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## Recommendation ITU-T Z.165

### Testing and Test Control Notation version 3: TTCN-3 runtime interface (TRI)

#### Summary

Recommendation ITU-T Z.165 provides the specification of the runtime interface for TTCN-3 (*Testing and Test Control Notation 3*) test system implementations. The TTCN-3 Runtime Interface provides the recommended adaptation for timing and communication of a test system to a particular processing platform and the system under test, respectively. This Recommendation defines the interface as a set of operations independent of target language.

The interface is defined to be compatible with Recommendation ITU-T Z.161. This Recommendation uses the CORBA Interface Definition Language (IDL) to specify the TRI completely. Clauses 6, 7 and 8 of [ETSI ES 201 873-5 V4.6.1] specify language mappings of the abstract specification to the target languages Java and ANSI-C. A summary of the IDL-based interface specification is provided in Appendix A of [ETSI ES 201 873-5 V4.6.1].

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# Recommendation ITU-T Z.165

## Testing and Test Control Notation version 3: TTCN-3 runtime interface (TRI)

### 1 Scope

Recommendation ITU-T Z.165 provides the specification of the runtime interface for TTCN-3 test system implementations. The TTCN-3 runtime interface (TRI) provides a standardized adaptation for timing and communication of a test system to a particular processing platform and the system under test, respectively. This Recommendation defines the interface as a set of operations independent of target language.

The interface is defined to be compatible with the TTCN-3 standard. The present document uses the CORBA Interface Definition Language (IDL) to specify the TRI completely. Clauses 6, 7 and 8 of [ETSI ES 201 873-5 V4.6.1] present language mappings for this abstract specification to the target languages Java, ANSI C, and C++. A summary of the IDL-based interface specification is provided in Appendix A of [ETSI ES 201 873-5 V4.6.1].

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[ETSI ES 201 873-5 V4.6.1] ETSI ES 201 873-5 V4.6.1 (2014-06), *Methods for Testing and Specification (MTS); The Testing and Test Control Notation version 3; Part 5: TTCN-3 Runtime Interface (TRI)*.

### 3 Definitions

#### 3.1 Terms defined elsewhere

None.

#### 3.2 Terms defined in this Recommendation

None.

### 4 Abbreviations and acronyms

This Recommendation uses the following abbreviations and acronyms:

CORBA	Common Object Request Broker Architecture
IDL	Interface Definition Language
TTCN	Testing and Test Control Notation
TRI	TTCN-3 Runtime Interface

## **5 Conventions**

None.

## **6 Endorsement**

[ETSI ES 201 873-5 V4.6.1] was approved by ITU-T as the basis for Recommendation ITU-T Z.165.





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