1450.4 meeting minutes – 07/22/14

Attendees: Ernie Wahl, Carey Garrenton

Not present: Jim O'Reilly, Ric Dokken, Scott Franzen, Paul Reuter, Markus Seuring, Oleg Erlich, Julia DiChiaro, Ajay Khoche, Mitsuo Fujii

Agenda:

- Review section A.1.3 Standard Global Variables.
- Line 4866, 4904: Boolean expressions should be tracking (single-quoted).
- Consider reclassifying function failMemArm (section 6.8 and 6.6.4) as an action, address related issues:
 - Action (section 6.7.3) properties:
 - Used only in Test/Flow Action blocks
 - Has no return value
 - Syntax: inconsistent regarding use of parentheses: should actions look more like function calls?
 - o Function (section 6.8) call properties:
 - Used only in expressions.
 - Has a return value
 - Identifiers, e.g., max, are not reserved word candidates, ref C language
 - Syntax: identifier is followed by parentheses enclosing 0+ arguments.
- Line 2884: constrain Test instantiation to under TestProgram block (including inline for entry-point): each TestProgram has its own copy of FlowVariables and any other type that is written to, so if a test is instantiated at the top-level and a reference is passed, it is indeterminable which copy it is a reference to.
- Refine wording: a STIL.4 compliant reader shall read all legal STIL.4 syntax, adjoining STIL.0/2 syntax including STIL.4 extensions. Supported syntax shall be handled in accordance with specified semantics. STIL.4 compliant syntax, e.g., a writer's output, shall be readable by a STIL.4 compliant reader.
- Review section 6.11.3.2 Shared Global Variable Memory, special attention to initialization sequence.
- Review Annex G Block Sequence
- Review Annex B Name Spaces
- Seeking help with coding examples: writing coding examples is an excellent way to spot documentation shortcomings. More participation equals more scrutiny. A complete production test program would be useful.
- Review Syntax Document organization and general content in light of emails:
 - Ric Dokken Sat 5/17/2014 4:09 PM
 - o Jim O'Reilly Mon 5/19/2014 12:45 PM
 - Ric Dokken Tuesday, May 20, 2014 3:52 PM
 - o Jim O'Reilly Tue 5/20/2014 10:57 PM

Summary:

Section and line numbers if any are with regard to STIL.4 syntax document dated July 21, 2014.

- Section 4.2, "Conventions", Lines 664, 668, 670, and 672: FIX problems with "above/below" terminology
- Section 6.8 and 6.6.4: RECOMMEND failMemArm should return a Boolean value indicating success or failure.
- Section 6.10.3 "6.10.3 Standard Default Flow-node" and Section 6.10.4 "Standard Test Base", Lines 4866, 4909: ACCEPT Boolean expressions should be tracking (single-quoted).
- Line 2884: ACCEPT constrain Test instantiation to under TestProgram block (includes inline at entry-point), i.e., DELETE "top or" (NOTE: This item was accepted by both attendees at this meeting; however, in certain instances, other members of the working group feel that it should be allowed to instantiate tests at the top level specifically, when the SignalMap block is used to map signals to tester channels, rather than using the Device block for this purpose). Therefore, this ACCEPT is not yet ratified)
- Section A.1.3: accept red text.

Action Items:

Reference documents (If logged into your google account, can edit. If not, can only view.)

- http://spreadsheets.google.com/ccc?key=0AoKiPr1I9LY9dF95dkhSTVVqOU5GbWJyWFNhY0JPX0E&hl=en
- Namespace resolution examples document: http://docs.google.com/Doc?docid=0AYKiPr1I9LY9ZGY4dmNjNTNfMGZkOGJ2bmZy&hl=en

- Scratchpad spreadsheet: https://spreadsheets0.google.com/ccc?key=tQ93VDnAZ-Cl9RFKpPrPDzw&authkey=COzyro8K&hl=en&authkey=COzyro8K#gid=0
- Scratchpad "Word" doc: https://docs1.google.com/document/d/1zVu2M8nTJsrm0nFbBhiuM8-YRt4ErYqdy_uSa3x3_T4/edit?authkey=CLrgwrsG#

Next meeting: 07/29/14.

For reference STIL .4 information can be found at the IEEE STIL website: http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/1450/ (select the P1450.4 link from the table) or use the direct link http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/1450/dot4/index.html