



Real World Experiences with (Conformance) Testing

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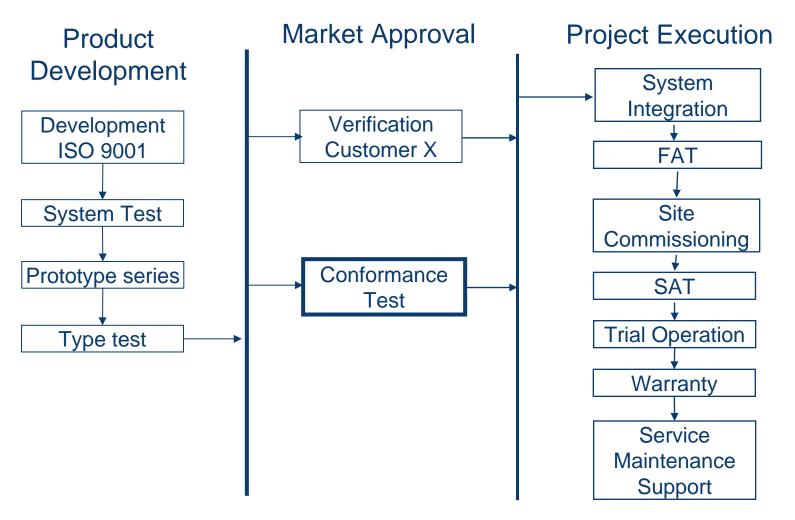


Experiences with Testing

- What kind of testing (Quality Assurance)
- Lessons learned
- Test results
- Typical failures
- Recommendations for manufacturers

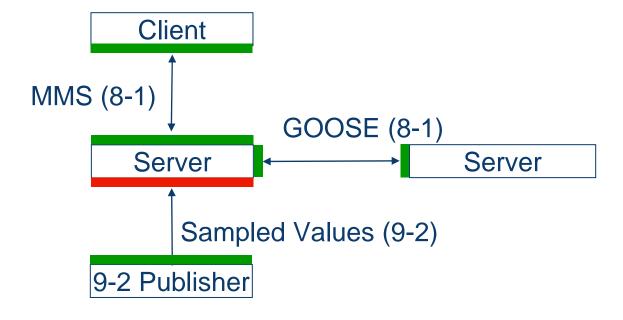


Quality Assurance Stages (IEC 61850-4)



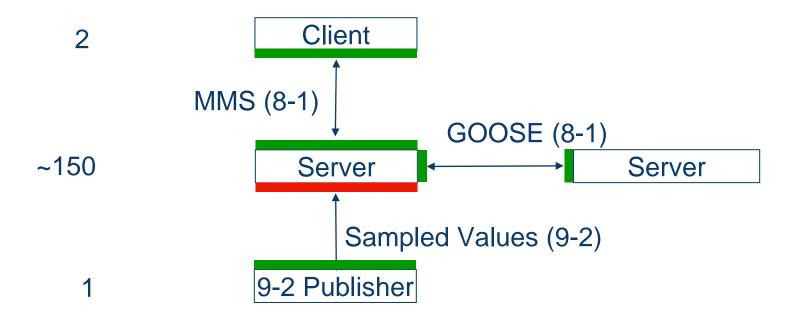


What kind of IEC 61850 conformance testing

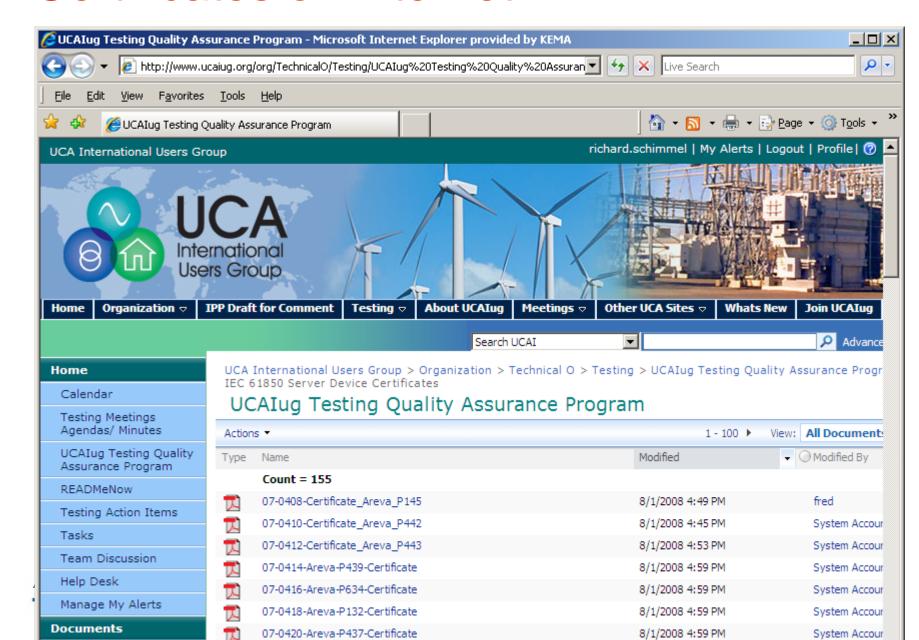




Number of certified devices



Certificates on internet



Lessons learned

- Need clear reference (IEC 61850 part 7-2 and 8-1)
- Make the test procedures unambiguous, if not:
 - Add a TISSUE
 - Add an entry in the Test Procedure Change List (TPCL)
- Updating the test procedures need to be coordinated with the manufacturers
 - QAP: Manufacturers have 12 months to implement changes resulting from new test procedures
- Server test procedures version 2.2, Oct 2007(!)
- Server TPCL version 1.1, March 2009



What can be improved

- Definition of file transfer in part 8-1
 - File or Folder?
 - Location of comtrade files
- Buffered reporting (tissue #453, Ed2)
- MMS Error codes (fixed in part 8-1 Ed2)
- Select followed by Select
- SCL Configuration of GOOSE subscription
- Should GOOSE publish be turned off by a client?



Typical failures (1)

- Error codes:
 - Writing URCB/BRCB
- Control model incorrect AddCause
- MX, ST, EX data should be read-only
- PICS and PIXIT documentation does not match with IED
 - GOOSE behavior on missing messages and missing/extra data in the message
 - use the UCAIUG templates!
- Implemented a "Ed2" TISSUE



Typical failures (2)

- SCL
 - Configured data objects not available in IED (extra data objects in IED are allowed)
 - IED-Services section does not match with PICS
 - Namespace (dataNs) only required for data objects not defined in IEC 61850-7-4
- Non existing enum value 0 for Mode, Behavior and Health



Recommendations for manufacturers

- Schedule a conformance pre-test during the development
 - Using the conformance test tools
 - By (independent) test lab
- Finish the development by a formal conformance test resulting in a certificate
- Conformance Test tools can used for testing software updates and other products of the same platform
- Do not implement "Ed2" TISSUEs



Recommendations for utilities

- Require "certified" IEDs
 - according to the most recent test procedures version 2.2
- Check the firmware version on the certificate and the current firmware version
- Accept old/outdated certificate?
- The UCAIUG sharepoint has a list of all certificates



Thank you Questions?

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