

T-EMU: Machine Class Manual



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1. Introduction

The machine class is used to assemble and group related processors in machines. The machine class is intended to be used for SMP and multi-core systems. It provides the following capabilities:

1. A multi-CPU scheduler that executes all the CPUs in the machine in sequence (for a fixed time quanta).
2. A synchronised event queue. CPUs can post events in the next time quanta to be executed after all the processors have reached a specific time point.
3. A scheduling interface enabling the machine to be run for a time specified in seconds, not cycles.

Note that the machine class supports the scheduling of different CPUs with different clock frequencies.

Synchronised events are posted on a CPUs event queue by adding the flag `TEMU_EVENT_SYNC` to the posting function, this will bypass the CPU event queue and put it in the machine object's queue.

2. Configuration

Table 1. Machine Properties

Property	Type	Purpose
quanta	uint64_t	Length of time quanta in nanoseconds
syncMask	uint64_t	Considered when checking whether the CPUs are synced
cpus	Cpuface Object Array	For controlling CPUs
devices	EventIface Object Array	For distributing machine resets

3. Limitations

- The machine class cannot have more than 64 CPU cores connected.