

# **PRTOS**

**REAL TIME OPERATING SYSTEM  
FOR  
PROTON DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM**

## INTRODUCTION

RTOS is a Real Time Operating System designed specifically in PDS Basic. The system uses co-operative as opposed to pre-emptive scheduling which means that the application code you write has to voluntarily release back to the operating system at appropriate times.

Writing code for a RTOS requires a different mindset from that which used when writing a single threaded application. However, once you have come to terms with this approach you will find that quite complex real time systems can be developed quickly using the services of the operating system.

## WHY SHOULD I USE RTOS?

RTOS can give you the potential opportunity to squeeze more from your PIC than you might expect from your current single threaded application. For example, how often do your programs spend time polling for an input or an event. If you could have the Operating System tell you when an event has taken place you could use that polling time to do other things. This applies equally well to delays. By using RTOS you can write programs which appears to be doing many things all apparently at the time.

Some of this can be achieved in a single threaded program by using interrupts but by using RTOS together with interrupts you will have be able to quickly develop responsive applications which are easy to maintain,

## RTOS FUNDAMENTALS

This section describes the fundamentals of the RTOS citing simple examples written using the PDS RTOS syntax.

A typical program written in PDS Basic would use a looping main program calling subroutines from the main loop. Time critical functions would be handled separately by interrupts. This is fine for simple programs but as the programs become more complex the timing and interactions between the main loop background and the interrupt driven foreground become increasingly more difficult to predict and debug.

RTOS gives you an alternative approach to this where your program is divided up into a number of smaller well defined functions or tasks which can communicate with each other and which are managed by a single central scheduler.

## SOME BASIC DEFINITIONS

The fundamental building block of RTOS are **Tasks**. Tasks are a discrete set of instructions that will perform a recognised function, e.g. Process a keypad entry, write to a display device, output to a peripheral or port etc. It can be considered in effect a small program in its own right which runs within the main program. Most of the functionality of a RTOS based program will be implemented in Tasks.

In RTOS a Task can have a **Priority** which determines its order of precedence with respect to other tasks. Thus you can ensure your most time critical tasks get serviced in a timely manner.

**Interrupts** are events which occur in hardware which cause the program to stop what it was doing and vector to a set of instructions (the Interrupt service routine ISR) which are written to respond to the interrupt. As soon as these instructions have been executed the control is returned to the main program at the point where it was interrupted.

A **Context Switch** occurs when one task is **Suspended** and another task is **Started** or **Resumed**. This is core functionality to a RTOS. In the PDS RTOS the action of suspending is co-operative. This means that your tasks must be written in a way that it will **Yield** back to RTOS in a timely manner. If the task fails to Yield back the system will fail as the non-yielding task will run to the exclusion of all the others.

Tasks can call for a **Delay** which will suspend the task until the delay period has expired and will then resume from where it left off. This is similar to the DelaymS or DelayuS functions in PDS except that during the delay the processor can be assigned another task until that delay period is up. In practice it is most likely that delays will be defined in the mS or 10s of milliseconds as delays in the low microseconds would make context switching very inefficient.

An **Event** is the occurrence of something such as a serial data receipt, or an error has occurred or a long calculation or process has completed. An event can be almost anything and can be raised (**Signalled**) by any part of the program at any time. When a task waits on an event it can assign a **Timeout** so that the task can be released from being stuck waiting for an event which isn't going to happen for some reason.

Inter-task Communication provides a means for tasks to communicate with other tasks. PDS RTOS supports **Semaphores**, **Messages** and **Event Flags**. (Currently only Semaphores are implemented). Semaphores can take 2 forms, **Binary** and **Counting Semaphore**. A binary semaphore can be used to signal actions like a button has been pressed or a value is ready to be processed. The task waiting on the event will then suspend until the

event occurs when it will run. A counting semaphore can will carry a value typically it could be used to indicate the number of bytes in an input buffer.

There are a number of other features which are part of PDS RTOS but these will be covered later. However, there is one important aspect that it is important to appreciate before we get into more detail. In a multi tasking environment such as RTOS it is quite conceivable that two tasks could make a call to the same function. This requires that the function can be used simultaneously by more than one task without corrupting its data. PDS does not naturally generate re-entrant code and you will have to write any functions which require re-entrancy with great care or protect the situation from occurring. However with PDS RTOS's co-operative scheduling or through the use of events this problem can be circumvented.

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## STRUCTURE OF A TASK

Typically a task is a piece of code which will perform an operation within the program repeatedly. A task in PDS RTOS would look like this:

```
UsefulTask:
Repeat
'Do something useful
OS_Yield          'Context Switch
Forever
```

This code will perform its operation and then Yield to the operating system. RTOS will then decide when to run it again. If there are no other tasks to run it will return to the original task. (Note the expression Forever is a macro for "Until 1=1"). In a co-operative RTOS every task **must** make a call back to the operating at least once in its loop. OS\_Yield is one of a number of mechanisms for relinquishing control back to the operating system.

In its simplest form a multitasking program could comprise just 2 or more tasks each taking their turn to run in a **Round-Robin** sequence. This is of limited use and is functionally equivalent to a single threaded program running in a main loop. However, RTOS allows Tasks to be assigned a priority which means you can ensure that the processor is always executing the most import task at any point in time.

Clearly if all your tasks were assigned the highest priority you would be back to running a round-robin single loop system again but in real life applications, tasks only need to run when a specific event occurs. E.g. User entered data or a switch has changed state. When such actions occur the task which needs to respond to that action must run. The quicker the response needed then the higher the priority assigned to the task. This is where a multitasking RTOS starts to show significant advantages over the traditional single threaded structure.

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## TASK STATES

A Task can assume a number of states:

Dormant	<i>Task not created</i>
Pending	<i>Task created but not started</i>
Delayed	<i>Task has been started but is suspended for a period</i>
Waiting	<i>Task has been started and is waiting an event</i>
Ready	<i>Task has been started and is ready or eligible to run</i>
Running	<i>Task is the current active task</i>

Tasks have to be registered or **Created** in RTOS before they can be used. Details including the state of each task are held by RTOS in Task control blocks (**TCBs**). Before a task is created the TCB state will be **Dormant**.

When a task is first created its state will be **Pending**. This means the task has been registered but has not yet been started. Once started the task can have 4 states; **Delayed** meaning it is waiting for a certain number of operating ticks, **Waiting** means it is waiting for an event to occur, **Ready** means its waiting to be run by the scheduler. When a task is finally called by the scheduler its state will be **Running**.

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## REAL LIFE EXAMPLE

Let's look at a very basic example of a real program written for RTOS.

```

Device 18F452
Optimiser_Level = 3
Xtal = 20
Bootloader = Off
All_Digital = True
Create_Coff = On

Include "RTOS Defines.inc"

#define OSTASKS_COUNT 6           ' Maximum Task count is 256
#define OSPRIO_COUNT 8           ' Number of priority levels

#define OENABLE_TIMER True       ' Enables timer service
#define OENABLE_TIMEOUTS True   ' allow timeouts for events and counters
#define OSTICK_SOURCE T1         ' T0, T1, EXT
#define OSTIMER_PRESCALE Off     ' Prescale value or off
#define OSTIMER_PRELOAD $3CB0    ' Preload value $D8E0
#define OSTICK_CTR_SIZE 2        ' Size of OS Tick Counter (bytes) (must be 1, 2 or 4
max)
#define OENABLE_CYCLIC_TIMERS True ' allow cyclic timers to be created

#define OENABLE_EVENTS True      ' Enables Events
#define OEVENTS_COUNT 2         ' Max number of events
#define OENABLE_MESSAGES False  ' Event Messages enabled
#define OENABLE_SEMAPHORES True ' Event Semaphores enabled
#define OENABLE_EVENT_FLAGS False ' Event Flags enabled
#define OSEVENT_FLAGS 1         ' Max Event flags supported

GoTo Start

Include "RTOS Vars.inc"
Include "RTOS Macros.Inc"
Include "RTOS Main.bas"

Dim Ctr As Byte

Symbol T_Count = OSTCBP(1)
Symbol T_LEDOut = OSTCBP(2)
Symbol T_Delayed2 = OSTCBP(3)
Symbol T_OSCOut = OSTCBP(4)
Symbol T_Delayed = OSTCBP(5)
Symbol T_BinSem = OSTCBP(6)

Symbol E_LedCtrl = OSECBP(1)

CountTsk:
Repeat
    Inc Ctr
    If Ctr = $FF Then OSSignalBinSem E_LedCtrl
    OS_Yield
Forever

LEDOut:
Repeat
    PORTD = Ctr & $3F
    OS_Yield
Forever

DelayedTask:
Repeat
    Toggle PORTA.5
    OSStartTask T_OSCOut
    OS_Delay 2

```

```

    Toggle PORTA.5
    OSStopTask T_OSCOut
    OS_Delay 10
    OS_Replace DelayedTask2, 3
Forever

```

DelayedTask2:

```

Repeat
    Toggle PORTA.5
    OSStartTask T_LEDOut
    OS_Delay 1
    Toggle PORTA.5
    OSStopTask T_LEDOut
    OS_Delay 20
    OS_Replace DelayedTask, 2
Forever

```

BinSemTask:

```

Repeat
    OS_WaitBinSem E_LedCtrl,0
    OSStartTask T_LEDOut
    OS_Delay 1
    OSStopTask T_LEDOut
    OS_Delay 5
Forever

```

OSCOut:

```

Repeat
    PORTC = Ctr & $0F
    OS_Yield
Forever

```

'-----Start-----'

```

Start:
TRISA = %000000    ' All Port A Outputs
TRISB = %00000000 '
TRISD = %00000000 ' All port D pins output
TRISC = %11000000 ' Set port C to output
Ctr   = $00       ' reset ctr

OSInit                ' Initialise RTOS
OSCreateTask T_Count, CountTsk, 4
OSCreateTask T_LEDOut, LEDOut, 4
OSCreateTask T_OSCOut, OSCOut, 4
OSCreateTask T_Delayed, DelayedTask, 3
OSCreateTask T_BinSem, BinSemTask, 3
OSCreateBinSem E_LedCtrl, 0

OSStartTask T_LEDOut '
OSStartTask T_Count  '
OSStartTask T_Delayed ' delayed will start and stop OSCOut
OSStartTask T_BinSem '

Repeat
    OSSched                ' run scheduler continuously
Forever

```

## REFERENCE

PDS RTOS uses a co-operative scheduler which requires that certain rules must be obeyed when writing applications to run under RTOS. Ignoring these rules will stop RTOS working.

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### EVERY TASK MUST HAVE A CONTEXT SWITCH

PDS RTOS tasks must have at least one context switch. RTOS calls which will execute a context switch are identified from other calls by the prefix "OS\_". Non-context switching calls are prefixed just with "OS" i.e. there is no underscore. Here is an example of a correctly constructed task.

```
MyTask:
Repeat
    Do something...
    OS_Delay 10
Forever
```

Here MyTask uses a context switch which will switch back to the OS through OS\_Delay. The OS will then run MyTask again after 10 OS ticks. Note the Repeat - Forever construct. All tasks should be written as an infinite loop. The Forever keyword is an RTOS macro which equates to 'Until 1 = 1'.

Here are some examples of Task constructs which will fail under RTOS.

```
UncontrolledTask:
    Toggle PORTD.0
```

This task will not pass control back to RTOS and the application will continue to execute whatever instructions follow.

```
GreedyTask:
Repeat
    Toggle PORTD.0
Forever
```

This task will continually loop but as it never calls a context switch control will never be returned to the OS and no other tasks will run.

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### CONTEXT SWITCHES CAN ONLY OCCUR IN TASKS

The only state that is saved when Context switching in RTOS is the program counter. It is not good practice to context switch from a subroutine called from a task because of the issues of possible re-entrancy and context saving. Always wait until the function has returned back to the task before context switching.

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### MANAGE YOUR OWN VARIABLES

You should design your task so that it specifically saves any working variables that it needs when it resumes. Alternatively write your task so that it context switches at a point where there is no need for any working variables to be saved.

## RTOS SERVICES

The following details all the user calls which can be made to RTOS. All services are accessed via a macro to maintain a consistent calling interface.

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### CONTEXT SWITCHING SERVICES

All context switching services are prefixed with `OS_`. These calls should only ever be made from within a task and will return to the scheduler.

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#### OS\_DELAY

Syntax: `OS_Delay DelayTicks`

Description: Stops the current Task and returns to scheduler which will resume the task after `DelayTicks` of the OS. A `DelayTicks` of 0 will have the same effect as calling `OS_STOP` although this is not the most efficient method of stopping a task.

Parameters: `DelayTicks` Word size variable

Requires: `OSENABLE_TIMER` services to be set true.

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#### OS\_DESTROY

Syntax: `OS_Destroy`

Description: Destroys the current task and returns to the scheduler. Removes the record of the task in RTOS leaving the Task Control block to which it was assigned free to be used by another task. You will have to call `OSCreateTask` before this task can be used again.

Parameters: None

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#### OS\_REPLACE

Syntax: `OS_Replace TaskPtr, Priority`

Description: Replaces the current task with the task specified at the priority specified and returns to the scheduler. The new task will occupy the same Task Control Block as the existing task and so will have the same TaskID.

Parameters: `TaskPtr`: Pointer to the New task to replace current task. (The Label of the new Task).  
`Priority`: The priority to be assigned to the new task.

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#### OS\_SETPRIO

Syntax: `OS_SetPrio Priority`

Description: Changes the priority of the current task to the `Priority` level defined and returns to the scheduler. If more than one task exists at the new priority level this task will be added into the list of tasks at the new priority.



Parameters: Priority: Byte variable defining the priority. Ranging from 0 (top priority) through to OSPRIORITY\_COUNT -1 (Lowest Priority)

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## OS\_STOP

Syntax: OS\_Stop

Description: Stops the current task and returns to the scheduler. The task can only be restarted from OSStartTask and will the task will resume from its last position.

Parameters: none

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## OS\_WAITBINSEM

Syntax: OS\_WaitBinSem EventID, TimeOut

Description: Suspends task until the binary semaphore referenced in EventID has been signalled or the Timeout has elapsed. If the Event is already signalled when the wait is called the Task will be resumed if there is no other higher priority task waiting to run. If the wait times out the Task will be resumed with the timeout flag set. If the Event is signalled, the Task will be resumed with the timeout flag cleared.

This function can only be called after the referenced event has been created.

Parameters: EventID: Pointer to the associated event control block  
Timeout: a byte variable specifying the number of OS Ticks before timing out.

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## OS\_WAITEFLAG

Syntax:

Description: Not implemented yet.

Parameters:

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## OS\_WAITMSG

Syntax:

Description: Not implemented yet.

Parameters:

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## OS\_WAITSEM

Syntax: OS\_WaitSem EventID

Description: Suspends the current task on a counting semaphore. If the semaphore value is 0 it returns to the scheduler. If the semaphore is non-zero it will decrement the semaphore value and continue execution. If the timeout expires before the semaphore value has reached zero continue execution with the timeout flag set.

Parameters: EventID: Pointer to the associated event control block.

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## OS\_YIELD

Syntax: OS\_Yield

Description: Unconditionally Yields to the scheduler. If no other task is waiting to run will resume at next instruction after OS\_Yield.

Parameters: None

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## NON-CONTEXT SWITCHING SERVICES

The following calls to RTOS do not initiate a context switch. In general these can be called from anywhere in your application.

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## OSCREATEBINSEM

Syntax: OSCreateBinSem EventID, BinSem

Description: Register Assign an Event Control Block to a binary semaphore and set its initial value. (True or False)

Parameters: EventID: Pointer to the associated event control block.  
BinSem: Initial values assigned to the binary semaphore (True or False)

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## OSCREATECYCTMR

Syntax: OSCreateCycTmr TmrTaskPtr, TaskID, Delay, Period, Mode

Description: Assign a Task Control Block to a Cyclic timer. Cyclic Timers are structured like conventional subroutines, starting with a start address and finishing with a Return.

Parameters: TmrTaskPtr: Start Address of the Cyclic Timer code.  
TaskID: Pointer to the associated Task Control Block  
Delay: Initial delay in OS Ticks before calling the task for the first time.  
Period: The time in OS Ticks between successive calls of the Cyclic timer  
Mode: The timer can have one of 2 modes operating mode, OSCT\_ONE\_SHOT and OSCT\_CONTINUOUS. If you don't want the Timer to start when you have created it Or OSCT\_DONT\_START\_CYCTMR with your chosen mode.

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## OSCYCTMRRUNNING

Syntax: OSCYCTMRRUNNING TaskID

Description: Returns True is Cyclic Timer referenced in TaskID is running.

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## OSCREATEEFLAG

Syntax:

Description: Not Implemented.

Parameters:

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## OSCREATMSG

Syntax:

Description: Not Implemented.

Parameters:

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## OSCREATESEM

Syntax: `OSCreateSem EventID, Sem`

Description: Assign an Event Control Block to a counting semaphore and set its initial value.

Parameters: EventID: Pointer to the associated event control block.  
Sem: Byte - Initial value assigned to the semaphore count.

Requirements: OSENABLE\_EVENTS and OSENABLE\_SEMAPHORES

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## OSCREATETASK

Syntax: `OSCreateTask TaskPtr, Priority`

Description: Assign a task control block to a the task defined in TaskPtr.

Parameters: TaskPtr: Address of the task you wish to assign. This would normally be the Label at the start of the task.  
Priority: Byte Variable defining the priority you wish the task to run at. The value must lie between OSHIGHEST\_PRIO and OSLOWEST\_PRIO.

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## OSDESTROYCYCTMR

Syntax: `OSDestroyCycTmr TaskID`

Description: Destroys the Cyclic timer task identified by TaskID. Removes the reference to the cyclic timer leaving the Task Control block to which it was assigned free to be used by another task. You will have to call OSCreateCycTmr before this Cyclic Timer can be used again.

Parameters: TaskID: Pointer to the associated Task Control Block for the timer.

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## OSDESTROYTASK

Syntax: `OSDestroyTask TaskID`

Description: Destroys the task identified by TaskID. Removes the notification of the task in RTOS leaving the Task Control block to which it was assigned free to be used by another task. You will have to call `OSCreateTask` before this task can be used again.

Parameters: TaskID: Pointer to the associated Task Control Block for the Task.

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## OSGETPRIO

Syntax: `OSGetPrio`

Description: Returns the priority of the active task.

Parameters: None

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## OSGETPRIOTASK

Syntax: `OSGetPrioTask TaskID`

Description: Returns the priority of the task defined in TaskID.

Parameters: TaskID: Pointer to task control block of the referenced task

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## OSGETSTATE

Syntax: `OSGetState`

Description: Returns the state of the current task, always `OSTCB_TASK_RUNNING`. Included for completeness only

Parameters: None

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## OSGETSTATETASK

Syntax: `OSGetStateTask TaskID`

Description: Returns the state of the task identified by TaskID. Possible values are:

<code>OSTCB_DESTROYED</code>	Destroyed or uninitialised
<code>OSTCB_TASK_STOPPED</code>	Task Stopped
<code>OSTCB_TASK_DELAYED</code>	Delayed n OSTicks
<code>OSTCB_TASK_WAITING</code>	Waiting on an event
<code>OSTCB_TASK_WAITING_TO</code>	Waiting and event with a timeout
<code>OSTCB_TASK_ELIGABLE</code>	Ready to run
<code>OSTCB_TASK_RUNNING</code>	Running

Parameters: TaskID: Pointer to task control block of the referenced task

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## OSGETTICKS

**Syntax:** `OSGetTicks`

**Description:** Returns the current system timer in ticks.  
The size of the return value will be determined by `OSTICK_CTR_SIZE`

**Parameters:** None

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## OSINIT

**Syntax:** `OSInit`

**Description:** This function must be called before calling any other RTOS functions. It initialises the RTOS setting up the task and event control blocks and starting the timer and events if necessary. `OS_Init` relies on a number of configuration settings which you must define prior to calling `OSInit`. These are described more fully in the Configuration chapter.

**Parameters:** None

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## OSREADBINSEM

**Syntax:** `OSReadBinSem EventID`

**Description:** Returns the value (True or False) of the BinSem identified by `EventID`. This function has no effect on the binary semaphore.

**Parameters:** `EventID`: Pointer to the associated event control block.

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## OSREADSEM

**Syntax:** `OSReadSem EventID`

**Description:** Returns the value \$0 ..\$FF of the counting semaphore specified in `EventID`. This function has no effect on the binary semaphores

**Parameters:** `EventID`: Pointer to the associated event control block.

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## OSRESETCYCTMR

**Syntax:** `OSResetCycTmr TaskID`

**Description:** Resets the Cyclic timer specified in `TaskID` to its initial conditions after `OSCreateCycTmr`. This means that the timer will start with the defined initial delay.

**Parameters:** `TaskID`: Pointer to task control block of the referenced task:

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## OSSCHED

Syntax: `OSched`

Description: Runs the highest priority eligible task. This function must be called continuously from your main program to continue multitasking. It must be called after `OSInit`.

Typically your main program would call `OSched` like this:

```
Repeat
    OSched
Forever
```

Every time a task yields it will return to the main program which should call `OSched`. If the main program stops calling `OSched` then multitasking will cease.

Parameters: None

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## OSSETPRIO

Syntax: `OSSetPrio Priority`

Description: Changes the priority of the current task.

Parameters: Priority: Byte variable defining the new priority

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## OSSETPRIOTASK

Syntax: `OSSetPrioTask TaskID, Priority`

Description: Changes the priority assigned to the task identified in `TaskID`.

Parameters: `TaskID`: Pointer to task control block of the referenced task  
Priority: Byte variable defining the new priority.

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## OSSETTICKS

Syntax: `OSSetTicks TickValue`

Description: Initialises the value of the OS Tick Counter to `TickValue`

Parameters: `TickValue`: Byte, Word or DWord depending on `OS_TICK_SIZE`

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## OSSIGNALBINSEM

Syntax: `OSSignalBinSem EventID`

Description: Signals a binary semaphore. If one or more tasks are waiting this semaphore the highest priority task waiting will be made eligible to run. The task will run when it becomes the highest priority eligible task.

Parameters: `EventID`: Pointer to the associated event control block.

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## OSIGNALSEM

**Syntax:** `OSSignalSem EventID`

**Description:** Increments a counting semaphore. If one or more tasks are waiting this semaphore the highest priority task waiting will be made eligible to run. The task will run when it becomes the highest priority eligible task.

**Parameters:** EventID: Pointer to the associated event control block.

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## OSSTARTCYCTMR

**Syntax:** `OSSStartCycTmr TaskID`

**Description:** Starts a cyclic timer. If the timer has never been run since it was created or reset then it will start with the initial delay. If the timer had previously been run it will start with the period value.

**Parameters:** TaskID: Pointer to task control block of the referenced task

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## OSSTARTTASK

**Syntax:** `OSStartTask TaskID`

**Description:** Starts a dormant or stopped task identified by TaskID

**Parameters:** TaskID: Pointer to task control block of the referenced task

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## OSSTOPCYCTMR

**Syntax:** `OSStopCycTmr TaskID`

**Description:** Stops a Cyclic Timer identified by TaskID

**Parameters:** TaskID: Pointer to task control block of the referenced task

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## OSSTOPTASK

**Syntax:** `OSStopTask TaskID`

**Description:** Makes a task identified by TaskID ineligible.

**Parameters:** TaskID: Pointer to task control block of the referenced task

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## OSTRYBINSEM

**Syntax:** `OSTryBinSem EventID`

**Description:** Behaves like `OS_WaitBinSem` but does not context switch from the current task. As it doesn't context switch it can be used outside a task. Typically this would be used in a ISR to handle an external event.

Parameters: EventID: Pointer to the associated event control block.

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## OSTRYSEM

Syntax: `OSTrySem EventID`

Description: Behaves like `OS_WaitSem` but does not context switch from the current task. As it doesn't context switch it can be used outside a task. Typically this would be used in a ISR to handle outgoing data.

Parameters: EventID: Pointer to the associated event control block.

## OTHER MACROS

This section describes some additional macros which are provided to simplify usage.

**OSTCBP(X)** Returns a pointer value to a specific Task Control Block (TCB) within the TCB array. Use this to create an alias to a TCB.  
E.g. `Symbol MyTaskPtr = OSTCBP(3)`  
`OSCreateTask MyTaskPtr, MyTask`

**OSECBP(X)** Returns a pointer value to a specific Event Control Block (ECB) within the ECB array.

**OSEFCBP(X)** Returns a pointer value to a specific Event Flag Control Block (EFCB)



## CONFIGURATION

PDS RTOS provides a number of configuration options which you can use to tailor the RTOS features to suit your requirements and minimise the size of your program.

These settings use the PDS pre-processor commands and should be placed at the beginning of your main program.

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### OSTASKS\_COUNT

Syntax: `$define OSTASKS_COUNT N` (where *N* is an integer between 0 and 32)

Description: Sets the maximum number of tasks supported. RTOS will allocate 8 bytes of RAM per task up to a maximum of 32 tasks (256 bytes). If OSTASKS\_COUNT is not defined it will default to 4 tasks.

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### OSPRIO\_COUNT

Syntax: `$define OSPRIO_COUNT N` (where *N* is an integer between 0 and 15)

Description: Sets the number of priority levels supported. RTOS will allocate 3 bytes of RAM for each priority level up to a maximum of 16 levels (48 bytes). If OSPRIO\_COUNT is not defined it will default to 4 priority levels.

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### OSENABLE\_TIMER

Syntax: `$define OSENABLE_TIMER True/False`

Description: Enables the RTOS timer services. Timer services are required to use Delays, Timeouts or Cyclic Timers. If not defined OSENABLE\_TIMER will default to False.

This option must be set true to use any of the following options:  
OSENABLE\_TIMEOUTS, OSTICK\_SOURCE, OSTIMER\_PRESCALE, OSTIMER\_PRLOAD,  
OSTICK\_CTR\_SIZE, OSENABLE\_CYCLIC\_TIMERS.

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### OSENABLE\_TIMEOUTS

Syntax: `$define OSENABLE_TIMEOUTS True/False`

Description: Enables timeouts to be used on OS\_Wait... calls. If not defined will OSENABLE\_TIOMEOUTS will default to False.

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### OSTICK\_SOURCE

Syntax: `$define OSTICK_SOURCE T0/T1/EXT`

Description: Defines the tick source for RTOS. OSTICK\_SOURCE values of T0 or T1 will define the tick source as Timer0 or Timer1. To configure the timers use OSTIMER\_PRESCALE and OSTIMER\_PRELOAD.

Setting the OSTICK\_SOURCE value to EXT allows you to choose an external interrupt source for the RTOS Tick Source. This will bypass the RTOS tick initialisation and interrupt handling and use instead user defined initialisation and interrupt service routine. During RTOS initialisation RTOS will call OSTICK\_EXT\_INIT. The On\_Hardware\_Interrupt will jump to a user define ISR called OSTICK\_EXT\_HDLR. This ISR will be responsible for context saving, detecting the interrupt, flagging a Tick to RTOS and any other interrupt processing required.

To flag an RTOS tick set `OSTick_Flag` true. This will be cleared by RTOS when it has processed the Tick.

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#### OSTIMER\_PRESCALE

Syntax: `$define OSTIMER_PRESCALE Off/0..7`

Description: This parameter allows you to choose a Timer Prescale value. For Timer0 the value can range from 0 to 7 and for Timer1 the value can range from 0 to 3. If undefined `OSTIMER_PRESCALE` will default to Off.

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#### OSTIMER\_PRELOAD

Syntax: `$define OSTIMER_PRELOAD $NNNN`

Description: This parameter is the value loaded into Timer 0 or Timer 1 when the `OSTICK_SOURCE` is T0 or T1. If this define is omitted and T0 or T1 is selected a compile error will be reported.

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#### OSTICK\_CTR\_SIZE

Syntax: `$define OSTICK_CTR_SIZE 1/2/4`

Description: The tick counter increments for each RTOS tick and rolls over back to 0 on overflow. The tick counter can be a byte(1), word(2) or double word (4). If not defined `OSTICK_CTR_SIZE` will default to byte size.

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#### OSENABLE\_CYCLIC\_TIMERS

Syntax: `$define OSENABLE_CYCLIC_TIMERS True/False`

Description: Enables cyclic timers to be used. If not defined `OSENABLE_CYCLIC_TIMERS` will default to False.

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#### OSENABLE\_EVENTS

Syntax: `$define OSENABLE_EVENTS True/False`

Description: Enables the RTOS Events services. Event services are required to support semaphores, event flags and messages. If not defined `OSENABLE_EVENTS` will default to False.

This option must be set true to use any of the following services:  
`OSENABLE_MESSAGES`, `OSENABLE_SEMAPHORES` and `OSENABLE_EVENT_FLAGS`.

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#### OSEVENTS\_COUNT

Syntax: `OSEVENTS_COUNT N`

Description: Sets the maximum number of events supported. RTOS will allocate 3 bytes of RAM per event up to a maximum of 32 events (64 bytes). If `OSEVENTS_COUNT` is not defined it will default to 4 events

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#### OSENABLE\_MESSAGES

Syntax: `$define OSENABLE_MESSAGES True/False`

Description: Enables Message services to be supported. If not defined `OSENABLE_MESSAGES` will default to False.

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### OSEENABLE\_SEMAPHORES

Syntax: `$define OSEENABLE_SEMAPHORES True/False`

Description: Enables binary and counting Semaphore services to be supported. If not defined OSEENABLE\_SEMAPHORES will default to False.

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### OSEENABLE\_EVENT\_FLAGS

Syntax: `$define OSEENABLE_EVENT_FLAGS True/False`

Description: Enables Event flag services to be supported. If not defined OSEENABLE\_EVENT\_FLAGS will default to False.

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### OSEVENT\_FLAGS

Syntax: `$define OSEVENT_FLAGS N`

Description: Defines the number of event flags supported. Each event flag requires one byte of RAM. If not defined and OSEENABLE\_EVENTS is True OSEVENT\_FLAGS will default to 2.