

# uC/OS-II Part 1: Getting Started with uC/OS-II

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# uC/OS-2

- A tiny open-source real-time kernel
  - Memory footprint is about 20k for a fully functional kernel
  - Supporting preemptive priority-driven real-time scheduling
  - Supporting many platforms: x86, 68x, ARM, MIPS...

# Getting started with uC/OS-2!

- See what a uC/OS-2 program looks like
- Learn how to write a skeleton program for uC/OS-2
  - How to initialize uC/OS-2?
  - How to create tasks?
  - How to use inter-task communication mechanism?
  - How to hook on system event?

# Example 1

```
C:\uCOS-II\EX1_x86L\BC45\TEST\TEST.EXE
uC/OS-II, The Real-Time Kernel
Jean J. Labrosse

EXAMPLE #1

89116946172338525924079161200809680987546685223383412430562925283669250986343296
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#Tasks      : 13 CPU Usage: 0 % 80387 FPU
#Task switch/sec: 2191
<-PRESS 'ESC' TO QUIT-> V2.52
```

# Example 1

- Files needed:
  - The main program (test.c)
  - The configuration for uC/OS-2(os\_cfg.h)
  - The big include file (includes.h)
  - The kernel source
- Tools needed:
  - Borland C++ compiler (V3.1+)
  - DOSBox (x86 real mode + DOS/BIOS emulator)
  - Windows (tested) or MacOS (not tested)

# Example 1

- Install software
  - Install DOSBox
  - Put Borland C files in <dir>\bc45
  - Put uc/OS-II files in <dir>\software
- Run DOSBox and do the following in DOSBox
  - mount c <dir>
  - cd c:\SOFTWARE\uCOS-II\EX1\_x86L\BC45\test
  - maketest.bat
  - test.exe

# Example 1

- Before we start...
  - Source tree structure
  - Makefile

# Example 1

- 13 tasks run concurrently
  - 2 internal tasks:
    - The idle task and the statistic task
  - 11 user tasks:
    - 1 startup task
    - 10 worker tasks randomly print numbers on the screen
- Focus: System initialization and task creation



# Example 1

```
#include "includes.h"

/*
*****
*
*                                     CONSTANTS
*
*****
*/

#define TASK_STK_SIZE      512      /* Size of each task's stacks (# of WORDs) */
#define N_TASKS            10      /* Number of identical tasks */

/*
*****
*
*                                     VARIABLES
*
*****
*/

OS_STK      TaskStk[N_TASKS][TASK_STK_SIZE];      /* Tasks stacks */
OS_STK      TaskStartStk[TASK_STK_SIZE];
char        TaskData[N_TASKS];      /* Parameters to pass to each task */
OS_EVENT    *RandomSem;
```



A semaphore (to be explained later)

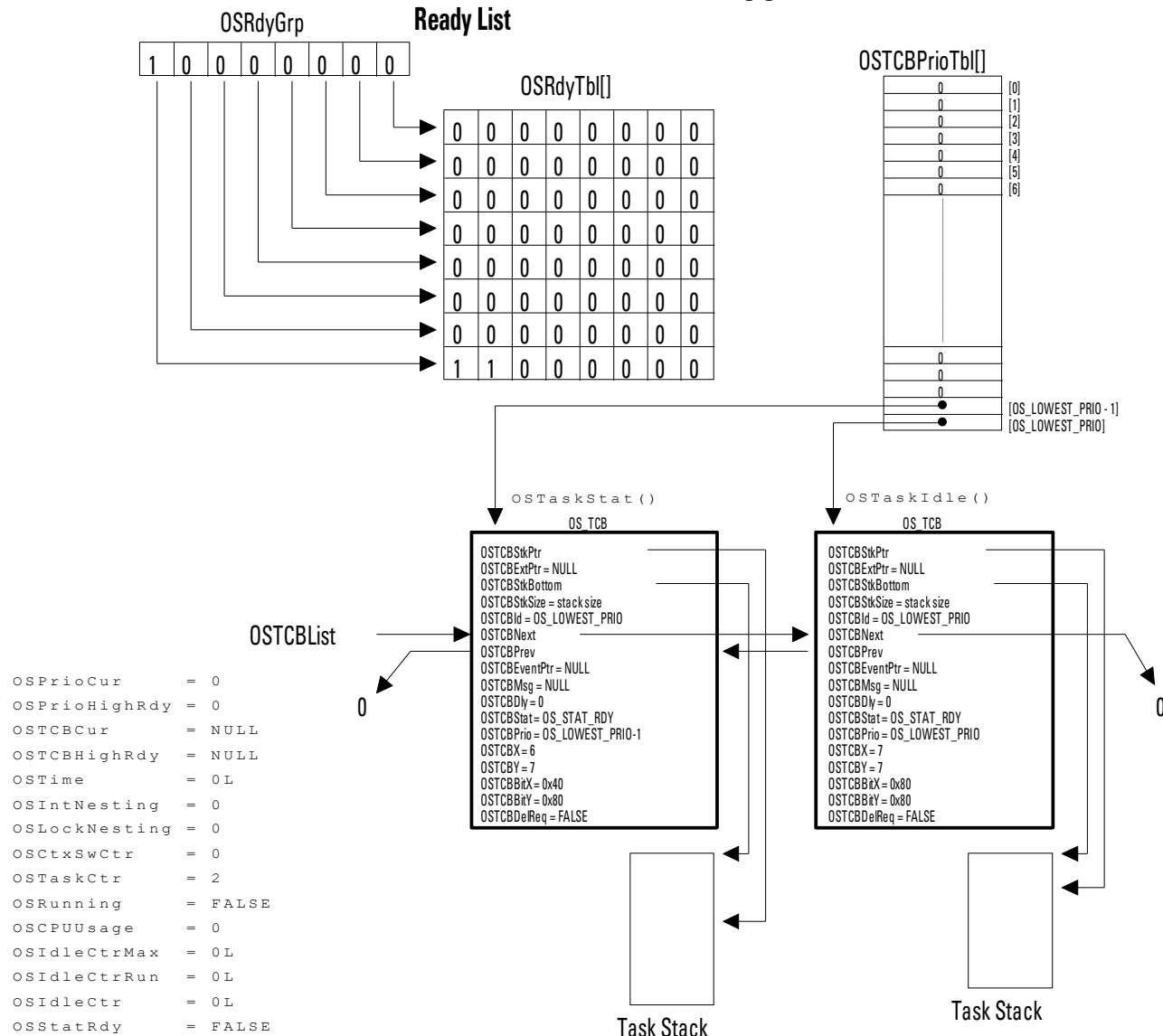
# Main()

```
void main (void)
{
    PC_DispcClrScr(DISP_FGND_WHITE + DISP_BGND_BLACK);           (1)
    OSInit();                                                    (2)
    PC_DOSSaveReturn();                                         (3)
    PC_VectSet(uCOS, OSCtxSw);                                     (4)
    RandomSem = OSSemCreate(1);                                    (5)
    OSTaskCreate(TaskStart,                                       (6)
                (void *)0,
                (void *)&TaskStartStk[TASK_STK_SIZE-1],
                0);
    OSStart();                                                  (7)
}
```

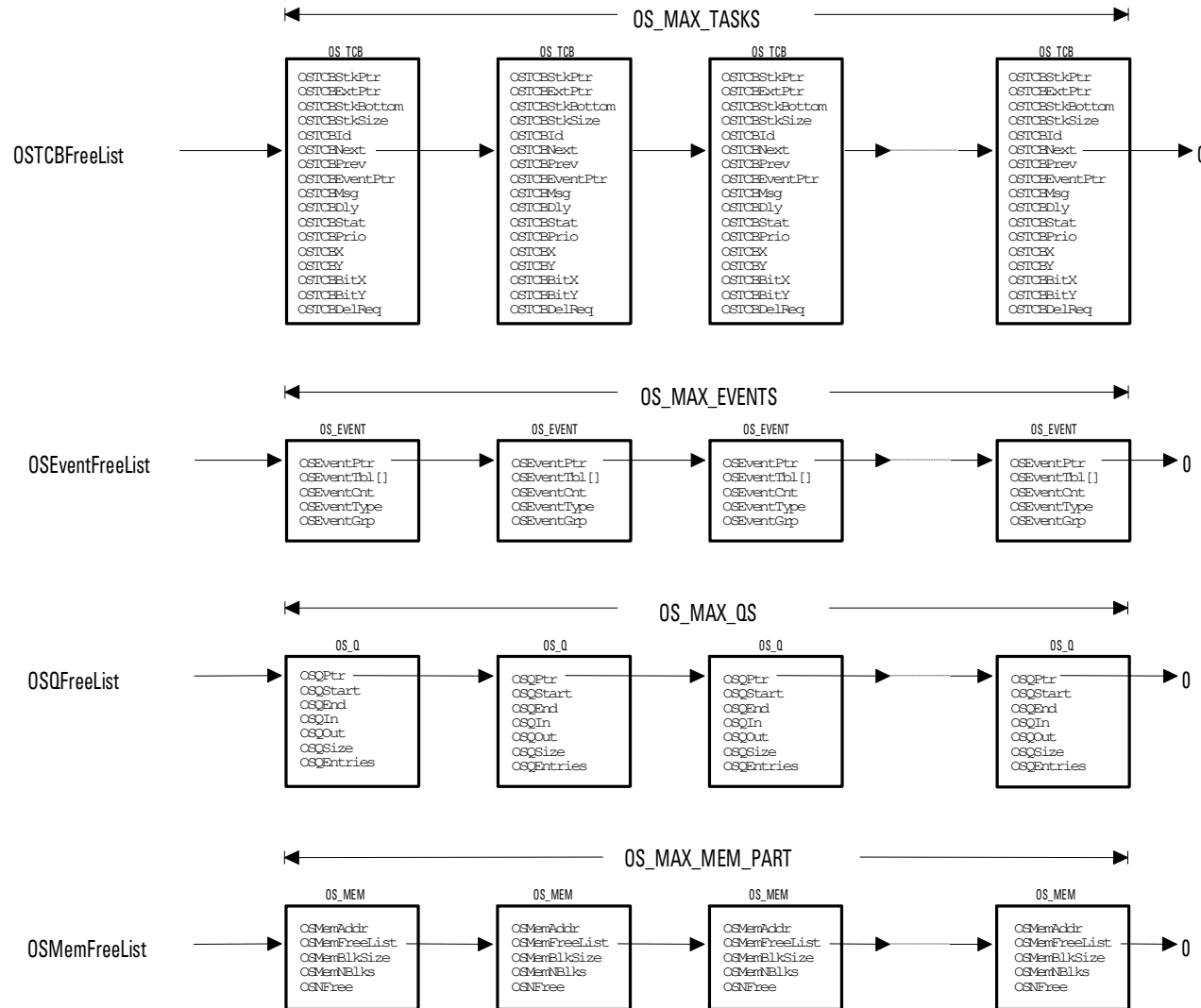
# Main()

- OSinit():
  - Init internal structures of uC/OS-2
    - Task ready list
    - Priority table
    - Task control blocks (TCB)
    - Free pool
  - Create housekeeping tasks
    - The idle task
    - The statistics task

# OSinit()



# OSinit()



# Main()

- PC\_DOSSaveReturn()
  - Save the current status of DOS for the later restoration
    - Interrupt vectors and the RTC tick rate.
  - Set a global returning point using setjmp()
    - uC/OS-2 can come back here on OS termination
    - PC\_DOSReturn()

# PC\_DOSSaveReturn()

```
void PC_DOSSaveReturn (void)
{
    PC_ExitFlag  = FALSE;                (1)
    OSTickDOSCtr =      8;                (2)
    PC_TickISR    = PC_VectGet(VECT_TICK); (3)

    OS_ENTER_CRITICAL();
    PC_VectSet(VECT_DOS_CHAIN, PC_TickISR); (4)
    OS_EXIT_CRITICAL();

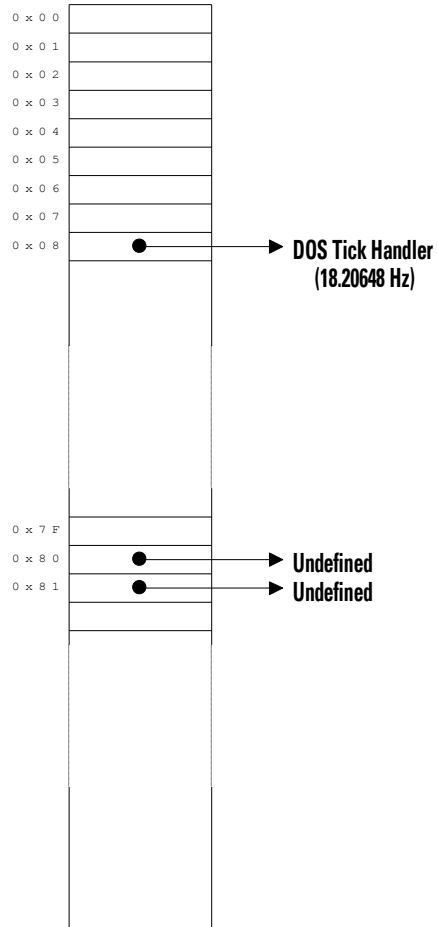
    setjmp(PC_JumpBuf);                  (5)
    if (PC_ExitFlag == TRUE) {
        OS_ENTER_CRITICAL();
        PC_SetTickRate(18);              (6)
        PC_VectSet(VECT_TICK, PC_TickISR); (7)
        OS_EXIT_CRITICAL();
        PC_DispcClrScr(DISP_FGND_WHITE + DISP_BGND_BLACK); (8)
        exit(0);                          (9)
    }
}
```

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(4): **backup** DOS tick ISR (entry point) to another interrupt vector. **Later** when we install a new tick ISR, the old DOS tick ISR can be called immediately after our new tick ISR.

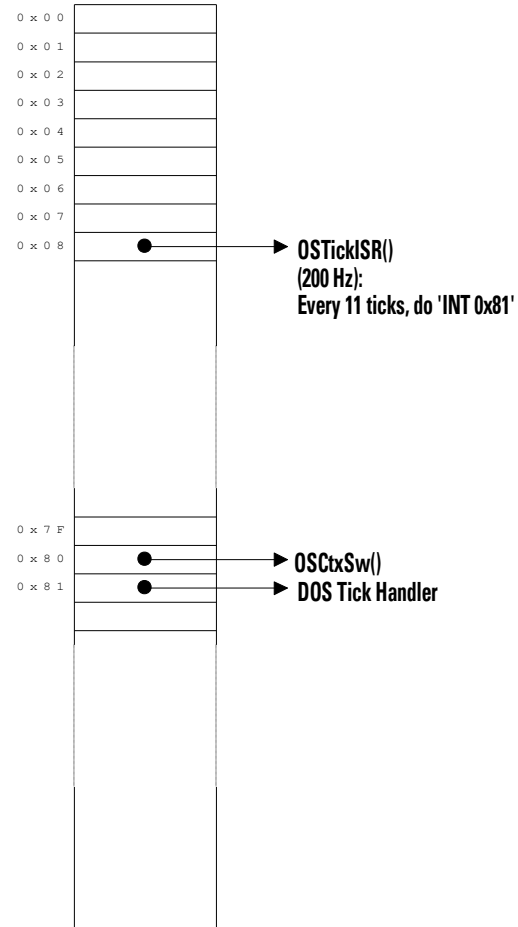
## Before (DOS only)

Interrupt Vector Table  
(IVT)



## After (OS/2 installed)

Interrupt Vector Table  
(IVT)





# Main()

- PC\_VectSet(uCOS,OSCtxSw)
  - Install the context switch handler
    - Interrupt # 0x80 of 80x86 family
  - Context switches are handled during ISR!
    - Voluntary CXTSW via executing an **INT** instruction
    - Involuntary CXTSW during the return of a timer ISR



# Main()

- OSSEMCreate()
  - Create a semaphore for IPC
    - To protect non-reentrant codes and shared resources
  - The semaphore is initialized as a binary semaphore
    - For mutual exclusion
  - In this example, a semaphore is created to protect “random()” in the standard C library
    - random() hides a global variable
    - Linear Congruential Generator
    - $a_n = (a_{n-1} * p + q) \% m$

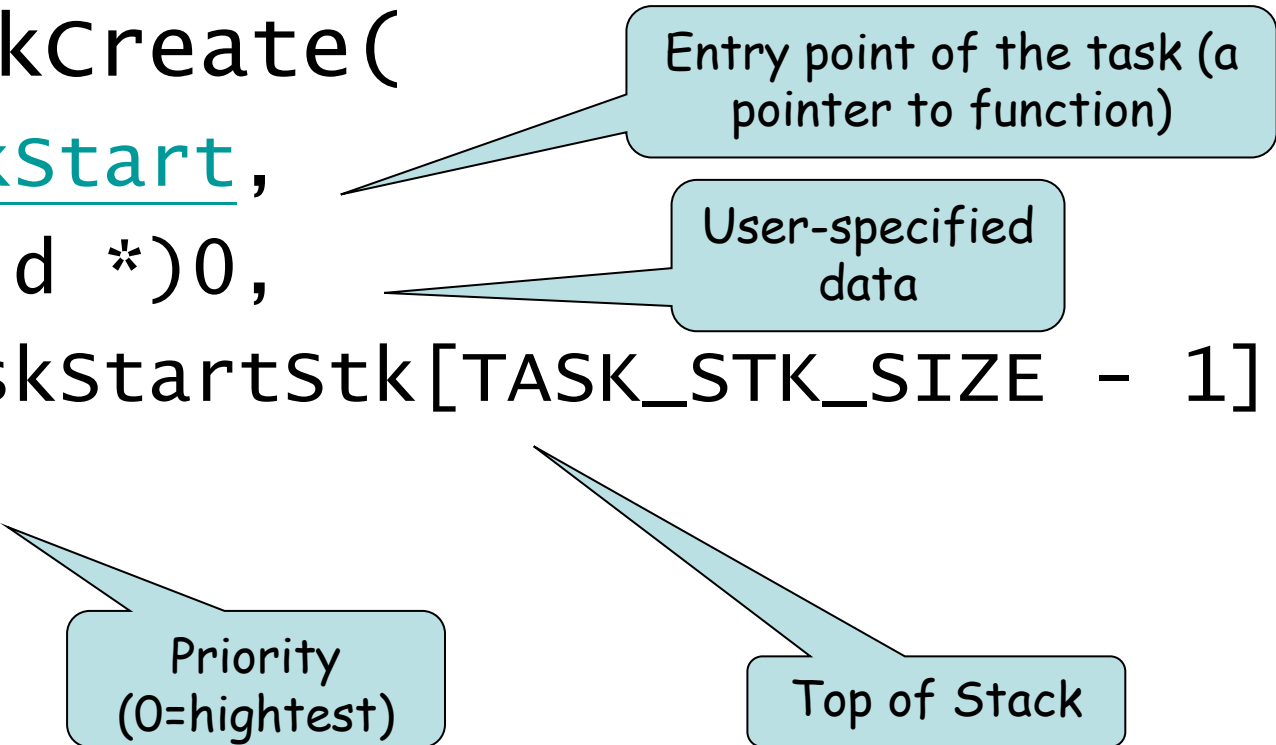
# Main()

- OSTaskCreate()
  - Create tasks with the supplied arguments
  - Tasks become “ready” after being created
- Task
  - An active entity which does computation
  - **Priority, CPU registers, stack, text, housekeeping status**
  - uC/OS-2 allows maximum 62 tasks to be created
- uC/OS-2 picks up the highest-priority task for execution on rescheduling points
  - Clock ticks, interrupt return, and semaphore operations...
  - We shall see more in RTC ISR.



# OSTaskCreate()

`OSTaskCreate(  
    TaskStart,  
    (void *)0,  
    &TaskStartStk[TASK_STK_SIZE - 1],  
    0  
);`



Entry point of the task (a pointer to function)

User-specified data

Top of Stack

Priority (0=highest)

Enabling multitasking after  
you created the first user task!

# TaskStart()

Cxtsw begins as soon as the new tick ISR is installed. OSStart() launches the first task. So install the tick ISR after OSStart() is called

```
void TaskStart (void *pdata)
{
    #if OS_CRITICAL_METHOD == 3
        OS_CPU_SR cpu_sr;
    #endif
    char s[100];
    INT16S key;

    pdata = pdata;

    TaskStartDispInit();

    OS_ENTER_CRITICAL();
    PC_VectSet(0x08, OSTickISR);
    PC_SetTickRate(OS_TICKS_PER_SEC);
    OS_EXIT_CRITICAL();

    OSStatInit();

    TaskStartCreateTasks();

    for (;;) {
        TaskStartDisp();

        if (PC_GetKey(&key) == TRUE) {
            if (key == 0x1B) {
                PC_DOSReturn();
            }
        }

        OSCtxSwCtr = 0;
        OSTimeDlyHMSM(0, 0, 1, 0);
    }
}
```

/\* Allocate storage for status register \*/

/\* Prevent compiler warning \*/

/\* Initialize the display \*/

/\* Install uC/OS-II's clock tick ISR \*/

/\* Reprogram tick rate \*/

/\* Initialize uC/OS-II's statistics \*/

/\* Create all the application tasks \*/

/\* Update the display \*/

/\* See if key has been pressed \*/

/\* Yes, see if it's the ESCAPE key \*/

/\* Return to DOS \*/

/\* Clear context switch counter \*/

/\* wait one second \*/

Install new Tick ISR and  
change the ticking rate  
from 18.2HZ too 200HZ



# TaskStart()

- OS\_ENTER(EXIT)\_CRITICAL
  - Enable/disable maskable interrupts
  - A solution of critical section in uniprocessor systems
    - No preemption is possible until interrupt is re-enabled
    - Different from semaphores
  - Processor specific
    - CLI/STI (x86 real mode)
    - CPSID/CPSIE (ARM)



# TaskStartCreateTasks()

```
static void TaskStartCreateTasks (void)
{
    INT8U i;

    for (i = 0; i < N_TASKS; i++) {
        TaskData[i] = '0' + i;

        OSTaskCreate(
            Task,
            (void *)&TaskData[i],
            &TaskStk[i][TASK_STK_SIZE - 1],
            i + 1);
    }
}
```

Entry point of the  
created task

Argument: character  
to print

Stack

Priority



# Task()

```
void Task (void *pdata)
{
```

```
    INT8U  x;
    INT8U  y;
    INT8U  err;
```

Semaphore  
operations.

```
    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); /* Find Y position where task number will appear */
```

```
        OSSemPost(RandomSem); /* Release semaphore */
```

```
        /* Display the task number on the screen */
```

```
        PC_DispChar(x, y + 5, *(char *)pdata, DISP_FGND_BLACK + DISP_BGND_LIGHT_GRAY);
```

```
        OSTimeDly(1); /* Delay 1 clock tick */
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```





# Semaphores

- `OSSemPend()` / `OSSemPost()`
- A semaphore consists of a wait list and an integer counter
- `OSSemPend`:
  - Counter--;
  - If the value of the semaphore  $< 0$ , the task is blocked and moved to the wait list immediately
  - A time-out value can be specified
- `OSSemPost`:
  - Counter++;
  - If the value of the semaphore  $\geq 0$ , a task in the wait list is removed from the wait list
  - Reschedule if needed

# Main()

- OSStart()
  - Start multitasking of uC/OS-2 by “context switching” to the highest priority task
  - It never returns to main()
  - ucOS’s tick ISR should be installed after OSStart() is called, so it is called in the Startup task, which is the highest priority task upon calling OSStart()
  - uC/OS-2 is terminated if PC\_DOSReturn() is called



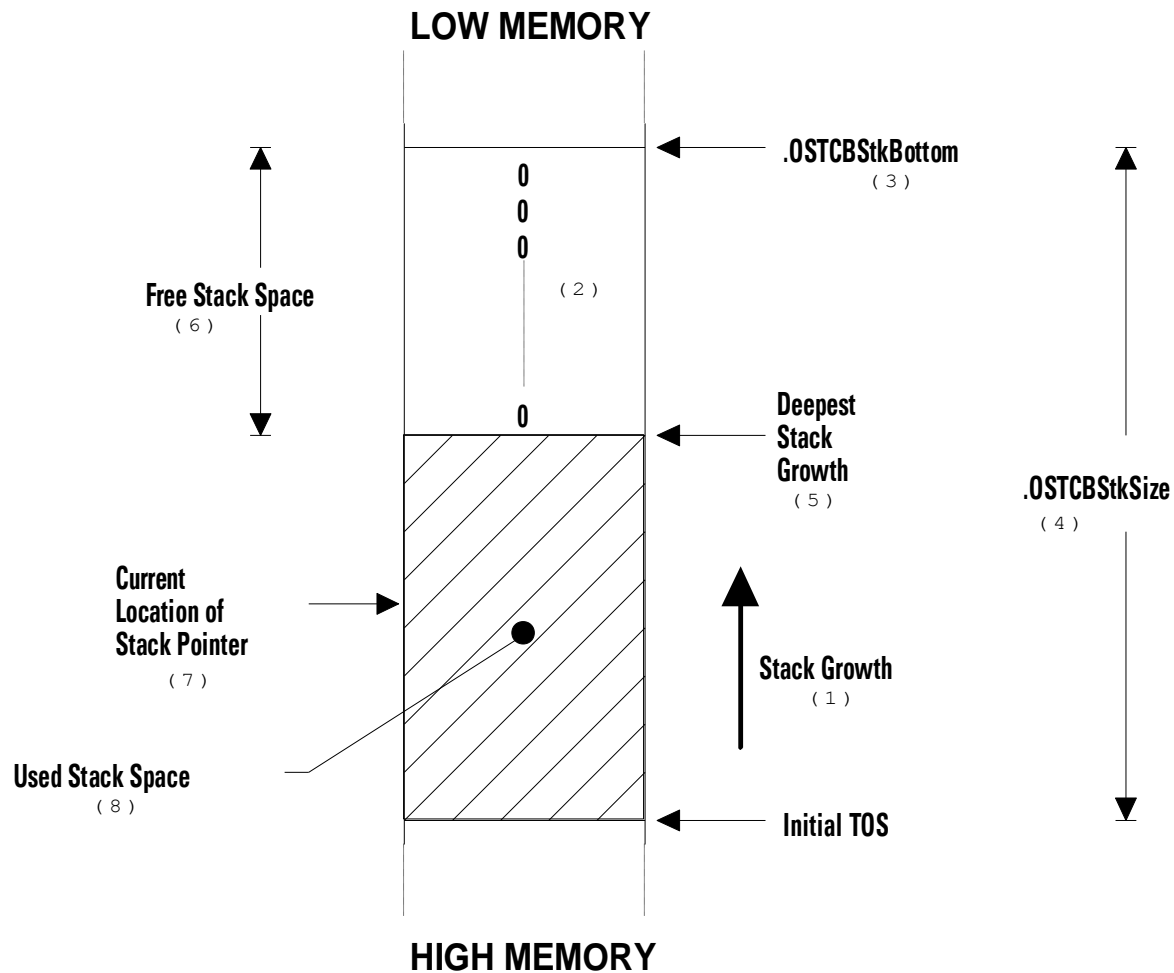
# Summary: Example 1

- uC/OS-2 is initialized and started by calling OSInit() and OSStart(), respectively
- Before uC/OS-2 is started,
  - DOS status is saved by calling PC\_DOSSaveReturn()
  - Context switch handler is installed by calling PC\_VectSet()
  - User tasks must be created by OSTaskCreate()
- Shared resources must be protected by semaphores
  - OSSemPend(),OSSemPost()

# Example 2

- Example 2 focuses on:
  - More task creation options
  - **Stack usage** of each task
  - **Floating point** operations
  - IPC via **mailboxes**

# Stack Usage of a Task



# Example 2

```
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EXAMPLE #2

Task          Total Stack  Free Stack  Used Stack  ExecTime (uS)
-----
TaskStart():   624          170         454          2
TaskClk() :    1024         688         336          4
Task1() :      1024         654         370          4
Task2() :      1024         956          68          7
Task3() :      1024         454         570          2
Task4() :      1024         940          84          6
Task5() :      1024         924         100          6

#Tasks      : 9 CPU Usage: 9 %
#Task switch/sec: 67

80387 FPU
2003-08-03 00:25:57
V2.52
<-PRESS 'ESC' TO QUIT->
```

```

#define          TASK_STK_SIZE      512                /* Size of each task's stacks (# of WORDs) */

#define          TASK_START_ID      0                /* Application tasks IDs */
#define          TASK_CLK_ID        1
#define          TASK_1_ID          2
#define          TASK_2_ID          3
#define          TASK_3_ID          4
#define          TASK_4_ID          5
#define          TASK_5_ID          6

#define          TASK_START_PRIO     10               /* Application tasks priorities */
#define          TASK_CLK_PRIO       11
#define          TASK_1_PRIO         12
#define          TASK_2_PRIO         13
#define          TASK_3_PRIO         14
#define          TASK_4_PRIO         15
#define          TASK_5_PRIO         16

OS_STK          TaskStartStk[TASK_STK_SIZE];          /* Startup    task stack */
OS_STK          TaskClkStk[TASK_STK_SIZE];            /* Clock      task stack */
OS_STK          Task1Stk[TASK_STK_SIZE];              /* Task #1    task stack */
OS_STK          Task2Stk[TASK_STK_SIZE];              /* Task #2    task stack */
OS_STK          Task3Stk[TASK_STK_SIZE];              /* Task #3    task stack */
OS_STK          Task4Stk[TASK_STK_SIZE];              /* Task #4    task stack */
OS_STK          Task5Stk[TASK_STK_SIZE];              /* Task #5    task stack */

OS_EVENT        *AckMbox;                             /* Message mailboxes for Tasks #4 and #5 */
OS_EVENT        *TxMbox;

```



2 Mailboxes

# Main()

```
void main (void)
{
    OS_STK *ptos;
    OS_STK *pbos;
    INT32U size;

    PC_DispClrScr(DISP_FGND_WHITE);          /* Clear the screen */

    OSInit();                                /* Initialize uC/OS-II */

    PC_DOSSaveReturn();                      /* Save environment to return to DOS */
    PC_VectSet(uCOS, OSCtxSw);               /* Install uC/OS-II's context switch vector */

    PC_ElapsedInit();                        /* Initialized elapsed time measurement */

    ptos      = &TaskStartStk[TASK_STK_SIZE - 1]; /* TaskStart() will use Floating-Point */
    pbos      = &TaskStartStk[0];
    size      = TASK_STK_SIZE;
    OSTaskStkInit_FPE_x86(&ptos, &pbos, &size);
    OSTaskCreateExt(TaskStart,
                    (void *)0,
                    ptos,
                    TASK_START_PRIO,
                    TASK_START_ID,
                    pbos,
                    size,
                    (void *)0,
                    OS_TASK_OPT_STK_CHK | OS_TASK_OPT_STK_CLR);

    OSStart();                               /* Start multitasking */
}
```



# TaskStart()

```

void TaskStart (void *pdata)
{
    #if OS_CRITICAL_METHOD == 3
        OS_CPU_SR  cpu_sr;
    #endif
        INT16S      key;

    pdata = pdata;

    TaskStartDispInit();

    OS_ENTER_CRITICAL();
    PC_VectSet(0x08, OSTickISR);
    PC_SetTickRate(OS_TICKS_PER_SEC);
    OS_EXIT_CRITICAL();

    OSStatInit();

    AckMbox = OSMboxCreate((void *)0);
    TxBbox  = OSMboxCreate((void *)0);

    TaskStartCreateTasks();

    for (;;) {
        TaskStartDisp();

        if (PC_GetKey(&key)) {
            if (key == 0x1B) {
                PC_DOSReturn();
            }
        }

        OSCtxSwCtr = 0;
        OSTimeDly(OS_TICKS_PER_SEC);
    }
}

```

/\* Allocate storage for CPU status register \*/

/\* Prevent compiler warning \*/

/\* Setup the display \*/

/\* Install uC/OS-II's clock tick ISR \*/

/\* Reprogram tick rate \*/

/\* Initialize uC/OS-II's statistics \*/

/\* Create 2 message mailboxes \*/

/\* Create all other tasks \*/

/\* Update the display \*/

/\* See if key has been pressed \*/

/\* Yes, see if it's the ESCAPE key \*/

/\* Yes, return to DOS \*/

/\* Clear context switch counter \*/

/\* Wait one second \*/

Create 2  
mailboxes

The dummy loop  
wait for 'ESC'

# Task1()

```
void Task1 (void *pdata)
{
    INT8U      err;
    OS_STK_DATA data;          /* Storage for task stack data */
    INT16U      time;          /* Execution time (in uS) */
    INT8U      i;
    char        s[80];

    pdata = pdata;
    for (;;) {
        for (i = 0; i < 7; i++) {
            PC_ElapsedStart();
            err = OSTaskStkChk(TASK_START_PRIO + i, &data);
            time = PC_ElapsedStop();
            if (err == OS_NO_ERR) {
                sprintf(s, "%4ld      %4ld      %4ld      %6d",
                        data.OSFree + data.OSUsed,
                        data.OSFree,
                        data.OSUsed,
                        time);
                PC_DispStr(19, 12 + i, s, DISP_FGND_BLACK + DISP_BGND_LIGHT_GRAY);
            }
        }
        OSTimeDlyHMSM(0, 0, 0, 100); /* Delay for 100 mS */
    }
}
```

```

void Task2 (void *data)
{
    data = data;
    for (;;) {
        PC_Dispatch(70, 15, '|', DISP_FGND_YELLOW + DISP_BGND_BLUE);
        OSTimeDly(10);
        PC_Dispatch(70, 15, '/', DISP_FGND_YELLOW + DISP_BGND_BLUE);
        OSTimeDly(10);
        PC_Dispatch(70, 15, '-', DISP_FGND_YELLOW + DISP_BGND_BLUE);
        OSTimeDly(10);
        PC_Dispatch(70, 15, '\\', DISP_FGND_YELLOW + DISP_BGND_BLUE);
        OSTimeDly(10);
    }
}

void Task3 (void *data)
{
    char    dummy[500];
    INT16U  i;

    data = data;
    for (i = 0; i < 499; i++) {          /* Use up the stack with 'junk' */
        dummy[i] = '?';
    }
    for (;;) {
        PC_Dispatch(70, 16, '|', DISP_FGND_YELLOW + DISP_BGND_BLUE);
        OSTimeDly(20);
        PC_Dispatch(70, 16, '\\', DISP_FGND_YELLOW + DISP_BGND_BLUE);
        OSTimeDly(20);
        PC_Dispatch(70, 16, '-', DISP_FGND_YELLOW + DISP_BGND_BLUE);
        OSTimeDly(20);
        PC_Dispatch(70, 16, '/', DISP_FGND_YELLOW + DISP_BGND_BLUE);
        OSTimeDly(20);
    }
}

```

# Task4 and Task5

```
void Task4 (void *data)
{
    char    txmsg;
    INT8U   err;

    data = data;
    txmsg = 'A';
    for (;;) {
        OSMboxPost(TxMbox, (void *)&txmsg);          /* Send message to Task #5          */
        OSMboxPend(AckMbox, 0, &err);                 /* Wait for acknowledgement from Task #5 */
        txmsg++;                                       /* Next message to send            */
        if (txmsg == 'Z') {
            txmsg = 'A';                               /* Start new series of messages    */
        }
    }
}

void Task5 (void *data)
{
    char    *rxmsg;
    INT8U   err;

    data = data;
    for (;;) {
        rxmsg = (char *)OSMboxPend(TxMbox, 0, &err); /* Wait for message from Task #4 */
        PC_Dispatch(70, 18, *rxmsg, DISP_FGND_YELLOW + DISP_BGND_BLUE);
        OSTimeDlyHMSM(0, 0, 1, 0);                  /* Wait 1 second                    */
        OSMboxPost(AckMbox, (void *)1);               /* Acknowledge reception of msg    */
    }
}
```

# MailBox

- A mailbox is a data exchange between tasks
  - A mailbox consists of a data pointer and a wait-list
- OSMboxPend():
  - The message in the mailbox is retrieved
  - If the mailbox is empty, the task is immediately blocked and moved to the wait-list
  - A time-out value can be specified
- OSMboxPost():
  - A message is deposited in the mailbox
  - If there is already a message in the mailbox, an error is returned (not overwritten)
  - If tasks waiting for a message from the mailbox, the task with the highest priority is removed from the wait-list and scheduled to run

# OSTaskStkInit\_FPE\_x86()

- OSTaskStkInit\_FPE\_x86(&ptos, &pbos, &size)
- Passing the original top address, bottom address, and size of the stack
- On return, the arguments are modified and some stack space are reserved for floating point library
  - For context switches

# OSCreateTaskExt()

- OSTaskCreateExt(  
TaskStart,  
(void \*)0,  
ptos,  
TASK\_START\_PRIO,  
TASK\_START\_ID,  
pbos,  
size,  
(void \*)0,  
OS\_TASK\_OPT\_STK\_CHK | OS\_TASK\_OPT\_STK\_CLR  
);

# OSTaskStkCheck()

- Check for stack overflow
  - Criteria
    - $\text{bos} < (\text{tos} - \text{stack length})$
  - Who uses stacks?
    - Local variables,
    - arguments for procedure calls,
    - and **temporary storage for ISR's**
  - When stacks are checked?
    - When a task is created
    - When OSTaskStkCheck() is called
    - No automatic stack checking



# Summary: Example2

- Local variable, function calls, and ISR's will utilize the stack space of user tasks
  - ISR will use the stack of the task being interrupted
- If floating-point operations are needed, some stack space should be reserved
- Mailbox can be used to synchronize among tasks

# Example 3

- Using message queues to pass user-defined data structures among tasks
- Demonstrating how to use OS hooks to monitor interested system events

# Example 3

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EXAMPLE #3				
Task Name	Counter	Exec.Time(uS)	Tot.Exec.Time(uS)	%Tot.
StartTask	00013	26	458	23 %
Clock Task	00020	33	597	31 %
MsgQ Rx Task	00081	5	348	18 %
MsgQ Tx Task #2	00040	3	116	6 %
MsgQ Tx Task #3	00020	4	71	3 %
MsgQ Tx Task #4	00020	3	64	3 %
TimeDlyTask	00100	4	270	14 %
#Tasks :	9	CPU Usage:	1 %	80387 FPU
#Task switch/sec:	41			2003-08-03 12:23:17
<-PRESS 'ESC' TO QUIT->				V2.52

```

• #define          TASK_STK_SIZE      512                /* Size of each task's stacks (# of WORDs)      */
•
• #define          TASK_START_ID      0                  /* Application tasks                              */
• #define          TASK_CLK_ID        1
• #define          TASK_1_ID          2
• #define          TASK_2_ID          3
• #define          TASK_3_ID          4
• #define          TASK_4_ID          5
• #define          TASK_5_ID          6
•
• #define          TASK_START_PRIO     10                 /* Application tasks priorities                    */
• #define          TASK_CLK_PRIO      11
• #define          TASK_1_PRIO        12
• #define          TASK_2_PRIO        13
• #define          TASK_3_PRIO        14
• #define          TASK_4_PRIO        15
• #define          TASK_5_PRIO        16
•
• #define          MSG_QUEUE_SIZE      20                 /* Size of message queue used in example          */
•
• typedef struct {
•     char          TaskName[30];
•     INT16U         TaskCtr;
•     INT16U         TaskExecTime;
•     INT32U         TaskTotExecTime;
• } TASK_USER_DATA;
•
• OS_STK            TaskStartStk[TASK_STK_SIZE];          /* Startup      task stack                        */
• OS_STK            TaskClkStk[TASK_STK_SIZE];            /* Clock        task stack                        */
• OS_STK            Task1Stk[TASK_STK_SIZE];              /* Task #1     task stack                        */
• OS_STK            Task2Stk[TASK_STK_SIZE];              /* Task #2     task stack                        */
• OS_STK            Task3Stk[TASK_STK_SIZE];              /* Task #3     task stack                        */
• OS_STK            Task4Stk[TASK_STK_SIZE];              /* Task #4     task stack                        */
• OS_STK            Task5Stk[TASK_STK_SIZE];              /* Task #5     task stack                        */
•
• TASK_USER_DATA    TaskUserData[7];
•
• OS_EVENT           *MsgQueue;                           /* Message queue pointer                          */
• void                *MsgQueueTbl[20];                    /* Storage for messages                           */

```

User-defined data  
structure to pass to tasks

Message queue and an  
array of messages

- void Task1 (void \*pdata)
- {
- char \*msg;
- INT8U err;
- 
- pdata = pdata;
- for (;;) {
- msg = (char \*)[OSQPend](#)(MsgQueue, 0, &err);
- PC\_DispStr(70, 13, msg, DISP\_FGND\_YELLOW + DISP\_BGND\_BLUE);
- OSTimeDlyHMSM(0, 0, 0, 100);
- }
- }

- void Task2 (void \*pdata)
- {
- char msg[20];
- 
- pdata = pdata;
- strcpy(&msg[0], "Task 2");
- for (;;) {
- [OSQPost](#)(MsgQueue, (void \*)&msg[0]);
- OSTimeDlyHMSM(0, 0, 0, 500);
- }
- }

Task 2, 3, 4 are  
functionally  
identical.

# Message Queues

- A message queue= an array of elements + a wait-list
  - Different from a mailbox, many messages are queued in a message queue in a FIFO fashion
  - As same as mailboxes, there can be multiple tasks pend/post to a message queue
- **OSQPost():**
  - Appending a message to the queue
  - The highest-priority pending task (in the wait-list) receives the message and is scheduled to run, if any
  - If queue is full, return without being blocked
- **OSQPend():**
  - Remove a message from the queue
  - If no message can be retrieved, the task is moved to the wait-list and becomes blocked



# Hooks

- A hook (callback) is cascaded after its corresponding system event
  - For example, OSTaskSwHook () is called every time when context switch occurs
  - User program could do something when the interested events occur
- The hooks are specified in compile time in uC/OS-2
  - Write your code in the body of predefined hooks
  - Registration/deregistration are not available

# User Customizable Hooks

- void OSInitHookBegin (void)
- void OSInitHookEnd (void)
- void OSTaskCreateHook (OS\_TCB \*ptcb)
- void OSTaskDelHook (OS\_TCB \*ptcb)
- void OSTaskIdleHook (void)
- void OSTaskStatHook (void)
- void OSTaskSwHook (void)
- void OSTCBInitHook (OS\_TCB \*ptcb)
- void OSTimeTickHook (void)



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• void OSTaskStatHook (void)
• {
•     char      s[80];
•     INT8U     i;
•     INT32U    total;
•     INT8U     pct;

•
•     total = 0L;                                /* Totalize TOT. EXEC. TIME for each task */
•     for (i = 0; i < 7; i++) {
•         total += TaskUserData[i].TaskTotExecTime;
•         DispTaskStat(i);                        /* Display task data */
•     }
•     if (total > 0) {
•         for (i = 0; i < 7; i++) {                /* Derive percentage of each task */
•             pct = 100 * TaskUserData[i].TaskTotExecTime / total;
•             sprintf(s, "%3d %%", pct);
•             PC_DispStr(62, i + 11, s, DISP_FGND_BLACK + DISP_BGND_LIGHT_GRAY);
•         }
•     }
•     if (total > 1000000000L) {                    /* Reset total time counters at 1 billion */
•         for (i = 0; i < 7; i++) {
•             TaskUserData[i].TaskTotExecTime = 0L;
•         }
•     }
• }

• void OSTaskSwHook (void)
• {
•     INT16U     time;
•     TASK_USER_DATA *puser;

•
•     time = PC_ElapsedStop();                    /* This task is done */
•     PC_ElapsedStart();                          /* Start for next task */
•     puser = OSTCBCur->OSTCBExtPtr;              /* Point to used data */
•     if (puser != (TASK_USER_DATA *)0) {
•         puser->TaskCtr++;                        /* Increment task counter */
•         puser->TaskExecTime = time;              /* Update the task's execution time */
•         puser->TaskTotExecTime += time;          /* Update the task's total execution time */
•     }
• }

```

# Summary: Example 3

- Synchronizing tasks with message queues
  - Multiple message can be held in the queue
  - Multiple tasks can pend/post to a message queues
- Hooking interested system events via customizable hooks
  - Write your code in the body of predefined hooks

# Summary: Getting Started with uC/OS-2

- Do you understand
  - how to write a dummy uC/OS-2 program?
  - how the control flows among procedures?
  - how tasks are created?
  - how tasks are synchronized by semaphore, mailbox, and message queues?
  - how the space of stacks are allocated?
  - how to hook on system events?