

Embedded Operating Systems

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An Real-Time OS: µC/OS-II Quick Overview

Introduction of μ C/OS-II (1/2)

- ▶ The name is from micro-controller operating system, version 2
- μC/OS-II is certified in an avionics product by FAA in July 2000 and is also used in the Mars Curiosity Rover
- It is a very small real-time kernel
 - Memory footprint is about 20KB for a fully functional kernel
 - Source code is about 5,500 lines, mostly in ANSI C
 - It's source is open but not free for commercial usages
- Preemptible priority-driven real-time scheduling
 - 64 priority levels (max 64 tasks)
 - \circ 8 reserved for μ C/OS-II
 - Each task is an infinite loop





Introduction of μ C/OS-II (2/2)

- Deterministic execution times for most μC/OS-II functions and services
- Nested interrupts could go up to 256 levels
- ▶ Supports of various 8-bit to 64-bit platforms: x86, ARM, MIPS, 8051, etc.
- ▶ Easy for development: Borland C++ compiler and DOS (optional)
- ▶ However, uC/OS-II still lacks of the following features:
 - Resource synchronization protocol
 - Soft-real-time support



The µC/OS-II File Structure

Application Code (Your Code!)

Processor Independent Implementations

- Scheduling policy
- •Event flags
- Semaphores
- •Mailboxes
- •Event queues
- •Task management
- •Time management
- •Memory management

Application Specific Configurations

- •OS CFG.H
- •Max # of tasks
- •Max Queue length
- •...

uC/OS-II Port for Processor Specific Codes

Software

Hardware

CPU

Timer



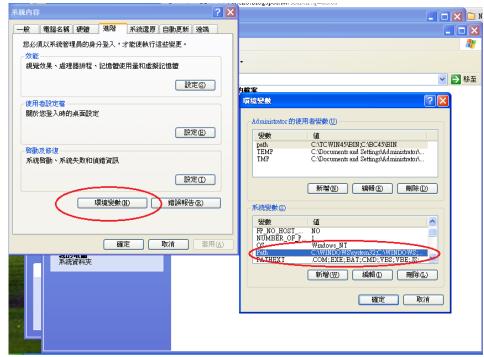
Requirements of $\mu C/OS-II$ Emulator

- Operating System
 - Windows XP 32bits
 - Use virtual machine to install the OS
 - Install "Guest Additions" for Virtualbox
- ▶ Tools
 - Borland C++ compiler (V4.5)
 - BC45 is the compiler
 - Turbo Assembler
 - The assembler is in tasm
 - The source code and the emulation environment of μ C/OS-II
 - SOFTWARE is the package



Borland C++ Compiler

- Download Borland C++ and install it on your windows XP environment
 - Double click the "INSTALL.EXE"
- Add ";C:\BC45\BIN" to your system Path



Turbo Assembler

- Download Turbo assembler and unzip the file
- ▶ Copy "\tasm\BIN\TASM.EXE" to your "C:\BC45\BIN"
 - \circ Include the missing assembler which is going to be used during we compile the source code of $\mu C/OS$ -II

Compile µC/OS-II Example Code

- Download the source code and emulator μC/OS-II
 - It is recommended to put the source code package "SOFTWARE" directly in C:\
- ▶ Test the first example
 - Execute C:\SOFTWARE\uCOS-II\EX1_x86L\BC45\TEST\TEST.EXE
 - Press ECS to leave
- Rename or remove the executable file
 - Rename TEST.EXE
- Compile the μC/OS-II and the source code of the first example
 - Run C:\SOFTWARE\uCOS-II\EX1_x86L\BC45\TEST\ MAKETEST.BAT
 - A new "TEST.EXE" will be created if we compile it successfully



Common Mistakes

- ▶ Did you directly put the package "SOFTWARE" in C:\?
- ► Have you copied the correct file "TASM.EXE" to your "C:\BC45\BIN" directory?
- ▶ Did you set the Path correctly?
 - See the picture in Page 7
 - There is no space

Homework

- Source code reading:
 - Examples 1-4 and semaphore management
- ▶ Study report: 2 pages
- Deadline: 20:00 on 2024/01/05
- ▶ The grading baseline: 85

Report Format

- ▶ Each student should write a report
- Only two A4 pages
- ▶ Use 12 pt font
- ▶ File name: EOS-Homework-StudentID
- File type: PDF
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