

Freescal e MQX RTOS Example Guide

Semaphore example

This document explains the semaphore example, what to expect when running it and a brief introduction to the API.

The example

The semaphore example code shows how semaphore works. The code is written in a way that three different semaphores are synchronized to ensure mutual exclusion of a common memory space.

Running the example

The user only needs to do compilation of MQX libraries, ksdk library and the example without any further step.

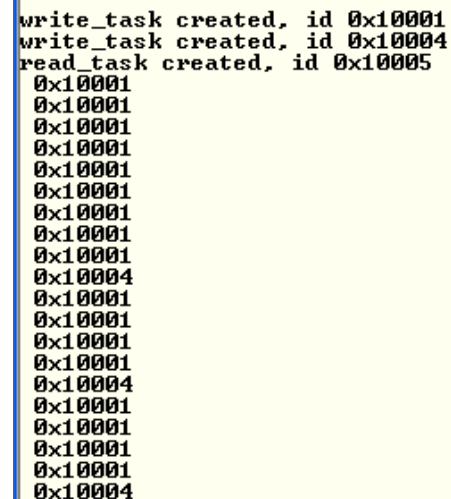
The MQX_USE_SEMAPHORES macro must be set to non-zero in the user_config.h file prior to compilation of MQX kernel libraries and the example itself.

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#define MQX_USE_SEMAPHORES 1
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To run the example the corresponding IDE, compiler, debugger and a terminal program are needed.

Start a terminal application on your PC and set the serial connection for 115200 baud, 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, no parity and no flow control.

After running, the results will be as the picture below.



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write_task created, id 0x10001
write_task created, id 0x10004
read_task created, id 0x10005
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Explaining the example

The application example creates three tasks with same priority and FIFO policy.

Main task

This task initializes three semaphores (write_sem, read_sem, index_sem), creates NUM_WRITERS write_task's, and creates one read_task.

Write task

This task opens a connection to all three semaphores then waits for sem.write and sem.index.

If the write_sem and index_sem are available, the write_task writes one entry in the data array (id of active write task) and posts sem.index and sem.read.

Read task

This task opens a connection to all three semaphores then waits for sem.read and sem.index.

If the read_sem and index_sem are available, the read_task will displays element in the data array. Sem.index and sem.write are then posted.

Flow chart

