

Test Outcome

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Discussion

A Test Outcome expresses the determination produced by evaluating applicable [Observations](#) against the expected results, acceptance criteria, or other decision rules established by a [Test Definition](#).

A Test Outcome commonly identifies a determination such as pass, fail, inconclusive, blocked, or error. The Test Definition establishes the permitted outcome values and the criteria governing their assignment.

A Test Outcome differs from a [Test Result](#). The Test Outcome expresses the determination reached through evaluation. The Test Result records the outcome together with the supporting context, identifiers, relationships, and other information produced by the [Test Execution](#).

DIDO-TE preserves [Traceability](#) from each Test Outcome to the Observations and criteria used to determine it.

Definition

determination produced by evaluating test observations against specified expected results, acceptance criteria, or decision rules

Source

Adapted from the test-result and expected-result concepts defined by:

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

Note

The DIDO glossary uses **Test Outcome** in a narrower sense than sources that treat **test outcome**, **test result**, and **result** as synonyms.

Within DIDO-TE:

- An Observation records what occurred
- A Test Outcome records the determination reached

- A Test Result preserves the outcome and its supporting test context

A Test Outcome record identifies or references:

- The applicable Test Execution
- The evaluated Observations
- The expected result or acceptance criterion
- The applied decision rule
- The resulting determination
- Any reason for an inconclusive, blocked, or error outcome

Example

A Test Definition requires a Candidate Solution to reject a Transfer Bundle whose integrity validation fails. DIDO-TE observes that the Candidate Solution rejected the bundle and recorded the applicable integrity error. Evaluation of these Observations against the expected result produces a **pass** Test Outcome.

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