

**PrimeTime**                      Set interval for timer and start it ticking

#include <Timer.h>

**Time Manager**

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void      PrimeTime(tmTaskPtr, msCount );
QElemPtr  tmTaskPtr ;      address of a 12-byte TMTask structure
long      msCount ;        interval before alarm, in milliseconds
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Trap macro	<u>_PrimeTime</u>
On entry	A0: address of TMTask record
	D0: specified delay time (long)
On exit	D0: result code

**PrimeTime** starts the clock ticking on a timer-alarm triggered task previously prepared by means of a call to **InsTime**.

If the *count* parameter is a positive value, it is interpreted in milliseconds. If *count* is a negative value, it is interpreted in negated microseconds. (Microsecond delays are allowable only in the revised and extended Time Managers.) The task record specified by *tmTaskPtr* must already be inserted into the queue (by a previous call to **InsTime** or **InsXTime**) before your application calls the **PrimeTime** procedure. The **PrimeTime** procedure returns immediately, and the specified routine is executed after the specified delay has elapsed. If you call **PrimeTime** with a time delay of 0, the procedure runs as soon as interrupts are enabled.

In the revised and extended Time Managers, **PrimeTime** sets the high-order bit of the *qType* field to 1. In addition, any value of the *count* parameter that exceeds the maximum millisecond delay is reduced to the maximum. If you pause an unexpired task (with **RmvTime**) and then reinstall it (with **InsXTime**), you can continue the previous delay by calling **PrimeTime** with the *count* parameter set to 0.

*tmTaskPtr* is the address of a 12-byte TMTask structure previously used in a call to **InsTime**.

*msCount* specifies how long, in milliseconds, to wait before calling your wakeup routine.

**Returns:** none

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Notes:        **PrimeTime** may be called more than once for any previously installed **Time Manager** task (see **InsTime**). Secondary calls override the previously set interval. Thus, you can use this as a "watchdog" timer to be called before you start some event that is prone to getting locked into a loop.

**PrimeTime** does not make any demands on the **Memory Manager**, so it can be called from inside your alarm handling routine in order to set a new interval for that routine.

See **InsTime** for an example of usage.