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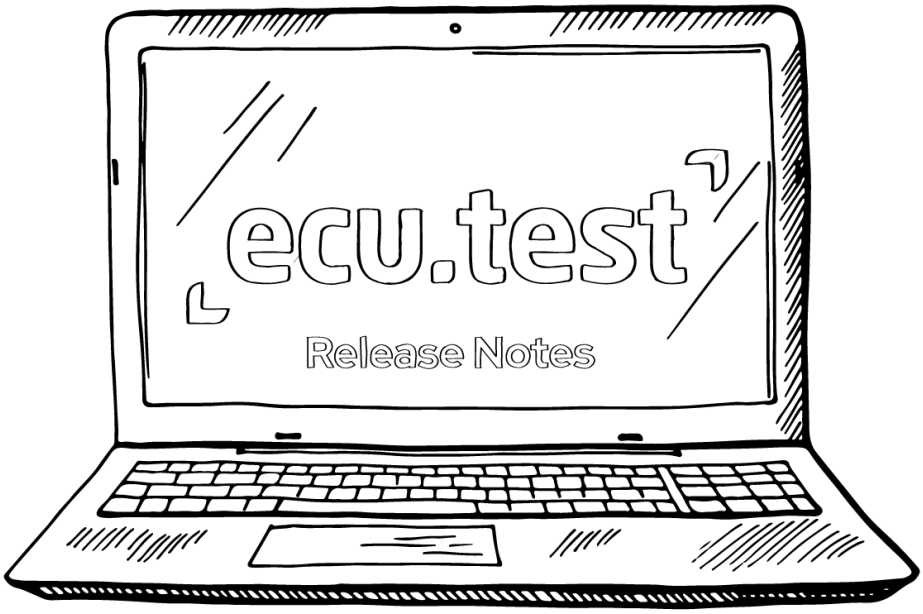

Release Notes

ecu.test 2026.1

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Content

Overview

ecu.test 2026.1 continues to drive forward modern testing processes for SDV, cloud, and AI scenarios: platform independence (Linux, ARM), significantly faster infrastructures, AI assistance for everyday use, and numerous improvements in the integration, analysis, and visualization of test data. The most important new features at a glance:

Environments & Infrastructure

- **ecu.test Linux GUI**
  Complete graphical user interface under Linux: testing without a Windows detour.
- **ecu.test Linux Runner & Runner for ARM (sneak preview)**
  Efficient test execution on Linux and ARM resources.

AI & Assistance

- **ecu.test** *agent*
  The agent can now be used to generate trace steps.
- **ecu.test** *agent* **chat (preview)**
  Planned co-pilot for workflows: pattern recognition, reviews, library packages, and collaboration with the **test.spec *agent***.
- **test.spec** *agent* **(Preview)**
  Generates test specifications from requirements.
- **TouchInput with AI prompt**
  HMI interactions via voice prompt instead of coordinates.

Analysis & Diagnostics

- **CheckResponse**
  This function facilitates time checks in trace analysis.
- **J1939 DM services (preview)**
  Symbolic, generic diagnostic test steps analogous to OBDonUDS, without additional database.

Everyday performance

- **Parallel tool start** shortens the start-up time of extensive TBCs.
- **CAN-FD Timing Helper** automatically determines missing timing parameters and simplifies CAN-FD configuration.
- **ecu.test** *code*
  - is now available via PyPI.
  - now enables direct package calls.

All other numerous new features and enhancements are described in detail below.

Note: Icons are used to indicate which product a topic is relevant for:
ecu.test **trace.check**

1 Highlights in ecu.test 2026.1

ecu.test Linux GUI

ecu.test is now available for Linux with a full graphical user interface, in addition to Windows. This allows users to create, execute, and evaluate tests directly in their Linux environment, without switching to Windows to make additional adjustments to tests and configurations.

The **ecu.test Linux GUI** is available for **Ubuntu 24.04** and, together with the **ecu.test Linux Runner**, simplifies development and validation while enabling more efficient use of existing Linux infrastructure.

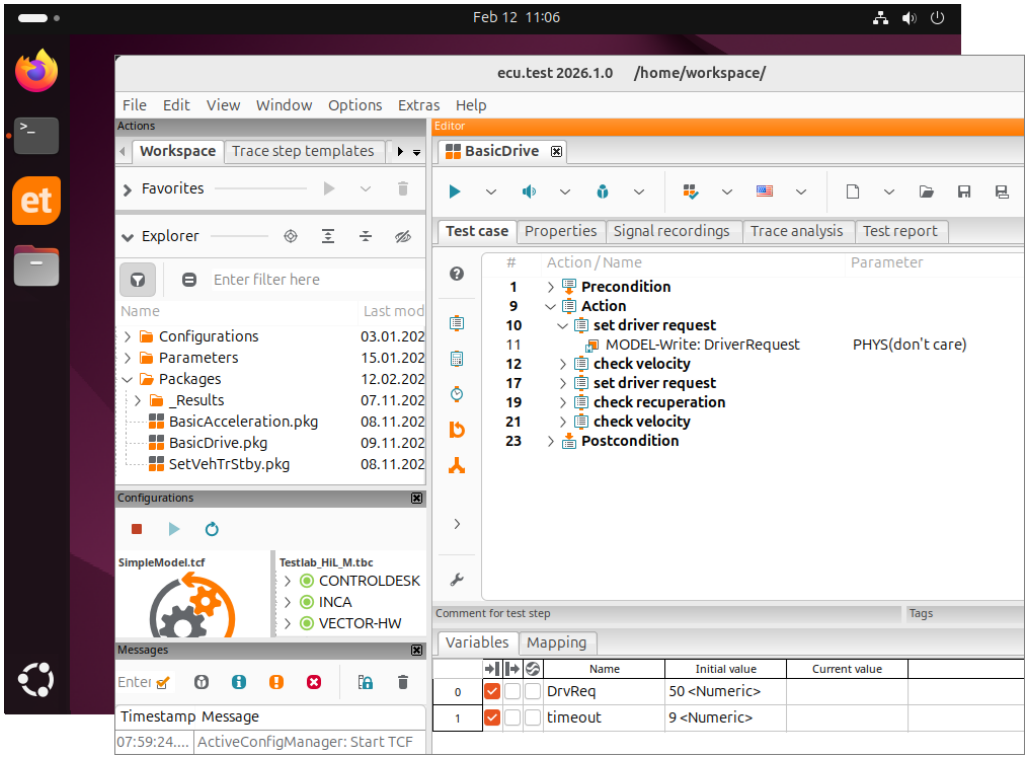

Figure 1: ecu.test Linux GUI in Ubuntu 24.04

CAN-FD Timing Helper

The new **CAN-FD Timing Helper** utility simplifies test bench configuration for CAN-FD-capable bus hardware.

Based on the parameterization of bit rates, sample points and oscillator frequency, the missing parameters – **synchronization jump** and **time** segments – are automatically determined and visualized.

Although manual parameterization in the TBC with deviating values is still possible, it is no longer mandatory.

In addition, once values have been determined, they can be copied as a whole at the touch of a button and pasted onto other ports.

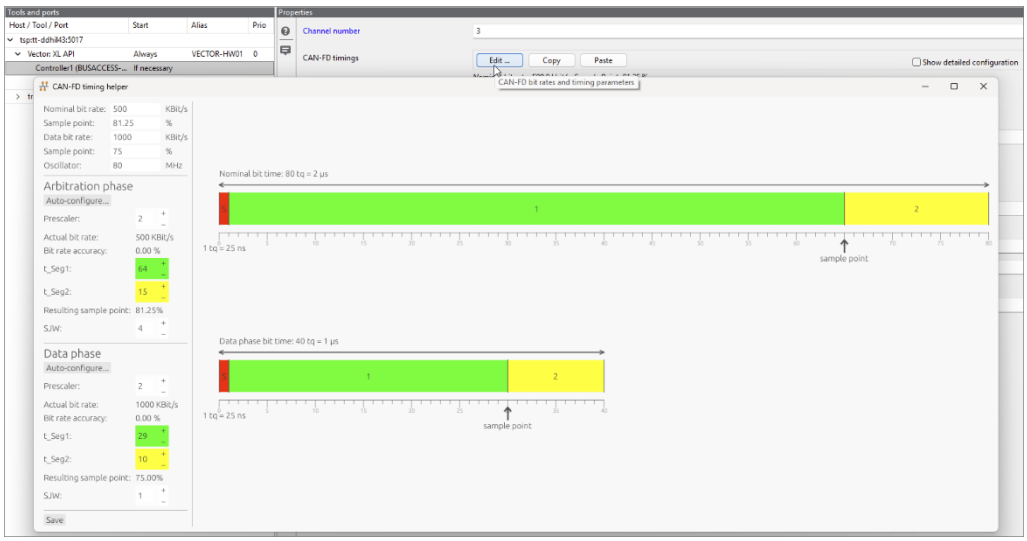

Figure 2: CAN-FD Timing Helper

Parallel tool start

Operating the test infrastructure involves high costs. The time spent configuring the test bench and its tools must be subtracted from the valuable test time and, although the configuration start is necessary, does not contribute to the actual tests.

Especially with extensive test bench configurations involving many tools, the start of the configuration can be time-consuming. The start-up time of a tool depends heavily on the configuration steps required, the scope of the configuration, and the individual implementation of the tool and its API.

Previously, all tools in a TBC were started sequentially. With **ecu.test 2026.1**, the tools are now started in parallel, which results in substantial time savings. The individual start-up priority set by the user for each tool is, of course, still taken into account.

ecu.test *code* now available on pypi.org

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ecu.test *code* is now available via the Python Package Index PyPI.
Provided PyPI is accessible, installation is now very easy via**:**

- `pip install ecutest_code`

Provision via email and Seafile link will be discontinued at the same time.

Package execution for ecu.test *code*

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For certain tasks, helper packages might already exist, or expressing a subtask as a package might be more concise.

From now on, **ecu.test** *code* can call packages that respect certain limitations. Parameters can be passed in, return values can be passed out, and the evaluation of the package execution (SUCCESS, FAILED, etc.) can be queried.

Of course, package calls can also be used in conjunction with access to test signals.

```
pkg = ta.Package("my package.pkg")
with ta.run():
    pkg_result = pkg.run({'param_A': 3.0})
    assert pkg_result.result_code == ExecutionResult.SUCCESS
    print(pkg_result.return_values)
```

Figure 3: Package call in ecu.test *code*

CheckResponse simplifies time checks in trace analyses

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Previously, it was difficult to model typical temporal relationships between two signals in trace analysis without using trace step templates.

The **CheckResponse** function is now available for calculation steps and trigger blocks. It significantly simplifies temporal checking by requiring only two signals and a *timeout* parameter.

If the value of the first signal is true at a given point in time, **CheckResponse** checks that the second signal also becomes true within the *timeout* period. It is good practice to specify an edge function for the first signal, as the state change of a signal usually serves as the activation condition:

- **CheckResponse(RisingEdge(Sig1), Sig2 == 1, 0.5)**

The optional **useHoldValue** parameter can be used to address special cases where the second signal is rarely sampled and may have already been in the desired state before the activation time.

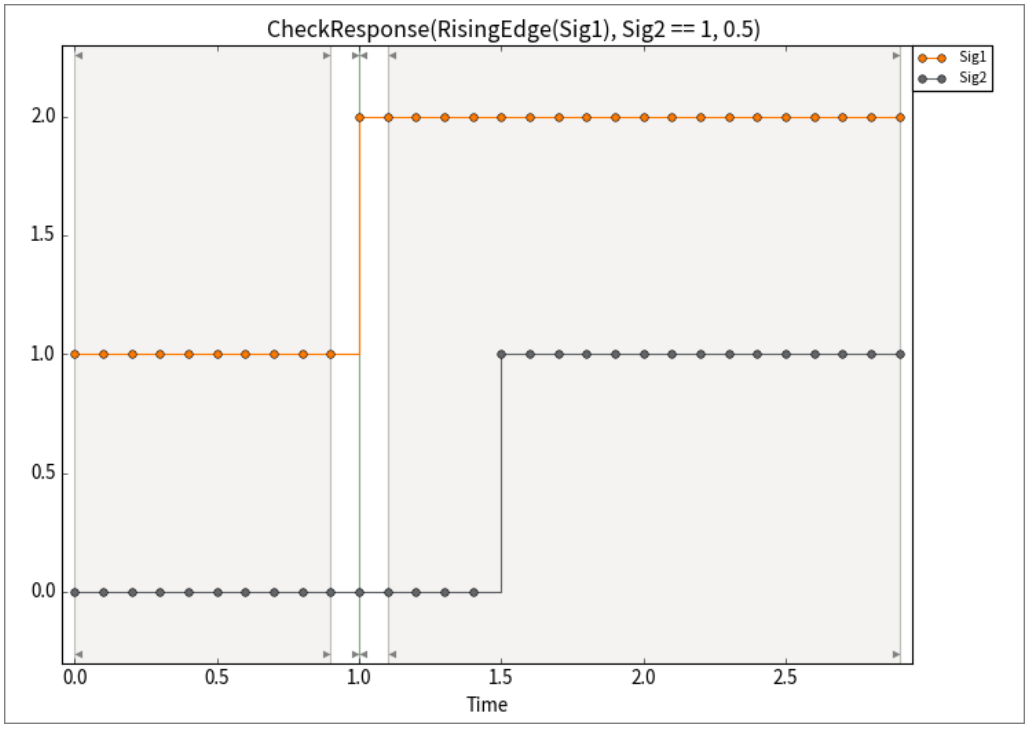

Figure 4: Check at rising edge of Sig1 that sig2 is 1 within 0.5s

2 Sneak Preview

ecu.test Runner for ARM

ecu.test Linux Runner is now also available for ARM platforms. One of its key features is the efficient execution of FMU-based tests via FMI on ARM, enabling vECU Level 4 testing in an ARM-on-ARM scenario.

This allows users to test their virtual control units directly on ARM hardware – without the need for additional bridges or translation layers, making it particularly efficient.

Native use on ARM cores gives users better energy efficiency and lower infrastructure and operating costs – both in their own data centers and in the cloud. The **ecu.test Runner** can be run directly on ARM resources in AWS and other cloud environments, enabling a scalable, high-performance, and resource-efficient test environment.

Figure 5: ecu.test Linux Runner on ARM

Additional use cases and application scenarios:

- Execution of package checks and generators
- Performing trace analyses and file conversions
- Operation on embedded hardware for dedicated test or analysis tasks or for test bench automation/monitoring (e.g., via **ecu.test** *lab*)

ecu.test *agent* chat – your ecu.test co-pilot

In the last two releases, we introduced the ecu.test *agent* and have been continuously improving it ever since. At the same time, we are working on the next big highlight – the **ecu.test** *agent* chat, a kind of co-pilot for **ecu.test**.

- Finding similar implementations in test cases and automated derivation of library packages
- Support for signal recording for optimized merging of test case and trace analysis generation
- Reviewing a test case: The agent points out shortcomings and differences between the specification and implementation
- Actions within the scope of an ecu.test project: e.g., adding parameter sets from attached files
- Communication with the test.spec agent so that new specifications can be derived from requirements

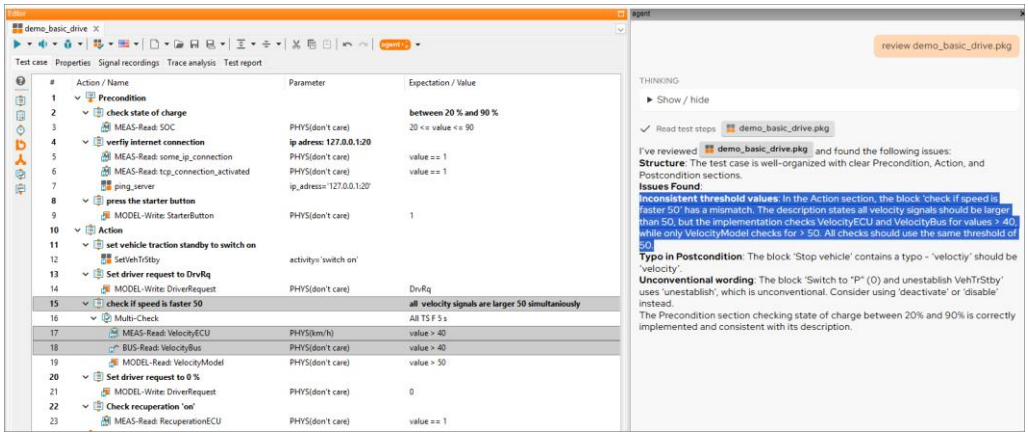

Abbildung 6: ecu.test *agent* chat

These lists are examples. Let's talk about your workflows together. Where do you lose the most time?

In **ecu.test 2026.1**, the **ecu.test** *agent chat* is already available on request. Please feel free to contact us at support@tracetronic.com.

test.spec *agent*

With the current release, the **test.spec** *agent* has undergone consistent further development. The focus was on improving the quality of the entire Agentic workflow. Now, specifications are generated more consistently. Test methodologies, such as positive/negative tests and equivalence classes, are automatically considered. Rules for generating specifications can be specifically defined and selectively applied.

Another new feature is the ability to connect to Codebeamer, which allows requirements from the ALM system to be integrated directly into the specification process.

Outlook:

- Planned release at the end of June
- Closer interaction between the **test.spec** *agent* and the **ecu.test** *agent* to generate consistent test cases
- Editor optimizations to efficiently maintain specifications
- Initial functions to support trace analysis and quality assessment of requirements and specifications

Take advantage of the preview phase to evaluate the **test.spec** *agent* in your tool landscape and experience how it reduces the time it takes to create specifications from hours to minutes.
We are happy to assist you with the first steps and look forward to your inquiry!

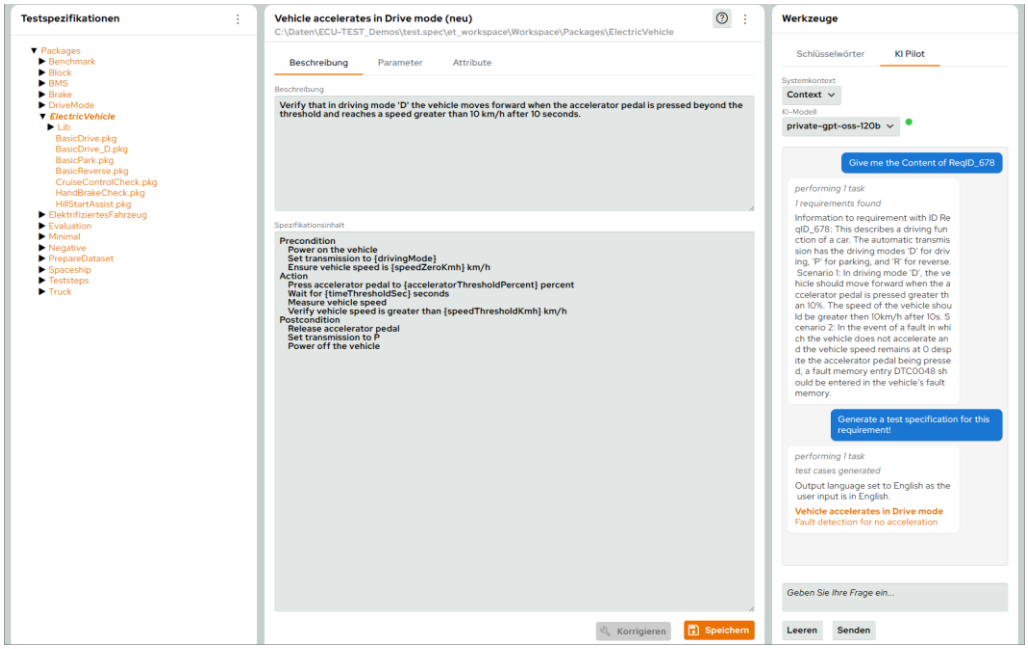

Figure 7: test.spec agent

TouchInput with AI prompt

With the **TouchInput** test step, **ecu.test** already offers the option of performing various actions (clicking, swiping, rotating, etc.) to interact with an HMI or a website. Until now, however, fixed coordinates had to be specified.

This approach is not particularly robust, especially when testing HMI elements. If the positions and sizes of the elements change during development, manually created test cases must be laboriously adjusted.

The new AI function in the **TouchInput** test steps allows prompts to be used instead of coordinates. For testing an HMI, for example, the following prompts are conceivable:

- Press the "Radio" button.
- I want to make a phone call.
- I want to listen to music.

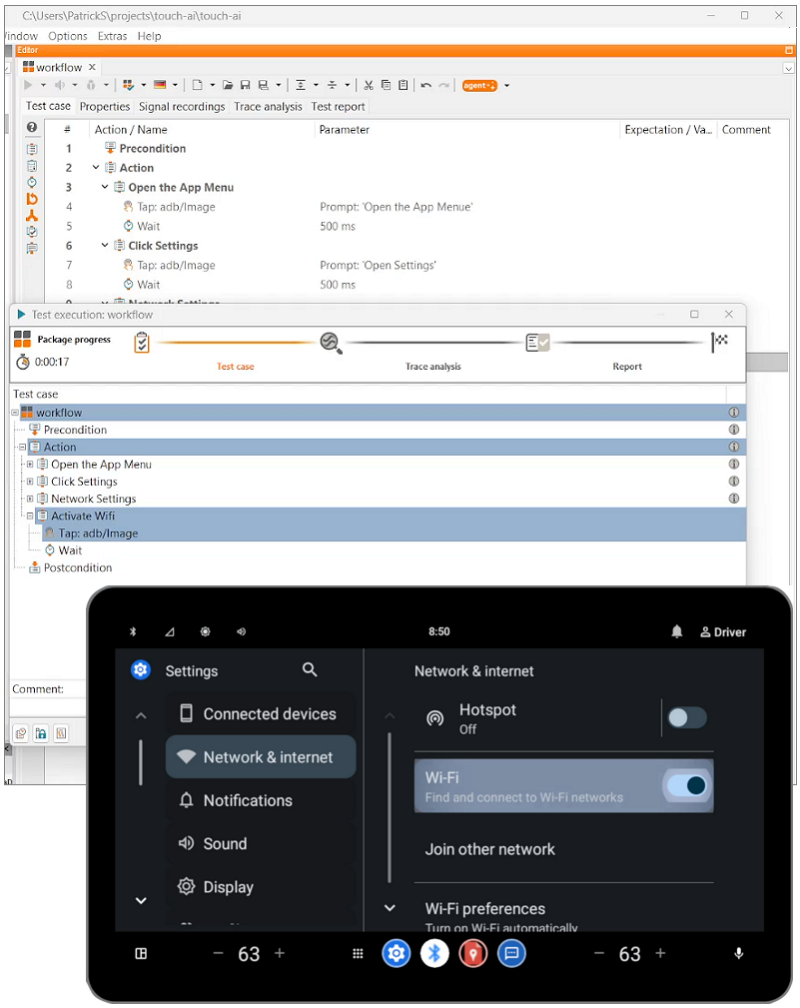

Figure 8: Touch input function with AI prompt

The model analyzes the image and returns the coordinates regardless of the language setting, element arrangement, or displayed content. This enables the creation of robust test steps.

The model is connected via the **ecu.test** *agent* connector and can be customized to individual needs. We have had positive experiences with both Claude 4.5 and ChatGPT.
Would you like to try out the new feature now? Please contact your tracetronic representative or our support team
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J1939 as symbolic test steps

In the context of J1939, the most important services are probably the DM services. These services are defined and equivalent to OBD-UDS in the context of UDS.

Due to their large scope and complexity, especially regarding the return parameters, we are experimenting with symbolic support for J1939 DM services. Similar to OBDonUDS, they appear as generic **diagnostic** test steps in the **Diagnostics** tab after activation. A database is not necessary.

Activation is available upon request and requires a license **ecu.test** *diagnostics*.

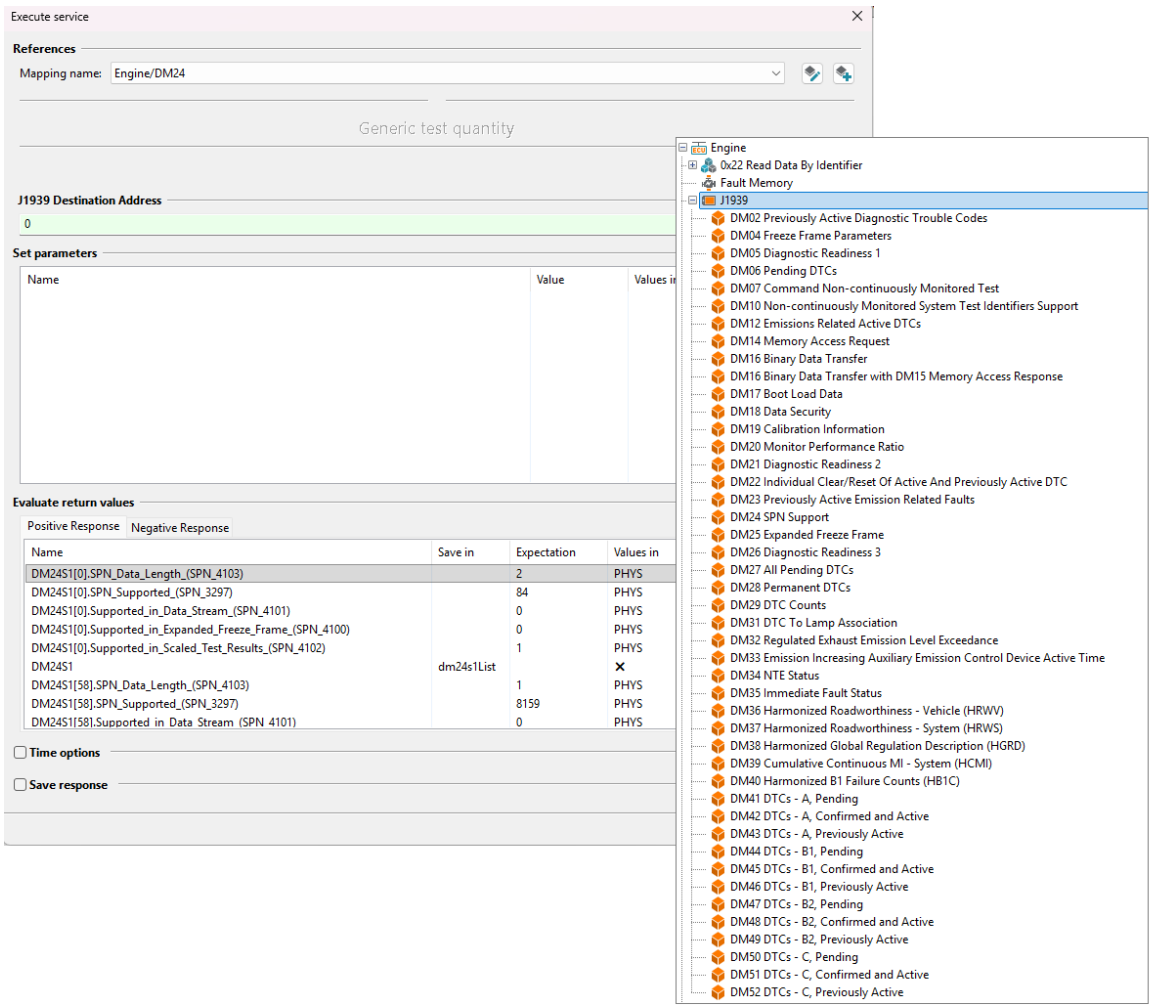

Figure 9: DM-Services for J1939

3 ecu.test extras

3.1 ecu.test *agent*

Support for trace analysis

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In the last release, the generation of trace steps was available as a preview, but this feature is now officially available.

The **ecu.test** *agent* generates content for blocks on request. Currently, trigger blocks, calculation steps, and plots are currently supported.

Similar to test cases, blocks with generated content are marked with a small symbol: .

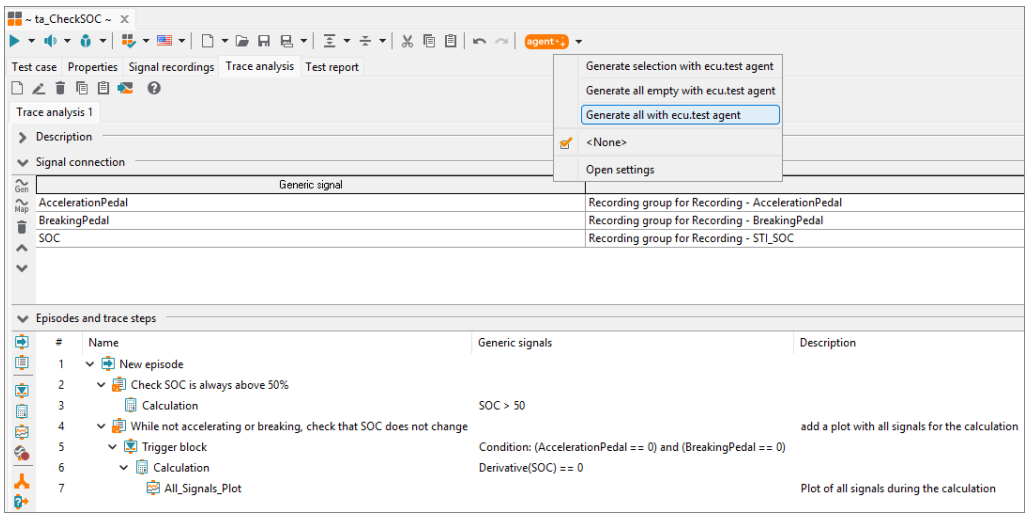

Figure 10: Generation of trace steps via ecu.test *agent*

Optimizations and support for further test steps

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The current **ecu.test** release, 2026.1, includes numerous optimizations for generating test cases. These include, among others:

- Values from enumerations are taken into account during generation
- Test steps from unsupported reference implementations are generated as **ToDo** steps
- The time options "Wait until true," "Wait for at least," and "Polling cycle" are included in the generation
- Optimization in the generation of tool and port jobs

ecu.test also supports the following test steps:

- Exit
- Comment

3.2 ecu.test *calibration*

Simultaneous recording of a bus and a calibration port for CAN(-FD)

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Records for bus and XCP communication often have to be made using the same controller as the measurement hardware. This was previously possible and resulted in an error message.
As of this release, this restriction no longer applies.

3.3 ecu.test *drive*

Shortcuts to pause and cancel test cases

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You can now pause a test execution by pressing Space and cancel a test case by pressing **Esc**.

3.4 ecu.test *lab*

Parameterizing all parameters of a package

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Previously, only a single parameter could be assigned in write widgets for a stored package.

With this version, all parameters can now be taken care of. In most cases, this means that one parameter is assigned dynamically by operating the widget, and the remaining parameters are either assigned static values or deliberately executed with the initial value stored in the package.

For reading widgets, packages previously only offered the option of selecting the return value. In this case, the parameters can now also be configured statically.

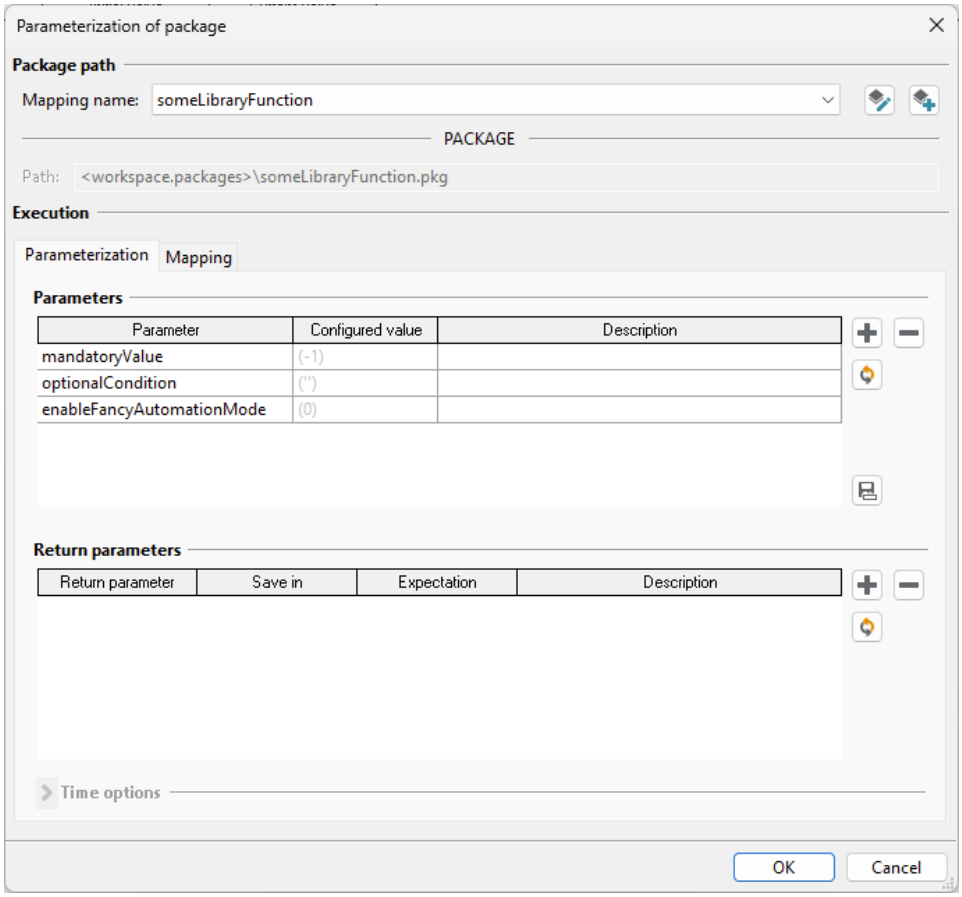

Figure 11: Parameterization of a package in ecu.test

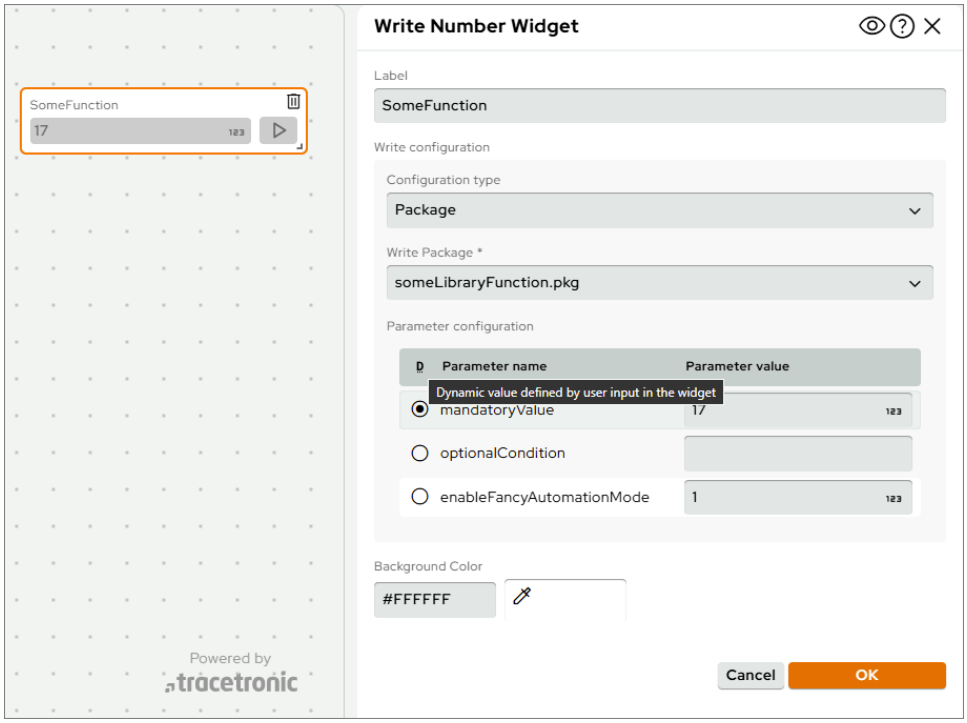

Figure 12: Parameterization of all packages in ecu.test *lab*

New widget: Signal Graph

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Ever since **ecu.test** *lab* was launched, there has been a demand for signal curves to be displayed. With **ecu.test 2026.1** and our new **Signal Graph** widget, we are now able to meet this request.

The widget is based on the signal visualization of the **trace.xplorer** and can show up to four signals in one graph. You can configure whether these signals share a common Y-axis or each have their own axis. Optionally, markers for signal values and interpolated curve plotting can be activated.

During execution, you can display the signal values at the cursor position by clicking on the graph. Signals can be temporarily hidden for a better overview. In addition, the drawing of the waveform can be paused if necessary and resumed later (without loss of values).

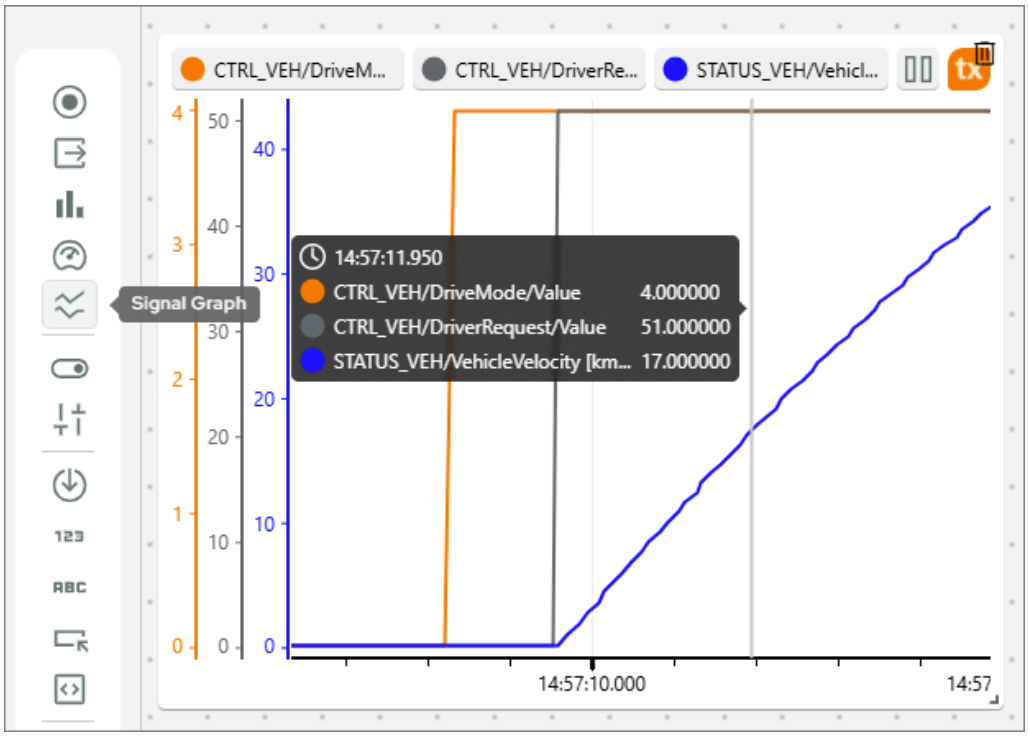

Figure 13: New widget for displaying signal graphs

Multiple pages for each view

To increase the available workspace and improve its structure, we have added tabs (or pages) to the views. This allows multiple pages to be filled with widgets and initialized and used simultaneously.

This eliminates the need to stop monitoring mode and to change the view.

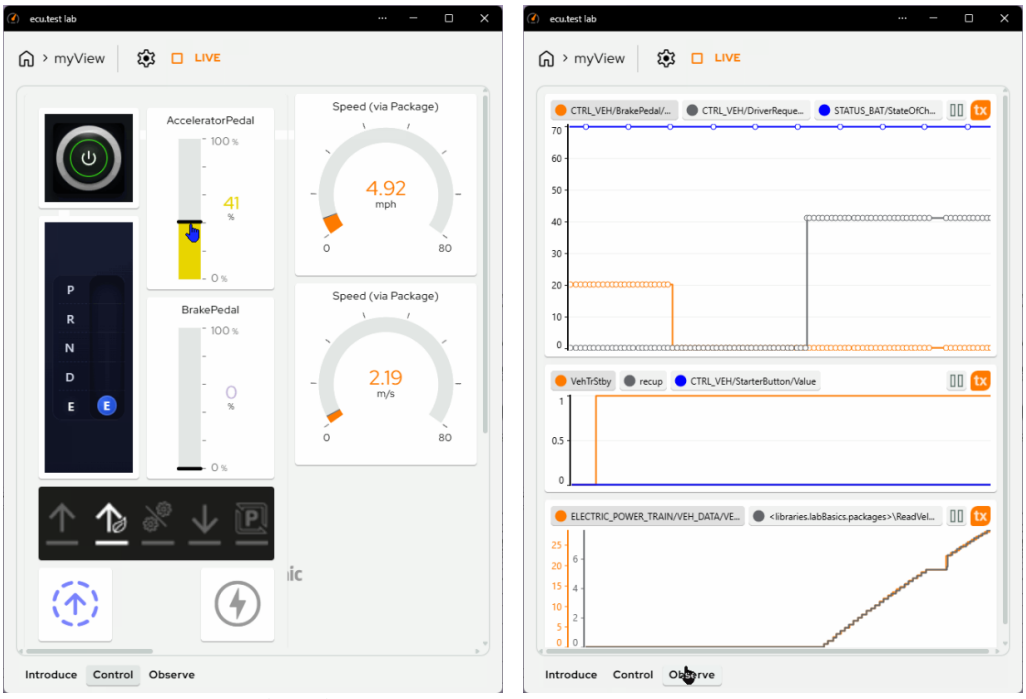

Figure 14: Implementation of tabs for navigating through multiple pages

4 Usability

Browser extension "Open with ecu.test diff"

Open with ecu.test diff allows you to open changes to **ecu.test** artifacts in the **ecu.test Diff Viewer** directly from your browser.

The newly released version 1.1.0 now supports **BitBucket Cloud** in addition to GitHub and GitLab. Furthermore, the setup and some error messages have been improved.
The extension is available from the Firefox and Chrome store.

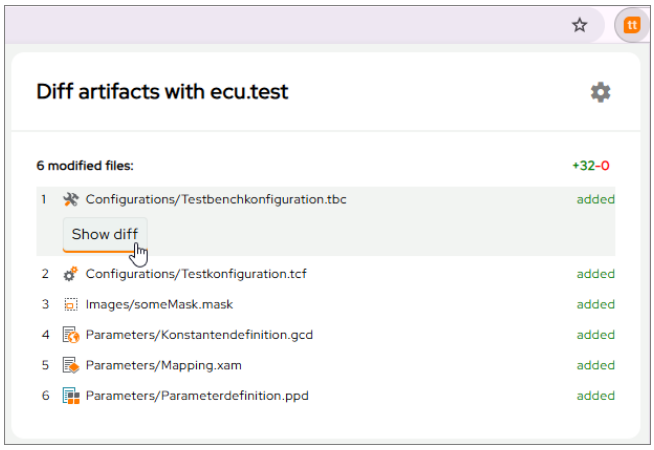

Figure 15: Browser- "Open with ecu.test diff"

Workspace selection dialog: Licenses for ecu.test extras

In the workspace selection dialog, before **ecu.test** is fully started, the licenses used for the **ecu.test** extras can be displayed and, if necessary, configured directly in the License Manager.

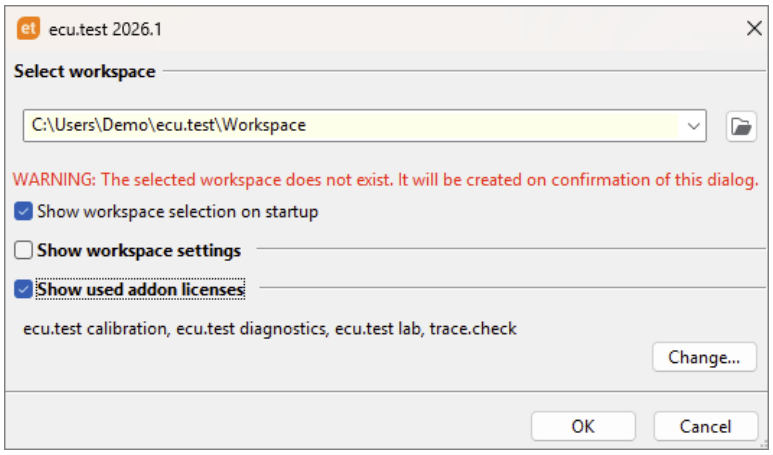

Figure 16: Display and configure licenses for ecu.test *extras*

5 Test aspects

5.1 HiL

Support for Intrepid CAN(-FD) bus hardware connection

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All features of hardware-related bus connections, including ecu.test *diagnostics* and **ecu.test** *calibration*, can now be used with CAN and CAN-FD-capable measurement hardware that can be controlled in conjunction with the Intrepid neoVI API.

ETAS INCA: Revised handling of data sets

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The INCA .tbc-option **Handling of existing project** for application ports determines which of the configurations for project (A2L file) and data set (HEX file) in **ecu.test** and INCA are used when opening the INCA experiment.

Since there can be a variety of requirements depending on whether a data set exists and which data set should be prioritized, the selection options have been fundamentally revised and documented. Details can be found in the user documentation.

5.2 Test management

Sample workflow for PTC Codebeamer

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Based on the new User Test Management API, there is an initial sample workflow for importing packages and projects from PTC Codebeamer.

Together with the tractronic Codebeamer client, you get full access to the Codebeamer REST API. The purely Python-based solution can be easily adapted to your individual workflows.

5.3 Trace analysis

Access to enum values in trace step templates

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It is now possible to access the enum values of a signal via the API in event-based Python and array-based NumPy trace step templates.

```python
def Process(self, parameters, report, timeAxis, ranges, signals):
    """
    ...
    """
    # E.g. a typical bus status signal with text table
    firstRawValue = signals['EnumSignal'].GetValues()[0]
    textTable, defaultText = signals['EnumSignal'].GetTextTable()
    if textTable:
        textValue = textTable.get(firstRawValue, defaultText) or ''
        print(f'First signal value: {firstValue}, corresponding text: {textValue}')
```

Figure 17: Access to enum values via API

New standard trace step template: CalculateInterpolatedSignal

et tc

Rarely sampled signals from originally continuous (analog) measured quantities often make robust testing difficult. By default, signal values are mapped to a common time axis with other signals using sample-and-hold. However, the use of the **Hose** function, for example, requires individual interpolation.

The new standard trace step template **CalculateInterpolatedSignal** allows you to linearly interpolate the values of a signal onto the time axis of a reference signal. This makes it easy to implement many use cases.

5.4 Further test aspects

Improved support for measurement lists

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The current version builds on the option introduced in **ecu.test** 2025.4 to use XAM files as measurement lists for signal groups and offers further practical improvements.

- **Integrated library workspaces:** XAM files can now be imported directly from library workspaces.
- **Reporting:** For better traceability, measurement lists used for recording are documented.
- **Easy configuration:** Measurement lists can now be easily configured using drag-and-drop.

6 Tools and Interfaces

6.1 New tools and versions

	Provider	Website	System	Product name	Version
1	**Accurate Technologies Inc.**	Release link	Calibration and data acquisition tool	**ATI VISION**	**7.0**
2	**Lauterbach**	Release link	Tool for analyzing, optimizing, and certifying embedded systems	**TRACE32**	**R.2025.2**
3	**PLS**	Release link	Tool for debugging, tracing, and testing embedded software	**UDE**	**2025.2**

7 Discontinuations

7.1 Discontinued features and incompatibilities in this version

Python 3.13

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ecu.test 2026.1 is based on Python 3.13.

According to current estimates, the switch should have little impact on existing **ecu.test** workspaces.

However, you should check your own Python code in packages, user libraries, and external Python libraries for compatibility with Python 3.13 and update it if necessary.

- **https://pyreadiness.org/3.13/**

You can check if your code locations are affected by removals using the following link:

- **https://docs.python.org/3/whatsnew/3.13.html#removed**

Helpful information about switching can be found in the

- **Knowledge Base**

Port BUSACCESS – GENERIC_MAPPINGFILE

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The newly introduced port type, BUSACCESS - MODEL BASED, is much more flexible, maintainable, and intuitive to configure.

To clarify the available options and guide users to the best solution, the BUSACCESS - GENERIC_MAPPINGFILE has been removed from **ecu.test 2026.1**.

Supported versions of MATLAB/Simulink in Linux

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Following the discontinuation of support for older versions of Ubuntu with **ecu.test 2026.1**, support for MATLAB/Simulink up to and including R2023b has been removed under Linux, as these versions do not offer support for Ubuntu 20.04.
Support for Windows remains unchanged for versions from R2015b onwards.

FEP2 connection

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The FEP2 connection has been removed from **ecu.test 2026.1**.

Ubuntu 20.04 LTS and 22.04 LTS

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Support for Ubuntu 20.04 LTS and 22.04 LTS has been removed from **ecu.test 2026.1.**

ICMP-RAW port

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For the Ethernet, XL-API and SIL-Kit tools, the ICMP-RAW port has been removed without replacement, as announced.

Alternative report directory for separate subproject execution

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When executing separate subprojects, it was possible to specify the report folder. This feature was removed in **ecu.test 2026.1**.

Playbook-Export from ecu.test to test.guide

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With **ecu.test 2026.1**, the playbook export from **ecu.test** to **test.guide** has been removed.

7.2 Discontinued features in future versions

Jobs RequestSeed und SendKey

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The **RequestSeed** and **SendKey** jobs are replaced.

- RequestSeed → SecurityAccessRequestSeed
- SendKey → SecurityAccessSendKey

The new jobs also support the Seed & Key DLLs.

KS: Tornado only via ASAM ACI

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The tool connection will be removed with **ecu.test 2026.2**. It will be replaced by the new connection based on ASAM ACI, which is available since **ecu.test 2023.3**.

Jama Connect

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The integrated test management adapter for **Jama Connect** will be removed with **ecu.test 2026.2**.

As a replacement the user defined test management adapters can be used. These adapters offer significantly more flexibility and enable optimal adaptation to the respective workflow.

A sample workflow is provided to assist with your own implementation.

TRF files can no longer be generated for project reports

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With the introduction of the PRF format for project reports, the TRF format has become obsolete. Although the TRF format could be activated via the workspace settings during the migration phase, this fallback setting is expected to be removed in **ecu.test 2026.3**. Until then, based on feedback received, work is underway to improve some workflows with and without **test.guide**.

This discontinuation only affects project reports. Package executions will continue to be saved in the TRF format.

Interface TmUserAdapter

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The following interface methods will be removed with **ecu.test 2026.2**:

- GetPackageFromTms
- GetProjectsFromTms

These newly introduced methods serve as replacements:

- **FetchChildrenForPackageImport**
- **FetchChildrenForProjectImport**

Despite the change, the familiar tree structure of the test management system is still present in the import dialogs.

Import in connection with CustomChecks

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Custom tests may use a module that has been moved. Therefore, check the imports and adjust them if necessary.

- **old: tts.core.common.check.Constants**
- **new: tts.interface.customCheck.Constants**

Real-time package references

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dSPACE has changed its interface for controlling the real-time environment with ControlDesk 2024-B. Since this dSPACE release, it is no longer possible to execute real-time package references with **ecu.test**.

Due to the lack of user feedback on this issue, we assume that this feature is rarely used and will remove it with **ecu.test 2026.3**.

Attention: The discontinuation only applies to real-time package references. Other features related to real-time testing (RTT) are not affected.

Bus monitoring test steps

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The bus monitoring test steps used to check **timings** and **DLC** can be implemented much more effectively with trace analysis and the provided analysis modules.

Starting with **ecu.test 2026.3**, support for inserting new test steps will be discontinued. Support for execution will be removed in **ecu.test 2027.1** at the earliest.

Basler: Pylon

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Basler cameras are compatible with the GenICam standard, which eliminates the need for a separate tool connection. For this reason, the **Basler: Pylon** tool will be removed from **ecu.test 2026.3**.

When using a Basler camera, the GenICam tool connection can be used as an alternative.

Siemens Polarion

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The integrated test management adapter for **Siemens Polarion** will be removed with **ecu.test 2027.1**.

As a replacement the user defined test management adapters can be used. These adapters offer significantly more flexibility and enable optimal adaptation to the respective workflow.
A sample workflow is provided to assist with your own implementation.

IBM Rational Quality Manager (RQM)

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The integrated test management adapter **for IBM Rational Quality Manager (RQM)** will be removed with **ecu.test 2027.1**.

As a replacement the user defined test management adapters can be used. These adapters offer significantly more flexibility and enable optimal adaptation to the respective workflow.
A sample workflow is provided to assist with your own implementation.

HP Application Lifecycle Management (ALM)

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The built-in **HP Application Lifecycle Management (ALM)** test management adapter will be removed in **ecu.test 2027.1**.

For continued interaction with HP Application Lifecycle Management (ALM) after that release, a user-defined test management adapter needs to be implemented using the ecu.test Test Management API.

PTC Integrity

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Interactive test execution in ecu.test

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The use cases for interactive test execution within **ecu.test** and the web application **ecu.test** *drive* largely overlap.

ecu.test *drive* is the significantly more flexible solution.

- More intuitive user guidance
- Better adaptability to the areas of application in the vehicle
- Usability with runner and remote through decoupling from **ecu.test** GUI

We will therefore focus on this solution in the future and will remove interactive test execution with **ecu.test 2027.1**.