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# 1 Latency test

## 1.1 Supported scheduling policies

## 1.2 Cyclictest

Cyclictest is a programme included in the `rt_test` suite to measure the latency of an particular environnement. It creates a defined number of threads that it wakes up at set intervals and then measures the latency between the moment the thread was expected to wake-up and the actual time the action took place.

Reading the `-h` guide we can learn that `-t` allows us to set the number of threads we wish to create and `-p` sets the priority.

**threads -t** More precisely if no parameter is give the number of threads will be equal to the number of cpus and the execution of thows threads will be ballanced equalay<sup>1</sup> between they s different cpu's. As we are currently on a 4 cpu system if we wish to create 4 threads leaving it to the default option would be correct. But if we didn't specify the `-t` option then only 1 thread would have been created.

Listing 1: cyclictest -h

```
-t          --threads          one thread per available processor
-t [NUM]   --threads=NUM       number of threads:
without NUM, threads = max_cpus
without -t default = 1
```

**priorities -p** In linux priority ranges are fixed by the scheduling algorithme used. by default cyclictest runs `SCHED_FIFO`<sup>2</sup> and it's priorities will range from 0 to 99. Here priorities are reversed with 99 beeing the highest priority and 0 the lowest.

Listing 2: cyclictest -h

```
-p PRI0    --prio=PRI0        priority of highest prio thread
```

## 1.3 Test

### 1.3.1 SHED\_OTHER

Listing 3: preempt-rt kernel

```
^Cpi@raspberrypi:~/rt-tests$ sudo ./cyclictest --policy=other -t -n
policy: other/other: loadavg: 0.01 0.03 0.03 1/150 1324
```

T: 0	( 1229)	P: 0	I:1000	C:1242270	Min:	21	Act:	71	Avg:	69	Max:	2541
T: 1	( 1230)	P: 0	I:1500	C: 828181	Min:	21	Act:	67	Avg:	67	Max:	1991
T: 2	( 1231)	P: 0	I:2000	C: 621135	Min:	21	Act:	68	Avg:	68	Max:	4476
T: 3	( 1232)	P: 0	I:2500	C: 496909	Min:	21	Act:	67	Avg:	69	Max:	3180

Listing 4: voluntary kernel

```
sudo ./cyclictest -t -n
```

```
policy: other/other: loadavg: 0.31 0.09 0.02 1/116 702
```

T: 0	( 695)	P: 0	I:1000	C:1220752	Min:	15	Act:	66	Avg:	66	Max:	528
T: 1	( 696)	P: 0	I:1500	C: 813835	Min:	15	Act:	65	Avg:	64	Max:	490
T: 2	( 697)	P: 0	I:2000	C: 610376	Min:	16	Act:	66	Avg:	67	Max:	1354
T: 3	( 698)	P: 0	I:2500	C: 488301	Min:	15	Act:	64	Avg:	65	Max:	545

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<sup>1</sup>under the best possible conditions

<sup>2</sup>See patch for fix <https://www.spinics.net/lists/linux-rt-users/msg05449.html>

### 1.3.2 SHED\_FIFO

```
^Cpi@raspberrypi:~/rt-tests sudo ./cyclicttest --policy=fifo -t -n -p99
# /dev/cpu_dma_latency set to 0us
policy: fifo: loadavg: 0.06 0.04 0.00 1/120 860

T: 0 ( 857) P:99 I:1000 C: 81134 Min: 9 Act: 10 Avg: 11 Max: 64
T: 1 ( 858) P:99 I:1500 C: 54089 Min: 9 Act: 11 Avg: 12 Max: 102
T: 2 ( 859) P:99 I:2000 C: 40567 Min: 9 Act: 10 Avg: 12 Max: 92
T: 3 ( 860) P:99 I:2500 C: 32453 Min: 9 Act: 10 Avg: 12 Max: 48
```

Figure 1: SHED\_FIFO voluntary

```
^Cpi@raspberrypi:~/rt-tests $ sudo ./cyclicttest --policy=fifo -t -n -p99
# /dev/cpu_dma_latency set to 0us
policy: fifo: loadavg: 18.08 49.73 33.62 1/152 2259

T: 0 ( 2255) P:99 I:1000 C: 56367 Min: 11 Act: 14 Avg: 14 Max: 77
T: 1 ( 2256) P:99 I:1500 C: 37578 Min: 12 Act: 14 Avg: 14 Max: 63
T: 2 ( 2257) P:99 I:2000 C: 28183 Min: 12 Act: 14 Avg: 14 Max: 68
T: 3 ( 2258) P:99 I:2500 C: 22546 Min: 13 Act: 14 Avg: 14 Max: 59
```

Figure 2: SHED\_FIFO preempt-rl

### 1.3.3 SHED\_RR

```
^Cpi@raspberrypi:~/rt-tests $ sudo ./cyclicttest --policy=rr -t -n -p99
# /dev/cpu_dma_latency set to 0us
policy: rr: loadavg: 0.06 0.03 0.00 1/120 889

T: 0 ( 870) P:99 I:1000 C: 105636 Min: 9 Act: 10 Avg: 12 Max: 103
T: 1 ( 871) P:99 I:1500 C: 70424 Min: 9 Act: 14 Avg: 13 Max: 84
T: 2 ( 872) P:99 I:2000 C: 52818 Min: 9 Act: 10 Avg: 12 Max: 80
T: 3 ( 873) P:99 I:2500 C: 42254 Min: 10 Act: 13 Avg: 12 Max: 70
```

Figure 3: SHED\_RR voluntary

```
^Cpi@raspberrypi:~/rt-tests $ sudo ./cyclicttest --policy=rr -t -n -p99
# /dev/cpu_dma_latency set to 0us
policy: rr: loadavg: 8.01 42.11 31.87 1/153 2272

T: 0 ( 2268) P:99 I:1000 C: 43078 Min: 11 Act: 34 Avg: 14 Max: 65
T: 1 ( 2269) P:99 I:1500 C: 28719 Min: 12 Act: 14 Avg: 14 Max: 56
T: 2 ( 2270) P:99 I:2000 C: 21539 Min: 12 Act: 15 Avg: 14 Max: 66
T: 3 ( 2271) P:99 I:2500 C: 17231 Min: 12 Act: 16 Avg: 14 Max: 61
```

Figure 4: SHED\_RR preempt-rl

### 1.3.4 Conclusion

We observe that throughout all the different schedulers have about similar average execution times with a slight advantage for the voluntary kernel. But, there is a much higher maximum times for the voluntary kernel than the preemptive kernel, this is because the preemptive kernel was designed to give a best worst time performance.

## 1.4 Cyclictest + Hackbench

### 1.4.1 Hackbench under SHED\_OTHER and priority 20

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/rt-tests $ ./hackbench -l 1000000
Running in process mode with 10 groups using 40 file descriptors each (== 400 tasks)
Each sender will pass 1000000 messages of 100 bytes
```

Figure 5: Hackbench under SHED\_OTHER and priority 20

### 1.4.2 Voluntary

```
^Cpi@raspberrypi:~/rt-tests $ sudo ./cyclictest --policy=fifo -t -n -p99
# /dev/cpu_dma_latency set to 0us
policy: fifo: loadavg: 72.10 34.41 13.61 50/521 2118

T: 0 ( 2114) P:99 I:1000 C: 66022 Min: 7 Act: 11 Avg: 13 Max: 192
T: 1 ( 2115) P:99 I:1500 C: 44015 Min: 9 Act: 12 Avg: 16 Max: 173
T: 2 ( 2116) P:99 I:2000 C: 33011 Min: 9 Act: 20 Avg: 18 Max: 182
T: 3 ( 2117) P:99 I:2500 C: 26409 Min: 8 Act: 17 Avg: 17 Max: 119
```

Figure 6: Voluntary fifo with hackbench

```
^Cpi@raspberrypi:~/rt-tests $ sudo ./cyclictest --policy=rr -t -n -p99
# /dev/cpu_dma_latency set to 0us
policy: rr: loadavg: 82.19 43.52 17.92 108/521 2329

T: 0 ( 2127) P:99 I:1000 C: 43577 Min: 7 Act: 11 Avg: 14 Max: 155
T: 1 ( 2128) P:99 I:1500 C: 29051 Min: 8 Act: 14 Avg: 16 Max: 175
T: 2 ( 2129) P:99 I:2000 C: 21788 Min: 9 Act: 23 Avg: 18 Max: 124
T: 3 ( 2130) P:99 I:2500 C: 17430 Min: 10 Act: 68 Avg: 28 Max: 223
```

Figure 7: Voluntary rr with hackbench

### 1.4.3 Preempt-rt

Listing 5: Preempt fifo with hackbench

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/rt-tests$ sudo ./cyclictest --policy=fifo -t -n -p99
policy: fifo: loadavg: 130.65 51.20 18.86 85/551 1404

T: 0 ( 1396) P:99 I:1000 C: 106248 Min: 7 Act: 26 Avg: 20 Max: 78
T: 1 ( 1397) P:99 I:1500 C: 70832 Min: 7 Act: 18 Avg: 20 Max: 73
T: 2 ( 1398) P:99 I:2000 C: 53124 Min: 7 Act: 24 Avg: 20 Max: 73
T: 3 ( 1399) P:99 I:2500 C: 42499 Min: 9 Act: 22 Avg: 21 Max: 74
```

Listing 6: Preempt rr with hackbench

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/rt-tests$ sudo ./cyclictest --policy=rr -t -n -p99
policy: rr: loadavg: 133.77 95.30 43.45 100/551 1454

T: 0 ( 1450) P:99 I:1000 C: 70877 Min: 8 Act: 20 Avg: 20 Max: 91
T: 1 ( 1451) P:99 I:1500 C: 47251 Min: 8 Act: 20 Avg: 21 Max: 83
T: 2 ( 1452) P:99 I:2000 C: 35438 Min: 9 Act: 23 Avg: 21 Max: 69
```

```
T: 3 ( 1453) P:99 I:2500 C: 28350 Min:          9 Act:    21 Avg:    21 Max:
92
```

#### 1.4.4 Hackbench under RT scheduling policies and priority 49

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/rt-tests $ sudo chrt --fifo 49 ./hackbench -l 1000000 -g 1q
Running in process mode with 1 groups using 40 file descriptors each (== 40 task
s)
Each sender will pass 1000000 messages of 100 bytes
```

Figure 8: Hackbench with shed\_fifo and priority 49

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/rt-tests $ sudo ./cyclictest --policy=fifo -t -n p99
defaulting realtime priority to 5
# /dev/cpu_dma_latency set to 0us
policy: fifo: loadavg: 32.51 22.96 10.55 12/192 900

T: 0 ( 896) P: 5 I:1000 C: 53641 Min:      6 Act:   102 Avg:   638 Max:   696633
^CT: 1 ( 897) P: 5 I:1500 C: 39562 Min:     7 Act:   552 Avg:   684 Max:   6957
0: 2 ( 898) P: 5 I:2000 C: 30806 Min:     8 Act:    33 Avg:   730 Max:   61437
T: 2 ( 898) P: 5 I:2000 C: 30896 Min:     8 Act:    59 Avg:   730 Max:   61437
T: 3 ( 899) P: 5 I:2500 C: 25055 Min:     6 Act:  1030 Avg:   819 Max:  69314
```

Figure 9: Preempt-rt with fifo

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/rt-tests $ sudo ./cyclictest --policy=fifo -t -n p99
defaulting realtime priority to 5
# /dev/cpu_dma_latency set to 0us
policy: fifo: loadavg: 32.51 22.96 10.55 12/192 900

T: 0 ( 896) P: 5 I:1000 C: 53641 Min:      6 Act:   102 Avg:   638 Max:   696633
^CT: 1 ( 897) P: 5 I:1500 C: 39562 Min:     7 Act:   552 Avg:   684 Max:   6957
0: 2 ( 898) P: 5 I:2000 C: 30806 Min:     8 Act:    33 Avg:   730 Max:   61437
T: 2 ( 898) P: 5 I:2000 C: 30896 Min:     8 Act:    59 Avg:   730 Max:   61437
T: 3 ( 899) P: 5 I:2500 C: 25055 Min:     6 Act:  1030 Avg:   819 Max:  69314
```

Figure 10: Preempt-rt with fifo

## SHED\_FIFO

Listing 7: Hackbench with shed\_rr and priority 49

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/rt-tests$ sudo chrt --rr 49 ./hackbench -l 1000000 -g 1q
Each sender will pass 1000000 messages of 100 bytes
```

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/rt-tests $ sudo ./cyclictest --policy=rr -t -n -p99
# /dev/cpu_dma_latency set to 0us
policy: rr: loadavg: 282.44 154.09 63.01 1/556 2009

T: 0 ( 2006) P:99 I:1000 C: 62093 Min:    10 Act:   28 Avg:   72 Max:   47856
T: 1 ( 2007) P:99 I:1500 C: 41401 Min:    10 Act:   28 Avg:   96 Max:   47803
T: 2 ( 2008) P:99 I:2000 C: 31086 Min:    10 Act:   37 Avg:  119 Max:   47686
T: 3 ( 2009) P:99 I:2500 C: 24848 Min:    11 Act:   28 Avg:  144 Max:   48077
```

Figure 11: Preempt-rt with fifo

Listing 8: Voluntary kernel

```
sudo ./cyclictest --policy=rr -t -n -p99
policy: rr: loadavg: 29.39 27.96 14.37 32/161 848
```

T: 0 ( 832)	P:99	I:1000	C: 338191	Min:	8	Act:	18	Avg:	67	Max:	49660
T: 1 ( 833)	P:99	I:1500	C: 225480	Min:	8	Act:	54	Avg:	96	Max:	49563
T: 2 ( 834)	P:99	I:2000	C: 169312	Min:	8	Act:	18	Avg:	118	Max:	49511
T: 3 ( 835)	P:99	I:2500	C: 135316	Min:	9	Act:	19	Avg:	144	Max:	47964

## 2 ADA concurrent programs

### 2.1 Program 1

```

with Ada.Text_IO;
use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Main is
--decleration of tasks
    task A;
    task B;
    task body A is
begin
loop
Put_Line("A");
Put_Line("B");
delay 1.0;
end loop;
end A;
    task body B is
begin
loop
Put_Line("C");
Put_Line("D");
delay 1.0;
end loop;
end B;
--creation of 2 instances of task
--main task
begin
null;
end Main;

```

Figure 12: Program 1

#### code

**Observations** The A,B,C,D are printed in order throwout the execution with there not beeing any apparent modification of that ordered sequence.

## 2.2 Program 2

```
with Ada.Text_IO;
use Ada.Text_IO;
with Ada.Real_Time;

with Ada.Calendar;

procedure Main2 is
--declearation of tasks
    task type A;
    task type B;
    task body A is
use Ada.Calendar;
begin
loop
delay 0.1 ;
Put_Line("A");
Put_Line("B");

end loop;
end A;
    task body B is
--declare usage
use Ada.Real_Time;
--variables of task
Wait_Time: Ada.Real_Time.Time;
Interval :constant Ada.Real_Time.Time_Span := Ada.Real_Time.Milliseconds (100);
begin
loop
Wait_Time := Clock+Interval;
delay until Wait_Time ;
Put_Line("C");
Put_Line("D");

end loop;
end B;
--creation of 2 instances of tasknatm

type A_ptr is access A;
type B_ptr is access B;

AA : A_ptr;
BB : B_ptr;
--main task
begin
AA := new A;
BB := new B;
end Main2;
```

Figure 13: Program 2

### code

**Observations** In this test we can observe that even thow both treads are confrured to sleep for the same 100ms time interval they eventually end up off sync. We can attribute this to the difference between the way time is treated in the *delay* and *delay until*.



**delay** This main difference is that *delay* uses an *approximate relative time delay*. It measured the time from a specific reference point . If this reference point is displaced in time by the process being preempted for example this introduces a delay of *at least* the amount of time specified, not the exact specified task. This introduced local drift (delay) can be cumulated resulting in this unsynchronisation. If we wanted delay to wait for an absolute time then the task would have to run uninterrupted by any other task which is not the case here.

**delay until** This statement schedules for an absolute wake-up task, this works by making the task not schedulable until the interval time has elapsed. Here again there is no guaranty on the actual time the task will be executed if for example the resource required to handle that task is not available ( used by a higher priority task , ect ... ) the task will still eventually stall.