

Major Characteristics of RTOS (Last lecture)

- Determinism & Reliability
- Responsiveness (quoted by vendors)
 - Fast process/thread switch
 - Fast interrupt response
- Support for concurrency and real-time
 - Multi-tasking
 - Real-time
 - synchronization
- User control over OS policies
 - Mainly scheduling, many priority levels
 - Memory support (especially embedded)



Today's topic: Real Time Programming with Ada

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Real time programming

- It is mostly about "Concurrent programming"
- We also need to handle Timing Constraints on concurrent executions of threads/tasks

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Real time programming

- Without OS support (without "concurrency")
 - Program your tasks in any language
 - Static schedule and Cyclic Execution
- With OS/RTOS support (e.g. LegOS assignment)
 - Program your tasks in C (or any prog. language)
 - Fix the scheduling policy in RTOS e.g. priority assignment
- With RTOS and Language support
 - Program your tasks in a RT languages e.g. RT Java, Ada
 - RTOS is "hidden", a Run-Time kernel for each program

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Cyclic Execution: the classic approach

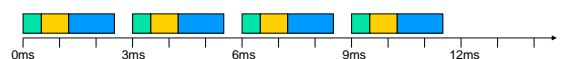
the first example of real time programming without "concurrency"

Static cyclic scheduling: example

Task	Required sample rate	Processing time
t1	3ms (333Hz)	0.5ms
t2	6ms (166Hz)	0.75ms
t3	14ms (71Hz)	1.25ms

```

void main(void)
{
    do_init();
    while (1)
    {
        t1();
        t2();
        t3();
        delay_until_cycle_start();
    }
}
    
```



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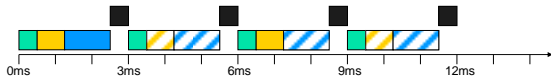
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Cyclic scheduling: "overheads"

Task	Required sample rate	Processing time
t1	3ms (333Hz)	0.5ms
t2	6ms (166Hz)	0.75ms
t3	14ms (71Hz)	1.25ms

t2 requires 12.5% CPU (0.75/6), uses 25% (4*0.75/12)
 t3 requires 9% CPU (1.25/14), uses 42% (4*1.25/12)

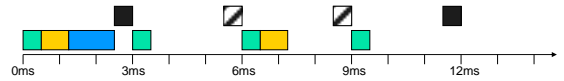
add interrupt **I** with 0.5ms processing time



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Major/minor cyclic scheduling

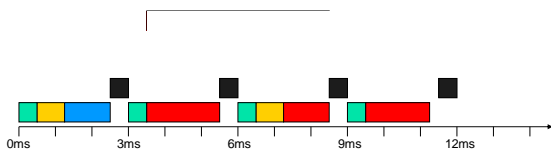
- 12ms major cycle containing 3ms minor cycles
 - t1 every 3ms, t2 every 6ms, t3 every 12ms
- t3 still upsampled (10.4% where 9% needed)
- time is still allocated for **I** every task in every cycle
 - will not always be used, but must be allowed for



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Fitting tasks to cycles

- add t4 with 14ms rate and 5ms processing time
- 12ms cycle has 5.25ms free time...
- ...but t4 has to be artificially partitioned



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Effect of new task at code level

```

void do_task_t4(void)
{
    /* task functionality */
}

int state_var_1;
int state_var_2;
int state_var_3;
int state_var_4;
void main(void)
{
    do_init();
    while(1) {
        do_task_t1();
        do_task_t2();
        do_task_t3();
        do_task_t1(); /* 3ms */
        busy_wait_minor();
        do_task_t1(); /* 6ms */
        do_task_t4_1();
        do_task_t1(); /* 6ms */
        do_task_t2();
        do_task_t4_2();
        busy_wait_minor();
        do_task_t1(); /* 9ms */
        do_task_t3();
        do_task_t4_3();
        busy_wait_minor();
    }
}

void do_task_t4_1(void)
{
    /* first bit */
    state_var_1 = x;
    state_var_2 = y;
    ...
}

void do_task_t4_2(void)
{
    x = state_var_1;
    ...
    /* second bit */
    state_var_3 = a;
    state_var_4 = b;
    ...
}

void do_task_t4_3(void)
{
    c = state_var_4;
    ...
    /* third bit */
}
    
```

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This is too "ad hoc", though this is often used in industry

- You just don't want to do this for large software systems, say a few hundreds of control tasks

Concurrent Programming

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Concurrent programming: using sequential programming languages

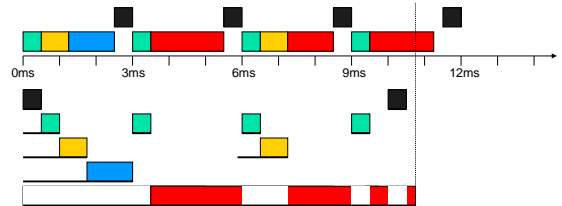
- Program your computation tasks, execute them concurrently with OS support e.g. in LegOS

```
execi(foo1, ..., priority1, ...);
execi(foo2, ..., priority2, ...);
execi(foo3, ..., priority3, ...);
```

Will start three concurrent tasks running foo1, foo2, foo3

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Cyclic vs. Concurrent



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Programming Languages for concurrent and real time programming

Let's look at Ada95

Note that there is no reason why you can't program a real time system using C. But there is no language support for concurrent tasks and real time features, so you would have to provide them yourself using e.g. `exec()`, `sleep(20)` etc, and most importantly, you would have to fix scheduling

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Ada95

- It is strongly typed OO language, looks like Pascal
- Originally designed by the US DoD as a language for large **safety critical systems** i.e. Military systems
 - Ada83
 - Ada95 + RT annex + Distributed Systems Annex
 - Ada 2005

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The basic structures in Ada

- A large part in common with other languages
 - Procedures
 - Functions
 - Basic types: integers, characters, ...
 - Control statements: if, for, ..., case analysis
- Abstract data type: Packages
 - Protected data type
- Tasking: concurrency
- Task communication/synchronization: rendezvous
- Real Time

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Typical structure of programs

Program Foo(...)

Declaration 1 ←----- to introduce identities/variables and define data structures

Declaration 2 ←----- to define "operations": procedures, functions and/or tasks (concurrent operations) to manipulate the data structures

Main program
(Program body) ←----- a sequence of statements or "operations" to compute the result (output)

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Declarations and statements

- Before each block, you have to declare (define) the variables used, just like any sequential program

```
procedure PM (A : in INTEGER;
             B: in out INTEGER;
             C : out  INTEGER) is
begin
  B := B+A;
  C := B + A;
end PM;
```

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If, for, case: contrl-statements

```
if TEMP < 15 then
  some smart code;
else
  do something else.;
end if;

case TAL is
  when <2 =>
    PUT_LINE("one or two");
  when >4 =>
    PUT_LINE("greater than 4");
end case;

for I in 1..12 loop
  PUT("in the loop");
end loop;
```

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Types (like in Pascal or any other fancy languages)

```
type LINE_NUMBER is range 1 .. 72
type WEEKDAY is (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday);
type serie is array (1..10) of FLOAT;
```

```
type CAR is
  record
    REG_NUMBER : STRING(1 .. 6);
    TYPE       : STRING(1 .. 20);
  end record;
```

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Anything new in Ada?

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Concurrent (and Real Time) Programming with Ada

- **Abstract data types**
 - package
 - protected data type
- **Concurrency**
 - Task creation
 - Task execution
- **Communication/synchronization**
 - Rendezvous
- **Real time:**
 - Delay(10) and Delay until next-time
 - Scheduling according to timing constraints

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"Package": abstract data type in Ada

- package definition ---- specification
- packagebody ---- implementation

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Package definition

- Objects declared in specification is visible externally.

```
package MY_PACKAGE is
  procedure myfirst_procedure;
  procedure mysecond_procedure;
end MY_PACKAGE;
```

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Packagebody

- Implements package specification

```
(you probably want to use some other packages here e.g..)
with TEXT_IO;
use TEXT_IO;

package body MY_PACKAGE is
  procedure myfirst_procedure is
  begin
    myfirst_procedure code here;
  end;

  function MAX (X,Y:INTEGER) return INTEGER is
  begin
    ....
  end;

  procedure mysecond_procedure is
  begin
    PUT_LINE("Hello Im Ada Who are U");
    GET();
  end;
end MY_PACKAGE;
```

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Protected data type

```
protected x is
  procedure read(x: out integer)
  procedure write(x: in integer)
private
  v: integer := 0 /* initial value */
protected body x is
  procedure read(x: out integer) is
  begin x:=v end
  procedure write(x: in integer) is
  begin v:= x end
```

(note that you can solve similar problems with semaphores)

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Ada tasking: concurrent programming

- Ada provides at the language level light-weight tasks. These often referred to as threads in some other languages. The basic form is:

```
task T is
  --- operations/entry or nothing
end T;
```

←----- specification

```
task body T is
  begin
  ---- processing----
end T;
```

←----- implementation/body

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Example: the sequential case

```
procedure shopping is
begin
  buy-meat;
  buy-salad;
  buy-wine;
end
```

The concurrent version

```
procedure shopping is
```

```
  task get-salad;
  task body get-salad is
  begin
    buy-salad;
  end get-salad;
  task get-wine;
  task body get-wine is
  begin
    buy-wine;
  end get-wine;
  begin
    buy-meat;
  end
```

buy-salad and buy-wine
will be activated concurrently
here

And then run in parallel with
buy-meat

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Creating Tasks

- Tasks may be declared at any program level
- Created implicitly upon entry to the scope of their declaration.
- Possible to declare task types to start several task instances of the same task type

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example

```
procedure Example1 is
  task type A_Type;
  task B;
  A,C: A_Type;

  task body A_Type is
    --local declarations for task A and C
  begin
    --sequence of statements for task A and C
  end A_Type;

  task body B is
    --local declarations for task B
  begin
    --sequence of statements for task B
  end B;

begin
  --task A, C and B start their executions before the first statement of this procedure.
end Example1;
```

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Task scheduling

- Allow priorities to be assigned to tasks in task definition
- Allow task dispatching policy to be set (Default: highest priority first)

```
task Controller is
  pragma Priority(10)
end Controller
```

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Task termination

- A task in Ada will terminate if:
 - It completes execution of its body
 - It executes a terminate alternative of a select statement
 - It is aborted

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Task communication/synchronization

- Message passing using "rendezvous"
 - entry and accept
- Shared variables
 - protected objects/variables

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Rendezvous

```
procedure foo
  task T is
    entry E(...in/out parameter...);
  end;

  task body T is
  begin
    -----
    accept E(... ..) do
      ----- sequence of statements
    end E;

  task user;
  task body user is
  begin
    ...
    T.E(... ..)
    ...
  end
begin
  ...
end
end foo;
```

T and user will be started concurrently

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Rendezvous

```

task body A is
begin
...
B.Call;
...
end A

task body B is
begin
...
accept Call do
...
end Call
...
end B
  
```

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This is implemented with Entry queues
(the compiler takes care of this!)

- Each task has a queue
- A call to a task entry is inserted in the queue
- The queue is a simple FIFO without priority
- A task in an entry queue is inactive (waiting)
- The first task in the queue will be "accepted" first (like the queue for a semaphore)

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An Example: Buffer

```

task buffer is
entry put(X: in integer)
entry get(x: out integer)
end;

task body buffer is
v: integer;
begin
loop accept put(x: in integer) do v:= x end put;
accept get(x: out integer) do x:= v end get;
end loop;
end buffer;

--
buffer.put(...) ←----- other tasks (users)!!
Buffer.get(...)
--
  
```

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An Example, the Semaphore

- The Idea of a (binary) semaphore
- Two operations, p and v
 - p grabs semaphore or waits if not available
 - v releases the semaphore

A Semaphore using a Task, RV

- The specification
 - task type Semaphore is

```

entry p;
entry v;
end Semaphore;

```

A Semaphore using RV

- The body of semaphore is very simple:
 - task body Semaphore is

```

begin
loop
accept p;
accept v;
end loop;
end Semaphore;

```

Using the Semaphore Abstraction

- Declare an instance of a semaphore
 - Lock : Semaphore;
- Now we can use this semaphore to create a monitor, using
 - Lock.P;
code to be protected in monitor
 - Lock.V;

Choice: Select statement

```
task Server is
  entry S1(...);
  entry S2(...);
end Server;

task body Server is
  ...
begin
  loop
    --prepare for service
    select
      when <boolean expression> =>
        accept S1(...) do
          --code for this service
        end S1;
      or
        accept S2(...) do
          --code for this service
        end S2;
      or
        terminate;
    end select;
    --do any house keeping
  end loop;
end Server;
```