

Operating System Practice

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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 μ C/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



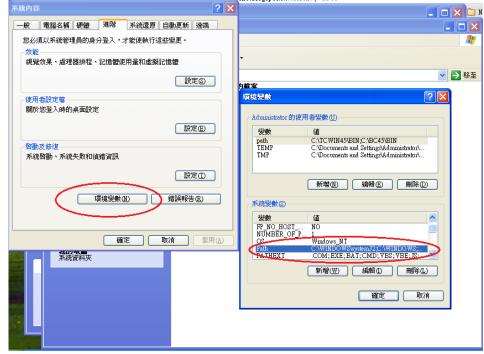
Requirements of $\mu C/OS-II$ Emulator

- 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
 - $\circ~$ The source code and the emulation environment of $\mu C/OS\text{-}II$
 - SOFTWARE is the package
- Full Package
 - Download it from the course website with password: csie2020
 - https://www.csie.cgu.edu.tw/~chewei/files/ucOSII_ProjectPackage.zip
 - https://www.csie.cgu.edu.tw/~chewei/files/Files.zip



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"
 - 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
- \blacktriangleright Compile the μ C/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

Extra Exercise

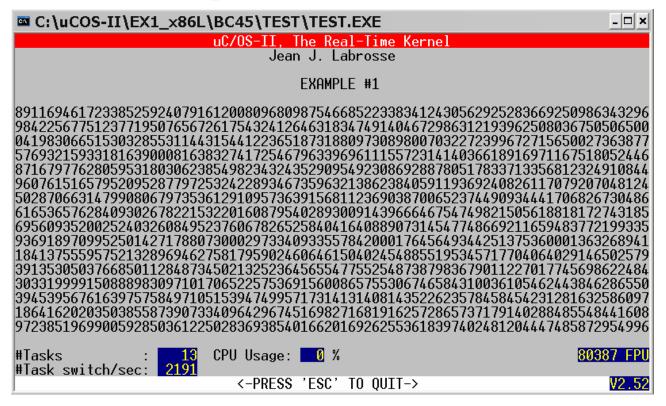
- Read the e-book of μC/OS-II
 - Try to read and understand the first chapter
- ▶ Read the source code to understand the application
 - \circ The application source code is in C:\SOFTWARE\uCOS-II\EX1_x86L\BC45\SOURCE
- Browse the source code of μC/OS-II
 - \circ The source code of $\mu C/OS\textsc{-II}$ is in C:\SOFTWARE\uCOS-II\SOURCE
- ▶準時繳交且實作完成第九頁的內容,提供截圖或相關說明 → 標準分數為80正負10分
- ▶ 有做Extra Exercise,並寫入報告心得且說明精確者 最多加20分



Report

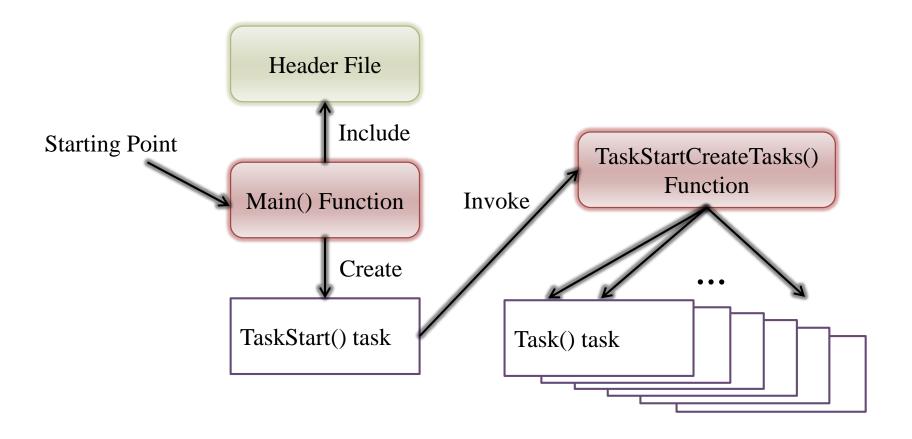
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- Upload it to our E-learning system
- Only two A4 pages
- ▶ 內文12 pt font
- ▶ Deadline is 23:00 2022/05/04
- ▶ File name: OSP-Homework-StudentID
- File type: PDF

An Example on µC/OS-II: Multitasking



- ▶ Three system tasks
- ▶ Ten application tasks randomly prints its number

Multitasking: Workflow



Multitasking: TEST.C

(\SOFTWARE\uCOS-II\EX1_x86L\BC45\SOURCE\TEST.C)

```
#include "includes.h"
/*
************************
CONSTANTS
*/
#define TASK STK SIZE 512
#define N TASKS 10
/*
VARIABLES
*/
OS_STK TaskStk[N_TASKS][TASK_STK_SIZE];
OS STK TaskStartStk[TASK STK SIZE];
char TaskData[N_TASKS];
OS EVENT *RandomSem;
```

Multitasking: Main()

```
void main (void)
        PC_DispClrScr(DISP_FGND_WHITE + ISP_BGND_BLACK);
        OSInit();
                                                 Entry point of the task
                                                 (a pointer to a function)
        PC DOSSaveReturn();
        PC_VectSet(uCOS, OSCtxSw);
        RandomSem = OSSemCreate(1):
        OSTaskCreate(TaskStart,
                                                   User-specified data
                        (void *)0,
       Top of stack
                        (void *)&TaskStartStk[TASK_STK_SIZE-1],
Priority (0=hightest)
                        (0);
        OSStart();
```

Multitasking: TaskStart()

```
void TaskStart (void *pdata)
                                                Call the function to
                                                create the other tasks
       /*skip the details of setting*/
                                                      See if the ESCAPE
       OSStatInit();
                                                      key has been pressed
       TaskStartCreateTasks();
      for (;;)
              if (PC_GetKey(&key) == TRUE)
                      if (key == 0x1B) \{ PC_DOSReturn(); \}
               OSTimeDlyHMSM(0, 0, 1, 0);
                                                     Wait one second
```

Multitasking: TaskStartCreateTasks()

```
static void TaskStartCreateTasks (void)
      INT8U i;
      for (i = 0; i < N_TASKS; i++)
                                           Entry point of the task
                                            (a pointer to function)
              TaskData[i] = '0' + i;
              OSTaskCreate(
                                                   Argument:
                     Task,
                                                   character to print
     Top of stack
                     (void *)&TaskData[i],
                     &TaskStk[i][TASK_STK_SIZE - 1],
        Priority
                     i+1);
```

Multitasking: Task()

```
void Task (void *pdata)
               INT8U x;
                                                                                Randomly pick up the
               INT8U v;
                                                                                position to print its data
               INT8U err;
               for (;;)
                            OSSemPend(RandomSem, 0, &err);
                           /* Acquire semaphore to perform random numbers */
                           x = random(80);
                           /* Find X position where task number will appear */
                           y = random(16);
Print & delay
                           /* Find Y position where task number will appear */
                           OSSemPost(RandomSem);
                           /* Release semaphore */
                           PC_DispChar(x, y + 5, *(char *)pdata, DISP_FGND_BLACK +DISP_BGND_LIGHT_GRAY);
                           /* Display the task number on the screen */
                           OSTimeDly(1);
                           /* Delay 1 clock tick */
```

OSinit()

(\SOFTWARE\uCOS-II\SOURCE\OS_CORE.C)

- Initialize the internal structures of μC/OS-II and MUST be called before any services
- Internal structures of μC/OS-2
 - Task ready list
 - Priority table
 - Task control blocks (TCB)
 - Free pool
- Create housekeeping tasks
 - The idle task
 - The statistics task

PC_DOSSaveReturn()

(\SOFTWARE\BLOCKS\PC\BC45\PC.C)

- ▶ Save the current status of DOS for the future restoration
 - Interrupt vectors and the RTC tick rate
- Set a global returning point by calling setjump()
 - μC/OS-II can come back here when it terminates.
 - PC_DOSReturn()

PC_VectSet(uCOS,OSCtxSw)

(\SOFTWARE\BLOCKS\PC\BC45\PC.C)

- Install the context switch handler
- ▶ Interrupt 0x08 (timer) under 80x86 family
 - Invoked by INT instruction

OSStart()

(SOFTWARE\uCOS-II\EX1_x86L\BC45\SOURCE\CORE.C)

- Start multitasking of μC/OS-II
- ▶ It never returns to main()
- μC/OS-II is terminated if PC_DOSReturn() is called