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# Chapter 1

## Installation

### 1.1 Foreword

It is assumed that you have a basic knowledge of the command line. If it is not the case, make sure to have the first configuration steps checked by a member of the teaching team before to proceed with the labs.

Do not copy the commands from the PDF file, the characters you get may not have the correct code and the shell will not understand them.

When typing shell commands, remember that spaces are important because they separate the command and its arguments. In this document, spaces in commands are represented by a white rectangle like in the following command (it is an example, do not type it):

```
cd  trampoline
```

sets the `trampoline` directory as current directory. This assumes the `trampoline` directory is a subdirectory of the current one.

### 1.2 Setting up the environment

The tools that we will use have already been installed on the machine:

- Trampoline RTOS and the `goil` configuration generator;
- `arm-none-eabi-gcc` `toolchain` including among other tools a c compiler and a c debugger;
- `stlink`, a set of tools to interact with the STM32F303 microcontroller.

In order to be able to use the tools, you have to define the configuration of your development environment. First, you have to inform the system of the location of the tools.

This is done by setting the `PATH` environment variable in your `.profile` file. It can be done with the following commands:

```
echo "export PATH=/Volumes/PRETS/trampoline/goil/makefile-macosx:$PATH" >> ~/.profile
echo "export PATH=/Volumes/PRETS/gcc-arm-none-eabi-8-2018-q4-major/bin:$PATH" >> ~/.profile
```

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[JLB]: Update path reflect new location

To get the `~` character on french apple keyboard, you have to use `Alt+n`.

It is assumed that the location of the `stlink` tools are already in the `PATH`. If it is not the case, update your `.profile`.

The `.profile` file is parsed by the shell when it starts. To force your current shell instance to read the file, use the following command:

```
source ~/.profile
```

This will enable the configuration in the terminal where you typed the command. In order to have the configuration active in all terminals, you have to log out and then log in the system.

Now, check that `goil` is working. The command `goil --version` should print:

```
goil : 3.1.9, build with GALGAS 3.3.11
No warning, no error.
```

Then check that `gcc-arm` is also working. The command `arm-none-eabi-gcc --version` should print:

```
arm-none-eabi-gcc (GNU Tools for Arm Embedded Processors 8-2018-q4-major) 8.2.1 20181213 [...]
Copyright (C) 2018 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
This is free software; see the source for copying conditions. There is NO
warranty; not even for MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.
```

Last, check that `stlink` tools are available with the following command: `st-info --version`. The output should be:

```
v1.3.0
```

You are now ready to compile and load your first application on the board. But first, let's take a quick look at the board.

# Chapter 2

## The board

### 2.1 Overview

You already know the board since it is the same that is used for the labs of the MICRO course. It is built around a STM32F303 microcontroller unit (MCU) that has an ARM Cortex-M4 computing core. It is a 32 bits micro-controller running at 64MHz. It embeds 65kB of flash memory to store the program and the constant data and 12kB of SRAM to store the variables.

Among the peripherals present on the board, we will use:

- the reset button;
- the LCD screen;
- the I/O extender that is used to connect:
  - on port A, 8 leds;
  - on port B, 4 push buttons and 4 switches.

Communication between the MCU and both the LCD and the I/O multiplexer uses the SPI interface of the MCU. Thus to ensure integrity of transactions, the software design must enforce that transactions are atomic with regards to each others.

The board power is supplied by USB. Connect a USB port to the MCU USB plug and the board switches on.

### 2.2 The `coro_utils` functions

A set of functions are provided to use the LCD, the I/O extender, and one of the embedded timer. The source code of these functions is provided in the `coro_utils.cpp` file. Some of them are documented below.

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[MB]: Update section to reflect integration of functions through `setupBoard`.

**void setupIOExtender()** sets up the IO extender. This function has to be called once, before to use the functions of the IO Extender driver (see below).

**void setupDisplay()** sets up the display. This function has to be called once, before to use the printing functions.

**void eraseDisplay()** erases the display.

**void println\_string(const char \* str)** prints *str* on the TFT and goes to next line.

**void println\_uint(uint32\_t u)** prints *u* on the TFT and goes to next line.

**void println\_int(int32\_t u)** prints *i* on the TFT and goes to next line.

**void setupTimer()** sets up timer TIM6 with a 1 $\mu$ s tick. This function has to be called once, before to use the functions related to the timer.

**void resetTimer()** resets TIM6 value to 0.

**uint32\_t getTimerValue()** returns TIM6 current value.

## 2.3 The IO extender driver

The IO extender drivers implements a set of functions to change the states of LEDs and poll the state of buttons. Notice that the programming of IO pins in input or output is done in the *setupIOExtender* function.

The driver is provided by the class *mcp23s17*. Users should not create instance of this class as a singleton instance named *ioExt* is created at compile time.

Among the function provided by the driver, we will use:

**void digitalWrite(port p, uint8\_t bitNum, bool value)** sets the value of bit *bitNum* (in the range 0 to 7) of port *p* (either `mcp23s17::PORTA` or `mcp23s17::PORTB`) to value *value* (0 or 1).

**uint8\_t digitalRead(port p, uint8\_t bitNum)** returns the value of bit *bitNum* (in the range 0 to 7) of port *p* (either `mcp23s17::PORTA` or `mcp23s17::PORTB`).

**void digitalWrite(port p, uint8\_t bitNum)** toggles the value of bit *bitNum* (in the range 0 to 7) of port *p* (either `mcp23s17::PORTA` or `mcp23s17::PORTB`).

**void setBits(port p, uint8\_t bitField)** sets the value of bits of port *p* contained in *bitField* to HIGH.

**void clearBits(port p, uint8\_t bitField)** sets the value of bits of port *p* contained in *bitField* to LOW.

**void writeBits(port p, uint8\_t val)** overwrites values of bits of *p* with *val*.

**uint8\_t readBits(port p)** returns the values of bits of *p*.

As an illustration, the following code turn on LED 0 and toggles LED 1.

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```
TASK(t_LED0ON_LED1TOGGLE)
{
    ioExt.digitalWrite(mcp23s17::PORTA, 0, 1);
    ioExt.digitalToggle(mcp23s17::PORTA, 1);
    TerminateTask();
}
```

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And the following example reads switch button 0 to start Trampoline in a specific appmode.

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```
int main()
{
    if (ioExt.digitalRead(mcp23s17::PORTB, 0) == 0)
    {
        /* Start Trampoline in the testAppmode appmode */
        StartOS(testAppmode);
    }
    else /* otherwise */
    {
        /* Start Trampoline in the default appmode */
        StartOS(OSDEFAULTAPPMODE);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

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## Chapter 3

# Lab 1 – Understanding fixed priority scheduling

### 3.1 Goal

The goal of this lab is to become familiar with the development process of application using Trampoline RTOS, and to understand how fixed priority scheduling works. We will also see Events.

Trampoline includes an OIL compiler. It reads a static description of the objects of the application (tasks, ISRs, events, resources, etc.) and generates the corresponding OS data structures. In addition to the OIL description, the developer must of course provide the C source code of the body of tasks and ISRs.

### 3.2 Starting point

Go into the lab1 directory. There are 2 files:

**lab1.oil** a minimal OIL description.

**lab1.cpp** a minimal source code.

Edit the lab1.oil file and update the `TRAMPOLINE_BASE_PATH` attribute in function of your configuration: it should point to the directory where Trampoline is installed.

lab1 is a very simple application with only 1 task named `task1`. It starts automatically (`AUTOSTART = TRUE { ... }` in the OIL file) and turns on LED A0.

To compile this application, go into the lab1 directory and type (on a single line):

```
goil --target=cortex/armv7em/stm32f303/coroLabBoard  
--templates=/path/to/trampoline/goil/templates lab1.oil
```

**TODO**  
[JLB]: update path

The `--target` option is used to define the target system (here we generate the OS level data structures of Trampoline for a `cortex` core with the `armv7em` instruction set, a `stm32f303` micro-controller and the board is the `coroLabBoard`). The `--templates` option indicates where to find the template files used to generate the configuration of the kernel.

Alongside the C files of the kernel configuration, Goil also generates a build script for the application (files `make.py` and `build.py`).

If you change something in the OIL file or in your source code file, you do not need to re-run Goil because the build script should run it when needed.

Continue the build process by typing:

```
./make.py
```

The application and Trampoline OS are compiled and linked together. The target file is named `lab1_elf`.

To upload the application, check that the board is connected to the computer, then type:

```
./make.py burn
```

The following message is displayed (some lines have been truncated to fit on the page):

```
Nothing to make.
st-flash write lab1.elf.bin 0x8000000
st-flash 1.5.1
2019-04-28T17:45:53 INFO common.c: Loading device parameters....
2019-04-28T17:45:53 INFO common.c: Device connected is: F334 device, id 0x10016438
2019-04-28T17:45:53 INFO common.c: SRAM size: 0x3000 bytes (12 KiB), Flash: 0x10000 ...
2019-04-28T17:45:53 INFO common.c: Attempting to write 16660 (0x4114) bytes to stm32 ...
Flash page at addr: 0x08004000 erased
2019-04-28T17:45:53 INFO common.c: Finished erasing 9 pages of 2048 (0x800) bytes
2019-04-28T17:45:53 INFO common.c: Starting Flash write for VL/F0/F3/F1_XL core id
2019-04-28T17:45:53 INFO flash_loader.c: Successfully loaded flash loader in sram
9/9 pages written
2019-04-28T17:45:53 INFO common.c: Starting verification of write complete
2019-04-28T17:45:54 INFO common.c: Flash written and verified! jolly good!
```

The program starts and LED A0 should be on.

### 3.3 OS system calls and tasks

For each question, you should create a copy of the `lab1` directory and change its name to `lab1q1`, `lab1q2`, ...

#### 3.3.1 Task activation and scheduling

The `ActivateTask()` system call allows to activate a task of the application.



**Question 1** Add two tasks in the system: *task2* and *task3*.

- add the declaration of both tasks in the OIL file; *task2* should have priority 1 and its *AUTOSTART* attribute should be set to *FALSE*; *task3* should have priority 8 and its *AUTOSTART* attribute should be set to *FALSE*;
- in the cpp file, you should:
  - declare each tasks with the *DeclareTask* keyword,
  - provide the body of each tasks:
    - \* task *task2* turns on LED A2 and turns off LED A3;
    - \* task *task3* turns on LED A3 and turns off LED A2;
  - and, lastly, modify task *task1* so that it activates *task2* and *task3* (in this order).

Before to execute the resulting application, draw a schedule and determine the final state of LEDs. Your diagram must clearly show activation, execution and termination of each job using symbols used in the course. Then execute the application and check the correctness of your diagram.

### Using the debugger to follow the scheduling

TODO

**Question 2** Run the application step by step with the debugger and follow the scheduling. Identify precisely the preemption point in the code of each tasks.

**TODO**  
[SF]: add text on gdb, add *init.gdb* in code.

### Measuring execution times with a timer

TODO

**Question 3** Build an application to measure the execution time of *ActivateTask* in the following cases:

- fully preemptive scheduling, activation of a higher priority task.
- fully preemptive scheduling, activation of a lower priority task.
- fully non preemptive scheduling, activation of a higher priority task.
- fully non preemptive scheduling, activation of a lower priority task.

Explain how to use the timer functions for each case and explain the results.

**TODO**  
[SF]: add text on timer API + text on where to use functions

### 3.3.2 Task chaining

The *ChainTask()* system call allows to chain the execution of a task: the calling job terminates and a new job of the target task is created.

**Question 4** Starting from the application of question 1, replace the call to `TerminateTask` by a `ChainTask(task3)` at the end of task `a`. Update task `task3` so that it prints something each time it is executed. Draw a schedule of the new system. Then execute the application to check the correctness of your diagram. Comment on the differences with the previous application.

**Question 5** Chain to `task2` instead of `task3`. Update task `task2` so that it prints something each time it is executed. Draw a schedule of the new system. Then execute the application to check the correctness of your diagram. Comment on the differences with the previous application.

**Question 6** Test the error code returned by `ChainTask`. Modify the `OIL` file so that `ChainTask` returns `E_OK`. Draw a schedule of the new system. Then execute the application to check the correctness of your diagram. Comment on the differences with the previous application.

**Question 7** Build an application to measure the execution time of `ChainTask` in the following cases:

- fully preemptive scheduling, activation of a higher priority task.
- fully preemptive scheduling, activation of a lower priority task.
- fully non preemptive scheduling, activation of a higher priority task.
- fully non preemptive scheduling, activation of a lower priority task.

Explain how to use the timer functions for each case and explain the results.

### 3.4 Extended tasks and synchronization using events

*For the following exercises, you should use full preemptive scheduling mode.*

Unlike a basic task, an extended task may wait for an event. In terms of scheduling, a job is activated when a task is activated or when it leaves the waiting state.

Before to proceed with the following questions, consult the slides of the course to become familiar with events in Trampoline.

**Question 8** Based on the application of Question 1, build an application with the following characteristics:

- set priority of `task1` to 8;
- add two events, `evt_1` and `evt_2`:
  - `evt_1` is set by task `task0` to task `task1`.
  - `evt_2` is set by task `task0` to task `task2`.
- modify the code of the tasks:

- task `task0` activates `task1` and `task2` then sets `evt_1` and `evt_2` before to terminate.
- tasks `task1` and `task2` wait for their event, clear it, and terminate.

Draw a schedule of the new system. Then execute the application to check the correctness of your diagram (before to run the application, add outputs in the code of the task, for instance writes to the LCD or LEDs to ease the correctness checking).

**Question 9** Build an application to measure the execution time of `SetEvent` in the following cases:

- fully preemptive scheduling, setting an event to a higher priority tasks that is not waiting for the event.
- fully preemptive scheduling, setting an event to a higher priority tasks that is waiting for the event.
- fully preemptive scheduling, setting an event to a lower priority tasks that is not waiting for the event.
- fully preemptive scheduling, setting an event to a lower priority tasks that is waiting for the event.

Explain how to use the timer functions for each case and explain the results.

**Question 10** Program an application conforming to the following requirements:

- it is composed of two tasks: `server` priority 2, `t1` priority 1.
- `server` is an infinite loop that activates `t1` and waits for event `evt_1`.
- `t1` prints “I am t1” and sets `evt_1` of `server`.

Before to run the application, draw a schedule of the execution. Add outputs in the bodies of the task (for instance writes to the LCD or the LEDs) to verify your schedule.

**Question 11** Extend the previous application by adding 2 tasks: `t2` and `t3` (priority 1 for both) and 2 events `evt_2` and `evt_3`. `server` activates `t1`, `t2` and `t3` and waits for one of the events. When one of the events is set, `server` activates the corresponding task again.

Before to run the application, draw a schedule of the execution. Add outputs in the bodies of the task (for instance writes to the LCD or the LEDs) to verify your schedule.

## Chapter 4

# Lab 2 – Periodic tasks and Alarms

### 4.1 Goal

Real-Time systems are reactive systems which have to do processing as a result of events. You have seen in Lab #1 how to start processing as a result of an internal event of the system: by activating a task (`ActivateTask` and `ChainTask` services) or by setting an event (`SetEvent` service). In this lab, you will trigger processing as a result of time elapsing (expiration of an Alarm). This lab uses the following concepts: alarm and counter. On the lab board, the SysTick timer is used as interrupt source for alarms. The interrupt is sent every 1ms.

### 4.2 First application

This application implements a periodic task that reads switch button B0 of the board every 100ms. When switch B0 is open, A3 is turned off. When button B0 is closed, A3 is turned on.

**Question 12** *The `updateStateOfB0` function implements a small state machine to convert the state of the switch button to states and events. Draw this state machine. Draw a schedule of the application (the execution of the interrupt service routine associated with the SysTick will not be represented; it will be assumed to be negligible). Your diagram should show the instants where the state of the switch changes as well as the state of A3. Build and execute the application to verify your diagram.*

Modify the application: when B0 is closed, a processing is triggered. This processing is performed by activating a job of task `t_process` (priority 3) that, on odd executions, turns on LEDs A4 to A8 and on even executions turns them off.

**Question 13** Draw a schedule of the application. Your diagram should show the physical state of the switch as well as the state of the LEDs (associate numbers with the different state and use these numbers in your diagram). Build and execute the application to verify your diagram.

### 4.3 Second application

The second application will use 2 periodic tasks: **t1** (priority 2, period 1s) and **t2** (priority 1, period 1.5s). **t1** toggles LED A3 each time it executes and **t2** toggles LED A4.

**Question 14** Draw a schedule of the application that show the 20 first states of the LEDs. What is the global period of the system?

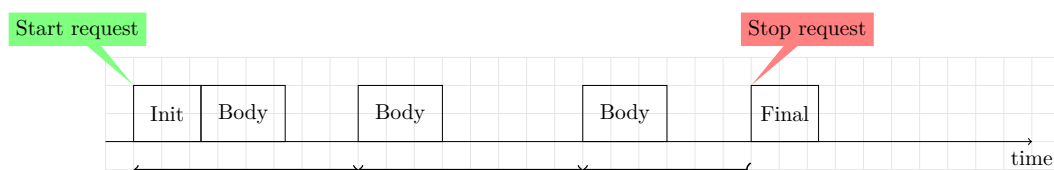
The application needs a counter and 2 alarms. Program, build, and run the application.

### 4.4 Third application

In the third application, alarms, counters, and polling of the switch buttons are mixed. This application is a system with 2 switches. After startup, the system is waiting. When the first switch is closed, the system starts a *function*<sup>1</sup> **F** that is implemented using a periodic task (period = 1s). To “see” **F**, uses a blinking LED. When the first switch is opened, function **F** is stopped. When the second switch is closed, the system is shutdown as quickly as possible (ie **ShutdownOS**<sup>2</sup> is called).

**Question 15** Explain the design of the application: provide the list and configuration of tasks and alarms. Draw schedules showing different executions. Build and execute the application to verify your diagrams.

Requirements change. Now function **F** implementation needs an **Init** code (runs once when **F** is started) and a **Final** code (runs once when **F** is stopped) as shown in the following diagram:



**Question 16** Modify the application to take the new requirements into account. Your implementation will use only basic tasks. Each phase of **F** (**Init**, **Body**, and **Final**) is executed in a different task. Explain the design of the application: provide the list and

<sup>1</sup>Here we mean a function of the application, not a function of the C language.

<sup>2</sup>The **ShutdownOS** service shutdowns the operating system. All tasks and alarms are stopped. **ShutdownOS** takes a **StatusType** argument to specify the kind or error which occurred. In our case use **E\_OK** as argument.

*configuration of tasks and alarms. Draw schedules showing different execution scenarios. Build and execute the application to verify your diagrams.*

**Question 17** *Same question as above, but your implementation will use an extended task to control the execution of Init, F, and Stop.*

## 4.5 Fourth application

In this part, you will implement a watchdog. It is a mechanism that allows to stop a processing or a waiting period once a delay has elapsed.

In your application, each time B0 is closed, B3 must be pressed within 4 seconds. In this case, you print the time between the two occurrences. Otherwise, an error message is displayed. If B0 is closed more than once are within 5 seconds from the first time, these events are ignored.

**Question 18** *Specify this behaviour with a state machine. What is happening if the timeout occurs just after B3 has been closed but before the waiting task got the event? Design and program a solution that handles this situation correctly. Draw a schedule of the behaviour of your application in such a scenario (this schedule should show the state of the alarms).*

## 4.6 Fifth application

Program a chase<sup>3</sup> with a 0.5s period. To do so, use 8 periodic tasks. Each periodic task manages a LED. The chase effect is done by using alarms with a time shift between them.

When B0 is closed, the chase starts, when it is opened, it is reset. When B3 is closed, the chase stops until B3 is opened. When B2 is closed, the chase direction changes (even if it is stopped).

**Question 19** *Specify the high level behaviour with a state machine. Design and program the application. Explain your design.*

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<sup>3</sup>chenillard in French

## Chapter 5

# Lab 3 – Shared object access protection

To show resources usage, we will use a bad program that allows to corrupt a shared global variable which is not protected against concurrent writes. This has been presented in the course. This lab will show different ways to prevent this wrong behavior by using resources (standard and internal) or other solutions (preemption and priority).

To ensure that the compiler does not hide our bug, update the value of the `CFLAGS` key in the OIL file: replace option `-Os` by `-O0` to turn off all optimizations.

### 5.1 Application requirements

The diagram of figure 5.1 describes the application. It is composed of 3 tasks that share 2 global variables **declared with the volatile keyword**: `val` and `activationCount`:

- a background task called `bgTask`, activated at startup. In an infinite loop it increments then decrements the global variable `val`. This task has priority 1.
- a periodic task called `periodicTask` that activates a job every 50ms. This periodic task increments the global variable `activationCount`. If `activationCount` is odd, `val` is incremented, otherwise it is decremented. This task has priority 10.
- a periodic task `displayTask` that runs every 2 second and prints `val` on the LCD. This task has priority 2.

**Question 20** *Before programming the application, gives the expected sequence of values for `val`. Design, program, and run the application. Now, decrease gradually the period of task `periodicTask` and observe the sequence of values of `val`. Comment.*

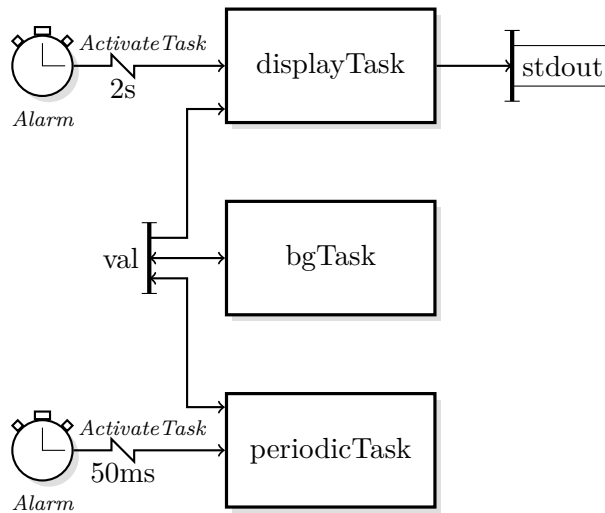


Figure 5.1: Application diagram

## 5.2 Global variable protection

Update the OIL file and the C program to protect the access to the global variable `val`. Use a resource to do it.

The resource priority is automatically computed by goil according to the priorities of the tasks which use it.

The OIL compiler generates many files in the directory bearing the same name as the oil file (without the `.oil` suffix). Among them 3 are of interest for this lab:

- `tpl_app_define.h`
- `tpl_app_config.h`
- `tpl_app_config.c`

The file `tpl_app_config.c` contains the tasks descriptors among other data structures. These structures are commented.

### Question 21

- *Recall the computation rule of the ceiling priority of a resource with the immediate ceiling protocol. According to this rule, what should be the ceiling priority of the resource?*
- *Find the actual ceiling priority in `tpl_app_config.c`. Is it the expected value? If not, is it a problem?*



### 5.3 Protection with an internal resource

An internal resource is automatically taken when the job gets the CPU, and released when it terminates. Replace the standard resource by an internal resource in the OIL file. Remove the `GetResource` and `ReleaseResource` in the C file.

#### Question 22

- *What happens? Why?*
- *How to solve the problem? Draw a schedule of a correct implementation of the system. Program this solution.*

### 5.4 Protection using a single priority level

**Question 23** *Modify the OIL file: remove the resource and set the priorities so that all tasks share the same priority. Draw a schedule of the system.*

### 5.5 Protection using fully non preemptive scheduling mode

**Question 24** *Modify the OIL file: all tasks are now non preemptive. Draw a schedule of the system.*

### 5.6 Upgrading the `coro_utils` function

**Question 25** *As explained in section 2.2, both the screen and the IO expander use the SPI interface of the MCU. Thus, to ensure coherency of the transactions, we have avoided using both devices in the same application. Upgrade the current implementations of the functions to solve this problem and design an application that shows the effectiveness of your solution.*

# Chapter 6

## Lab4

## Internal communication

### 6.1 Overview

Internal messaging may be used as an easy to use replacement for shared variables. Messaging allows to send data between tasks. This lab will show the different ways to communicate in OSEK.

Design a first simple application with 2 communicating tasks. The OIL file declare 2 tasks: `sender` and `receiver` and 2 messages: `outMessage` and `inMessage`. `inMessage` is connected to `outMessage`. Task `sender` uses `outMessage` and task `receiver` uses `inMessage`.

Task `sender` is activated every second by the mean of an alarm and sends data to `outMessage`. Send for instance the number of activation of task `sender`. When the data is received in `inMessage`, the notification mechanism activates task `receiver`. `receiver` reads the data from `inMessage` and prints the value.

Notice that message identifiers must be declared before to be used in the source file with `DeclareMessage`.

### 6.2 Message broadcasting

OSEK messaging supports *many-to-many* communication. This is done by having more than one receiving messages connected to the same sending message.

**Question 26** *Add 2 other receiving messages connected to `outMessage`. The first message activates the task `Emergency` (add the corresponding task), the second message sets an event to task `NormalOperation` (add the corresponding extended tasks too). Write the C code of the tasks you added. The first one receives the message and prints the*

value; the second one waits for the event in an infinite loop, receives the message and prints the value. Check the application works as expected.

## 6.3 Filtering

**Question 27** Add a filter to activate task *receiver* upon the 4th message and then every 3 values (ie 4th, 7th, 11st and so on).

**Question 28** Modify task *sender* to send pseudo-random values ranging from 0 to 100 (you can use for instance *xorshift32* as described here: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xorshift>) and then a modulus. Using filtering, set the event to task *NormalOperation* only if the value is within the range [20,60]; activate task *Emergency* only if the value is not within the range.

## 6.4 Queued messages

**Question 29** Restarting with the Messaging application, modify the *inMessage* to make it a queued message with a size of 4 data items and remove the notification. Add an alarm to activate task *receiver* every 4 seconds. Check the return value of *ReceiveMessage* and verify that no error occurred (queue under- or over-flow). If errors occur, correct the application.