

# What is the use of Stack Size in RTOS

## Stack Size and Task Needs:

The stack is used by a task to store:

- **Function Call Information:** Each function call uses some stack space for parameters, local variables, and return addresses.
- **Task-specific Data:** Any local variables or temporary data within the task function.
- **Function Call Depth:** The more functions you call (especially recursively), the more stack space is needed.

## Calculating Stack Size:

### 1. Determine Task Requirements:

- **Function Calls:** Analyse how many levels of function calls are used.
- **Local Variables:** Consider the size of local variables and arrays.

### 2. Test and Monitor:

- **Empirical Testing:** Often, stack size is determined empirically by testing. You start with a reasonable estimate and adjust based on observed behavior. If a task causes a stack overflow, you may need to increase the stack size.

## Example Scenario:

If you choose 128 words and each word is 1 byte:

- **Stack Size:** 128 bytes.

If each word is 4 bytes (common on 32-bit processors):

- **Stack Size:** 128 words × 4 bytes/word = 512 bytes

RTOS Task Explanation: `xTaskCreate(ledblink, "blink", 128, NULL, 1, &ledblink_h)`

## Explanation of Parameters:

### 1. `pvTaskCode`:

- This is the function pointer to the task code.
- Example: `ledblink`

### 2. `pcName`:

- A name for the task (optional, for debugging purposes).
- Example: `"blink"`

3. **usStackDepth:**

- The stack size (in words, not bytes) for the task.
- Example: 128

4. **pvParameters:**

- A pointer to parameters passed to the task function (can be NULL if no parameters are needed).
- Example: NULL

5. **uxPriority:**

- The priority of the task, with 0 being the lowest. Higher numbers indicate higher priority.
- Example: 1

6. **pxCreatedTask:**

- A pointer to a variable where the task handle will be stored, allowing control of the task (e.g., suspend, delete).
- Example: &ledblink\_h