

Run-time verification for real-time application

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Motivation

- Kernel is real-time capable
- Userspace often is not:
 - Mutex without PI
 - Not mlock memory → page faults
 - Use the RT-unsafe API (e.g. timerfd)

Run-time verification monitors can help detect common userspace mistakes

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futex_wait

Should RV monitors warn users about **futex_wait**?

- Glibc's **pthread_mutex()** without PI uses **futex_wait** → we should warn that
- Glibc's **pthread_cond_wait()** also uses **futex_wait** → maybe we shouldn't warn
- What about other users of **futex_wait**?

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 - **... something else? What about blocking `read()` and `write()`?**



Thank you

