

P1450.4 meeting minutes - 02/07/07

Attendees: Doug Sprague, Ernie Wahl, Jim O'Reilly, Ajay Koche, Jose Santiago

Not present: Bruce Parnas, Brian Johnson, Greg Maston, Tony Taylor, Carol Dowding, Daniel Fan, Yuhai Ma, Bob Roberts, Oscar Rodrigues, Jim Mosley, SB Thum

Agenda/Summary:

- **Preamble:**
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 - IEEE Meeting Preamble (No discussion of proprietary information)
- **Discussion of Ernie's email on paramaters approach for TestBase (sent 2/2)** (Friday, February 02, 2007 1:43:35 PM EST, Subject: [STDS-1450.4:] Parameters/Variables)
 - Motivation for Ernie's proposal was to remove syntactic/semantic differences for variables in TestBase and TestMethod/TestFlow. The previous proposal (made by Jim) had a different treatment of variables for TestBase than for TestMethod and TestFlow. In particular, the variables in TestBase were stated to be readable outside the scope of a block (TestBase is always part of any TestMethod or TestFlow block), while variables for TestMethod or TestFlow are NOT visible outside the scope of a block.
 - The issue of inheritance also came up – it is desired to have a way to control whether variables declared in a block can be visible in a derived block. The default would be to have variables hidden from a derived block, but if necessary, variables could be made visible to derived blocks. Finally, if the latter case, would that visibility transfer to a block derived from a derived block, or not?
 - Much discussion on these two points – no clear resolution, but Jim and Doug will document the proposals and issues, and distribute to the full working group.

Next meeting:

- Next Meeting 02/14/2007.

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