

## **Lab Objective**

To demonstrate FreeRTOS task management using the following features: -

- Task creation
- Task suspend and resume
- Task blocking using delays
- Task priority
- Task parameters

***Reference: FreeRTOS Reference Manual Chapter 3***

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|     | <a href="#">xTaskCreate()</a>        |
|     | <a href="#">xTaskCreateStatic()</a>  |
|     | <a href="#">vTaskDelete()</a>        |
| [-] | <a href="#">Task Control</a>         |
|     | <a href="#">vTaskDelay()</a>         |
|     | <a href="#">vTaskDelayUntil()</a>    |
|     | <a href="#">uxTaskPriorityGet()</a>  |
|     | <a href="#">vTaskPrioritySet()</a>   |
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|     | <a href="#">xTaskAbortDelay()</a>    |
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**Part A: Task Create and Delete**

Create 2 tasks. Task 1 has higher priority than task 2. Task 1 is created in userApp(). Task 1 should run and then create task 2 and suspend itself. Task 2 then runs before deleting itself.

Use the xTaskCreate(), vTaskDelete() and the vTaskSuspend() API functions.

```
void vTaskSuspend( TaskHandle_t xTaskToSuspend );
```

**Parameters:**

*xTaskToSuspend* Handle to the task being suspended. Passing a NULL handle will cause the calling task to be suspended.

```
void vTaskDelete( TaskHandle_t xTask );
```

**Parameters:**

*xTask* The handle of the task to be deleted. Passing NULL will cause the calling task to be deleted.

```

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Task creation demo

Starting task 1
Task1 Running
Creating Task 2
Suspending Task1

Starting task 2
Task2 Running
Deleting Task 2
  
```

| FreeRTOS Task List x Search |                |               |              |           |             |                     |             |
|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Name                        | Priority (B... | Start of S... | Top of St... | State     | Event Ob... | Stack Usage         | Run Time... |
| → IDLE                      | 0/0            | 0x20000...    | 0x20000...   | RUNNING   |             | 136B / 512B (26.6%) | 0%          |
| Task 1                      | 2/2            | 0x20000...    | 0x20000f...  | SUSPENDED |             | 224B / 800B (28.0%) | 60%         |

**Part B: Task Priority**

Create 2 tasks in userApp(). Task 1 has priority 3 and task 2 has priority 1. Task 1 reads the priority of task 2 and increments it by 1. Task 2 should run after 2 iterations of task 1. Task 2 should then restore its priority to 1.

Edit the file FreeRTOSConfig.h to uncomment the line `#define configUSE_TIME_SLICING 0`. This ensures we are using pre-emptive only scheduling.

Use the `uxTaskPriorityGet()` and `vTaskPrioritySet()` API functions.

```
UBaseType_t uxTaskPriorityGet( TaskHandle_t xTask );
```

**Parameters:**

*xTask* Handle of the task to be queried. Passing a NULL handle results in the priority of the calling task being returned.

**Returns:**

The priority of xTask.

```
void vTaskPrioritySet( TaskHandle_t xTask,
                     UBaseType_t uxNewPriority );
```

**Parameters:**

*xTask* Handle of the task whose priority is being set. A NULL handle sets the priority of the calling task.

*uxNewPriority* The priority to which the task will be set.

Priorities are asserted to be less than `configMAX_PRIORITIES`. If `configASSERT` is undefined, priorities are silently capped at `(configMAX_PRIORITIES - 1)`.

```
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Task priority change demo

Starting task 1

Task1 Running priority 3, Task2 Running priority 1
Incrementing task 2 priority

Task1 Running priority 3, Task2 Running priority 2
Incrementing task 2 priority

Starting task 2

Task2 Running priority 3
Restoring task 2 to priority 1
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Task1 Running priority 3, Task2 Running priority 1
Incrementing task 2 priority

Task1 Running priority 3, Task2 Running priority 2
Incrementing task 2 priority

Task2 Running priority 3
Restoring task 2 to priority 1
*****
```

### Part C: Task Parameter Passing

Create 2 tasks of the same priority. Both tasks should use the same task function. The task function should simply print a string associated with the current running task. The task function should then delay for 1 second. Use the `vTaskDelay()` API function.

Create a global string pointer for each task.

```
static const char *task1String = "Task 1 Running\n\n\r";  
static const char *task2String = "Task 2 Running\n\n\r";
```

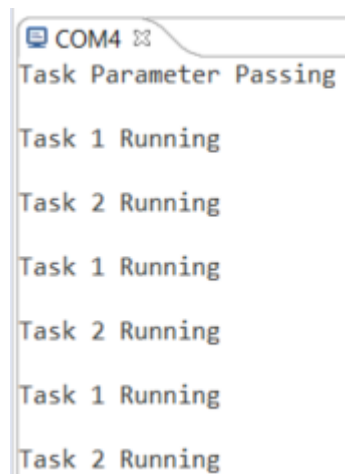
The task create function is passed a void pointer to the task string.

```
if(xTaskCreate(taskFunction, "Task 1", 200, (void *)task1String, 3, &task1Handle) != pdPASS) {  
    printf("Failed to create task 1\n\r");  
    while(1);  
}
```

The task function then casts the passed parameter to a char pointer.

```
void taskFunction (void *pvParameters) {  
    char *ptr;  
    ptr = (char *)pvParameters;  
  
    while(1) {  
        printf("%s", ptr);  
        vTaskDelay(pdMS_TO_TICKS(1000));  
    }  
}
```

**Reference:** Section 3.4 in Mastering the FreeRTOS Real Time Kernel. Tutorial



The screenshot shows a serial terminal window titled 'COM4'. The output text is as follows:

```
Task Parameter Passing  
  
Task 1 Running  
Task 2 Running  
Task 1 Running  
Task 2 Running  
Task 1 Running  
Task 2 Running
```