



# Message Queue Management

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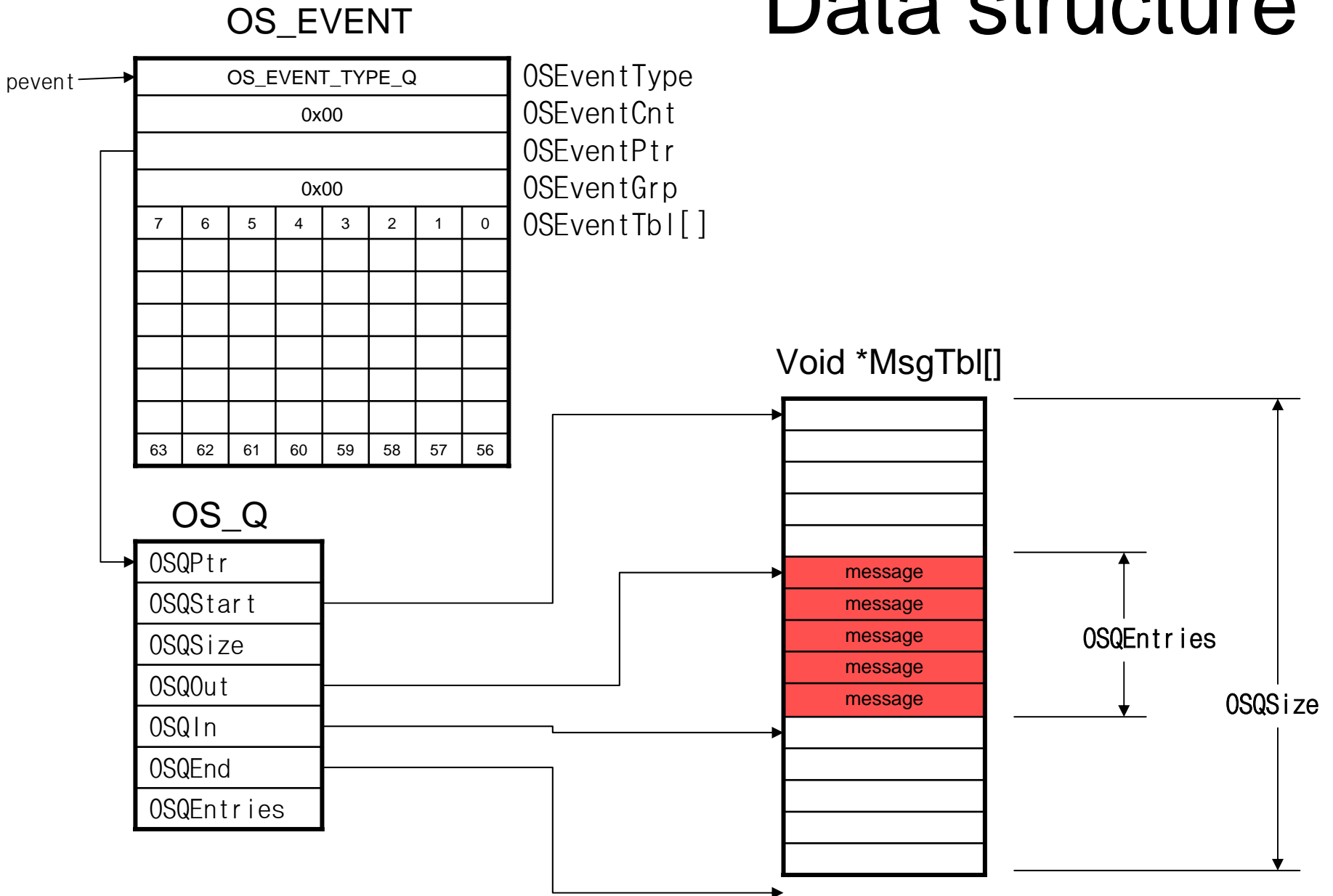
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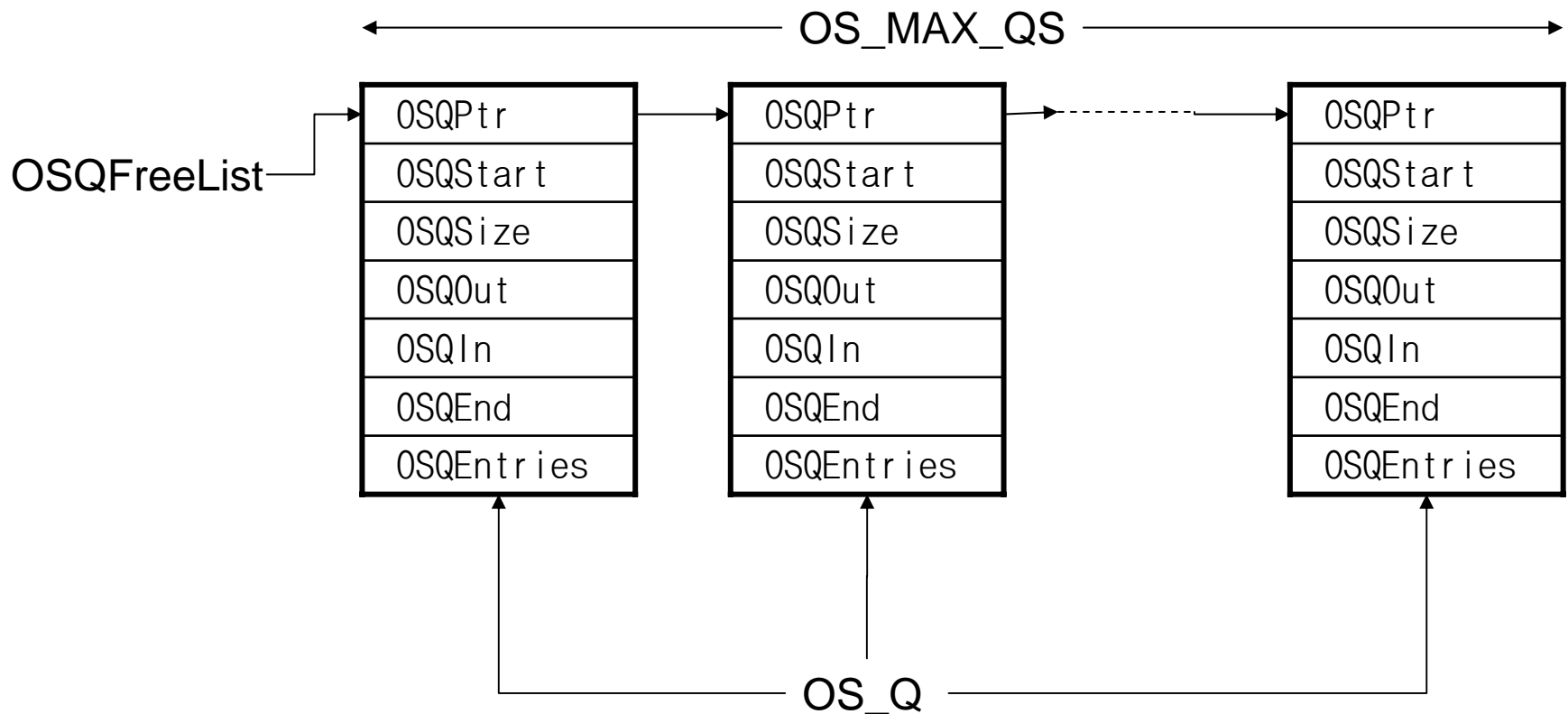
# Introduction

- A message queue is a  $\mu\text{C}/\text{OS-II}$  object that allows a task or an ISR to send a pointer-sized variable to another task.
- The msg pointer would typically be initialized to point to some application specific data structure containing a message
- A queue looks like a mailbox with multiple entries.

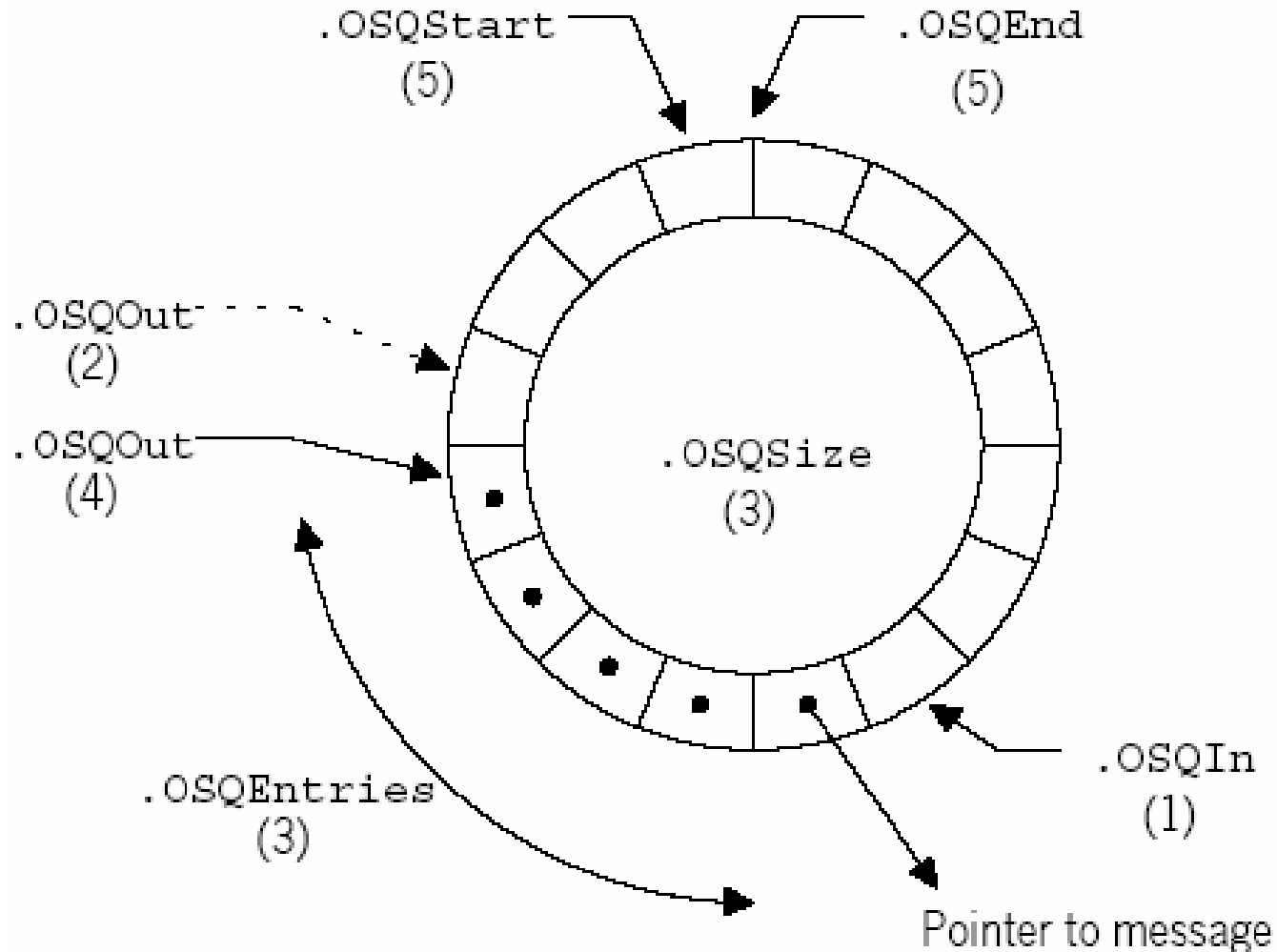
# Data structure



# List of free queue control blocks



# Circular buffer of pointers



# OSQCreate()

- **Prototype** : `OS_EVENT OSQCreate(void **start, INT16U size)`
- **Description** : This function creates a message queue if free ECB are available.
- **Arguments** :
  - **Start** is a pointer to the base address of the message queue storage area. The storage area **MUST** be declared as an array of pointers to 'void' as follows:  
`void *MessageStorage[size]`
  - **Size** is the number of elements in the storage area
- **Returns** :
  - `!= (OS_EVENT *)0` is a pointer to the event control clock.
  - `== (OS_EVENT *)0` if no event control blocks were available or error.

# OSQCreate()

```
OS_EVENT  *pevent;  
OS_Q      *pq;
```

```
pevent = OSEventFreeList;           //Get next free event control block  
if (OSEventFreeList != (OS_EVENT *)0) //See if pool of free ECB pool was empty  
    OSEventFreeList = (OS_EVENT *)OSEventFreeList->OSEventPtr;  
  
if (pevent != (OS_EVENT *)0)       // See if we have an event control block  
{  
    pq = OSQFreeList;               //Get a free queue control block  
    if (pq != (OS_Q *)0)           //Were we able to get a queue control block ?  
    {  
        OSQFreeList = OSQFreeList->OSQPtr;  
        pq->OSQStart = start;       //Initialize the queue  
        pq->OSQEnd   = &start[size];  
        pq->OSQIn    = start;  
        pq->OSQOut   = start;  
        pq->OSQSize  = size;  
        pq->OSQEntries = 0;  
        pevent->OSEventType = OS_EVENT_TYPE_Q;  
        pevent->OSEventCnt = 0;  
        pevent->OSEventPtr = pq;  
        OS_EventWaitListInit(pevent); //Initalize the wait list  
    }  
}
```



# OSQCreate()

```
else                                     //there is no free ECB
{
    pevent->OSEventPtr = (void *)OSEventFreeList;
    OSEventFreeList    = pevent;
    pevent = (OS_EVENT *)0;
}
}
return (pevent);
```

# OSQDel()

- **Prototype :** OS\_EVENT \*OSQDel ( OS\_EVENT \*pevent ,  
INT8U opt , INT8U \*err )
- **Description :** This function deletes a queue  
and readies all tasks pending on  
the queue.
- **Arguments :**
  - pevent is a pointer to the ECB.
  - opt determines delete options as follows
    - OS\_DEL\_NO\_PEND Delete the mailbox ONLY if no task pending.
    - OS\_DEL\_ALWAYS Deletes the mailbox even if tasks are waiting.

# OSQDel()

## ■ Arguments :

- err is a pointer to an error code that can contain one of the following values:
  - OS\_NO\_ERR
  - OS\_ERR\_DEL\_ISR
  - OS\_ERR\_INVALID\_OPT
  - OS\_ERR\_TASK\_WAITING
  - OS\_ERR\_EVENT\_TYPE
  - OS\_ERR\_PEVENT\_NULL

## ■ Returns :

- peven upon error
- (OS\_EVENT \*)0 if the queue was successfully deleted.

# OSQDel()

```
BOOLEAN    tasks_waiting;  
OS_Q       *pq;
```

```
if (pevent->OSEventGrp != 0x00)  
    tasks_waiting = TRUE;  
else  
    tasks_waiting = FALSE;
```

```
//See if any tasks waiting on queue
```

# OSQDel()

```
switch (opt)
{
    case OS_DEL_NO_PEND:                                     //Delete queue only if no task waiting
        if (tasks_waiting == FALSE)
        {
            pq                = (OS_Q *)pevent->OSEventPtr;
            pq->OSQPtr         = OSQFreeList;
            OSQFreeList       = pq;
            pevent->OSEventType = OS_EVENT_TYPE_UNUSED;
            pevent->OSEventPtr  = OSEventFreeList; //Return Event Control Block to free list
            OSEventFreeList    = pevent;          //Get next free event control block

            *err = OS_NO_ERR;
            return ((OS_EVENT *)0);                //Queue has been deleted
        }

    else
    {
        *err = OS_ERR_TASK_WAITING;
        return (pevent);
    }
}
```

# OSQDel()

```
case OS_DEL_ALWAYS:                                //Always delete the queue
    while (pevent->OSEventGrp != 0x00)
        OS_EventTaskRdy(pevent, (void *)0, OS_STAT_Q);

    pq                = (OS_Q *)pevent->OSEventPtr;
    pq->OSQPtr         = OSQFreeList;
    OSQFreeList       = pq;
    pevent->OSEventType = OS_EVENT_TYPE_UNUSED;
    pevent->OSEventPtr  = OSEventFreeList;
    OSEventFreeList   = pevent;

    if (tasks_waiting == TRUE)                      //Reschedule only if task(s) were waiting
        OS_Sched();                                 //Find highest priority task ready to run
    *err = OS_NO_ERR;
    return ((OS_EVENT *)0);                          //Queue has been deleted

default:
    *err = OS_ERR_INVALID_OPT;
    return (pevent);
}
```

# OSQFlush()

- **Prototype** : `INT8U OSQFlush (OS_EVENT *pevent)`
- **Description** : This function is used to flush the contents of the message queue.
- **Arguments** :
  - `pevent` is a pointer to the ECB.
- **Return** :
  - `OS_NO_ERR`
  - `OS_ERR_EVENT_TYPE`
  - `OS_ERR_PEVENT_NULL`

# OSQFlush()

```
OS_Q      *pq;
```

```
pq          = (OS_Q *)pevent->OSEventPtr; //Point to queue storage structure  
pq->OSQIn   = pq->OSQStart;  
pq->OSQOut  = pq->OSQStart;  
pq->OSQEntries = 0;  
return (OS_NO_ERR);
```



# OSQPend()

- **Prototype** : `void *OSQPend (OS_EVENT *pevent, INT16U timeout  
INT8U *err)`
- **Description** : This function waits for a message to be sent to a queue.
- **Arguments** :
  - `pevent` is a pointer to the ECB.
  - `timeout` is an optional timeout period (in clock ticks).
  - `err` is a pointer to where an error message will be deposited.
    - `OS_NO_ERR`
    - `OS_TIMEOUT`
    - `OS_ERR_EVENT_TYPE`
    - `OS_ERR_PEND_ISR`
    - `OS_ERR_PEVENT_NULL`

# OSQPend()

## ■ Returns :

- `!= (void *)0` is a pointer to the message received
- `== (void *)0`
  - if no message was received
  - if 'pEvent' is a NULL pointer
  - if you didn't pass a pointer to a queue.

# OSQPend()

```
pq = (OS_Q *)pevent->OSEventPtr;
if (pq->OSQEntries > 0)
{
    msg    = *pq->OSQOut++;
    pq->OSQEntries--;
    if (pq->OSQOut == pq->OSQEnd)
        pq->OSQOut = pq->OSQStart;

    *err = OS_NO_ERR;
    return (msg);
}
OSTCBCur->OSTCBStat |= OS_STAT_Q;
OSTCBCur->OSTCBDly   = timeout;
OS_EventTaskWait(pevent);

OS_Sched();
```

```
//Point at queue control block

//See if any messages in the queue
//Yes, extract oldest message from the queue
//Update the number of entries in the queue
//Wrap OUT pointer if we are at the end of the
//queue

//Return message received

//Load timeout into TCB
//Suspend task until event or timeout occurs

//Find next highest priority task ready to run
```

# OSQPend()

```
msg = OSTCBCur->OSTCBMsg;
if (msg != (void *)0)
{
    OSTCBCur->OSTCBMsg = (void *)0; //Did we get a message?
    OSTCBCur->OSTCBStat = OS_STAT_RDY; //Extract message from TCB
    OSTCBCur->OSTCBEventPtr = (OS_EVENT *)0; //No longer waiting for event
    *err = OS_NO_ERR;
    return (msg); //Return message received
}
OS_EventT0(pevent); //Timed out
*err = OS_TIMEOUT; //Indicate a timeout occurred
return ((void *)0); //No message received
```

# OSQPost ()

- **Prototype** : `INT8U OSQPost (OS_EVENT *pevent, void *msg)`
- **Description** : This function sends a message to a queue.
- **Arguments** :
  - `pevent` is a pointer to the event control block associated with the desired queue
  - `msg` is a pointer to the message to send.
- **Returns** :
  - `OS_NO_ERR`
  - `OS_Q_FULL`
  - `OS_ERR_EVENT_TYPE`
  - `OS_ERR_PEVENT_NULL`
  - `OS_ERR_POST_NULL_PTR`

# OSQPost()

```
OS_Q      *pq;
if (pevent->OSEventGrp != 0x00)           //See if any task pending on queue
{
    OS_EventTaskRdy(pevent, msg, OS_STAT_Q);
    OS_Sched();                           //Find highest priority task ready to run
    return (OS_NO_ERR);
}
pq = (OS_Q *)pevent->OSEventPtr;         //Point to queue control block
if (pq->OSQEntries >= pq->OSQSize)       //Make sure queue is not full
    return (OS_Q_FULL);

*pq->OSQIn++ = msg;                       //Insert message into queue
pq->OSQEntries++;                          //Update the nbr of entries in the queue
if (pq->OSQIn == pq->OSQEnd)              //Wrap IN ptr if we are at end of queue
    pq->OSQIn = pq->OSQStart;
return (OS_NO_ERR);
```

# OSQPostFront ()

- **Prototype** : `INT8U OSQPost (OS_EVENT *pevent,  
void *msg)`
- **Description** : This function is the same as OSQPost() except that the message is posted at the front instead of the end of the queue.
- **Arguments** : the same as OSQPost()
- **Returns** : the same as OSQPost()

# OSQPostFront ()

```
OS_Q      *pq;
if (pevent->OSEventGrp != 0x00)           //See if any task pending on queue
{
    OS_EventTaskRdy(pevent, msg, OS_STAT_Q);
    OS_Sched();                           //Find highest priority task ready to run
    return (OS_NO_ERR);
}
pq = (OS_Q *)pevent->OSEventPtr;         //Point to queue control block
if (pq->OSQEntries >= pq->OSQSize)       //Make sure queue is not full
    return (OS_Q_FULL);
if (pq->OSQOut == pq->OSQStart)           //Wrap OUT ptr if we are at the 1st queue entry
    pq->OSQOut = pq->OSQEnd;
pq->OSQOut--;
*pq->OSQOut = msg;                        //Insert message into queue
pq->OSQEntries++;                          //Update the nbr of entries in the queue
return (OS_NO_ERR);
```



# OSQPostOpt ()

- **Prototype** : `INT8U OSQPostOpt (OS_EVENT *pevent,  
void *msg, INT8U opt)`
- **Description** : Extended OSQPost().
- **Arguments** :
  - `pevent` is a pointer to the ECB associated with the desired queue.
  - `msg` is a pointer to the message to send.
  - `opt` determines the type of POST performed:
    - `OS_POST_OPT_NONE` POST to a single waiting task
    - `OS_POST_OPT_BROADCAST` POST to ALL tasks that are waiting on the queue
    - `OS_POST_OPT_FRONT` Simulates OSQPostFront()
- **Returns** : the same as OSQPost()

# OSQPostOpt()

```
OS_Q      *pq;

if (pevent->OSEventGrp != 0x00)           // See if any task pending on queue
{
    if ((opt & OS_POST_OPT_BROADCAST) != 0x00)
        while (pevent->OSEventGrp != 0x00)
            OS_EventTaskRdy(pevent, msg, OS_STAT_Q);
    else
        OS_EventTaskRdy(pevent, msg, OS_STAT_Q);
    OS_Sched();
    return (OS_NO_ERR);
}
```

# OSQPostOpt()

```
pq = (OS_Q *)pevent->OSEventPtr;           //Point to queue control block
if (pq->OSQEntries >= pq->OSQSize)         //Make sure queue is not full
    return (OS_Q_FULL);
if ((opt & OS_POST_OPT_FRONT) != 0x00)     //Do we post to the FRONT of the queue?
{
    if (pq->OSQOut == pq->OSQStart)         //Yes, Post as LIFO, Wrap OUT pointer if we
        pq->OSQOut = pq->OSQEnd;         //are at the 1st queue entry
    pq->OSQOut--;
    *pq->OSQOut = msg;                     //Insert message into queue
}
else                                       //No, Post as FIFO
{
    *pq->OSQIn++ = msg;
    if (pq->OSQIn == pq->OSQEnd)           //Wrap IN ptr if we are at end of queue
        pq->OSQIn = pq->OSQStart;
}
pq->OSQEntries++;                          //Update the nbr of entries in the queue
return (OS_NO_ERR);
```

# OSQAccept ()

- **Prototype** : `void *OSQAccept(OS_EVENT *pevent)`
- **Description** : This function checks the queue to see if a message is available.
- **Arguments** :
  - `pevent` is a pointer to the event control block.
- **Returns** :
  - `!= (void *)0` is the message in the queue if one is available.
  - `== (void *)0`
    - if the queue is empty
    - if 'pevent' is a NULL pointer
    - if you passed an invalid event type



# OSQQuery()

- **Prototype** : `INT8U OSQQuery(OS_EVENT *pevent,  
OS_Q_DATA *pdata)`
- **Description** : This function obtains information about a message queue.
- **Arguments** :
  - `pevent` is a pointer to the event control block.
  - `pdata` is a pointer to a structure that will contain information about the message queue.
- **Returns** :
  - `OS_NO_ERR`
  - `OS_ERR_EVENT_TYPE`
  - `OS_ERR_PEVENT_NULL`


# OSQQuery()

```
typedef struct
{
    void      *OSMsg;           //Pointer to next message to be extracted from queue
    INT16U    OSNMsgs;         //Number of messages in message queue
    INT16U    OSQSize;         //Size of message queue
    INT8U     OSEventTbl[OS_EVENT_TBL_SIZE]; //List of tasks waiting for event to occur
    INT8U     OSEventGrp;      //Group corresponding to tasks waiting for event to occur
} OS_Q_DATA;
```

# OSQQuery()

```
OS_Q      *pq;
INT8U     *psrc;
INT8U     *pdest;
pdata->OSEventGrp = pevent->OSEventGrp;           //Copy message queue wait list
psrc      = &pevent->OSEventTbl[0];
pdest     = &pdata->OSEventTbl[0];
#if OS_EVENT_TBL_SIZE > 0
    *pdest++ = *psrc++;
#endif
    :
    :
#if OS_EVENT_TBL_SIZE > 7
    *pdest = *psrc;
#endif
pq = (OS_Q *)pevent->OSEventPtr;
if (pq->OSQEntries > 0)
    pdata->OSMsg = *pq->OSQOut;                   //Get next message to return if available
else
    pdata->OSMsg = (void *)0;
pdata->OSNMsgs = pq->OSQEntries;
pdata->OSQSize = pq->OSQSize;
return (OS_NO_ERR);
```





# Using a Message Queue as a Counting Semaphore

- Initializing queue with many non-NULL pointers as resources are available.
- Signal : OSQPost()
- Wait : OSQPend()

# Using a Mailbox Instead of OSTimeDly()

- Example :

- OSQPend(QTimeDly, TIMEOUT, &err);