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Abassi RTOS

Porting Document

ARM Cortex-M3 – GCC

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1 Introduction

This document details the port of the Abassi RTOS to the ARM Cortex-M3 processor. The software suite used for this specific port is the GNU "C" compiler version 4.5.1, and GNU assembler and linker version 2.20.51.20100809. This GNU toolset was part of the Raisonance integrated development environment (Ride 7), version 7.30.0169, with patch 7.30.10.0169. This distribution should properly work with most GNU toolsets for the ARM Cortex-M3.

1.1 Distribution Contents

The set of files supplied with this distribution are listed in Table 1-1 below:

Table 1-1 Distribution

File Name	Description
`Abassi.h`	Include file for the RTOS
`Abassi.c`	RTOS "C" source file
`Abassi_CORTEXM3_GCC.s`	RTOS assembly file for the ARM Cortex-M3 to use with GCC
`Abassi.ld`	Linker script file
`Demo_1_EKLM3S1968_GCC.c`	Demo code that runs on the LM3S1968 evaluation board
`Demo_2_EKLM3S1968_GCC.c`	Demo code that runs on the LM3S1968 evaluation board
`AbassiDemo.h`	Build option settings for the demo code

1.2 Limitations

To optimize the reaction time of the Abassi RTOS components, it was decided to require the processor to always operate in privileged mode (which is the default mode for Cortex-M microcontrollers) and to always use the main stack pointer (MSP). The start-up code supplied in the distribution fulfills these constraints and one must be careful to not change these settings in the application.

The `SVCall` interrupt (interrupt number -5) is not available as it is reserved for the OS, and the Abassi RTOS uses it.

2 Target Set-up

Very little is needed to configure the GCC toolset to use the Abassi RTOS in an application. All there is to do is to add the files `Abassi.c` and `Abassi_CORTEXM3_GCC.s` in the source files of the application project or makefile, and make sure the three configuration settings in the file `Abassi_CORTEXM3_GCC.s` (`OS_STACK_SIZE` as described in Section 2.1, `OS_ISR_STACK` as described in Section 2.2, and `OS_HANDLE_PSR_Q` as described in Section 2.3) are set according to the needs of the application. As well, update the include file path in the C/C++ compiler preprocessor options with the location of `Abassi.h`. There is no need to include a start-up file, as `Abassi_CORTEXM3_GCC.s` is the start-up file. A linker script file is supplied with the distribution, as the start-up code is dependent on the definition of the start and end of the different memory sections (see Section 2.4).

The following figure shows a project set-up for the Raisonance Ride 7:

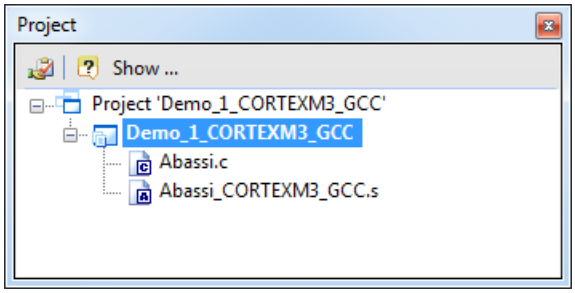

Figure 2-1 Project File List

NOTE: The GCC libraries are not multithread-safe without the use of the `-pthread` command line option. However, this option is not available for GCC built to generate ARM code. This means the calls to libraries functions that are non-multithread-safe should be protected by a mutex. The preferred way is to re-use the `G_OSmutex` for all non-multithread-safe function, as this will avoid deadlocks. These functions are typically the dynamic memory management functions, some form of the `printf/scanf` functions, file I/O, etc. If the GCC toolset used utilizes the `newlib` libraries from Red Hat, you need to attach Abassi mutexes to the `x_lock()` and `x_unlock()` multithread protection functions.

2.1 OS_STACK_SIZE Set-up

The file `Abassi_CORTEXM3_GCC.s` contains the start-up code for "C" applications built with the GNU toolset for the ARM that use the Abassi RTOS. There should be no other start-up file included in the project.

There is a definition used to set-up the stack size for the function `main()`, which is the highest priority task at start-up (known in Abassi as Adam&Eve). This definition is located at around line 30 in the `Abassi_CORTEXM3_GCC.s` file, and is shown in the following table:

Table 2-1 `OS_STACK_SIZE`

```
.equ OS_STACK_SIZE, 1024      /* A&E (main) stack size in bytes/Set-up to your needs*/
```

A stack size of 1024 bytes is the value set in the distribution code; modify this value according to the needs of the application.

The GCC assembler does not support a command line option that would allow the definition of an assembler symbol. So, contrary to all other ports for the ARM Cortex-M3, modifying the value in the file `Abassi_CORTEXM3_GCC.s` is the only possible method to set the stack size.

2.2 Interrupt Stack Set-up

It is possible, and is highly recommended, to use a hybrid stack when nested interrupts occur in an application. Using this hybrid stack, specially dedicated to the interrupts, removes the need to allocate extra room to the stack of every task in the application to handle the interrupt nesting. This feature is controlled by the value set by the definition `OS_ISR_STACK`, located around line 35 in the file `Abassi_CORTEXM3_GCC.s`. To disable this feature, set the definition of `OS_ISR_STACK` to a value of zero. To enable it, and specify the hybrid stack size, set the definition of `OS_ISR_STACK` to the desired size in bytes (see Section 4 for information on stack sizing). As supplied in the distribution, the hybrid stack feature is enabled, and a stack size of 1024 bytes is allocated; this is shown in the following table:

Table 2-2 `OS_ISR_STACK`

```
.equ OS_ISR_STACK, 1024          /* If using a dedicated stack for the nested ISRs  */
                                 /* 0 if not used, otherwise size of stack in bytes */
```

The GCC assembler does not support a command line option that would allow the definition of an assembler symbol. So, contrary to all other ports for the ARM Cortex M3, modifying the value in the file `Abassi_CORTEXM3_GCC.s` is the only possible method to set the hybrid stack size.

2.3 Saturation Bit Set-up

In the ARM Cortex-M3 status register, there is a sticky bit to indicate if an arithmetic saturation or overflow has occurred during a DSP instruction; this is the Q flag in the status register (bit #27). By default, this bit is not kept localized at the task level as it needs extra processing during a context switch to do so; instead, it is propagated across all tasks. This choice was made because most applications do not care about the value of this bit.

If this bit is relevant for an application, even in a single task, then it must be kept locally in each task. To keep the meaning of the saturation bit localized, the token `OS_HANDLE_PSR_Q` must be set to a non-zero value; to disable it, it must be set to a zero value. This is located at around line 30 in the file `Abassi_CORTEXM3_GCC.s`. The distribution code disables the localization of the Q bit, setting the token `HANDLE_PSR_Q` to zero, as shown in the following table:

Table 2-3 Saturation Bit configuration

```
.equ OS_HANDLE_PSR_Q, 0         /* If we keep the Q bit (saturation) on per tasks   */
```

The GCC assembler does not support a command line option that would allow the definition of an assembler symbol. So, contrary to all other ports for the ARM Cortex-M3, modifying the value in the file `Abassi_CORTEXM3_GCC.s` is the only possible method to set the control of the saturation bit.

2.4 Linker Script file

The file `Abassi.ld`, supplied in the distribution, is the GNU `ld` linker script, which defines the memory map of the target device. As the start-up code contained in the file `Abassi_CortexM3_GCC.s` needs to know the start and end of code sections, there needs to be a one to one relationship in the section naming between the linker script file and the start-up code. This is why the linker file `Abassi.ld` must be used with `Abassi_CORTEXM3_GCC.s`. As supplied, the memory map applies to the Texas Instruments LM3S1968 device. The following table shows the two lines in the file, around line 30, that need to be modified to match your target device.

Table 2-4 Linker Script

```
MEMORY
{
   ROM (rx)  : ORIGIN = 0x00000000, LENGTH = 0x00040000
   RAM (rwx) : ORIGIN = 0x20000000, LENGTH = 0x00010000
}
```

3 Interrupts

The Abassi RTOS needs to be aware when kernel requests are performed inside or outside an interrupt context. For all interrupt sources (except interrupt numbers less than -1) the Abassi RTOS provides an interrupt dispatcher, which allows it to be interrupt-aware. This dispatcher achieves two goals. First, the kernel uses it to know if a request occurs within an interrupt context or not. Second, using this dispatcher reduces the code size, as all interrupts share the same code for the decision making of entering the kernel or not at the end of the interrupt.

The distribution makes provision for 241 sources of interrupts, as specified by the token `OS_N_INTERRUPTS` in the file `Abassi_CortexM3_GCC`.s, and the internal default value used by `Abassi.c`. Even though the Nested Vectored Interrupt Controller (NVIC) peripheral supports a maximum of 256 interrupts on the Cortex-M3, the first 15 entries of the interrupt vector table are hard mapped to dedicated handlers (the interrupt number -1, which is attached to `SysTick`, is not hard mapped but is handled by the ISR dispatcher).

3.1 Interrupt Handling

3.1.1 Interrupt Table Size

Most devices do not require all 256 interrupts, as they typically only handle between 64 and 128 sources of interrupts. The interrupt table can be easily reduced to recover code space, and at the same time recover the same amount of data memory. There are two files affected: in `Abassi_CortexM3_GCC.s`, the ARM interrupt table itself must be shrunk, and the value used in the file `Abassi.c`, in order to reduce the ISR dispatcher table look-up. The interrupt table size is defined by the token `OS_N_INTERRUPTS` in the file `Abassi_CortexM3_GCC.s` around line 35. For the value used by `Abassi.c`, the default value can be overloaded by defining the token `OS_N_INTERRUPTS` when compiling `Abassi.c` . The distribution table size is set to 241; that is the NVIC maximum of 256 minus the 15 hard mapped exceptions.

For example, the LM3S1968 device from Texas Instruments uses only the first 64 entries of the interrupt table (48 external interrupts plus the standard 16 exceptions). The 256 entries table can therefore be reduced to 64. The value to set in A`bassi_CortexM3_GCC.s files` is 49, which is the total of 64 entries minus 15 (there are 15 hard mapped exceptions). The changes are shown in the following table:

Table 3-1 `Abassi_CortexM3_GCC.s` interrupt table sizing

```
…

.equ OS_N_INTERRUPTS, 49  /* # of entries in the int table mapped to ISRdispatch */

…
```

The overloading of the default interrupt vector look-up table used by `Abassi.c` is done by using the compiler command line option `-D` and specifying the desired setting with the following:

Table 3-2 Overloading the interrupt table sizing for Abassi.c

```
gcc  … -DOS_N_INTERRUPTS=49 …
```

3.1.2 Interrupt Installer

Attaching a function to a regular interrupt is quite straightforward. All there is to do is use the RTOS component `OSisrInstall()` to specify the interrupt number and the function to be attached to that interrupt number. For example, Table 3-3 shows the code required to attach the `SysTick` interrupt to the RTOS timer tick handler (`TIMtick`):

Table 3-3 Attaching a Function to an Interrupt

```
#include "Abassi.h"

  …
  OSstart();
  …
  OSisrInstall(-1, &TIMtick);
  /* Set-up the count reload and enable SysTick interrupt */

  … /* More ISR setup */

  OSeint(1);                              /* Global enable of all interrupts        */
```

NOTE: `OSisrInstall()` uses the interrupt number, NOT the interrupt vector number.

At start-up, once `OSstart()` has been called, all `OS_N_INTERRUPTS` interrupt handler functions are set to a "do nothing" function, named `OSinvalidISR()`. If an interrupt function is attached to an interrupt number using the `OSisrInstall()` component before calling `OSstart()`, this attachment will be removed by `OSstart()`, so `OSisrInstall()` should never be used before `OSstart()` has ran. When an interrupt handler is removed, it is very important and necessary to first disable the interrupt source, then the handling function can be set back to `OSinvalidISR()`. This is shown in Table 3-4:

Table 3-4 Invalidating an ISR handler

```
#include "Abassi.h"

  …
  /* Disable the interrupt source */
  OSisrInstall(Number, &OSinvalidISR);
  …
```

When an application needs to disable/enable the interrupts, the RTOS supplied functions `OSdint()` and `OSeint()` should be used.

The Nested Vectored Interrupt Controller (NVIC) on the Cortex-M3 does not clear the interrupt generated by a peripheral; neither does the RTOS. If the generated interrupt is a pulse (as for the `SysTick` interrupt), there is nothing to do to clear the interrupt request. However, if the generated interrupt is a level interrupt, the peripheral generating the interrupt must be informed to remove the interrupt request. This operation must be performed in the interrupt handler, otherwise the interrupt will be re-entered over and over.

3.2 Interrupt Priority and Enabling

To properly configure interrupts, the interrupt priority must be set, and the peripheral configured to generate interrupts and enable them. There is no software provided to perform these operations, as this functionality is already available. First, ARM has defined the Cortex Microcontroller Software Interface Standard (CMSIS), which provides everything required for programming the processor peripherals. A search on the Web for the keyword "`core_cm3.h`" will deliver many sites where the "C" source code is available. Second, most chip manufacturers provide code, including files implementing the CMSIS, to configure the specifics on their devices.

3.3 Fast Interrupts

Fast interrupts are supported on this port. A fast interrupt is an interrupt that never uses any component from Abassi, and as the name says, is desired to operate as fast as possible. . To set-up a fast interrupt, all there is to do is to set the address of the interrupt function in the corresponding entry in the interrupt vector table used by the Cortex-M3 processor. The area of the interrupt vector table to modify is located in the file `Abassi_CORTEXM3_GCC.s` around line 70. For example, on a Texas Instruments LM3S1968 device, UART #0 is attached to interrupt number 5 (interrupt vector number 21) and the UART #1 is attached to the interrupt number 6 (interrupt vector number 22). The code to modify is located in the macro loop that initializes the interrupt table that sets the ISR dispatcher as the default interrupt handler. All there is to do is add checks on the token holding the interrupt number, such that, when the interrupt number value matches the desired interrupt number, the appropriate address gets inserted in the table instead of the address of `ISRdispatch()`. The original macro loop code and modified one are shown in the following two tables:

Table 3-5 Distribution interrupt table code

```
.set  INT_NMB, -1
.rept OS_N_INTERRUPTS            /* Map all external interrupts to ISRdispatch() */
   .word   ISRdispatch
   .set    INT_NMB, INT_NMB+1
.endr
```

Attaching a fast interrupt handler to the UART #0 and another one to UART #1, assuming the names of the interrupt functions to attach are respectively `UART0_IRQhandler()` and `UART1_IRQhandler()`, is shown in the following table:

Table 3-6 LM3S1968 UART 0 / 1 Fast Interrupts

```
 .global  USART0_IRQhandler
 .global  USART1_IRQhandler

 …

.set  INT_NMB, -1
.rept OS_N_INTERRUPTS            /* Map all external interrupts to ISRdispatch() */
   .if INT_NMB == 5              /* When is interrupt # 5, set UART #0 handler   */
        .word  UART0_IRQhandler
   .elseif INT_NMB == 6          /* When is interrupt # 6, set UART #1 handler   */
        .word  UART1_IRQhandler
   .else                         /* All others interrupt # set to ISRdispatch()  */
        .word   ISRdispatch
   .endif
   .set    INT_NMB, INT_NMB+1
.endr

 …
```

It is important to add the `.global` statement, otherwise there will be an error during the assembly of the file.

NOTE: If an Abassi component is used inside a fast interrupt, the application will misbehave.

Even if the hybrid interrupt stack feature is enabled (see Section 2.2), fast interrupts will not use that stack. This translates into the need to reserve room on all task stacks for the possible nesting of fast interrupts. To make the fast interrupts also use a hybrid interrupt stack, a prologue and epilogue must be used around the call to the interrupt handler. The prologue and epilogue code to add is almost identical to what is done in the regular interrupt dispatcher. Reusing the example of the UART #0 on the LM3S1968 device, this would look something like:

Table 3-7 Fast Interrupt with Dedicated Stack

```
    …

    .if INT_NMB == 5              /* When is interrupt # 5, set UART #0 handler   */
        .word    UART0preHandler

    …
    …

    .section .text.UART0preHandler
    .align2
    .code   16
    .thumb_func
    .type   OScontext, %function

    EXTERN  UART0handler

UART0preHandler:
    cpsid   I                           /* Disable ISR to protect against nesting */
    mov     r0, sp                      /* Memo current stack pointer             */
    ldr     sp, =UART0_stack            /* Stack dedicated to this fast interrupt */
    cpsie   I                           /* The stack is now hybrid, nesting safe  */
    push    {r0, lr}                    /* Preserve original sp & EXC_RETURN      */

    bl      UART0handler                /* Enter the interrupt handler            */

    pop     {r0, lr}                    /* Recover original sp & EXC_RETURN       */
    mov     sp, r0                      /* Recover pre-isr stack                  */
    bx      lr                          /* Exit from the interrupt                */

    …
    …

    .bss

    .space    UART0_stack_size            /* Room for the fast interrupt stack    */
UART0_stack:

    …
```

The same code, with unique labels, must be repeated for each of the fast interrupts.

3.4 Nested Interrupts

The interrupt controller allows nesting of interrupts; this means an interrupt of higher priority will interrupt the processing of an interrupt of lower priority. Individual interrupt sources can be set to one of 8 levels, where level 0 is the highest and 7 is the lowest. This implies that the RTOS build option `OS_NESTED_INTS` must be set to a non-zero value. The exception to this is an application where all enabled interrupts handled by the RTOS ISR dispatcher are set, without exception, to the same priority; then interrupt nesting will not occur. In that case, and only that case, can the build option `OS_NESTED_INTS` be set to zero. As this latter case is quite unlikely, the build option `OS_NESTED_INTS`

is always overloaded when compiling the RTOS for the ARM Cortex-M3. If the latter condition is guaranteed, the overloading located after the pre-processor directive can be modified. The code affected in `Abassi.h` is shown in Table 3-8 below and the line to modify is the one with `#define OX_NESTED_INTS 1`:

Table 3-8 Removing interrupt nesting

```
#elif defined(__GNUC__) && defined(__ARM_ARCH_7M__)
  #define OX_NESTED_INTS 0 /* The ARM has 8 nested (NIVC) interrupt levels */
```

Or if the build option `OS_NESTED_INTS` is desired to be propagated:

Table 3-9 Propagating interrupt nesting

```
#elif defined(__GNUC__) && defined(__ARM_ARCH_7M__)
  #define OX_NESTED_INTS OS_NESTED_INTS
```

The Abassi RTOS kernel never disables interrupts, but there are a few very small regions within the interrupt dispatcher where interrupts are temporarily disabled due to the nesting (a total of between 10 to 20 instructions).

The kernel is never entered as long as interrupt nesting exists. In all interrupt functions, when a RTOS component that needs to access some kernel functionality is used, the request(s) is/are put in a queue. Only once the interrupt nesting is over (i.e. when only a single interrupt context remains) is the kernel entered at the end of the interrupt, when the queue contains one or more requests, and when the kernel is not already active. This means that only the interrupt handler function operates in an interrupt context, and only the time the interrupt function is using the CPU are other interrupts of equal or lower level blocked by the interrupt controller.

4 Stack Usage

The RTOS uses the tasks' stack for two purposes. When a task is blocked or ready to run but not running, the stack holds the register context that was preserved when the task got blocked or preempted. Also, when an interrupt occurs, the register context of the running task must be preserved in order for the operations performed during the interrupt to not corrupt the contents of the registers used by the task when it got interrupted. For the Cortex-M3, the context save contents of a blocked or pre-empted task is different from the one used in an interrupt. The following table lists the number of bytes required by each type of context save operation:

Table 4-1 Context Save Stack Requirements

Description	Context save
Blocked/Preempted task context save	`40 bytes`
Interrupt dispatcher context save (`OS_ISR_STACK == 0`)	`40 bytes`
Interrupt dispatcher context save (`OS_ISR_STACK != 0`)	`48 bytes`

The numbers for the interrupt dispatcher context save include the 32 bytes the processor pushes on the stack when it enters the interrupt servicing.

When sizing the stack to allocate to a task, there are three factors to take in account. The first factor is simply that every task in the application needs at least the area to preserve the task context when it is preempted or blocked. Second, one must take into account how many levels of nested interrupts exist in the application. As a worst case, all levels of interrupts may occur and becoming fully nested. So if N levels of interrupts are used in the application, provision should be made to hold N times the size of an ISR context save on each task stack, plus any added stack used by all the interrupt handler functions. Finally, add to all this the stack required by the code implementing the task operation.

NOTE: The ARM Cortex M3 processor needs alignment on 8 bytes for some instructions accessing memory. When stack memory is allocated, Abassi guarantees the alignment. This said, when sizing `OS_STATIC_STACK` or `OS_ALLOC_SIZE`, make sure to take in account that all allocation performed through these memory pools are by block size multiple of 8 bytes.

If the hybrid interrupt stack (see Section 2.2) is enabled, then the above description changes: it is only necessary to reserve room on task stacks for a single interrupt context save (this excludes the interrupt function handler stack requirements) and not the worst-case nesting. With the hybrid stack enabled, the second, third, and so on interrupts use the stack dedicated to the interrupts. The hybrid stack is enabled when the `OS_ISR_STACK` token in the file `Abassi_CORTEXM3_GCC.s` is set to a non-zero value (see Section 2.2).

5 Search Set-up

The Abassi RTOS build option `OS_SEARCH_FAST` offers three different algorithms to quickly determine the next running task upon task blocking. The following table shows the measurements obtained for the number of CPU cycles required when a task at priority 0 is blocked, and the next running task is at the specified priority. The number of cycles includes everything, not just the search cycle count. The number of cycles was measured using the `SysTick` peripheral, which decrements the counter once every CPU cycle. The second column is when `OS_SEARCH_FAST` is set to zero, meaning a simple array traversing. The third column, labeled Look-up, is when `OS_SEARCH_FAST` is set to 1, which uses an 8 bit look-up table. Finally, the last column is when `OS_SEARCH_FAST` is set to 5 (GCC/Cortex-M3 `int` are 32 bits, so 2^5), meaning a 32 bit look-up table, further searched through successive approximation. The compiler optimization for this measurement was set to `-O3`, meaning maximum optimization for speed. The RTOS build options were set to the minimum feature set, except for option `OS_PRIO_CHANGE` set to non-zero. The presence of this extra feature provokes a small mismatch between the result for a difference of priority of 1, with `OS_SEARCH_FAST` set to zero, and the latency results in Section 7.2.

When the build option `OS_SEARCH_ALGO` is set to a negative value, indicating to use a 2-dimensional linked list search technique instead of the search array, the number of CPU cycles is constant at 235 cycles.

Table 5-1 Search Algorithm Cycle Count

Priority	Linear search	Look-up	Approximation
1	225	262	305
2	233	268	305
3	238	274	306
4	243	280	305
5	248	286	306
6	253	292	306
7	258	298	307
8	263	269	305
9	268	279	306
10	273	285	306
11	278	291	307
12	283	297	306
13	288	303	307
14	293	309	307
15	298	315	308
16	303	277	305
17	308	287	306
18	313	293	306
19	318	299	307
20	323	305	306
21	328	311	307
22	333	317	307
23	338	323	308
24	343	283	306

When `OS_SEARCH_FAST` is set to 0, each extra priority level to traverse requires 5 CPU cycles. When `OS_SEARCH_FAST` is set to 1, each extra priority level to traverse requires 6 CPU cycles, except when the priority level is an exact multiple of 8; then there is a sharp reduction of CPU usage. Overall, setting `OS_SEARCH_FAST` to 1 adds around 30 to 40 cycles of CPU for the search, compared to setting `OS_SEARCH_FAST` to zero. But when the next ready to run priority is less than 8, 16, 24, … then there is an extra 17 cycles needed, but without the 8 times 6 cycle accumulation. Finally, the third option, when `OS_SEARCH_FAST` is set to 5, delivers a quasi-constant CPU usage, as the algorithm utilizes a successive approximation search technique (when the delta is 32 or more, the CPU cycle count is 320±1, for 64 or more, it is 329±1).

The first observation, when looking at this table, is that the second option, when OS_SEARCH_FAST is set to 5, is overall for the first 20 some cases less CPU efficient than the first and second option, the ones when OS_SEARCH_FAST is set to 0 or 1. So, the build option OS_SEARCH_FAST should never be set to 5, if there are less than 20 priority levels in the applicaton. The other observation is that the first option (OS_SEARCH_FAST set to 0) delivers better CPU performance than the second option (OS_SEARCH_FAST set to 1) when the search spans less than 16 priority levels. So, if an application has tasks spanning less than 16 priority levels, the build option OS_SEARCH_FAST should be set to 0; for all other cases, the build option OS_SEARCH_FAST should be set to 1.

Setting the build option OS_SEARCH_ALGO to a non-negative value minimizes the time needed to change the state of a task from blocked to ready to run, and not the time needed to find the next running task upon blocking/suspending of the running task. If the application needs are such that the critical real-time requirement is to get the next running task up and running as fast as possible, then set the build option OS_SEARCH_ALGO to a negative value.

6 Chip Support

No chip support is provided with the distribution code because, first, ARM has defined the Cortex Microcontroller Software Interface Standard (CMSIS), which provides everything required for programming the processor peripherals. A search on the web for the keyword "`core_cm3.h`" will deliver many sites where the "C" source code is available. Second, most chip manufacturers provide code, including files implementing the CMSIS, to configure the specifics on their devices.

7 Measurements

This section gives an overview of the memory requirements and the CPU latency encountered when the RTOS is used on the ARM Cortex-M3 and compiled with the GCC tool set. The CPU cycles are exactly the CPU clock cycles, as the processor typically executes one instruction at every clock transition.

7.1 Memory

The memory numbers are supplied for the two limit cases of build options (and some in-between): the smallest footprint is the RTOS built with only the minimal feature set, and the other with almost all the features. For both cases, names are not part of the build. This feature was removed from the metrics because it is highly probable that shipping products utilizing this RTOS will not include the naming of descriptors, as its usefulness is mainly limited to debugging and making the opening/creation of components run-time safe.

The code size numbers are expressed with "less than" as they have been rounded up to multiples of 25 for the "C" code. These numbers were obtained using the beta release of the RTOS and may change. One should interpret these numbers as the "very likely" numbers for the released version of the RTOS.

The code memory required by the RTOS includes the "C" code and assembly language code used by the RTOS. The code optimization setting of the compiler that was used for the memory measurements is `-Os`, which optimizes the size of the code generated. The debugging option was turned off as the debugging sometimes restricts the optimizer.

Table 7-1 "C" Code Memory Usage

Description	Code Size
Minimal Build	< 725 bytes
+ Runtime service creation / static memory	< 950 bytes
+ Multiple tasks at same priority	< 1050 bytes
+ Runtime priority change + Mutex priority inheritance + FCFS + Task suspension	< 1500 bytes
+ Timer & timeout + Timer call back + Round robin	< 2150 bytes
+ Events + Mailbox	< 3050 bytes
Full Feature Build (no names)	< 3725 bytes
Full Feature Build (no names / no runtime creation)	< 3300 bytes
Full Feature Build (no names / no runtime creation) + Timer services module	< 3200 bytes[1]

Table 7-2 Assembly Code Memory Usage

Description	Size
Assembly code size	188 bytes
Vector table (per interrupt handler entry)	+4 bytes
Hybrid Stack Enabled	+12 bytes
Saturation Bit Enabled	+24 bytes
"C" start-up (replaces standard start-up file)	+52 bytes

There are two aspects when describing the data memory usage by the RTOS. First, the RTOS needs its own data memory to operate, and second, most of the services offered by the RTOS require data memory for each instance of the service. As the build options affect either the kernel memory needs or the service descriptors (or both), an interactive calculator has been made available on Code Time Technologies website.

[1] This number should be largest than the previous one. But some reason, it looks like GCC does a better code shrinkage when the time service module is present in the kernel than when not.

7.2 Latency

Latency of operations has been measured on a Texas Instrument Stellaris EKK-LM3S1968 Evaluation board populated with a 50 MHz LM3S1968 device. All measurements have been performed on the real platform. This means the interrupt latency measurements had to be instrumented to read the `SysTick` counter value. This instrumentation can add up to 5 or 6 cycles to the measurements. The code optimization setting that was used for the latency measurements is `-O3`, which optimizes the code generated for the best speed. The debugging option was turned off as the debugging sometimes restricts the optimizer.

There are 5 types of latencies that are measured, and these 5 measurements are expected to give a very good overview of the real-time performance of the Abassi RTOS for this port. For all measurements, three tasks were involved:

1. Adam & Eve set to a priority value of 0;
2. A low priority task set to a priority value of 1;
3. The Idle task set to a priority value of 20.

The sets of 5 measurements are performed on a semaphore, on the event flags of a task, and finally on a mailbox. The first 2 latency measurements use the component in a manner where there is no task switching. The third measurements involve a high priority task getting blocked by the component. The fourth measurements are about the opposite: a low priority task getting pre-empted because the component unblocks a high priority task. Finally, the reaction to unblocking a task, which becomes the running task, through an interrupt is provided.

The first set of measurements counts the number of CPU cycles elapsed starting right before the component is used until it is back from the component. For these measurement there is no task switching. This means:

Table 7-3 Measurement without Task Switch

```
Start CPU cycle count
SEMpost(…);  or  EVTset(…);  or  MBXput();
Stop CPU cycle count
```

The second set of measurements, as for the first set, counts the number of CPU cycles elapsed starting right before the component is used until it is back from the component. For these measurement there is no task switching. This means:

Table 7-4 Measurement without Blocking

```
Start CPU cycle count
SEMwait(…, -1);  or  EVTwait(…, -1);  or  MBXget(…, -1);
Stop CPU cycle count
```

The third set of measurements counts the number of CPU cycles elapsed starting right before the component triggers the unblocking of a higher priority task until the latter is back from the component used that blocked the task. This means:

Table 7-5 Measurement with Task Switch

```
main()
{
    …
    SEMwait(…, -1);  or  EVTwait(…, -1);  or  MBXget(…, -1);
    Stop CPU cycle count
    …
}

TaskPrio1()
{
    …
    Start CPU cycle count
    SEMpost(…);      or  EVTset(…);       or  MBXput(…);
    …
}
```

The forth set of measurements counts the number of CPU cycles elapsed starting right before the component blocks of a high priority task until the next ready to run task is back from the component it was blocked on; the blocking was provoked by the unblocking of a higher priority task. This means:

Table 7-6 Measurement with Task unblocking

```
main()
{
    …
    Start CPU cycle count
    SEMwait(…, -1);  or  EVTwait(…, -1);  or  MBXget(…, -1);
    …
}

TaskPrio1()
{
    …
    SEMpost(…);      or  EVTset(…);       or  MBXput(…);
    Stop CPU cycle count
    …
}
```

The fifth set of measurements counts the number of CPU cycles elapsed from the beginning of an interrupt using the component, until the task that was blocked becomes the running task and is back from the component used that blocked the task. The interrupt latency measurement includes everything involved in the interrupt operation, even the cycles the processor needs to push the interrupt context before entering the interrupt code. The interrupt function, attached with `OSisrInstall()`, is simply a two line function that uses the appropriate RTOS component followed by a return.

Table 7-7 lists the results obtained, where the cycle count is measured using the `SysTick` peripheral on the Cortex-M3. This timer decrements its counter by 1 at every CPU cycle. As was the case for the memory measurements, these numbers were obtained with a beta release of the RTOS. It is possible the released version of the RTOS may have slightly different numbers.

The interrupt latency is the number of cycles elapsed when the interrupt trigger occurred and the ISR function handler is entered. This includes the number of cycles used by the processor to set-up the interrupt stack and branch to the address specified in the interrupt vector table. But for this measurement, the LM3S1968 Timer 1 is used to trigger the interrupt and measure the elapsed time. The latency measurement includes the cycles required to acknowledge the interrupt.

The interrupt overhead without entering the kernel is the measurement of the number of CPU cycles used between the entry point in the interrupt vector and the return from interrupt, with a "do nothing" function in the `OSisrInstall()`. The interrupt overhead when entering the kernel is calculated using the results from the third and fifth tests. Finally, the OS context switch is the measurement of the number of CPU cycles it takes to perform a task switch, without involving the wrap-around code of the synchronization component.

The hybrid interrupt stack feature was not enabled, neither was the saturation bit, in any of these tests.

In the following table, the latency numbers between parentheses are the measurements when the build option `OS_SEARCH_ALGO` is set to a negative value. The regular number is the latency measurements when the build option `OS_SEARCH_ALGO` is set to 0.

Table 7-7 Latency Measurements

Description	Minimal Features	Full Features
Semaphore posting no task switch	124 (142)	196 (213)
Semaphore waiting no blocking	135 (150)	212 (227)
Semaphore posting with task switch	191 (229)	321 (350)
Semaphore waiting with blocking	209 (225)	352 (359)
Semaphore posting in ISR with task switch	384 (427)	527 (555)
Event setting no task switch	n/a	194 (209)
Event getting no blocking	n/a	225 (240)
Event setting with task switch	n/a	337 (364)
Event getting with blocking	n/a	373 (378)
Event setting in ISR with task switch	n/a	546 (572)
Mailbox writing no task switch	n/a	245 (260)
Mailbox reading no blocking	n/a	252 (267)
Mailbox writing with task switch	n/a	366 (394)
Mailbox reading with blocking	n/a	411 (418)
Mailbox writing in ISR with task switch	n/a	586 (614)
Interrupt Latency	29	29
Interrupt overhead entering the kernel	193 (198)	206 (205)
Interrupt overhead NOT entering the kernel	50	50
Context switch	36	38

8 Appendix A: Build Options for Code Size

8.1 Case 0: Minimum build

Table 8-1: Case 0 build options

```
#define OS_ALLOC_SIZE       0    /* When !=0, RTOS supplied OSalloc                   */
#define OS_COOPERATIVE      0    /* When 0: pre-emptive, when non-zero: cooperative   */
#define OS_EVENTS           0    /* If event flags are supported                      */
#define OS_FCFS             0    /* Allow the use of 1st come 1st serve semaphore     */
#define OS_IDLE_STACK       0    /* If IdleTask supplied & if so, stack size          */
#define OS_LOGGING_TYPE     0    /* Type of logging to use                            */
#define OS_MAILBOX          0    /* If mailboxes are used                             */
#define OS_MAX_PEND_RQST    2    /* Maximum number of requests in ISRs                */
#define OS_MTX_DEADLOCK     0    /* This test validates this                          */
#define OS_MTX_INVERSION    0    /* To enable protection against priority inversion   */
#define OS_NAMES            0    /* != 0 when named Tasks / Semaphores / Mailboxes    */
#define OS_NESTED_INTS      0    /* If operating with nested interrupts               */
#define OS_PRIO_CHANGE      0    /* If a task priority can be changed at run time     */
#define OS_PRIO_MIN         2    /* Max priority, Idle = OS_PRIO_MIN, AdameEve = 0    */
#define OS_PRIO_SAME        0    /* Support multiple tasks with the same priority     */
#define OS_ROUND_ROBIN      0    /* Use round-robin, value specifies period in uS     */
#define OS_RUNTIME          0    /* If create Task / Semaphore / Mailbox at run time  */
#define OS_SEARCH_ALGO      0    /* If using a fast search                            */
#define OS_STARVE_PRIO      0    /* Priority threshold for starving protection        */
#define OS_STARVE_RUN_MAX   0    /* Maximum Timer Tick for starving protection        */
#define OS_STARVE_WAIT_MAX  0    /* Maximum time on hold for starving protection      */
#define OS_STATIC_BUF_MBX   0    /* when OS_STATIC_MBOX != 0, # of buffer element     */
#define OS_STATIC_MBX       0    /* If !=0 how many mailboxes                         */
#define OS_STATIC_NAME      0    /* If named mailboxes/semaphore/task, size in char   */
#define OS_STATIC_SEM       0    /* If !=0 how many semaphores and mutexes            */
#define OS_STATIC_STACK     0    /* if !=0 number of bytes for all stacks             */
#define OS_STATIC_TASK      0    /* If !=0 how many tasks (excluding A&E and Idle)    */
#define OS_TASK_SUSPEND     0    /* If a task can suspend another one                 */
#define OS_TIMEOUT          0    /* !=0 enables blocking timeout                      */
#define OS_TIMER_CB         0    /* !=0 gives the timer callback period               */
#define OS_TIMER_SRV        0    /* !=0 includes the timer services module            */
#define OS_TIMER_US         0    /* !=0 enables timer & specifies the period in uS    */
#define OS_USE_TASK_ARG     0    /* If tasks have arguments                           */
```

8.2 Case 1: + Runtime service creation / static memory

Table 8-2: Case 1 build options

```
#define OS_ALLOC_SIZE       0    /* When !=0, RTOS supplied OSalloc                    */
#define OS_COOPERATIVE      0    /* When 0: pre-emptive, when non-zero: cooperative  */
#define OS_EVENTS           0    /* If event flags are supported                       */
#define OS_FCFS             0    /* Allow the use of 1st come 1st serve semaphore    */
#define OS_IDLE_STACK       0    /* If IdleTask supplied & if so, stack size         */
#define OS_LOGGING_TYPE     0    /* Type of logging to use                             */
#define OS_MAILBOX          0    /* If mailboxes are used                              */
#define OS_MAX_PEND_RQST    2    /* Maximum number of requests in ISRs                 */
#define OS_MTX_DEADLOCK     0    /* This test validates this                           */
#define OS_MTX_INVERSION    0    /* To enable protection against priority inversion  */
#define OS_NAMES            0    /* != 0 when named Tasks / Semaphores / Mailboxes   */
#define OS_NESTED_INTS      0    /* If operating with nested interrupts              */
#define OS_PRIO_CHANGE      0    /* If a task priority can be changed at run time    */
#define OS_PRIO_MIN         2    /* Max priority, Idle = OS_PRIO_MIN, AdameEve = 0   */
#define OS_PRIO_SAME        0    /* Support multiple tasks with the same priority    */
#define OS_ROUND_ROBIN      0    /* Use round-robin, value specifies period in uS    */
#define OS_RUNTIME          1    /* If create Task / Semaphore / Mailbox at run time */
#define OS_SEARCH_ALGO      0    /* If using a fast search                             */
#define OS_STARVE_PRIO      0    /* Priority threshold for starving protection       */
#define OS_STARVE_RUN_MAX   0    /* Maximum Timer Tick for starving protection       */
#define OS_STARVE_WAIT_MAX  0    /* Maximum time on hold for starving protection     */
#define OS_STATIC_BUF_MBX   0    /* when OS_STATIC_MBOX != 0, # of buffer element    */
#define OS_STATIC_MBX       0    /* If !=0 how many mailboxes                          */
#define OS_STATIC_NAME      0    /* If named mailboxes/semaphore/task, size in char  */
#define OS_STATIC_SEM       5    /* If !=0 how many semaphores and mutexes           */
#define OS_STATIC_STACK     128  /* if !=0 number of bytes for all stacks            */
#define OS_STATIC_TASK      5    /* If !=0 how many tasks (excluding A&E and Idle)   */
#define OS_TASK_SUSPEND     0    /* If a task can suspend another one                */
#define OS_TIMEOUT          0    /* !=0 enables blocking timeout                       */
#define OS_TIMER_CB         0    /* !=0 gives the timer callback period              */
#define OS_TIMER_SRV        0    /* !=0 includes the timer services module           */
#define OS_TIMER_US         0    /* !=0 enables timer & specifies the period in uS   */
#define OS_USE_TASK_ARG     0    /* If tasks have arguments                            */
```

8.3 Case 2: + Multiple tasks at same priority

Table 8-3: Case 2 build options

```
#define OS_ALLOC_SIZE       0    /* When !=0, RTOS supplied OSalloc                    */
#define OS_COOPERATIVE      0    /* When 0: pre-emptive, when non-zero: cooperative  */
#define OS_EVENTS           0    /* If event flags are supported                       */
#define OS_FCFS             0    /* Allow the use of 1st come 1st serve semaphore    */
#define OS_IDLE_STACK       0    /* If IdleTask supplied & if so, stack size         */
#define OS_LOGGING_TYPE     0    /* Type of logging to use                             */
#define OS_MAILBOX          0    /* If mailboxes are used                              */
#define OS_MAX_PEND_RQST    32   /* Maximum number of requests in ISRs                 */
#define OS_MTX_DEADLOCK     0    /* This test validates this                           */
#define OS_MTX_INVERSION    0    /* To enable protection against priority inversion  */
#define OS_NAMES            0    /* != 0 when named Tasks / Semaphores / Mailboxes   */
#define OS_NESTED_INTS      0    /* If operating with nested interrupts                */
#define OS_PRIO_CHANGE      0    /* If a task priority can be changed at run time    */
#define OS_PRIO_MIN         20   /* Max priority, Idle = OS_PRIO_MIN, AdameEve = 0   */
#define OS_PRIO_SAME        1    /* Support multiple tasks with the same priority    */
#define OS_ROUND_ROBIN      0    /* Use round-robin, value specifies period in uS    */
#define OS_RUNTIME          1    /* If create Task / Semaphore / Mailbox at run time */
#define OS_SEARCH_ALGO      0    /* If using a fast search                             */
#define OS_STARVE_PRIO      0    /* Priority threshold for starving protection       */
#define OS_STARVE_RUN_MAX   0    /* Maximum Timer Tick for starving protection       */
#define OS_STARVE_WAIT_MAX  0    /* Maximum time on hold for starving protection     */
#define OS_STATIC_BUF_MBX   0    /* when OS_STATIC_MBOX != 0, # of buffer element    */
#define OS_STATIC_MBX       0    /* If !=0 how many mailboxes                          */
#define OS_STATIC_NAME      0    /* If named mailboxes/semaphore/task, size in char  */
#define OS_STATIC_SEM       5    /* If !=0 how many semaphores and mutexes           */
#define OS_STATIC_STACK     128  /* if !=0 number of bytes for all stacks            */
#define OS_STATIC_TASK      5    /* If !=0 how many tasks (excluding A&E and Idle)   */
#define OS_TASK_SUSPEND     0    /* If a task can suspend another one                */
#define OS_TIMEOUT          0    /* !=0 enables blocking timeout                       */
#define OS_TIMER_CB         0    /* !=0 gives the timer callback period              */
#define OS_TIMER_SRV        0    /* !=0 includes the timer services module           */
#define OS_TIMER_US         0    /* !=0 enables timer & specifies the period in uS   */
#define OS_USE_TASK_ARG     0    /* If tasks have arguments                            */
```

8.4 Case 3: + Priority change / Priority inheritance / FCFS / Task suspend

Table 8-4: Case 3 build options

```
#define OS_ALLOC_SIZE       0    /* When !=0, RTOS supplied OSalloc                    */
#define OS_COOPERATIVE      0    /* When 0: pre-emptive, when non-zero: cooperative  */
#define OS_EVENTS           0    /* If event flags are supported                       */
#define OS_FCFS             1    /* Allow the use of 1st come 1st serve semaphore    */
#define OS_IDLE_STACK       0    /* If IdleTask supplied & if so, stack size         */
#define OS_LOGGING_TYPE     0    /* Type of logging to use                             */
#define OS_MAILBOX          0    /* If mailboxes are used                              */
#define OS_MAX_PEND_RQST    32   /* Maximum number of requests in ISRs                 */
#define OS_MTX_DEADLOCK     0    /* This test validates this                           */
#define OS_MTX_INVERSION    1    /* To enable protection against priority inversion  */
#define OS_NAMES            0    /* != 0 when named Tasks / Semaphores / Mailboxes   */
#define OS_NESTED_INTS      0    /* If operating with nested interrupts              */
#define OS_PRIO_CHANGE      1    /* If a task priority can be changed at run time    */
#define OS_PRIO_MIN         20   /* Max priority, Idle = OS_PRIO_MIN, AdameEve = 0   */
#define OS_PRIO_SAME        1    /* Support multiple tasks with the same priority    */
#define OS_ROUND_ROBIN      0    /* Use round-robin, value specifies period in uS    */
#define OS_RUNTIME          1    /* If create Task / Semaphore / Mailbox at run time */
#define OS_SEARCH_ALGO      0    /* If using a fast search                             */
#define OS_STARVE_PRIO      0    /* Priority threshold for starving protection       */
#define OS_STARVE_RUN_MAX   0    /* Maximum Timer Tick for starving protection       */
#define OS_STARVE_WAIT_MAX  0    /* Maximum time on hold for starving protection     */
#define OS_STATIC_BUF_MBX   0    /* when OS_STATIC_MBOX != 0, # of buffer element    */
#define OS_STATIC_MBX       0    /* If !=0 how many mailboxes                          */
#define OS_STATIC_NAME      0    /* If named mailboxes/semaphore/task, size in char  */
#define OS_STATIC_SEM       5    /* If !=0 how many semaphores and mutexes           */
#define OS_STATIC_STACK     128  /* if !=0 number of bytes for all stacks            */
#define OS_STATIC_TASK      5    /* If !=0 how many tasks (excluding A&E and Idle)   */
#define OS_TASK_SUSPEND     1    /* If a task can suspend another one                */
#define OS_TIMEOUT          0    /* !=0 enables blocking timeout                       */
#define OS_TIMER_CB         0    /* !=0 gives the timer callback period              */
#define OS_TIMER_SRV        0    /* !=0 includes the timer services module           */
#define OS_TIMER_US         0    /* !=0 enables timer & specifies the period in uS   */
#define OS_USE_TASK_ARG     0    /* If tasks have arguments                            */
```

8.5 Case 4: + Timer & timeout / Timer call back / Round robin

Table 8-5: Case 4 build options

```
#define OS_ALLOC_SIZE      0     /* When !=0, RTOS supplied OSalloc                   */
#define OS_COOPERATIVE     0     /* When 0: pre-emptive, when non-zero: cooperative   */
#define OS_EVENTS          0     /* If event flags are supported                      */
#define OS_FCFS            1     /* Allow the use of 1st come 1st serve semaphore     */
#define OS_IDLE_STACK      0     /* If IdleTask supplied & if so, stack size          */
#define OS_LOGGING_TYPE    0     /* Type of logging to use                            */
#define OS_MAILBOX         0     /* If mailboxes are used                             */
#define OS_MAX_PEND_RQST   32    /* Maximum number of requests in ISRs                */
#define OS_MTX_DEADLOCK    0     /* This test validates this                          */
#define OS_MTX_INVERSION   1     /* To enable protection against priority inversion   */
#define OS_NAMES           0     /* != 0 when named Tasks / Semaphores / Mailboxes    */
#define OS_NESTED_INTS     0     /* If operating with nested interrupts               */
#define OS_PRIO_CHANGE     1     /* If a task priority can be changed at run time     */
#define OS_PRIO_MIN        20    /* Max priority, Idle = OS_PRIO_MIN, AdameEve = 0    */
#define OS_PRIO_SAME       1     /* Support multiple tasks with the same priority     */
#define OS_ROUND_ROBIN     100000/* Use round-robin, value specifies period in uS     */
#define OS_RUNTIME         1     /* If create Task / Semaphore / Mailbox at run time  */
#define OS_SEARCH_ALGO     0     /* If using a fast search                            */
#define OS_STARVE_PRIO     0     /* Priority threshold for starving protection        */
#define OS_STARVE_RUN_MAX  0     /* Maximum Timer Tick for starving protection        */
#define OS_STARVE_WAIT_MAX 0     /* Maximum time on hold for starving protection      */
#define OS_STATIC_BUF_MBX  0     /* when OS_STATIC_MBOX != 0, # of buffer element     */
#define OS_STATIC_MBX      0     /* If !=0 how many mailboxes                         */
#define OS_STATIC_NAME     0     /* If named mailboxes/semaphore/task, size in char   */
#define OS_STATIC_SEM      5     /* If !=0 how many semaphores and mutexes            */
#define OS_STATIC_STACK    128   /* if !=0 number of bytes for all stacks             */
#define OS_STATIC_TASK     5     /* If !=0 how many tasks (excluding A&E and Idle)    */
#define OS_TASK_SUSPEND    1     /* If a task can suspend another one                 */
#define OS_TIMEOUT         1     /* !=0 enables blocking timeout                      */
#define OS_TIMER_CB        10    /* !=0 gives the timer callback period               */
#define OS_TIMER_SRV       0     /* !=0 includes the timer services module            */
#define OS_TIMER_US        50000 /* !=0 enables timer & specifies the period in uS    */
#define OS_USE_TASK_ARG    0     /* If tasks have arguments                           */
```

8.6 Case 5: + Events / Mailboxes

Table 8-6: Case 5 build options

```
#define OS_ALLOC_SIZE      0     /* When !=0, RTOS supplied OSalloc                   */
#define OS_COOPERATIVE     0     /* When 0: pre-emptive, when non-zero: cooperative   */
#define OS_EVENTS          0     /* If event flags are supported                      */
#define OS_FCFS            1     /* Allow the use of 1st come 1st serve semaphore     */
#define OS_IDLE_STACK      0     /* If IdleTask supplied & if so, stack size          */
#define OS_LOGGING_TYPE    0     /* Type of logging to use                            */
#define OS_MAILBOX         0     /* If mailboxes are used                             */
#define OS_MAX_PEND_RQST   32    /* Maximum number of requests in ISRs                */
#define OS_MTX_DEADLOCK    0     /* This test validates this                          */
#define OS_MTX_INVERSION   1     /* To enable protection against priority inversion   */
#define OS_NAMES           0     /* != 0 when named Tasks / Semaphores / Mailboxes    */
#define OS_NESTED_INTS     0     /* If operating with nested interrupts               */
#define OS_PRIO_CHANGE     1     /* If a task priority can be changed at run time     */
#define OS_PRIO_MIN        20    /* Max priority, Idle = OS_PRIO_MIN, AdameEve = 0    */
#define OS_PRIO_SAME       1     /* Support multiple tasks with the same priority     */
#define OS_ROUND_ROBIN     100000/* Use round-robin, value specifies period in uS     */
#define OS_RUNTIME         1     /* If create Task / Semaphore / Mailbox at run time  */
#define OS_SEARCH_ALGO     0     /* If using a fast search                            */
#define OS_STARVE_PRIO     0     /* Priority threshold for starving protection        */
#define OS_STARVE_RUN_MAX  0     /* Maximum Timer Tick for starving protection        */
#define OS_STARVE_WAIT_MAX 0     /* Maximum time on hold for starving protection      */
#define OS_STATIC_BUF_MBX  0     /* when OS_STATIC_MBOX != 0, # of buffer element     */
#define OS_STATIC_MBX      0     /* If !=0 how many mailboxes                         */
#define OS_STATIC_NAME     0     /* If named mailboxes/semaphore/task, size in char   */
#define OS_STATIC_SEM      5     /* If !=0 how many semaphores and mutexes            */
#define OS_STATIC_STACK    128   /* if !=0 number of bytes for all stacks             */
#define OS_STATIC_TASK     5     /* If !=0 how many tasks (excluding A&E and Idle)    */
#define OS_TASK_SUSPEND    1     /* If a task can suspend another one                 */
#define OS_TIMEOUT         1     /* !=0 enables blocking timeout                      */
#define OS_TIMER_CB        10    /* !=0 gives the timer callback period               */
#define OS_TIMER_SRV       0     /* !=0 includes the timer services module            */
#define OS_TIMER_US        50000 /* !=0 enables timer & specifies the period in uS    */
#define OS_USE_TASK_ARG    0     /* If tasks have arguments                           */
```

8.7 Case 6: Full feature Build (no names)

Table 8-7: Case 6 build options

```
#define OS_ALLOC_SIZE      0     /* When !=0, RTOS supplied OSalloc                   */
#define OS_COOPERATIVE     0     /* When 0: pre-emptive, when non-zero: cooperative   */
#define OS_EVENTS          1     /* If event flags are supported                      */
#define OS_FCFS            1     /* Allow the use of 1st come 1st serve semaphore     */
#define OS_IDLE_STACK      0     /* If IdleTask supplied & if so, stack size          */
#define OS_LOGGING_TYPE    0     /* Type of logging to use                            */
#define OS_MAILBOX         1     /* If mailboxes are used                             */
#define OS_MAX_PEND_RQST   32    /* Maximum number of requests in ISRs                */
#define OS_MTX_DEADLOCK    0     /* This test validates this                          */
#define OS_MTX_INVERSION   1     /* To enable protection against priority inversion   */
#define OS_NAMES           0     /* != 0 when named Tasks / Semaphores / Mailboxes    */
#define OS_NESTED_INTS     0     /* If operating with nested interrupts               */
#define OS_PRIO_CHANGE     1     /* If a task priority can be changed at run time     */
#define OS_PRIO_MIN        20    /* Max priority, Idle = OS_PRIO_MIN, AdameEve = 0    */
#define OS_PRIO_SAME       1     /* Support multiple tasks with the same priority     */
#define OS_ROUND_ROBIN     -100000 /* Use round-robin, value specifies period in uS   */
#define OS_RUNTIME         1     /* If create Task / Semaphore / Mailbox at run time  */
#define OS_SEARCH_ALGO     0     /* If using a fast search                            */
#define OS_STARVE_PRIO     -3    /* Priority threshold for starving protection        */
#define OS_STARVE_RUN_MAX  -10   /* Maximum Timer Tick for starving protection        */
#define OS_STARVE_WAIT_MAX -100  /* Maximum time on hold for starving protection      */
#define OS_STATIC_BUF_MBX  100   /* when OS_STATIC_MBOX != 0, # of buffer element     */
#define OS_STATIC_MBX      2     /* If !=0 how many mailboxes                         */
#define OS_STATIC_NAME     0     /* If named mailboxes/semaphore/task, size in char   */
#define OS_STATIC_SEM      5     /* If !=0 how many semaphores and mutexes            */
#define OS_STATIC_STACK    128   /* if !=0 number of bytes for all stacks             */
#define OS_STATIC_TASK     5     /* If !=0 how many tasks (excluding A&E and Idle)    */
#define OS_TASK_SUSPEND    1     /* If a task can suspend another one                 */
#define OS_TIMEOUT         1     /* !=0 enables blocking timeout                      */
#define OS_TIMER_CB        10    /* !=0 gives the timer callback period               */
#define OS_TIMER_SRV       0     /* !=0 includes the timer services module            */
#define OS_TIMER_US        50000 /* !=0 enables timer & specifies the period in uS    */
#define OS_USE_TASK_ARG    1     /* If tasks have arguments                           */
```

8.8 Case 7: Full feature Build (no names / no runtime creation)

Table 8-8: Case 7 build options

```
#define OS_ALLOC_SIZE      0     /* When !=0, RTOS supplied OSalloc                   */
#define OS_COOPERATIVE     0     /* When 0: pre-emptive, when non-zero: cooperative   */
#define OS_EVENTS          1     /* If event flags are supported                      */
#define OS_FCFS            1     /* Allow the use of 1st come 1st serve semaphore     */
#define OS_IDLE_STACK      0     /* If IdleTask supplied & if so, stack size          */
#define OS_LOGGING_TYPE    0     /* Type of logging to use                            */
#define OS_MAILBOX         1     /* If mailboxes are used                             */
#define OS_MAX_PEND_RQST   32    /* Maximum number of requests in ISRs                */
#define OS_MTX_DEADLOCK    0     /* This test validates this                          */
#define OS_MTX_INVERSION   1     /* To enable protection against priority inversion   */
#define OS_NAMES           0     /* != 0 when named Tasks / Semaphores / Mailboxes    */
#define OS_NESTED_INTS     0     /* If operating with nested interrupts               */
#define OS_PRIO_CHANGE     1     /* If a task priority can be changed at run time     */
#define OS_PRIO_MIN        20    /* Max priority, Idle = OS_PRIO_MIN, AdameEve = 0    */
#define OS_PRIO_SAME       1     /* Support multiple tasks with the same priority     */
#define OS_ROUND_ROBIN     -100000 /* Use round-robin, value specifies period in uS   */
#define OS_RUNTIME         0     /* If create Task / Semaphore / Mailbox at run time  */
#define OS_SEARCH_ALGO     0     /* If using a fast search                            */
#define OS_STARVE_PRIO     -3    /* Priority threshold for starving protection        */
#define OS_STARVE_RUN_MAX  -10   /* Maximum Timer Tick for starving protection        */
#define OS_STARVE_WAIT_MAX -100  /* Maximum time on hold for starving protection      */
#define OS_STATIC_BUF_MBX  0     /* when OS_STATIC_MBOX != 0, # of buffer element     */
#define OS_STATIC_MBX      0     /* If !=0 how many mailboxes                         */
#define OS_STATIC_NAME     0     /* If named mailboxes/semaphore/task, size in char   */
#define OS_STATIC_SEM      0     /* If !=0 how many semaphores and mutexes            */
#define OS_STATIC_STACK    0     /* if !=0 number of bytes for all stacks             */
#define OS_STATIC_TASK     0     /* If !=0 how many tasks (excluding A&E and Idle)    */
#define OS_TASK_SUSPEND    1     /* If a task can suspend another one                 */
#define OS_TIMEOUT         1     /* !=0 enables blocking timeout                      */
#define OS_TIMER_CB        10    /* !=0 gives the timer callback period               */
#define OS_TIMER_SRV       0     /* !=0 includes the timer services module            */
#define OS_TIMER_US        50000 /* !=0 enables timer & specifies the period in uS    */
#define OS_USE_TASK_ARG    1     /* If tasks have arguments                           */
```

8.9 Case 8: Full build adding the optional timer services

Table 8-9: Case 8 build options

```
#define OS_ALLOC_SIZE      0     /* When !=0, RTOS supplied OSalloc                    */
#define OS_COOPERATIVE     0     /* When 0: pre-emptive, when non-zero: cooperative  */
#define OS_EVENTS          1     /* If event flags are supported                       */
#define OS_FCFS            1     /* Allow the use of 1st come 1st serve semaphore    */
#define OS_IDLE_STACK      0     /* If IdleTask supplied & if so, stack size         */
#define OS_LOGGING_TYPE    0     /* Type of logging to use                             */
#define OS_MAILBOX         1     /* If mailboxes are used                              */
#define OS_MAX_PEND_RQST   32    /* Maximum number of requests in ISRs                 */
#define OS_MTX_DEADLOCK    0     /* This test validates this                           */
#define OS_MTX_INVERSION   1     /* To enable protection against priority inversion  */
#define OS_NAMES           0     /* != 0 when named Tasks / Semaphores / Mailboxes   */
#define OS_NESTED_INTS     0     /* If operating with nested interrupts              */
#define OS_PRIO_CHANGE     1     /* If a task priority can be changed at run time    */
#define OS_PRIO_MIN        20    /* Max priority, Idle = OS_PRIO_MIN, AdameEve = 0   */
#define OS_PRIO_SAME       1     /* Support multiple tasks with the same priority    */
#define OS_ROUND_ROBIN     -100000 /* Use round-robin, value specifies period in uS  */
#define OS_RUNTIME         0     /* If create Task / Semaphore / Mailbox at run time */
#define OS_SEARCH_ALGO     0     /* If using a fast search                           */
#define OS_STARVE_PRIO     -3    /* Priority threshold for starving protection       */
#define OS_STARVE_RUN_MAX  -10   /* Maximum Timer Tick for starving protection       */
#define OS_STARVE_WAIT_MAX -100  /* Maximum time on hold for starving protection     */
#define OS_STATIC_BUF_MBX  100   /* when OS_STATIC_MBOX != 0, # of buffer element    */
#define OS_STATIC_MBX      2     /* If !=0 how many mailboxes                        */
#define OS_STATIC_NAME     0     /* If named mailboxes/semaphore/task, size in char  */
#define OS_STATIC_SEM      5     /* If !=0 how many semaphores and mutexes           */
#define OS_STATIC_STACK    128   /* if !=0 number of bytes for all stacks            */
#define OS_STATIC_TASK     5     /* If !=0 how many tasks (excluding A&E and Idle)   */
#define OS_TASK_SUSPEND    1     /* If a task can suspend another one                */
#define OS_TIMEOUT         1     /* !=0 enables blocking timeout                     */
#define OS_TIMER_CB        10    /* !=0 gives the timer callback period              */
#define OS_TIMER_SRV       1     /* !=0 includes the timer services module           */
#define OS_TIMER_US        50000 /* !=0 enables timer & specifies the period in uS   */
#define OS_USE_TASK_ARG    1     /* If tasks have arguments                          */
```