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OVERVIEW

testium is an automated test framework developed in python by François Dausseur. This software is developed in python and it implements the Qt6 graphical framework.

It has been developed since 2013 with production and development testing in mind.

It's function is to automate the execution of tests. It can be invoked either as command line terminal application or as a graphical interface application.

Tests reports generation and customization are also in this tool's scope.

Its main features are:

- YAML test description,
- Test configuration files in YAML,
- Full range of pre-existing Test items,
- Test steps, loops,
- Dynamic variables expansion at test runtime,
- Conditional test step execution,
- Modularity of tests (reusable test sequences),
- etc.

All these features give the ability to the test engineer to perform efficient and robust testings.

Each test is described with the help of a [YAML](https://yaml.org/)¹ file having .tum as extension. This file is analyzed and then displayed as a tree in a graphical way in the GUI (see Figure above).

¹ <https://yaml.org/>

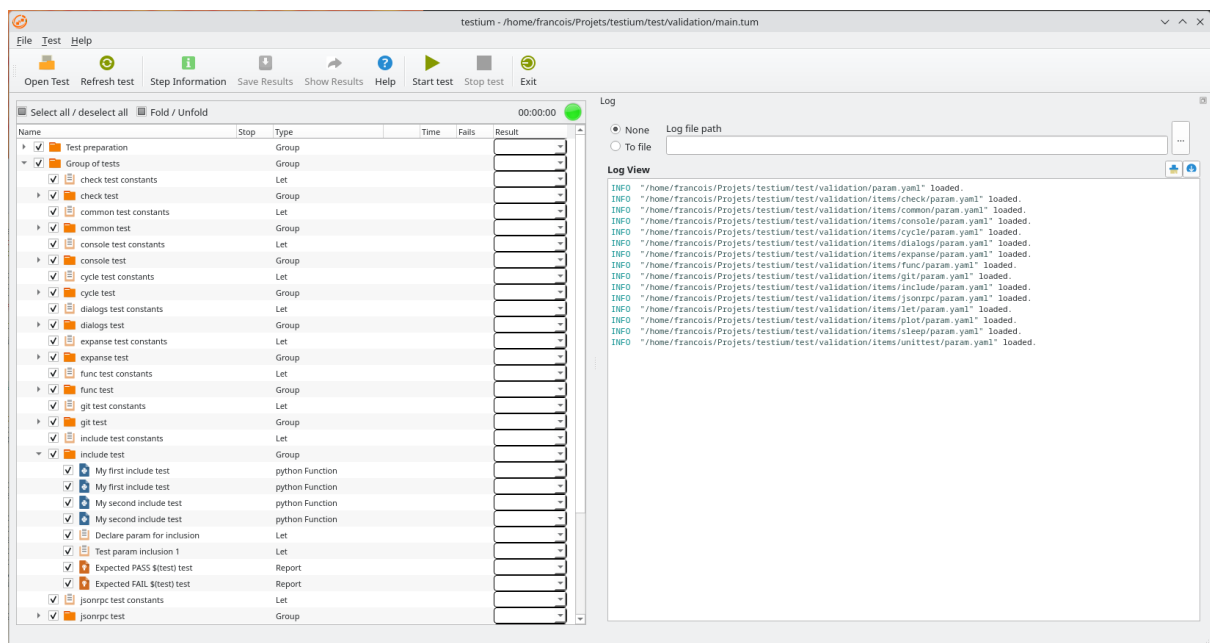


Fig. 1.1: testium

COMMAND LINE INTERFACE

```
usage: testium.pyw [-h] [--version] [-b] [-m] [-c CONFIG_FILE [CONFIG_FILE_
→...]] [-r] [-l LOG_FILE]
                        [-d DEFINE [DEFINE ...]] [-p REPORT_FILE] [-t
→{sqlite,json,junit,html,text}]
                        [-n REPORT_PATTERN [REPORT_PATTERN ...]] [-i_
→INCLUDE_PATH [INCLUDE_PATH ...]] [-o] [-g]
                        [test_file]

positional arguments:
test_file              the test script file

optional arguments:
-h, --help              show this help message and exit
--version              Returns the version of testium
-b, --batch-execution  Executes the test in batch mode
-m, --terminal          Starts terminal mode
-c CONFIG_FILE [CONFIG_FILE ...], --config-file CONFIG_FILE [CONFIG_FILE ..
→.]
-o, --no-color          Deactivates stdout colors in batch and terminal mode
                        Configuration file
-r, --run-and-close     Runs the test then closes the application
-l LOG_FILE, --log-file LOG_FILE
                        log file name
-d DEFINE [DEFINE ...], --define DEFINE [DEFINE ...]
                        Configuration passed to the executed tests.
-p REPORT_FILE, --report-file REPORT_FILE
                        report file name
-t {sqlite,json,junit,html,text}, --report-type
→{sqlite,json,junit,html,text}
                        report file type
-n REPORT_PATTERN [REPORT_PATTERN ...], --report-pattern REPORT_PATTERN_
→[REPORT_PATTERN ...]
                        report file pattern
-i INCLUDE_PATH [INCLUDE_PATH ...], --include-path INCLUDE_PATH_
→[INCLUDE_PATH ...]
                        Python modules search path
-g, --debug             GUI debug mode
```

2.1 -h, --help

Returns what's in the previous section.

2.2 -b, --batch-execution

Executes the test in text mode. No need to have QT installed in that case.

2.3 -m, --terminal

Starts a testium interactive console. It allows to run commands and sub-tests manually in a console.

2.4 -o, --no-color

Switch allowing to disable the colored output in terminal or batch modes.

2.5 -c, --config-file

This option allows to provide configuration file(s) from the command line. The configuration files format and content is detailed in the [config files](#) section.

If this parameter is not given while calling *testium*, the default configuration files will be used.

2.6 -r, --run-and-close

This parameter makes testium to close immediately after running the `test_file` argument passed during its call.

If there is no `test_file` argument passed, this option is ignored.

2.7 -l, --log-file

Path of the log file where to store the log of the test execution. Goes in a temporary folder if not provided.

2.8 -d, --define

Defines one or more variables in the form `VARIABLE1=value1 VARIABLE2=value2 ...`. Then, these variables are available from the test scripts, using the [global variables testium](#) feature.

2.9 -p, --report-file

Path of the report file, stored during the test execution.

This option is only useful in [batch mode](#).

2.10 -t, --report-type

This option is used in conjunction with option `-p` and is defining the type of report to be generated.

Please read the [reports](#) section for more details on the possible types of report.

2.11 -n, --report-pattern

This option is used in conjunction with option `-p` and is defining the report pattern(s) used to filter the report results which will be included in the report file.

More details in [reports](#) section.

2.12 -i, --include-path

Additional python paths. These paths are appended to the `sys.path`² python variable.

2.13 -g, --debug

This option is only usefull while debugging *testium* in vscode in *graphical mode*.

² <https://docs.python.org/3/library/sys.html?highlight=sys%20path#sys.path/>

MODES OF OPERATION

3.1 Graphical mode

testium tool has been initially designed to have Graphical User's interface.

The way to call it is simply by executing the *testium* command. It is the normal mode.

3.2 Batch mode

The batch mode allows to execute a test in text mode. In this mode, the test does not start any graphical interface.

Listing 3.1: call a test in batch mode

```
testium -b test/my_test/main.tum
```

3.3 Terminal mode

The terminal mode starts *testium* in interactive mode. From this console, some tests and sequences of tests can be called interactively.

Listing 3.2: call a test in terminal mode

```
$ testium -m
Configuration file loaded: /my/execution/path/param.yaml
[...]
=====
===== Test configuration
=====
Test executed with testium      : 2.4.0 (binary release)

(testium)~
```


TUM FILE SYNTAX

testium is a python-based tool which uses a YAML based description file to operate tests: the TUM file.

The description of tests is based on the definition of test sequences. There is a main YAML element which is the *testium* tool entry point.

All other steps are listed in the step list of the main. Some steps are themselves list of steps as well, such as loop or console items.

YAML is an indented language and parameter encapsulation is defined by their indentation.

YAML language auto detects data type so that it is not necessary to cast the element type explicitly. See [YAML home page](https://yaml.org/)³ for further information on the language.

The example below shows a basic implementation of the TUM description file:

Listing 4.1: main test file

```
main:
  name: Test example
  steps:
    - test_item1:
      name: test_1
    - loop :
      name: test cyle
      iterator: 5
      steps:
        - test_item:
          name: test_2
        - test_item:
          name: test_3
```

4.1 Configuration files

A configuration file can be specified in the *.tum* file or by the command line. This configuration file is optional and must be a YAML file.

The configuration files must have the *.yaml* or *.yml* file name extension.

During the test script loading process, the values defined in these configuration files are added to the global variables and are then accessible from the test items and scripts (cf. [global variables](#)).

The parameter file can be specified in the *.tum* file root:

³ <https://yaml.org/>

Listing 4.2: configuration files definition in the main *.tum* test file

```
config_file:
  config1.yaml
  config2.yaml

main:
  name: Test example
  [ ... ]
```

Listing 4.3: example of configuration file: *param.yaml*

```
parameter1: value1
parameter2: 1234
parameter3: $| 12.34 * 2 |
parameter4:
  - $(parameter1)
  - $(parameter3)
parameter5:
  sub_param1: sub_value1
  sub_param2: $(parameter4)
```

If nothing is specified, the *param.yaml* is automatically loaded, if present in the test directory.

4.1.1 Files loading

The YAML configuration files variables are evaluated directly and accessible from TUM tests description files and also from *python* and *lua* function test items.

See more details [below](#).

4.2 Global variables

Global variables feature is adding the possibility for test items and test scripts to access a common and global variables database.

The global variables dataset is populated from various sources:

- the *command line*,
- *built-in values*,
- the *configuration files*,
- some test items results,
- the *helper library API*, accessible from python scripts.

Theses global variables are used for variable expansion in scripts (see [variables expansion](#)).

Another possible usage of the global variables is to share persistent data between test steps.

A library allowing python functions to access global variables is available from the python scripts. See details in section [helper library](#).

Apart from the value obtained from the default *param.yaml* or defined configuration files, the global variables entries contains also

- built-in specific value (see [below](#)),

- values returned by test items.

4.2.1 Built-in values

The following keys are automatically accessible through the testium library API (see [helper library](#))

- `test_directory`: the absolute path of the directory of the main .tum file,
- `test_main_file`: the main .tum file,
- `os`: the name of the platform which is used. Can be Linux or Windows,
- `host_name`: The name of the host on which testium is running,
- `home`: home directory of the current user,
- `testrun_date`: The date when the test has started (as a string) in format YYYY-MM-DD,
- `testrun_time`: The time when the test has started (as a string) in format HH:MM:SS,
- `test_name`: The name of the file being executed without extension,
- `home`: the path of the current user's home directory,
- `test_outputs`: list of the paths of the test log and test report (if any),
- `last_test_result`: test result of the last step (see [Items common attributes](#)),
- `ts_start_<item_name>`: timestamp at the start of test item execution (see [Items common attributes](#)),
- `ts_end_<item_name>`: timestamp at the end of test item execution (see [Items common attributes](#)),
- `ts_duration_<item_name>`: duration of test item execution in seconds (see [Items common attributes](#)),
- `cn_<test_name>`: console test item result (see section [console test item](#)),
- `pfn_<func_name>`: py_func test item result (see section [py_func test item](#)),
- `lfn_<func_name>`: lua_func test item result (see section [lua_func test item](#)),
- `cs_<test_name>`: dialog_choices test item result (see section [dialog_choices test item](#)),
- `loop_param`: loop iterator (available from within a loop item, see [loop test items](#)),
- `loop_index`: loop index (available from within a loop item, see [loop test items](#)),
- `loop_count`: loop number (available from within a loop item, see [loop test items](#)). If the loop number its value is the python constant `inf`.

4.2.2 Debug mode

Debug mode can be enabled by defining the global variable `test_debug`.

For example, it can be defined in the configuration file as:

Listing 4.4: example of configuration file: param.yaml

```
[...]  
test_debug: True  
[.]
```

It can also be defined from the command line with the option `-d test_debug`.

When debug mode is enabled, additional information are displayed in the log window.

Some *helper library functions* are available to give the state of the debug mode.

4.2.3 Test items entries

All test items attributes can be global variable entries; when using the entry `$(<global>)` before a key value, the corresponding key entry is searched within the global variables dataset.

4.2.4 References

If the `dialog_references` test item has been included (see *dialog_reference test item*), the global dict will contain the result of this test item in the key `tested_items`.

4.2.5 Dialog values

All dialog returned values are inserted in the global variables entries with the key value being the test item name attribute (see *dialog_value test item*).

4.2.6 Paramers passing, variable expansion and evaluations

One of the most useful functionalities for scalability and flexibility of the .tum files is the ability to expanse variables at test runtime.

It is done by replacing any occurrence of `$(my_global)` with the content of the variable in the global variables entries (see *global variables*).

The variable substitution is recursive and checks all the occurrences of the `$(x)` pattern in a string.

It is also possible to perform evaluation of python substrings during parameters passing. It is done by using the `$| expr |` pattern in a string. *expr* may then be a correct python expression.

Below are illustrated simple and more complicated cases of expansion and evaluation depending on their pattern.

Listing 4.5: variables expansion and evaluation

```
- let:  
  name: Dynamic variables expansion  
  key: $(test)_PASS  
  values:  
    - expanse_select: $|"$(expanse_select)".replace("o", "a")|  
    - expanse_index: $(expanse_index_$(expanse_select))  
    - expanse_table: $(expanse_table_$(expanse_select))  
    - expanse_eval: $|$(expanse_index) == 1|
```


4.3 Test Items

All *testium* steps are described in sequence as test items in the step list of the main test item (and eventually of the loop test item).

TUM file main item is itself a variant of test items with a name and an step list attributes.

4.3.1 Items common attributes

All test items have common attributes independently of their types, which are listed in next table, those are all optional parameters and their default value if not provided is given in the table as well.

Table 4.1: test items common attributes

Parameter name	Default value	Description
name	test item type	This is the test item name as displayed in the test tree window of the testium. This attribute is also supported by actions of console, jsonrpc or plot test items. Default value, if not provided, is the test item type.
stop_on_failure	False	If stop_on_failure is set to True, the test sequence execution stops on test item failure and no further test items are executed, except those with execute_on_stop attribute set (see below) It depends on the test item to take it into account or not. For example it makes sense to use it for unittest_file test type because it can contain many sub-tests, but not for sleep test type. In cycles, it means that the child sequence execution is stopped at first failure. It also means that the remaining loops are not executed.
execute_on_stop	False	When this attribute is set to True, the test item is always run, even on test failure of any test before. This feature is useful, to end the test sequence properly on test failure (switch off power supplies, climatic chamber temperature set to ambient temperature....)
skipped	False	The test item execution is to be skipped during test sequence execution if set to True. It will be displayed as failed in the report.
no_fail	False	The result of the test step is forced to PASS if this attribute is set to true.
doc	" "	Documentation for the test item that appears in the test doc field and the contextual text window in the testium GUI.
Key	/	This attribute defines a key which will be attached to the test result and which will allow to be filtered during the report generation.
report	/	This attribute defines values (a dictionary) which will be added in the data field of the report.
condition	/	The test item is executed if its condition attribute content is a boolean True. see Conditional execution .
process_result	/	Process an evaluation of the process_result and store it in the result see Process result for details.
expected_result	/	Expected result value or string. see Expected result for details.

last test result

The global variable `last_test_result` is automatically set at the end of a test item execution.

If the corresponding test item does not return any actual, the content of the `last_test_result` variable will be the test success (PASS, FAIL or SKIP).

If the test item returns a value, the `last_test_result` variable will contain the returned value.

The main test items returning a value are:

- *console* test item,
- *jsonrpc* test item,
- *dialog references* test item,
- *dialog value* test item.

Test timings

After the execution of a test step, the following global variables are set :

- `ts_start_<item_name>`
- `ts_end_<item_name>`

and

- `duration: ts_duration_<item_name>`

See *global variables* for more detail on how to access to global variables from test items and scripts.

Skipped test items

A variable named `skipped_test_item` can be defined in the global variable entries or in configuration file (see *config files*) as a list of item to be skipped.

Conditional execution

The condition attribute content must be a boolean value (if not True, the condition is considered not met).

Process result

The `process_result` attribute can be applied to all the test items. However, it's behavior is different depending if the test item is returning a value or not.

The `process_result` attribute content is evaluated as a python line.

The special `$(result)` variable is replaced in the `process_result` attribute content with the test result value.

The process result is done before the `expected_result`

If the result of the evaluation is a boolean, the test will be *PASSED* if True, and *FAIL* otherwise.

Expected result

The `expected_result` attribute can be applied to all the test items. However, it's behavior is different depending if the test item is returning a value or not.

The test items returning a value are:

- *dialog_references test item*
- *dialog_value test items*
- *py_func test item*
- *dialog_choices test item*
- *json_rpc test item*

For test items which don't return a value, the `expected_result` attribute content is compared to `PASS` or `FAIL`.

The `expected_result` attribute content is a simple comparison with `$(result)`.

If the result and the `expected_result` is equal, the test will be *PASSED* if `True`, and *FAIL* otherwise.

The special `$(result)` variable is replaced in the `expected_result` attribute content with the test result value.

Export attribute

Listing 4.6: Example of export common attribute usage

```
- check:
  name: Example of result specific to the step 001
  values:
    - $(last_test_result) == PASS
  key:
    - GID-1510554_step_1
  report:
    reported_list: $| random.sample(range(0,20), k=10) |
    reported_float: $| math.sqrt(float(1)) |
    reported_str: This is my reported sentence
```

4.3.2 Container items GUI default folding

The container items are items which are the parent of other test items. For example loops and groups are container test items.

In the GUI, if the user wants that a container test item is folded when he opens a test, the `.` character has to be placed before the test item declaration.

See an example below:

Listing 4.7: example of loop folded by default in the GUI

```
- .loop:
  doc: An example loop
  name: An example loop
  ...
```

4.3.3 check test item

The check test item returns the result of a python string evaluation:

Listing 4.8: example of check test item usage

```
- check:
  name: check test item example
  values:
    - '"tictactoe" in "${my_global_string}"'
```

4.3.4 console test item

The console test item is of the form:

Listing 4.9: example of console test item usage

```
- console:
  name: test name in GUI
  console_name: console name in dict
  steps:
    - open:
      protocol: telnet
      telnet_host: ${target_ip}
      telnet_port: ${target_port}
    - writeln: reset
    - read_until: {expected: U-Boot, timeout: 50}
    - write: ${boot_vxworks_1}
    - writeln: ${boot_vxworks_2}
    - read_until:
      expected: U-Boot
      timeout: 15
    - read_until:
      expected: Something that will never occurs
      timeout: 5
      no_fail: True
      mute: True
    - close:
```

Attributes

Beside common test items attributes, console test item has specific attributes:

- **console_name:** console instance name
- **write_delay:** optional parameter giving the delay to wait in milliseconds between each character sent.
- **steps:** a sequence of actions to be applied to the console, as listed above.

The console test item steps accept the parameters and configurations defined in the next sections.

All the following actions support the name attribute. The name is concatenated with the step type in the *testium* GUI, and recalled in the test log and reports.

open action

The open action initializes the console with the attributes defined as described below. The console instance is then added to the `console_instances` entry of the global variables (cf *global variables*).

Open step accepts the following attribute:

- protocol: Setting of the console protocol, supported protocol are listed in table below
- Other attributes are dependent of the protocol in used and are listed in table below

Table 4.2: console protocols

Protocol	protocol parameter	Description
telnet	telnet_host	hostname of the target.
	telnet_port	port of the telnet server of the target.
ssh	ssh_host	Hostname or IP address of the target.
	ssh_user	port of the telnet server of the target.
serial	ssh_pwd	Password (optional).
	serial_port	Serial port to the target.
	serial_baudrate	Baud rate of the serial connection.
	buffered	Optimal boolean parameter. If False, it forces the console to read directly the device. Default: True.
rawtcp	tcp_host	hostname of the target.
	tcp_port	port of the rawtcp server of the target.
terminal	terminal_path	Path of the terminal console.
	shell	Shell to execute in the terminal Default: /usr/bin/env bash

- log: is available only for Telnet and Serial console and is a path to a folder or a file, where the log will be stored.

close action

The close action closes the console devices and removes its instance from the console_instances list accessible in the global variables (cf [global variables](#)).

No parameters required for this action.

write action

write action takes as parameter the string to be written on the console.

writeln action

writeln function is similar to the write function except that a 'n' (newline) character is sent at the end of the string to be written.

read_until action

The read_until action is waiting for a string pattern from the console, its parameter are listed below

- expected: Character string to wait for
- timeout: Timeout setting for the action (in seconds)
- no_fail: Boolean value (True or False) leading to no error reported if the expected input is not read
- mute: Boolean value (True or False) does not log any readen data

The text read by the read_until action is stored in the global variable named cn_<test_name> (See [global variables](#) for more detail on accessing global variables from test items and scripts).

In the example above, the global variable \$(cn_test name in GUI) would be created at the end of the step. It would contain the resulting data of the read.

4.3.5 dialog_choices test item

This test item displays a dialog asking a question and waiting for a selection to be done among defined list of items.

These selectable items can be passed as a tree.

The [Figure 4.1](#) displays an example of this item.

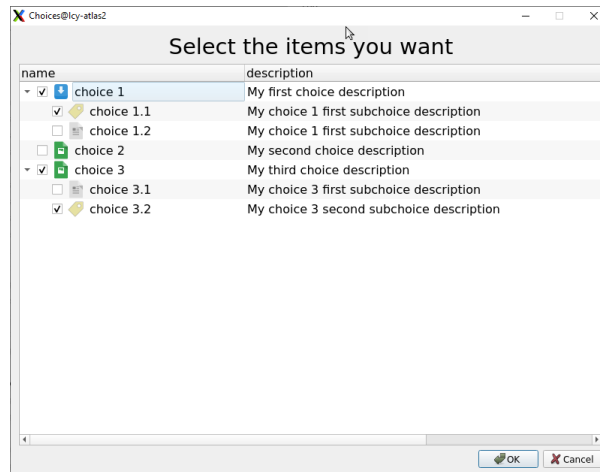


Fig. 4.1: choices dialog

The item parameters corresponding to [Figure 4.1](#) is shown below.

Listing 4.10: example of choices_dialog test item usage

```
- dialog_choices:
  name: Choices
  question: Select the items you want
  icon: $(test_directory)/document.png
  choices:
    - name: choice 1
      description: My first choice description
      icon: $(test_directory)/document-save.png
      choices:
        - name: choice 1.1
          description: My choice 1 first subchoice description
          icon: $(test_directory)/Label.png

        - name: choice 1.2
          description: My choice 1 first subchoice description

    - name: choice 2
      description: My second choice description
      icon: $(test_directory)/image.png

    - name: choice 3
      description: My third choice description
      icon: $(test_directory)/image.png
      choices:
        - name: choice 3.1
          description: My choice 3 first subchoice description

        - name: choice 3.2
```

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```
description: My choice 3 second subchoice description  
icon: $(test_directory)/Label.png
```

Attributes

The supported attributes of the `dialog_choices` test item are:

- `question`: Question to be displayed in the dialog box.
- `choices`: List of the choices presented to the user.
- `icon`: Optional. Path of the icon used in the selection tree, for all the items by default.

Choices attribute content

Each choice element is a dictionary which can have the following attributes

- `name`: name of the choice to be done.
- `description`: description of the choice to be done.
- `icon`: Optional. Path of the icon displayed in the selection tree in front of the corresponding choice.
- `choices`: List of sub-choices presented to the user (recursive).

Feature

The `dialog` references test item creates the `cs_<name of test item>` entry in the global dictionary.

In the example above, the global variable name containing the result of the test item would be `cs_Choices`, and it would contain an object of this form:

Listing 4.11: example of result of the `dialog_choices` test item

```
[  
  {'name': 'choice 1',  
    'checked': True,  
    'choices': [ {'name': 'choice 1.1', 'checked': True},  
                  {'name': 'choice 1.2', 'checked': False} ]  
  },  
  {'name': 'choice 2',  
    'checked': False},  
  {'name': 'choice 3',  
    'checked': True,  
    'choices': [ {'name': 'choice 3.1', 'checked': False},  
                  {'name': 'choice 3.2', 'checked': True} ]  
  }  
]
```

See [global variables](#) for more detail on how to access to global variables from test items and scripts.

4.3.6 dialog_image test item

This test item displays an image within a dialog box.

dialog_image test item has the following description format

Listing 4.12: example of dialog_image test item usage

```
- dialog_image:  
  name: dialog image test item  
  question: operator question  
  filename: imageToBeDisplayed.jpg
```

Attributes

dialog_image has the following specific attributes:

- question: Question to be displayed in the dialog box
- filename: File name of the image to be displayed in the dialog box.

Feature

The test returns a FAIL if the answer is No and PASS if yes.

4.3.7 dialog_message test item

This test item displays a simple dialog asking a question and returning the entered value. dialog_message test item has the following description format

Listing 4.13: example of dialog_message test item usage

```
- dialog_message:  
  name: dialog value test item  
  question: operator question
```

Attributes

dialog_message has the following specific attribute:

- question: Sentence to be displayed in the dialog box

Feature

Just display the message.

4.3.8 dialog_note test items

This test item displays a simple dialog allowing to enter some text and printing the entered value in logs.

dialog_note test item has the following description format

Listing 4.14: example of dialog_note test item usage

```
- dialog_note:  
  name: dialog value test item  
  question: operator question
```

Attributes

dialog_note has the following specific attribute:

- question: Question to be displayed in the dialog box

Feature

Prints the entered text in the log.

4.3.9 dialog_question test item

This test item displays a simple dialog asking a question and returning the entered value.

dialog_question test item has the following description format

Listing 4.15: example of dialog_question test item usage

```
- dialog_question:
  name: dialog value test item
  question: operator question
```

Attributes

dialog_question has the following specific attribute:

- question: Question to be asked in the dialog box

Feature

The test returns a FAIL if the answer is No and PASS if yes.

4.3.10 dialog_references test item

This test item displays a dialog asking a question and waiting for references of the devices under test.

This test item has the following format:

Listing 4.16: example of dialog_references test item usage

```
- dialog_references:
  name: ask for a reference
  question: Please give the reference of the product
  reference:
    - ref 1
    - ref 2/rev
```

The example above displays the dialog box in [Figure 4.2](#).

Attributes

All the following attributes are mandatory.

- question: Question to be displayed in the dialog box.
- reference: For each of this parameter in the test correspond to a row to fill in the dialog.

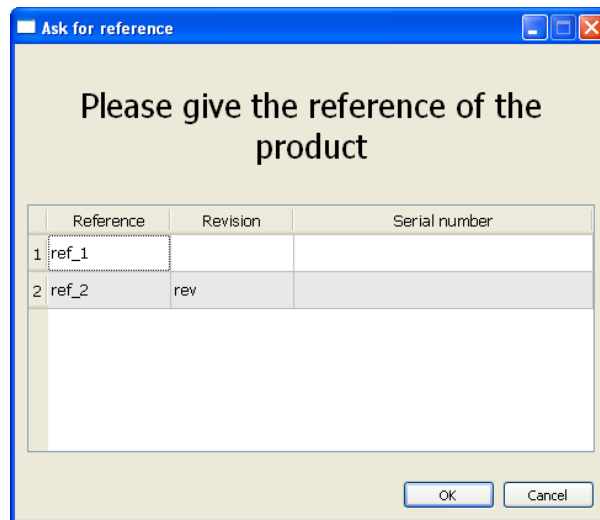


Fig. 4.2: dialog reference

Every field for a reference can be pre-filled using separating each field with an '/' (cf [Figure 4.2](#)).

Feature

The dialog references test item creates the `tested_items` entry in the `global_dict` global variable. This entry is a list of dictionaries of this form:

Listing 4.17: example of `tested_items` global variable result of `dialog_reference` test item

```
[{'reference': 'XXXXX', 'revision': 'YYYYY', 'serial': 'ZZZZZ'}, ...]
```

4.3.11 dialog_value test items

This test item displays a simple dialog asking a question and returning the entered value. `dialog_value` test item has the following description format

Listing 4.18: example of `dialog_value` test item usage

```
- dialog_value:
  name: dialog value test item
  question: operator question
```

Attributes

`dialog_value` has the following specific attribute:

- **question:** Question to be displayed in the dialog box
- **default:** default value to place in the dialog form (optional)

Feature

The returned value is added in the global variable entry with the key being the `dialog_value` test item name.

4.3.12 py_func test item

The `py_func` test item is used to execute custom python scripts with the given input parameters.

There are two modes for executing a `py_func` item. The class mode and the function mode.

class `py_func` item

This is the normal way of calling some custom python code.

A class must be defined and derived from `FunctionItem` from the `libs.testium` module.

From this class it is possible to define some custom reported values with the following API

- `reportValue(key, value)`: This `FunctionItem` method is adding a value added to the report,
- `reportedValues()`: This `FunctionItem` method is retrieving the current report values.

Listing 4.19: `py_func` test item implementation example

```
import py_func.tm as tm

class TestItemPyFunc(tm.FunctionItem)

    def exec(param1, param2, param4, param4):
        ...
        self.reportValue('my_reported_value', reported_value)
        print(self.reportedValues())
        return 10
```

The `exec` method of the `FunctionItem` derived class is executed while running the `py_func` test item.

Listing 4.20: legacy `py_func` test item implementation

```
- py_func:
  name: function test item
  file: scriptTestFile.py
  func_name: TestItemPyFunc
  param:
    - 123
    - 0.123
    - True
    - $(global_dict_key)
  expected_result: 10
```

legacy `py_func`

The legacy `py_func` test item is of the form:

Listing 4.21: legacy `py_func` python function example

```
def dummy_func(param1, param2, param4, param4):
    ...
    return 10
```

There is no possibility to access the report features in that mode.

Listing 4.22: corresponding py_func tum extract

```
- py_func:
  name: function test item
  file: scriptTestFile.py
  func_name: funcToBeExecuted
  param:
    - 123
    - 0.123
    - True
    - $(global_dict_key)
  expected_result: 10
```

Attributes

Beside common test items attributes, py_func item has specific attribute, some of which being mandatory.

- **file:** the script file name that contains the function to be executed. Only python script format is supported.
- **func_name:** The function name to be executed.
- **param:** This is a list of parameters that are passed to the function in the order they are presented in the script. These parameters are not mandatory and are highly dependent of the function prototype.

Listing 4.23: py_func test item example of usage

```
- py_func:
  file: script_name.py
  func_name: methodName
  param:
    - $(my_param)
```

The result of the function (after eventual post treatment) is stored in the global variable named `pfn_<func_name>` (See [global variables](#) for more detail on how to access to global variables from test items and scripts).

In the example above, the global variable `$(pfn_function test item)` would be created at the end of the item execution. It would contain the resulting value of the `funcToBeExecuted` python function.

Python Interpreter environment setup

Some global variables have an impact on the py_func test item behavior:

- **python_bin:** This optional global variable can be used to define the python executable path. If not defined, the python interpreter is searched in at the default places in the system.
- **python_env:** This global variable can be used to define environment variables for the lua script execution environment. Only `PATH` and `PYTHONPATH` are supported.

Listing 4.24: example of configuration file: param.yaml

```
[...]
python_env:
  PATH: "/my/path/"
  PYTHONPATH: "/my/python/modules/"
[...]
```

4.3.13 git test item

Git test item allows this item has the following description format

Listing 4.25: git test item usage example

```
- git:
  name: git test item
  repo: [$(test_directory), "/path_to/another/repo"]
```

Attributes

- repo: a string or list of string path to the root of the git repository(ies) to follow.

4.3.14 group test item

This element is of the following form:

Listing 4.26: group test item usage example

```
- group:
  name: Group Item
  condition: $| "$(OS)" == "Linux" |
  steps:
    - unittest_file:
      test_file: test_prod_alpha_13.py
      test_method:
        ...
    - sleep:
      timeout: 10
```

The group element is used to manage a sequence of item as a group.

Attributes

- The steps list describes the sequence executed in the group. It is a list of any of the *testium* test items,

4.3.15 jsonrpc test item

The *jsonrpc* test item is used to access jsonrpc servers, by sending queries and analysing the answers. It supports JSONRPC [v1.0⁴](https://www.jsonrpc.org/specification_v1) or [v2.0⁵](https://www.jsonrpc.org/specification).

This test item can access the jsonrpc server by using an existing *console* or directly using a UDP protocol. Two low level *adapters* can be then chosen: *udp* or *console*.

Example of jsonrpc test item with the console adapter:

Listing 4.27: json_rpc test item usage example

```
- json_rpc:
  name: JSONRPC console Query
  doc: JSONRPC console Query not waiting (only send)
  console:
    name : jsonrpc_server
    prompt: "@@>"
```

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⁴ https://www.jsonrpc.org/specification_v1

⁵ <https://www.jsonrpc.org/specification>

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```

timeout: 1
version: "2.0"
steps:
  - query:
      method: echo
      params:
        a: Hello world
        b: [0, 1, 2, 3]
      id: 3095372
      no_wait: True

- [...]

- json_rpc:
    name: JSONRPC console Reception
    doc: JSONRPC console reception of the previous request
    console: {name : jsonrpc_server}
    timeout: 1
    steps:
      - receive:
          name: console reception
          id: 3095372
          timeout: 0.5

```

Attributes

the jsonrpc attributes are:

- `timeout`: global communication timeout in seconds. It is a floating point number.
- `version`: "1.0" or "2.0" (as a string) depending on the version of the JSONRPC standard which is supported.
- `mute`: a boolean giving the verbosity of the jsonrpc exchanges on the log output.
- An *Adapter* is to be chosen between:
 - Console,
 - UDP,
- `steps`: a sequence of actions as described in the sections below.

Steps

the jsonrpc steps can be of the following:

- `open`: used by UDP to open the socket explicitly,
- `close`: used by UDP adapter to close the socket explicitly,
- `query`: performs a complete or partial JSONRPC call,
- `receive`: used to receive the JSONRPC result of call previously done by the query action.

If no `expected_value` attribute is defined for query or receive actions, the success of the step will depend on the value returned by the JSONRPC frame. Indeed, this protocol defines a mean to notify if the remote procedure has succeeded or failed.

All the actions support the `name` attribute. The name is concatenated with the action type in the *testium* GUI, and recalled in the test log and reports.

adapter attributes

The adapters attributes are listed in the table below.

Table 4.3: jsonrpc adapters

adapter	attribute attribute	type	Description
Console	console	<i>dictionary</i>	The console adapter configuration
	console.name	<i>string</i>	The name of the console which will be retrieved from the global variables . See also the console test item .
UDP	console.prompt	<i>string</i>	the eventual enclosing suffix of the jsonrpc frame.
	udp	<i>dictionary</i>	The UDP adapter configuration
	udp.server	<i>string</i>	UDP server hostname or IP address.
	udp.snd_port	<i>integer</i>	UDP server listening port
	udp.rcv_port	<i>integer</i>	UDP answer reception port (on client side)
	bufsize	<i>integer</i>	the maximum expected size of the buffer received while waiting for a jsonrpc frame.

open action

The open jsonrpc action is only used with the *UDP adapter*<sec_jsonrpc_adapters> but is mandatory before any query action.

No parameter is required.

close action

The close jsonrpc action is only used with the *UDP adapter*<sec_jsonrpc_adapters> but is mandatory after JSONRPC transfers are finished.

No parameter is required.

query action

The query jsonrpc action has the following attributes:

- method: JSONRPC method to be called,
- params: JSONRPC param (must be conforming to the version defined above), by default it is an empty list.
- id: JSONRPC id. If not defined or starts with rand, it is chosen randomly. Otherwise it must be an integer value,
- timeout: reception timeout in seconds. It is a floating point number. It is by default the jsonrpc timeout.
- no_wait: Optional boolean. False by default. This attribute defines if the reception is performed in this step (reception can be done appart, in the receive action described below),

receive action

The receive jsonrpc action has the following attributes:

- **id**: JSONRPC id as an integer value,
- **timeout**: reception timeout in seconds. It is a floating point number, It is by default the jsonrpc timeout.

4.3.16 let test item

This element is of the following form:

Listing 4.28: let test item usage example

```
- let:
  name: Let Item
  values:
    key1: value1
    key2: value2
    key3: $| $(variable)[$(loop_index)] |
```

The let element is used to set values in the global directory.

Attributes

- The values list gives the {<key>, <value>} couples to set in the global directory,

4.3.17 loop test items

This element is of the following form:

Listing 4.29: loop test item usage example

```
- loop:
  name: Cycle Temperature
  iterator: 10
  steps:
    - unittest_file:
      test_file: test_prod_rio6_8093.py
    - py_func:
      name: function test item
      file: scriptTestFile.py
      func_name: funcToBeExecuted
      param:
        - $(loop_param)
  exit_condition:
    file: script_name.py
    func_name: methodName
```

The loop element executes repeatedly the steps sequence of items.

The configuration of the iteration process is done according to the iterator cycle sub-item. As described later in this chapter the iterator is configurable per cycle and allows to call a python function at each cycle loop.

Attributes

Below are described loop test item specific attributes.

- **Iterator:** giving the number of loop iteration (see dedicated chapter below).
- **steps:** describes the sequence executed at each cycle; it is a list of any of the testium test items.
- **exit_condition:** allows to exit the loop. If True is returned loop continues otherwise it breaks. **exit_condition** attributes are:
 - **time:** the loop stops after the time (in minutes) is elapsed (optional)
 - **value:** the loop stops when the content of the value attribute is True (optional)
 - **file:** the loop the script file name that contains a function to be executed on each loop. Only python script format is supported (optional if another **exit_condition** attribute is defined)
 - **func_name:** the function to execute on each loop when the file attribute is defined. The function referenced by the **func_name** attribute must have two parameters: the current loop iterator value and the report, even if they are not used. This attribute is mandatory if the file attribute is defined.
 - **eval:** optional parameter allowing post treatment of the function result. It is a python evaluable string in which the `$(result)` keyword is replaced by the actual function call result (see exemple below).

Listing 4.30: Loop exit condition

```
- loop:
  ...
  exit_condition:
    file: script_name.py
    func_name: methodName
    eval: $(result) < 2
```

Iterator

The iterator attribute can be of the following types:

- An integer giving the cycle loop number,
- A list. The number of elements of the list gives the loop number, and the list member are the consecutive loop parameters,
- Undefined. Then cycle loops until the exit condition is reached.

Loop variables

The following loop variables are automatically defined:

- `$(loop_param)`: parameter of the loop. It contains the iterator value.
- `$(loop_index)`: index of the loop, starting with 0 and incremented at each cycle.
- `$(loop_index_inverse)`: inverse of index of the loop, starting from cycle length -1 and decremented at each cycle.
- `$(loop_count)`: loop total iteration number. If the number of loops is undefined its value is the python `inf`.

When these variables are found in a parameter, an attribute, etc, a loop is searched recursively in the test hierarchy. And the variable value is replaced by the corresponding loop value.

If more than one loop exists in the test item hierarchy, the lowest level loop iterator is used.

4.3.18 lua_func test item

The lua_func test item is used to execute custom lua 5.4 scripts with the given input parameters.

The lua_func test item is of the form:

Listing 4.31: lua_func python function example

```
local module = {}

function module.dummy_func(param1, param2, param4, param4):
    ...
    return 10

return module
```

Listing 4.32: corresponding lua_func tum extract

```
- lua_func:
  name: lua function test item
  file: script_file.lua
  func_name: dummy_func
  param:
    - 123
    - 0.123
    - True
    - $(global_dict_key)
  expected_result: 10
```

Attributes

Beside common test items attributes, lua_func item has specific attribute, some of which being mandatory.

- file: the script file name that contains the function to be executed. Only python script format is supported.
- func_name: The function name to be executed.
- param: This is a list of parameters that are passed to the function in the order they are presented in the script. These parameters are not mandatory and are highly dependent of the function prototype.

Listing 4.33: lua_func test item example of usage

```
- lua_func:
  name: activity
  file: script_name.lua
  func_name: methodName
  param:
    - $(my_param)
```

The result of the function (after eventual post treatment) is stored in the global variable named pfn_<func_name> (See [global variables](#) for more detail on how to access to global variables from test items and scripts).

In the example above, the global variable \$(lfn_activity) would be created at the end of the item execution. It would contain the resulting value of the funcToBeExecuted python function.

Lua Interpreter environment setup

Some global variables have an impact on the `lua_func` test item behavior:

- `lua_path`: This optional global variable can be used to define the lua executable path. If not defined, the lua interpreter is searched in at the default place in the system.
- `lua_env`: This global variable can be used to define environment variables for the lua script execution environment. Only `PATH`, `LUA_PATH`, and `LUA_CPATH` are supported.

Listing 4.34: example of configuration file: `param.yaml`

```
[...]  
lua_env:  
  PATH: "/my/path/"  
  LUA_PATH: "/my/lua/modules/?.lua;;"  
  LUA_CPATH: "/my/lua/modules/?.so;;"  
[...]
```

4.3.19 plot test item

This test item is used to display runtime values of tests variables or any evolving value in a independent external window.

The plot window is defined using the `plot` test item:

Listing 4.35: `plot` test item usage example

```
- plot:  
  name: test name in GUI  
  plot_name: plot identifier  
  steps:  
    - open:  
    - add:  
    ...
```

Attributes

In addition to common test items attributes, console test item has specific attributes:

- `plot_name`: plot window instance name.
- `steps`: a sequence of actions to be applied to the plot window. More than one action can be executed in a plot item.

The plot test item can accept the actions described in further sections.

All the following actions support the name attribute. The name is concatenated with the action type in the *testium* GUI, and recalled in the test log and reports.

open action

This action initializes and opens the plot window with the corresponding attributes as defined below.

This action accepts one optional path parameter defining a path where are stored the plot lines values in csv format.

Listing 4.36: `plot open` action

```
- plot:  
  name: Open the plot window  
  plot_name: plot identifier
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```

steps:
  - open:
      name: open the plot
      log_path: $(test_directory)/tmp

```

close action

The close action closes the plot window and removes its from the managed instances of *testium*.

This action does not have mandatory parameters. However, close optional action parameters are:

- `wait_dialog_exit`: Boolean value. If set to True, the window is kept opened until the user closes it manually.
- `timeout`: Value expressed in seconds. It is active if the `wait_dialog_exit` is set to True. If this parameter is defined, and if not closed manually, the dialog window is kept opened until the timeout elapses.

Listing 4.37: plot close action

```

- plot:
    name: Closes the plot
    plot_name: plot identifier
    steps:
      - close:
          wait_dialog_exit: True
          timeout: 600

```

Note

When the close action is entered, the periodic plots are stopped.

add action

The add action is used to add a single data to the plot window.

Listing 4.38: plot add action

```

- plot:
    name: Add to the plot
    plot_name: plot identifier
    steps:
      - add:
          name: add value 1 & 2
          value1: $(loop_index)
          value2: $(loop_index)+2

```

The parameter of the add action is a dictionary of (*key*, *values*) pairs where the *key* is the plot line name and *value* is the numeric value to add to the plot line.

The *value* content is evaluated as a python statement if not a number, but a string.

periodic action

This action allows to specify a python function to be called and which result is used to update the plot.

periodic plots are updated automatically and don't require further steps in a test sequence, once executed.

periodic action parameters are:

- **period:** period of the automatic value update.
- **file:** python file containing the function to call.
- **func_name:** the name of the python function to be periodically called.
- **eval:** optional parameter allowing post treatment of the function result.

The **eval** parameter of the periodic action is a python evaluable string in which the **\$(result)** keyword is replaced by the actual function call result.

The result of the action must be a dictionary of (*key*, *values*) pairs where the *key* is the plot line name and *value* is the numeric value to add to the plot line.

Listing 4.39: plot periodic action

```
- plot:
  name: Add periodic to the plot
  plot_name: plot identifier
  steps:
    - periodic:
      period: 1
      file: $(test_path)$(psep)plot.py
      func_name: random_value
      eval: '{"periodic": $(result)}'
```

last_value action

The **last_value** action returns the last values added to the plot (periodically or not) into the global variables entries.

last_value action parameters are:

- **name:** Optional parameter giving the list of measures to be returned. If it is not defined, all the measures are returned.

Listing 4.40: plot last_value action

```
- plot:
  name: Plot measure_1 value
  plot_name: plot identifier
  steps:
    - last_value:
      name: [measure_1]
```

The result of the action is stored in the global variable named **plv_<item_name>** in the example above, it would be **\$(plv_Plot measure_1 value)**. See [global variables](#) for more detail on how to access to global variables from test items and scripts.

export action

The export action saves the plot window data in various formats to the filesystem.

Listing 4.41: plot export action

```

- plot:
  name: Plot export
  plot_name: plot identifier
  steps:
    - export: $(my_custom_path)/plot_export.pdf
    - export: $(my_custom_path)/plot_export.csv

```

At the time of writing of this documentation, .pdf and .csv files are supported.

4.3.20 report test item

This test item exports a report file.

To have this functionality activated, a `report` section must be defined at the root of the test file. The root report section is described in [report](#) section.

report test item has the following description format

Listing 4.42: report test item usage example

```

- report:
  name: Intermediate report
  export:
    - junit:
      path: $(home)/reports/report-key-1.junit
      pattern:
        - Unittest%
      key: report-key-1
    - text:
      file_name: report-key-1.txt
      path: $(home)/reports
      key:
        - report-key-1Attributes

```

This item is useful to generate intermediate reports in any format other than sqlite. Nevertheless, if sqlite export is defined, It won't generate anything.

Attributes

report test item has the following specific attributes:

- `export`: reports to be exported. It is a list of the reports exports to be executed. The supported exports are:
 - junit
 - json
 - html
 - text

The export sub-attributes (see example above) may contain the following attributes.

- `path`: path of the report files directory,
- `filename`: report file name,

- Pattern: list of the patterns (applied on test names) used to select the tests to export into the report,
- Key: list of selected keys which are used to select the tests to export into the report.

4.3.21 run test item

This test item executes a new instance of testium.

Listing 4.43: run test item usage example

```
- run:
  name: Execute TUM
  tum_fime: example_cycle.tum
  python_bin: python3
  testium_path: /home/francois/projets/testium-new-report/testium.pyw
  log_file: $(home)/reports/test.log
  report_file: $(home)/reports/test.rep
```

Attributes

run test item has the following specific attributes:

- tum_fime: mandatory the path of the file to execute, it can be relative to current execution folder,
- param_file (optional) the path of the parameter file to use, otherwise default parameter file is used.
- python_bin (optional) the path of a specific python to run your scripts,
- testium_path (optional) the path of a specific testium to run your scripts,
- log_file (optional) the path of log file to register, if not provided a file is created with timestamp at the location of TUM file.
- report_file (optional), the path of report file to create
- start_time (optional), start time for the script execution, in HH:MM format.
- end_time (optional), end time for an execution within a time frame, in HH:MM format.
- wait_for_exec (optional). True or False, wait to be in the execution window defined by start_time and end_time to run the script.

4.3.22 sleep test item

sleep test item has the following description format

Listing 4.44: sleep test item example usage

```
- sleep:
  name: sleep test item
  timeout: 10
  dialog: True
```

Attributes

- timeout: sleep duration in second or in relative date format like “2d 5h 31m 3s”, which translate into 2 days, 5 hours, 31 minutes and 3 seconds.
- dialog: If set to True, a window showing the remaining time to wait is displayed (optional parameter set to False by default)

4.3.23 unittest_file test item

unittest_file test item allows the execution of unittest test script which is part of python standard libraries.

The tum file prototype is as followed:

Listing 4.45: unittest_file test item usage example

```
- unittest_file:
  name: unitTest test item
  test_file: unitTestScript.py
  test_method:
    - test_1
    - test_2
```

Attributes

Beside common test items attributes, unittest test item has specific attribute, some of which being mandatory.

- test_file: it is the name (and eventually path) of the unittest file to be processed.
- test_method: it is an optional unittest_file test sub-item. If one or more elements are present, the unittest python script file is parsed and only the corresponding methods are included in the test tree. Otherwise, all the test methods are included in the test tree.

Access to global variables entries

unittest file tests instances have access to the testium global variables by using the *helper's library*.

Report value from unittest

Value can be added to the test report from unitTest test at runtime.

Listing 4.46: example of unittest test item python function

```
from unittest import (TestCase)

class DummyTests(TestCase):
    def test_01_report(self):
        self.reported_values['key reported'] = 'value_reported'
```

Console use example with unittest item

Here is an example how to use the console module from python unittest.

Listing 4.47: example of a *testium* console usage from a unittest python function

```
from unittest import (TestCase)
import console

class DummyTests(TestCase):
    @classmethod
    def setUpClass(cls):
```

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```
→7001) cls.consA0= console.TelnetConsole('cons name', '192.168.98.123',
cls.consA0.open()
cls.promptA0 = 'test-computer>'

def test_01_console(self):
    self.consA0.write('config')
    self.assertEqual(self.consA0.read_until(self.promptA0, 10), 0)
    self.consA0.write('lsusb && echo "Done."\n')
    status, read_data = self.consA0.read_until('Done.',
                                                10, return_data=True)
    self.assertEqual(status, 0)
    if read_data.find('ID 04f2:b684 Chicony Electronics Co.')!=-1:
        index=0

@classmethod
def tearDownClass(cls):
    cls.consA0.close()
```

4.4 Includes

It is possible to include TUM files from another one by using the `!include` tag before the included file.

This feature is a testium specific implementation and is not part of the YAML language, although it is based on the tagging feature of the language and the customization possibility offered by the python pyYaml package.

Here is a basic example of file inclusion:

Listing 4.48: included_file.tum

```
- test_item:
  name: test_2
- test_item:
  name: test_3
```

Listing 4.49: main.tum

```

#include with the sub-sequence reference mechanism
sequence: &included_sequence
    !include included_file.tum

main:
    name: Test example
    steps:
        - test_item1:
            name: test_1
        - *included_sequence

#include can also be inserted directly within the steps list
    - !include included_file.tum

```

4.5 Templates

testium embeds the *jinja2* template engine. It allows a great customization of the test files, and enforces reusability of test scripts.

4.5.1 In the main test file

The *testium* main test files are systematically passed through the jinja template engine.

The parameters passed to jinja are all the variables contained into the *configuration files* plus the *built-in values*.

4.5.2 In !include directive

Along with the basic inclusion capability, there is the possibility to use file inclusion parameters. These parameters are replacing corresponding keywords in bracket in the included file.

See examples below.

Listing 4.50: including a template

```

main:
    name: Test example
    steps:
        - test_item1:
            name: test_1

#include can also be inserted directly within the steps list
    - !include
        file: included_template_file.tum
        inclusion_parameter_1: param1
        inclusion_parameter_2: param2

```

Listing 4.51: included template

```

- test_item:
    name: {{ inclusion_parameter_1 }}
- {{ inclusion_parameter_2 }}:

```

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```

    name: test_3
# The following construction is not allowed and will fail to load:
- test_item:
    name: {{ $(inclusion)_parameter_3 }}

```

4.6 Reports

If a report is required (in addition to the log), the report YAML element must be added at the root of the TUM main test file.

The report YAML element has the following form:

Listing 4.52: reports global settings

```

report:
  enabled: True
  file_name: $(test_name).rep
  path: $(home)/reports
  pattern: "Console%"
  export: junit
  log_stored: False

```

Table 4.4: report attributes

Attribute	default value	Description
enabled	True	Report activated
file_name	/	Report file name
path	\$(report_path)	Report storage path By default, it uses the default one set in the preferences.
pattern	/	The pattern in SQL wildachars syntax to be applied on test names to selected reported tests.
export	/	The type of export. For exemple junit. By default, the sqlite format is used to generate reports.
log_stored	/	Defines if the output log of each test is accessible to generate the report export.

4.7 Test outputs

A list of test result outputs is automatically updated by *testium*.

This is a member of global variables dataset which key is `test_outputs`.

This `global_dict` member contains the log file path and, if configured, the report path as a list.

Other custom logged files may be added by user updated this global variables entry.

4.8 Post execution

A post execution script can be run for example to copy the output files.

For that, a `post_execution` element can be defined in the `.tum` file.

If the test set execution succeeded the `post_exec` function of `file_name` module is run else the `post_exec_fail` is run.

If the `post_execution` element is not defined, the `post_execution.py` file in the test directory is used by default if existing.

Listing 4.53: custom post execution python file

```
post_execution:
  file_name: test_report_text.py
```

4.9 Sub-sequence references

It is possible to alias any part of the TUM description file (typically a sequence of steps to be executed) to be inserted within another sequence.

This feature uses the anchor/alias mechanism of the [YAML language](#)⁶.

Here is an implementation example of a reference to a sub-sequence in a TUM file:

Listing 4.54: sub-sequences call

```
sequence: &temperature_step_sequence
- test_item:
  name: test_2
- test_item:
  name: test_3

main:
  name: Test example
  steps:
    - test_item1:
      name: test_1
    - *temperature_step_sequence
```

Note

The entry before the alias (sequence: in the example above) is needed mandatorily by YAML language syntax. Nevertheless, its value is not used by *testium* and thus can be any value.

4.10 Test documentation

It is possible to display some explicative text user in the GUI.

The `doc` attribute of test items is used for that purpose and is displayed as a tooltip on the test row.

Listing 4.55: tests documentation

```
main:
  name: Test example
  steps:
```

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⁶ <https://yaml.org/>

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```
- unittest_file:
  name: unittest item
  doc: |
    The purpose of this unittest test item is to demonstrate
    its various features.
  test_file: dummy/dummy.py
  test_method: test_01_pass
```

See illustration in Figure 4.3.

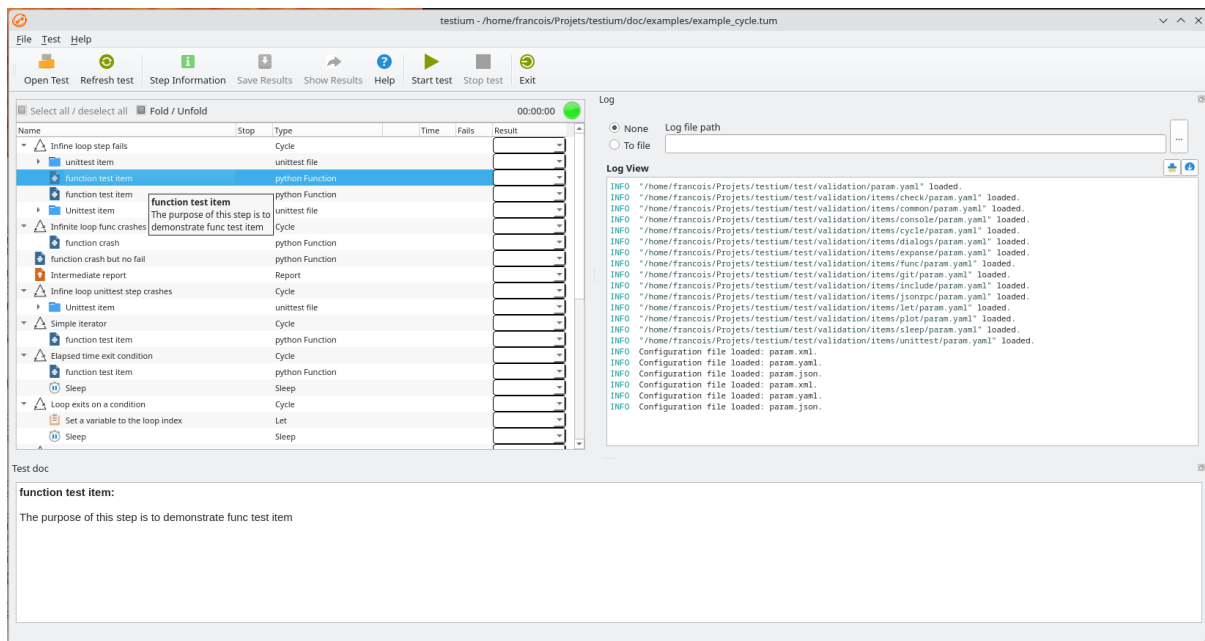


Fig. 4.3: Illustration of the doc attribute effect in the GUI.

4.10.1 Unittest

For `unittest_file` type test items, the python docstring of the test method is used as documentation.

PYTHON HELPER LIBRARY

A python library including helper function for python modules called from testium.

To include the support of this library in a python script, the following line must be included in the script header:

Listing 5.1: testium helper library import

```
import py_func.tm as tm
```

5.1 Global variables helper functions

To manage values in the global variables dataset, the following testium library API must be used:

delgd(*name*)

Function which removes a variable from the global dictionary of testium

Parameters

name (*str*) - The name of the element to be removed.

Returns

No returned value

gd(*name*, *default=None*)

Function which returns a variable from the global dictionary of testium

Parameters

- **name** (*str*) - The name of the element to return.
- **default** (*object*) - The default value returned by the function if the item has not been found in the global dictionary (None by default).

Returns

The value of the item of the global dictionary or the default value.

Return type

object

setgd(*name*, *value*)

Function which updates a variable from the global dictionary of testium

Parameters

- **name** (*str*) - The name of the element to set.
- **value** - The object to include in the global dictionary.

Returns

No returned value

5.2 Console helper functions

Every opened console instance is added to a list with the key `console_instances` of the global variables.

The instance is removed from the list on close step of the console test item.

To manage consoles from within `py_func` python functions, the following testium library API can be used:

add_console(*console*)

Function which adds a Console class instance to *testium*

Parameters

console (`libs.console.Console` or child class instance) - The Console instance.

Returns

No returned value

console(*name*)

Function which removes a Console instance from *testium*

Parameters

name (*str*) - The name of the Console instance.

Returns

The Console or child class object

Return type

`libs.console.Console` or child class instance

remove_console(*name*)

Function which removes a Console class instance from *testium*

Parameters

name (*str*) - The name of the Console object to be removed.

Returns

No returned value

5.3 Plot helper functions

Every opened plot window instance is added to a list with the key `plot_instances` of the global variables.

The instance is removed from the list on close step of the plot test item.

To manage plots from within `py_func` python functions, the following testium library API can be used:

add_plot(*plot: object*) → None

Function which adds a RuntimePlot class instance to *testium*

Parameters

plot (`libs.runtime_plot.RuntimePlot` or child class instance) - The RuntimePlot instance.

Returns

No returned value

add_plot_values(*name: str, values: dict*) → None

Function which add values in a runing plot.

The values param is the dictionary of points to add to the plot. Each of its keys correspond to a plot line variable name.

Parameters

- **name** (*str*) – The name of the RuntimePlot instance.
- **values** – a dictionary of numbers which keys are plot line names

Return type

dict

last_plot_value(*name: str*) → dict

Function which returns the last values acquired in a runing plot.

Parameters

name (*str*) – The name of the RuntimePlot instance.

Returns

a dictionary of numbers which keys are plot line names

Return type

dict

plot(*name: str*) → object

Function which removes a RuntimePlot instance from *testium*

Parameters

name (*str*) – The name of the RuntimePlot instance.

Returns

The RuntimePlot or child class object

Return type

libs.runtime_plot.RuntimePlot or child class instance

remove_plot(*name: str*) → None

Function which removes a RuntimePlot class instance from *testium*

Parameters

name (*str*) – The name of the RuntimePlot object to be removed.

Returns

No returned value

5.4 Other helper functions

OS()

OS on which *testium* is running.

Returns

“Linux” or “Windows”

Return type

str

get_main_dir()

timestamp()

testium timestamp value.

The timestamp is started at the beginning of the test, and it is monotonic: it is guaranteed that it will always increase, even if the PC time is changed.

Returns

testium timestamp in 10th of milliseconds.

Return type

float

timestamp_as_sec(*val=None*)

testium timestamp value.

If the argument *val* is provided, this function converts the timestamp in seconds.

If *val* is not provided, it returns *testium* timestamp. The timestamp is started at the beginning of the test, and it is monotonic: it is guaranteed that it will always increase, even if the PC time is changed.

Parameters

val (*float*) – Value to be converted. If not provided, the *testium* timestamp is returned.

Returns

Timestamp returned as seconds.

Return type

float

5.5 Debug mode

debug_enabled()

Function which checks is debug mode is activated.

Returns

bool

enable_debug(*enabled=True*)

Function which enables the debug mode.

Parameters

enabled – Set debug mode active if True.

Returns

No returned value

print_debug(**vargs*, *lf_first: bool = False*)

Function which prints debug only if the debug mode is activated.

Parameters

- ***vargs** – values to be printed.
- **lf_first** – Adds a line feed first if True.

Returns

No returned value

print_info(**vargs*, *lf_first: bool = False*)

Function which prints an information for the user.

Parameters

- ***vargs** – values to be printed.
- **lf_first** – Adds a line feed first if True.

Returns

No returned value

print_warn(*vargs, *lf_first: bool = False*)

Function which prints a warning for the user.

Parameters

- ***vargs** - values to be printed.
- **lf_first** - Adds a line feed first if True.

Returns

No returned value