# OPEN-AMP MODIFICATIONS BY NXP

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#### **Motivation**

- Current RPMsg API is based on processing the transmitted data in the interrupt context
  - -> all the processing of received data must be done in the interrupt context, or
  - -> message must be copied in a temporary application buffer for later processing
- This is not suitable in RTOS environment
- It is more natural and convenient to have a blocking sequential API
- RTOS-aware extension of RPMsg created



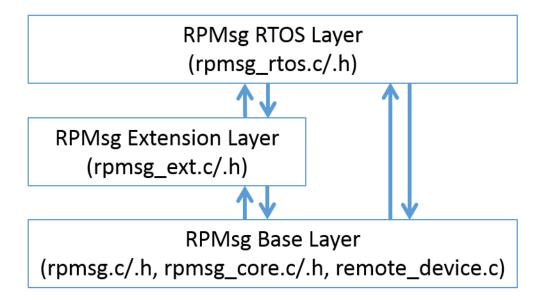
#### **RTOS-aware extension features**

- No data processing in the interrupt context
- Blocking receive API
- Zero-copy send and receive API
- Receive with timeout provided by RTOS
- Compatibility with Linux OS upstream kept
- Separation Env and Platform
- FreeRTOS environmental layer
- Baremetal vs. Linux and FreeRTOS vs. Linux communication examples
- Own test code



#### RTOS-aware extension implementation

- Two layers
  - RPMsg Extension layer allows users to allocate and release virtio tx buffers, as well as it implements the zero-copy send functionality, intended for baremetal apps.
  - RPMsg RTOS layer addresses RTOS-based application needs (handling received data outside the interrupt context, blocking receive API implementation, zero-copy mechanisms)





# **RPMsg Extension API**

- rpmsg\_hold\_rx\_buffer
- rpmsg\_release\_rx\_buffer
- rpmsg\_alloc\_tx\_buffer
- rpmsg\_sendto\_nocopy
- rpmsg\_send\_nocopy



## RPMsg RTOS API

- rpmsg\_rtos\_init
- rpmsg\_rtos\_deinit
- rpmsg\_rtos\_create\_ept
- rpmsg\_rtos\_destroy\_ept
- rpmsg\_rtos\_recv
- rpmsg\_rtos\_recv\_nocopy
- rpmsg\_rtos\_recv\_nocopy\_free
- rpmsg\_rtos\_alloc\_tx\_buffer
- rpmsg\_rtos\_send
- rpmsg\_rtos\_send\_nocopy



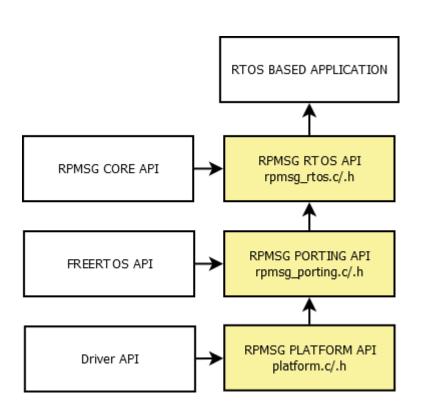
## **RPMsg porting sub-layers**

The RPMsg porting layers have been also modified and consolidated in order to

- Strictly separate platform-related (multicore device) and environment-related (Bare Metal, RTOS) layers.
- Update the environment layer API by functions requested by the RTOS layer. The following env functions have been introduced:
  - int env\_create\_queue(void queue, int length, int element\_size)
  - void env\_delete\_queue(void queue)
  - int env\_put\_queue(void queue, void msg, int timeout\_ms)
  - int env\_get\_queue(void queue, void msg, int timeout\_ms)



# RPMsg porting sub-layers



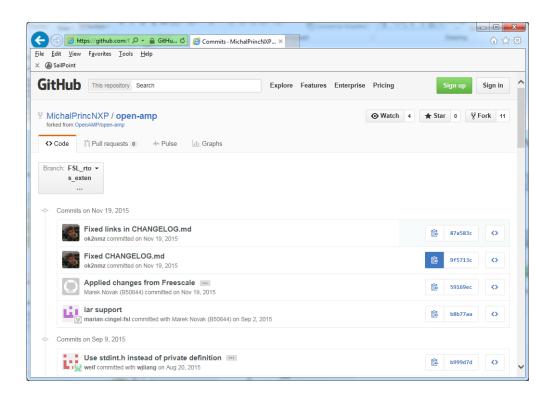
Currently, the environment layer is implemented for Bare Metal and FreeRTOS. To support other RTOSes, it is necessary to create (clone) the rpmsg\_porting.c/.h sub-layer using the desired RTOS API, put this code into the /porting/env/<rtos name> folder, and to include this path into the list of the project include paths.



## **Availability**

GitHub open-amp repo fork / FSL\_rtos\_extension branch

https://github.com/MichalPrincNXP/open-amp/tree/FSL\_rtos\_extension

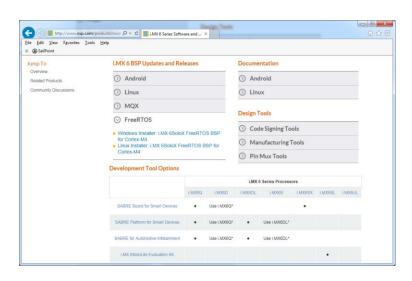




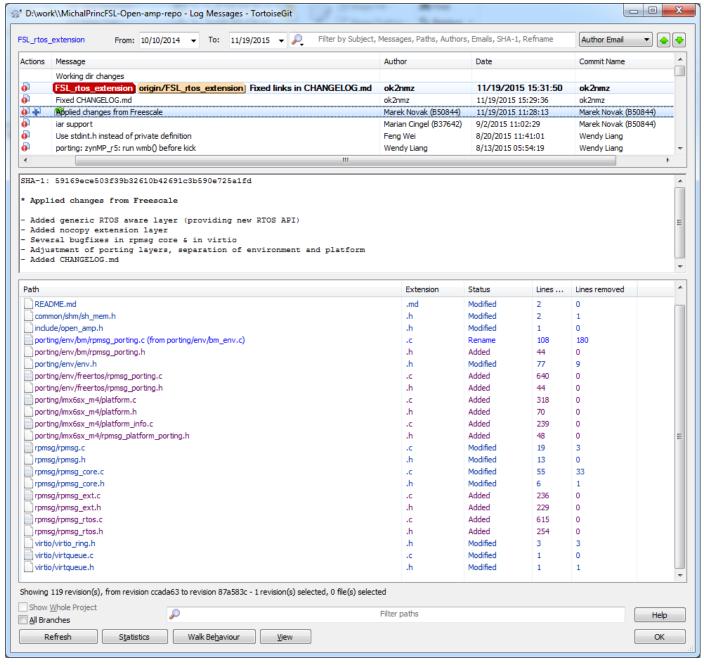
# **Availability**

 i.MX 6 Series BSP Release – first NXP release that includes the RPMSG port for i.MX6SoloX

http://www.nxp.com/products/microcontrollers-and-processors/arm-processors/i.mx-applications-processors-based-on-arm-cores/i.mx-6-processors/i.mx6qp/i.mx-6-series-software-and-development-tool-resources:IMX6\_SW#bsp









#### What is still missing, plans

- Versioning
- Compiler support (packed structure macros, etc.)
- Test suite available for customers (reusing Unity test project, <u>https://github.com/ThrowTheSwitch/Unity</u> )
- Primary IPC for new NXP multicore SoCs (porting effort)
- Support RPMsg "standardization" within the MCA
- Security aspects of the RPMsg communication (handling virtio buffers in SHMEM)





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