IntervalZero

Product Release Notice RTX64 4.1

General Availability Release Date

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Product Overview

RTX64 4.1 is the latest 64-bit version of IntervalZero's market-leading hard real-time software products. This release provides a number of new features, usability improvements, and resolved issues.

To see a full list of all new features and a detailed list of new APIs added and issues resolved, please refer to the product release notes, found in the online RTX64 4.x Help.

Key Features

General Performance

- Improves the performance of RTSS-to-Windows communication on Windows 10 Feature Update Version 2004 and 2009 from the initial implementation in the RTX64 4.0.1 patch release. (9578)
- Implements Internal Subsystem Timer Compensation to account for SMI and other nonmaskable system behaviors that impact latency and cause jitter. (8967)

RTX64 Console

- RTX64 Console offers an output display console window that can be configured to display for each real-time process or as a single instance for all real-time processes. This new RTX64 Console replaces the RTX64 Server Console of previous releases.
- Adds functionality to the Control Panel to support configuration of RTX64 Console (one or per process) and logging of real-time application output.

- Adds new Native Framework functions RtfwSetConsoleConfigurationEx and RtfwGetConsoleConfigurationEx along with structure RTFW_CONSOLE_CONFIGURATION_EX for configuring real-time application output consoles. (9239)
- Adds new properties and methods to Managed Framework class IntervalZero.RTX64.Config.ServerConsole. (9239)

Remote Attach Application Debugging

- Adds support for attaching the Visual Studio debugger to an RTSS process running on a remote system, outside of the Visual Studio IDE. Visual Studio 2019, 2017 and 2015 are all supported.
- Adds functionality to the RTX64 Control Panel to support configuration of remote debugging connections.
- Adds new Native Framework functions RtfwGetRemoteDebuggerConfiguration and RtfwSetRemoteDebuggerConfiguration along with structure RTFW_REMOTE_DEBUGGER_CONFIGURATION for configuring remote debugging.
- Adds new properties and methods to Managed Framework class IntervalZero.RTX64.Config.RemoteDebugger for configuring remote debugging.

Improvements

Tools & Utilities

- Improves RTX64 Analyzer to display a more complete installation history. (7898)
- Adds functionality to RtssRun and RTX64 Task Manager that allows the user to specify the time-of-allocation for the process external MSpace. (9640)
- Adds the ability to reset default values for the memory profile settings Available system memory and Percentage expected to be used by Windows. (8844)

Real-Time APIs

- Adds new Real-time APIs RtSetTimeQuantum and RtGetTimeQuantum for setting and retrieving a thread's time quantum value.
- Adds new Real-time API RtQuerySharedMemory that retrieve shared memory information.
- Adds attribute value RT_PROC_THREAD_ATTRIBUTE_ALLOC_EXTERNAL_MSPACE_AT_PROCESS_START to Real-

- time function RtUpdateProcThreadAttribute. This value specifies the time-of-allocation for the process external MSpace. (9635)
- Adds logic to Real-time function RtTerminateProcess so that it now fails and sets last error to ERROR_INVALID_HANDLE when an invalid handle is specified for parameter hProcess. (8000)

Native Framework APIs

 Adds new member AllocateExtMSpaceAtStartup to structure RTFW_SCHEDULED_PROCESS that specifies whether the process will allocate the process external MSpace at process start. (9224)

Managed Framework APIs

- Adds new property *AllocateProcessExtMSpaceAtStartup* to Managed Framework class IntervalZero.RTX64.Config.ScheduledProcess that specifies whether the process will allocate the process external MSpace at process start. (9224)
- Adds new overload Start(Dictionary) to the Managed Framework RTProcess. Start Method
 API which starts an RTSS process via a dictionary that uses the StartParameters enumeration
 as the dictionary's key type. (9224)

Issues Resolved

General

- Resolves an issue where RTX64 would sometimes change the system power scheme during Windows shutdown, resulting in a system hang. (9403)
- Resolves issues where some Help links in Tracealyzer targeted the wrong RTX64 Help system. (9574)
- Improves the warning messages that appears after a change is made to the RTSS boot configuration via command line. (9203)
- Resolves an issue where uninstalling the RTX64 SDK broke associations for Monitoring files (.monx and .mev), even when the Runtime was still installed. (9231)

Subsystem

• Resolves an issue where FPU/SSE/PT states on the Intel® Celeron G3900E processor were not properly saved and restored on a thread context switch. (9680)

• Resolves an issue where the Subsystem could not be stopped following a call to a function in the Managed Framework Intervalzero.RTX64.RTAPI Namespace. (9306)

Network and Drivers

- Resolves an issue where the X550T Network Interface Card would output error EEPROM Checksum Is Not Valid to the RTX64 Server console window. (9438)
- Resolves iPerf TCP transmit performance issues with the RtNall10GB driver. (9619)

Tools and Utilities

- Resolves an issue where the RTX64 System Tray would not display a toast notification when the RTX64 boot configuration was not available. (7851)
- Resolves an issue where RtssRun did not display an error code when RtCreateProcess failed to launch a real-time application. (9583)
- Fixes an alignment issue and text truncation in the RTX64 Activation and Configuration utility. (9750)
- Resolves these issues with RTX64 Task Manager:
 - Resolves an issue where RTX64 Task Manager sometimes displays an unusually large value for CPU usage. (8625)
 - Resolves an issue where RTX64 Task Manager didn't accurately report CPU usage for system configurations where only one processor was assigned to Windows. (9921)
 - Resolves an issue where scheduled tasks added via the Add as scheduled task option in Task Manager did not include process arguments. (9266)

Application Development and Debugging

- Resolves an issue where the RTX64 application template hard-coded character-set types in pre-processor definitions. This required a user to manually change the hard-coded value in order to change the character set once the project was created. (8470)
- Resolves build errors with STL code in Visual Studio 2019 version 16.6.x. (9386)

Windows-Supported APIs

 Resolves an issue where function RegQueryValueEx returned garbage data when called within a Multi-Byte project. (9127)

Real-Time APIs

- Resolves an issue where a Blue Screen resulted when parameter IpApplicationName in Realtime function RtCreateProcess was set to a pathname that contained spaces surrounding double-quotation marks. (8116)
- Resolves an issue where RtCloseHandle incorrectly succeeded in Windows build configurations when it was passed an invalid handle. (7993)
- Resolves an issue where RtPrintf did not fail if a null parameter was passed in. (8087)
- Resolves an issue where RtlsAppRunnable returned an unexpected error when given invalid parameters in a Windows build configuration. (8042)
- Resolves issues with RtGetProcessIdealProcessor where it would pass unexpectedly in RTSS build configurations and return the wrong error code in Windows build configurations. (7997)
- Resolves an issue where RtCreateSharedMemory crashed when the asking size was larger than the existing shared memory region size. (9125)
- Resolves an issue where Real-time function RtFreeLockedMemory returned true when its parameter was NULL. (9160)

Native Framework APIs

 Resolves an issue where RtfwStartTCPIPStack did not always clear the shared memory it created. (9394)

Managed Framework APIs

 Resolves an issue where Managed Framework API RtProcess.WaitForExit(Int32) returned False if the real-time process exited before calling WaitForExit. (8114)

Samples

- Resolves an issue where the MulticoreSystemResponseTimerMeasurement (mSRTM) sample incorrectly interpreted processor indexing set by its /p parameter. (9270)
- Removes unnecessary build configurations for ARM and ARM64 from the RTKIPC sample project. (8282)
- Resolves an issue where the source code for samples
 ManagedCodeFrameworkClientCPlusPlus and ManagedCodeFrameworkClientCSharp referenced an API that was not called by the code. (9559)

• Resolves an issue where the FastSemaphore sample did not work on Virtual Machines. (8206)

Activation & Licensing

The IntervalZero product licensing system allows for flexibility in how features are activated and deployed. Please click here for an overview of IntervalZero product licensing.

For additional information on deployment, please refer to the RTX64 Deployment Guide.

Availability

RTX64 4.1 is available beginning April 8, 2021 through Partners and by contacting Sales: sales@intervalzero.com.

We look forward to any comments and feedback. If you have any recommendations, or wish to suggest any product enhancements, please contact Product Management at: productmanagement@intervalzero.com.