Föreläsning 6 IS1300 Inbyggda system

- Real Time Operating System
  - Communication principles
  - Mutual exclusion/Critical section
  - Deadlock
  - Semaphores and mailbox, queues

Interprocess communication mechanisms

- Blocking / Nonblocking
- Shared memory and Message passing
- Events
  - Semaphores
  - Message Mailboxes
  - Message Queues

Avoiding Interference

- The parts of a process that access shared variables must be executed indivisibly with respect to each other

- These parts are called critical sections

- The required protection is called mutual exclusion

Mutual Exclusion

- In computer science, mutual exclusion refers to the problem of ensuring that no two processes or threads (henceforth referred to only as processes) are in their critical section at the same time.

- Here, a critical section refers to a period of time when the process accesses a shared resource, such as shared memory.
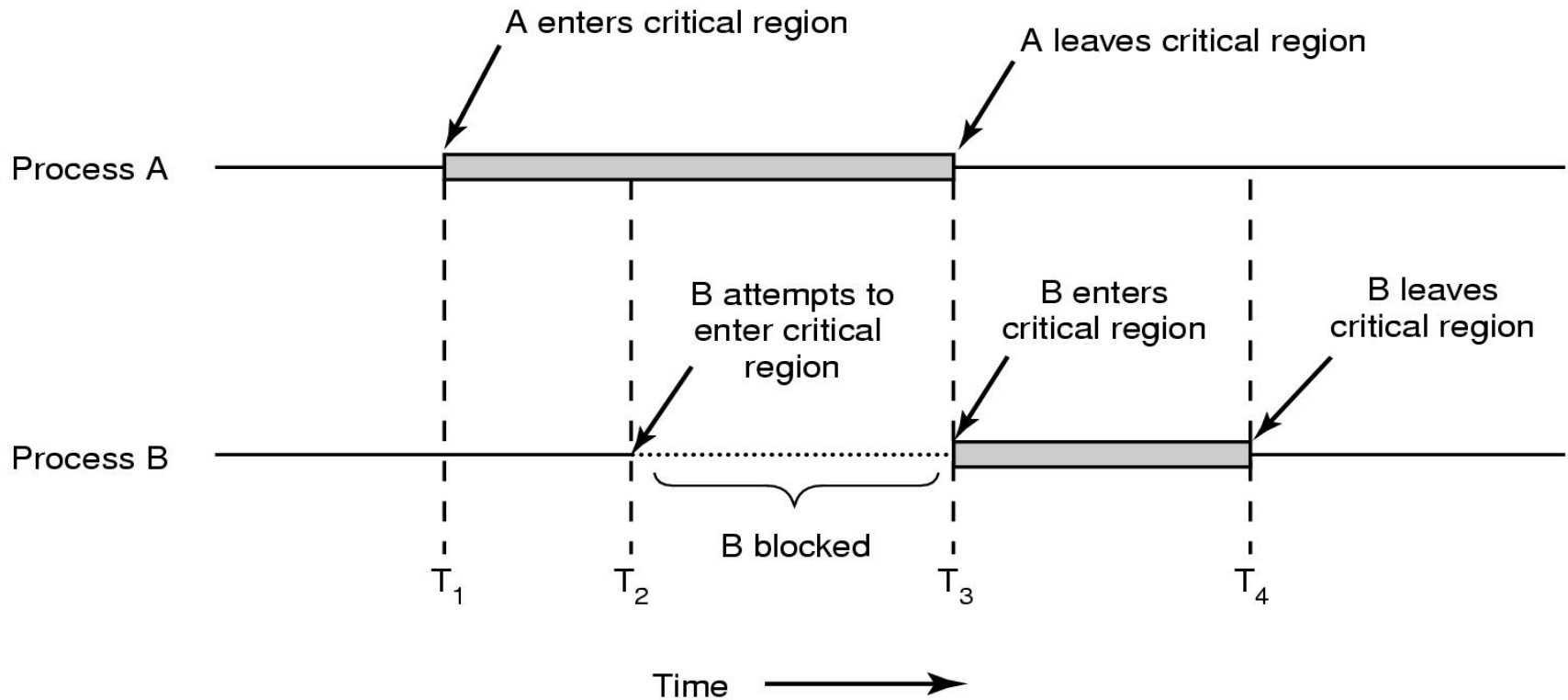
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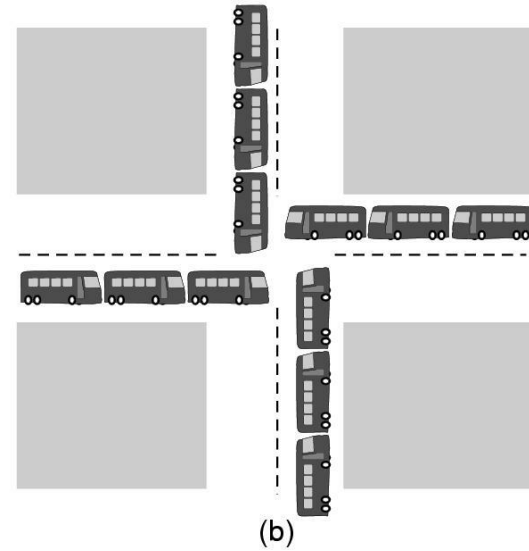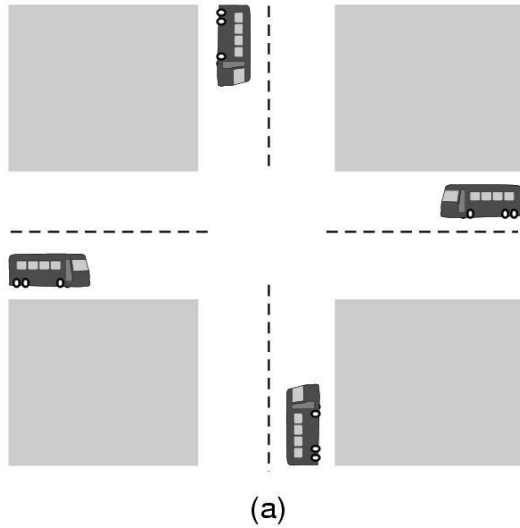
Critical Section

- No two processes may be simultaneously inside their critical regions.

- No processes running outside its critical region may block other processes

- No process should have to wait forever to enter its critical region.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Critical_section

Cricital Section

Deadlock

(a)

(b)

Circular Wait causes deadlock

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deadlock

Deadlock

```
typeT buffer;
sem empty = n;
sem full = 0;
sem mutex = 1;


process Producer
{
  while(true)
  {
    //producera data
    wait(mutex);
    wait(empty); //fel ordning
    insert(data);
    wait(mutex);
    signal(full);
  }
}
```

Deadlock if the buffer is full

```
process Consumer
{
  while(true)
  {
    //hämta data

    wait(full);
    wait(mutex);
    data = remove();
    wait(mutex);
    signal(empty);
  }
}
```

Dining Philosophers

- Philosophers either eat or thinks.

- A philosopher needs two forks to be able to eat the spaghetti.

- When a philosopher gets hungry, she tries to acquiring her left and right fork, one at a time.

- How do you avoid deadlock or starvation?
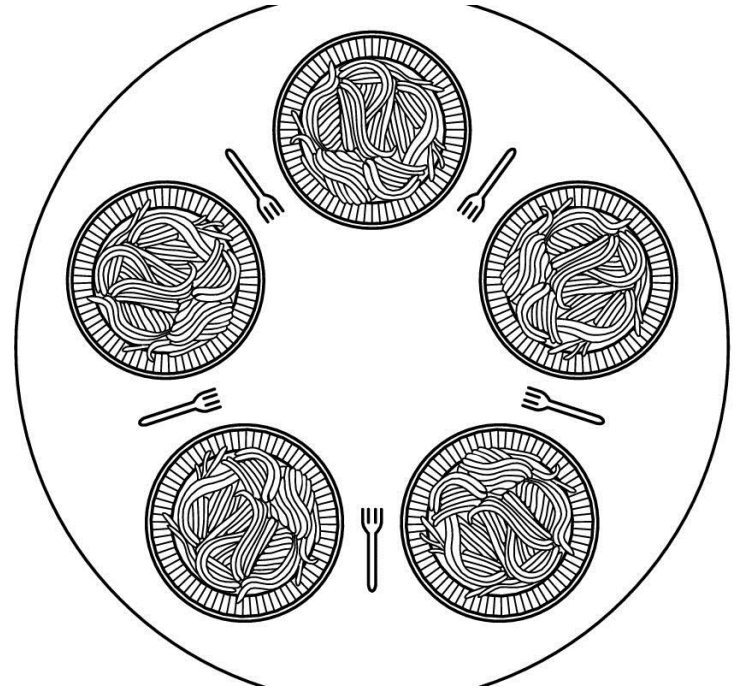
Dining Philosophers

```
sem fork[5] = {1, 1, 1, 1, 1};

//i=0 to 3
process Philospher[i]
{
  while(true)
  {
    wait(fork[i]);//get left
    wait(fork[i+1]);//get right
    //eat;
    signal(fork[i]);
    signal(fork[i+1]);
    //think;
  }
}
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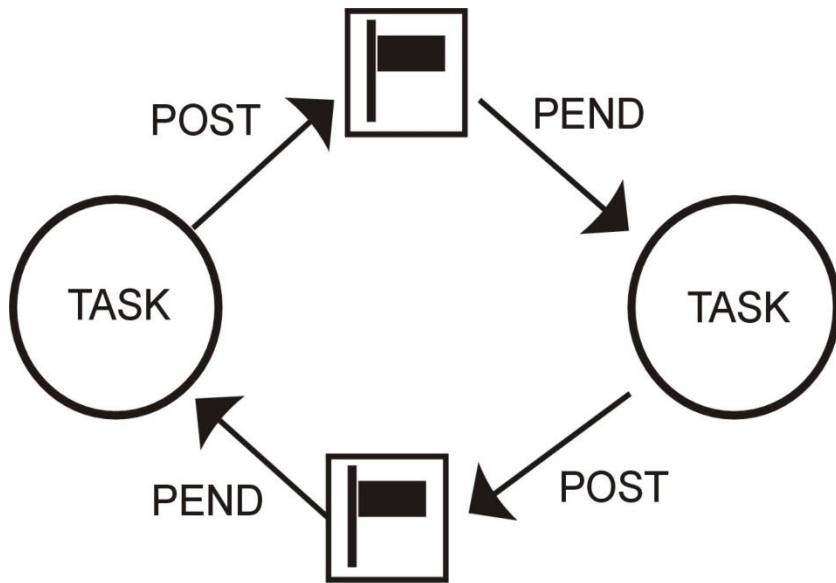
```
process Philospher[4]
{
  while(true)
  {
    wait(fork[0]);//get right fork
    wait(fork[4]);// then left fork
    //eat;
    signal(fork[0]);
    signal(fork[4]);
    //think
  }
}
```
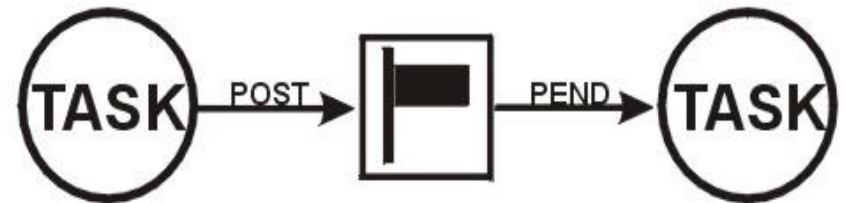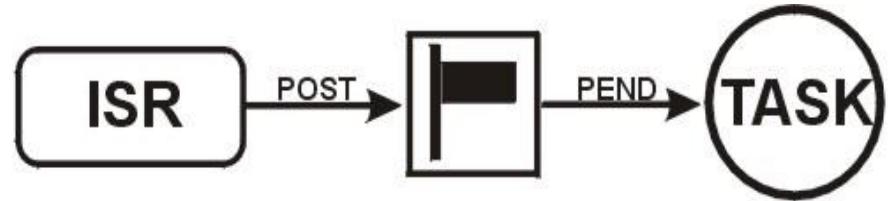
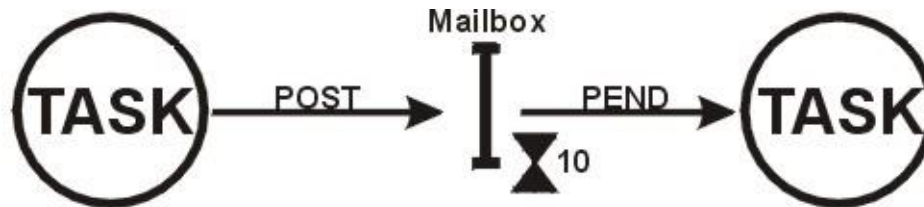http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dining_philosophers_problem

Semaphores

Two tasks competing for a printer

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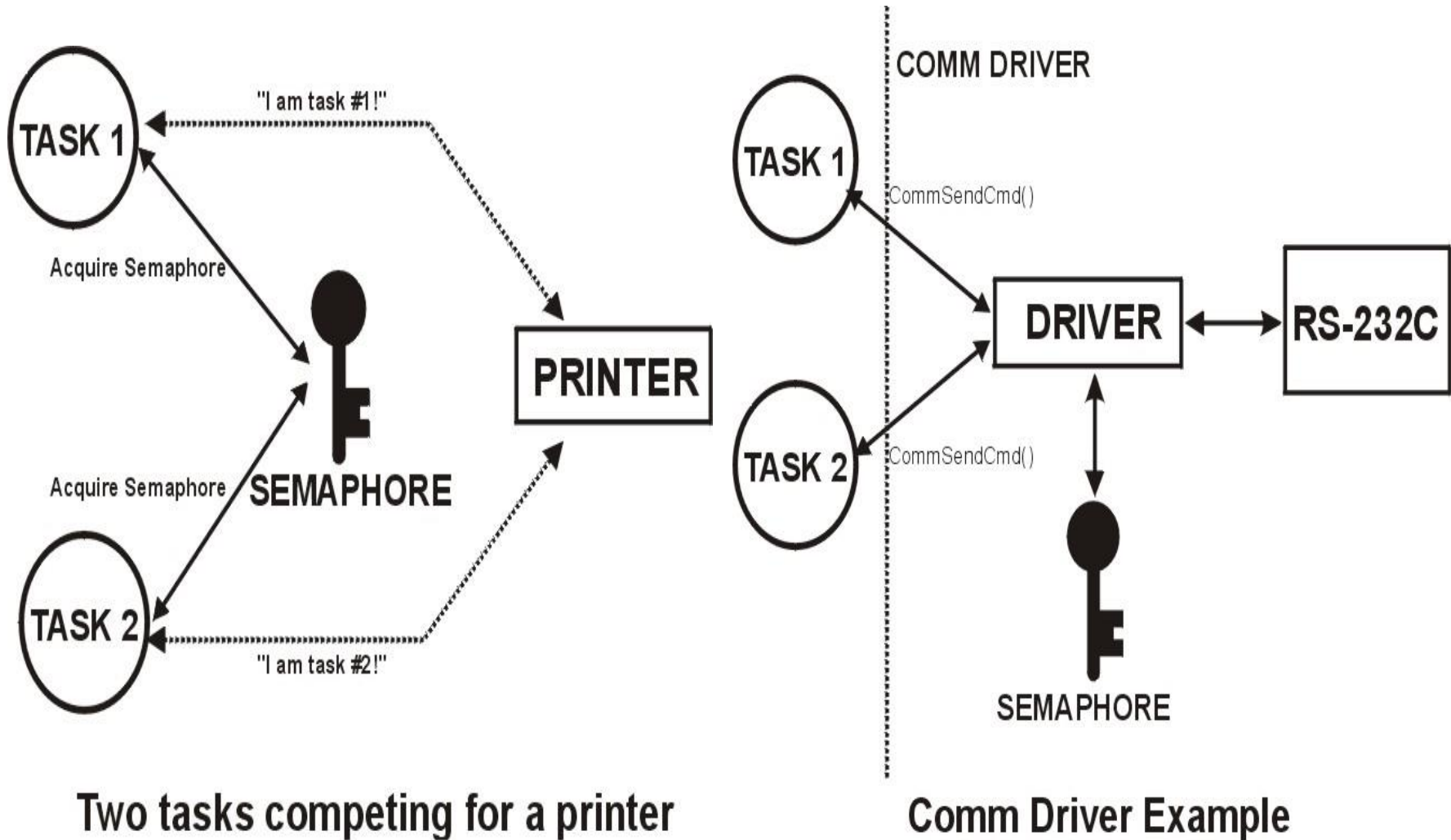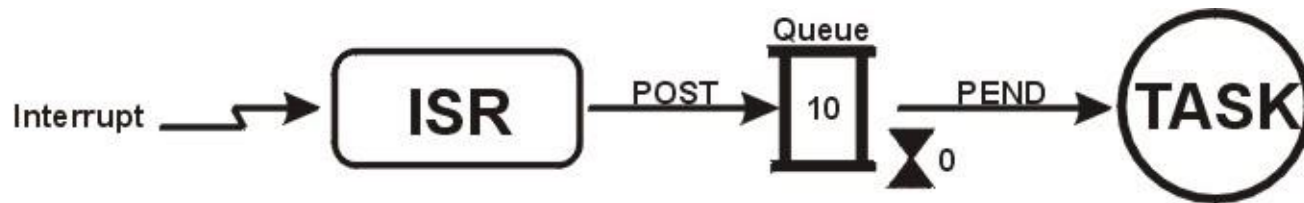
Semaphores

Synchronizing two Tasks

Signaling Events through Semaphores

Mailbox and Queue

Note: POST deposites a pointer size variable in the mailbox

Message Mailbox

Note: POST deposites a pointer size variable in the queue

Message Queue

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Message_queue

RTOS Tasks

- A task is a simple program that thinks it has the CPU all to itself

- Each Task has

    – Its own stack space

    – A priority based on its importance

- A task contains YOUR application code
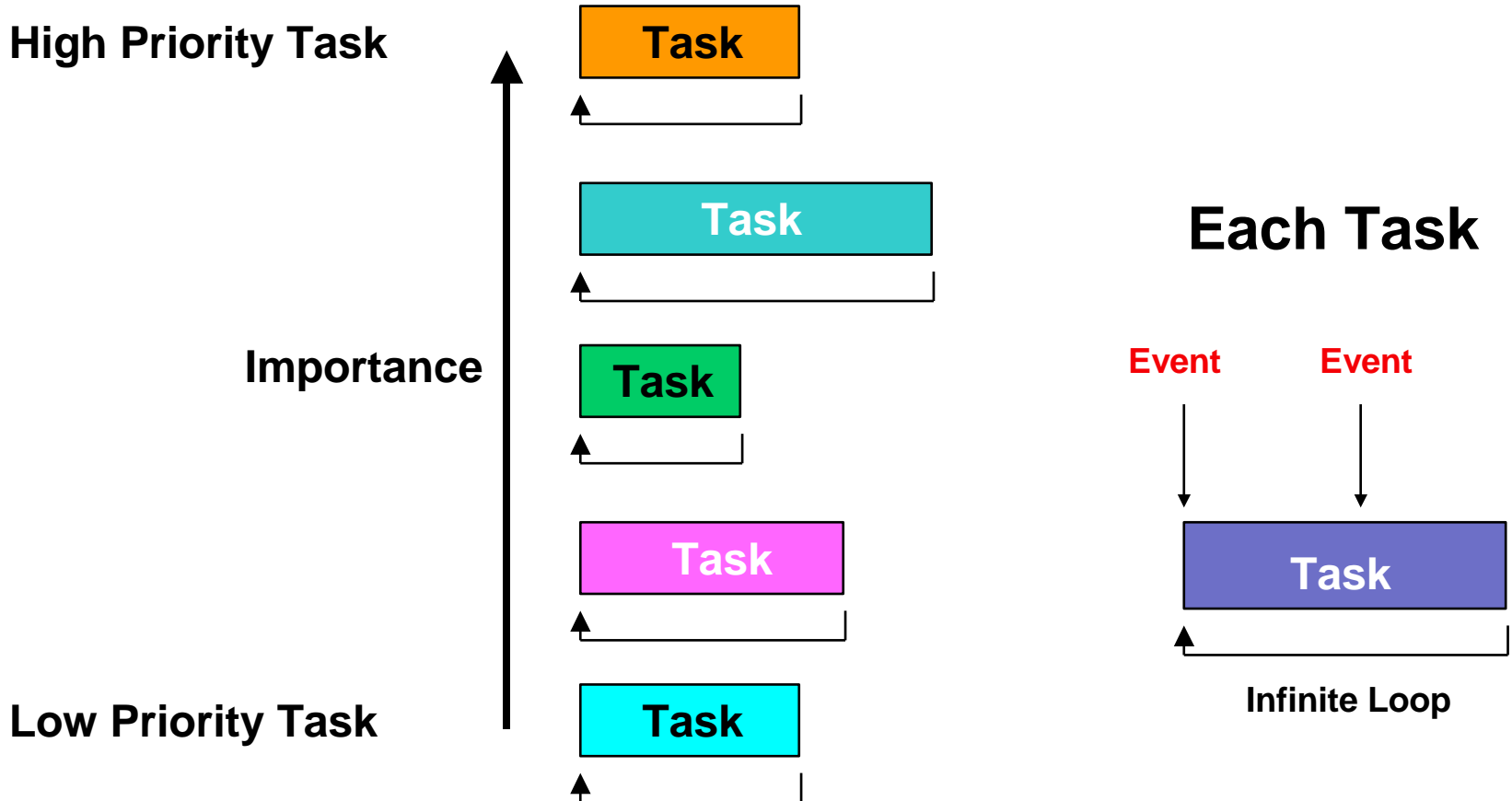
What is a Task?

- A task is an infinite loop

```
void Task (void *p_arg)
{
    Do something with 'argument' p_arg;
    Task initialization;
    for (;;) {
        /* Processing (Your Code)                    */
        Wait for event;                    /* Time to expire ...    */
                                /* Signal from ISR ...   */
                                /* Signal from task ...  */
        /* Processing (Your Code)                    */
    }
}
```

Designing with RTOS

Splitting an application into Tasks

High Priority Task

Task

Task

Importance

Task

Each Task

Task

Event   **Event**

Low Priority Task

Task

Task

Infinite Loop

Why Create a Task?

- To make it ready for multitasking
- The kernel needs to have information about your task
  - Its starting address
  - Its top-of-stack (TOS)
  - Its priority
  - Arguments passed to the task
  - Other information about your task