

## Exercise 12 Multiplex

In this exercise we will look at using a semaphore to control access to a function by creating a multiplex.

**In the Pack Installer select “Ex 12 Multiplex” and copy it to your tutorial directory.**

The project creates a semaphore called semMultiplex which contains one token. Next, six instances of a thread containing a semaphore multiplex are created.

**Build the code and start the debugger**

**Open the Peripherals → General Purpose IO → GPIOB window**

**Run the code and observe how the tasks set the port pins**

As the code runs only one thread at a time can access the LED functions so only one port pin is set.

**Exit the debugger and increase the number of tokens allocated to the semaphore when it is created**

```
semMultiplex = osSemaphoreNew(5, 3,&semAttr_Multiplex);
```

**Build the code and start the debugger**

**Run the code and observe the GPIOB pins**

Now three threads can access the led functions ‘concurrently’.