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Integration of the SmartCom online validation system into TraCIM

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1 Introduction

The SmartCom online validation system (SmartCom Expert Extension – or in short SE) was developed by Ostfalia University [1] in the scope of the European joint research project EMPIR 17IND02 SmartCom [2]. It establishes a service that can be integrated into a TraCIM validation system to test and certify XML documents for correct usage of metrological data based on the D-SI format, such as Digital Calibration Certificates [3,4]. It can be used with the TraCIM Server 1.0 [5,6,7] and the new TraCIM Server 2.0 (provided by Ostfalia University [1]).

Normal TraCIM Expert Extensions deliver test data that will be used by a system under test to calculate a result (e.g. [8]). Then this result will be validated by the specific Expert Extension.

The validation process of the SE slightly differs from this normal process. The SE validates any well-formed XML document and therefore doesn't require test data and test data generation. Nevertheless, the corresponding REST API of the TraCIM server must be called in order to get an individual test process key for using the validation service. However, the SE doesn't generate test data.

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The SmartCom online validation system (SE) is provided as a jar module for the TraCIM server application. This section explains how to use Maven [9] to build the module and run it with the TraCIM system.

This version was developed, tested and prepared to use with the new TraCIM server 2.0 and the corresponding Expert Extension API. Parts of the validation methods for the SE are provided through the SiChecker API. In the scope of the SmartCom project this API was implemented by PTB.

Because the TraCIM server as well as the SE come with their own installation instructions these instructions here serve the purpose to give an overview. Eventually, this document will not be updated on a regular basis. In doubt, please take a look into the TraCIM and SmartCom documentation with your used versions.

2.1 Set up a TraCIM service

In order to use the SE, you need a running TraCIM service. Refer to [1,7] to obtain and set up a TraCIM service.

The jboss-deployment-structure.xml of the TraCIM server must be extended with the following entry.

```
<module name="deployment.smartcom-expert-
extension.jar" services="import" meta-
inf="import" optional="true" />
```

2.2 Build the SmartCom Expert Extension

The SE uses the PTB SiChecker for validation. Before building the SE, you have to install the corresponding dependency to your local repository.

```
mvn install:install-file -Dfile=SiChecker-
1.0.jar -DgroupId=de.ptb.si.tools -
DartifactId=si-checker -Dversion=1.0 -
Dpackaging=jar
```

If you choose to use the integrated SiChecker you can remove the PTB SiChecker dependency from the Project Object Model (POM) and can continue without the PTB SiChecker.

Build the project.

```
mvn clean package
```

2.3 Deploy the SmartCom Expert Extension

The build generates a jar with and without dependencies. You are free to use either of those. If you use the jar without dependencies, you must deploy all dependencies separately and edit the jboss-deployment-structure.xml accordingly.

The simple and recommended way is to use the jar with dependencies.

Use your preferred method for deployment, for example the deployment scanner:

```
cp target/smartcom-expert-extension.jar
<WILDFLY_HOME>/standalone/deployments
```

```
or
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```
cp target/smartcom-expert-extension-jar-
with-dependencies.jar
<WILDFLY_HOME>/standalone/deployments/smartc
om-expert-extension.jar
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(Renaming the jar with dependencies is not necessarily required as long as the file name is the same as the file name in the jboss-deployment-structure.xml of the TraCIM server.)

If you have deployed the SE while the TraCIM server was running, restart Wildfly or deploy the TraCIM server again.

2.4 Run the Integration Tests

We are using the REST Interface of the TraCIM server for integration testing. Therefore, a TraCIM server with the SE under test must be running on localhost and port 8080. The Maven command to run the integration test is

mvn clean test failsafe:integration-test

2.5 Run the OWASP Dependency Check

The OWASP Dependency Check is used by our POM. Please make sure to use the most recent version. To run the OWASP dependency check, one of the following two commands can be used:

mvn verify

or

mvn dependency-check:check

2.6 Customization

2.6.1 PDF reports

Each SmartCom test provides a report of the test results in PDF format. It may be required to change the output PDF document for various reasons such as to use company specific logos, comply with different reporting policies, or incorporate updates to the validation scope.

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The package de.ostfalia.smartcom.pdf in the SE contains the Java source files that generate a PTB-specific test report. These files can be changed to modify the report. The open source Java tool Apache PDFBox [10] is used to create the PDF documents.

It is also possible to integrate an alternative PDF creation library. In this case, the PDF generation must properly be linked and run in the generateValidationResult method in the main class SmartComExtension.java in package de.ostfalia.smartcom of the SE.

2.6.2 D-SI XML Schema changes

The D-SI XML schema (the path of the schema) that should be used for validating the SI elements is defined in the SmartComValidator class of the SE. In order to validate against a new schema, the schema must be added as a resource to the project and the path to the schema in the SmartComValidator class must be modified accordingly.

The package de.ostfalia.smartcom.si contains the Java representation for the elements defined by the schema. If the schema changes, make sure to update the Java objects accordingly. When adding new types, make sure to explicitly declare the name in @XmlRootElement annotation. Additionally, they must be added to the jaxb.index file in folder resources/de/ostfalia/smartcom/si. If the namespace changes (prefix or URI), update the namespace in package-info.java.

No further changes are required. Namespace and tag names are automatically determined by reflection from those annotations. The version information of the schema (i.e. as printed in pdf) is automatically determined from the version tag inside the schema.

After modifying the elements, it might be necessary to build and distribute the new API for the adaption of the external SiChecker (see the following subsection).

2.6.3 Build the SiChecker API

For the development of external implementations of the SiChecker (i.e. PTB SiChecker), the API is needed. Currently the API is included in this project. In future the API might be extracted into a separate project.

In order to extract and build the API, one can use the script build_api.sh from the SmartCom Expert Extension Maven project.

As described above, the validation of a single SI element is performed by an implementation of the interface SiChecker. The used implementation can be changed in the SmartComValidator class. As default, the PTBSiChecker implementation is used. Additionally, the project contains a second implementation called OstfaliaSiChecker which can be used as an alternative.

Caution: The OstfaliaSiChecker checks only the units of real elements based on a regular expression as defined in the D-SI brochure [11]. Additional checks of the latest regulations [3] are not implemented.

2.6.4 Other properties

When the SE is used with the TraCIM system 2.0, additional information can be customized that will be displayed by the TraCIM server to users of the SmartCom validation. The relevant information is in the project folder src/main/resources/META-INF. The file webshop.properties contains general web shop properties and resources/service.xhtml allows the creation of a web page that includes a detailed description of the service.

2.7 Other TraCIM Systems

In order to use the SE with the old TraCIM server 1.0 (e.g. [6,7]) you have to change the version of the Expert Extension dependency in the POM.

Furthermore, the TraCIM server is used with PostgreSQL [12] and WildFly [13]. However, it should be possible to port to any RDBMS and Java EE application server. From WildFly, the jboss-deployment-structure.xml is used to tweak class loading.

3 Examples for the integration in TraCIM

This section gives a short outline on the integration of the SE into a TraCIM system 2.0 that was run as example by PTB within the SmartCom project [2].

After registration and login, users can order the SmartCom validation in the order menu within "My TraCIM" as shown in Figure 1. There is the option to choose between a free test and a paid test in this example.



Figure 1: Example of a SmartCom validation service selection in the TraCIM system 2.0.

The user can also utilize the TraCIM web page to send D-SI XML data for validation and obtain the result by downloading the PDF result certificate (see Figure 2).

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Figure 2: Example of information on SmartCom tests that is made available by the TraCIM system 2.0.

It is not necessary to build a TraCIM client as it was the case with the TraCIM version 1.0.

Figure 3 shows an example of the first page of the PDF report that is formatted in compliance with the PTB policy for test report.

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