

D3.4 System Integration and Quality Assurance Manual

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Executive Summary

Deliverable D3.4 sets out the procedures used in CSSR4Africa to validate and test software developed by the partners prior to integration into the CSSR4Africa software repository. It is, in essence, is a check-list of the *mandatory* standards set out in Deliverable D3.2 and software must satisfy all these checks before it can be integrated.

Developers can submit their software by sending it by email in a zip file to `vernon@cmu.edu`, with CSSR4Africa, the ROS package name, and the ROS node name of the component being submitted in the subject line, e.g., `CSSR4Africa pepper_interface_tests sensorTest`.

The system integration team at CMU-Africa will validate the software against the check-list in this deliverable, compiling the code, and running the unit test application supplied with the submission. If the component satisfies all the checks and the test runs successfully, the ROS node will then be uploaded to the CSSR4Africa GitHub software repository.

The complete CSSR4Africa software system will also be subject to quality assurance procedures, including regression tests and system tests.

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1 Files and Directories

Refer to Deliverable D3.2, Appendix A (Mandatory Standards for File Organization), for a definition of the standards on which this checklist is based.

- Files for a single component are stored in a directory named after the ROS package in which it is to be integrated. Refer to Deliverable D3.1 System Architecture for details of the ROS package names and the associated ROS nodes.
- This directory has five sub-directories: `config`, `data`, `include/<package name>`, `launch`, and `src`.
- The `config` directory contains two files, named as follows.
 - `<componentName>Configuration.ini`
 - `<componentName>Input.ini`
 - The configuration file contains the key-value pairs that set the component parameters.
 - Each key-value pair is written on a separate line.
- The `include/<package name>` directory contains one file, named as follows.
 - `<componentName>Interface.h`
- The `launch` directory contains three files, named as follows.
 - `<componentName>LaunchRobot.launch`
 - `<componentName>LaunchSimulator.launch`
 - `<componentName>LaunchTestHarness.launch`
- The `src` directory contains two source files, named as follows.
 - `<componentName>Application.cpp`
 - `<componentName>Implementation.cpp`
- The package directory contains a `README.md` file with instructions on how to run the test.
- The package directory contains a `CMakeLists.txt` build file.
- The package directory contains a `package.xml` manifest file.

2 Internal Source Code Documentation

Refer to Deliverable D3.2, Appendix B (Mandatory Standards for Internal Source Code Documentation), for a definition of the standards on which this checklist is based.

All source files contain a documentation comment that gives the copyright notice, as follows.

```
/* <filename> <one line to identify the nature of the file>
 *
 * Author:
 * Date:
 * Version:
 *
 * Copyright (C) 2023 CSSR4Africa Consortium
 *
 * This project is funded by the African Engineering and Technology Network (Afretec)
 * Inclusive Digital Transformation Research Grant Programme.
 *
 * Website: www.cssr4africa.org
 *
 * This program comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY.
 */
```

- <componentName>Application.cpp
- <componentName>Implementation.cpp
- <componentName>Interface.h

The `<componentName>Application.cpp` file contains a documentation comment with the following sections:

- `/* <componentName>Application.cpp <one line to identify the nature of the file>`
 - `*`
 - `* <detailed functional description>`
 - `*`
- `* Libraries`
- `* Parameters`
 - `*`
 - `* Command-line Parameters`
- `* Configuration File Parameters`
- `* Subscribed Topics and Message Types`
- `* Published Topics and Message Types`
- `* Input Data Files`
 - `*`
 - `* <componentName>Input.dat`
- `* Output Data Files`
 - `*`
 - `* <componentName>Output.dat`
- `* Configuration Files`
 - `*`
 - `* <componentName>Configuration.ini`
- `* Example Instantiation of the Module`
 - `*`
 - `* rosrund <componentName> __name:=<alternativeComponentName> ...`
- `* Author: <name of author>, <author institute>`
- `* Email: <preferred email address>`
- `* Date:`
- `* Version:`

3 Component Unit Testing

- A unit test application named `<componentName>LaunchRobot.launch` is provided in the `launch` directory.
- A unit test application named `<componentName>LaunchSimulator.launch` is provided in the `launch` directory.
- A unit test application named `<componentName>LaunchTestHarness.launch` is provided in the `launch` directory.
- The `<componentName>LaunchRobot.launch` file launches the component being tested.
- The `<componentName>LaunchSimulator.launch` file launches the component being tested.
- The `<componentName>LaunchTestHarness.launch` file launches the component being tested.
- The `<componentName>LaunchRobot.launch` file connects the component a data source and a data sink on the physical robot, and produces the expected result as set out in the `README.txt` file.
- The `<componentName>LaunchSimulator.launch` file connects the component a data source and a data sink on the simulator.
- The `<componentName>LaunchTestHarness.launch` file connects the component a data source and a data sink using a driver and a stub.
- Unit test instructions are provided in a file named `README.md` in the package directory.
 - The instructions explain how the communication and computation functionality are validated by describing the (sink) output data that will be produced from the (source) input data.
 - The instructions explain how the configuration functionality is validated by describing what changes in behaviour will occur if the values for the component parameters in the component configuration (`.ini`) file are altered.

4 System Testing

Regression testing refers to the practice of re-running all integration tests periodically to ensure that no unintentional changes has been introduced during the ongoing development of the CSSR4Africa software release. These test check for backward compatibility, ensuring that what used to work in the past remains working. Regression tests will be carried out on all software in the CSSR4Africa release every two months.

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