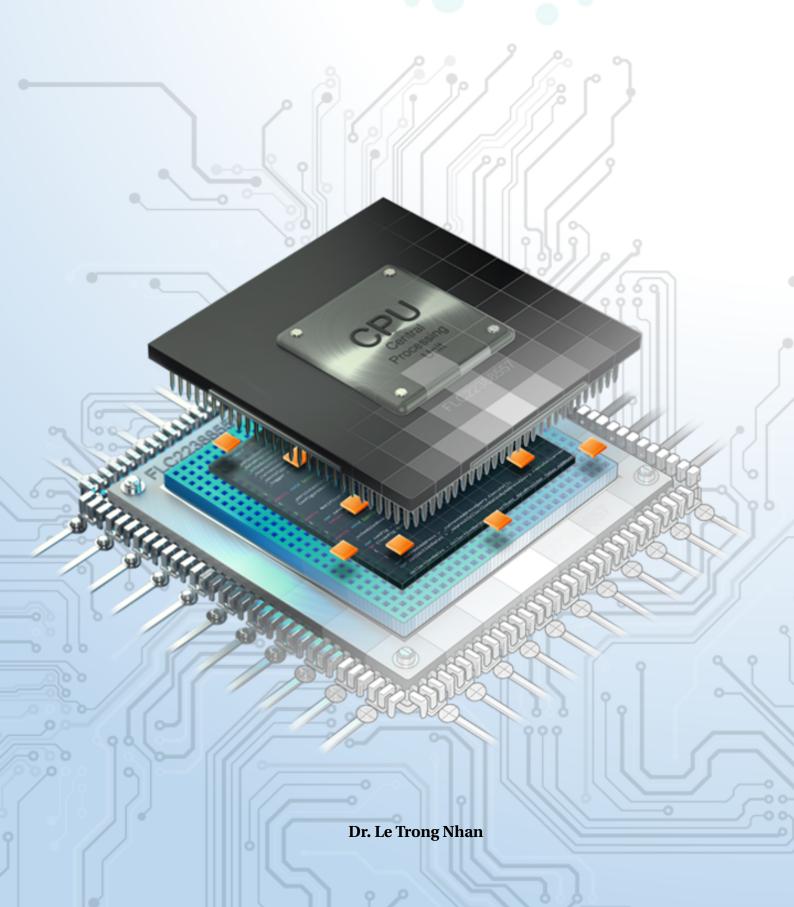


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A cooperative scheduler



1 Introduction

1.1 Super Loop Architecture

Program 1.1: Super loop program

The main advantages of the Super Loop architecture illustrated above are:

- (1) that it is simple, and therefore easy to understand, and
- (2) that it consumes virtually no system memory or CPU resources.

However, we get 'nothing for nothing': Super Loops consume little memory or processor resources because they provide few facilities to the developer. A particular limitation with this architecture is that it is very difficult to execute Task X at precise intervals of time: as we will see, this is a very significant drawback. For example, consider a collection of requirements assembled from a range of different embedded projects (in no particular order):

- The current speed of the vehicle must be measured at 0.5 second intervals.
- The display must be refreshed 40 times every second.
- The calculated new throttle setting must be applied every 0.5 seconds.
- A time-frequency transform must be performed 20 times every second.
- If the alarm sounds, it must be switched off (for legal reasons) after 20 minutes.
- If the front door is opened, the alarm must sound in 30 seconds if the correct password is not entered in this time.
- The engine vibration data must be sampled 1,000 times per second.
- The frequency-domain data must be classified 20 times every second.
- The keypad must be scanned every 200 ms.
- The master (control) node must communicate with all other nodes (sensor nodes and sounder nodes) once per second.
- The new throttle setting must be calculated every 0.5 seconds.
- The sensors must be sampled once per second.

We can summarize this list by saying that many embedded systems must carry out tasks at particular instants of time. More specifically, we have two kinds of activity to perform:

- Periodic tasks, to be performed (say) once every 100 ms
- One-shot tasks, to be performed once after a delay of (say) 50 ms

This is very difficult to achieve with the primitive architecture shown in Program above. Suppose, for example, that we need to start Task X every 200 ms, and that the task takes 10 ms to complete. Program below illustrates one way in which we might adapt the code in order to try to achieve this.

Program 1.2: Trying to use the Super Loop architecture to execute tasks at regular intervals

The approach is not generally adequate, because it will only work if the following conditions are satisfied:

- We know the precise duration of Task X
- This duration never varies

In practical applications, determining the precise task duration is rarely straightforward. Suppose we have a very simple task that does not interact with the outside world but, instead, performs some internal calculations. Even under these rather restricted circumstances, changes to compiler optimization settings – even changes to an apparently unrelated part of the program – can alter the speed at which the task executes. This can make fine-tuning the timing very tedious and error prone.

The second condition is even more problematic. Often in an embedded system the task will be required to interact with the outside world in a complex way. In these circumstances the task duration will vary according to outside activities in a manner over which the programmer has very little control.

1.2 Timer-based interrupts and interrupt service routines

A better solution to the problems outlined is to use timer-based interrupts as a means of invoking functions at particular times.

An interrupt is a hardware mechanism used to notify a processor that an 'event' has taken place: such events may be internal events or external events.

When an interrupt is generated, the processor 'jumps' to an address at the bottom of the CODE memory area. These locations must contain suitable code with which the microcontroller can respond to the interrupt or, more commonly, the locations

will include another 'jump' instruction, giving the address of suitable 'interrupt service routine' located elsewhere in (CODE) memory.

Please see lab 3 for the more information of this approach.

2 What is a scheduler?

There are two ways of viewing a scheduler:

- At one level, a scheduler can be viewed as a simple operating system that allows tasks to be called periodically or (less commonly) on a one-shot basis.
- At a lower level, a scheduler can be viewed as a single timer interrupt service routine that is shared between many different tasks. As a result, only one timer needs to be initialized, and any changes to the timing generally requires only one function to be altered. Furthermore, we can generally use the same scheduler whether we need to execute one, ten or 100 different tasks.

```
void main(void) {
     // Set up the scheduler
     SCH_Init();
      // Add the tasks (1ms tick interval)
     // Function_A will run every 2 ms
     SCH_Add_Task(Function_A, 0, 2);
      // Function_B will run every 10 ms
     SCH_Add_Task(Function_B, 1, 10);
      // Function_C will run every 15 ms
     SCH_Add_Task(Function_C, 3, 15);
      while(1) {
11
          SCH_Dispatch_Tasks();
12
     }
13
14 }
```

Program 1.3: Example of how a scheduler uses

2.1 The co-operative scheduler

A co-operative scheduler provides a single-tasking system architecture **Operation**:

- Tasks are scheduled to run at specific times (either on a periodic or one-shot basis)
- When a task is scheduled to run it is added to the waiting list
- When the CPU is free, the next waiting task (if any) is executed
- The task runs to completion, then returns control to the scheduler

Implementation:

• The scheduler is simple and can be implemented in a small amount of code

- The scheduler must allocate memory for only a single task at a time
- The scheduler will generally be written entirely in a high-level language (such as 'C')
- The scheduler is not a separate application; it becomes part of the developer's code

Performance:

• Obtaining rapid responses to external events requires care at the design stage Reliability and safety:

Co-operate scheduling is simple, predictable, reliable and safe

A co-operative scheduler provides a simple, highly predictable environment. The scheduler is written entirely in 'C' and becomes part of the application: this tends to make the operation of the whole system more transparent and eases development, maintenance and porting to different environments. Memory overheads are 17 bytes per task and CPU requirements (which vary with tick interval) are low.

2.2 Function pointers

One area of the language with which many 'C' programmers are unfamiliar is the function pointer. While comparatively rarely used in desktop programs, this language feature is crucial in the creation of schedulers: we therefore provide a brief introductory example here.

The key point to note is that – just as we can, for example, determine the starting address of an array of data in memory – we can also find the address in memory at which the executable code for a particular function begins. This address can be used as a 'pointer' to the function; most importantly, it can be used to call the function. Used with care, function pointers can make it easier to design and implement complex programs. For example, suppose we are developing a large, safety-critical, application, controlling an industrial plant. If we detect a critical situation, we may wish to shut down the system as rapidly as possible. However, the appropriate way to shut down the system will vary, depending on the system state. What we can do is create a number of different recovery functions and a function pointer. Every time the system state changes, we can alter the function pointer so that it is always pointing to the most appropriate recovery function. In this way, we know that – if there is ever an emergency situation – we can rapidly call the most appropriate function, by means of the function pointer.

```
// ----- Private function prototypes -----
void Square_Number(int, int*);

int main(void)

{
   int a = 2, b = 3;
   /* Declares pFn to be a pointer to fn with
   int and int pointer parameters (returning void) */
   void (* pFn)(int, int*);

int Result_a, Result_b;
```

```
pFn = Square_Number; // pFn holds address of Square_Number
      printf("Function code starts at address: %u\n", (tWord) pFn);
13
      printf("Data item a starts at address: %u\n\n", (tWord) &a);
14
      // Call 'Square Number' in the conventional way
      Square_Number(a, &Result_a);
      // Call 'Square_Number' using function pointer
      (*pFn) (b,&Result_b);
18
      printf("%d squared is %d (using normal fn call)\n", a, Result_a
19
      printf("%d squared is %d (using fn pointer)\n", b, Result_b);
      while (1);
21
      return 0;
23
 void Square_Number(int a, int* b)
  {// Demo - calculate square of a
      *b = a * a;
28
```

Program 1.4: Example of how to use function pointers

2.3 Solution

A scheduler has the following key components:

- The scheduler data structure.
- An initialization function.
- A single interrupt service routine (ISR), used to update the scheduler at regular time intervals.
- A function for adding tasks to the scheduler.
- A dispatcher function that causes tasks to be executed when they are due to run.
- A function for removing tasks from the scheduler (not required in all applications).

We consider each of the required components in this section

2.3.1 Overview

Before discussing the scheduler components, we consider how the scheduler will typically appear to the user. To do this we will use a simple example: a scheduler used to flash a single LED on and off repeatedly: on for one second off for one second etc.

```
int main(void) {
    //Init all the requirments for the system to run
    System_Initialization();
    //Init a schedule
    SCH_Init();
```

```
//Add a task to repeatly call in every 1 second.
SCH_Add_Task(Led_Display, 0, 1000);
while (1) {
SCH_Dispatch_Tasks();
}
return 0;
}
```

Program 1.5: Example of how to use a scheduler

• We assume that the LED will be switched on and off by means of a 'task' Led_Display(). Thus, if the LED is initially off and we call Led_Display() twice, we assume that the LED will be switched on and then switched off again.

To obtain the required flash rate, we therefore require that the scheduler calls Led_Display() every second ad infinitum.

- We prepare the scheduler using the function SCH_Init().
- After preparing the scheduler, we add the function Led_Display() to the scheduler task list using the SCH_Add_Task() function. At the same time we specify that the LED will be turned on and off at the required rate as follows:

```
SCH_Add_Task(Led_Display, 0, 1000);
```

We will shortly consider all the parameters of SCH_Add_Task(), and examine its internal structure.

 The timing of the Led_Display() function will be controlled by the function SCH_Update(), an interrupt service routine triggered by the overflow of Timer 2:

```
void HAL_TIM_PeriodElapsedCallback(TIM_HandleTypeDef *htim) {
    SCH\_Update();
}
```

Program 1.6: Example of how to call SCH_Update function

• The 'Update' function does not execute the task: it calculates when a task is due to run and sets a flag. The job of executing LED_Display() falls to the dispatcher function (SCH_Dispatch_Tasks()), which runs in the main ('super') loop:

```
while(1){
    SCH_Dispatch_Tasks();
}
```

Before considering these components in detail, we should acknowledge that this is, undoubtedly, a complicated way of flashing an LED: if our intention were to develop an LED flasher application that requires minimal memory and minimal code size, this would not be a good solution. However, the key point is that we will be able to use the same scheduler architecture in all our subsequent examples, including a number of substantial and complex applications and the effort required to understand the operation of this environment will be rapidly repaid.

It should also be emphasized that the scheduler is a 'low-cost' option: it consumes a small percentage of the CPU resources (we will consider precise percentages shortly). In addition, the scheduler itself requires no more than 17 bytes of memory for each task. Since a typical application will require no more than four to six tasks, the task – memory budget (around 60 bytes) is not excessive, even on an 8-bit microcontroller.

2.3.2 The scheduler data structure and task array

At the heart of the scheduler is the scheduler data structure: this is a user-defined data type which collects together the information required about each task.

```
typedef struct {
     // Pointer to the task (must be a 'void (void)' function)
   void ( * pTask)(void);
   // Delay (ticks) until the function will (next) be run
   uint32_t Delay;
   // Interval (ticks) between subsequent runs.
   uint32_t Period;
   // Incremented (by scheduler) when task is due to execute
9
   uint8_t RunMe;
10
   //This is a hint to solve the question below.
11
   uint32_t TaskID;
13 } sTask;
14
15 // MUST BE ADJUSTED FOR EACH NEW PROJECT
16 #define SCH MAX TASKS
                               40
17 #define NO TASK ID
18 sTask SCH_tasks_G[SCH_MAX_TASKS];
```

Program 1.7: A struct of a task

The size of the task array

You must ensure that the task array is sufficiently large to store the tasks required in your application, by adjusting the value of SCH_MAX_TASKS. For example, if you schedule three tasks as follows:

- SCH_Add_Task(Function_A, 0, 2);
- SCH_Add_Task(Function_B, 1, 10);
- SCH_Add_Task(Function_C, 3, 15);

then SCH_MAX_TASKS must have a value of three (or more) for correct operation of the scheduler.

Note also that, if this condition is not satisfied, the scheduler should generate an error code.

2.3.3 The initialization function

Like most of the tasks we wish to schedule, the scheduler itself requires an initialization function. While this performs various important operations – such as

preparing the scheduler array (discussed earlier) and the error code variable (discussed later) – the main purpose of this function is to set up a timer that will be used to generate the regular 'ticks' that will drive the scheduler.

```
void SCH_Init(void) {
      unsigned char i;
      for (i = 0; i < SCH_MAX_TASKS; i++) {
3
          SCH_Delete_Task(i);
      }
      // Reset the global error variable
      // - SCH_Delete_Task() will generate an error code,
      // (because the task array is empty)
8
      Error\_code\_G = 0;
9
      Timer_init();
10
      Watchdog_init();
11
12 }
```

Program 1.8: Example of how

2.3.4 The 'Update' function

The 'Update' function is involved in the ISR. It is invoked when the timer is overflow.

When it determines that a task is due to run, the update function increments the RunMe field for this task: the task will then be executed by the dispatcher, as we discuss later.

```
void SCH_Update(void) {
      unsigned char Index;
      // NOTE: calculations are in *TICKS* (not milliseconds)
      for (Index = 0; Index < SCH_MAX_TASKS; Index++) {</pre>
          // Check if there is a task at this location
          if (SCH tasks G[Index].pTask) {
6
               if (SCH_tasks_G[Index]. Delay == 0) {
                   // The task is due to run
                   // Inc. the 'RunMe' flag
                   SCH_tasks_G[Index].RunMe += 1;
10
                   if (SCH_tasks_G[Index].Period) {
11
                       // Schedule periodic tasks to run again
12
                       SCH_tasks_G[Index].Delay = SCH_tasks_G[Index].
13
     Period;
                   }
14
               } else {
15
                   // Not yet ready to run: just decrement the delay
16
                   SCH_tasks_G[Index]. Delay -= 1;
17
               }
          }
19
      }
20
21
 void HAL_TIM_PeriodElapsedCallback(TIM_HandleTypeDef *htim) {
    SCH_Update();
```

2.3.5 The 'Add Task' function

As the name suggests, the 'Add Task' function is used to add tasks to the task array, to ensure that they are called at the required time(s). Here is the example of add task function: unsigned char SCH_Add_Task (Task_Name , Initial_Delay, Period)

The parameters for the 'Add Task' function are described as follows:

- Task_Name: the name of the function (task) that you wish to schedule
- **Initial_Delay**: the delay (in ticks) before task is first executed. If set to 0, the task is executed immediately.
- **Period**: the interval (in ticks) between repeated executions of the task. If set to 0, the task is executed only once

Here are some examples.

This set of parameters causes the function Do_X() to be executed once after 1,000 scheduler ticks:

SCH_Add_Task(Do_X,1000,0);

This does the same, but saves the task ID (the position in the task array) so that the task may be subsequently deleted, if necessary (see SCH_Delete_Task() for further information about the removal of tasks from the task array):

$Task_ID = SCH_Add_Task(Do_X,1000,0);$

This causes the function Do_X() to be executed regularly every 1,000 scheduler ticks; the task will first be executed as soon as the scheduling is started:

SCH_Add_Task(Do_X,0,1000);

This causes the function $Do_X()$ to be executed regularly every 1,000 scheduler ticks; task will be first executed at T = 300 ticks, then 1,300, 2,300 etc:

SCH_Add_Task(Do_X,300,1000);

```
/*
<sup>2</sup> SCH_Add_Task() Causes a task (function) to be executed at regular
     intervals
3 or after a user-defined delay
     */
5 unsigned char SCH_Add_Task(void (* pFunction)(), unsigned int DELAY
     , unsigned int PERIOD)
6 {
      unsigned char Index = 0;
      // First find a gap in the array (if there is one)
8
      while ((SCH_tasks_G[Index].pTask != 0) && (Index <</pre>
     SCH_MAX_TASKS))
      {
10
         Index++;
11
```

```
// Have we reached the end of the list?
      if (Index == SCH_MAX_TASKS)
14
15
          // Task list is full
16
          // Set the global error variable
          Error_code_G = ERROR_SCH_TOO_MANY_TASKS;
          // Also return an error code
19
          return SCH MAX TASKS;
20
21
      // If we're here, there is a space in the task array
      SCH_tasks_G[Index].pTask = pFunction;
23
      SCH_tasks_G[Index]. Delay = DELAY;
24
      SCH_tasks_G[Index].Period = PERIOD;
25
      SCH_{tasks}G[Index].RunMe = 0;
26
      // return position of task (to allow later deletion)
27
      return Index;
28
29
```

Program 1.10: An implementation of the scheduler 'add task' function

2.3.6 The 'Dispatcher'

As we have seen, the 'Update' function does not execute any tasks: the tasks that are due to run are invoked through the 'Dispatcher' function.

```
void SCH_Dispatch_Tasks(void)
2
      unsigned char Index;
      // Dispatches (runs) the next task (if one is ready)
      for (Index = 0; Index < SCH_MAX_TASKS; Index++) {</pre>
          if (SCH_tasks_G[Index].RunMe > 0) {
               (*SCH_tasks_G[Index].pTask)(); // Run the task
               SCH_tasks_G[Index].RunMe -= 1; // Reset / reduce RunMe
     flag
               // Periodic tasks will automatically run again
               // - if this is a 'one shot' task, remove it from the
10
     array
               if (SCH_tasks_G[Index].Period == 0)
11
12
                   SCH_Delete_Task(Index);
13
14
          }
15
16
      // Report system status
17
      SCH_Report_Status();
18
      // The scheduler enters idle mode at this point
19
      SCH_Go_To_Sleep();
20
21 }
```

Program 1.11: An implementation of the scheduler 'dispatch task' function

The dispatcher is the only component in the Super Loop:

```
void main(void)
{
```

Program 1.12: The dispatcher in the super loop

Do we need a Dispatch function?

At first inspection, the use of both the 'Update' and 'Dispatch' functions may seem a rather complicated way of running the tasks. Specifically, it may appear that the Dispatch function in unnecessary and that the Update function could invoke the tasks directly. However, the split between the Update and Dispatch operations is necessary, to maximize the reliability of the scheduler in the presence of long tasks. Suppose we have a scheduler with a tick interval of 1 ms and, for whatever reason, a scheduled task sometimes has a duration of 3 ms.

If the Update function runs the functions directly then – all the time the long task is being executed – the tick interrupts are effectively disabled. Specifically, two 'ticks' will be missed. This will mean that all system timing is seriously affected and may mean that two (or more) tasks are not scheduled to execute at all.

If the Update and Dispatch function are separated, system ticks can still be processed while the long task is executing. This means that we will suffer task 'jitter' (the 'missing' tasks will not be run at the correct time), but these tasks will, eventually, run.

2.3.7 The 'Delete Task' function

When tasks are added to the task array, SCH_Add_Task() returns the position in the task array at which the task has been added: Task_ID = SCH_Add_Task(Do_X,1000,0); Sometimes it can be necessary to delete tasks from the array. To do so, SCH_Delete_Task() can be used as follows: SCH_Delete_Task(Task_ID)

```
/*
 unsigned char SCH_Delete_Task(const tByte TASK_INDEX) {
     unsigned char Return_code;
      if (SCH_tasks_G[TASK_INDEX].pTask == 0) {
          // No task at this location...
          11
          // Set the global error variable
          Error_code_G = ERROR_SCH_CANNOT_DELETE_TASK
          // ... also return an error code
          Return code = RETURN ERROR;
     } else {
          Return code = RETURN NORMAL;
     SCH_tasks_G[TASK_INDEX].pTask = 0x0000;
     SCH_tasks_G[TASK_INDEX].Delay = 0;
16
     SCH_tasks_G[TASK_INDEX]. Period = 0;
     SCH_tasks_G[TASK_INDEX].RunMe = 0;
18
     return Return_code; // return status
```

20 }

Program 1.13: An implementation of the scheduler 'delete task' function

2.3.8 Reducing power consumption

An important feature of scheduled applications is that they can lend themselves to low-power operation. This is possible because all modern MCU provide an 'idle' mode, where the CPU activity is halted, but the state of the processor is maintained. In this mode, the power required to run the processor is typically reduced by around 50

This idle mode is particularly effective in scheduled applications because it may be entered under software control, and the MCU returns to the normal operating mode when any interrupt is received. Because the scheduler generates regular timer interrupts as a matter of course, we can put the system 'to sleep' at the end of every dispatcher call: it will then wake up when the next timer tick occurs.

This is an optional feature. Students can do by yourself by looking at the reference manual of the MCU that is used.

```
void SCH_Go_To_Sleep() {
//todo: Optional
}
```

Program 1.14: An implementation of the scheduler 'go to sleep' function

2.3.9 Reporting errors

Hardware fails; software is never perfect; errors are a fact of life. To report errors at any part of the scheduled application, we can use an (8-bit) error code variable Error code G

unsigned char Error_code_G = 0;

To record an error we include lines such as:

- Error code G = ERROR SCH TOO MANY TASKS;
- Error_code_G = ERROR_SCH_WAITING_FOR_SLAVE_TO_ACK;
- Error_code_G = ERROR_SCH_WAITING_FOR_START_COMMAND_FROM_MASTER;
- Error_code_G = ERROR_SCH_ONE_OR_MORE_SLAVES_DID_NOT_START;
- Error_code_G = ERROR_SCH_LOST_SLAVE;
- Error_code_G = ERROR_SCH_CAN_BUS_ERROR;
- Error_code_G = ERROR_I2C_WRITE_BYTE_AT24C64;

To report these error codes, the scheduler has a function **SCH_Report_Status()**, which is called from the Update function.

```
void SCH_Report_Status(void) {

#ifdef SCH_REPORT_ERRORS

// ONLY APPLIES IF WE ARE REPORTING ERRORS

// Check for a new error code
```

```
(Error_code_G != Last_error_code_G) {
          // Negative logic on LEDs assumed
6
          Error_port = 255 - Error_code_G;
          Last error code G = Error code G;
          if (Error_code_G != 0) {
               Error_tick_count_G = 60000;
          } else {
11
               Error_tick_count_G = 0;
      } else {
14
          i f
             (Error_tick_count_G != 0) {
               if (--Error_tick_count_G == 0)
                   Error_code_G = 0; // Reset error code
18
          }
19
20
 #endif
21
22
```

Program 1.15: An implementation of the 'report status' function

Note that error reporting may be disabled via the main.h header file:

```
// Comment this line out if error reporting is NOT required
//#define SCH_REPORT_ERRORS
//Where error reporting is required, the port on which error codes
will be displayed
//is also determined via main.h:
#ifdef SCH_REPORT_ERRORS
// The port on which error codes will be displayed
// ONLY USED IF ERRORS ARE REPORTED
#define Error_port PORTA
#endif
```

Program 1.16: Define a constant to allow errors are reported

Note that, in this implementation, error codes are reported for 60,000 ticks (1 minute at a 1 ms tick rate). The simplest way of displaying these codes is to attach eight LEDs (with suitable buffers) to the error port, as discussed in IC DRIVER [page 134]: Figure 14.3 illustrates one possible approach.

What does that error code mean? The forms of error reporting discussed here are low-level in nature and are primarily intended to assist the developer of the application or a qualified service engineer performing system maintenance. An additional user interface may also be required in your application to notify the user of errors, in a more user-friendly manner.

2.3.10 Adding a watchdog

The basic scheduler presented here does not provide support for a watchdog timer. Such support can be useful and is easily added, as follows:

- Start the watchdog in the scheduler Start function.
- Refresh the watchdog in the scheduler Update function.

```
IWDG_HandleTypeDef hiwdg;
 static uint32_t counter_for_watchdog = 0;
  void MX IWDG Init(void) {
    hiwdg.Instance = IWDG;
    hiwdg.Init.Prescaler = IWDG_PRESCALER_32;
    hiwdg. Init. Reload = 4095;
    if (HAL IWDG Init(&hiwdg) != HAL OK) {
8
      Error Handler();
9
    }
10
11
 void Watchdog_Refresh(void) {
    HAL_IWDG_Refresh(&hiwdg);
13
14 }
  unsigned char Is_Watchdog_Reset(void) {
15
    if (counter_for_watchdog > 3) {
16
      return 1;
17
    }
18
    return 0;
19
20 }
  void Watchdog Counting(void) {
    counter_for_watchdog++;
23
 void Reset_Watchdog_Counting(void) {
    counter_for_watchdog = 0;
26
27 }
```

Program 1.17: An implementation of the 'watchdog' functions

2.3.11 Reliability and safety implications

- Make sure the task array is large enough
- Take care with function pointers
- Dealing with task overlap

Suppose we have two tasks in our application (Task A, Task B). We further assume that Task A is to run every second and Task B every three seconds. We assume also that each task has a duration of around 0.5 ms.

Suppose we schedule the tasks as follows (assuming a 1ms tick interval):

```
SCH_Add_Task(TaskA, 0, 1000);
SCH_Add_Task(TaskB, 0, 3000);
```

In this case, the two tasks will sometimes be due to execute at the same time. On these occasions, both tasks will run, but Task B will always execute after Task A. This will mean that if Task A varies in duration, then Task B will suffer from 'jitter': it will not be called at the correct time when the tasks overlap.

Alternatively, suppose we schedule the tasks as follows:

SCH_Add_Task(TaskA, 0, 1000);

SCH_Add_Task(TaskB, 5, 3000);

Now, both tasks still run every 1,000 ms and 3,000 ms (respectively), as required. However, Task A is explicitly scheduled always to run 5 ms before Task B. As a result, Task B will always run on time.

In many cases, we can avoid all (or most) task overlaps simply by the judicious use of the initial task delays.

2.3.12 Portability

3 Objectives

The aim of this lab is to design and implement a cooperate scheduler to accurately provide timeouts and trigger activities. You should add a file for the scheduler implementation and modify the main system call loop to handle timer interrupts.

4 Problem

- Your system should have at least four functions:
 - **void SCH_Update(void)**:This function will be updated the remaining time of each tasks that are added to a queue. It will be called in the interrupt timer, for example 10 ms.
 - **void SCH_Dispatch_Tasks(void)**: This function will get the task in the queue to run.
 - uint32_t SCH_Add_Task(void (* pFunction)(), uint32_t DELAY, uint32_t PE-RIOD): This function is used to add a task to the queue. It should return an ID that is corresponding with the added task.
 - uint8_t SCH_Delete_Task(uint32_t taskID): This function is used to delete
 the task based on its ID.

You should add more functions if you think it will help you to solve this problem. Your main program must have 5 tasks running periodically in 0.5 second, 1 second, 1.5 seconds, 2 seconds, 2.5 seconds.

5 Demonstration

Phần demo ở cuối cùng có thể xem qua link.

Ở bài LAB 4 này em hiện thực dựa trên 2 mảng: 1 mảng dùng để chứa các task chưa đến thời điểm thực thi (tức delay > 0 - SCH_tasks_G[]), 1 mảng dùng để chứa các task đã sẵn sàng thực thi và chờ được cấp phát CPU để thực hiện (tức delay <= 0 - SCH_waiting_queue[]) với mảng thứ 2 này chính là 1 queue được hiện thực với 2 hàm enqueue() và dequeue() . Cả 2 mảng đều có cùng một kiểu dữ liệu là 1 **struct Tasks**:

```
typedef struct{
// Pointer to task
void (*TaskFunction)(void);

// Delay (ticks) until the function will be run
uint32_t Delay_TIME;

// Interval (ticks) between subsequent runs
uint32_t Period_TIME;

// Incremented when task is due to execute
uint8_t RunMe;

// Equal to 1 if the following task has same delay
uint8_t sameDelay;
} Tasks;
```

Program 1.18: A struct of a task

```
#define MAX_TOTAL_TASKS 5

#define MAX_TOTAL_WAIT_QUEUE_TASKS 10

Tasks SCH_tasks_G[MAX_TOTAL_TASKS];

Tasks SCH_waiting_queue[MAX_TOTAL_WAIT_QUEUE_TASKS];
```

Program 1.19: Hai mång chứa các Task

Cách hàm được sử dụng trong khi hiện thực lab 4:

- void SCH_Init();
- void SCH_Update();
- void SCH_Dispatch_Tasks();
- uint32_t SCH_Add_Task(void (*pfunction) (void), uint32_t DELAY, uint32_t PERIOD);
- uint8_t SCH_Delete_Task(uint32_t taskID);
- void enqueue(Tasks taskToAdd);
- void dequeue();

5.1 SCH_Init() function

Giống như hầu hết các Task, mảng chứa các task cũng cần một **initialization function**. Do đó ở đây em hiện thực hàm **void SCH_Init()** mục đích để reset 2 mảng chứa các task trở lại trạng thái vừa mới khởi tạo.

```
void SCH_Init() {
    //reset array SCH_tasks_G[]

for(int i = 0; i < MAX_TOTAL_TASKS; i++) {
    SCH_tasks_G[i].Delay_TIME = 0;
    SCH_tasks_G[i].Period_TIME = 0;
    SCH_tasks_G[i].TaskFunction = 0x00000;
    SCH_tasks_G[i].RunMe = 0;
    SCH_tasks_G[i].sameDelay = 0;
}
//reset array SCH_waiting_queue[]</pre>
```

```
for(int i = 0; i < MAX_TOTAL_WAIT_QUEUE_TASKS; i++){</pre>
      SCH_waiting_queue[i].Delay_TIME = 0;
12
      SCH_waiting_queue[i].Period_TIME = 0;
13
      SCH_waiting_queue[i].TaskFunction = 0x0000;
14
      SCH_waiting_queue[i].RunMe = 0;
      SCH_waiting_queue[i].sameDelay = 0;
    //Reset the global error variable
18
    //SCH_Delete_Task () will generate an error code (because the
19
     task array is empty)
      //Error_code_G = 0;
20
      //Watchdog_Init();
21
22
```

Program 1.20: SCH_Init function

5.2 SCH_Update() function

Ở hàm này do mảng chứa các task chưa đến thời điểm thực thi, tuy nhiên điểm đặc biệt của mảng này là đã được sắp xếp theo thứ tự thời gian delay từ bé đến lớn (sẽ được trình bày kỹ hơn ở **SCH_Add_Task()** function). Do đó khi mảng không trống, mỗi lần hàm Update() được gọi chỉ cần update cho task ở vị trí đầu tiên trong mảng (tức Index = 0). Do đó độ phức tạp khi thực hiện hàm Update chỉ là O(1).

```
void SCH_Update() {

// If SCH_tasks_G has tasks

if (SCH_tasks_G[0]. TaskFunction) {

// Decrease delay of task

SCH_tasks_G[0]. Delay_TIME --;

// If the task is due to run set RunMe = 1

if (SCH_tasks_G[0]. Delay_TIME <= 0) {

SCH_tasks_G[0]. RunMe = 1;

}

}
</pre>
```

Program 1.21: SCH_Update function

5.3 SCH_Dispatch_Tasks() function

Hàm này được gọi trong hàm main, được hiện thực bằng cách:

• Đầu tiên kiếm tra task ở vị trí đầu tiên trong SCH_tasks_G[] nếu có, và đến thời gian thực thi thì thêm vào trong mảng SCH_waiting_queue[] bằng hàm enqueue(Task). Đồng thời kiểm tra nếu các task phía sau có cùng thời điểm thực thi với task phía trước (tức kiểm tra sameDelay) thì cũng thêm vào trong mảng SCH_waiting_queue[]. Sau đó xóa task trong SCH_tasks_G[] khi đã thêm task đó vào SCH_waiting_queue[], nếu task đó được thực hiện theo chu kỳ thì sau khi xóa task khỏi SCH_tasks_G[] thì lại thêm task đó lại với delay = period. Tuy nhiên trong trường hợp best case (không có task nào cùng thời điểm thực thi thì độ phức tạp của hàm Dispatch là O(1)).

Tiếp theo, kiểm tra trong mảng SCH_waiting_queue[] có task nào chờ để thực thi thì lấy task đầu tiên để thực thi.
 Sau đó xóa task đó khỏi SCH_waiting_queue[] bằng hàm dequeue().

```
void SCH_Dispatch_Tasks() {
    if(SCH_tasks_G[0].RunMe > 0){
      while (SCH_tasks_G[0].sameDelay == 1) {
      //Add to queue
5
        enqueue(SCH_tasks_G[0]);
        SCH_Delete_Task(0);
      //Add to queue
9
      enqueue(SCH_tasks_G[0]);
10
      SCH_Delete_Task(0);
11
12
13
    //If there is a task to run
14
    if (SCH_waiting_queue[0]. TaskFunction != 0) {
15
      //Run task
16
      (*SCH_waiting_queue[0].TaskFunction)();
17
18
      dequeue();
19
20
    // Report system status
21
    //SCH_Report_Status();
22
    // The scheduler enters idle mode at this point
23
    //SCH_Go_To_Sleep();
25
```

Program 1.22: SCH_Dispatch function

5.4 SCH_Add_Task(void (*pfunction)(), uint32_t DELAY, uint32_t PERIOD) function

```
Để hiếu hơn hàm này ta xét ví dụ:

SCH_Add_Task(Function_A, 0, 50); //Task 1

SCH_Add_Task(Function_B, 20, 100); //Task 2

SCH_Add_Task(Function_C, 40, 150); //Task 3

SCH_Add_Task(Function_D, 35, 200); //Task 4

SCH_Add_Task(Function_E, 20, 250); //Task 5
```

Sau khi thực hiện các hàm trên, mảng chứa các task SCH_tasks_G[] sẽ chứa:

| Task | Task1 | Task2 | Task5 | Task4 | Task3 |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Function | Function_A | Function_B | Function_E | Function_D | Function_C |
| Delay | 0 | 20 | 0 | 15 | 5 |
| Period_TIME | 50 | 100 | 150 | 200 | 250 |
| RunMe | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SameDelay | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Nhìn vào bảng trên ta dễ dàng thấy được thời gian delay của task phía sau sẽ phụ thuộc vào task phía trước (tức khi task trước thực hiện xong thì sau delay được lưu

tương ứng task phía sau sẽ được thực hiện). Ví dụ delay lưu trong task2 là 20ms sau task1 tức sau khi task1 thực hiện xong task2 sau 20ms được thực thi.

```
uint32_t SCH_Add_Task(void (*pfunction)(), uint32_t DELAY, uint32_t
      PERIOD) {
    uint32_t Index = 0, slot = 0;
    uint32_t Delay_temp = 0;
    unsigned char check = 0;
    //Tim vi tri thich hop de chen new task
5
    while ((SCH_tasks_G[Index]. TaskFunction != 0) && (Index <
     MAX_TOTAL_TASKS)) {
      if (!check) {
        Delay_temp += SCH_tasks_G[Index].Delay_TIME;
      if (Delay_temp > DELAY && !check) {
        slot = Index;
        check = 1;
        Delay_temp -= SCH_tasks_G[slot]. Delay_TIME;
      //Cap nhat neu task duoc them cung thoi diem thuc thi
      if (Delay_temp == DELAY) {
        SCH_tasks_G[Index].sameDelay = 1;
18
      Index++;
    //Vuot qua so task trong mang
21
    if (Index == MAX_TOTAL_TASKS) {
22
      Error_code_G = ERROR_SCH_TOO_MANY_TASKS;
23
      return Index;
    }
    //Task duoc them vao cuoi cung
26
    if(check == 0)
27
      SCH_tasks_G[Index]. Delay_TIME = DELAY - Delay_temp;
28
      SCH tasks G[Index]. Period TIME = PERIOD;
      SCH_{tasks}G[Index].RunMe = 0;
      SCH_tasks_G[Index]. TaskFunction = pfunction;
      SCH_tasks_G[Index].sameDelay = 0;
32
33
    //Task duoc them vao mot vi tri slot
34
    else {
35
      Tasks taskTemp;
      //Chen task moi vao vi tri slot
      for (int i = slot; i < Index; i++) {
        taskTemp = SCH_tasks_G[i+1];
        SCH_tasks_G[i+1] = SCH_tasks_G[slot];
        SCH_tasks_G[slot] = taskTemp;
      SCH_tasks_G[slot]. Delay_TIME = DELAY - Delay_temp;
      SCH_tasks_G[slot].Period_TIME = PERIOD;
      SCH_tasks_G[slot].RunMe = 0;
      SCH_{tasks}G[slot].sameDelay = 0;
46
      SCH_tasks_G[slot]. TaskFunction = pfunction;
47
      SCH_tasks_G[slot+1].Delay_TIME -= SCH_tasks_G[slot].Delay_TIME;
```

```
49  }
50  return Index;
51 }
```

Program 1.23: SCH_Add_Task function

5.5 SCH_Delete_Task(uint32_t taskID) function

Hàm này có chức năng xóa task trong SCH_tasks_G[] ứng với vị trí index = taskID. Tuy nhiên khi xóa thì tất cả task phía sau task đó được đẩy lên phía trên 1 vị trí để lắp vào vị trí của task đã bị xóa. Đồng thời set các giá trị của task vị trí cuối cùng lại giá tri zero.

```
uint8_t SCH_Delete_Task(uint32_t taskID) {
    unsigned char returnCode;
    //If task didn't exist
3
    if (SCH_tasks_G[taskID]. TaskFunction == 0) {
      //No task at this location
      //Set the global error variable
      Error_code_G = ERROR_SCH_CANNOT_DELETE_TASK;
      returnCode = RETURN ERROR;
8
    }
9
    else {
      returnCode = RETURN_NORMAL;
11
12
    while ((SCH_tasks_G[taskID]. TaskFunction != 0) && (taskID + 1 <
13
     MAX_TOTAL_TASKS)) {
      SCH_tasks_G[taskID] = SCH_tasks_G[taskID+1];
14
      taskID++;
15
    }
16
    //reset
17
    SCH_tasks_G[taskID].Delay_TIME = 0;
18
    SCH_tasks_G[taskID].Period_TIME = 0;
19
    SCH_tasks_G[taskID]. TaskFunction = 0x0000;
20
    SCH tasks G[taskID].RunMe = 0;
21
    SCH_tasks_G[taskID].sameDelay = 0;
22
    return returnCode;
23
24 }
```

Program 1.24: SCH_Delete_Task function

5.6 Enqueue() và Dequeue() function

Hai hàm này hiện thực tương tự như enqueue và dequeue của queue, enqueue sẽ thêm vào cuối hàng đợi, dequeue sẽ lấy ra và xóa ở đầu hàng đợi, hiện thực theo kiểu FIFO. Với queue ở đây là SCH_waiting_queue[]

```
//Them vao cuoi
void enqueue(Tasks taskToAdd) {
  uint32_t index_queue = 0;
  while (SCH_waiting_queue[index_queue]. TaskFunction != 0) {
  index_queue++;
```

```
SCH_waiting_queue[index_queue] = taskToAdd;
8 }
 //xoa o vi tri dau
10 //Dich cac task len 1 vi tri
11 //Reset lai task vi tri cuoi
void dequeue() {
    if (SCH_waiting_queue[0].Period_TIME) {
      SCH_Add_Task(SCH_waiting_queue[0].TaskFunction,
     SCH_waiting_queue[0]. Period_TIME, SCH_waiting_queue[0].
     Period_TIME);
    uint32_t index_queue = 0;
16
    while ((SCH_waiting_queue[index_queue]. TaskFunction != 0) && (
     index_queue + 1 < MAX_TOTAL_WAIT_QUEUE_TASKS)){
      SCH_waiting_queue[index_queue] = SCH_waiting_queue[index_queue
18
     +1];
      index_queue++;
   SCH_waiting_queue[index_queue].Delay_TIME = 0;
21
    SCH_waiting_queue[index_queue].Period_TIME = 0;
22
   SCH_waiting_queue[index_queue]. TaskFunction = 0x0000;
   SCH_waiting_queue[index_queue].RunMe = 0;
24
    SCH_waiting_queue[index_queue].sameDelay = 0;
26
```

Program 1.25: Enqueue và Dequeue function

6 Submission

Phần mô phỏng có thể tải về và chạy thử qua github: https://github.com/TRUONGTRUONG2304/uPuC_lab/tree/main/LAB4

Link demo sån phẩm lab4:

https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1g_v5QCYSHRsydD20Auxd4U0LAhTTI52S

7 References