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# 1 Data Structure Index

## 1.1 Data Structures

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## 3 Data Structure Documentation

### 3.1 QueueMessage\_t Struct Reference

Data structure for a message queue message.

```
#include <HeliOS.h>
```

#### Data Fields

- [Base\\_t](#) messageBytes
- char [messageValue](#) [[CONFIG\\_MESSAGE\\_VALUE\\_BYTES](#)]

#### 3.1.1 Detailed Description

The [QueueMessage\\_t](#) data structure contains the message queue message returned by [xQueuePeek\(\)](#) and [xQueueReceive\(\)](#). The [QueueMessage\\_t](#) type should be declared as [xQueueMessage](#).

See also

[xQueueMessage](#)  
[xQueuePeek\(\)](#)  
[xQueueReceive\(\)](#)  
[xMemFree\(\)](#)  
[CONFIG\\_MESSAGE\\_VALUE\\_BYTES](#)

#### Warning

The memory allocated for an instance of [xQueueMessage](#) must be freed using [xMemFree\(\)](#).

### 3.1.2 Field Documentation

#### 3.1.2.1 messageBytes `Base_t QueueMessage_t::messageBytes`

The number of bytes in the messageValue member that makes up the message value. This cannot exceed CONFIG\_MESSAGE\_VALUE\_BYTES.

#### 3.1.2.2 messageValue `char QueueMessage_t::messageValue[CONFIG_MESSAGE_VALUE_BYTES]`

the char array that contains the actual message value.

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [HeliOS.h](#)

## 3.2 SystemInfo\_t Struct Reference

Data structure for system informaiton.

```
#include <HeliOS.h>
```

### Data Fields

- char [productName](#) [PRODUCTNAME\_SIZE]
- [Base\\_t](#) majorVersion
- [Base\\_t](#) minorVersion
- [Base\\_t](#) patchVersion
- [Base\\_t](#) numberOfTasks

### 3.2.1 Detailed Description

The [SystemInfo\\_t](#) data structure contains information about the HeliOS system and is returned by [xSystemGetSystemInfo\(\)](#). The [SystemInfo\\_t](#) type should be declared as xSystemInfo.

#### See also

[xSystemInfo](#)  
[xSystemGetSystemInfo\(\)](#)  
[xMemFree\(\)](#)

#### Warning

The memory allocated for an instance of xSystemInfo must be freed using [xMemFree\(\)](#).

### 3.2.2 Field Documentation

#### 3.2.2.1 **majorVersion** `Base_t SystemInfo_t::majorVersion`

The major version number of HeliOS and is Symantec Versioning Specification (SemVer) compliant.

#### 3.2.2.2 **minorVersion** `Base_t SystemInfo_t::minorVersion`

The minor version number of HeliOS and is Symantec Versioning Specification (SemVer) compliant.

#### 3.2.2.3 **numberOfTasks** `Base_t SystemInfo_t::numberOfTasks`

The number of tasks presently in a suspended, running or waiting state.

#### 3.2.2.4 **patchVersion** `Base_t SystemInfo_t::patchVersion`

The patch version number of HeliOS and is Symantec Versioning Specification (SemVer) compliant.

#### 3.2.2.5 **productName** `char SystemInfo_t::productName[PRODUCTNAME_SIZE]`

The name of the operating system or product. This is always HeliOS.

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [HeliOS.h](#)

## 3.3 TaskInfo\_t Struct Reference

Data structure for information about a task.

```
#include <HeliOS.h>
```

### Data Fields

- `Base_t id`
- `char name [CONFIG_TASK_NAME_BYTES]`
- `TaskState_t state`
- `Time_t lastRunTime`
- `Time_t totalRunTime`

### 3.3.1 Detailed Description

The [TaskInfo\\_t](#) structure is similar to [xTaskRuntimeStats\\_t](#) in that it contains runtime statistics for a task. However, [TaskInfo\\_t](#) also contains additional details about a task such as its identifier, ASCII name and state. The [TaskInfo\\_t](#) structure is returned by [xTaskGetTaskInfo\(\)](#). If only runtime statistics are needed, [TaskRunTimeStats\\_t](#) should be used because of its lower memory footprint. The [TaskInfo\\_t](#) type should be declared as [xTaskInfo](#).

See also

[xTaskInfo](#)  
[xTaskGetTaskInfo\(\)](#)  
[xMemFree\(\)](#)  
[CONFIG\\_TASK\\_NAME\\_BYTES](#)

Warning

The memory allocated for an instance of [xTaskInfo](#) must be freed using [xMemFree\(\)](#).

### 3.3.2 Field Documentation

#### 3.3.2.1 id [Base\\_t](#) TaskInfo\_t::id

The task identifier which is used by [xTaskGetHandleById\(\)](#) to return the task handle.

#### 3.3.2.2 lastRunTime [Time\\_t](#) TaskInfo\_t::lastRunTime

The runtime duration in microseconds the last time the task was executed by the scheduler.

#### 3.3.2.3 name [char](#) TaskInfo\_t::name[[CONFIG\\_TASK\\_NAME\\_BYTES](#)]

The name of the task which is used by [xTaskGetHandleByName\(\)](#) to return the task handle.

#### 3.3.2.4 state [TaskState\\_t](#) TaskInfo\_t::state

The state the task is in which is one of four states specified in the [TaskState\\_t](#) enumerated data type.

#### 3.3.2.5 totalRunTime [Time\\_t](#) TaskInfo\_t::totalRunTime

The total runtime duration in microseconds the task has been executed by the scheduler.

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [HeliOS.h](#)

## 3.4 TaskNotification\_t Struct Reference

Data structure for direct to task notifications.

```
#include <Helios.h>
```

### Data Fields

- [Base\\_t notificationBytes](#)
- `char notificationValue [CONFIG_NOTIFICATION_VALUE_BYTES]`

### 3.4.1 Detailed Description

The [TaskNotification\\_t](#) data structure contains the direct to task notification returned by [xTaskNotifyTake\(\)](#). The [TaskNotification\\_t](#) type should be declared as `xTaskNotification`.

#### See also

[xTaskNotification](#)  
[xTaskNotifyTake\(\)](#)  
[xMemFree\(\)](#)  
[CONFIG\\_NOTIFICATION\\_VALUE\\_BYTES](#)

#### Warning

The memory allocated for an instance of `xTaskNotification` must be freed using [xMemFree\(\)](#).

### 3.4.2 Field Documentation

#### 3.4.2.1 notificationBytes `Base_t TaskNotification_t::notificationBytes`

The number of bytes in the `notificationValue` member that makes up the notification value. This cannot exceed `CONFIG_NOTIFICATION_VALUE_BYTES`.

#### 3.4.2.2 notificationValue `char TaskNotification_t::notificationValue [CONFIG_NOTIFICATION_VALUE_BYTES]`

The `char` array that contains the actual notification value.

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [Helios.h](#)

## 3.5 TaskRunTimeStats\_t Struct Reference

Data structure for task runtime statistics.

```
#include <HeliOS.h>
```

### Data Fields

- [Time\\_t lastRunTime](#)
- [Time\\_t totalRunTime](#)

### 3.5.1 Detailed Description

The [TaskRunTimeStats\\_t](#) structure contains task runtime statistics and is returned by [xTaskGetAllRunTimeStats\(\)](#) and [xTaskGetTaskRunTimeStats\(\)](#). The [TaskRunTimeStats\\_t](#) type should be declared as `xTaskRunTimeStats`.

#### See also

[xTaskRunTimeStats](#)  
[xTaskGetTaskRunTimeStats\(\)](#)  
[xTaskGetAllRunTimeStats\(\)](#)  
[xMemFree\(\)](#)

#### Warning

The memory allocated for an instance of `xTaskRunTimeStats` must be freed using [xMemFree\(\)](#).

### 3.5.2 Field Documentation

#### 3.5.2.1 lastRunTime [Time\\_t](#) TaskRunTimeStats\_t::lastRunTime

The runtime duration in microseconds the last time the task was executed by the scheduler.

#### 3.5.2.2 totalRunTime [Time\\_t](#) TaskRunTimeStats\_t::totalRunTime

The total runtime duration in microseconds the task has been executed by the scheduler.

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [HeliOS.h](#)



## 4 File Documentation

### 4.1 config.h File Reference

Kernel header file for user definable settings in HelIOS.

#### Macros

- #define `CONFIG_MESSAGE_VALUE_BYTES` 16u  
*Define the size in bytes of the message queue message value.*
- #define `CONFIG_NOTIFICATION_VALUE_BYTES` 16u  
*Define the size in bytes of the direct to task notification value.*
- #define `CONFIG_TASK_NAME_BYTES` 16u  
*Define the size in bytes of the ASCII task name.*
- #define `CONFIG_HEAP_SIZE_IN_BLOCKS` 512u  
*Define the number of blocks in the heap.*
- #define `CONFIG_HEAP_BLOCK_SIZE` 32u  
*Define the heap block size in bytes.*
- #define `CONFIG_QUEUE_MINIMUM_LIMIT` 5u  
*Define the minimum value for a message queue limit.*

#### 4.1.1 Detailed Description

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### 4.1.2 Macro Definition Documentation

#### 4.1.2.1 CONFIG\_HEAP\_BLOCK\_SIZE `#define CONFIG_HEAP_BLOCK_SIZE 32u`

Setting CONFIG\_HEAP\_BLOCK\_SIZE allows the end-user to define the size of a heap block in bytes. The block size should be set to achieve the best possible utilization of the heap. A block size that is too large will waste the heap for smaller requests for heap. A block size that is too small will waste heap on entries. The default value is 32 bytes. The literal must be appended with "u" to maintain MISRA C:2012 compliance.

See also

[xMemAlloc\(\)](#)  
[xMemFree\(\)](#)  
[CONFIG\\_HEAP\\_SIZE\\_IN\\_BLOCKS](#)

#### 4.1.2.2 CONFIG\_HEAP\_SIZE\_IN\_BLOCKS `#define CONFIG_HEAP_SIZE_IN_BLOCKS 512u`

Setting CONFIG\_HEAP\_SIZE\_IN\_BLOCKS allows the end-user to define the size of the heap in blocks. The size of a block in the heap is determined by the CONFIG\_HEAP\_BLOCK\_SIZE which is represented in bytes. The size of the heap needs to be adjusted to fit the memory requirements of the end-user's application. The default value is 512 blocks. The literal must be appended with "u" to maintain MISRA C:2012 compliance.

See also

[xMemAlloc\(\)](#)  
[xMemFree\(\)](#)  
[CONFIG\\_HEAP\\_BLOCK\\_SIZE](#)

#### 4.1.2.3 CONFIG\_MESSAGE\_VALUE\_BYTES `#define CONFIG_MESSAGE_VALUE_BYTES 16u`

Setting the CONFIG\_MESSAGE\_VALUE\_BYTES allows the end-user to define the size of the message queue message value. The larger the size of the message value, the greater impact there will be on system performance. The default size is 16 bytes. The literal must be appended with "u" to maintain MISRA C:2012 compliance.

See also

[xQueueMessage](#)

#### 4.1.2.4 CONFIG\_NOTIFICATION\_VALUE\_BYTES `#define CONFIG_NOTIFICATION_VALUE_BYTES 16u`

Setting the CONFIG\_NOTIFICATION\_VALUE\_BYTES allows the end-user to define the size of the direct to task notification value. The larger the size of the notification value, the greater impact there will be on system performance. The default size is 16 bytes. The literal must be appended with "u" to maintain MISRA C:2012 compliance.

See also

[xTaskNotification](#)

#### 4.1.2.5 CONFIG\_QUEUE\_MINIMUM\_LIMIT `#define CONFIG_QUEUE_MINIMUM_LIMIT 5u`

Setting the CONFIG\_QUEUE\_MINIMUM\_LIMIT allows the end-user to define the MINIMUM length limit a message queue can be created with [xQueueCreate\(\)](#). When a message queue length equals its limit, the message queue will be considered full and return true when [xQueueIsQueueFull\(\)](#) is called. A full queue will also not accept messages from [xQueueSend\(\)](#). The default value is 5. The literal must be appended with "u" to maintain MISRA C:2012 compliance.

See also

[xQueueIsQueueFull\(\)](#)

[xQueueSend\(\)](#)

[xQueueCreate\(\)](#)

#### 4.1.2.6 CONFIG\_TASK\_NAME\_BYTES `#define CONFIG_TASK_NAME_BYTES 16u`

Setting the CONFIG\_TASK\_NAME\_BYTES allows the end-user to define the size of the ASCII task name. The larger the size of the task name, the greater impact there will be on system performance. The default size is 16 bytes. The literal must be appended with "u" to maintain MISRA C:2012 compliance.

See also

[xTaskInfo](#)

## 4.2 HeliOS.h File Reference

Header file to be included in end-user application code.

### Data Structures

- struct [TaskRunTimeStats\\_t](#)  
*Data structure for task runtime statistics.*
- struct [TaskInfo\\_t](#)  
*Data structure for information about a task.*
- struct [TaskNotification\\_t](#)  
*Data structure for direct to task notifications.*
- struct [QueueMessage\\_t](#)  
*Data structure for a message queue message.*
- struct [SystemInfo\\_t](#)  
*Data structure for system information.*

## Macros

- `#define Deref_TaskParm(t, p) *((t *) p)`  
A C macro to simplify casting and dereferencing a task parameter.

## Typedefs

- `typedef uint8_t Base_t`  
Type definition for the base data type.
- `typedef void Task_t`  
Stub type definition for the task type.
- `typedef void TaskParm_t`  
Type definition for the task parameter.
- `typedef void Queue_t`  
Stub type definition for the message queue type.
- `typedef void Timer_t`  
Stub type definition for the timer type.
- `typedef Base_t xBase`  
Type definition for the base data type.
- `typedef Timer_t * xTimer`  
Stub type definition for the timer type.
- `typedef Queue_t * xQueue`  
Stub type definition for the message queue type.
- `typedef QueueMessage_t * xQueueMessage`  
Data structure for a message queue message.
- `typedef TaskNotification_t * xTaskNotification`  
Data structure for direct to task notifications.
- `typedef TaskInfo_t * xTaskInfo`  
Data structure for information about a task.
- `typedef TaskRunTimeStats_t * xTaskRunTimeStats`  
Data structure for task runtime statistics.
- `typedef Task_t * xTask`  
Stub type definition for the task type.
- `typedef TaskParm_t * xTaskParm`  
Type definition for the task parameter.
- `typedef TIME_T_TYPE Time_t`  
The type definition for time expressed in microseconds.
- `typedef Time_t xTime`  
The type definition for time expressed in microseconds.
- `typedef TaskState_t xTaskState`  
Enumerated type for task states.
- `typedef SystemInfo_t * xSystemInfo`  
Data structure for system information.

## Enumerations

- `enum TaskState_t { TaskStateError, TaskStateSuspended, TaskStateRunning, TaskStateWaiting }`  
Enumerated type for task states.

## Functions

- void \* **xMemAlloc** (size\_t size\_)  
*System call to allocate memory from the heap.*
- void **xMemFree** (void \*ptr\_)  
*System call to free memory allocated from the heap.*
- size\_t **xMemGetUsed** (void)  
*System call to return the amount of allocated heap memory.*
- size\_t **xMemGetSize** (void \*ptr\_)  
*System call to return the amount of heap memory allocated for a pointer.*
- **xQueue** **xQueueCreate** (**xBase** limit\_)  
*System call to create a new message queue.*
- void **xQueueDelete** (**xQueue** queue\_)  
*System call to delete a message queue.*
- **xBase** **xQueueGetLength** (**xQueue** queue\_)  
*System call to get the length of the message queue.*
- **xBase** **xQueueIsQueueEmpty** (**xQueue** queue\_)  
*System call to check if the message queue is empty.*
- **xBase** **xQueueIsQueueFull** (**xQueue** queue\_)  
*System call to check if the message queue is full.*
- **xBase** **xQueueMessagesWaiting** (**xQueue** queue\_)  
*System call to check if there are message queue messages waiting.*
- **xBase** **xQueueSend** (**xQueue** queue\_, **xBase** messageBytes\_, const char \*messageValue\_)  
*System call to send a message using a message queue.*
- **xQueueMessage** **xQueuePeek** (**xQueue** queue\_)  
*System call to peek at the next message in a message queue.*
- void **xQueueDropMessage** (**xQueue** queue\_)  
*System call to drop the next message in a message queue.*
- **xQueueMessage** **xQueueReceive** (**xQueue** queue\_)  
*System call to receive the next message in the message queue.*
- void **xTaskStartScheduler** (void)  
*System call to pass control to the HeliOS scheduler.*
- void **xTaskResumeAll** (void)  
*System call to set scheduler running system flag to true.*
- void **xTaskSuspendAll** (void)  
*System call to set the scheduler running system flag to false.*
- **xSystemInfo** **xSystemGetSystemInfo** (void)  
*The **xSystemGetSystemInfo()** system call will return the type **xSystemInfo** containing information about the system including the OS (product) name, its version and how many tasks are currently in the running, suspended or waiting states.*
- **xTask** **xTaskCreate** (const char \*name\_, void(\*callback\_)(**xTask**, **xTaskParm**), **xTaskParm** taskParameter\_)  
*System call to create a new task.*
- void **xTaskDelete** (**xTask** task\_)  
*System call to delete a task.*
- **xTask** **xTaskGetHandleByName** (const char \*name\_)  
*System call to get a task's handle by its ASCII name.*
- **xTask** **xTaskGetHandleById** (**xBase** id\_)  
*System call to get a task's handle by its task identifier.*
- **xTaskRunTimeStats** **xTaskGetAllRunTimeStats** (**xBase** \*tasks\_)  
*System call to return task runtime statistics for all tasks.*
- **xTaskRunTimeStats** **xTaskGetTaskRunTimeStats** (**xTask** task\_)

- System call to return task runtime statistics for the specified task.*

  - `xBase xTaskGetNumberOfTasks` (void)
- System call to return the number of tasks regardless of their state.*

  - `xTaskInfo xTaskGetTaskInfo` (xTask task\_)

*The `xTaskGetTaskInfo()` system call returns the `xTaskInfo` structure containing the details of the task including its identifier, name, state and runtime statistics.*
- `xTaskState xTaskGetTaskState` (xTask task\_)

*System call to return the state of a task.*
- `char * xTaskGetName` (xTask task\_)

*System call to return the ASCII name of a task.*
- `xBase xTaskGetId` (xTask task\_)

*System call to return the task identifier for a task.*
- `void xTaskNotifyStateClear` (xTask task\_)

*System call to clear a waiting direct to task notification.*
- `xBase xTaskNotificationIsWaiting` (xTask task\_)

*System call to check if a direct to task notification is waiting.*
- `Base_t xTaskNotifyGive` (xTask task\_, xBase notificationBytes\_, const char \*notificationValue\_)

*System call to give another task a direct to task notification.*
- `xTaskNotification xTaskNotifyTake` (xTask task\_)

*System call to take a direct to task notification from another task.*
- `void xTaskResume` (xTask task\_)

*System call to resume a task.*
- `void xTaskSuspend` (xTask task\_)

*System call to suspend a task.*
- `void xTaskWait` (xTask task\_)

*System call to place a task in a waiting state.*
- `void xTaskChangePeriod` (xTask task\_, xTime timerPeriod\_)

*System call to set the task timer period.*
- `xTime xTaskGetPeriod` (xTask task\_)

*System call to get the task timer period.*
- `void xTaskResetTimer` (xTask task\_)

*System call to reset the task timer.*
- `xTimer xTimerCreate` (xTime timerPeriod\_)

*System call to create a new timer.*
- `void xTimerDelete` (xTimer timer\_)

*System call will delete a timer.*
- `void xTimerChangePeriod` (xTimer timer\_, xTime timerPeriod\_)

*System call to change the period of a timer.*
- `xTime xTimerGetPeriod` (xTimer timer\_)

*System call to get the period of a timer.*
- `xBase xTimerIsTimerActive` (xTimer timer\_)

*System call to check if a timer is active.*
- `xBase xTimerHasTimerExpired` (xTimer timer\_)

*System call to check if a timer has expired.*
- `void xTimerReset` (xTimer timer\_)

*System call to reset a timer.*
- `void xTimerStart` (xTimer timer\_)

*System call to start a timer.*
- `void xTimerStop` (xTimer timer\_)

*The `xTimerStop()` system call will place the timer in the stopped state. Neither `xTimerStart()` nor `xTimerStop()` will reset the timer. Timers can only be reset with `xTimerReset()`.*
- `void xSystemHalt` (void)

*The `xSystemHalt()` system call will halt HeliOS.*

### 4.2.1 Detailed Description

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### 4.2.2 Macro Definition Documentation

#### 4.2.2.1 Deref\_TaskParm `#define Deref_TaskParm(`

```
    t,  
    p ) *((t *) p)
```

When a task paramater is passed to a task, it is passed as a pointer of type void. To use the paramater it must first be casted to the correct type and dereferenced. The following is an example of how the `Deref_TaskParm()` C macro simplifies that process.

```
void myTask_main(xTask task_, xTaskParm parm_) {  
    int i;  
    i = Deref_TaskParm(int, parm_);  
}
```

#### Parameters

<i>t</i>	The data type to case the task paramater to (e.g., int).
<i>p</i>	The task pointer often named parm_.

### 4.2.3 Typedef Documentation

#### 4.2.3.1 **Base\_t** `typedef uint8_t Base_t`

A simple data type is often needed as an argument for a system call or a return type. The `Base_t` type is used in such a case where there are no other structural data requirements and is typically an unsigned 8-bit integer. The `Base_t` type should be declared as `xBase`.

See also

[xBase](#)

#### 4.2.3.2 **Queue\_t** `typedef void Queue_t`

The `Queue_t` type is a stub type definition for the internal message queue structure and is treated as a message queue handle by most of the message queue related system calls. The members of the data structure are not accessible. The `Queue_t` type should be declared as `xQueue`.

See also

[xQueue](#)

[xQueueDelete\(\)](#)

Warning

The memory allocated for an instance of `xQueue` must be freed using [xQueueDelete\(\)](#).

#### 4.2.3.3 **Task\_t** `typedef void Task_t`

The `Task_t` type is a stub type definition for the internal task data structure and is treated as a task handle by most of the task related system calls. The members of the data structure are not accessible. The `Task_t` type should be declared as `xTask`.

See also

[xTask](#)

[xTaskDelete\(\)](#)

Warning

The memory allocated for an instance of `xTask` must be freed by [xTaskDelete\(\)](#)



#### 4.2.3.4 TaskParm\_t `typedef void TaskParm_t`

The TaskParm\_t type is used to pass a parameter to a task at the time of creation using [xTaskCreate\(\)](#). A task parameter is a pointer of type void and can point to any number of intrinsic types, arrays and/or user defined structures which can be passed to a task. It is up to the end-user to manage allocate and free the memory related to these objects using [xMemAlloc\(\)](#) and [xMemFree\(\)](#). The TaskParm\_t should be declared as xTaskParm.

See also

[xTaskParm](#)  
[xMemAlloc\(\)](#)  
[xMemFree\(\)](#)

Warning

The memory allocated for an instance of xTaskParm must be freed using [xMemFree\(\)](#).

#### 4.2.3.5 Time\_t `typedef TIME_T_TYPE Time_t`

The xTime type is used by several of the task and timer related system calls to express time. The unit of measure for time is always microseconds.

#### 4.2.3.6 Timer\_t `typedef void Timer_t`

The Timer\_t type is a stub type definition for the internal timer data structure and is treated as a timer handle by most of the timer related system calls. The members of the data structure are not accessible. The Timer\_t type should be declared as xTimer.

See also

[xTimer](#)  
[xTimerDelete\(\)](#)

Warning

The memory allocated for an instance of xTimer must be freed using [xTimerDelete\(\)](#).

#### 4.2.3.7 xBase `typedef Base_t xBase`

A simple data type is often needed as an argument for a system call or a return type. The xBase type is used in such a case where there are no other structural data requirements.

See also

[Base\\_t](#)

#### 4.2.3.8 xQueue `typedef Queue_t* xQueue`

The xQueue type is a stub type definition for the internal message queue structure and is treated as a message queue handle by most of the message queue related system calls. The members of the data structure are not accessible.

See also

[Queue\\_t](#)  
[xQueueDelete\(\)](#)

Warning

The memory allocated for an instance of xQueue must be freed using [xQueueDelete\(\)](#).

#### 4.2.3.9 xQueueMessage `typedef QueueMessage_t* xQueueMessage`

The xQueueMessage data structure contains the message queue message returned by [xQueuePeek\(\)](#) and [xQueueReceive\(\)](#). See [QueueMessage\\_t](#) for information about the data structure's members.

See also

[QueueMessage\\_t](#)  
[xQueuePeek\(\)](#)  
[xQueueReceive\(\)](#)  
[xMemFree\(\)](#)  
[CONFIG\\_MESSAGE\\_VALUE\\_BYTES](#)

Warning

The memory allocated for an instance of xQueueMessage must be freed using [xMemFree\(\)](#).

#### 4.2.3.10 xSystemInfo `typedef SystemInfo_t* xSystemInfo`

The xSystemInfo data structure contains information about the HeliOS system and is returned by [xSystemGetSystemInfo\(\)](#). See [xSystemInfo\\_t](#) for information about the data structure's members.

See also

[SystemInfo\\_t](#)  
[xSystemGetSystemInfo\(\)](#)  
[xMemFree\(\)](#)

Warning

The memory allocated for an instance of xSystemInfo must be freed using [xMemFree\(\)](#).

**4.2.3.11 xTask** `typedef Task_t* xTask`

The xTask type is a stub type definition for the internal task data structure and is treated as a task handle by most of the task related system calls. The members of the data structure are not accessible.

See also

[Task\\_t](#)  
[xTaskCreate\(\)](#)  
[xTaskDelete\(\)](#)

Warning

The memory allocated for an instance of xTask must be freed by [xTaskDelete\(\)](#)

**4.2.3.12 xTaskInfo** `typedef TaskInfo_t* xTaskInfo`

The xTaskInfo structure is similar to xTaskRunTimeStats in that it contains runtime statistics for a task. However, xTaskInfo also contains additional details about a task such as its identifier, ASCII name and state. The xTaskInfo structure is returned by [xTaskGetTaskInfo\(\)](#). If only runtime statistics are needed, xTaskRunTimeStats should be used because of its lower memory footprint. See [TaskInfo\\_t](#) for information about the data structure's members.

See also

[TaskInfo\\_t](#)  
[xTaskGetTaskInfo\(\)](#)  
[xMemFree\(\)](#)  
[CONFIG\\_TASK\\_NAME\\_BYTES](#)

Warning

The memory allocated for an instance of xTaskInfo must be freed using [xMemFree\(\)](#).

**4.2.3.13 xTaskNotification** `typedef TaskNotification_t* xTaskNotification`

The xTaskNotification data structure contains the direct to task notification returned by [xTaskNotifyTake\(\)](#). See [TaskNotification\\_t](#) for information about the data structure's members.

See also

[TaskNotification\\_t](#)  
[xTaskNotifyTake\(\)](#)  
[xMemFree\(\)](#)  
[CONFIG\\_NOTIFICATION\\_VALUE\\_BYTES](#)

Warning

The memory allocated for an instance of xTaskNotification must be freed using [xMemFree\(\)](#).

#### 4.2.3.14 xTaskParm `typedef TaskParm_t* xTaskParm`

The xTaskParm type is used to pass a parameter to a task at the time of creation using [xTaskCreate\(\)](#). A task parameter is a pointer of type void and can point to any number of intrinsic types, arrays and/or user defined structures which can be passed to a task. It is up to the end-user to manage allocate and free the memory related to these objects using [xMemAlloc\(\)](#) and [xMemFree\(\)](#).

See also

[TaskParm\\_t](#)  
[xMemAlloc\(\)](#)  
[xMemFree\(\)](#)

Warning

The memory allocated for an instance of xTaskParm must be freed using [xMemFree\(\)](#).

#### 4.2.3.15 xTaskRunTimeStats `typedef TaskRunTimeStats_t* xTaskRunTimeStats`

The xTaskRunTimeStats structure contains task runtime statistics and is returned by [xTaskGetAllRunTimeStats\(\)](#) and [xTaskGetTaskRunTimeStats\(\)](#). See [TaskRunTimeStats\\_t](#) for information about the data structure's members.

See also

[TaskRunTimeStats\\_t](#)  
[xTaskGetTaskRunTimeStats\(\)](#)  
[xTaskGetAllRunTimeStats\(\)](#)  
[xMemFree\(\)](#)

Warning

The memory allocated for an instance of xTaskRunTimeStats must be freed using [xMemFree\(\)](#).

#### 4.2.3.16 xTaskState `typedef TaskState_t xTaskState`

A task can be in one of the four possible states defined in the xTaskState enumerated type. The state of a task is changed by calling [xTaskResume\(\)](#), [xTaskSuspend\(\)](#) or [xTaskWait\(\)](#).

See also

[TaskState\\_t](#)  
[xTaskResume\(\)](#)  
[xTaskSuspend\(\)](#)  
[xTaskWait\(\)](#)

#### 4.2.3.17 xTime `typedef Time_t xTime`

The xTime type is used by several of the task and timer related system calls to express time. The unit of measure for time is always microseconds.

See also

[Time\\_t](#)

#### 4.2.3.18 xTimer `typedef Timer_t* xTimer`

The xTimer type is a stub type definition for the internal timer data structure and is treated as a timer handle by most of the timer related system calls. The members of the data structure are not accessible.

See also

[Timer\\_t](#)

[xTimerDelete\(\)](#)

Warning

The memory allocated for an instance of xTimer must be freed using [xTimerDelete\(\)](#).

### 4.2.4 Enumeration Type Documentation

#### 4.2.4.1 TaskState\_t `enum TaskState_t`

A task can be in one of the four possible states defined in the TaskState\_t enumerated type. The state of a task is changed by calling [xTaskResume\(\)](#), [xTaskSuspend\(\)](#) or [xTaskWait\(\)](#). The TaskState\_t enumerated type should be declared as xTaskState.

See also

[xTaskState](#)

[xTaskResume\(\)](#)

[xTaskSuspend\(\)](#)

[xTaskWait\(\)](#)

Enumerator

TaskStateError	Returned by <a href="#">xTaskGetTaskState()</a> when task cannot be found.
TaskStateSuspended	State a task is in when it is first created by <a href="#">xTaskCreate()</a> or suspended by <a href="#">xTaskSuspend()</a> .
TaskStateRunning	State a task is in after <a href="#">xTaskResume()</a> is called.
TaskStateWaiting	State a task is in after <a href="#">xTaskWait()</a> is called.

### 4.2.5 Function Documentation

**4.2.5.1 xMemAlloc()** `void * xMemAlloc (`  
`size_t size_ )`

The `xMemAlloc()` system call will allocate memory from the heap for HeliOS system calls and end-user tasks. The size of the heap in bytes is dependent on the `CONFIG_HEAP_SIZE_IN_BLOCKS` and `CONFIG_HEAP_BLOCK_SIZE` settings. `xMemAlloc()` automatically clears the memory it allocates.

See also

[CONFIG\\_HEAP\\_SIZE\\_IN\\_BLOCKS](#)  
[CONFIG\\_HEAP\\_BLOCK\\_SIZE](#)  
[xMemFree\(\)](#)

#### Parameters

<code>size_↔</code> —	The amount (size) of the memory to be allocated from the heap in bytes.
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#### Returns

`void*` If successful, `xMemAlloc()` returns a pointer to the newly allocated memory. If unsuccessful, the system call will return null.

#### Note

HeliOS technically does not allocate memory from what is traditionally heap memory. HeliOS uses a private "heap" which is actually static memory allocated at compile time. This is done to maintain MISRA C:2012 compliance since standard library functions like `malloc()`, `calloc()` and `free()` are not permitted.

**4.2.5.2 xMemFree()** `void xMemFree (`  
`void * ptr_ )`

The `xMemFree()` system call will free heap memory allocated by `xMemAlloc()` and other HeliOS system calls such as `xSystemGetSystemInfo()`.

See also

[xMemAlloc\(\)](#)

#### Parameters

<code>ptr_↔</code> —	The pointer to the allocated heap memory to be freed.
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**Warning**

`xMemFree()` cannot be used to free memory allocated by `xTaskCreate()`, `xTimerCreate()` or `xQueueCreate()`. Memory allocated by those system calls must be freed by their respective delete system calls.

**4.2.5.3 xMemGetSize()** `size_t xMemGetSize (`  
`void * ptr_ )`

The `xMemGetSize()` system call returns the amount of heap memory in bytes that is currently allocated to a specific pointer. If the pointer is null or invalid, `xMemGetSize()` will return zero bytes.

**Parameters**

<code>ptr_↔</code>	The pointer to the allocated heap memory to obtain the size of the memory that is allocated.
<code>_</code>	

**Returns**

`size_t` The amount of memory currently allocated to the specific pointer in bytes. If the pointer is invalid or null, `xMemGetSize()` will return zero.

**Note**

If the pointer `ptr_` points to a structure that, for example, is 48 bytes in size base on `sizeof()`, `xMemGetSize()` will return the number of bytes allocated by the block(s) that contain the structure. Assuming the default block size of 32, a 48 byte structure would require TWO blocks so `xMemGetSize()` would return 64 - not 48. `xMemGetSize()` also checks the health of the heap and will return zero if it detects a consistency issue with the heap.

**4.2.5.4 xMemGetUsed()** `size_t xMemGetUsed (`  
`void )`

The `xMemGetUsed()` system call returns the amount of heap memory in bytes that is currently allocated. Calls to `xMemAlloc()` increases and `xMemFree()` decreases the amount.

**Returns**

`size_t` The amount of memory currently allocated in bytes. If no heap memory is currently allocated, `xMemGetUsed()` will return zero.

**Note**

`xMemGetUsed()` also checks the health of the heap and will return zero if it detects a consistency issue with the heap.

#### 4.2.5.5 xQueueCreate() `xQueue xQueueCreate ( xBase limit_ )`

The `xQueueCreate()` system call creates a message queue for inter-task communication.

See also

`xQueue`  
`xQueueDelete()`  
`CONFIG_QUEUE_MINIMUM_LIMIT`

##### Parameters

<i>limit_↔</i>	The message limit for the queue. When this number is reach, the queue is considered full and <code>xQueueSend()</code> will fail. The minimum limit for queues is dependent on the setting <code>CONFIG_QUEUE_MINIMUM_LIMIT</code> .
—	

##### Returns

`xQueue` A queue is returned if successful, otherwise null is returned if unsuccessful.

##### Warning

The message queue memory should only be freed by `xQueueDelete()` and NOT `xMemFree()`.

#### 4.2.5.6 xQueueDelete() `void xQueueDelete ( xQueue queue_ )`

The `xQueueDelete()` system call will delete a message queue created by `xQueueCreate()`. `xQueueDelete()` will delete a queue regardless of how many messages the queue contains at the time `xQueueDelete()` is called.

See also

`xQueueCreate()`

##### Parameters

<i>queue_↔</i>	The queue to be deleted.
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#### 4.2.5.7 xQueueDropMessage() `void xQueueDropMessage ( xQueue queue_ )`

The `xQueueDropMessage()` system call will drop the next message from the message queue without returning the message.



**Parameters**

<i>queue</i> ↔ —	The queue to drop the next message from.
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**4.2.5.8 xQueueGetLength()** `xBase xQueueGetLength (`  
`xQueue queue_ )`

The `xQueueGetLength()` system call returns the length of the queue (the number of messages the queue currently contains).

**Parameters**

<i>queue</i> ↔ —	The queue to return the length of.
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**Returns**

`xBase` The number of messages in the queue. If unsuccessful or if the queue is empty, `xQueueGetLength()` returns zero.

**Note**

The `xQueueGetLength()` system call will also check the health of the queue and returns zero if a consistency issues is detected.

**4.2.5.9 xQueueIsQueueEmpty()** `xBase xQueueIsQueueEmpty (`  
`xQueue queue_ )`

The `xQueueIsQueueEmpty()` system call will return a true or false dependent on whether the queue is empty (message queue length is zero) or contains one or more messages.

**Parameters**

<i>queue</i> ↔ —	The queue to determine whether it is empty.
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**Returns**

`xBase` True if the queue is empty. False if the queue has one or more messages. `xQueueIsQueueEmpty()` will also return false if the queue parameter is invalid.

**Note**

The `xQueueIsQueueEmpty()` will also check the health of the queue and return false if a consistency issue is detected.

#### 4.2.5.10 `xQueuesQueueFull()` `xBase` `xQueueIsQueueFull` ( `xQueue` `queue_` )

The `xQueuesFull()` system call will return a true or false dependent on whether the queue is full or contains zero messages. A queue is considered full if the number of messages in the queue is equal to the queue's length limit.

##### Parameters

<code>queue_</code>	The queue to determine whether it is full.
—	

##### Returns

`xBase` True if the queue is full. False if the queue has zero. `xQueuesQueueFull()` will also return false if the queue parameter is invalid.

##### Note

The `xQueuesQueueFull()` will also check the health of the queue and return false if a consistency issue is detected.

#### 4.2.5.11 `xQueueMessagesWaiting()` `xBase` `xQueueMessagesWaiting` ( `xQueue` `queue_` )

The `xQueueMessageWaiting()` system call returns true or false dependent on whether there is at least one message waiting. The message queue does not have to be full to return true.

##### Parameters

<code>queue_</code>	The queue to determine whether one or more messages are waiting.
—	

##### Returns

`xBase` True if one or more messages are waiting. False if there are no messages waiting of the queue parameter is invalid.

#### 4.2.5.12 `xQueuePeek()` `xQueueMessage` `xQueuePeek` ( `xQueue` `queue_` )

The `xQueuePeek()` system call will return the next message in the specified message queue without dropping the message.

##### See also

[xQueueMessage](#)  
[xMemFree\(\)](#)

**Parameters**

<i>queue</i> ↔ —	The queue to return the next message from.
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**Returns**

`xQueueMessage` The next message in the queue. If the queue is empty or the queue parameter is invalid, `xQueuePeek()` will return null.

**Warning**

The memory allocated by `xQueuePeek()` must be freed by `xMemFree()`.

**4.2.5.13 `xQueueReceive()`** `xQueueMessage` `xQueueReceive` (  
    `xQueue` `queue_` )

The `xQueueReceive()` system call will return the next message in the message queue and drop it from the message queue.

**See also**

`xQueueMessage`  
`xMemFree()`

**Parameters**

<i>queue</i> ↔ —	The queue to return the next message from.
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**Returns**

`xQueueMessage` The message returned from the queue. If the queue is empty or the queue parameter is invalid, `xQueueReceive()` will return null.

**Warning**

The memory allocated by `xQueueReceive()` must be freed by `xMemFree()`.

**4.2.5.14 `xQueueSend()`** `xBase` `xQueueSend` (  
    `xQueue` `queue_`,  
    `xBase` `messageBytes_`,  
    const char \* `messageValue_` )

The `xQueueSend()` system call will send a message using the specified message queue. The size of the message value is passed in the message bytes parameter. The maximum message value size in bytes is dependent on the `CONFIG_MESSAGE_VALUE_BYTES` setting.

See also

[CONFIG\\_MESSAGE\\_VALUE\\_BYTES](#)  
[xQueuePeek\(\)](#)  
[xQueueReceive\(\)](#)

Parameters

<i>queue_</i>	The queue to send the message to.
<i>message↔ Bytes_</i>	The number of bytes contained in the message value. The number of bytes must be greater than zero and less than or equal to the setting CONFIG_MESSAGE_VALUE_BYTES.
<i>message↔ Value_</i>	The message value. If the message value is greater than defined in CONFIG_MESSAGE_VALUE_BYTES, only the number of bytes defined in CONFIG_MESSAGE_VALUE_BYTES will be copied into the message value.

Returns

xBase [xQueueSend\(\)](#) returns true if the message was sent to the queue successfully. Otherwise false if unsuccessful.

**4.2.5.15 xSystemGetSystemInfo()** [xSystemInfo](#) xSystemGetSystemInfo (   
void )

Returns

xSystemInfo The system info is returned if successful, otherwise null is returned if unsuccessful.

See also

[xSystemInfo](#)  
[xMemFree\(\)](#)

Warning

The memory allocated by the [xSystemGetSystemInfo\(\)](#) must be freed with [xMemFree\(\)](#)

**4.2.5.16 xSystemHalt()** void xSystemHalt (   
void )

The [xSystemHalt\(\)](#) system call will halt HeliOS. Once [xSystemHalt\(\)](#) is called, the system must be reset.

**4.2.5.17 xTaskChangePeriod()** `void xTaskChangePeriod (`  
`xTask task_,`  
`xTime timerPeriod_ )`

The `xTaskChangePeriod()` system call will change the period (microseconds) on the task timer for the specified task. The timer period must be greater than zero. To have any effect, the task must be in the waiting state set by calling `xTaskWait()` on the task. Once the timer period is set and the task is in the waiting state, the task will be executed every `timerPeriod_` microseconds. Changing the period to zero will prevent the task from being executed even if it is in the waiting state unless it were to receive a direct to task notification.

See also

`xTaskWait()`  
`xTaskGetPeriod()`  
`xTaskResetTimer()`

Parameters

<i>task_</i>	The task to change the timer period for.
<i>timer↔ Period_</i>	The timer period in microseconds.

**4.2.5.18 xTaskCreate()** `xTask xTaskCreate (`  
`const char * name_,`  
`void(*) (xTask, xTaskParm) callback_,`  
`xTaskParm taskParameter_ )`

The `xTaskCreate()` system call will create a new task. The task will be created with its state set to suspended. The `xTaskCreate()` and `xTaskDelete()` system calls cannot be called within a task. They MUST be called outside of the scope of the HeliOS scheduler.

Parameters

<i>name_</i>	The ASCII name of the task which can be used by <code>xTaskGetHandleByName()</code> to obtain the task pointer. The length of the name is depended on the <code>CONFIG_TASK_NAME_BYTES</code> . The task name is NOT a null terminated char array.
<i>callback_</i>	The callback pointer to the task main function. This is the function that will be invoked by the scheduler when a task is scheduled for execution.
<i>task↔ Parameter_</i>	A pointer to any type or structure that the end-user wants to pass into the task as a parameter. The task parameter is not required and may simply be set to null.

Returns

xTask A pointer to the newly created task.

## See also

[xTask](#)  
[xTaskParm](#)  
[xTaskDelete\(\)](#)  
[xTaskState](#)  
[CONFIG\\_TASK\\_NAME\\_BYTES](#)

## Warning

[xTaskCreate\(\)](#) MUST be called outside the scope of the HeliOS scheduler (i.e., not from a task's main). The task memory should only be freed by [xTaskDelete\(\)](#) and NOT [xMemFree\(\)](#).

**4.2.5.19 xTaskDelete()** `void xTaskDelete (`  
     [xTask](#) *task\_* `)`

The [xTaskDelete\(\)](#) system call will delete a task. The [xTaskCreate\(\)](#) and [xTaskDelete\(\)](#) system calls cannot be called within a task. They MUST be called outside of the scope of the HeliOS scheduler.

## Parameters

<i>task_</i> ↔	A pointer to the task to be deleted.
—	

## Warning

[xTaskDelete\(\)](#) MUST be called outside the scope of the HeliOS scheduler (i.e., not from a task's main).

**4.2.5.20 xTaskGetAllRunTimeStats()** `xTaskRunTimeStats xTaskGetAllRunTimeStats (`  
     [xBase](#) \* *tasks\_* `)`

The [xTaskGetAllRunTimeStats\(\)](#) system call will return the runtime statistics for all of the tasks regardless of their state. The [xTaskGetAllRunTimeStats\(\)](#) system call returns the [xTaskRunTimeStats](#) type. An [xBase](#) variable must be passed by reference to [xTaskGetAllRunTimeStats\(\)](#) which will be updated by [xTaskGetAllRunTimeStats\(\)](#) to contain the number of tasks so the end-user can iterate through the tasks. The [xTaskRunTimeStats](#) memory must be freed by [xMemFree\(\)](#) after it is no longer needed.

## See also

[xTaskRunTimeStats](#)  
[xMemFree\(\)](#)

## Parameters

<i>tasks_</i> ↔	An variable of type <a href="#">xBase</a> passed by reference which will contain the number of tasks upon return. If no tasks currently exist, this variable will not be modified.
—	

**Returns**

`xTaskRunTimeStats` The runtime stats returned by `xTaskGetAllRunTimeStats()`. If there are currently no tasks then this will be null. This memory must be freed by `xMemFree()`.

**Warning**

The memory allocated by `xTaskGetAllRunTimeStats()` must be freed by `xMemFree()`.

**Note**

The `xTaskGetAllRunTimeStats()` system call will also check the health of the task list and will return null if a consistency issue is detected.

#### 4.2.5.21 `xTaskGetHandleById()` `xTask` `xTaskGetHandleById` ( `xBase` `id_` )

The `xTaskGetHandleById()` system call will return a pointer to the task handle specified by its identifier.

**See also**

`xBase`

**Parameters**

<code>id_</code> ←	The identifier of the task to return the handle pointer for.
← <code>_</code>	

**Returns**

`xTask` A pointer to the task handle. `xTaskGetHandleById()` returns null if the the task identifier cannot be found.

#### 4.2.5.22 `xTaskGetHandleByName()` `xTask` `xTaskGetHandleByName` ( `const char * name_` )

The `xTaskGetHandleByName()` system call will return the task handle pointer to the task specified by its ASCII name. The length of the task name is dependent on the `CONFIG_TASK_NAME_BYTES` setting. The name is compared byte-for-byte so the name is case sensitive.

**See also**

`CONFIG_TASK_NAME_BYTES`

## Parameters

<i>name</i> ↔ —	The ASCII name of the task to return the handle pointer for.
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## Returns

xTask A pointer to the task handle. [xTaskGetHandleByName\(\)](#) returns null if the name cannot be found.

**4.2.5.23 xTaskGetId()** `xBase xTaskGetId (`  
`xTask task_ )`

The [xTaskGetId\(\)](#) system call returns the task identifier for the task.

## Parameters

<i>task</i> ↔ —	The task to return the identifier of.
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## Returns

xBase The identifier of the task. If the task cannot be found, [xTaskGetId\(\)](#) returns zero (all tasks identifiers are 1 or greater).

**4.2.5.24 xTaskGetName()** `char * xTaskGetName (`  
`xTask task_ )`

The [xTaskGetName\(\)](#) system call returns the ASCII name of the task. The size of the task is dependent on the setting CONFIG\_TASK\_NAME\_BYTES. The task name is NOT a null terminated char array. The memory allocated for the char array must be freed by [xMemFree\(\)](#) when no longer needed.

## See also

[CONFIG\\_TASK\\_NAME\\_BYTES](#)  
[xMemFree\(\)](#)

## Parameters

<i>task</i> ↔ —	The task to return the name of.
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## Returns

char\* A pointer to the char array containing the ASCII name of the task. The task name is NOT a null terminated char array. [xTaskGetName\(\)](#) will return null if the task cannot be found.



**Warning**

The memory allocated by [xTaskGetName\(\)](#) must be free by [xMemFree\(\)](#).

**4.2.5.25 xTaskGetNumberOfTasks()** [xBase](#) xTaskGetNumberOfTasks (   
 void )

The [xTaskGetNumberOfTasks\(\)](#) system call returns the current number of tasks regardless of their state.

**Returns**

[xBase](#) The number of tasks.

**Note**

The [xTaskGetNumberOfTasks\(\)](#) system call will also check the health of the task list and will return zero if a consistency issue is detected.

**4.2.5.26 xTaskGetPeriod()** [xTime](#) xTaskGetPeriod (   
 [xTask](#) task\_ )

The [xTaskGetPeriod\(\)](#) will return the period for the timer for the specified task. See [xTaskChangePeriod\(\)](#) for more information on how the task timer works.

**See also**

[xTaskWait\(\)](#)

[xTaskChangePeriod\(\)](#)

[xTaskResetTimer\(\)](#)

**Parameters**

<i>task_</i> ↔	The task to return the timer period for.
—	

**Returns**

[xTime](#) The timer period in microseconds. [xTaskGetPeriod\(\)](#) will return zero if the timer period is zero or if the task could not be found.

**4.2.5.27 xTaskGetTaskInfo()** [xTaskInfo](#) xTaskGetTaskInfo (   
 [xTask](#) task\_ )

## Parameters

<i>task</i> ↔	The task to return the details of.
—	

## Returns

`xTaskInfo` The `xTaskInfo` structure containing the task details. `xTaskGetTaskInfo()` returns null if the task cannot be found.

## Warning

The memory allocated by `xTaskGetTaskInfo()` must be freed by `xMemFree()`.

**4.2.5.28 `xTaskGetTaskRunTimeStats()`** `xTaskRunTimeStats` `xTaskGetTaskRunTimeStats (`  
`xTask task_ )`

The `xTaskGetTaskRunTimeStats()` system call returns the task runtime statistics for one task. The `xTaskGetTaskRunTimeStats()` system call returns the `xTaskRunTimeStats` type. The memory must be freed by calling `xMemFree()` after it is no longer needed.

## See also

`xTaskRunTimeStats`  
`xMemFree()`

## Parameters

<i>task</i> ↔	The task to get the runtime statistics for.
—	

## Returns

`xTaskRunTimeStats` The runtime stats returned by `xTaskGetTaskRunTimeStats()`. `xTaskGetTaskRunTimeStats()` will return null if the task cannot be found.

## Warning

The memory allocated by `xTaskGetTaskRunTimeStats()` must be freed by `xMemFree()`.

**4.2.5.29 `xTaskGetTaskState()`** `xTaskState` `xTaskGetTaskState (`  
`xTask task_ )`

The `xTaskGetTaskState()` system call will return the state of the task.

## See also

`xTaskState`

## Parameters

<i>task</i> ↔	The task to return the state of.
—	

## Returns

`xTaskState` The `xTaskState` of the task. If the task cannot be found, [xTaskGetTaskState\(\)](#) will return null.

#### 4.2.5.30 `xTaskNotificationIsWaiting()` `xBase_t` `xTaskNotificationIsWaiting` ( `xTask_t` *task\_* )

The [xTaskNotificationIsWaiting\(\)](#) system call will return true or false depending on whether there is a direct to task notification waiting for the task.

## Parameters

<i>task</i> ↔	The task to check for a waiting task notification.
—	

## Returns

`xBase_t` Returns true if there is a task notification. False if there is no notification or if the task could not be found.

#### 4.2.5.31 `xTaskNotifyGive()` `Base_t` `xTaskNotifyGive` ( `xTask_t` *task\_*, `xBase_t` *notificationBytes\_*, `const char *` *notificationValue\_* )

The [xTaskNotifyGive\(\)](#) system call will give a direct to task notification to the specified task. The task notification bytes is the number of bytes contained in the notification value. The number of notification bytes must be between one and the `CONFIG_NOTIFICATION_VALUE_BYTES` setting. The notification value must contain a pointer to a char array containing the notification value. If the task already has a waiting task notification, [xTaskNotifyGive\(\)](#) will NOT overwrite the waiting task notification. [xTaskNotifyGive\(\)](#) will return true if the direct to task notification was successfully given.

## See also

[CONFIG\\_NOTIFICATION\\_VALUE\\_BYTES](#)  
[xTaskNotifyTake\(\)](#)

## Parameters

<i>task_</i>	The task to send the task notification to.
<i>notificationBytes_</i> ↔	The number of bytes contained in the notification value. The number must be between one and the <code>CONFIG_NOTIFICATION_VALUE_BYTES</code> setting.
<i>notificationValue_</i> ↔	A char array containing the notification value.
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## Returns

xBase True if the direct to task notification was successfully given, false if not.

**4.2.5.32 xTaskNotifyStateClear()** `void xTaskNotifyStateClear (`  
     `xTask task_ )`

The [xTaskNotifyStateClear\(\)](#) system call will clear a waiting direct to task notification if one exists without returning the notification.

## Parameters

<i>task_</i> ↔	The task to clear the notification for.
—	

**4.2.5.33 xTaskNotifyTake()** `xTaskNotification xTaskNotifyTake (`  
     `xTask task_ )`

The [xTaskNotifyTake\(\)](#) system call will return the waiting direct to task notification if there is one. The [xTaskNotifyTake\(\)](#) system call will return an xTaskNotification structure containing the notification bytes and its value. The memory allocated by [xTaskNotifyTake\(\)](#) must be freed by [xMemFree\(\)](#).

## See also

[xTaskNotification](#)  
[xTaskNotifyGive\(\)](#)  
[xMemFree\(\)](#)  
[CONFIG\\_NOTIFICATION\\_VALUE\\_BYTES](#)

## Parameters

<i>task_</i> ↔	The task to return a waiting task notification.
—	

## Returns

xTaskNotification The xTaskNotification structure containing the notification bytes and value. [xTaskNotifyTake\(\)](#) will return null if no waiting task notification exists or if the task cannot be found.

## Warning

The memory allocated by [xTaskNotifyTake\(\)](#) must be freed by [xMemFree\(\)](#).

**4.2.5.34 xTaskResetTimer()** `void xTaskResetTimer (`  
`xTask task_ )`

The [xTaskResetTimer\(\)](#) system call will reset the task timer. [xTaskResetTimer\(\)](#) does not change the timer period or the task state when called. See [xTaskChangePeriod\(\)](#) for more details on task timers.

See also

[xTaskWait\(\)](#)  
[xTaskChangePeriod\(\)](#)  
[xTaskGetPeriod\(\)](#)

Parameters

<i>task_</i> ↔	The task to reset the task timer for.
—	

**4.2.5.35 xTaskResume()** `void xTaskResume (`  
`xTask task_ )`

The [xTaskResume\(\)](#) system call will resume a suspended task. Tasks are suspended on creation so either [xTaskResume\(\)](#) or [xTaskWait\(\)](#) must be called to place the task in a state that the scheduler will execute.

See also

[xTaskState](#)  
[xTaskSuspend\(\)](#)  
[xTaskWait\(\)](#)

Parameters

<i>task_</i> ↔	The task to set its state to running.
—	

**4.2.5.36 xTaskResumeAll()** `void xTaskResumeAll (`  
`void )`

The [xTaskResumeAll\(\)](#) system call will set the scheduler system flag so the next call to [xTaskStartScheduler\(\)](#) will resume execute of all tasks. The state of each task is not altered by [xTaskSuspendAll\(\)](#) or [xTaskResumeAll\(\)](#).

See also

[xTaskSuspendAll\(\)](#)

**4.2.5.37 xTaskStartScheduler()** `void xTaskStartScheduler (`  
`void )`

The [xTaskStartScheduler\(\)](#) system call passes control to the HeliOS scheduler. This system call will not return until [xTaskSuspendAll\(\)](#) is called. If [xTaskSuspendAll\(\)](#) is called, [xTaskResumeAll\(\)](#) must be called before [xTaskStartScheduler\(\)](#) can be called again.

**4.2.5.38 xTaskSuspend()** `void xTaskSuspend (`  
`xTask task_ )`

The [xTaskSuspend\(\)](#) system call will suspend a task. A task that has been suspended will not be executed by the scheduler until [xTaskResume\(\)](#) or [xTaskWait\(\)](#) is called.

See also

[xTaskState](#)  
[xTaskResume\(\)](#)  
[xTaskWait\(\)](#)

Parameters

<i>task_</i> ↔	The task to suspend.
—	

**4.2.5.39 xTaskSuspendAll()** `void xTaskSuspendAll (`  
`void )`

The [xTaskSuspendAll\(\)](#) system call will set the scheduler running system flag to false so the scheduler will stop and return. The state of each task is not altered by [xTaskSuspendAll\(\)](#) or [xTaskResumeAll\(\)](#).

See also

[xTaskResumeAll\(\)](#)

**4.2.5.40 xTaskWait()** `void xTaskWait (`  
`xTask task_ )`

The [xTaskWait\(\)](#) system call will place a task in the waiting state. A task must be in the waiting state for event driven multitasking with either direct to task notifications OR setting the period on the task timer with [xTaskChangePeriod\(\)](#). A task in the waiting state will not be executed by the scheduler until an event has occurred.

See also

[xTaskState](#)  
[xTaskResume\(\)](#)  
[xTaskSuspend\(\)](#)

**Parameters**

<i>task</i> ↔ —	The task to place in the waiting state.
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**4.2.5.41 xTimerChangePeriod()** `void xTimerChangePeriod (`  
    `xTimer timer_,`  
    `xTime timerPeriod_ )`

The [xTimerChangePeriod\(\)](#) system call will change the period of the specified timer. The timer period is measured in microseconds. If the timer period is zero, the [xTimerHasTimerExpired\(\)](#) system call will always return false.

**See also**

[xTimerHasTimerExpired\(\)](#)

**Parameters**

<i>timer_</i>	The timer to change the period for.
<i>timer</i> ↔ <i>Period_</i>	The timer period in is microseconds. Timer period must be zero or greater.

**4.2.5.42 xTimerCreate()** `xTimer xTimerCreate (`  
    `xTime timerPeriod_ )`

The [xTimerCreate\(\)](#) system call will create a new timer. Timers differ from task timers in that they do not create events that effect the scheduling of a task. Timers can be used by tasks to initiate various task activities based on a specified time period represented in microseconds. The memory allocated by [xTimerCreate\(\)](#) must be freed by [xTimerDelete\(\)](#). Unlike tasks, timers may be created and deleted within tasks.

**See also**

[xTimer](#)

[xTimerDelete\(\)](#)

**Parameters**

<i>timer</i> ↔ <i>Period_</i>	The number of microseconds before the timer expires.
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**Returns**

[xTimer](#) The newly created timer. If the timer period parameter is less than zero or [xTimerCreate\(\)](#) was unable to allocate the required memory, [xTimerCreate\(\)](#) will return null.

### Warning

The timer memory should only be freed by [xTimerDelete\(\)](#) and NOT [xMemFree\(\)](#).

**4.2.5.43 xTimerDelete()** `void xTimerDelete (`  
`xTimer timer_ )`

The [xTimerDelete\(\)](#) system call will delete a timer. For more information on timers see the [xTaskTimerCreate\(\)](#) system call.

### See also

[xTimerCreate\(\)](#)

### Parameters

<i>timer</i> ↔	The timer to be deleted.
—	

**4.2.5.44 xTimerGetPeriod()** `xTime xTimerGetPeriod (`  
`xTimer timer_ )`

The [xTimerGetPeriod\(\)](#) system call will return the current timer period for the specified timer.

### Parameters

<i>timer</i> ↔	The timer to get the timer period for.
—	

### Returns

xTime The timer period. If the timer cannot be found, [xTimerGetPeriod\(\)](#) will return zero.

**4.2.5.45 xTimerHasTimerExpired()** `xBase xTimerHasTimerExpired (`  
`xTimer timer_ )`

The [xTimerHasTimerExpired\(\)](#) system call will return true or false dependent on whether the timer period for the specified timer has elapsed. [xTimerHasTimerExpired\(\)](#) will NOT reset the timer. Timers will not automatically reset. Timers MUST be reset with [xTimerReset\(\)](#).

### See also

[xTimerReset\(\)](#)



**Parameters**

<i>timer</i> ↔	The timer to determine if the period has expired.
—	

**Returns**

xBase True if the timer has expired, false if the timer has not expired or could not be found.

**4.2.5.46 xTimerIsTimerActive()** `xBase xTimerIsTimerActive (`  
`xTimer timer_ )`

The [xTimerIsTimerActive\(\)](#) system call will return true if the timer has been started with [xTimerStart\(\)](#).

**See also**

[xTimerStart\(\)](#)

**Parameters**

<i>timer</i> ↔	The timer to check if active.
—	

**Returns**

xBase True if active, false if not active or if the timer could not be found.

**4.2.5.47 xTimerReset()** `void xTimerReset (`  
`xTimer timer_ )`

The [xTimerReset\(\)](#) system call will reset the start time of the timer to zero.

**Parameters**

<i>timer</i> ↔	The timer to be reset.
—	

**4.2.5.48 xTimerStart()** `void xTimerStart (`  
`xTimer timer_ )`

The [xTimerStart\(\)](#) system call will place the timer in the running (active) state. Neither [xTimerStart\(\)](#) nor [xTimerStop\(\)](#) will reset the timer. Timers can only be reset with [xTimerReset\(\)](#).

See also

[xTimerStop\(\)](#)  
[xTimerReset\(\)](#)

Parameters

<i>timer</i> ↔ —	The timer to be started.
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**4.2.5.49 xTimerStop()** `void xTimerStop (`  
    `xTimer timer_ )`

See also

[xTimerStart\(\)](#)  
[xTimerReset\(\)](#)

Parameters

<i>timer</i> ↔ —	The timer to be stopped.
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