# Operating System Lab Assignment 03: Design and Deploy Syscall and Multi-tasking for DUOS

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## 1 Objectives and Policies

### 1.1 General Objectives

The objectives of the lab assignment are to understand and have hands-on training to understand

#### 1.2 Assessment Policy

The assignment has three level objectives (i) primary objectives, (ii) advanced objectives, and (iii) optional boost objectives. Every student must complete the primary objective; however, they can attempt advanced and optional Boost-up objectives. The advanced objective will be a primary objective in the subsequent assignment. Further, you can achieve five (5) marks for completing the optional objectives and add these marks at the end of the semester with your total lab marks. However, you cannot get more than 100% assigned for the labs. The current lab does not contain advanced or optional boost objectives.

#### 2 What to do?

- Deploy OS service call using SVC and SVCPend
- Deploy OS Multi-Tasking with at least 20 (twenty) tasks.

### 2.1 Implementation of Syscall Exception (SVC) and PendSV

The following description envisions implementing SVC and PendSV to enable unprivileged user applications to access kernel services and schedule user tasks. You must use the class lecture and programming manual to complete the assignment, and note that you must comprehend the underlying notion of the SVC and PendSV.

#### 2.1.1 Syscall using SVC

SVC is an integral part of the ARM processor and exception, enabling the user-to-kernel interface to deliver essential kernel services to the user program. Usually, user programs running in unprivileged mode cannot directly access the connected hardware devices, drivers, and many other processor resources. Therefore, the user program needs a way to get access to available services from the kernel in privileged mode. Almost all microprocessors have the features to facilitate access to kernel functions. ARM processors provide a particular instruction, 'SVC,' to manipulate an exception to get into it. Generally, it is known as SysCall. However, you cannot set any interrupt or exception from other handlers or exceptions; in that case, it generates a HardFault. In this part of the assignment, you must implement syscalls to create an interface between the user program and kernel. Test it from the unprivileged user program.

#### 2.1.2 Task Scheduling using SysTick and PendSV

Next, you must implement the PendSV services for switching between tasks. Every 10ms, the DUOS resumes or executes a task that remains in the task queue. The task queue preserves the task header or TCB containing the last addresses of the active task or task currently awaiting execution. In the operating system, the queue is called the ready queue. We will use the ready queue later in the scheduling assignment. For this part of the lab, you use it for switching between

tasks. Therefore you require a kernel stack that will hold the ready queue with the most updated stack addresses of the tasks. The kernel acquires the stackframe address from the ready queue, redirects to the task stack, loads the registers' value, and jumps to the code to execute or resume the execution of a task. For the switching interval, you must use the SysTick exception handler configured to interrupt every 10ms. The SysTick handler (at the tail) initiates the PendSV for a context switch. Usually, we should keep the priority level low for SysTick and PendSV for the smooth operation of the other interrupt ISR. Note that the ISR routine, including SVC and PendSV, must be simple to avoid heavy-weight functions like 'kprintf' or 'kscanf.' The PendSV must perform the context switching to execute or resume the next task.

#### 2.1.3 Syscalls and kernel services

You must implement the syscall using following three files

- 'syscall\_def.h' contains the unique number for each syscall.
- 'syscall.h' contains all prototype or function definitions for the kernel privileged services
- 'syscall.c' includes implementing the function call defined in the 'syscall.h'. Moreover, the 'syscall.c' file consists of the syscall\_def.h to get the requested syscall number. Nonetheless, the kernel incorporates various auxiliary files for defining and detailing the actual function tasks.

The 'syscall\_def.h' in Appendix B contains the following syscall with unique number. You do not need to implement all the syscall listed here. However, you must implements (i) SYS\_exit, (ii) SYS\_getpid, (iii) SYS\_read, (iv) SYS\_write, (v) SYS\_time, (vi) SYS\_reboot, and (vii) SYS\_yield. See the description of the kernel functions below.

- SYS\_open: The kernel service opens a device and adds the related record to the device file. The function will increase 't\_ref' if the device is already open. The SYS\_open function takes exactly two arguments, device symbol (name) and access (t\_access) type, and returns the device record index when successful; otherwise, it returns '-1'. The SYS\_open must use the ID listed in syscall\_def.h.
- SYS\_exit: terminate a process and call a SYS\_yield() function. Whenever an exit() calls, it will do two tasks (i) change the process state to 'terminated' and call a 'yield()' function. The 'yield' function activates the PendSV exception to run or resume the next task listed in the ready queue. No argument required in the exit function. However, 'exit' function must call the SVC with the appropriate kernel service ID listed in syscall\_def.h.
- SYS\_getpid: return task\_id (given in TCB) of the current task. The application layer function or library function is 'getpid()' returns process or task ID by invoke SVC with the approriate 'SYS\_getpid' service ID.
- SYS\_read: takes exactly three arguments (i) file descriptor, (ii) input buffer, and (iii) size. The kunitstd.h (Appendix A) contains the default 'STDIN\_FILENO' file descriptor when user application kscanf calls the SYS\_read function. The size parameter defines the maximum input size in bytes. However, the termination character, such as '\n,' determines the input size. If there is no termination character, then the maximum input limit is 'size.' You may define the largest input size as 256 bytes. Beyond this, the read function will ignore the characters and takes precisely 256 bytes as the input. In the current setting SYS\_read with

the 'STDIN\_FILENO' descriptor, use \_USART\_READ to read from the character terminal. The application layer library is 'read(fd,buff,size)'. The application library function call SVC with the argument listed before and the 'SYS\_read' syscall ID given in syscall\_def.h. Note that the first argument should be the service ID.

- SYS\_write: This function takes exactly three arguments to write bytes to the targeted file. The arguments are (i) file descriptor, (ii) out buffer, and (iii) size. When print use this system to display the characters in the terminal (character terminal or display monitor), then the kprintf passes 'STDOUT\_FILENO' as the file descriptor. In the current setting SYS\_write with the 'STDOUT\_FILENO' descriptor, use \_USART\_WRITE to send a string to the character terminal. The application calls the application/library layer function 'write(fd, buff, size)'; however, the write function uses the SVC to call kernel services 'SYS\_write' argument beginning with a service ID and three given function arguments.
- SYS\_\_\_time: Returns the current elapsed time of systick in milli-second. The application layer function name is 'getSysTickTime()'.
- SYS\_reboot: This service call to reboot or restart the microcontroller. The application layer function name is 'reboot.'
- SYS\_yield and yield The system must make the yield() function available for user-level execution. The user application may voluntarily call of yield() function to pass the CPU to the next task. In this case, the yield() directly syscall the SYS\_yield. The yield function calls SVC with the service ID.
- SYS\_close The system must make the close() function available for user-level execution. The user application may voluntarily call the close() function to close the open device file in the dev\_table when t\_ref is zero. The close() function from the user layer calls the SYS\_close to do the job.

## 2.2 Open File/Resource Table

Operating systems generally creates many tables and bit maps to keep track of the open files, currently running processes, other resources. This assignment must implement a simple file table to keep track of the open files in global kernel space. The data structure of the open device (file) table is

```
typedef struct dev_t
{
         char name[32]; // Device name or symbol
         uint32_t t_ref; //Number of open count
         uint8_t t_access; //open type O_RDONLY, O_WRDONLY, O_APPEND
         uint32_t *op_addr; //Address of the datastructure operations
}dev_table
```

The system dev\_table maximum size is 64, which implies that the table can hold 64 device information. The 'name' contains the unique symbol for the device, and '\*op\_addr' is the address of the operations available to use the device. The first three device descriptor are STDIN\_FILENO, STDOUT\_FILENO, and STDERR\_FILENO. The following records are devices like seven segment display, input switch, etc. 't\_ref' open count; this value increases and decreases for each opening

and closing of the device. System devices 't\_ref' never be zero for convenience. However, the 't\_ref' value '0' delete the record from the device open table. The above function, 'SYS\_,' gets the device address from the device open table in the memory. It would be best if you created the device open table when booting. The initial table contains at least three records, as described before.

### 2.3 How does the syscall and context switch work from top to bottom?

After resetting or power-on, our DUOS initializes the required drivers, update open file/resource table (dev\_table), setup necessary interrupts, exceptions, task stack, stackframe, and TCB entry in the ready queue, and changes the task status to new. Next, the DUOS switches to user mode and starts the current task in the ready queue. Any task mandating kernel services, including reading and writing, uses the SVC instruction to switch to the kernel (privileged mode) and get serviced. Suppose the user application calls 'kprintf', then all the algorithms related to the 'printf' must be complete (conversion to string or char) first. Then the 'printf' calls the library function 'write' with the previous argument. In the case of 'printf' the 'fd' is 'STDOUT\_FILENO.'

Consequently, the write function calls the SVC as described before. In the SVC handler, the kernel saves the registers (if required) and redirects to the syscall function. In the syscall.h, the syscall function selects and calls the actual function according to the syscall ID. The first argument of the SVC is the service ID or syscall ID specified in syscall\_def.h. Following fig. 1 shows the syscall (SVC) steps in short. In this case the 'write' utility function use SVC to get access to the 'SYS\_write' kernel service.

For example: 'printf'. For SVC follow slides in lecture 05 for detail

```
function printf(args ...){
        string s = convertToSTR(args ...) //see your kprintf implementation
        return_code=call write(s);
}
function write(File_descriptor fd, char* s,size_t){
        //stacked the arguments
        //first argument must be SYS_write service ID
        SVC call for SYS_write
}
function syscall(){
        1. use switch case to determine the actual function
        based on SVC service ID (first argumant) and call the function
        2. Return with exec_return code
}
function __sys_write(args ..){
        do the actual job with the USART driver
}
```

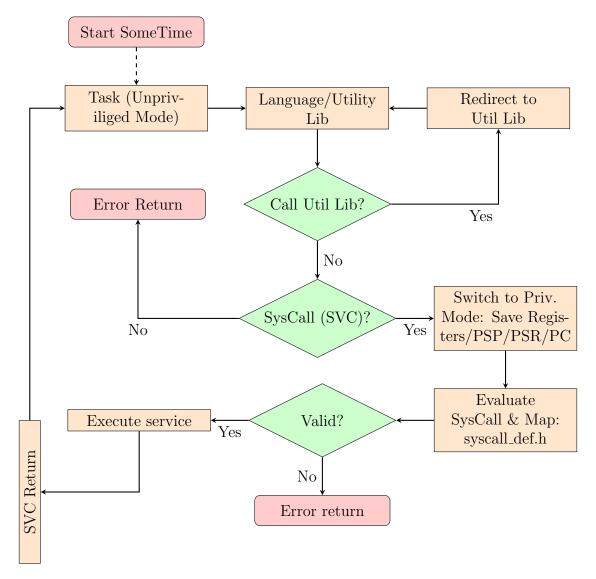


Figure 1: Syscall Steps in short

#### 2.4 What to submit

The assignment envisions creating a set of functions and policies to carry out the service call and task management with Round-Robin (timesharing) policies. The work contains two parts, (a) syscall and (b) task management, given below.

#### 2.4.1 Syscall

Implement high-level test code to evaluate the SVC and test all SYS\_\*. The implementation must contain (i) high-level functions (such as 'printf', convert to string and call write utility function with an appropriate file descriptor and generated string), (ii) application layer utility functions, such as write, (iii) syscall function (susch as SYS\_write) in syscall.c and finally, kernel service functions. The exec\_return code either returns a success or an error code. The list of functions you need to implement in different level of system access modes are:

Full Spectrum Syscall Implementation						
Unprivileged Mode		Privileged Mode				
User Function	Utility Library(Optional)	Service ID	Actual Function	Driver or service		
$fopen(\cdots)$	open("symbol", t_access)	SYS_open	_sys_open	initialize the device or increase t_ref		
$printf(\cdots)$	write(fd,data,size_t)	SYS_write	sys_write	UART (if $fd = STDOUT\_FILENO^a$ )		
$scanf(\cdots)$	$read(fd, data, size_t)$	SYS_read	_sys_read	STDIN_FILENO		
reboot()	sys_reboot()	SYS_reboot	_sys_reboot	NMI (reset)		
exit()	sys_exit()	SYS_exit	_sys_setTaskStatus	Terminate (TCB status)		
getpid()	sys_getpid()	SYS_getpid	_sys_getpid	TCB/PCB – task_id		
gettime()	sys_gettime()	SYStime	_sys_gettime	Systick Time		
yield()	_	SYS_yield	force PendSV	PendSV for reschedule		
fclose()	$close(\cdots)$	SYS_close	_sys_close	delete record from device table or decrease t_ref		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>In our current i/o [console] connections

Deploy actual functions: \_sys\_write( $\cdots$ ), \_sys\_read( $\cdots$ ), \_sys\_setTaskStatus( $\cdots$ ), \_sys\_getpid( $\cdots$ ) in kunistd.h and kunistd.c and \_sys\_gettime( $\cdots$ ) in ktimes.h and ktimes.c. If you use the SysTick for timesharing/round-robin policy, then enable PendSV in SysTick. Deploy 'yield( $\cdots$ )' in 'schedule.h' and 'schedule.c'. The schedule.c/h must have a function 'schedule( $\cdots$ )' for implementing a scheduling policy. The 'schedule( $\cdots$ )' function save the context of the current process and load the context of the next process for resume/start executing. The PendSV will use the 'schedule( $\cdots$ )' for the context switch.

Note: At the beginning of assignment 3, add your NVIC functions prototypes in cm4.h and NVIC functions to the cm4.c file. Also, remember that you cannot enable or set any interrupt/exception from any interrupt handler other than the PendSV. Exception SVCall must not call from another interrupt/exception handler. For this assignment, you must call SVC from the unprivileged access mode of Cortex-m4. However, you can call SVC from the privileged access mode as well. The return must switch the processor to the calling access mode. Thus the SVC call from an unprivileged mode must return to the unprivileged processor access mode.

#### 2.4.2 Task Management

Create three tasks to modify a global variable say 'count'. The variable 'count' intilizes to '0'. Each of the tasks increase the 'count' by '1' (until count < 10000000) as following:

```
uint32_t value;
uint32_t inc_count=0;
volatile uint32_t count=0;
 while(1){
        value=count;
        value++;
        if(value != count+1){ //we check is someother task(s) increase the count
                printf("Error %d != %d\n", value, count+1); /* It is an SVC call*/
        }else{
                count=value;
                inc_count++;
        if(count >= 10000000){
                uint16_t task_id = getpid(); /* It is an SVC call*/
                /* display how many increments it has successfully done!! */
                printf("Total increment done by task %d is: %d",task_id,inc_count);
                /* above is an SVC call */
                int fd=fopen("S_DISPLAY",O_WRDONLY);
```

```
/* int x declare as local */
fprintf(fd,"%d",x);
x=(x+1)%8;
fclose(fd);
break;
}
```

#### 2.5 Prototyping, data structure and C code

Appendix C shows the directory tree structure of the DUOS. Use the 'tree duos' shell command from Linux to get the detailed directory tree of the duos source code. You can use a part of the algorithms for kprintf and kscanf to implement user-level printf and scanf in kstdio.c/h.

#### 2.5.1 Data Structure for TCB

You must impelement the data struture for the task as,

```
struct t_task_tcb{
    uint32_t magic_number; //here it is 0xFECABAA0
    uint16_t task_id; //a unsigned 16 bit integer starting from 1000
    void *psp; //task stack pointer or stackframe address
    uint16_t status; //task status: running, waiting, ready, killed, or terminated
    uint32_t execution_time; //total execution time (in ms)
    uint32_t waiting_time; //total waiting time (in ms)
    uint32_t digital_sinature; //current value is 0x00000001
} TCB_TypeDef
```

To To enforce round-robin scheduling, create a ready queue in the kernel (privileged mode) to store the TCB. The scheduler (PendSV and 'schedule') scans the ready queue to select and execute a task. Therefore the kernel process must have a stack of 4kB. A process or task must switch to the privileged mode to access the ready queue. Thus the function 'sys\_getpid' or 'sys\_exit' in unprivileged mode requires an SVCall. Each task stack size is 1kB. The process and the kernel use stack to store local variables and task stackframe, as shown in fig. 2.

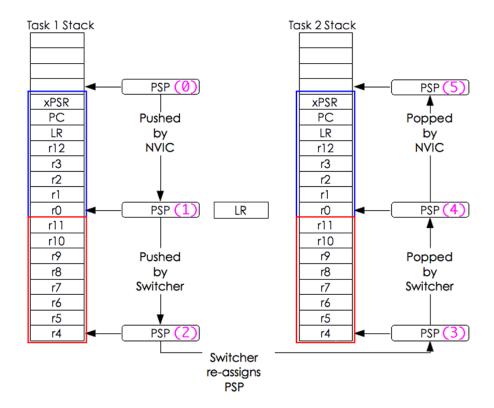


Figure 2: Task stack

After resetting or rebooting, the system initializes as it does before (assignment 1 & 2). The 'kmain' function creates the ready queue and tasks. Then switches to the unprivileged mode and executes (or resumes) the current (first) task. At the end of each time slice (SysTick), the kernel (PendSV and scheduler function) switch to the next task (ready state) and executes. The task may contain/require an SVC call such as printf in the increment of 'count' (above). Before switching to a new task, the scheduler must update the leaving status (ready or terminated) and enter tasks (running). The kernel displays the 'count' after finishing all tasks and stops.

## 2.6 Testing

You must write a user-level test program to verify the SVC call for printf, scanf, reboot, exit, gettime, getpid, and yield functions. For the PendSV, you must implement at least three tasks to display the statistics of the number of increment

## 2.7 How to compile

Review the 'Makefile' in the 'compile' directory and comprehend the make rules. Go to the 'duos/src/compile' directory and execute the 'make all' command to create/update the binary in the 'target' and map file in 'mapfile' directory. The binary (downloadable) file's current name is 'asst03'. To download the 'asst03' to the controller flash memory, execute 'make load.' The load rule uses 'openocd' with two config files. Modify according to your need. Revise the copy of your Makefile to add the new file(s) required to complete the assignment.

# Appendices

#### A kunistd.h

## B syscall\_def.h

```
#ifndef _SYSCALL_DEF_H_
#define _SYSCALL_DEF_H_
#define SYS_fork
                          0
#define SYS_vfork
                          1
                          2
#define SYS_execv
#define SYS__exit
                          3
#define SYS_waitpid
                          4
#define SYS_getpid
                          5
#define SYS_getppid
                          6
//
                                  (virtual memory)
                          7
#define SYS_sbrk
                          8
#define SYS_mmap
                          9
#define SYS_munmap
#define SYS_mprotect
                          10
//
                                  (security/credentials)
#define SYS_umask
                          17
#define SYS_issetugid
                          18
#define SYS_getresuid
                          19
#define SYS_setresuid
                          20
#define SYS_getresgid
                          21
#define SYS_setresgid
                          22
#define SYS_getgroups
                          23
#define SYS_setgroups
                          24
#define SYS___getlogin
                          25
#define SYS___setlogin
                          26
//
                                  (signals)
#define SYS_kill
                          27
#define SYS_sigaction
                          28
#define SYS_sigpending
                          29
```

```
#define SYS_sigprocmask
                          30
#define SYS_sigsuspend
                          31
#define SYS_sigreturn
                          32
//
                                 -- File-handle-related --
#define SYS_open
                          45
#define SYS_pipe
                          46
#define SYS_dup
                          47
#define SYS_dup2
                          48
#define SYS_close
                          49
#define SYS_read
                          50
#define SYS_pread
                          51
#define SYS_getdirentry
                          54
#define SYS_write
                          55
#define SYS_pwrite
                          56
#define SYS_lseek
                          59
#define SYS_flock
                          60
#define SYS_ftruncate
                          61
#define SYS_fsync
                          62
#define SYS_fcntl
                          63
#define SYS_ioctl
                          64
#define SYS_select
                          65
#define SYS_poll
                          66
//
                                 -- Pathname-related --
#define SYS_link
                          67
#define SYS_remove
                          68
#define SYS_mkdir
                          69
#define SYS_rmdir
                          70
#define SYS_mkfifo
                          71
                          72
#define SYS_rename
                          73
#define SYS_access
//
                                  (current directory)
                          74
#define SYS_chdir
#define SYS_fchdir
                          75
#define SYS___getcwd
                          76
//
                                  (symbolic links)
                          77
#define SYS_symlink
#define SYS_readlink
                          78
//
                                  (mount)
#define SYS_mount
                          79
                          80
#define SYS_unmount
//
                                 -- Any-file-related --
#define SYS_stat
                          81
#define SYS_fstat
                          82
#define SYS_lstat
                          83
```

#endif

```
//
                                 (timestamps)
#define SYS_utimes
                          84
#define SYS_futimes
                          85
#define SYS_lutimes
                          86
//
                                 (security/permissions)
#define SYS_chmod
                          87
#define SYS_chown
                          88
#define SYS_fchmod
                          89
#define SYS_fchown
                          90
#define SYS_lchmod
                          91
#define SYS_lchown
                          92
//
                                 -- Sockets and networking --
#define SYS_socket
                          98
#define SYS_bind
                          99
#define SYS_connect
                          100
#define SYS_listen
                          101
#define SYS_accept
                          102
//#define SYS_socketpair 103
#define SYS_shutdown
                          104
#define SYS_getsockname
                          105
#define SYS_getpeername
                          106
#define SYS_getsockopt
                          107
#define SYS_setsockopt
                          108
//
                                 -- Time-related --
#define SYS___time
                          113
#define SYS___settime
                          114
#define SYS_nanosleep
                          115
//
                                 -- Other --
#define SYS_sync
                          118
#define SYS_reboot
                          119
#define SYS_yield
                          120
/*CALLEND*/
```

# $C\quad DUOS\ Directory\ Structure-Tree-Update\ required$

duos
Readme.txt
kern
cm4
cm4.h
dev STM32F4xx MCU peripheral drivers  clock.c MCU/system Clock drivers gpio.c I/O port drivers  timer.c MCU timer (external to m4)  usart.c USART drivers  include dev Contains MCU drivers prototype(.h)  clock.h MCU/system Clock drivers gpio.h I/O port drivers  timer.h MCU timer (external to m4)  usart.h MCU timer (external to m4)  usart.h USART drivers  sys  stm32_peps.h stm32_startup.h  linker linker.ld Linker for stm32f4xxx  sys
stm32_startup.c
dev
kern   Kernel/privileged functions Prototype   kern   Kernel specific   errmsg.h   Error message text   errno.h   Error message index   ktimes.h   System time function defined here   kunistd.h   Kernel standard I/O   schedule.h   Kernel Scheduler   syscall_def.h   System initializes functions   types.h   Data types including TCB

	kfloat.h	Double precision floting point function definition
		Kernel process/task prototype
		Complex Math functions
	kstdio.h	Basic I/O kprintf and kscanf
		String functions
		Syscall function called by SVC handler
	kmain	
	kmain.c	Kernel Task/Process
	lib	
	kfloat.c	Double precision floting point function
	kmain.c	Kernel process/task
	kmath.c	Complex Math functions
	kstdio.c	Basic I/O kprintf and kscanf
	kstring.c	String functions
	ktimes.c	System time function
		Kernel standard I/O
	sys_init.c	System initializes functions
	-	
-	syscall	System call definition contains here
	syscall.c	System call
-	thread	
		Creating and managing thread functions
	erland	
-	The state of the s	Userlevel unprivileged functions
	T	
	unistd.h	Userlevel standard I/O functions
	utils	
	unistd.c	Userlevel Standard I/O functions