TELELOGIC TAU GENERATION 2
Development visualized. Productivity realized.
The challenges of systems and software development

Systems and software development businesses face many challenges. Systems are complex, and there is pressure to deliver higher quality faster and cheaper. The prevalence of embedded software in hardware systems like an engine management system or the avionics in an aircraft, means that software is the competitive business advantage. But in order for software to become a business advantage, it must be robust, correct and complete.

Software developers are expected to deliver miracles coding manually with reduced resources. As a result, the software development cycle is slow and inflexible. Developers waste valuable time fixing low-level problems instead of focusing on the architecture and design of the solution. Project milestones are missed and product quality suffers.

‘Software development’ has been recognized as a discipline with many problems. According to the Standish Group International, Inc., in 2000, 23 percent of software development projects failed, while 49 percent were “challenged” - meaning they were late, over-budget, or delivered insufficient functionality.

Another challenge faced by many companies is the ‘barrier’ between systems engineers producing system specifications and designs, and software developers creating detailed designs and implementing software components. Often these teams use different tools and techniques, leading to communication difficulties that result in misunderstandings that can be expensive to find and fix.

Companies risk the loss of competitive advantage and market share.

Businesses need an alternative to manual, fragmented development methods, because they fail to meet the cost, quality and time-to-market demands of today's economy.
Telelogic TAU® Generation2 lets you take the next step

Fortunately, the industry recognized years ago that the situation was becoming intolerable, and a number of industry initiatives were started with the objective to deliver new, capable and reliable technology standards that would help companies tackle the challenges of modern systems and software development.

Much awaited by the industry, these technologies have now hit the market for the first time in the shape of an integrated and flexible portfolio of tools for the development of real-time and other advanced systems and software: Telelogic TAU Generation2.

TAU Generation2 embodies three of the latest, most powerful techniques available for accelerated large-scale systems and software development and testing: the Unified Modeling Language™ (UML™) and many of the features of its latest major revision, UML 2.0, the powerful testing language TTCN-3, and the new way of building systems Model-Driven Architecture® (MDA®) approach. These three new industry-standards are incorporated into TAU’s proven systems and software development platform to create a tool solution that is state-of-the-art while being robust and reliable.

TAU Generation2 is a breakthrough systems engineering and software development solution that liberates the industry from the manual, error-prone, code-centric approach that has dominated for too long, and allows it to take the next logical step to a more visual, automated and reliable development methodology.

The result? Improved project predictability, enhanced quality, substantially shortened cycle times, and significant cost reductions.

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Figure 2. Developing systems and software is all about taking a problem statement — such as “I want to build a nationwide mobile telephone system” — and examining it, stating requirements, analyzing needs, designing systems and finally building and testing a solution. Bridging this “problem-solution gap” is an intellectual exercise that requires people, time and money. Looking at the past four decades we can see that encapsulating and automating knowledge into tools and languages has allowed the industry to narrow this gap step by step.

UML 2.0 and MDA® are the latest steps in the ongoing trend to automate development and allow engineers to work at a higher level.

Telelogic TAU Generation2 – accelerated development of advanced systems and software

TAU Generation2 is an integrated family of tools that simplify, automate and accelerate the development of advanced systems and software. What sets TAU apart is that it is focused on helping companies meet the most demanding challenges of developing complex real-time and other advanced systems.

TAU empowers project managers, analysts, system engineers, designers, developers and testers with an integrated tool platform that offers a number of unique capabilities:

One shared development environment
Modern development projects are dependent on many teams to be successful: system analysts, software designers, programmers, testers, etc. TAU Generation2 allows companies to deploy one shared tool environment for the entire development organization, which unifies teams and minimizes the risk of delays and misunderstandings during handovers.

Tailored tools for different user communities
TAU Generation2 offers a number of role-based tools, tailored to the needs of different project members. With this, project participants have access to exactly the right information at the right time, which simplifies the development environment and speeds up the daily work. Additionally, it liberates companies from having to pay for unnecessary functionality, while still providing them with full flexibility.

Advanced UML system modeling
TAU Generation2 provides an advanced visual modeling environment that allows engineers to unambiguously specify system architecture, design and behavior using the latest industry standard visual development language, the UML 2.0. This powerful new language converges the flexibility of traditional programming languages with the speed of modeling notations. It establishes one “common language” for systems engineers as well as software developers, which enhances communication and coordination.

Model-based visual verification and simulation
TAU Generation2 supports model-driven development which allows users to focus on architecture and design and not implementation details. Additionally, with TAU Generation2, systems engineers and software developers can simulate the system under development at an early stage. The behavior of the system can be traced and analyzed, allowing the developers to understand and correct complex dynamic behavior and locate and removed errors when they are easiest – and cheapest – to correct.

State-of-the-art user interface
All tools in the TAU Generation2 portfolio follow the latest Microsoft Visual Studio user interface paradigm, which creates a familiar, easy-to-learn and efficient development environment. Built-in instant syntactic and semantic language checks improve quality, reduce errors and support a learn-as-you-go approach.

Automated application generation
TAU Generation2 supports model-driven software development for multiple application platforms. For embedded systems, TAU Generation2 can automatically generate compact, production-quality applications, translating 100% of the visual design into executable C code. For larger footprint, advanced software systems, TAU Generation2 features C++ (including support for real-time systems) and Java forward and reverse engineering, and integrates with IDEs such as Microsoft Visual Studio, Sun Java Studio and Eclipse.
Powerful scalability and team support

Development organizations today are typically distributed, which puts high demands on tool solutions. TAU Generation2 includes powerful support for team-based development, including support for component-based methodologies, a flexible file storage structure, an advanced graphical compare and merge capability, and seamless integrations with leading configuration management systems. Additionally, in a unique way, the tool gives users access to high-level and detailed views simultaneously, with simple navigation and analysis at many levels.

An open and flexible tool solution

Telelogic TAU is an open development platform, based on standards such as UML, MDA, TTCN and XML. TAU is process-neutral and integrates smoothly with any existing development processes, whether they are internal or public. To enable a complete, flexible development environment, TAU offers tight integrations with other leading tools, including requirements management systems such as Telelogic DOORS® on the market as well as all leading change and configuration management solutions including Telelogic SYNERGY™.

About MDA

MDA helps companies tackle the rapidly changing world of software development where new standards and technologies constantly appear. MDA is an OMG initiative, with the objective of ensuring that organizations’ information systems will be able to adapt to new hardware and software platforms by separating the logic behind a specification from its implementation. MDA improves application portability, interoperability, platform independence, and developer productivity.
With TAU Generation2, companies can for the first time deploy across the entire enterprise an integrated, multi-user visual tool solution that supports and accelerates the entire application development lifecycle. Benefits include:

**Minimized risk**
Running a development project is all about managing risks: the risk of not getting your product to market fast enough; the risk of delivering a product that is not good enough; the risk of not being able to adapt to market or technology changes. TAU is a proven, reliable tool solution that creates a rapid, predictable and repeatable development process. Furthermore, as an open tool environment it comes integrated with all leading requirements and change management solutions.

**Boosted productivity**
Productivity is a matter of ensuring that each effort spent on a product actually goes into improving and expanding its functionality and quality. With TAU, engineers are allowed to work on a higher level and focus on solving the big problems before "getting lost" in the details. And the far-reaching automation of manual activities in the tool liberates software engineers from even having to worry about a lot of the details, in the end, dramatically reducing the cycle time.

**Enhanced quality**
Errors that are introduced early in the process are costly to correct if they slip into the next phase – and horrendously expensive if they make it into the final product. A common approach to this is manual code reviews, which tend to be costly, time-consuming, and incomplete. With TAU, models can be visually simulated, allowing developers to find both quality problems and design flaws at the early stages of development. Engineers can test their own parts of the system on an ongoing basis – and prioritize quality.

**Improved predictability**
Having a rapid development process is excellent, but even more important than that is to create a predictable process: project managers need to know what each engineer is doing, what they have completed so far, how long the next phase will take, etc. TAU lets companies deploy a single, integrated tool platform for streamlined development of advanced systems. The possibility to easily divide a system up, the focus on design and architecture, the automation of manual and error-prone activities, the seamless handover of data between project phases – all this contributes to a predictable development process.

**Simplified communication**
Improving communication between project participants, with management and with customers significantly reduces project risk. Since TAU is based on visual languages, it makes communication easier, and dramatically lessens the need for documentation. In fact, the visual languages of TAU are so powerful that the tool has a long history of being used to specify international standards such as 3G, 802.11 and GSM. Furthermore, the simulation capabilities of TAU allow project members to demonstrate the behavior of the system under development, and get early feedback from stake-holders.

**Reduced costs**
Reducing costs in a project can be achieved in many ways. Improved productivity saves money since it allows the company to use human resources in the most efficient way. Just as important, but often overlooked, is reducing maintenance costs, which account for a great deal of the total lifecycle cost of a system. The fewer the errors detected after release, the lower the costs. Maintenance also involves
adapting the system to a changing environment. Because TAU creates visual and easy-to-understand designs, such modifications are less costly.

**Protected investments**

Installing a new development environment and getting people up and running with it can be a challenge. TAU is built on an open architecture that integrates smoothly with other parts of your development environment, such as quality processes, requirements management systems and change management solutions. Furthermore, TAU is completely based on internationally standardized languages, which ensures that there will be a steady supply of skilled engineers ready to use the tool, and that it will continue to evolve as the industry advances further.
Telelogic TAU Generation2 – a tool portfolio that covers all your development needs

Advanced systems and software development is a complicated process that involves many different types of expertise and one tool does not meet everyone's exact needs. Consequently, the TAU Generation2 products are role-based and include different levels of functionality targeted to different user groups. At the same time, they are all built on the same platform and offer identical user interfaces, which minimizes the learning curve and accelerates deployment of the system.

TAU/Architect
Telelogic TAU/Architect is a modern, model-based system engineering tool for the analysis and specification of advanced systems. TAU/Architect supports comprehensive modeling of large and complex systems using the non-proprietary visual notation of UML, resulting in precise, easy-to-understand and unambiguous specifications. Uniquely, with TAU/Architect, system engineers can specify not only the structure, but also the behavior of the system under development. In addition, the specifications can be simulated to verify and validate the system and demonstrate its behavior to end-users and other stakeholders at an early stage.

For software projects, the value of having a common notation – UML – for specification and development improves communication between teams and increases organizational efficiency.

An integration with Telelogic DOORS/Analyst, gives visibility of textual and graphical (expressed in UML) requirements to the TAU/Architect user, and enables traceability to be quickly and easily maintained between high-level requirements and the system design model. An integration with Telelogic DocExpress ensures complete, updated documentation of the system under development. Integrations with leading change and configuration management solutions, including Telelogic SYNERGY, enable work in large and distributed teams.
TAU/Developer
Telelogic TAU/Developer is a state-of-the-art, UML 2.0 based tool for the design and development of robust, advanced software components and applications. TAU/Developer’s model-driven approach delivers significant productivity gains compared to traditional programming as it allows teams to rapidly develop complex, large-scale or embedded software systems. Its intelligent automation of manual, error-prone activities improves quality and reduces development time and required resources, and efficiency is enhanced since users can focus their efforts on the design of the solution.

The tool’s unique technology allows visual simulation and verification of dynamic behavior, which eliminates errors as early as possible. TAU/Developer also automates the transition from design to implementation thanks to its ability to generate executable software (in C, C++ or Java) from the design models.

Requirements compliance is ensured through an integration with Telelogic DOORS and the documentation is always up-to-date based on a built-in integration with DocExpress. TAU/Developer comes with integrations with the market’s leading change and configuration management products, including Telelogic SYNERGY.

TAU/Tester
Telelogic TAU/Tester is a powerful tool for automated systems and integration testing based on the general-purpose test language TTCN-3. TAU/Tester brings automated testing up to speed with today’s state-of-the-art development tools, providing the highest levels of large-scale and complex real-time of functionality and supporting the full test cycle. TAU/Tester allows sharpened focus on test development since the TTCN-3 language is abstract and portable and independent of the development language or test equipment.

With TAU/Tester a company can drastically simplify its test environment removing the need to support many tools or costly in-house solutions. TAU/Tester ensures increased productivity based on full automation that eliminates manual, non-repeatable and ad hoc processes. TAU/Tester enables companies to leverage off-the-shelf test suites, allowing them to more quickly focus on business-critical functionality.

TAU/Tester simplifies team-based test development because it is integrated with Telelogic SYNERGY and other leading change and configuration management solutions.
Developing advanced systems and software is an increasingly difficult challenge. Development cycles are shrinking and market expectations are growing. Competition is sharpening, and companies are under pressure to deliver increasingly sophisticated products at an ever-accelerating rate – with no room for mistakes. At the same time, projects are becoming larger and more complex.

The industry is at a crossroads. Success is a matter of choosing the right path.

Telelogic provides industry-proven tools and services for advanced systems and software development that will help you achieve your business objectives. Our automated and open lifecycle solution includes integrated best-in-class software and professional services for requirements management, change and configuration management, visual systems and software development, testing, and documentation.

### The Telelogic difference

The Telelogic tools are built on an open architecture that ensures interoperability with other leading third-party solutions and integrates smoothly with in-house tools and processes, thus protecting investments in existing development environments. The tools are augmented by a comprehensive professional services offering. Our teams are focused on supporting complex development initiatives in the most demanding of industries, including telecommunications, defense, aerospace, automotive, financial services, and medical equipment manufacturers.

### Requirements management – Telelogic DOORS

Telelogic DOORS® is the market leader for requirements management. With DOORS, users can compile, trace and manage all requirements established for a project, ensuring that the resulting product meets all defined customer needs. DOORS/Analyst extends the functionality of DOORS to enable requirements analysts to create richer requirements specifications, including both text and UML diagrams, in a single, integrated environment.

### Change and configuration management – Telelogic SYNERGY

Telelogic SYNERGY™, named the most advanced change and configuration management system on the market by Yphise in its 2003 report, is a project tool that tracks changes and ensures configuration integrity during a software product’s lifecycle, enabling parallel and distributed teams to improve productivity and quality.

### Visual systems and software development – Telelogic TAU

Telelogic TAU is a visual development tool platform, based on UML. TAU ensures fast start-up and future-proof investments, and through the automated simulation and complete application generation, significant cost and time-to-market benefits are achieved.
Testing – Telelogic TAU
TAU is also a test solution that leverages the latest, standardized test language, TTCN-3. This facilitates efficient testing of systems and software in large, distributed organizations, for increased quality and reliability.

Documentation – Telelogic DocExpress
Telelogic DocExpress™ is the industry’s most widely integrated automated documentation product that provides automated documentation through combining data from multiple tools into a single concise view, maintaining up-to-date project documentation and standardizing style and formatting of reports.

Partners and alliances
In this rapidly changing industry, it is clear that no single company can solve everything, for everyone, all the time. Throughout the project lifecycle, customers look to address their particular needs with various software tools and services. The Telelogic’s Alliance Partner Program (TAPP) is designed to extend our reach to customers, while strengthening our solutions with best-in-class complementary products and services from today’s industry leaders. Together with more than 50 leading partners, Telelogic gives our customers globally supported, flexible solutions to their development challenges.

Telelogic – putting you ahead in development
By providing an automated, integrated and open portfolio of software tools, Telelogic improves productivity for individuals as well as organizations, ensuring that advanced systems and software are developed:

- Faster
- More cost-efficiently
- With better quality
- Using a predictable and reliable process
About Telelogic

Founded in 1983, Telelogic® is a leading global provider of solutions for advanced systems and software development. Telelogic’s intuitive, best-in-class software tools automate and support best practices throughout the application development lifecycle, leaving development teams free to concentrate on core competencies and apply their skills and energy to value-added tasks. By optimizing each phase of development, Telelogic enables companies to deliver higher quality systems and software with greater predictability, reduced time-to-market and lower overall costs.

To ensure interoperability with third-party tools, Telelogic’s products are built on an open architecture and standardized languages. As an industry leader and technology visionary, Telelogic is actively involved in shaping the future of advanced systems and software development by participating in industry organizations like ETSI, INCOSE, ITU-T, OMG and others.

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