

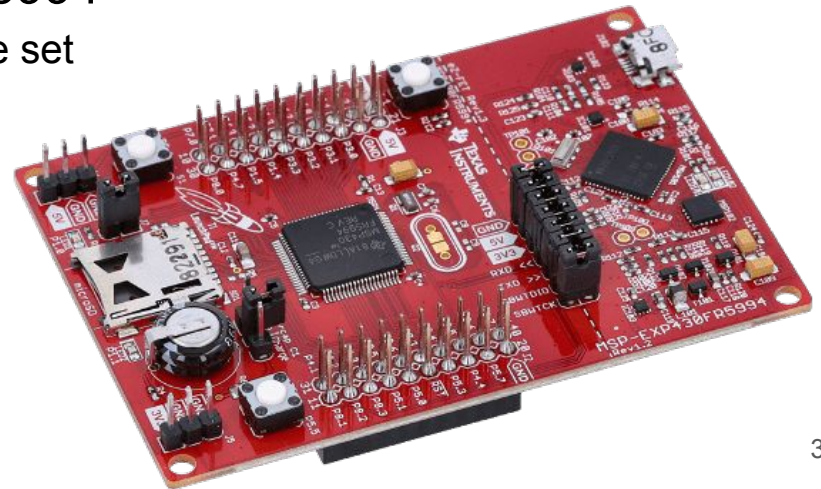
# FreeRTOS on MSP430

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# Introduction to TI MSP430 uP

# MSP430FR5994 LaunchPad

- **MSP430 CPU**
  - 16 bit ultra-low power micro-processor
  - Designed by Texas Instrument
  - Clock rate 8MHz by default (max 24MHz)
  - Can address up to 1MB of working memory in the extended mode (20 bits addressing)
- **MSP-EXP430FR5994 LaunchPad**
  - LaunchPad = development kit
  - Based on MSP430FR5994 SoC (MSP430 inside)
  - Working memory: 16KB of SRAM + 256KB of FRAM
- **HowTo: run FreeRTOS on MSP430FR5994**
  - Check “FreeRTOS Environment Setup” slice set



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  - contain 8-bit, 16-bit, 20-bit values
- Special purpose registers (R0~R3)
  - R0: Program Counter (PC)
    - Points to the next instruction to be executed
  - R1: Stack Pointer (SP)
    - Pointer to the stack
  - R2: Status Register (SR)
    - Arithmetic operation flags such as carry, zero, etc.
    - GIE: this bit is set, it enables maskable interrupt
  - R3: Constant Generator (CG)
    - Pre-configured to be one among the pre-defined bit patterns, e.g., 0xffff or 0x0000
    - Avoid memory reference and reduce instruction size

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    - Status of the result of the operation
      - {C, Z, N}: this bit is set when the result {has carry, is 0, is negative}
      - GIE: this bit is set, it enables maskable interrupt
      - V: this bit is set when the result is overflowed
  - R3: Constant Generator (CG)
    - Allows assembler to support additional instructions without additional code word
      - example:
        - additional 16-bit word “0” is not needed in program code

CLR dst

is emulated by the double-operand instruction with the same length:

MOV R3, dst

where the #0 is replaced by the assembler, and R3 is used with As = 00.

# Status Register (R2)

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**Table 4-1. SR Bit Description**

Bit	Description	
Reserved	Reserved	
V	Overflow. This bit is set when the result of an arithmetic operation overflows the signed-variable range.	
	ADD (.B), ADDX (.B, .A), ADDC (.B), ADDCX (.B.A), ADDA SUB (.B), SUBX (.B, .A), SUBC (.B), SUBCX (.B, .A), SUBA, CMP (.B), CMPX (.B, .A), CMPA	Set when: positive + positive = negative negative + negative = positive otherwise reset  Set when: positive – negative = negative negative – positive = positive otherwise reset
SCG1	System clock generator 1. This bit may be used to enable or disable functions in the clock system depending on the device family; for example, DCO bias enable or disable.	
SCG0	System clock generator 0. This bit may be used to enable or disable functions in the clock system depending on the device family; for example, FLL enable or disable.	
OSCOFF	Oscillator off. When this bit is set, it turns off the LFXT1 crystal oscillator when LFXT1CLK is not used for MCLK or SMCLK. In FRAM devices, CPUOFF must be 1 to disable the crystal oscillator.	
CPUOFF	CPU off. When this bit is set, it turns off the CPU and requests a low-power mode according to the settings of bits OSCOFF, SCG0, and SCG1.	
GIE	General interrupt enable. When this bit is set, it enables maskable interrupts. When it is reset, all maskable interrupts are disabled.	
N	Negative. This bit is set when the result of an operation is negative and cleared when the result is positive.	
Z	Zero. This bit is set when the result of an operation is 0 and cleared when the result is not 0.	
C	Carry. This bit is set when the result of an operation produced a carry and cleared when no carry occurred.	

# MSP430 Interrupt Basics

- Interrupt vector table
  - Located downward from 0FFFEh (word address)
  - Each vector contains 16-bit address (2 bytes)
- Some example interrupt vectors:
  - Timer\_A0 interrupt: 0FFEAh & 0FFE8h
  - GPIO Port 1 interrupt: 0FFDEh

# MSP430 Interrupt vector table

**Table 9-4. Interrupt Sources, Flags, and Vectors**

INTERRUPT SOURCE	INTERRUPT FLAG	INTERRUPT VECTOR REGISTER	SYSTEM INTERRUPT	WORD ADDRESS	PRIORITY
<b>System Reset</b> Power up, brownout, supply supervisor External reset, $\overline{RST}$ Watchdog time-out (watchdog mode) WDT, FRCTL MPU, CS, PMM password violation FRAM uncorrectable bit error detection MPU segment violation Software POR, BOR	SVSHIFG PMMRSTIFG WDTIFG WDTPW, FRCTLPW, MPUPW, CSPW, PMMPW UBDIFG MPUSEGIIFG, MPUSEG1IFG, MPUSEG2IFG, MPUSEG3IFG PMMPORIFG, PMMBORIFG	SYSRSTIV <sup>(1)</sup>	Reset	0FFFEh	Highest
<b>System NMI</b> Vacant memory access <sup>(2)</sup> JTAG mailbox FRAM access time error FRAM write protection error FRAM bit error detection MPU segment violation	VMAIFG JMBINIFG, JMBOUTIFG ACCTEIFG WPIFG CBDIFG, UBDIFG MPUSEGIIFG, MPUSEG1IFG, MPUSEG2IFG, MPUSEG3IFG	SYSSNIV <sup>(1)</sup>	(Non)maskable <sup>(3)</sup>	0FFFCh	
...	...	...	...	...	...
TA0	TA0CCR0 CCIFG		Maskable	0FFEAh	
TA0	TA0CCR1 CCIFG, TA0CCR2 CCIFG, TA0CTL.TAIFG	TA0IV <sup>(1)</sup>	Maskable	0FFE8h	
...	...	...	...	...	...
I/O port P1	P1IFG.0 to P1IFG.7	P1IV <sup>(1)</sup>	Maskable	0FFDEh	
...	...	...	...	...	...



# Interrupt Handling with MSP430

■ CPU

■ OS

1. Interrupt is acknowledged by the CPU
2. Complete the instruction currently being executed
3. Push PC (R0) and SR (R2) onto the stack
4. Select the highest-priority interrupt among pending ones
5. Acknowledge the interrupt source flag
6. Clear SR to disable interrupts (!)
7. Load the address in the interrupt vector into PC
8. Execute the interrupt service routine (ISR)
9. Return from interrupt (RETI instruction)
  - a. pop SR from stack (will re-enable interrupts)
  - b. pop PC from stack

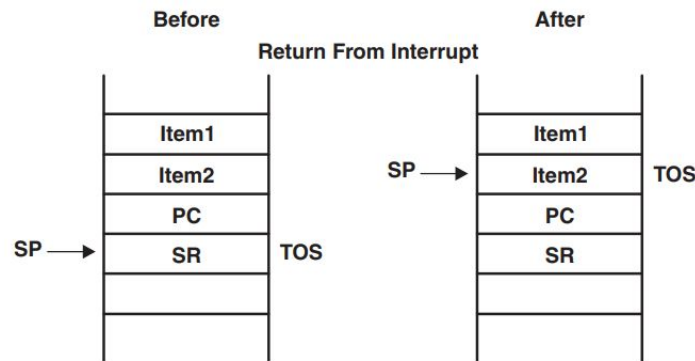


Figure 1-4. Return From Interrupt

# Sub Interrupt Events

- Related events may share the same interrupt number
  - e.g. Timer interrupt may be generated by
    - Timer count overflow
    - Timer count reaches certain value (TACCR)
    - ...
- Identify what causes the interrupt
  - Poll all the related interrupt flags in ISR → slow
  - Read interrupt vector register
- Some interrupt vector registers
  - Timer: TAIV
  - System NMI: SYSSNIV

TAIV Contents	Interrupt Source	Interrupt Flag	Interrupt Priority
00h	No interrupt pending	-	
02h	Capture/compare 1	TACCR1 CCIFG	Highest
04h	Capture/compare 2 <sup>(1)</sup>	TACCR2 CCIFG	
06h	Reserved	-	
08h	Reserved	-	
0Ah	Timer overflow	TAIFG	
0Ch	Reserved	-	
0Eh	Reserved	-	Lowest

# Sub Interrupt Events: System NMI

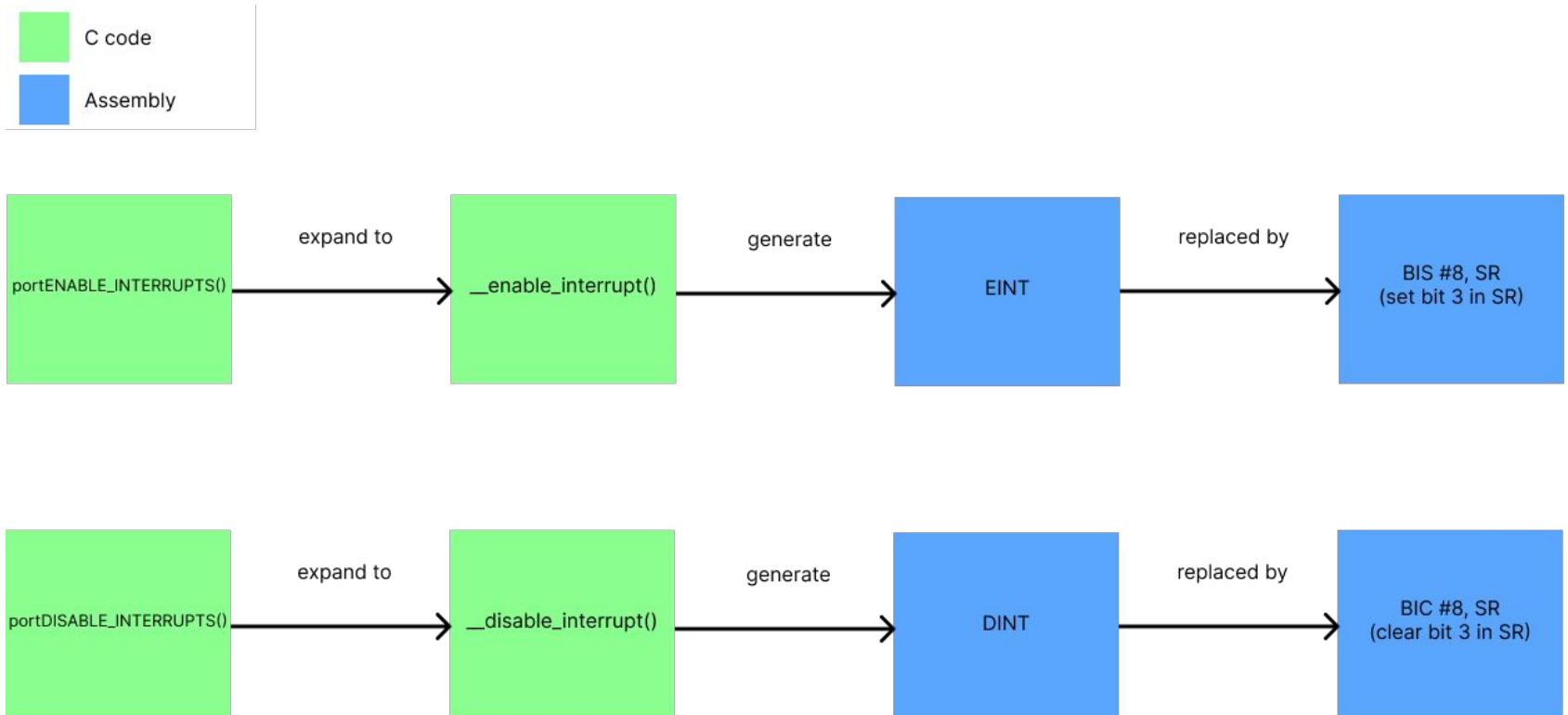
Use the value of SYSSNIV  
as an offset to PC

```
SNI_ISR:  ADD    &SYSSNIV, PC    ; Add offset to jump table
           RETI    ; Vector 0: No interrupt
           JMP     DBD_ISR       ; Vector 2: DBDIFG
           JMP     ACCTIM_ISR    ; Vector 4: ACCTIMIFG
           JMP     RSVD1_ISR     ; Vector 6: Reserved for future usage.
           JMP     RSVD2_ISR     ; Vector 8: Reserved for future usage.
           JMP     RSVD3_ISR     ; Vector 10: Reserved for future usage.
           JMP     RSVD4_ISR     ; Vector 12: Reserved for future usage.
           JMP     ACCV_ISR      ; Vector 14: ACCVIFG
           JMP     VMA_ISR       ; Vector 16: VMAIFG
           JMP     JMBI_ISR      ; Vector 18: JMBINIFG
           JMP     JMBO_ISR      ; Vector 20: JMBOUTIFG
           JMP     SBD_ISR       ; Vector 22: SBDIFG
```

```
DBD_ISR:  ; Vector 2: DBDIFG
           ... ; Task_2 starts here
           RETI ; Return
ACCTIM_ISR: ; Vector 4
           ... ; Task_4 starts here
           RETI ; Return
RSVD1_ISR: ; Vector 6
           ... ; Task_6 starts here
           RETI ; Return
RSVD2_ISR: ; Vector 8
           ... ; Task_8 starts here
           RETI ; Return
RSVD3_ISR: ; Vector 10
           ... ; Task_10 starts here
           RETI ; Return
```

# Enable/Disable interrupt on the MSP430

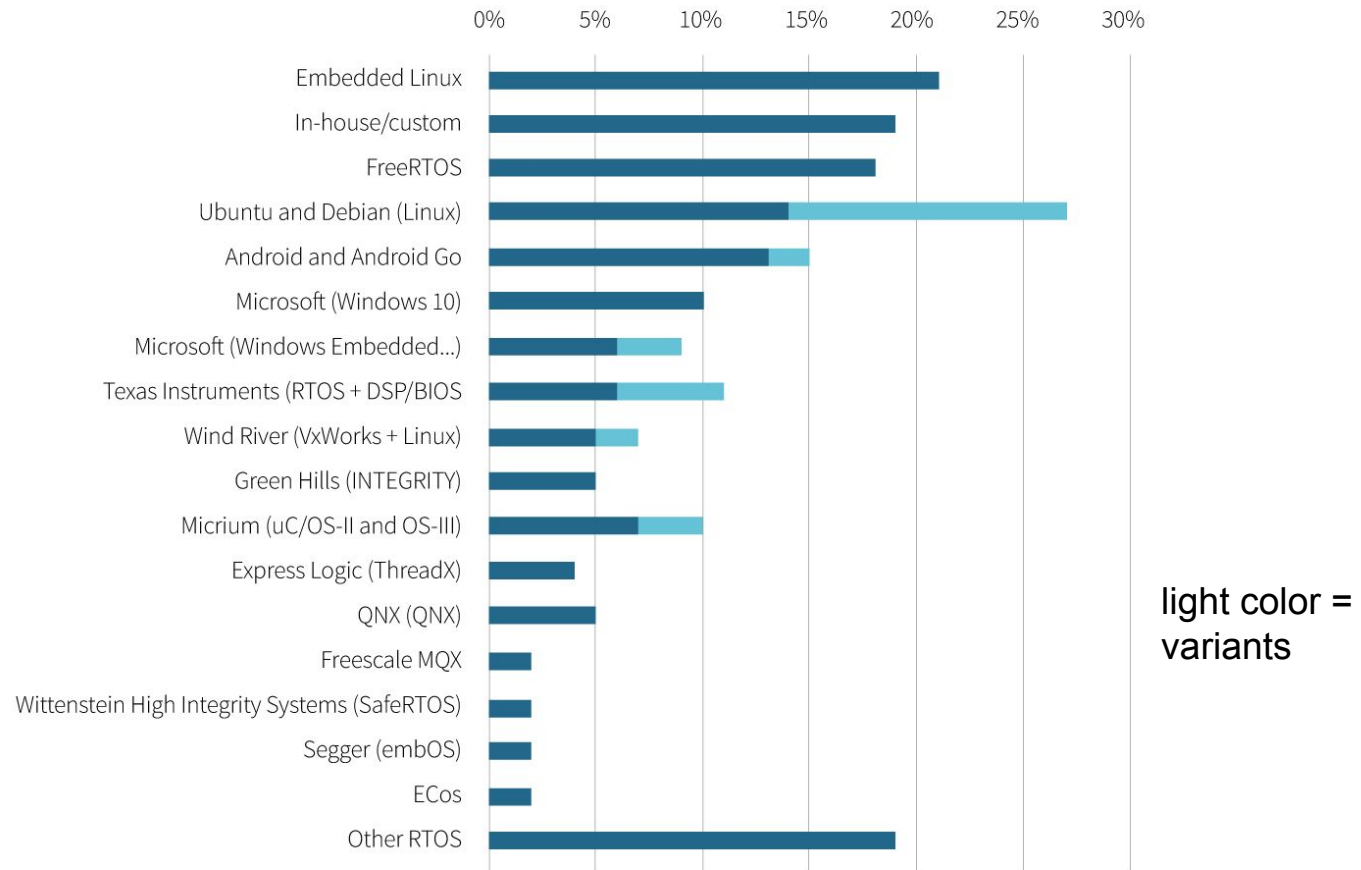
- Enable interrupt:
  - Set global interrupt enable (GIE) bit in SR
- Disable interrupt:
  - Clear global interrupt enable (GIE) bit in SR



# FreeRTOS Kernel

# Global RTOS Market Share (2019)

Operating system usage in embedded systems



# Essential Kernel Data Structures

- Task control block
- Task stack
- Ready list
- Delay list

# Task Control Block

```
typedef struct tskTaskControlBlock
{
    volatile StackType_t * pxTopOfStack;

    #if ( portUSING_MPU_WRAPPERS == 1 )
        xMPU_SETTINGS xMPUSettings;
    #endif

    ListItem_t xStateListItem;
    ListItem_t xEventListItem;
    UBaseType_t uxPriority;
    StackType_t * pxStack;
    char pcTaskName[ configMAX_TASK_NAME_LEN ];

    #if ( ( portSTACK_GROWTH > 0 ) || ( configRECORD_STACK_HIGH_ADDRESS == 1 ) )
        StackType_t * pxEndOfStack;
    #endif

    #if ( portCRITICAL_NESTING_IN_TCB == 1 )
        UBaseType_t uxCriticalNesting;
    #endif

    #if ( configUSE_TRACE_FACILITY == 1 )
        UBaseType_t uxTCBNumber;
        UBaseType_t uxTaskNumber;
    #endif

    #if ( configUSE_MUTEXES == 1 )
        UBaseType_t uxBasePriority;
        UBaseType_t uxMutexesHeld;
    #endif

    #if ( configUSE_APPLICATION_TASK_TAG == 1 )
        TaskHookFunction_t pxTaskTag;
    #endif
}
```



# Task Control Block

```
#if ( configNUM_THREAD_LOCAL_STORAGE_POINTERS > 0 )
    void * pvThreadLocalStoragePointers[ configNUM_THREAD_LOCAL_STORAGE_POINTERS ];
#endif

#if ( configGENERATE_RUN_TIME_STATS == 1 )
    uint32_t ulRunTimeCounter;
#endif

#if ( configUSE_NEWLIB_REENTRANT == 1 )
    struct _reent xNewLib_reent;
#endif

#if ( configUSE_TASK_NOTIFICATIONS == 1 )
    volatile uint32_t ulNotifiedValue[ configTASK_NOTIFICATION_ARRAY_ENTRIES ];
    volatile uint8_t ucNotifyState[ configTASK_NOTIFICATION_ARRAY_ENTRIES ];
#endif

#if ( tskSTATIC_AND_DYNAMIC_ALLOCATION_POSSIBLE != 0 )
    uint8_t ucStaticallyAllocated;
#endif

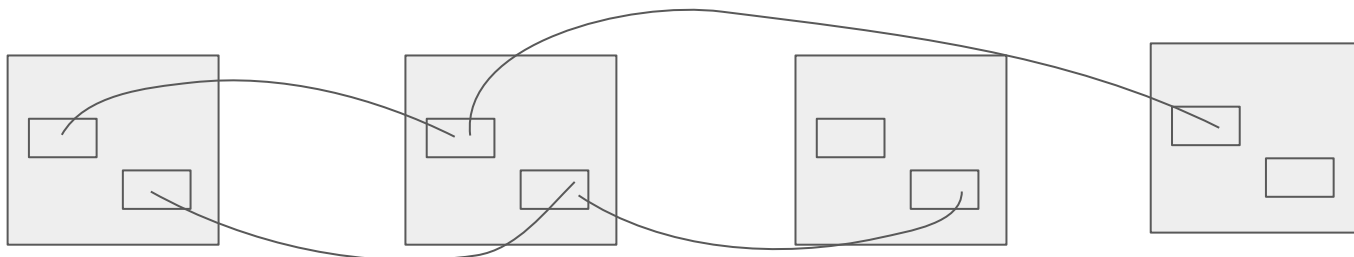
#if ( INCLUDE_xTaskAbortDelay == 1 )
    uint8_t ucDelayAborted;
#endif

#if ( configUSE_POSIX_ERRNO == 1 )
    int iTaskErrno;
#endif
} tskTCB;
```

# Task Control Block

- **pxTopOfStack** points to the location of the last item placed on the tasks stack.
  - This must be the first member of the TCB struct.
- **xStateListItem** : The list that the state list item is reference from denotes the state of that task (Ready, Blocked, Suspended ).
- **xEventListItem** : Used to reference a task from an event list.
- **uxPriority** : The priority of the task. 0 is the **lowest** priority.
- **pxStack** points to the start of the stack.
- **pcTaskName** : Descriptive name given to the task when created.
- **pxEndOfStack** points to the highest valid address for the stack.
- **uxBasePriority** : The priority last assigned to the task - used by the priority inheritance mechanism.

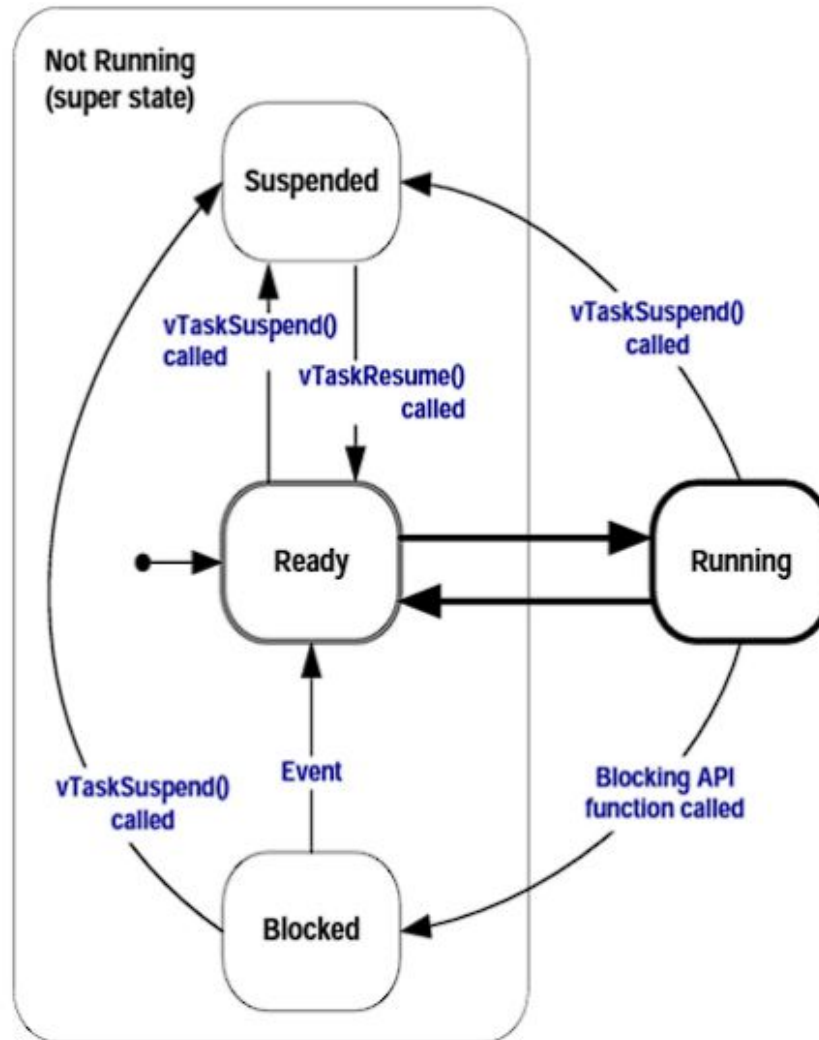
Concept of  
“list items”



# Task States

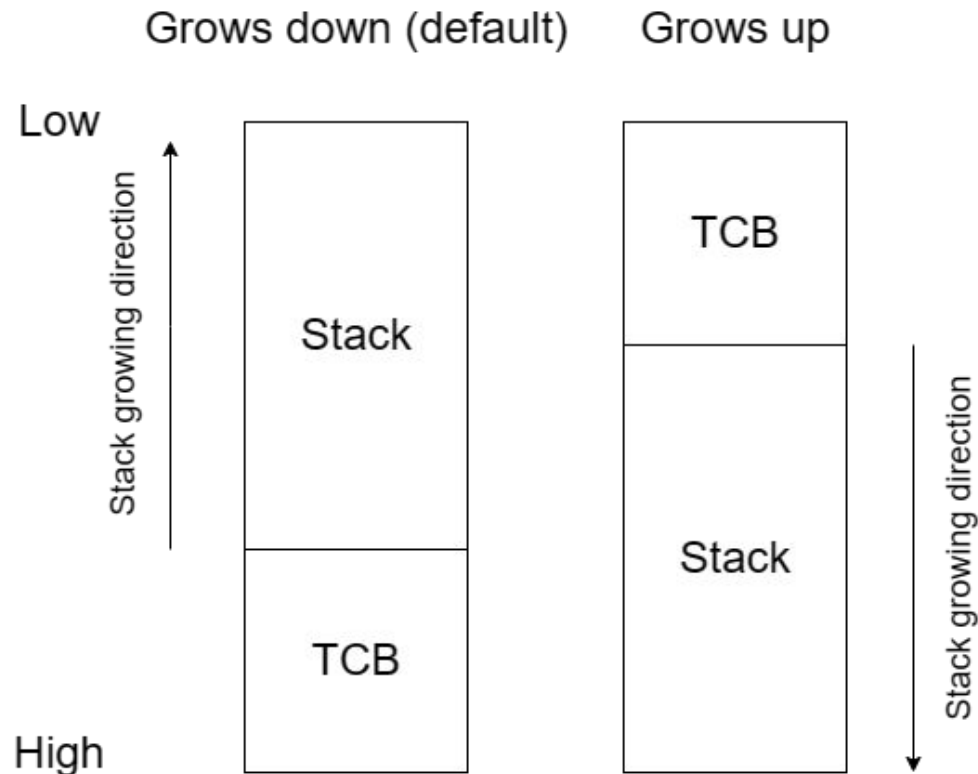
- Running
  - Only one task can be in the Running state at any one time.
- Blocked
  - A task that is waiting for an event is said to be in the 'Blocked' state.
  - Two different types of event
    - i. Temporal (time-related) events : Timer expiration
    - ii. Synchronization events : FreeRTOS queues, binary semaphores, counting semaphores, mutexes, recursive mutexes, event groups and direct to task notifications
- Suspended
  - Tasks in the Suspended state are not available to the scheduler.
  - Only way into the Suspended state is through a call to the `vTaskSuspend()`
  - Only way out being through a call to the `vTaskResume()` or `xTaskResumeFromISR()`
- Ready
  - Tasks that are in the Not Running state but are not Blocked or Suspended are said to be in the Ready state.
  - A new task is a ready one

# Task States



# Task Stack

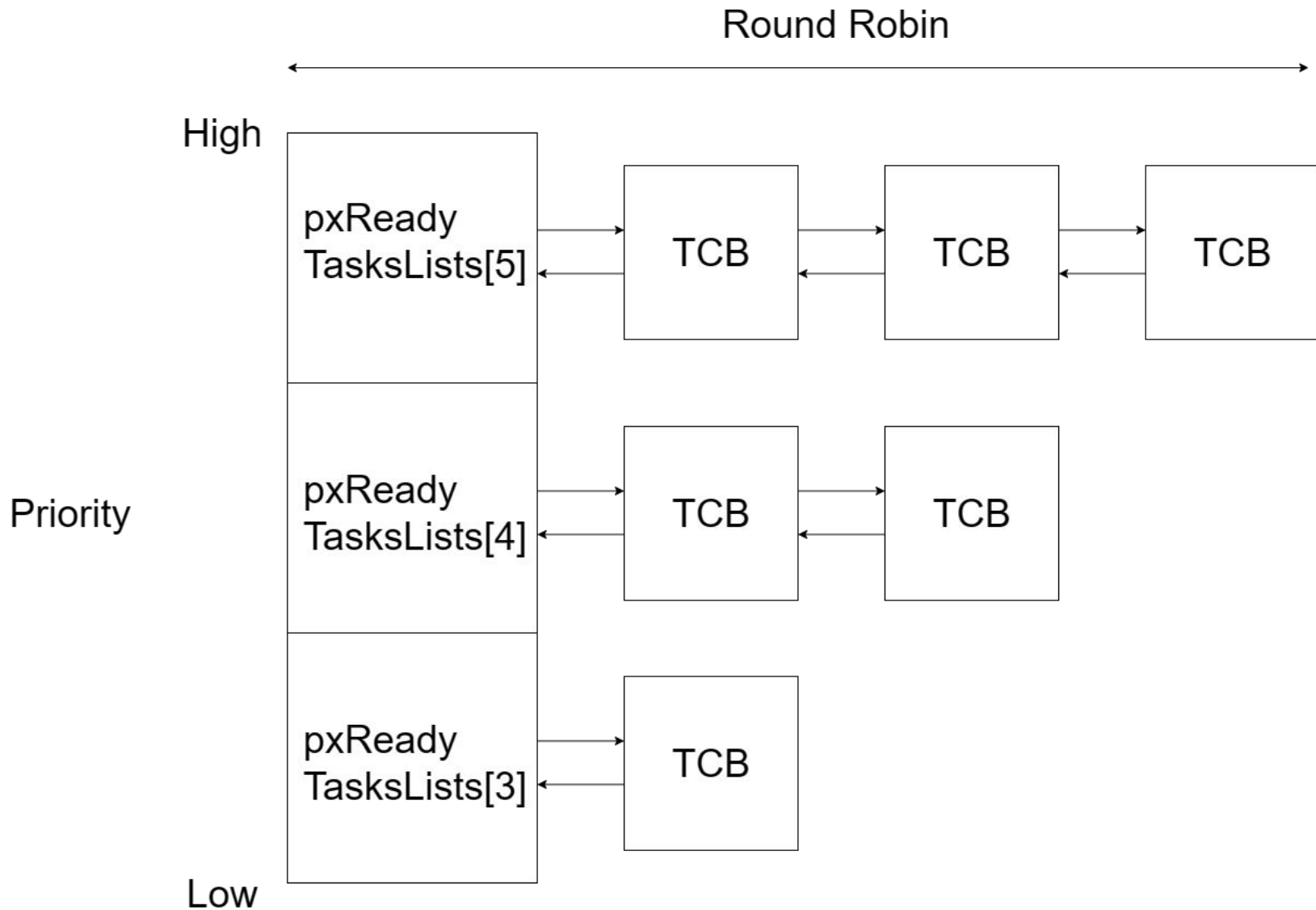
- ucHeap: a memory region for dynamic memory allocation, e.g., `pvPortMalloc()`
- `xTaskCreate()` calls `pvPortMalloc()` to allocate memory space for the stack and TCB of the new task
- memory layout



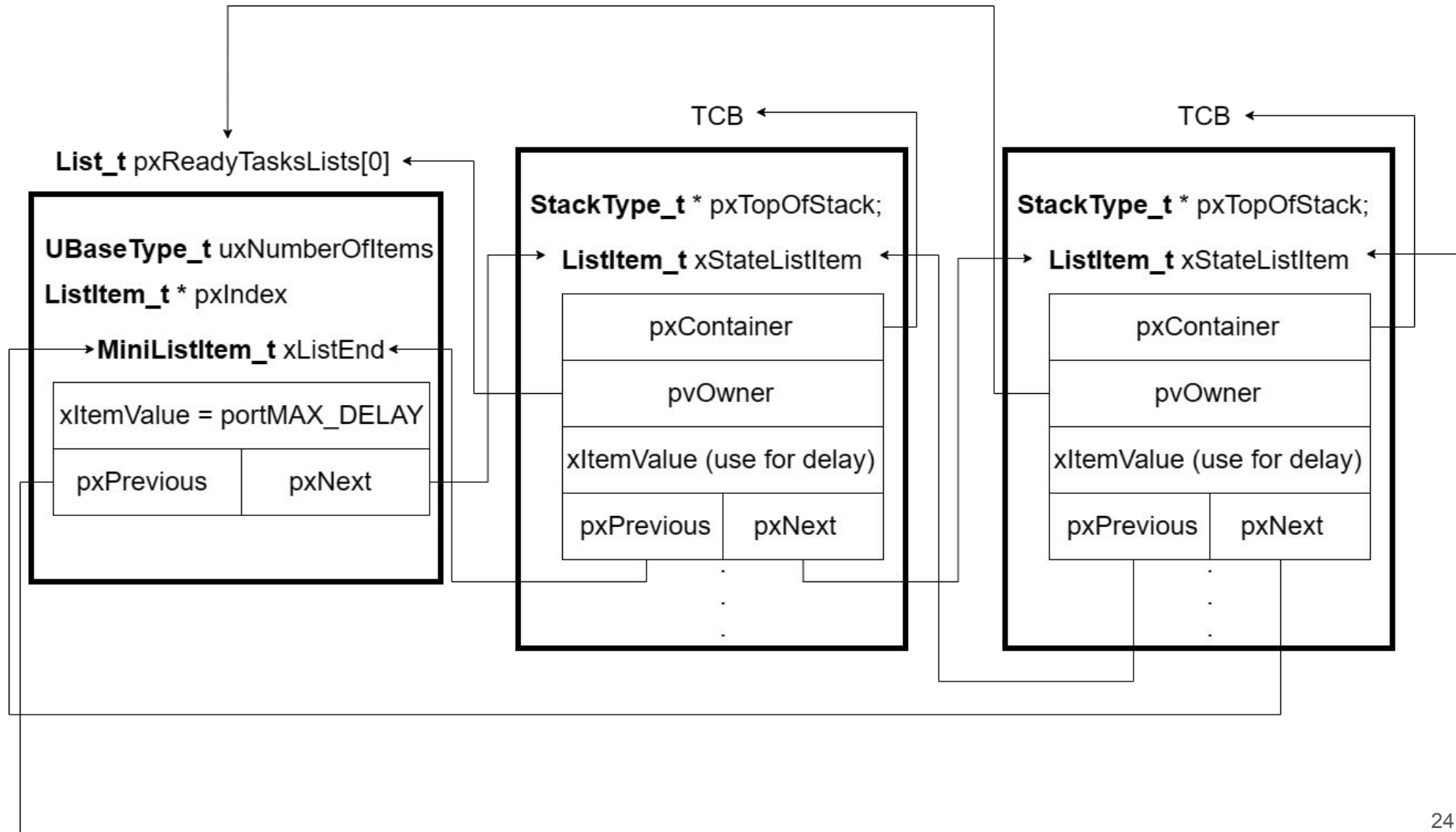
# Task Ready List

- Task importance level is proportional to the priority value
  - 0=lowest priority
- Multiple tasks can have the same priority
  - Tasks of the same priority is scheduled using RR
  - Time slice on MSP430 is 1ms (`configTICK_RATE_HZ` = 1000 Hz)
- Multilevel Round Robin
  - The scheduler selects the highest, non-empty list
  - If there are multiple tasks on the list, RR will be used

# Task Ready List



# Task Ready List





# Task Ready List

```
124 /* uxTopReadyPriority holds the priority of the highest priority ready
125 * state task. */
126 #define taskRECORD_READY_PRIORITY( uxPriority ) \
127 { \
128     if( ( uxPriority ) > uxTopReadyPriority ) \
129     { \
130         uxTopReadyPriority = ( uxPriority ); \
131     } \
132 } /* taskRECORD_READY_PRIORITY */
133
134 /*-----*/
135
136 #define taskSELECT_HIGHEST_PRIORITY_TASK() \
137 { \
138     UBaseType_t uxTopPriority = uxTopReadyPriority; \
139 \
140     /* Find the highest priority queue that contains ready tasks. */ \
141     while( listLIST_IS_EMPTY( &(amp; pxReadyTasksLists[ uxTopPriority ] ) ) ) \
142     { \
143         configASSERT( uxTopPriority ); \
144         --uxTopPriority; \
145     } \
146 \
147     /* listGET_OWNER_OF_NEXT_ENTRY indexes through the list, so the tasks of \
148     * the same priority get an equal share of the processor time. */ \
149     listGET_OWNER_OF_NEXT_ENTRY( pxCurrentTCB, &(amp; pxReadyTasksLists[ uxTopPriority ] ) ); \
150     uxTopReadyPriority = uxTopPriority; \
151 } /* taskSELECT_HIGHEST_PRIORITY_TASK */
```

# Delay List

- Sleeping tasks are on this list
- Timer list is implemented as a **sorted** list
  - 100, 150, 80 → 80, 100, 150
- Different from uC/OS, the timer values are “absolute values”
- Counting up, not counting down

# Delay List

- **xTickCount** is incremented by one on timer ISR
  - typedef uint32\_t TickType\_t
- Time slice=1ms and xTickCount=32 bit
  - Overflow occurs after about 49 days
- FreeRTOS uses two timer lists so that tick count can cycle through  $2^{32}$ 
  - If xTickCount becomes 0 after being incremented (+1) → overflow
  - Swap the two lists

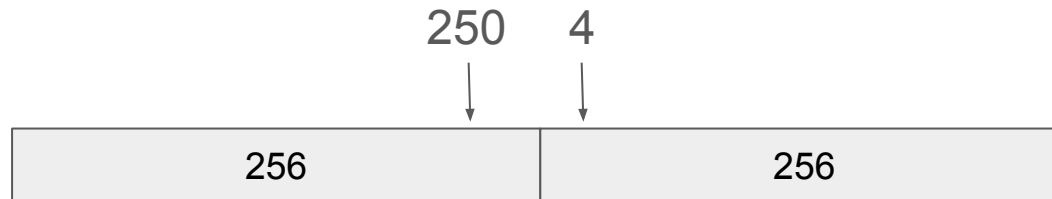
```
346 /*< Delayed tasks. */
347 PRIVILEGED_DATA static List_t xDelayedTaskList1;
348 /*< Delayed tasks (two lists are used - one for delays that have overflowed the current tick count. */
349 PRIVILEGED_DATA static List_t xDelayedTaskList2;
350 /*< Points to the delayed task list currently being used. */
351 PRIVILEGED_DATA static List_t * volatile pxDelayedTaskList;
352 /*< Points to the delayed task list currently being used to hold tasks that have overflowed the current tick count. */
353 PRIVILEGED_DATA static List_t * volatile pxOverflowDelayedTaskList;

2742 const TickType_t xConstTickCount = xTickCount + ( TickType_t ) 1;
2743
2744 /* Increment the RTOS tick, switching the delayed and overflowed
2745  * delayed lists if it wraps to 0. */
2746 xTickCount = xConstTickCount;
2747
2748 if( xConstTickCount == ( TickType_t ) 0U ) /*lint !e774 'if' does not always evaluate to false as it is looking for an overflow. */
2749 {
2750     taskSWITCH_DELAYED_LISTS();
2751 }
```

Swap lists

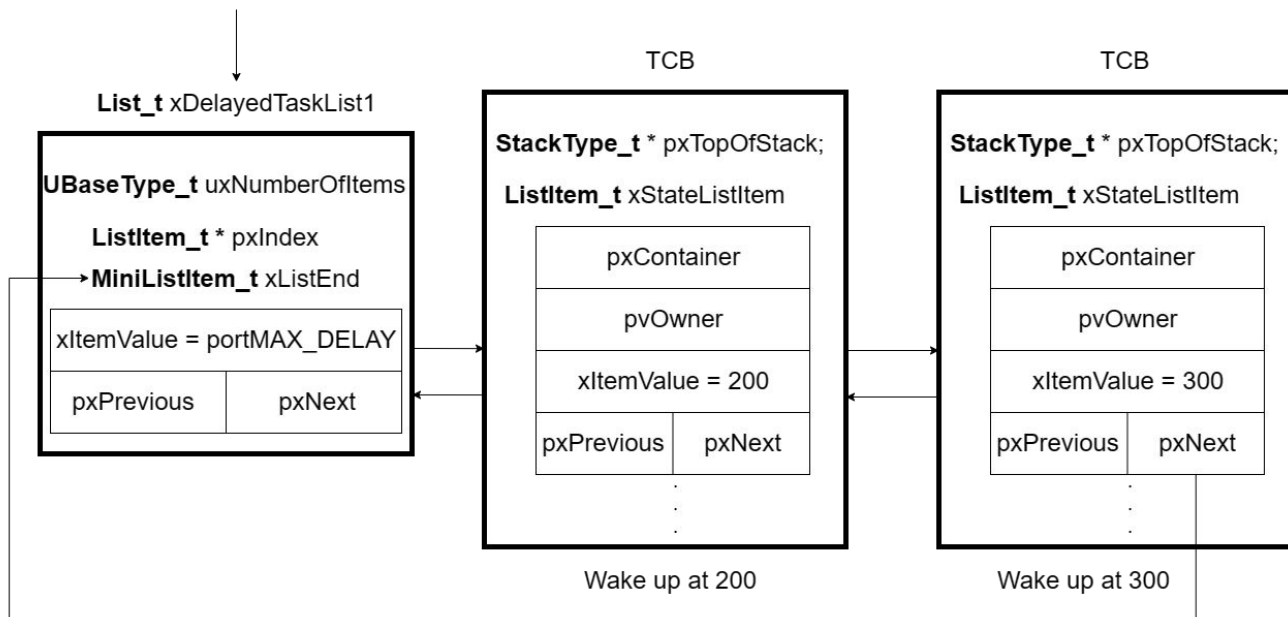


- For example, let the tick counter be 8 bits and let the current time is at 250
- If a delay is set to 10 ticks later, then it will be tick 4 in the overflow list

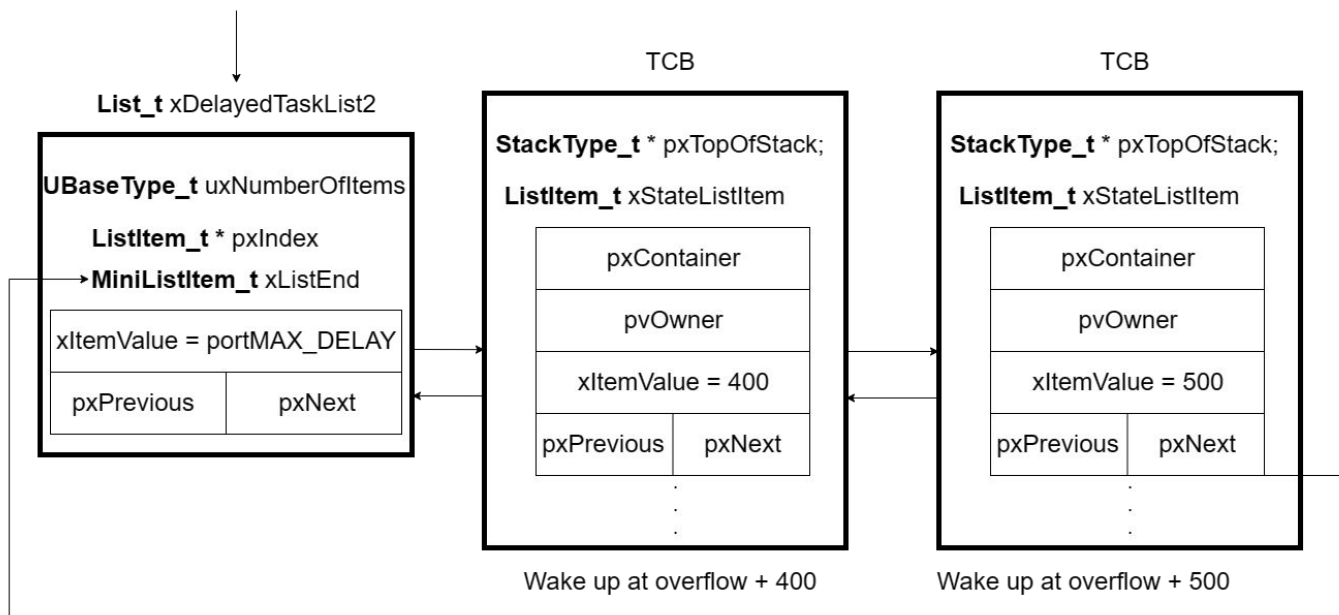


- In uCOS this does not happen because the timer list is “countdown”, not “countup”

## pxDelayedTaskList



## pxOverflowDelayedTaskList



# Essential Kernel Routines

- Kernel function naming convention
- Context Switch (vPortYield)
- Timer Tick ISR (vPortPreemptiveTickISR)
- Task Create (xTaskCreate)
- Task Delay (vTaskDelay)

# Kernel Variable Naming Convention

Type	prefix
char	c
int16_t (short)	s
int32_t (long)	l
BaseType_t or other	x
unsigned	u
pointer	p
void	v

Example:

uint8\_t (unsigned char) -> uc

pointer to char -> pc

# Kernel API Naming Convention

- Type of return + filename + function name

Example :

- **xTaskCreate**
  - return type = BaseType\_t (x)
  - defined in task.c
  - Create()
- **vTaskDelay**
  - return type = void (v)
  - defined in task.c
  - Delay()
- **pvTimerGetTimerID()**
  - return type = pointer to void (pv)
  - defined in timer.c
  - GetTimerID()

File scope (private) functions have a prefix of 'prv'.



# Kernel Macro Naming Convention

Most macros are written in uppercase, and prefixed with lower case letters that indicate where the macro is defined.

Prefix	Location of macro definition
port (for example, portMAX_DELAY)	portable.h or portmacro.h
task (for example, taskENTER_CRITICAL())	task.h
pd (for example, pdTRUE)	projdefs.h
config (for example, configUSE_PREEMPTION)	FreeRTOSConfig.h
err (for example, errQUEUE_FULL)	projdefs.h

# Context Switch (Voluntarily Giving Up the CPU)

- vPortYield

- a. push sr into stack
- b. disable interrupt

Different from uCOS, “task-level” cxtsw do not trigger a software interrupt...

```
1  vPortYield: .asmfunc
2
3      ; The sr needs saving before it is modified.
4      a { push.w  sr
5
6      ; Now the SR is stacked we can disable interrupts.
7      b { dint
8          nop
9
10     ; Save the context of the current task.
11     1) portSAVE_CONTEXT
12
13     ; Select the next task to run.
14     2) call_x  #vTaskSwitchContext
15
16     ; Restore the context of the new task.
17     3) portRESTORE_CONTEXT
18     .endasmfunc
```

# Context Switch

## 1) portSAVE\_CONTEXT

- push registers r4 ~ r15 and usCriticalNesting into stack
- store stack pointer to the TCB

```
1 vPortYield: .asmfunc
2
3 ; The sr needs saving before it is modified.
4 push.w sr
5
6 ; Now the SR is stacked we can disable interrupts.
7 dint
8 nop
9
10 ; Save the context of the current task.
11 → portSAVE_CONTEXT
12
13 ; Select the next task to run.
14 call_x #vTaskSwitchContext
15
16 ; Restore the context of the new task.
17 portRESTORE_CONTEXT
18 .endasmfunc
```

```
1 v portSAVE_CONTEXT .macro
2
3 ; Push the registers R4 ~ R15 into stack
4 pushm_x #12, r15
5
6 a { ; Push usCriticalNesting into stack
7     mov.w    &usCriticalNesting, r14
8     push_x   r14
9
10 ; Store the stack pointer to the TCB
11 ; Noted that the first member of the TCB struct is the stack pointer
12 b { mov_x    &pxCurrentTCB, r12
13     mov_x    sp, 0( r12 )
14
15 .endm
```

# Context Switch

## 2) vTaskSwitchContext

### a. select the task to switch

```
1 vPortYield: .asmfunc
2
3     ; The sr needs saving before it is modified.
4     push.w  sr
5
6     ; Now the SR is stacked we can disable interrupts.
7     dint
8     nop
9
10    ; Save the context of the current task.
11    portSAVE_CONTEXT
12
13    ; Select the next task to run.
14    → call_x  #vTaskSwitchContext
15
16    ; Restore the context of the new task.
17    portRESTORE_CONTEXT
18    .endasmfunc
```

```
1 void vTaskSwitchContext( void )
2 {
3     if( uxSchedulerSuspended != ( UBaseType_t ) pdFALSE )
4     {
5         /* The scheduler is currently suspended - do not allow a context
6          * switch. */
7         xYieldPending = pdTRUE;
8     }
9     else
10    {
11        xYieldPending = pdFALSE;
12        traceTASK_SWITCHED_OUT();
13
14        #if ( configGENERATE_RUN_TIME_STATS == 1 ) ...
15        #endif /* configGENERATE_RUN_TIME_STATS */
16
17        /* Check for stack overflow, if configured. */
18        taskCHECK_FOR_STACK_OVERFLOW();
19
20        /* Before the currently running task is switched out, save its errno. */
21        #if ( configUSE_POSIX_ERRNO == 1 ) ...
22        #endif
23
24        /* Select a new task to run using either the generic C or port
25         * optimised asm code. */
26        taskSELECT_HIGHEST_PRIORITY_TASK(); /*lint !e9079 void * is used as this macro is used with timers and co-routines too.
27        traceTASK_SWITCHED_IN();
28
29        /* After the new task is switched in, update the global errno. */
30        #if ( configUSE_POSIX_ERRNO == 1 ) ...
31        #endif
32
33        #if ( ( configUSE_NEWLIB_REENTRANT == 1 ) || ( configUSE_C_RUNTIME_TLS_SUPPORT == 1 ) ) ...
34        #endif
35    }
36 }
```

Select the task with highest priority in ready list

# Context Switch

## 3) portRESTORE\_CONTEXT

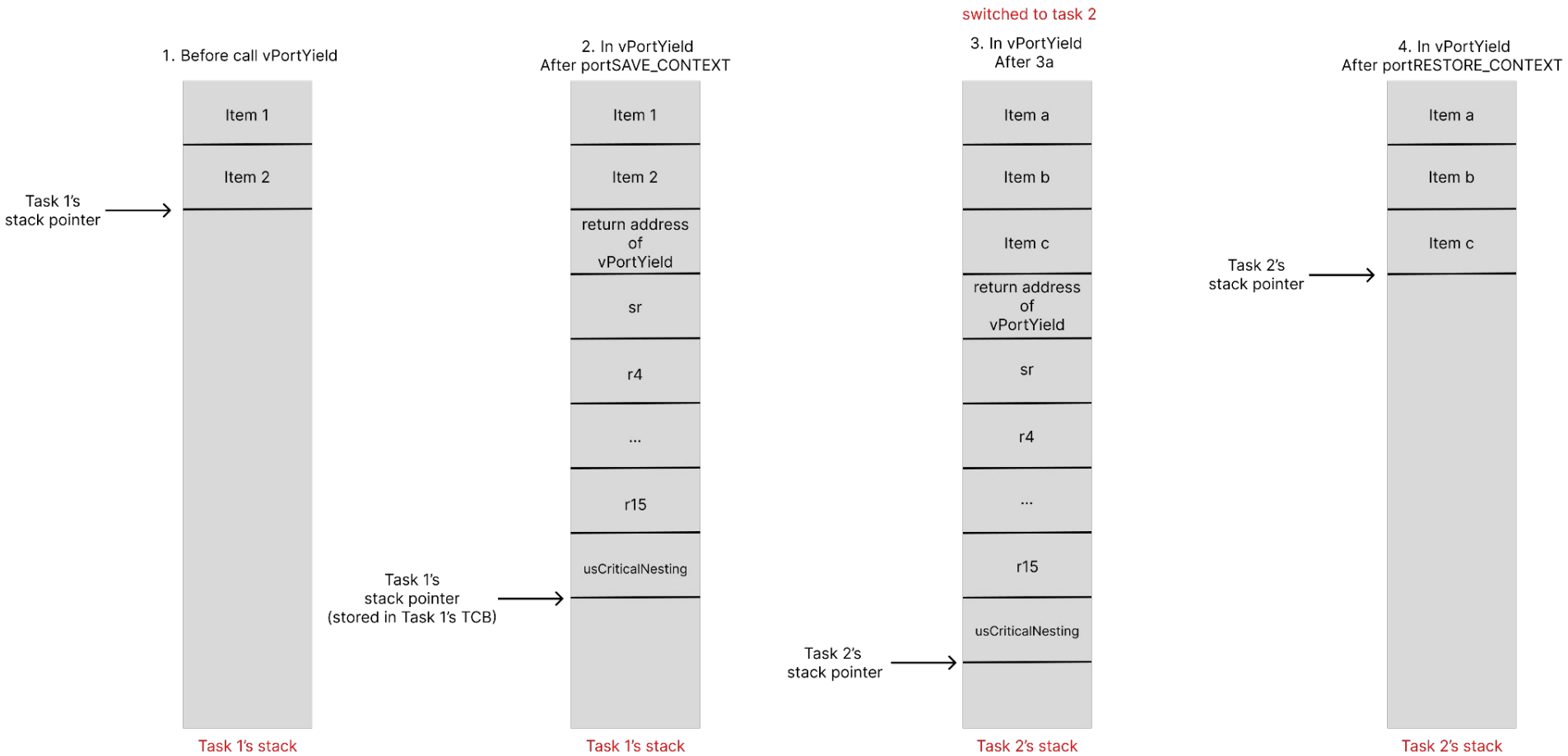
- a. set the stack pointer
- b. pop usCriticalNesting, registers r4 ~ r15 and sr from stack

```
1 vPortYield: .asmfunc
2
3 ; The sr needs saving before it is modified.
4 push.w sr
5
6 ; Now the SR is stacked we can disable interrupts.
7 dint
8 nop
9
10 ; Save the context of the current task.
11 portSAVE_CONTEXT
12
13 ; Select the next task to run.
14 call_x #vTaskSwitchContext
15
16 ; Restore the context of the new task.
17 portRESTORE_CONTEXT
18 .endasmfunc
```

```
1 v portRESTORE_CONTEXT .macro
2
3 ; Set the stack pointer
4 ; Noted that the first member of the TCB struct is the stack pointer
5 a { mov_x &pxCurrentTCB, r12
6     mov_x @r12, sp
7
8 ; Extract the usCriticalNesting from stack
9     pop_x r15
10    mov.w r15, &usCriticalNesting
11
12 ; Pop the registers R4 ~ R15 from stack
13 b { popm_x #12, r15
14     nop
15
16 ; Pop the sr from stack
17     pop.w sr
18     nop
19
20     ret_x
21 .endm
```

reti

# Context Switch



# Timer Tick ISR

- Save CPU context
- Increment the time tick
  - Check tick overflow. If so, swap two timer lists
- If **xConstTickCount** is greater than **xNextTaskUnblockTime**, make the earliest waiting task ready
- Call context switch
- Restore CPU context and RETI
  - RETI = pop SR + ret

# Timer Tick ISR

## 1. vPortPreemptiveTickISR

- a. push sr into stack

```
1  vPortPreemptiveTickISR: .asmfunc
2
3      ; The sr is not saved in portSAVE_CONTEXT() because vPortYield() needs
4      ;to save it manually before it gets modified (interrupts get disabled).
5      a { push.w sr
6          portSAVE_CONTEXT
7
8          call_x  #xTaskIncrementTick
9          call_x  #vTaskSwitchContext
10
11         portRESTORE_CONTEXT
12         .endasmfunc
```



# Timer Tick ISR

## 2. portSAVE\_CONTEXT

- push registers r4 ~ r15 and usCriticalNesting into stack
- store stack pointer to the TCB

```
1 vPortPreemptiveTickISR: .asmfunc
2
3     ; The sr is not saved in portSAVE_CONTEXT() because vPortYield() needs
4     ; to save it manually before it gets modified (interrupts get disabled).
5     push.w sr
6     → portSAVE_CONTEXT
7
8     call_x #xTaskIncrementTick
9     call_x #vTaskSwitchContext
10
11    portRESTORE_CONTEXT
12    .endasmfunc
```

```
1  √ portSAVE_CONTEXT .macro
2
3      ; Push the registers R4 ~ R15 into stack
4      pushm_x #12, r15
5
6      a { ; Push usCriticalNesting into stack
7          mov.w    &usCriticalNesting, r14
8          push_x r14
9
10         ; Store the stack pointer to the TCB
11         ; Noted that the first member of the TCB struct is the stack pointer
12         b { mov_x    &pxCurrentTCB, r12
13             mov_x    sp, 0( r12 )
14
15         .endm
```

# Timer Tick ISR

## 3. xTaskIncrementTick

a. Check if scheduler is suspended

If scheduler is suspended, increase xPendedTicks by 1  
(so that we can handle the the accumulated ticks later)

```
1  vPortPreemptiveTickISR: .asmfunc
2
3      ; The sr is not saved in portSAVE_CONTEXT() because vPortYield() needs
4      ;to save it manually before it gets modified (interrupts get disabled).
5      push.w sr
6      portSAVE_CONTEXT
7
8      → call_x  #xTaskIncrementTick
9      call_x  #vTaskSwitchContext
10
11     portRESTORE_CONTEXT
12     .endasmfunc
```

```
1  BaseType_t xTaskIncrementTick( void )
2  {
3      TCB_t * pxTCB;
4      TickType_t xItemValue;
5      BaseType_t xSwitchRequired = pdFALSE;
6
7  /* Called by the portable layer each time a tick interrupt occurs.
8   * Increments the tick then checks to see if the new tick value will cause any
9   * tasks to be unblocked. */
10     traceTASK_INCREMENT_TICK( xTickCount );
11
12     if( uxSchedulerSuspended == ( UBaseType_t ) pdFALSE ) ...
161  else
162  a {
163         ++xPendedTicks;
164
165         /* The tick hook gets called at regular intervals, even if the
166          * scheduler is locked. */
167         #if ( configUSE_TICK_HOOK == 1 )
168         {
169             vApplicationTickHook();
170         }
171         #endif
172     }
173
174     return xSwitchRequired;
175 }
```

# Timer Tick ISR

## 3. xTaskIncrementTick

b. Check if scheduler is suspended

If scheduler is not suspended, increase xTickCount by 1 and check if it's overflowed

```
1  vPortPreemptiveTickISR: .asmfunc
2
3      ; The sr is not saved in portSAVE_CONTEXT() because vPortYield() needs
4      ;to save it manually before it gets modified (interrupts get disabled).
5      push.w sr
6      portSAVE_CONTEXT
7
8      → call_x #xTaskIncrementTick
9      call_x #vTaskSwitchContext
10
11     portRESTORE_CONTEXT
12     .endasmfunc
```

```
12  if( uxSchedulerSuspended == ( UBaseType_t ) pdFALSE )
13  {
14      /* Minor optimisation. The tick count cannot change in this
15      /* block. */
16      const TickType_t xConstTickCount = xTickCount + ( TickType_t ) 1;
17
18      /* Increment the RTOS tick, switching the delayed and overflowed
19      /* delayed lists if it wraps to 0. */
20      xTickCount = xConstTickCount;
21
22      if( xConstTickCount == ( TickType_t ) 0U ) /*lint !e774 'if' does not always evaluate to false as it is looking for an overflow. */
23      {
24          taskSWITCH_DELAYED_LISTS();
25      }
26  >  else ...
```

# Timer Tick ISR

## 3. xTaskIncrementTick

- c. check if this tick has made a timer (a sleeping task) expire  
and if the delayed list is empty, set next timeout to a big value

```
1 vPortPreemptiveTickISR: .asmfunc
2
3     ; The sr is not saved in portSAVE_CONTEXT() because vPortYield() needs
4     ;to save it manually before it gets modified (interrupts get disabled).
5     push.w sr
6     portSAVE_CONTEXT
7
8     → call_x #xTaskIncrementTick
9     call_x #vTaskSwitchContext
10
11    portRESTORE_CONTEXT
12    .endasmfunc
```

```
35  if( xConstTickCount >= xNextTaskUnblockTime )
36  {
37      for( ; ; )
38      {
39          if( listLIST_IS_EMPTY( pxDelayedTaskList ) != pdFALSE )
40          {
41              /* The delayed list is empty. Set xNextTaskUnblockTime...
42              xNextTaskUnblockTime = portMAX_DELAY; /*lint !e961 MISRA exception as the casts are only redundant for some ports. */
43              break;
44          }
45          else...
46      }
47  }
```

# Timer Tick ISR

## 3. xTaskIncrementTick

- d. if delayed list is not empty, extract the timeout of the task at the head of delayed list
- e. if it's not yet to unblock the task, set next timeout
- f. if it's time to unblock the task, remove it from delayed list and event list, then add it to ready list

```
1  vPortPreemptiveTickISR: .asmfunc
2
3      ; The sr is not saved in portSAVE_CONTEXT() because vPortYield() needs
4      ;to save it manually before it gets modified (interrupts get disabled).
5      push.w sr
6      portSAVE_CONTEXT
7
8      → call_x  #xTaskIncrementTick
9      call_x  #vTaskSwitchContext
10
11     portRESTORE_CONTEXT
12     .endasmfunc
```

```
39 > if( listLIST_IS_EMPTY( pxDelayedTaskList ) != pdFALSE ) ...
49 else
50 {
51 > d {
55     /* The delayed list is not empty, get the value of the...
56     pxTCB = listGET_OWNER_OF_HEAD_ENTRY( pxDelayedTaskList ); /*lint !e9079 void * is used as this macro
57     xItemValue = listGET_LIST_ITEM_VALUE( &(amp; pxTCB->xStateListItem ) );
58
59     if( xConstTickCount < xItemValue )
60     {
61 > e {
65         /* It is not time to unblock this item yet, but the...
66         xNextTaskUnblockTime = xItemValue;
67         break; /*lint !e9011 Code structure here is deemed easier to understand with multiple breaks. */
68     }
69     else ...
70
71     /* It is time to remove the item from the Blocked state. */
72     listREMOVE_ITEM( &(amp; pxTCB->xStateListItem ) );
73
74     /* Is the task waiting on an event also? If so remove
75     * it from the event list. */
76     if( listLIST_ITEM_CONTAINER( &(amp; pxTCB->xEventListItem ) ) != NULL )
77     {
78 > f {
79         listREMOVE_ITEM( &(amp; pxTCB->xEventListItem ) );
80     }
81     else ...
82 >
83
84     /* Place the unblocked task into the appropriate ready
85     * list. */
86     prvAddTaskToReadyList( pxTCB );
```

# Timer Tick ISR

## 3. xTaskIncrementTick

g. check if the task has higher priority than current task, if so, context switch is required

```
1 vPortPreemptiveTickISR: .asmfunc
2
3     ; The sr is not saved in portSAVE_CONTEXT() because vPortYield() needs
4     ;to save it manually before it gets modified (interrupts get disabled).
5     push.w sr
6     portSAVE_CONTEXT
7
8     → call_x #xTaskIncrementTick
9     call_x #vTaskSwitchContext
10
11    portRESTORE_CONTEXT
12    .endasmfunc
```

```
93  ✓
94
95      #if ( configUSE_PREEMPTION == 1 )
96      {
97          /* Preemption is on, but a context switch should
98          * only be performed if the unblocked task's
99          * priority is higher than the currently executing
100          * task.
101          * The case of equal priority tasks sharing
102          * processing time (which happens when both
103          * preemption and time slicing are on) is
104          * handled below.*/
105          g { if( pxTCB->uxPriority > pxCurrentTCB->uxPriority )
106              {
107                  xSwitchRequired = pdTRUE;
108              }
109              else
110              {
111                  mtCOVERAGE_TEST_MARKER();
112              }
113          }
114      }
115      #endif /* configUSE_PREEMPTION */
```



# Timer Tick ISR

## 4. vTaskSwitchContext

### a. select the task to switch

```
1 vPortPreemptiveTickISR: .asmfunc
2
3     ; The sr is not saved in portSAVE_CONTEXT() because vPortYield() needs
4     ; to save it manually before it gets modified (interrupts get disabled).
5     push.w sr
6     portSAVE_CONTEXT
7
8     call_x #xTaskIncrementTick
9     → call_x #vTaskSwitchContext
10
11    portRESTORE_CONTEXT
12    .endasmfunc
```

```
1 void vTaskSwitchContext( void )
2 {
3     if( uxSchedulerSuspended != ( UBaseType_t ) pdFALSE )
4     {
5         /* The scheduler is currently suspended - do not allow a context
6          * switch. */
7         xYieldPending = pdTRUE;
8     }
9     else
10    {
11        xYieldPending = pdFALSE;
12        traceTASK_SWITCHED_OUT();
13
14        #if ( configGENERATE_RUN_TIME_STATS == 1 ) ...
15        #endif /* configGENERATE_RUN_TIME_STATS */
16
17        /* Check for stack overflow, if configured. */
18        taskCHECK_FOR_STACK_OVERFLOW();
19
20        /* Before the currently running task is switched out, save its errno. */
21        #if ( configUSE_POSIX_ERRNO == 1 ) ...
22        #endif
23
24        /* Select a new task to run using either the generic C or port
25         * optimised asm code. */
26        taskSELECT_HIGHEST_PRIORITY_TASK(); /*lint !e9079 void * is used as this macro is used with timers and co-routines too.*/
27        traceTASK_SWITCHED_IN();
28
29        /* After the new task is switched in, update the global errno. */
30        #if ( configUSE_POSIX_ERRNO == 1 ) ...
31        #endif
32
33        #if ( ( configUSE_NEWLIB_REENTRANT == 1 ) || ( configUSE_C_RUNTIME_TLS_SUPPORT == 1 ) ) ...
34        #endif
35    }
36 }
```

Select the task with highest priority in ready list

# Timer Tick ISR

## 5. portRESTORE\_CONTEXT

- a. set the stack pointer
- b. pop usCriticalNesting, registers r4 ~ r15 and sr from stack

```
1  vPortPreemptiveTickISR: .asmfunc
2
3      ; The sr is not saved in portSAVE_CONTEXT() because vPortYield() needs
4      ;to save it manually before it gets modified (interrupts get disabled).
5      push.w sr
6      portSAVE_CONTEXT
7
8      call_x  #xTaskIncrementTick
9      call_x  #vTaskSwitchContext
10
11  → portRESTORE_CONTEXT
12      .endasmfunc
```

```
1  v portRESTORE_CONTEXT .macro
2
3      ; Set the stack pointer
4      ; Noted that the first member of the TCB struct is the stack pointer
5      mov_x  &pxCurrentTCB, r12
6      mov_x  @r12, sp
7  a {
8
9      ; Extract the usCriticalNesting from stack
10     pop_x   r15
11     mov.w   r15, &usCriticalNesting
12
13     ; Pop the registers R4 ~ R15 from stack
14     popm_x  #12, r15
15     nop
16  b {
17     ; Pop the sr from stack
18     pop.w   sr
19     nop
20
21     ret_x
22     .endm
```



# xTaskCreate()

## 1. Allocate space for stack and TCB

```
1 BaseType_t xTaskCreate( TaskFunction_t pxTaskCode,
2                         const char * const pcName, /*lint !e971 Unqualified char types are allowed for strings and single characters only. */
3                         const configSTACK_DEPTH_TYPE usStackDepth,
4                         void * const pvParameters,
5                         UBaseType_t uxPriority,
6                         TaskHandle_t * const pxCreatedTask )
7 {
8     TCB_t * pxNewTCB;
9     BaseType_t xReturn;
10
11     /* If the stack grows down then allocate the stack then the TCB so the stack
12     * does not grow into the TCB. Likewise if the stack grows up then allocate
13     * the TCB then the stack. */
14     > #if ( portSTACK_GROWTH > 0 ) ...
38 #else /* portSTACK_GROWTH */
39 {
40     StackType_t * pxStack;
41
42     /* Allocate space for the stack used by the task being created. */
43     pxStack = pvPortMallocStack( ( ( ( size_t ) usStackDepth ) * sizeof( StackType_t ) ) ); /*lint !e9079 All values returned by pvPortMal
44
45     if( pxStack != NULL )
46     {
47         /* Allocate space for the TCB. */
48         pxNewTCB = ( TCB_t * ) pvPortMalloc( sizeof( TCB_t ) ); /*lint !e9087 !e9079 All values returned by pvPortMalloc() have at least t
49
50         if( pxNewTCB != NULL )
51         {
52             memset( ( void * ) pxNewTCB, 0x00, sizeof( TCB_t ) );
53
54             /* Store the stack location in the TCB. */
55             pxNewTCB->pxStack = pxStack;
56         }
57         else
58         {
59             /* The stack cannot be used as the TCB was not created. Free...
61             vPortFreeStack( pxStack );
62         }
63     }
64     else
65     {
66         pxNewTCB = NULL;
67     }
68 }
69 #endif /* portSTACK_GROWTH */
```

# xTaskCreate()

2. call [prvInitialiseNewTask](#) to initialise the task:

Initialise stack, assign task name, assign priority to the task's TCB

3. call [prvAddNewTasktoReadyList](#) adding the task to ready list:

Make new task the current task if ready list is empty or new task has higher priority

```
71  if( pxNewTCB != NULL )
72  {
73      #if ( tskSTATIC_AND_DYNAMIC_ALLOCATION_POSSIBLE != 0 ) /*lint !e9029 !e731 Macro has been consolidated for readability reasons. */
74      {
75          /* Tasks can be created statically or dynamically, so note this
76           * task was created dynamically in case it is later deleted. */
77          pxNewTCB->ucStaticallyAllocated = tskDYNAMICALLY_ALLOCATED_STACK_AND_TCB;
78      }
79      #endif /* tskSTATIC_AND_DYNAMIC_ALLOCATION_POSSIBLE */
80
81      2, 3 { prvInitialiseNewTask( pxTaskCode, pcName, ( uint32_t ) usStackDepth, pvParameters, uxPriority, pxCreatedTask, pxNewTCB, NULL );
82          prvAddNewTasktoReadyList( pxNewTCB );
83          xReturn = pdPASS;
84      }
85      else
86      {
87          xReturn = errCOULD_NOT_ALLOCATE_REQUIRED_MEMORY;
88      }
89
90      return xReturn;
91  }
92
```

## vTaskDelay

1. Suspend All task.(equivalently lock the scheduler)
2. Calculate the wake up time.
3. If the wake up time is overflow, add the task to **pxOverflowDelayedTaskList**.
4. Else add the task to **pxDelayedTaskList**.
5. Update **xNextTaskUnblockTime** if necessary.
6. Resume All the task.

# vTaskDelay

```
1301 void vTaskDelay( const TickType_t xTicksToDelay )
1302 {
1303     BaseType_t xAlreadyYielded = pdFALSE;
1304
1305     /* A delay time of zero just forces a reschedule. */
1306     if( xTicksToDelay > ( TickType_t ) 0U )
1307     {
1308         configASSERT( uxSchedulerSuspended == 0 );
1309         1 { vTaskSuspendAll();
1310             {
1311                 traceTASK_DELAY();
1312
1313                 /* A task that is removed from the event list while the
1314                  * scheduler is suspended will not get placed in the ready
1315                  * list or removed from the blocked list until the scheduler
1316                  * is resumed.
1317                  *
1318                  * This task cannot be in an event list as it is the currently
1319                  * executing task. */
1320                 2,3,4,5 { prvAddCurrentTaskToDelayedList( xTicksToDelay, pdFALSE );
1321                     }
1322                 6 { xAlreadyYielded = xTaskResumeAll();
1323                     }
```

# vTaskDelay

```
5336      /* Calculate the time at which the task should be woken if the event
5337      * does not occur. This may overflow but this doesn't matter, the
5338      * kernel will manage it correctly. */
5339      2 { xTimeToWake = xConstTickCount + xTicksToWait;
5340
5341      /* The list item will be inserted in wake time order. */
5342      listSET_LIST_ITEM_VALUE( &(amp; pxCurrentTCB->xStateListItem ), xTimeToWake );
5343
5344      3 { if( xTimeToWake < xConstTickCount )
5345        {
5346          /* Wake time has overflowed. Place this item in the overflow
5347          * list. */
5348          vListInsert( pxOverflowDelayedTaskList, &(amp; pxCurrentTCB->xStateListItem ) );
5349        }
5350      } else
5351      {
5352        /* The wake time has not overflowed, so the current block list
5353        * is used. */
5354        4 { vListInsert( pxDelayedTaskList, &(amp; pxCurrentTCB->xStateListItem ) );
5355
5356        /* If the task entering the blocked state was placed at the
5357        * head of the list of blocked tasks then xNextTaskUnblockTime
5358        * needs to be updated too. */
5359        5 { if( xTimeToWake < xNextTaskUnblockTime )
5360          {
5361            xNextTaskUnblockTime = xTimeToWake;
5362          }
5363        } else
5364        {
5365          mtCOVERAGE_TEST_MARKER();
5366        }
5367      }
```

# FreeRTOS Lab

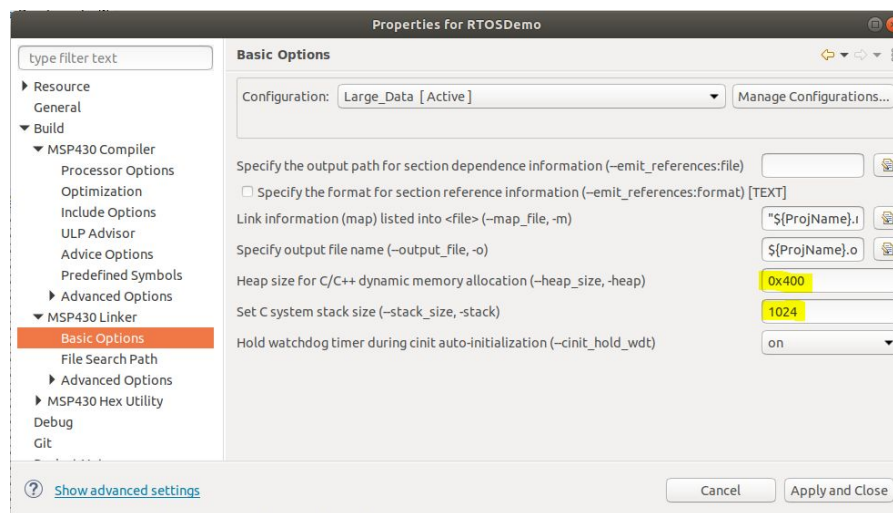
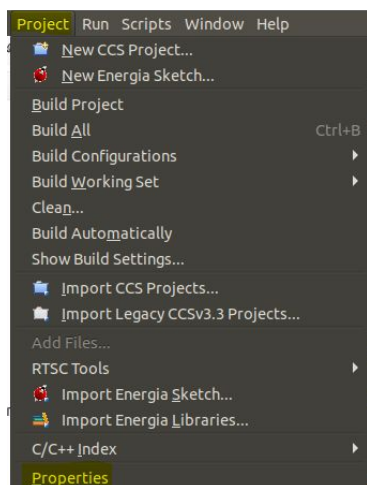
- This is Lab 4
- Redo your Lab1 (EDF) for FreeRTOS
- Contact the TA for borrowing a MSP430FR Launchpad
- Requirement: generate correct task scheduling events as you did in Lab1
- Check “FreeRTOS Lab” slice set for details

# Debug Print

- You can also use breakpoints and memory watches for debugging
- For producing console output, there is a `printf()`
  - Okay to use it outside of ISRs
  - Don't use in an ISR. Producing buggy results
- Reminder: to produce results for your lab
  - Log your events in a memory buffer and print out the results later in `main.c`
  - As you did with labs for uC/OS2

# Setup for Using printf()

- Modify `printf-stdarg.c`
  - Comment out `#define putchar(c) c`
  - Add `#include <stdio.h>`
  - Comment out `sprintf()`, `snprintf()`, `write()`
- Set heap size and stack size at Project->Properties



- Add `#include <stdio.h>` to your .c file