

# New ALT for Application Timers and Synchronisation Point Scheduling

(Two excerpts from a small channel based scheduler)

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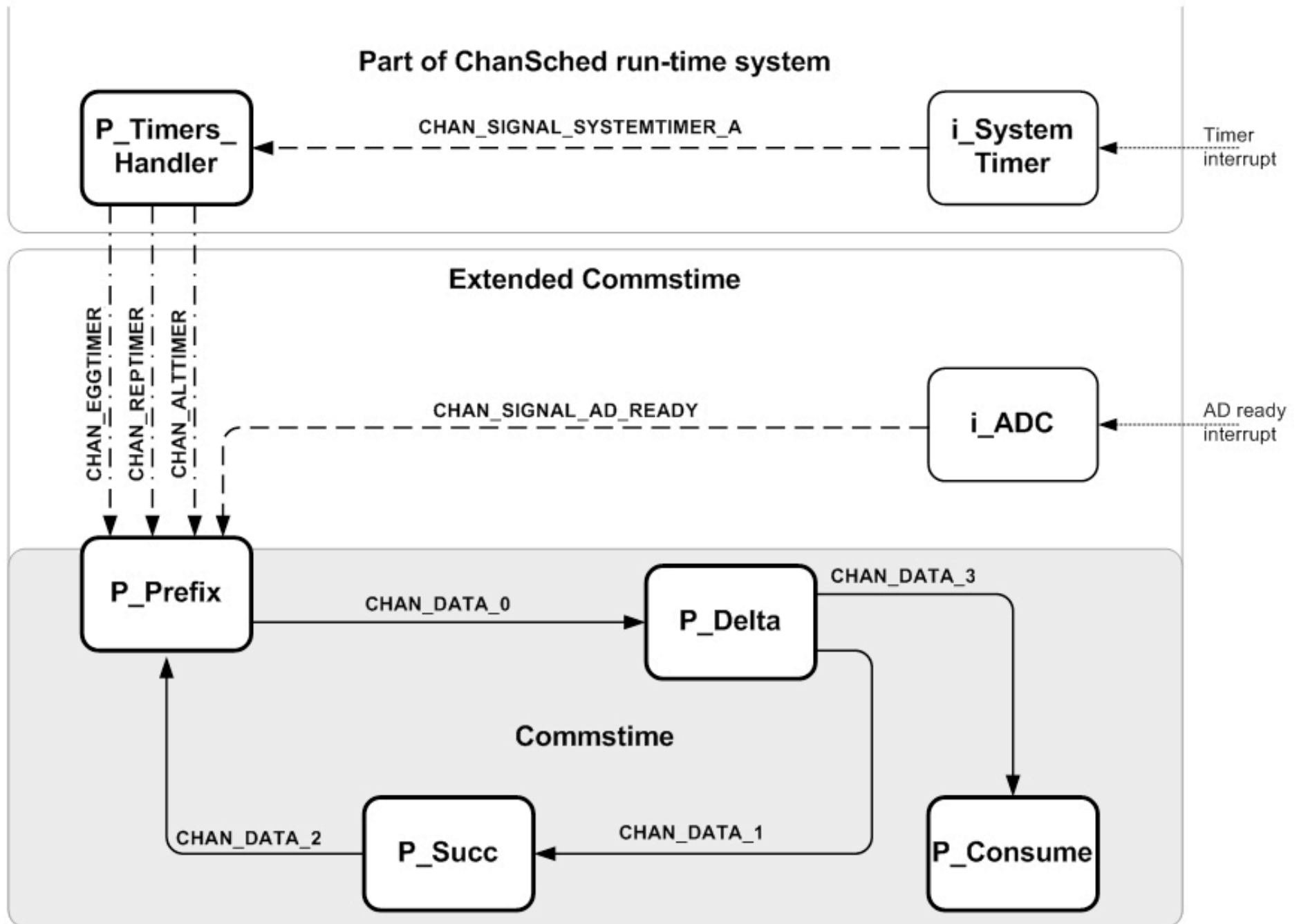
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ChanSched  
handling  
«Extended Commstime»



Application  
timers  
aren't as  
built-in as  
you think

## New ALT for Application Timers..

```
01 Void P_Prefix (void)           // extended "Prefix"
02 {
03     Prefix_CP_a CP = (Prefix_CP_a)g_CP; // get process Context from Scheduler
04     PROCTOR_PREFIX()           // jump table (see Section 2)
05     ... some initialisation
06     SET_EGGTIMER (CHAN_EGGTIMER, CP->LED_Timeout_Tick);
07     SET_REPTIMER (CHAN_REPTIMER, ADC_TIME_TICKS);
08     CHAN_OUT (CHAN_DATA_0, &CP->Data_0, sizeof(CP->Data_0)); // first output
09     while (TRUE)
10     {
11         ALT(); // this is the needed "PRI_ALT"
12         ALT_EGGREPTIMER_IN (CHAN_EGGTIMER);
13         ALT_EGGREPTIMER_IN (CHAN_REPTIMER);
14         gALT_SIGNAL_CHAN_IN (CHAN_SIGNAL_AD_READY);
15         ALT_CHAN_IN (CHAN_DATA_2, &CP->Data_2, sizeof (CP->Data_2));
16         ALT_ALTTIMER_IN (CHAN_ALTTIMER, TIME_TICKS_100_MSECS);
17         gALT_END();
18         switch (g_ThisChannelId)
19         {
20             ... process the guard that has been taken, e.g. CHAN_DATA_2
21             CHAN_OUT (CHAN_DATA_0, &CP->Data_0, sizeof (CP->Data_0));
22         };
23     }
24 }
```

```

25. PROC P_Listing2 (VAL INT n, CHAN INT InChan? OutChan!) -- extended "Prefix"
26.   INT Timeout_ALTTIMER, Timeout_REPTIMER:
27.   TIMER Clock_ALTTIMER, Clock_REPTIMER:
28.   SEQ
29.     OutChan ! n
30.     Clock_REPTIMER ? Timeout_REPTIMER
31.     Timeout_REPTIMER := Timeout_REPTIMER PLUS half.an.hour
32.   WHILE TRUE
33.     Clock_ALTTIMER ? Timeout_ALTTIMER
34.     PRI ALT
35.       Clock_REPTIMER ? AFTER Timeout_REPTIMER
36.         ... process every 30 minutes
37.         Timeout_REPTIMER := Timeout_REPTIMER PLUS half.an.hour
38.         -- no skew, only jitter
39.     INT Data:
40.     InChan ? Data
41.       ... process Data
42.     Clock_ALTTIMER ? AFTER Timeout_ALTTIMER PLUS hundred.ms
43.       ... MyChan pause do background task (starvation possible)
44.       -- skew and jitter
45.   :
```

```

46 PROC P_Listing3 (VAL INT n, CHAN INT InChan? OutChan!) -- extended "Prefix"
47   TIMER My_ALTTIMER, My_REPTIMER: -- only timers, no variables
48   SEQ
49     OutChan ! n
50     SET_TIMER (REPTIMER, My_REPTIMER, 30, MINUTE, 24H)
51     SET_TIMER (ALTTIMER, My_ALTTIMER, 0, MILLISEC, 32BIT)
52     WHILE TRUE
53       PRI ALT
54         My_REPTIMER ? AFTER ()
55         ... process every 30 minutes (no timeout value to compute)
56         -- no skew, only jitter
57         INT Data:
58         InChan ? Data
59         ... process Data
60         My_ALTTIMER ? AFTER (100)
61         ... MyChan pause do background task (starvation possible)
62         -- skew and jitter
63   :
```

A  
scheduler  
isn't as  
invisible as  
it looks



## .. and Synchronisation Point Scheduling

PROCTOR\_PREFIX

```
void P_Standard (void)
```

```
{
  CP_a CP = (CP_a)g_ThisExtPtr; // Application
  switch (CP->State)           // and
                              // communication
                              // state
  {
    case ST_INIT: { /*Init*/ break;}
    case ST_IN:
    {
      CHAN_IN(G_CHAN_IN,CP->Chan_val1);
      CP->State = ST_APPL1;
      break;
    }
    case ST_APPL1:
    {
      // Process val1
      CP->State = ST_OUT;
      break;
    }
    case ST_OUT:
    {
      CHAN_OUT(G_CHAN_OUT,CP->Chan_val1);
      CP->State = ST_IN;
      break;
    }
  }
}
```

```
void P_libcsp2 (Channel *in, Channel *out)
```

```
{
  int val3;
  for(;;)
  {
    ChanInInt (in, &val3);
    // Process val3
    ChanOutInt (out, val3);
  }
}
```

```
void P_Extended (void)
```

```
{
  CP_a CP = (CP_a)g_ThisExtPtr; // Application
  // Init here
  while (TRUE)
  {
    switch (CP->State)
    {
      case ST_MAIN:
      {
        CHAN_IN(G_CHAN_IN,CP->Chan_val2);
        // Process val2
        CHAN_OUT(G_CHAN_OUT,CP->Chan_val2);
        CP->State = ST_MAIN; // option1
        break;
      }
    }
  }
}
```

```
PROC P_occam (CHAN OF INT in, out)
```

```
WHILE TRUE
INT val4:
SEQ
  in ? val4
  -- Process val4
  out ! val4
:
```

```

64 #define SCHEDULE_AT goto
65
66 #define CAT(a,b,c,d,e) a##b##c##d##e // Concatenate to f.ex. "SYNCH_8_L"
67
68 #define SYNCH_LABEL(a,b,c,d,e) CAT(a,b,c,d,e) // Label for Proctor-table
69
70 #define PROC_DESCCHEDULE_AND_LABEL() \
71     CP->LineNo = __LINE__; \
72     return; \
73     SYNCH_LABEL(SYNCH,_,__LINE__,_,L):
74
75 #define CHAN_OUT(chan,dataptr,len) \
76     if (ChanSched_ChanOut(chan,dataptr,len) == FALSE) \
77     { \
78         PROC_DESCCHEDULE_AND_LABEL(); \
79     } \
80     g_ThisAltTaken = FALSE

```

```

81 #define PROCTOR_PREFIX() \
82     switch (CP->LineNo) \
83     { \
84         case 0: break; \
85         case 8: SCHEDULE_AT SYNCH_8_L; \
86         case 17: SCHEDULE_AT SYNCH_17_L; \
87         case 21: SCHEDULE_AT SYNCH_21_L; \
88         DEFAULT_EXIT \
89     }

```

In P\_Commstime.c there were 4 processes, and 10 synchronisation points  
In P\_Timers\_Handler.c there was 1 process, and 1 synchronisation point  
There were a total of 2 files, 5 processes and 11 synchronisation points

..application  
timers  
&  
scheduling..

..questions?



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