

sl_Start Function Stuck Issue Report

1. Test code:

```
int ik_wifi_start(void){
    ... if(ik_wifi.pow==0){
        ... ERR("power is off\r\n");
        ... return -1;
        ... }

    ... if(ik_wifi.start==1){
        ... WAR("The current status is enabled. Ignore this operation \r\n");
        ... return 0;
        ... }

    ... {
        ... static int flg = 0;
        ... if( flg == 0 ){
            ... flg = 1;
            ... if(tx_thread_create(&w_thread, "wifi_thread", w_thread_fun, 0,w_thread_stack, sizeof(w_thread_stack),20, 20, TX_NO_TIME_SLICE, TX_AUTO_START)!=TX_SUCCESS){
                ... ERR("tx_thread_create");
            }
        }
    }

    ... ik_msleep(100);

    ... int Status = sl_Start(NULL,NULL,NULL);
    ... if(ROLE_STA == Status){
        ... ik_wifi.wifi_mod = ROLE_STA;
        ... printf("wifi mod: STA");
    }else if(ROLE_AP == Status){
        ... ik_wifi.wifi_mod = ROLE_AP;
        ... printf("wifi mod: AP");
    }else if(ROLE_P2P == Status){
        ... ik_wifi.wifi_mod = ROLE_P2P;
        ... printf("wifi mod: P2P");
    }else{
        ... my_printf(__RED,"Status:%d\r\n",Status);
        ... ERR("Start Role error");
        ... return -1;
        ... }

    ... ik_wifi.start = 1;

    ... return 0;
}
```

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TX_THREAD w_thread;
uint8_t w_thread_stack[1024];
void w_thread_fun(ULONG thread_input){
    ... sl_Task(NULL);
}
```

2. Description:

First, create a wifi_thread that calls the sl_task function for uninterrupted polling, and then executes the sl_start function in blocking mode. But after calling sl_start, it got stuck in the function and couldn't move forward.

3. Direct reason of the stuck:

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... /* Mark that device is in progress! */
... SL_SET_DEVICE_START_IN_PROGRESS;

... sl_DeviceDisable();
... sl_IRegIntHdlr((SL_P_EVENT_HANDLER)_SLDrvRxIrqHandler, NULL);
... g_pCB->pInitCallback = pInitCallback;
... sl_DeviceEnable();

... if(NULL == pInitCallback){
    ... TIPS("---");
    ... ret = _SLDrvWaitForInternalAsyncEvent(ObjIdx, INIT_COMPLETE_TIMEOUT, SL_OPCODE_DEVICE_INITCOMPLETE);
    ... TIPS(++);

    ... SL_UNSET_DEVICE_START_IN_PROGRESS;
    ... SL_SET_DEVICE_STARTED;
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_SlRetVal_t _SlDrvWaitForInternalAsyncEvent(_u8 ObjIdx, _u32 Timeout, _SlOpcode_t Opcode){
...
    _SlTimeoutParams_t SlTimeoutInfo = { 0 };
    if(_SlDrvIsSpawnOwnGlobalLock()){
        _SlDrvStartMeasureTimeout(&SlTimeoutInfo, Timeout);
        while(!Timeout || !_SlDrvIsTimeoutExpired(&SlTimeoutInfo)){
            /* If we are in spawn context, this is an API which was called from event handler, read any async event and check it
            ERR("---");
            _SlInternalSpawnWaitForEvent();
            ERR(++);
            if(0 ==sl_SyncObjWait(&g_pCB->ObjPool[ObjIdx].SyncObj, SL_OS_NO_WAIT)){
                return(SL_OS_RET_CODE_OK);
            }
        }
        _SlDrvHandleFatalError(SL_DEVICE_EVENT_FATAL_CMD_TIMEOUT, Opcode, Timeout);
        return(SL_API_ABORTED);
    }else{

```

```

void _SlInternalSpawnWaitForEvent(void){
...
    sl_SyncObjWait(&g_SlInternalSpawnCB.SyncObj, SL_OS_WAIT_FOREVER);

    // call the processQ function will handle the pending async events already
    _SlSpawnMsgListProcess();

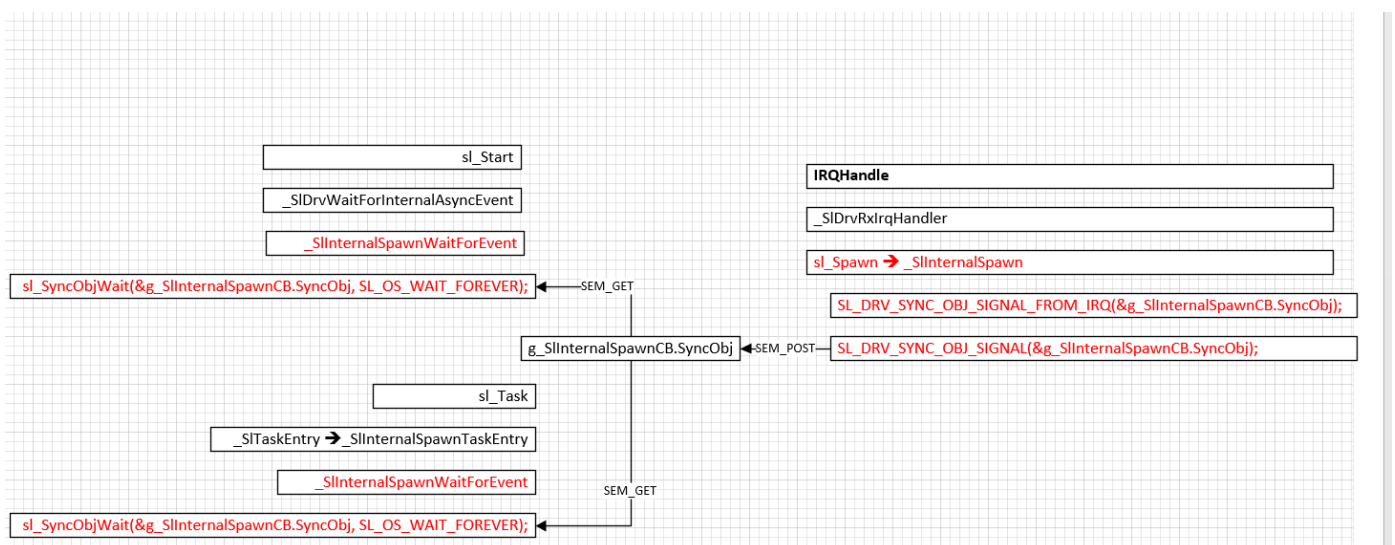
    // handle IRQ requests
    while(g_SlInternalSpawnCB.IrqWriteCnt != g_SlInternalSpawnCB.IrqReadCnt){
        // handle the ones that came from ISR context
        _SlDrvMsgReadSpawnCtx(g_SlInternalSpawnCB.pIrqFuncValue);
        g_SlInternalSpawnCB.IrqReadCnt++;
    }
}

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sl_start function finally got stuck at sl_SyncObjWait(&g_SlInternalSpawnCB.SyncObj, SL_OS_WAIT_FOREVER);

g_SlInternalSpawnCB.SyncObj signal has not been obtained by sl_start, causing the thread pending.

4. Analysis of correlated semaphores



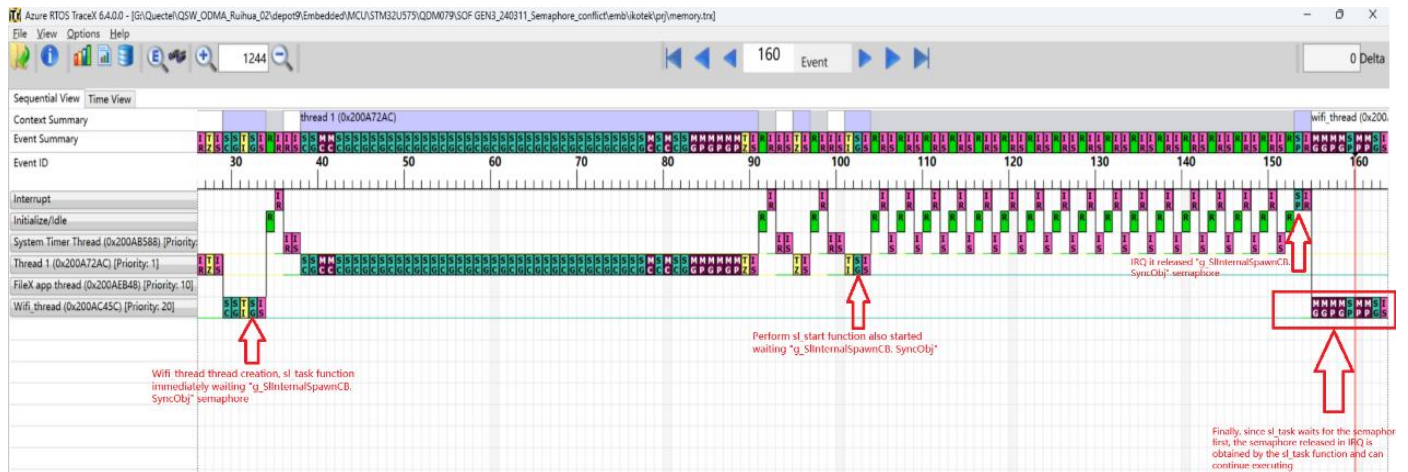
As shown above, both sl_start and sl_task will wait for g_SlInternalSpawnCB.SyncObj semaphore. And this semaphore is released in the IRQ function.

5. Further inference

We used TraceX to get the sequence diagram of system events.

Thread 1 is the main thread, and calls sl_start. wifi thread is sl_task thread. Pay attention to the green SG/SP symbol pointed by the arrow, representing the waiting and releasing of g_SlInternalSpawnCB.SyncObj (200AF2AC) semaphore.

It can be seen that sl_task enters waiting mode before sl_start. Therefore, when IRQ release semaphore here, it is obtained by sl_task, and sl_start got stuck in waiting mode without obtaining a semaphore.



The captured data is as follows. Please use Azure RTOS TraceX to view the event timing chart.



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