



# HCC OAL for FreeRTOS User Guide

Version 2.20

For use with OAL for FreeRTOS™ versions 2.07 and  
above

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# 1. System Overview

This chapter contains the fundamental information for this module.

The component sections are as follows:

- [Introduction](#) - describes the main elements of the module.
- [Feature Check](#) - summarizes the main features of the module as bullet points.
- [Packages and Documents](#) - the *Packages* section lists the packages that you need in order to use this module. The *Documents* section lists the relevant user guides.
- [Change History](#) - lists the earlier versions of this manual, giving the software version that each manual describes.

## 1.1. Introduction

This guide is for those who want to use HCC Embedded's OS Abstraction Layer (OAL) for their developments in embedded systems that use the FreeRTOS™ operating system.

The HCC OAL is an abstraction of a Real Time Operating System (RTOS). It defines how HCC software requires an RTOS to behave and its Application Programming Interface (API) defines the functions it requires. Most HCC systems and modules use one or more components of the OAL.

HCC has ported its OAL to FreeRTOS™, in the process creating "hooks" which call FreeRTOS™ functions from the HCC abstractions. Once you unzip the files from the **oal\_os\_freertos** package into the **oal/os** folder in the source tree, these files will automatically call the correct functions.

The OAL API defines functions for handling the following elements:

- Tasks.
- Events - these are used as a signaling mechanism, both between tasks, and from asynchronous sources such as Interrupt Service Routines (ISRs) to tasks.
- Mutexes - these guarantee that, while one task is using a particular resource, no other task can preempt it and use the same resource.
- Interrupt Service Routines (ISRs) - in FreeRTOS™ ISRs are platform-specific.

## 1.2. Feature Check

The main features of the module are the following:

- Conforms to the HCC Advanced Embedded Framework.
- Integrated with the HCC OS Abstraction Layer (OAL).
- Fully MISRA-compliant.
- Allows all HCC middleware to run with the FreeRTOS™ RTOS.

## 1.3. Packages and Documents

### Packages

The table below lists the packages that you need in order to use the OAL:

Package	Description
<b>oal_base</b>	The OAL base package.
<b>oal_os_freertos</b>	The OAL for FreeRTOS™ package. Unzip the files from this package into the <b>oal/os</b> folder in the source tree.

### Documents

For an overview of HCC RTOS software, see [Product Information](#) on the main HCC website.

Readers should note the points in the [HCC Documentation Guidelines](#) on the HCC documentation website.

#### **HCC Firmware Quick Start Guide**

This document describes how to install packages provided by HCC in the target development environment. Also follow the *Quick Start Guide* when HCC provides package updates.

#### **HCC Source Tree Guide**

This document describes the HCC source tree. It gives an overview of the system to make clear the logic behind its organization.

#### **HCC OS Abstraction Layer (Base) User Guide**

This document describes the base OAL package, defining the standard functions that must be provided by an RTOS. Use this as your reference to global configuration options and the API.

#### **HCC OAL for FreeRTOS™ User Guide**

This is this document.

## 1.4. Change History

This section describes past changes to this manual.

- To download this manual or a PDF describing an [earlier software version, see OAL PDFs](#).
- For the history of changes made to the package code itself, see [History: oal\\_os\\_freertos](#).

The current version of this manual is 2.20. The full list of versions is as follows:

Manual version	Date	Software version	Reason for change
2.20	2021-01-22	2.08	Added <b>psp_avr32</b> files to <i>Source Files</i> and <i>PSP Porting</i> . Added configuration options OAL_FREERTOS_MAJOR_VERSION_IS_BELOW_5 and OAL_AVR32_PORT. Added function <b>psp_isr_set_switch_required()</b> to <i>PSP Porting</i> .
2.10	2020-05-27	2.06	Added OAL_USE_FPU configuration option.
2.00	2020-02-13	2.05	New document template.
1.40	2018-06-07	2.04	Corrected text on OAL_EVENT_FLAG configuration option. Added note to <i>Platform Support Package (PSP) Files</i> .
1.30	2017-06-28	2.04	New <i>Change History</i> format.
1.20	2016-02-24	2.03	Modified <i>Feature Check</i> section.
1.10	2015-04-02	2.80	Added <i>PSP Porting</i> section.
1.00	2014-12-04	2.80	First online version.



## 2. Source File List

This section describes all the source code files included in the system. These files follow the HCC Embedded standard source tree system, described in the [HCC Source Tree Guide](#). All references to file pathnames refer to locations within this standard source tree, not within the package you initially receive.

**Note:** Do not modify any files except the configuration file and PSP files.

### Configuration File

The file **src/config/config\_oal\_os.h** contains [configuration options](#) specific to the system. Configure these as required. (Global configuration parameters are controlled by the base package's configuration file.)

### Source Files

These files are in the directory **src/oal/os**. **These files should only be modified by HCC.**

File	Description
<b>oalp_defs.h</b>	System defines header file.
<b>oalp_event.c</b> and <b>.h</b>	Event functions source code and header file.
<b>oalp_isr.c</b> and <b>.h</b>	ISR functions source code and header file.
<b>oalp_mutex.c</b> and <b>.h</b>	Mutex functions source code and header file.
<b>oalp_task.c</b> and <b>.h</b>	Task functions source code and header file.

### Version File

The file **src/version/ver\_oal\_os.h** contains the version number of this module. This version number is checked by all modules that use this module to ensure system consistency over upgrades.

### Platform Support Package (PSP) Files

There are two sets of PSP files, the standard PSP **psp\_template** and the PSP for Atmel AVR32 **psp\_avr32**.

The files in the directory **src/psp/target/isr** provide functions and elements the core code needs to use, depending on the hardware. Modify these files as required for your hardware.

**Note:**

- These are PSP implementations for the specific microcontroller and board; you may need to modify these to work with a different microcontroller and/or development board. See [PSP Porting](#) for details.
- In the package these files are offset to avoid overwriting an existing implementation. Copy them to the root **hcc** directory for use.



## psp\_template

These files are in the directory **src/psp/target/isr**:

File	Description
<b>psp_isr.c</b> and <b>.h</b>	ISR functions source code and header file..
<b>psp_isr_fn.s</b>	Visual Studio file for task context saving.

The PSP also has a version file, **ver\_psp\_isr.h**.

## psp\_avr32

These files are in the directory **src/psp/target/isr**:

File	Description
<b>psp_isr.c</b> and <b>.h</b>	ISR functions source code and header file..

The PSP also has a version file, **ver\_psp\_isr.h**.

## 3. Configuration Options

Set the FreeRTOS™ configuration options in the file **src/config/config\_oal\_os.h**. This section lists the available options and their default values.

**Note:** Set systemwide configuration options in the base package's configuration file; these allow you to disable certain functions or sets of functions. See the [HCC OS Abstraction Layer \(Base\) User Guide](#) for details.

### **OAL\_HIGHEST\_PRIORITY, OAL\_HIGH\_PRIORITY, OAL\_NORMAL\_PRIORITY, OAL\_LOW\_PRIORITY, OAL\_LOWEST\_PRIORITY**

By default these are respectively 9, 7, 5, 3, and 2.

### **OAL\_EVENT\_FLAG**

OAL\_EVENT\_FLAG's usage depends on the type of event system an RTOS uses. There are two types:

- Event groups are supported independently of everything else in the system. In this case OAL\_EVENT\_FLAG does not matter.
- Each event group is directly controlled by a specific task. In this case all HCC stack internal events use the OAL\_EVENT\_FLAG as the event flag to set on the tasks event group. None of the tasks invoking HCC API calls should use OAL\_EVENT\_FLAG for signalling an event.

The default is 0x100.

### **OAL\_ISR\_COUNT**

The maximum number of interrupt sources supported in HCC modules. The default is 2.

### **OAL\_USE\_FPU**

This controls whether the architecture uses FPU (Floating-Point Unit). If it is set to 1 (the default) every task has a call of **portTASK\_USES\_FLOATING\_POINT()** added at the start to prevent errors when code is optimized under architectures using FPU (that is, when the compiler decides to use FPU registers in the optimization process).

### **OAL\_FREERTOS\_MAJOR\_VERSION\_IS\_BELOW\_5**

Set this to 1 if the major version number of FreeRTOS is below 5. This provides backward-compatibility with earlier versions. The default is 0.

### **OAL\_AVR32\_PORT**

Set this to 1 if the target is an Atmel AVR32. The default is 0.

## 4. Implementation Notes

The RTOS elements are implemented as follows.

### Events

There are no rules governing events.

### Mutexes

There are no rules governing mutexes.

### Tasks

There are no rules governing tasks.

### ISRs

The platform ISR is used.

The OAL\_ISR\_COUNT configuration option defines the number of interrupts supported in HCC modules. The default is 2.

All ISR handlers require a portSAVE\_CONTEXT statement at the beginning to save the context of the current task and a portRESTORE\_CONTEXT statement at the end to restore the task context.

The implementation depends on the target microcontroller. The basic idea is to do the following:

1. Predefine OAL\_ISR\_COUNT number of ISR routines, all of which save the context at the start.
2. Call the real ISR, based on the description passed in *oal\_isr\_dsc*.
3. Restore the context.

In this way ISR handlers can be dynamically assigned to the wrapper functions.

### Ticks

There are no rules governing ticks.

## 5. Integration

This section specifies the elements of this package that need porting, depending on the target environment.

### 5.1. OS Abstraction Layer

All HCC modules use the OS Abstraction Layer (OAL) that allows the module to run seamlessly with a wide variety of RTOSes, or without an RTOS.

This module requires the following OAL elements:

OAL Resource	Number Required
Tasks	1
Mutexes	2
Events	1
ISRs	0

### 5.2. PSP Porting

These functions are provided by the standard PSP to perform various tasks. They are designed for a specific microcontroller and development board. You may need to port them to work with your hardware solution; they are designed to make porting easy. These functions are described in the following sections.

Both the **psp\_template** and **psp\_avr32** PSPs include sample code in their **psp\_isr.c** files.

Function	Description
<b>psp_isr_install()</b>	Initializes the ISR.
<b>psp_isr_delete()</b>	Deletes the ISR, releasing the associated resources.
<b>psp_isr_enable()</b>	Enables the ISR.
<b>psp_isr_disable()</b>	Disables the ISR.
<b>psp_int_enable()</b>	Enables global interrupts.
<b>psp_int_disable()</b>	Disables global interrupts.

The **psp\_avr32** PSP provides the following additional function. It also includes sample code in its **psp\_isr.c** file.

Function	Description
<b>psp_isr_set_switch_required()</b>	Determines whether a switch is required. ???

## psp\_isr\_install

This function is provided by the PSP to initialize the ISR.

### Format

```
int psp_isr_install (
    const oal_isr_dsc_t * isr_dsc,
    oal_isr_id_t *      isr_id )
```

### Arguments

Argument	Description	Type
isr_dsc	The ISR descriptor.	oal_isr_dsc_t *
isr_id	The ISR ID.	oal_isr_id_t *

### Return Values

Return value	Description
OAL_SUCCESS	Successful execution.
OAL_ERROR	Operation failed.

## psp\_isr\_delete

This function is provided by the PSP to delete the ISR, releasing the associated resources.

### Format

```
int psp_isr_delete ( oal_isr_id_t isr_id )
```

### Arguments

Argument	Description	Type
isr_id	The ISR ID.	oal_isr_id_t

### Return Values

Return value	Description
OAL_SUCCESS	Successful execution.
OAL_ERROR	Operation failed.

## psp\_isr\_enable

This function is provided by the PSP to enable the ISR.

### Format

```
int psp_isr_enable ( oal_isr_id_t isr_id )
```

### Arguments

Argument	Description	Type
isr_id	The ISR ID.	oal_isr_id_t

### Return Values

Return value	Description
OAL_SUCCESS	Successful execution.
OAL_ERROR	Operation failed.



## psp\_isr\_disable

This function is provided by the PSP to disable the ISR.

### Format

```
int psp_isr_disable ( oal_isr_id_t isr_id )
```

### Arguments

Argument	Description	Type
isr_id	The ISR ID.	oal_isr_id_t

### Return Values

Return value	Description
OAL_SUCCESS	Successful execution.
OAL_ERROR	Operation failed.

## psp\_int\_enable

This function is provided by the PSP to enable global interrupts.

### Format

```
int psp_int_enable ( void )
```

### Arguments

None.

### Return Values

Return value	Description
OAL_SUCCESS	Successful execution.
OAL_ERROR	Operation failed.

## psp\_int\_disable

This function is provided by the PSP to disable global interrupts.

### Format

```
int psp_int_disable ( void )
```

### Arguments

None.

### Return Values

Return value	Description
OAL_SUCCESS	Successful execution.
OAL_ERROR	Operation failed.

## psp\_isr\_set\_switch\_required

This function is provided by the AVR32 PSP to determine whether a context switch is required.

This function is invoked by **oal\_event\_set\_int()** on AVR32 if a context switch is required from an interrupt after setting an event flag(s).

This is required because on AVR32 interrupts must be implemented in such a way that if a context switch is required then there is a need to execute extra commands before exit. For an example see the code starting with **void psp\_isr\_example (void)** in the AVR32 PSP's file **psp\_isr.c**. This includes the following code:

```
if ( gb_is_switch_required == 0 )
{
    SET_SWITCH_IS_NOT_REQUIRED_TO_R12();
}
else
{
    SET_SWITCH_IS_REQUIRED_TO_R12();
}
```

### Format

```
void psp_isr_set_switch_required ( portBASE_TYPE b_is_switch_required )
```

### Arguments

Argument	Description	Type
b_is_switch_required	The port base type. ??	portBASE_TYPE

### Return Values

Return value	Description
OAL_SUCCESS	Successful execution.
OAL_ERROR	Operation failed.

## 6. Version

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