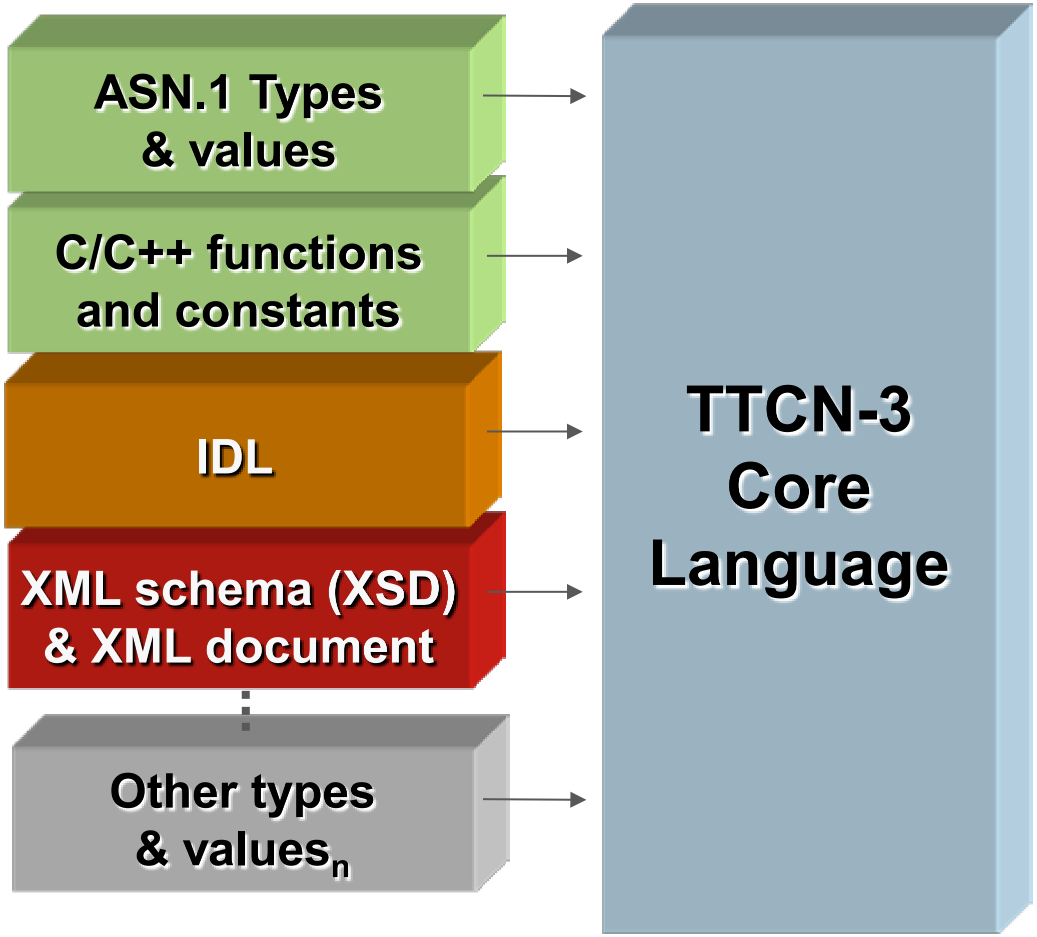
| | |
|---|---|
| **Detailed Comments** | detailed comments |

# EXAMPLE IN GFT FORMAT


function newGuest(float eatingTime)
runs on MtcType
self
MtcType
P1
mPCOtype
CP
mCPtype
var SeatAssignmentType aSeat;
var GuestType newPTC := null;
timer T1 := maxWaitingTime;
var default def
:= activate (StandardDefault())
standardSeatRequest
T1
alt
SeatAssignmentType
? -> value aSeat
newPTC := GuestType.create;
connect(self:CP, newPTC:CP);
map(newPTC:P1,
system:gPCO[aSeat.number]);
newPTC.start
(aGuest(1200.0))
activePTCs := activePTCs + 1;
createdPTCs := createdPTCs + 1;
SeatRejectType
?
inconc
T1
inconc

```
function newGuest (float eatingTime) runs on MtcType {

   var SeatAssignmentType aSeat;
   var GuestType newPTC := null;
   timer T1 := maxWaitingTime;

   var default def := activate(StandardDefault());

   // Request for a seat
   P1.send(standardSeatRequest);
   T1.start;

   alt {
      [] P1.receive(SeatAssignmentType:?) -> value aSeat {
         newPTC := GuestType.create;

         connect(self:CP, newPTC:CP);
         map(newPTC:P1, system:gPCO[aSeat.number]);

         newPTC.start(aGuest(1200.0));

         activePTCs  := activePTCs+1; // Update MTC variables
         createdPTCs := createdPTCs+1;
      }

      [] P1.receive(SeatRejectType:?) { // No seat assigned
         setverdict(inconc);
      }

      [] T1.timeout { // No answer on seat request
         setverdict(inconc);
      }
    }
    return;
}
```

# INTERWORKING WITH OTHER LANGUAGES



- TTCN can be integrated with other 'type and value' systems
- Fully harmonized with ASN.1 (version 2002 except XML specific ASN.1 features)
- C/C++ functions and constants can be used
- Harmonization possible with other type and value systems (possibly from proprietary languages) when required

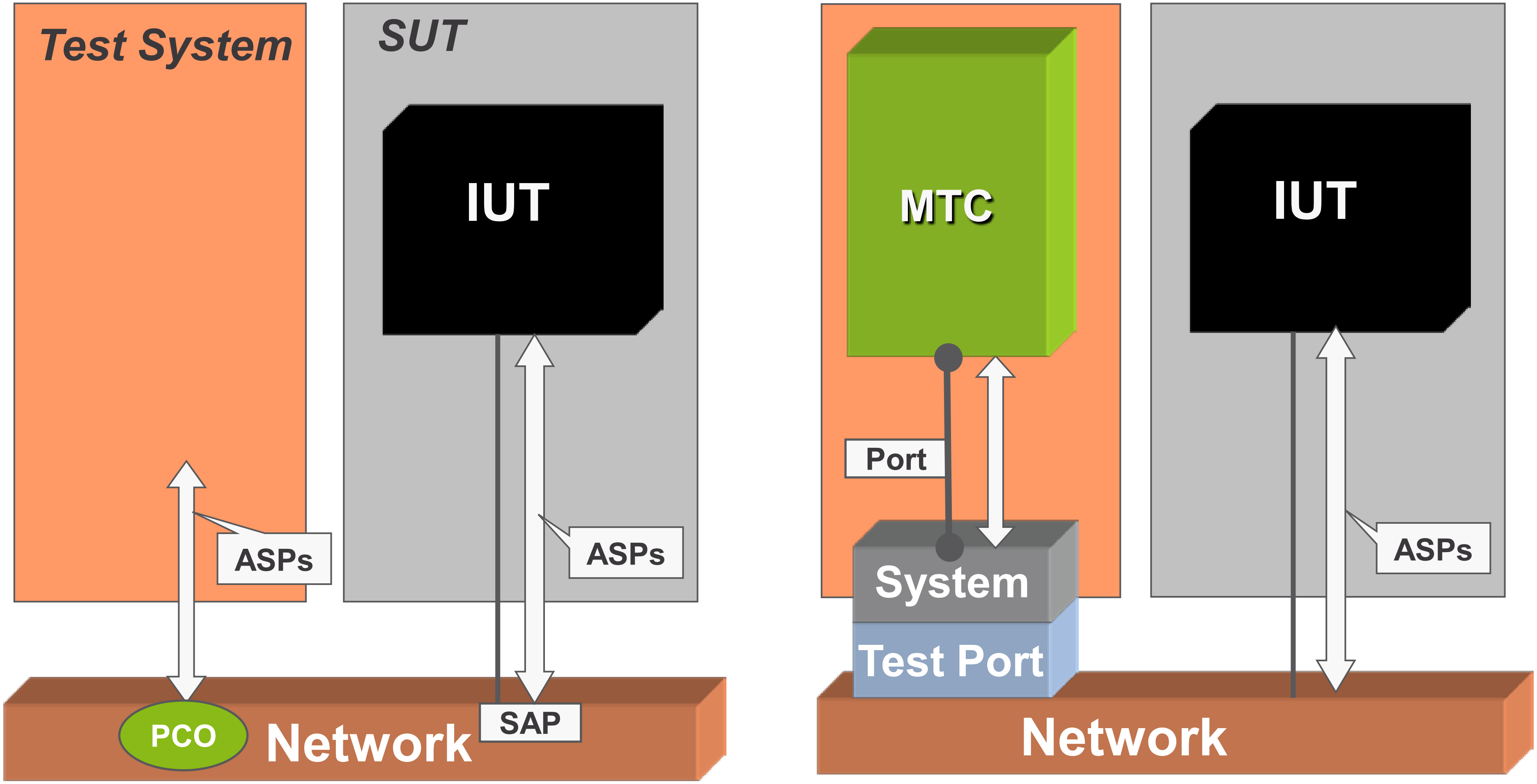
# TTCN-3 IS A PROCEDURAL LANGUAGE

## (LIKE MOST OF THE PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES)

**TTCN-3 = C-like control structures and operators, plus**

- + Abstract Data Types
- + Templates and powerful matching mechanisms
- + Event handling
- + Timer management
- + Verdict management
- + Abstract (asynchronous and synchronous) communication
- + Concurrency
- + Test-specific constructions: alt, interleave, default, altstep

# TEST ARRANGEMENT AND ITS TTCN-3 MODEL



# III. TTCN-3 MODULE STRUCTURE

SYNTACTICAL RULES
MODULE
MODULE DEFINITIONS PART
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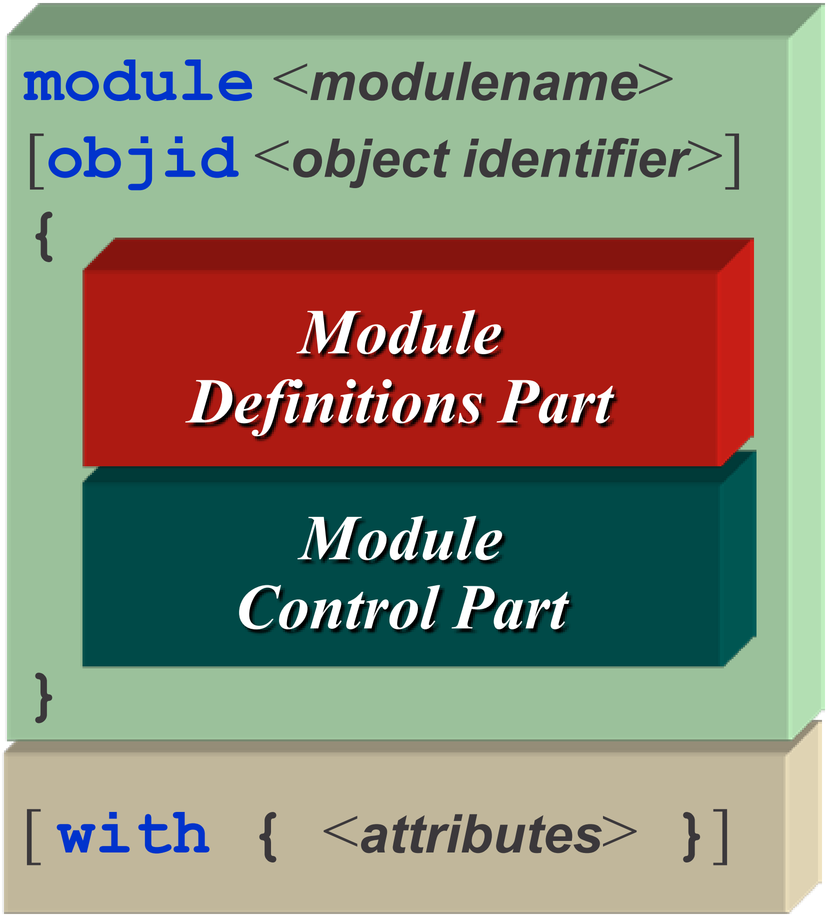
# TTCN-3 SYNTACTICAL RULES AND NOTATIONAL CONVENTIONS

- Keywords always use lower case letters e.g.: `testcase`
- Identifiers e.g.: `Tinky_Winky`
  - consist of alphanumerical characters and underscore
  - case sensitive
  - must begin with a letter
- Comment delimiters: like in C/C++
  - C-style “Block” comments e.g.: `/* enclosed comment */`
  - Block comments must not be nested
  - C++-style line comments e.g.: `// lasts until EOL`
- Statement separator is the semicolon
  - Mandatory except before or after } character, where it is optional e.g.: `{ f1(); log("Hello World!") }`
- In this material:
  - Red letters or red frames : erroneous examples

# TTCN-3 MODULES



module <*modulename*>
[objid <*object identifier*>]
{

***Module Definitions Part***

***Module Control Part***

}

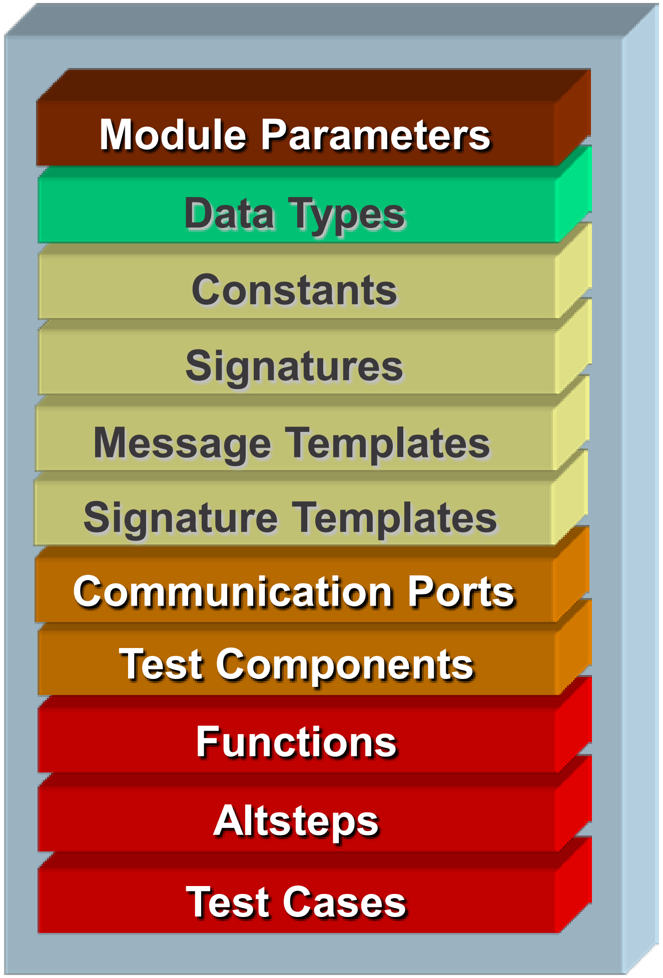
[ with { <*attributes*> } ]

- Module – Top-level unit of TTCN-3
- A test suite consists of one or more modules
- A module contains a module definitions and an (optional) module control part.
- Modules can have run-time parameters → module parameters
- Modules can have attributes

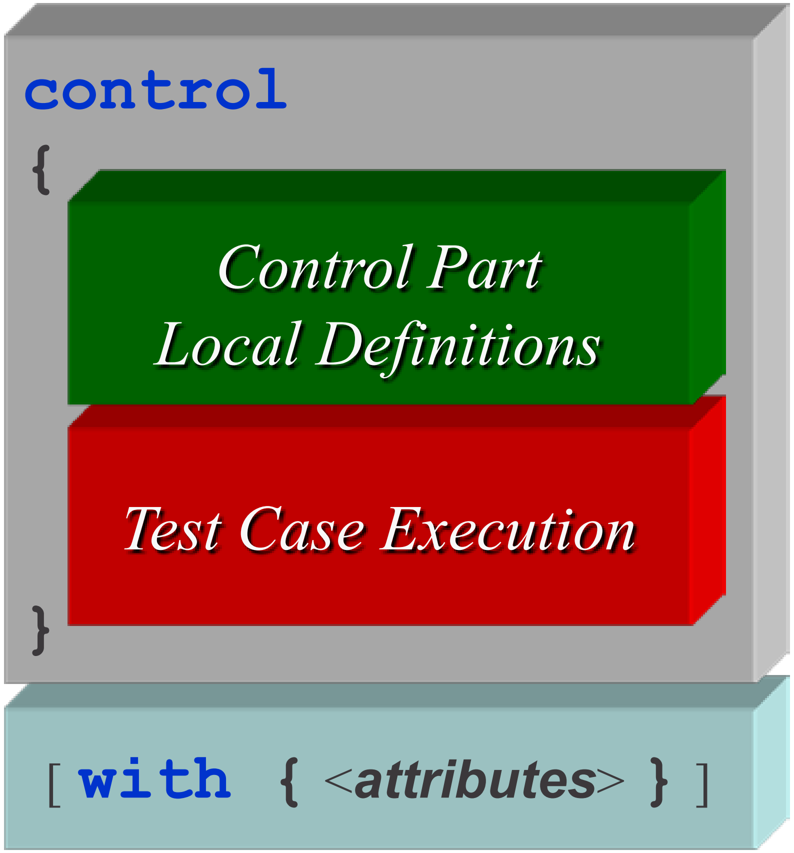
# MODULE DEFINITIONS PART

**Definitions in module definitions part are globally visible within the module**

- Module parameters are external parameters, which can be set at test execution
- Data Type definitions are based on the TTCN-3 predefined types
- Constants, Templates and Signatures define the test data
- Ports and Components are used to set up Test Configurations
- Functions, Altsteps and Test Cases describe dynamic behaviour of the tests



# MODULE CONTROL PART



- The main function of a TTCN-3 module: the main module’s control part is started when executing a Test Suite
- Local definitions, such as variables and timers may be in the control part
- Test Cases are usually executed from the module control part
- Basic programming statements may be used to select and control the execution of the test cases

# MODULES CAN IMPORT DEFINITIONS FROM OTHER MODULES

```
module M1
{
  type integer I;
  type set S {
        I f1,
        I f2
  }
  …

  testcase tc() runs on CT
  { … }

  control { … }
}
```

```
module M2
{
  import from M1 all;

  type record R {
    S f1,
    I f2
  }
  const I one := 1;

  control {
    execute(tc())
  }
}
```

# IMPORTING DEFINITIONS

```
// Importing all definitions
import from MyModule all;

// Importing definitions of a given type
import from MyModule { template all };

// Importing a single definition
import from MyModule { template t_MyTemplate };

// To avoid ambiguities, the imported definition may be
// prefixed with the identifier of the source module
MyModule.t_MyTemplate // means the imported template
t_MyTemplate          // means the local template
```

# VERSION INFORMATION

- Specifies if the TTCN-3 module requires a minimum version of another TTCN-3 module or a minimum version of TITAN.

```
module supplier {
 …
}
with {
extension "version R1A";
}
```

module's own version information can be specified in an extension attribute

module X has to be compiled with TITAN R8C or later.

```
module X {
…
}
with {
extension "requires TITAN R8C";
}
```

minimum version of an imported module can be specified

```
module importer {
import from supplier all;
}
with {
extension "requires supplier R2A"
}
```

# AN EXAMPLE: “HELLO, WORLD!” IN TTCN-3

```
module MyExample {
  type port PCOType_PT message {
    inout charstring;
  }
  type component MTCType_CT {
    port PCOType_PT My_PCO;
  }
  testcase tc_HelloW ()
  runs on MTCType_CT system MTCType_CT
  {
    map(mtc:My_PCO, system:My_PCO);
    My_PCO.send ( "Hello, world!" );
    setverdict ( pass );
  }
  control {
      execute ( tc_HelloW() );
  }
}
```

# IV. TYPE SYSTEM

OVERVIEW
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# TTCN-3 TYPE SYSTEM

- Predefined basic types
  - well-defined value domains and useful operators

- User-defined structured types
  - built from predefined and/or other structured types
- Sub-typing constructions
  - Restrict the value domain of the parent type
- Aliasing

- Type compatibility
- Forward referencing permitted in module definitions part

# SIMPLE BASIC TYPES

- **integer**
  - Represents infinite set of integer values
  - Valid **integer** values: `5, -19, 0`
- **float**
  - Represents infinite set of real values
  - Valid **float** values: `1.0, -5.3E+14`
- **boolean: true, false**
- **objid**
  - object identifier e.g.: `objid { itu_t(0) 4 etsi }`
- **verdicttype**
  - Stores preliminary/final verdicts of test execution
  - 5 distinct values: **none, pass, inconc, fail, error**

# BASIC STRING TYPES

- **`bitstring`**
  - A type whose distinguished values are the ordered sequences of bits
  - Valid **`bitstring`** values: `''B, '0'B, '101100001'B`
  - No space allowed inside
- **`hexstring`**
  - Ordered sequences of 4bits nibbles, represented as hexadecimal digits: `0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 a b c d e f A B C D E F`
  - Valid **`hexstring`** values: `''H, '5'H, 'F'H, 'A5'H, '50A4F'H`
- **`octetstring`**
  - Ordered sequences of 8bit-octets, represented as *even* number of hexadecimal digits
  - Valid **`octetstring`** values: `''O, 'A5'O, 'C74650'O, 'af'O`
  - invalid **`octetstring`** values: `'1'O, 'A50'O`

# BASIC STRING TYPES CONTINUED

- **`charstring`**
  - Values are the ordered sequences of characters of ISO/IEC 646 complying to the International Reference Version (IRV) – formerly International Alphabet No.5 (IA5) described in ITU-T Recommendation T.50
  - In between double quotes
    - Double quote inside a **`charstring`** is represented by a pair of double quotes
  - Valid **`charstring`** values: `""`, `"abc"`, `"""hello!"""`
  - Invalid **`charstring`** values: `"Linköping"`, `"Café"`
- **`universal charstring`**
  - UCS-4 coded representation of ISO/IEC 10646 characters: `"∂ξ"`
  - May also contain characters referenced by quadruples, e.g.:
  - `char(0, 0, 40, 48)`

# SPECIAL TYPES (1)

- **anytype**
  - Introduced to allow mapping of CORBA IDL to TTCN-3;
  - Defined as a shorthand for the union of all *known types* in a TTCN-3 module, where *known type* embraces all built-in types, user-defined types, imported ASN.1 and other imported external types.
  - The fieldnames of the **anytype** shall be uniquely identified by the corresponding type names using the "dot" notation.
  - Performance problems – not to use unless explicitly necessary!
    - all used types must be listed at the end of the module – with {extension “anytype ... “}

```
module my_Module {
  type record MyRec {integer i,float f}
  control { var anytype v_any;
            v_any.charstring := "three";
            v_any.MyRec := {{ 1,true} }
  } with { extension "anytype charstring, MyRec"}
```

# SPECIAL TYPES (2)

Configuration types are used to define the architecture of the test system:

- **`port`**
  - A port type defines the allowed message and signature types between test components → Test Configuration
- **`component`**
  - Component type defines which ports are associated with a component → Test Configuration
- **`address`**
  - Single user defined type for addressing components
  - Used
    - to interconnect components → Test Configuration
    - in **`send to`**/**`receive from`** operations and **`sender`** clause → Abstract Communication Operations

# SPECIAL TYPES (3)

- **default**
  - Implementation-dependent type for storing the default reference
  - A default reference is the result of an **activate** operation
  - The default reference can be used to a **deactivate** given default
    → Behavioral Statements

```
function PO49901(integer FL) runs
on MyMTC
{
        L0.send(A_RL3(FL, CREF1,
16));
        TAC.start;
        alt {
        [] L0.receive(A_RC1(FL)){
                TAC.stop;
                setverdict(pass);
           }
        [] TAC.timeout {
                setverdict(inconc);
           }
        [] any port.receive {
                setverdict(fail);
           }
        }
        END_PTC1();
}
```

# OVERVIEW OF STRUCTURED TYPE SYNTAX

- General syntax of structured type definitions:

  **`type`** <*kind*> [*element-type*] <*identifier*> [ { *body* } ] [ ; ]

- *kind* is mandatory, it can be:

  **`record`**, **`set`**, **`union`**, **`enumerated`**, **`record of`**, **`set of`**

- *element-type* is only used with **`record of`**, **`set of`**
- *body* is used only with **`record`**, **`set`**, **`union`**, **`enumerated`**; it is a collection of comma-separated list of elements
- Elements consist of <*field-type*> <*field-id*> [ **`optional`** ] except at **`enumerated`**
- *element-type* and *field-type* can be a reference to any basic or user-defined data type or an embedded type definition
- *field-id*s have local visibility (may not be globally unique)

# STRUCTURED TYPES – RECORD, SET

- User defined abstract container types representing:
  - **record**: ordered sequence of elements
  - **set**: unordered list of elements
- Optional elements are permitted (using the **optional** keyword)

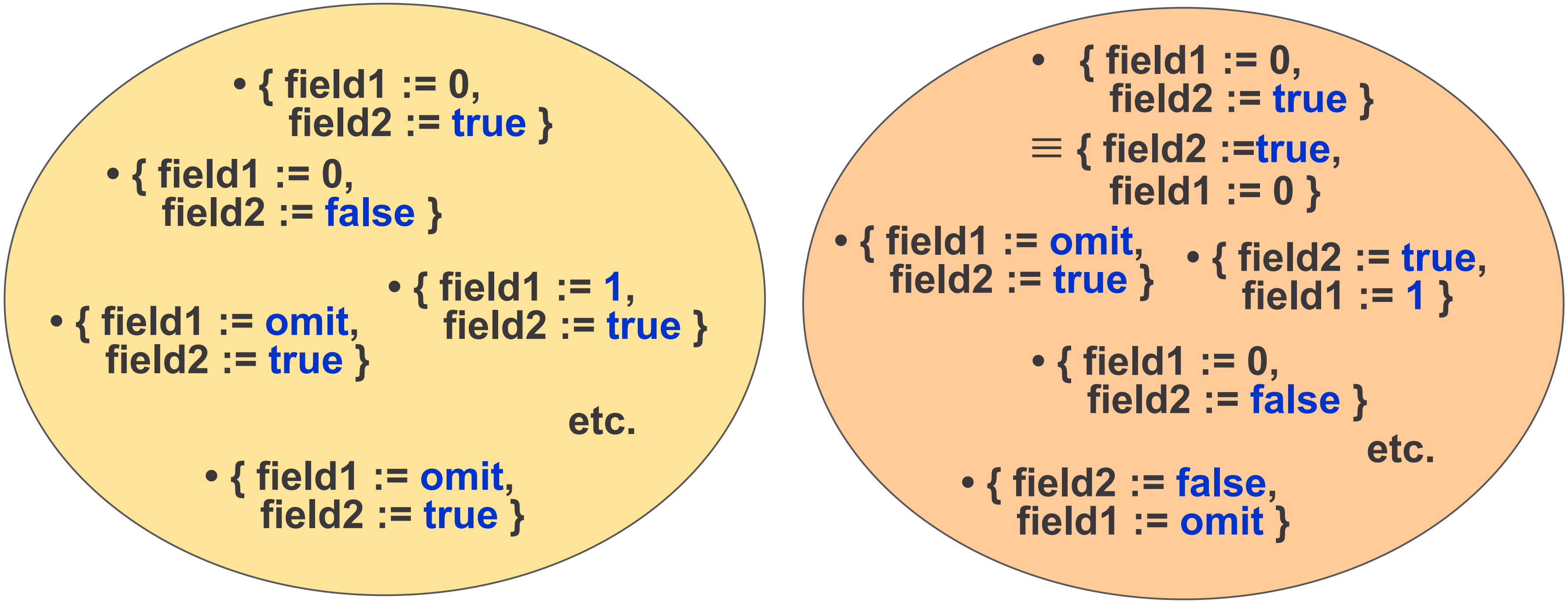
```
// example record type def.
type record MyRecordType {
  integer field1 optional,
  boolean field2
}
```

```
// example set type def.
type set MySetType {
 integer field1 optional,
 boolean field2
}
```

# DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RECORD AND SET TYPES

`record` – ordering of elements is fixed

`set` – order of elements is indifferent



- { field1 := 0,
  field2 := true }
- { field1 := 0,
  field2 := false }
- { field1 := 1,
  field2 := true }
- { field1 := omit,
  field2 := true }

etc.

- { field1 := omit,
  field2 := true }

- { field1 := 0,
  field2 := true }

≡ { field2 :=true,
  field1 := 0 }
- { field1 := omit,
  field2 := true }
- { field2 := true,
  field1 := 1 }
- { field1 := 0,
  field2 := false }

etc.

- { field2 := false,
  field1 := omit }

**MyRecordType** **MySetType**

# VALUE ASSIGNMENT NOTATION

- Values may be explicitly assigned to fields
  - not present optional elements must be set to **omit**
  - values of the unlisted elements remain unbound
  - applicable for: **record**, **set**, **union**

```
var MyRecordType v_myRecord1 := {
  field1 := 1,
  field2 := true
}
```

```
var MyRecordType v_myRecord2 := {
  field2 := true // field1 presents, but unbound
}
```

```
var MySetType v_mySet1 := {
  field2 := true,
  field1 := omit // field1 is not present
}
```

# VALUE LIST NOTATION

- Value list notation
  - Elements are assigned in the order of their definition
  - All elements must present, dropped optional elements must explicitly specified using the **omit** keyword
  - Assigning the “not used symbol” (hyphen: **–**) leaves the value of the element unchanged
  - Valid for: **record**, **record of**, **set of** and array, but not for **set**

```
var MyRecordType v_myRecord3 := { 1, true }
var MyRecordType v_myRecord4 := { omit, true }
var MyRecordType v_myRecord5 := { -, true } // <unbound>,true
                 v_myRecord5 := { 1, - }    // 1, true
```

```
var MySetType v_mySet2 := { 1, true }     // not for set

var MyRecordType v_myRecord6 := { true } // not all fields!
```

# STRUCTURED TYPES – NESTED VALUES

```
type record InternalType {
       boolean field1,
       integer field2 optional
};
type record RecType {
       integer field1,
       InternalType field2
};
const RecType c_rec := {
       field1 := 1,
       field2 := {  field1 := true,
                    field2 := omit
                    }
 };
// same as previous, but with value list
const RecType c_rec2 := { 1, { true, omit } }
```

# FIELD REFERENCES

- Reference or “dot” notation
  - – Can not be used at specification, only for previously defined variables
  - Referencing structured type fields
  - Applicable in dynamic parts (e.g. **function**, **control**) only

```
v_myRecord2.field1 := omit;
v_mySet1.field1 := v_myRecord2.field1;
```

```
type record R1 {
  integer i,
  boolean b
}
type record R2 {
  R1 r1,
  integer i2
}
```

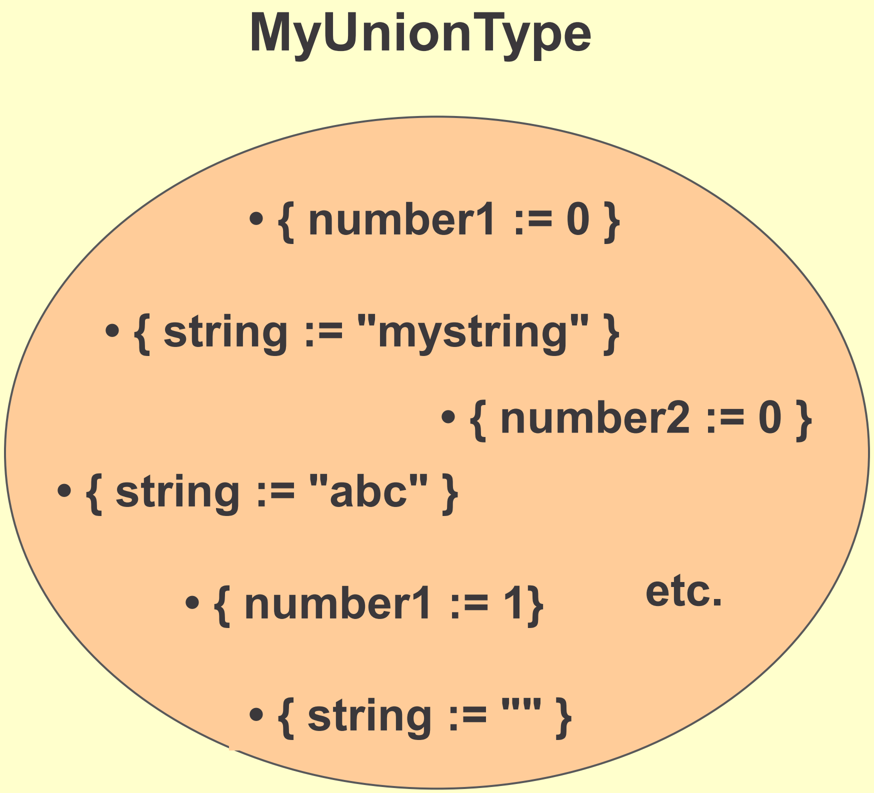
```

var R2 r2;

r2.i2 := 2;
r2.r1.i := 1;
r2.i := 11;
```

# STRUCTURED TYPES – UNION

- User defined abstract container type representing a single alternative chosen from its elements
- Optional elements are forbidden (make no sense)
- More elements can have the same type as long as their identifiers differ
- Only a single element can present in a union value
- Value list assignment *cannot* be used!
- The `ischosen`(***union-ref.field-id***) predefined function returns `true` if *union-ref* contains the *field-id* element

# STRUCTURED TYPES – UNION (EXAMPLE)

```
// union type definition
type union MyUnionType {
 integer    number1,
 integer    number2,
 charstring string
}
// union value notation
var MyUnionType v_myUnion :=
               {number1 := 12}
var MyUnionType v_myUnion;
v_myUnion := {number1 := 12}
v_myUnion.number1 := 12;

// usage of ischosen
if(ischosen(v_myUnion.number1)) { … }
```



# STRUCTURED TYPES – RECORD OF, SET OF

- User defined abstract container type representing an ordered /unordered *sequence* consisting *of the same element type*
- Value-list notation only (there is no element identifier!)

```
// record of types; variable-length array;
// length restriction is possible
type record of integer ROI;
var ROI v_il := { 1, 2, 3 };

// set of types, the order is irrelevant
type set of MySetType MySetList;
var MySetList v_msl := {
 v_mySet1, { field2 := true, field1 := omit }, v_mySet1
};
```

**remember :**

```
var MySetType v_mySet1 := {
  field2 := true,
  field1 := omit
}
```

# STRUCTURED TYPES – NESTED TYPES

- Similarly to other notations (e.g. ASN.1) TTCN-3 type definitions may be nested (multiple times)
- The embedded definition have no identifier associated

```
// nested type definition:
// the inner type "set of integer" has no identifier
type record of set of integer OuterType;

// …could be replaced by two separate type definitions:
type set of integer InnerType;
type record of InnerType OuterType;
```

# INDEXING

- Individual elements of basic string, `record of` and `set of` types can be accessed using array syntax
- Indexing starts by zero and proceeds from left to right

```
var bitstring   v_bs := '10001010'B;
var ROI v_il := { 100, 2, 3, 4 };
// the operations below on the variables above
v_bs[2] := '1'B; // results:  v_bs = '10101010'B
v_il[0] := 1;    // results:  v_il = { 1, 2, 3, 4 }
```

- Only a single element of a string can be accessed at a time

```
v_bs[0..3] := ’0000’B; // Error!!!
```

# NOT-USED, OMIT AND UNBOUND

- omit – structured type’s optional field not present
- unbound – uninitialized value
- not-used (“-”) – preserves the original value, only in value list notation

```
var ROI u, v := { -, 2, - }; // v == {<unbound>, 2, <unbound>}
log(sizeof(v)); // 3
v[0] := 1; // v == { 1, 2, <unbound> }
u := v;
v := { -, -, 3 }; // v == { 1, 2, 3 }
```

```
var MyRecordType r1, r2, r3, r4;
r1 := { field2 := true } // r1 == { <unbound>, true }
r2 := { -, true }; // r2 == { <unbound>, true } == r1
r3 := { omit, true }; // r3 == { omit, true } != r1
r4 := { 1 }; // PARSE ERROR!
```

```
type record MyRecordType {
  integer field1 optional,
  boolean field2
}
```

# STRUCTURED TYPES – ENUMERATED

- Implements types which take only a distinct named set of values (literals)

```
type enumerated Ex1 {tuesday, friday, wednesday, monday};
```

- Enumeration items (literals):
  - Must have a locally  (not globally) unique identifier
- Shall only be reused within other structured type definitions
  - Must not collide with local or global identifiers
  - Distinct integer values may optionally be associated with enumeration items

```
type enumerated Ex2 {tuesday(1),friday(5), wednesday, monday};
```

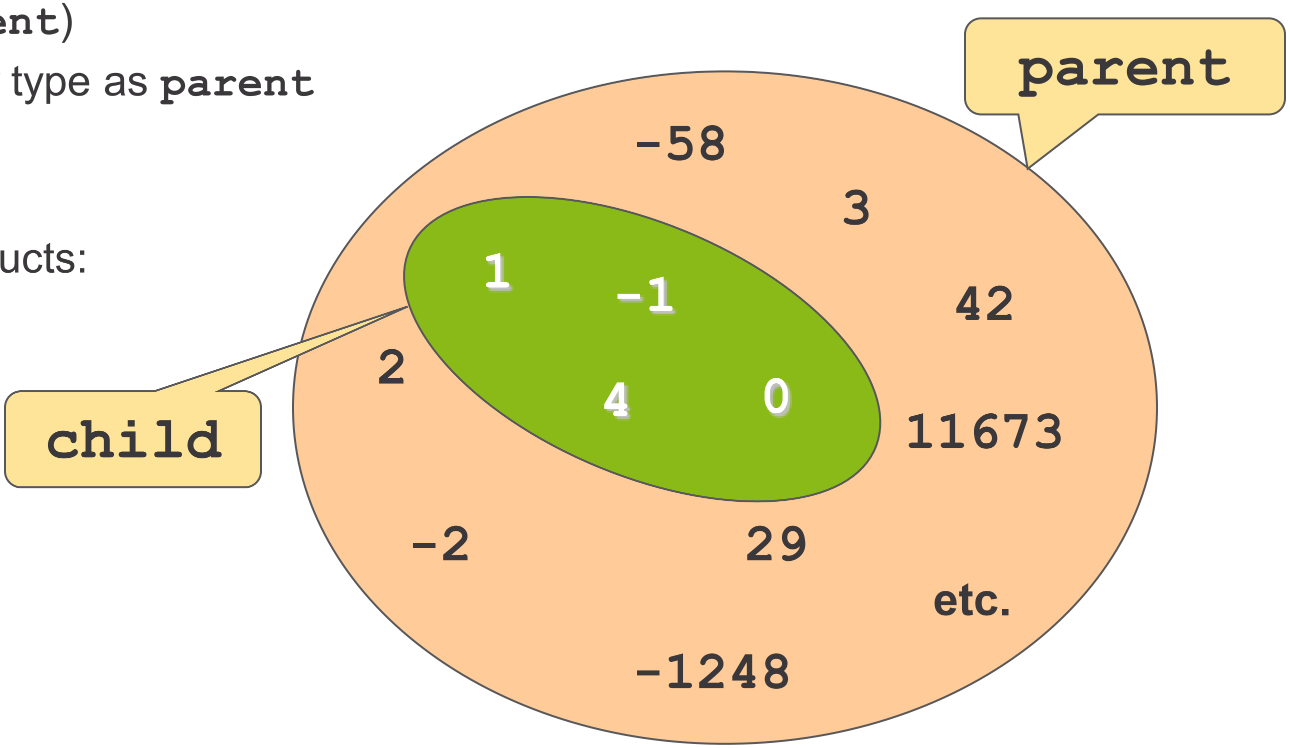
- Operations on enumerations
  - must always use literals – integer values are only for encoding!
  - are restricted to assignment, equivalence and comparing (<,>) operators
- `enumerated` versus `integer` types
  - Enumerated types are *never* compatible with other basic or structured types!

# STRUCTURED TYPES – ENUMERATED (EXAMPLES)

```
// enumerated types
type enumerated Wday1 {monday, tuesday, wednesday};
type enumerated Wday2 {monday(1), tuesday(5), wednesday};

var Wday1 v_11 := monday;    //variable of type Wday1
var Wday1 v_12 := wednesday; //variable of type Wday1
// v_11 > v_12 is false

var Wday2 v_21 := monday;    //variable of type Wday2
var Wday2 v_22 := wednesday; //variable of type Wday2
// v_21 > v_22 is true

// v_11 > v_22 causes error: different types of variables!
// v_11 > 2 causes error: enumerated is not integer
```

# SUB-TYPING

- Deriving a new type **`child`** from an existing **`parent`** type by restricting the new type's domain to a subset of the parent types value domain:
  - D(**`child`**) ⊆ D(**`parent`**)
- **`child`** has the same *root* type as **`parent`**
- Applicable to elements of structured types also
- Various sub-typing constructs:
  - value range,
  - value list,
  - length restriction,
  - patterns,
  - type alias.



# SUB-TYPING: VALUE RANGE RESTRICTIONS

- Value-range subtype definition is applicable only for **integer**, **charstring**, **universal charstring** and **float** types
  - for charstrings: restricts the permitted characters!

```
type integer    MyIntegerRange    (1 .. 100);
type integer    MyIntegerRange8   (0 .. infinity);
type charstring MyCharacterRange ("k" .. "w");
```

- **-infinity**/**infinity** keywords can be used instead of a value indicating that there is no lower/upper boundary

- Note that **-infinity**/**infinity** are *NOT values* and cannot be used in expressions, thus *the following example is invalid*:

```
var integer v_invalid := infinity; // error!!!
```

# SUB-TYPING: VALUE LIST RESTRICTIONS

- Value list restriction subtype is applicable for all basic type as well as in fields of structured types:

```
type charstring SideType ("left", "right");
type integer MyIntegerList (1, 2, 3, 4);
type record MyRecordList {
 charstring userid ("ethxyz", "eraxyz"),
 charstring passwd ("xxxxxx", "yyyyyy")
};
```

- For `integer` and `float` types it is permitted to mix value list and value range subtypes:

```
type integer MyIntegerListAndRange (1..5, 7, 9);
```

# SUB-TYPING: LENGTH RESTRICTIONS (1)

- Length restrictions are applicable for basic string types.
- The unit of length depends on the constrained type:
  - **bitstring** – bit,
  - **hexstring** – hexa digit,
  - **octetstring** – octet,
  - **charstring**/**universal charstring** – character

```
// length exactly 8 bits
       type bitstring MyByte length(8);
// length exactly 8 hexadecimal digits
       type hexstring MyHex length(8);
// minimum length 4, maximum length 8 octets
       type octetstring MyOct length(4 .. 8);
```

# SUB-TYPING: LENGTH RESTRICTIONS (2)

- `length` keyword is used to restrict the number of elements in `record of` and `set of`.
- It is permitted to use a range inside the length restriction

```
// a record of exactly 10 integers
      type record length(10) of integer RecOfExample;

// a record of a maximum of 10 integers
      type record length(0..10) of integer RecOfExamplf;

// a set of at least 10 integers
      type set length(10..infinity) of integer RecOfExampg;
```

# SUB-TYPING: PATTERNS

- **charstring** and **universal charstring** types can be restricted with patterns (→ charstring value patterns)
- All values denoted by the pattern shall be a true subset of the type being sub-typed

```
// all permitted values have prefix abc and postfix xyz
   type charstring MyString (pattern "abc*xyz");
// a character preceded by abc and followed by xyz
   type charstring MyString2 (pattern "abc?xyz");
//all permitted values are terminated by CR/LF
   type charstring MyString3 (pattern "*\r\n")

type MyString MyString3 (pattern "d*xyz");
/* causes an error because MyString does not contain a
   value starting with character 'd'*/
```

# SUB-TYPING: TYPE ALIAS

- An alternative name to an existing type;
- similar to a subtype definition, but the subtype restriction tag (value list, value or length restriction) is missing.

```
type MyType MyAlternativeName;
```

# OVERVIEW OF SUBTYPE CONSTRUCTS FOR TTCN-3 TYPES

| Class of type | Type name (keyword) | Sub-Type |
|---|---|---|
| Simple basic types | `integer, float` | range, list |
| | `boolean, objid, verdicttype` | list |
| Basic string types | `bitstring, hexstring, octetstring` | list, length |
| | `charstring, universal charstring` | range, list, length, pattern |
| Structured types | `record, set, union, enumerated` | list |
| | `record of, set of` | list, length |
| Special data types | `anytype` | list |

# TYPE COMPATIBILITY IN TITAN

- Deviations from TTCN-3:
  - Aliased types and sub-types are treated to be equivalent to their unrestricted root types
  - Different structured types are incompatible to each other
  - Two array types are compatible if both have the same size and index offset and the types of the elements are compatible according to the rules above
- Built-in functions available for converting between incompatible types:

```
int2char(65) == "A" // ASCII(65): letter A
int2str(65) == "65"
hex2str('FABABA'H) == "FABABA"
```

# PREDEFINED CONVERSION FUNCTIONS

| To \ From | integer | float | bitstring | hexstring | octetstring | charstring | Universal charstring |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| integer | | float2int | bit2int | hex2int | oct2int | char2int<br>str2int | unichar2int |
| float | int2float | | ▨ | ▨ | ▨ | *str2float* | ▨ |
| bitstring | int2bit | ▨ | | hex2bit | oct2bit | *str2bit* | ▨ |
| hexstring | int2hex | ▨ | bit2hex | | oct2hex | *str2hex* | ▨ |
| octetstring | int2oct | ▨ | bit2oct | hex2oct | | *char2oct*<br>str2oct | ▨ |
| charstring | int2char<br>int2str | float2str | bit2str | hex2str | *oct2char*<br>oct2str | | ▨ |
| universal charstring | int2unichar | ▨ | ▨ | ▨ | ▨ | ▨ | |

***log2str; enum2int***

# V. CONSTANTS, VARIABLES, MODULE PARAMETERS

CONSTANT DEFINITIONS
VARIABLE DEFINITIONS
ARRAYS
MODULE PARAMETER DEFINITIONS

CONTENTS

# CONSTANT DEFINITIONS

- Constants can be defined at any place of a TTCN-3 module
- The visibility is restricted to the scope unit of the definition (global, local constants)
- `const` keyword

```
// simple type constant definition
const integer c_myConstant := 1;
```

- The value of the constant shall be assigned when defined.

```
const integer c_myConstanu; // parse error!
```

- The value assignment may be done externally

```
external const integer c_myExternalConst;
```

- Constants may be defined for all basic and structured types

# CONSTANT DEFINITIONS (2)

- The value notation appropriate for the constant type shall be used to initialize a constant

```
// compound types - nesting is allowed
// constant definition using assignment notation:
const SomeRecordType c_myConst1 := {
  field1 := ”My string”,
  field2 := { field21 := 5, field22 := ’4F’O }
}
// record type constant definition using value list
const SomeRecordType c_myConst2 := {
  ”My string”, { 5, ’4F’O } }
// record of constant
const SomeRecordOfType c_myNumbers := { 0, 1, 2, 3 }
```

# VARIABLE DEFINITIONS

- Variables can be used only within **control**, **testcase**, **function**, **altstep**, component type definition and block of statements scope units
- No global variables – no variable definition in module definition part

```
control { var integer i1 }
```

- Iteration counter of for loops

```
for(var integer i:=1; i<9; i:=i+1) { /*…*/ }
```

- Optionally, an initial value may be assigned to a variable

```
control { var integer i1 := 1 }
```

# VARIABLE DEFINITIONS (2)

- Uninitialized variable remains unbound
- Variables of the same type can be defined in a list

```
const integer c_myConst := 3;
control {
  // list of local variable definitions
  var integer v_myInt1, v_myInt2 := 2*c_myConst;
  // v_myInt1 is unbound
  log(v_myInt2); // v_myInt2 == 6
}
```

# ARRAYS

- Arrays can be defined wherever variable definitions are allowed

```
// integer array of 5 elements with indexes 0 .. 4
var integer v_myArray1[5];
```

- Array indexes start from zero unless otherwise specified
  - Lower and upper bounds may be explicitly set:

```
var integer v_myBoundedArray[3..5]; // array of 3 integers
v_myBoundedArray[3] := 1; // first element
v_myBoundedArray[5] := 3; // last element
```

- Multi-dimensional arrays

```
// 2x3 integer array
var integer v_myArray2[2][3]; // indices from (0,0) to (1,2)
```

# ARRAYS (2)

- Value list notation may be used to set array values

```
v_myArray1 := {1,2,3,4,5}; // one dimensional array
v_myArray2 := {{12,13,14},{22,23,24}}; // 2D array
```

- A multidimensional array may be replaced by `record of`

```
// 2x3 integer matrix with 2D array
var integer v_myArray2[2][3];
// equivalent IntMatrix definition using record of types
type record length(3) of integer IntVector;
type record length(2) of IntVector IntMatrix;
// v_myArray2 and v_myArray2WithRecordOf are equivalent
// from the users' perspective
var IntMatrix v_myArray2WithRecordOf;
```

- `record of` arrays without length restriction may contain any number of elements

# MODULE PARAMETERS

- Parameter values
  - Can be set in the test environment (e.g. configuration file)
  - May have default values
  - Remain constants during test run
- Parameters can be imported from another module
- Can only take values, templates are forbidden

```
module MyModule
{
    modulepar integer tsp_myPar1a := 0, tsp_myPar1b;
    // module parameter w/o default value
    modulepar octetstring tsp_myPar2;
}
```

# SCOPES

- TTCN-3 provides seven basic units of scope:
  - module definition part ( `module` ) – global
  - control part of a module ( `control` )
  - block of statements ( `{...}` )
  - functions ( `function` )
  - altsteps ( `altstep` )
  - test cases ( `testcase` )
  - component types ( `component` ) – ‘runs on’ clause
- Identifiers must be unique within the entire scope hierarchy

# VISIBILITY MODIFIERS

- On module level
  - **public** definition is visible in every module importing the module. (default)
  - **private** the definition is only visible within the same module.
  - **friend** the definition is only visible within the friend declared module.

```
module module1
{
friend module module2;
type integer module2Type;
public type integer module2TypePublic;
friend type integer module2TypeFriend;
private type integer module2TypePrivate;
} // end of module
```

```
module module2
{
import from module1 all;
const module2Type c_m2t:= 1;
//OK, type is implicitly public
const module2TypePublic c_m2tp := 2;
//OK, type is explicitly public
const module2TypeFriend c_m2tf := 3;
//OK, module1 is friend of module2
const module2TypePrivate c_m2tpr := 4;
//NOK, module2TypePrivate is private
  to module2
```

# VI. PROGRAM STATEMENTS AND OPERATORS

EXPRESSIONS
ASSIGNMENTS
PROGRAM CONTROL STATEMENTS
OPERATORS
EXAMPLE

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# EXPRESSIONS, ASSIGNMENTS, LOG, ACTION AND STOP

| Statement | Keyword or symbol |
|---|---|
| Expression<br>Condition (Boolean expression) | e.g. `2*f1(v1,c2)+1`<br>e.g. `x+y<z` |
| Assignment (not an operator!) | *LHS* `:=` *RHS*<br>e.g. `v := { 1, f2(v1) }` |
| Print entries into log | `log(a);`<br>`log(a, …);`<br>`log(″a = ″, a);` |
| Stimulate or carry out an action | `action(″Press button!″);` |
| Stop execution | `stop;` |

# PROGRAM CONTROL STATEMENTS

| Statement | Synopsis |
|---|---|
| If-else statement | if (<*condition*>) { <*stmt*> } [ else { <*stmt*> } ] |
| Select-Case statement | select (<*expression*>) {<br>case (<*template*>) { <*statement*> }<br>[case (<*template-list*>) { <*statement*> } ]<br>…<br>[case else { <*statement*> } ]<br>} |
| For loop | for (<*init*>; <*condition*>; <*expr*>) { <*stmt*> } |
| While loop | while (<*condition*>) { <*statement*> } |
| Do-while loop | do { <*statement*> } while ( <*condition*> ); |
| Label definition | label <*labelname*>; |
| Jump to label | goto <*labelname*>; |

# BREAK AND CONTINUE

- `break`
  - Leaves innermost loop
  - *or* alternative within `alt` or `interleave` statement
- `continue`
  - Forces next iteration of innermost loop

# OPERATORS (1)

| Category | Operation | Format | Type of operands and result |
|---|---|---|---|
| Arithmetical | Addition | $+op$ or $op_1 + op_2$ | $op$ , $op_1$, $op_2$, *result*:<br>integer, float |
| | Subtraction | $-op$ or $op_1 - op_2$ | |
| | Multiplication | $op_1 * op_2$ | |
| | division | $op_1 / op_2$ | |
| | Modulo | $op_1$ mod $op_2$ | $op_1$, $op_2$, *result*: integer |
| | Remainder | $op_1$ rem $op_2$ | |
| String | Concatenation | $op_1$ & $op_2$ | $op_1$, $op_2$, *result*: *string |
| Relational | Equal | $op_1 == op_2$ | $op_1$, $op_2$: all;<br>*result*: boolean |
| | Not equal | $op_1$ != $op_2$ | |
| | Less than | $op_1 < op_2$ | $op_1$, $op_2$: integer, float, enumerated;<br>*result*: boolean |
| | Greater than | $op_1 > op_2$ | |
| | Less than or equal | $op_1 <= op_2$ | |
| | Greater than or equal | $op_1 >= op_2$ | |

# OPERATORS (2)

| Category | Operator | Format | Type of operands and result |
|---|---|---|---|
| Logical | NOT | `not` *op* | *op*, $op_1$, $op_2$, *result*: `boolean` |
| | AND | $op_1$ `and` $op_2$ | |
| | OR | $op_1$ `or` $op_2$ | |
| | exclusive OR | $op_1$ `xor` $op_2$ | |
| Bitwise | NOT | `not4b` *op* | op, $op_1$, $op_2$, *result*: `bitstring, hexstring, octetstring` |
| | AND | $op_1$ `and4b` $op_2$ | |
| | OR | $op_1$ `or4b` $op_2$ | |
| | exclusive OR | $op_1$ `xor4b` $op_2$ | |
| Shift | left | $op_1$ << $op_2$ | $op_1$, *result*: `bitstring, hexstring, octetstring`; $op_2$: `integer` |
| | right | $op_1$ >> $op_2$ | |
| Rotate | left | $op_1$ `<@` $op_2$ | $op_1$, *result*: `bitstring, hexstring, octetstring, (universal) charstring;` $op_2$: `integer` |
| | right | $op_1$ `@>` $op_2$ | |

# OPERATOR PRECEDENCE

| Precedence | Operator type | Operator |
|---|---|---|
| **Highest** | *parentheses* | `()` |
| | Unary | `+, -` |
| | Binary | `*, /, mod, rem` |
| | Binary | `+, -, &` |
| | Unary | `not4b` |
| | Binary | `and4b` |
| | Binary | `xor4b` |
| | Binary | `or4b` |
| | Binary | `<<, >>, <@, @>` |
| | Binary | `<, >, <=, >=` |
| | Binary | `==, !=` |
| | Unary | `not` |
| | Binary | `and` |
| | Binary | `xor` |
| | Binary | `or` |
| **Lowest** | | |

# SAMPLE PROGRAM STATEMENTS AND EXPRESSIONS

```
function f_MyFunction (integer pl_y, integer pl_i)
{  var integer x, j;

 for (j := 1; j <= pl_i; j := j + 1)
 {
       if (j < pl_y)
          {   x := j * pl_y;
              log( x )
          }
       else { x := j * 3;}
 }
}
```

# VII. TIMERS

TIMER DECLARATIONS
TIMER OPERATIONS

CONTENTS

# TIMER DECLARATION

- Timers are defined using the **timer** keyword at any place where variable definitions are permitted:

```
timer T1; // T1 timer is defined
```

- Timers measure time in *seconds* unit
- Timer resolution is implementation dependent
- The default duration of a timer can be assigned at declaration using non-negative **float** value:

```
// T2 timer is defined with default duration of 1s
timer T2 := 1.0;
```

- Any number of timers can be used in parallel
- Timers are independent
- Timers can be passed as parameters to functions and altsteps

# STARTING TIMERS

- Timers can be started using the **start** operation:

```
T1.start(2.5); // started for 2.5s (T1 has no default!)
```

- Parameter can be omitted when the timer has a default duration:

```
T2.start; // T2 is started with its default duration 1s
T2.start(2.5); // started for 2.5s (overrides default)
```

- Start is a non-blocking operation i.e. timers run in the background (execution continues immediately after **start**)
- Starting a running timer restarts it immediately

- Trying to start a timer without duration results in error:

```
timer T3; // T3 has no default duration
T3.start; // ERROR: T3 has no duration!!!
```

# SUPERVISING TIMERS

- The **timeout** operation waits a timer to expire (blocking operation)

```
T_myTimer.timeout; // waits for T_myTimer to expire

// any timer and all timer keywords refer to timers
// visible in current scope
any timer.timeout; // wait until ”some” timer expires
all timer.timeout; // wait for all timers expire
```

# EXPIRATION OF TIMERS

- When the duration of a timer expires, then:
  - timeout event is generated and

```
timer T := 5.0;
T.start; or T.start(2.5);
T.timeout; // block until timer expiry
```

- Timers can be stopped any time using the stop operation
  - The RTE stops all running timers at the end of the Test Case
  - Stopping idle timers results run-time warning

```
T.stop;

// stopping all timers in scope:
all timer.stop;
```

# OTHER TIMER OPERATIONS: RUNNING, READ

- The **running** operation can be used to determine if a timer is running (returns a **boolean** value, does not block)

```
// ”do something” if T_myTimer is running
if (T_myTimer.running) { /* do something */ }
```

- Timers count from zero upwards
- The running timer’s elapsed value can be retrieved and optionally saved into a **float** variable using the **read** operation:

```
// Reading the elapsed time of the timer
var float v_myVar := T_myTimer.read;
```

- **read** returns zero for an inactive timer:

```
timer T_myTimer2;
var float v_myVar2 := T_myTimer2.read; // v_myVar2 == 0.0
```

# VIII. TEST CONFIGURATION

TEST COMPONENTS AND COMMUNICATION PORTS
TEST COMPONENT DEFINITIONS
COMMUNICATION PORT DEFINITIONS
EXAMPLES

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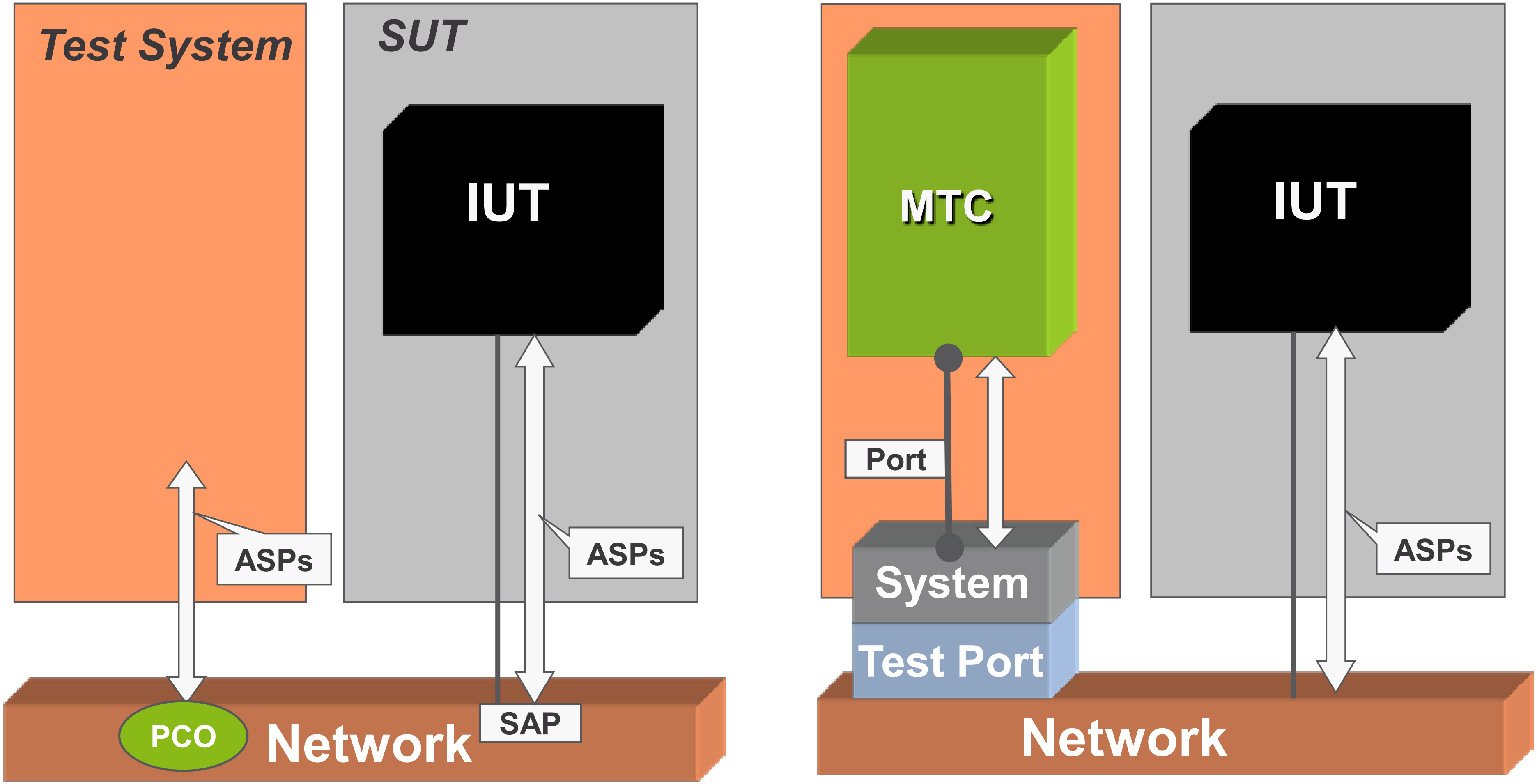
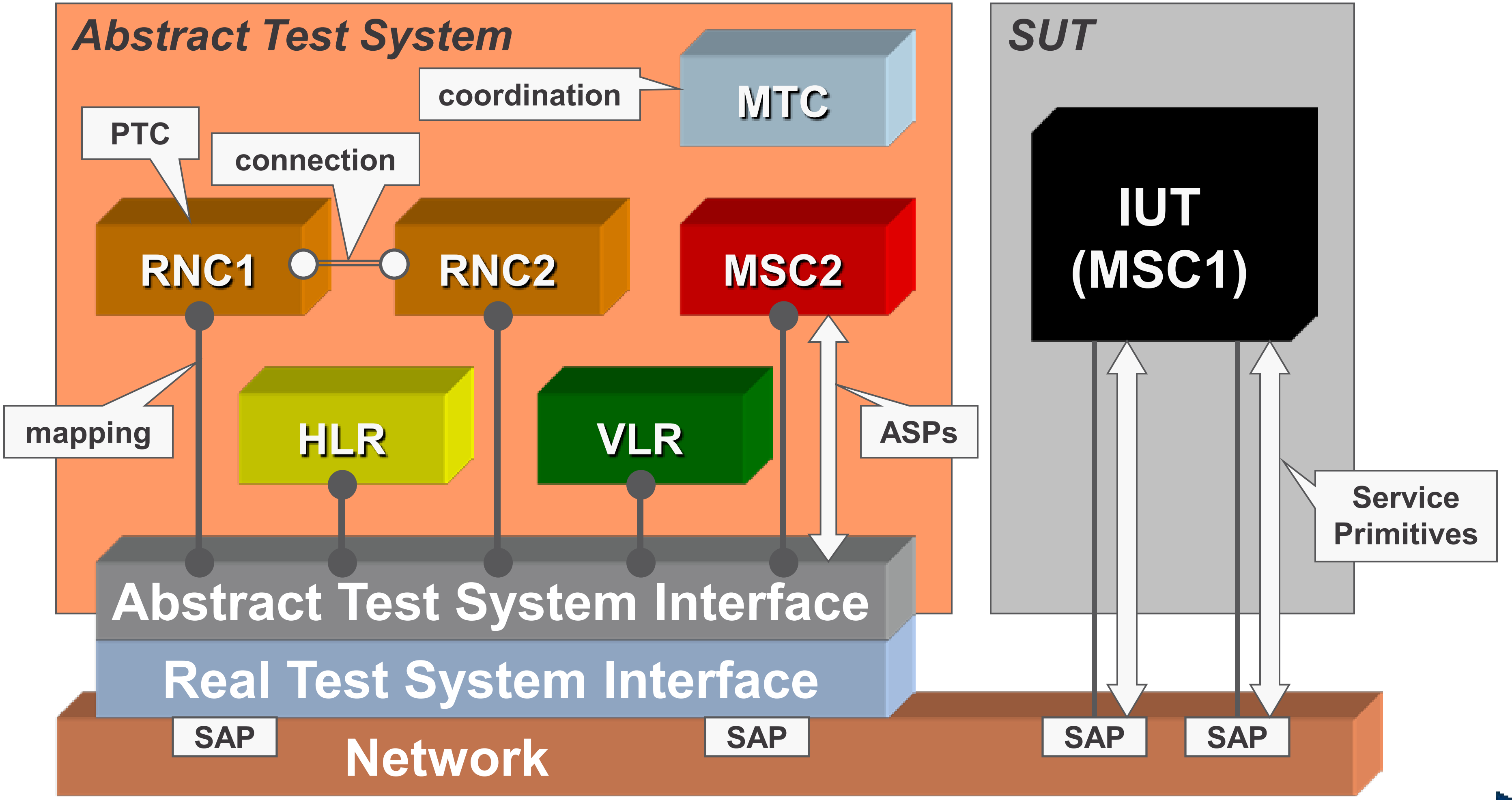
# TEST CONFIGURATION

- IUT is a black box that must be put into context (i.e. test configuration) for testing
- Test configuration contains a set of components interconnected via their well-defined ports and the system component, which models the IUT itself
  - components execute test behavior (except system)
  - ports describe the components' interfaces
  - type and number of components in a test configuration as well as the number of ports in components depends on the tested entity
- Test configuration in TTCN-3 is concurrent and dynamic
  - components execute parallel processes
  - at the beginning of the `testcase` the test configuration must be established → Configuration Operations
  - test configuration can be changed during test execution

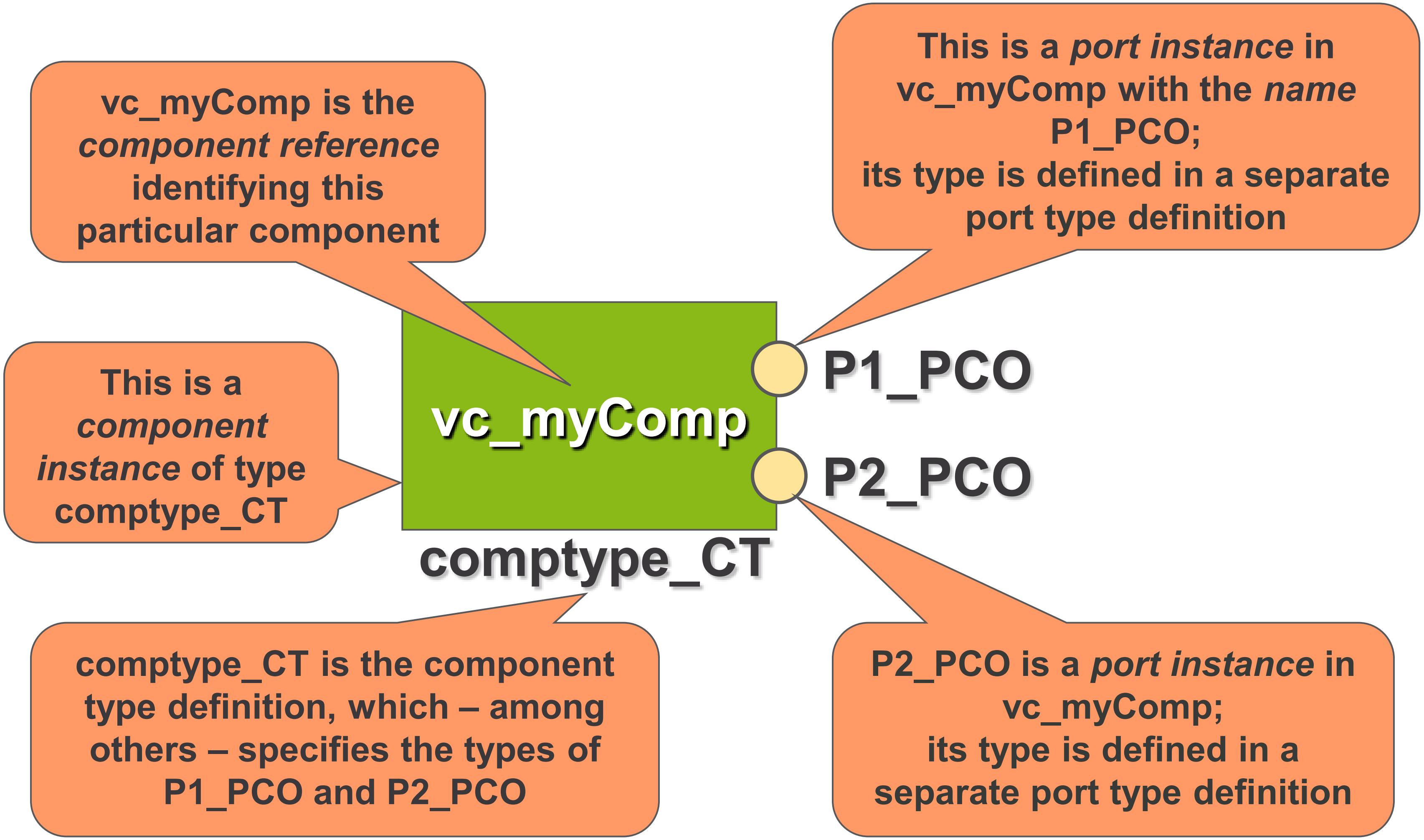
# TEST ARRANGEMENT AND ITS TTCN-3 MODEL – TESTER IS A PEER ENTITY OF IUT



# TTCN-3 VIEW OF TESTING – DISTRIBUTED TESTER



# GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION OF COMPONENTS AND PORTS



vc_myComp is the *component reference* identifying this particular component

This is a *port instance* in vc_myComp with the *name* P1_PCO;
its type is defined in a separate port type definition

This is a *component instance* of type comptype_CT

comptype_CT is the component type definition, which – among others – specifies the types of P1_PCO and P2_PCO

P2_PCO is a *port instance* in vc_myComp;
its type is defined in a separate port type definition

# COMMUNICATION PORTS

- Ports describe the interfaces of components
- Communication between components proceeds via ports
  - ports always belong to components
  - type and number of ports depend on the tested entity
- There are two port categories:
  - message-based ports for asynchronous communication
  - procedure-based ports for synchronous communication
- Interfaces connecting the TTCN-3 components with the real IUT are implemented in C++ and are called *test ports* (TITAN specific!)

# PORT COMMUNICATION MODEL

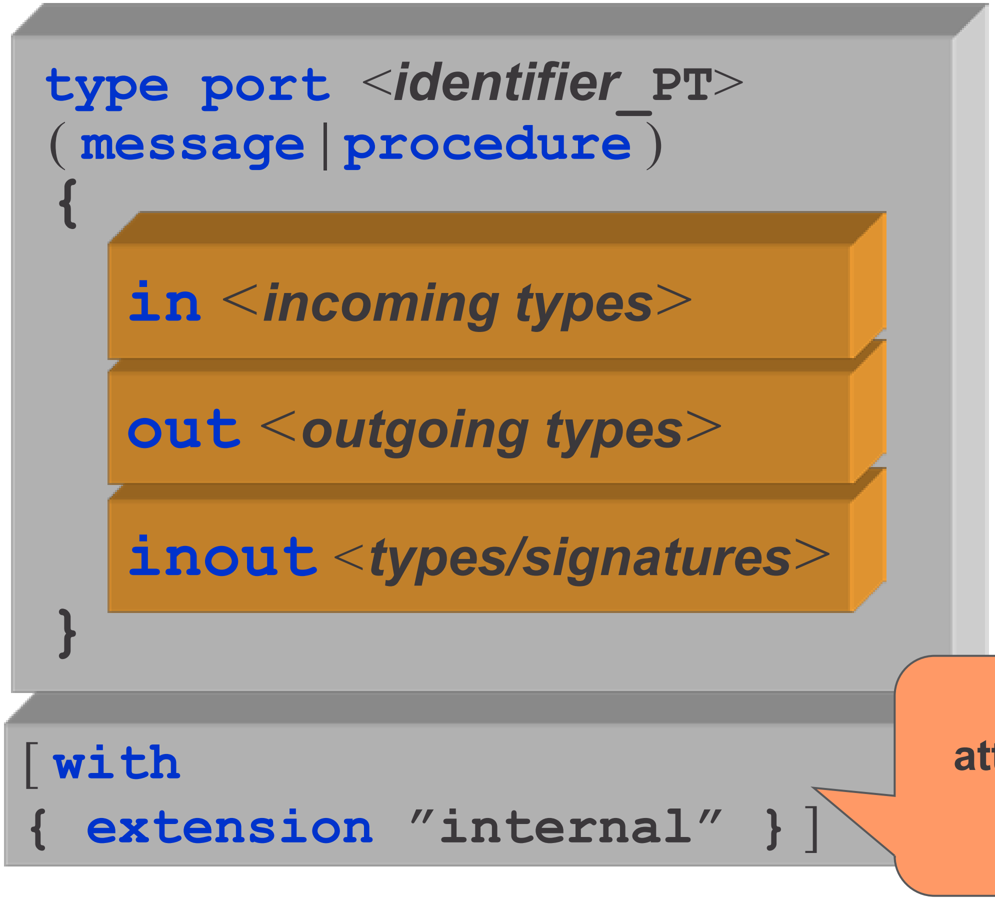
- **The port communication is full duplex**
  - **the direction of certain message and signature types (`in`, `out`, `inout`) can be restricted in the port type definition**

- **Incoming data is stored in the FIFO queue of the port until the owner component processes them**

- **Outgoing data is transmitted immediately (without buffering)**

- **Communication can be realized only between peer ports**
  - **Internal (component-to-component) communication**
    - **between *connect*ed ports → Communication Operations**
  - **External (component-to-system) communication**
    - **between *map*ped ports → Communication Operations**
    - **test ports to be added**

# COMMUNICATION PORT TYPE DEFINITION



```
type port <identifier_PT>
( message | procedure )
{
    in <incoming types>
    out <outgoing types>
    inout <types/signatures>
}
[ with
{ extension "internal" } ]
```

- `in`: list of message types and/or signatures allowed to be received;
- `out`: list of message types and/or signatures allowed to be sent;
- `inout`: shorthand for `in` + `out` containing the same members

**This optional TITAN-specific with-attribute indicates that all instances of this port type will be used only for internal communication!**

# PORT TYPE DEFINITION (EXAMPLE)

```
// Definition of a message-based             port
type port MyPortType_PT message
{
 in    ASP_RxType1, ASP_RxType2;
 out   ASP_TxType;
 inout integer, octetstring;
}
```

Instances of this port type can only handle *messages.*

These messages are expected (but not sent).

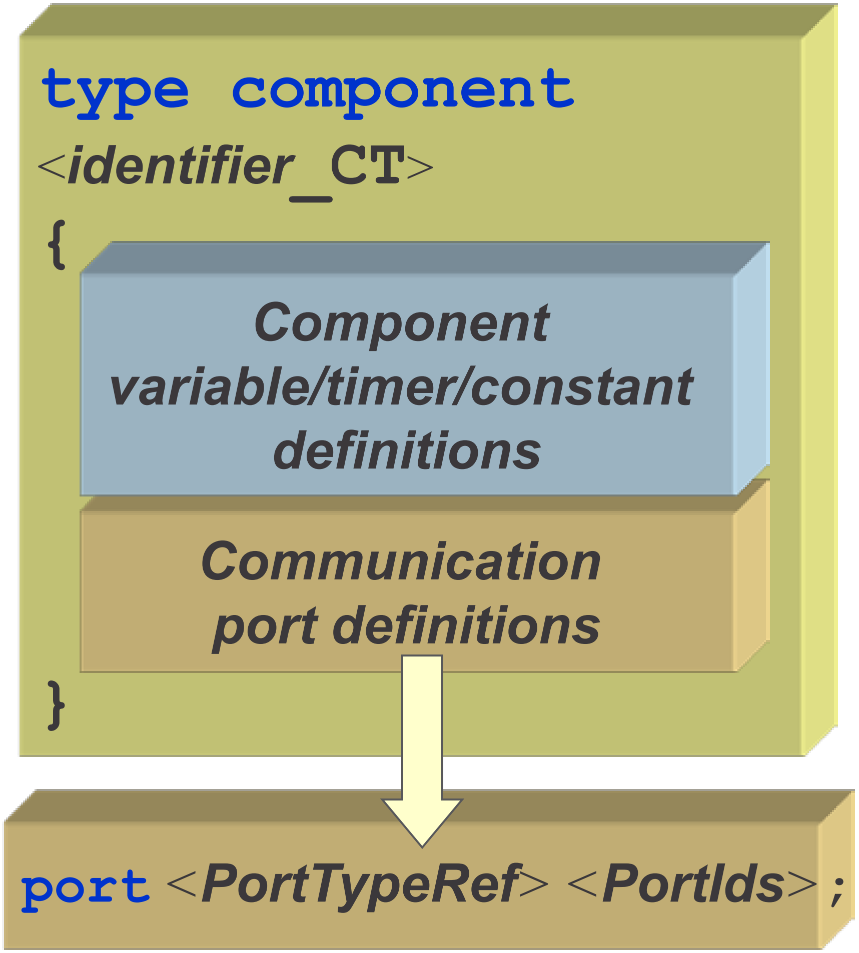
`integer` and `octetstring` type messages can be both sent and received.

`ASP_TxType` messages can only be sent.

# TEST COMPONENTS

- Test components are the building blocks of test configurations
- Components execute test behavior
- Three types of test components:
  - Main Test Component (MTC)
  - Test System Interface (or shortly system)
  - Parallel Test Component (PTC)
- Exactly one MTC and one system component are always generated automatically in all test configurations (as the first two components)
- The (`runs on` clause of) test case defines the component type used by MTC and system components
- Any number of PTCs can be created and destroyed on demand

# COMPONENT TYPE DEFINITION



**type component**

<*identifier*_CT>

{

***Component variable/timer/constant definitions***

***Communication port definitions***

}

**port** <*PortTypeRef*> <*PortIds*> ;

Component type definitions

- in module definitions part
- describe TTCN-3 test components by defining their ports
- may contain variable/timer/constant definitions – visible in all components of this type

# COMPONENT TYPE DEFINITION (EXAMPLE)

These definitions are visible in each instance of this component type (local copies in each component instance)

```
// Definition of a test component type
type component MyComponentType_CT
{// ports owned by the component:
 port MyPortType_PT PCO;
 port MyPortType_PT PCO_Array[10];
 // component-wide definitions:
 const bitstring       c_MyConst := ’1001’B;
  var integer          v_MyVar;
  timer                T_MyTimer := 1.0;
  }
```

Instances of this component type have ten ports

# IX. FUNCTIONS AND TESTCASES

OVERVIEW OF FUNCTIONS
FUNCTION DEFINITIONS
PARAMETERIZATION
PREDEFINED FUNCTIONS
TESTCASE DEFINITIONS
VERDICT HANDLING
CONTROLLING TEST CASE EXECUTION

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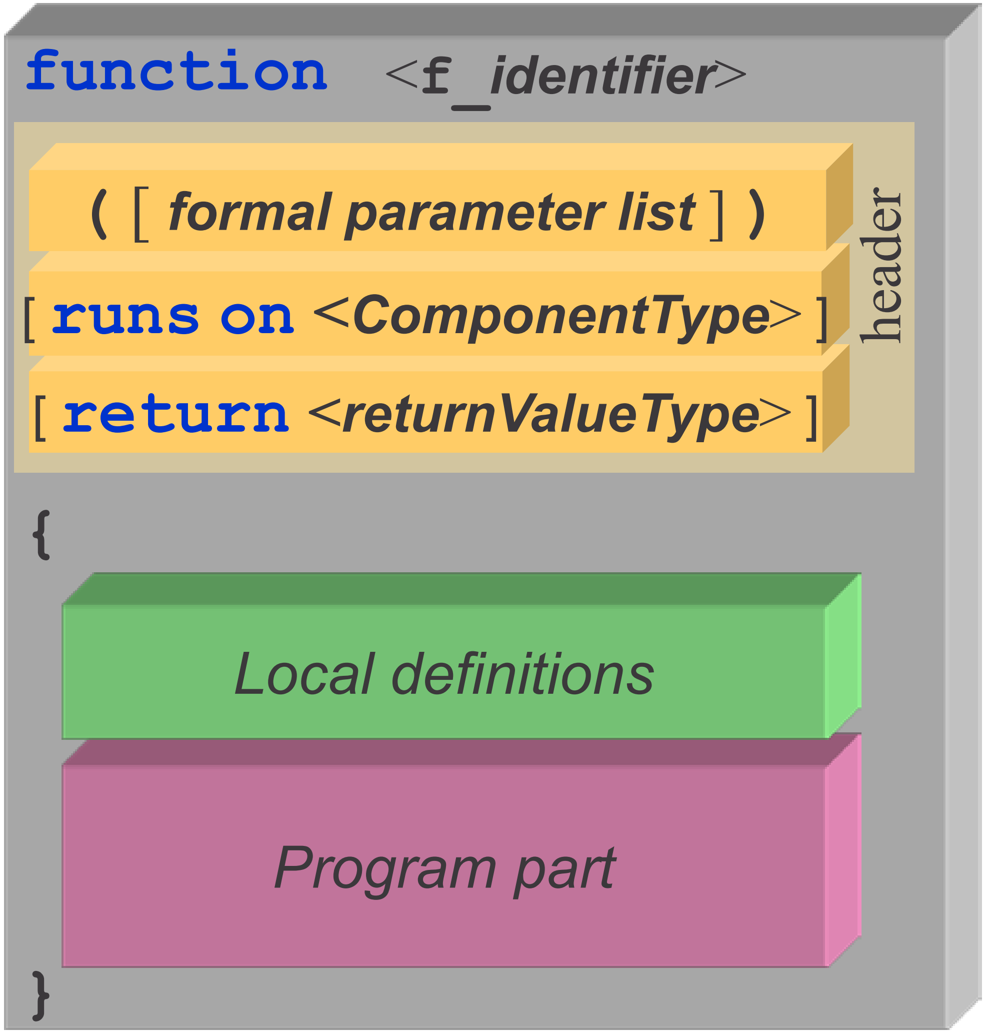
# ABOUT FUNCTIONS

- Describe test behavior, organize test execution and structure computation
- **Can be defined:**
  - **within a module ↔ externally**
  - **with reference to a component ↔ without it**

- **May have multiple *parameters* (value, `timer`, `template`, `port`);**
  - **parameters can be passed by value or by reference**

- **May `return` a value at termination**

# FUNCTION DEFINITION


function <f_identifier>
( [ formal parameter list ] )
[ runs on <ComponentType> ]
[ return <returnValueType> ]
header
{
Local definitions
Program part
}

- The optional `runs on` clause restricts the execution of the function onto the instances of a specific *ComponentType*
  - BUT: local definitions of *ComponentType* (***ports!!*** etc.) can be used
- The optional `return` clause specifies the type of the value that the function must explicitly return using the `return` statement
- Local definitions may contain constants, variables and timers visible in the function

# FUNCTION INVOCATION (1)

- The type, number and order of actual parameters shall be the same as of the formal parameters;
- All variables in the actual parameter list must be bound:

```
function f_MyF_1 (integer pl_1, boolean pl_2) {};
f_MyF_1(4, true);   //function invocation
```

- Empty parentheses indicate in both definition and invocation if formal parameter list is empty:

```
function f_MyF_2() return integer { return 28 };
var integer v_two := f_MyF_2(); //function invocation
```

# FUNCTION INVOCATION (2)

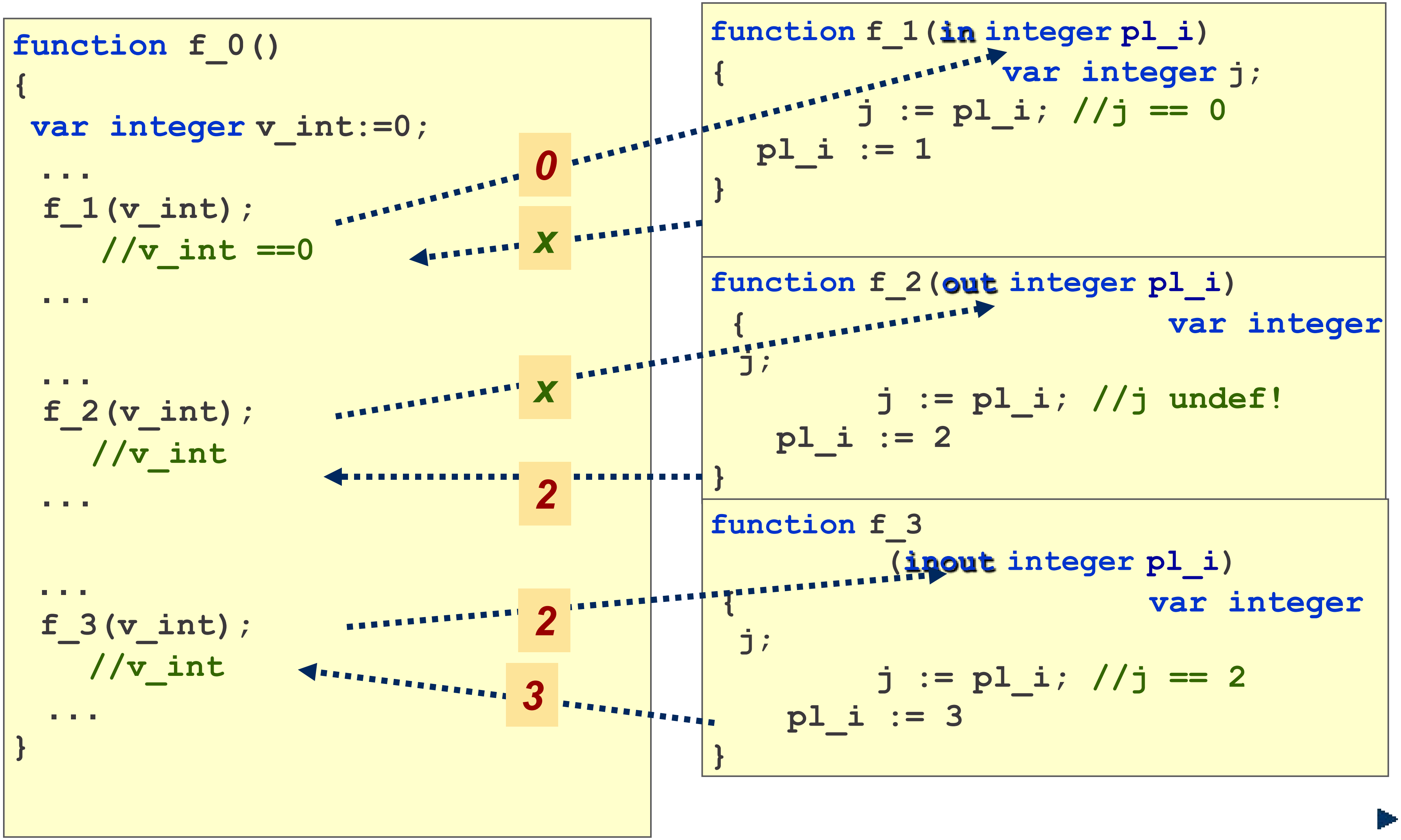
Operands of an expression may invoke a function:

```
function f_3(boolean pl_b) return integer {
 if(pl_b) { return 2 } else { return 0 }
};
control {
 var integer i := 2 * f_3(true) + f_3(2 > 3); // i==4
}
```

The function below uses the ports defined in MyCompType_CT

```
function f_MyF_4() runs on MyCompType_CT {
 P1_PCO.send(4);
 P2_PCO.receive(’FA’O)
}
```

# PARAMETERS PASSED BY VALUE AND BY REFERENCE



```
function f_0()
{
 var integer v_int:=0;
  ...
  f_1(v_int);
     //v_int ==0
  ...


  ...
  f_2(v_int);
     //v_int
  ...


  ...
  f_3(v_int);
     //v_int
   ...
}
```

```
function f_1(in integer pl_i)
{                          var integer j;
         j := pl_i; //j == 0
   pl_i := 1
}
```

```
function f_2(out integer pl_i)
 {                                var integer
  j;
          j := pl_i; //j undef!
    pl_i := 2
}
```

```
function f_3
         (inout integer pl_i)
 {                              var integer
  j;
          j := pl_i; //j == 2
    pl_i := 3
}
```

# DEFAULT VALUES

- `in` parameters may have default values
- at invocation
  - “`-`” (hyphen) skips the parameter with default value
  - simply leaving out (if it is the last, or all the following have default values)
  - default value may be overwritten

```
function f_MyFDef (integer i, integer j:=2, integer k){}
function f_MyFDef2 (integer i, integer j:=2, integer k:=3){}

// invocation
f_MyFDef(1,-,3); // f_MyFDef(1,2,3);
f_MyFDef(1,5,3); // f_MyFDef(1,5,3);
f_MyFDef2(1,5,7);// f_MyFDef2(1,5,7);
f_MyFDef2(1,5);  // f_MyFDef2(1,5,3);
f_MyFDef2(1);    // f_MyFDef2(1,2,3);
```

# PREDEFINED FUNCTIONS

| | |
|---|---|
| **Length/size functions** | |
| Return length of string value in appropriate unit | `lengthof` (*strvalue*) |
| Return number of elements in array, record/set of | `sizeof` (*ofvalue*) |
| **String functions** | |
| Return part of str matching the specified pattern | `regexp`(*str, RE, grpno*) |
| Return the specified portion of the input string | `substr`(*str,idx, cnt*) |
| Replace specified part of str with repl | `replace`(*str,idx, cnt, rpl*) |
| **Presence/choice functions** | |
| Determine if an optional record or set field is present | `ispresent`(*fieldref*) |
| Determine the chosen alternative in a union type | `ischosen`(*fieldref*) |
| **Other functions** | |
| Generate random float number | `rnd`(*[seed]*) |
| Returns the name of the currently executing test case | `testcasename` () |

# PREDEFINED CONVERSION FUNCTIONS

| To \ From | integer | float | bitstring | hexstring | octetstring | charstring | Universal charstring |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| integer | | float2int | bit2int | hex2int | oct2int | char2int<br>str2int | unichar2int |
| float | int2float | | ▨ | ▨ | ▨ | *str2float* | ▨ |
| bitstring | int2bit | ▨ | | hex2bit | oct2bit | *str2bit* | ▨ |
| hexstring | int2hex | ▨ | bit2hex | | oct2hex | *str2hex* | ▨ |
| octetstring | int2oct | ▨ | bit2oct | hex2oct | | *char2oct*<br>str2oct | ▨ |
| charstring | int2char<br>int2str | float2str | bit2str | hex2str | *oct2char*<br>oct2str | | ▨ |
| universal charstring | int2unichar | ▨ | ▨ | ▨ | ▨ | ▨ | |

***log2str; enum2int***

# NEW PREDEFINED FUNCTIONS

- **log2str** (*log-arguments*) **return charstring**
  Returns formatted output of arguments instead of placing them to log file (TITAN)

```
// Save output of log statement instead of
var charstring str
str := log2str(”Value of v is:”, v);
```

- **enum2int** (*enumeration-reference*) **return integer**
  Gives **integer** value associated with enumeration item

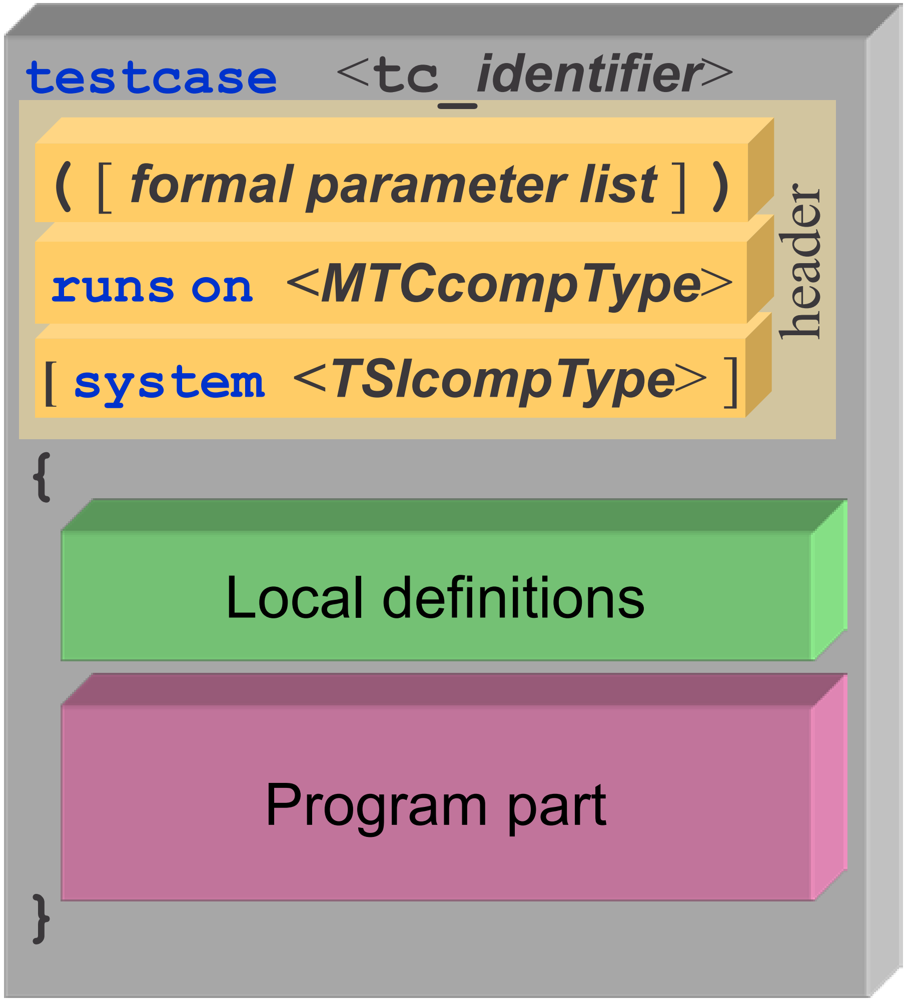
```
type enumerated E { zero, one, two, three };
var E e := one;
integer i := enum2int(one); // i == 1
```

- **isvalue** (*inline-template*) **return boolean**
  Returns **true** if argument template contains specific value or **omit**

# A TESTCASE

- A special function, which is always executed (runs) on the MTC;
- In the module control part, the **`execute()`** statement is used to start **`testcase`**s;
- The result of test case execution is always of *verdicttype*
  - with the possible values: **`none`**, **`pass`**, **`inconc`**, **`fail`** or **`error`**;
- **`testcase`**s can be parameterized.

# TESTCASE DEFINITION



- Component type of MTC is defined in the header's mandatory `runs on` clause
- Test System Interface (TSI) is modeled by a component in the *optional* `system` clause
- Can be parameterized similarly to functions
- Local constant, variable and timer definitions are visible in the test case body *only*
- The program part defines the `testcase` *behavior*

# TESTCASE DEFINITION (EXAMPLE)

```
module MyModule {
// Example 1: MTC & System present in the configuration
  testcase tc_MyTestCase()
    runs on MyMTCType_CT
    system MyTestSystemType_SCT
  { /* test behavior described here */ }



 // Example 2: Configuration consists only of an MTC
   testcase tc_MyTestCase2()
    runs on MyMTCType_CT
  { /* test behavior described here */ }
```

# RUNNING TEST CASES

- The **execute** statement initiates test case execution
  - mandatory parameter: **testcase** name;
  - optional parameter: execution time limit;
  - returns a verdict (**none**, **pass**, **inconc**, **fail** or **error**).
- A test case terminates on termination of Main Test Component
  - the final verdict of a test case is calculated based on the final local verdicts of the different test components.

```
vl_MyVerdict := execute(tc_TestCaseName(), 5.0);
```

# CONTROLLING TEST CASE EXECUTION - EXAMPLES

```
control {
 // Test cases return verdicts:
 var verdicttype vl_MyVerdict := execute(tc_MyTestCase());

  // Test case execution time may be supervised:
  vl_MyVerdict := execute(tc_MyTestCase2(), 0.5);

  // Test cases can be used with program statements:
 for (var integer x := 0; x < 10; x := x+1)
 { execute(tc_MyTestCase()) };

  // Test case conditional execution:
 if (vl_SelExpr) { execute( tc_MyTestCase2() ) };
    } // end of the control part
```

# X. VERDICTS

VERDICTTYPE VS. BUILT-IN VERDICT
OPERATIONS FOR BUILT-IN VERDICT MANAGEMENT
VERDICT OVERWRITING LOGIC

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# VERDICTTYPE

- **verdicttype**
  - is a built-in TTCN-3 special type
  - can be the type of constant, module parameter or variable
- Constants, module parameters and variables of **verdicttype** get their values via assignment
- **verdicttype** variables
  - usually store the result of execution
  - can change their value without restriction

```
var verdicttype vl_MyVerdict := fail, vl_TCVerdict;
vl_MyVerdict := pass; // vl_MyVerdict == pass

// save final verdict of test case execution
vl_TCVerdict := execute(tc_TC());
```

# BUILT-IN VERDICT

- MTC and all PTCs have an instance of built-in verdict object containing the current verdict of execution
- initialized to **`none`** at component creation
- Manipulated with **`setverdict()`** and **`getverdict`** operations according to the “verdict overwriting logic”

```
testcase tc_TC0() runs on MyMTCType_CT {
 var verdicttype v := getverdict; // v == none
 setverdict(fail);
 v := getverdict; // v == fail
 setverdict(pass);
 v := getverdict; // v == fail
}
```

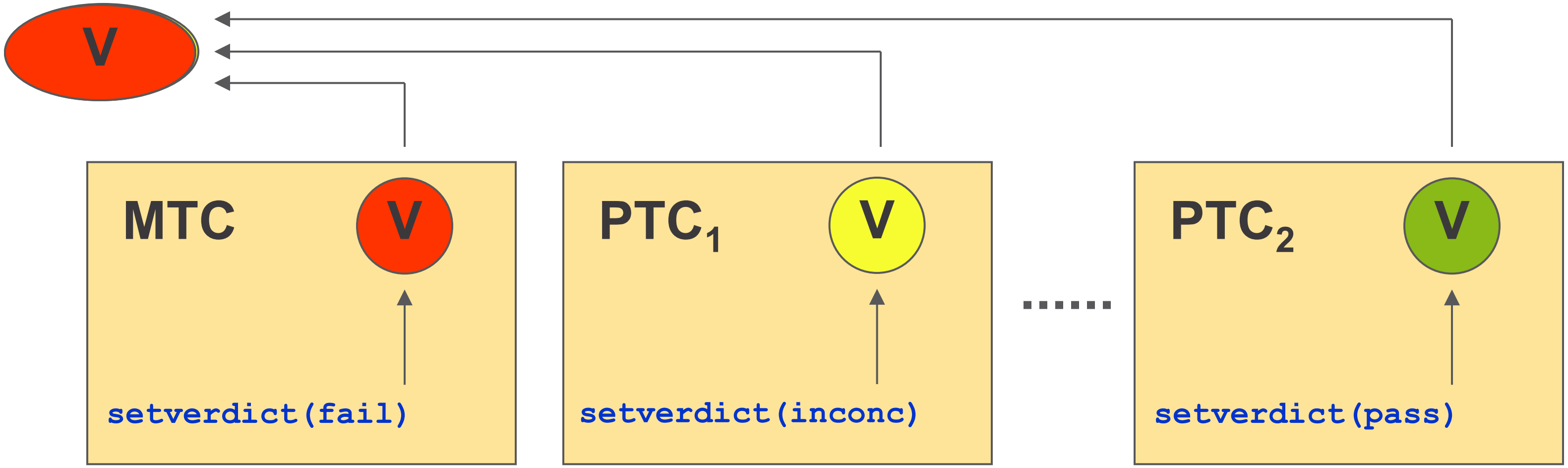
# VERDICT OVERWRITING LOGIC

| Result | Partial verdict | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Former value of verdict | *none* | *pass* | *inconc* | *fail* | *error* |
| *none* | none | pass | *inconc* | fail | *error* |
| *pass* | pass | pass | *inconc* | fail | *error* |
| *inconc* | *inconc* | *inconc* | *inconc* | fail | *error* |
| *fail* | fail | fail | fail | fail | *error* |

# VERDICT OVERWRITING RULES IN PARALLEL TEST CONFIGURATIONS

- Each test component has its own local verdict initialized to **none** at its creation; the verdict is modified later by **setverdict**()
- Global verdict returned by the test case is calculated from the local verdicts of all components in the test case configuration.

*Global verdict returned by the test case at termination*



# XI. CONFIGURATION OPERATIONS

CREATING AND STARTING OF COMPONENTS
ADDRESSING AND SUPERVISING COMPONENTS
CONNECTING AND MAPPING OF COMPONENTS
PORT CONTROL OPERATIONS
EXAMPLE

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# DYNAMIC NATURE OF TEST CONFIGURATIONS

- Test configuration in TTCN-3 is *DYNAMIC*:
  - MUST be explicitly set up at the beginning of each test case;
  - MTC is the only test component, which is automatically generated in test configurations; it takes the component type as specified in the **`”runs on”`** clause of the **`testcase`**;
  - PTCs can be created or destroyed on demand;
  - ports can be connected and disconnected at any time when needed.
- Consequences:
  - connections of a terminated PTC are automatically released;
  - sending messages to an unconnected/unmapped port results in dynamic test case error;
  - disconnected or unmapped ports can be reconnected while their owner Parallel Test Component is running;

# CREATING PARALLEL COMPONENTS

- Parallel Test Components (PTCs) must be created as needed using the **create** operation.
- The **create alive** operation creates an alive PTC (an alive component can be restarted after it is stopped)
- The **create** operation creates the component and returns by the unique component reference of the newly created component
  - this reference is to be stored in a Component Type (address) variable
- The ports of the component are initialized and started.
  The component itself is *not* started.
- Sample code:

```
var CompType_CT vc_CompRef;
vc_CompRef := CompType_CT.create;
// vc_CompRef holds the unique component reference
```

# COMPONENT NAME AND LOCATION

- ~ can be specified at component creation

```
// Specifying component name
ptc1 := new1_CT.create(”NewPTC1”);
// Specifying component name and location
ptc2 := new1_CT.create(”NewPTC2”, ”1.1.1.1”);
// Name parameter can be omitted with dash
ptc3 := new1_CT.create(-, ”hostgroup3”);
```

- Name:
  - appears in printout and log file names (meta character %n)
  - can be used in test port parameters, component location constraints and logging options of the configuration file
- Location:
  - contains IP address, hostname, FQDN or refers to a group defined in groups section of configuration file

# REFERENCING COMPONENTS

- Referencing components is important when setting up connections or mappings between components or identifying sender or receiver at ports, which have multiple connections
- Components can be addressed by the component reference obtained at component creation:

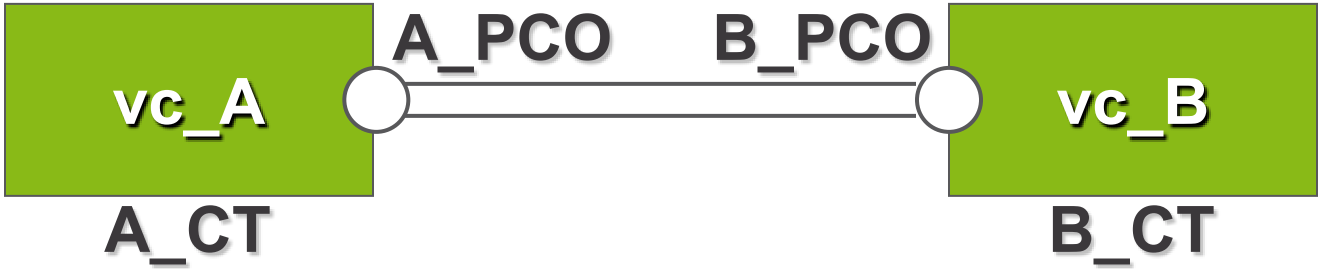
```
var ComponentType_CT vc_CompReference;
vc_CompReference := ComponentType_CT.create;
```

- MTC can be referred to using the keyword **`mtc`**
- Each component can refer to itself using the keyword **`self`**
- The system component's reference is **`system`.**

# CONNECTING COMPONENTS

- Connecting components means connecting their ports;
- The **connect** operation is used to connect component ports;
- A connection to be established is identified by referencing the two components and the two ports to be connected;
- A port may be connected to several ports (1-to-N connection).

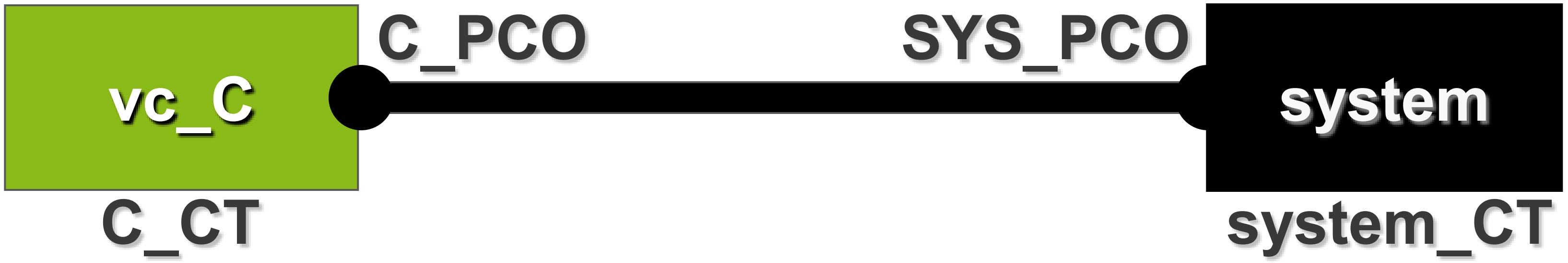
```
vc_A := A_CT.create; // vc_A: component reference
vc_B := B_CT.create; // vc_B: component reference
connect(vc_A:A_PCO, vc_B:B_PCO); // A_PCO: port name
```



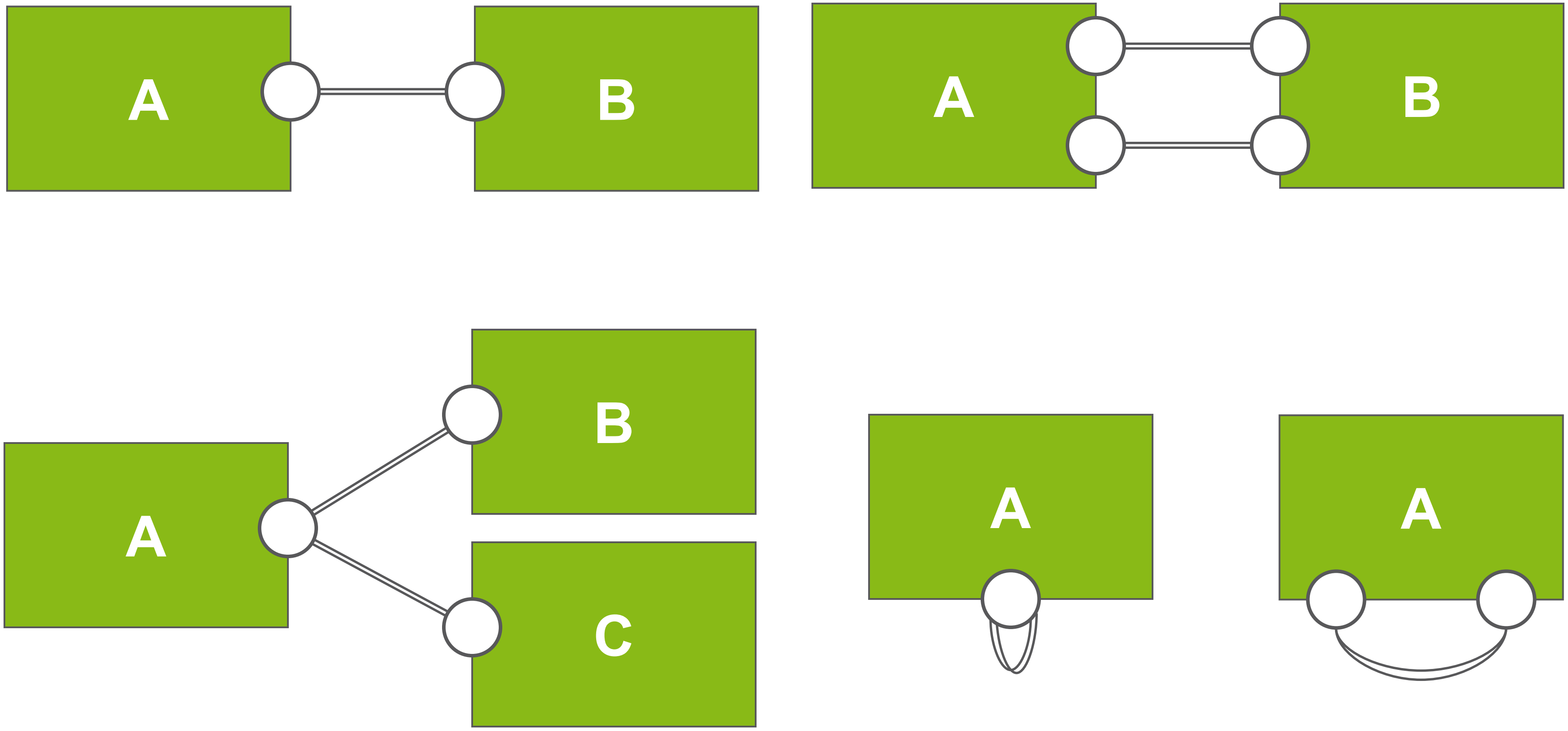
# MAPPING A TEST SYSTEM INTERFACE PORT TO A COMPONENT

- The **map** operation is used to establish a connection between a port of the system and a port of a component;
  - Test port must be added
- A mapping to be established is identified by referencing the two components (one of them must be the **system** component) and the two ports to be connected;
- Only one-to-one mapping is allowed.

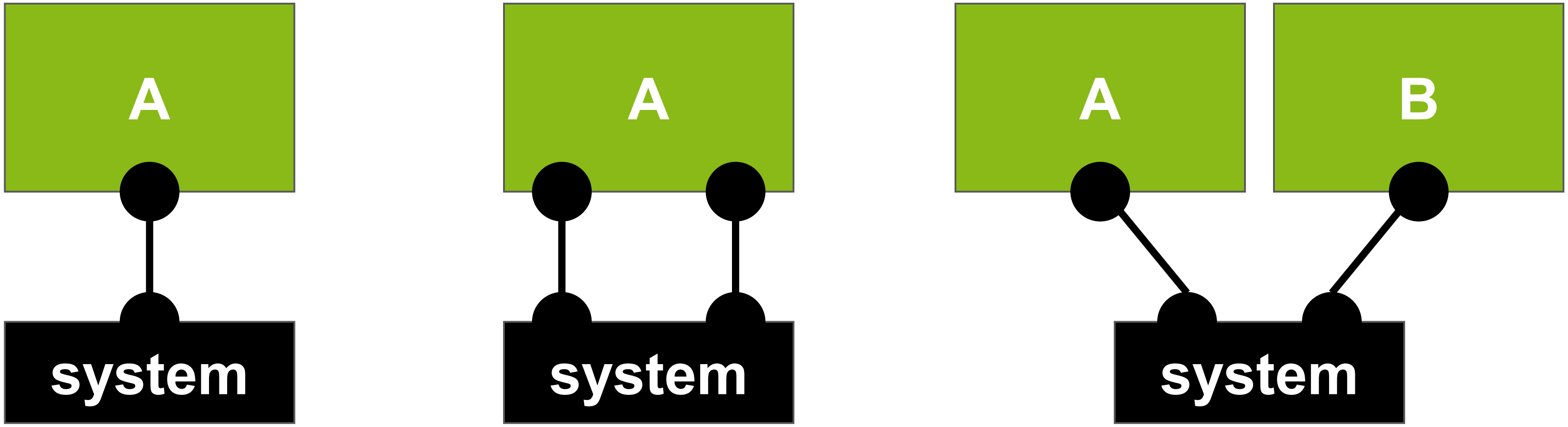
```
vc_C := C_CT.create; // vc_C: component reference
map(vc_C:C_PCO, system:SYS_PCO); // SYS_PCO: port ref.
```



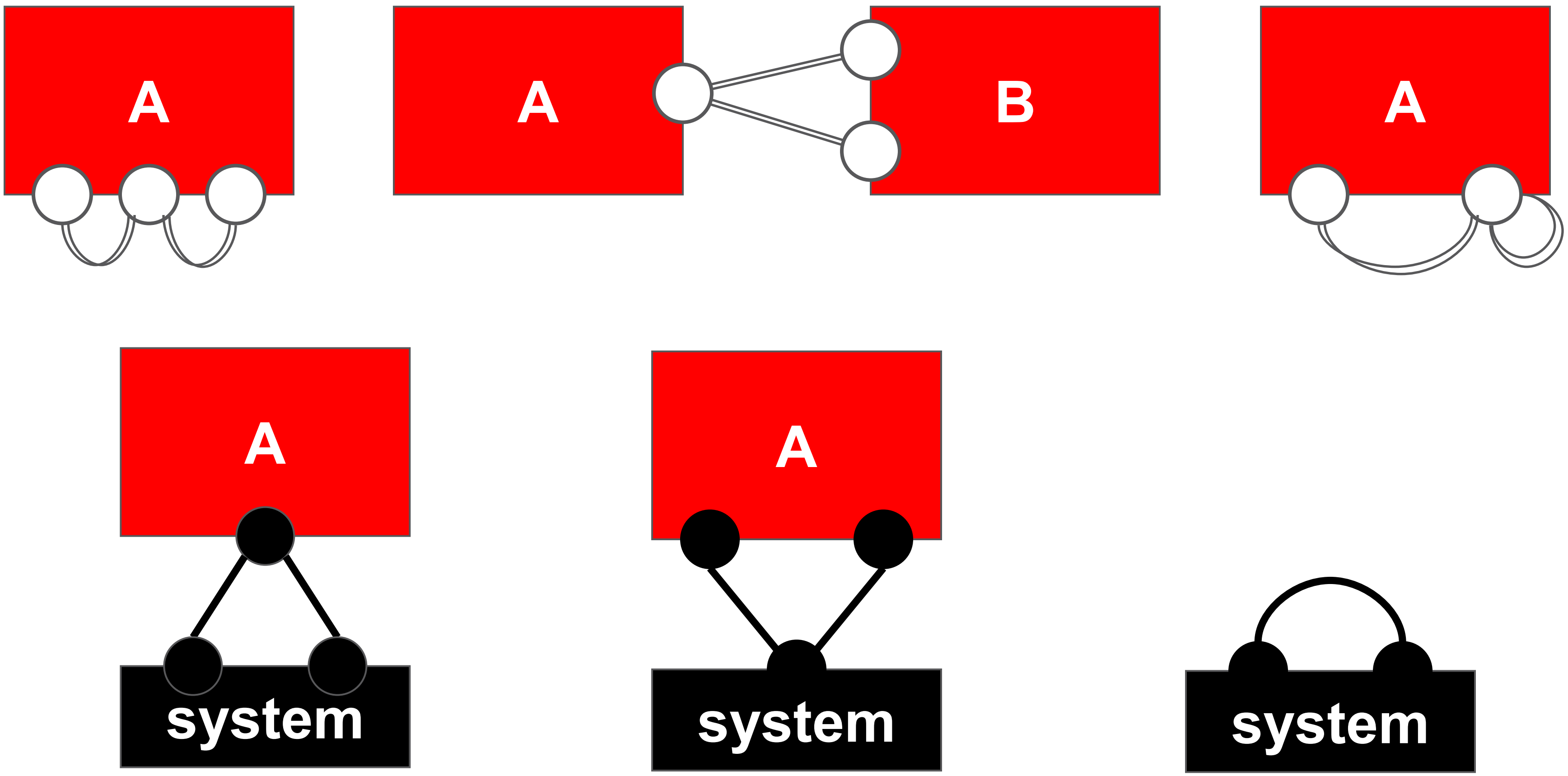
# BASIC EXAMPLES FOR VALID CONNECTIONS



# VALID MAPPINGS



# INVALID CONNECTIONS AND MAPPINGS



# DYNAMIC TEST CONFIGURATION

- Creating or destroying connection between two ports of different parallel test components

```
connect(vc_A : A1_PCO, vc_B : B1_PCO);
disconnect(vc_A : A1_PCO, vc_B : B1_PCO);
```

- Creating or destroying connection between a port of SUT and a port of a TTCN-3 test component

```
map(system:SYS_PCO, vc_B:B1_PCO);
unmap(system:SYS_PCO, vc_B:B1_PCO);
```

- Where **`vc_A`**, **`vc_B`** are component references, **`A1_PCO`** and **`B1_PCO`** are port references

# STARTING COMPONENTS

- The **start()** operation can be used to start a TTCN-3 function (behavior) on a given PTC
- The argument function:
  - shall either refer (clause “**runs on**”) to the same component type as the type of the component about to be started or shall have no **runs on** clause at all;
  - can have **in** ("value") parameters only;
  - shall not **return** anything
- Non-alive type PTCs can be started only once
- Alive PTCs can be started multiple times

```
function f_behavior (integer i) runs on CompType_CT
{ /* function body here */ }


 vc_CompReference.start(f_behavior(17));
```

# TERMINATING COMPONENTS

- MTC terminates when the executed **testcase** finishes
- PTC terminates when the function that it is executing has finished (implicit stop) or the component is explicitly stopped/killed using the **stop**/**kill** operation
- PTCs cannot survive MTC termination: the RTE kills all pending PTCs at the end of each test case execution.
- The **stop** operation releases all resources of a ephemeral PTC; alive PTC resources are suspended but remain preserved
- The **kill** operation releases all resources of the PTC

```
self.kill; // suicide of a test component
vc_A.stop; //terminating a component with reference vc_A
all component.stop; //terminating all parallel components
```

# WAITING FOR A PTC TO TERMINATE

- The **done** operation
  - blocks execution while a PTC is running;
  - does not block otherwise (finished, failed, stopped or killed)
- The **killed** operation
  - blocks while  the referred PTC is alive
  - does not block otherwise
  - is the same as **done** on normal PTC

```
vc_A.done; // blocks execution until vc_A terminates

all component.done; // blocks the execution until all
                   // parallel test components terminate

vc_B.killed; // wait until vc_B alive component is killed
```

# CHECKING THE STATE OF A PARALLEL COMPONENT

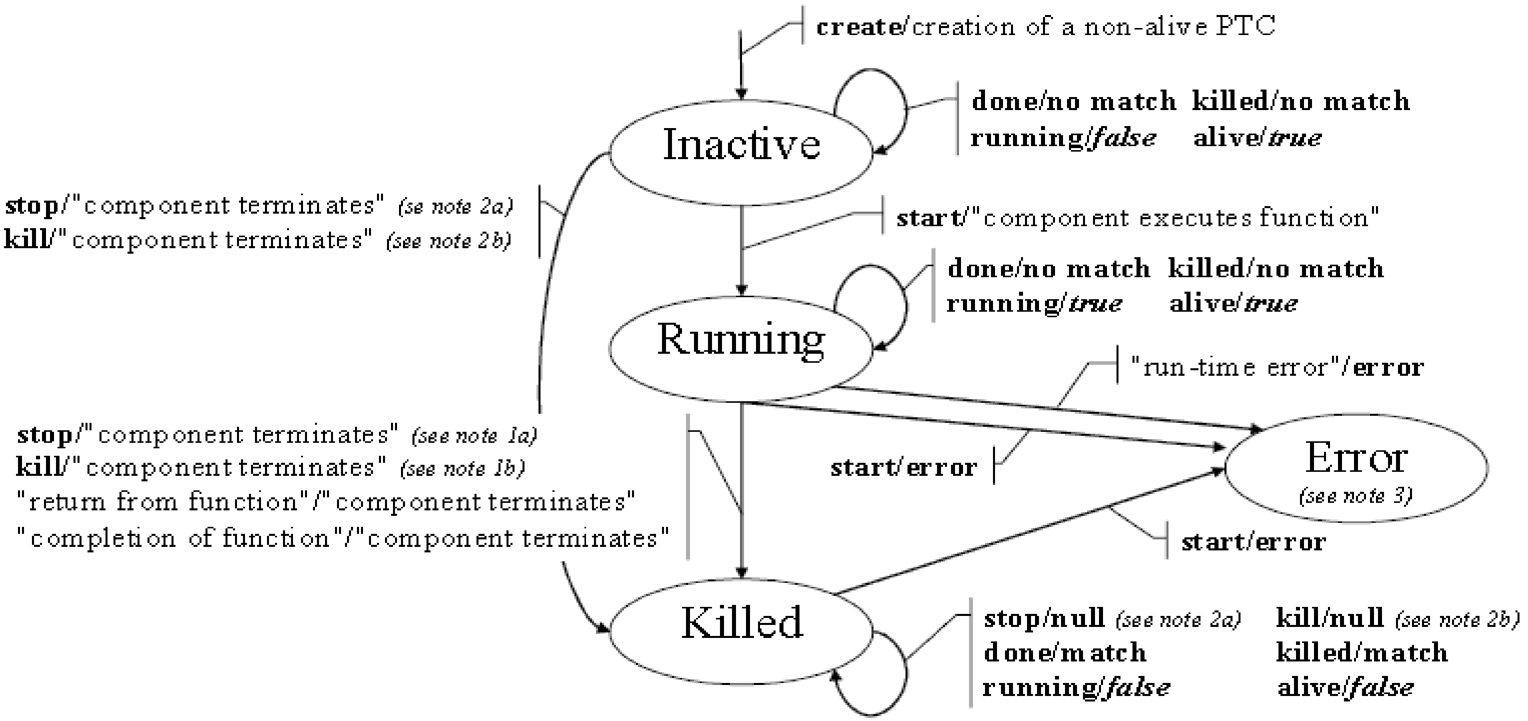
- The **running** operation returns
  - **true** if PTC was started but not stopped yet
  - **false** otherwise (if PTC was not started or already finished)

- The **alive** operation checks if PTC is currently alive or not:
  - **true** if a normal PTC was created but not stopped or if an alive PTC was created but not killed yet
  - **false** otherwise (PTC does not exist any more)

```
if(vc_A.running) { /*do something if vc_A is active!*/ }
while(any component.running) { /* do something if at least
                                 one component is running */ }


if(not vc_B.alive) { /*do something if vc_B not alive*/ }
vc_B.killed; // wait until vc_B alive component is killed
```

# PTC STATE MACHINE



**create**/creation of a non-alive PTC

**done/no match** **killed/no match**
**running/*false*** **alive/*true***

**stop**/"component terminates" *(se note 2a)*
**kill**/"component terminates" *(see note 2b)*

**start**/"component executes function"

**done/no match** **killed/no match**
**running/*true*** **alive/*true***

"run-time error"/**error**

**stop**/"component terminates" *(see note 1a)*
**kill**/"component terminates" *(see note 1b)*
"return from function"/"component terminates"
"completion of function"/"component terminates"

**start/error**

**start/error**

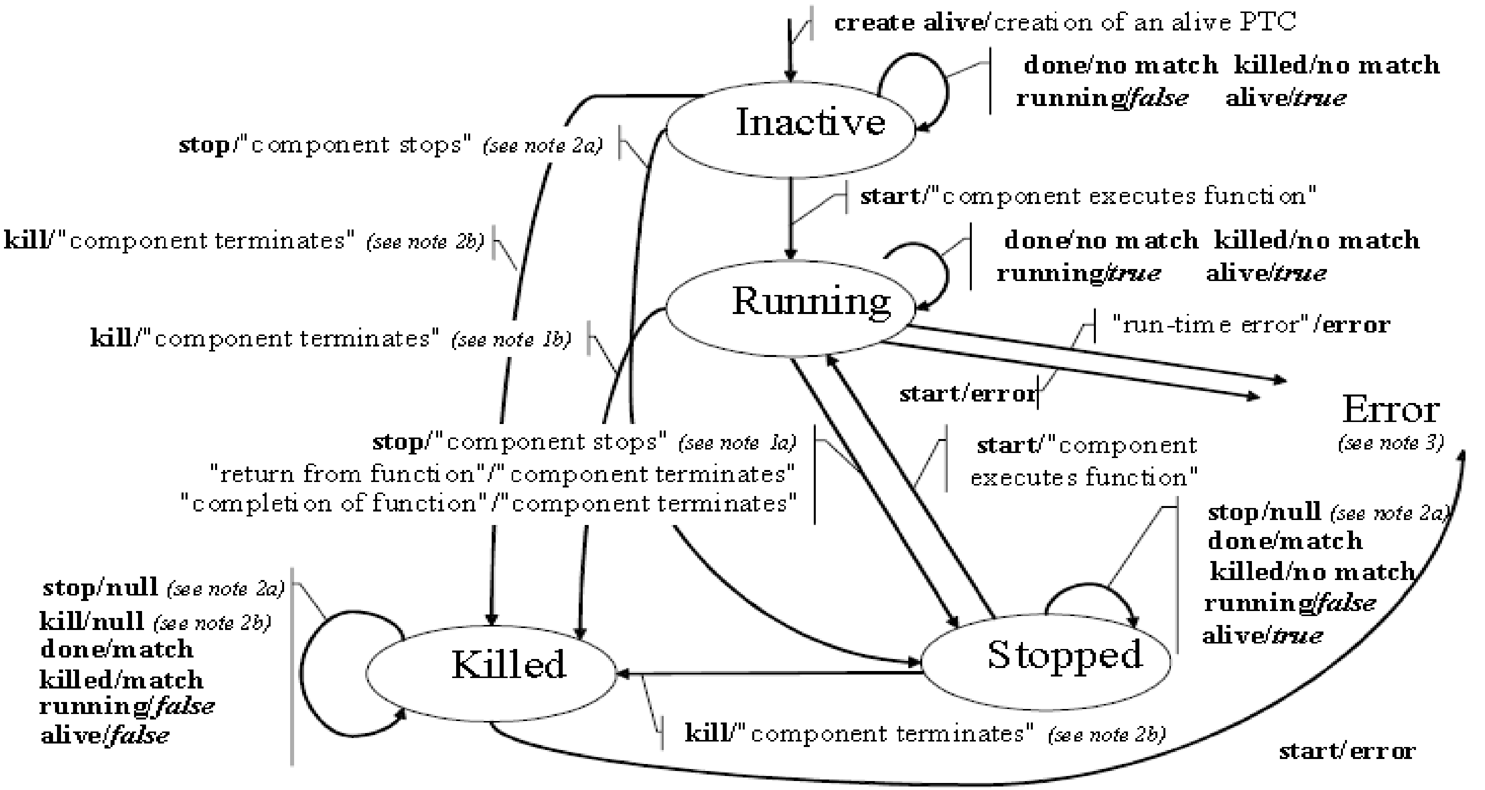
**stop/null** *(see note 2a)* **kill/null** *(see note 2b)*
**done/match** **killed/match**
**running/*false*** **alive/*false***

NOTE 1: (a) Stop can be either a stop, self.stop or a stop from another test component;
(b) Kill can be either a kill, self.kill, a kill from another test component or a kill from the test system (in error cases).

NOTE 2: (a) Stop can be from another test component only;
(b) Kill can be from another test component or from the test system (in error cases)only.

NOTE 3: Whenever a test component enters its error state, the error verdict is assigned to its local verdict, the test case terminates and the overall test case result will be error.

# ALIVE PTC STATE MACHINE

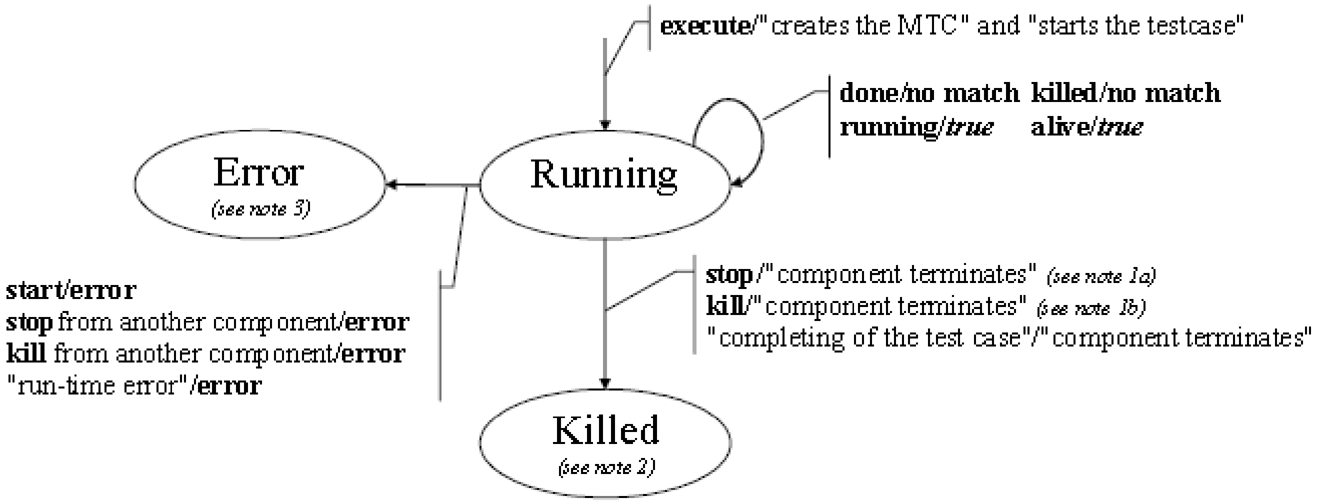

create alive/creation of an alive PTC
done/no match killed/no match
running/*false* alive/*true*
Inactive
stop/"component stops" (see note 2a)
start/"component executes function"
kill/"component terminates" (see note 2b)
done/no match killed/no match
running/*true* alive/*true*
Running
kill/"component terminates" (see note 1b)
"run-time error"/error
start/error
Error
(see note 3)
stop/"component stops" (see note 1a)
"return from function"/"component terminates"
"completion of function"/"component terminates"
start/"component executes function"
stop/null (see note 2a)
done/match
killed/no match
running/*false*
alive/*true*
stop/null (see note 2a)
kill/null (see note 2b)
done/match
killed/match
running/*false*
alive/*false*
Killed
Stopped
kill/"component terminates" (see note 2b)
start/error

NOTE 1: (a) Stop can be either a stop, self.stop or a stop from another test component;
(b) Kill can be either a kill, self.kill, a kill from another test component or a kill from the test system (in error cases).

NOTE 2: (a) Stop can be from another test component only;
(b) Kill can be from another test component or from the test system (in error cases) only.

NOTE 3: Whenever a test component enters its error state, the error verdict is assigned to its local verdict, the test case terminates and the overall test case result will be error.

# MTC STATE MACHINE


execute/"creates the MTC" and "starts the testcase"
done/no match killed/no match
running/true alive/true
Error
(see note 3)
Running
Killed
(see note 2)
start/error
stop from another component/error
kill from another component/error
"run-time error"/error
stop/"component terminates" (see note 1a)
kill/"component terminates" (see note 1b)
"completing of the test case"/"component terminates"

NOTE 1: (a) Stop can be either a stop, self.stop, a stop from another test component;
(b) Kill can be either a kill, self.kill, a kill from another test component or a kill from the test system (in error cases).

NOTE 2: All remaining PTCs shall be killed as well and the testcase terminates.

NOTE 3: Whenever the MTS enters its error state, the error verdict is assigned to its local verdict, the test case terminates and the overall test case result will be error.

# SPECIAL FEATURES OF COMPONENT HANDLING

- The **running**, **alive**, **done**, **killed** and **stop** operations can be combined with the special **any component** or **all component** as well as with the **self** and **mtc** keywords

| Operation | any component | all component | self | mtc | system |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| running<br>alive | YES* | YES* | YES# | NO | NO |
| done<br>killed | YES* | YES* | YES# | NO | NO |
| stop<br>kill | NO | YES* | YES | YES | NO |

YES* = from MTC only!

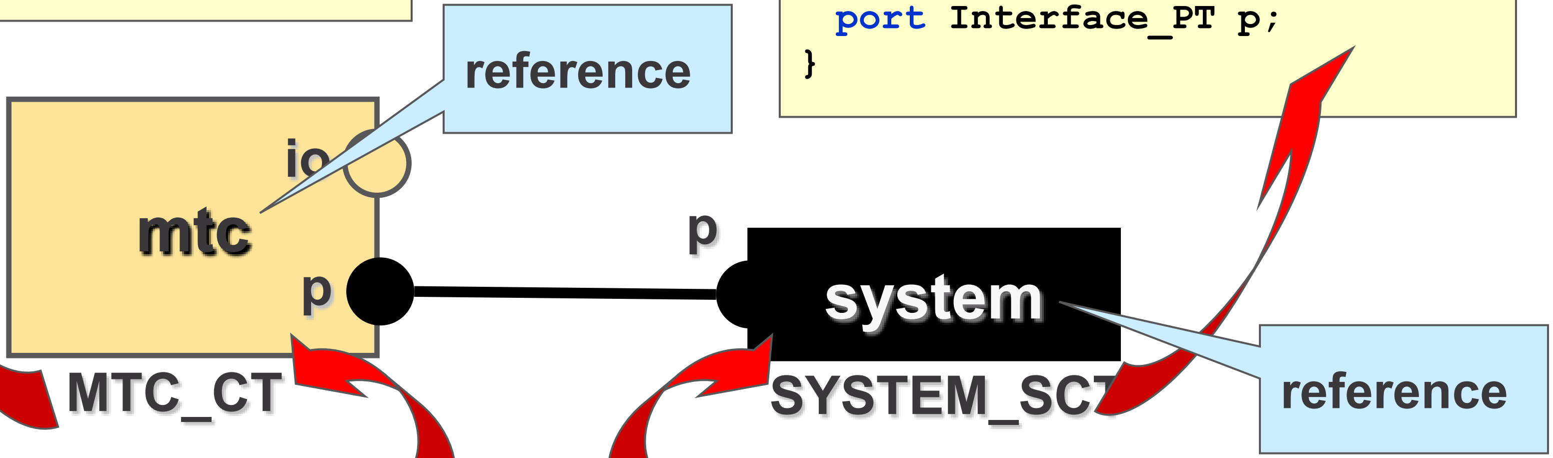
YES# = from PTCs only!

# RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COMPONENT TYPE, ROLE, REFERENCE

```
type port Interface_PT message { inout PDU; }
type port StdIO_PT message { inout charstring; }
```

```
type component MTC_CT {
  port Interface_PT p;
  port StdIO_PT io;
}
```

```
type component SYSTEM_SCT {
  port Interface_PT p;
}
```



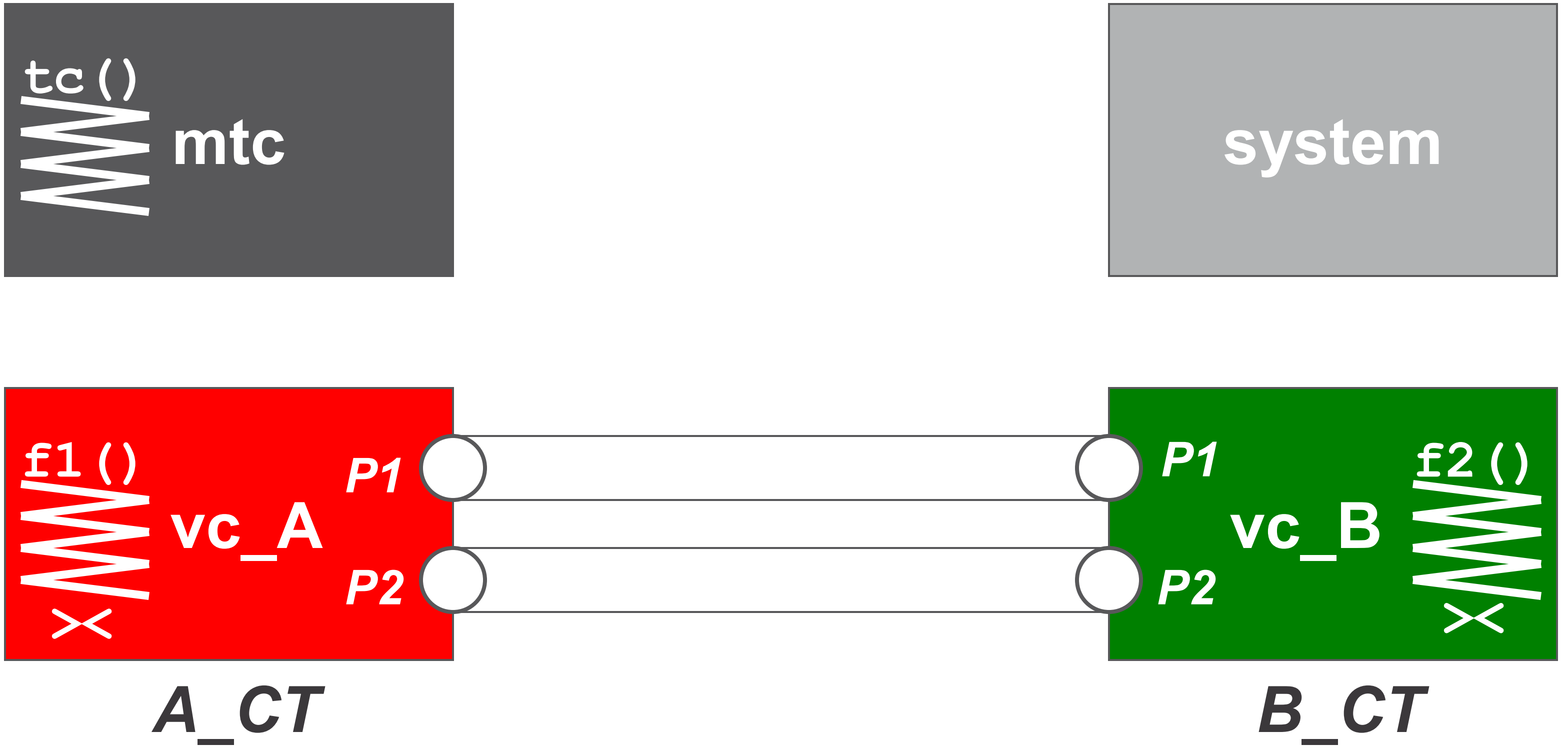
```
testcase tc_1() runs on MTC_CT system SYSTEM_SCT {
  map(mtc:p, system:p)
}
```

# ELEMENTARY STEPS OF SETTING UP THE TEST CONFIGURATION

1) Create PTCs (ports of components are created and started automatically) – `create`
2) Establish connections and mappings – `connect` or `map`
3) Start behavior on PTCs – `start`
4) Wait for PTCs to complete – `done` or `all component.done`

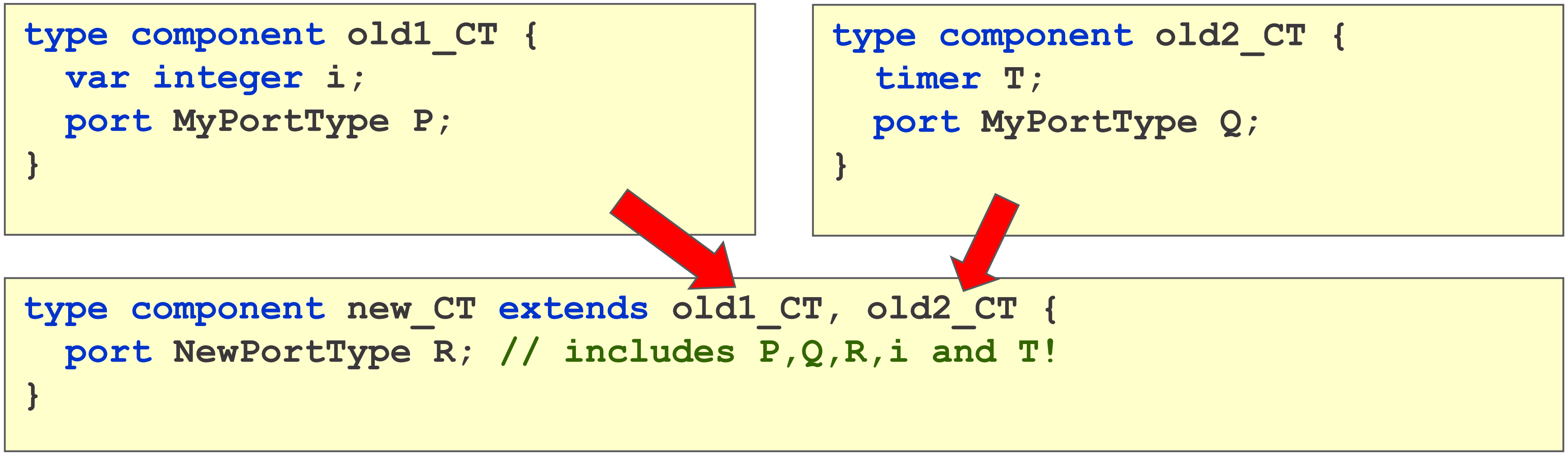
# EXAMPLE TEST CONFIGURATION

```
vc_B.done;
```



# EXTENDING COMPONENT TYPES

- Reuse of existing component type definitions:
  - “Derived” component type inherits all resources (ports, timers, variables, constants )of extended “parent” component type(s)
- Restrictions:
  - no cyclic extensions
  - avoid name clashes between different definitions



```
type component old1_CT {
  var integer i;
  port MyPortType P;
}
```

```
type component old2_CT {
  timer T;
  port MyPortType Q;
}
```

```
type component new_CT extends old1_CT, old2_CT {
  port NewPortType R; // includes P,Q,R,i and T!
}
```

# “RUNS ON-COMPATIBILITY”

- Function/altstep/testcase with “runs on” clause referring to an extended component type can also be executed on all derived component types

```
function f() runs on old1_CT {
  P.receive(integer:?) -> value i;
}
```

```
ptc := new1_CT.create;
ptc.start(f()); // OK: new1_CT is derived from old1_CT
```

# VISIBILITY MODIFIERS

- In component member definitions
  - `public` functions/testcases/altsteps running on that component can access the definition
  - `private` only the functions/testcases/altsteps  runs on the component type directly can access the definition which
  - `friend` modifier is not available within component types.

```
type component old1_CT {
  var integer i;
  public var charstrings v_char;
  private var boolean v_bool;
  port MyPortType P;
}
```

```
type component new_CT extends old1_CT
  {};

function f_set_int() runs on new_CT
  { i := 0 } //OK

function f_set_char() runs on new_CT
  { v_char := "a"} //OK

function f_set_bool() runs on new_CT
  {v_bool := true }
   //NOK, v_bool is private
```

# PORT CONTROL OPERATIONS

- Ports are automatically started at component creation and stopped when the component terminates (implicit stop)
- The **stop** operation shuts down the port (input queue contents are inaccessible) connections are *NOT* released!
- The **halt** operation blocks new incoming messages, but the messages in port queue remain intact and receivable
- The **clear** operation clears the port queue
- The **start** operation clears the queue and restarts the port

```
A_PCO.halt; //no new messages can get into port queue
A_PCO.stop; //no more activity on A_PCO
A_PCO.clear; //removes all messages from port queue
A_PCO.start; //clears port queue and restarts port
```

# SUMMARY OF CONFIGURATION OPERATORS (1)

| Operation | Keyword |
|---|---|
| Crete new parallel test component | `CT.create` |
| Create an alive component | `CT.create alive` |
| Connect two components | `connect(c1:p1,c2:p2)` |
| Disconnect two components | `disconnect(c1:p1,c2:p2)` |
| Connect (map) component to system | `map(c1:p1,c2:p2)` |
| Unmap port from system | `unmap(c1:p1,c2:p2)` |
| Get MTC address | `mtc` |
| Get test system interface address | `system` |
| Get own address | `self` |
| Start execution of test component | `ptc.start(f())` |

**Where `CT` is a component type definition; `ptc` is a PTC; `f()` is a function; `c`, `c1`, `c2` are component references and `p`, `p1`, `p2` are port identifiers**

# SUMMARY OF CONFIGURATION OPERATORS (2)

| Operation | Keyword |
|---|---|
| Check termination of a PTC | `ptc.running` |
| Check if a PTC is alive | `ptc.alive` |
| Stop execution of test component | `c.stop` |
| Kill an alive component | `c.kill` |
| Wait for termination of a test component | `ptc.done` |
| Wait for a PTC to be killed | `ptc.killed` |
| Start or restart port (queue is cleared!) | `p.start` |
| Stop port and block incoming messages | `p.stop` |
| Pause port operation | `p.halt` |
| Remove messages from the input queue | `p.clear` |

**Where `c` is a component reference; `ptc` is a PTC and `p` is a port identifier**

# XII. DATA TEMPLATES

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# TEMPLATE CONCEPT

| Message to send | Acceptable answer |
|---|---|
| TYPE: REQUEST | TYPE: RESPONSE |
| ID: 23 | ID: SAME as in REQ. |
| FROM: 231.23.45.4 | FROM: 230.x – 235.x |
| TO: 232.22.22.22 | TO: 231.23.45.4 |
| FIELD1: 1234 | FIELD1: 800-900 |
| FIELD2: ”Hello” | FIELD2: Do not care |

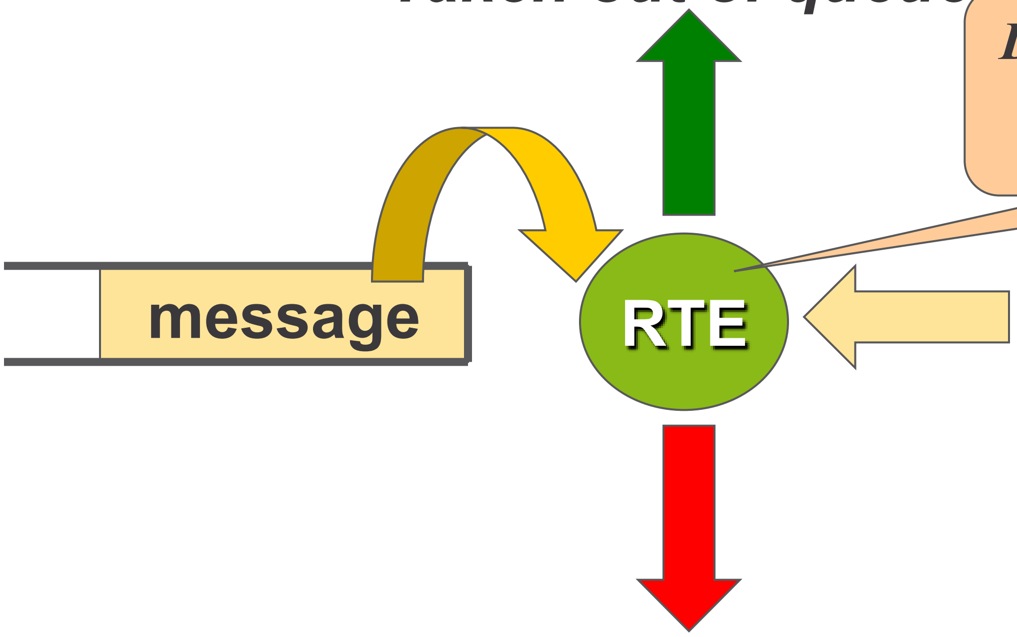
# DATA TEMPLATES

- A template is a pattern that specifies messages.

- A template for *sending* messages
  - may contain only specific values or `omit`;
  - usually specifies a message to be sent (but may also be received when the expected message does not vary).

- A template for *receiving* messages
  - describes all acceptable variants of a message;
  - contains matching attributes; these can be imagined as extended regular expressions;
  - *can be used only to receive:* trying to send a message using a receive template causes dynamic test case error.

# TEMPLATE MATCHING PROCEDURE



**Match ☺**
***Successful***
***Taken out of queue***

*Does the* **message** *match this* **template?**

**detailed description of the expected message**

**No match ☹**
***Unsuccessful***
***Remains in queue***

# TEMPLATE SYNTAX

```
template <type> <identifier> [ formal parameter list ]
  [ modifies <base template identifier> ] := <body>
```

- <*type*> can be any simple or structured type;
- <*body*> uses the assignment notation for structured types, thus, it may contain nested value assignments;
- the optional *formal parameter list* contains a fixed number of parameters; the formal parameters themselves can be templates or values;
- the optional **modifies** keyword denotes that this template is derived from an existing <*base template identifier*> template;
- constants, matching expressions, templates and parameter references shall be assigned to each field of a template.

# SAMPLE TEMPLATE

```
type record MyMessageType {
 integer    field1 optional,
 charstring field2,
 boolean    field3 };


template MyMessageType tr_MyTemplate
  (boolean pl_param) //formal parameter list
  := {          //template body between braces
       field1 := ?,
       field2 := (”B”, ”O”, ”Q”),
       field3 := pl_param
  }
```

- Syntax is similar to variable definition
  - but not only concrete values, but also matching mechanisms may stand at the right side of the assignment

# MATCHING MECHANISMS

- Determination of the accepted message variants is done on a per field basis.
- The following possibilities exist on field level:
  - listing accepted values;
  - listing rejected values;
  - value range definition;
  - accepting any value;
  - "don't care" field.
- The following possibilities exist on field value level:
  - matching any element;
  - matching any number of consecutive elements.
  - using the function **`regexp()`**

# SPECIFIC VALUE TEMPLATE

- Contains constant values or `omit` for optional fields
- Template consisting of purely specific values is equivalent to a constant → use the constant instead!
- Applicable to all basic and structured types
- Can be sent and received

```
// Template with specific value and the equivalent constant
template integer Five := 5;
const integer Five := 5; // constant is more effective here

// Specific values in both fields of a record template
template MyRecordType SpecificValueExample := {
 field1 := omit,
 field2 := false
};
```

# VALUE LIST AND COMPLEMENTED VALUE LIST TEMPLATES

- Value list template enlists all accepted values.
- Complemented value list template enlists all values that will *not* be accepted.
- Syntax is similar to that of value list subtype definition.
- Applicable to all basic and structured types.

```
// Value list template
template charstring tr_SingleABorC := (”A”, ”B”, ”C”);

// Complemented value list template for structured type
template MyRecordType tr_ComplementedTemplateExample := {
 field1 := complement (1, 101, 201),
 field2 := true // this is a specific value template field
};
```

# VALUE RANGE TEMPLATE

- Value range template can be used with **integer**, **float** and (**universal**) **charstring** types (and types derived from these).
- Syntax of value range definition is equivalent to the notation of the value range subtype:

```
// Value range
template float   tr_NearPi := (3.14 .. 3.15);
template integer tr_FitsToOneByte := (0 .. 255);
template integer tr_GreaterThanZero := (1 .. infinity);
```

- Lower and upper boundary of a (**universal**) **charstring** value range template must be a single character string
  - Determines the permitted characters

```
// Match strings consisting of any number of A, B and C
template charstring tr_PermittedAlphabet := ("A" .. "C");
```

# INTERMIXED VALUE LIST AND VALUE RANGE TEMPLATE

- Value list template can be combined with value range template.
- The value range can be specified as an element of a value list:

```
// Intermixed value list and range matching
template integer tr_Intermixed := ((0..127), 200, 255);

// Matches strings consisting of any number of capital
// letters or "Hello"
template charstring tr_NotThatGood :=
  (("A".."Z"), "Hello");
```

# ANY VALUE TEMPLATE – ?

- Matches all valid values for the concerned template field type;
- Does not match when the optional field is omitted;
- Applicable to all basic and structured types.
- A template containing `?` field can *NOT* be sent.

```
// Any value template
template integer tr_AnyInteger := ?;

// Any value template for structured type fields
template MyRecordType tr_ComplementedTemplateExample := {
 field1 := complement (1, 101, 201),
 field2 := ?
};
```

# ANY VALUE OR NONE TEMPLATE – *

- Matches all valid values for the concerned template field type;
- can *only* be used for **optional** fields: accepts any valid value including **omit** for that field;
- applicable to all basic and structured types.
- A template containing ***** field can *NOT* be sent.

```
// Any value or none template
template bitstring tr_AnyBitstring := *;

// Any value or none template for structured type fields
template MyRecordType tr_AnyValueOrNoneExample := {
 field1 := *, // NOTE: This field is optional!
 field2 := ?  // NOTE: This field is mandatory!
};
```

# MATCHING INSIDE VALUES

- **?** matches an arbitrary element,
  ***** matches any number of consecutive elements;
- applicable inside **bitstring**, **hexstring**, **octetstring**, **record of**, **set of** types and arrays;
- not allowed for **charstring** and **universal charstring**:
  - **pattern** shall be used instead! (see next slide)

```
// Using any element matching inside a bitstring value
// Last 2 bits can be '0' or '1'
template bitstring tr_AnyBSValue := ’101101??’B;

// Any elements or none in record of
// '2' and '3' must appear somewhere inside in that order
template ROI tr_TwoThree := { *, 2, 3, * };
```

# CHARSTRING MATCHING – PATTERN

- Provides regular expression-based pattern matching for **`charstring`** and **`universal charstring`** values.
- Format: **`pattern`** <*charstring*>
  where <*charstring*> contains a TTCN-3 style regular expression.
- Patterns can be used in templates only.

```
// Matches charstrings with the first character "a"
// and the last one "z"
template charstring tr_0 := pattern "a*z";

// Match 3 character long strings such as AAC, ABC, …
template charstring tr_01 := pattern "A?C";
```

# PATTERN METACHARACTERS

- `?` Matches any single character
- `*` Matches any number of any character
- `#(n,m)` Repeats the preceding expression at least n but at most m times
- `#n` Repeats the preceding expression exactly n times
- `+` Repeats the preceding expression one or several times (postfix); the same as #(1,)
- `[]` Specifies character classes: matches any char. from the specified class
- `-` Hyphen denotes character range inside a class
- `^` Caret in first position of a class negates class membership

  e.g. `[^0-9]` matches any non-numerical character
- `()` Creates a group expression
- `|` Denotes alternative expressions
- `{}` Inserts and interprets the user-defined string as a regular expression
- `\` Escapes the following metacharacter, e.g. `\\` escapes `\`
- `\d` Matches any numerical digit, equivalent to `[0-9]`
- `\w` Matches any alphanumeric character, equivalent to `[0-9a-zA-Z]`
- `\t` TABULATOR, `\n` NEWLINE, `\r` CR, `\”` DOUBLE QUOTE
- `\q{<group>, <plane>, <row>, <cell>}`
- Matches the universal character specified by the quadruple

# SAMPLE PATTERNS

- Set expression

```
// Matches any charstring beginning with a capital letter
template charstring tr_1 := pattern "[A-Z]*";
```

- Reference expression

```
// Matches 3 characters long charstrings like "AxB"
var charstring cg_in := "?x?";
template charstring tr_2 := pattern "{cg_in}";
```

- Multiple match

```
// Matches a string containing at least 3 at most 5 capitals
template charstring tr_4 := pattern "[A-Z]#(3,5)";

// Matches any ASN.1 type name
template charstring tr_3 :=
                  pattern "[A-Z](-#(,1)\w#(1,))#(,)";
```

# THE FUNCTION REGEXP()

- **function regexp** (*<input-string>*, *<regexp>*, *<group-number>*)
- **return** *<type of input-string>*;
- returns a substring of <*input-string*>, which is the content of
- (*<group-number>* + *1)*th group matching the <*regexp*>
- <*input-string*> type can be any (**universal**) **charstring**
- the type of returned value equals to the type of the input string

```
control {
 var charstring v_string := "0036 (1) 737-7698";
 var charstring v_regexp :=
        "0036 #(,)\((\d#(1,))\) #(,)[\d-]#(1,)";
 var charstring v_result := regexp(v_string, v_regexp, 0);
} // v_result contains the number in parentheses, i.e. 1
```

# MATCHING MECHANISMS (2)

- Value attributes on field level:
  - `length` restriction;
  - `ifpresent` modifier.

- Special matching for `set of` types:
  - `subset` and `superset` matching.
- Special matching for `record of` types:
  - `permutation` matching.

- Predefined functions operating on templates:
  - `match()`
  - `valueof()`

# LENGTH RESTRICTION

- Matches values of specified length – length can be a range.
- The unit of length is determined by the template’s type.
- Permitted only in conjunction with other matching mechanism (e.g. `?` or `*`)
- Applicable to all basic string types and record-of/set-of types

```
// Any value template with length restriction
template charstring tr_FourLongCharstring := ? length(4);
// type record of integer ROI;
template ROI tr_One2TenIntegers := ? length(1..10);
```

```
// Standalone length modifier is not allowed!
template bitstring tr_ERROR := length(3); // Parse error!!!
```

# PRESENCE ATTRIBUTE – IFPRESENT

- Used together with an other matching mechanism for constraining, **ifpresent** can be applied only to **optional** fields.
- Operation mode:
  - Absent optional field (**omit**) → always match
  - Present optional field → other matching mechanism decides matching
- Presence attribute makes sense with all matching mechanisms except **?** and *****  (***** is equivalent to **? ifpresent**)

```
// Presence attribute with structured type fields
template MyRecordType tr_IfpresentExample := {
 field1 := complement (1, 101, 201) ifpresent,
 field2 := ?
};
```

# SUBSET AND SUPERSET TEMPLATES

- Applicable to **set of** types only.
- **subset** matches if all elements of the incoming field are defined in the subset

```
type set of integer SOI;
template SOI tr_SOIb := subset ( 1, 2, 3 );
// Matches {1,3,2} and {1,3}
// Does not match {4,3,2} and {0,1,2,3,4}
```

- **superset** matches if all elements of the defined superset can be found in the incoming field

```
template SOI tr_SOIp := superset ( 1, 2, 3 );
// Matches {1,3,1,2} and {0,1,2,3,4}
// Does not match {1,3}(2 is missing) and {4,3,2}(1 is missing)
```

# PERMUTATION

- Applicable to **record of** types only
- **permutation** matches all permutations of enlisted elements (i.e. the very same elements enlisted in any order)

```
type record of integer ROI;
template ROI tr_ROIa := { permutation ( 1, 2, 3 ) };
// Matches {1,3,2} and {2,1,3}
// Does not match {4,3,2}, {0,1,2,3} and {1,2}(3 is missing)
```

# MATCHING AND TYPES

| What kind of matching mechanisms are applicable to which types?<br>Y = permitted<br>N = not applicable | Specific value, omit | Value list, complemented | Any value, any value or none | Range | Subset, superset | Permutation | Any element, any elements or none | Length restriction | ifpresent |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| `boolean` | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | N | Y |
| `integer, float` | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y |
| `bitstring, octetstring, hexstring` | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y |
| `charstring,`<br>`universal charstring` | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y |
| `record, set, union, enumerated` | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | N | Y |
| `record of` | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| `set of` | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |

# THE MATCH() PREDEFINED FUNCTION

› **function match** (<*value*>, <*template*>) **return boolean;**

- The **match**() predefined function can be used to check, if the specified <*value*> matches the given <*template*>.
- **true** is returned on success

```
// Use of match()
control {
 var MyRecordType v_MRT := {
      field1 := omit, field2 := true
 };
 if(match(v_MRT, tr_IfPresentExample)) { log("match") }
 else { log("no match") }
} // "match" has been written to the log
```

# THE VALUEOF() PREDEFINED FUNCTION

- `function valueof` (<*template*>) `return` <*type of template*>`;`

- The `valueof()` predefined function can be used to convert a specific value <*template*> into a value.
- The returned value can be saved into a variable whose type is equivalent to the <*type of template*>.
- Permitted for *specific value templates* only!

```
// Use of valueof()
control {
  var MyRecordType v_MRT;
  v_MRT := valueof(t_SpecificValueExample); // OK
  v_MRT := valueof(tr_IfPresentExample); // dynamic error!!
}
```

# TEMPLATES ARE NOT VALUES

- Value types in TTCN-3

```
1                                 // literal value
const integer c := 1;             // constant value
modulepar integer mp := 1; // module parameter value
var integer v := 1;               // variable value
```

- Specific value templates vs. general (receive) templates

```
template integer t1 := 1; // specific value template
template integer t2 := ?; // receive template
```

- Comparing values with values or templates

```
c == 1 and c == mp and mp == v // true: all values
t1 == c // error: comparing template with a value
valueof(t1) == v // true: t1 may be converted to a value
valueof(t2) == v // error:t2 cannot be converted to a value
match(mp,t2) == true // true: mp matches t2
```

# TEMPLATE VARIANTS

- Inline templates
- Inline modified templates

- Template modification

- Template parameterization

- Template hierarchy

# INLINE TEMPLATES

- Defined directly in the sending or receiving operation
- Syntax:

  [ <***type***> : ] <***matching***>

- Usually ineffective, recommended to use in simple cases only (e.g. receive any value of a specific type)

```
// Ex1: receive any value of a given type
   port1_PCO.receive(BCCH_MESSAGE:?);


// Ex2: value range of integer
  port1_PCO.receive((0..7));
// Ex3: compound types (nesting is possible)
   port1_PCO.receive(MyRecordType:{ field1 := *,
                                   field2 := ? } );
```

# MODIFIED TEMPLATES

```
 // Parent template:
 template MyMsgType t_MyMessage1 := {
       field1 := 123,
       field2 := true
 }
 // Modified template:
 template MyMsgType t_MyMessage2 modifies t_MyMessage1 :=
 {
       field2 := false
 }
// t_MyMessage2 is the same as t_MyMessage3 below
 template MyMsgType t_MyMessage3 := {
       field1 := 123,
       field2 := false
 }
```

# INLINE MODIFIED TEMPLATES

- Defined directly in the communication operation
- Valid only for that one operation (No identifier, no reusability)
- Can not be parameterized
- Usually ineffective, not recommended to use!

```
template MyRecordType t_1 := {
 field1 := omit,
 field2 := false
}
control {
 …
 port_PCO.receive(modifies t_1 := { field1 := * } );
 …
}
```

# TEMPLATE PARAMETERIZATION (1)

- *Value* formal parameters accept as actual parameter:
  - literal values
  - constants, module parameters & variables

```
// Value parameterization
template MyMsgType t_MyMessage
 ( integer pl_int,            // first parameter
   integer pl_int2            // second parameter
 ) :=
 {                            // template body follows
       field1 := pl_int,
       field2 := t_MyMessage1 (pl_int2, omit )
 }
// Example use of this template
P1_PCO.send(t_MyMessage(1, vl_integer_2))
```

# TEMPLATE PARAMETERIZATION (2)

- Parameterizing modified templates
  - The formal parameter list of the parent template must be included;
  - additional (to the parent list) parameters *may* be added

```
template MyMsgType MyMessage4
  ( integer par_int, boolean par_bool ) :=
{
  field1 := par_int,
  field2 := par_bool,
  field3 := '00FF00'O
} // and
template MyMsgType MyMessage2
  ( integer par_int, boolean par_bool, octetstring par_oct )
  modifies MyMessage4 :=
{
  field3 := par_oct
}
```

**Formal parameter list of the parent template must be fully repeated here!**

# TEMPLATE PARAMETERIZATION (3)

- *Template* formal parameters can accept as actual parameter:
  - literal values
  - constants, module parameters & variables, `omit`
  - + matching symbols (`?`, `*` etc.) and templates

```
// Template-type parameterization
template integer tr_Int := ( (3..6), 88, 555) );
template MyIEType tr_TemplPm(template integer pl_int) :=
  { f1 := 1, f2 := pl_int }

// Can be used:
P1_PCO.send(tr_ TemplPm( 5 ) );
P1_PCO.receive (tr_ TemplPm( ? ) );
P1_PCO.receive (tr_ TemplPm( tr_Int ) );
P1_PCO.receive (tr_ TemplPm( (3..55) ) );
P1_PCO.receive (tr_ TemplPm( complement (3,5,9) );
```

**Note the `template` keyword!**

# RESTRICTED TEMPLATES

Templates can be restricted to

- `(omit)` evaluate to a specific value or `omit`
- `(present)` evaluate to any template except `omit`
- `(value)` specific value (i.e. the entire template must not be `omit`)

Applicable to any kind of templates (i.e. template definitions, variable templates and template formal parameters)

| | `template (omit)` | `template (present)` | `template (value)` |
|---|---|---|---|
| `omit` | `Ok` | `error` | `error` |
| **Specific value template** | `Ok` | `Ok` | `Ok` |
| **Receive template** | `error` | `Ok` | `error` |

```
function f_omit(template (omit) integer p) {}
function f_present(template (present) integer p) {}
function f_value(template (value) integer p) {}
```

# RESTRICTED TEMPLATE EXAMPLES

```
// omit restriction
function f_omit(template (omit) integer p) {}
f_omit(omit); // Ok
f_omit(integer:?); // Error
f_omit(1); // Ok
// present restriction
function f_present(template (present) integer p) {}
f_present(omit); // Error: omit is excluded
f_present(integer:?); // Ok
f_present(1); // Ok
// value restriction
function f_value(template (value) integer p) {}
f_value(omit); // Error: entire argument must not be omit
f_value(integer:?); // Error: not value
f_value(1); // Ok
```

# TEMPLATE VARIABLES

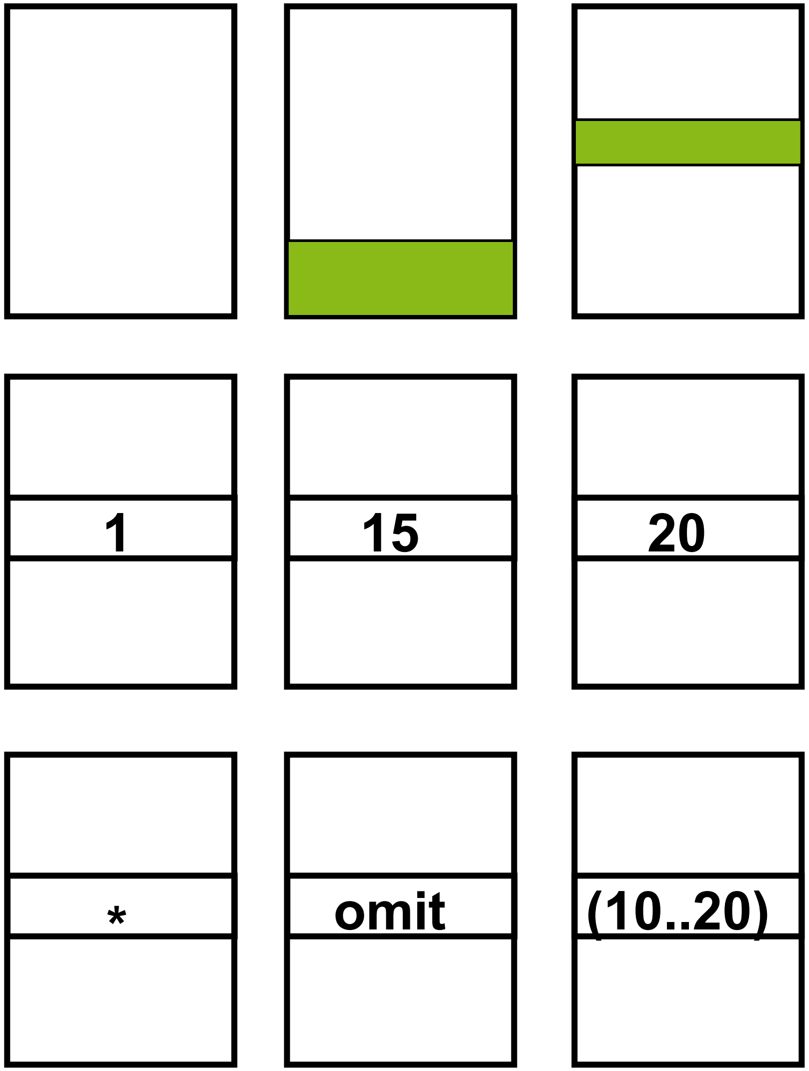
- Templates can be stored in so called template variables
- Template variable
  - may change its value several times
  - assignment and access to its elements are permitted (e.g. reference and index notation permitted)
  - must not be an operand of any TTCN-3 operators

```
control {
 var template integer vt := ?;
 var template MySetType vs :=
      { field1:= ?, field2 := true};
 vt := (1,2,3); // Ok
 vs.field1 := 2; // Ok
}
```

# TEMPLATE HIERARCHY

- Practical template structure/hierarchy depends on:
  - Protocol: complexity and structure of ASPs, PDUs
  - Purpose of testing: conformance vs. load testing
- Hierarchical arrangement:
  - Flat template structure – separate template for everything
  - Plain templates referring to each other directly
  - Modified templates: new templates can be derived by modifying an existing template (provides a simple form of inheritance)
  - Parameterized templates with value or template formal parameters
  - Parameterized modified templates
- Flat structure → hierarchical structure
  - Complexity increases, number of templates decreases
  - Not easy to find the optimal arrangement

# TEMPLATE HIERARCHY – TYPICAL SITUATIONS



modified template

parametrized template

template parameter

# XIII. ABSTRACT COMMUNICATION OPERATIONS

ASYNCHRONOUS COMMUNICATION
SEND, RECEIVE, CHECK AND TRIGGER OPERATIONS
PORT CONTROL OPERATIONS (START, STOP, CLEAR)
VALUE AND SENDER REDIRECTS
SEND TO AND RECEIVE FROM OPERATIONS
SYNCHRONOUS COMMUNICATION

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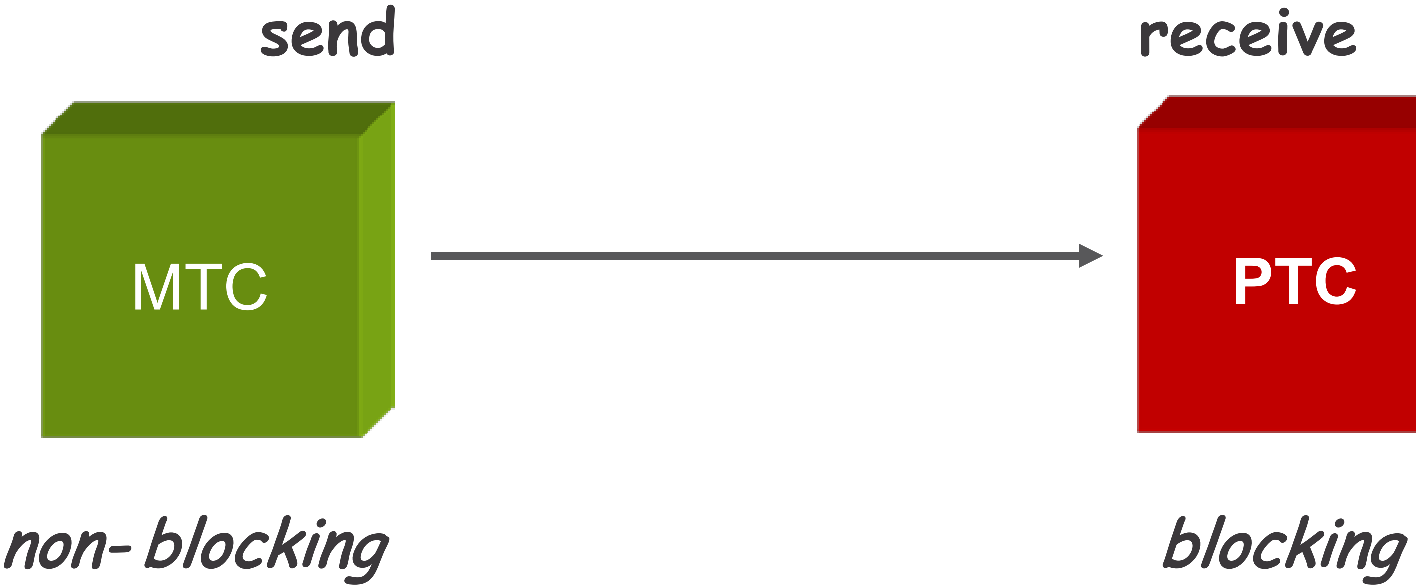
# ASYNCHRONOUS COMMUNICATION



# SEND AND RECEIVE SYNTAX

- *<PortId>*`.`**`send`**`(`*<ValueRef>*`)`

  where *<PortId>* is the name of a **`message`** port containing an **`out`** or **`inout`** definition for the type of *<ValueRef>* and *<ValueRef>* can be:
  - Literal value; constant, variable, specific value template (i.e. send template) reference or expression

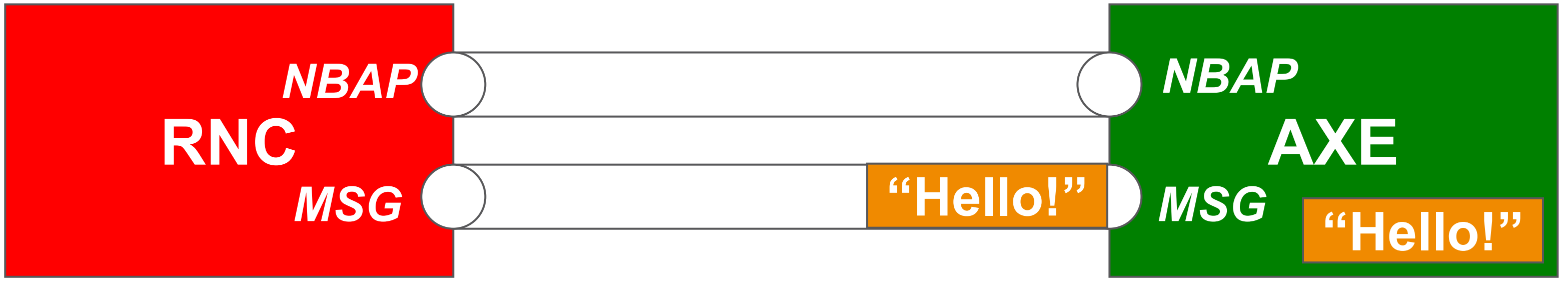
- *<PortId>*`.`**`receive`**`(`*<TemplateRef>*`)` or *<PortId>*`.`**`receive`**

  where *<PortId>* is the name of a **`message`** port containing an **`in`** or **`inout`** definition for the type of *<TemplateRef>* and *<TemplateRef>* can be:
  - Literal value; constant, variable, template (even with matching mechanisms) reference or expression; inline template

# SEND AND RECEIVE OPERATIONS

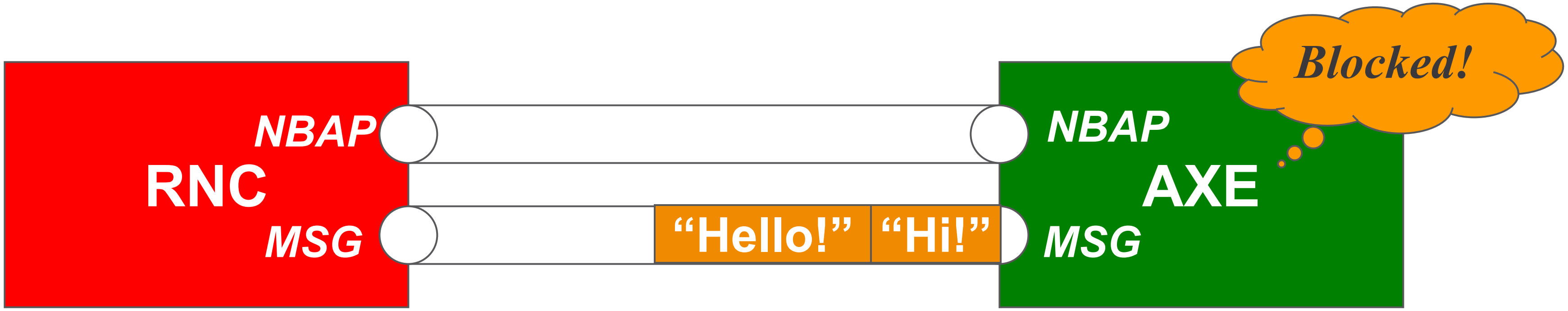
- Send and receive operations can be used only on connected ports
  - Sending or receiving on a port, which has neither connections nor mappings results in test case error
- The send operation is non-blocking
- The receive operation has blocking semantics
  (except if it is used within an alt or an interleave statement!)
- Arriving messages stay in the incoming queue of the destination port
- Messages are sent and received in order
- The receive operation examines the 1st message of the port's queue, but extracts this *only if* the message matches the receive operation's template

# SEND AND RECEIVE EXAMPLES



```
MSG.send("Hello!");
```

```
MSG.receive("Hello!");
```



```
MSG.send ("Hi!");
MSG.send("Hello!");
```

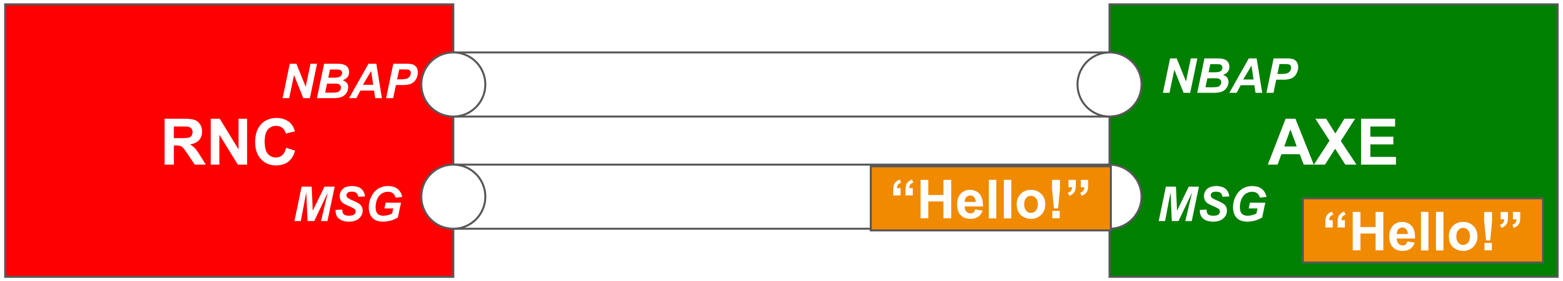
```
MSG.receive("Hello!");
```

# CHECK-RECEIVE AND TRIGGER VS. RECEIVE

- Check-receive operation blocks until a message is present in the port's queue, then it decides, if the 1st message of the port's queue matches our template or not;
  The message itself remains untouched on the top of the queue!
  - Usage:

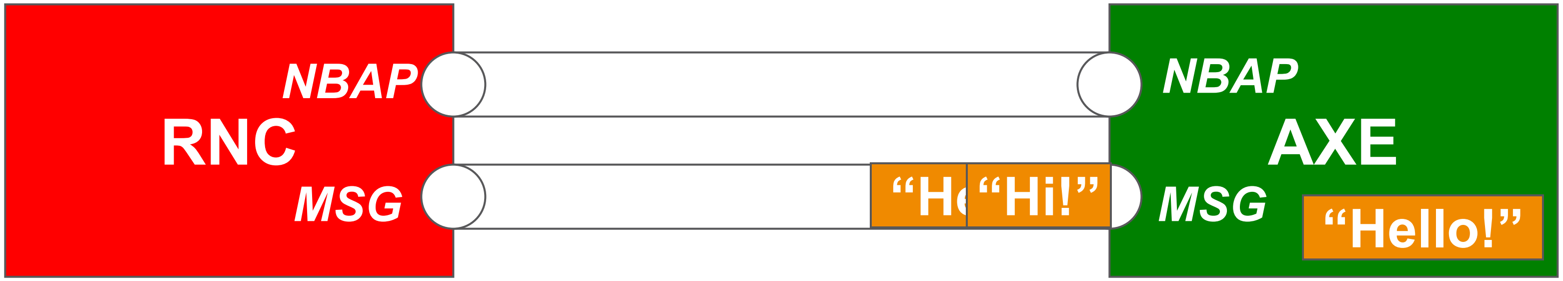
    ```
    <PortId>.check(receive(<TemplateRef>));
    <PortId>.check;
    any port.check;
    ```
- Trigger operation blocks until a message is arrived into the port's queue and extracts the 1st message from the queue:
  - If the top message meets the matching criteria → works like receive
  - Otherwise the message is dropped without any further action
  - Usage:
  - `<PortId>.trigger(<TemplateRef>);`
  - `<PortId>.trigger;` (equivalent to `<PortId>.receive;`)

# TRIGGER EXAMPLES



```
MSG.send("Hello!");
```

```
MSG.trigger("Hello!");
```



```
MSG.send ("Hi!");
MSG.send("Hello!");
```

```
MSG.trigger("Hello!");
```

# VALUE AND SENDER REDIRECT

- Value redirect stores the matched message into a variable
- Sender redirect saves the component reference or address of the matched message’s originator
- Works with both **receive** and **trigger**

```
template MsgType MsgTemplate := { /* valid content */ }

var MsgType MsgVar;
var CompRef Peer;
// save message matched by MsgTemplate into MsgVar
PortRef.receive(MsgTemplate) -> value MsgVar;
// obtain sender of message
PortRef.receive(MsgTemplate) -> sender Peer;
// extract MsgType message and save it with its sender
PortRef.trigger(MsgType:?) -> value MsgVar sender Peer;
```

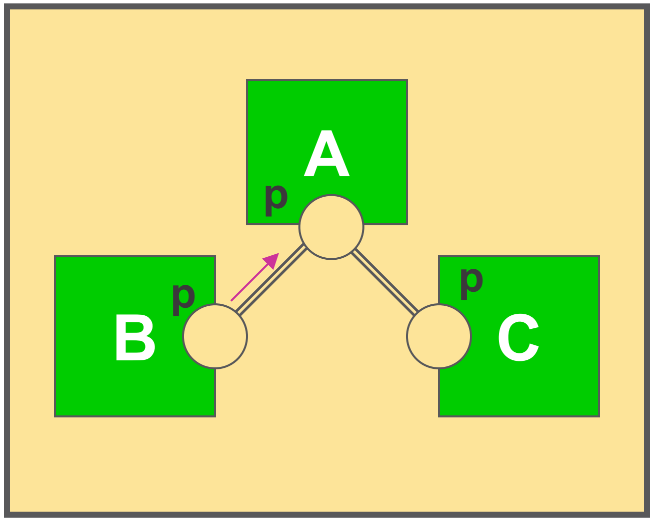
# SEND TO AND RECEIVE FROM

- Components A, B, C are of the same type
- P has 2 connections and 1 mapping in component A
- How does component A tell to the RTE that it waits for an incoming message from component B?

```
p.receive(TemplateRef) from B;
```

- How does component A send a message to system?

```
p.send(Msg) to C;
```



```
//send a reply for the previous message
p.receive (Request_Msg) -> sender CompVar;
p.send(Msg) to CompVar;
```

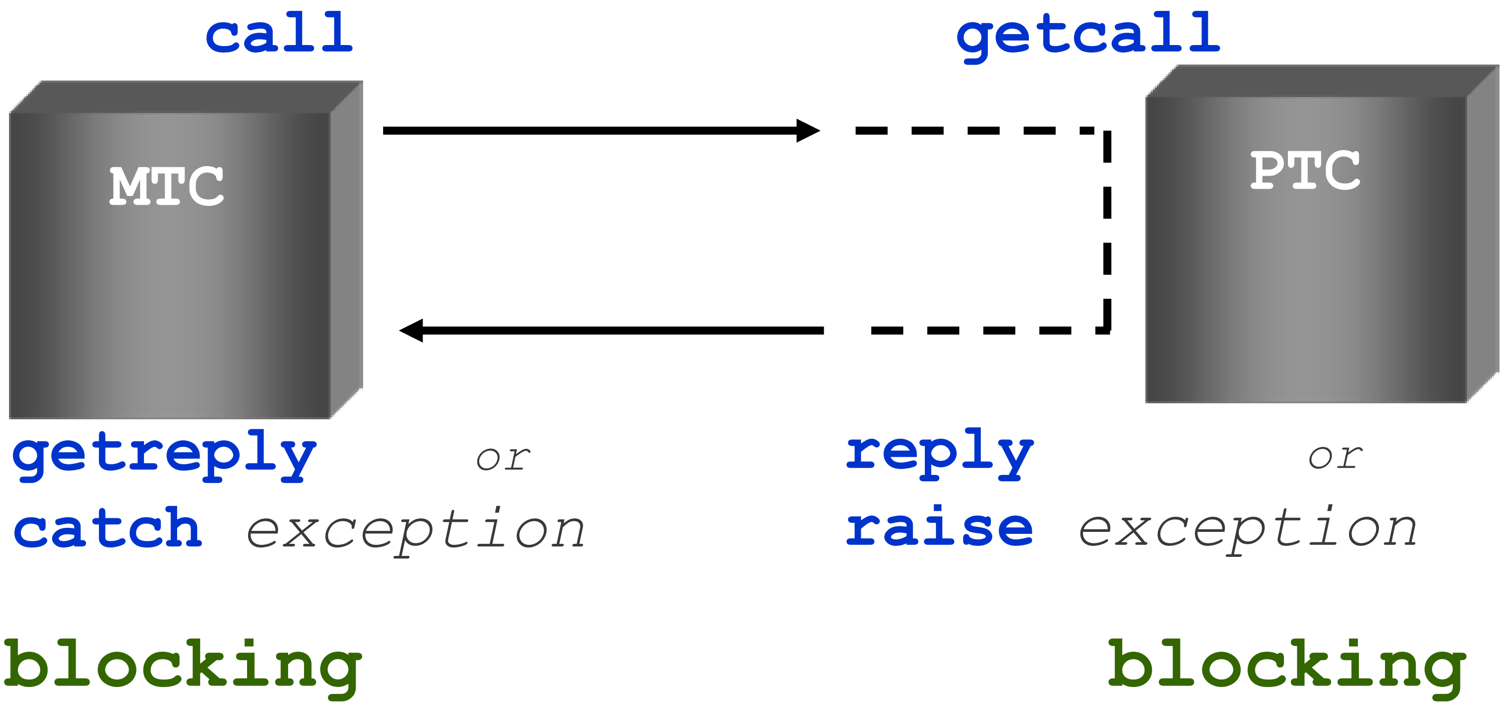
# EXAMPLES OF ASYNCHRONOUS COMMUNICATION OPERATIONS

```
MyPort_PCO.send(f_Myf_3(true));

MyPort_PCO.receive(tr_MyTemplate(5, v_MyVar));

MyPort_PCO.receive(MyType:?) -> value v_MyVar; // !!

MyPort_PCO.receive(MyType:?) -> value v_MyVar sender Peer;

any port.receive;

MyPort_PCO.check(receive(A < B)) from MyPeer;

MyPort_PCO.trigger(5) -> sender MyPeer;
```

# SUMMARY OF ASYNCHRONOUS COMMUNICATION OPERATIONS

| Operation | Keyword |
|---|---|
| Send a message | `send` |
| Receive a message | `receive` |
| Trigger on a given message | `trigger` |
| Check for a message in port queue | `check` |

# SYNCHRONOUS COMMUNICATION



call

getcall

MTC

PTC

getreply *or*
catch *exception*

reply *or*
raise *exception*

blocking

blocking

# EXAMPLES OF SYNCHRONOUS COMMUNICATION OPERATIONS

```
signature MyProc3 (out integer MyPar1, inout boolean MyPar2)
       return integer
       exception (charstring);
// Call of MyProc3
MyPort.call(MyProc3:{ -, true }, 5.0) to MyPartner {
  [] MyPort.getreply(MyProc3:{?, ?}) -> value MyResult param
                              (MyPar1Var,MyPar2Var) { }
  [] MyPort.catch(MyProc3, “Problem occured”) {
              setverdict(fail); stop; }
 [] MyPort.catch(timeout) {
              setverdict(inconc); stop; }
}
// Reply and exception to an accepted call of MyProc3
MyPort.reply(MyProc3:{5,MyVar} value 20);
MyPort.raise(MyProc3, “Problem occured”);
```

# SUMMARY OF SYNCHRONOUS COMMUNICATION OPERATIONS

| Operation | Keyword |
|---|---|
| Invoke (remote) procedure call | `call` |
| Reply to a (remote) procedure call | `reply` |
| Raise an exception | `raise` |
| Accept (remote) procedure call | `getcall` |
| Handle response from a previous call | `getreply` |
| Catch exception (from called entity) | `catch` |
| Check reply or exception | `check` |

# XIV. BEHAVIORAL STATEMENTS

SEQUENTIAL BEHAVIOR
ALTERNATIVE BEHAVIOR
ALT STATEMENT, SNAPSHOT SEMANTICS
GUARD EXPRESSIONS, ELSE GUARD
ALTSTEPS
DEFAULTS
INTERLEAVE STATEMENt

CONTENTS

# SEQUENTIAL EXECUTION BEHAVIOR FEATURES

- Program statements are executed in order
- Blocking statements block the execution of the component
  - all receiving communication operations, **timeout**, **done**, **killed**
- Occurrence of unexpected event may cause infinite blocking

```
// x must be the first on queue P, y the second
P.receive(x); // Blocks until x appears on top of queue P
P.receive(y); // Blocks until y appears on top of queue P
// When y arrives first then P.receive(x) blocks -> error
```

# PROBLEMS OF SEQUENTIAL EXECUTION

- Unable to prevent blocking operations from dead-lock
  i.e. waiting for some event to occur, which does not happen

```
// Assume all queues are empty
P.send(x); // transmit x on P -> does not block
T.start;   // launch T timer to guard reception
P.receive(x); // wait for incoming x on P -> blocks
T.timeout; // wait for T to elapse
// ^^^ does not prevent eventual blocking of P.receive(x)
```

- Unable to handle mutually exclusive events

```
// x, y are independent events
A.receive(x); // Blocks until x appears on top of queue A
B.receive(y); // Blocks until y appears on top of queue B
// y cannot be processed until A.receive(x) is blocking
```

# SOLUTION: ALTERNATIVE EXECUTION – ALT STATEMENT

- Go for the alternative that happens earliest!
- Alternative events can be processed using the `alt` statement
- `alt` declares a set of alternatives covering all events, which …
  - can happen: expected messages, timeouts, component termination;
  - must not happen: unexpected faulty messages, no message received
- … in order to satisfy soundness criterion
- All alternatives inside `alt` are blocking operations

- The format of `alt` statement:

```
alt { // declares alternatives
// 1st alternative (highest precedence)
// 2nd alternative
// …
// last alternative (lowest precedence)
} // end of alt
```

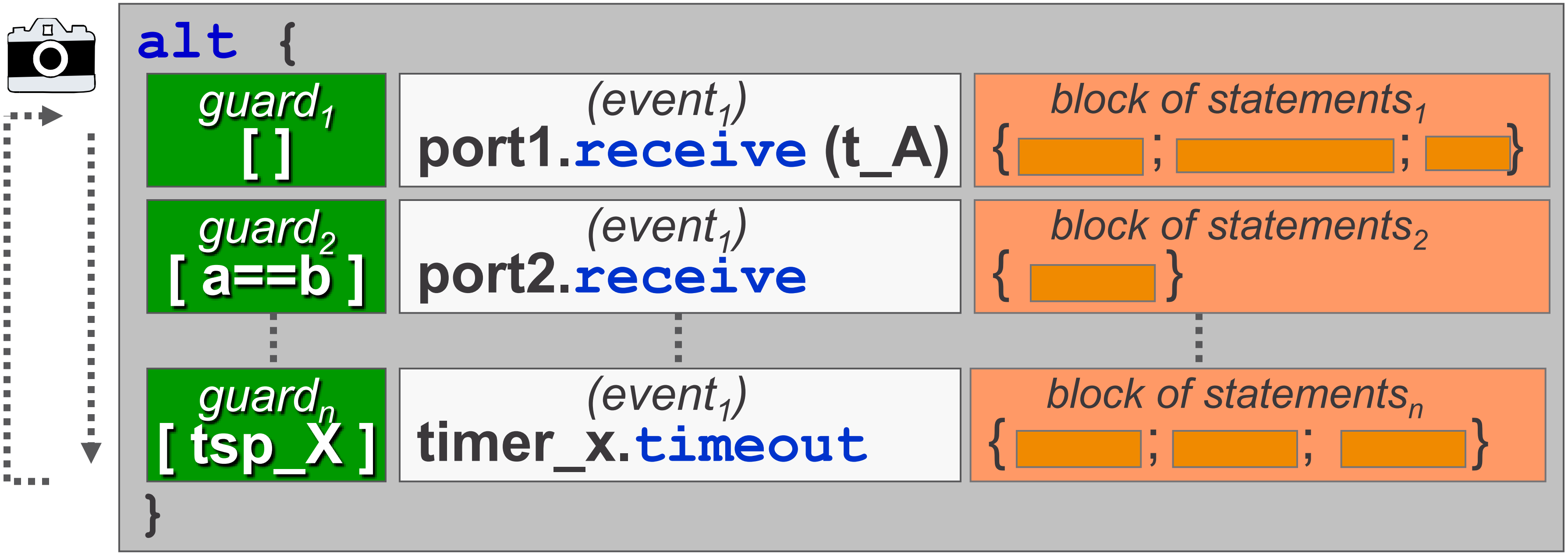
# ALTERNATIVE EXECUTION BEHAVIOR EXAMPLES

- Take care of unexpected event and timeout:

```
P.send(req)
T.start;
// …
alt {
[] P.receive(resp)  { /* actions to do and exit alt */ }
[] any port.receive { /* handle unexpected event */ }
[] T.timeout        { /* handle timer expiry and exit */ }
}
```

# SNAPSHOT SEMANTICS

1. Take a snapshot reflecting current state of test system
2. For all alternatives starting with the 1st:
   a) Evaluate guard: false → 2
   b) Evaluate event: would block → 2
   c) Discard snapshot; execute statement block and exit alt → READY
3. → 1



alt {

*guard$_1$* [ ] *(event$_1$)* port1.receive (t_A) *block of statements$_1$* { ; ; }

*guard$_2$* [ a==b ] *(event$_1$)* port2.receive *block of statements$_2$* { }

*guard$_n$* [ tsp_X ] *(event$_1$)* timer_x.timeout *block of statements$_n$* { ; ; }

}

# FORMAT OF ALTERNATIVES

- Guard condition enables or disables the alternative:
  - Usually empty: `[]` equivalent to `[true]`
  - Can contains a condition (boolean expression): `[x > 0]`
  - Occasionally the else keyword: `[else]` → `else` branch
    - but it makes the semantics completely different!
- Blocking operation (event):
  - Any of `receive`, `trigger`, `getcall`, `getreply`, `catch`, `check`, `timeout`, `done` or `killed`
  - `altstep` invocation → `altstep`
  - May be empty only in `[else]` guard
- Statement block:
  - Describes actions to be executed on event occurrence
  - Optional: can be empty ( i.e. `{}` or `;` )

# ALT STATEMENT EXECUTION SEMANTICS

- Alternatives are processed according to snapshot semantics
  - Alternatives are evaluated in the same context (snapshot) such that each alternative event has “the same chance”
- `alt` waits for one of the declared events to happen then executes corresponding statement block using sequential behavior!
  - i.e. only a single declared alternative is supposed to happen
- `alt` quits after completing the actions related to the event that happened first
- First alternative has highest priority, last has the least
- When no alternatives apply → programming error (not sound) → dynamic testcase error!

# NESTED ALT STATEMENT

```
alt {
[] P.receive(1)
   {
     P.send(2)
     alt { // embedded alt
     [] P.receive(3) { P.send(4) }
     [] any port.receive { setverdict(fail); }
     [] any timer.timeout { setverdict(inconc) }
     } // end of embedded alt
   }
[] any port.receive { setverdict(fail); }
[] any timer.timeout { setverdict(inconc) }
}
```

# THE REPEAT STATEMENT

- Takes a new snapshot and re-evaluates the `alt` statement
- Can appear as last statement in statement blocks of statements

- Can be used for example to filter “keep alive” messages :

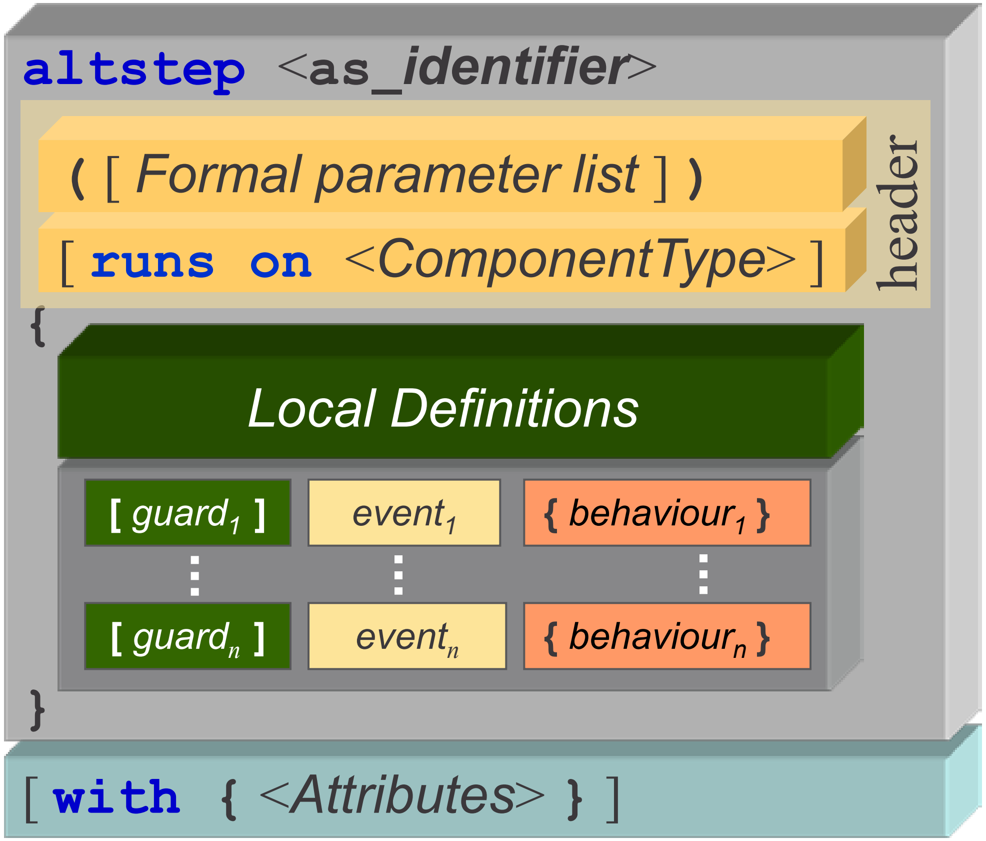
```
P.send(req)
T.start;
// …
alt {
[] P.receive(resp)   { /* actions to do and exit alt */ }
[] P.receive(keep_alive) { /* handle keep alive message */
                            repeat }
[] any port.receive { /* handle unexpected event */ }
[] T.timeout        { /* handle timer expiry and exit */ }
}
```

# THE ELSE GUARD

- Guard contains else and blocking event is absent
- Execution continues with the else branch, when none of the previous alternatives satisfied at first snapshot
- Consequently, an alt with else:
  - takes only a single snapshot → never blocks execution
  - does not wait for any declared event to happen
  - goes on immediately with the actions of the event, which happened before taking the snapshot or jumps to statement block of else branch

```
alt { // 1 snapshot is taken here
[] A.receive(x) { /* extract x if available in A */ }
[] any port.receive { /* remove anything */ }
[else] { /* continue here when none of above applied */ }
} // end of alt
```

# STRUCTURING ALTERNATIVE BEHAVIOR – ALTSTEP



**altstep** <as_*identifier*>

( [ *Formal parameter list* ] )

[ **runs on** <*ComponentType*> ]

header

{

*Local Definitions*

[ *guard$_1$* ] *event$_1$* { *behaviour$_1$* }

⋮ ⋮ ⋮

[ *guard$_n$* ] *event$_n$* { *behaviour$_n$* }

}

[ **with** { <*Attributes*> } ]

- Collection of a set of “common” alternatives
- Run-time expansion
- Invoked in-line, inside alt statements or activated as default Run-time parameterization
- Optional runs on clause
- No return value
- Local definitions deprecated

# THREE WAYS TO USE ALTSTEP

- Direct invocation:
  - Expands dynamically to an `alt` statement

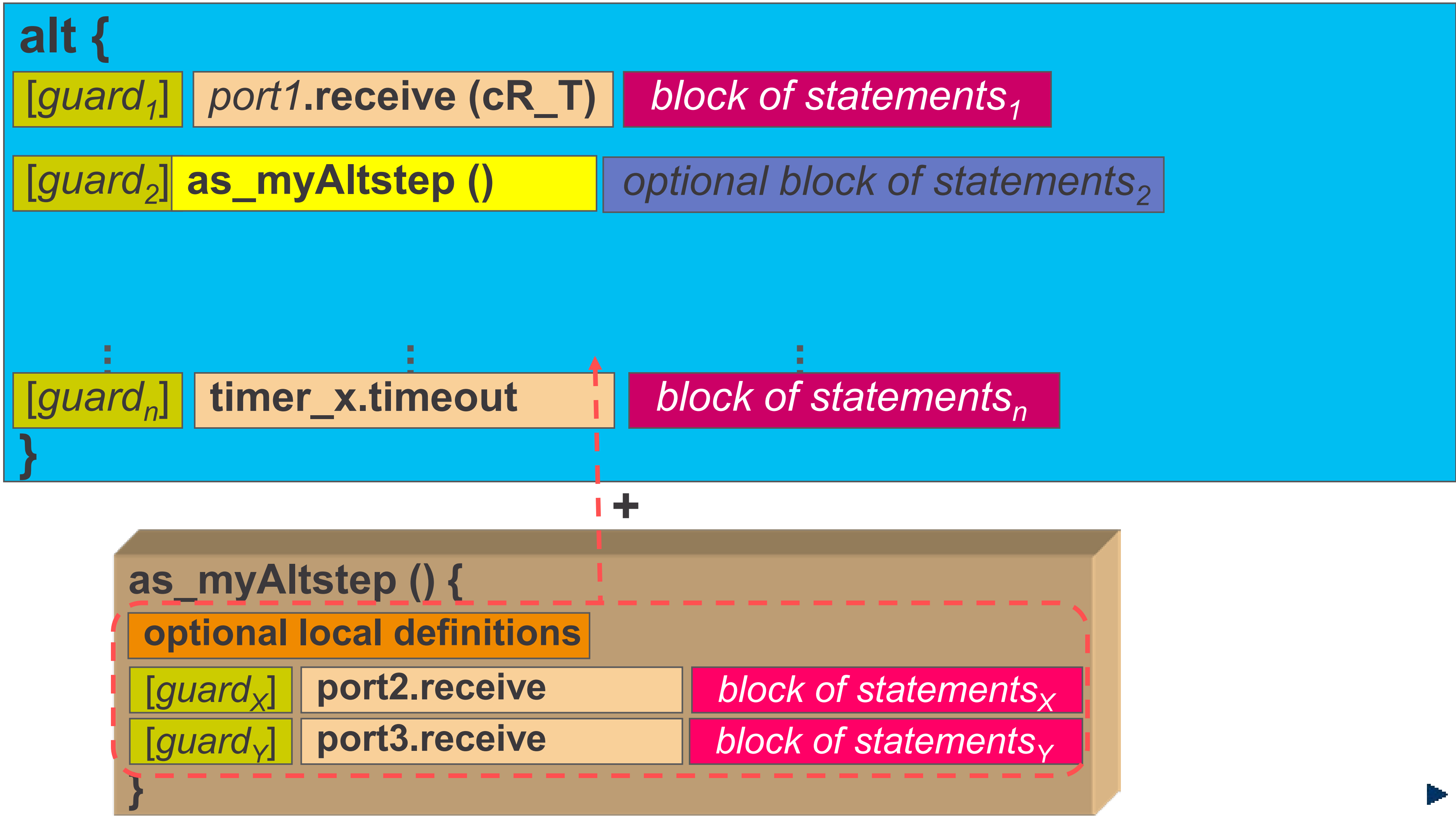
- Dynamic invocation from alt statement:
  - Attaches further alternatives to the place of invocation

- Default activation:
  - Automatic attachment of activated `altstep` branches to the end of each `alt`/blocking operation

# USING ALTSTEP – DIRECT INVOCATION

```
// Definition in module definitions part
altstep as_MyAltstep(integer pl_i) runs on My_CT {
[] PCO.receive(pl_i) {…}
[] PCO.receive(tr_Msg) {…}
}
// Use of the altstep
testcase tc_101() runs on My_CT {
  as_MyAltstep(4); // Direct altstep invocation…
}

// … has the same effect as
testcase tc_101() runs on My_CT {
  alt {
  [] PCO.receive(4) {…}
  [] PCO.receive(tr_Msg) {…}
  }
}
```

# USING ALTSTEP – INVOCATION IN ALT



**alt {**

[*guard*$_1$] *port1*.**receive (cR_T)** *block of statements*$_1$

[*guard*$_2$] **as_myAltstep ()** *optional block of statements*$_2$

⋮ ⋮ ⋮

[*guard*$_n$] **timer_x.timeout** *block of statements*$_n$

**}**

**+**

**as_myAltstep () {**

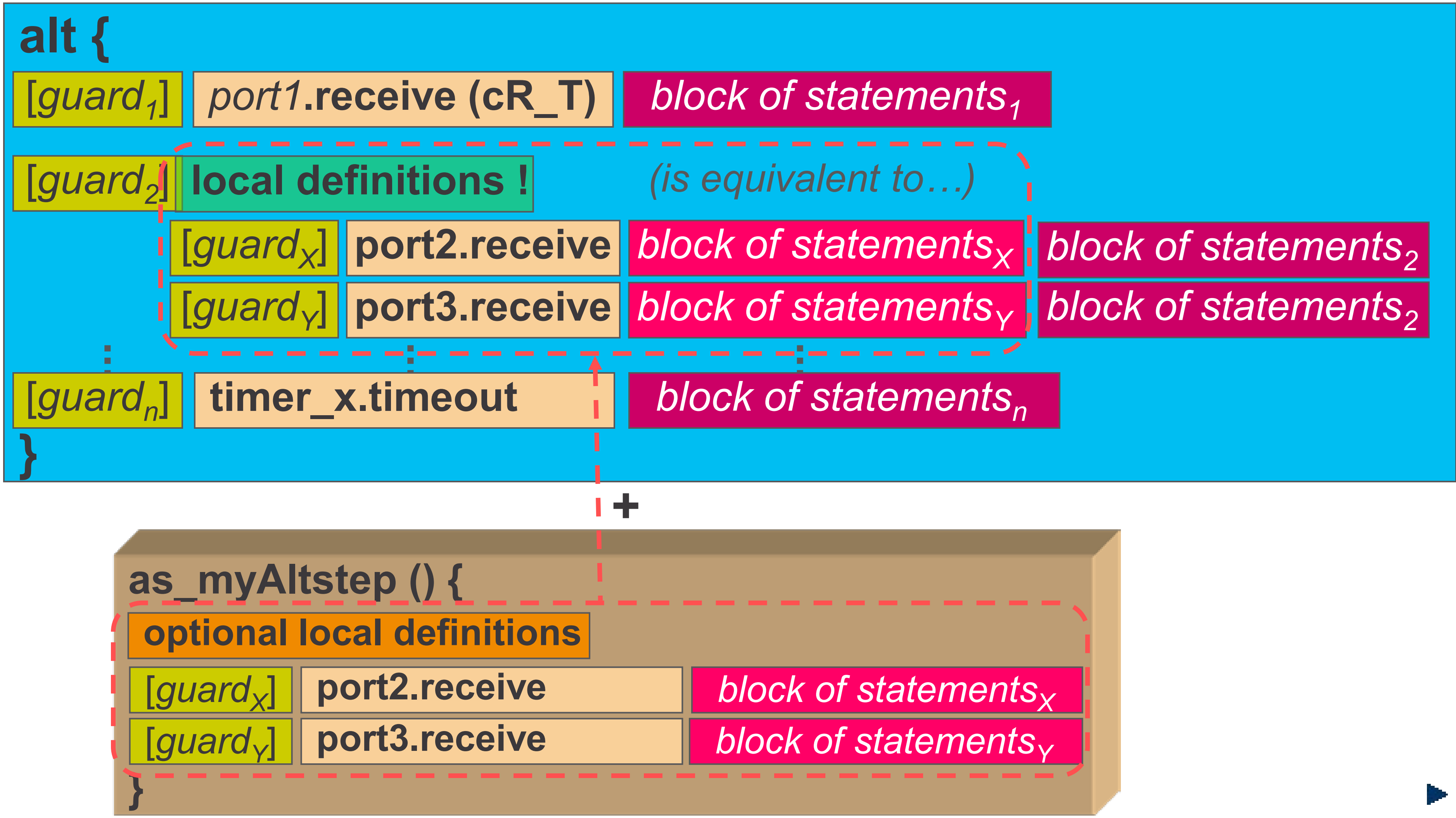
**optional local definitions**

[*guard*$_X$] **port2.receive** *block of statements*$_X$

[*guard*$_Y$] **port3.receive** *block of statements*$_Y$

**}**

# USING ALTSTEP – INVOCATION IN ALT



alt {

[*guard*$_1$] *port1*.receive (cR_T) *block of statements*$_1$

[*guard*$_2$] local definitions ! *(is equivalent to…)*

[*guard*$_X$] port2.receive *block of statements*$_X$ *block of statements*$_2$

[*guard*$_Y$] port3.receive *block of statements*$_Y$ *block of statements*$_2$

[*guard*$_n$] timer_x.timeout *block of statements*$_n$

}

+

as_myAltstep () {

optional local definitions

[*guard*$_X$] port2.receive *block of statements*$_X$

[*guard*$_Y$] port3.receive *block of statements*$_Y$

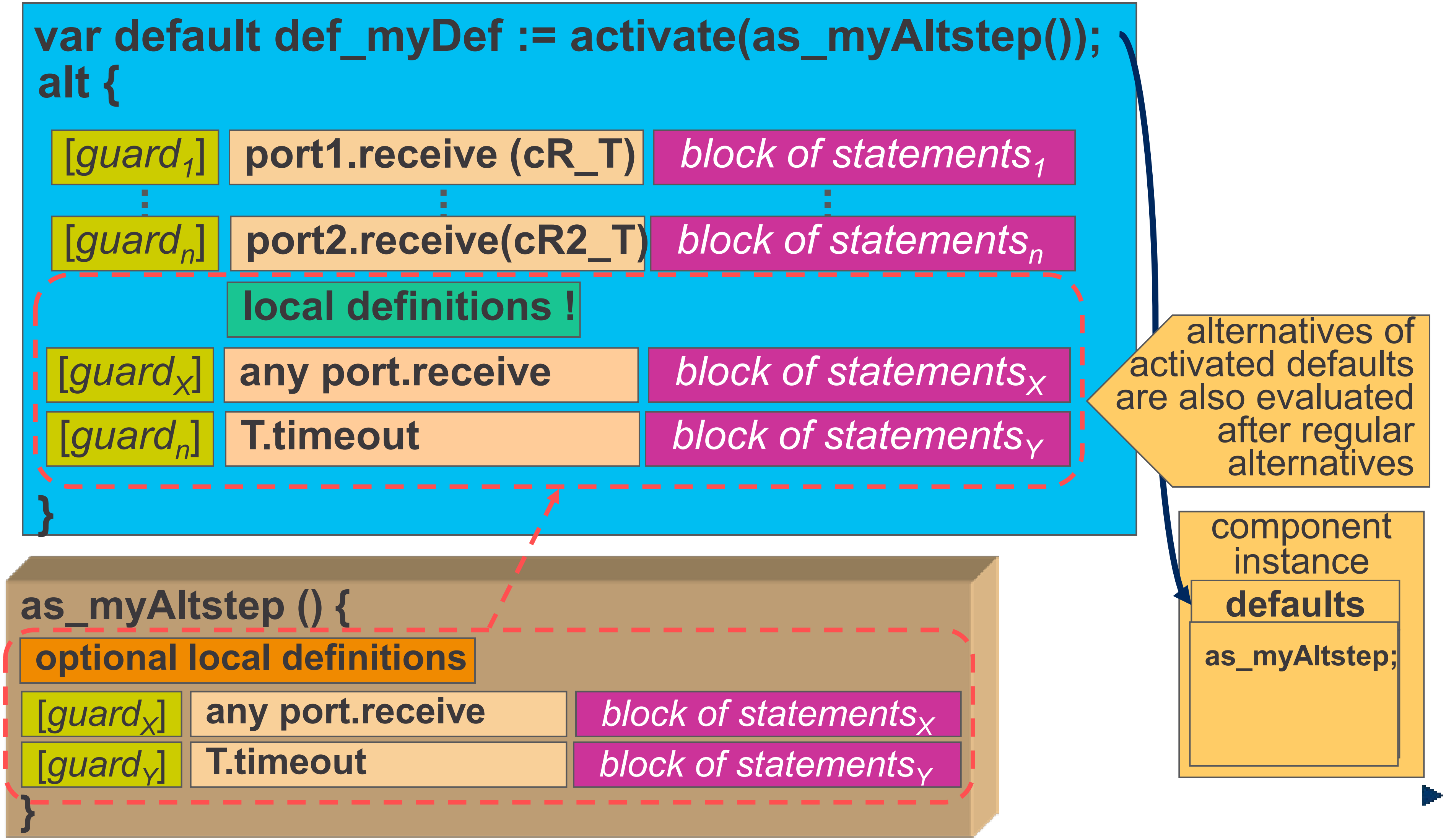
}

# MOTIVATION - DEFAULTS

- Error handling at the end of each **alt** instruction
  - Collect these alternatives into an **altstep**
  - Activate as **default**
  - Automatically copied to the end of each **alt**

```
alt {
[] P.receive(1)
   {
     P.send(2)
     alt { // embedded alt
    [] P.receive(3) { P.send(4) }
    [] any port.receive { setverdict(fail); }
    [] any timer.timeout { setverdict(inconc) }
     } // end of embedded alt
   }
[]any port.receive { setverdict(fail); }
[]any timer.timeout { setverdict(inconc) }
}
```

# USING ALTSTEP – ACTIVATED AS DEFAULT



var default def_myDef := activate(as_myAltstep());
alt {

[*guard*$_1$] port1.receive (cR_T) *block of statements*$_1$

[*guard*$_n$] port2.receive(cR2_T) *block of statements*$_n$

local definitions !

[*guard*$_X$] any port.receive *block of statements*$_X$

[*guard*$_n$] T.timeout *block of statements*$_Y$

}

alternatives of activated defaults are also evaluated after regular alternatives

component instance

**defaults**

as_myAltstep;

as_myAltstep () {

optional local definitions

[*guard*$_X$] any port.receive *block of statements*$_X$

[*guard*$_Y$] T.timeout *block of statements*$_Y$

}

# ACTIVATION OF ALTSTEP TO DEFAULTS

- Altsteps can be used as default operations:
  - **activate**: appends an **altstep** with given actual parameters to the current default context, returns a unique default reference
  - **deactivate**: removes the given default reference from the context

```
altstep as1() runs on CT {
[] any port.receive { setverdict(fail)}
[] any timer.timeout { setverdict(inconc)}
}

var default d1:= activate(as1());
 ...
deactivate(d1);
```

- Defaults can be used for handling:
  - Incorrect SUT behavior
  - Periodic messages that are out of scope of testing
- There are only dynamic defaults in TTCN-3
- The default context of a PTC can be entirely controlled run-time
- Defaults have no effect within an alt, which contains an else guard!

# STANDALONE RECEIVING STATEMENTS VS. ALT

- Default context contains a list of altsteps that is implicitly appended:
  - At the end of all `alt` statements *except* those with `else` branch
  - After all stand-alone blocking `receive`/`timeout`/`done` … operations (!!)

- Any standalone receiving statement (`receive`, `check`, `getcall`, `getreply`, `done`, `timeout`) behaves identically as if it was embedded into an `alt` statement!

```
MyPort_PCO.receive(tr_MyMessage);
```

- … is equivalent to:

```
alt {
   [] MyPort_PCO.receive(tr_MyMessage) {}
}
```

# STANDALONE RECEIVING STATEMENTS VS. DEFAULT

- Activated default branches are appended to standalone receiving statements, too!

```
var default d := activate(myAltstep(2));
MyTimer.timeout;
```

- … is equivalent to:

```
alt {
   [] MyTimer.timeout {}
   [] MyPort.receive(MyTemplate(2))
       { MyPort.send(MyAnswer); repeat }
   [] MyPort.receive
       { setverdict(fail) }
}
```

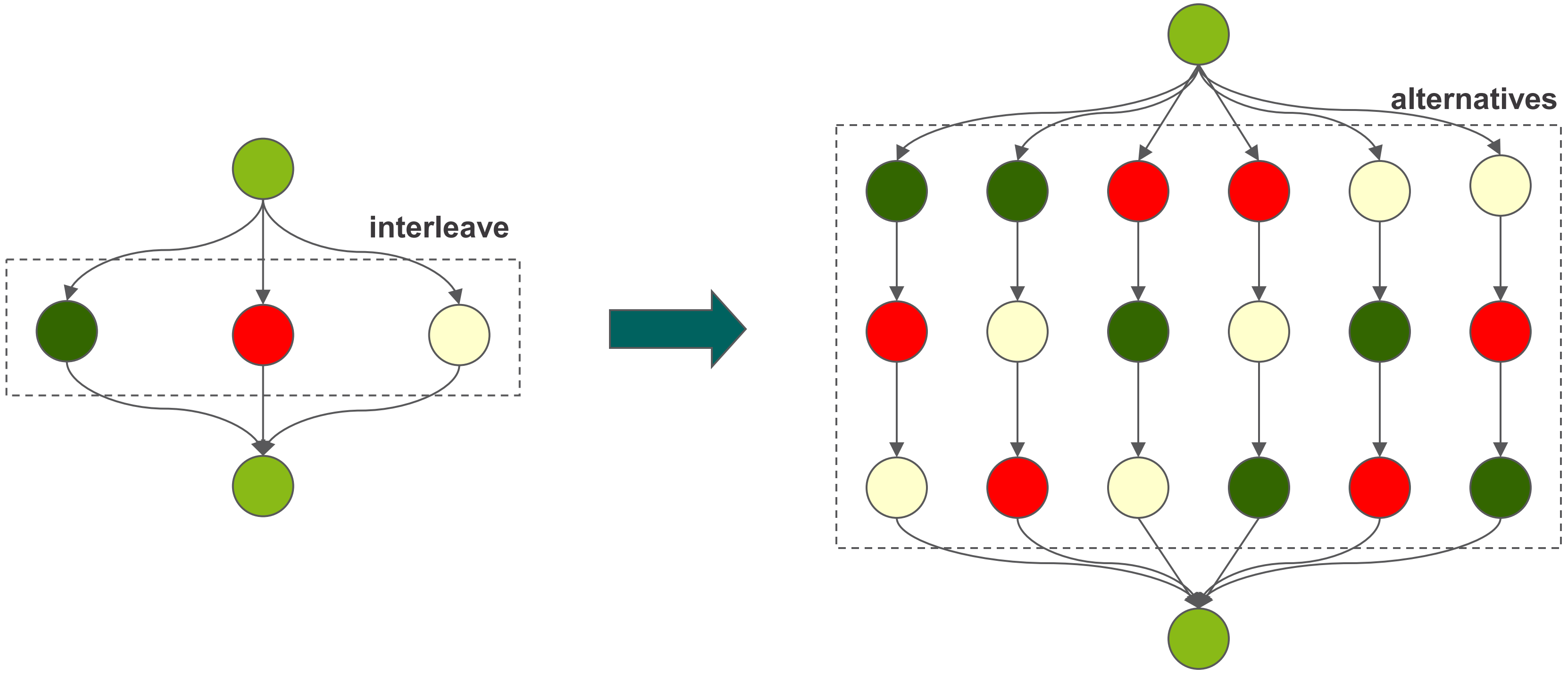
# MULTIPLE DEFAULTS

- Default branches are appended in the opposite order of their activation to the end of alt, therefore the most recently activated default branch comes before of the previously activated one(s)

```
altstep as1() runs on CT {
[] T.timeout { setverdict(inconc) }
}
altstep as2() runs on CT {
[] any port.receive { setverdict(fail) }
}
altstep as3() runs on CT {
[] PCO.receive(MgmtPDU:?) {}
}
var default d1, d2, d3; // evaluation order
d1 := activate(as1());  // +d1
d2 := activate(as2());  // +d2+d1
d3 := activate(as3());  // +d3+d2+d1
deactivate(d2);         // +d3+d1
d2 := activate(as2());  // +d2+d3+d1
```

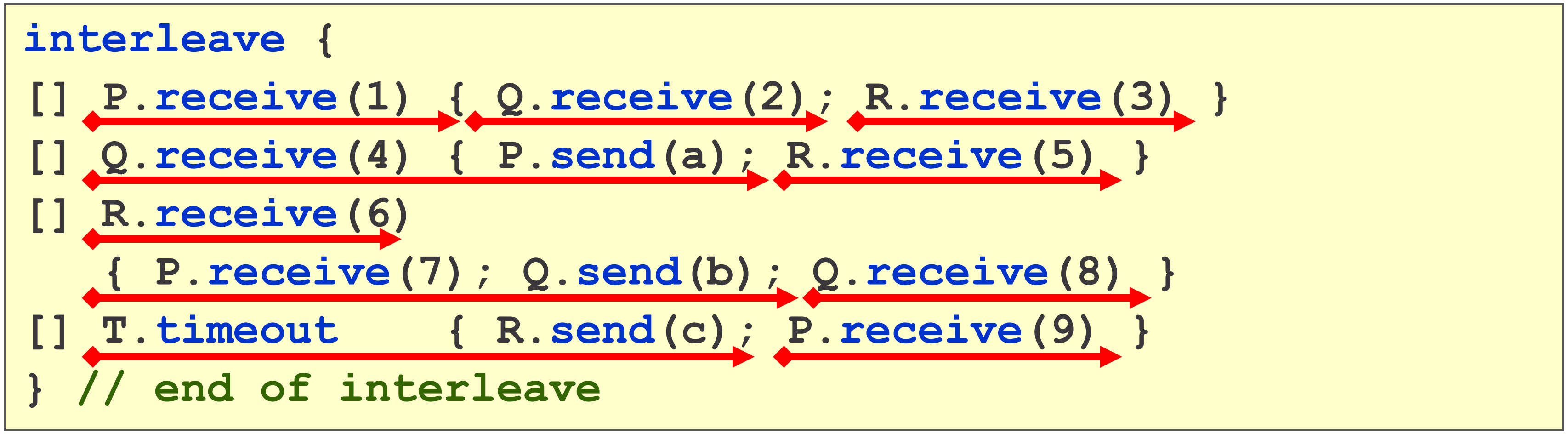
# INTERLEAVED BEHAVIOR

- Specifies the interleaved handling of events
- Alternative events can occur in any order but exactly once
- Can be modeled with a number of alt statements



# SAMPLE INTERLEAVE STATEMENT

- Difference from alt:
  - All events must happen exactly once
  - Alternative execution (i.e. snapshot semantics) applies within statement block as well
  - Execution may continue on different branch when an operation blocks the actual one and resume later from the same place



```
interleave {
[] P.receive(1)  { Q.receive(2); R.receive(3) }
[] Q.receive(4)  { P.send(a); R.receive(5) }
[] R.receive(6)
    { P.receive(7); Q.send(b); Q.receive(8) }
[] T.timeout     { R.send(c); P.receive(9) }
} // end of interleave
```

# INTERLEAVE RESTRICTIONS

- Guard must be empty
- No control statements (`for`, `while`, `do-while`, `goto`, `stop`, `repeat`, `return`) permitted in interleave branches
- No `activate`/`deactivate`, no `altstep` invocation
- No call of functions including communication operations

# OVERVIEW OF BEHAVIORAL CONTROL STATEMENTS

| Statement | Keyword or symbol |
|---|---|
| Sequential behaviour | `…; …; …` |
| Alternative behaviour | `alt { … }` |
| Interleaved behaviour | `interleave { … }` |
| Activate default | `activate` |
| Deactivate default | `deactivate` |
| Returning control | `return` |
| Repeating an alt, altstep or default | `repeat` |

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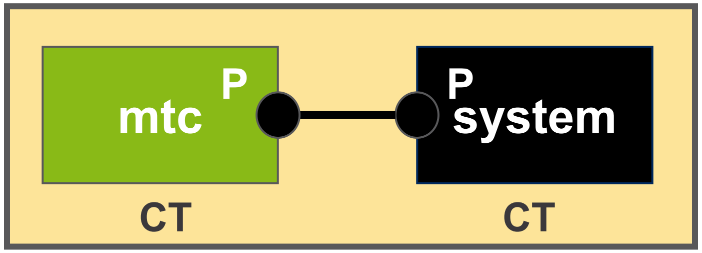
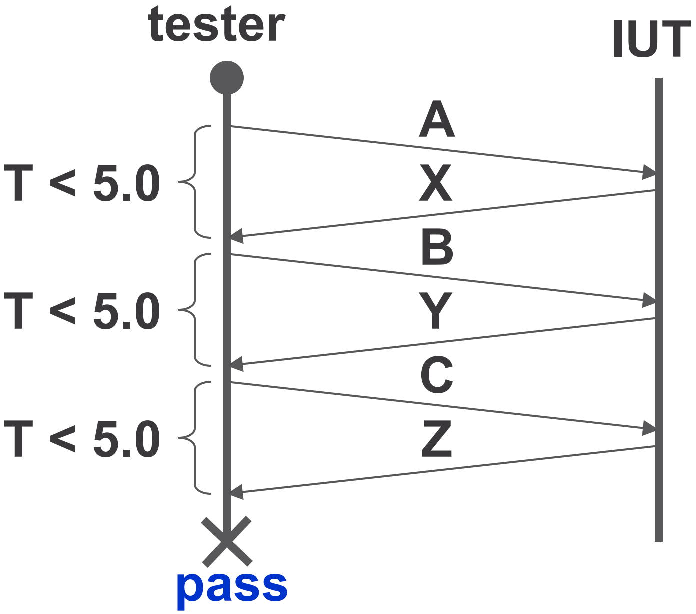
# SAMPLE TEST CASE IMPLEMENTATION





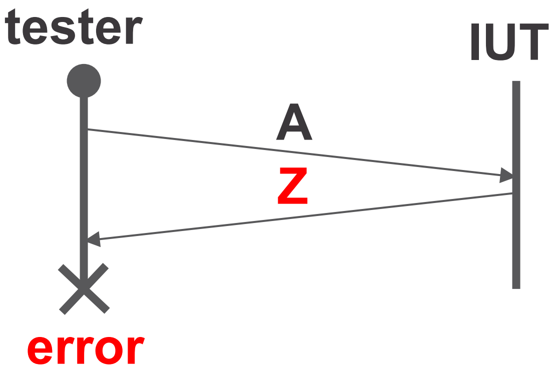
- Single component test configuration
- Test purpose defined by MSC:
  - Simple request-response protocol
  - Answer time less than 5 s
  - Result is pass for displayed operation, otherwise the verdict shall be fail

# FIRST IMPLEMENTATION WITHOUT TIMING CONSTRAINTS

```
type port PT message {
   out A, B, C;
   in  X, Y, Z;
}
type component CT {
   port PT P;
}
```

```
testcase test1() runs on CT {
   map(mtc:P, system:P);
   P.send(a);
   P.receive(x);
   P.send(b);
   P.receive(y);
   P.send(c);
   P.receive(z);
   setverdict(pass);
}
```

- Test case `test1` results error verdict on incorrect IUT behavior → test case is not sound!



- Lower case identifiers refer to valid data of appropriate upper case type!

# SOUND IMPLEMENTATION

```
testcase test2() runs on CT {
   timer T:=5.0; map(mtc:P, system:P);
   P.send(a); T.start;
   alt {
   [] P.receive(x) {setverdict(pass)}
   [] P.receive {setverdict(fail)}
   [] T.timeout {setverdict(inconc)}
   }
   P.send(b); T.start;
   alt {
   [] P.receive(y) {setverdict(pass)}
   [] P.receive {setverdict(fail)}
   [] T.timeout {setverdict(inconc)}
   }
   P.send(c); T.start;
   alt {
   [] P.receive(z) {setverdict(pass)}
   [] P.receive {setverdict(fail)}
   [] T.timeout {setverdict(inconc)}
   }
}
```

```
type port PT message {
   out A, B, C;
   in  X, Y, Z;
}
type component CT {
   port PT P;
}
```

- This test case works fine, but its operation is hard to follow between copy/paste lines!

# ADVANCED IMPLEMENTATION

```
testcase test3() runs on CT {
   var default d := activate(as());

   map(mtc:P, system:P);
   P.send(a); T.start;
   P.receive(x);
   P.send(b); T.start;
   P.receive(y);
   P.send(c); T.start;
   P.receive(z);

   deactivate(d);
   setverdict(pass);
}
```

```
altstep as() runs on CT {
[] P.receive {setverdict(fail)}
[] T.timeout {setverdict(inconc)}
}
```

```
type port PT message {
   out A, B, C;
   in  X, Y, Z;
}

type component CT {
   timer T := 5.0;
   port PT P;
}
```

- This example demonstrates one specific use of defaults
- Compact solution employing defaults for handling incorrect IUT behavior

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