# Interval<mark>Zero</mark>

ProductBrief

# RTX64 3.1

# Overview

RTX64 is a key component of the IntervalZero RTOS Platform that also includes x86 and x64 multi-core multiprocessors, and the Windows operating system to outperform real-time hardware such as DSPs and MCUs and reduce the development costs for systems that require determinism or hard real-time.

Symmetric multiprocessing-enabled RTX64 takes full advantage of 64-bit memory and performance capabilities. Uniquely, the RTX64 RTOS scheduler enables embedded real-time applications to directly access the 512GB of addressable physical memory available on 64-bit Windows.

This is critical to modern day real-time systems and represents a gigantic leap from the 4GB physical memory limit of traditional 32-bit Windows systems. The 4GB barrier has stymied innovation in many industries that depend on real-time systems and that require memory access far beyond 4GB.

## Determinism

- Guaranteed Precision set timer periods down to 1 microsecond, and Interrupt Service Thread (IST) latencies of less than 10 microseconds
- Separation from Windows Windows processes cannot interfere with real-time applications
- Scalability one scheduler is used across all real-time processors. Symmetric multiprocessing (SMP) aware scheduler utilizes both priority-driven and pre-emptive algorithms to ensure critical thread context switches; and yields to threads of high priority occur in the sub-microsecond range

## Control

- Flexibility to configure how much or little processing capability is used for real-time processes (1 to 63 processors)
- Full control of real-time process threads with the ability to load balance as needed. RTX64 provides the ability to set thread and interrupt affinities.
- Peace of mind if Windows issues a STOP message or shutdown; real-time applications have the ability to continue running to safety shutdown

## Simplify

- Use a single operating system for applications. RTX64 is supported on Windows 7 SP1, Windows Embedded Standard 7 SP1, Windows 8.1, Windows Embedded Standard 8.1, and Windows 10
- Use commercial off-the shelf (COTS) target system; no special hardware required
- Use one development environment Visual studio 2012, 2013, 2015, and 2017
- Use common languages (C/C++) for Windows and real-time applications
- Use common Win32 API; same code can be run as a Windows or real-time process
- Use managed code for Windows application and still communicate with your real-time applications
- No driver model to follow; real-time process can talk directly to hardware
- Use standard IPC communication between Windows applications and real-time processes (events, mutexes, and semaphores)
- Use shared memory between Windows and real-time process for sharing of data

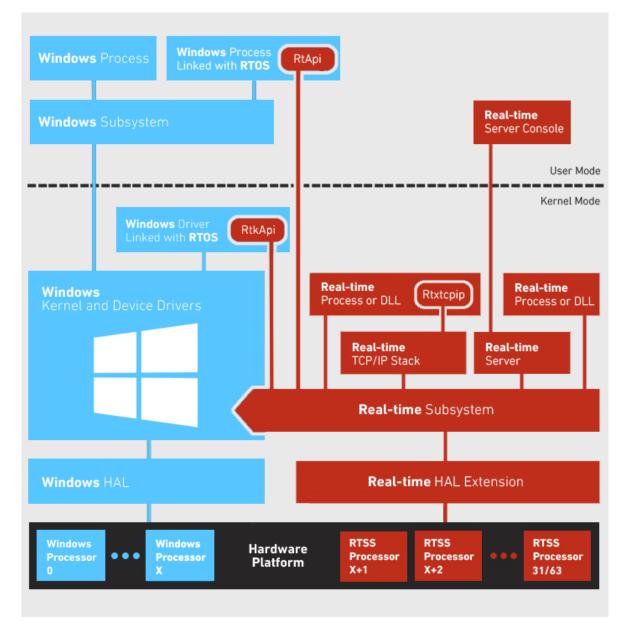
## **Reduce Costs**

- Eliminate additional system to perform the HMI
- Eliminate proprietary controller and communications cards
- Improved asset utilization: Take advantage of underused multi-core capacity
- Reduced manufacturing costs and fewer physical parts

### Improve Efficiency

- Eliminate some inventory costs and reduce maintenance costs
- Field upgrades are accomplished through software download rather than board replacement

#### Architecture



## **Key Features**

#### **Real-time Runtime**

- Scalable from 1 to 63 real-time processors
- SMP aware scheduler utilizes both priority-driven and pre-emptive algorithms to ensure critical thread context switches; and yields to threads of high priority occur in the sub-microsecond range
- Configurable thread and interrupt affinity
- Configurable timer period
- Ability to attach to line-based and message-based (MSI/MSI-X) interrupts
- Shutdown handling on Windows STOP or shutdown
- Deterministic memory
- Access to Windows file system and registry
- Ability to set Search paths for process creation and loading of RTDLLs
- Dynamic-link library support through RTDLLs, which can be loaded implicitly or explicitly
- Ability to profile application behavior by monitoring internal objects and custom events
- Real-time Inter Process Communication between Windows user processes and real-time processes
  - o Native and managed interface for 32-bit or 64-bit Windows processes
  - Objects available: events, mutexes, and semaphore
  - Data sharing through shared memory
- Real-time Inter Process Communication between Windows kernel drivers and real-time processes
  - Native interface for 64-bit Windows drivers
  - o Objects available: events, mutexes, and semaphore
  - Data sharing through shared memory
  - Windows user groups for limiting access to RTX64 features
- Tools and Utilities
  - Activation and Configuration activate subsystem components and configure RTSS cores
  - Control Panel configuration the subsystem
  - Server Console display print messages
  - SRTM view system timer to timer handler response on a given core
  - KSRTM view system timer to interrupt service routine (ISR) response
  - Latency View view and compare system timer response latencies on multiple cores at the same time
  - Task Manager display a list of running RTSS processes and Windows processes and drivers linked to RTX64
  - Monitor configures profiling of RTSS
  - RTX64CPUUsage view total CPU usages on RTSS cores
  - RTX64Objects view internal objects and states

#### **Software Development Kit**

- Headers and libraries for application development
  - o Real-time API (RTAPI) similar to Windows Win32 API
  - Real-time kernel API (RTKAPI)
  - Real-time Network API (RTNAPI)

- o Real-time Network Driver API (RTNDAPI)
- Managed Code Interface (IntervalZero.RTX64)
- Microsoft Visual Studio 2012, 2013, 2015 and 2017 support
  - Wizard for application and dll development
  - API Code snippets
  - Microsoft Visual Studio C-Runtime support
  - o Local and remote debugger support via launch within Visual Studio
  - Local Attach support in Visual Studio 2015 and 2017
- Microsoft WinDbg extension and RTSS symbols
- Percepio Tracealyzer for RTX64 graphical tool to analyze monitoring data
- Sample source to show basic concepts

#### **Product Documentation**

• Documentation consisting of installation and user guides, API references, and details on real-time programming concepts

## Additional Purchasable Features

- RT-TCP/IP Stack provides the following networking capabilities to the RTX64 Subsystem:
  - TCP/UDP/IP networking for RTX64 processes
  - Support for IPv4 and IPv6
  - Winsock support
  - RAW Sockets
  - MAC layer filtering
  - o Virtual Network point to point connection between Windows and RTSS
  - o RT-TCP/IP network drivers for a number of common Network Interface Cards
  - Utilities (RtssArp, RtssIpConfig, RtssPing, and RtssRoute)

