



VXWORKS 6.9 AND WORKBENCH ESSENTIALS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The VxWorks® 6.9 and Workbench Essentials training course provides engineers with a fast, cost-effective way to acquire the skills necessary to develop real-time applications with VxWorks and Wind River® Workbench.

After this course, participants will be able to perform the following:

- Design and develop real-time applications in kernel and user modes
- Debug, build, and test real-time applications in a target host development environment with Workbench and VxWorks

PRODUCTS SUPPORTED

- VxWorks 6.9 and later
- Wind River Workbench 3.3
- Earlier product releases (topics may vary)

COURSE FORMAT

- This four-day expert-led course consists of lectures and lab sessions.
- Attendees use VxWorks 6.9 and Wind River Workbench 3.3 to gain experience with the topics presented.
- Participants examine and exercise simulated network topologies in hands-on labs.
- Participants receive individual guidance from an expert engineer who has extensive experience with Wind River technologies.

AUDIENCE

- Anyone who will receive Workbench and VxWorks 6.9 within 60 days
- Developers who work with Workbench and VxWorks
- New project members on teams already using Wind River products
- Senior engineers who want to evaluate VxWorks technology

Course title:	VxWorks 6.9 and Workbench Essentials
Duration:	Four days
Format:	Instructor-led lectures and hands-on lab sessions; instructor-led Live Remote delivery available
Content:	<p>Day 1: Getting Started; VxWorks Targets and Connections; Managing Projects in Wind River Workbench; VxWorks Shells</p> <p>Day 2: Debugging in Wind River Workbench; Real-Time Multitasking; VxWorks Events</p> <p>Day 3: Semaphores; Inter-task Communication; Memory; Real-Time Processes (RTPs)</p> <p>Day 4: Exceptions, Interrupts, and Timers; Error Detection and Reporting; System Viewer</p>

PREREQUISITE SKILLS

- One year of C programming
- Basic understanding of operating systems and debugging techniques

PREREQUISITE COURSES

- Real-Time Programming for Embedded Systems

RELATED COURSES

- Workbench On-Chip Debugging for VxWorks and Linux
- VxWorks 6.x Board Support Package
- VxWorks 6.x Device Drivers
- Multi-core Technologies and Designing for Concurrency
- VxWorks Build and Configuration Use Cases
- VxWorks Intermediate Application Development Use Cases
- VxWorks Application Debugging Use Cases
- Qt Graphic Solutions for VxWorks

SYLLABUS

Day 1

GETTING STARTED

- Product overview
- Workbench 3.x features
- VxWorks 6.x features

VXWORKS TARGETS AND CONNECTIONS

- Hardware target configuration
- Booting the hardware target
- Workbench tools architecture
- Configuring and connecting the target server
- Wind River VxWorks Simulator – a high-level simulator
- Wind River Simics – a true hardware simulation
- **LAB: Getting started (hardware, Simics, or VxWorks Simulator target)**

MANAGING PROJECTS IN WIND RIVER WORKBENCH

- Introduction to projects and workspaces
- VxWorks image projects
- Kernel configuration
- ROMFS
- Configuring application projects
- Import and export
- Building projects
- **LAB: Project management**

VXWORKS SHELLS

- Introduction to VxWorks shells
- Host shell commands and help
- Host shell usage
- Command-line history and editing
- Host shell configuration
- Shell interpreters
- Spawning VxWorks tasks and I/O
- Kernel shell comparison
- **LAB: Host shell**

Day 2

DEBUGGING IN WIND RIVER WORKBENCH

- Debugger overview
- Setting breakpoints

- Task mode vs. system mode debugging
- Downloading code
- Saving debug sessions
- Attaching to running tasks
- **LAB: Debugger**

REAL-TIME MULTITASKING

- Introduction to real-time requirements
- Task states in VxWorks
- Context switching
- Spawning new tasks
- Task control routines
- Alternative POSIX support
- System tasks
- **LAB: Multitasking**

VXWORKS EVENTS

- VxWorks events overview
- Task event register
- Event handling in VxWorks
- Receiving events
- Sending events
- Other eventLib routines
- Usage caveats
- **LAB: Events**

Day 3

SEMAPHORES

- Overview of semaphore types
- Synchronization issues
- Binary and counting semaphores
- Events and semaphores
- Mutual exclusion issues
- Mutex semaphores
- Deletion and inversion safe mutex semaphores
- Other preemption locks for tasks and ISRs
- **LAB: Semaphores**

INTER-TASK COMMUNICATION

- Overview of communication methods
- Shared memory and data structures
- Message queues
- Creating, sending, and receiving messages

- Message queue events
- Pipes in VxWorks
- **LAB: Inter-task communication**

MEMORY

- Memory maps with and without processes
- Memory pools – kernel heap and WDB
- Memory allocation
- Additional memory management routines
- Partition manager
- **LAB: Memory**

REAL-TIME PROCESSES (RTPs)

- Overview of the RTP model
- Use of MMU
- Memory allocation and tasks
- RTP terminology
- VxWorks component support for RTPs
- RTP execution and life cycle
- Debugging RTPs
- Shared library usage
- Public and private objects
- Design considerations
- **LAB: Real-time processes**

Day 4

EXCEPTIONS, INTERRUPTS, AND TIMERS

- Exception handling and signals
- Installing signals to handle exceptions
- Interrupt service routine basics
- Interrupt handling example
- ISR guidelines
- Timing and the system clock
- Watchdog timers
- Polling
- The auxiliary clock
- **LAB: Exceptions, interrupts, and timers**

ERROR DETECTION AND REPORTING

- Error reporting features
- Error reporting framework

- Handling fatal errors
- Configuring ED&R
- Persistent memory manager
- BSP support
- Kernel configuration
- Error records
- **LAB: Error detection and reporting**

SYSTEM VIEWER

- System Viewer architecture overview
- Configuring System Viewer
- VxWorks component support
- Logging level selection
- Upload options
- Buffer management
- Searching for events in the log
- Triggering interface
- User-defined events
- Additional analysis views
- **LAB: System Viewer**

OPTIONAL MODULES (AVAILABLE FOR TAILORED COURSES)

- VxWorks source builds
- VxWorks dprintf
- VxWorks overlapped memory
- VxWorks message channels
- 64-bit VxWorks
- VxWorks TIPC basics
- VxWorks kprintf
- VxWorks core dumps
- Run-time analysis tools
- Workbench source analysis
- VxWorks 5.x to 6.x migration

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