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6.10.2.2 7.10.2.2 7.50.2.2	160817	МС	Updated for modified C-Spy Debugger with Cortex-M and IAR EWARM 7.5. Updated for modified stack layout with embOS for RX and IAR. Improved task sensitivity with embOS for RL78 and IAR.
6.10.2.1 7.10.2.1 7.50.2.1	160608	МС	Fixed menu option for software timers.
6.10.2.0 7.10.2.0 7.50.2.0	160524	МС	Updated for modified stack layout with Cortex-M since embOS V4.22. Fixed task sensitivity with Cortex-M for versions of embOS prior to V4.22.
7.10.1.2	160112	МС	Update for modified runtime model with RL78 since embOS V4.16.
7.50.1.1	150730	МС	New plugin for IAR EW 7.50.
7.10.1.b	150511	TS	New plugin for IAR EW 7.10.
6.0.6.10 3.82.6	130529	AW	Modification required to show task sensitive call stack for embOS CortexM version 3.88b or above, because of modified stack layout. embOS version number shown in system information window for embOS versions V3.88b and above.
6.0.6.9	120321	AW	embOS timer list generation corrected. The previous version may have crashed the debugger when embOS timer were used in the application.
6.0.6.8	110614	AW	embOS timer list display corrected.
6.0.6.7	110614	AW	Full task sensitive call stack for Cortex M4F including floating point unit and registers.

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6.0.6.6	110614	AW	Support for Cortex M4F added.
6.0.6.5	110614	AW	Full task sensitive call stack trace for RENESAS RL78 added.
6.0.6.4	110408	AW	New corrected plugin version for EWARM V6. Previous versions did not show the task sensitive call stack for ARM big endian targets.
6.0.6.3	110303	AW	New corrected plugin version for EWARM V6. Previous versions did not show the task sensitive call stack correctly.
3.82.5	110303	AW	New corrected plugin version for EWARM V5. Previous versions did not show the task sensitive call stack correctly.
6.0.6.2	110227	AW	RENESAS RL78 supported.
3.82.4	101228	AW	Plugin initialization modified to fix a problem that inhibited the start of the plugin. Under some circumstances, the OS_TASK structure could not be found.
6.0.5 + 3.82.3	100708	AW	Display errors under Windows 7 corrected. Debug and trace library mode now shown in the system information window. Several new error messages (OS_Status) in system information window added.
6.0.4	100528	AW	Big endian support for Renesas RX addded
6.0.3	100527	AW	Support for Renesas RX added for new IAR EW6
6.0.2	100413	AW	Support for SH2A added
6.0.1	100408	AW	New plugin for IAR EW 6
3.82.2	091030	AW	Task awareness for Renesas RX added. Task awareness for Renesas R32C added.
3.82.1	091026	AW	Version number modified to corresponding embOS version. J-Link memory read error fixed.
3.82.0	091007	AW	Version number modified to corresponding embOS version. J-Link memory read error fixed.
3.80.3	090911	AW	Task awareness for M16C added.
3.80.2	090606	AW	Task state display corrected.
3.80.1	090505	AW	Task awareness for Cortex-M3 added.
3.60.e	081208	AW	Version number modified to corresponding embOS version.
2.00e	070707	AW	Initial version for IAR Embedded Workbench V5

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Chapter 1

Introduction

This chapter gives a short overview about the embOS C-Spy plug-in for IAR Embedded Workbench.

1.1 Overview

1.1.1 embOS C-Spy Plug-in for IAR Embedded Workbench

SEGGER's embOS C-Spy plug-in for IAR Embedded Workbench provides embOS-awareness during debugging sessions. This enables you to inspect the state of several embOS primitives such as the task list, resource semaphores, mailboxes, embOS software timers and major system variables.

1.1.2 embOS

embOS is a real-time operating system for embedded applications designed to offer the benefits of a fully-fledged multitasking system at minimum cost. The kernel is fully interruptible and so efficient that embOS can be used in very time critical situations. The memory footprint in both RAM and ROM is so small that embOS can be used in single-chip applications, leaving maximum room for the user-program.

1.1.3 IAR Embedded Workbench

IAR Embedded Workbench is a set of development tools for building and debugging embedded applications using assembler, C and C++. It provides a completely integrated development environment that includes a project manager, editor, build tools and the C-SPY debugger. IAR Embedded Workbench supports a wide range of microcontrollers and cores from different chip manufacturers. It offers the same intuitive user interface regardless of which microcontroller you have chosen to work with—coupled with general and target-specific support for each chip.

1.2 Supported CPUs

The embOS C-Spy plug-in works with 8-bit, 16-bit or 32-bit CPUs in little- or big-endian mode. To use the embOS C-Spy plug-in you need a version of IAR Embedded Workbench installed and a debug target which uses embOS.

The following plug-ins are available and may be used with the listed versions of IAR's Embedded Workbench:

embOS Port	IAR Embedded Workbench Version	Compatible Plug-In version
78K0	<= 4.80	6.10.2.2
	>= 4.81	7.10.2.2
8051	<= 8.30	6.10.2.2
	>= 9.10	7.10.2.2
	<= 6.70	6.10.2.2
ARM7/9	>= 7.10 and <= 7.40	7.10.2.2
	>= 7.50	7.50.2.2
	<= 6.70	6.10.2.2
Cortex-M	>= 7.10 and <= 7.40	7.10.2.2
	>= 7.50	7.50.2.2
AVR	<= 6.40	6.10.2.2
	>= 6.50	7.10.2.2
AVR32	<= 4.21	6.10.2.2
	>= 4.30	7.10.2.2
Coldfire	Any	3.82.3.0
CR16C	<= 3.20	6.10.2.2
	>= 3.30	7.10.2.2
Н8	Any	6.0.1.0
M16C	<= 3.60	6.10.2.2
	>= 3.70	7.10.2.2
M32C	Any	6.0.1.0
MSP430	<= 5.60	6.10.2.2
M3F 430	>= 6.10	7.10.2.2
R32C	Any	6.10.2.2
RH850	>= 1.30	7.10.2.2
DI 70	<= 1.30	6.10.2.2
RL78	>= 1.40	7.10.2.2
DV	<= 2.50	6.10.2.2
RX	>= 2.60	7.10.2.2
SH	Any	6.10.2.2
STM8	<= 1.42	6.10.2.2
311118	>= 2.10	7.10.2.2
VOEO	<= 4.10	6.10.2.2
V850	>= 4.20	7.10.2.2

Table 1.1: Supported CPUs and IDE versions

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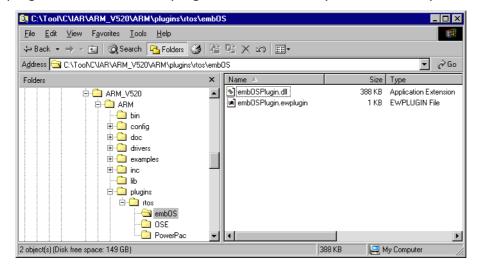
Installation

This chapter describes the installation steps required to use the embOS C-Spy plugin.

2.1 Installation Procedure

Normally there is no installation required, because the IAR Embedded Workbench comes with the plug-in already installed. If for some reason you want to uptade the plug-in, you have to replace two files.

The installation procedure is very straightforward because it only requires you to copy the contents of the embOS C-Spy plug-in package into the IAR CPU specific plug-in folder for rtos plug-ins. The directory structure may look like this:



If not already delivered with the IAR Embedded Workbench IDE, create a directory embos below the CPU specific plugin\rtos\ folder and copy the files from the embOS folder which comes with the plugin into that folder in your IAR installation directory. Then restart the IAR Embedded Workbench IDE.

IMPORTANT:

Before replacing any files already found in the plugin\rtos\embos folder of the IAR embedded workbench, you should make a backup copy of these files.

You should also check the version number of the plugin.

To check the version number, you may open the file embOSPlugin.ewplugin which is an xml text file.

The version number is shown as last entry and looks like follows:

<version>6.0.6.10

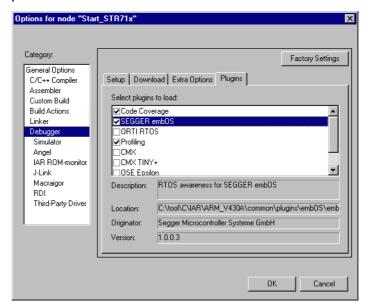
The first number is the major version number.

Never replace a plugin with a differnt major version number.

You may replace the plugin in the embedded workbench when the last number (revision) in the files found in the embedded workbench is lower than the number of the files delivered with embOS.

2.2 Configuration

By default, the embOS C-Spy plug-in is not loaded during debugging. For each project configuration you have to explicitly enable the plug-in in the debugger section of the project options:



The embOS C-Spy plug-in is now available in debugging sessions and may be accessed from the main menu.

Chapter 3 Getting started

This chapter describes the embOS C-Spy plug-in and its capabilities in greater detail.

3.1 Overview

During your debugging session, the embOS C-Spy plug-in is accessible from the IAR Embedded Workbench IDE **main** menu. Note that if you are not running a debugging session, there is no **embOS menu** item available.



From the menu you may activate the individual windows that provide embOS related information. The sections below describe these individual windows. The amount of information available depends on the embOS build used during debugging. If a certain part is not available, the respective menu item is either greyed out or the window column shows a N/A.

3.2 Task list

The **Task List** window lists all current embOS tasks. It retrieves its information directly from the embOS task list.



The individual columns are described below:

Column	Description		
*	A green arrow points at the currently active embOS task.		
Prio	The priority of the task.		
Id	The task control block address that uniquely identifies a task.		
Name	If available, the task name is shown here.		
Status	The task status as a short text.		
Timeout	If a task is delayed, this column shows the timeout value and in parentheses the point in time when the delay will be finished.		
Stack Info	If available, this column shows the amount of used stack space, and the available stack space, as well as the value of the current stack bottom pointer.		
Run count	The number of task activations.		
Time slice	If round robin scheduling is available, this column shows the number of remaining time slices and the number of time slice reloads.		
Events	The event mask of a task.		

Table 3.1: Task list window items

3.2.1 Task sensitivity

The **Source Code** window, the **Disassembly** window, the **Register** window, and the **Call Stack** window of the C-Spy debugger are task sensitive since version 3.62 of the embOS C-Spy plug-in for several CPUs. This means that they show the position in the code, the general-purpose registers and the call stack of the selected task. By default, the selected task is always the running task, which is the normal behavior of a debugger that the user expects.

You can examine a particular thread by double-clicking on the corresponding row in the window. The selected task will be underlayed in yellow. The C-Spy Debugger rebuilds the call stack and the preserved general-purpose registers of a suspended task. Refer to *State of suspended tasks* on page 14 for detailed information about which information are available for the different task states.

Every time the CPU is started or when the Idle-row of the task window is double clicked, the selected task is switched back to this default.

The task sensitive source window, call stack and register window are supported for the following CPUs:

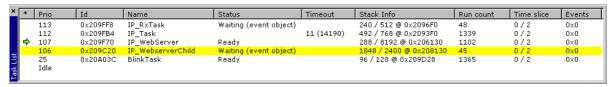
- ARM7/9
- ARM Cortex-M0/M3/M4/M4F/M7
- Renesas M16C
- Renesas R32C
- Renesas RL78
- Renesas RX
- Renesas SH2A

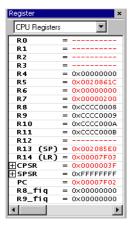
3.2.1.1 State of suspended tasks

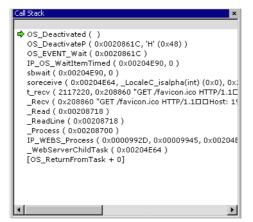
Blocked tasks (suspended by cooperative task switch)

Tasks which have given up execution voluntarily by calling a blocking function, such as OS_Delay() or OS_Wait_...(). In this case, there was no need for the OS to save the scratch registers (in case of ARM RO-R3, R12).

The **Register** window will show "----" for the content of these registers.

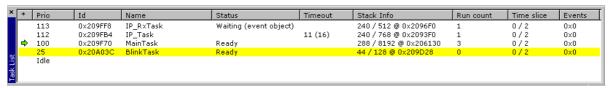


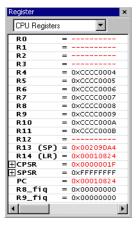




Tasks waiting for first activation

These basically fall into the same category as blocked tasks, the call stack and registers look similar to the following screenshots. Similarly, temporary registers are unknown. The **Call Stack** shows a single entry **OS_StartTask**. **Run count** is 0.

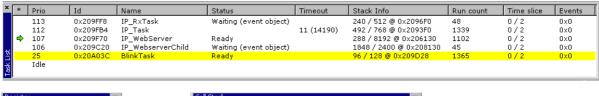


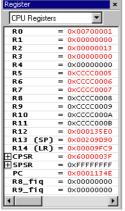


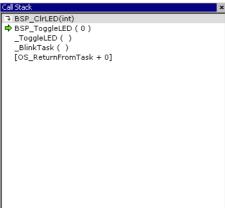


Interrupted tasks

Tasks which have been interrupted and preempted, typically by a task with higher priority becoming ready. In this case, the OS saved all registers, including the scratch registers (in case of ARM R0-R3, R12). The **Register** window shows the values of all registers, including the scratch registers.



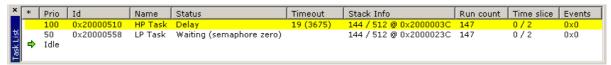




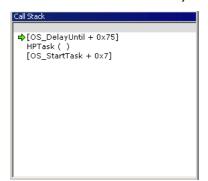
3.2.1.2 Call stack with embOS libraries

All embOS libraries are built with full optimization. Therefore it may happen that not all function calls are shown in the call stack in detail. The additional embOS library *dpl.a is built with low optimization. It may be used for application development instead of the Debug and Profiling library.

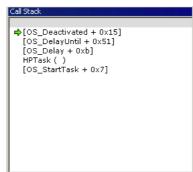
Using a library built with low optimization level gives the ability to see the complete detailed call stack.



Call stack with DP library



Call stack with DPL library



3.3 Mailboxes

A mailbox is a buffer that is managed by the real-time operating system. The buffer behaves like a normal buffer; you can put something (called a message) in and retrieve it later. This window shows the mailboxes and provides information about the number of messages, waiting tasks etc.

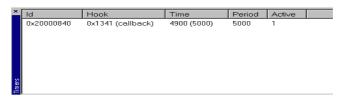


Column	Description		
Id	The mailbox address.		
Messages	The number of messages in a mailbox and the maximum number of messages the mailbox can hold.		
Message size	The size of an individual message in bytes.		
pBuffer	The message buffer address.		
Waiting tasks	The list of tasks that are waiting for a mailbox, that is their address and name.		

Table 3.2: Mailboxes window items

3.4 Timers

A software timer is an object that calls a user-specified routine after a specified delay. This window provides information about active software timers.

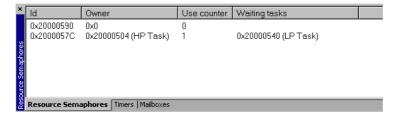


Column	Description
Id	The timer's address.
Hook	The function (address and name) that is called after the timeout.
Time	The time delay and the point in time, when the timer finishes waiting.
Period	The time period the timer runs.
Active	Shows whether the timer is active (running) or not.

Table 3.3: Timers window items

3.5 Resource semaphores

Resource semaphores are used to manage resources by avoiding conflicts caused by simultaneous use of a resource. This window provides information about available resources.

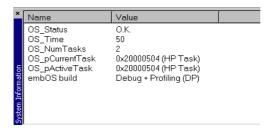


Column	Description
Id	The resource semaphore address.
Owner	The address and name of the owner task.
Use counter	Counts the number of semaphore uses.
Waiting tasks	Lists the tasks (address and name) that are waiting at the sema- phore.

Table 3.4: Resource Semaphores window items

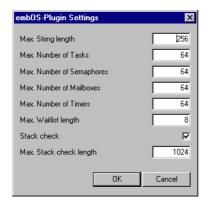
3.6 System information

A running embOS contains a number of system variables that are available for inspection. This window lists the most important ones.



3.7 Settings

To be safe, the embOS C-Spy plug-in imposes certain limits on the amount of information retrieved from the target, to avoid endless requests in case of false values in the target memory. This dialog box allows you to tweak these limits in a certain range, for example if your task names are no longer than 32 characters you may set the **Maximum string length** to 32, or if they are longer than the default you may increase that value.



After changing settings and clicking the **OK** button, your changes are applied immediately and should become noticeable after the next window update, for example when hitting the next breakpoint. However, the settings are restored to their default values on plug-in reload.

3.8 About

Finally, the ${\bf About}$ dialog box contains the embOS C-Spy plug-in version number and the date of compilation.



Chapter 4

Support

This chapter contains information about contacting support and what information to provide.

4.1 Contacting Support

We work hard to avoid as much software defects as possible. However, if you encounter an error in our software, you may contact our support at $support_embos@seg-ger.com$. We will try to correct any malfunction as soon as possible. To do this, we need all relevant information. Please try to provide us with at least the following information:

- IAR Embedded Workbench IDE & C-SPY debugger versions.
- Information about the target CPU.
- embOS C-Spy plug-in version number.
- A detailled description of the problem and how to reproduce it.
- If possible send us a project that triggers the problem.