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First, FreeRTOS was swallowed by Amazon to support IoT development for its Amazon Web Services (AWS) cloud platform and last month Express Logic was gobbled up by Microsoft for its competing Azure cloud services. The short summary would be that these behemoths are extending their reach from the cloud to edge devices that collect and distribute data. This seems like a straightforward idea, but is it really that simple?

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As RTOSs Disappear, RTOS-Independent Applications Keep You in Control

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The embedded RTOS vendors are being removed from the embedded market at an alarming rate, with three major players absorbed in the last couple of years: Express Logic by Microsoft, FreeRTOS by Amazon and Micrium by Silicon Labs. By my estimations there were about 50 similar companies 12 years ago; now, at most, a handful remain. How does this affect the embedded industry overall and developers in particular?

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