



The TMMi Foundation goes Global with Software Testing Reference Model

- *The TMMi model is being adopted throughout the world as a de facto international standard for measuring the overall delivery processes of software testing within the industry*
- *TMMi is the only independent software test process measurement model to measure against*

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The TMMi Foundation (www.tmmifoundation.org), an independent non-profit making organisation dedicated to improving software quality announces today that its software testing reference model is gaining global industry acceptance with members beginning to use the recently revised TMMi model to evaluate, measure and improve their Testing and Quality related test activities.

The TMMi Foundation was founded by a number of leading software quality practitioners from across Europe to deliver a standard TMMi model and to promote its uptake as an international industry standard for assessing and rating organisations' testing process capabilities. The TMMi Foundation promotes and provides the infrastructure to manage a standard for a TMMi Model available to all, to provide the requirements for the structure to accredit assessment methods, creating an independent service to validate and certify public TMMi assessment accreditations.

The TMMi model is a detailed model for test process capability measurement and the identification of improvements. It is complementary to CMMI but equally supports other software engineering models such as ITIL, ISO 9000 etc.

"The existence of a non-profit foundation, facilitating free interchange of information, striving for the usage of a public standard and being a portal to different services is invaluable." **Qualityhouse**

Since inception, the TMMi Foundation has attracted interest from around the world and membership is growing all the time. In parallel, an increasing number of organisations are providing financial and other support to the work of the Foundation. These include Wipro and Accenture (2 new supporting organisations) who join Improve Quality Services, Insight Test Services, Softwaretest dk, Cognizant Technologies, Applabs Ltd, Polteq, QualityHouse, Choucair Testing and Experimentus in working actively and continuously with the Foundation in working towards its stated objectives.

"Our association with The TMMi Foundation is very important as it will provide Wipro with an opportunity to be involved in the definition of testing standards and leverage the same to build competencies to serve our customers better." **Wipro Technologies (new Sponsor)**

"The TMMi framework helps organisations assess and improve their current state of testing processes, organisations and methods by providing a baseline of proven practices and guidelines on how to implement them." **Accenture (new Sponsor)**

Over the years, there have been many models developed to assess the Test and Quality related process, which until now have not gained any universal acceptance by the industry at large. This is because most of the test process assessment models do not align sufficiently with the industry standard models for other parts of the Software Development Lifecycle. The TMMi model is different in this one respect as it aligns with, and can fully support being used in isolation or alongside CMMi. TMMi satisfies the global software testing requirements completely.

"The TMMi Foundation is important because it consolidates testing knowledge from around the world and then defines both practices and standards for the rest of the community." **Choucair Testing S.A.**



“Having a model like TMMi helps all interested organisations to save time by taking advantage of a common framework that has proved to contain a solid roadmap for improving an organisation’s test processes.”

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The TMMi Foundation has the following specific objectives:

- Ownership of the TMMi model standard and the ongoing Intellectual Property rights
- Define an international core TMMi model standard and place it in the public domain
- Creation and management of an independent, unbiased central data repository and provision of industry and other analysis services
- Provision of an independent accreditation process for TMMi® Assessment Methods based on the standard model
- Provision of an independent mechanism to facilitate verification and formal ratification of TMMi Assessment Ratings
- Definition and maintenance of independent assessor training, accreditation, guidelines and examinations
- Provision of a public forum of interested parties to facilitate free interchange of information, education, ideas and usage of the public standard

Going forward, the Foundation is looking to provide its own assessment method pack for use by organisations as well as providing training.

The TMMi Foundation will provide process direction for a large number of software testers around the world for the next decade and more, as the international, single standard for all organisations to measure and compare against.

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