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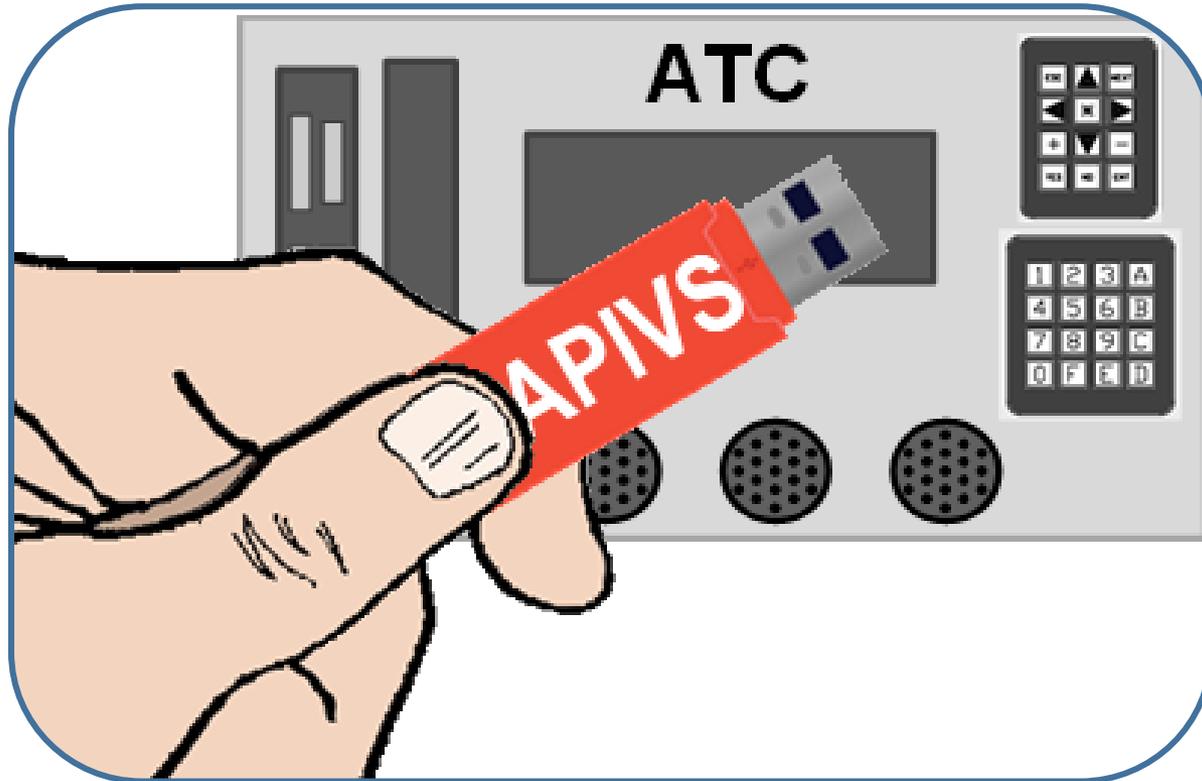
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**T308:  
Acceptance Testing for  
Advanced Transportation Controller (ATC)  
Application Programming Interface (API)  
Software**



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# Learning Objectives

Explain the **purpose of the API Validation Suite (APIVS) Software**

Use the **API Reference Implementation (APIRI) test documentation to specify acceptance testing**

Use the **APIVS Software to test the API Software**

**Interpret and report results of testing API Software**

# Learning Objective 1

**Explain the purpose of the  
API Validation Suite (APIVS)  
Software**

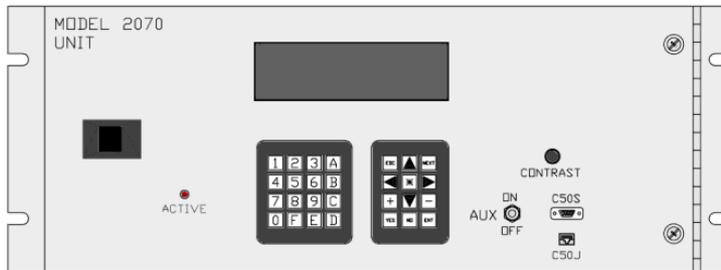
# API Software Testing in the Context of ATC Unit Testing

## Quick Review of Advanced Transportation Controllers (ATCs)

- A transportation controller is a computer
- **Traditional controllers** run a **single application program**
- **Application Programming Interface (API) Software** allows **many application programs** to run simultaneously
- **Application programs** may **come from different vendors** than the ATC unit's manufacturer
- Working, consistent and **tested API Software** is **essential**

# API Software Testing in the Context of ATC Unit Testing

Traditional controller units typically perform a single application



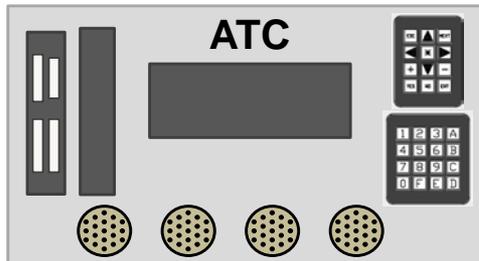
## Traditional Applications

- Data Collection Application
- OR
- Traffic Signal Application
- OR
- Ramp Meter Application

# API Software Testing in the Context of ATC Unit Testing

ATC units can perform numerous applications simultaneously

When using ATC API Software



## Example Applications for ATCs

- Traffic Signal Control/Traffic Management
- Transit/Light Rail Priority
- Emergency Management
- Lane Use
- Red Light Enforcement
- Speed Monitoring/Enforcement
- Access Control
- Advanced Traveler Information Systems (ATIS)
- Data Collection Systems
- Connected Vehicle (CV) Applications

# API Software Testing in the Context of ATC Unit Testing

## Elements of API Software

- Made up of **three software libraries**:
  - Front Panel User Interface (FPUI)
  - Field I/O (FIO)
  - Time of Day (TOD)
- **Two** resource management **programs**:
  - Front Panel Manager
  - Field I/O Manager
- Allows **application developers** to write **programs** that **safely share the controller**



# API Software Testing in the Context of ATC Unit Testing

## Example of the Front Panel Manager Window



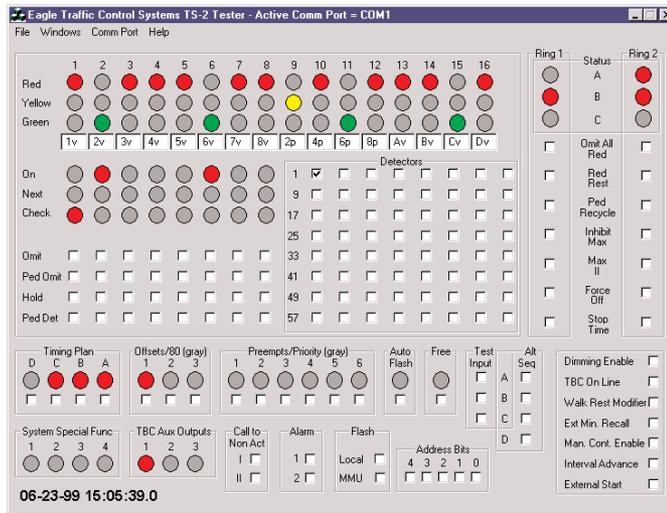
```
FRONT PANEL MANAGER VER 1.00
SELECT WINDOW: 0-F      SET DEFAULT: *,0-F
0 Ramp Meter Prgrm     1* Signal Program
2 Emergency Mngmnt     3 Data Distributor
4 System Checker       5
6                       7
8                       9
[ MORE - UP / DN ARROW ] [ CONFIG INFO - NEXT ]
```

# API Software Testing in the Context of ATC Unit Testing

## Unit Testing

Traditional controller unit testing:

- **Tests the controller hardware** (may include the operating system)
- **Tests the application program** running on the controller



# API Software Testing in the Context of ATC Unit Testing

## API Validation Suite (APIVS) Software tests API Software

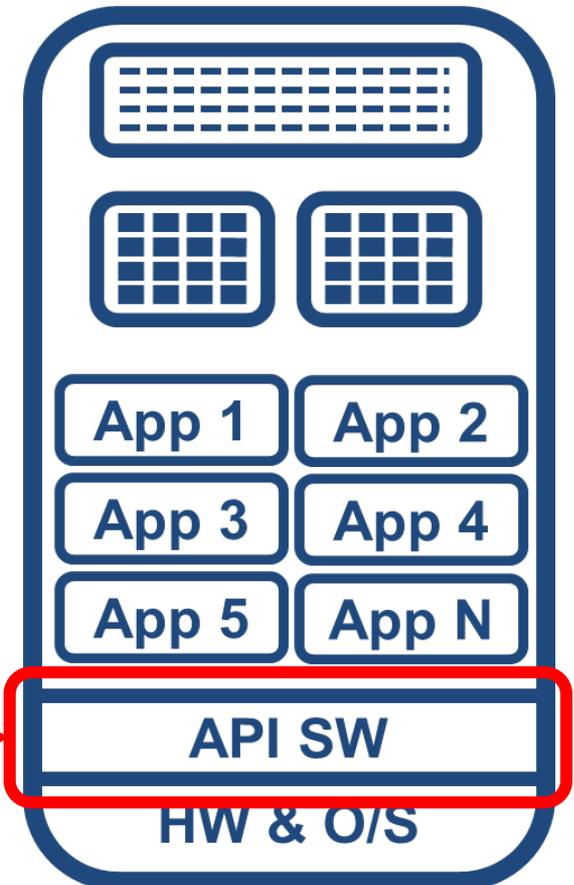
Typical of non-ATC  
2070 Units



Typical of non-ATC  
2070 & NEMA Units



Typical of ATC units  
with API Software



**APIVS Software tests  
API Software**

# Architecture of the APIVS Software

## Background

- Four methods of software validation: **inspection, demonstration, analysis, and test**
- Must **validate** that the **API Software conforms** to ATC 5401 Application Programming Interface Standard
- API Validation Suite (**APIVS**) Software is **used for testing**
- Testing involves **initiating a test** and **comparing the result** to a known correct result
- Must be **repeatable**

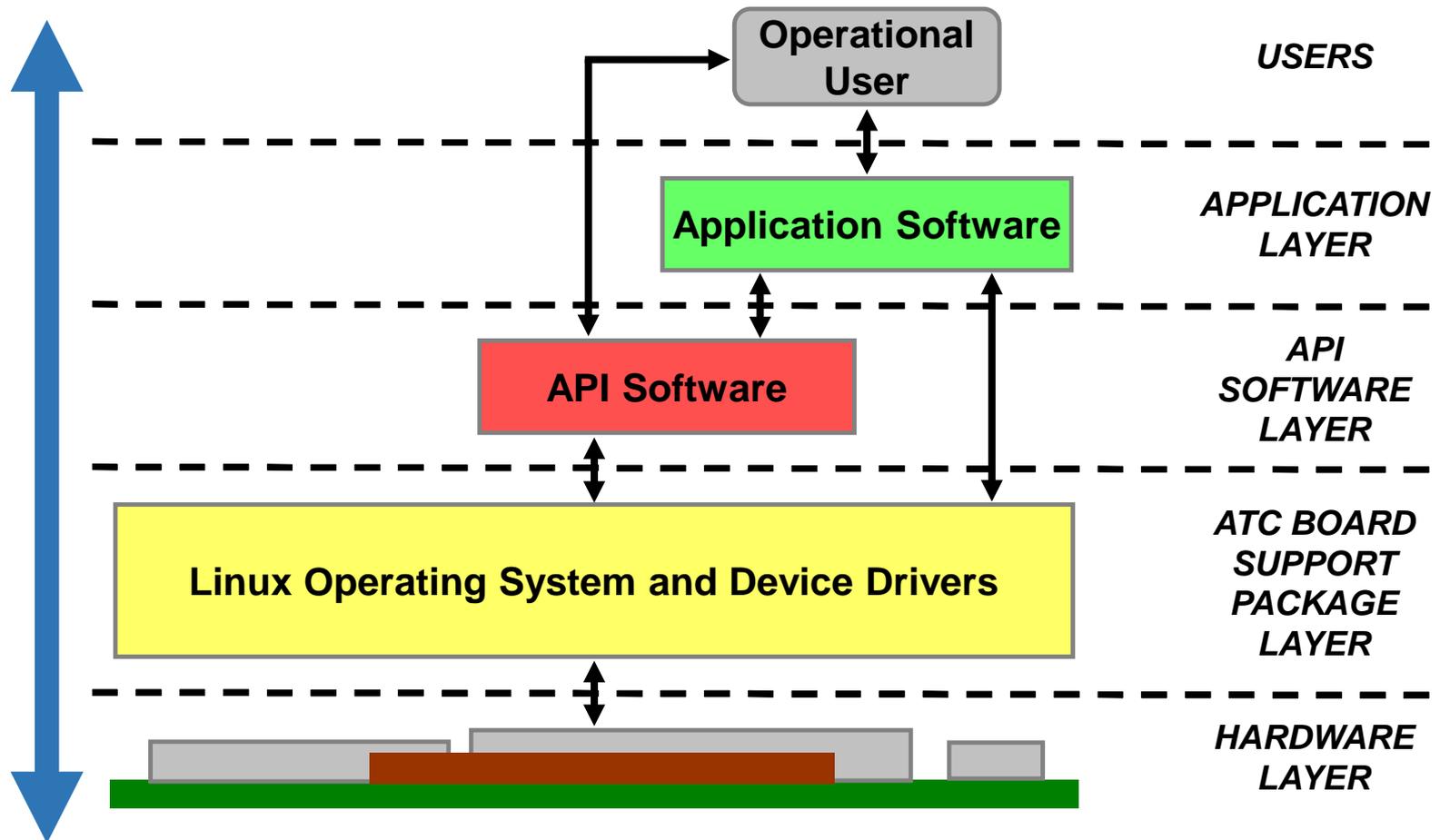
# Architecture of the APIVS Software

## Testing takes place inside the ATC unit

- **Computational power** of the ATC unit **allows internal testing** of the API Software
- **Front panel and field I/O** devices are **emulated**
- “Loopback Drivers” cause the API Software’s **responses** to be **routed back to the APIVS Software**
- APIVS Software **captures the test results** in files and **compares them** to known correct results

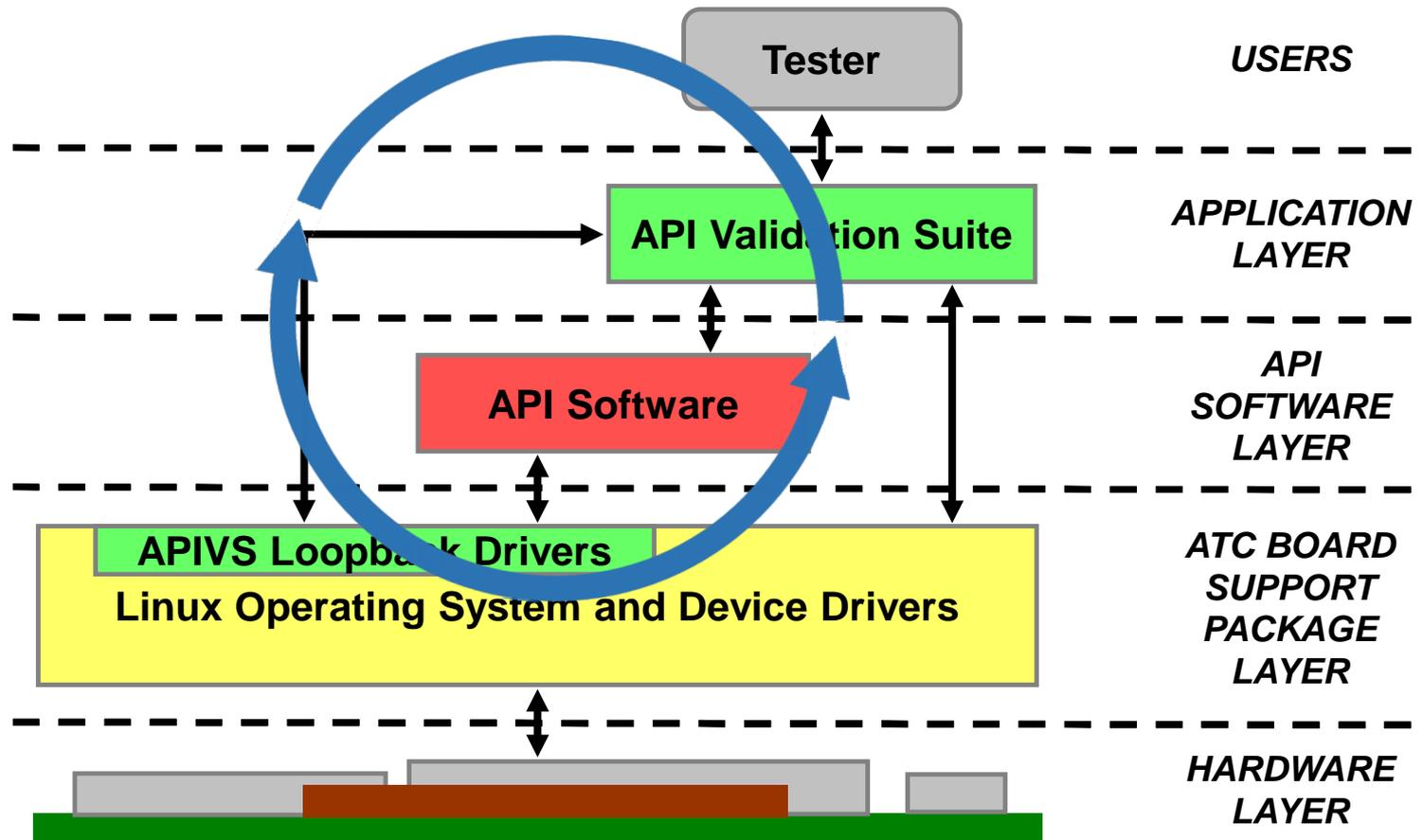
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Recall the layered ATC software architecture



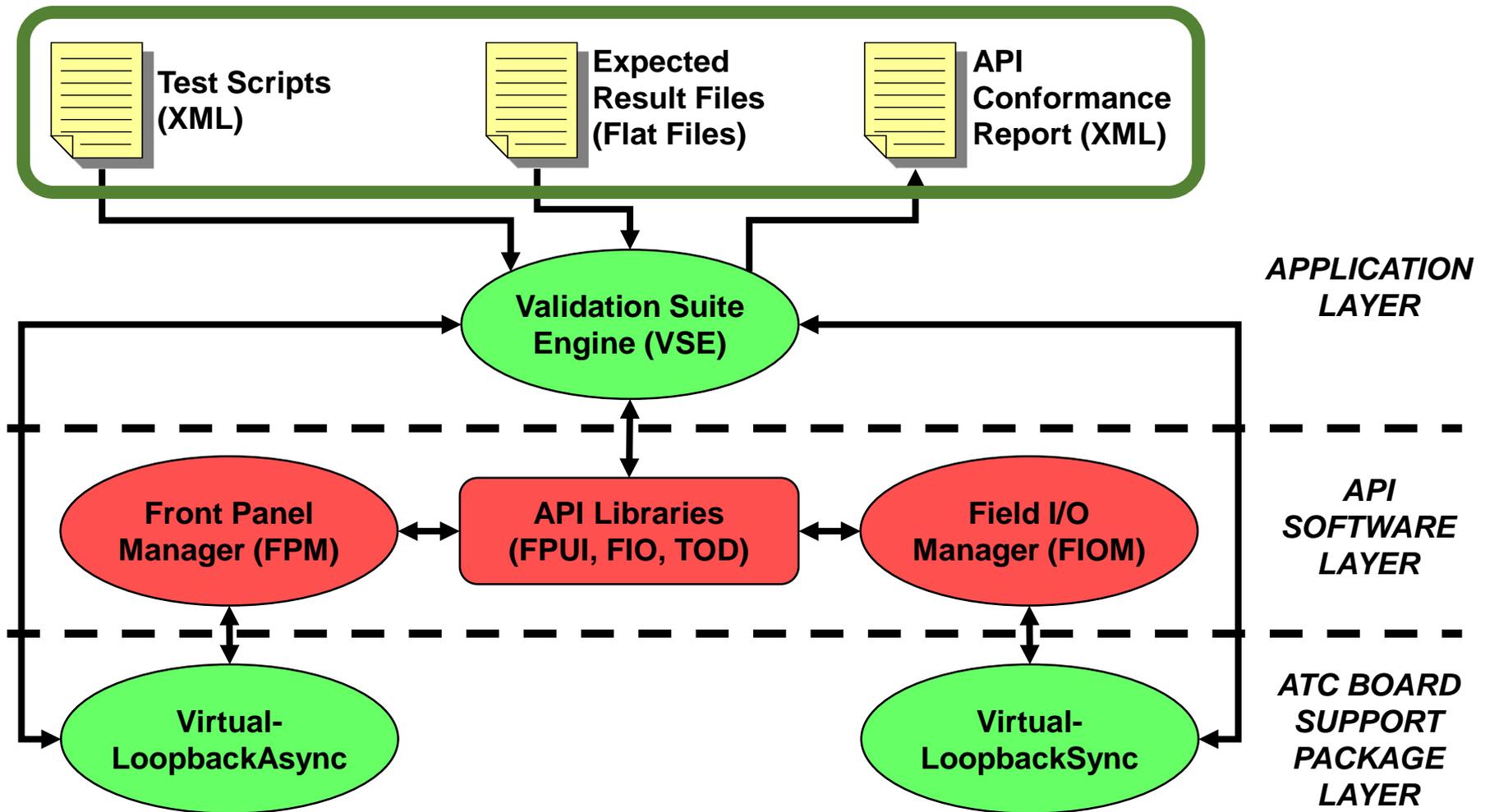
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## Modified architecture for the APIVS Software



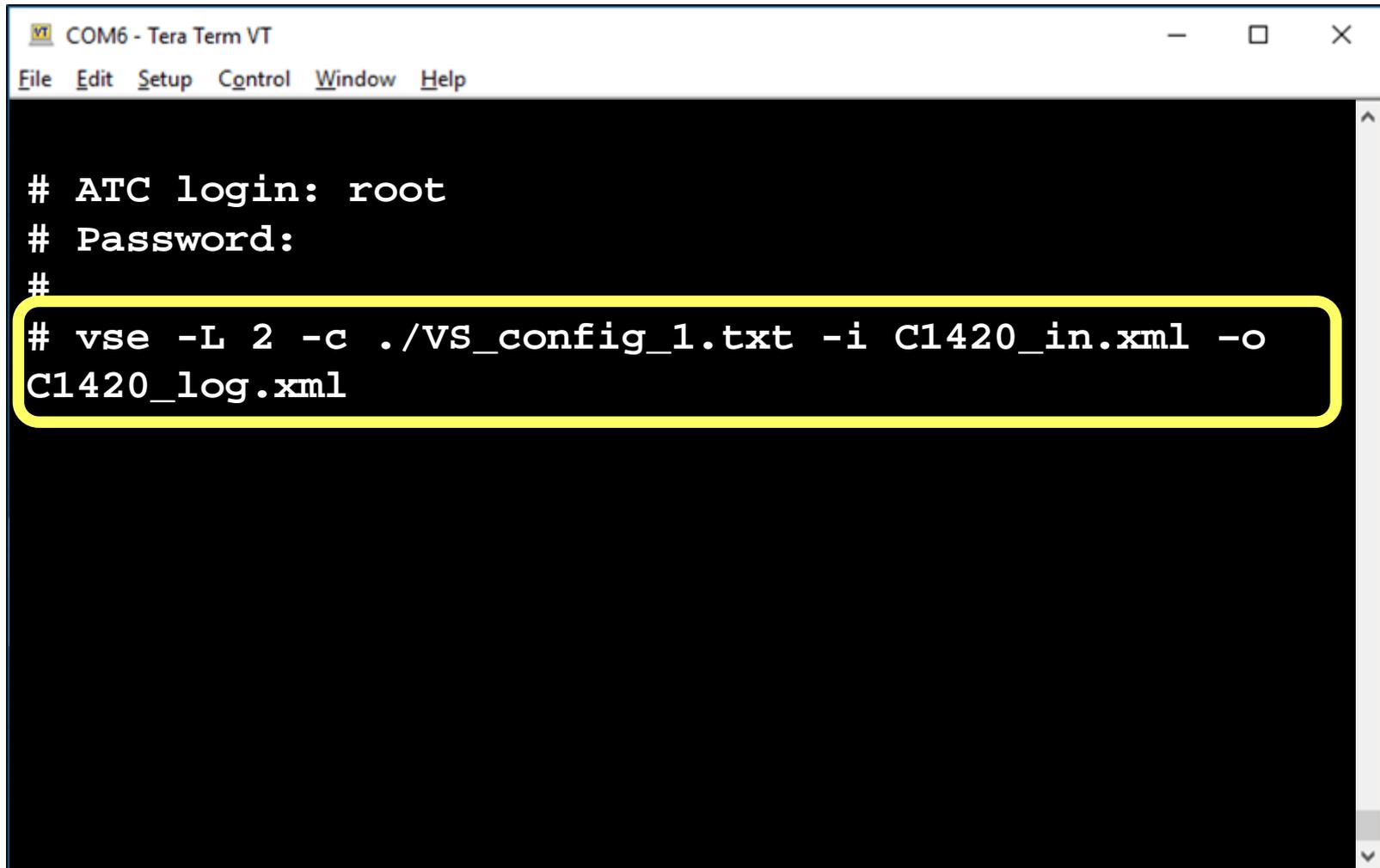
# Architecture of the APIVS Software

## Detailed architecture of the APIVS Software



# Features of the APIVS Software

## Command-Line Interface (CLI) of the APIVS Software



```
COM6 - Tera Term VT
File Edit Setup Control Window Help

# ATC login: root
# Password:
#
# vse -L 2 -c ./VS_config_1.txt -i C1420_in.xml -o
C1420_log.xml
```

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# ACTIVITY



# Question

**What type of controller software is NOT traditionally tested by agencies?**

## Answer Choices

- a) Data Collection Software
- b) Signal Control Software
- c) Application Programming Interface Software
- d) Ramp Meter Software

# Review of Answers



a) Data Collection Software

*Incorrect. Data Collection is an application. Agencies usually have methods for testing their applications.*



b) Signal Control Software

*Incorrect. Signal Control is an application. Agencies usually have methods for testing their applications.*



c) Application Programming Interface Software

***Correct! Until recently, it was not possible to test API software. The API Validation Suite discussed in this module provides this ability.***



d) Ramp Meter Software

*Incorrect. Ramp Meter is an application. Agencies usually have methods for testing their applications.*

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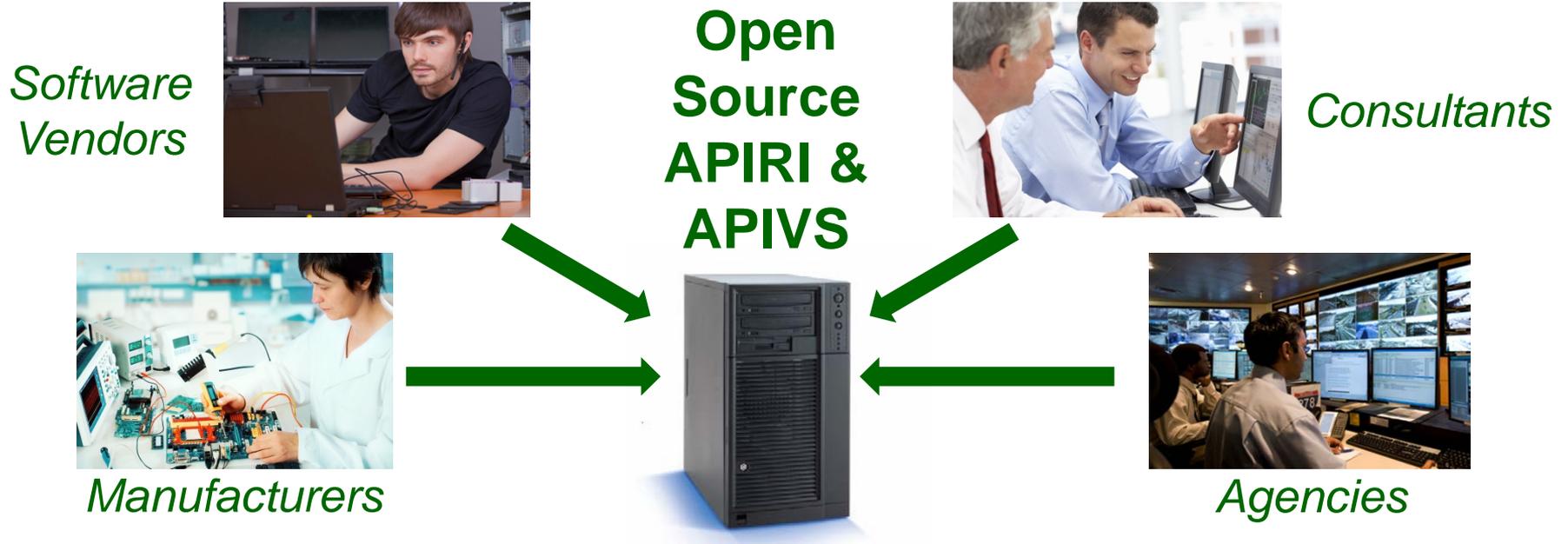
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## Learning Objective 2

**Use the API Reference Implementation (APIRI) test documentation to specify acceptance testing**

# API Reference Implementation (APIRI) Project



# API Reference Implementation (APIRI) Project

- USDOT funded the APIRI Project, which was completed in October 2016
- Produced an **open source software** (OSS) implementation of ATC 5401 Standard v02 called the **APIRI Software**
  - <https://github.com/apiriadmin/APIRI>
- Produced OSS **APIVS Software** to test API Software
  - <https://github.com/apiriadmin/APIVS>
- **Formal Verification and Validation** process that can be used for testing any API Software implementation
- **APIRI Project Test documentation** conforms to IEEE 829-2008



# API Reference Implementation (APIRI) Project

## Benefits

- **Consistent with the Linux O/S** open source concept
- Promotes **collaboration** of developers across industry
- Provides **forum for users** to express ideas and concerns
- Promotes **quick bug fixes** and **alternative solutions** to issues
- Facilitates **introduction of new application developers**
- **Incorporated on ATC units** by manufacturers
- Provides best opportunity for **consistent API Software behavior**

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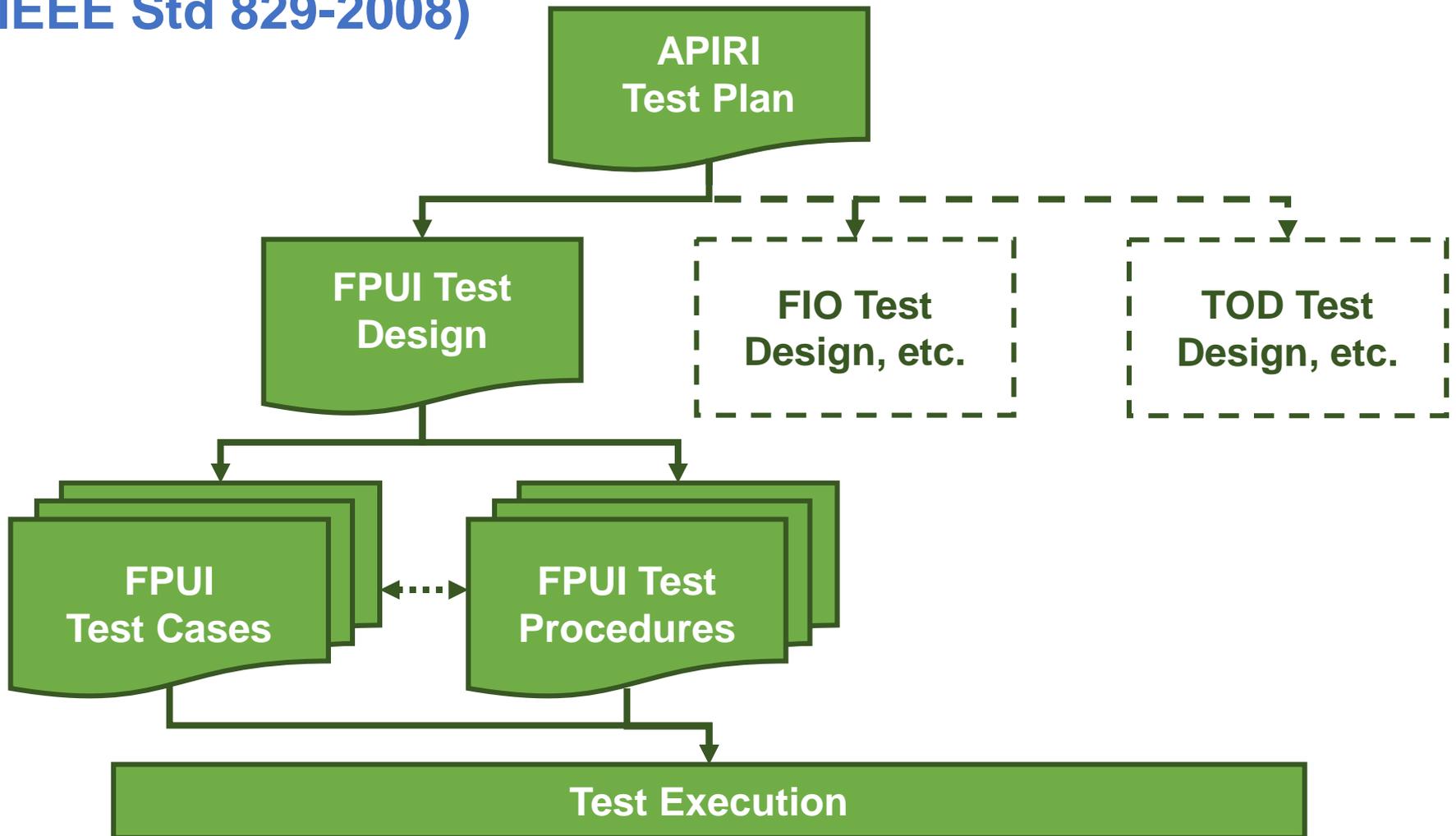
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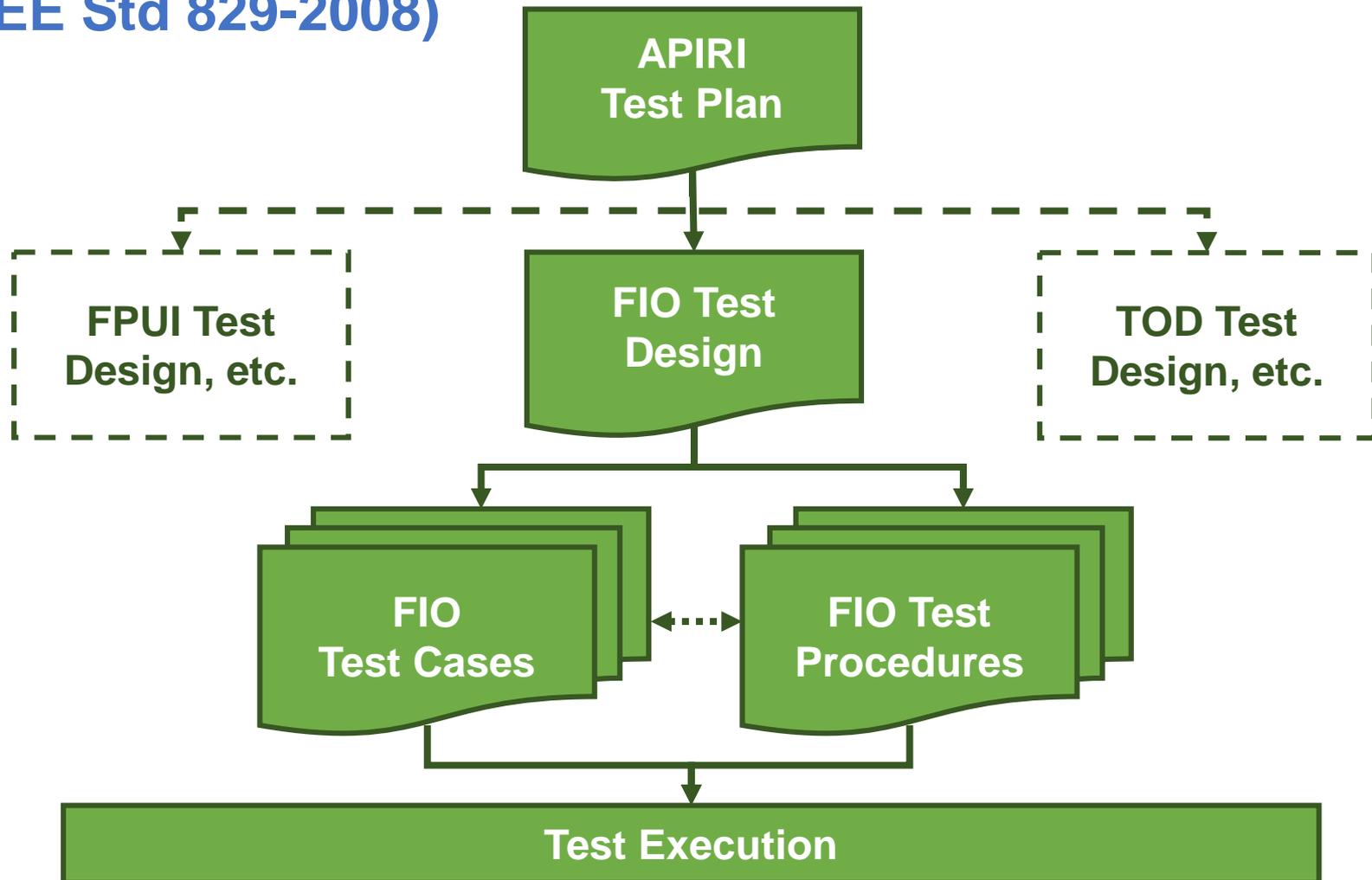
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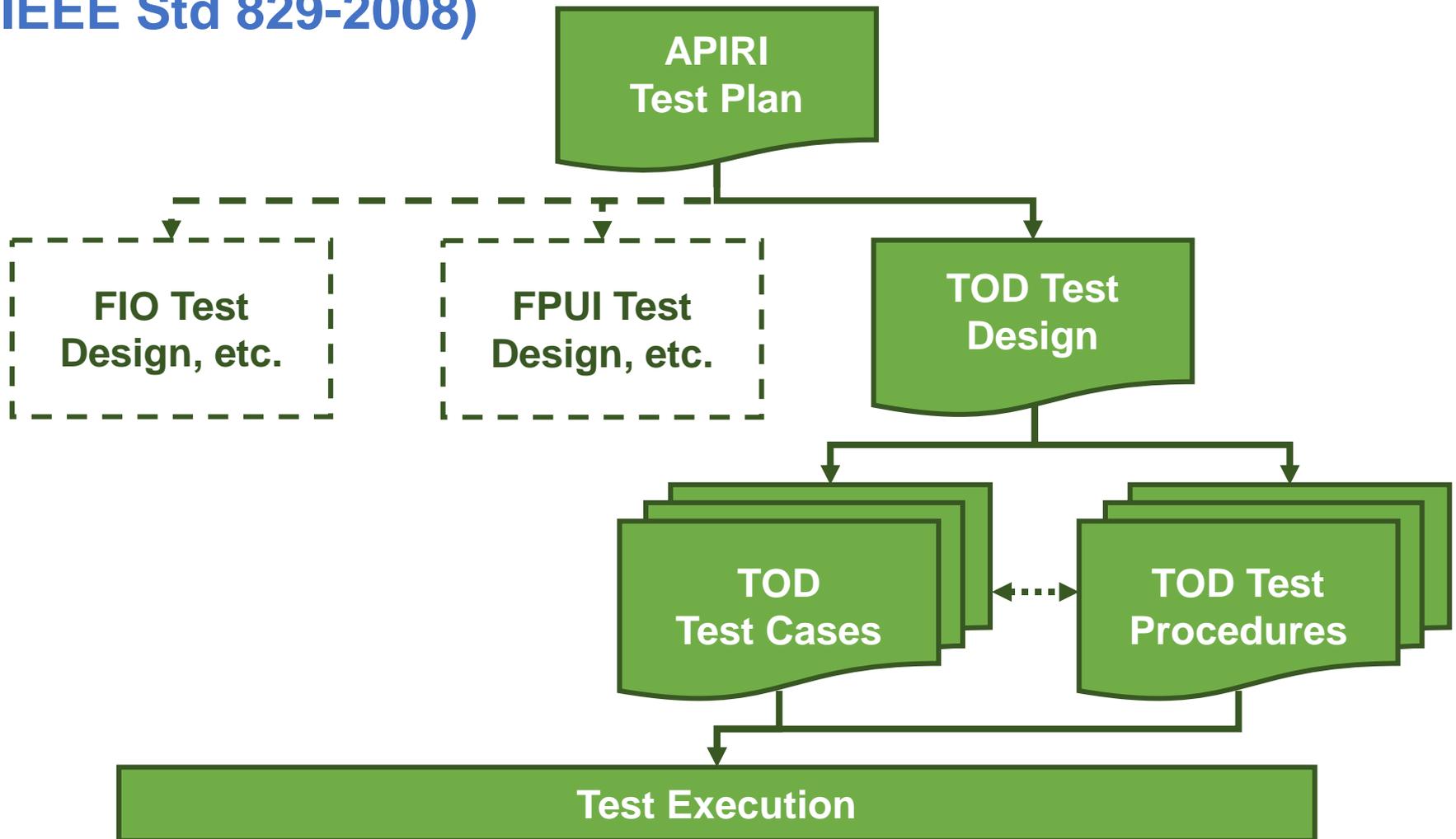
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# Organization and Content of the APIRI Test Documentation

## APIRI Test Plan Outline

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Test Items
- 3 Features to Be Tested
- 4 Features Not to Be Tested
- 5 Approach
- 6 Item Pass/Fail Criteria
- 7 Suspension Criteria and Resumption Requirements
- 8 Test Deliverables
- 9 Testing Tasks
- 10 Environmental Needs

# Organization and Content of the APIRI Test Documentation

## Features to Be Tested

Test ID	Document Name	Brief Description
APIRI.TDS.2001	APIRI Test Design Spec 1	Test All APIRI FPUI Required Features
APIRI.TDS.3001	APIRI Test Design Spec 2	Test All APIRI FIO Required Features
APIRI.TDS.4001	APIRI Test Design Spec 3	Test All APIRI TOD Required Features
APIRI.TCS.2010	APIRI Test Case Spec 1	FPUI Text UI Virtual Displays
APIRI.TCS.2020	APIRI Test Case Spec 2	FPUI Front Panel Manager
APIRI.TCS.2030	APIRI Test Case Spec 3	FPUI Character Set and Screen Attribs
APIRI.TCS.2040	APIRI Test Case Spec 4	FPUI Reading and Writing Data
APIRI.TCS.2100	APIRI Test Case Spec 9	API Version Information (All Libraries)
APIRI.TCS.3010	APIRI Test Case Spec 10	General FIO Operations
APIRI.TCS.3020	APIRI Test Case Spec 11	FIO Inputs and Outputs
APIRI.TCS.3030	APIRI Test Case Spec 12	FIO Channel Mapping
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# Organization and Content of the APIRI Test Documentation

## APIRI Test Plan Outline (cont.)

- 11 Responsibilities
- 12 Staffing and Training Needs
- 13 Schedule
- 14 Risks and Contingencies
- 15 Approvals
- 16 Appendices
  - 16.1 FPUI Library Requirements to Validation Description Matrix
  - 16.2 FIO Library Requirements to Validation Description Matrix
  - 16.3 TOD Library Requirements to Validation Description Matrix
  - 16.4 APIRI Test Design Specifications

# Organization and Content of the APIRI Test Documentation

## FPUI Library Requirements to Validation Description Matrix

Req ID	Req Description	ATC API Function	APIRI SDD Design Narrative	Test Cases	Test Procedures
...	...	...	...	...	...
APIR3.1.1.2[10]	The API shall provide a function to read a queued character or key code from the input buffer of a window.	fpui_read_char	The implementation of the fpui_read_char() library function (Section 3.4.8) makes use of the Linux operating system call to return a single character from the input buffer of the FrontPanelDriver device interface (Section 3.3).	APIRI.TCS.2040	APIRI.TPS.1001
APIR3.1.1.2[11]	The API shall provide a function to write a character to the current cursor position of a window.	fpui_write_char	The implementation of the fpui_write_char() library function (Section 3.4.8) makes use of the Linux operating system call to write a single character to the output buffer of the FrontPanelDriver device interface (Section 3.3).	APIRI.TCS.2040	APIRI.TPS.1001
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# Organization and Content of the APIRI Test Documentation

## APIRI Test Design Outlines

### 16.4.1 Test Design Specification 1 - Test All APIRI FPUI Features

#### 16.4.1.1 Test Design Specification Identifier

The identifier for this Test Design Specification is APIRI.TDS.2001.

#### 16.4.1.2 Features To Be Tested

This Test Design Specification will test all FPUI features of the API Reference Implementation (APIRI) which are subject to testing for validation ...

#### 16.4.1.3 Approach Refinements

All test cases will be tested using the general approach as defined in this test plan and as further refined in Test Procedure Specification APIRI.TPS.0001...

# Organization and Content of the APIRI Test Documentation

## APIRI Test Design Outlines (cont.)

### 16.4.1.4 Test Identification

All test documents to be used by this Test Design Specification can be found in Section 3, Table 1.

### 16.4.1.5 Feature Pass/Fail Criteria

This Test Design Specification will be considered to have passed if and only if every individual test case passes according to its own pass/fail criteria as well as any pass/fail criteria associated with the test procedure used to execute the test case.

# Organization and Content of the APIRI Test Documentation

## APIRI Test Case Outlines

### 2.6 Test Case Specification 4 – FPUI Reading and Writing Data

#### 2.6.1 Test Case Specification Identifier

The identifier for this Test Case Specification is APIRI.TCS.2040.

#### 2.6.2 Objective

The objective of this Test Case is to test the operation of the API functions used to write display data to and read keypresses from the Front Panel.

#### 2.6.3 Test Items

...

APIR3.1.1.2[13] The API shall provide a function to write a string to a window at the current cursor position.

APIR3.1.1.2[14] The API shall provide a function to write a string to a window at a starting position defined by column number and line number.

# Organization and Content of the APIRI Test Documentation

## APIRI Test Case Outlines (cont.)

### 2.6.4 Input Specifications

This test case requires the following file(s) as input:

<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>
<b>C2040_in.xml</b>	APIVXML test script (XML format)
<b>Cxxxx_key0.txt</b>	keystroke file (Key '0')
<b>Cxxxx_key1.txt</b>	keystroke file (Key '1')
<b>Cxxxx_keyESC.txt</b>	keystroke file (Key '<Esc>')
<b>C2040_vd_1.txt</b>	Virtual Display compare file (display 1)
<b>VS_config_1.txt</b>	VSE configuration file (for VSE command line)

### 2.6.5 Output Specifications

This test case produces the following file(s) as output:

<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>
<b>C2040_log.xml</b>	Conformance report (XML format)

# Organization and Content of the APIRI Test Documentation

## APIRI Test Procedure Outlines

### 2.1 Test Procedure Specification 1 - Auto-Execute Selected APIVS Script(s)

#### 2.1.1 Test Procedure Specification Identifier

The identifier for this Test Procedure Specification is APIVS.TPS.1001.

#### 2.1.2 Purpose

This procedure runs the Validation Suite Engine (VSE) using the source test script and runtime options as associated with one or more specific Test Case Specifications. This execution will run from beginning to end with only limited human intervention...

# Organization and Content of the APIRI Test Documentation

## APIRI Test Procedure Outlines (cont.)

### 2.1.3 Special Requirements

This procedure requires the editing of text files and the movement of files between a host computer Hard Disk Drive and a USB Flash Drive and is intended to be run by an operator with a reasonable technical knowledge of personal computer (PC) file systems...

### 2.1.4 Procedure Steps

*Subsections contained in this section: Log, Setup, Start, Proceed, Measure, Shutdown, Restart, Stop, Wrap Up, and Contingencies*

# Files Needed for Executing the Test Cases

Test Document	Purpose
<b>APIRI Test Scripts</b>	Written in <b>XML</b> (extensible markup language), which <b>allows testers to exercise the API software</b> without having to write C programs. These Test Scripts are input to the VSE.
<b>Flat Files</b>	Files that are used to <b>configure the device emulators</b> in the APIVS software and files that <b>represent known correct outputs</b> of the API software for given test cases.
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# Files Needed for Executing the Test Cases

## APIRI Test Scripts in XML

ATC 5401 API Reference Implementation Project

Filename: C2040\_in.xml

File Type: APIVXML test script (XML format)

Test Case: APIRI.TCS.2040

Description: FPUI Reading and Writing Data

TC XML: begins on Line 1187

### Test Case Narrative

open an FPUI connection

put the app in focus, wait for confirmation

write to the VD using all write methods

(APIR3.1.1.2[15])

(APIR3.1.1.2[16])

(APIR3.1.1.2[11])

...

# Files Needed for Executing the Test Cases

## APIRI Test Scripts in XML (cont.)

```
...  
<!-- write to the VD using all write method -->  
<Set var="$write_buf" value="@C2040" />  
<Set var="$write_chr" value="@J" />  
<Set var="$write_len" value="%1" />  
<Set var="$row" value="%4" />  
<Set var="$column" value="%6" />  
<!-- (APIR3.1.1.2[15]) -->  
<Call ref="fpui_write" setUp="API_Init_Variables" />  
<!-- (APIR3.1.1.2[16]) -->  
<Call ref="fpui_write_at" setUp="API_Init_Variables" />  
<!-- (APIR3.1.1.2[11]) -->  
<Call ref="fpui_write_char" setUp="API_Init_Variables" />  
...
```

# Files Needed for Executing the Test Cases

## Expected Result Flat Files

```
# -- Virtual Display and Global Variable Dump -  
# Date: 20160713 19:55:26 -  
#  
# Display Rows:  
#0          1          2          3          4  
#234567890123456789012345678901234567890123456789
```

### FRONT PANEL MANAGER

```
SELECT WINDOW [0-F]   SET DEFAULT *[0-F]  
0 C1160_00           1 C1160_01  
2 C1160_02           3 C1160_03  
4 C1160_04           5 C1160_05  
6 C1160_06           7 C1160_07  
8 C1160_08           9 C1160_09  
[UP/DN ARROW]       [CONFIG INFO- NEXT]
```

#-----

# Files Needed for Executing the Test Cases

## Expected Result Flat Files (cont.)

```
# ATC 5401 API Reference Implementation Project
#
#     Filename: C3020_cmd55a.txt
#     File Type: APIVS flat file (text format)
#     Test Case: APIRI.TCS.3xxx
#     Description: file load of Command Frame 55, test outputs set
#
# Date          Revision      Description
# 2/24/16      1.0           initial release
0x37 0x05 0x50 0x00 0x00 0x00 0x00 0x00 0x00 0x00 0x00 0x00
0x00 0x00 0x00 0x00 0x00
```

# Files Needed for Executing the Test Cases

## Validation Suite Engine (VSE) Configuration File

```
...
#      Filename: VS_config_1.txt
#      File Type: VSE configuration file
#      Test Case: many
#      Description:
#
# Date          Revision      Description
# 10/21/15     1.0           initial release
XMLInputFilePath = ./
XMLOutputFilePath = /tmp/
SetFilePath      = ./
ScreenHeight     = 8
ScreenWidth      = 40
FPUICompareFilePath = ./
FPUIInputFilePath = ./
...
```

# ACTIVITY



# Question

**What document is used to specify the inputs and outputs for a particular test of the API Software?**

## Answer Choices

- a) Test Design Specification
- b) Test Procedure Specification
- c) Test Plan
- d) Test Case Specification

# Review of Answers



a) Test Design Specification

*Incorrect. The TDS specifies refinements of the test approach in the test plan.*



b) Test Procedure Specification

*Incorrect. The TPS specifies the steps for executing the test cases on the API software.*



c) Test Plan

*Incorrect. The test plan specifies the scope and approach for testing and identifies the features to be tested. In the APIRI Project, it also contains the Test Design Specifications.*



d) Test Case Specification

***Correct! In the APIRI Project, all of the tests cases are contained in a single document.***

# Learning Objectives

Explain the **purpose of the API Validation Suite (APIVS) Software**

Use the **API Reference Implementation (APIRI) test documentation to specify acceptance testing**

Use the **APIVS Software to test the API Software**

## Learning Objective 3

Use the **APIVS Software** to  
**test** the **API Software**

# Open Source Software (OSS) Environment of the APIVS Software

## APIVS Repository – <https://github.com/apiradmin/APIVS>

The screenshot displays the GitHub repository page for 'apiradmin / APIVS'. The repository is currently on the 'master' branch. Key statistics include 123 commits, 1 branch, 0 releases, 5 contributors, and a GPL-2.0 license. The commit history shows several recent updates, including adding project test documentation, removing older copyright notices, and adding APIVS source code.

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Commit History:

Commit	Description	Time Ago
apiradmin	Add project test documentation.	3 months ago
apiradmin	Remove older copyright notices.	2 months ago
apiradmin	Add APIVS source code.	a year ago
apiradmin	APIVS update with updated demo test file and package script	a year ago
apiradmin	Remove older copyright notices.	2 months ago
apiradmin	Add full set of test cases.	2 months ago
apiradmin	Add run scripts and support files for miscellaneous non-automated tests.	2 months ago

# Preparations for Testing

## Equipment Required for Testing

- **Basic Equipment**

- ATC unit with operational API Software
- PC with 1GB available hard drive storage and USB port
- **VSE executable provided by your ATC vendor** (or compiled by you using vendor's tool chain)

- If using **CLI Method** add

- Serial or Ethernet cable to connect the PC to the ATC unit

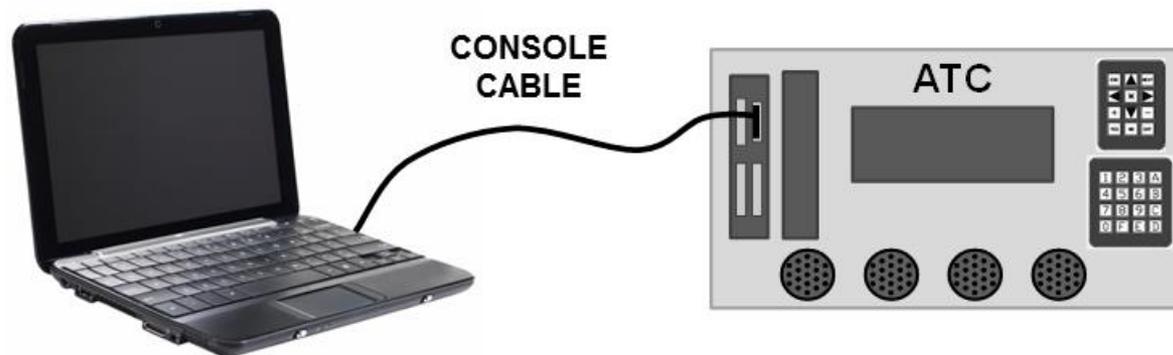
- If using **USB Test Package Method** add

- 1GB USB Flash Drive (minimum), formatted with a FAT16 or FAT32 file system

# Preparations for Testing

## Command-Line Interface (CLI) Method

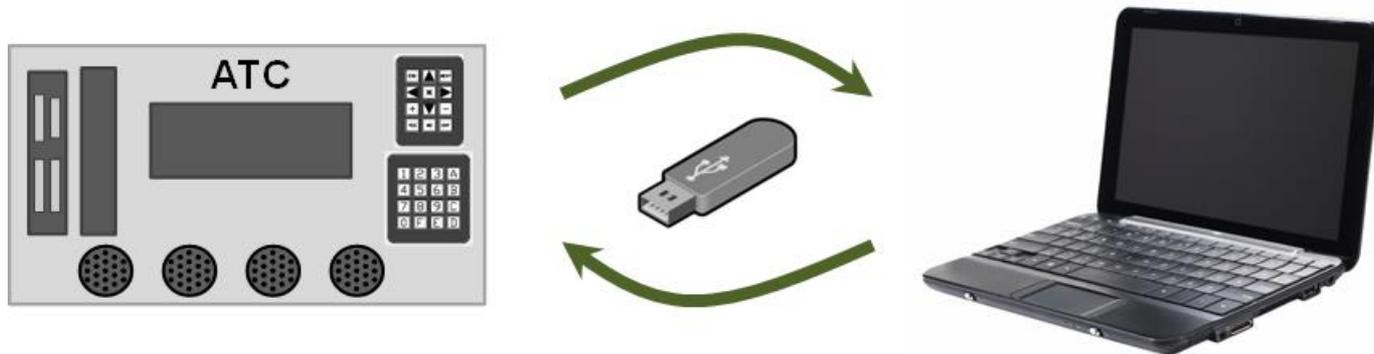
- APIVS Software has CLI designed to run in a Linux “shell”
- **Allows complete control** for each execution of a test
- Best method if tester is doing a lot of variations on individual tests or creating new tests
- **Tester** must be **comfortable working in a Linux** environment



# Preparations for Testing

## USB Test Package Method

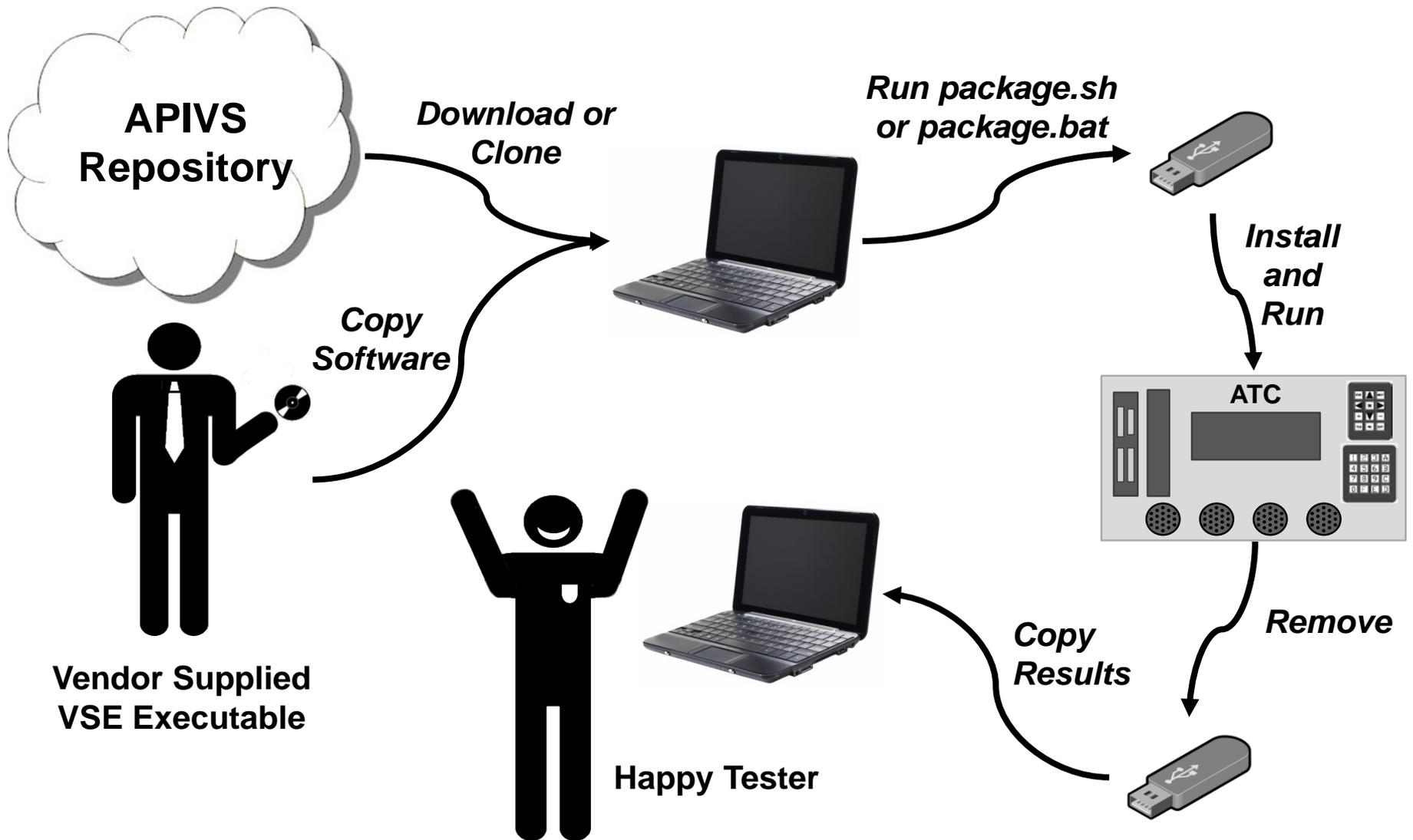
- **Preconfigured tests can be downloaded** from the web to a USB flash drive
- Simply plug the **USB drive** into the ATC unit and **turn on the power**
- **Variations** (if desired) **made by simple edits** of the runAPIVS file on the USB drive
- **Windows or Linux environment**



# Using the USB Test Package Method

1. **Download or clone the APIVS repository** to a PC
2. Install a USB flash drive into your PC
3. Run **package.sh** (for Linux PCs) or **package.bat** (for Windows PCs) **from a Linux or Windows shell**, respectively
4. **Copy the VSE executable and APIVS Loopback Drivers** to the USB drive
5. (optional) Edit runAPIVS to modify tests
6. Install the USB flash drive in the ATC unit
7. **Turn the ATC unit on**
8. Wait for completion
9. **Test results may be analyzed** by reinstalling the USB flash drive on the PC and viewing the log files (\*log.xml)

# Using the USB Test Package Method



# Prepare the APIVS Software for Testing

## Command-Line Interface (CLI) of the APIVS Software

```
vse -L [1-3] [-c configuration-file] [-i APIVXML-file] [-o output-file]  
      [-n test_suite_name] [-R count] [-H] [-C]
```

Where:

- **vse** – Name of the VSE executable program.
- **-L [1-3]** – (required) Conformance level of the output desired.
- **-c configuration-file** – (optional) File that specifies a series of VSE configurable items. If this file is omitted, default values are used.
- **-i APIVXML-file** – (optional) Path to the input XML test script to use. If **-i** is not present, the input will be read from stdin.
- **-o output-file** – (optional) Path of where to place the generated output XML file. If **-o** is not present, the output will be placed on stdout.
- **-R count** – (optional) Repeat test load count times, or indefinitely if count is 0.

# Prepare the APIVS Software for Testing

## Editing runAPIVS (optional)

- **runAPIVS** is a **Linux shell script** in the root of the USB Flash Drive
- **Defaults to running all tests cases** on the API software one time with Logging Level 1
- **Easy edits** to
  - Change the Logging Level
  - Increase iterations of particular tests
  - Run a subset of the test cases and/or change other VSE options

# Editing the runAPIVS Linux Shell Script

```
...
#   Filename: runAPIVS
#   File Type: Linux shell script
#   Test Case: many
#   Description: run VSE from USB at startup on
#               specific test cases
#
# Date          Revision      Description
# 2/24/16       1.0           initial release

# start async loopback driver; add symbolic links
insmod /media/sda1/APIVS/bin/tty0tty.ko
ln -s /dev/tnt0 /dev/sp6_loopback_a
ln -s /dev/tnt1 /dev/sp6_loopback_b
...
# set the conformance level this run (1,2,3)
LEVEL=1
...
```

# Editing the runAPIVS Linux Shell Script

```
reset_modules
if [ "$DELETE_LOGS" == TRUE ]; then rm C2020_log.xml; fi
clear_test_line; printf "Testing APIRI.TCS.2020... " >/dev/sp6
vse -L $LEVEL -c ./VS_config_1.txt -i C2020_in.xml
-o C2020_log.xml
print_test_result
```

```
reset_modules
if [ "$DELETE_LOGS" == TRUE ]; then rm C2030_log.xml; fi
clear_test_line; printf "Testing APIRI.TCS.2030... " >/dev/sp6
vse -L $LEVEL -c ./VS_config_1.txt -i C2030_in.xml
-o C2030_log.xml
print_test_result
```

```
reset_modules
if [ "$DELETE_LOGS" == TRUE ]; then rm C2040_log.xml; fi
clear_test_line; printf "Testing APIRI.TCS.2040... " >/dev/sp6
vse -L $LEVEL -c ./VS_config_1.txt -i C2040_in.xml
-o C2040_log.xml
print_test_result
```

...

# Editing the runAPIVS Linux Shell Script

```
reset_modules
if [ "$DELETE_LOGS" == TRUE ]; then rm C2020_log.xml; fi
clear_test_line; printf "Testing APIRI.TCS.2020... " >/dev/sp6
vse -L 3 -c ./VS_config_1.txt -i C2020_in.xml
-o C2020_log.xml
print_test_result
```

```
reset_modules
if [ "$DELETE_LOGS" == TRUE ]; then rm C2030_log.xml; fi
clear_test_line; printf "Testing APIRI.TCS.2030... " >/dev/sp6
vse -L $LEVEL -c ./VS_config_1.txt -i C2030_in.xml -R 10
-o C2030_log.xml
print_test_result
```

```
# reset_modules
# if [ "$DELETE_LOGS" == TRUE ]; then rm C2040_log.xml; fi
# clear_test_line; printf "Testing APIRI.TCS.2040... " >/dev/sp6
# vse -L $LEVEL -c ./VS_config_1.txt -i C2040_in.xml
-o C2040_log.xml
# print_test_result
```

...

# Use the APIVS Software to Execute Tests

## Running the USB Test Package

- Plug the USB drive into the ATC and turn it on
- Follow the screens that appear on the ATC unit front panel



```
ATC 5401 API Validation Suite v1.0  
Begin Test [YES] / [NO]?
```

# Use the APIVS Software to Execute Tests

## Running the USB Test Package

- Plug the USB drive into the ATC and turn it on
- Follow the screens that appear on the ATC unit front panel



```
ATC 5401 API Validation Suite v1.0
Running test session.
Testing APIRI.TCS.2010...
```

```
Test cases passed: 13 failed: 0
```

# Use the APIVS Software to Execute Tests

## Running the USB Test Package

- Plug the USB drive into the ATC and turn it on
- Follow the screens that appear on the ATC unit front panel



```
ATC 5401 API Validation Suite v1.0
Running test session.
Session complete.
Please remove USB drive and reboot.
```

```
Test cases passed: 40 failed: 0
```

# ACTIVITY



# Question

What is not an appropriate reason to edit the runAPIVS shell script?

## Answer Choices

- a) Turn off all test output
- b) Change the number of iterations on a test
- c) Change the conformance report logging
- d) Select a subset of the existing test cases

# Review of Answers



a) Turn off all test output

***Correct! One cannot turn off all test output. A pass/fail is the most terse output available.***



b) Change the number of iterations on a test

***Incorrect. Selecting a particular test case is a good reason to edit runAPIVS.***



c) Change the conformance report logging

***Incorrect. Changing the conformance report logging is a good reason to edit runAPIVS.***



d) Select a subset of the existing test cases

***Incorrect. Selecting a subset of the existing test cases is a good reason to edit runAPIVS.***

# Learning Objectives

Explain the **purpose of the API Validation Suite (APIVS) Software**

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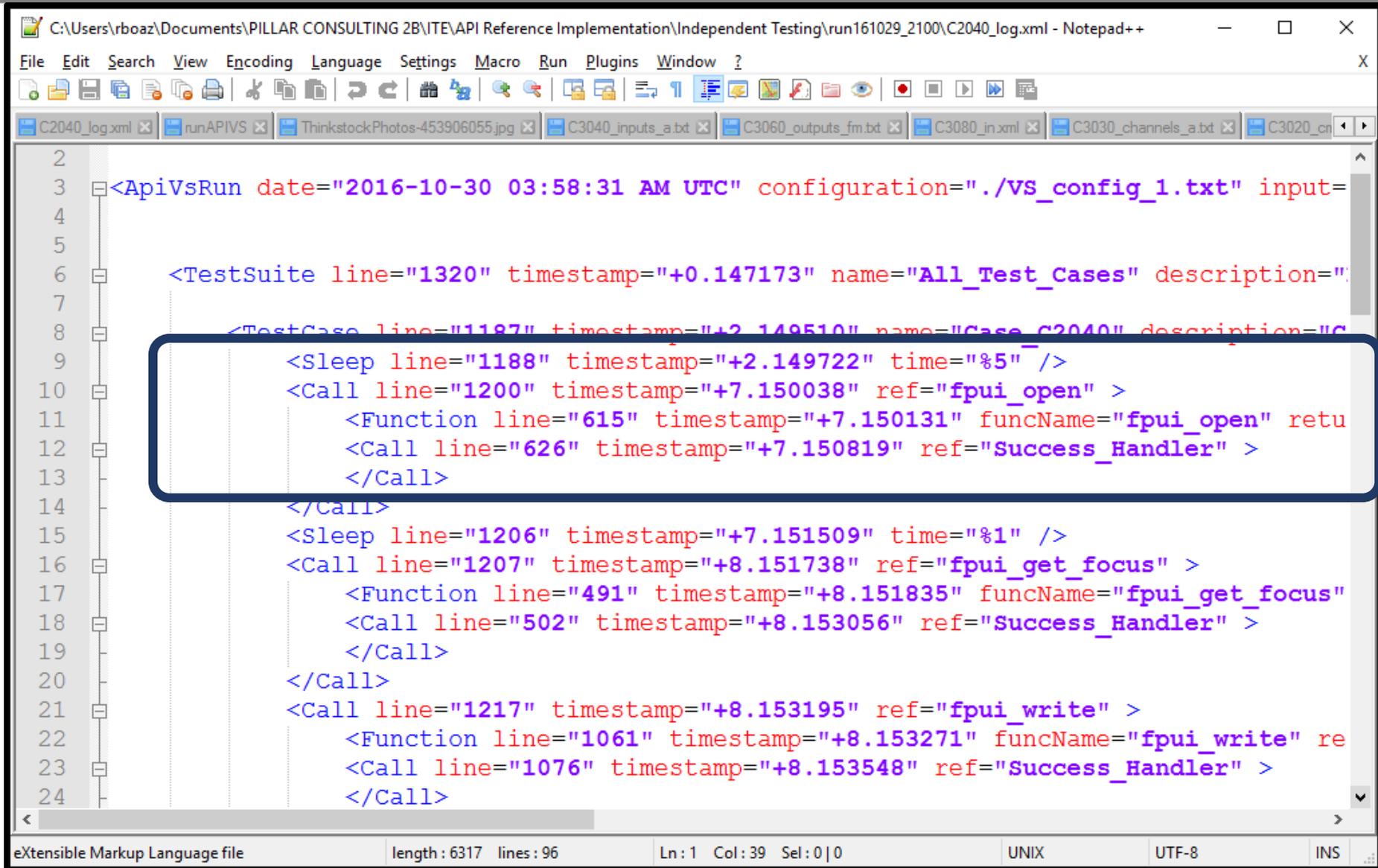
# Learning Objective 4

**Interpret and report results  
of testing API Software**

# Analyze Results Using Off-the-Shelf Tools

- **Outputs** of the APIVS Software are in **XML**
- In the simplest case, all users are looking for is a PASS/FAIL indication
- Otherwise, use a tool. Examples:
  - **Notepad++** (<http://notepad-plus-plus.org>)
    - **General purpose editing tool** for software-related files
    - Color coding and **formatting of XML text files**
  - **XML Differences** ([www.corefiling.com/opensource/xmldiff.html](http://www.corefiling.com/opensource/xmldiff.html))
    - Online **comparison** of XML files
  - **XmlGrid** (<http://xmlgrid.net>)
    - Online editor **displays** in formatted XML text or **in grids** (tables)
  - **XML Viewer** ([www.codebeautify.org/xmlviewer](http://www.codebeautify.org/xmlviewer))
    - Online editor displays in formatted XML text or in **tree view**

# Analyze Results Using Off-the-Shelf Tools

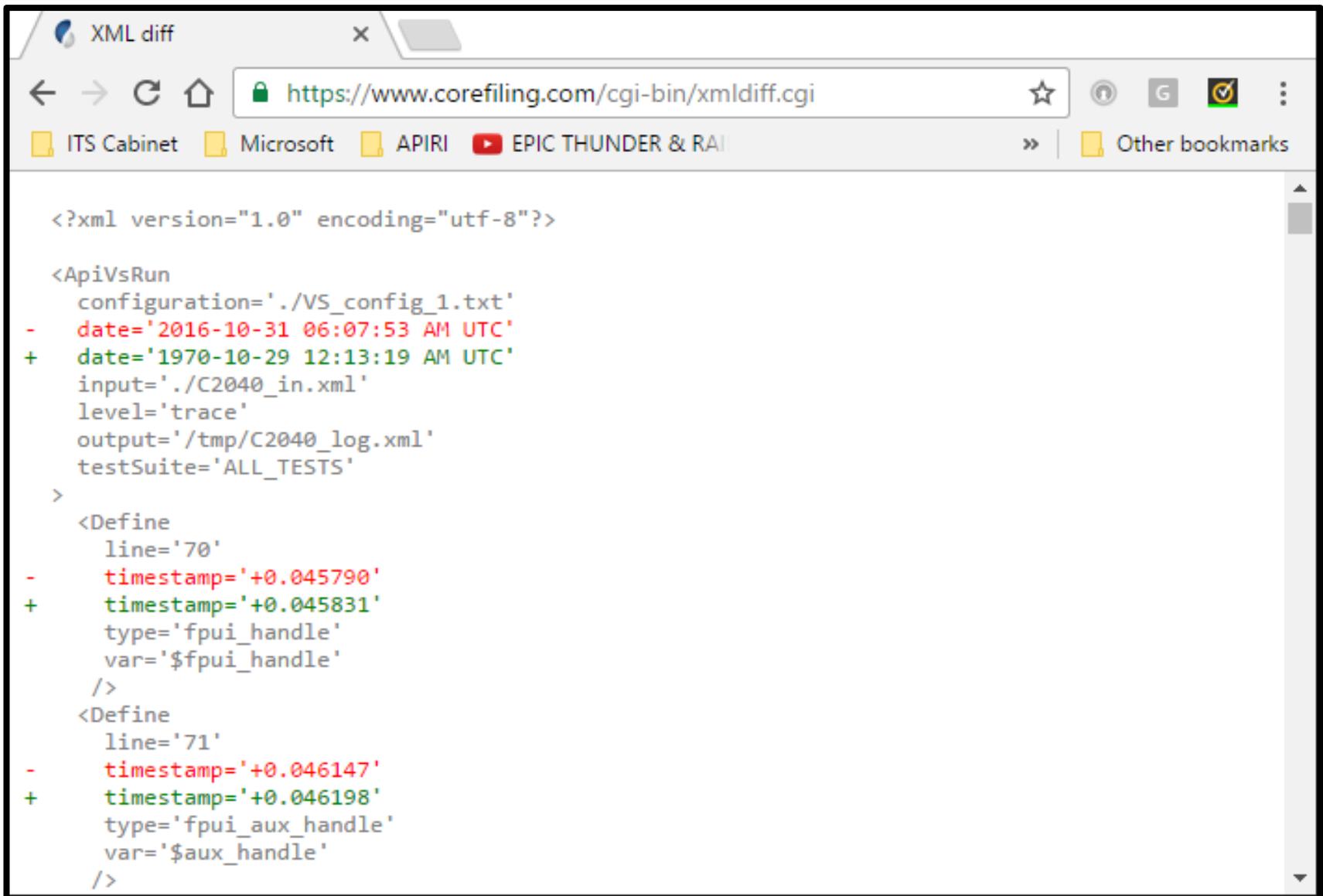


The screenshot shows a Notepad++ window with the following content:

```
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File Edit Search View Encoding Language Settings Macro Run Plugins Window ?
C2040_log.xml x runAPIVS x ThinkstockPhotos-453906055.jpg x C3040_inputs_a.txt x C3060_outputs_fm.txt x C3080_in.xml x C3030_channels_a.txt x C3020_cn
2
3 <ApiVsRun date="2016-10-30 03:58:31 AM UTC" configuration="./VS_config_1.txt" input=
4
5
6 <TestSuite line="1320" timestamp="+0.147173" name="All_Test_Cases" description="
7
8 <TestCase line="1187" timestamp="+2.149510" name="Case_C2040" description="C
9
10 <Sleep line="1188" timestamp="+2.149722" time="%5" />
11 <Call line="1200" timestamp="+7.150038" ref="fpui_open" >
12 <Function line="615" timestamp="+7.150131" funcName="fpui_open" retu
13 <Call line="626" timestamp="+7.150819" ref="Success_Handler" >
14 </Call>
15 <Sleep line="1206" timestamp="+7.151509" time="%1" />
16 <Call line="1207" timestamp="+8.151738" ref="fpui_get_focus" >
17 <Function line="491" timestamp="+8.151835" funcName="fpui_get_focus"
18 <Call line="502" timestamp="+8.153056" ref="Success_Handler" >
19 </Call>
20 </Call>
21 <Call line="1217" timestamp="+8.153195" ref="fpui_write" >
22 <Function line="1061" timestamp="+8.153271" funcName="fpui_write" re
23 <Call line="1076" timestamp="+8.153548" ref="Success_Handler" >
24 </Call>
```

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# Analyze Results Using Off-the-Shelf Tools



```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<ApiVsRun
  configuration='./VS_config_1.txt'
-  date='2016-10-31 06:07:53 AM UTC'
+  date='1970-10-29 12:13:19 AM UTC'
  input='./C2040_in.xml'
  level='trace'
  output='/tmp/C2040_log.xml'
  testSuite='ALL_TESTS'
>
  <Define
    line='70'
-    timestamp='+0.045790'
+    timestamp='+0.045831'
    type='fpui_handle'
    var='$fpui_handle'
  />
  <Define
    line='71'
-    timestamp='+0.046147'
+    timestamp='+0.046198'
    type='fpui_aux_handle'
    var='$aux_handle'
  />
```

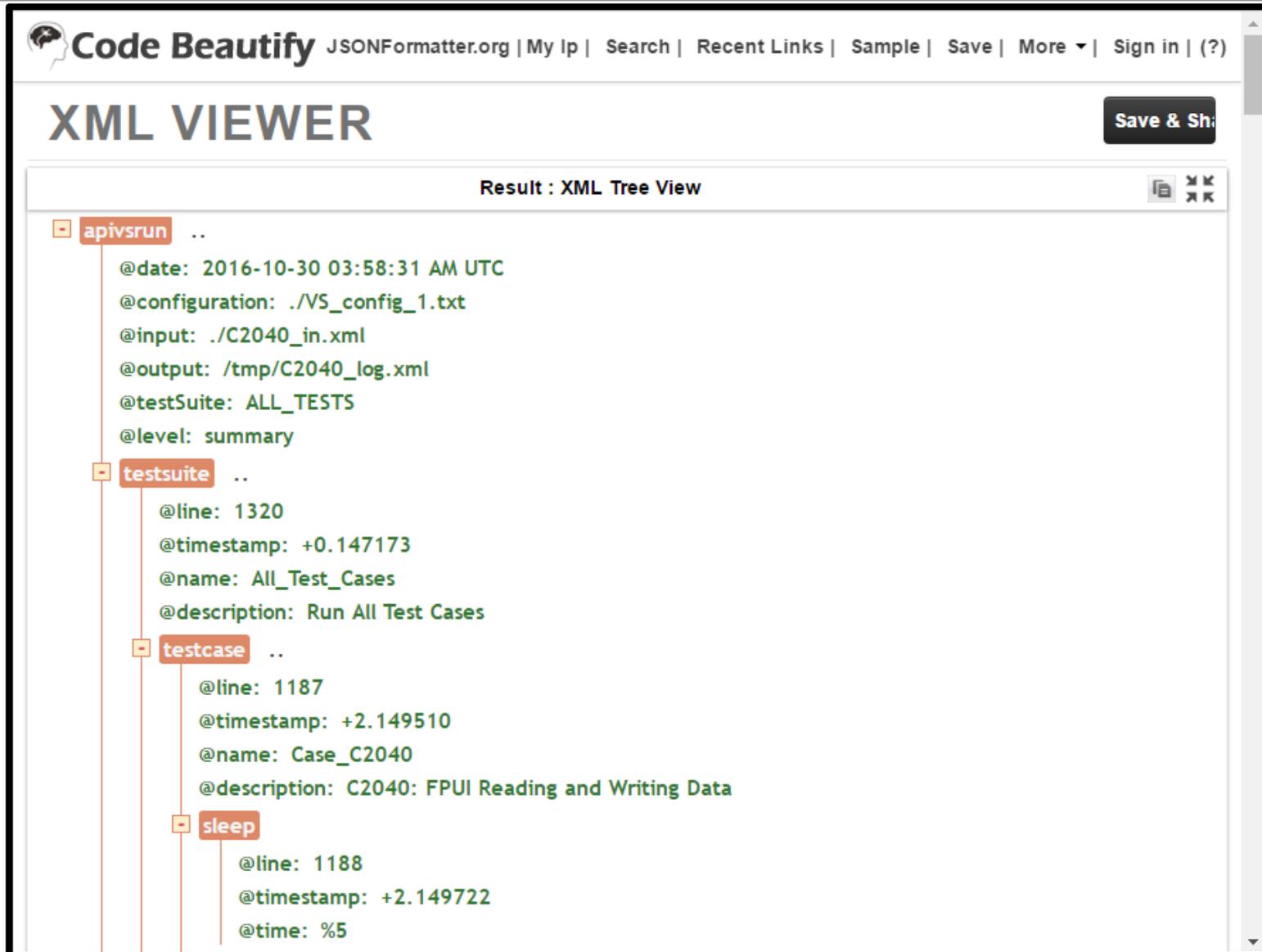
# Analyze Results Using Off-the-Shelf Tools

The screenshot shows the XmlGrid.net online XML editor interface. The page title is "XmlGrid.net Online XML Editor". The navigation menu includes "Home", "Demo", and "FAQ". The main content area has several buttons: "Input Box", "Open File", "By URL", "Create XML", "TextView", and "Validate". Below these buttons, the data source is identified as "ApiVsRun" with a green checkmark indicating "Well-Formed XML".

The XML structure is displayed in a tree view with the following elements:

- <> ApiVsRun**
  - @ date**: 2016-10-30 03:58:31 AM UTC
  - @ configuration**: ./VS\_config\_1.txt
  - @ input**: ./C2040\_in.xml
  - @ output**: /tmp/C2040\_log.xml
  - @ testSuite**: ALL\_TESTS
  - @ level**: summary
- <> TestSuite**
  - @ line**: 1320
  - @ timestamp**: +0.147173
  - @ name**: All\_Test\_Cases
  - @ description**: Run All Test Cases
  - <> TestCase**
- <> RunResult**
  - @ date**: 2016-10-30 03:58:47 AM UTC
  - @ status**: PASS

# Analyze Results Using Off-the-Shelf Tools



The screenshot shows the Code Beautify XML Viewer interface. The page title is "XML VIEWER" and the URL is "JSONFormatter.org". The main content area displays an XML tree view of test results. The root node is "apivsruntime", which contains a "testsuite" node. The "testsuite" node contains a "testcase" node, which in turn contains a "sleep" node. The XML tree view is as follows:

```
Result : XML Tree View
├── apivsruntime ..
│   ├── @date: 2016-10-30 03:58:31 AM UTC
│   ├── @configuration: ./VS_config_1.txt
│   ├── @input: ./C2040_in.xml
│   ├── @output: /tmp/C2040_log.xml
│   ├── @testSuite: ALL_TESTS
│   └── @level: summary
│       ├── testsuite ..
│       │   ├── @line: 1320
│       │   ├── @timestamp: +0.147173
│       │   ├── @name: All_Test_Cases
│       │   └── @description: Run All Test Cases
│       │       ├── testcase ..
│       │       │   ├── @line: 1187
│       │       │   ├── @timestamp: +2.149510
│       │       │   ├── @name: Case_C2040
│       │       │   └── @description: C2040: FUI Reading and Writing Data
│       │       │       ├── sleep
│       │       │       │   ├── @line: 1188
│       │       │       │   ├── @timestamp: +2.149722
│       │       │       │   └── @time: %5
```

# Create Test Reports Using the APIVS

## Conformance report options



- Testers may include test logs in their test reports
- **Level 1** – Conformance/nonconformance indication only
  - **304 lines** of output – about 16 minutes
- **Level 2** – Conformance/nonconformance indication and summary result
  - **9,693 lines** of output – about 16 minutes
- **Level 3** – Conformance/nonconformance indication, summary result, and all logs and traces
  - **73,066 lines** of output – about 22 minutes

# Create Test Reports for the API Software

## IEEE 829-2008 Level Test Report Outline

### **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 Document identifier
- 1.2 Scope
- 1.3 References

### **2 Details**

- 2.1 Overview of test results
- 2.2 Detailed test results
- 2.3 Rationale for decisions
- 2.4 Conclusions and recommendations

### **3 General**

- 3.1 Glossary
- 3.2 Document change procedures and history



# Combine All of the Out Log Files into the Detailed Test Results

## 2.2 Detailed Test Results

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- `<APIVSRun date="2016-10-30 04:48:07 AM UTC" configuration="./VS_config_1.txt" input="./C1310_in.xml" output="/tmp/C1310_log.xml" testSuite="ALL_TESTS" level="conformance" >`  
`<RunResult date="2016-10-30 04:48:17 AM UTC" status="PASS" />`
- `< APIVSRun date="2016-10-30 04:48:18 AM UTC" configuration="./VS_config_1.txt" input="./C1320_in.xml" output="/tmp/C1320_log.xml" testSuite="ALL_TESTS" level="conformance" >`  
`<RunResult date="2016-10-30 04:48:29 AM UTC" status="PASS" />`
- `< APIVSRun date="2016-10-30 04:48:30 AM UTC" configuration="./VS_config_1.txt" input="./C1330_in.xml" output="/tmp/C1330_log.xml" testSuite="ALL_TESTS" level="conformance" >`  
`<RunResult date="2016-10-30 04:48:41 AM UTC" status="PASS" />`

...

# ACTIVITY



# Question

**True or False: It is a good idea to always log as much information as possible on all tests.**

## Answer Choices

- a) True
- b) False

# Review of Answers



a) True

*Incorrect. If a tester wants to view full logging, it is better to do this on selected tests.*



b) False

***Correct! Logging all of the data creates a voluminous report and makes understanding the results difficult. While full logging on all tests can be done, it is advised that testers repeat their test with full logging for tests that failed previously.***

# Module Summary

Explain the **purpose of the API Validation Suite (APIVS) Software**

Use the **API Reference Implementation (APIRI) test documentation to specify acceptance testing**

Use the **APIVS Software to test the API Software**

**Interpret and report results of testing API Software**

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