

# Test Input

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## Discussion

A Test Input supplies data, a value, a signal, a command, an event, or another stimulus to a [Candidate Solution](#) during a [Test Execution](#).

The applicable [Test Definition](#) identifies each Test Input and establishes its value, form, source, sequence, timing, or delivery condition.

A Test Input differs from a configuration. A configuration establishes the arrangement or settings under which the Candidate Solution operates. A Test Input supplies content or a stimulus to the Candidate Solution as part of the test.

DIDO-TE records the Test Inputs used during each Test Execution to preserve [Traceability](#) between the Test Definition, Test Execution, [Observations](#), and [Test Outcome](#).

## Definition

*data, value, signal, command, event, or other stimulus supplied to a test item during test execution*

## Source

Adapted from the testing concepts defined by:

- [ISO/IEC/IEEE 29119-2:2021, Software and systems engineering — Software testing — Part 2: Test processes](#)
- [ISTQB Glossary, “test input”](#)

## Note

A Test Input identifies what the test applies to the Candidate Solution. It does not represent the Candidate Solution’s response.

A Test Input record includes the information needed to reproduce or interpret the input, such as:

- Input identifier
- Value or content
- Format
- Source
- Sequence

- Time of application
- Delivery mechanism
- Applicable Test Execution

## Example

A DIDO-TE Test Definition instructs the Candidate Solution to process a digitally signed Transfer Bundle. The Transfer Bundle and the command that initiates its processing constitute Test Inputs. The resulting log entries, state changes, and returned status constitute Observations.

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