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HeliOS Developer's Guide

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2.1 File List

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3 Data Structure Documentation

3.1 MemoryRegionStats_s Struct Reference

Data Fields

- Word_t largestFreeEntryInBytes
- Word t smallestFreeEntryInBytes
- Word_t numberOfFreeBlocks
- Word_t availableSpaceInBytes
- Word_t successfulAllocations
- Word_t successfulFrees
- Word_t minimumEverFreeBytesRemaining

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

· HeliOS.h

3.2 QueueMessage s Struct Reference

Data Fields

- · Base t messageBytes
- Byte_t messageValue [CONFIG_MESSAGE_VALUE_BYTES]

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

· HeliOS.h

3.3 SystemInfo_s Struct Reference

Data Fields

- Byte_t productName [OS_PRODUCT_NAME_SIZE]
- · Base t majorVersion
- Base_t minorVersion
- Base_t patchVersion
- Base_t numberOfTasks

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

· HeliOS.h

3.4 TaskInfo_s Struct Reference

Data Fields

- · Base t id
- Byte_t name [CONFIG_TASK_NAME_BYTES]
- · TaskState t state
- Ticks_t lastRunTime
- Ticks_t totalRunTime

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

· HeliOS.h

3.5 TaskNotification_s Struct Reference

Data Fields

- · Base_t notificationBytes
- Byte_t notificationValue [CONFIG_NOTIFICATION_VALUE_BYTES]

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

• HeliOS.h

3.6 TaskRunTimeStats_s Struct Reference

Data Fields

- Base t id
- Ticks_t lastRunTime
- Ticks_t totalRunTime

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

· HeliOS.h

4 File Documentation

4.1 config.h File Reference

Kernel header file for user definable settings.

Macros

#define CONFIG_MESSAGE_VALUE_BYTES 0x8u /* 8 */

Define to enable the Arduino API C++ interface.

• #define CONFIG_NOTIFICATION_VALUE_BYTES 0x8u /* 8 */

Define the size in bytes of the direct to task notification value.

#define CONFIG_TASK_NAME_BYTES 0x8u /* 8 */

Define the size in bytes of the ASCII task name.

#define CONFIG_MEMORY_REGION_SIZE_IN_BLOCKS 0x18u /* 24 */

Define the number of memory blocks available in all memory regions.

• #define CONFIG_MEMORY_REGION_BLOCK_SIZE 0x20u /* 32 */

Define the memory block size in bytes for all memory regions.

#define CONFIG_QUEUE_MINIMUM_LIMIT 0x5u /* 5 */

Define the minimum value for a message queue limit.

• #define CONFIG STREAM BUFFER BYTES 0x20u /* 32 */

Define the length of the stream buffer.

#define CONFIG_TASK_WD_TIMER_ENABLE

Enable task watchdog timers.

• #define CONFIG DEVICE NAME BYTES 0x8u /* 8 */

Define the length of a device driver name.

4.1.1 Detailed Description

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4.1.2 Macro Definition Documentation

4.1.2.1 CONFIG DEVICE NAME BYTES #define CONFIG_DEVICE_NAME_BYTES 0x8u /* 8 */

Setting CONFIG_DEVICE_NAME_BYTES will define the length of a device driver name. The name of device drivers should be exactly this length. There really isn't a reason to change this and doing so may break existing device drivers. The default length is 8 bytes.

```
4.1.2.2 CONFIG_MEMORY_REGION_BLOCK_SIZE #define CONFIG_MEMORY_REGION_BLOCK_SIZE 0x20u /* 32 */
```

Setting CONFIG_MEMORY_REGION_BLOCK_SIZE allows the end-user to define the size of a memory region block in bytes. The memory region block size should be set to achieve the best possible utilization of the available memory. The CONFIG_MEMORY_REGION_BLOCK_SIZE setting effects both the heap and kernel memory regions. The default value is 32 bytes. The literal must be appended with a "u" to maintain MISRA C:2012 compliance.

See also

```
xMemAlloc()
xMemFree()
CONFIG MEMORY REGION SIZE IN BLOCKS
```

```
4.1.2.3 CONFIG_MEMORY_REGION_SIZE_IN_BLOCKS #define CONFIG_MEMORY_REGION_SIZE_IN_← BLOCKS 0x18u /* 24 */
```

The heap memory region is used by tasks. Whereas the kernel memory region is used solely by the kernel for kernel objects. The CONFIG_MEMORY_REGION_SIZE_IN_BLOCKS setting allows the end-user to define the size, in blocks, of all memory regions thus effecting both the heap and kernel memory regions. The size of a memory block is defined by the CONFIG_MEMORY_REGION_BLOCK_SIZE setting. The size of all memory regions needs to be adjusted to fit the memory requirements of the end-user's application. By default the CONFIG_MEMORY_\top REGION_SIZE_IN_BLOCKS is defined on a per platform and/or tool-chain basis therefor it is not defined here by default. The literal must be appended with a "u" to maintain MISRA C:2012 compliance.

4.1.2.4 CONFIG_MESSAGE_VALUE_BYTES #define CONFIG_MESSAGE_VALUE_BYTES 0x8u /* 8 */

Because HeliOS kernel is written in C, the Arduino API cannot be called directly from the kernel. For example, assertions are unable to be written to the serial bus in applications using the Arduino platform/tool-chain. The CONFIG_ENABLE_ARDUINO_CPP_INTERFACE builds the included arduino.cpp file to allow the kernel to call the Arduino API through wrapper functions such as **ArduinoAssert**(). The arduino.cpp file can be found in the /extras directory. It must be copied into the /src directory to be built.

Note

On some MCU's like the 8-bit AVRs, it is necessary to undefine the DISABLE_INTERRUPTS() macro because interrupts must be enabled to write to the serial bus.

Define to enable system assertions.

The CONFIG_ENABLE_SYSTEM_ASSERT setting allows the end-user to enable system assertions in HeliOS. Once enabled, the end-user must define CONFIG_SYSTEM_ASSERT_BEHAVIOR for there to be an effect. By default the CONFIG_ENABLE_SYSTEM_ASSERT setting is not defined.

See also

CONFIG SYSTEM ASSERT BEHAVIOR

Define the system assertion behavior.

The CONFIG_SYSTEM_ASSERT_BEHAVIOR setting allows the end-user to specify the behavior (code) of the assertion which is called when CONFIG_ENABLE_SYSTEM_ASSERT is defined. Typically some sort of output is generated over a serial or other interface. By default the CONFIG_SYSTEM_ASSERT_BEHAVIOR is not defined.

Note

In order to use the **ArduinoAssert**() functionality, the CONFIG_ENABLE_ARDUINO_CPP_INTERFACE setting must be enabled.

See also

```
CONFIG_ENABLE_SYSTEM_ASSERT

CONFIG_ENABLE_ARDUINO_CPP_INTERFACE

#define CONFIG_SYSTEM_ASSERT_BEHAVIOR(f, 1) __ArduinoAssert__(f, 1)
```

Define the size in bytes of the message queue message value.

Setting the CONFIG_MESSAGE_VALUE_BYTES allows the end-user to define the size of the message queue message value. The larger the size of the message value, the greater impact there will be on system performance. The default size is 8 bytes. The literal must be appended with "u" to maintain MISRA C:2012 compliance.

See also

xQueueMessage

```
4.1.2.5 CONFIG_NOTIFICATION_VALUE_BYTES #define CONFIG_NOTIFICATION_VALUE_BYTES 0x8u /* 8 */
```

Setting the CONFIG_NOTIFICATION_VALUE_BYTES allows the end-user to define the size of the direct to task notification value. The larger the size of the notification value, the greater impact there will be on system performance. The default size is 8 bytes. The literal must be appended with "u" to maintain MISRA C:2012 compliance.

See also

xTaskNotification

4.1.2.6 CONFIG_QUEUE_MINIMUM_LIMIT #define CONFIG_QUEUE_MINIMUM_LIMIT 0x5u /* 5 */

Setting the CONFIG_QUEUE_MINIMUM_LIMIT allows the end-user to define the MINIMUM length limit a message queue can be created with xQueueCreate(). When a message queue length equals its limit, the message queue will be considered full and return true when xQueueIsQueueFull() is called. A full queue will also not accept messages from xQueueSend(). The default value is 5. The literal must be appended with "u" to maintain MISRA C:2012 compliance.

See also

```
xQueuelsQueueFull()
xQueueSend()
xQueueCreate()
```

4.1.2.7 CONFIG_STREAM_BUFFER_BYTES #define CONFIG_STREAM_BUFFER_BYTES 0x20u /* 32 */

Setting CONFIG_STREAM_BUFFER_BYTES will define the length of stream buffers created by xStreamCreate(). When the length of the stream buffer reaches this value, it is considered full and can no longer be written to by calling xStreamSend(). The default value is 32. The literal must be appended with "u" to maintain MISRA C:2012 compliance.

```
4.1.2.8 CONFIG_TASK_NAME_BYTES #define CONFIG_TASK_NAME_BYTES 0x8u /* 8 */
```

Setting the CONFIG_TASK_NAME_BYTES allows the end-user to define the size of the ASCII task name. The larger the size of the task name, the greater impact there will be on system performance. The default size is 8 bytes. The literal must be appended with "u" to maintain MISRA C:2012 compliance.

See also

xTaskInfo

4.1.2.9 CONFIG_TASK_WD_TIMER_ENABLE #define CONFIG_TASK_WD_TIMER_ENABLE

Defining CONFIG TASK WD TIMER ENABLE will enable the task watchdog timer feature. The default is enabled.

4.2 HeliOS.h File Reference

Header file for end-user application code.

Data Structures

- · struct TaskNotification s
- struct TaskRunTimeStats s
- struct MemoryRegionStats s
- struct TaskInfo s
- struct QueueMessage s
- struct SystemInfo_s

Typedefs

- typedef enum TaskState_e TaskState_t
- typedef TaskState_t xTaskState
- typedef enum SchedulerState e SchedulerState t
- typedef SchedulerState_t xSchedulerState
- · typedef enum Return_e Return_t
- typedef Return t xReturn
- typedef enum TimerState_e TimerState_t
- typedef TimerState t xTimerState
- typedef enum DeviceState_e DeviceState_t
- · typedef DeviceState t xDeviceState
- typedef enum DeviceMode_e DeviceMode_t
- typedef DeviceMode_t xDeviceMode
- typedef VOID_TYPE TaskParm_t
- typedef TaskParm t * xTaskParm
- typedef UINT8_TYPE Base_t
- typedef Base_t xBase
- typedef UINT8_TYPE Byte_t
- · typedef Byte t xByte
- typedef VOID_TYPE Addr_t
- typedef Addr_t * xAddr
- typedef SIZE_TYPE Size_t
- typedef Size_t xSize
- typedef UINT16_TYPE HalfWord_t
- · typedef HalfWord t xHalfWord
- typedef UINT32_TYPE Word_t
- typedef Word_t xWord
- typedef UINT32_TYPE Ticks_t
- · typedef Ticks t xTicks
- typedef VOID_TYPE Task_t
- typedef Task_t * xTask
- typedef VOID TYPE Timer t
- typedef Timer_t * xTimer
- typedef VOID_TYPE Queue_t
- typedef Queue_t * xQueue
- typedef VOID TYPE StreamBuffer_t
- typedef StreamBuffer t * xStreamBuffer
- typedef struct TaskNotification_s TaskNotification_t
- typedef TaskNotification_t * xTaskNotification
- typedef struct TaskRunTimeStats_s TaskRunTimeStats_t
- typedef TaskRunTimeStats_t * xTaskRunTimeStats
- typedef struct MemoryRegionStats_s MemoryRegionStats_t
- typedef MemoryRegionStats_t * xMemoryRegionStats
- typedef struct TaskInfo_s TaskInfo_t
- typedef TaskInfo_t xTaskInfo
- typedef struct QueueMessage_s QueueMessage_t
- typedef QueueMessage t * xQueueMessage
- typedef struct SystemInfo s SystemInfo_t
- typedef SystemInfo_t * xSystemInfo

Enumerations

- enum TaskState e { TaskStateSuspended , TaskStateRunning , TaskStateWaiting }
- enum SchedulerState_e { SchedulerStateSuspended , SchedulerStateRunning }
- enum Return_e { ReturnOK , ReturnError }
- enum TimerState_e { TimerStateSuspended , TimerStateRunning }
- enum DeviceState_e { DeviceStateSuspended , DeviceStateRunning }
- enum DeviceMode e { DeviceModeReadOnly , DeviceModeWriteOnly , DeviceModeReadWrite }

Functions

xReturn xDeviceRegisterDevice (xReturn(*device self register)())

Syscall to register a device driver with the kernel.

xReturn xDeviceIsAvailable (const xHalfWord uid_, xBase *res_)

Syscall to guery the device driver about the availability of a device.

• xReturn xDeviceSimpleWrite (const xHalfWord uid_, xWord *data)

Syscall to write a word of data to the device.

xReturn xDeviceWrite (const xHalfWord uid_, xSize *size_, xAddr data_)

Syscall to write multiple bytes of data to a device.

xReturn xDeviceSimpleRead (const xHalfWord uid_, xWord *data_)

Syscall to read a word of data from the device.

xReturn xDeviceRead (const xHalfWord uid_, xSize *size_, xAddr *data_)

Syscall to read multiple bytes from a device.

xReturn xDeviceInitDevice (const xHalfWord uid)

Syscall to initialize a device.

xReturn xDeviceConfigDevice (const xHalfWord uid_, xSize *size_, xAddr config_)

Syscall to configure a device.

xReturn xMemAlloc (volatile xAddr *addr_, const xSize size_)

Syscall to request memory from the heap.

xReturn xMemFree (const volatile xAddr addr_)

Syscall to free heap memory allocated by xMemAlloc()

xReturn xMemGetUsed (xSize *size_)

Syscall to obtain the amount of in-use heap memory.

• xReturn xMemGetSize (const volatile xAddr addr_, xSize *size_)

Syscall to obtain the amount of heap memory allocated at a specific address.

xReturn xMemGetHeapStats (xMemoryRegionStats *stats_)

Syscall to get memory statistics on the heap memory region.

xReturn xMemGetKernelStats (xMemoryRegionStats *stats)

Syscall to get memory statistics on the kernel memory region.

xReturn xQueueCreate (xQueue *queue_, const xBase limit_)

Syscall to create a message queue.

xReturn xQueueDelete (xQueue queue_)

Syscall to delete a message queue.

• xReturn xQueueGetLength (const xQueue queue_, xBase *res_)

Syscall to get the length of a message queue.

xReturn xQueueIsQueueEmpty (const xQueue queue_, xBase *res_)

Syscall to inquire as to whether a message queue is empty.

xReturn xQueuelsQueueFull (const xQueue queue , xBase *res)

Syscall to inquire as to whether a message queue is full.

xReturn xQueueMessagesWaiting (const xQueue queue_, xBase *res_)

Syscall to inquire as to whether a message queue has one or more messages waiting.

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    xReturn xQueuePeek (const xQueue queue , xQueueMessage *message )

     Syscall to retrieve a message from a message queue without dropping the message.

    xReturn xQueueDropMessage (xQueue queue_)

      Syscall to drop a message from a message queue without retrieving the message.

    xReturn xQueueReceive (xQueue queue , xQueueMessage *message )

      Syscall to retrieve and drop the next message from a message queue.

    xReturn xQueueLockQueue (xQueue queue )

     Syscall to lock a message queue.

    xReturn xQueueUnLockQueue (xQueue queue )

     Syscall to unlock a message queue.

    xReturn xStreamCreate (xStreamBuffer *stream_)

     Syscall to create a stream buffer.

    xReturn xStreamDelete (const xStreamBuffer stream_)

     Syscall to delete a stream buffer.

    xReturn xStreamSend (xStreamBuffer stream_, const xByte byte_)

     Syscall to send a byte to a stream buffer.

    xReturn xStreamReceive (const xStreamBuffer stream_, xHalfWord *bytes_, xByte **data_)

     Syscall to retrieve all waiting bytes from a stream buffer.

    xReturn xStreamBytesAvailable (const xStreamBuffer stream , xHalfWord *bytes )

     Syscall to inquire about the number of bytes waiting in a stream buffer.

    xReturn xStreamReset (const xStreamBuffer stream )

     Syscall to reset a stream buffer.

    xReturn xStreamIsEmpty (const xStreamBuffer stream_, xBase *res_)

     Syscall to inquire as to whether a stream buffer is empty.

    xReturn xStreamIsFull (const xStreamBuffer stream_, xBase *res_)

     Syscall to inquire as to whether a stream buffer is full.

    xReturn xSystemAssert (const char *file_, const int line_)

      Syscall to to raise a system assert.

    xReturn xSystemInit (void)

     Syscall to bootstrap HeliOS.

    xReturn xSystemHalt (void)

     Syscall to halt HeliOS.

    xReturn xSystemGetSystemInfo (xSystemInfo *info_)

     Syscall to inquire about the system.

    xReturn xTaskCreate (xTask *task_, const xByte *name_, void(*callback_)(xTask task_, xTaskParm parm_),

  xTaskParm taskParameter )
      Syscall to create a new task.

    xReturn xTaskDelete (const xTask task )

     Syscall to delete a task.

    xReturn xTaskGetHandleByName (xTask *task , const xByte *name )

      Syscall to get the task handle by name.

    xReturn xTaskGetHandleByld (xTask *task_, const xBase id_)

      Syscall to get the task handle by task id.

    xReturn xTaskGetAllRunTimeStats (xTaskRunTimeStats *stats , xBase *tasks )

     Syscall to get obtain the runtime statistics of all tasks.

    xReturn xTaskGetTaskRunTimeStats (const xTask task , xTaskRunTimeStats *stats )

     Syscall to get the runtime statistics for a single task.

    xReturn xTaskGetNumberOfTasks (xBase *tasks )

     Syscall to get the number of tasks.
```

xReturn xQueueSend (xQueue queue_, const xBase bytes_, const xByte *value_)

Syscall to send a message to a message queue.

 xReturn xTaskGetTaskInfo (const xTask task_, xTaskInfo *info_) Syscall to get info about a task. xReturn xTaskGetAllTaskInfo (xTaskInfo *info , xBase *tasks) Syscall to get info about all tasks. xReturn xTaskGetTaskState (const xTask task_, xTaskState *state_) Syscall to get the state of a task. xReturn xTaskGetName (const xTask task_, xByte **name_) Syscall to get the name of a task. xReturn xTaskGetId (const xTask task_, xBase *id_) Syscall to get the task id of a task. xReturn xTaskNotifyStateClear (xTask task) Syscall to clear a waiting direct-to-task notification. xReturn xTaskNotificationIsWaiting (const xTask task_, xBase *res_) Syscall to inquire as to whether a direct-to-task notification is waiting. xReturn xTaskNotifyGive (xTask task_, const xBase bytes_, const xByte *value_) Syscall to give (i.e., send) a task a direct-to-task notification. xReturn xTaskNotifyTake (xTask task_, xTaskNotification *notification_) Syscall to take (i.e. receive) a waiting direct-to-task notification. xReturn xTaskResume (xTask task_) Syscall to place a task in the "running" state. xReturn xTaskSuspend (xTask task_) Syscall to place a task in the "suspended" state. xReturn xTaskWait (xTask task) Syscall to place a task in the "waiting" state. xReturn xTaskChangePeriod (xTask task_, const xTicks period_) Syscall to change the interval period of a task timer. xReturn xTaskChangeWDPeriod (xTask task , const xTicks period) Syscall to change the task watchdog timer period. xReturn xTaskGetPeriod (const xTask task_, xTicks *period_) Syscall to obtain the task timer period. xReturn xTaskResetTimer (xTask task_) Syscall to set the task timer elapsed time to zero. xReturn xTaskStartScheduler (void) Syscall to start the HeliOS scheduler. xReturn xTaskResumeAll (void) Syscall to set the scheduler state to running. xReturn xTaskSuspendAll (void) Syscall to set the scheduler state to suspended. xReturn xTaskGetSchedulerState (xSchedulerState *state_) Syscall to get the scheduler state. xReturn xTaskGetWDPeriod (const xTask task , xTicks *period) Syscall to get the task watchdog timer period. xReturn xTimerCreate (xTimer *timer_, const xTicks period_) Syscall to create an application timer. xReturn xTimerDelete (const xTimer timer) Syscall to delete an application timer. xReturn xTimerChangePeriod (xTimer timer , const xTicks period) Syscall to change the period on an application timer. xReturn xTimerGetPeriod (const xTimer timer , xTicks *period)

Syscall to get the current period for an application timer.

• xReturn xTimerIsTimerActive (const xTimer timer_, xBase *res_)

Syscall to inquire as to whether an application timer is active.

xReturn xTimerHasTimerExpired (const xTimer timer_, xBase *res_)

Syscall to inquire as to whether an application timer has expired.

- xReturn xTimerReset (xTimer timer)
 - Syscall to reset an application timer.
- xReturn xTimerStart (xTimer timer_)

Syscall to place an application timer in the running state.

• xReturn xTimerStop (xTimer timer)

Syscall to place an application timer in the suspended state.

4.2.1 Detailed Description

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4.2.2 Function Documentation

The xDeviceConfigDevice() will call the device driver's DEVICENAME_config() function to configure the device. The syscall is bi-directional (i.e., it will write configuration data to the device and read the same from the device before returning). The purpose of the bi-directional functionality is to allow the device's configuration to be set and queried using one syscall. The structure of the configuration data is left to the device driver's author. What is required is that the configuration data memory is allocated using xMemAlloc() and that the "size_" parameter is set to the size (i.e., amount) of the configuration data (e.g., sizeof(MyDeviceDriverConfig)) in bytes.

Parameters

uid_	The unique identifier ("UID") of the device driver to be operated on.
size⊷	The size (i.e., amount) of configuration data to bw written and read to and from the device, in bytes.
_	
config←	The configuration data. The configuration data must have been allocated by xMemAlloc().
_	

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem←GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.2 xDeviceInitDevice() xReturn xDeviceInitDevice ( const xHalfWord uid_ )
```

The xDeviceInitDevice() syscall will call the device driver's DRIVERNAME_init() function to bootstrap the device. For example, setting memory mapped registers to starting values or setting the device driver's state and mode. This syscall is optional and is dependent on the specifics of the device driver's implementation by its author.

Parameters

uid∢	The unique identifier ("UID") of the device driver to be operated on.
_	

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem←GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.3 xDevicelsAvailable() xReturn xDeviceIsAvailable ( const xHalfWord uid_, xBase * res_ )
```

The xDeviceIsAvailable() syscall queries the device driver about the availability of a device. Generally "available" means the that the device is available for read and/or write operations though the meaning is implementation specific and left up to the device driver's author.

Parameters

uid⊷	The unique identifier ("UID") of the device driver to be operated on.
_	
res⊷	The result of the inquiry; here, taken to mean the availability of the device.
_	

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.4 xDeviceRead() xReturn xDeviceRead ( const xHalfWord uid_, xSize * size_, xAddr * data_)
```

The xDeviceRead() syscall will read multiple bytes of data from a device into a data buffer. The data buffer must be freed by xMemFree(). Whether the data is read from the device is dependent on the device driver mode, state and implementation of these features by the device driver's author.

Parameters

uid⊷	The unique identifier ("UID") of the device driver to be operated on.
_	
size⊷	The number of bytes read from the device and contained in the data buffer.
_	
data⊷	The data buffer containing the data read from the device which must be freed by xMemFree().
_	

Returns

```
4.2.2.5 xDeviceRegisterDevice() xReturn xDeviceRegisterDevice ( xReturn(*)() device_self_register_)
```

The xDeviceRegisterDevice() syscall is a component of the HeliOS device driver model which registers a device driver with the HeliOS kernel. This syscall must be made before a device driver can be called by xDeviceRead(), xDeviceWrite(), etc. Once a device is registered, it cannot be un-registered - it can only be placed in a suspended state which is done by calling xDeviceConfigDevice(). However, as with most aspects of the HeliOS device driver model , it is important to note that the implementation of and support for device state and mode is up to the device driver's author.

Note

A device driver's unique identifier ("UID") must be a globally unique identifier. No two device drivers in the same application can share the same UID. This is best achieved by ensuring the device driver author selects a UID for his device driver that is not in use by other device drivers. A device driver template and device drivers can be found in /drivers.

Parameters

device_self_←	The device driver's self registration function, DRIVERNAME_self_register().
register_	

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.6 xDeviceSimpleRead() xReturn xDeviceSimpleRead ( const xHalfWord uid_, xWord * data_ )
```

The xDeviceSimpleRead() syscall will read a word of data from a device. The word of data must be freed by xMemFree(). Whether the data is read from the device is dependent on the device driver mode, state and implementation of these features by the device driver's author.

Parameters

uid⊷	The unique identifier ("UID") of the device driver to be operated on.
_	
data⇔	The word of data read from the device which must be fred by xMemFree().

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and

ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem←GetUsed(&size))) {} or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.7 xDeviceSimpleWrite() xReturn xDeviceSimpleWrite ( const xHalfWord uid_{-}, xWord * data_{-})
```

The xDeviceSimpleWrite() syscall will write a word (i.e., xWord) of data to a device. The word of data must have been allocated by xMemAlloc(). Whether the data is written to the device is dependent on the device driver mode, state and implementation of these features by the device driver's author.

Parameters

uid⊷	The unique identifier ("UID") of the device driver to be operated on.
_	
data↩	A word of data to be written to the device. The word of data must have been allocated by xMemAlloc().
_	

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.8 xDeviceWrite() xReturn xDeviceWrite (
const xHalfWord uid_,
xSize * size_,
xAddr data_ )
```

The xDeviceWrite() syscall will write multiple bytes of data contained in a data buffer to a device. The data buffer must have been allocated by xMemAlloc(). Whether the data is written to the device is dependent on the device driver mode, state and implementation of these features by the device driver's author.

uid⊷	The unique identifier ("UID") of the device driver to be operated on.
_	
size⊷	The size of the data buffer, in bytes.
_	
data⇔	The data buffer containing the data to be written to the device. The data buffer must have been
_	allocated by xMemAlloc().

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.9 xMemAlloc() xReturn xMemAlloc ( volatile xAddr * addr_, const xSize size_)
```

The xMemAlloc() syscall allocates heap memory for user's application. The amount of available heap memory is dependent on the CONFIG_MEMORY_REGION_SIZE_IN_BLOCKS and CONFIG_MEMORY_REGION_BLOCK_← SIZE settings. Similar to libc calloc(), xMemAlloc() clears (i.e., zeros out) the allocated memory it allocates. Because the address of the newly allocated heap memory is handed back through the "addr_" argument, the argument must be cast to "volatile xAddr *" to avoid compiler warnings.

Parameters

addr⊷	The address of the allocated memory. For example, if heap memory for a structure called mystruct
_	(MyStruct *) needs to be allocated, the call to xMemAlloc() would be written as follows
	if(OK(xMemAlloc((volatile xAddr *) &mystruct, sizeof(MyStruct)))) {}.
size←	The amount of heap memory, in bytes, being requested.
_	

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.10 xMemFree() xReturn xMemFree ( const volatile xAddr addr_)
```

The xMemFree() syscall frees (i.e., de-allocates) heap memory allocated by xMemAlloc(). xMemFree() is also used to free heap memory allocated by syscalls including xTaskGetAllRunTimeStats().

addr⊷	The address of the allocated memory to be freed.

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.11 xMemGetHeapStats() xReturn xMemGetHeapStats ( <math>xMemoryRegionStats * stats_ )
```

The xMemGetHeapStats() syscall is used to obtain detailed statistics about the heap memory region which can be used by the application to monitor memory utilization.

Parameters

stats⇔	The memory region statistics. The memory region statistics must be freed by xMemFree().	
_		

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem←GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.12 xMemGetKernelStats() xReturn xMemGetKernelStats ( xMemoryRegionStats * stats_ )
```

The xMemGetKernelStats() syscall is used to obtain detailed statistics about the kernel memory region which can be used by the application to monitor memory utilization.

Parameters

stats⇔	The memory region statistics. The memory region statistics must be freed by xMemFree().	
_		

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return

the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.13 xMemGetSize() xReturn xMemGetSize ( const volatile xAddr addr_, xSize * size_)
```

The xMemGetSize() syscall can be used to obtain the amount, in bytes, of heap memory allocated at a specific address. The address must be the address obtained from xMemAlloc().

Parameters

addr⇔	The address of the heap memory for which the size (i.e., amount) allocated, in bytes, is being sought.
_	
size⊷	The size (i.e., amount), in bytes, of heap memory allocated to the address.
_	

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.14 xMemGetUsed() xReturn xMemGetUsed ( xSize * size_)
```

The xMemGetUsed() syscall will update the "size_" argument with the amount, in bytes, of in-use heap memory. If more memory statistics are needed, xMemGetHeapStats() provides a more complete picture of the heap memory region.

Parameters

size⇔	The size (i.e., amount), in bytes, of in-use heap memory.
_	

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and

ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem ← GetUsed(&size))) {} or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.15 xQueueCreate() xReturn xQueueCreate ( xQueue * queue_, const xBase limit_ )
```

The xQueueCreate() syscall will create a new message queue for inter-task communication.

Parameters

queue⊷	The message queue to be operated on.
_	
limit_	The message limit for the queue. When this value is reached, the message queue is considered to be full. The minimume message limit is configured using the CONFIG_QUEUE_MINIMUM_LIMIT (default is 5) setting.

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem←GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.16 xQueueDelete() xReturn xQueueDelete ( xQueue queue_ )
```

The xQueueDelete() syscall will delete a message queue used for inter-task communication.

Parameters

queue←	The message queue to be operated on.
_	

Returns

```
4.2.2.17 xQueueDropMessage() xReturn xQueueDropMessage ( <math>xQueue queue_ )
```

The xQueueDropMessage() syscall is used to drop the next message from a message queue without retrieving the message.

Parameters

queue⊷	The message queue to be operated on.
_	

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.18 xQueueGetLength() xReturn xQueueGetLength ( const xQueue queue_, xBase * res_ )
```

The xQueueGetLength() syscall is used to inquire about the length (i.e., the number of messages) of a message queue.

Parameters

queue⊷	The message queue to be operated on.
_	
res_	The result of the inquiry; taken here to mean the number of messages a message queue contains.

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem←GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.19 xQueuelsQueueEmpty() xReturn xQueueIsQueueEmpty ( const xQueue queue_, xBase * res_ )
```

The xQueuelsQueueEmpty() syscall is used to inquire as to whether a message queue is empty. A message queue is considered empty if the length (i.e., number of messages) of a queue is zero.

Parameters

queue⊷	The message queue to be operated on.
_	
res_	The result of the inquiry; taken here to mean "true" if the queue is empty, "false" if it contains one or
	more messages.

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.20 xQueuelsQueueFull() xReturn xQueueIsQueueFull ( const xQueue queue_, xBase * res_ )
```

The xQueuelsQueueFull() syscall is used to inquire as to whether a message queue is full. A message queue is considered full if the length (i.e., number of messages) of a queue has reached its message limit which is configured using the CONFIG QUEUE MINIMUM LIMIT (default is 5) setting.

Parameters

queue⊷	The message queue to be operated on.
_	
res_	The result of the inquiry; taken here to mean "true" if the queue is full, "false" if it contains less than
	"limit" messages.

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.21 xQueueLockQueue() xReturn xQueueLockQueue ( xQueue queue_ )
```

The xQueueLockQueue() syscall is used to lock a message queue. Locking a message queue prevents tasks from sending messages to the queue but does not prevent tasks from peeking, receiving or dropping messages from a message queue.

Parameters

queue⊷	The message queue to be operated on.

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem←GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.22 xQueueMessagesWaiting() xReturn xQueueMessagesWaiting ( const xQueue queue_, xBase * res_ )
```

The xQueueMessagesWaiting() syscall is used to inquire as to whether a message queue has one or more messages waiting.

Parameters

queue⊷	The message queue to be operated on.
_	
res_	The result of the inquiry; taken here to mean "true" if there is one or more messages waiting.

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.23 xQueuePeek() xReturn xQueuePeek ( const xQueue queue_, xQueueMessage * message_)
```

The xQueuePeek() syscall is used to retrieve the next message from a message queue without dropping the message (i.e., peek at the message).

queue_	The message queue to be operated on.	
message⊷	The message retrieved from the message queue. The message must be freed by xMemFree().	Ī
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xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.24 xQueueReceive() xReturn xQueueReceive ( xQueue queue_, xQueueMessage * message_)
```

The xQueueReceive() syscall has the effect of calling xQueuePeek() followed by xQueueDropMessage(). The syscall will receive the next message from the message queue if there is a waiting message.

Parameters

queue_	The message queue to be operated on.	
message←	The message retrieved from the message queue. The message must be freed by xMemFree().	

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

The xQueueSend() syscall is used to send a message to a message queue. The message value is an array of bytes (i.e., xByte) and cannot exceed CONFIG_MESSAGE_VALUE_BYTES (default is 8) bytes in size.

queue⊷	The message queue to be operated on.
_	
<i>bytes</i> ←	The size, in bytes, of the message to send to the message queue. The size of the message cannot exceed the CONFIG_MESSAGE_VALUE_BYTES (default is 8) setting.
value⊸	The message to be sent to the queue.

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.26 xQueueUnLockQueue() xReturn xQueueUnLockQueue ( xQueue \ queue)
```

The xQueueUnLockQueue() syscall is used to unlock a message queue that was previously locked by xQueueLockQueue(). Once a message queue is unlocked, tasks may resume sending messages to the message queue.

Parameters

queue⊷	The message queue to be operated on.
_	

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.27 xStreamBytesAvailable() xReturn xStreamBytesAvailable ( const xStreamBuffer stream_, xHalfWord * bytes_ )
```

The xStreamBytesAvailable() syscall is used to obtain the number of waiting (i.e., available) bytes in a stream buffer.

stream⇔	The stream buffer to be operated on.
_	
bytes⊷	The number of available bytes in the stream buffer.
_	

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.28 xStreamCreate() xReturn xStreamCreate ( xStreamBuffer * stream_ )
```

The xStreamCreate() syscall is used to create a stream buffer which is used for inter-task communications. A stream buffer is similar to a message queue, however, it operates only on one byte at a time.

Parameters

stream⊷	The stream buffer to be operated on.
_	

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.29 xStreamDelete() xReturn xStreamDelete ( const xStreamBuffer stream_ )
```

The xStreamDelete() syscall is used to delete a stream buffer created by xStreamCreate().

Parameters

stream←	The stream buffer to be operated on.
_	

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and

ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem ← GetUsed(&size))) {} or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.30 xStreamIsEmpty() xReturn xStreamIsEmpty ( const xStreamBuffer stream_, xBase * res_)
```

The xStreamIsEmpty() syscall is used to inquire as to whether a stream buffer is empty. An empty stream buffer has zero waiting (i.e., available) bytes.

Parameters

stream←	The stream buffer to be operated on.
_	
res_	The result of the inquiry; taken here to mean "true" if the length (i.e., number of waiting bytes) is zero.

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem←GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.31 xStreamIsFull() xReturn xStreamIsFull ( const xStreamBuffer stream_, xBase * res_)
```

The xStreamIsFull() syscall is used to inquire as to whether a stream buffer is full. An full stream buffer has CONFIG_STREAM_BUFFER_BYTES (default is 32) bytes waiting.

Parameters

stream←	The stream buffer to be operated on.
_	
res_	The result of the inquiry; taken here to mean "true" if the length (i.e., number of waiting bytes) is CONFIG_STREAM_BUFFER_BYTES bytes.

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and

ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem←GetUsed(&size))) {} or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.32 xStreamReceive() xReturn xStreamReceive ( const xStreamBuffer stream_, xHalfWord * bytes_, xByte ** data_)
```

The xStreamReceive() syscall is used to retrieve all waiting bytes from a stream buffer.

Parameters

stream⇔	The stream buffer to be operated on.
_	
bytes⇔	The number of bytes retrieved from the stream buffer.
 data_	The bytes retrieved from the stream buffer. The data must be freed by xMemFree().

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.33 xStreamReset() xReturn xStreamReset ( const xStreamBuffer stream_)
```

The xStreamReset() syscall is used to reset a stream buffer. Resetting a stream buffer has the effect of clearing the stream buffer such that xStreamBytesAvailable() would return zero bytes available.

Parameters

stream⇔	The stream buffer to be operated on.
_	

Returns

```
4.2.2.34 xStreamSend() xReturn xStreamSend ( xStreamBuffer stream_, const xByte byte_)
```

The xStreamSend() syscall is used to send one byte to a stream buffer.

Parameters

stream⇔	The stream buffer to be operated on.
byte_	The byte to send to the stream buffer.

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem←GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.35 xSystemAssert() xReturn xSystemAssert ( const char * file_, const int line_)
```

The xSystemAssert() syscall is used to raise a system assert. In order fot xSystemAssert() to have an effect the configuration setting CONFIG_SYSTEM_ASSERT_BEHAVIOR must be defined. That said, it is recommended that the ASSERT C macro be used in place of xSystemAssert(). In order for the ASSERT C macro to have any effect, the configuration setting CONFIG_ENABLE_SYSTEM_ASSERT must be defined.

Parameters

file⇔	The C file where the assert occurred. This will be set by the ASSERT C macro.
_	
line←	The C file line where the assert occurred. This will be set by the ASSERT C macro.
_	

Returns

```
4.2.2.36 xSystemGetSystemInfo() xReturn xSystemGetSystemInfo ( xSystemInfo * info_ )
```

The xSystemGetSystemInfo() syscall is used to inquire about the system. The information bout the system that may be obtained is the product (i.e., OS) name, version and number of tasks.

Parameters

info⇔	The system information.	The system information must be freed by xMemFree().
_		

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.37 xSystemHalt() xReturn xSystemHalt ( void )
```

The xSystemHalt() syscall is used to halt HeliOS. Once called, xSystemHalt() will disable all interrupts and stops the execution of further statements. The system will have to be reset to recover.

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.38 xSystemInit() xReturn xSystemInit (
void )
```

The xSystemInit() syscall is used to bootstrap HeliOS and must be the first syscall made in the user's application. The xSystemInit() syscall initializes memory and calls initialization functions through the port layer.

Returns

```
4.2.2.39 xTaskChangePeriod() xReturn xTaskChangePeriod ( xTask task_, const xTicks period_)
```

The xTaskChangePeriod() is used to change the interval period of a task timer. The period is measured in ticks. While architecture and/or platform dependent, a tick is often one millisecond. In order for the task timer to have an effect, the task must be in the "waiting" state which can be set using xTaskWait().

Parameters

task⊷	The task to be operated on.
period←	The interval period in ticks.
l _	

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem←GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.40 xTaskChangeWDPeriod() xReturn xTaskChangeWDPeriod ( xTask \ task\_, const xTicks period\_)
```

The xTaskChangeWDPeriod() syscall is used to change the task watchdog timer period. This has no effect unless CONFIG_TASK_WD_TIMER_ENABLE is defined and the watchdog timer period is greater than zero. The task watchdog timer will place a task in a suspended state if a task's runtime exceeds the watchdog timer period. The task watchdog timer period is set on a per task basis.

Parameters

task⊷	The task to be operated on.	
_		
period←	The task watchdog timer period measured in ticks. Ticks is platform and/or architecture dependent.	
_	However, most platforms and/or architectures have a one millisecond tick duration.	

Returns

The xTaskCreate() syscall is used to create a new task. Neither the xTaskCreate() or xTaskDelete() syscalls can be called from within a task (i.e., while the scheduler is running).

Parameters

task_	The task to be operated on.
name_	The name of the task which must be exactly CONFIG_TASK_NAME_BYTES (default is 8) bytes in length. Shorter task names must be padded.
callback_	The task's main (i.e., entry point) function.
task⊷ Parameter_	A parameter which is accessible from the task's main function. If a task parameter is not needed, this parameter may be set to null.

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.42 xTaskDelete() xReturn xTaskDelete ( const xTask task_)
```

The xTaskDelete() syscall is used to delete an existing task. Neither the xTaskCreate() or xTaskDelete() syscalls can be called from within a task (i.e., while the scheduler is running).

Parameters

task⇔	The task to be operated on.
l _	

Returns

The xTaskGetAllRunTimeStats() syscall is used to obtain the runtime statistics of all tasks.

Parameters

stats⊷	The runtime statistics. The runtime statics must be freed by xMemFree().
_	
tasks⊷	The number of tasks in the runtime statistics.
_	

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem←GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

The xTaskGetAllTaskInfo() syscall is used to get info about all tasks. xTaskGetAllTaskInfo() is similar to xTaskGetAllRunTimeStats() with one difference, xTaskGetAllTaskInfo() provides the state and name of the task along with the task's runtime statistics.

Parameters

info⇔	Information about the tasks. The task information must be freed by xMemFree().
_	
tasks⊷	The number of tasks.
_	

Returns

```
4.2.2.45 xTaskGetHandleById() xReturn xTaskGetHandleById ( xTask * task_-, const xBase id_-)
```

The xTaskGetHandleByld() syscall will get the task handle using the task id.

Parameters

task⇔	The task to be operated on.
_	
id_	The task id.

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.46 xTaskGetHandleByName() xReturn xTaskGetHandleByName ( xTask * task_, const xByte * name_ )
```

The xTaskGetHandleByName() syscall will get the task handle using the task name.

Parameters

task⊷	The task to be operated on.	
_		
name⊷	The name of the task which must be exactly CONFIG_TASK_NAME_BYTES (default is 8) bytes in	
_	length. Shorter task names must be padded.	

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem←GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.47 xTaskGetId() xReturn xTaskGetId ( const xTask task_, xBase * id_ )
```

The xTaskGetId() syscall is used to obtain the id of a task.

Parameters

task⊷	The task to be operated on.
_	
id_	The id of the task.

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem←GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.48 xTaskGetName() xReturn xTaskGetName ( const xTask task_, xByte ** name_ )
```

The xTaskGetName() syscall is used to get the ASCII name of a task. The size of the task name is CONFIG_← TASK NAME BYTES (default is 8) bytes in length.

Parameters

task⇔	The task to be operated on.
_	
name⇔	The task name which must be precisely CONFIG_TASK_NAME_BYTES (default is 8) bytes in length.
_	The task name must be freed by xMemFree().

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.49 xTaskGetNumberOfTasks() xReturn xTaskGetNumberOfTasks ( xBase * tasks_ )
```

The xTaskGetNumberOfTasks() syscall is used to obtain the number of tasks regardless of their state (i.e., suspended, running or waiting).

Parameters

tasks⊷	The number of tasks.

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.50 xTaskGetPeriod() xReturn xTaskGetPeriod ( const xTask task_, xTicks * period_)
```

The xTaskGetPeriod() syscall is used to obtain the current task timer period.

Parameters

task⊷	The task to be operated on.	
_		
period←	The task timer period in ticks. Ticks is platform and/or architecture dependent. However, most	
_	platforms and/or architect	

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.51 xTaskGetSchedulerState() xReturn xTaskGetSchedulerState ( <math>xSchedulerState * state_ )
```

The xTaskGetSchedulerState() is used to get the state of the scheduler.

state⊷	The state of the scheduler.
_	

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.52 xTaskGetTaskInfo() xReturn xTaskGetTaskInfo ( const xTask task_, xTaskInfo * info_ )
```

The xTaskGetTaskInfo() syscall is used to get info about a single task. xTaskGetTaskInfo() is similar to xTaskGetTaskRunTimeStats() with one difference, xTaskGetTaskInfo() provides the state and name of the task along with the task's runtime statistics.

Parameters

task⇔	The task to be operated on.	
_		
info⊷	Information about the task. The task information must be freed by xMemFree().	
_		

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem←GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

task⇔	The task to be operated on.	
_		
stats↩	The runtime statistics. The runtime statistics must be freed by xMemFree().	
_		

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.54 xTaskGetTaskState() xReturn xTaskGetTaskState ( const xTask task_, xTaskState * state_)
```

The xTaskGetTaskState() syscall is used to obtain the state of a task (i.e., suspended, running or waiting).

Parameters

task⇔	The task to be operated on.
_	
state←	The state of the task.
_	

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

The xTaskGetWDPeriod() syscall is used to obtain the task watchdog timer period.

task⇔	The task to be operated on.	
_		
period←	The task watchdog timer period, measured in ticks. Ticks are platform and/or architecture	
_	dependent. However, on must platforms and/or architectures the tick represents one millisecond.	

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.56 xTaskNotificationIsWaiting() xReturn xTaskNotificationIsWaiting ( const xTask task_, xBase * res_ )
```

The xTaskNotificationIsWaiting() syscall is used to inquire as to whether a direct-to-task notification is waiting for the given task.

Parameters

task⊷	Task to be operated on.	
_		
res⊷	The result of the inquiry; taken here to mean "true" if there is a waiting direct-to-task notification.	
_	Otherwise "false", if there is not a waiting direct-to-notification.	

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.57 xTaskNotifyGive() xReturn xTaskNotifyGive ( xTask task_, const xBase bytes_, const xByte * value_)
```

The xTaskNotifyGive() syscall is used to give (i.e., send) a direct-to-task notification to the given task.

task⊷	The task to be operated on.
_	
bytes⇔	The number of bytes contained in the notification value. The number of bytes in the notification value
_	cannot exceed CONFIG_NOTIFICATION_VALUE_BYTES (default is 8) bytes.
value⊷	The notification value which is a byte array whose length is defined by "bytes_".
_	

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.58 xTaskNotifyStateClear() xReturn xTaskNotifyStateClear ( xTask \ task)
```

The xTaskNotifyStateClear() syscall is used to clear a waiting direct-to-task notification for the given task.

Parameters

task⊷	The task to be operated on.
_	

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.59 xTaskNotifyTake() xReturn xTaskNotifyTake ( xTask task_, xTaskNotification * notification_)
```

The xTaskNotifyTake() syscall is used to take (i.e., receive) a waiting direct-to-task notification.

Parameters

task_	The task to be operated on.
notification←	The direct-to-task notification.
_	

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return

the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.60 xTaskResetTimer() xReturn xTaskResetTimer ( xTask task_ )
```

The xTaskResetTimer() syscall is used to reset the task timer. In effect, this sets the elapsed time, measured in ticks, back to zero.

Parameters

task⇔	The task to be operated on.
_	

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.61 xTaskResume() xReturn xTaskResume ( xTask task_{-} )
```

The xTaskResume() syscall will place a task in the "running" state. A task in this state will run continuously until suspended and is scheduled to run cooperatively by the HeliOS scheduler.

Parameters

task⊷	The task to be operated on.

Returns

```
4.2.2.62 xTaskResumeAll() xReturn xTaskResumeAll (void)
```

The xTaskResumeAll() syscall is used to set the scheduler state to running. xTaskStartScheduler() must still be called to pass control to the scheduler. If the scheduler state is not running, then xTaskStartScheduler() will simply return to the caller when called.

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.63 xTaskStartScheduler() xReturn xTaskStartScheduler ( void )
```

The xTaskStartScheduler() syscall is used to start the HeliOS task scheduler. On this syscall is made, control is handed over to HeliOS. In order to suspend the scheduler and return to the caller, the xTaskSuspendAll() syscall will need to be made. Once a call to xTaskSuspendAll() is made, xTaskResumeAll() must be called before calling xTaskStartScheduler() again. If xTaskStartScheduler() is called while the scheduler is in a suspended state, xTaskStartScheduler() will immediately return.

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.64 xTaskSuspend() xReturn xTaskSuspend ( xTask task_ )
```

The xTaskSuspend() syscall will place a task in the "suspended" state. A task in this state is not scheduled to run by the HeliOS scheduler and will not run.

task⇔	The task to be operated on.
_	

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.65 xTaskSuspendAll() xReturn xTaskSuspendAll (
```

The xTaskSuspendAll() syscall is used to set the scheduler state to suspended. If called from a running task, the HeliOS scheduler will quit and return control back to the caller. To set the scheduler state to running, xTaskResumeAll() must be called followed by a call to xTaskStartScheduler().

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.66 xTaskWait() xReturn xTaskWait ( xTask task_)
```

The xTaskWait() syscall will place a task in the "waiting" state. A task in this state is not scheduled to run by the HeliOS scheduler *UNTIL* an event occurs. When an event occurs, the HeliOS will schedule the task to run until the even has passed (e.g., the task either "takes" or "clears a direct-to-task notification"). Tasks in the "waiting" state are tasks that are using event-driven multitasking. HeliOS supports two types of events: task timers and direct-to-task notifications.

Parameters

task⊷	The task to be operated on.

Returns

```
4.2.2.67 xTimerChangePeriod() xReturn xTimerChangePeriod ( xTimer timer_, const xTicks period_)
```

The xTimerChangePeriod() syscall is used to change the time period on an application timer. Once the period has elapsed, the application timer is considered expired.

Parameters

timer⇔	The application timer to be operated on.
 period←	The application timer period, measured in ticks.
_	,

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.68 xTimerCreate() xReturn xTimerCreate ( xTimer * timer_, const xTicks period_ )
```

The xTimerCreate() syscall is used to create a new application timer. Application timers are not the same as task timers. Application timers are not part of HeliOS's event-driven multitasking. Application timers are just that, timers for use by the user's application for general purpose timekeeping. Application timers can be started, stopped, reset and have time period, measured in ticks, that elapses.

Parameters

timer↔	The application timer to be operated on.
period←	The application timer period, measured in ticks.

Returns

```
4.2.2.69 xTimerDelete() xReturn xTimerDelete ( const xTimer timer_ )
```

The xTimerDelete() syscall is used to delete an application timer created with xTimerCreate().

Parameters

timer⇔	The application timer to be operated on.
_	

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.70 xTimerGetPeriod() xReturn xTimerGetPeriod ( const xTimer timer_, xTicks * period_)
```

The xTimerGetPeriod() syscall is used to obtain the current period for an application timer.

Parameters

timer←	The application timer to be operate don.
_	
period←	The application timer period, measured in ticks.

Returns

```
4.2.2.71 xTimerHasTimerExpired() xReturn xTimerHasTimerExpired ( const xTimer timer_, xBase * res_ )
```

The xTimerHasTimerExpired() syscall is used to inquire as to whether an application timer has expired. If the application timer has expired, it must be reset with xTimerReset(). If a timer is not active (i.e., started), it cannot expire even if the timer period has elapsed.

Parameters

timer←	The application timer to be operated on.
_	
res⊷	The result of the inquiry; taken here to mean "true" if the application timer has elapsed (i.e., expired).
_	"False" if the application timer has not expired

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem←GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.72 xTimerIsTimerActive() xReturn xTimerIsTimerActive ( const xTimer timer_, xBase * res_ )
```

The xTimerlsTimerActive() syscall is used to inquire as to whether an application timer is active. An application timer is considered to be active if the application timer has been started by xTimerStare().

Parameters

timer⇔	The application timer to be operated on.
_	
res⇔	The result of the inquiry; taken here to mean "true" if the application timer is running. "False" if the
_	application timer is not running.

Returns

```
4.2.2.73 xTimerReset() xReturn xTimerReset ( xTimer timer_)
```

The xTimerReset() syscall is used to reset an application timer. Resetting has the effect of setting the application timer's elapsed time to zero.

Parameters

timer←	The application timer to be operated on.
_	

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.74 xTimerStart() xReturn xTimerStart ( xTimer timer_ )
```

The xTimerStart() syscall is used to place an application timer in the running state.

Parameters

timer←	The application timer to be operated on.
_	

Returns

xReturn On success, the syscall returns ReturnOK. On failure, the syscall returns ReturnError. A failure is any condition in which the syscall was unable to achieve its intended objective. For example, if xTaskGetId() was unable to locate the task by the task object (i.e., xTask) passed to the syscall, because either the object was null or invalid (e.g., a deleted task), xTaskGetId() would return ReturnError. All HeliOS syscalls return the xReturn (a.k.a., Return_t) type which can either be ReturnOK or ReturnError. The C macros OK() and ERROR() can be used as a more concise way of checking the return value of a syscall (e.g., if(OK(xMem←GetUsed(&size))) {}) or if(ERROR(xMemGetUsed(&size))) {}).

```
4.2.2.75 xTimerStop() xReturn xTimerStop ( xTimer\ timer_)
```

The xTimerStop() syscall is used to place an application timer in the suspended state.

Parameters

timer←	The application timer to be operated on.
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Returns

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