

Major Characteristics of RTOS (Last lecture)

- Determinism
 - Deterministic system calls
- Responsiveness (quoted by vendors)
 - Fast process/thread switch
 - Fast interrupt response
- User control over OS policies
 - Mainly scheduling policies
 - Memory allocation
- "Controlled code size"
- Support for concurrency and real-time
 - Multi-tasking & Synchronization
 - Time management

Real time programming

- It is mostly about "Concurrent programming"
- We also need to handle Timing Constraints on concurrent executions of tasks (and maybe other constraints on e.g. energy consumption etc)

However, remember:

- "concurrency" is a way of structuring computer programs
e.g. three "concurrent modules": task 1, task 2 task 3
- "concurrency" is often implemented by "fast sequential computation"

RTOS vs. Programming Languages

- Without RTOS support
 - Program your tasks in any programming language (C, Assembly ...)
 - Cyclic Execution
- With RTOS support
 - Program your tasks in any programming language
 - Fix the scheduler in OS e.g. static schedule, priority assignment
- With RTOS and **RT programming language**
 - Program your tasks in a RT languages e.g. RT Java, Ada
 - RTOS is "hidden", a Run-Time kernel for each program

We will consider the RT prog. lang. **Ada**

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RT programming: the classic approach

- Program your tasks in any sequential language
- Simplest approach: **cyclic execution**

```
loop
  do task 1
  do task 2
  do task 3
end loop
```

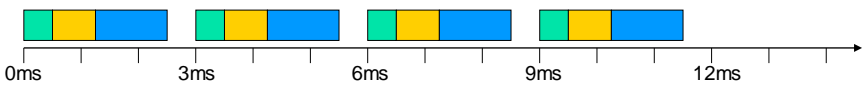
Efficient code, deterministic, predictable,
But difficult to make it right, difficult to reuse existing design
In particular extremely difficult for constructing large systems!

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Cyclic Execution : example

Task	Required sample rate	Processing time
t1	3ms (333Hz)	0.5ms
t2	6ms (166Hz)	0.75ms
t3	14ms (71Hz)	1.25ms

```
void main(void)
{
    do_init();
    while (1)
    {
        t1();
        t2();
        t3();
        delay_until_cycle_start();
    }
}
```



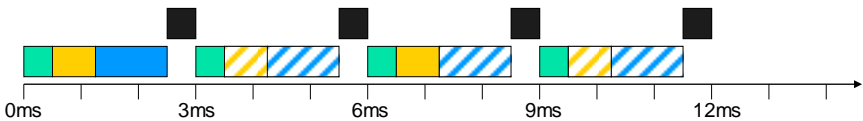
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Cyclic Execution : “overheads”

Task	Required sample rate	Processing time
t1	3ms (333Hz)	0.5ms
t2	6ms (166Hz)	0.75ms
t3	14ms (71Hz)	1.25ms

t2 requires 12.5% CPU ($0.75/6$), uses 25% ($4 \cdot 0.75/12$)
t3 requires 9% CPU ($1.25/14$), uses 42% ($4 \cdot 1.25/12$)

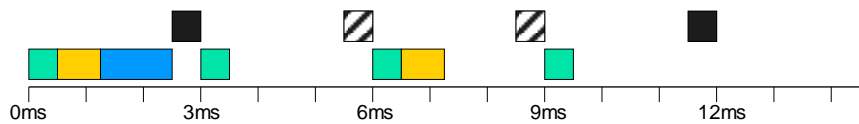
add interrupt **I** with 0.5ms processing time



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Major/minor cyclic scheduling

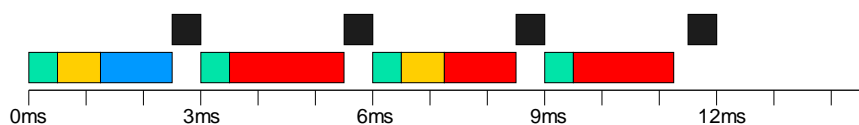
- 12ms major cycle containing 3ms minor cycles
 - t1 every 3ms, t2 every 6ms, t3 every 12ms
- t3 still upsampled (10.4% where 9% needed)
- time is still allocated for **I** in every cycle
 - will not always be used, but must be reserved



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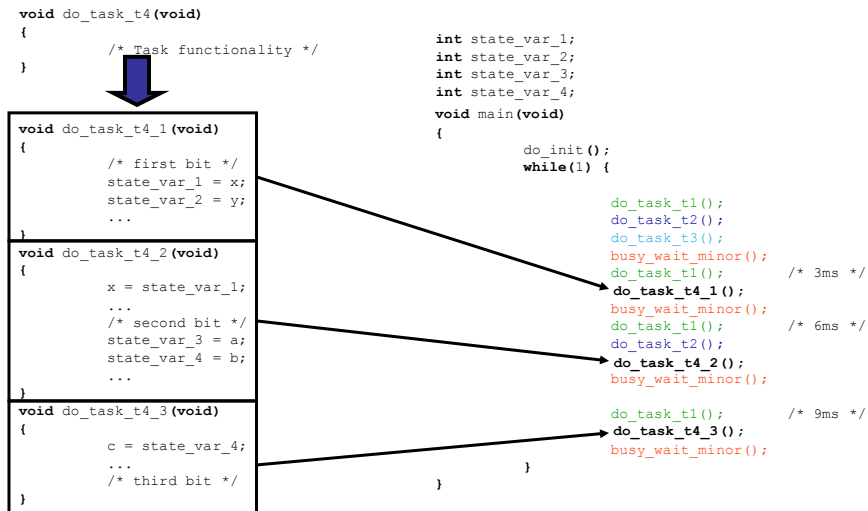
Fitting tasks to cycles

- add t4 with 14ms rate and 5ms processing time
 - 12ms cycle has 5.25ms free time...
 - ...but t4 has to be artificially partitioned



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Effect of new task at code level



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This is too “ad hoc”, though this is often used in industry

- You just don’t want to do this for large software systems, say a few hundreds of control tasks
- This was why “Multitasking” came into the picture

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Concurrent programming with multitasking:

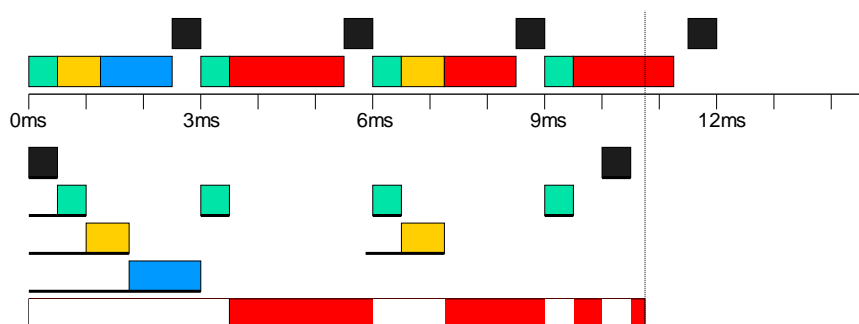
- Program your computation tasks, execute them concurrently with OS support e.g. in LegOS

```
execi(foo1, ..., priority1, ...);  
execi(foo2, ..., priority2, ...);  
execi(foo3, ..., priority3, ...);
```

Will start three concurrent tasks running foo1, foo2, foo3

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Cyclic Execution vs. Multitasking



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Today's topic: Real Time Programming with Ada

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Ada95

- It is strongly typed OO language, looks like Pascal
- Originally designed by the US DoD as a language for large safety critical systems i.e. Military systems
 - Ada83
 - Ada95 + RT annex + Distributed Systems Annex
 - Ada 2005

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The basic structures in Ada

- A large part in common with other languages
 - Procedures
 - Functions
 - Basic types: integers, characters, ...
 - Control statements: if, for, ..., case analysis
- Any thing new?
 - Abstract data type: Packages
 - Protected data type
 - Tasking: concurrency
 - Task communication/synchronization: rendezvous
 - Real Time

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Typical structure of programs

Program Foo(...)

Declaration 1 ←----- to introduce identities/variables
and define data structures

Declaration 2 ←----- to define "operations" : procedures, functions
and/or tasks (concurrent operations)
to manipulate the data structures

Main program
(Program body) ←----- a sequence of statements or "operations" to
compute the result (output)

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Declarations and statements

- Before each block, you have to declare (define) the variables used, just like any sequential program

```
procedure PM (A : in  INTEGER;
              B: in out INTEGER;
              C : out  INTEGER) is
begin
  B := B+A;
  C := B + A;
end PM;
```

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If, for, case: contrl-statements

```
if TEMP < 15 then
  some smart code;
else
  do something else..;
end if;

case TAL is
  when <2 =>
    PUT_LINE("one or two");
  when >4 =>
    PUT_LINE("greater than 4");
end case;

for I in 1..12 loop
  PUT("in the loop");
end loop;
```

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Types (like in Pascal or any other fancy languages)

```
type LINE_NUMBER is range 1 .. 72
type WEEKDAY is (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday);
type serie is array (1..10) of FLOAT;
```

```
type CAR is
  record
    REG_NUMBER   : STRING(1 .. 6);
    TYPE         : STRING(1 .. 20);
  end record;
```

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Concurrent (and Real Time) Programming with Ada

- **Abstract data types**
 - package
 - protected data type
- **Concurrency**
 - Task creation
 - Task execution
- **Communication/synchronization**
 - Rendezvous
- **Real time:**
 - Delay(10) and Delay until next-time
 - Scheduling according to timing constraints

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"Package": abstract data type in Ada

- package definition ---- specification
- Package body ---- implementation

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Package definition -- Specificaiton

- Objects declared in specification is visible externally.

```
package MY_PACKAGE is
  procedure myfirst_procedure;
  procedure mysecond_procedure;
end MY_PACKAGE;
```

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Package body -- Implementation

- Implements package specification

```
(you probably want to use some other packages here e.g.. )
with TEXT_IO;
use TEXT_IO;

package body MY_PACKAGE is
  procedure myfirst_procedure is
  begin
    myfirst_procedure code here;
  end;

  function MAX (X,Y :INTEGER) return INTEGER is
  begin
    ... ..
  end;

  procedure mysecond_procedure is
  begin
    PUT_LINE("Hello Im Ada Who are U");
    GET();
  end;
end MY_PACKAGE;
```

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Protected data type

```
protected Buffer is
  procedure read(x: out integer)
  procedure write(x: in integer)
private
  v: integer := 0 /* initial value */
```

```
protected body Buffer is
  procedure read(x: out integer) is
  begin x:=v end
  procedure write(x: in integer) is
  begin v:= x end
```

(note that you can solve similar problems with semaphores)

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Ada tasking: concurrent programming

- Ada provides at the language level light-weight tasks. These often referred to as threads in some other languages. The basic form is:

```
task T is                                ←----- specification
--- operations/entry or nothing
end T;

task body T is                          ←----- implementation/body
begin
---- processing----
end T;
```

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Example: the sequential case

```
procedure shopping is
begin
  buy-meat;
  buy-salad;
  buy-wine;
end
```

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The concurrent version

procedure shopping is

```
task get-salad;  
task body get-salad is  
begin  
  buy-salad;  
end get-salad;  
task get-wine;  
task body get-wine is  
begin  
  buy-wine;  
end get-wine;  
begin  
  buy-meat;  
end
```

buy-salad and buy-wine
will be activated concurrently
here

And then run in parallel with
buy-meat

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Creating Tasks

- Tasks may be declared at any program level
- Created implicitly upon entry to the scope of their declaration.
- Possible to declare task types to start several task instances of the same task type

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example

```
procedure Example1 is
  task type A_Type;
  task B;
  A,C : A_Type;

  task body A_Type is
    --local declarations for task A and C
  begin
    --sequence of statements for task A and C
  end A_Type;

  task body B is
    --local declarations for task B
  begin
    --sequence of statements for task B
  end B;

begin
  --task A,C and B start their executions before the first statement of this procedure.
end Example1;
```

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Task scheduling

- Allow priorities to be assigned to tasks in task definition
- Allow task dispatching policy to be set (Default: highest priority first)

```
task Controller is
  pragma Priority(10)
end Controller
```

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Task termination: a task will terminate if:

- It completes execution of its body
- It executes a terminate alternative of a select statement
- It is aborted:
 - `abort_statement ::= abort task_name {, task_name};`

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Task communication/synchronization

- Message passing using "rendezvous"
 - `entry` and `accept`
- Shared variables
 - `protected objects/variables`

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Rendezvous

```
procedure foo
  task T is
    entry E(...in/out parameter...);
  end;

  task body T is
    begin
      -----
      accept E(...) do
        ----- sequence of statements
      end E;

      task user;
      task body user is
        begin
          ---
          T.E(...)
          ---
        end
      end
    begin
      ...
    end
  end foo;
```

T and user will be started concurrently

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Rendezvous

```
task body A is
begin
...
B.Call;
...
end A

task body B is
begin
...
accept Call do
...
end Call
...
end B
```

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This is implemented with Entry queues (the compiler takes care of this!)

- Each entry has a queue for tasks waiting to be accepted
 - a call to the entry is inserted in the queue
 - the first task in the queue will be "accepted" first (like the queue for a semaphore)
- By default, the queuing policy is FIFO
 - it can be different queuing policies

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An Example: Buffer

```
task buffer is
  entry put(X: in integer)
  entry get(x: out integer)
end;
```

```
task body buffer is
  v: integer;
begin
  loop accept put(x: in integer) do v:= x end put;
    accpet get(x: out integer) do x:= v end get;
  end loop;
end buffer;
```

```
---
buffer.put(...) ←----- other tasks (users)!!
Buffer.get(...)
---
```

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An Example, the Semaphore

- The Idea of a (binary) semaphore
- Two operations, p and v
 - p grabs semaphore or waits if not available
 - v releases the semaphore

A Semaphore using a Task, RV

- The specification
 - task type Semaphore is
 - entry p;
 - entry v;
 - end Semaphore;

A Semaphore using RV

- The body of semaphore is very simple:

- task body Semaphore is
 - begin
 - loop
 - accept p;
 - accept v;
 - end loop;
 - end Semaphore;

Using the Semaphore Abstraction

- Declare an instance of a semaphore
 - Lock : Semaphore;
- Now we can use this semaphore to create a monitor, using
 - Lock.P;
 - code to be protected in monitor
 - Lock.V;

Choice: Select statement

```
task Server is
  entry S1(...);
  entry S2(...);
end Server;

task body Server is
  ...
begin
  loop
    --prepare for service
    select
      when <boolean expression> =>
        accept S1(...) do
          --code for this service
        end S1;
      or
        accept S2(...) do
          --code for this service
        end S2;
      or
        terminate;
    end select;
    --do any house keeping
  end loop;
end Server;
```

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