



Model-Based Testing

An Evaluation

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Background and Motivation

- Traditional testing processes
 - Common factors:
 - Manual test design & Manual test coverage analysis
- Model-based testing automates these

Testing Process	Test phases			
	Test cases	Test execution	Test coverage	Test result analysis
Manual	<i>Manual design</i>	<i>Manual execution</i>	<i>Manual analysis</i>	<i>Manual analysis</i>
Capture/Replay	<i>Manual design</i>	<i>Automated execution (records manual execution)</i>	<i>Manual analysis</i>	<i>Automated analysis (manually written)</i>
Script-based	<i>Manual design</i>	<i>Automated execution</i>	<i>Manual analysis</i>	<i>Automated analysis (manually written)</i>
Keyword-based	<i>Manual design</i>	<i>Automated execution</i>	<i>Manual analysis</i>	<i>Automated analysis (manually written)</i>
Model-based	<i>Automated design (generated from model)</i>	<i>Automated execution</i>	<i>Automated analysis (generated from model)</i>	<i>Automated analysis (<u>generated from model</u>)</i>

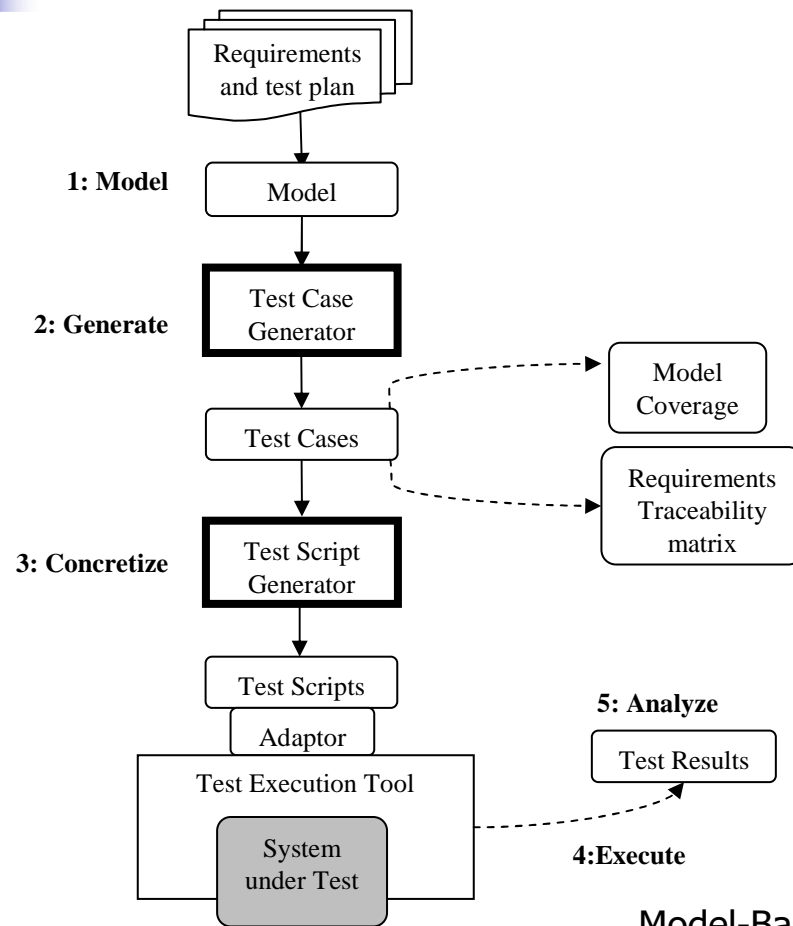
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Model-Based Testing (MBT)

- **Black-box testing technique**, i.e. functional testing
- Input
 - Model of the system under test (SUT)
 - Test selection criteria
- Output
 - Derives test cases from the model, based on the test selection criteria
 - Traceability matrix, test coverage, and other test generation information
- **MBT automates:**
 - Test **case design** (generated from model)
 - Test **execution**
 - Test **coverage analysis** (generated from model)
 - Test **result analysis** (generated from model)

MBT Process



1. Model of SUT
2. Test case generation
3. Generate test code (TCL) and test harness implementation
4. Test execution
5. Test execution analysis (verdict and log)

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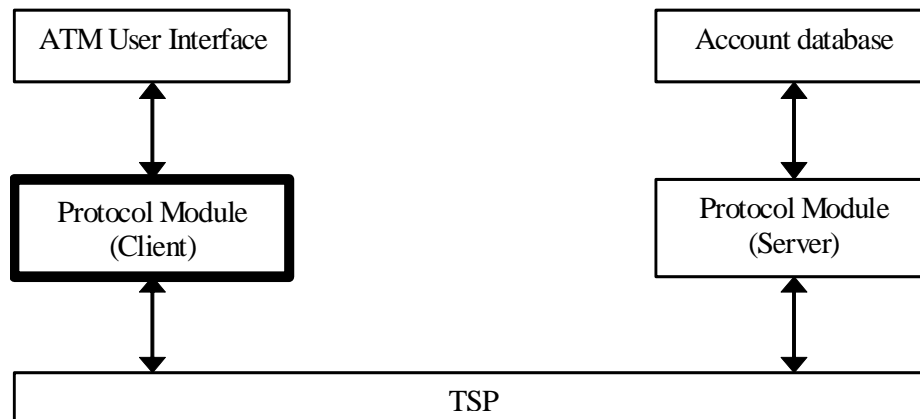
Thesis Project

- **Feasibility study of model-based testing**
 - Test object: client protocol module of ATM (Automated Teller Machine) client-server system
 - MBT tool: Qtronic
 - Evaluation: Qualitative analysis
 - 4 experiments: based on incremental development

- **Conclusions:**
 - MBT automates generation of test code, test coverage analysis and test result analysis
 - Increases level of abstraction for testing
 - Supports incremental development

Test Object

- Simplified model for an ATM (Automated Teller Machine) client-server system
- Test object limited to the protocol module of the client
 - Defined by a finite state machine
 - Authentication, account balance, withdrawal



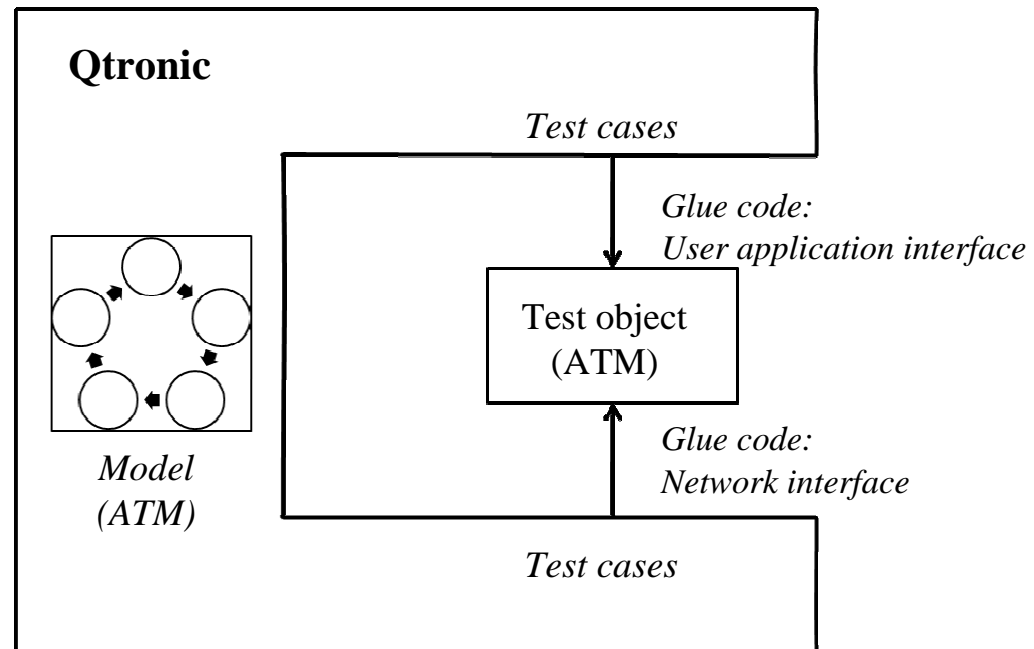
The logo graphic consists of a vertical black line on the left, a horizontal black line at the bottom, and three overlapping squares: a yellow one at the top left, a red one at the bottom left, and a blue one at the bottom right. The word "Qtronic" is written in a blue, sans-serif font to the right of the graphic.

Qtronic

- **Tool for automatically designing & generating black-box tests**
 - Stand-alone version
 - Eclipse plugin
- **Input: Model of the system under test**
 - QML: Qtronic Modeling Language used to create models
 - Textual notation: **Based on Java**
 - Graphical notation: **Based on UML**
 - Qtronic Modeler
 - Separate modeling tool for creating graphical models
- **Output: Test cases and test code**
 - Generates abstract test cases
 - Generates test code from the abstract test cases

Testing with Qtronic

- Working process
 - Development of test object
 - Model development
 - Test generation and test code (TCL) generation
 - Test harness implementation (glue code) using TCL
 - Test execution





Experiments

- **Experiment 1: Initial specification**
 - Goal: Apply model-based testing on the test object and execute generated tests against that test object
- **Experiment 2: Extended specification**
 - Goal: Add requirements to see how the implication of an extended model propagates through the process
- **Experiment 3: Modified specification (authentication)**
 - Goal: Change the requirements to see how the implication of model modifications propagates through the process
- **Experiment 4: Logic implemented in test harness**
 - Goal: Evaluate the implications of moving logic from the model to the test harness



Experiment Results

- Result table for the 4 experiments

Measures	Exp 1	Exp 2	Exp 3	Exp 4
Modeling time	2 days	1 day	4 hours	2 hours
Test generation time	13 s	2 min 34 s	3 min 11 s	3 m 6 s
Test design configuration coverage	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number of generated test cases	25	52	56	56
Time to implement test harness	2 days	1 hour	10 min	2 hours
LOC: Test suite	2860	6278	7540	7476
Number of test harness procedures	18	26	28	28
LOC: Test harness	99	155	165	229
Average: LOC / Harness procedure	5.5	5.96	5.89	8.18
LOC: Test execution environment	73	73	73	73

Conclusions from the Experiments

- **Modeling**
 - **The most time-consuming and challenging task**
- **Test generation**
 - **Modeling time, test generation time and generated LOC illustrate its gain**
- **Test harness**
 - Incrementally developed: manually (empty procedures generated)
 - Procedures for sending input and receiving output from the SUT
- **Test execution environment**
 - Initial effort: required for test harness implementation
- **Test execution resulted in:**
 - Pass/fail verdict for each test case
 - Deadlocks: model and SUT not consistent
 - Output mismatches: expected and actual output differed



Final Comments

- **Conclusions**
 - **MBT automates generation of test code, test coverage analysis and test result analysis**
 - Increases level of abstraction for testing
 - Supports incremental development
 - Different skills required compared to traditional testing

- **Project a success:** evaluated the MBT concept
 - Limitation: Scalability of the project
- Model quality important
 - Model: the key testing artifact
- **Recommendation:** further evaluation of MBT



Thank You!

- **Any Questions?**

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Qtronic

The screenshot displays the Qtronic software interface for model-based testing. The main window is titled "Qtronic - Coverage Goals for PMc_091113_v3model - Conformiq Qtronic".

Project Explorer: Shows a hierarchical view of the project structure, including folders for "PMc_091102_v2glue", "PMc_091107_v2model", "PMc_091113_v3model", "Only Requirements", "HTMLScripter", "TCLScripter", "html", "model", and "TestCases".

Coverage Editor: Displays a table of testing goals and their coverage status. The "Only Requirements" section shows 100% coverage for "userIn", "netIn", and "internal".

Testing Goals Table:

Testing Goals	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Requirements							
userIn							
Authentication							
Interrupt Wait Authentication							
Interrupt Wait Open				X			
Interrupt Wait PIN							X
Interrupt Wait T-Connect			X				
PIN input							
Balance							
Command							
Deposit							
Transfer							
Withdrawal							
Close							
BioAuth							
netIn							
internal							
Control Flow							
Conditional Branching							
State Chart							

Test Cases: A list of test cases (TC1 to TC21) with their names and creation dates (all from 2009-11-26 17:35).

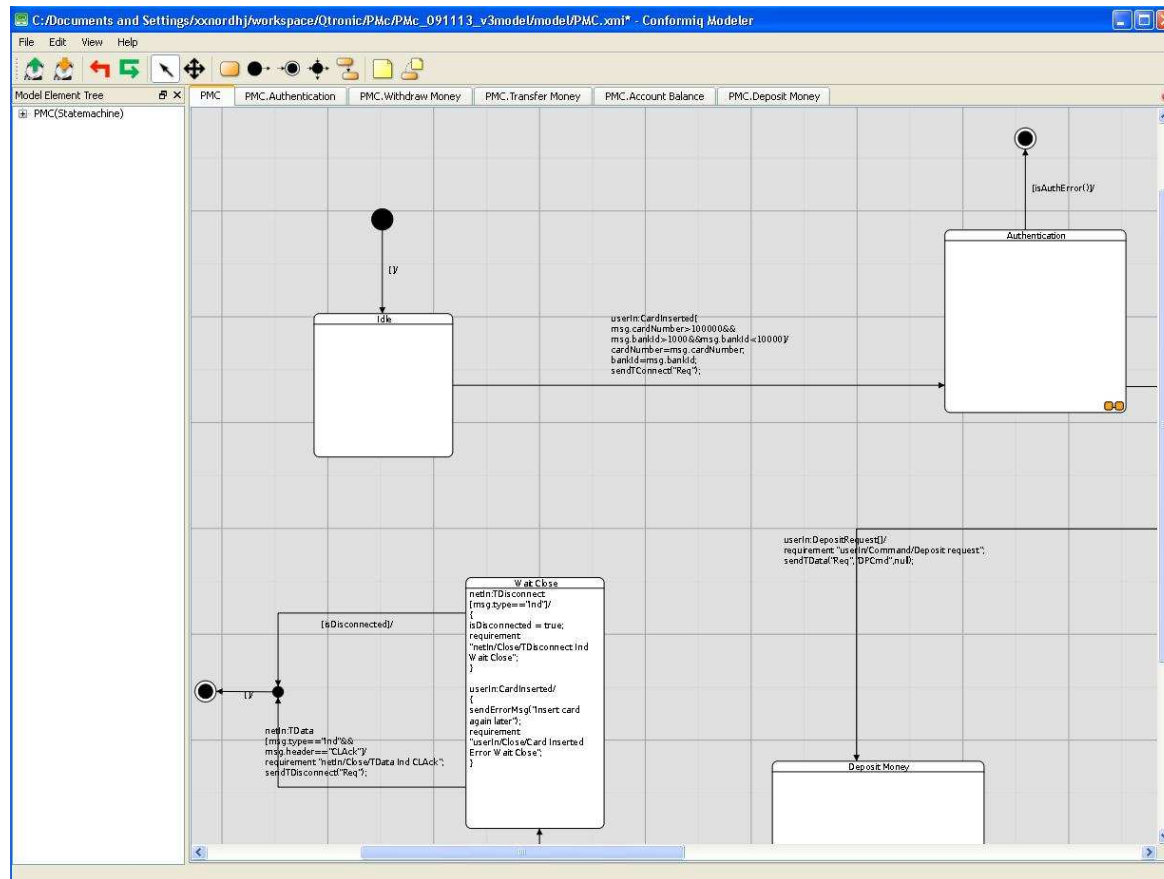
Sequence Diagram: Shows a sequence diagram between "Tester" and "PM Client". The diagram includes messages: "CardInserted" (dashed arrow), "TConnect" (solid arrow), and "TData" (solid arrow). A red circle highlights a requirement "netIn/Authentication/TConnect Conf+".

Trace: A table showing the execution trace for test case TC10. The trace includes messages and their field values.

Message / Field	Port / Field value	Time
1 CardInserted	to userIn	0.0
bankId	5500	
cardNumber	100001	
2 TConnect	from netOut	0.0
type	"Req"	
3 TConnect	to netIn	0.0
type	"Conf+"	
4 TData	from netOut	0.0
type	"Req"	
header	"OPCmd"	
payload		
int [0]	5500	
int [1]	100001	
5 TData	to netIn	0.0
type	"Ind"	

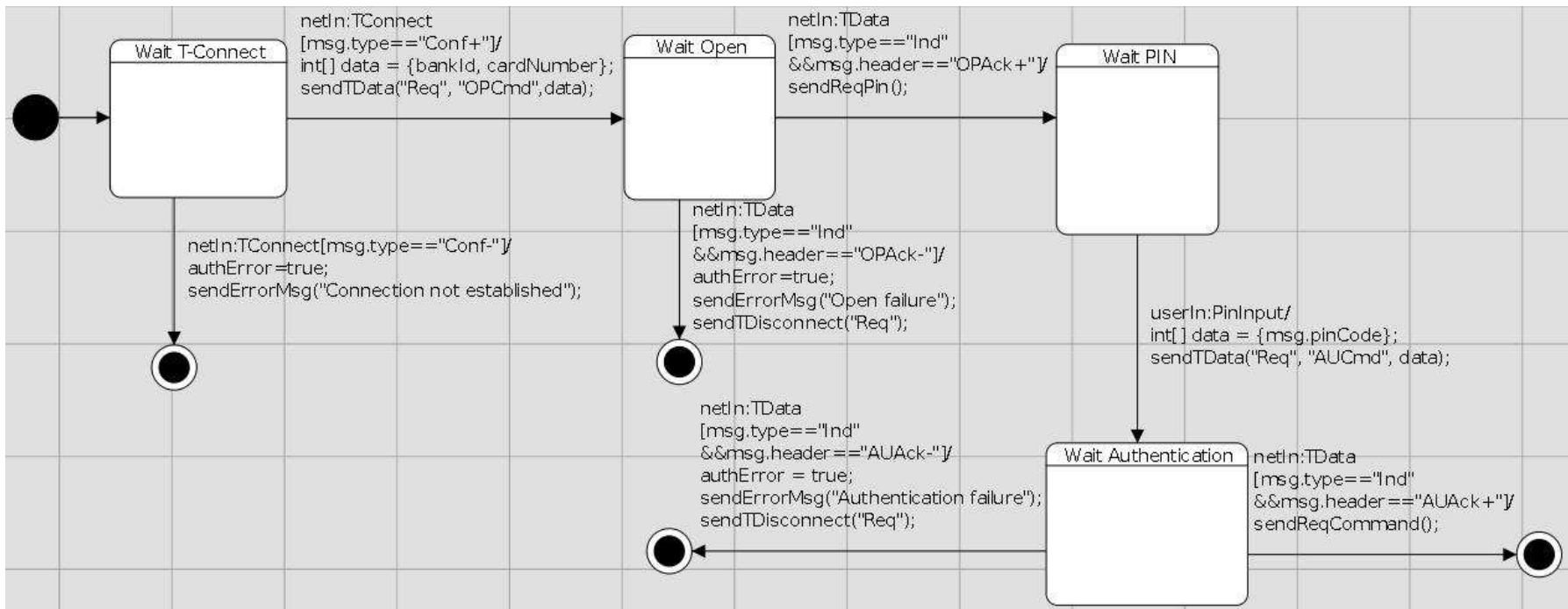
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Qtronic Modeler



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QML Model



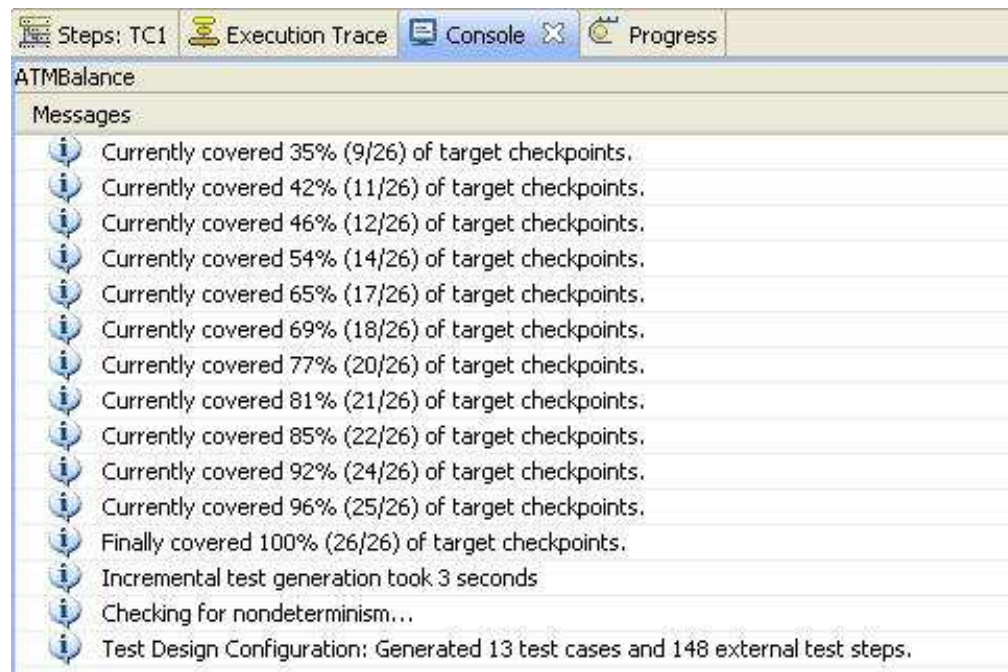
Test Design Configuration

- Example of test selection criteria in Qtronic

Testing Goals	*Test Design Configuration
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conditional Branching	-
<input type="checkbox"/> State Chart	- 0
<input type="checkbox"/> States	✓ 0
<input type="checkbox"/> Transitions	-
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<input type="checkbox"/> Implicit Consumption	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Dynamic Coverage	-

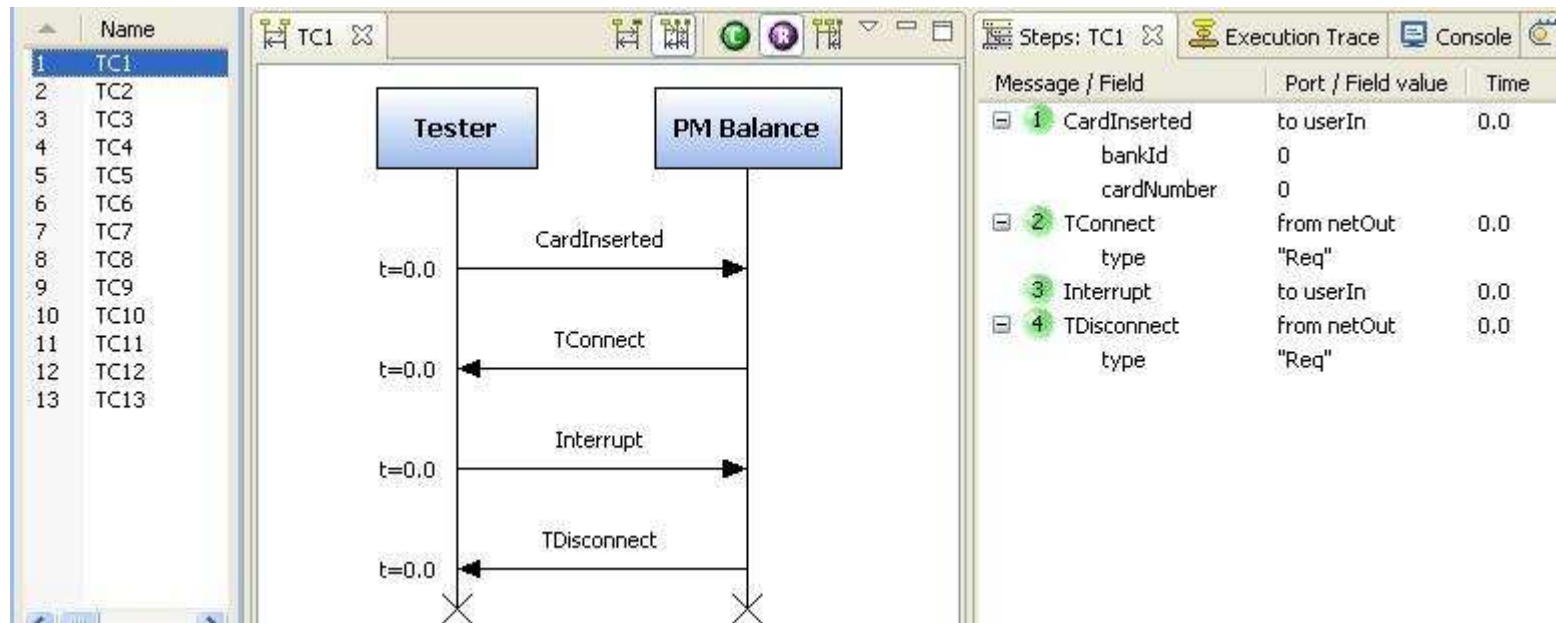
Qtronic Test Generation

- Qtronic console window



Qtronic Test Case View

- Example of the Qtronic test case view



Traceability Matrix

- Traceability matrix of SIP User Agent Client example

Testing Goals	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
[-] Requirements									
[-] 13.2.2.4 2xx Responses									
UAC core establishes session with ACK		X		X	X		X		X
[-] 15.1 Terminating a session									
UAC core terminates a session by sending BYE					X		X		X
UAS core sends OK in response to BYE				X					
[-] 17.1.1.2 INVITE timers									
Resends INVITE after A timeout	X					X			
Terminates INVITE cycle after B timeout						X			
[-] 17.1.2.2 Non-INVITE timers									
Resends BYE after E timeout							X		X
Resends CANCEL after E timeout			X					X	
Terminates BYE cycle after F timeout									X
Terminates CANCEL cycle after F timeout							X		



Test Case Example

```
proc "TC1" {} \  
{  
  traceprint "Running test case 'TC1'"  
  traceprint "Description: This test case covers the following high level requirements:"  
  traceprint " - requirement: netIn/Authentication/TConnect Conf-"  
  traceprint "Action: Tester sends inbound event CardInserted to port userIn"  
  set bankId_1 5500  
  set cardNumber_2 100001  
  userInCardInserted $bankId_1 $cardNumber_2  
  traceprint "Action: SUT is expected to response with outbound event TConnect from port netOut"  
  set type_3 "Req"  
  netOutTConnect $type_3  
  traceprint "Action: Tester sends inbound event TConnect to port netIn"  
  set type_4 "Conf-"  
  netInTConnect $type_4  
  traceprint "Covered requirement: requirement: netIn/Authentication/TConnect Conf-"  
  traceprint "Action: SUT is expected to response with outbound event ErrorMsg from port userOut"  
  set msg_5 "Error message: Connection not established"  
  userOutErrorMsg $msg_5  
}
```



Test Harness Example

```
proc userOutDepositInfo { money } { \  
    global message expected received  
    set expected "Deposit info / $money"  
    vwait received  
}
```

```
proc userInAmountInput { money } { \  
    global sockChan  
    set msg "Amount input / $money"  
    send $sockChan $msg  
}
```

```
proc netInTDisconnect { type } { \  
    global sockChan  
    set msg "T-Disconnect $type"  
    send $sockChan $msg  
}
```



Test Execution

- Execution of test cases

```
tclsh84
% tclsh test.tcl
Test Case 1:    passed
Test Case 2:    passed
Test Case 3:    passed
Test Case 4:    passed
Test Case 5:    passed
Test Case 6:    passed
Test Case 7:    passed
Test Case 8:    passed
Test Case 9:    passed
Test Case 10:   passed
Test Case 11:   passed
Test Case 12:   failed
Test Case 13:   passed
%
```



Test Execution Log

Running test case 'TC1'

Description: This test case covers the following high level requirements:

- requirement: netIn/Authentication/TConnect Conf-

Action: Tester sends inbound event CardInserted to port userIn

+SUT input: Card inserted / 5500 / 100001

Action: SUT is expected to response with outbound event TConnect from port netOut

-Expected output: T-Connect Req

-Actual output: T-Connect Req

Action: Tester sends inbound event TConnect to port netIn

+SUT input: T-Connect Conf-

Covered requirement: requirement: netIn/Authentication/TConnect Conf-

Action: SUT is expected to response with outbound event ErrorMsg from port userOut

-Expected output: Error message: Connection not established

-Actual output: Error message: Connection not established

Test Case passed