

IEEE 2050-2018 standard Real Time OS  
ecRTOS User's Guide (Kernel Edition)

## Preface

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“ecRTOS” is a Real-Time Operating System based on  $\mu$ T-Kernel 3.0 specification and fully compliant with the “IEEE 2050-2018”, an IEEE Standard for a Real-Time Operating System (RTOS) for Small-Scale Embedded Systems.

ecRTOS is a compact and development friendly OS designed exclusively for Embedded Systems. Just similar to compiler library, ecRTOS OS functions are operational after linking ecRTOS libraries with user application program.

Beyond the core kernel, ecRTOS also offers a comprehensive suit of middleware components for rapid development of networking, communication, storage, and security applications.

For your system developments, please use the highly efficient and compact ecRTOS OS without any royalty charges.

### About This Documentation

This book (Kernel edition) is a common reference manual for real-time multitasking functions of ecRTOS. The first half section explains the outline and each system call is explained in second half section. Please refer to the installed document about a report peculiar to a processor. Please refer to the user's guide of Network edition for detailed information about a TCP/IP protocol stack functions.

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# 1. Basic Particulars

## 1.1 Features

### High Speed Response

ecRTOS is preemptive multitasking RTOS. Scheduling is carried out based on the priority of the events and highest priority task is immediately activated. All kernel source code is fully tested. CPU performance is pulled to the maximum extent. Interrupt of priority higher than kernel level can be processed with interrupt inhibit time conventionally reduced to half. Furthermore, the interrupt routine with priority higher than OS can be carried with unlimited value of interrupt-prohibition time.

### Compact Size

Kernel size is effectively optimized since all management block variables (i.e. TCB etc) are inside kernel. All variables are optimized for size by 1 byte margin in order to effectively use precious RAM area.

### Kernel Designed with C source code

All major source code of Kernel is described in C programming language and is very easy to understand. It is misunderstanding that OS designed by C code is inferior to OS designed by assembly code. In contrary, high speed can be achieved by the proper management of the internal register switching / restoration and with the allocation management of the unused registers to the compiler. Compatibility with new CPU is the other advantage gained by C language code. Since the source code is common for two or more types of CPUs, it is reliable even after release of new version of CPU.

### Full Set of $\mu$ T-Kernel

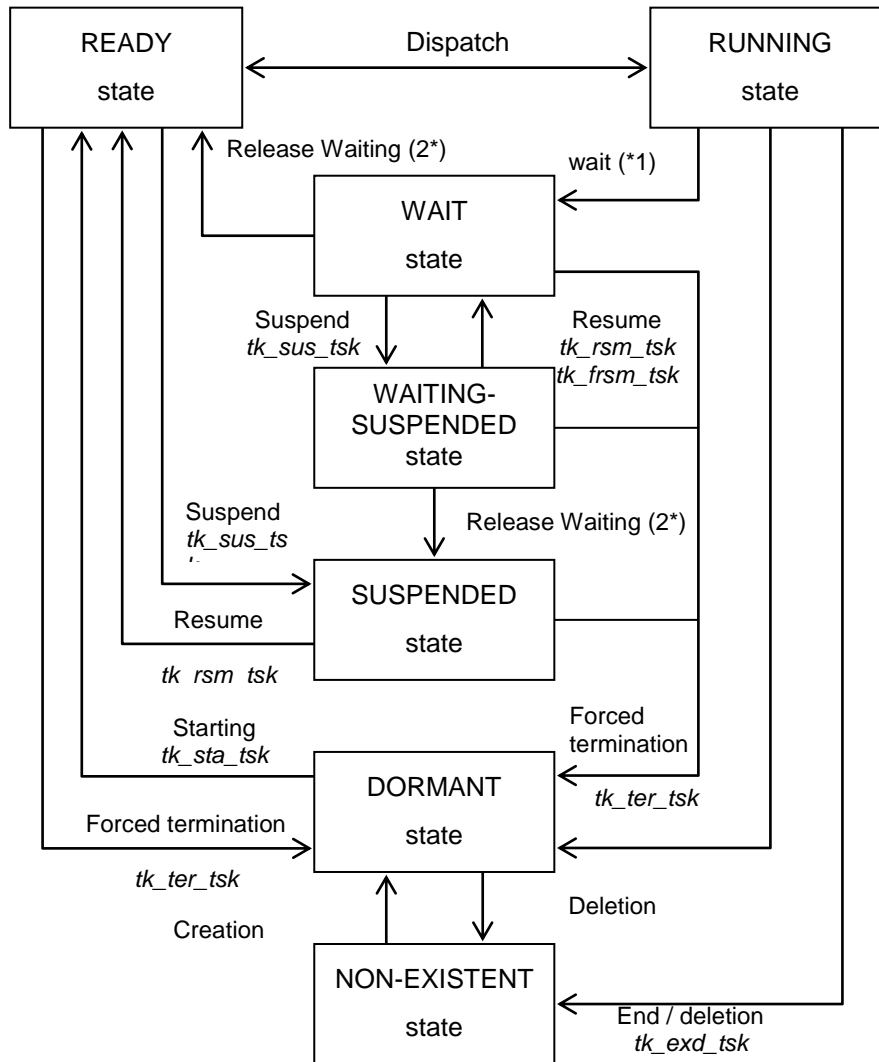
While observing the  $\mu$ T-Kernel specifications, excluding the mounting of troublesome part, among OS which has  $\mu$ T-Kernel API with different architecture as in Japan, the full set of functions as per  $\mu$ T-Kernel are set in ecRTOS very carefully with additional various synchronous communication methods.

### Corresponds to verities of processors, Compilers and Debuggers

Since ecRTOS is already corresponded to many 16 & 32-bit processors commonly used in industry, it can be used without any change even if the target system differs. Moreover in order to provide support to wide range of development environment tools, continuous effective correspondence is performed in association with almost all development toolmakers.

## 1.2 Task States

A program is executed concurrently in units called tasks. A task can take on any of seven states namely NON-EXISTENT, DORMANT, READY, RUN, WAIT, SUSPEND and WAITING-SUSPEND. The following diagram illustrates the state transitions of tasks.



(\*1) tk\_slp\_tsk, tk\_wai\_sem, tk\_wai\_flg, tk\_rcv\_mbx, tk\_rcv\_mbf, tk\_snd\_mbf, tk\_get\_mpl, tk\_get\_mpf, tk\_dly\_tsk, tk\_loc\_mtx

(\*2) tk\_rel\_wai, tk\_wup\_tsk, tk\_sig\_sem, tk\_set\_flg, tk\_del\_sem, tk\_snd\_mbx, tk\_snd\_mbf, tk\_rcv\_mbf, tk\_del\_mbf, tk\_rel\_mpl, tk\_del\_mpl, tk\_rel\_mpf, tk\_del\_mpf, tk\_unl\_mtx, tk\_del\_mtx, tk\_ter\_tsk

### Ready to Run State (READY)

The task is ready to execute, but is not being executed either because a task with a higher priority or the one with the same priority is being executed.

## Run State (RUNNING)

The task in this state is currently executing with the assigned processor. Only one RUN state task exists at one time. For tasks, there is no big difference between the READY state and the RUN state. The READY state task with the highest priority can be also regarded as the RUN state task.

## Wait State (WAITING)

The task is blocked from executing by a system call issued by the task itself. For event driven multitasking, once tasks are started, they ought to remain in the WAIT state for most of the time. If not, other tasks cannot execute during the waiting time.

Wait states are classified by the following categories.

Wakeup wait (tk\_slp\_tsk)

Wait for fix Time (tk\_dly\_tsk)

Event flag creation wait (tk\_wai\_flg)

Semaphore acquisition wait (tk\_wai\_sem)

Waiting for Mutex acquisition (tk\_loc\_mtx)

Waiting while receiving a message at mailbox (tk\_rcv\_mbx)

Waiting while receiving a message at message buffer (tk\_rcv\_mbf)

Waiting while sending a message from message buffer (tk\_snd\_mbf)

Waiting while getting fixed-length memory block (tk\_get\_mpf)

Waiting while getting variable-length memory block (tk\_get\_mpl)

## Suspend State (SUSPENDED)

It is the state where execution is suspended from other tasks. The task while in suspended state is hardly used. As an example, temporary suspension of a task for the purpose of debugging can be considered as one of the application.

## Suspended Wait State (WAITING-SUSPENDED)

Although it is divided for the sake of management, WAITING-SUSPENDED state is treated same as the SUSPENDED state. The task goes to WAITING-SUSPENDED state if the task is in WAITING state (instead of READY state) when suspended from the other tasks. It is not necessarily suspended till waiting. If the waiting conditions are fulfilled, the task state will separate only from WAITING and will move to SUSPENDED state.

## Dormant State (DORMANT)

In the DORMANT state, tasks do not start or have already been terminated. A task, which is executing can be put in the DORMANT state by a system call issued by the same task itself. In

addition it can be forced into the DORMANT state by a system call issued by another task.

### Non-Existent State (NON-EXISTENT)

NON-EXISTENT is the state where the task is not generated or has been deleted.

### Task Switching Instances

Since ecRTOS is preemptive-multitasking OS, task with higher priority can interrupt the execution of the running task.

There are following four instances when the task switching occurs.

(1) During execution of a task if the task of the higher priority is started, or if the system call is issued so as to cancel the WAIT state of the higher priority.

(2) From a non-task context (Interrupt handler / Timer event handler), if a task with priority higher than the running task is started, or if a system call is published to cancel the wait state of higher priority task.

(3) If the wait-state of the higher priority task is cancelled by the timeout event.

(4) If the task under execution went into wait-state by itself, or if the priority is lowered, or if is terminated.

In other words, all system calls does not necessarily cause task switching. Even if the task of lower priority is started or is released from wait-state, task switching does not occur. Task switching operation will be waiting until the operated task is higher priority as in (4) above.

Although the case of similar priority is same as the case of low priority, the task switching between same priorities can occur by using tk\_rot\_rdq and tk\_chg\_pri system calls, where task under execution moves to the end of execution queue.

## 1.3 Terminology

### Object and ID

Generally objects are the targets of system call operations. The numbers, which are used to identify and distinguish objects, are called IDs. These IDs are user specified numbers. A part which is internal to Kernel and which cannot be directly specified by user is called an Object number.

Objects with ID number include tasks, semaphores, event flags, a mailboxes, message buffers, fixed-length / variable-length memory pools, mutex, cyclic handlers and alarm handlers. The objects identified by object numbers are interrupt-handlers.

### Context

The entire execution environment of the task at a given point of time is called the “context” of that task. In concrete terms, this can be understood as registers of the CPU. Context is a generic name of things saved or restored when tasks are switched.

Under multitasking, using DSP and floating-point arithmetic requires the registers to switch their contexts. If ecRTOS does not support this switching operation, a floating-point unit needs to be exclusively controlled.

### Task Independent Context

Interrupt handler, timer handler sections altogether are task independent context or non-Task context. There are two types of timer handler namely cyclic handler and alarm handler. (In case of  $\mu$ T-Kernel specifications, a task independent section, time event handler and timer handler altogether are called non-task context.)

Since each of the non-task context handlers is not a task, the system calls referring to the self-task cannot be issued.

### Dispatch

Selection and change of an execution task is called Dispatch. Some system calls generates dispatch and some do not generate dispatch. Task will not change if the priority of the task from which dispatch generating system call is issued, is lower than the priority of the current RUNNING task. In addition, if the system call, which generates the dispatch, is issued from the non-task context, dispatch is carried out collectively after returning to task context. This is called the delayed context.

### Synchronization / Communication Functions

The synchronization function is used for enabling synchronization and communication between tasks. The communication function is used for sending and receiving data between tasks. Since the synchronization function is also used for communication, both the functions are described collectively.

Programs can be carefully designed by using global variables and made to wait for sending and receiving data between tasks without using synchronization / communication function. However, using OS functions is easier, safer and elegant.

There are 7 types of synchronization and communication mechanisms i.e. semaphores, event flags, mailboxes, message buffers and mutex.

## Queue

Tasks are queued (put in a waiting line) in the order of arrival when multiple tasks make their requests to the same object. Queues are created when waiting for semaphores, waiting for event flags, waiting for message from mailboxes, waiting for transmission / reception of messages from message buffers, waiting for memory block acquisition from fixed-length / variable-length memory pools and waiting for mutex acquisition.

Tasks are basically queued on the FIFO (First in First Out) basis. However in case of semaphore, mailbox, message buffer (reception side), fixed-length / variable-length memory pool and mutex, it is possible to set the queue in the order of task or message priority.

## Queuing

Queuing means a reservation of a request from a task without considering the state erroneous where the request cannot be received by other task.

Requests for waking up tasks and messages at the mailbox and message buffer are queued. Requests for waking up tasks are implemented by counting requests. Messages for mailboxes are queued by linear linked lists with pointers. Messages for message buffers are queued by a ring buffer.

In case of event flag and task exception, instead of queuing, the event by OR operation and suspension of cause of exception is carried out. In this case, only the existence of the event is recorded, the counting is not recorded.

## Timeout

In system calls where waiting may occur, the timeout function are provided.

## Parameter and Return-Parameter

As per  $\mu$ T-Kernel specification, data transferred from the user is called parameter, and data returned from system calls is called return parameter. In this book it is considered as general arguments of C language function or procedure.

Since the return value of a system call is basically an error code, for the returned value other than the error code, the data location of the return parameter is specified as an argument.

## System Call and Service Call

The interface (API) between the kernel and the application software is called a service call. The

service call of the kernel specifically is called a system call.

## Exclusive Control

Multitasking may allow multiple tasks to access an object that is not to be accessed simultaneously. However, there are many objects that cannot be used concurrently. Example: non-reentrant functions and commonly shared data. Exclusive control manages these object resources in such a way that they cannot be used concurrently. Semaphores or mutex are generally used for the exclusive control management.

However exclusive control is unnecessary if tasks priorities are the same or if the competing tasks are not switched while accessing shared resources. Unifying priorities effectively prevents the use of exclusive control. In some case, it is better to raise the priority of competing section temporarily. For example semaphores have a problem with priority reversal i.e. tasks with high priority must wait for semaphores return of low priority task. The so-called momentary dispatch-disabled / prohibited interrupt disabled state makes exclusive control easy if the interrupt is short. In case of mutex, there is an option of raising the priority whenever required. However, if the section, which should carry out exclusive control, is short then it is easy to carry out exclusive control by temporary ban on dispatch or temporary ban on interruption.

## Idle Task

An idle task executes when no other tasks are running. Although there is an idle task implemented in the kernel, if a user creates a task as an infinite loop operation and with lowest priority, it will serve as an idle task.

Though an idle task does not do anything, it plays an important role. In event driven multitasking system, if an execution order does not turn to an idle task, then it indicates that either some task is consuming CPU power wastefully or CPU performance is not up to system requirement.

## Static Error and Dynamic Error

System calls return two types of errors i.e. static errors and dynamic errors.

Static errors are generally the abnormalities of the parameters regardless of the system state. For example an ID number is out of its valid range. Static errors can be rectified using debugging.

A dynamic error is an error that occurs depending on system states or timings. For example wait-state cancellation of a task even before the task gets into the WAIT state.

In order to achieve high-speed execution, ecRTOS provides a library that does not check static parameter errors.

## Context Error

There are some system calls, which cannot be issued from a non-task context (timer handler or

interrupt handler). Violation of this rule returns a context error from system calls. Since this is a static error, libraries in which static parameters are not checked do not detect context errors.

## 1.4 Common Conventions

### System call name

The  $\mu$ T-Kernel system calls are named in the basic format of tk\_xxx\_yyy, where xxx is an abbreviation for the method of the operation, and yyy is an abbreviation for the object subjected to operation.

### Data type name

As per  $\mu$ T-Kernel Data type naming conventions, only uppercase letters are used. The data types of pointers are named as ~ P. The data types of structures are basically named as T\_ ~.

### Argument name

Following convention is used for naming input arguments to system calls.

p_~	Pointer to the location of data storage
pk_~	The pointer to a packet (structure object)
ppk_~	The pointer to the place which stores the pointer to a packet (structure object)
~id	ID
~no	Number
~atr	Attribute
~cd	Code
~sz	Size (in Bytes)
~cnt	Number
~ptn	Bit Pattern
i~	Initial value

### Handling zeros and negative numbers

In the input and output of system calls, zeroes often have a special meaning. For example, the task ID of a task itself is specified as zero. A task itself / local task mean the task issuing this system call. IDs and priorities begin with '1' to allow zero to have a special meaning. Moreover, by  $\mu$ T-Kernel specification, negative value is taken as "System" value. Error code of the system call is negative.

## 1.5 Data Types (for 32-bit CPU)

In  $\mu$ T-Kernel, system calls are declared by using redefined types as given below. INT, UINT are 32-bit data types.

### General purpose data type

typedef signed char B;	8-bit signed integer
typedef unsigned char UB;	8-bit unsigned integer
typedef short H;	16-bit signed integer
typedef unsigned short UH;	16-bit unsigned integer
typedef long W;	32-bit signed integer
typedef unsigned long UW;	32-bit unsigned integer
typedef char VB;	Type undefined data (8-bit size)
typedef int VH;	Type undefined data (16-bit size)
typedef long VW;	Type undefined data (32-bit size)
typedef void *VP;	Pointer to type undefined data
typedef void (*FP)();	Start address of the program in general

### $\mu$ T-Kernel dependent data types

typedef int INT;	Signed integer
typedef unsigned int UINT;	Unsigned integer
typedef int BOOL;	Boolean value (FALSE(0) or TRUE(1))
typedef int FN;	Function code
typedef int ID;	Object ID number
typedef unsigned int ATR;	Object attribute
typedef int ER;	Error code
typedef int PRI;	Task priority
typedef long TMO;	Timeout
typedef int ER_ID;	Error code or object ID number
typedef long DLYTIME;	Delay time
typedef unsigned int STAT;	State of an Object
typedef unsigned int MODE;	Operation mode of a Service call
typedef unsigned int ER_UINT;	Error code or an unsigned integer
typedef unsigned int TEXPTN;	Task Exception pattern
typedef unsigned int FLGPTN;	Event flag bit pattern
typedef unsigned int INHNO;	Interrupt handler number
typedef unsigned int INTNO;	Interrupt number
typedef VP VP_INT;	Task parameter and extended information
typedef unsigned long SIZE;	Size of a memory domain

\*\* Although ER\_BOOL is defined in  $\mu$ T-Kernel specification, it is not used in ecRTOS.

## Time related data types

```
typedef struct t_systemim
{
    H utime;
    UW ltime;
}SYSTIM;
```

System clock and system time  
Upper 16bit  
Lower 32bit

```
typedef long RELTIM;
```

Relative time

## 1.6 Data Types (for 16-bit CPU)

INT and UINT data types are 16 bits size. Since *int* and *short* are same, H and UH are considered as *int* data type instead of *short*.

### General purpose data types

typedef signed char B;	8-bit signed integer
typedef unsigned char UB;	8-bit unsigned integer
typedef int H;	16-bit signed integer
typedef unsigned int UH;	16-bit unsigned integer
typedef long W;	32-bit signed integer
typedef unsigned long UW;	32-bit unsigned integer
typedef char VB;	Type undefined data (8-bit size)
typedef int VH;	Type undefined data (16-bit size)
typedef long VW;	Type undefined data (32-bit size)
typedef void *VP;	Pointer to type undefined data
typedef void (*FP)();	Start address of the program in general

### μT-Kernel-dependent data types

typedef int INT;	Signed integer
typedef unsigned int UINT;	Unsigned integer
typedef int BOOL;	Boolean value (FALSE(0) or TRUE(1))
typedef int ID;	Object ID number
typedef unsigned int ATR;	Object attribute
typedef int ER;	Error code
typedef int PRI;	Task priority
typedef long TMO;	Timeout
typedef long DLYTIME;	Error code or object ID number
typedef int ER_ID;	Delay time
typedef unsigned int STAT;	State of an Object
typedef unsigned int MODE;	Operation mode of a Service call
typedef unsigned int ER_UINT;	Error code or an unsigned integer
typedef unsigned int TEXPTN;	Task Exception pattern
typedef unsigned int FLGPTN;	Event flag bit pattern
typedef unsigned int INHNO;	Interrupt handler number
typedef unsigned int INTNO;	Interrupt number
typedef VP VP_INT;	Task parameter and extended information
typedef unsigned long SIZE;	Size of a memory domain

\*\* Although ER\_BOOL is defined in μT-Kernel specification, it is not used in ecRTOS.

## Time related data types

<pre>typedef struct t_ystem {   H utime;     UW ltime; }SYSTIM;</pre>	System clock and system time Upper 16bit Lower 32bit
<pre>typedef long RELTIM;</pre>	Relative time

## 2. Introduction

### 2.1 Installation

ecRTOS installation standard folder composition is explained in the following text.

/ecRTOS/INC	Include files
/ecRTOS/SRC	source files
/ecRTOS/SMP/XXX/BBB	Sample
/ecRTOS/LIB/XXX/YYY	Library
/ecRTOS/DOC	Document

XXX is the processor series name (Example: ARM, NiosV, RX etc.), BBB is the evaluation board name (Example: RZN1DB etc.) and YYY is the name of corresponded compiler in short (Example: GCC, EWARM, DS5 etc.).

The portion described as xxx in the file name is processor/device dependent. Extensions are typical examples and actually depend on the compiler. Refer to the supplementary documentation or README text for up-to-date information about the folder contents. Please do not inter-mix the files with same name. The same name may exist for the files of different versions and files of different processor.

### Include files

Following header files are stored in INC folder.

utknl.h	μT-Kernel standard header file
kernel.h	ecRTOS Kernel standard header definitions
ectos.h	ecRTOS internal definition header file
ecrcfg.h	Configuration header file
ecrxxx.h	CPU dependent definition header file
ecrhook.h	HOOK routine definition header file
ecrsio.h	Serial I/O function header file
ecn????.h	Network header file (Refer to network user's guide)

#include "kernel.h" in all source files using ecRTOS. It describes all definitions and declarations necessary for using ecRTOS functions such as data types, common constants and function prototypes. Since utknl.h is included in kernel.h, it is not necessary to #include utknl.h in user's source files.

"ecrcfg.h" defines the default constants for the configuration of the maximum number of tasks and the variable itself used in the kernel. When configurator is not used, #include "ecrcfg.h" in only one file of the user programs.

ectos.h describes all internal definitions of the kernel. It is included in ecrcfg.h and usually it is unnecessary to carry out #include directly from user's programs. The part, which changes with the corresponding processor, is defined in ecrxxx.h. It is included from ectos.h and is unnecessary to carry out #include directly from user's programs.

## Library

The Kernel library module file along with the makefile to generate it is stored in LIB folder.

ecrxxx.lib	Kernel library
ecrxxx.mak	The makefile which generates above library
ecoxxx.lib	Kernel library without parameter check
ecoxxx.mak	The makefile which generates above library
ecnxxx.???, ecdxxx.???	Network library (Refer to network user's guide)

Depending on the compiler, library module may have extension other than lib.  
Library command file has dependency with compiler.

A library without parameter check is a library in which static error check of a parameter is omitted for the sake of processing speed improvement. If an error code is not set to SYSER variable unique to ecRTOS, then it is okay to switch to library without parameter check.

## Source files

The SRC directory contains all source files of the kernel.

ecrxxx.asm	A CPU interface module
ecrkn1.c	ecRTOS Kernel source
ecn?????.c	Network stack source files (Refer to Network user's guide)

Depending on the compiler / assembler, the assembler source file may have extension other than asm.

## Sample

The cyclic timers interrupt handler and interrupt management function modules, which are dependent on the hardware, should be fundamentally created by the user. For designing these modules, please refer to following source / header files provided as a sample.

ecixxxx.c	Interrupt management function / cyclic timer interrupt handler source
ecsxxxx.c	Serial I/O driver source (optional)
ecsxxxx.h	Serial I/O driver header (optional)

Apart from this, header files defining the corresponding processor's built-in I/O, start-up routine samples, main source sample, and make files are also included.

## 2.2 Kernel configuration

As opposed to other operating systems based on the  $\mu$ T-Kernel specification, ecRTOS does not adopt troublesome configuration procedures. All that you have to do is to #define all the required configurations and #include "ecrcfg.h" in one of the source files of the user programs usually the file that includes the "main" function.

When using the software components such as network, the ID number used by the user program and the ID number used in the software component should not mismatch. In such cases, it is possible to automatically allocate the ID numbers by using the configurator. Please refer to the configurator manual that is attached. The kernel configuration for system without the configurator is explained in the following text.

### Default configuration values

If the following standard configuration values are sufficient, then only necessary thing to do is #include "ecrcfg.h".

Task ID	8
Timer handler number upper limit	1
Each of the Other ID's	8
Task Priority upper limit	8
Interrupt handler stack size	4 times the size of T_CTX <sup>(*1)</sup>
Timer handler stack size	4 times the size of T_CTX
System memory size	0(using stack memory)
Memory Size of memory pool	0(using stack memory)
Stack memory size	0(using default stack) <sup>(*2)</sup>

(\*1) T\_CTX is defined in ecrxxx.h and the size is the same as that of the sum total of the total CPU registers size except a stack pointer (SP).

(\*2) A default stack usually points at the start address of the stack section specified by the linker to the address set up by SP at the time of reset.

### Customization of configuration

Upper / lower limits of the IDs and numbers are as follows:

Task ID / Timer event handler ID	1 to 253 <sup>(*3)</sup>
Other object IDs	1 to 999 <sup>(*4)</sup>
Task priority	1 to 31

(\*3) This ID is managed by 1 byte and 255 and 254 are used for special processing inside.

(\*4) In addition, although ID is unrestricted as a matter of fact to a memory bound because of management by int, the guarantee is taken as to 3 digit figures.

For the upper limit of the task priority, specify smallest possible value. With higher number of maximum priority, the time to choose the highest priority task is also higher. Besides, the internal data size, which controls waiting queues in the priority order, increases one byte per priority.

For definitions other than task priority definitions, there is no speed overhead due to excessive

upper limit. However since one pointer is internally defined for each ID, systems of a smaller RAM capacity should adopt minimum definition values as illustrated below.

```
#define TSKID_MAX 16      Task ID upper limit
#define SEMID_MAX 4      Semaphore ID upper limit
#define FLGID_MAX 5      Event flag ID upper limit
#define MBXID_MAX 3      MailBox ID upper limit
#define MBFID_MAX 2      Messenger buffer ID upper limit
#define MPLID_MAX 3      Variable size memory pool ID upper limit
#define MPFID_MAX 3      Fixed size memory pool ID upper limit
#define MTXID_MAX 1      Mutex ID upper limit
#define CYCNO_MAX 2      Cyclic handler ID upper limit
#define ALMNO_MAX 2      Alarm handler ID upper limit
#define TPRI_MAX 4       Task priority maximum
#include "ecrcfg.h"
```

### Timer queue size

In order to implement timeout or timer handlers, three kinds of timer queues are available. If RAM is sufficient, change the size of queues to 256 in order to substantially improve the processing speed of the timeout function or time management function. Please set numeric values as a power of 2 (1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256). See the example below.

```
#define TMRQSZ 256      Timer queue size of the task
#define CYCQSZ 128     Timer queue size of a cyclic handler
#define ALMQSZ 64      Timer queue size of an alarm handler
:
#include "ecrcfg.h"
```

### Interrupt handler stack size

The stack size of the interrupt handler is defined as 4 times the context (T\_CTX) size by default. When the RAM capacity is insufficient, carefully reduce this value.

At the time of system initialization, the stack of the interrupt handler is dynamically reserved from the "stack memory." All the interrupt handlers share this stack area. If there are multiple interrupts, consider that the stack size of the interrupt handlers needs an additional area to be reserved for nesting.

```
#define ISTKSZ 400      Stack size for interrupt handler
:
#include "ecrcfg.h"
```

## Timer event handler stack size

The stack size of the timer event handler (cyclic handler and alarm handler) is by default defined as 4 times the context (T\_CTX). If the RAM capacity is insufficient, carefully reduce the value.

At the time of system initialization, the stack of the timer handler is dynamically reserved for the "stack memory." All the timer handlers share the stack area. The time handler is not put in a nested state. An example is shown below.

```
#define TSTKSZ 300          Stack size for timer event handler
:
#include "ecrcfg.h"
```

## System memory and management block sizes

The management blocks for a task, a semaphore, an event flag, etc. are all dynamically allocated from the "system memory" provided by the OS. Based on the following table, total a required block sizes, and define a numeric value more than the total value in size SYSMSZ of the system memory. The table shows the minimum size of each management block.

[1]	[2]	
40	40	x Number of tasks
12	12	x Number of semaphores
16	12	x Number of mutex
12	8	x Number of event flags
12	12	x Number of mailbox
24	24	x Number of message buffers
20	16	x Number of Variable length memory pools
20	18	x Number of Fixed length memory pools
32	28	x Number of Cyclic handlers
12	12	x Number of alarm handlers
16	14	x Number of Task exception handler routines

[1] In the case of pointer 32-bit, INT type integer 32-bit (ARM, NiosV, RX etc.)

[2] In the case of pointer 32-bit, INT type integer 16-bit (H8S, etc.)

The size of (1 byte x task priority upper limit TPRI\_MAX) is added to the management block of an object created by specifying the task priority wait. If the sum total size is not multiple of int size, it is realigned. When the object creation information exists in RAM instead of ROM, the object creation information is copied to the system memory.

The amount of system memory used is decided by number of objects created simultaneously. Although 8 is specified as the upper limit of the object number, if it does not generate

simultaneously, it is not necessary to secure 8 objects. Defining 0 in SYSMSZ makes the system memory allocated from the "stack memory." Hence in most of the cases SYSMSZ definition is unnecessary.

Following is the example of a definition.

```
#define SYSMSZ 2352      System memory size
:
#include "ecrcfg.h"
```

### Memory size of a memory-pool

The memory blocks of the fixed-length / variable-length memory pools and ring buffer area of message buffer are allocated from the "memory for the memory pool" provided by the OS. Please define the size that is essential for application. Since with the default value of 0, the memory pool is allocated from the "stack memory", in most of the cases it is not necessary to define MPLSZ.

```
#define MPLMSZ 2048      Memory size of a memory pool
:
#include "ecrcfg.h"
```

### Size of a stack memory

The task for stack when stack domain is not specified by tk\_cre\_tsk / interrupt handler stack / timer handler stacks are allocated from the "stack memory" provided by the OS.

Define a total value of the stack size required for an application task plus a stack size required for the interrupt handler/timer handler. The system memory when STKMSZ=0 and the memory pool memory when MPLMSZ=0 are also allocated from this stack memory. The default value is 0. In this case, the stack memory of OS is the standard stack area decided by the initial stack pointer value setup by linker and the startup routine.

In addition, even when STKMSZ is other than 0, in order to allocate stack to main function, timer handler uses default stack area of the processing system.

```
#define STKMSZ 2048      Stack memory size
:
#include "ecrcfg.h"
```

### About dynamic memory management

With repeated generation and deletion memory fragmentation of system memory, memory for memory pool and the stack memory may not be avoided. As an example, although sum total size is sufficient, size of a successive empty domain is small, and it may stop allocating big size

memory. Moreover, the processing time of the dynamic memory management is dependent on the status of the memory assignment at that time. It is not possible to reduce maximum value of the processing time.

Therefore it is recommended to create all objects collectively at the time of system start, and to avoid repeated creation and deletion during user program.

### Interrupt-inhibit level of a kernel

In a critical partition inside the kernel, interrupts are temporarily prohibited. You can select the interrupt prohibition level of the kernel in the processors having level interrupt function. However, a system call cannot be issued with an interrupt routine having a higher priority than the kernel.

Note that, when the priority of interrupt handlers is kept high, lowering only the interrupt level of the kernel will cause overrun.

```
      :  
#define KNL_LEVEL 6      Kernel interrupt-inhibit level  
      :  
#include "ecrcfg.h"
```

## ID Definition

The  $\mu$ T-Kernel specification requires the ID's to be predetermined. You can #include the header files that #define all the IDs from the source files of the user program.

(Example-1)	- kernel_id.h -	- Each Source -
	#define ID_MainTsk 1	#include "kernel.h"
	#define ID_KeyTsk 2	#include "kernel_id.h"
	#define ID_ConSem 1	
	#define ID_KeyFlg 1	:
	#define ID_ErrMbf 1	
	:	

In case when configurator is used, static API of a configuration file generates kernel\_id.h automatically.

If ID is defined as a global variable, all files need not be re-compiled when ID value is changed.

(Example-2)	- xxx_id.c -	- Each Source -
	#include "kernel.h"	#include "kernel.h"
	ID ID_MainTsk = 1;	extern ID ID_MainTsk;
	ID ID_KeyTsk = 2;	extern ID ID_KeyTsk;
	ID ID_ConSem = 1;	:
	ID ID_KeyFlg = 1;	
	ID ID_ErrMbf = 1;	
	:	

## 2.3 Example of creation of user program

Following is an easy example using two tasks. Task2 cancels the waiting of task1.

```
#include "kernel.h"
#include "ecrcfg.h"

TASK task1(void)          /* Task1 */
{
    FLGPTN ptn;

    for(;;)
    {
        tk_slp_tsk(100/MSEC)
        tk_wai_sem(1);
        tk_wai_sem(1);
        tk_wai_flg(1, 0x01, TWF_ORW,&ptn);
    }
}

TASK task2(void)          /* Task2 */
{
    for (;;)
    {
        tk_wup_tsk(1);
        tk_sig_sem(1);
        tk_set_flg(1, 0x0001);
    }
}

const T_CTSK ctsk1 = {TA_HLNG, NULL, task1, 1, 512, NULL};
const T_CTSK ctsk2 = {TA_HLNG, NULL, task2, 2, 512, NULL};
const T_CSEM csem1 = {TA_TFIFO, 0, 1};
const T_CFLG cflg1 = {TA_CLR, 0};

void main(void)           /* main function */
{
    os_sys_ini();         /* System initialization */
    tk_cre_tsk(1, &ctsk1); /* Create task1 */
    tk_cre_tsk(2, &ctsk2); /* Create task2 */
    tk_cre_sem(1, &csem1); /* Create semaphore */
    tk_cre_flg(1, &cflg1); /* Create event flag1 */
    tk_sta_tsk(1, 0);     /* Start task1 */
    tk_sta_tsk(2, 0);     /* Start task2 */
    os_int_sta();        /* Start cyclic timer interrupt */
    os_sys_sta();        /* Start System */
}

```

## Example of compilation

A general example of compiling / linking `sample.c` in the previous page is given below. `vecxxx.asm` and `init.c` describes the interrupt vector definition and the startup routine. File name of the startup routine changes depending on the compiler or may be included in the standard library of C. `ecixxx.c` and `ecrxxx.lib` are a cyclic timer interrupt handler description file and a kernel library respectively. `standard.lib` indicates standard library of C and the file name may change as per the corresponding compiler.

```
>asm vecxxx.asm
>cc init.c
>cc sample.c
>cc ecixxx.c
>link vecxxx.obj init.obj sample.obj ecixxx.obj ecrxxx.lib standard.lib
```

Above example shows that user need not understand any special procedure to create multi-tasking programs.

## 3. Task and Handler Description

The software, which constitutes a system, can be divided into OS program and user program. Generally, the task and task exception handler are classified into the user program and the handler is classified into the OS program.

This chapter explains the tasks, which the user must describe, and also explains the clear format for describing the handler.

### 3.1 Task description

#### Task description method

Tasks are described in the same way as other C functions except for the following two points, which have to be kept in mind.

- The function type must be TASK, and
- An argument is referred to as an int type or void.

#### Example of task description

Terminating task type

Although `tk_ext_tsk()` can be omitted, it is recommended to describe this function.

```
TASK task1(int stacd)
{
    :
    :
    tk_ext_tsk();
}
```

Repeating task type

```
TASK task1(int stacd)
{
    for (;;)
    {
        :
        :
    }
}
```

#### Interrupt mask state

After start the task is in interrupt unmasked state.

## Task Exception handler routine

Task exception handler routine can be defined for each task. Task exception handler routine is defined as follows.

```
void texrtn(TEXPTN texptn, VP_INT exinf)
{
    :
    :
}
```

TEXPTN is defined in utknl.h as a task exception handler type.

## 3.2 Interrupt handler description

### Overview

In the  $\mu$ T-Kernel specification, when an interrupt occurs, system passes the control from an interrupt vector to interrupt handler directly created by user.

In the interrupt handler, the storing and restoring of registers (`tk_ent_int` and `tk_ret_int` in case of ecRTOS) need to be described by user.

Since the interrupt handler is executed in the interrupt state, only minimal processes should be carried out. After this, a task waiting for an interrupt is woken up and practical interrupt handling is carried out. As a matter of fact, waiting system calls are not allowed in interrupt handlers. Moreover system calls requiring dynamic memory management (creation / deletion of object and variable length memory pool etc.) cannot be issued, either.

### Interrupt mask state

In case of CPU which has only 2 states of interrupt enable / disable, interrupt handler once started is in interrupt prohibited state. In case of CPU having level triggered interrupts, at the startup time of interrupt handler, interrupt level is as per the actual hardware. When the higher priority interrupts are generated, multiplexing of interrupts occur.

### Interrupt handler definition method

Interrupt handlers are described in the same way as ordinary interrupt routines except for the following two points.

- The function type must be `INTHDR`, and
- The function must begin with `tk_ent_int` and must end with `tk_ret_int` system calls. (the interrupt handler of priority higher than kernel interrupt prohibition level is removed)

### Sample description of interrupt handler

```
INTHDR inthdr1(void)
{
    tk_ent_int();
    :
    :
    tk_ret_int();
}
```

### `tk_ent_int` system call

In order to describe interrupt handler entirely by C, `tk_ent_int` system call is used at the entry of the interrupt handler and is unique to ecRTOS.

In `tk_ent_int`, all registers are saved and a stack pointer is also switched over to the exclusive stack area for interrupt handlers. Thus, it is not necessary to add the amount of area used by interrupt handlers to each task stack.

For processors with many registers, all registers are not saved in `tk_ent_int`. Only the registers, which the compilers use without saving, are saved. The other registers are saved only when it is decided that a dispatch occurs in the `tk_ret_int` system call at the end of interrupt. This shortens the processing time of an interrupt handler when there is no dispatch or nested interrupts.

### Unnecessary instructions before `tk_ent_int`

Instructions that destroys registers or changes stack pointer must not be generated before the `tk_ent_int` system call. As the first measure, please enable optimization option to compile interrupt handler. However, note that optimization may not be effective when compiled with debugging options.

Unnecessary instructions generated at the start of functions may vary depending on the contents of the interrupt handlers, the version of the compiler or the compilation conditions. Be sure to output assembly listing files to confirm that no unnecessary instructions are generated. In some case, RISC processors cannot save registers with just `tk_ent_int` and the `Interrupt` function is used in this. In this case it is usual to issue register save instructions before `tk_ent_int`.

## Prohibition of auto variables

When auto variables are defined at the start of interrupt handlers, stack pointers shift from `tk_ent_int()` hypothetical values. You may define static variables or define auto variables in other functions that are called by interrupt handlers. However, if it is clear that there are no auto variables on the stack but only register variables, they can be used as auto variables.

If interrupt handler functions carry out complex processes then an unexpected instructions may be generated before `tk_ent_int`. In such cases, you may call the function from the interrupt handler and carry out the actual process there.

## Suppression of inline expansion

If you are calling more functions from interrupt handler, the inline expansion of these functions may occur inside an interrupt handler due to compiler optimization. In such cases, please compile a program by providing an option that prohibits in-lining.

## Interrupt mask state

When the CPU has only two states of interrupt (i.e. disable or enable), activated interrupt handlers are in the interrupt-disabled state. If you use multiplexed interrupts, you can mask handled interrupt requests by operating the interrupt controller, and then you can enable interrupts by changing the CPU interrupt mask directly.

When the CPU has level interrupt function, the level of the after returning from `tk_ent_int()` is the same as the hardware. Multiplexing of interrupts happens if interrupt with a higher priority occur.

### 3.3 Timer event handler description

#### Overview

In the  $\mu$ T-Kernel specification, there are three types of time event handlers i.e. a cyclic handler that is repeatedly executed, an alarm handler that is executed only once and an over run handler, which executes when a specific task exceeds the specified time.

Timer handlers are executed as task independent sections with higher priority than tasks. Therefore accurate time management is possible by using timer handler. Also, management blocks and stacks require less memory than tasks. However, waiting system calls cannot be issued in timer handlers.

#### Timer event handler definition method

Please perform the description of the cyclic handler and alarm handler similar to the ordinary interrupt routine. Please describe a timer event handler as the following C function. 'exinf' is the extended information that is specified in timer event handler creation.

```
Void tmrhdr(VP_INT exinf)
{
    :
    :
}
```

#### Interrupt mask state

The system is put in dispatch-prohibited state and interrupts are in the enabled state until the processing of time handlers is completed. If it is interrupt prohibited within timer handlers, please carry out return it after it is back to the interrupt-enabled state.

#### Additional note

Since the priority of timer handlers is next to that of interrupt handlers, please minimize the processing of timer handlers and enable the compiler optimization. Unlike an interrupt handler, auto variables can be used without limitation.

### 3.4 Initialization handler

The  $\mu$ T-Kernel specification does not describe about the system initialization method / processing because of its dependency on the processing system. Thus, the contents of this section are unique to ecRTOS.

#### Start-up routine

In some other  $\mu$ T-Kernel specified OS, a dedicated start-up routine is provided and the initialization necessary for multi tasking is carried out. After this, there is a way, which starts the main function as a task.

On the other hand, ecRTOS does not provide any special start-up routine. All the functions till the main function are executed in the same way as an ordinary program.

#### main function

In ecRTOS, main function is used as the multitasking initialization handler. In the main function, system initialization (`os_sys_ini`), I/O initialization, one or more task creation (`tk_cre_tsk`) and one or more task start (`tk_sta_tsk`) if necessary, the creation of objects (`tk_cre_xxx`) such as semaphore, an event flags, starting of cyclic timer interrupt start (`os_int_sta`) and system start (`os_sys_sta`) are performed.

#### System initialization

At the start of the main function, execute the `os_sys_ini` function to initialize the kernel. From `os_sys_ini`, an `os_int_ini` function is called to initialize the interrupt controller interface depending on the hardware. The standard `intini` function is included in `ecixxx.c`. However, if it is not suitable to the user system, please create it separately.

#### I/O initialization

When an I/O is to be initialized before multi-task operation, use the main function to initialize it.

#### Object creation

Creation of objects such as task, semaphore, or event flag can be done not only from the main function but also from within a task.

Dynamic memory management is a result of repeated object creation or deletion, and it is inferior to real-time property. As far as possible, create an object in the main function only once and minimize the subsequent object creation.

#### Task start

You can start all the tasks to be started in the main function. You can start only one task (that is, main task), and then the remaining tasks can be started from within that task. The task to be

started should be created beforehand.

### Cyclic timer interrupt start

Use an `intsta` function to start cyclic timer interrupt by default.

The modules related to model-dependent cyclic timer interrupt and interrupt management are not included in the library. Compile an accessory `ecixxx.c` and link it. If the attached `ecixxx.c` does not match, the user should create `ecixxx.c`.

### System start

A multi-task operation finally starts when you execute `os_sys_sta` function. The `os_sys_sta` function makes an infinite loop internally and does not return to the main function. (This section is ecRTOS's default idle task.)

However, if an error occurs in `tk_cre_tsk` or `tk_sta_tsk` before executing the `syssta` function, control returns to the main function without starting the multi-task operation.

## Example description of initialization handler

Following is the example of description when not using the configurator.

```
#include "kernel.h"

/*Configuration */

#define TSKID_MAX      2      /* Task ID maximum */
#define SEMID_MAX      1      /* Semaphore ID maximum */
#define FLGID_MAX      1      /* Event flag ID maximum */
#define TPRI_MAX       4      /* Task priority maximum */
#define TMRQSZ         256    /* Task queue size for timer */
#define ISTKSZ         256    /* Interrupt handler stack size */
#define TSTKSZ         256    /* Timer event handler stack size */
#define SYSMSZ         256    /* System memory size */
#define KNL_LEVEL      5      /* Kernel interrupt prohibition level */
#include "ecrcfg.h"

/* ID definitions */

#define ID_MainTsk     1
#define ID_KeyTsk      2
#define ID_ComSem      1
#define ID_KeyFlg      1

/*Object creation information*/

extern TASK MainTsk(void);
extern TASK KeyTsk(void);

const T_CTSK ctsk1 = {TA_HLNG, NULL, task1, 1, 512, NULL};
const T_CTSK ctsk2 = {TA_HLNG, NULL, task2, 2, 512, NULL};
const T_CSEM csem1 = {TA_TFIFO, 0, 1};
const T_CFLG cflg1 = {TA_CLR, 0};

/* main (initialization handler) */

void main(void)
{
    os_sys_ini();                /* System initialization */
    tk_cre_tsk(ID_MainTsk,&ctsk1); /* Task1 creation */
    tk_cre_tsk(ID_KeyTsk,&ctsk2); /* Task2 creation */
    tk_cre_sem(ID_ConSem,&csem1); /* Semaphore creation */
    tk_cre_flg(ID_KeyFlg,&cflg1); /* Event flag creation */
    tk_sta_tsk(ID_MainTsk,0);     /* Start main task */
    os_int_sta();                 /* Start periodic timer interrupt */
    os_sys_sta();                 /* Start multitasking */
}
```

## 4. Function Overview

### 4.1 Task management functions

#### Overview

Executing the `tk_cre_tsk` system call creates tasks. Tasks are started by `tk_sta_tsk`. Executing `tk_ext_tsk` or `tk_ter_tsk` terminates tasks. `tk_ext_tsk` terminates the task itself and `tk_ter_tsk` terminates other tasks. When the start request terminates the queuing task, it restarts instantly. By using `tk_dis_dsp` to disable dispatch and `tk_ena_dsp` to enable dispatch, tasks are switched only once after several system calls are issued.

By `tk_chg_pri` changing priority and `tk_rot_rdq` rotating ready queue, you can control the order in which tasks are executed. In addition, the following system calls are classified into task management functions. `tk_rel_wai` forces other waiting tasks to be released. `tk_get_tid` gets the ID of a task itself. `tk_ref_tsk` references a task's status.

#### Task management block

Tasks are controlled on the basis of the information in data tables that are called the task control block (TCB).

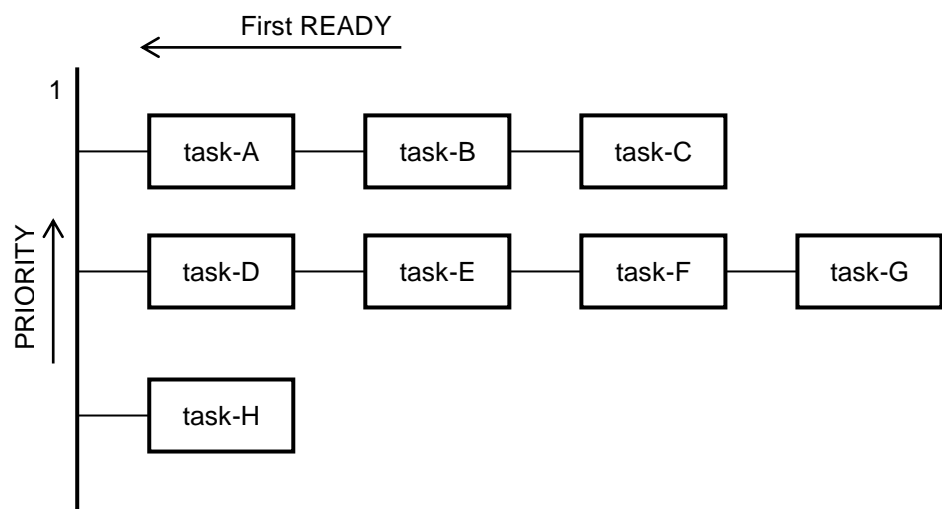
The  $\mu$ T-Kernel specification does not provide a way for users to access TCB and other control blocks directly. Though, in ecRTOS you can access TCB directly by #including "ecrtos.h". The structures of the TCB and others are subject to change by upgraded versions.

## Scheduling and ready queue

Scheduling means changing the order of task execution. In  $\mu$ T-Kernel, scheduling is executed based on the priority.

The data structure, which controls the order of execution, is called the ready queue. Tasks are linked to the ready queue in the order of priority. If their priorities are same tasks are linked in the order of FIFO. The READY task with the highest priority is a task in the RUN state (task A in the following chart).

When this task enters the WAIT, SUSPEND or DORMANT state, it is released from the ready queue and the task with the second priority (task B in the following chart) enters the RUNNING state.



Queues for waiting objects with task priority are implemented in the same way as in the ready queue.

## 4.2 Task dependent synchronization functions

### Overview

tk\_sus\_tsk, tk\_rsm\_tsk, tk\_frsm\_tsk, tk\_slp\_tsk, tk\_wup\_tsk, tk\_can\_wup, tk\_rel\_wai and tk\_dly\_tsk system calls are classified into task-dependent synchronization functions.

### Waiting and releasing

Tasks transfer themselves to the WAIT state with the tk\_slp\_tsk system call. tk\_slp\_tsk can specify a time-out. In other words, it can be used as simple time waiting. But basically tk\_dly\_tsk must be used for simple time waiting. tk\_slp\_tsk returns E\_TMOUT time after the specified time lapses, tk\_dly\_tsk returns E\_OK. tk\_slp\_tsk returns E\_OK in the case the tk\_wup\_tsk is carried out.

As tk\_wup\_tsk is a queuing function, if tk\_wup\_tsk is called before calling tk\_slp\_tsk, then it returns E\_OK in the value, without entering the WAITING state. Tasks, which are put in the WAIT state by tk\_slp\_tsk or tslp\_tsk, can be released (or woken up) by another system call, tk\_wup\_tsk.

In addition to tk\_slp\_tsk, other system calls like tk\_wai\_flg, tk\_wai\_sem and tk\_rcv\_mbf can transfer tasks to the WAIT state. As opposed to the task in these waiting state, issuing tk\_rel\_wai instead of tk\_wup\_tsk, forcibly releases the wait.

### Suspend and resume

tk\_sus\_tsk is the system call, which interrupts the task execution and moves the task state to compulsory wait state i.e. SUSPENDED state.

The task in the suspended state can be resumed by tk\_rsm\_tsk or tk\_frsm\_tsk system calls. The queing treatment is the difference between tk\_rsm\_tsk and tk\_frsm\_tsk. In case of tk\_frsm\_tsk system call, all queings are cancelled and task execution is resumed forcibly. However in case of tk\_rsm\_tsk, queing is decremented by 1.

### Suspended waiting

If a tk\_sus\_tsk system call is issued while task is in waiting state, it will shift to the double waiting state WAITING-SUSPENDED.

In the state of WAITING-SUSPENDED, similar to WAITING state, resource assignment is performed when the turn comes. The task shifts to SUSPENDED state from WAITING-SUSPENDED state after the resource assignment. Since there are no special measures carried out, please be careful with the task of a WAITING-SUSPENDED state about resource allocation delay etc.

## 4.3 Task exception handling functions

### Overview

The task exception handling function is for interrupting the execution of specified task and to perform the task-exception handler routine. A task exception handler routine is executed in the context of the interrupted task. When the specified task is under waiting state i.e. WAITING etc., task exception handler is not executed and it will kept waiting until the task is in READY state. If the task is in READY state, instead of task main part the exception handling routine is performed previously. Execution to task main part will be continued after return from exception handler routine. Each task can register own exception handler routine.

To support task exception-handling function, the system calls to define task exception handling routine (`tk_def_tex`), call to request task exception (`tk_ras_tex`), call which prohibits exception handling (`tk_dis_tex`), call which checks for the prohibition state (`tk_ref_tex`) and the system call which refers to the exception handling state.

### Start and end of exception handling routine

To start a task exception handler routine, `tk_ras_tex` is called with the exception factor input showing the type of exception handling. The exception handler routine will actually start when an exception handling is enabled by `tk_ena_tex` system call with a non-zero exception factor and when a specified task is in RUNNING state. Exception factor is cleared to 0 and exception handling is made to prohibition state after actual start of exception-handler routine. The processing which was being performed before starting an exception-handling routine is continued after return from an exception-handler routine.

In case a large address jump is carried using `longjmp` instead of return from the exception handler routine, it will continue in the exception handling state and does not return to the exception-handling permission state. Moreover the information before starting the exception-handling routine is lost. For example, when WAITING is carried out by `tk_rcv_mbf`, the information from the received message is lost. When using `longjmp`, please terminate the task.

### Exception factor

When the time of the exception factor is non-zero, it is considered as exception handler demand. If there is an exception demand in an exception handling prohibition state, an exception demand will be suspended until the exception handling is enabled again. The exception factor is defined by `TEXPTN` type variable. If the same exception is demanded multiple times, a task exception handler routine cannot recognize the number of times the demand had occurred.

## 4.4 Synchronization / communication function (Semaphore)

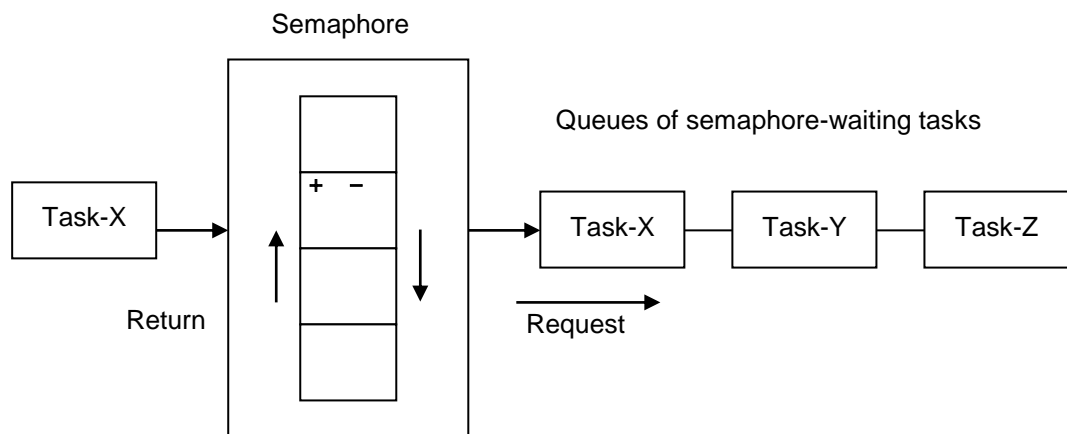
### Overview

Semaphores are used for the exclusive control of resources. When several tasks moving asynchronously hold resources that cannot be used at the same time (this might include functions, data, input and output), semaphores have to exclusively control the acquisition and return of resources. Semaphores are set up for resources that should be controlled exclusively.

For creating semaphores, the `tk_cre_sem` system call is provided. In contrast with the `tk_sig_sem` system call for returning resources, the `tk_wai_sem` system call waits for the acquisition of resources, the `tk_wai_sem` system call waits with a time-out. Besides these, the `tk_ref_sem` system call references the conditions of a semaphore.

### Semaphore waiting queue

More than a single task can wait for the same semaphore. When FIFO is specified in the creation of semaphores, waiting semaphores are queued in the order that they are requested in. When a task priority is specified in the creation of semaphores, waiting semaphores are queued in the order of the priorities i.e. the first task that issued a request comes before other tasks with the same priority.



### Semaphore count value

When `tk_sig_sem` is performed and there is a task, which is waiting for the semaphore, the task at the top of the queue is changed into a READY state. In case there is no waiting task, the count value of semaphore is incremented by 1.

When `tk_wai_sem` is performed and the count value of semaphore is 1 or more, then the count value is decremented by 1 while task continues the execution. When the count value is 0, the task goes to WAITING state.

Since the semaphore count values 0 and 1 are enough for general usage, it is recommended to set semaphore maximum = 1.

## 4.5 Synchronization / communication function (Event flag)

### Overview

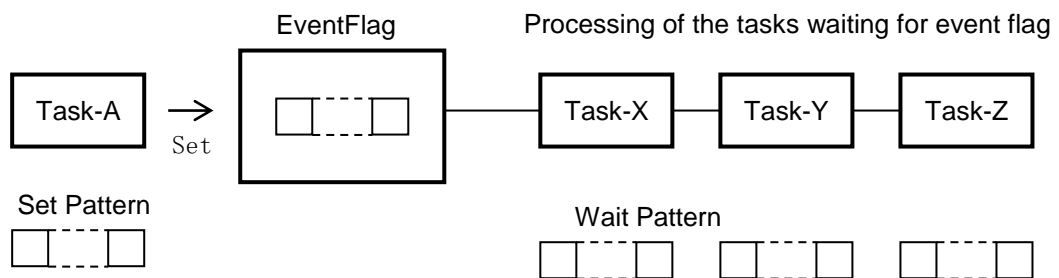
An event flag is used when you want to inform an opposing task only whether events exist or not.

Event flags are created and deleted with the `tk_cre_flg` and `tk_del_flg` system calls. Contrary to the `tk_set_flg` system call for setting up event flags, the `wai_flg` system call waits for the existence of event flags and the `tk_wai_flg` system call waits with a time-out. Besides these, the `tk_clr_flg` system call clears an event flag and `tk_ref_flg` references the conditions of an event flag.

### Event flag waiting queue

Two or more tasks can wait for the same event flag simultaneously. If the waiting conditions of these tasks are same, then the waiting can be cancelled at once by setting `tk_set_flg` to 1. However, when clear specification is carried out, the waiting of the task that is previously connected in queue is not cancelled.

However, when the waiting of multiple tasks is cancelled simultaneously, since the system processing time is not minimized, it is recommended for not to use waiting for multiple tasks whenever possible.



### Waiting mode

Wait conditions can be specified by bit patterns AND and OR, as multi-bit flag groups are used in an event flag. In waiting AND, the waiting condition waits for all bits specified by a parameter to be set up on event flag. In waiting OR mode, the waiting condition waits for either of the specified bits to be set up on event flag.

### Clear order

In the `tk_wai_flg` system call, when an event flag has been created, it can be automatically cleared according to the parameter specifications.

When the clear specification is given during creation, it is cleared as usual. Clear is carried out for all bits.

## 4.6 Synchronization / communication function (Mail box)

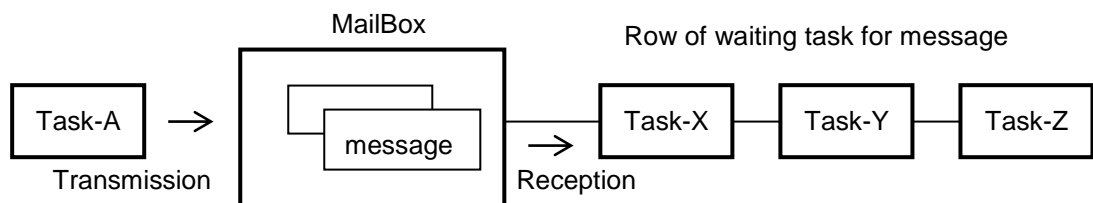
### Overview

Mailboxes are used to send and receive a comparatively large amount of data among tasks. Only the pointer to a data packet, which is called a message, is actually sent and the contents of the message are not copied. For this reason, data can be delivered at high speeds, not depending on the message size. Moreover, a link list of the transmission message from the user area is created. At the time of message transmission there is no waiting for link-list management. Queuing in the mailbox is the processing of message and processing of the task waiting for the reception.

The `tk_cre_mbx` and `tk_del_mbx` system calls are used for creation and deletion of mailboxes. In addition there is system call to transmit message (`tk_snd_mbx`), call to wait and receive message (`tk_rcv_mbx`), call to receive the new message with timeout (`tk_rcv_mbx`), and a system call to refer to the state of the mailbox (`tk_ref_mbx`).

### Message queuing

Multiple tasks can wait for the same mailbox. When a FIFO mode is specified at the time of mailbox creation, the queuing is built to serve on the first come first out basis. When the priority mode is specified at the time of mailbox creation, queuing is built as per the task priority (FIFO order among the task with same priority level).



Though both task waiting messages and queued messages are in the chart, they do not exist at the same time.

### Message queue

Messages can be sent at any time irrespective of the existence of the receiving task. The top part of the message packet is used as the pointer indicating the next message. Thus, data area on the ROM cannot be used as a message packet.

At the time of mailbox creation, when the FIFO is specified as the queuing method, a message queue is built in the order of arrival.

At the time of mailbox creation, when the priority is specified as the queuing method, a message queue is built in the order of priority. (When the priority is same, queue is built in the

order of arrival.) Therefore, the required memory size will increase if the level of priorities is more. The memory size can be known by the TSZ\_MPRIHD macro definition.

```
mprihsz = TSZ_MPRIHD(8);
```

## Message packet domain

It is not possible to know for certain when a message has been collected in the receiving task. Consequently, it is dangerous to take message packets to auto variables. Besides, even if the message range is defined statically, it is troublesome to check whether it is empty or not and to use it again. When the queued messages are resent, the system operation cannot be guaranteed. Therefore, the memory block acquired from memory pool is ordinarily used for message packets.

The mailbox does not know the message packet size. In other words, the message length is not restricted. However, when it is combined with the fixed-length memory pool, the message packet size is fixed naturally.

## 4.7 Extended synchronization / communication function (Mutex)

### Overview

A mutex is used for an exclusive control of a shared resource such as Semaphore. A difference from semaphore is that mutex supports the mechanism that avoids the task priority inversions, has the ability to lock and automatically unlock the resources. In contrary, semaphore has a resource counter when associated with two or more resources and has the ability to unlock the tasks other than the locked tasks.

Creation and deletion of mutex can be performed using `tk_cre_mtx` or `tk_del_mtx` system calls. In addition there are system calls such as `tk_unl_mtx` to release the resource, `tk_loc_mtx` to wait and acquire the resources, `tk_loc_mtx` call to acquire by timeout without waiting and `tk_ref_mtx` call to refer to the state of the mutex.

### Priority inversion

When a low priority task locks the resource, a task with a high priority tends to use the already locked resources and it may go to WAITING state. At this time, if the task of the priority in between goes to the RUNNING state, then this task indirectly preempts the execution of the high priority task. This is called priority inversion. If a priority inversion happens, operation of the system designed based on the scheduling of priority cannot be guaranteed.

In mutex, in order to avoid the priority inversion, the priority inheritance protocol and maximum priority task are supported.

In the priority inheritance protocol, the priority of the locked task is temporarily made the same as the highest priority task among the task waiting for lock release. By this way the intervention of the task with the middle priority is avoided. System is heavily loaded in order to change priority dynamically. Since priority inversion happens when doing changes, cautions are required especially when a task under lock is waiting for another mutex.

In the priority ceiling protocol, the priority of the locked task is changed to the previously decided priority independent of the existence of the waiting task. Although the system is not heavily loaded as compared to the priority inheritance protocol, the priority inversion occurs even when there is no waiting task.

After lock release, the temporarily changed priority will return to the base priority.

## 4.8 Extended synchronization / communication function (Message buffer)

### Overview

A message buffer is an object used for communicating small size messages. The difference from the mailbox is that transmission and reception is performed after the contents of the message are copied to an internal ring buffer. In addition, since the interrupt is prohibited during message copy, please be careful when transfer big size data. With big size data transfer, the interrupt prohibition time will be prolonged.

Message buffers are created and deleted with the `tk_cre_mbf` and `tk_del_mbf` system calls. The `tk_snd_mbf` system call for sending messages, the `psnd_mbf`, which returns immediately without waiting in case there is no space in the buffer, the `tk_snd_mbf` which waits with time out when there is no space in the buffer. The `tk_rcv_mbf` system call waits for the receipt of messages and the `tk_rcv_mbf` system call waits with a time-out. Besides these, the `tk_ref_mbf` system call references the conditions of message buffers.

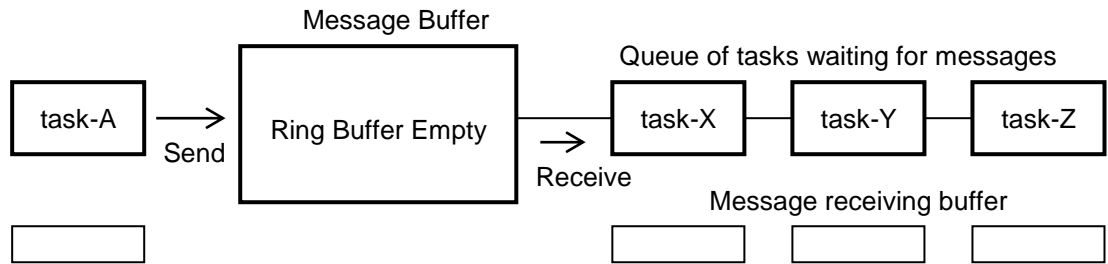
### Message queue

Message data is copied into a ring buffer inside the message buffer. Similar to mailbox, it is not necessary to acquire the message packet domain ROM memory pool. Moreover, the message header section used by the OS is also not necessary.

Any message size is acceptable as long as it does not exceed the maximum length specified at message buffer creation in the receiving side. It is necessary to provide a buffer that can receive a message of the maximum length. Only FIFO controls the message line, which has been queued. There is no function to attach priority to the message.

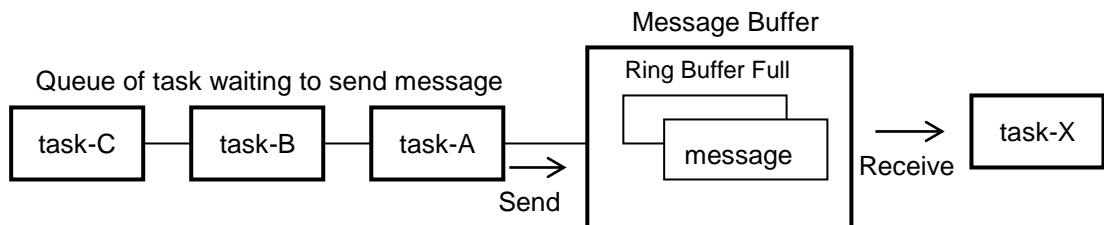
### Message reception waiting queue

More than single tasks can wait in the same message buffer. When FIFO is specified in the creation of message buffer, waiting messages are queued in the order of requests received. When a priority is specified in the creation of a message buffer, waiting messages is queued with task priorities (That is, if tasks have the same priority, they are queued in the order that the request is received).



### Message transmission waiting queue

Message buffers differ from mailboxes in the point that if there is no space in the ring buffer, the task in the send side also enters the WAITING state. When more than one task wait for sending messages, if FIFO is specified during message buffer creation, these tasks create wait queuing in the order request for sending messages. When priority is specified during message buffer creation, the queue is formed according to the task priority order.



### Ring buffer section

A 2-byte header indicating a message size is added to a ring buffer and message data is copied to buffer. Therefore it is not possible to use whole ring buffer domain only for data storage. A ring buffer size, which can store msgcnt messages of msgsz byte size each, can be obtained by TSZ\_MBF macro definition. However this is valid only when msgsz is not 1.

TSZ\_MBF(msgcnt, msgsz)

When msgsz is one, that is when the message buffer is created with message having maximum length of 1 byte, the addition of the header, which indicates message size, is abbreviated. Because of this function, the entire area of the ring buffer is effectively used for data in the sending and receiving of 1 byte messages.

## Ring buffer of size 0

A message buffer can also be generated with ring buffer size=0. In this case the transmitting message is directly copied to the buffer prepared by the receiving side task. For this reason the transmitting task will be waiting until the receiving task is ready to copy message. By this way, a message buffer can realize the synchronous communication.

## 4.9 Interrupt management function

### Overview

The `SetCpuIntLevel`, `GetCpuIntLevel`, `tk_ent_int`, `tk_ret_int` and `DisableInt` system calls are classified as interrupt management functions. In addition, the `tk_def_int` and `EnableInt` system calls are dependent upon implementation (that is, the user can customize it)

### Definition of interrupt handler

An interrupt vector is set up using system call `tk_def_int` that defines an interrupt handler. But the method of setting up the interrupt defers according to the system and so such a system call is not included in the kernel. If the system call defined in the attached `r4ixxxx.c` does not match, the user need to set up an original function.

### Prohibiting and permitting individual interrupt

The `DisableInt` and `EnableInt` system calls prohibit or permit particular interrupts in the  $\mu$ T-Kernel specification, but depend completely on implementation. In ecRTOS none of the processes support these system calls (They might be contained in samples for processors that can create general-purpose `DisableInt` and `EnableInt`).

### Start of Interrupt handler

The kernel does not process interrupt before the interrupt handler. It flies directly to the interrupt handler described by the user.

ecRTOS sets up an `tk_ent_int` system call, as a unique specification. This is called at the entry of the interrupt handler, so that interrupt handlers are all described in C. The `tk_ent_int` system call not only saves all registers but also changes stack pointers to stack ranges dedicated for interrupt handlers.

### RISC processor interrupt

In RISC processors like ARM, MIPS, PowerPC, SH-3/4, and so on, all the outer interrupts have a common single point entry. In this case, in a `tk_def_int` system call, the address of an interrupt handler is to set in the arrangement defined in `r4ixxx.c` instead of an interrupt vector table. In addition, the program, which distinguishes interrupt factors and jumps referring to this arrangement, is described as a sample in `vecxxx.asm`. (`initarm.xxx` in case of ARM processor) Therefore the RISC processor based system can also be programmed as if there is an interrupt vector table. The permission/prohibition properties about system calls, `tk_ent_int` and `tk_ret_int` are same as the case about CISC processor.

### Interrupt routine of priority higher than kernel

The interruption routine of level higher than the interrupt-inhibit level of a kernel can be used.

For this interruption routine, the interrupt-inhibit section inside a kernel becomes the same thing as interruption permission, and ecRTOS can be applied now also by the system by which a very high-speed interrupt acknowledgement is demanded

However, by the interruption routine of high priority, a system call cannot be published from a kernel. Instead of register bank copy and restoration at the entry and exit of interrupt in `tk_ent_int()` and `tk_ret_int()`, please perform the interrupt function offered by compiler or code it using the assembly.

In the interruption routine of high priority, a synchronization or communication with a task cannot be performed from a kernel. When it is necessary to synchronize and communicate with a task by the break of a series of interruption, please start the interrupt handler below the level of a kernel from the interruption routine of high priority, and use the program which uses a system call there.

## 4.10 Memory pool management function

### Overview

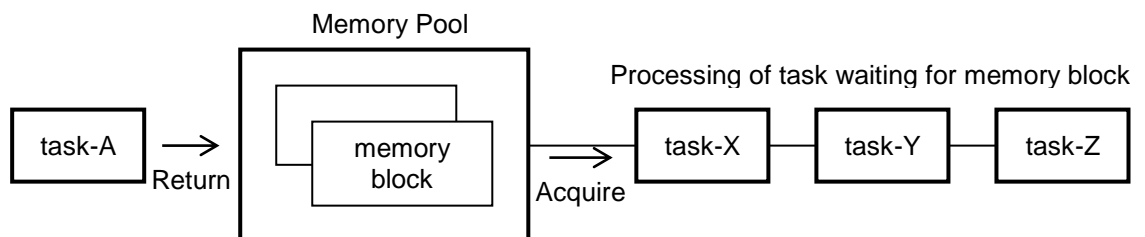
Memory pool management functions in the compact ecRTOS OS offer handling with fixed-length memory block and variable length memory block. Create a program such that when memory is necessary, a memory block is acquired from the memory pool and it is returned to the same memory pool when not needed. The memory area shared among tasks is controlled in units called memory pool. One memory pool consists of more than one memory block.

Memory pool functions are similar to malloc / free functions in standard C libraries. Memory pool functions differ from malloc/free functions, as the former possess functions appropriate to multi-tasking, such as releasing waits for memory acquisition of other tasks when memory is released.

Memory pools with fixed length are created with tk\_cre\_mpf. Contrasting with the tk\_rel\_mpf system call that returns a memory block, the tk\_get\_mpf system call waits with a time-out for acquisition of a memory block. Besides these, the tk\_ref\_mpf system call references the conditions of fixed-length memory pools.

### Memory block waiting queue

Two or more tasks can wait for same memory pool. When FIFO is specified at the time of memory pool generation, queuing is built in the order of arrival. In case when the task priority order is specified, queuing is built in the order of priority of task (in the order of arrival among task with same priorities).



Though the chart above shows both the tasks waiting for memory block and memory block itself, they do not exist at the same time in the fixed-length memory pool.

## Combination with sending and receiving messages

Generally, the memory block in a memory pool is used for the message packet range in mailbox functions. Users must program the memory block to be acquired on the sending message side and to be returned to the receiving message side.

## Variable length and fixed length

Since the variable length memory pool is processed using dynamic memory management, it is more convenient than the fixed length memory pool. Variable length memory pool is suitable for high scale system. It is recommended to use the fixed length memory pool when a system can be managed with fixed size memory.

In case of the variable length memory pool, when 1 memory block is acquired, int size memory is used to maintain memory pool size information. With fixed length memory pool there is no useless memory consumption.

## Multiple memory pools

It is recommended to provide more than one memory pool for each application. Using only one memory pool for various tasks can cause deadlock when the memory pool becomes empty. In other words, delay at one place may affect the entire system, causing a processing failure.

For example, assume that task A, task B, and task C operate in cooperation with message transmission/reception in which memory pools are combined. As a flow of processing, assume that task A sends a command message to task B, and that the task B that has received it also sends the command message to task C, then the task C that has received it sends back a reply message to task B. If task C is slow in processing, messages from task A to B are consecutively queued, and at last the memory block has all been used up. It causes task C that has terminated processing to be incapable of acquiring a memory block to return a reply message. Further, task B waiting for the reply stops permanently.

On the other hand, dividing the memory pools for each application allows positive use of an empty memory pool. Thus the number of processes being queued can be controlled.

## 4.11 Time management functions

### Overview

The `tk_set_utc`, `tk_get_utc`, `tk_cre_cyc`, `tk_del_cyc`, `tk_sta_cyc`, `tk_stp_cyc`, `tk_ref_cyc`, `tk_cre_alm`, `tk_del_alm`, `tk_sta_alm`, `tk_stp_alm`, `tk_ref_alm`, `os_tim_tik` system calls are classified as a time management functions.

### System time and system clock

System clock is reset to 0 at the time of system start after which the clock-count increments for every cyclic interrupt.

System time can be changed using the `tk_set_utc` system call and after that the count rises with every periodic interrupt. This system time value can be read by `tk_get_utc`. System time is undefined until it is set by `tk_set_utc`.

Since a timer event handlers are started with the system clock as the base, even if the system time is changed, it does not affect the previously set up timer event operations.

The timer interrupt cycle is set as the unit of the time so as to avoid unnecessary overhead of multiplication and division inside the system call.

### Cyclic handler

A cyclic handler is a time event handler, which is activated periodically at the specified time. Using cyclic handler it is possible to sample data that demands interval time accuracy, or implementation of round-robin type scheduling ring by using `tk_rot_rdq` etc.

A cyclic handler is created using `tk_cre_cyc` and can be deleted using `tk_del_cyc` system call. In addition, there is `tk_ref_cyc` system call which refers to the cyclic handler state, the system calls `tk_sta_cyc` to start and `tk_stp_cyc` to stop the cyclic handler.

### Alarm handler

This time event handler is executed only once after the specified time is expired.

An alarm handler can be registered by `tk_cre_alm` system call and can be cancelled by `tk_del_alm`. The activation time of the alarm handler is not set at the time of creation. The alarm handler activation time is set by `tk_sta_alm` service call and it can be stopped by `tk_stp_alm` service call. Setup cancellation is not done although it is cancelled automatically when an alarm handler is started. To find out the state of the alarm handler, `tk_ref_alm` system call is available.

## 4.12 System state management function

### Overview

The system state management functions used to refer or change the system management are, tk\_rot\_rdq (for rotating ready queue), tk\_get\_tid, tk\_dis\_dsp, tk\_ena\_dsp (to disable / enable the dispatch), tk\_ref\_sys (system call reference functions).

### Control of the order of task execution

As per tk\_dis\_dsp (dispatch disable) and tk\_ena\_dsp (dispatch enable), when two or more system calls are issued, task switching can be performed collectively. As per tk\_rot\_rdq (rotate ready queue), it is possible to control the order among task of same priority as round-robin style.

Interrupts are temporarily forbidden when CPU is locked.

## 4.13 System configuration management functions

The system call `tk_ref_ver` (OS version reference) is classified into a System Management Function.

※ From the next page onwards error types are classified as below.

In the system call description in next chapter, the \* and \*\* mark indicators are defined as below.

\* In the library without parameter check, static error is not outputted.

In the standard library, error check is updated in `YSER` variable.

\*\* In all libraries, `YSER` variable is always updated.

When none of above mark is there, the `YSER` error variable is not updated in system library.

## 5. System Call Description

### 5.1 Task management functions

#### tk\_cre\_tsk

Function     Task creation

Declaration   ER tk\_cre\_tsk(const T\_CTSK \*pk\_ctsk);  
                   pk\_ctsk        Task creation information packet pointer

Description   The tk\_cre\_tsk system call allocates highest ID from the non-generated task IDs. When no task ID is allocated, the system call returns an E\_NOID error. That is, it dynamically allocates a task management block (TCB) from system memory. In addition, it dynamically allocates the stack area from stack memory when the stack domain start address of the task generation information packet is NULL. As a result of creation, the object task transfers from the NON-EXISTENT state to the DORMANT state.

The structure of the task generation information packet is as follows.

```
typedef struct t_ctsk
{
    ATR tskatr;      Task attribute
    VP_INT exinf;   Extended Information
    FP task;        Function pointer for the task
    PRI itskpri;    Priority at the time of task starting
    SIZE stksz;     Stack size (in bytes)
    VP stk;         Stack domain start address
    B *name;        Task name pointer (optional)
} T_CTSK;
```

The value of exinf is passed to the task as the task parameter when task is started. exinf can be referred by tk\_ref\_tsk system call.

Please specify tskatr as TA\_HLNG that shows that task is described in high-level language. Moreover, please specify TA\_ACT when a state transition from DORMANT state to READY state is required after task creation.

Please specify name as the task name character string. OS does not use name as an object or for debugger. Please specify "" or NULL as default specification. You may omit name when T\_CTSK object structure is defined with an initial value.

When a stack memory domain is reserved in the user program, please set stack head address to stk and set the stack size to stksz parameters.

- Return** After successful operation, a positive ID value is returned.
- E\_PAR Task priority is outside range\*
  - E\_NOID Insufficient task ID
  - E\_OBJ The task is already generated.
  - E\_CTX Issued from an interrupt handler.
  - E\_SYS Failed to allocate memory for a management block. \*
  - E\_NOMEM Failed to allocate stack memory.
- Notes** As the task generation information packet is not copied to the task management block, you must keep it even after this system call has been issued. Please define it as a const variable and place it in the ROM domain. If it is placed in domain other than ROM, then a copy of task generation information packet is created in the system memory in order to prevent abnormal operations due to changes or damage during program execution.
- Example**
- ```

ID ID_task2;
const T_CTSK ctsk2 = {TA_HLNG, NULL, task2, 8, 512, NULL};

TASK task1(void)
{
    ER_ID ercd;
    :
    ercd = tk_cre_tsk(&ctsk2);
    if(ercd > 0)
        ID_task2 = ercd;
    :
}

```

## tk\_del\_tsk

Function     Task deletion

Declaration  ER tk\_del\_tsk(ID tskid);  
               tskid            Task ID

Description  The tk\_del\_tsk system call deletes tasks specified by tskid. It releases the stack range for this task back to stack memory and releases the task control block (TCB) back to system memory. As a result of deletion, the object task transfers from the DORMANT state to the NON-EXISTENT state. Please use tk\_exd\_tsk to delete self-task, as the task itself cannot specify this system call.

Return       E\_OK            Successful termination  
               E\_ID            Task ID is outside valid range\*  
               E\_OBJ          Self-Task specification (tskid = TSK\_SELF)\*  
               E\_CTX          The command issued from an interrupt handler\*  
               E\_NOEXS        Task do not exist  
               E\_OBJ          Task is not in DORMANT state

Note         Resources other than mutex that an object task acquires (such as memory blocks and semaphores) are not released automatically. Users are responsible for releasing resources before deleting tasks.

Example      #define ID\_task2  2

```

TASK task1(void)
{
    :
    tk_del_tsk(ID_task2);
    :
}

```

## tk\_sta\_tsk

Function Tak starting

Declaration ER tk\_sta\_tsk(ID tskid, VP\_INT stacd);

tskid Task ID

stacd Task starting code

Description The tk\_sta\_tsk system call starts tasks specified by tskid and passes stacd (when stacd is not used, 0 is passed). The object task transfers from the DORMANT state to the READY state (when this task has higher priority than the currently running task, it transfers to the RUNNING state).

Start demands by this system call are not queued. Accordingly, when the object task is not in the DORMANT state, an error is returned.

Return

E\_OK Successful termination

E\_ID Task ID is outside valid range\*

E\_OBJ The task is already started or Self-task specification (tskid = TSK\_SELF)\*

E\_NOEXS Task do not exist

E\_OBJ The task is readily started

Example

```
#define ID_task2 2
#define ID_task3 3
```

```
TASK task2(int stacd)
```

```
{
    if (stacd ==1)
        :
}
```

```
TASK task3(void) /* When stacd is not used */
```

```
{
    :
}
```

```
TASK task1(void)
```

```
{
    :
    tk_sta_tsk(ID_task2, 1);
    tk_sta_tsk(ID_task3, 0);
    :
}
```

## tk\_ext\_tsk

Function Terminate self-task

Declaration `void tk_ext_tsk(void);`

Description By this system call, a task terminates by itself. If there is no start demand in queue, the task transfers from the RUN state to the DORMANT state. When the start requests are in queue, it task is restarted after reducing the queue count by 1. The internal state of the task is initialized during restart. In other words, the task unlocks the mutex, blocks the task-exception handler and resets the values for priority, wakeup requests, forced wakeup requests, suspend/resume factors and stack.

After restart, the task is connected to the tail of initial priority ready queue.

Return None (it does not return to calling function)

Note Following error is detected internally.

E\_CTX Issued from non-task context or in dispatch prohibition state\*

Any resources other than mutex that have been acquired by the task (such as memory blocks and semaphores) are not released automatically. Users are responsible for releasing resources before terminating the task.

Example

```
TASK task2(void)
{
    :
    tk_ext_tsk();
}
```

Even if this function is not called clearly as above, it is automatically called by the return from the main routine.

## tk\_exd\_tsk

**Function** Terminate and delete the self-task.

**Declaration** void tk\_exd\_tsk(void);

**Description** By this system call, a self-task is terminated and then deleted. The call releases the stack domain for this task back to stack memory and releases the task control block (TCB) back to system memory. As a result of deletion, the task changes from the RUNNING state to the NON-EXISTENT state. Any start request in the queue will be cancelled.

**Return** None (it does not return to calling function)

**Note** Following error is detected internally.

**E\_CTX** Issued from non-task context or in dispatch prohibition state\*

Any resources other than mutex that have been acquired by the task (such as memory blocks and semaphores) are not released automatically. Users are responsible for releasing resources before terminating the task.

**Example**

```
TASK task2(void)
{
    :
    tk_exd_tsk();
}
```

## tk\_ter\_tsk

**Function** Remote task forced termination.

**Declaration** ER tk\_ter\_tsk(ID tskid);  
                   tskid            Task ID

**Description** The tk\_ter\_tsk system call terminates the task specified by tskid. As a result of termination, the object task transfers from the READY, WAITING or WAITING-SUSPEND state to the DORMANT state. When the start requests are queued, it restarts. When the object task is connected to a waiting queue, executing tk\_ter\_tsk removes the object task from the queue.

Self-task ID cannot be specified to this system call.

**Return**

- E\_OK        Successful termination
- E\_ID        Task ID is outside valid range\*
- E\_ILUSE    Self-task specification (tskid = TSK\_SELF)\*
- E\_NOEXS    Task do not exist
- E\_OBJ      Task is not yet started

**Note** Any resources other than mutex that have been acquired by the task (such as memory blocks and semaphores) are not released automatically. Users are responsible for releasing resources before terminating the task.

**Example**

```
#define ID_task2 2

TASK task1(void)
{
    :
    tk_ter_tsk(ID_task2);
    :
}
```

## tk\_chg\_pri

**Function** Change the task base priority

**Declaration** ER tk\_chg\_pri(ID tskid, PRI tskpri);

tskid            Task ID

tskpri          Task priority to set

**Description** The tk\_chg\_pri system call uses tskpri values for the priority of the task specified by tskid. The smaller the number, the higher the priority. There are three priorities i.e. initial priority, base priority and current priority. Initial priority is the priority specified at the time of task creation (itskpri) and is set as base priority value when task starts. And this is copied to base priority when the task starts. Tasks are normally run by base priority but when mutex is locked, the priorities change temporarily. This changed priority is the current priority. When mutex is unlocked, the task priority goes back to base priority. Chg\_pri changes that base priority. Usually a task runs with a base priority, but priority may change temporarily when a mutex is locked. The priority changed temporarily is the present priority. After mutex is unlocked, the task priority changes back to the base priority.

A self-task can be specified with tskid=TSK\_SELF. Tskpri=TPRI\_INI specifies the initial priority, tskpri=TMIN\_PRI indicates the maximum priority nad tskpri=TMAX\_PRI specifies the minimum priority

When the object tasks are queued (ready queue, semaphore or memory pool waiting queue etc.) in the order of priority, the queuing of waiting connections is rearranged by change in the priority. The waiting connections in the queue are rearranged even when the current priority is changed. Please note than when mutex is used, waiting connections in the queue are exchanged dynamically.

When the priority of an object task in the READY state is made higher than the priority of a host task, which issued this system call, then the task issuing this system call transfers from the RUNNING state to the READY state and the object task transfers to the RUNNING state.

When the priority of the self-task is made lower than other READY tasks, then the self-task changes from the RUNNING state to the READY state and the task with the highest priority among the other READY tasks will move to the RUNNING state.

When the same priority as that of the present task is specified, and if there exists other tasks with same priority, the object task goes to the tail of the priority queue.

The priority changed by this system call is effective until tasks are terminated. When the task restarts, the task priority returns to initial priority.

|        |         |                                                 |
|--------|---------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Return | E_OK    | Successful termination                          |
|        | E_PAR   | Priority is outside valid range*                |
|        | E_ID    | Task ID is outside valid range*                 |
|        |         | TSK_SELF is specified in the non-task context * |
|        | E_NOEXS | Task do not exist                               |
|        | E_OBJ   | Task is not yet started                         |

```
Example  TASK task1(void)
         {
           :
           tk_chg_pri(TSK_SELF, TMIN_TPRI);    /* temporarily set to the highest priority */
           :
           tk_chg_pri(TSK_SELF, TPRI_INI); /* return back to the base priority */
           :
         }
```

## tk\_ref\_tsk

Function Refer to the task state

Declaration ER tk\_ref\_tsk(ID tskid, T\_RTsk \*pk\_rtsk);  
 tskid Task ID  
 pk\_rtsk memory pointer to the task state packet

Description The state of the task specified by tskid, is returned to \*pk\_rtsk.

A self-task can be specified by tskid=TSK\_SELF.

Following is the task state packet structure.

```
typedef struct t_rtsk
{
  STAT tskstat;      Task state
  PRI tskpri;        Current priority
  PRI tskbpri;       Base priority
  STAT tskwait;      Waiting factor
  ID wid;            ID of waiting object
  TMO lefttmo;       Left time until timeout
  UINT actcnt;       Start request count
  UINT wupcnt;       Wakeup request count
  UINT suscnt;       Suspend request count
  VP exinf;          Extended information
  ATR tskatr;        Task attribute
  FP task;           Task handler start address
  PRI itskpri;       Initial priority at the time of task starting
  int stksz;         Stack size (byte count)
}T_RTsk;
```

The values specified by task generation returns to exinf, tskatr, task, itskpri, & stksz parameters as it is.

Following values are returned to the task state parameter, tskstat.

|         |        |                         |
|---------|--------|-------------------------|
| TTS_RUN | 0x0001 | RUNNING State           |
| TTS_RDY | 0x0002 | READY State             |
| TTS_WAI | 0x0004 | WAITING State           |
| TTS_SUS | 0x0008 | SUSPENDED State         |
| TTS_WAS | 0x000c | WAITING-SUSPENDED State |
| TTS_DMT | 0x0010 | DORMANT State           |

When the task is in WAITING state, the following values are returned to the task state parameter, `tskwait`.

|          |        |                                                               |
|----------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| TTW_SLP  | 0x0001 | Waiting by <code>tk_slp_tsk</code> or <code>tslp_tsk</code>   |
| TTW_DLY  | 0x0002 | Waiting by <code>tk_dly_tsk</code>                            |
| TTW_SEM  | 0x0004 | Waiting by <code>tk_wai_sem</code> or <code>tk_wai_sem</code> |
| TTW_FLG  | 0x0008 | Waiting by <code>tk_wai_flg</code>                            |
| TTW_SDTQ | 0x0010 | Waiting by <code>tk_snd_dtq</code>                            |
| TTW_RDTQ | 0x0020 | Waiting by <code>tk_rcv_dtq</code>                            |
| TTW_MBX  | 0x0040 | Waiting by <code>tk_rcv_msg</code>                            |
| TTW_MTX  | 0x0080 | Waiting by <code>tk_loc_mtx</code>                            |
| TTW_SMBF | 0x0100 | Waiting by <code>tk_snd_mbf</code>                            |
| TTW_RMBF | 0x0200 | Waiting by <code>tk_rcv_mbf</code>                            |
| TTW_MPF  | 0x2000 | Waiting for acquisition of fixed length memory block          |
| TTW_MPL  | 0x4000 | Waiting for acquisition of variable length memory block       |

|        |         |                                |
|--------|---------|--------------------------------|
| Return | E_OK    | Successful termination         |
|        | E_ID    | Task ID is outside valid range |
|        | E_NOEXS | Task do not exist              |

```

Example  #define ID_task2  2

TASK task1(void)
{
    T_RTsk rtsk;
    :
    tk_ref_tsk(ID_task2, &rtsk);
    if(rtsk.tskstat == TTS_WAI)
    :
}

```

## 5.2 Task associated synchronization functions

### tk\_sus\_tsk

**Function** Task suspend (compulsory waiting state)

**Declaration** ER tk\_sus\_tsk(ID tskid);  
               tskid           Task ID

**Description** The tk\_sus\_tsk system call suspends the execution of tasks specified by tskid. When the object task is in the READY state, the system call transfers it to the SUSPENDED state. When the object task is in the WAITING state, the system call transfers it to the WAITING-SUSPEND state. A self-task can be specified by tskid=TSK\_SELF.

This suspended task can be released by the tk\_rsm\_tsk or tk\_frm\_tsk system call. Task suspend commands can be nested, i.e. when tk\_rsm\_tsk is issued for the same number of times as tk\_sus\_tsk is issued, then a SUSPENDED state is released for the first time.

**Return**

|         |                                                                        |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| E_OK    | Successful termination                                                 |
| E_ID    | Task ID is outside valid range*                                        |
| E_CTX   | Self-task is specified in dispatch prohibition state (tskid=TSK_SELF)* |
| E_NOEXS | Task do not exist                                                      |
| E_OBJ   | Task is not yet started                                                |
| E_QOVR  | Suspend request wait queue overflow (TMAX_SUSCNT exceeded 255)         |

**Example**

```
#define ID_task2 2

TASK task1(void)
{
    :
    tk_sus_tsk(ID_task2);
    :
}
```

## tk\_rsm\_tsk

**Function** Resume the task from the suspended state

**Declaration** ER tk\_rsm\_tsk(ID tskid);  
                   tskid            Task ID

**Description** The tk\_rsm\_tsk system call releases the suspended execution of the task specified by tskid. When the object task is in the SUSPENDED state, it transfers to the READY state (When the object task has priority higher than the present running task, it transfers to the RUNNING state). When the object task is in the WAIT-SUSPENDED state, it transfers to the WAITING state.

Rsm\_tsk system call releases single tk\_sus\_tsk request. In other words, when tk\_sus\_tsk is issued more than once, the object task remains in the SUSPENDED state after tk\_rsm\_tsk is executed.

A self-task cannot be specified in this system call.

**Return**

|         |                                             |
|---------|---------------------------------------------|
| E_OK    | Successful termination                      |
| E_ID    | Task ID is outside valid range*             |
| E_OBJ   | Self-task specification (tskid = TSK_SELF)* |
| E_NOEXS | Task do not exist                           |
| E_OBJ   | Task is not in SUSPENDED state              |

**Example**

```
#define ID_task2 2

TASK task1(void)
{
    :
    tk_sus_tsk(ID_task2);
    :
    tk_rsm_tsk(ID_task2);
    :
}
```

## tk\_frsm\_tsk

**Function** Resume the task forcibly from the suspended state

**Declaration** ER tk\_frsm\_tsk(ID tskid);  
                   tskid           Task ID

**Description** The tk\_frsm\_tsk system call forcibly releases the suspended execution of the task specified by tskid. When the object task is in the SUSPENDED state, it transfers to the READY state (When the object task has priority higher than the present running task, it transfers to the RUNNING state). When the object task is in the WAIT-SUSPENDED state, it transfers to the WAITING state.

Frsm\_tsk system call releases all suspend command from the queue. In other words, when tk\_sus\_tsk is issued more than once, the object task is released from SUSPENDED state after tk\_frsm\_tsk is executed once.

**Return**

|         |                                             |
|---------|---------------------------------------------|
| E_OK    | Successful termination                      |
| E_ID    | Task ID is outside valid range*             |
| E_OBJ   | Self-task specification (tskid = TSK_SELF)* |
| E_NOEXS | Task do not exist                           |
| E_OBJ   | Task is not in SUSPENDED state              |

**Example**

```
#define ID_task2 2

TASK task1(void)
{
    :
    tk_sus_tsk(ID_task2);
    tk_sus_tsk(ID_task2);
    :
    tk_frsm_tsk(ID_task2);
    :
}
```

## tk\_slp\_tsk

**Function** Sleep the local task

**Declaration** ER tk\_slp\_tsk(TMO tmout);  
tmout            Timeout value

**Description** A task transfers itself to the WAITING state. This WAITING state is released by issuing the tk\_wup\_tsk or tk\_rel\_wai system call for this task, or after termination of time specified by tmout.

When a wait is released by tk\_wup\_tsk, the tk\_slp\_tsk system call returns E\_OK as normal termination. When tk\_wup\_tsk is issued first and the wake up request is queued, tk\_slp\_tsk does not put the task in wait state. The wake up request count is reduced by 1 and the task returns E\_OK as normal termination. Ready queue of the task does not change at this time.

When a task is released by tk\_rel\_wai, the tk\_slp\_tsk system call returns an E\_RLWAI error. When a task is released by timeout of a specified time, this system call returns an E\_TMOU error. Tmout is measured in units of the system clock interrupt cycle time.

When tmout is set to TMO\_POL (=0) and when wakeup requests are queued, then this system call returns immediately with an E\_OK return value for normal. It returns an E\_TMOU time-out error code if there is no wakeup request in queue. This system call does not execute timeout by tmout=TMO\_FEVR (= -1), i.e. in such case it operates in the same way as tk\_slp\_tsk.

**Return**

|         |                                                                           |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| E_OK    | Normal End.                                                               |
| E_CTX   | Wait at the task independent section or dispatch prohibited state*        |
| E_RLWAI | Waiting state was released forcibly (tk_rel_wai was issued while waiting) |
| E_TMOU  | Timeout                                                                   |

**Note1** By using ecRTOS's unique MSEC macro, this system call can be described with waiting time specified in milli second units i.e. tk\_slp\_tsk(100/MSEC);  
The MSEC macro is defined in kernel.h as "#define10". But when separate value need to be applied as system clock, please define the value to all places before kernel.h is included.

Note2 After issuing the system call with timeout, since the timing until the first cycle of interrupt timer is attached, there is an error of  $-MSEC \sim 0$  in timeout. For example, for  $MSEC=10$ , when a timeout of 100msec is set, a timeout in real time will be in the range of 90msec  $\sim$  100msec. The timeout in  $\mu$ T-Kernel is specified as the event when time more than the specified timeout time is exceeded. In other words, as in above example a valid timeout is in the range of 100 $\sim$ 110msec. In case of ecRTOS, a valid timeout is in the range of 90 $\sim$ 100msec.

Since the task, which performs time waiting, operates in synchronization with periodic timer interrupt, the difference as shown below will occur.

```

For(;;){
    led_on();           /* LED light ON */
    tk_slp_tsk(100/MSEC) /* Wait for 100msec */
    led_off();         /* LEDlight OFF */
    tk_slp_tsk(100/MSEC); /* Wait for 100msec */
}

```

As per ecRTOS specification, LED blinks with 200msec interval time.

As per  $\mu$ T-Kernel specification, LED blinks with 220msec interval time.

```

Example #define MSEC 2
#include "kernel.h"

TASK task1(void)
{
    ER ercd;
    :
    ercd = tk_slp_tsk(100/MSEC);
    if(ercd == E_TMOUT)
    :
}

```

## tk\_wup\_tsk

**Function**      Wakeup the remote task

**Declaration**   ER tk\_wup\_tsk(ID tskid);  
                   tskid            Task ID

**Description**   The wup\_tsk system call releases a task placed in the WAITING state due tk\_slp\_tsk or tk\_slp\_tsk system call and change the state to READY state (When the task has priority higher than the current running task, it goes to the RUNNING state, and when it is in the WAITING-SUSPENDED state, it transfers to the SUSPENDED state). The object task is specified by tskid. A self-task can be specified from the task-context.

This request for wakeup is queued, when the object task did not performed tk\_slp\_tsk or tk\_slp\_tsk and is not in the WAITING state. The queued request for wakeup becomes effective later when the object task executes either the tk\_slp\_tsk or tk\_slp\_tsk system call. Thus when the wakeup requests are in queue, tk\_slp\_tsk and tk\_slp\_tsk system call decrements wakeup queue count by 1 and then return immediately to the calling function.

**Return**

|         |                                                                |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| E_OK    | Normal End.                                                    |
| E_ID    | Task ID is outside valid range*                                |
| E_ID    | Self-task (tskid = TSK_SELF) is specified in non-task context* |
| E_NOEXS | Task do not exist                                              |
| E_OBJ   | Task is not yet started                                        |
| E_QOVR  | Wakeup request count overflow (TMAX_WUPCNT exceeded 255)       |

**Example**

```
#define ID_task1 1

TASK task1(void)
{
    :
    tk_slp_tsk();
    :
}

TASK task2(void)
{
    :
    tk_wup_tsk(ID_task1);
    :
}
```

## tk\_can\_wup

**Function** Cancel task wakeup request

**Declaration** `ER_UINT wupcnt = tk_can_wup(ID tskid);`  
           wupcnt       Wakeup request count in queue (when positive value)  
           tskid        Task ID

**Description** This system call returns the number of wakeup request, which have been queued in a task specified by tskid. At the same time it releases all wakeup requests from queue. A task itself is specified by tskid=TSK\_SELF.

When task wake up is carried out periodically, this system call can be used to judge whether a process is completed within the interval time. When wupcnt is non-zero positive value, then it indicates that the previous operation of wake up request has not been completed within the specified time.

**Return** 0 or positive value indicates the wakeup request count in queue.

`E_ID`            Task ID is outside valid range\*  
`E_NOEXS`        Task do not exist

**Example**

```
TASK task1(void)
{
    ER_UINT wupcnt;
    :
    tk_slp_tsk();
    wupcnt = tk_can_wup(TSK_SELF);
    :
}
```

## tk\_rel\_wai

**Function** Remote task release from waiting

**Declaration** ER tk\_rel\_wai(ID tskid);  
                   tskid            Task ID

**Description** When a task specified by tskid is in the WAIT state, the tk\_rel\_wai system call releases it forcibly. An E\_RLWAI error returns to the waiting task that was released. When the object task is in the WAITING state, it transfers to the READY state (If the task has priority higher than the present running task, it transfers to the RUNNING state). When the object task is in the WAITING-SUSPENDED state, it transfers to the SUSPENDED state.

When the object task is in the other state i.e. when object task is not in wait state, the object task generates an E\_OBJ error. In this case, the state of the object task does not change. In other words, this system call does not queue requests for releasing the wait state.

**Return**

|         |                                             |
|---------|---------------------------------------------|
| E_OK    | Normal End.                                 |
| E_ID    | Task ID is outside valid range*             |
| E_OBJ   | Self-task specification (tskid = TSK_SELF)* |
| E_NOEXS | Task do not exist                           |
| E_OBJ   | Task is not in the waiting state            |

**Example**

```
#define ID_task2 2

TASK task1(void)
{
    :
    tk_rel_wai(ID_task2);
    :
}
```

## tk\_dly\_tsk

Function     Delay the local task

Declaration  ER tk\_dly\_tsk(RELTIM dlytim);  
              dlytim            Delay time

Description This call performs the simple time waiting for the task. Although this function is almost same as tk\_slp\_tsk(TMO tmout) system call, the time waiting is not released by tk\_wup\_tsk system call. It is recommended to use tk\_dly\_tsk instead of tk\_slp\_tsk, when task is performing waiting only for time.

The data type of dlytim (delay time), i.e. RELTIM, is a long type similar to TMO of timeout. Unit of delay time is the interval cycle of the system clock.

Return       E\_OK            Normal End.  
              E\_CTX          Wait at the task independent section or dispatch prohibited state\*  
              E\_RLWAI        Waiting state was released forcibly (tk\_rel\_wai was issued while waiting)

## 5.3 Task exception handling functions

### tk\_def\_tex

**Function** Define a task exception handling routine

**Declaration** ER tk\_def\_tex(ID tskid, const T\_DTEX \*pk\_dtex);  
           tskid            Task ID  
           pk\_dtex         Pointer to the task exception handling routine definition information packet

**Description** This system call defines the task exception handling routine for the task specified by tskid. When \*pk\_dtex is specified as NULL pointer, this system call will undefine the task exception handler for the task specified by tskid. Moreover, re-definition is possible if another definition information packet is specified. In re-definition, the exception handling request and exception handling permission / prohibition state is inherited. A self-task is specified when tskid=TSK\_SELF.

When a task is restarted, an exception-handling request is cleared and is set to an exception handling prohibition state. Task exception handling routine is undefined when a task is deleted.

Following is the structure of the task exception handler definition information packet.

```
typedef struct t_dtex
{   ATR texatr;      Task exception handler attribute
    FP texrtn;      Task exception handler starting address
}T_DTEX;
```

Although OS do not notice contents of texatr, in order to maintain compatibility with other OS conforming to  $\mu$ T-Kernel specification, please set TA\_HLNG to texatr. When a definition information packet is placed in memory domain other than ROM, a definition information packet is copied to a system memory.

**Return** E\_OK            Normal End.  
           E\_ID            Task ID is outside valid range\*  
           E\_NOEXS        Task do not exist  
           E\_PAR           Parameter error (texrtn == NULL)\*

```
Example  #define ID_task1  1

void texrtn(TEXPTN texptn, VP_INT exinf)
{
    :
}

const T_DTEX dtex ={TA_HLNG, (FP)texrtn };

TASK task1(void)
{
    :
    tk_def_tex(ID_task1, &dtex);
    :
}
```

## tk\_ras\_tex

Function Task exception handling demand

Declaration ER tk\_ras\_tex(ID tskid, TEXPTN rasptn);  
 ER iras\_tex(ID tslid, TEXPTN rasptn);  
 tskid Task ID  
 rasptn Task exception factor

Description Exception handling factor specified by rasptn is demanded for the task specified by tskid. When an object task is in the waiting state, the exception factor is suspended and the Exception Handling is not permitted until the object task is in the RUNNING state. A self-task can be specified as an object task when tskid = TSK\_SELF.

Return E\_OK Normal End.  
 E\_ID A task ID is outside valid range.  
 E\_ID local task specified from non-task context (tskid = TSK\_SELF)\*  
 E\_NOEXS The task is not generated  
 E\_OBJ Task exception handling routine is not defined  
 E\_PAR rasptn = 0

Example #define ID\_task1 1  
  
 TASK task1(void)  
 {  
 :  
 tk\_ras\_tex(ID\_task1, 1);  
 :  
 tk\_ras\_tex(ID\_task1, 2);  
 :  
 }

## tk\_dis\_tex

Function     Disable Task exception handling

Declaration  ER tk\_dis\_tex(void);

Description  In a task context, this system call moves the invoking task to the task exception disabled state. When issued from the non-task context such as timer handler, the call returns with E\_CTX error code.

Return       E\_OK            Successful termination  
              E\_CTX          Context error  
              E\_OBJ          Task exception handling routine is not defined.

Example     TASK task1(void)  
              {  
                  :  
                  tk\_dis\_tex();  
                  :  
              }

## tk\_ena\_tex

Function     Enable task exception handling

Declaration  ER tk\_ena\_tex(void);

Description This system call enables task exception handling when invoked from self-task in task context or from the task in the interrupt handler that is in execution state. This system call returns E\_CTX error when called from the timer handler.

If there is a pending exception code then the exception handling routine will be performed when the corresponding task changes into RUNNING state.

Return       E\_OK            Successful termination  
              E\_CTX          Context error  
              E\_OBJ          Task exception handling routine is not defined.

Example      TASK task1(void)  
              {  
                  :  
                  tk\_ena\_tex();  
                  :  
              }

## tk\_end\_tex

**Function** Terminate a task exception handler and enables the new task exception handler

**Declaration** `INT texcd = tk_end_tex(BOOL enatex);`  
           texcd           Raised exception code (when positive value)  
           enatex         Task exception handler calling enabled flag

**Description** This system call returns ends a task exception handler and enables the new task exception handler. If there are pending task exceptions, the highest-priority task exception code among them is passed in the return code. If there are no pending task exceptions, 0 is returned.

If `enatex = FALSE` and there are pending task exceptions, calling the new task exception handler is not allowed. In this case, the exception handler specified in return code `texcd` is in running state upon return from `tk_end_tex`. If there are no pending task exceptions, calling the new task exception handler is allowed. If `enatex = TRUE`, calling the new task exception handler is allowed regardless of whether there are pending task exceptions. Even if there are pending task exceptions, the task exception handler is in terminated status.

**Return** 0 or positive value indicates the pending task exceptions  
           E\_PAR           Parameter error

**Example**

```
TASK task1(void)
{
    ER_UINT texcd;
    :
    while ( (texcd = tk_end_tex(FALSE)) > 0 ) {
        /* Processing of task exception */
    };
    tk_exd_tsk();
}
```

## tk\_ref\_tex

**Function** Refer to the state of Task exception handling

**Declaration** ER tk\_ref\_tex(ID tskid, T\_RTEX \*pk\_rtex);  
           tskid           Task ID  
           pk\_rtex        A pointer to a location which stores a task exception handling  
                           state reference packet

**Description** The task exception handling state of the task specified by tskid is returned to \*pk\_rtex.

A self task can be specified with tskid=TSK\_SELF.

Following is the structure of the task exception handling state packet.

```
typedef struct t_rtex
{
    STAT textstat;       The state of the exception handling
    TEXPTN pndptn;      Pending exception code
}T_RTEX;
```

Textstat parameter returns following values.

```
TTEX_ENA  0x00       Task exception enabled state
TTEX_DIS  0x01       Task exception disabled state
```

If there is no pending exception request, pndptn=0.

**Return** E\_OK           Successful termination.  
           E\_ID           Task ID is outside valid range\*  
           E\_NOEXS        A specified task does not exist  
           E\_OBJ          Specified task is in DORMANT state, or the task exception handling routine  
                           is not defined.

**Example** #define ID\_task2 2

```
TASK task1(void)
{
    T_RTEX rtex;
    :
    tk_ref_tex(ID_task2, &rtex);
    if (rtex.pndptn != 0)
    :
}
```

## 5.4 Synchronization / communication functions (Semaphore)

### tk\_cre\_sem

Function      Creation of Semaphore

Declaration   ER tk\_cre\_sem(const T\_CSEM \*pk\_csem);  
                   pk\_csem      semaphore generation information packet pointer.

Description   This function searches the highest ID from the unassigned semaphore Ids. When no semaphore ID is allocated, the system call returns an E\_NOID error.  
 The semaphore management block memory is dynamically assigned from the system memory. In addition, the semaphore count is set to the initial value specified by isemcnt of semaphore generation information data.

When a semaphore generation information packet is placed in memory domain other than ROM (i.e. when a const data type is not attached), the generation information packet data is copied to the system memory.

Following is the structure of the semaphore generation information packet.

```
typedef struct t_csem
{   ATR sematr;           Semaphore attribute
    UINT isemcnt;        Semaphore initial count
    UINT maxsem;         Semaphore maximum value
    B *name;             Pointer to a Semaphore name (optional)
}T_CSEM;
```

Please select either of following as the semaphore attribute sematr.

TA\_TFIFO   Processing of the waiting task is in the order of arrival (FIFO).

TA\_TPRI    Processing of the waiting task is in the order of Priority.

Please set maxsem to the number of enabled semaphore resources. The upper limit value that can be set is defined in TMAX\_MAXSEM

Since name is an object for debugger correspondence, please specify "" or NULL when not used. When this structure object is defined with initial value, you may omit name.

|        |        |                                                                                                                                        |
|--------|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Return | E_OK   | Successful termination                                                                                                                 |
|        | E_PAR  | Semaphore maximum is either negative or exceeds 255*, or the initial value of a semaphore is either negative or exceeds maximum value* |
|        | E_NOID | Semaphore ID is Insufficient                                                                                                           |
|        | E_OBJ  | The semaphore already exists.                                                                                                          |
|        | E_CTX  | The command issued from an interrupt handler*                                                                                          |
|        | E_SYS  | Insufficient system memory for management block**                                                                                      |

Example

```
ID ID_sem1;
const T_CSEM csem1 = {TA_TFIFO, 0, 1};
```

```
TASK task1(void)
{
    ER_ID ercd;
    :
    ercd = tk_cre_sem(&csem1);
    if(ercd > 0)
        ID_sem1 = ercd;
    :
}
```

## tk\_del\_sem

Function Semaphore deletion

Declaration `ER tk_del_sem(ID semid);`  
           `semid`            Semaphore ID

Description This function deletes the Semaphore specified by *semid*, and the semaphore management block memory is released to system memory.

When there is a task waiting for this semaphore, the waiting of the task is cancelled. E\_DLT error (since the semaphore is deleted) will be returned by the task which was waiting for this semaphore.

Return

|         |                                                   |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------|
| E_OK    | Successful termination.                           |
| E_ID    | Semaphore ID is outside valid range *             |
| E_NOEXS | The semaphore of the specified ID does not exist. |
| E_CTX   | The command issued from an interrupt handler*     |

Example

```
#define ID_sem1 1

TASK task1(void)
{
    :
    tk_del_sem(ID_sem1);
    :
}
```

## tk\_sig\_sem

**Function** Return the semaphore resources

**Declaration** ER tk\_sig\_sem(ID semid);  
                   semid            Semaphore ID

**Description** This system call increases the semaphore count by one (returning resources), when there are no tasks waiting for semaphores specified by semid. Error E\_QOVR is returned when the semaphore count exceeds the maximum value specified at the time of semaphore creation.

When tasks are waiting for this semaphore, the tk\_sig\_sem system call releases the heading task in the queue from waiting, i.e. this system call transfers the task from the WAITING state to the READY state. (When this task has higher priority than the current RUNNING task, this system call transfers it to the RUNNING state, and when it is in the WAITING-SUSPENDED state, the system call transfers it to the SUSPENDED state).

**Return**

|         |                                                   |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------|
| E_OK    | Successful termination.                           |
| E_ID    | Semaphore ID is outside valid range*              |
| E_NOEXS | The semaphore of the specified ID does not exist. |
| E_QOVR  | Semaphore count overflow                          |

## tk\_wai\_sem

Function Semaphore resource acquisition

Declaration ER tk\_wai\_sem(ID semid, TMO tmout);

semid Semaphore ID

tmout Timeout value

Description When the semaphore count specified by semid is more than 1, this system call decreases the semaphore count by 1 (acquiring resources) and returns immediately. When the semaphore count is 0, the task which issued this system call is queued for waiting this semaphore. In this case, the semaphore count remains 0.

After the time specified by tmout passes, an E\_TMOOUT time-out error returns. The tk\_wai\_sem system call does not execute waits by tmout=TMO\_POL (=0), the system call does not enter the WAIT state and returns at once with an E\_TMOOUT error. It does not execute time-outs by tmout=TMO\_FEVR (=-1).

Return

|          |                                                                                                  |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| E_OK     | Successful termination.                                                                          |
| E_ID     | Semaphore ID is outside valid range*                                                             |
| E_NOEXS  | The semaphore of the specified ID does not exist.                                                |
| E_CTX    | waiting is performed either from non-task context or it is in the state of dispatch prohibition* |
| E_RLWAI  | Forced release from waiting state (tk_rel_wai was received in between waiting)                   |
| E_DLT    | The semaphore was deleted while waiting.                                                         |
| E_TMOOUT | Timeout                                                                                          |

```
Example #define ID_sem1 1

TASK task1(void)
{
    ER ercd;
    :
    ercd = tk_wai_sem(ID_sem1, 100/MSEC);
    if (ercd == E_OK)
    :
}
```

## tk\_ref\_sem

**Function** Refers the state of the Semaphore.

**Declaration** ER tk\_ref\_sem(ID semid, T\_RSEM \*pk\_rsem);

semid Semaphore ID

pk\_rsem Pointer to the semaphore state reference packet

**Description** This system call returns the state of the semaphore specified by semid to \*pk\_rsem data pointer.

The semaphore state packet structure is as shown below.

```
typedef struct t_rsem
{
    ID wtskid;           ID of the waiting task. (TSK_NONE if no waiting task)
    UINT semcnt;       current value of the semaphore count
}T_RSEM;
```

When there is a waiting task, wtskid returns the ID of the heading task in the waiting queue.

Wtskid = TSK\_NONE, when there is no waiting task.

**Return** E\_OK Successful termination.

E\_ID Semaphore ID is outside valid range.

E\_NOEXS The semaphore of the specified ID does not exist.

**Example** #define ID\_sem1 1

```
TASK task1(void)
{
    T_RSEM rsem;
    :
    tk_ref_sem(ID_sem1, &rsem);
    if (rsem.wtsk != FALSE)
    :
}
```

## 5.5 Synchronization / communication functions (Event flag)

### tk\_cre\_flg

Function     Event flag creation

Declaration   ER tk\_cre\_flg(const T\_CFLG \*pk\_cflg);  
                   pk\_cflg            Pointer to event flag generation information packet

Description   This system call assigns the highest value of ID searched among the non-generated event flags. When no event flag ID is allocated, the system call returns an E\_NOID error.  
 The tk\_cre\_flg system call creates an event flag specified by flgid. It dynamically allocates an event flag management control block from system memory. In addition, the initial value specified by event flag creation information, i.e. iflgptn, is set as a bit pattern for that event flag.

When the event flag generation information packet is not placed in ROM domain, i.e. when information packet is not const data type, the information definition packet is copied to the system memory.

The structure of the event flag generation information packet is as shown below.

```
typedef struct t_cflg
{   ATR flgatr;           Event flag attribute
    FLGPTN iflgptn;      Initial value of an event flag
    B *name;             Pointer to event flag name string (Optional)
}T_CFLG;
```

TBIT\_FLGPTN macro defines the number of flag bits that can be used.

Following are the valid input values for flgatr i.e. event flag attribute.

TA\_WSGL   Multiple task waiting is not allowed  
 TA\_WMUL   Multiple task waiting is allowed  
 TA\_TFIFO   Wait task processing is in the order of arrival (FIFO)  
 TA\_TPRI    Wait task processing is in the order of task priority  
 TA\_CLR     Clear all flag bits at the time of task wait release

The tasks waiting in queue are not necessarily released in the order of waiting queue. The tasks are released from waiting when it matches the corresponding flag bit pattern. When TA\_CLR is not specified, two or more task may be simultaneously released from waiting. When TA\_CLR is specified, since the flag clears as soon as the first task is released from waiting, multiple tasks are not released simultaneously.

When TA\_WSGL is specified, it is meaningless to specify TA\_FIFO or TA\_TPRI

Since name is an object for correspondence debugger, please specify "" or NULL as default specification. You may omit name when object structure is defined with an initial value.

|        |        |                                                |
|--------|--------|------------------------------------------------|
| Return | E_OK   | Successful termination.                        |
|        | E_NOID | Insufficient ID for Event flag.                |
|        | E_OBJ  | The event flag already exists.                 |
|        | E_CTX  | The command issued from an interrupt handler*  |
|        | E_SYS  | Insufficient memory for the management block** |

```

Example  #define ID_flg1  1
         const T_CFLG cflg1 = {TA_WMUL, 0};

         TASK task1(void)
         {
             ER ercd;
             :
             ercd =tk_cre_flg(ID_flg1, &cflg1);
             :
         }

```

## tk\_del\_flg

Function     Event flag deletion

Declaration  ER tk\_del\_flg(ID flgid);  
               flgid            Event flag ID

Description This system call deletes an event flag specified by flgid. It releases an event flag management block back to system memory.

When a task is waiting for this event flag, the tk\_del\_flg system call cancels the task waiting. An E\_DLT error will be returned by the wait-cancelled task, indicating that the event flag was deleted during waiting.

Return       E\_OK            Successful termination.  
               E\_ID            Event flag ID is outside valid range\*  
               E\_NOEXS        The event flag is not generated  
               E\_CTX          The command issued from an interrupt handler\*

Example      #define ID\_flg1  1

```

TASK task1(void)
{
    :
    tk_del_flg(ID_flg1);
    :
}

```

## tk\_set\_flg

Function     Setting of event flag

Declaration   ER tk\_set\_flg(ID flgid, FLGPTN setptn);

flgid            Event flag ID

setptn          The bit pattern to set

Description   This system call sets up bits, indicated by setptn, for an event flag specified by flgid. In other words, a logical OR is taken with the value of setptn to the value of the present event flag (flgptn |= setptn).

As a result of changing the value of the event flag, the tasks that were waiting for the event flag are released from waiting if the wait-release conditions are matched. This system call transfers the task from the WAITING state to the READY state (When the task has higher priority than the current running task, the system call transfers it to the RUNNING state and when in the WAITING-SUSPEND state, the tk\_set\_flg system call transfers it to the SUSPENDED state).

When TA\_CLR is specified during event flag creation, and if there is a task that has been released from waiting, then the event flag is cleared as soon as the first task is released from waiting.

When TA\_CLR is not specified and waiting for multiple tasks is allowed, with single tk\_set\_flg, multiple tasks may get released simultaneously. Depending on the relation between waiptn and wfmode in tk\_wai\_flg, existence of TA\_CLR in generation information, it is not necessary that the top-most task from the queue get wait released. Also, if there are tasks with clear specification waiting in the queue and these are released from waiting, then the subsequent waiting tasks lined up behind will not be released as they will refer to the cleared event flags.

Return        E\_OK            Successful termination  
               E\_ID            Event flag ID is outside valid range\*  
               E\_NOEXS      The event flag is not generated

```
Example  #define ID_flg1  1
         #define BIT0  0x0001

         TASK task1(void)
         {
             :
             tk_set_flg(ID_flg1, BIT0);
             :
         }
```

## tk\_clr\_flg

**Function**     Clearing of event flag

**Declaration**  ER tk\_clr\_flg(ID flgid, FLGPTN clrptn);  
                   flgid            Event flag ID  
                   clrptn          The bit pattern to clear

**Description** This system call clears the bits, which are 0 by clrptn, for an event flag specified by flgid. Logical AND is taken with clrptn value and the current value of event flag.  
                   (flgpnt &= clrptn)

By tk\_clr\_flg system call, the task waiting for the event flag are not released from waiting.

**Return**       E\_OK            Successful termination.  
                   E\_ID            Event flag ID is outside valid range\*  
                   E\_NOEXS        Event flag ID does not exist

**Example**     #define ID\_flg1  1  
                   #define BIT0    0x0001

```

TASK task1(void)
{
    :
    tk_clr_flg(ID_flg1, ~BIT0);
    :
}

```

## tk\_wai\_flg

Function Wait for event flag

Declaration ER tk\_wai\_flg(ID flgid, FLGPTN waiptn, MODE wfmode, FLGPTN \*p\_flgptn, TMO tmout);

|          |                                                                        |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| flgid    | Event flag ID                                                          |
| waiptn   | Waiting bit pattern                                                    |
| wfmode   | Waiting mode                                                           |
| p_flgptn | Pointer to the location which stores the bit pattern for wait release. |
| tmout    | Timeout value                                                          |

Description According to the wait conditions indicated by waiptn and wfmode, this system call waits for an event flag specified by flgid is set. The system call does not enter the WAITING state and it terminates normally, when the wait conditions have already been satisfied, or else function returns with E\_TMOOUT error value.

Please put the following values in wfmode to specify waiting mode.

|                    |                                 |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| TWF_ANDW           | Waiting for AND                 |
| TWF_ORW            | Waiting for OR                  |
| TWF_ANDW   TWF_CLR | Waiting for CLEAR specified AND |
| TWF_ORW   TWF_CLR  | Waiting for CLEAR specified OR  |

When TWF\_ORW is specified, the system call waits for either of the bits specified by waiptn to be set. When TWF\_ANDW is specified, it waits for all the bits specified by waiptn to be set. When there is only one bit=1 in waiptn, TWF\_ANDW and TWF\_ORW have the same results.

When TWF\_CLR is specified, if the conditions are satisfied and the task is released from waiting, then the wai\_flg system call clears all bits for the event flag. But when TA\_CLR is specified by the creation information as the flag attribute, all bits are cleared even if TWF\_CLR is not specified.

An event flag value for wait release, is returned to \*p\_flgptn. When clearing is specified, the value before being cleared is passed to \*p\_flgptn. When the event flag conditions are already matched, the above operation is carried out without entering the wait state.

When the time specified by tmout passes, the call returns with E\_TMOOUT time-out error. The tk\_wai\_flg system call does not execute waits for tmout=TMO\_POL (=0), According to the wait conditions indicated by waiptn and wfmode, this system call waits for an event flag specified by flgid is set. The function terminates normally when the wait conditions have already been satisfied, or else function returns with E\_TMOOUT error value. For

tmout=TMO\_FEVR (=1), this system call does not execute timeout, the task which issued this system call is queued for waiting.

|        |         |                                                                              |
|--------|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Return | E_OK    | Successful termination.                                                      |
|        | E_PAR   | Incorrect waiting mode value in wfmode*<br>Waiting bit pattern waiptn = 0*   |
|        | E_ID    | Event flag ID is outside valid range*                                        |
|        | E_NOEXS | Event flag ID does not exist                                                 |
|        | E_OBJ   | Waiting task already exists (when multiple waiting is not allowed)           |
|        | E_ILUSE | Waiting task already exists (when waiting for multiple tasks is not allowed) |
|        | E_CTX   | Waiting either from non-task context or in dispatch prohibited state*        |
|        | E_RLWAI | Waiting state was released forcibly (tk_rel_wai was issued while waiting)    |
|        | E_DLT   | Event flag was deleted while waiting                                         |
|        | E_TMOU  | Timeout                                                                      |

```

Example  #define ID_flg1  1

TASK task1(void)
{
    FLGPTN ptn;
    ER ercd;
    :
    ercd = tk_wai_flg(ID_flg1, 0xffff, TWF_ANDW|TWF_CLR, &ptn, 1000/MSEC);
    if(ercd == E_TMOU)
        :
}

```

## tk\_ref\_flg

**Function** Refer to an event flag state

**Declaration** ER tk\_ref\_flg(ID flgid, T\_RFLG \*pk\_rflg);

flgid            Event flag ID

pk\_rflg         Pointer to a location where an event flag state packet is stored.

**Description** This system call returns the state of the event flag specified by flgid to \*pk\_rflg.

The structure of event flag state packet is as shown below.

```
typedef struct t_rflg
```

```
{     ID wtskid;            The waiting task ID or TSK_NONE
```

```
      FLGPTN flgptn;      The current bit pattern
```

```
};T_RFLG;
```

When the waiting task exists, the ID of the heading task in the waiting queue is returned in wtskid. When there is no waiting task, wtskid=TSK\_NONE.

**Return**     E\_OK            Successful termination.

             E\_ID            Event flag ID is outside valid range

             E\_NOEXS      Event flag ID does not exist

**Example**    #define ID\_flg1    1

```
TASK task1(void)
```

```
{
```

```
    T_RFLG rflg;
```

```
    :
```

```
    tk_ref_flg(ID_flg1, &rflg);
```

```
    if (rflg.flgptn != 0)
```

```
    :
```

```
}
```

## 5.6 Synchronization / communication functions (Mail Box)

### tk\_cre\_mbx

Function Mailbox creation

Declaration `ER tk_cre_mbx(const T_CMBX *pk_cmbx);`  
`pk_cmbx` Pointer to mailbox creation information packet

Description The `tk_cre_mbx` system call allocates the highest ID value searched from non-generated mailbox ID values. System call will return with `E_NOID` error when a mailbox ID allocation fails. It dynamically allocates a control block for the mailbox from system memory.

Mailbox creation information packet structure is shown below.

```
typedef struct t_cmbx
{
    ATR mbxatr;      Mailbox attribute
    PRI maxmpri;    Maximum message priority
    VP mprihd;      Message queue header start address
    B *name;        Pointer to the mailbox name string (optional)
}T_CMBX;
```

Please select any of following for mailbox attribute, `mbxatr`.

`TA_TFIFO` Mailbox reception waiting task processing in the order of arrival (FIFO).  
`TA_TPRI` Mailbox reception waiting task processing is in the order of task priority.  
`TA_MFIFO` Message queuing is in the order of arrival (FIFO).  
`TA_MPRI` Message queuing is in the order of message priority.

When `TA_MPRI` is specified in `mbxatr`, a message queue is formed with the order of message priority. The size of the message queue header can be defined by using `TSZ_MPRHD` macro. When a queuing header is prepared in the user area, please ensure the memory area of number of bytes defined by `TSZ_MPRHD` and specify the head address as `mprihd`. When `NULL` is specified in `mprihd`, the queue header is allocated from the system memory.

Set the maximum value of message priority in `maxmpri`. Be careful in setting `maxmpri`, since large amount of memory is consumed for higher value of `maxmpri`. Similar to task priority, lower value indicates the higher message priority and the priority decreases as the value increases.

Since `name` is for debugger correspondence, please set "" or `NULL` when none is selected.

You may omit name when creation information structure object is defined with initial value.

Return      A positive value indicates the allocated ID for mailbox.

E\_NOID      Insufficient ID for mailbox

E\_OBJ        The mailbox is already generated.

E\_CTX        The command issued from an interrupt handler\*

E\_SYS        Insufficient system memory for management block\*\*

Example     #define ID\_mbx1 1  
 const T\_CMBX cmbx1 = {TA\_TFIFO|TA\_MFIFO, 1, NULL};

```

TASK task1(void)
{
    ER_ID ercd;
    :
    ercd = tk_cre_mbx(&cmbx1);
    if(ercd > 0)
        ID_mbx1 = ercd;
}
  
```

## tk\_del\_mbx

Function Delete Mailbox

Declaration ER tk\_del\_mbx(ID mbxid);  
 mbxid Mailbox ID

Description The tk\_del\_mbx system call deletes a mailbox specified by mbxid. The memory allocated at the time of mailbox creation i.e.management control block etc. is released back to the system memory.

When a task is waiting for a message to be received by this mailbox, the system call releases this task from waiting. The task, whose wait was released, returns an E\_DLT error indicating mailbox deletion.

A queued message if any will be lost. When the message is allocated dynamically from the memory pool, before deleting the mail box please read the message using prcv\_msg and return it to a suitable memory pool. Since OS cannot automatically release all memory resources allocated by user, the memory leak may occur.

Return E\_OK Successful termination.  
 E\_ID Mailbox ID is outside valid range\*  
 E\_NOEXS The mailbox is not generated  
 E\_CTX The command issued from an interrupt handler\*

Example #define ID\_mbx1 1

```
TASK task1(void)
{
    :
    tk_del_mbx(ID_mbx1);
    :
}
```

## tk\_snd\_mbx

Function      Send to Mailbox

Declaration   ER tk\_snd\_mbx(ID mbxid, T\_MSG \*pk\_msg);  
                   mbxid            Mailbox ID  
                   pk\_msg            Pointer to the message packet

Description   This system call sends a message indicated by pk\_msg, to the mailbox specified by mbxid. Only a pointer (value of pk\_msg) is send, i.e. the contents of the message are not copied. The OS is not concerned with message size.

When no task is waiting for this mailbox, the tk\_snd\_msg system call connects the message to the message queue for that mailbox and returns immediately.

When there are tasks waiting for this mailbox, the system call passes message to the top most waiting task in the queue and releases the wait. This system call transfers the task from the WAITING state to the READY state (when the waiting task priority higher than the current running task, the tk\_snd\_mbx system call transfers a task to the RUNNING state, and when in the WAITING-SUSPENDED state, it changes to SUSPENDED state).

The T\_MSG type structure defined as a standard message packet is shown below.

```
typedef struct t_msg
{
    struct t_msg *next;            Pointer to the next message
    VB msgcont[MSGGS];            Message contents
} T_MSG;
```

For queuing messages, the OS uses next from the message header part as a pointer. It is the part after msgcont in message header where user can actually put the message. The T\_MSG type is a prototype declaration of the system call function and should not be used by the user program. As in the user program define the message structure according to use and pass to the system call with implicit casting as either (T\_MSG\*) or (T\_MSG\*\*). When message priority is used, set INT msgpri in addition to next in the header structure (please refer to Example2). Since the domain, which OS uses, is destroyed in case of tk\_snd\_mbx, please do perform multiplex transmission.

Return        E\_OK            Successful termination.  
                   E\_ID            Mailbox ID is outside valid range\*  
                   E\_NOEXS        The mailbox is not generated

**Note** Though the standard length of message MSGS is 16bit, users can #define MSGS as a separate value before #include "kernel.h" (See Example 1).

It is better to have user defined part in the message packet structure object after msgcont, as per the actual user requirement (see Example2). msgpri definition can be omitted if the message priority order is specified as the queueing order at the time of mailbox creation. Since messages are queued without actually copying, please allocate each message a separate domain (memory pool etc). When single global variable is used, multiplex transmission problem can occur if two or more messages are queued.

Moreover, allocation of the automatic variables inside the function is prohibited to avoid erroneous operation.

```

Example 1 #define MSGS 4
          #include "kernel.h"
          #define ID_mbx 1
          #define ID_mpf 1

          TASK task1(void)
          {
            T_MSG *msg;
            :
            tk_get_mpf(ID_mpf, &msg); /* Get the message domain */
            msg->msgcont[0] = 2;
            msg->msgcont[1] = 0;
            msg->msgcont[2] = 3;
            msg->msgcont[3] = 0;
            tk_snd_mbx(ID_mbx, msg); /* Send the message to mailbox */
            :
          }

```

```

Example 2 typedef struct t_mymsg
{   struct t_mymsg *next;           /* The pointer to the following message (*1) */
    INT msgpri;                     /* Message priority (need not be defined when not using) */
    H fncd;
    H data;
}T_MYMSG;

#define ID_mbx 1
#define ID_mpf 1

TASK task1(void)
{
    T_MYMSG *msg;
    :
    tk_get_mpf(ID_mpf, &msg); /* Message domain is obtained */
    msg->msgpri = 1; /* Message priority (need not be defined when not using) */
    msg->fncd = 2;
    msg->data = 3;
    tk_snd_mbx(ID_mbx, (T_MSG *)msg); /* Message send to mailbox */
    :
}

```

(\*1)For the system processing FAR pointer, please describe as following  
 struct t\_mymsg PFAR \*next;

## tk\_rcv\_mbx

|             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Function    | Mailbox reception                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Declaration | <pre>ER tk_rcv_mbx(ID mbxid, T_MSG **ppk_msg, TMO tmout);</pre> <p>mbxid            Mailbox ID</p> <p>ppk_msg         Pointer to the location which stores the pointer to the message packet</p> <p>tmout            Timeout value</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Description | <p>This system call receives a message from the mailbox specified by mbxid. The contents of messages are not copied instead only the message pointer is passed to *ppk_msg.</p> <p>When messages have already been queued, the system call puts a top message pointer to ppk_msg and returns immediately. When no messages have arrived in the mailbox yet, the task issuing this system call is connected to the queue waiting for the mailbox.</p> <p>If no message arrives within the time specified by tmout, the tk_rcv_msg system call returns with E_TMOOUT timeout error. When this system call is issued with tmout=TMO_POL (=0) and there is no message in queue, the call returns back with E_TMOOUT error code without going into the WAITING state. For tmout=TMO_FEVR (=-1), when no messages have arrived in the mailbox yet, the task issuing this system call is connected to the queue waiting for the mailbox.</p> |
| Return      | <p>E_OK            Successful termination.</p> <p>E_ID            Mailbox ID is outside valid range*</p> <p>E_NOEXS        The mailbox is not generated</p> <p>E_CTX          Waiting either from non-task context or in dispatch prohibited state*</p> <p>E_RLWAI        Waiting state was released forcibly (tk_rel_wai was issued while waiting)</p> <p>E_DLT          Mailbox was deleted while waiting</p> <p>E_TMOOUT       Timeout error</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Note1       | ppk_msg is a double pointer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Note2       | In case the message sending task has acquired message domain from memory pool, the receiver side task should release the message memory to the same memory pool after message reception is finished.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Example     | <pre>#define ID_mbx1 1 #define ID_mpf1 1</pre>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

```
TASK task2(void)
{
    T_MYMSG *msg;
    ER ercd;
    :
    ercd = tk_rcv_mbx(ID_mbx1, (T_MSG **)&msg, 1000/MSEC);
    if(ercd == E_OK)
    :
    tk_rel_mpf(ID_mpf1, (VP)msg); /* Message released to memory pool */
}
```

## tk\_ref\_mbx

**Function** Refer to mailbox state

**Declaration** ER tk\_ref\_mbx(ID mbxid, T\_RMBX \*pk\_rmbx);

mbxid Mailbox ID

pk\_rmbx Pointer to the location which stores the mailbox state packet

**Description** This system call returns the state of the mailbox specified by mbxid, to \*pk\_rmbx. The structure of the mailbox state packet is as shown below.

```
typedef struct t_rmbx
{
    ID wtskid;           The waiting task ID or TSK_NONE
    T_MSG *pk_msg;      Start address of the message packet at the head of message
                       queue.
}T_RMBX;
```

When there are tasks waiting in queue, tskid returns the ID number of the heading task.

When there are no waiting tasks, it returns TSK\_NONE.

**Return**

- E\_OK Successful termination.
- E\_ID Mailbox ID is outside valid range
- E\_NOEXS The mailbox is not generated

**Example**

```
#define ID_mbx1 1

TASK task1(void)
{
    T_RMBX rmbx;
    :
    tk_ref_mbx(ID_mbx1, &rmbx);
    if(rmbx.pk_msg != NULL)
    :
}
```

## 5.7 Extended synchronization / communication functions (Mutex)

### tk\_cre\_mtx

Function     Mutex creation

Declaration   ER tk\_cre\_mtx(const T\_CMTX \*pk\_cmtx);  
               pk\_cmtx     Pointer to mutex creation information packet

Description   The tk\_cre\_mtx system call allocates the highest ID value searched from non-generated mutex ID values. System call will return with E\_NOID error when a mutex ID allocation fails. It dynamically allocates a mutex management block from system memory.

When a mutex creation information packet is placed in memory domain other than ROM (i.e. when a const data type is not attached), the creation information packet data is copied to the system memory.

Mutex creation information packet structure is shown below.

```
typedef struct t_cmtx
{   ATR mtxatr;           Mutex attribute
    PRI ceilpri;         Mutex ceiling priority used by Priority Ceiling Protocol
    B *name;             Pointer to the mutex name string (optional)
}T_CMTX;
```

Please put any of following values to Mutex attribute parameter i.e. mtxatr.

|            |                                                        |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| TA_TFIFO   | Waiting task processing in the order of arrival (FIFO) |
| TA_TPRI    | Waiting task processing in the order of task priority  |
| TA_INHERIT | Priority Inheritance Protocol is used                  |
| TA_CEILING | Priority Ceiling Protocol is used                      |

When neither of TA\_INHERIT or TA\_CEILING is specified, fundamentally mutex offers the same functionality as that of binary semaphore. However in case of mutex, the task will be unlocked automatically when it terminates while it was locked.

When TA\_INHERIT is specified, the current priority of the task is handled using priority inheritance protocol and priority inversion is prevented. While mutex is locked, if a high priority task waiting to lock the mutex enters the WAITING state, then the priority of the locked task becomes the same as the highest priority task waiting in the queue.

By doing this, a task with middle priority pre-empts the task that is locking mutex. It indirectly prevents the blocking of the higher priority task waiting to lock the mutex.

When TA\_CEILING is specified, the current priority of the task is handled using priority

ceiling protocol. In the priority ceiling protocol, `ceilpri` is used, which is specified in the creation information. When the task locks the mutex specified by `TA_CEILING`, the current priority of this task becomes the value specified by `ceilpri`. The priority value of the highest priority task is set in `ceilpri`, among the tasks, which commonly shares the mutex. Thus the same effect as priority inheritance protocol can be acquired.

Since `name` is for debugger correspondence, please set "" or `NULL` when none is selected. You may omit `name` when creation information structure object is defined with initial value.

**Return** A positive value indicates the allocated ID for mutex.

|                     |                                                   |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <code>E_NOID</code> | Insufficient ID value for Mutex                   |
| <code>E_OBJ</code>  | Mutex is already generated                        |
| <code>E_CTX</code>  | The command issued from an interrupt handler*     |
| <code>E_SYS</code>  | Insufficient system memory for management block** |

**Example** `ID ID_mtx1;`  
`const T_CMTX cmtx1 = {TA_INHERIT, 0};`

```
TASK task1(void)
{
    ER_ID ercd;
    :
    ercd = tk_cre_mtx(&cmtx1);
    if(ercd > 0)
        ID_mtx1 = ercd;
    :
}
```

## tk\_del\_mtx

Function Delete Mutex

Declaration ER tk\_del\_mtx(ID mtxid);  
 mtxid           Mutex ID

Description The tk\_del\_mtx system call deletes a mutex specified by mtxid. The mutex management block is released back to the system memory.

When a task is waiting for this mutex, the system call releases this task from waiting. The task, whose wait was released, returns an E\_DLT error indicating that the mutex was deletion while the task was waiting for it.

Return

|         |                                               |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------|
| E_OK    | Successful termination.                       |
| E_ID    | Mutex ID is outside valid range *             |
| E_NOEXS | Mutex is not created                          |
| E_CTX   | The command issued from an interrupt handler* |

Example

```
#define ID_mtx1 1

TASK task1(void)
{
    :
    tk_del_mtx(ID_mtx1);
    :
}
```

## tk\_unl\_mtx

Function     Unlock the Mutex

Declaration  ER tk\_unl\_mtx(ID mtxid);  
              mtxid            Mutex ID

Description  This system call will unlock the mutex specified by mtxid.

If there are tasks waiting for this mutex, the heading task from the waiting queue is released from WAITING state. This system call transfers the task from the WAITING state to the READY state (when the waiting task priority higher than the current running task, this system call transfers a task to the RUNNING state, and when in the WAITING-SUSPENDED state, it changes to SUSPENDED state). The released task may lock the mutex again.

If there are no tasks waiting for lock, the lock is released.

It is not possible to unlock the mutex, which is not under lock by the issuing task.

Return       E\_OK            Successful termination.  
              E\_ID            Mutex ID is outside valid range\*  
              E\_NOEXS        Mutex is not created  
              E\_ILUSE        Specified mutex is not locked

## tk\_loc\_mtx

Function     Lock the Mutex

Declaration  ER tloc\_mtx(ID mtxid, TMO tmout);

mtxid        Mutex ID

tmout        Timeout value

Description  When the mutex specified by `mtxid` is not locked, this system call will lock the mutex. In case the object mutex is already locked, the task calling this system call will be connected to the queue waiting to lock the mutex. If the mutex is not locked within the time specified by `tmout`, then this system call will return back with timeout error, `E_TMOU`T.

When the calling task has already locked the mutex, i.e. when you do multiple locks, this system call returns the `E_ILUSE` error. Moreover, `E_ILUSE` error is returned when a task, having higher base priority than the ceiling priority, locks the `TA_CEILING` specified mutex.

When this system call is issued with `tmout=TMO_POL (=0)`, this call will return back with `E_TMOU`T error without perform waiting. For `tmout=TMO_FEVR (=-1)`, the task calling this system call will be connected to the queue waiting to lock the mutex.

|        |                       |                                                                                  |
|--------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Return | <code>E_OK</code>     | Successful termination                                                           |
|        | <code>E_ID</code>     | Mutex ID is outside valid range *                                                |
|        | <code>E_NOEXS</code>  | Mutex is not created                                                             |
|        | <code>E_CTX</code>    | Waiting either from non-task context or in dispatch prohibited state*            |
|        | <code>E_RLWAI</code>  | Waiting task was released forcibly ( <code>rel_loc</code> was issued in between) |
|        | <code>E_DLT</code>    | Mutex was deleted while waiting for it                                           |
|        | <code>E_ILUSE</code>  | Multiple locking of mutex, ceiling priority violation                            |
|        | <code>E_TMOU</code> T | Timeout error                                                                    |

```
Example  #define ID_mtx1  1

TASK task1(void)
{
    ER ercd;
    :
    ercd = tk_loc_mtx(ID_mtx1, 100/MSEC);
    if(ercd == E_OK)
    :
}
```

## tk\_ref\_mtx

Function Refer to Mutex state

Declaration ER tk\_ref\_mtx(ID mtxid, T\_RMTX \*pk\_rmtx);

mtxid           Mutex ID

pk\_rmtx         Pointer to the location where mutex state packet is stored

Description This system call returns the state of the mutex specified by mbxid, to \*pk\_rmtx.

Following is the structure for mutex state packet.

```
typedef struct t_rmtx
{
    ID htskid;           ID of the locked task or TSK_NONE
    ID wtskid;           ID of task waiting for lock or TSK_NONE
}T_RMTX;
```

When there is a task, which had locked the object mutex, then that task ID value will be returned in htskid. TSK\_NONE will be returned when there is no such task.

ID number of the heading task in the mutex queue will be returned in wtskid. When there is no waiting task, TSK\_NONE is returned.

Return       E\_OK           Successful termination.  
               E\_ID           Mutex ID is outside valid range  
               E\_NOEXS        Mutex is not created

```
Example       #define ID_mtx1  1

TASK task1(void)
{
    T_RMTX rmtx;
    :
    tk_ref_mtx(ID_mtx1, &rmtx);
    :
}
```

## 5.8 Extended synchronization / communication functions (Message buffer)

### tk\_cre\_mbf

**Function** Message Buffer creation

**Declaration** ER tk\_cre\_mbf(const T\_CMBF \*pk\_cmbf);  
 pk\_cmbf Pointer to message buffer creation information packet

**Description** This system call allocates the highest ID value searched from non-generated message buffer ID values. System call will return with E\_NOID error when the ID allocation fails. The tk\_cre\_mbf system call creates a message buffer specified by mbfid. Message buffer management block is dynamically allocated from system memory.

When a message buffer creation information packet is placed in memory domain other than ROM (i.e. when a const data type is not attached), the creation information packet data is copied to the system memory.

Message Buffer creation information packet structure is shown below.

```
typedef struct t_cmbf
{
  ATR mbfatr;      Message buffer attribute
  UINT maxmsz;    Maximum size of message (Byte count)
  SIZE mbfsz;     Total size of ring buffer (Byte count)
  VP mbf;         Start address of ring buffer
  B *name;        Pointer to the message buffer name string (optional)
}T_CMBF;
```

Please put any of following values to message buffer attribute parameter i.e. mbfatr.

TA\_TFIFO Processing of send-waiting task in the order of arrival (FIFO)  
 TA\_TPRI Processing of send-waiting task in the order of task priority  
 TA\_TPRIR Processing of receive-waiting task in the order of task priority

When TA\_TPRIR is not specified to mbfatr, the processing of receive-waiting task is in the order of arrival.

When the ring buffer domain is secured by user program, please set the start address of ring buffer to mbf. In this case, since the part of buffer will be used for message management, all ring buffer domain cannot be used by user program.

The total size in order to store msgcnt number of messages of size msgsz bytes (msgsz > 1), can be obtained using TSZ\_MBF(msgcnt, msgsz) macro definition. However, when the message size is 1 byte (msgsz=1), the memory domain of size msgsz bytes is essential i.e.

there is no overhead by OS.

When the mbf is NULL, the ring buffer memory of size defined by mbufsz, is dynamically allocated from memory pool domain.

It is also possible to set mbfsz=0. In such a case, the ring buffer is not required. When mbfsz=0, the tasks are synchronized to transfer the data directly.

Since name is for debugger correspondence, please set "" or NULL when none is selected. You may omit name when creation information structure object is defined with initial value.

|         |                                                                 |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Return  | A positive value indicates the allocated ID for message buffer. |
| E_NOID  | Insufficient ID for message buffer                              |
| E_OBJ   | Message buffer is already created                               |
| E_PAR   | Parameter error (maxmsz = 0)*                                   |
| E_CTX   | The command issued from an interrupt handler*                   |
| E_SYS   | Insufficient system memory for management block**               |
| E_NOMEM | Insufficient memory for Ring Buffer**                           |

```

Example  ID ID_mbf1;
         const T_CMBF cmbf1 = {TA_TFIFO, 32 ,512, NULL};

TASK task1(void)
{
    ER_ID ercd;
    :
    ercd = tk_cre_mbf(&cmbf1);
    if(ercd > 0)
        ID_mbf1 = ercd;
}

```

## tk\_del\_mbf

**Function** Delete Message Buffer

**Declaration** ER tk\_del\_mbf(ID mbfid);  
                   mbfid            Message Buffer ID

**Description** The tk\_del\_mbf system call deletes a message buffer specified by mbfid. The message buffer management block is released to the system memory. The ring buffer domain will also be released in case OS allocated the ring buffer.

When a task is waiting this message buffer for transmission or reception, the system call releases this task from waiting. The task, whose wait was released, returns an E\_DLT error indicating that the message buffer was deletion while the task was waiting for it.

**Return**

|         |                                               |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------|
| E_OK    | Successful termination.                       |
| E_ID    | Message buffer ID is outside valid range*     |
| E_NOEXS | This message buffer is not created            |
| E_CTX   | The command issued from an interrupt handler* |

**Example**

```
#define ID_mbf1 1

TASK task1(void)
{
    :
    tk_del_mbf(ID_mbf1);
    :
}
```

## tk\_snd\_mbf

**Function** Send message to Message Buffer

**Declaration** ER tk\_snd\_mbf(ID mbfid, VP msg, UINT msgsz, TMO tmout);

mbfid        Message Buffer ID  
 msg         Pointer to the message to send  
 msgsz       Size of transmitting message (Byte count)  
 tmout       Timeout value

**Description** This system call sends the message defined by msg & msgsz, to the message buffer specified by mbfid.

When there is a task waiting for the message from this message buffer, the tk\_snd\_mbf system call copies the message to the receiving buffer of the heading task in the receive-waiting queue, and then releases that task from waiting.

When no tasks are waiting for the message to be received from this message buffer, this system call copies the message to the ring buffer used by that message buffer. However, if the ring buffer is full, the task that issued this system call enters the WAITING state and waits for the message to be sent.

If there is no free space even after the time specified by tmout is passed, then this system call will return back with timeout error, E\_TMOOUT.

When this system call is issued with tmout=TMO\_POL (=0), the call returns back with E\_TMOOUT error, without entering the WAITING state. For tmout=TMO\_FEVR (=-1), the task that issued this system call enters the WAITING state and waits for the message to be sent..

In order to perform queuing of messages of size msgsz in tk\_snd\_mbf, system call, the ring buffer should have the minimum free space of size, = msgsz + 2Bytes (The header part which shows message size).

However, when message maximum length, maxmsg, is specified as 1 byte, additional 2 byte header is unnecessary.

**Return**

|         |                                                                                             |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| E_OK    | Successful termination.                                                                     |
| E_PAR   | Message size is out of valid range<br>(msgsz = 0 , msgsz > maxmsz of creation information)* |
| E_ID    | Message buffer ID is outside valid range*                                                   |
| E_NOEXS | This message buffer is not created                                                          |

E\_CTX        Issued from the non-task context, or waiting in dispatch prohibited state\*  
E\_RLWAI     Waiting state was released forcibly (tk\_rel\_wai was issued while waiting)  
E\_DLT        Message buffer was deleted while waiting for it  
E\_TMOU      Timeout

```
Example     #define ID_mbf2  2

            TASK task1(void)
            {
                B *res = "Hello";
                ER ercd;
                :
                ercd = tk_snd_mbf(ID_mbf2, (VP)res, 5, 1000/MSEC);
                if(ercd = E_TMOU)
                :
            }
```

## tk\_rcv\_mbf

**Function**      Receive message from Message Buffer

**Declaration**   ER\_UINT = tk\_rcv\_mbf(ID mbfid, VP msg, TMO tmout);

    mbfid            Message Buffer ID

    msg             Pointer to the location to store received message

    tmout           Timeout value

**Description**   This system call receives a message, from the message buffer specified by mbfid. The received message is copied to msg. This system call returns the size of the received message.

The size of domain pointed by msg, need to be larger than the maximum length of message (maxmsz), which was specified t the time of message buffer creation.

When message has not arrived in the message buffer, the task that has issued this system call is connected to the queue of tasks waiting for the message to be received from this message buffer.

When message has not arrived in the message buffer, the task that has issued this system call is connected to the queue of tasks waiting for the message to be received from this message buffer.

If the message is not received within the time specified by tmout, then this system call will return back with timeout error, E\_TMOUT.

When this system call is issued with tmout=TMO\_POL (=0), this system call returns with E\_TMOUT timeout error, without entering the WAITING state. For tmout=TMO\_FEVR (= -1), the task that has issued this system call is connected to the queue of tasks waiting for the message to be received from this message buffer.

**Return**            When positive, this return value indicates received message byte count.

E\_ID                Message buffer ID is outside valid range\*

E\_NOEXS            This message buffer is not created

E\_CTX              Issued from the non-task context, or waiting in dispatch prohibited state\*

E\_RLWAI            Waiting state was released forcibly (tk\_rel\_wai was issued while waiting)

E\_DLT              Message buffer was deleted while waiting for it

E\_TMOUT            Timeout error

```
Example    #define ID_mbf2  2

           TASK task1(void)
           {
             B buf[16];
             ER_UINT size;
             :
             size = tk_rcv_mbf(ID_mbf2, (VP)buf, 1000/MSEC)
             if (ercd == E_TMOUT)
             :
           }
```

## tk\_ref\_mbf

**Function** Refer to state of Message Buffer

**Declaration** ER tk\_ref\_mbf(ID mbfid, T\_RMBF \*pk\_rmbf);  
 mbfid            Message Buffer ID  
 pk\_rmbf        Pointer to the location where message buffer state packet is stored

**Description** This system call returns the state of the message buffer specified by mbfid, to \*pk\_rmbf.

Message buffer state packet structure is as shown below.

```
typedef struct t_rmbf
{
  ID stskid;            ID of task waiting for transmission or TSK_NONE
  ID rtskid;            ID of task waiting for reception or TSK_NONE
  UINT msgcnt;         The number of messages in the message buffer
  SIZE fmbfsz;         Free size in ring buffer (Byte count)
}T_RMBF;
```

ID number of the heading task in the message buffer queue will be returned in stskid and rtskid. When there is no waiting task, TSK\_NONE is returned.

**Return** E\_OK            Successful termination.  
 E\_ID            Message buffer ID is outside valid range  
 E\_NOEXS        This message buffer is not created

**Example** #define ID\_mbf1 1

```
TASK task1(void)
{
  T_RMBF rmbf;
  :
  tk_ref_mbf(ID_mbf1, &rmbf);
  if (rmbf.fmbfsz >= 32 + sizeof(int))
  :
}
```

## 5.9 Interrupt management functions

### tk\_def\_int

Function      Interrupt handler definition

Declaration   ER tk\_def\_int(INHNO inhno, const T\_DINT \*pk\_dint);

inhno            Interrupt handler number

pk\_dint          Pointer to the interrupt handler definition information packet.

Description   This system call will set the interrupt handler specified by inthdr, in the interrupt vector table specified by inhno. For the processors in which the interrupt vector table is not implemented, the inthdr is set to the interrupt handler table defined as the variable array. The content of inhno may change with the type of processor (Interrupt vector numbers are same).

The structure of the interrupt handler information packet is as shown below. Depending on the type of processor, interrupt mask imask is added at the time of start of interrupt handler.

```
typedef struct t_dint
```

```
{   ATR inhatr;           Interrupt handler attribute
    FP inthdr;           Pointer to the function used as the interrupt handler
    UINT imask;          Interrupt mask (depending on the processor)
}T_DINT;
```

Although value of inhatr is not referred in ecRTOS, in order to keep the compatibility with other  $\mu$ T-Kernel OS, please specify inhatr as TA\_HLNG that shows that task is described in high-level language.

Since it is dependent on the processor, the interrupt handler definition sample is separated from kernel and is described in r4ixxx.c file. User need to customize tk\_def\_int so as to match correctly with user's system. As per  $\mu$ T-Kernel specification, interrupt handler is undefined when pk\_dint is specified as NULL. However, since such functionality is useless in Embedded system, user may not define such functionality for tk\_def\_int.

This system call does not function when an interrupt vector table is defined in ROM domain. Please define the interrupt handler address directly to the interrupt vector table.

Return        E\_OK            Successful termination

E\_PAR        The interrupt definition number dintno is out of the range. \*

## tk\_ent\_int

Function     Interrupt handler start

Declaration   void tk\_ent\_int(void);

Description   This system call saves the registers at the time of interrupt generation, and also changes the stack pointer to the domain reserved for interrupt handler operations. This system call must be called at the start of interrupt handler function.

Since the stack pointer is moved, auto variables cannot be defined at the entry of interrupt handler. User may use static variables, or may call different function from interrupt handler and use auto variables in that function.

Moreover, in some cases just before calling tk\_ent\_int, there may be an assembly code developed that destroys the register contents before they are saved inside tk\_ent\_int. In such cases, please control this code deployment by compiler optimization effect etc or by calling a separate function from interrupt handler and by processing the actual handler operation in the that function.

In the interrupt routine which does not include multitasking operation (having priority above the priority of other interrupt handler that is involved in multitasking operation), it is okay even when tk\_ent\_int and tk\_ret\_int (described next) system calls are not used. In that case, please use either the compiler extended functions for the interrupt function, or please perform the saving / restoring of registers by uniquely described assembly code.

Return        None

Note          It is a system call exclusive to ecRTOS for describing interrupt handler in C.

Example       void func(void) ← (Note)During optimization inline assembler should be off

```
{
    int c;
    :
}
```

```
INTHDR inthdr(void)
{
    tk_ent_int();
    func();
    tk_ret_int();
}
```

## tk\_ret\_int

**Function** Return from the interrupt handler

**Declaration** void tk\_ret\_int(void);

**Description** This system call terminates interrupt handlers. Be sure to call at the end of interrupt handlers.

The system calls issued inside interrupt handlers to switch tasks is delayed till this tk\_ret\_int is issued (delayed dispatch).

**Return** None (not returning to the calling source)

**Example**

```
INTHDR inthdr(void)
{
    tk_ent_int();
    :
    tk_ret_int();
}
```

## SetCpuIntLevel

Function     Interrupt mask change

Declaration  ER SetCpuIntLevel(UINT imask);  
              imask            Interrupt mask value

Description  This system call changes the interrupt mask of processors to the value specified by imask. In case of the processors that possess only two conditions, interrupt prohibition and interrupt permission, the former is specified by imask!=0 and the latter is specified by imask=0.

In processors that possess level interrupt functions, the system call specifies the interrupt mask level in imask (interrupts permitted with 0 and interrupts prohibited with 1 and more). The SetCpuIntLevel system call does not check the range of imask value.

In some system calls issued with interrupts prohibited, if switching tasks is necessary, it is done when the interrupt is permitted after SetCpuIntLevel(0) is issued (this is a delayed dispatch).

Return       E\_OK            Successful termination

## GetCpuIntLevel

Function     Interrupt mask reference

Declaration  ER GetCpuIntLevel(UINT \*p\_imask);

          p\_imask     Pointer to a location where an interrupt mask value is stored

Description The GetCpuIntLevel system call references the interrupt mask of the processors and returns it to \*p\_imask.

In processors that possess only two conditions, interrupt prohibition and interrupt permission, the former is indicated by \*p\_imask=1 and the latter is indicated by \*p\_imask=0.

In processors that possess level interrupt functions, the interrupt mask level is indicated by the value in \*p\_imask.

Return       E\_OK           Successful termination

## tk\_get\_reg

**Function**      Status register's interrupt mask setting

**Declaration**   UINT tk\_get\_reg(void);

**Description**   The tk\_get\_reg system call sets up the interrupt mask of processor's status register in interrupt prohibited conditions. In processors that possess level interrupt functions, this system call sets it up to the highest interrupt level and prohibits all interrupts.

This system call returns the status register values for processors before this operation as return values.

**Return**          Status register value at the processor before interrupt prohibition

**Note**            This is a ecRTOS unique system call. It is convenient to execute temporary interrupt prohibitions combining with tk\_set\_reg. This system call can be issued also from an interrupt routine with higher priority than the kernel.

**Example**        void func(void)  
 {  
     UINT psw;  
  
     psw = tk\_get\_reg();            Interrupt prohibition  
     :  
     tk\_set\_reg(psw);            Interrupt prohibition/permission state is restored  
     :  
 }

In order to realize the same thing by SetCpuIntLevel...

```
void func(void)
{
    UINT imask;

    GetCpuIntLevel(&imask);    Interrupt mask level is read
    SetCpuIntLevel(7);        Interrupt is inhibited
    :
    SetCpuIntLevel(imask);    Interrupt is allowed again
}
```

## tk\_set\_reg

Function     Status register setting

Declaration   void tk\_set\_reg(UINT psw);  
              psw            Processor status register value

Description   The tk\_set\_reg system call sets up the status registers in processors according to values specified by psw. When the return value of the tk\_get\_reg system call is set up to psw, interrupt masks are completely restored.

This system call is different from SetCpuIntLevel(0) as this system call does not execute even if there is a delayed dispatch. Therefore no system calls that carry out task switching should be issued between tk\_get\_reg and tk\_set\_reg.

Return       None

Note         This is a system call unique to ecRTOS. This system call can operate not only interrupt mask bits but also all bits of status registers. It can also be issued from an interrupt routine with priority higher than kernel.

Example      void func(void)  
              {  
              UINT psw;  
  
              psw = tk\_get\_reg();  
              :  
              tk\_set\_reg(psw | 0x8000);  
              :  
              }

## 5.10 Memory pool management functions (Variable length)

### tk\_cre\_mpl

**Function** Create variable length memory pool

**Declaration** ER tk\_cre\_mpl(const T\_CMPL \*pk\_cmpl);

pk\_cmpl The pointer to the variable length memory pool creation information packet

**Description** This system call allocates the highest ID value searched from non-generated variable-length memory pool ID values. System call will return with E\_NOID error when the ID allocation fails.

A variable-length memory pool management block is dynamically allocated from the system memory. When pk\_cmpl->mpl is NULL, only the size specified by pk\_cmpl->mplsz bytes is dynamically allocated from the memory reserved for the memory pool.

When a variable-length memory pool creation information packet is placed in memory domain other than ROM (i.e. when a const data type is not attached), the creation information packet data is copied to the system memory.

Following is the structure of the variable length memory pool creation information packet.

```
typedef struct t_cmpl
{
    ATR mplatr;      Variable length memory pool attribute
    SIZE mplsz;     Size of whole memory pool (byte count)
    VP mpl;         Memory pool head address or NULL
    B *name;        The pointer to the variable pool name string (optional)
}T_CMPL;
```

Please put the following value into mplatr, the variable length memory pool attribute.

TA\_TFIFO Acquisition waiting task processing in the order of arrival (FIFO)

TA\_TPRI Acquisition waiting task processing in the order of priority.

When the memory pool domain is allocated by the user program, please set the block start address and byte size in pk\_cmpl-> mpl and pk\_cmpl->mplsz respectively. Since there is an overhead by OS, all of the memory size cannot be allocated to user program.

The macro function TSZ\_MPL(bcnt, blkosz) returns the total size required for allocation of bcnt number of data blocks each of size blkosz.

Since name is for debugger correspondence, please set "" or NULL when none is selected.

You may omit name when creation information structure object is defined with initial value.

- Return      A positive value indicates the allocated ID for variable length memory pool.
- E\_NOID      Insufficient ID for variable length memory pool
- E\_OBJ      Variable length memory pool is already created
- E\_CTX      The command issued from an interrupt handler\*
- E\_SYS      Insufficient system memory for management block\*\*
- E\_NOMEM    Insufficient memory for memory pool\*\*
- Note1      Every single memory block acquisition, “sizeof(int \*)” bytes only is used for OS management purpose, i.e. 4 bytes for CPU which has data domain address space of 32bit and 2 bytes for CPU which has data domain address space of 16bit. Therefore, please consider above mentioned part for OS management for calculation of mplsz. In addition, in order to maintain alignment with “sizeof(int \*)” bytes, the domain could be excessive to the size.
- Note2      When memory pool acquisition and release is called repeatedly, the memory pool memory gets fragmented i.e. the size of continuous free memory gets reduced. (There is no function to defragment the memory pool.)
- Example    ID ID\_mpl1;  
const T\_CMPL cmp1 = {TA\_TFIFO, 1024, NULL };
- ```

TASK task1(void)
{
    ER_ID ercd;
    :
    ercd = tk_cre_mpl(&cmp1);
    if(ercd > 0)
        ID_mpl1 = ercd;
    :
}

```

## tk\_del\_mpl

**Function** Delete variable length memory pool

**Declaration** ER tk\_del\_mpl(ID mplid);  
 mplid Variable length memory pool ID

**Description** The tk\_del\_mpl system call deletes a variable-length memory pool specified by mplid. The variable-length memory pool management block is released to the system memory. In case if the OS did the allocation of memory pool domain, the memory pool domain is released back to the memory-pool memory.

When a task is waiting this variable length memory pool for memory allocation, the system call releases this task from waiting. The task, whose wait was released, returns an E\_DLT error indicating that the variable length memory pool was deletion while the task was waiting for it.

**Return**

E_OK	Successful termination
E_ID	Variable length memory pool ID is outside valid range*
E_NOEXS	Variable length memory pool is not created
E_CTX	The command issued from an interrupt handler*

**Example**

```
#define ID_mpl1 1

TASK task1(void)
{
    :
    tk_del_mpl(ID_mpl1);
    :
}
```

## tk\_get\_mpl

**Function** Acquisition of variable-length memory pool

**Declaration** ER tk\_get\_mpl(ID mplid, UINT blksz, VP \*p\_blk, TMO tmout);

mplid Variable length memory pool ID  
 blksz Memory block size (Byte count)  
 p\_blk A pointer to a location which stores memory block pointer  
 tmout Timeout value

**Description** The tk\_get\_mpl system call acquires memory block of size blksz from the variable-length memory pool specified by mplid and returns the pointer of that memory block to \*p\_blk. Zero clearing of acquired memory block is not performed. The block data is undefined.

The minimum value for the memory block size blksz is 1 byte. However for processor which requires word (4 bytes) alignment, blksz should be integer multiple of size of int (in case of non-integer or fractional multiple ratio, it is realigned inside OS).

In order to acquire a memory block of size blksz, the variable length memory pool should have continuous empty free space of "blksz + sizeof(int)" bytes.

The system does not processing priority for smaller size of the requested memory block.

When a memory block of required size is not acquired even after the time specified by tmout has passed, a time-out error E\_TMOUT is returned back.

When this system call is issued with tmout=TMO\_POL (=0) and there is insufficient memory block in variable size memory pool, then instead of waiting in queue, this system call returns back with E\_TMOUT error. For tmout=TMO\_FEVR (=-1), when the empty block size in variable size memory pool is insufficient, then the task which had issued this system call will be connected to the queue waiting for the variable size memory pool.

**Return**

E_OK	Successful termination
E_ID	Variable length memory pool ID is outside valid range*
E_NOEXS	Variable length memory pool is not created
E_CTX	Issued from the non-task context, or waiting in dispatch prohibited state*
E_RLWAI	Waiting state was released forcibly (tk_rel_wai was issued while waiting)
E_DLT	Variable length memory pool was deleted while waiting for it
E_TMOUT	Timeout

**Note** p\_blk is a pointer to pointer i.e. double pointer.

```
Example  #define ID_mpl1  1

TASK task1(void)
{
    B *blk;
    ER ercd;
    :
    ercd = tk_get_mpl(ID_mpl1, 256, (VP *)&blk, 100/MSEC);
    if (ercd == E_OK)
        :
}
```

## tk\_rel\_mpl

**Function** Release variable-length memory block.

**Declaration** ER tk\_rel\_mpl(ID mplid, VP blk);  
 mplid Variable length memory pool ID  
 blk Memory block pointer

**Description** Memory block pointed by blk is returned to the variable-length memory pool specified by mplid.

If there is a task, which is waiting for memory-block acquisition from this variable-length memory pool, when the empty size of the memory pool as a result of the memory block release, is higher than the size requested by heading task in waiting queue, then the memory block is allocated to that task and is released from wait.

In some cases it is possible that by single call to this function, two or more tasks from queue waiting for memory block acquisition are released. In such case, the memory blocks are allocated sequentially starting from the top of the queue. The task issuing this system call will not change to waiting state.

Always make sure that the memory pool is released back to the same source from where it was acquired. Memory leak phenomenon may occur when the memory pool is not released before termination of used objects such as task etc.

**Return** E\_OK Successful termination  
 E\_PAR Returned to different memory pool  
 E\_ID Variable length memory pool ID is outside valid range\*  
 E\_NOEXS Variable length memory pool is not created  
 E\_CTX The command issued from an interrupt handler\*

**Example**

```
#define ID_mpl1 1

TASK task1(void)
{
    B *blk;
    :
    tk_get_mpl(ID_mpl1, 256, (VP *)&blk);
    :
    tk_rel_mpl(ID_mpl1, (VP)blk);
    :
}
```

## tk\_ref\_mpl

**Function** Get reference of variable-length memory pool state.

**Declaration** ER tk\_ref\_mpl(ID mplid, T\_RMPL \*pk\_rmpl);  
 mplid Variable length memory pool ID  
 pk\_rmpl A pointer to the location which stores variable-length memory pool state

**Description** A state of a variable-length memory pool specified by mplid is returned to \*pk\_rmpl.

A structure of a variable-length memory pool state packet is as follows.

```
typedef struct t_rmpl
{
  ID wtskid;          ID of the waiting task or TSK_NONE
  SIZE fmplsz;       Total free memory size (Byte count)
  UINT fblksz;       Maximum memory block size available (Byte count)
}T_RMPL;
```

When a waiting task exists, ID of the first waiting task is returned. When there is no waiting task, TSK\_NONE is returned.

**Return** E\_OK Successful termination  
 E\_ID Variable length memory pool ID is outside valid range  
 E\_NOEXS Variable length memory pool is not created

**Example**

```
#define ID_mpl1 1

TASK task1(void)
{
  T_RMPL rmpl;
  :
  tk_ref_mpl(ID_mpl1, &rmpl);
  if (rmpl.fmplsz >= 256 + sizeof(int))
  :
}
```

## 5.11 Memory pool management functions (Fixed length)

### tk\_cre\_mpf

**Function** Create fixed-length memory pool

**Declaration** ER tk\_cre\_mpf(const T\_CMPF \*pk\_cmpf);  
 pk\_cmpf A pointer to a fixed-length memory pool creation information packet

**Description** This system call allocates the highest ID value searched from non-generated fixed-length memory pool ID values. System call will return with E\_NOID error when the ID allocation fails.

A fixed-length memory pool management block is dynamically allocated from the system memory. When pk\_cmpf ->mpf is NULL, only the size specified by blkcnt x blfsz bytes is dynamically allocated from the memory reserved for the memory pool. When the memory pool domain is allocated by the user program, please set the block start address in pk\_cmpf-> mpf.

Following is the structure of the fixed length memory pool creation information packet.

```
typedef struct t_cmpf
{
  ATR mpfatr;      Fixed-length memory pool attribute
  UINT blkcnt;    Total number of blocks in the memory pool
  UINT blfsz;     Fixed-length memory block size (Byte count)
  VP mpf;         Memory pool start address, or NULL
  B *name;        Pointer to the memory pool name (optional)
}T_CMPF;
```

Following are the valid set values for mpfatr, i.e. fixed-length memory pool attribute.

TA\_TFIFO Processing of the acquisition waiting task is in the order of arrival (FIFO)

TA\_TPRI Processing of the acquisition waiting task is in the order of task priority

The minimum value of the memory block size, i.e. blksz, is more than the pointer size of the processing system. Moreover, for processors that need word alignment, blfsz should be integer multiple of size of int (in case of non-integer or fractional multiple ratio, it is realigned inside OS).

The size of the memory pool, consumed by acquisition of memory block of size blksz, is equal to blksz. Hence there is no memory waste.

Since name is for debugger correspondence, please set "" or NULL when none is selected. You may omit name when creation information structure object is defined with initial value.

Return      A positive value indicates the allocated ID for fixed length memory pool.

E_NOID	Insufficient ID for fixed length memory pool
E_OBJ	The fixed length memory pool is already created
E_CTX	Command issued from an Interrupt handler*
E_SYS	Insufficient system memory for management block**
E_NOMEM	Insufficient memory for memory pool**

Example    ID ID\_mpf1;  
const T\_CMPF cmpf1 = {TA\_TFIFO, 10, 256, NULL};

```
TASK task1(void)
{
    ER_ID ercd;
    :
    ercd = tk_cre_mpf(&cmpf1);
    if(ercd > 0)
        ID_mpf1 = ercd;
    :
}
```

## tk\_del\_mpf

**Function** Remove/Delete fixed-length memory pool

**Declaration** ER tk\_del\_mpf(ID mpfid);  
 mpfid            Fixed-length memory pool ID

**Description** The tk\_del\_mpf system call deletes a fixed-length memory pool specified by mpfid. The fixed-length memory pool management block is released to the system memory. In case if the OS did the allocation of memory pool domain, the memory pool domain is released back to the memory-pool memory.

When a task is waiting this fixed length memory pool for memory allocation, the system call releases this task from waiting. The task, whose wait was released, returns an E\_DLT error indicating that the fixed-length memory pool was deletion while the task was waiting for it.

**Return**

E_OK	Successful termination
E_ID	A fixed-length memory pool ID is outside valid range*
E_NOEXS	A fixed-length memory pool is not yet created.
E_CTX	Command issued from an Interrupt handler *

**Example**

```
#define ID_mpf1 1

TASK task1(void)
{
    :
    tk_del_mpf(ID_mpf1);
    :
}
```

## tk\_get\_mpf

**Function**      Acquisition of fixed-length memory pool

**Declaration**   ER tk\_get\_mpf(ID mpfid, VP \*p\_blf, TMO tmout);

mpfid            Fixed-length memory pool ID

p\_blf            A pointer to a location which stores memory block pointer.

tmout            Timeout Value

**Description**   The tk\_get\_mpf system call acquires single memory block from the fixed-length memory pool specified by mpfid and returns the pointer of that memory block to \*p\_blf. The size of the memory block is fixed to blfsz, which was set at the time of fixed-length memory pool creation. Zero clearing of acquired memory block is not performed. The block data is undefined.

When a memory block cannot be gained even after the time specified by tmout has passed, a time-out error E\_TMOU is returned back.

When this system call is issued with tmout=TMO\_POL (=0), and there is no vacant block in fixed size memory pool, then instead of waiting in queue, this system call returns back with E\_TMOU error. For tmout=TMO\_FEVR (=-1), when there is no vacant block in fixed size memory pool, then the task which had issued this system call will be connected to the queue waiting for the fixed size memory pool.

**Return**        E\_OK            Successful termination

E\_ID            A fixed-length memory pool ID is outside valid range\*

E\_NOEXS        A fixed-length memory pool is not yet created.

E\_CTX           Issued from the non-task context, or waiting in dispatch prohibited state\*

E\_RLWAI        Waiting state was released forcibly (tk\_rel\_wai was issued while waiting)

E\_DLT           Fixed length memory pool was deleted while waiting for it

E\_TMOU        Timeout error

**Example**       #define ID\_mpf1   1

```
TASK task1(void)
```

```
{
```

```
    B *blf;
```

```
    ER ercd;
```

```
    :
```

```
    ercd = tk_get_mpf(ID_mpf1, (VP *)&blf, 100/MSEC);
```

```
    if(ercd == E_OK)
```

```
} :
```

## tk\_rel\_mpf

**Function** Release Fixed-length memory block.

**Declaration** ER tk\_rel\_mpf(ID mpfid, VP blf);  
 mpfid Fixed-length memory pool ID  
 blf Memory block pointer

**Description** Memory block pointed by blf is returned to the fixed-length memory pool specified by mpfid. If there is a task, which is waiting for memory-block acquisition from this fixed-length memory pool, a memory block will be allocated to the waiting task (top in waiting queue), and waiting will be canceled.

Unlike variable-length memory block, the memory-block acquisition waiting of two or more tasks by single return is not canceled.

The task, which published this system call, will not change to a waiting state. Please be sure to return memory block to the original memory pool.

**Return** E\_OK Successful termination  
 E\_PAR Release of different memory pool.  
 E\_ID A fixed-length memory pool ID is outside valid range\*  
 E\_NOEXS A fixed-length memory pool is not yet created.

**Example**

```
#define ID_mpf1 1

TASK task1(void)
{
    B *blf;
    :
    tk_get_mpf(ID_mpf1, (VP *)&blf);
    :
    tk_rel_mpf(ID_mpf, (VP)blf);
    :
}
```

## tk\_ref\_mpf

**Function** Get reference of fixed-length memory pool state.

**Declaration** ER tk\_ref\_mpf(ID mpfid, T\_RMPF \*pk\_rmpf);  
 mpfid Fixed-length memory pool ID  
 pk\_rmpf A pointer to the location which stores fixed-length memory pool state

**Description** A state of a fixed-length memory pool specified by mpfid is returned to \*pk\_rmpf.

A structure of a fixed-length memory pool state packet is as follows.

```
typedef struct t_rmpf
{
  ID wtskid;          ID of the waiting task or TSK_NONE.
  UINT fblkcnt;      The number of empty memory blocks.
}T_RMPF;
```

When a waiting task exists, ID of the first waiting task is returned. When there is no waiting task, TSK\_NONE is returned.

**Return** E\_OK Successful termination  
 E\_ID A fixed-length memory pool ID is outside of valid range.  
 E\_NOEXS A fixed-length memory pool is not yet created.

**Example** #define ID\_mpf1 1

```
TASK task1(void)
{
  T_RMPF rmpf;
  :
  tk_ref_mpf(ID_mpf1, &rmpf);
  if(rmpf.fblkcnt > 0)
  :
}
```

## 5.12 Time management functions

### tk\_set\_utc

**Function**     System time setup

**Declaration**   ER tk\_set\_utc(SYSTIM \*p\_system);  
                   p\_system     The pointer to the present time packet

**Description**   The tk\_set\_utc system call changes the system clock executing time management to the value specified by \*p\_system.

The structure of a time packet is as follows.

```
typedef struct
{
    H utime;           Higher 16 bits
    UW ltime;         Lower 32 bits
}SYSTIM;
```

The system time set by tk\_set\_utc is the count which increments every periodic interrupt. Therefore the system clock is the data which is counting the number of periodic interrupts. It is necessary to perform time conversion to a unit such as msec in user program.

As opposed to expressing the system clock as the absolute time which is cleared to 0 at the time of system starting and then counting up, the system time is a relative time initialized by tk\_set\_utc. Since the time event handler takes the system clock as the standard clock, it is not affected by tk\_set\_utc.

**Return**        E\_OK            Successful termination

**Example**        SYSTIM tim;  
                   :  
                   tim.utime = 0;  
                   tim.ltime = 12345L;  
                   tk\_set\_utc(&tim);  
                   :

## tk\_get\_utc

**Function** Refer to system time.

**Declaration** ER tk\_get\_utc(SYSTIM \*p\_sysstim);  
 pk\_sysstim The pointer to the location which stores the present time packet

**Description** The present value of system time is returned to \*pk\_sysstim.

The structure of time packet is same as that of the tk\_set\_utc system call.

```
typedef struct
{
    H utime;    Higher 16 bits
    UW ltime;  Lower 32 bits
}SYSTIM;
```

System time is the data is the count of cyclic interrupt. By the user side, it is necessary to perform conversion with the unit of time, such as msec.

**Return** E\_OK Successful termination

**Example**

```
SYSTIM tim;
:
tk_get_utc(&tim);
if(tim.ltime == 10000L)
:
```

## tk\_cre\_cyc

**Function**      Creation of the cyclic handler

**Declaration**   ER tk\_cre\_cyc(const T\_CCYC \*pk\_ccyc);  
                   pk\_ccyc        The pointer to a cyclic handler creation information packet

**Description**   The highest value from the non-generated cyclic handler ID is searched and assigned. An E\_NOID error is returned when the cyclic handler ID is not assigned.

The tk\_cre\_cyc system call creates the periodic cyclic handler specified by cycid. A periodic cyclic handler management block is dynamically allocated from the system memory.

Following is the structure of cyclic handler creation information packet.

```
typedef struct t_ccyc
{
    ATR cycatr;           Cyclic handler attribute
    VP_INT exinf;        Extended information
    FP cychdr;           Pointer to the function used as a cyclic handler
    RELTIM cyctim;       Cyclic handler activation time
    RELTIM cycphs;       Cyclic handler activation phase
}T_CCYC;
```

Following are the valid inputs for cycatr. Please specify only TA\_HLNG attribute, when TA\_STA and TA\_PHS are unnecessary.

**TA\_HLNG**      In order to maintain the compatibility with other  $\mu$ T-Kernel based OS, please set TA\_HLNG, which shows that the handler is described with the high-level language.

**TA\_STA**        Handler is in operational state when it is created

**TA\_PHS**        Activation phase of the handler is preserved

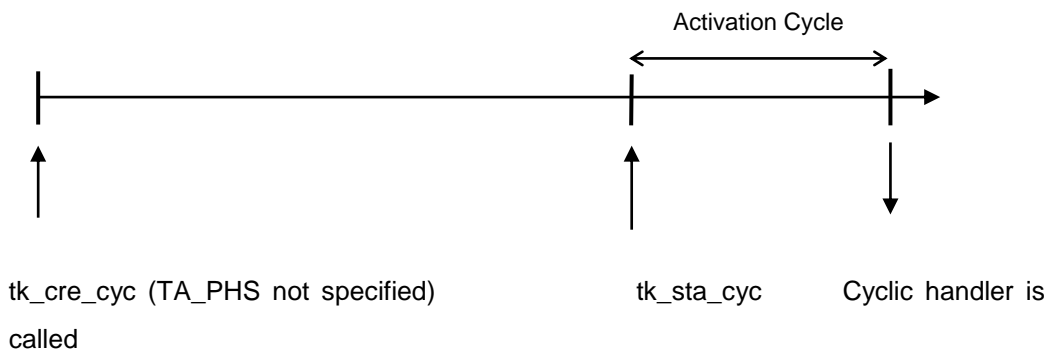
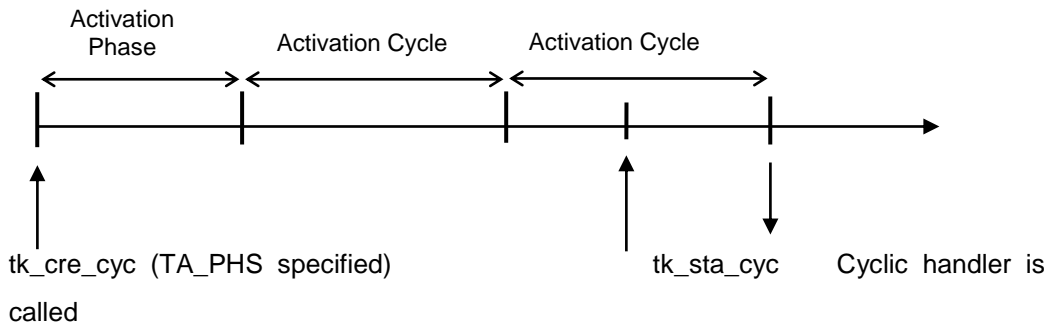
When the activation phase is not preserved, a cycle is initialized when the handler operation is started. Therefore, the first cycle of handler always starts from the start of handler operation. When the activation phase is preserved, after the creation of handler the clocking is continued regardless of operational state of cyclic handler.

The value specified to exinf is passed as the first parameter at the time of handler starting.

cychdr is the pointer to the function which is used as the periodic handler. Please describe the periodic handler as the void type function.

cyctim is the interval time of the activation cycle. The system clock interrupt cycle is the time unit for handler operation.

Please set cycphs as the time from start of handler operation and until it is activated for first time. From the second cycle onwards, cyctim is the interval time.



- |        |       |                                                 |
|--------|-------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Return | E_OK  | Successful termination                          |
|        | E_ID  | The cyclic handler ID is outside valid range    |
|        | E_PAR | The cyclic handler active state is illegal      |
|        | E_CTX | The command issued from an interrupt handler    |
|        | E_SYS | Insufficient system memory for management block |

```

Example  ID ID_cyc1;
extern void cyc1(VP_INT);
const T_CCYC ccyc1 = {TA_HLNG|TA_STA, NULL, cyc1, 10, 5};

TASK task1(void)
{
    ER_ID ercd;
    :
    ercd = tk_cre_cyc(&ccyc1);
    if(ercd > 0)
        ID_cyc1 = ercd;
    :
}
    
```

## tk\_del\_cyc

Function     Deletion of the cyclic handler

Declaration  ER tk\_del\_cyc(ID cycid);  
              cycid            Cyclic handler ID

Description  The cyclic handler specified by cycid is deleted. A cyclic handler management block is released to system memory.

Return       E\_OK            Successful termination  
              E\_ID            The cyclic handler ID is outside range. \*  
              E\_NOEXS        The cyclic handler does not exist.  
              E\_CTX           Issued from an interrupt handler \*

Example      ID ID\_cyc1;  
  
              TASK task1(void)  
              {  
                  ER ercd;  
                  :  
                  ercd = tk\_del\_cyc(ID\_cyc1);  
                  :  
              }

## tk\_sta\_cyc

Function     Start Cyclic handler operation

Declaration  ER tk\_sta\_cyc(ID cycid);  
              cycid            Cyclic handler ID

Description  The tk\_sta\_cyc system call brings the cyclic handler specified by cycid to the operation state.

When there is no TA\_PHS specification, handler starts after starting cycle passes from a tk\_sta\_cyc call. When TA\_PHS is specified, nothing is done if it is already in operating state. When TA\_PHS is specified and it is in stopped state, it is brought to the activation state without changing the clock. When TA\_PHS is specified, renewal of startup time is performed irrespective of the ability to start.

Return       E\_OK            Successful termination  
              E\_ID            The cyclic handler ID is outside valid range  
              E\_NOEXS        The cyclic handler does not exist.

## tk\_stp\_cyc

Function      Stops Cyclic handler operation

Declaration   ER tk\_stp\_cyc(ID cycid);  
                 cycid            Cyclic handler ID

Description   The tk\_stp\_cyc system call brings the cyclic handler specified by cycid to the non-operational state. If a handler that is already stopped is specified, then nothing is done.

When TA\_PHS is specified during creation the renewal of the activation clock is continued.

Return        E\_OK            Successful termination  
                 E\_ID            The cyclic handler ID is outside range. \*  
                 E\_NOEXS      The cyclic handler does not exist.

## tk\_ref\_cyc

**Function** Refers to Cyclic handler

**Declaration** ER tk\_ref\_cyc(ID cycid, T\_RCYC \*pk\_rcyc);  
                   cycid          Cyclic handler ID  
                   pk\_rcyc       Pointer to the location which stores the cyclic handler condition packet.

**Description** The state of the periodic handler specified by cycid is returned to \*pk\_rcyc.

The structure of a periodic handler state packet is as follows.

```
typedef struct t_rcyc
{   STAT cycstat;      Operating state of a handler
    RELTIM lefttim;   Time left till next activation
}T_RCYC;
```

The following value goes into cycstat according to operating state.

TCYC\_STP          The handler is not operating.  
 TCYC\_STA          The handler is operating.

The unit of lefttim is the interrupt cycle of a system clock.

**Return** E\_OK          Successful termination  
           E\_ID          The cyclic handler ID is outside range.  
           E\_NOEXS      The cyclic handler does not exist.

**Example** #define ID\_cyc 1

```
TASK task1(void)
{
    T_RCYC rcyc;
    :
    tk_ref_cyc(ID_cyc, &rcyc);
    if(rcyc.cycstat == TCYC_STA)
    :
}
```

## tk\_cre\_alm

**Function** Alarm handler generation

**Declaration** ER tk\_cre\_alm(const T\_CALM \*pk\_calm);

pk\_calm The pointer to an alarm handler creation information packet

**Description** The highest value of non-generated alarm handler ID is searched and assigned. An E\_NOID error is returned when the alarm handler ID is not assigned. An alarm handler management block is dynamically assigned from system memory.

The structure of an alarm handler generation information packet is as follows.

```
typedef struct t_calm
```

```
{   ATR almatr;           Alarm handler attribute
    VP_INT exinf;        Extended information
    FP almhdr;          The pointer to the function used as an alarm handler
}T_CALM;
```

almhdr is a pointer to the function used as an alarm handler. Please describe an alarm handler as a void type function.

Although ecRTOS does not refer the value of almatr, in order to maintain the compatibility with other  $\mu$ T-Kernel based OS, Please set almatr to TA\_HLNG, which shows that the handler is described with the high-level language. The value of exinf is passed as the second argument of an alarm handler.

**Return** The alarm handler ID assigned when it was a positive value

E\_NOID The alarm handler ID is insufficient.

E\_PAR Parameter error \*

E\_OBJ An alarm handler is registered. \*

E\_CTX Issued from an interrupt handler \*

E\_SYS Memory for a management block is not securable. \*\*

**Example**

```
ID ID_alm1;
extern void alm1(VP_INT);
const T_CALM calm1 = {TA_HLNG, NULL, alm1};
```

```
TASK task1(void)
{
    ER_ID ercd;
    :
    ercd = tk_cre_alm(&calm1);
    if(ercd > 0)
        ID_alm1 = ercd;
```

```
} :
```

## tk\_del\_alm

**Function** Deletion of an Alarm handler

**Declaration** ER tk\_del\_alm(ID almid);  
                   almid           Alarm handler ID

**Description** The alarm handler specified by almid is deleted. An alarm handler management block is released to system memory.

**Return**

E_OK	Successful termination
E_ID	The alarm handler ID is outside range. *
E_NOEXS	The alarm handler is not generated.
E_CTX	Issued from an interrupt handler *

**Example**

```
ID ID_alm1;

TASK task1(void)
{
    ER ercd;
    :
    ercd = tk_del_alm(ID_alm1);
    :
}
```

## tk\_sta\_alm

Function Alarm handler operation start

Declaration ER tk\_sta\_alm(ID almid, RELTIM almtim);  
almid Alarm handler ID number  
almtim Alarm handler starting time (relative time)

Description The starting time of an alarm handler specified by almid is set as almtim, and operation is started. Starting time is changed into a new value when the handler under operation is specified.  
The activation time is the time relative to time when sta\_tim was called, taking the timer interrupt interval as a time unit.

Return E\_OK Successful termination  
E\_ID The alarm handler ID is outside range. \*  
E\_NOEXS The alarm handler is not defined

## tk\_stp\_alm

Function Alarm handler operation stop

Declaration ER tk\_stp\_alm(ID almid);  
almid Alarm handler ID number

Description The starting time of an alarm handler specified by almid is canceled and changed into the state where it is not operating. Nothing is done when the handler that has already stopped is specified.

Return E\_OK Successful termination  
E\_ID The alarm handler ID is outside range.  
E\_NOEXS The alarm handler is not defined.

## tk\_ref\_alm

**Function** Refer to alarm handler state.

**Declaration** ER tk\_ref\_alm(ID almid, T\_RALM \*pk\_ralm);  
 almid Alarm handler ID  
 pk\_ralm The pointer to the location which stores an alarm handler state packet

**Description** The state of the alarm handler specified by almid is returned to \*pk\_ralm.

The structure of an alarm handler state packet is as follows.

```
typedef struct t_ralm
{
  STAT almstat;    The state of a handler
  RELTIM lefttim;  Remaining time to start
}T_RALM;
```

The following value returns to almstat.

TALM\_STP The alarm handler is not operating.

TALM\_STA The alarm handler is operating.

The remaining time to start will be returned to lefttim.

**Return** E\_OK Successful termination  
 E\_ID The alarm handler ID is outside range.  
 E\_NOEXS The alarm handler is not defined

**Example**

```
#define ID_alm1 1

TASK task1(void)
{
  T_RALM ralm;
  :
  tk_ref_alm(ID_alm1, &ralm);
  if(ralm.lefttim > 100/MSEC)
  :
}
```

## os\_tim\_tik

Function Tick time end notice

Declaration `void os_tim_tik(void);`

Description This function informs OS about entry of periodic timer interrupt.  
It is exclusively for interrupt handler.

Return None

Note This system call is exclusive to ecRTOS.

Example

```
INTHDR inthdr(void)
{
    tk_ent_int();
    os_tim_tik();
    tk_ret_int();
}
```

## 5.13 System state management functions

### tk\_rot\_rdq

Function      Task ready queue rotation

Declaration   ER tk\_rot\_rdq(PRI tskpri);  
                  tskpri            Priority

Description   In the ready queue of the priority specified by tskpri, the task at the head position is switched to the tail end. That is, execution of the task of the same priority is switched. By tskpri = TPRI\_SELF, the base priority of a self-task is made into an target priority. By using this system call at a fixed interval from a cyclic handler, a round Robins scheduling is realizable.

When the ready queue of the task which published this system call rotates, this task is transited from a RUNNING state to a ready state, and the task which was waiting for an execution order next transits it from a ready state to a RUNNING state. That is, tk\_rot\_rdq can be published in order to abandon the right of execution itself.

There is no error in case this system call is issued when there is no task in the ready queue of the specified priority.

Return        E\_OK            Successful termination  
                  E\_PAR            Priority is out of range \*

Example      TASK task1(void)  
                  {  
                         :  
                         tk\_rot\_rdq(TPRI\_SELF);  
                         :  
                         }  
                  }

## tk\_get\_tid

**Function**      Get the task ID of an execution task.

**Declaration**   ID tk\_get\_tid(void);

**Description**   The ID number of the task, which issued this system call, is returned as a function return value. When called from the non-task context sections, such as an interrupt handler, ID of the task in a present RUNNING state is returned. TSK\_NONE is returned when there is no task with a RUNNING state.

**Return**        Task ID

**Example**       TASK task1(void)  
                  {  
                    ID tskid;  
                      :  
                    tskid = vtk\_get\_tid();  
                      :  
                  }

## tk\_loc\_cpu

Function	Change to CPU locked state (Disables interrupt and dispatch)
Declaration	ER tk_loc_cpu(void);
Description	<p>A reception of interrupt and task switching are prohibited. This prohibition state can be canceled by the tk_unl_cpu system call. If this system call is issued when it is already in a CPU lock state, it does not become an error.</p> <p>However, since the nest management of tk_loc_cpu~tk_unl_cpu pair is not done, CPU lock release will be done by single tk_unl_cpu call, even if tk_loc_cpu was issued multiple times.</p> <p>Please do not publish this system call from an interrupt handler. In case when CPU lock command is issued from non-task context other than interrupt handler, please release the CPU lock state before return.</p>
Return	E_OK          Successful termination
Note	In the case of a processor with a level interrupt function, in ecRTOS, as a standard, the interrupt inhibit level of the Kernel is not considered as highest. The interrupt mask set up by tk_loc_cpu, disables even the interrupt-inhibit level of a kernel. The interrupts with priority higher than Kernel can be received.

## tk\_unl\_cpu

Function      Release of a CPU lock state

Declaration   ER tk\_unl\_cpu(void);

Description   The prohibition state set up by tk\_loc\_cpu is canceled. However, interrupt reception and task switching are not necessarily enabled. When tk\_loc\_cpu was issued while dispatch was prohibited, dispatch remains prohibited when CPU is unlocked. In this case, in order to make dispatch possible, tk\_ena\_dsp should be called.

When already in CPU lock released state, repeated use of this system call does not become an error. Since the nest management of tk\_loc\_cpu~tk\_unl\_cpu pair is not done, CPU lock release will be done by single tk\_unl\_cpu call, even if tk\_loc\_cpu was issued multiple times.

Although it is possible to call tk\_unl\_cpu from a timer event handler among non-task contexts, please do not publish this system call from an interrupt handler. All interrupt masks will be canceled. In case of the processor that supports level interrupt; when unl\_loc is called at the time of return from tk\_ent\_int in the interrupt handler, the interrupt mask is cleared.

Return        E\_OK            Successful termination

## tk\_dis\_dsp

Function     Disable dispatch

Declaration   ER tk\_dis\_dsp(void);

Description   The task switching is forbidden. Interrupt is not forbidden. After issuing this system call, switching of tasks issued by other system calls is suspended. The switching of the suspended task is performed when tk\_ena\_dsp system call is issued.

Notes         During the bans on dispatch, if the wait generating system call is issued, it will become an E\_CTX error.

Return        E\_OK            Successful termination  
              E\_CTX          Issue from the non-task context section \*

Example       TASK task1(void)  
              {  
              :  
              tk\_dis\_dsp();  
              :           /\* Dispatch prohibited \*/  
              tk\_ena\_dsp();  
              :  
              }

## tk\_ena\_dsp

Function      Dispatch permission

Declaration   ER tk\_ena\_dsp(void);

Description   The dispatch prohibition state set up by the tk\_dis\_dsp system call is canceled. Even if tk\_dis\_dsp is called previously, it is not considered as an error. If there is a switching of the task suspended in the state of dispatch prohibition, it will perform by this system call.

Return        E\_OK            Successful termination  
              E\_CTX            Issued from a non-task context \*

## tk\_ref\_sys

**Function** Refer to system state.

**Declaration** ER tk\_ref\_sys(T\_RSYS \*pk\_rsys);  
 pk\_rsys The pointer to the location which stores a system state packet

**Description** The running state of OS is returned to \*pk\_rsys.

The structure of a system state packet is as follows.

```
typedef struct t_rsys
{
    INT sysstat;      System state
}T_RSYS;
```

The any of following values is returned to sysstat.

TSS\_TSK The task context section is under execution and dispatch is permitted.

TSS\_DDSP The task context section is under execution and dispatch is forbidden.

TSS\_LOC The task context section is under execution and interrupt, dispatch is forbidden.

TSS\_INDP The non-task context section is under execution.

**Return** E\_OK Successful termination

**Example**

```
TASK task1(void)
{
    T_RSYS rsys;
    :
    tk_ref_sys(&rsys);
    if(rsys.sysstat == TSS_LOC)
    :
}
```

## tk\_ref\_ver

Function      Version reference

Declaration    ER tk\_ref\_ver(T\_RVER \*pk\_rver);  
                  pk\_rver      The pointer to the location which stores a version information packet

Description    The version of ecRTOS is returned to \*pk\_ver.

The structure of a version information packet is as follows.

```
typedef struct t_rver
{
    UH maker;           Maker
    UH prid;           format number
    UH spver;         Specification version
    UH prver;         Product version
    UH prno[4];       Product management information
}T_RVER;
```

Please refer to  $\mu$ T-Kernel specification about the detailed meaning of the member of a structure object. Refer to source file r4cxxx.asm of a kernel about the value actually returned.

Return        E\_OK            Successful termination

## 5.14 System configuration management functions

### tk\_get\_cfn

**Function** Get configuration information.

**Declaration** ER tk\_get\_cfn(T\_RCFG \*pk\_rcfg);  
 pk\_rcfg The pointer to the location which stores a configuration information packet

**Description** Configuration information is returned to \*pk\_rcfg.  
 The structures of configuration information packets are unique to ecRTOS.

```
typedef struct t_rcfg
{
  ID tskid_max;      Task ID maximum
  ID semid_max;     Semaphore ID maximum
  ID flgid_max;     Event flag ID maximum
  ID mbxid_max;     Mail box ID maximum
  ID mbfid_max;     Message buffer ID maximum
  ID mplid_max;     Variable-length memory pool ID maximum
  ID mpfid_max;     Fixed-length memory pool ID maximum
  ID cycno_max;     Cyclic handler ID maximum
  ID almno_max;     Alarm handler ID maximum
  PRI tpri_max;     Task priority maximum
  int tmrqs;       Timer queue size of a task (the number of bytes)
  int cycqs;       Timer queue size of a cyclic handler (the number of bytes)
  int almqs;       Timer queue size of an alarm handler (the number of bytes)
  int istks;       Stack size of an interrupt handler (the number of bytes)
  int tstks;       Stack size of a time event handler (the number of bytes)
  SIZE sysmsz;     Size of system memory (the number of bytes)
  SIZE mplmsz;     Size of the memory for a memory pool (the number of bytes)
  SIZE stkmsz;     Size of the memory for stacks (the number of bytes)
  ID mtxid_max;    Mutex ID maximum
  ID svcfm_max;    Extended service call functional number maximum
  :(more may be added in the future)
}T_RCFG;
```

**Return** E\_OK Successful termination

## 6. Exclusive System Calls

### 6.1 ecRTOS Exclusive System management functions

#### os\_sys\_ini

Function      System Initialization

Declaration    ER os\_sys\_ini(void);

Description    The sysini system call initializes the kernel. This system call must be executed before all other system calls. It is usually called at the top of main functions.

The initialization process executed in this case is the initial setting of internal kernel variables and the calling of intini functions stated later. After the sysini system call is executed, the process enters the interrupt-disabled state.

When the standard stack area that the compiler offers is used as a stack memory, that is, configuration `#define STKMSZ 0`, the bottom of the stack will be allocated, based on a stack pointer at the time of call to sysini.

When the configurator is used, it is automatically called from the main function generated by configurator (kernel\_cfg.c).

Return	E_OK	Successful termination
	E_SYS	Insufficient memory for management block **
	E_NOMEM	Insufficient memory for stack **
	Others	return values from intini function.

## os\_sys\_sta

Function     Start the system

Declaration  ER os\_sys\_sta(void);

Description  The syssta system call transfers the system to the multi-task state, terminating the handler for initialization. At least more than one task's creation and start have to be executed before this system call is issued. This system call is usually called at the end of the main functions.

In activated tasks, the task with the highest priority has control (for tasks with the same priority, the task activated earlier) i.e. the first dispatch is executed. After this, the interrupts, which were prohibited by sysini, are permitted.

When the error has occurred in task generation etc. before syssta execution, an error returns without system start. The syssta call does not return in normal start.

When the configurator is used, it is automatically called from the main function generated by configurator (kernel\_cfg.c).

Return	E_PAR	The priority, etc. are out of the range. *
	E_ID	The ID is out of the range. *
	E_OBJ	Already created.
	E_SYS	Memory shortage for a management block. **
	E_NOMEM	Memory shortage for stack and memory pool **

## os\_int\_sta

Function     Start periodic timer interrupt

Declaration   ER os\_int\_sta(void);

Description   Periodic timer interrupt for managing the time waiting of a task is started. Please call this function just before a syssta system call. It is not necessary to perform intsta when not using a system call or a timer event handler with a timeout.

As this system call depends on the target, it is defined in r4ixxx.c, different from the kernel. Standard value for interrupt cycle is 10msec. User needs to create this function if it is not defined in sample r4ixxx.c file. In such case user may change the function name.

When configurator is used, it is called automatically from main function defined in configurator (kernel\_cfg.c).

Return       E\_OK            Successful termination  
              E\_PAR          The interrupt vector size is out of the range (depending on the target).

---

## os\_int\_ext

---

Function     Terminate periodic timer interrupt

Declaration   `void os_int_ext();`

Description   The intext system call stops the timer activated by intsta.

As this system call depends on the target, it is defined in `r4ixxx.c`, different from the kernel. Please create this function if the attached `r4ixxx.c` file does not include this function. When user defines this function, the name of this function can be changed. User need not define this function if there is no need to stop the timer interrupt. (It is omitted in many of the samples)

Return       none

---

## os\_int\_ini

---

Function     Interrupt Initialization

Declaration   ER os\_int\_ini(void);

Description   The intini system call is called in the interrupt-disabled state from sysini. It initializes the hardware, and so on.

As this system call depends on the target, it is defined in the attached r4ixxx.c, which is supplied as a sample, different from the kernel. When a user creates this function, if there is nothing specially to initialize, please do nothing but carry out the return with E\_OK code.

Return        E\_OK            Successful termination  
              E\_PAR          The interrupt vector size is out of the range (depending on the target).

## 7. List

### 7.1 Error code list

E_OK	0	Normal termination / Successful termination
E_SYS	0xf..ffb (-5)	System error
E_NOSPT	0xf..ff7 (-9)	Unsupported function
E_RSFN	0xf..ff6 (-10)	Subscription/reservation function code
E_RSATR	0xf..ff5 (-11)	Subscription attribute
E_PAR	0xf..fef (-17)	Parameter error
E_ID	0xf..fee (-18)	Illegal ID number
E_CTX	0xf..fe7 (-25)	Context error
E_ILUSE	0xf..fe4 (-28)	Illegal use of system call
E_NOMEM	0xf..fdf (-33)	Insufficient memory
E_NOID	0xf..fde (-34)	Insufficient ID number
E_OBJ	0xf..fd7 (-41)	Object function error
E_NOEXS	0xf..fd6 (-42)	Uncreated object
E_QOVR	0xf..fd5 (-43)	Queuing overflow
E_TMOU	0xf..fce (-50)	Polling failure or timeout
E_RLWAI	0xf..fcf (-49)	Forced release of wait state
E_DLT	0xf..fcd (-51)	Deletion of waiting object

## 7.2 System call list

### Task management functions

	1	2	3
Task creation tk_cre_tsk (tskid, pk_ctsk) ;	O	O	X
Task Deletion tk_del_tsk(tskid);	O	O	X
Task starting (Starting code specification) tk_sta_tsk(tskid, stacd);	O	O	O
Self-task termination tk_ext_tsk();	O	X	X
Self-task termination and deletion tk_exd_tsk();	O	X	X
Other task forced termination tk_ter_tsk(tskid);	O	O	O
Change task priority tk_chg_pri(tskid, tskpri);	O	O	O
Refer to task state tk_ref_tsk(tskid, pk_rtsk);	O	O	O

Notes,

1 – Can Issue from task.

2 – Can issue from timer /event handler.

3 – Can issue from interrupt handler.

## Task associated synchronization

	1	2	3
Waiting for wakeup tk_slp_tsk();	O	X	X
Waiting for wakeup (timeout specified) tk_slp_tsk(tmout);	O	X	X
Task wakeup command tk_wup_tsk(tskid);	O	O	O
Cancellation of task wakeup command tk_can_wup(tskid);	O	O	O
Self-task wakeup command cancellation * vcan_wup(tskid);	O	O	O
Forced release of waiting task tk_rel_wai(tskid);	O	O	O
Task suspend command tk_sus_tsk(tskid);	O	O	O
Resume from suspended state tk_rsm_tsk(tskid);	O	O	O
Forced resume from suspended state tk_frsm_tsk(tskid);	O	O	O
Delay self-task tk_dly_tsk(dlytim);	O	X	X

## Notes,

- ecRTOS original system call
- 1 – Can Issue from task.
- 2 – Can issue from timer /event handler.
- 3 – Can issue from interrupt handler.

## Task exception handling

	1	2	3
Definition of the task exception handling routine tk_def_tex(tskid, pk_dtex);	0	0	X
Request task exception handling tk_ras_tex(tskid, rasptn);	0	0	0
Request task exception handling iras_tex(tskid, rasptn);	X	0	0
Prohibit task exception handling tk_dis_tex();	0	0	0
Enable task exception handling tk_ena_tex();	0	0	0
Refer to the state of the task exception handling tk_ref_tex(tskid, pk_rtex);	0	0	0

Notes,

1 – Can Issue from task.

2 – Can issue from timer /event handler.

3 – Can issue from interrupt handler.

## Synchronization and Communication (Semaphore)

	1	2	3
Semaphore creation tk_cre_sem(semid, pk_csem);	O	O	X
Semaphore deletion tk_del_sem(semid);	O	O	X
Semaphore resource release tk_sig_sem(semid);	O	O	O
Semaphore resource acquisition tk_wai_sem(semid);	O	X	X
Semaphore resource acquisition tk_wai_sem(semid, tmout);	O	X	X
Semaphore state reference tk_ref_sem(semid, pk_rsem);	O	O	O

Notes,

1 – Can Issue from task.

2 – Can issue from timer /event handler.

3 – Can issue from interrupt handler.

## Synchronization and Communication (Event flag)

	1	2	3
Event flag creation tk_cre_flg(flgid, pk_cflg);	O	O	X
Event flag deletion tk_del_flg(flgid);	O	O	X
Event flag set tk_set_flg(flgid, setptn);	O	O	O
Event flag clear tk_clr_flg(flgid, clrptn);	O	O	O
Waiting for event flag (timeout available) tk_wai_flg(flgid, waiptn, wfmode, p_flgptn, tmout);	O	X	X
Refer to event flag state tk_ref_flg(flgid, pk_rflg);	O	O	O

## Notes,

- 1 – Can Issue from task.
- 2 – Can issue from timer /event handler.
- 3 – Can issue from interrupt handler.

## Synchronization and Communication (Mail box)

	1	2	3
Mailbox creation tk_cre_mbx(mbxid, pk_cmbx);	O	O	X
Mailbox deletion tk_del_mbx(mbxid);	O	O	X
Send message to mailbox tk_snd_mbx(mbxid, pk_msg);	O	O	O
Receive message from mailbox tk_rcv_mbx(mbxid, ppk_msg);	O	X	X
Refer to the state of the mailbox tk_ref_mbx(mbxid, pk_rmbx);	O	O	O

## Notes,

1 – Can Issue from task.

2 – Can issue from timer /event handler.

3 – Can issue from interrupt handler.

## Extended Synchronization and Communication (Mutex)

	1	2	3
Mutex creation tk_cre_mtx(mtxid, pk_cmtx);	O	O	X
Mutex deletion tk_del_mtx(mtxid);	O	O	X
Lock the mutex tk_loc_mtx(mtxid,tmout);	O	X	X
Unlock the mutex tk_unl_mtx(mtxid);	O	O	O
Refer to the state of the mutex tk_ref_mtx(mtxid, pk_rmtx);	O	O	O

## Notes,

1 – Can Issue from task.

2 – Can issue from timer /event handler.

3 – Can issue from interrupt handler.

## Extended Synchronization and Communication (Message buffer)

	1	2	3
Message buffer creation tk_cre_mbf(mbfid, pk_cmbf);	O	O	X
Message buffer deletion tk_del_mbf(mbfid);	O	O	X
Send message to message buffer tk_snd_mbf(mbfid, msg, msgsz, tmout);	O	X	X
Receive message from message buffer. tk_rcv_mbf(mbfid, msg, tmout);	O	X	X
Refer to the state of the message buffer tk_ref_mbf(mbfid, pk_rmbf);	O	O	O

## Notes,

1 – Can Issue from task.

2 – Can issue from timer /event handler.

3 – Can issue from interrupt handler.

## Fixed length memory pool management

	1	2	3
Fixed-length memory pool creation tk_cre_mpf(mpfid, pk_cmpf);	O	O	X
Fixed-length memory pool deletion tk_del_mpf(mpfid);	O	O	X
Fixed-length memory block acquisition tk_get_mpf(mpfid, p_blk);	O	X	X
Fixed-length memory block release tk_rel_mpf(mpfid, blk);	O	O	O
Refer to the state of the fixed size memory pool. tk_ref_mpf(mpfid, pk_rmpf);	O	O	O

## Notes,

1 – Can Issue from task.

2 – Can issue from timer /event handler.

3 – Can issue from interrupt handler.

## Variable length memory pool management

	1	2	3
Variable-length memory pool creation tk_cre_mpl(mplid, pk_cmpl);	O	O	X
Variable-length memory pool delation tk_del_mpl(mplid);	O	O	X
Acquisition of block from variable-length memory pool. tk_get_mpl(mplid, blksz, p_blk);	O	X	X
Variable-length memory pool release tk_rel_mpl(mplid, blk);	O	O	X
Refer to the state of the variable length memory pool tk_ref_mpl(mplid, pk_rmpl);	O	O	X

## Notes,

1 – Can Issue from task.

2 – Can issue from timer /event handler.

3 – Can issue from interrupt handler.

## Time management (System time)

	1	2	3
A setup of the system time tk_set_utc(p_tim);	0	0	0
Get the system time tk_get_utc(p_tim);	0	0	0
Supply of a time tick os_tim_tik();	X	X	0

## Notes,

1 – Can Issue from task.

2 – Can issue from timer /event handler.

3 – Can issue from interrupt handler.

## Time management (Cyclic handler)

	1	2	3
Cyclic handler creation tk_cre_cyc(cycid, pk_ccyc);	0	0	X
Cyclic handler deletion tk_del_cyc(cycid);	0	0	X
Start the cyclic handler tk_sta_cyc(cycid);	0	0	0
Stop the cyclic handler tk_stp_cyc(cycid);	0	0	0
Refer to the state of the cyclic handler tk_ref_cyc(cycid, pk_rcyc);	0	0	0

## Notes,

1 – Can Issue from task.

2 – Can issue from timer /event handler.

3 – Can issue from interrupt handler.

## Time management (Alarm handler)

	1	2	3
Alarm handler creation tk_cre_alm(almid, pk_calm);	0	0	X
Alarm handler deletion tk_del_alm(almid);	0	0	X
Start of the alarm handler tk_sta_alm(almid, almtim);	0	0	0
Stop the alarm handler tk_stp_alm(almid);	0	0	0
Refer to the state of the alarm handler tk_ref_alm(almid, pk_ralm);	0	0	0

## Notes,

1 – Can Issue from task.

2 – Can issue from timer /event handler.

3 – Can issue from interrupt handler.

## System state management

	1	2	3
Rotation of the task execution order. tk_rot_rdq(tskpri);	O	O	O
Refer to the task ID of a running state tk_get_tid(p_tskid);	O	O	O
Set CPU to lock state tk_loc_cpu();	O	O	X
Unlock the CPU locked state tk_unl_cpu();	O	O	X
Prohibit the dispatch tk_dis_dsp();	O	X	X
Enable the dispatch tk_ena_dsp();	O	X	X
Refer to the state of the system tk_ref_sys(pk_rsys);	O	X	X

## Notes,

- System call exclusive to ecRTOS
- 1 – Can Issue from task.
- 2 – Can issue from timer /event handler.
- 3 – Can issue from interrupt handler.

## Interrupt management

	1	2	3
Definition of the interrupt handler tk_def_int(inhno, pk_dint);	0	0	0
Prohibition of the interrupt. DisableInt(intno);	0	0	X
Enable the interrupt. EnableInt(intno);	0	0	X
Change of the interrupt mask. SetCpuIntLevel(imask);	0	0	0
Get the interrupt mask state. GetCpuIntLevel(p_imask);	0	0	0
Start the interrupt handler * tk_ent_int();	X	X	0
End the interrupt handler * tk_ret_int();	X	X	0
Set the status register * tk_set_reg();	0	0	0
Set the interrupt mask state of the status register. * tk_get_reg();	0	0	0

## Notes,

- System call exclusive to ecRTOS
- 1 – Can Issue from task.
- 2 – Can issue from timer /event handler.
- 3 – Can issue from interrupt handler.

## System configuration management

	1	2	3
Refer to configuration information. ref_cfg(pk_rcfg);	0	0	0
Refer to version information. ref_ver(pk_rver);	0	0	0

Notes,

1 – Can Issue from task.

2 – Can issue from timer /event handler.

3 – Can issue from interrupt handler.

## 7.3 Packet structure object list

### Task generation information packet

```
typedef struct t_ctsk
{
    ATR tskatr;           Task attribute
    VP_INT exinf;        Task extension information
    FP task;             Pointer to the function made as a task
    PRI itskpri;         Task priority at start
    SIZE stksz;          Stack size (number of bytes)
    VP stk;              Stack domain start address
    B *name;             the pointer to task name
}T_CTSK;
```

### Task state packet

```
typedef struct t_rtsk
{
    STAT tskstat;        Task state
    PRI tskpri;          Current priority of task
    PRI tskbpri;         Base priority
    STAT tskwait;        Waiting factor
    ID wid;              Waiting object ID
    TMO lefftmo;         remaining value of timeout time
    UINT actcnt;          Startup request count
    UINT wupcnt;          Wakeup request count
    UINT suscnt;          Suspend demand count
    VP exinf;            Extended information
    ATR tskatr;          task attribute
    FP task;             pointer to task function
    PRI itskpri;         task priority at the time of starting
    SIZE stksz;          Stack size (in bytes)
}T_RTST;
```

### Task state easy reference packet

```
typedef struct t_rtst
{
    STAT tskstat;        Task state
    STAT tskwait;        Waiting factor
}T_RTST;
```

### Task exception handler generation information packet

```
typedef struct t_dtex
{
    ATR texatr;          Task exception handler attribute
    FP texrtn;           Pointer to task exception handler function
}T_DTEX;
```

## Task exception handler state packet

```
typedef struct t_rtex
{
    STAT texstat;      Task exception processing state
    TEXPTN pndptn;    Pending exception code
}T_RTEX;
```

## Semaphore generation information packet

```
typedef struct t_csem
{
    ATR sematr;      Semaphore attribute
    UINT isemcnt;    Semaphore initial count
    UINT maxsem;     Semaphore maximum count
    B *name;         pointer to the semaphore name
}T_CSEM;
```

## Semaphore state packet

```
typedef struct t_rsem
{
    ID wtskid;      Waiting task ID
    UINT semcnt;    Semaphore count
}T_RSEM;
```

## Event flag generation information packet

```
typedef struct t_cflg
{
    ATR flgatr;     Event flag attribute
    FLGPTN iflgptn; Event flag initial value
    B *name;        pointer to the event flag name
}T_CFLG;
```

## Event flag state packet

```
typedef struct t_rflg
{
    ID wtskid;      Waiting task ID
    FLGPTN flgptn; Event flag value
}T_RFLG;
```

## Mailbox generation information packet

```
typedef struct t_cmbx
{
    ATR mbxatr;     Mailbox attribute
    PRI maxmpri;    number of message priorities
    VP mprihd;     pointer to message queue header
    B *name;        pointer to the mailbox name
}T_CMBX;
```

## Mailbox state packet

```
typedef struct t_rmbx
{
    ID wtskid;           reception waiting task ID
    T_MSG *pk_msg;      pointer to the next message to be transmitted
}T_RMBX;
```

## Mutex generation information packet

```
typedef struct t_cmtx
{
    ATR mtxatr;         Mutex attribute
    PRI ceilpri;        Priority upper limit for the ceiling protocol
    B *name;            pointer to the mutex name
}T_CMTX;
```

## Mutex state packet

```
typedef struct t_rmtx
{
    ID htsskid;         ID of the locked task
    ID wtskid;         ID of the task waiting for release
}T_RMTX;
```

## Message buffer generation information packet

```
typedef struct t_cmbf
{
    ATR mbfatr;         message buffer attribute
    UINT maxmsz;        maximum length of the message
    SIZE mbfsz;         message buffer size
    VP mbf;             message buffer address
    B *name;            pointer to the message buffer name
}T_CMBF;
```

## Message buffer state packet

```
typedef struct t_rmbf
{
    ID stskid;          ID of the task waiting for transmission
    ID rtskid;          ID of the task waiting for reception
    UINT smsgcnt;       number of messages included in the message buffer
    SIZE fmbfsz;        buffer empty size (in bytes)
}T_RMBF;
```

## Interrupt handler definition information packet

```
typedef struct t_dint
{
    ATR inhatr;         Interrupt handler attribute
    FP inthdr;          Interrupt handler function address
    UINT imask;         Interrupt mask
}T_DINT;
```

## Variable length memory pool generation information packet

```
typedef struct t_cmpl
{
    ATR mplatr;           Variable-length memory pool attribute
    SIZE mplsiz;         Variable-length memory pool size (in bytes)
    VP mpl;              Variable-length memory pool address
    B *name;             the pointer to a variable-length memory pool name
}T_CMPL;
```

## Variable length memory pool state reference packet

```
typedef struct t_rmpl
{
    ID wtskid;           ID of the task waiting for acquisition
    SIZE fmplsiz;       Total size of free memory (in bytes)
    UINT fblkisz;       largest size of continuous block (in bytes)
}T_RMPL;
```

## Fixed length memory pool generation information packet

```
typedef struct t_cmpf
{
    ATR mpfatr;         Fixed-length memory pool attribute
    UINT blkcnt;        the total number of memory blocks
    UINT blfsz;         Size of a memory block (in bytes)
    VP mpf;             Memory pool address
    B *name;            the pointer to a fixed-length memory pool name
}T_CMPF;
```

## Fixed length memory pool state reference packet

```
typedef struct t_rmpf
{
    ID wtskid;           ID of the task waiting for acquisition
    UINT frbcnt;        the number of free blocks
}T_RMPF;
```

## Cyclic handler generation information packet

```
typedef struct t_ccyc
{
    ATR cycatr;         Cyclic handler attribute
    VP_INT exinf;       Extended information
    FP cychdr;         Address of the cyclic handler function
    RELTIM cyctim;     Interval period
    RELTIM cycphs;     Startup phase
}T_CCYC;
```

## Cyclic handler state reference packet

```
typedef struct t_rcyc
{
    STAT cycstat;       Cyclic handler operation state
    RELTIM lefttim;     Time left to start
}T_RCYC;
```

## Alarm handler generation information packet

```
typedef struct t_calm
{   ATR almatr;           Alarm handler attribute
    VP_INT exinf;        Extended information
    FP almhdr;           Address to an alarm handler function
}T_CALM;
```

## Alarm handler state reference packet

```
typedef struct t_ralm
{   STAT almstat;        Alarm handler state
    RELTIM lefttim;      time left to start alarm handler
}T_RALM;
```

## Version information packet

```
typedef struct t_rver
{   UH maker;           Maker code
    UH prid;            Kernel Identifier code
    UH spver;            $\mu$ T-Kernel Specification version
    UH prver;           Kernel Version number
    UH prno[4];         Management information
}T_RVER;
```

## System state reference packet

```
typedef struct t_rsys
{   INT sysstat;      System state
}T_RSYS;
```

## Configuration information packet

```
typedef struct t_rcfg
{   ID tskid_max;     Task ID value upper limit
    ID semid_max;     Semaphore ID value upper limit
    ID flgid_max;     Event flag ID value upper limit
    ID mbxid_max;     Mailbox ID value upper limit
    ID mbfid_max;     Message buffer ID value upper limit
    ID mplid_max;     Variable length memory pool ID value upper limit
    ID mpfid_max;     Fixed length memory pool ID value upper limit
    ID cycno_max;     Cyclic handler ID value upper limit
    ID almno_max;     Alarm handler ID value upper limit
    PRI tpri_max;     Task priority value upper limit
    int tmrqsz;       Task timer queue size
    int cycqsz;       Cyclic handler timer queue size
    int almqsz;       Alarm handler timer queue size
    int istksz;       Interrupt handler stack size (in bytes)
    int tstksz;       Timer event handler stack size (in bytes)
    SIZE sysmsz;      System memory size (in bytes)
    SIZE mplmsz;      memory size of memory-pool (in bytes)
    SIZE stkmsz;      memory size of stack (in bytes)
    ID mtxid_max;     Mutex ID value upper limit
    ID svcfn_max;     upper limit for Extended service call functional number
}T_RCFG;
```

## Extended service call definition information

```
typedef struct t_dsvc
{   ATR svcatr;       Extended service call attribute
    FP svcrtn;        Extended service call routine address
    INT parn;         Number of parameters of the extended service call routine
}T_DSVC;
```

## 7.4 Constant list

### Task handler attribute

TA_HLNG	0x0000	Description in high-level language
TA_ACT	0x0002	Task creation in ready state

### Task waiting queue attribute

TA_TFIFO	0x0000	FIFO (First-In First-Out)
TA_TPRI	0x0001	Task priority order
TA_TPRIR	0x0004	Receiving task priority order (Message buffer)

### Timeout

TMO_POL	0	Polling (without waiting)
TMO_FEVR	-1	Infinite waiting (without timeout)

### Task ID

TSK_SELF	0	Specifies task itself
TSK_NONE	0	No task

### Task priority

TPRI_INI	0	Priority during initialization
TPRI_SELF	0	Task own base priority
TMIN_TPRI	1	minimum value of the priority
TMAX_TPRI		Maximum priority value (depends on the configuration value)

### Task state

TTS_RUN	0x0001	Running state
TTS_RDY	0x0002	Ready state
TTS_WAI	0x0004	WAITING state
TTS_SUS	0x0008	SUSPENDED state
TTS_WAS	0x000c	WAITING-SUSPENDED state
TTS_DMT	0x0010	DORMANT state

### Task exception handler state

TTEX_ENA	0x00	Task exception handling allowed
TTEX_DIS	0x01	Task exception handling prohibited

## Task wait factor

TTW_SLP	0x0001	Waiting for wakeup
TTW_DLY	0x0002	Fixed time wait
TTW_SEM	0x0004	Waiting for semaphore acquisition
TTW_FLG	0x0008	Waiting for event flag
TTW_MBX	0x0040	Waiting for message from mailbox
TTW_MTX	0x0080	Waiting for mutex acquisition
TTW_SMBF	0x0100	Waiting for message buffer message transmission
TTW_MBF	0x0200	Waiting for message buffer message reception
TTW_MPF	0x2000	Waiting for variable length memory pool acquisition
TTW_MPL	0x4000	Waiting for fixed length memory pool acquisition

## Event flag attribute

TA_WSGL	0x0000	multiple task waiting prohibition
TA_CLR	0x0004	Clear flag
TA_WMUL	0x0002	multiple task waiting allowed

## Event flag wait mode

TWF_ANDW	0x0000	Waiting with AND logic
TWF_ORW	0x0001	Waiting with OR logic
TWF_CLR	0x0004	Clear flag

## Message queue type

TA_MFIFO	0x0000	FIFO (First-In-First-Out) type
TA_MPRI	0x0002	as per message priority

## Message priority

TMIN_MPRI	1	Highest priority of message
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## Mutex attribute

TA_INHERIT	0x0002	Priority inheritance protocol
TA_CEILING	0x0003	Priority maximum limit protocol

## Cyclic handler attribute

TA_STA	0x0002	Cyclic handler start
TA_PHS	0x0004	Phase preservation

## Cyclic handler state

TCYC_STP	0x0000	Stop state
TCYC_STA	0x0001	Run state

## Alarm handler state

TALM_STP	0x0000	Stop state
TALM_STA	0x0001	Run state

## System state

TSS_TSK	0	Task context part
TSS_DDSP	1	Task context part (Dispatch prohibition state)
TSS_LOC	3	Task context part (CPU lock state)
TSS_INDP	4	Non-task context part

## Maximum number of queuing

TMAX_WUPCNT	255	maximum number of wakeup requests by tk_wup_tsk
TMAX_SUSCNT	255	maximum number of task suspend requests by tk_sus_tsk
TMAX_ACTCNT	255	maximum number of wakeup requests by act_tsk
TMAX_MAXSEM	65535	maximum count of Semaphores

## Other constants

TRUE	1	Boolean true
FALSE	0	Boolean false

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