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1 About this Guide

RTA-OSEK for PC consists of tools and libraries that enable the creation of Windows-hosted applications that emulate the behavior of applications running on microcontroller hardware – including the ability to run automotive-style OSEK and AUTOSAR applications. This guide describes the tools and libraries used to create and monitor such applications.

RTA-OSEK for PC includes a Windows port of the popular RTA-OSEK kernel. You should consult the documents RTA-OSEK User Guide and RTA-OSEK Reference Guide for general information on how to use RTA-OSEK.

This guide describes how to get started with *RTA-OSEK for PC*. It covers installation of tools, how to build and run the example applications and where to go next.

1.1 Who Should Read this Guide?

It is assumed that you are a developer who wants to know how to create and monitor OSEK or AUTOSAR applications on Windows PCs.

1.2 Conventions

Important: Notes that appear like this contain important information that you need to be aware of. Make sure that you read them carefully and that you follow any instructions that you are given.

In this guide you'll see that program code, header file names, C/C++ type names, C/C++ functions and API call names all appear in the courier typeface.

2 Overview

RTA-OSEK for PC is a complete environment for developing OSEK and AUTOSAR applications. Mostly you'll be using it to prototype a new application before migrating it on to the production hardware, but you will also find that it is a good tool for training your engineers in developing applications for embedded targets.

But you needn't stop there. Because *RTA-OSEK* for *PC* is a complete and fast implementation of OSEK, you can use CAN to add inter-application communication. You can write applications that sit on your CAN network as test or simulation units. You can remotely monitor the state and progress of your applications using the *RTA-OSEK* for *PC* monitor, *RTA-TRACE* or your PC-based debugger. And of course the development turnaround time is tiny – just recompile and run; no downloading of hex files to an emulator, no programming Flash.

2.1 Terms

This section introduces some terminology that you will need to understand the rest of this guide. The complete set of terminology is explained in the "RTA-OSEK for PC User Guide".

RTA-OSEK for PC is typically used in automotive environments where the term ECU (Electronic Control Unit) is commonly used to refer to the target hardware on which the application runs. The ECU can be considered as a black box with inputs and outputs that performs a specific set of functions.

Other than the PC that you run it on, an application built under RTA-OSEK for PC does not need any real hardware. Instead, you create a Virtual ECU (VECU) in software that simulates the real-life devices such as switches or sensors that will be present in your ECU. These devices are built around a core Virtual Machine (VM) that provides services such as the interrupt controller, application control and diagnostic links.

Within this document we will use the terms VM and VECU extensively. Remember that VM represents the 'core' of the simulated hardware, and that VECU is the whole 'black-box'.

We also introduce the term *VRTA* as the short form of (Virtual) RTA-OSEK for PC. This short form is used to prefix executables such as vrtaMonitor.exe, vrtaVM.dll and many of the supplied source files.

The term <rta> is used for the root of the RTA-OSEK installation. Normally this would be c:\rta.

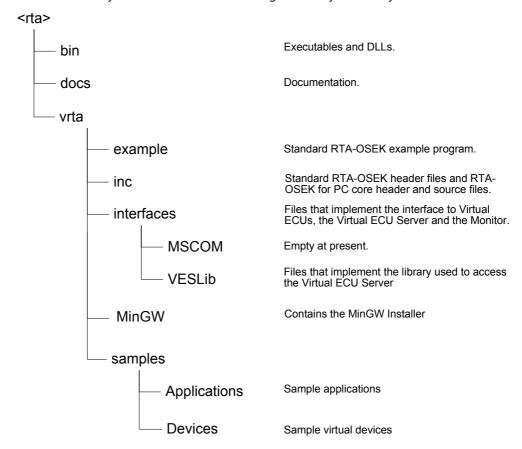
3 Installation

RTA-OSEK for PC is an RTA-OSEK target and should be installed **after** you have installed the RTA-OSEK tools CD and optionally the RTA-TRACE CD. Once you have installed these you should install RTA-OSEK for PC by inserting the RTA-OSEK for PC CD into your PC's CD drive. Normally the installer will run automatically. If you have auto-run disabled, run the setup.exe program from the root of the RTA-OSEK for PC CD.

Important: you will need to have Administrator privileges on the PC to install RTA-OSEK for PC (since vrtaServer.exe is installed as a Windows service). If you are unsure about this please contact your system administrator.

3.1 What is Installed

After installation you will have the following directory tree on your PC.



3.1.1 The Executable Files

The directory <rta>\bin contains the standard RTA-OSEK executable files as well as RTA-OSEK for PC specific executables and DLLs. The RTA-OSEK for PC specific files are:

vrtaServer.exe The Virtual ECU server.
vrtaMonitor.exe The Virtual ECU monitor.

vrtaVM.dll The base Virtual Machine (no OS).

vrtaVMxxx.dll The Virtual Machines that contain the

different RTA-OSEK builds. "xxx" is the

RTA-OSEK build type.

VesLib.dll The Virtual ECU server interface library

compiled as a DLL.

vrtaMSCOM.dll The COM bridge.

rtcVRTAlink.dll The RTA-TRACE communications DLL

for RTA-OSEK for PC.

A standard RTA-OSEK port includes a set of library files containing the RTA-OSEK kernel and the RTA-TRACE target implementation. In the RTA-OSEK for PC port these libraries are bound into the vrtaVMxxx.dll DLLs that contain the Virtual Machine. For example, the RTA-OSEK standard build kernel without RTA-TRACE support library is bound into vrtaVMs.dll. The Virtual ECU start-up code (provided) automatically loads the correct DLL based on the RTA-OSEK build type.

3.1.2 Source and Header Files

The directory <rta>\vrta\inc contains the standard RTA-OSEK header files plus some additional header and source files for use with RTA-OSEK for PC. The RTA-OSEK for PC specific files start with a "vrta" prefix.

The directory tree starting at <rta>\vrta\interfaces contains header and source files that are used to provide interfaces to Virtual ECUs and the Virtual ECU server.

3.1.3 Sample Code

The directory tree starting at <rta>\vrta\samples\Applications contains sample applications as follows. These applications are described in section 4.

BuildTemplates The BuildTool.exe utility and

templates used to build some of the

sample applications.

NonOSEK An example that makes use of the

standard sample virtual devices.

RTA-OSEK Example 1 An example that uses RTA-OSEK.

RTA-OSEK Example 2 An example that uses RTA-OSEK.

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The directory tree starting at <rta>\vrta\samples\Devices contains sample virtual devices as below.

Logger The source for a logging virtual

device.

Message The source for a messaging virtual

device.

Standard The source for standard virtual

devices (timers etc).

Test The source for a test virtual device.

3.2 Licensing

Before you can build and run anything with *RTA-OSEK for PC* you will need to obtain a license. Please contact your ETAS sales office to obtain the relevant license.

The RTA-OSEK license provided should be installed as described in section 4.1 "Licensing" of the "RTA-OSEK Getting Started Guide" (which can be found in <rta>\docs\RTA-OSEK Getting Started Guide.pdf).

3.3 Compiler Configuration

RTA-OSEK for PC has been designed to work with most PC C/C++ compilers and the toolinit.bat file (see section 3.4) is pre-configured to work with several such compilers. These are:

- MinGW / gcc
- Microsoft Visual C++ 5.0
- Microsoft Visual Studio 2003
- Borland C++ 5.5.1 / Borland C++ Builder 5
- Borland C++ 5.8.1 / Borland Developer Studio 2006

The example applications described in section 4 default to using the MinGW compiler – however you can change this if you like. If you do not already have access to one of the above compilers, or wish to build the example applications without modification, then you will need to install MinGW.

3.3.1 Installing MinGW

The installer for MinGW is contained in <rta>\VRTA\MinGW\MinGW-4.1.0.exe. To install MinGW run this installer and follow the instructions displayed by the installer. The installer downloads the MinGW executables and headers from an Internet mirror site so you will need to have Internet access.

Important: you must accept the license terms displayed by the MinGW installer.

The "4.1.0" in MingW-4.1.0.exe refers to the version number of the installer rather than the version number of the gcc compiler. The installer offers you a choice of MingW versions to install. Choose the "Current" version. At this time of writing this would install gcc version 3.4.2. This is the version of gcc with which RTA-OSEK for PC was tested. Unfortunately LiveDevices does not have any control over the availability of version 3.4.2 of the gcc compiler.

Important: LiveDevices has provided the MinGW installer for your convenience. We have downloaded this installer from the MinGW web site (www.mingw.org) and have not modified it in anyway. LiveDevices and the ETAS Group do not claim any rights to MinGW/gcc nor does LiveDevices or the ETAS Group provide any support for MinGW/gcc.

3.4 Configuring toolinit.bat

<rta>\vrta\toolinit.bat is a DOS batch file that gets run during the
build stage for a VECU. It simply sets certain environment variables that tell
the RTA-OSEK GUI and example application build scripts where to find the
compiler elements, and sets up some default values. If you look in
toolinit.bat you will see that it is already set up to recognize a range of
compilers. The value of the environment variable VRTA is used to determine
which compiler to select:

e.g.

```
_
@echo off
< ...snip... >
if not @%1==@ set VRTA=%1
if @%VRTA%@==@MinGW@ goto MINGW
if @%VRTA%@==@BorlandC@ goto BCPP
if @%VRTA%@==@BDS2006@ goto BDS 2006
if @%VRTA%@==@VisualC5@ goto VCPP5
if @%VRTA%@==@VS2003@ goto VS2003
echo Compiler not specified in environment variable
VRTA
echo Valid settings are:
echo
       MinGW
       BorlandC
echo
       BDS2006
echo
       VisualC5
echo
echo
       VS2003
goto exit
```

Important: Please maintain the current structure of toolinit.bat if you change it to avoid incompatibilities with compiler support in the RTA-OSEK tools.

3.4.1 Configuring the MinGW Section

Assuming that you wish to use MinGW you should edit the MINGW section of toolinit.bat so it sets the correct path for your MinGW installation. Assuming that you have installed MinGW in c:\mingw the MINGW section should look something like this:

```
:MTNGW
rem tools installation directory
set CBASE=c:\mingw
rem location of C compiler
set CC=%CBASE%\bin\gcc.exe
rem location of C++ compiler
set AS=%CBASE%\bin\qcc.exe
rem location of linker
set LNK=%CBASE%\bin\g++.exe
rem location of Archiver / librarian
set AR=%CBASE%\bin\ar.exe
rem Set location of C include files
set CBASE INC=%CBASE%\include
rem Default settings
SET _LIBS=-lwinmm -lws2_32
SET OBJ=o
goto check
```

The environment variables set in toolinit.bat have the following uses:

CBASE	The root of the compiler installation.
CC	The path of the compiler executable.
AS	The path of the assembler executable. For <i>RTA-OSEK</i> for <i>PC</i> this is set to the compiler since the RTA-OSEK configuration is created in a C++ file (osgen.cpp) rather then an assembly file.
LNK	The path of the linker.
AR	The path of the archiver.
_LIBS	Default libraries needed. Usually this is the Window's multi-media library and the Winsock library.
_OBJ	The object file suffix.

Now open a console window and execute <rta>\vrta\toolinit MinGW¹, followed by %cc% --version. Your results should be like this:

```
C:\>c:\rta\vrta\toolinit MinGW
C:\>%cc% --version
gcc.exe (GCC) 3.4.2 (mingw-special)
Copyright (C) 2004 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
This is free software; see the source for copying conditions. There is NO
warranty; not even for MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS
FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.
C:\>
```

3.4.2 Configuring for a Different Compiler

If you wish to use one of the other compilers for which toolinit.bat is pre-configured instead of MinGW, modify that compiler's section in toolinit.bat so that CBASE is set to the correct directory for your installation of the compiler.

After doing this we recommend that you check that the settings within toolinit.bat are correct using a similar approach to that described for MinGW above.

3.5 vrtaServer

When RTA-OSEK for PC is installed the Virtual ECU Server application, vrtaServer.exe, is installed as a Windows service.

3.6 vrtaVMxxx.dll Location

When a Virtual ECU is started it tries to load the appropriate VM DLL (vrtaVMs.dll etc.). The VECU first tries to load the VM DLL using the normal DLL search rules. That is, it searches the following locations in the specified order:

- 1. The directory containing the VECU.
- 2. The current directory.
- 3. The 32-bit Windows system directory.
- 4. The Windows directory.
- 5. The directories listed in the PATH environment variable.

If the VECU fails to find the VM DLL then by default it tries to load it from the directory c:\rta\bin.

Therefore, if you have installed RTA-OSEK for PC in c:\rta (the default location) a VECU will always be able to find the appropriate VM DLL. If you

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 $^{^{1}}$ toolinit.bat will use the first command-line parameter passed to it if the environment variable VRTA is not set.

have installed *RTA-OSEK for PC* in a different location then there are three ways of ensuring that VECUs can find VM DLLs:

- Add the directory <rta>\bin to the PATH environment variable.
- Edit the file <rta>\vrta\inc\vrtaCore.cpp and set the DLL_SEARCH #define to be the directory containing the VM DLLs (i.e. <rta>\bin).
- Define the DLL_SEARCH macro to be the directory containing the VM DLLs when vrtaCore.cpp or osgen.cpp is compiled. For example, define the DLL_SEARCH macro using a compiler command line option.

3.7 RTA-TRACE

RTA-TRACE, available as a separate product provides a very detailed graphical display showing in real-time the execution of all Tasks, ISRs and processes in your RTA-OSEK application.

RTA-OSEK for PC comes complete with a special high-bandwidth virtual device that can be used to connect to RTA-TRACE. If you have installed RTA-TRACE in the same location as RTA-OSEK then this link will be detected automatically. If not you must copy the file rtcVRTAlink.dll from RTA-OSEK's 'bin' to RTA-TRACE's 'bin'.

4 Running the Example Applications

In addition to the standard example application supplied with an RTA-OSEK port, RTA-OSEK for PC is supplied with three example applications that demonstrate RTA-OSEK for PC specific features.

For the sake of brevity the term <APP> is used as shorthand for <rta>\VRTA\samples\Applications.

4.1 NonOSEK

The directory <APP>\NonOSEK contains an example VECU that does not use RTA-OSEK. The example uses a collection of standard virtual devices such as a clock, counters, sensors and actuators.

4.1.1 What it does

The file devices.cpp creates a collection of standard devices. Comments in devices.cpp describe the configuration of the devices. The file main.c contains the executable entry-point main(), the application thread entry-point OS_MAIN(), the interrupt vector table and some ISRs. See the comments in the code.

The application is in two parts. The first part uses a vrtaUpCounter device called UpCounter and a vrtaCompare device called UpCompare attached to a vrtaClock device called Clock to generate an interrupt on vector 1 every 2 seconds. The ISR attached to interrupt vector 1 increments the value of a vrtaActuatorLight device called Light, a vrtaActuatorDimmableLight device called DimmableLight or a vrtaActuatorMultiColorLight device called MultiColorLight depending on the value of the vrtaSensorMultiwaySwitch device called MultiwaySwitch.

The second part uses a vrtaDownCounter device called DownCounter and a vrtaCompare device called DownCompare attached to the vrtaClock device called Clock to generate an interrupt on vector 2 every second. The ISR attached to interrupt vector 2 increments the 0th element of a vrtaIO device called I/O if a vrtaToggleSwitch device called ToggleSwitch has the value 1.

4.1.2 Building it

To build the example with MinGW use the command:

mk mingw.bat

To build the example with Borland C++ Builder 5 use the command:

mk borland5.bat

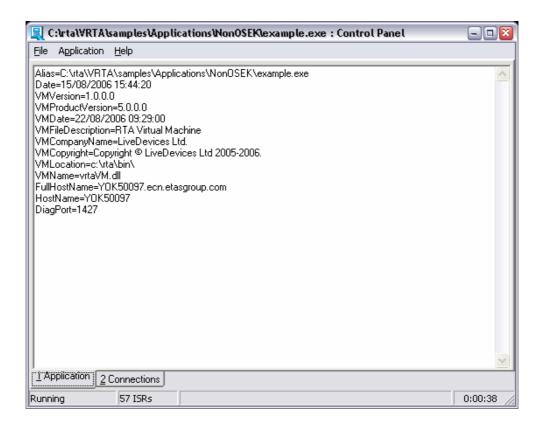
To build the example with Microsoft Visual Studio 2003 use the command:

mk visual2003.bat

This will create a VECU executable called example.exe.

4.1.3 Running it

Since a VECU is just a Windows executable you can simply run example.exe (either from the command line or from Windows Explorer). If you do this you will see a GUI like this:

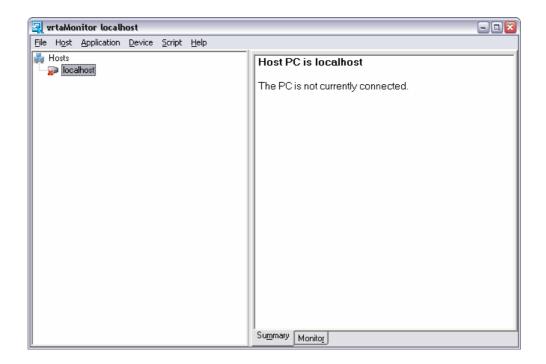


Unfortunately this is not very exiting! All you will see is the ISR count increasing in the status bar at the bottom. Select the main menu item Application / Terminate to close the VECU.

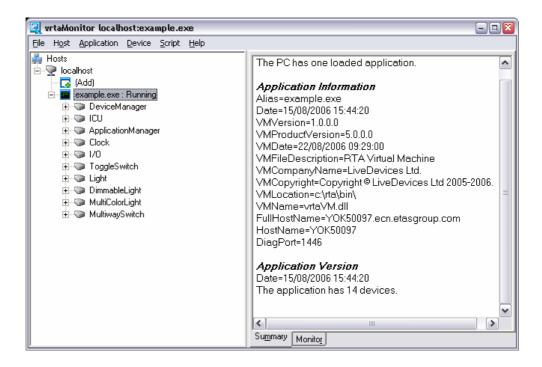
It is more interesting to run example.exe using the Virtual ECU monitor, vrtaMonitor. Run the command:

<rta>\bin\vrtaMonitor

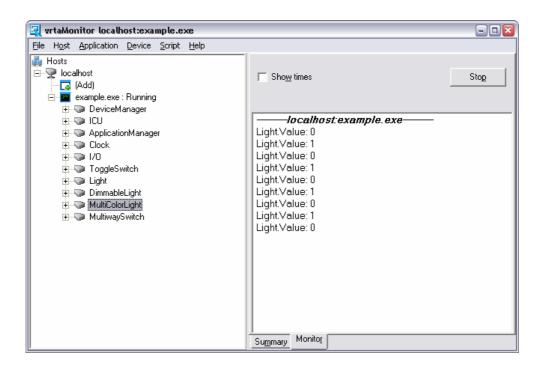
You will now see the vrtaMonitor GUI as below:



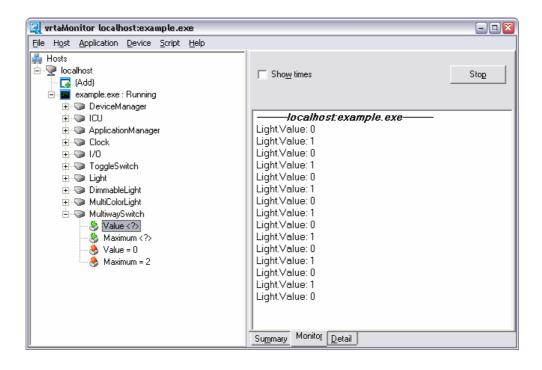
Double click on the "localhost" item and then on the "(Add)" item that appears below it. A file selection dialog will now appear. Select the example.exe file.vrtaMonitor's GUI will now look like:

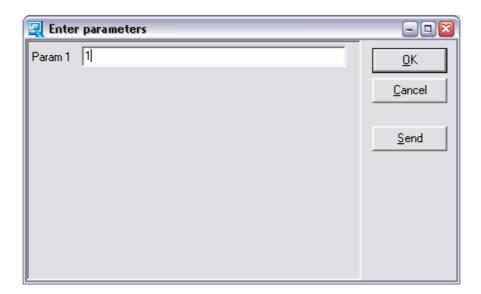


The right-hand pane contains information about the VECU. The left-hand pane contains a list of the virtual devices that are present inside the VECU. Switch to the 'Monitor' tab and then drag the "I/O", "Light", "DimmableLight" and "MultiColorLight" devices onto the right-hand pane. The GUI should now look something like:

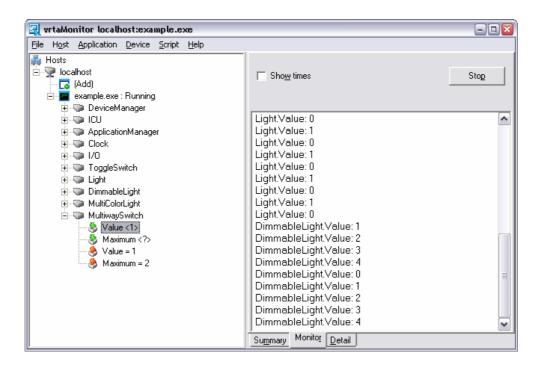


The right-hand pane now shows *events* that are being raised by the devices in the VECU. At present the right-hand pane shows that the value of the "Light" device is toggling between 0 and 1 every two seconds. Expand out the "MultiwaySwitch" device by clicking on the "+". The green down-arrows represent *actions* that can be sent to the device. The red up-arrows represent events that the device can raise. Send a "Value" action to "MultiwaySwitch" to change its value by double-clicking on its "Value" action. In the dialog box that appears set "Param1" to 1 and then press the 'OK' button.





Having done this the GUI should now look something like:



As you can see "Light" has stopped toggling and "DimmableLight" is now incrementing every two seconds. If you now send another "Value" action to "MultiwaySwitch" specifying "Param1" as 2 you will see that "DimmableLight" stops incrementing and "MultiColorLight" starts incrementing. By default when you double-click on an action a second time it sends the same parameters as used previously. To change the parameters, right-click on the action and choose the "Params..." option from the pop-up menu.

You can also experiment with the "I/O" device. If you send a "GetValues" action to the I/O device by expanding the tree view for the I/O device and

double-clicking on the "GetValues" action you should see a list of I/O cell values appear in the right-hand pane (the "GetValues" action causes a "Values" event to be raised). If you send this action several times you should see that the I/O cell values do not change. Now send a "Position" action to the "ToggleSwitch" device with the parameter value 1. If you now send "GetValues" actions to the "I/O" device you should see that the I/O cell values change every second.

Once you have finished, select the main menu item **Application / Kill** to close the VECU and then **File / Exit** to close vrtaMonitor.

4.2 RTA-OSEK Example 1

The directory <aPP>\RTA-OSEK Example 1 contains the standard RTA-OSEK example ported to RTA-OSEK for PC. Although extra code has been added to support virtual devices, the core files of the example application have not been changed.

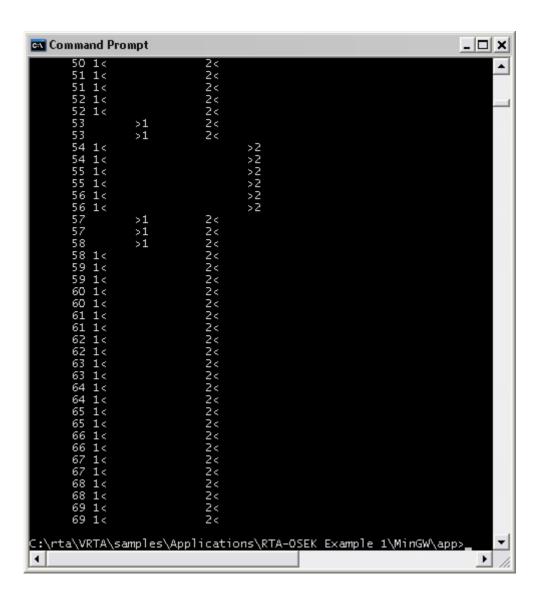
4.2.1 What it does

4.2.2 Building it

The example is built with RTA-OSEK in the normal way — see the "RTA-OSEK User Guide" for details (<rta>\docs\RTA-OSEK User Guide.pdf). Start RTA-OSEK and then from the main menu select File / Open.... In the file selection dialog that appears select <APP>\RTA-OSEK Example 1\example.oil. Switch to the '2 Builder' tab and select 'Custom Build' from the list on the left-hand side. Now press the 'Build Now (F9)' button. This will build the example using the MinGW compiler — see section 4.2.5 if you wish to use a different compiler.

4.2.3 Running it

The VECU executable will be created in <APP>\RTA-OSEK Example 1\MinGW\app\example.exe. Run this program from a command window. You will see output that looks something like:



The numbers in the left-hand column represent elapsed seconds. The 1< numbers represent the oscilloscope trace for I/O pin 1 and the 2< numbers represent the oscilloscope trace for I/O pin 2.

When you have finished close the VECU by selecting main menu option Application / Terminate from its GUI.

4.2.4 Using RTA-TRACE

If you have RTA-TRACE available you can use it to see what is going on inside the VECU. In RTA-OSEK open the file <APP>\RTA-OSEK Example 1\example_plus.oil. This OSEK configuration uses a 1 millisecond clock tick and is configured for RTA-TRACE. Switch to the '2 Builder' tab and select 'Custom Build' from the list on the left-hand side. Now press the 'Build Now (F9)' button. This will build the example.

Start RTA-TRACE and from the main menu select File / New Connection A dialog will appear asking for the location of the target; accept the "localhost"

default. Another dialog will now appear asking you to select the OS interface. Select "RTAOSEK-VRTA". Next in the file selection dialog that appears select the file <APP>\RTA-OSEK Example 1\MinGW\app\example_plus.rta. After a short pause you will see data appearing in the RTA-TRACE window. Once some data has appeared, bring the VECU's GUI to the foreground and close it by selecting main menu option Application / Terminate.

4.2.5 Using a Different Compiler

If you wish to build the example using one of the other pre-configured compilers instead of MinGW you need to do the following:

- Make sure that you have configured toolinit.bat for your compiler installation – see section 3.4.
- Run RTA-OSEK and load the example.oil (or example_plus.oil) file as described above.
- In the '1 Planner' tab select the Target / Target Type options from the list on the left-hand side. Press the 'Change Variant' button. In the dialog that appears choose the compiler variant you wish to use. The compiler variants correspond to the VRTA value used by toolinit.bat. E.g. MinGW for MinGW and BorlandC for Borland C++ 5.5.1 / Borland C++ Builder 5.
- Build the example as described above. The executable will be built in a directory tree that has the name of the variant.

4.3 RTA-OSEK Example 2

The directory <APP>\RTA-OSEK Example 2 contains an example that simulates a car with a simple set of controls.

4.3.1 What it does

The simulated car has a throttle with range 0 to 100, a brake (similarly 0 to 100), gears 0 to 5 and a steering wheel. Changing their values effects the engine revs, the speed and direction.

Plus if the Audio device is on, you get to annoy your co-workers!

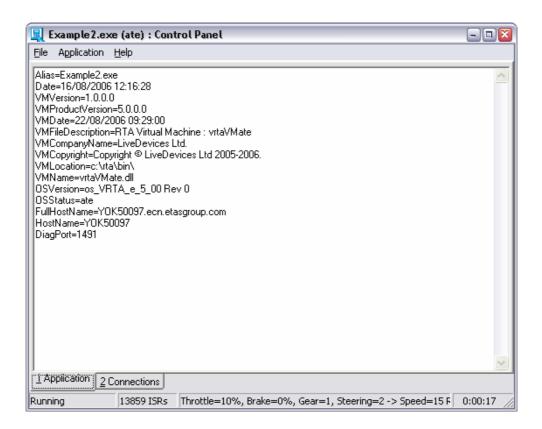
4.3.2 Building it

The example is built with RTA-OSEK in the normal way — see the "RTA-OSEK User Guide" for details (<rta>\docs\RTA-OSEK User Guide.pdf). Start RTA-OSEK and then from the main menu select File / Open.... In the file selection dialog that appears select <APP>\RTA-OSEK Example 2\Example2.oil. Switch to the '2 Builder' tab and select 'Custom Build' from the list on the left-hand side. Now press

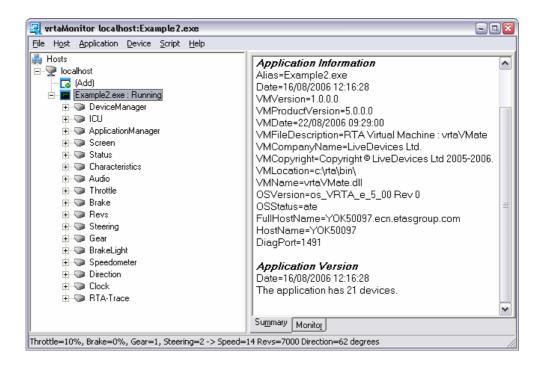
the 'Build Now (F9)' button. This will build the example using the MinGW compiler – see section 4.2.5 if you wish to use a different compiler.

4.3.3 Running it

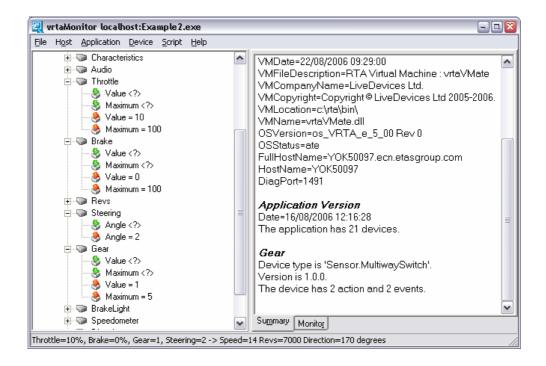
The VECU executable will be created in <APP>\RTA-OSEK Example 2\MinGW\app\Example2.exe. Run this program from a command window. When the VECU's GUI appears select the main menu option Application / Monitor. This will launch vrtaMonitor and automatically connect it to the VECU. The VECU's GUI should look something like:



And vrtaMonitor will look something like:



You will notice that both the VECU's GUI and vrtaMonitor display status information at the bottom of their windows. This status information includes the Throttle, Break, Gear and Steering wheel settings as well as the car's Speed, Revs and Direction. Try sending "Value" or "Angle" actions to the "Throttle", "Brake", "Steering" and "Gear" devices and notice the effect on the Speed, Revs and Direction values. For example, expand out "Thottle" by clicking on the "+" and then send a "Value" action to it by double-clicking on the "Value" action (remember that actions have green down-arrows).



4.3.4 Using RTA-TRACE

You can use RTA-TRACE with this example in the same way you did with the previous example – see section 4.2.4. The example is configured for RTA-TRACE. When RTA-TRACE asks for a file select <APP>\RTA-OSEK Example 2\MinGW\app\Example2.rta. When the VECU GUI appears attach vrtaMonitor to the VECU by selecting Application / Monitor from the VECU's main menu.

5 Where Next?

5.1 Further Documentation

In addition to this Getting Started Guide the following *RTA-OSEK for PC* specific documentation is provided:

RTA-OSEK for PC User Guide

(<rta>\docs\RTA-OSEK for PC User Guide.pdf)

This document contains information on how to use the *RTA-OSEK* for *PC* specific tools and how to build Virtual ECUs.

RTA-OSEK Binding Manual PC

(<rta>\docs\RTA-OSEK Binding Manual PC.pdf)

This document describes how the *RTA-OSEK for PC* component binds to the Virtual ECU environment.

You may also find the following generic RTA-OSEK documentation useful:

RTA-OSEK Getting Started Guide

(<rta>\docs\RTA-OSEK Getting Started Guide.pdf)

RTA-OSEK User Guide

(<rta>\docs\RTA-OSEK User Guide.pdf)

RTA-OSEK Reference Guide

(in <rta>\docs\RTA-OSEK Reference Guide.pdf)

5.2 The Next Step

Having worked through this Getting Started Guide we recommend that you move on to the "Overview" and "Tutorial" chapters of the "RTA-OSEK for PC User Guide".

Support

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