

CSE4354 Real-time Operating Systems
CSE5354 Real-time Operating Systems
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Fall 2020 Project (RTOS)

1 Overview

The goal of this project is write an RTOS solution for an M4F controller that implements a preemptive RTOS solution with support for semaphores, yielding, sleep, priority scheduling, priority inheritance, memory protection, and a shell interface.

A simple framework for building the RTOS is included in the `rtos.c` file.

2 Requirements

Scheduler:

Each time the scheduler is called, it will look at all ready threads and will choose the next task to execute. Modify the task to add prioritization to 16 levels (0 highest to 15 lowest).

Note: The method used to prioritize the relative importance of the tasks is implicit in the assignment of the prioritization when `createThread()` is called.

Kernel Functions:

Add a function `yield()` that will yield execution back to the kernel that will save the context necessary for the resuming the task later.

Add a function `sleep(time_ms)` and supporting kernel code that will mark the task as delayed and save the context necessary for the resuming the task later. The task is then delayed until a kernel determines that a period of `time_ms` has expired. Once the time has expired, the task that called `sleep(time_ms)` will be marked as ready so that the scheduler can resume the task later.

Add a function `wait(semaphore)` and supporting kernel code decrements the semaphore count and returns if a resource is available or, if not available, marks the task as blocked, and records the task in the semaphore process queue.

Add a function `post(semaphore)` and supporting kernel code that increments the semaphore count. If a process is waiting in the queue, decrement the count and mark the task as ready.

Modify the function `createThread()` to store the task name and initialize the task stack as needed. You must design the method for allocating memory space for the task stacks.

Add a function `destroyThread()` that removes a task from the TCB and cleans up all semaphore entries for the task that is deleted.

In implementing the above kernel functions, code the function `systickIsr()` to handle the sleep timing and kernel functions.. The code to switch task should reside in the `pendSvclsr()` function..

Add a shell process that hosts a command line interface to the PC. The command-line interface should support the following commands (many borrowing from UNIX):

`ps`: The PID id, process (actually thread) name, and % of CPU time should be stored at a minimum.

`ipcs`: At a minimum, the semaphore usage should be displayed.

`kill <PID>`: This command allows a task to be killed, by referencing the process ID.

reboot: The command restarted the processor.

pidof <Process_Name> returns the PID of a task.

run <Process_Name> starts a task running in the background if not already running. Only one instance of a named task is allowed. You will need to write a directory to allow this to work without hard-coded names. Create thread and delete thread should store this information. The thread should start at the normal process priority (8 for this code).

3 Hints

You should start with the rtos.c code provided in class and modify the program as appropriate to test operation. If you reference a small snippet of code from a book, you must clearly reference the work and page number. You should not be incorporating code more than a few lines from other sources.

You will need to modify the createThread() function to allocate the proper stack space for each process.

It is recommended that you start a cooperative design with the yield() function only and determine the mechanism required to record the context for the current process, call the scheduler, and then restore the context of a task that was selected by the scheduler.

It is recommended that you merged in the code from Mini Project 2 so that tasks are running as unprivileged.

Once this is complete, code the sleep() function. Also add any interrupt code needed to handle the pending timer(s).

Now the wait() and post() functions can be added, which will also reuse the context saving code above. The post() function needs to be carefully examined when called from an interrupt.

Next add the UART shell processing from Mini Project 1.

Next, add preemption to the SysTick ISR to complete the project.

A step of detailed steps will be provided in class.

4 Deadlines and Teams

The project is an individual project. All work should be your own.

All work should be completely original and should not contain code from any other source, except the rtos.c file framework. Do not rename any of the existing functions or change priorities as this can affect the grading process, which requires these names be preserved for extraction.

When submitting your project, you should all files in the project.

If any part of your project (even 3 lines of code) is determined to not be unique, your grade will be impacted.

Please include your name clearly at the top of your program files. Please document your program well to maximize credit. Use the notes in the rtos.c file for instructions.

Code submissions are due at the time defenses begin indicated in the class syllabus with a defense. No late projects will be accepted.

Have fun!