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**Experiment / assignment / tutorial No. 06**  
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**TITLE:** Inter-task communication using Queues

**AIM:** Write a FreeRTOS based program to send & receive message using queues & UART0 of LPC 2148

1. **OUTCOME:** Implement Open Source RTOS for resource sharing using inter task communication

**Components Required: -**

**Hardware:**

- LPC2148 Microcontroller Board
- UART0 interface (for serial communication)
- Serial communication cable (e.g., USB to UART converter)
- PC or terminal software (e.g., PuTTY, Tera Term) for UART communication

**Software:**

- Keil  $\mu$ Vision IDE
- ARM Compiler

**Procedure:-**

**Step 1: Setup the Project**

- Create a new Keil project for LPC2148.
- Add the startup files and system initialization code.
- Add FreeRTOS source files to the project.
- Configure the clock and peripheral initialization, especially UART0.

**Step 2: Initialize UART0**

- Configure UART0 baud rate, data bits, parity, stop bits.
- Enable UART0 interrupts if needed.

**Step 3: Create FreeRTOS Tasks**

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- Create two tasks:
  - **Sender Task:** Sends messages to a queue.
  - **Receiver Task:** Receives messages from the queue and sends them over UART0.

#### **Step 4: Create a Queue**

- Define and create a queue with `xQueueCreate()` to hold messages

#### **Step 5: Implement Task Functions**

- **Sender Task:**
  - Periodically sends messages to the queue using `xQueueSend()` or `xQueueSendToBack()`.
- **Receiver Task:**
  - Waits on the queue using `xQueueReceive()`.
  - When a message is received, transmits it via UART0.

#### **Step 6: Start the Scheduler**

- Call `vTaskStartScheduler()` to start the FreeRTOS scheduler.

#### **Step 7: Debug and Test**

- Connect UART0 to PC terminal software.
- Build and flash the program to LPC2148.
- Observe messages sent from the receiver task on the PC terminal.

#### **Mention and Describe the FreeRTOS APIs related to Queue**

`xQueueCreate()`    Creates a new queue instance. You specify the queue length (number of items) and item size.

`xQueueSend()`    Sends an item to the back of the queue from a task. Blocks or returns immediately based on timeout.

`xQueueSendToBack()`    Alias for `xQueueSend()`, adds item to the back of the queue.

`xQueueSendToFront()`    Sends an item to the front of the queue, useful for priority messages.

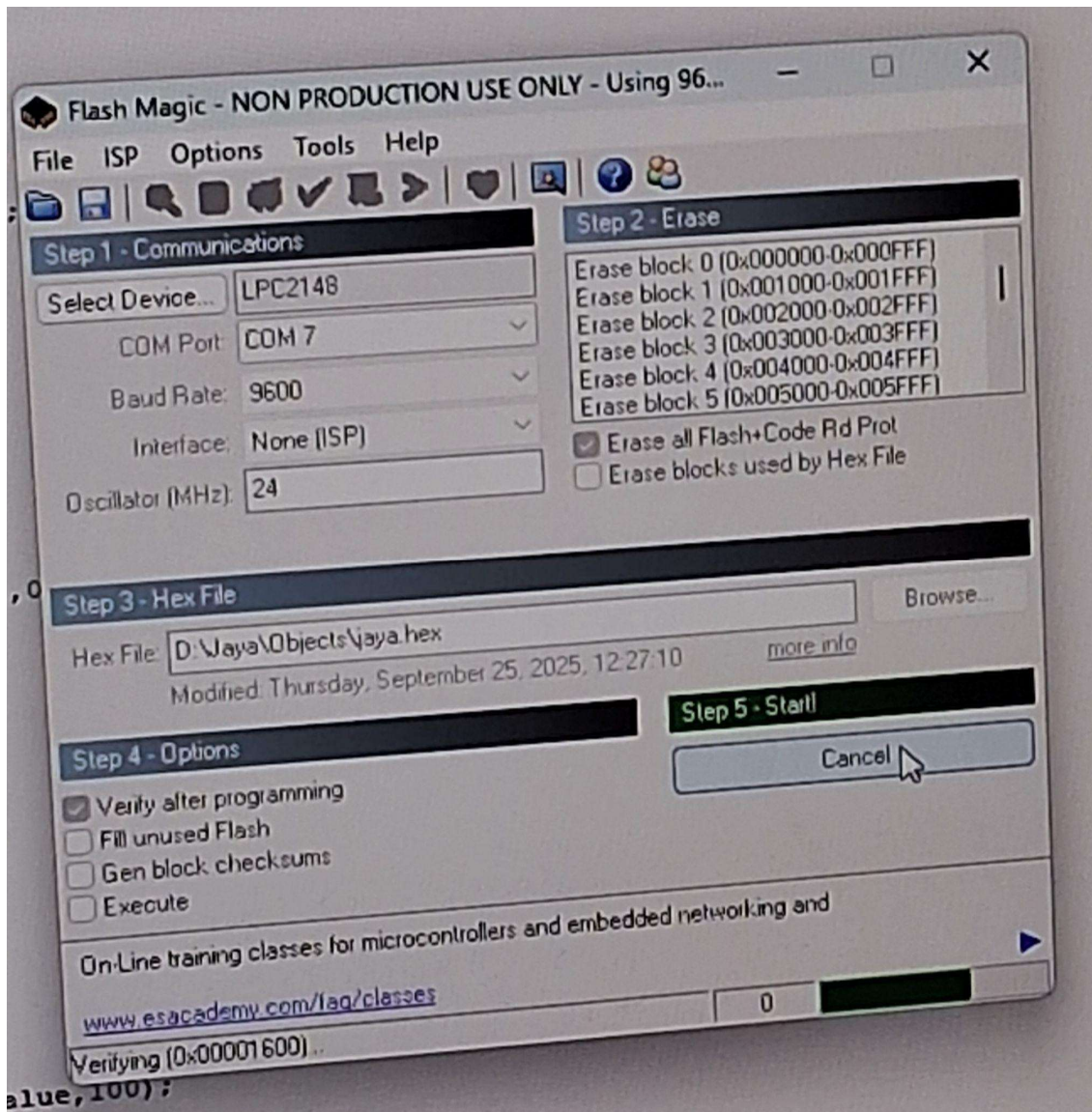
`xQueueReceive()`    Receives (reads) an item from the queue, optionally blocking until an item becomes available.

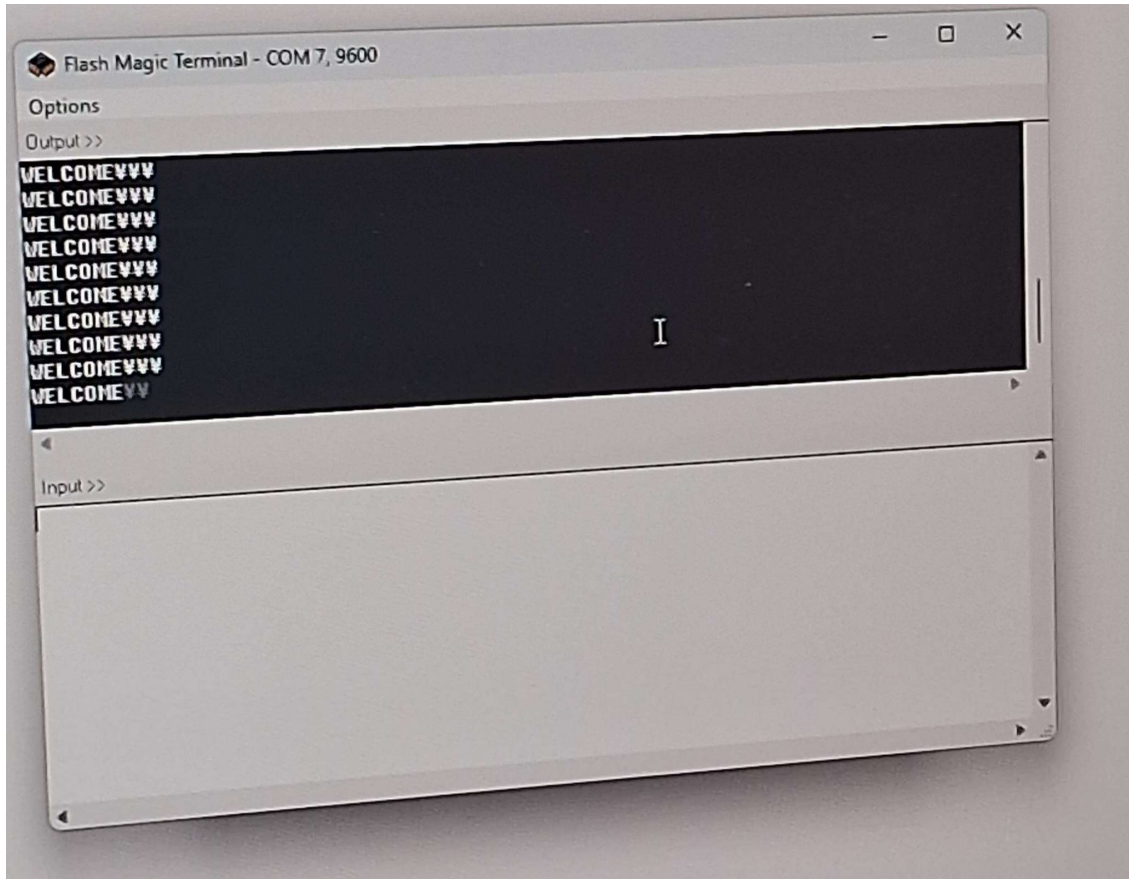
`xQueuePeek()`    Peeks at the item at the front of the queue without removing it.

`uxQueueMessagesWaiting()`    Returns the number of messages currently stored in the queue.

`vQueueDelete()`    Deletes a queue and frees up resources.

**Observations: -**





**Conclusion:**

The program successfully demonstrates inter-task communication using FreeRTOS queues, enabling safe and efficient message passing between tasks. This implementation highlights how RTOS facilitates resource sharing and synchronization in embedded systems.

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