

Tutorial 04: Using the ARM Simulator

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Keil Simulator

- The processor in the PC is not a member of the ARM family.
- It is usually a member of Intel's IA family or an AMD processor.
- However, you can run ARM code on your PC using a simulator program, e.g., Keil.
- The Keil package, called μ Vision, is very sophisticated and is intended for engineers designing embedded ARM-based systems.
- Consequently, it includes far more facilities than we need.
- The *demonstration version* that you can download for a PC (*about 600 MB*) is limited to assembly-level programs smaller than 32K bytes.
- This restriction will not be a problem at all for students.

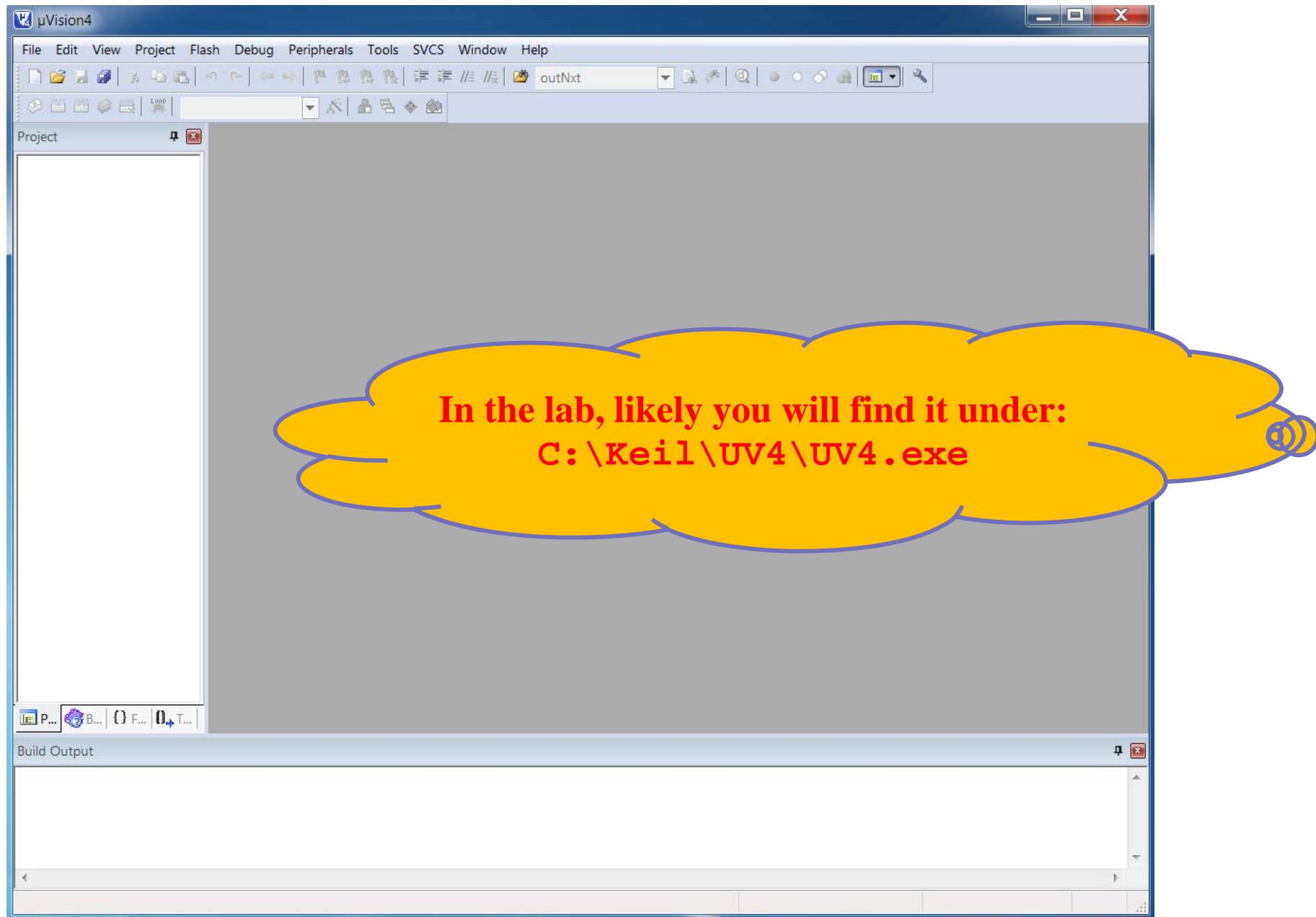
μVision

- Essentially, μVision is an IDE (*integrated development system*) that is *project-based*;
 - Each new program must be part of a project.
 - You begin by creating a project (i.e., a container for all your files) and then
 - You select the target processor you are going to use.
 - You create source files (in our case, these will be assembly language files) and then
 - You build your application (i.e., create code for your chosen processor).

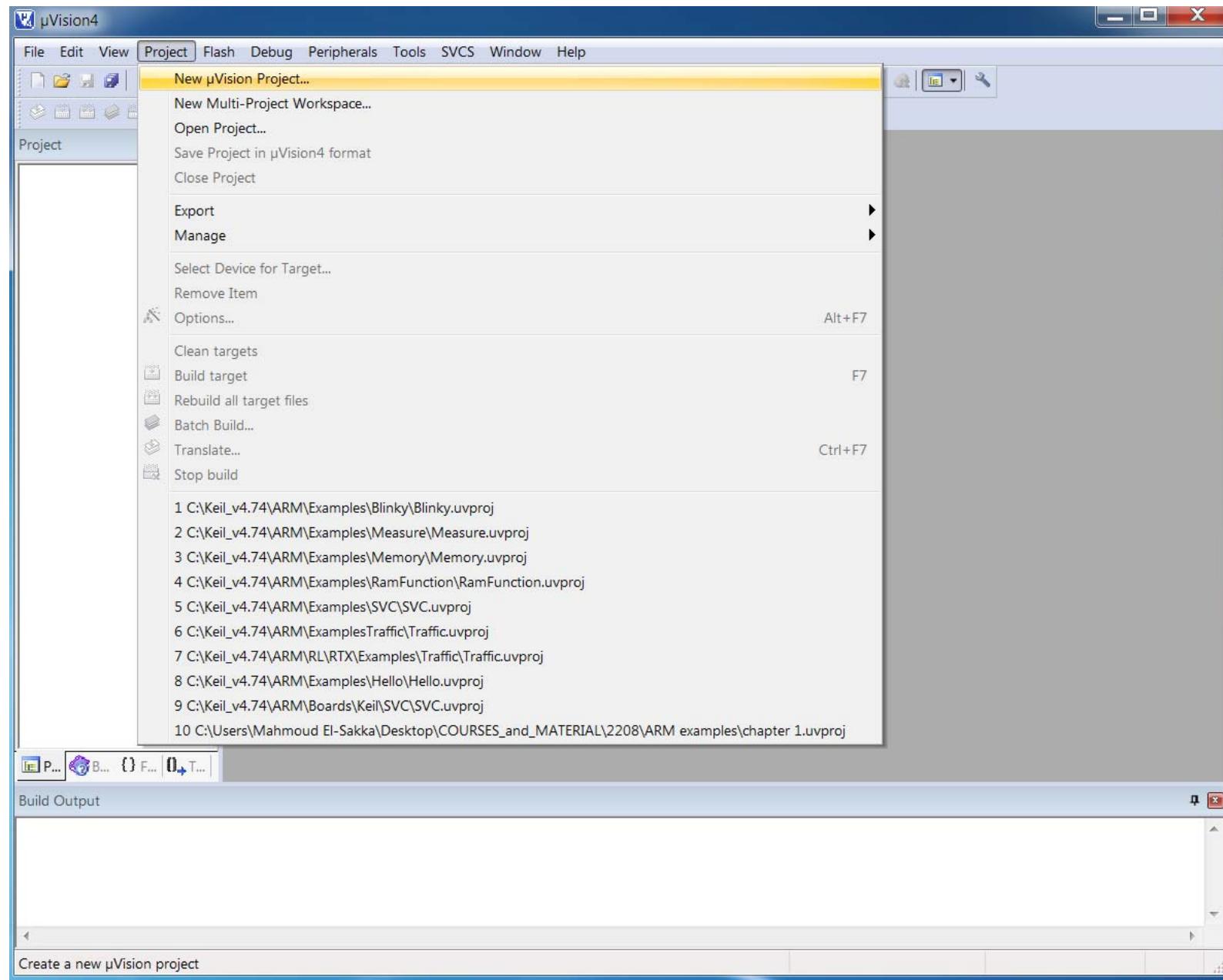
Downloading the Simulator

- The current version of the µVision software is 5.
- However, all illustrations in the book and lectures are based on µVision version 4.
- As there is a big difference between the interface of the two versions, we will stick during this term with version 4.
 - Can be downloaded from *OWL*
 - *It is the Windows Edition*
 - *There is NO Mac edition*

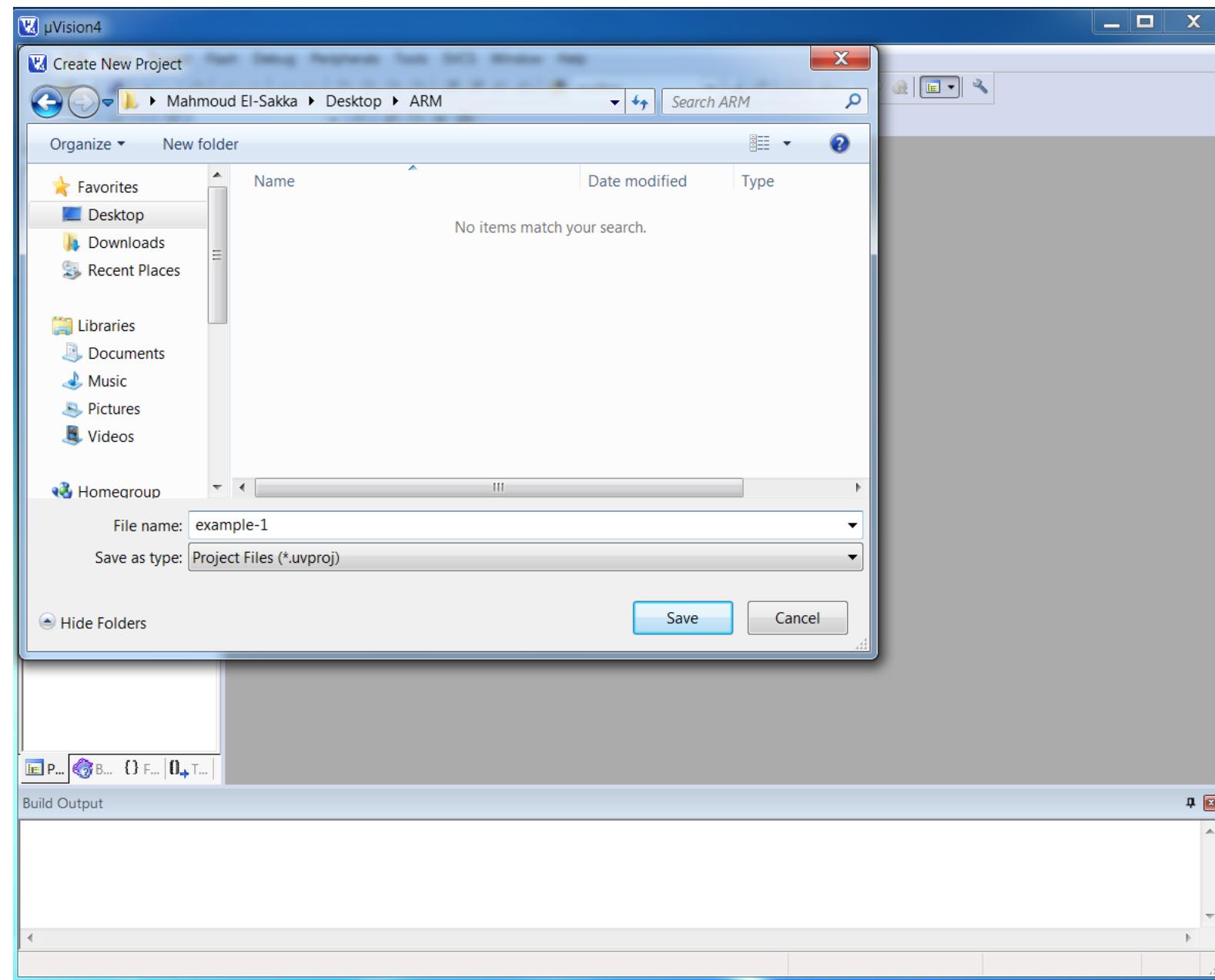
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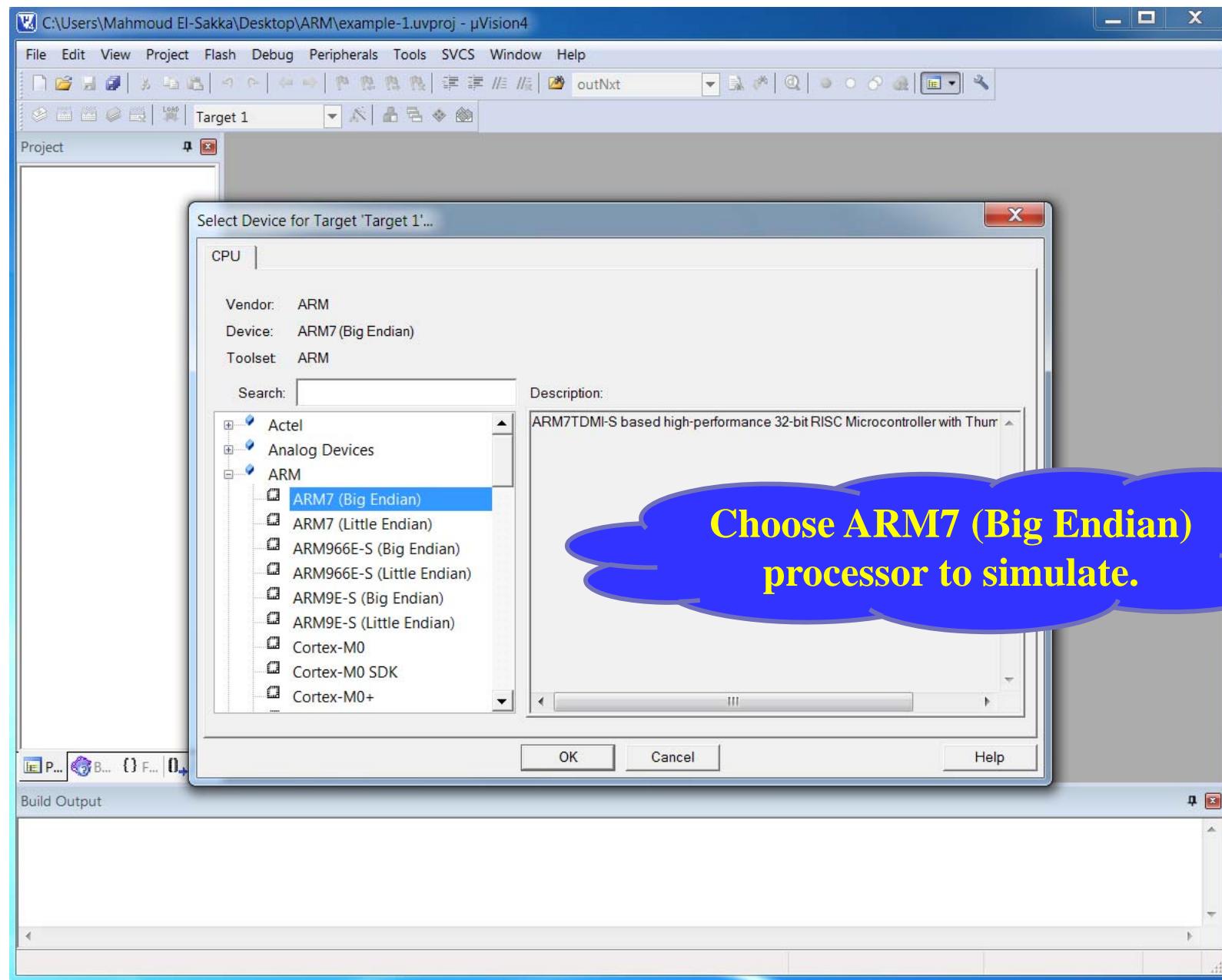
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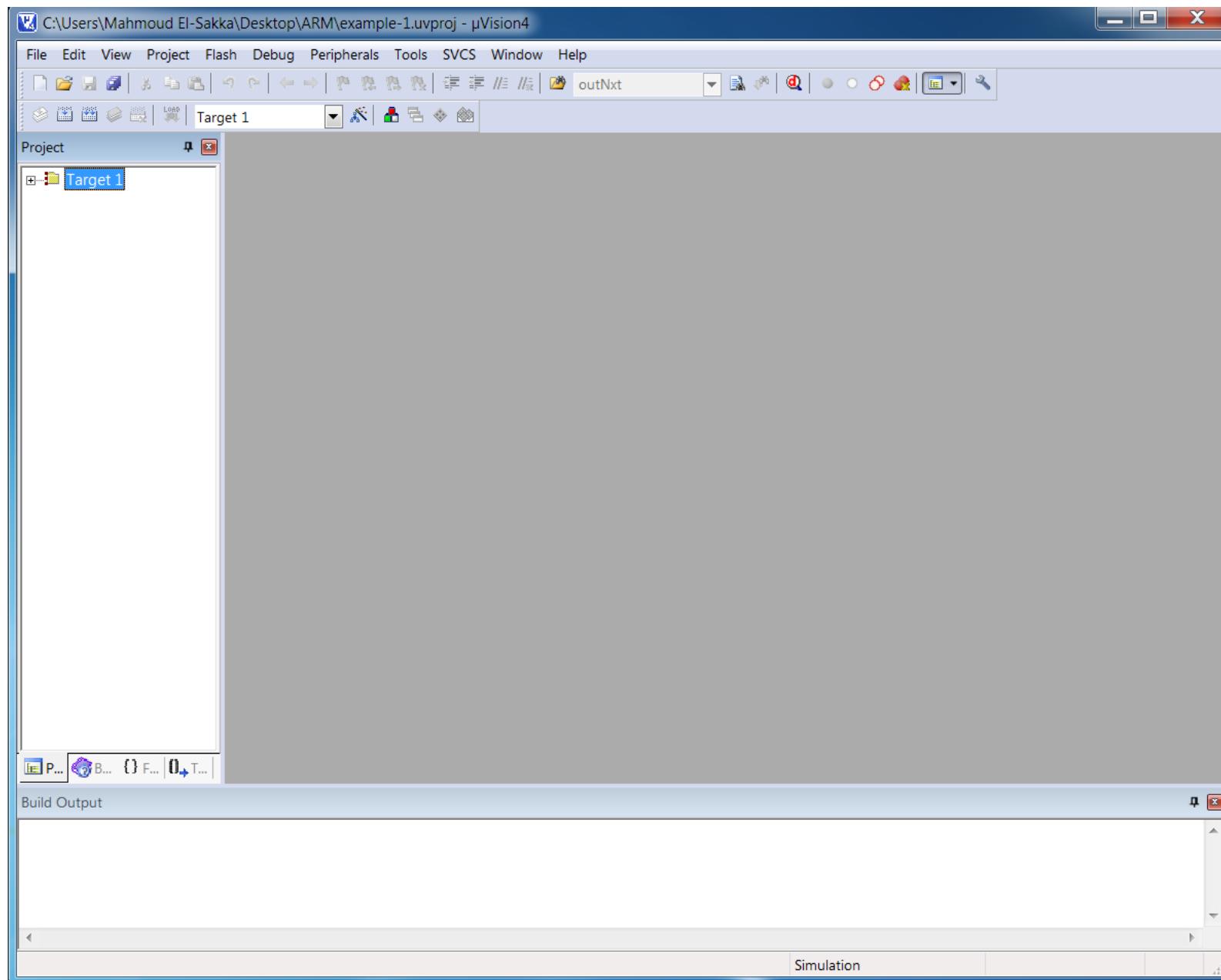
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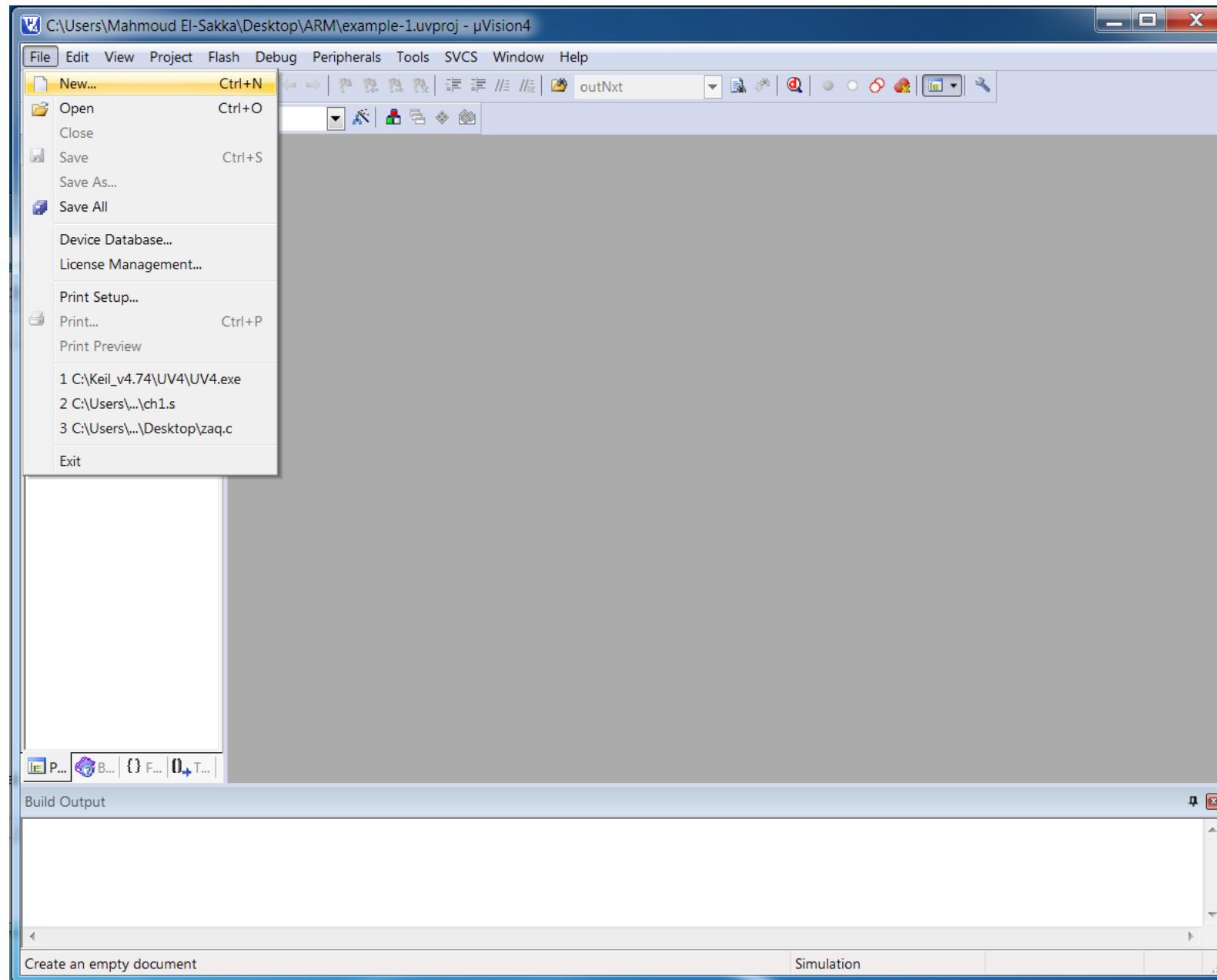
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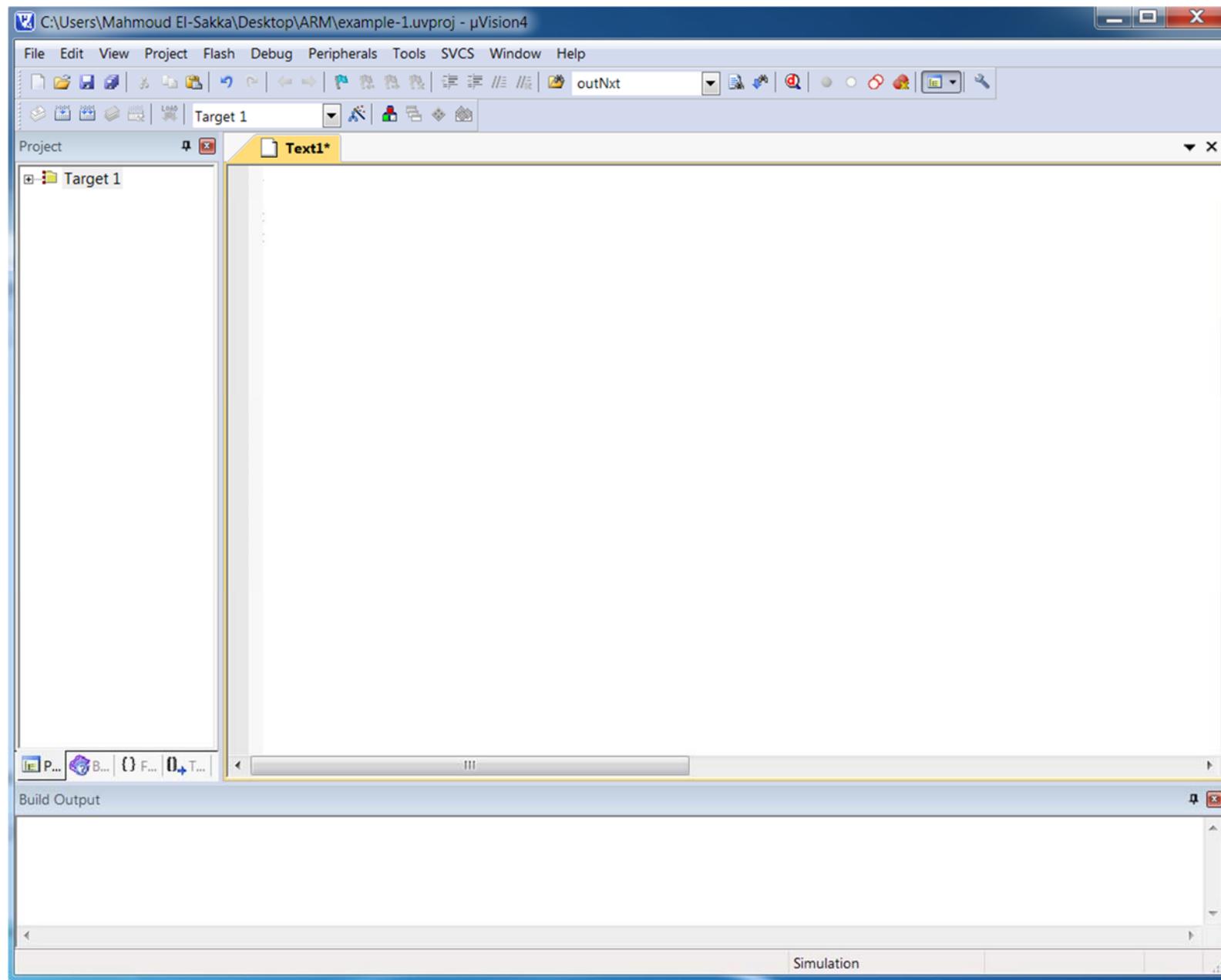
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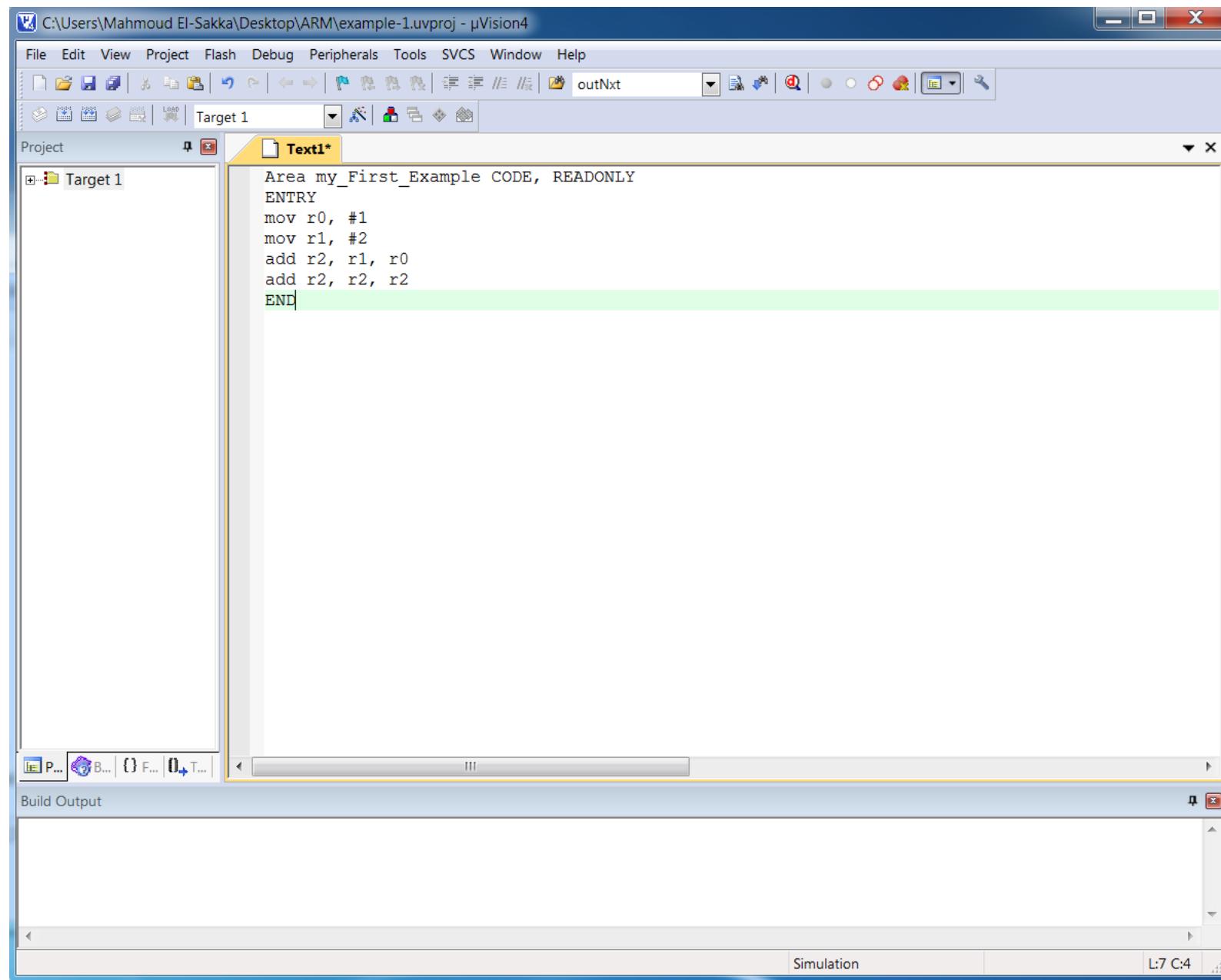
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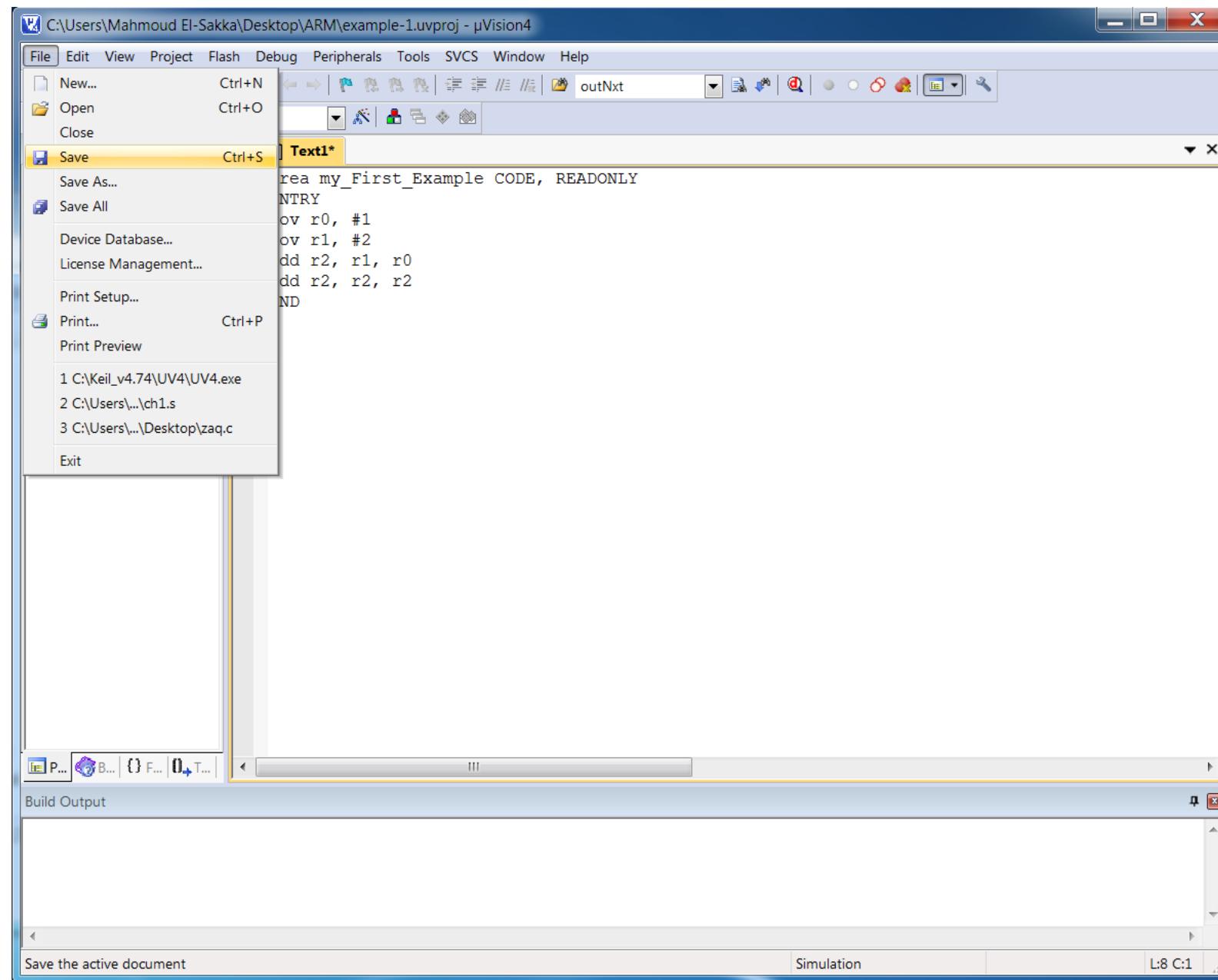
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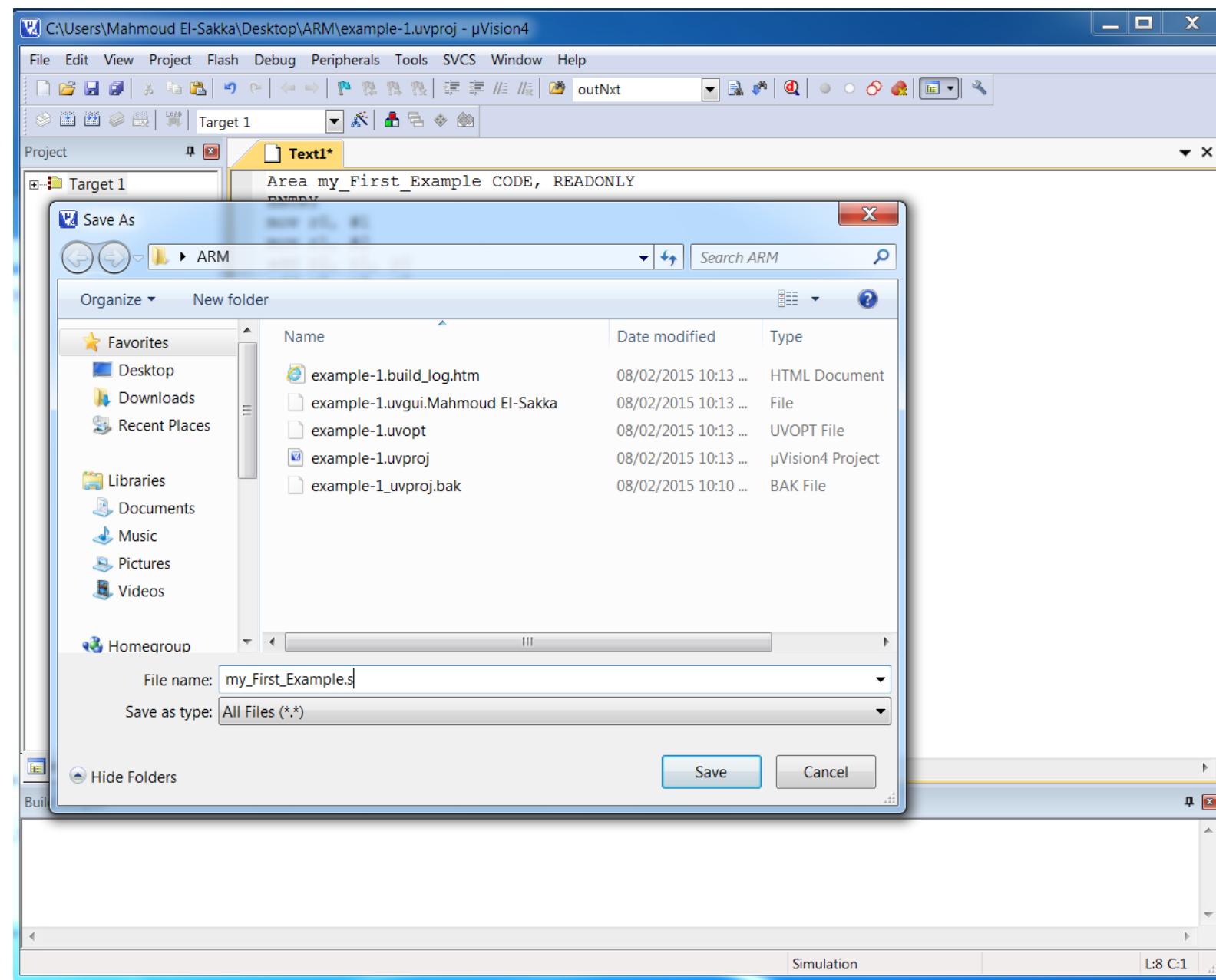
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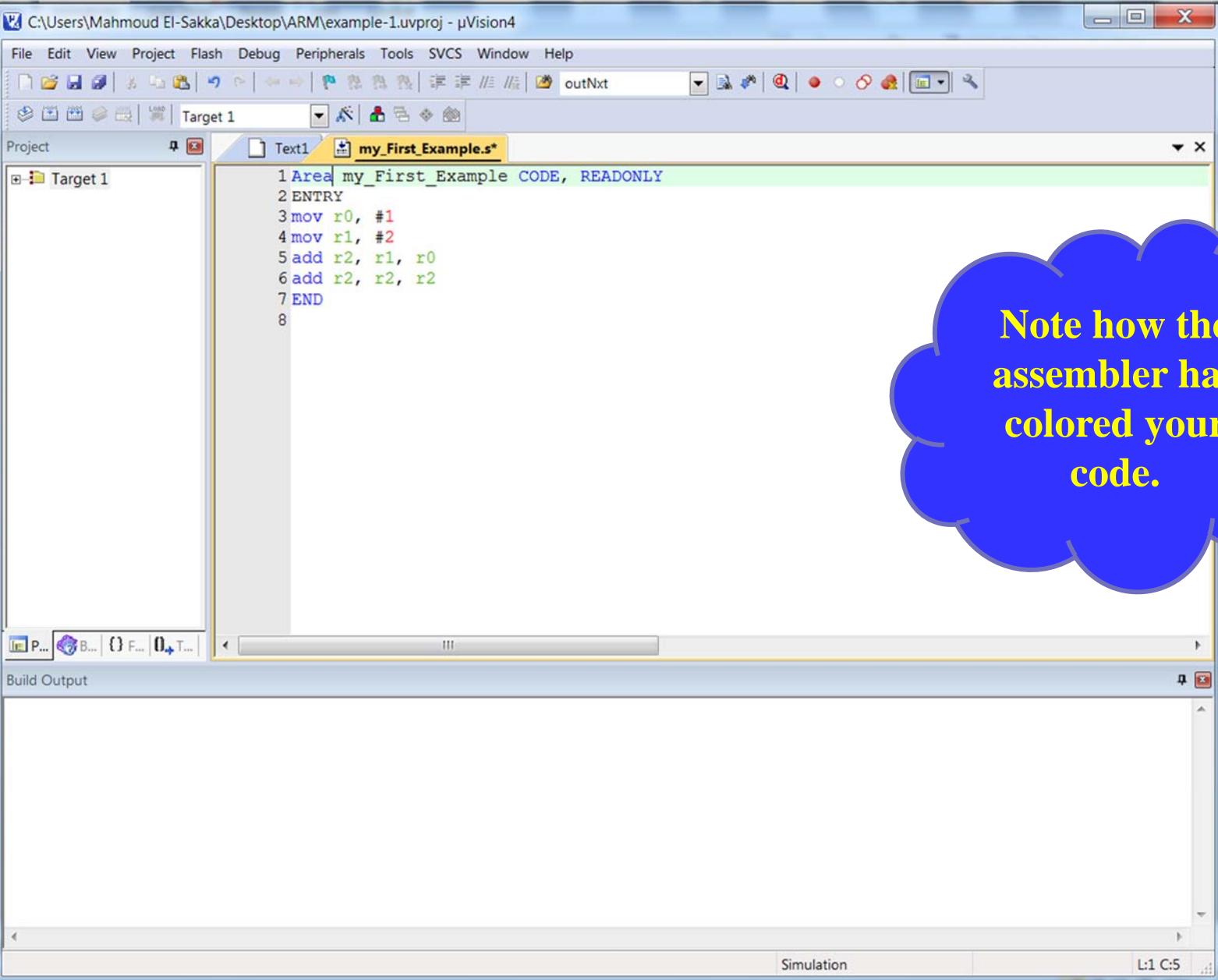
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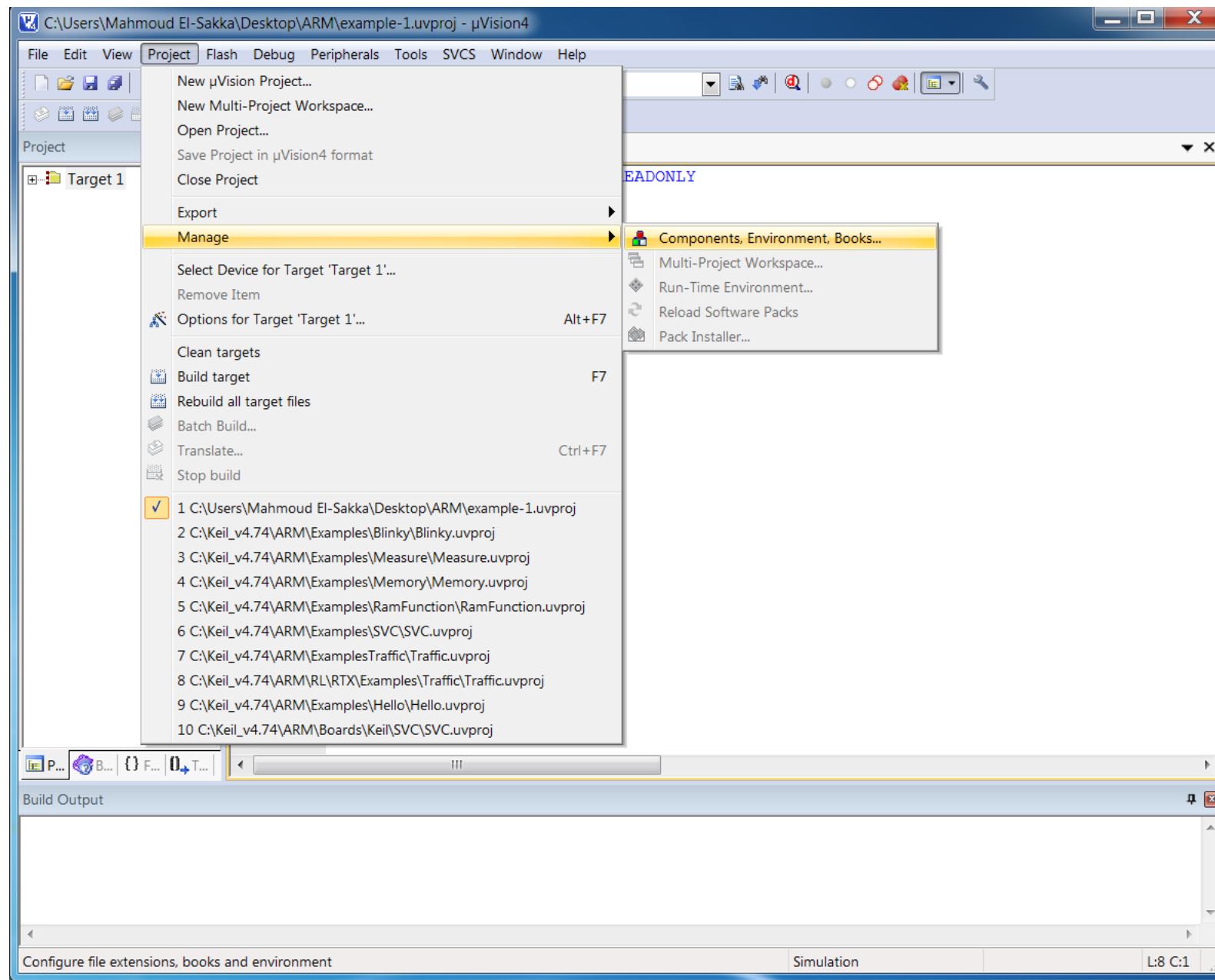


The screenshot shows the µVision4 IDE interface. The main window displays the assembly code for a project named 'Target 1'. The code is as follows:

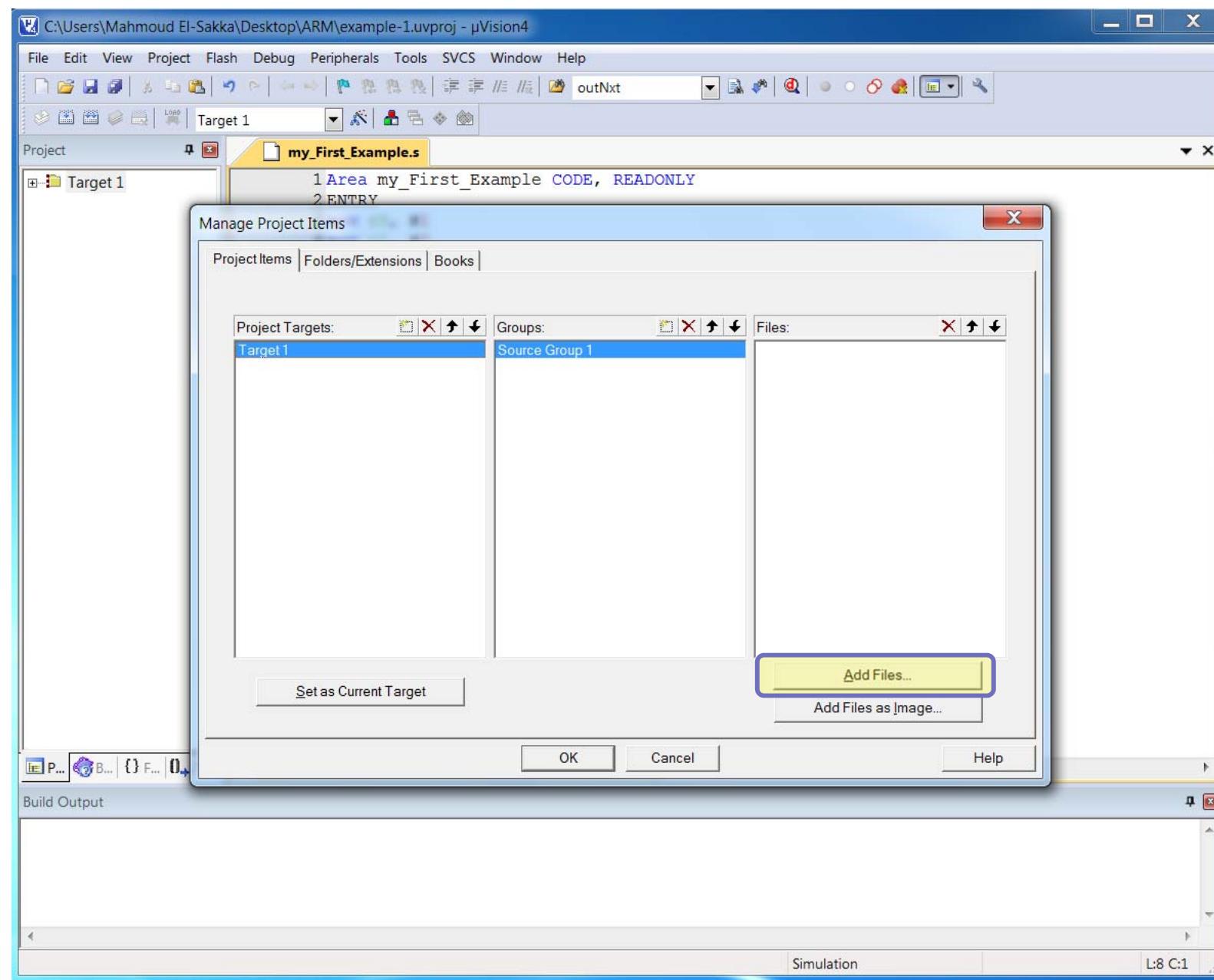
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1 Area my_First_Example CODE, READONLY
2 ENTRY
3 mov r0, #1
4 mov r1, #2
5 add r2, r1, r0
6 add r2, r2, r2
7 END
8
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A blue callout bubble on the right side of the screen contains the text: "Note how the assembler has colored your code." This indicates that the IDE uses color coding to highlight different parts of the assembly code, such as labels, instructions, and registers.

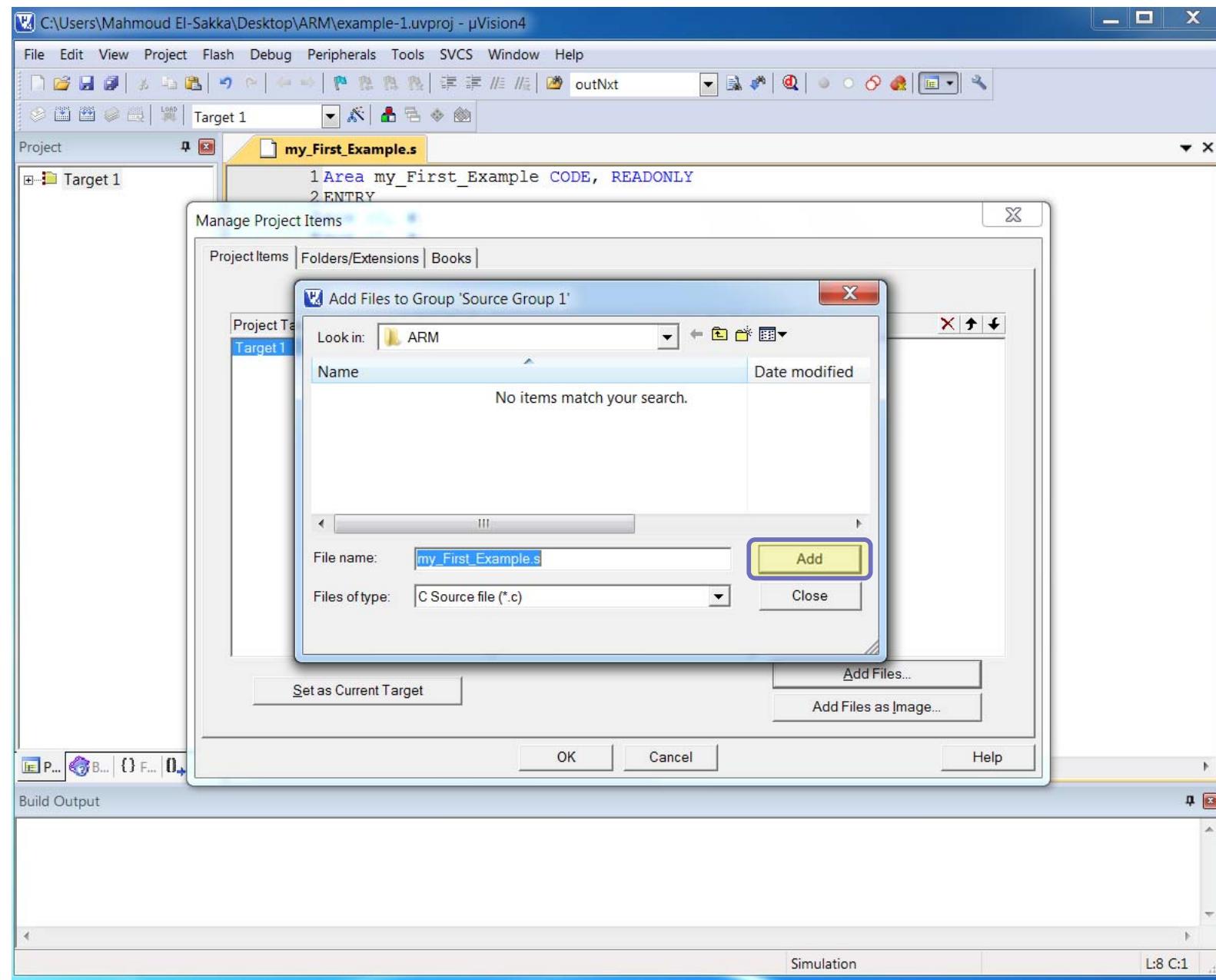
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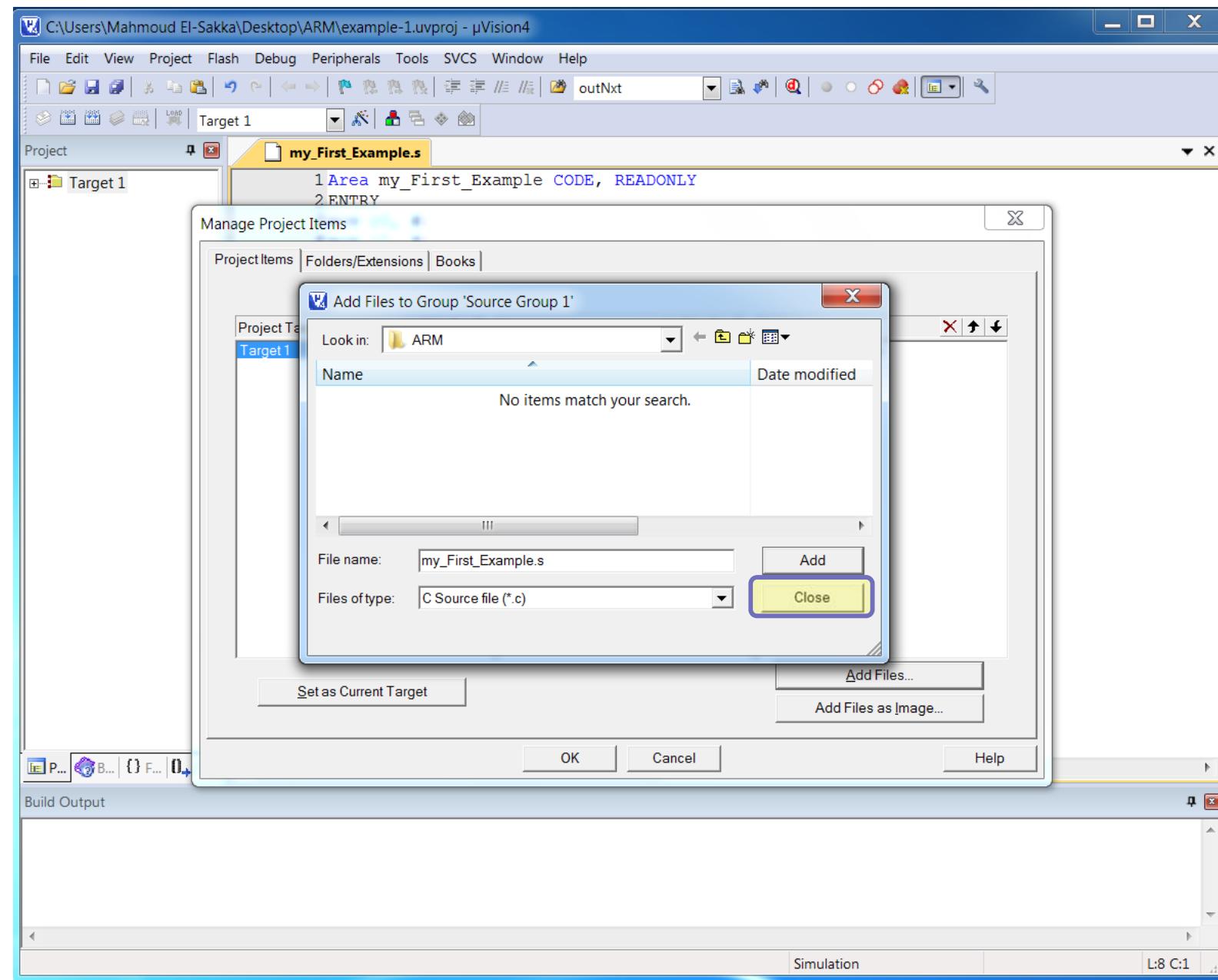
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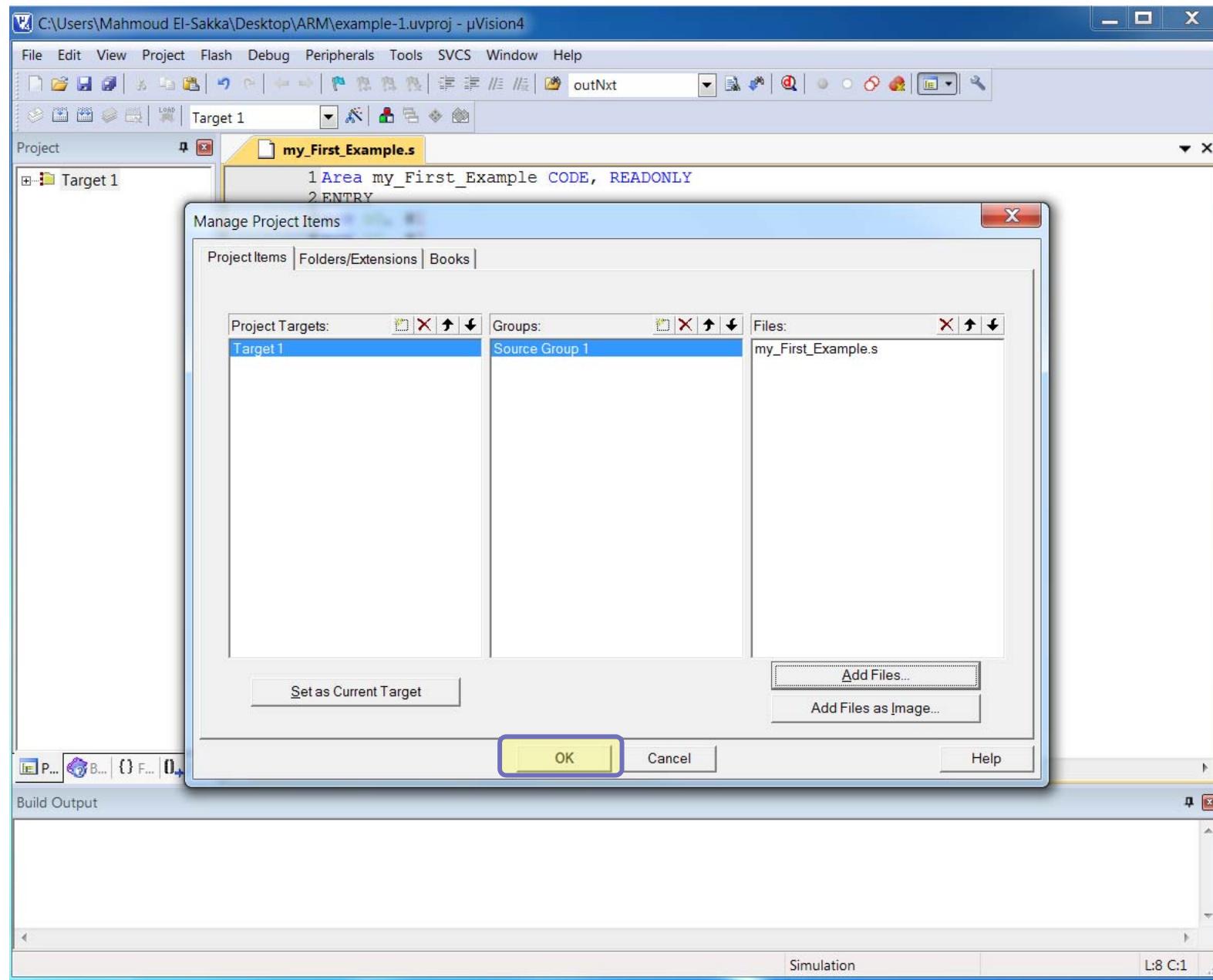
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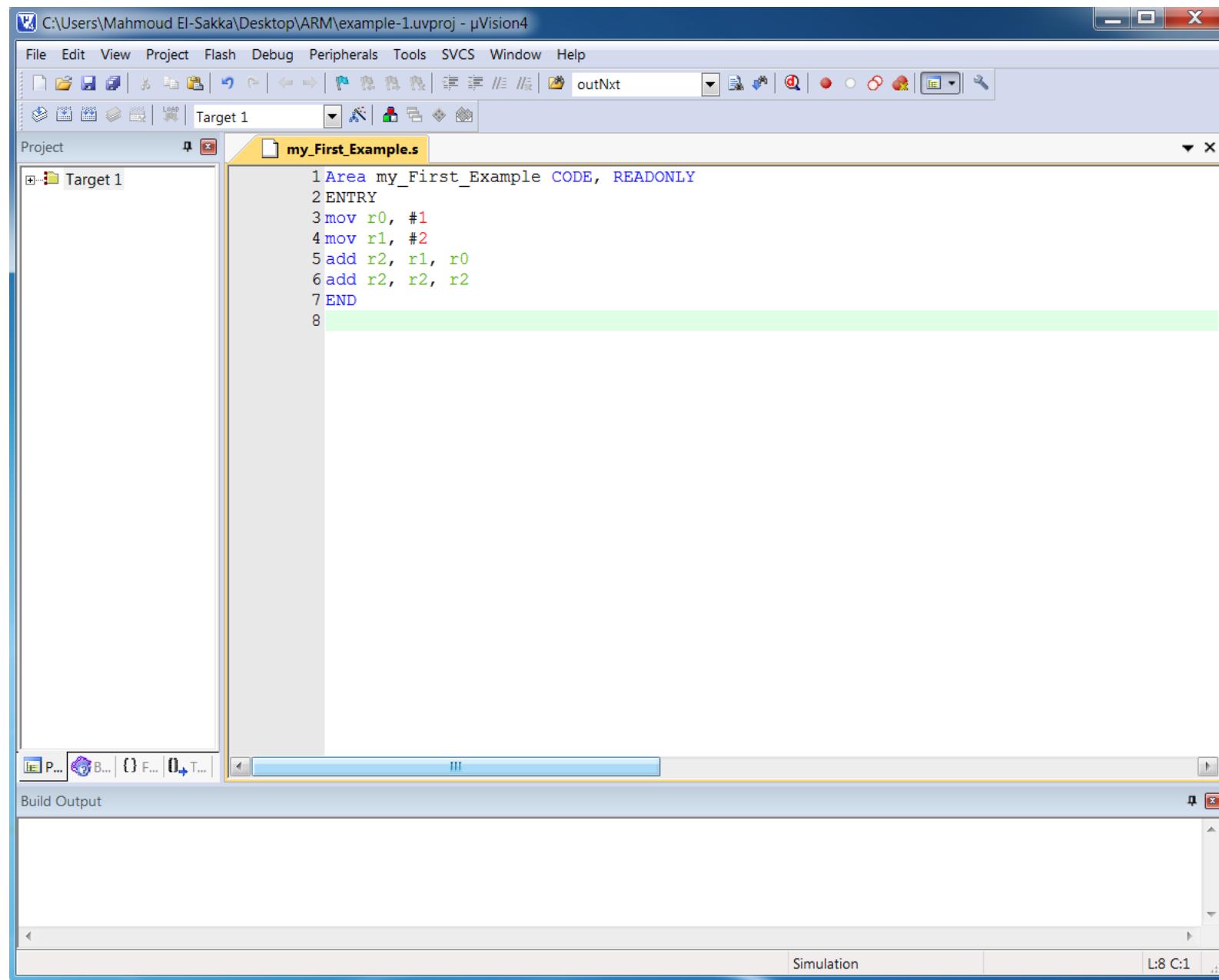
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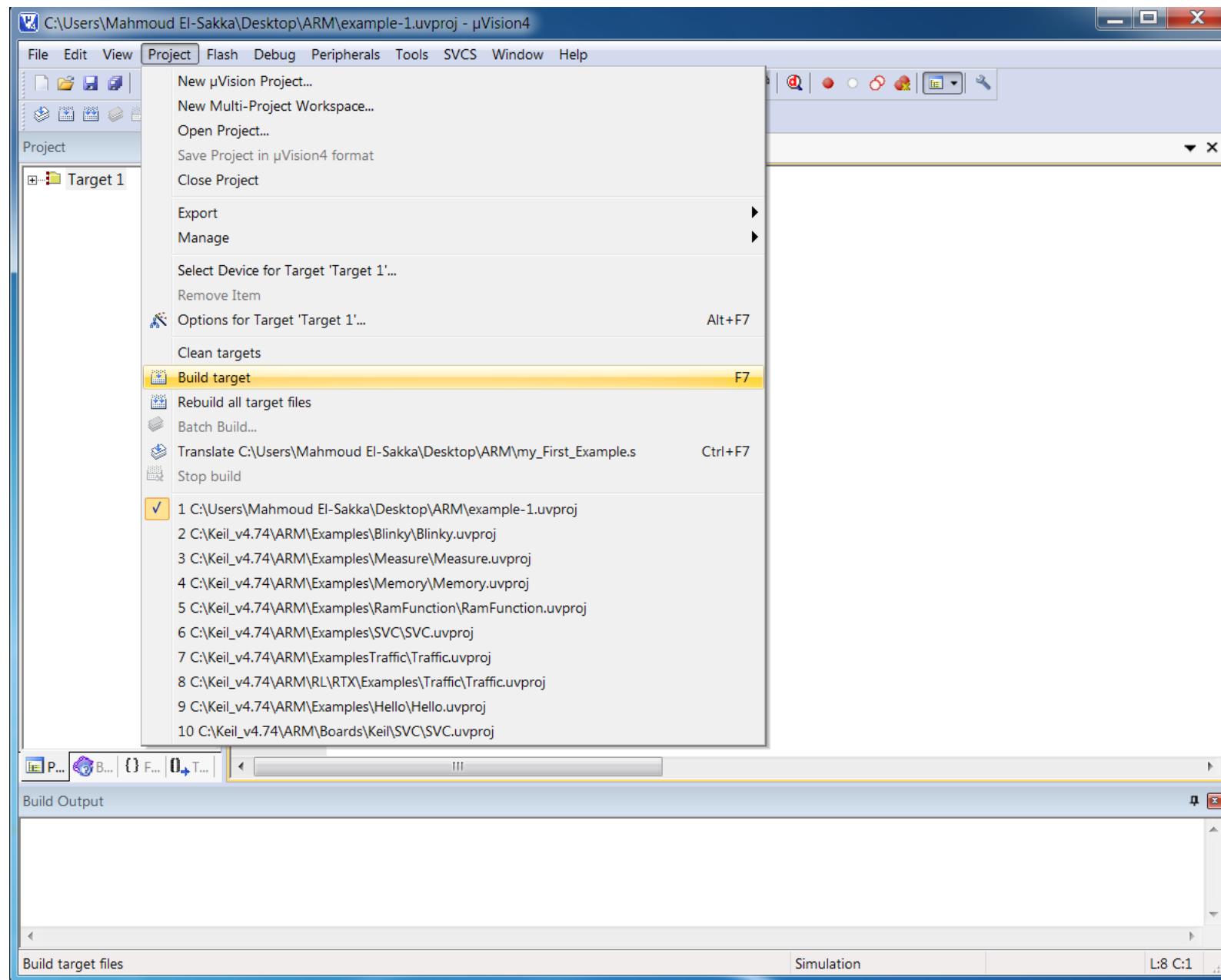
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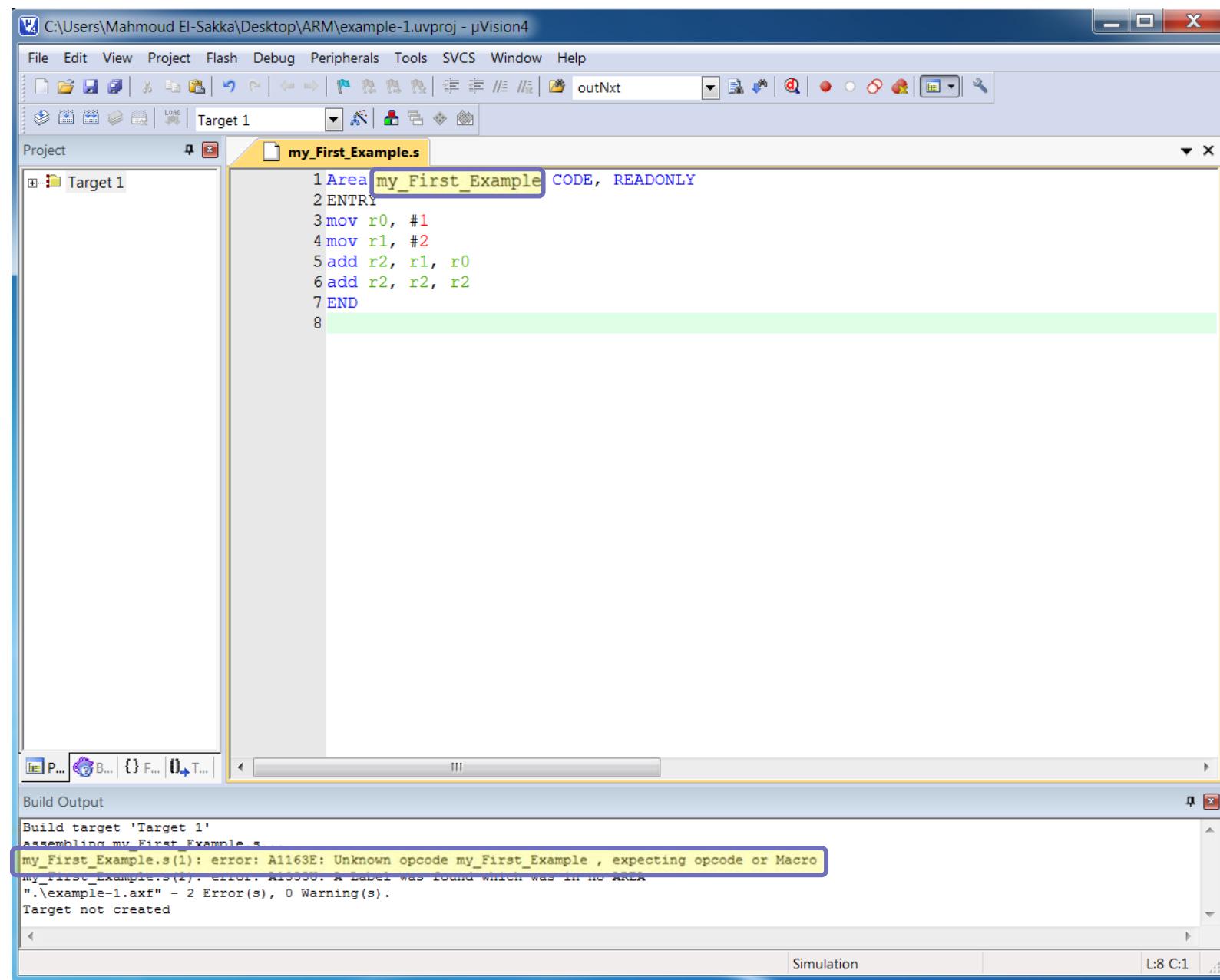
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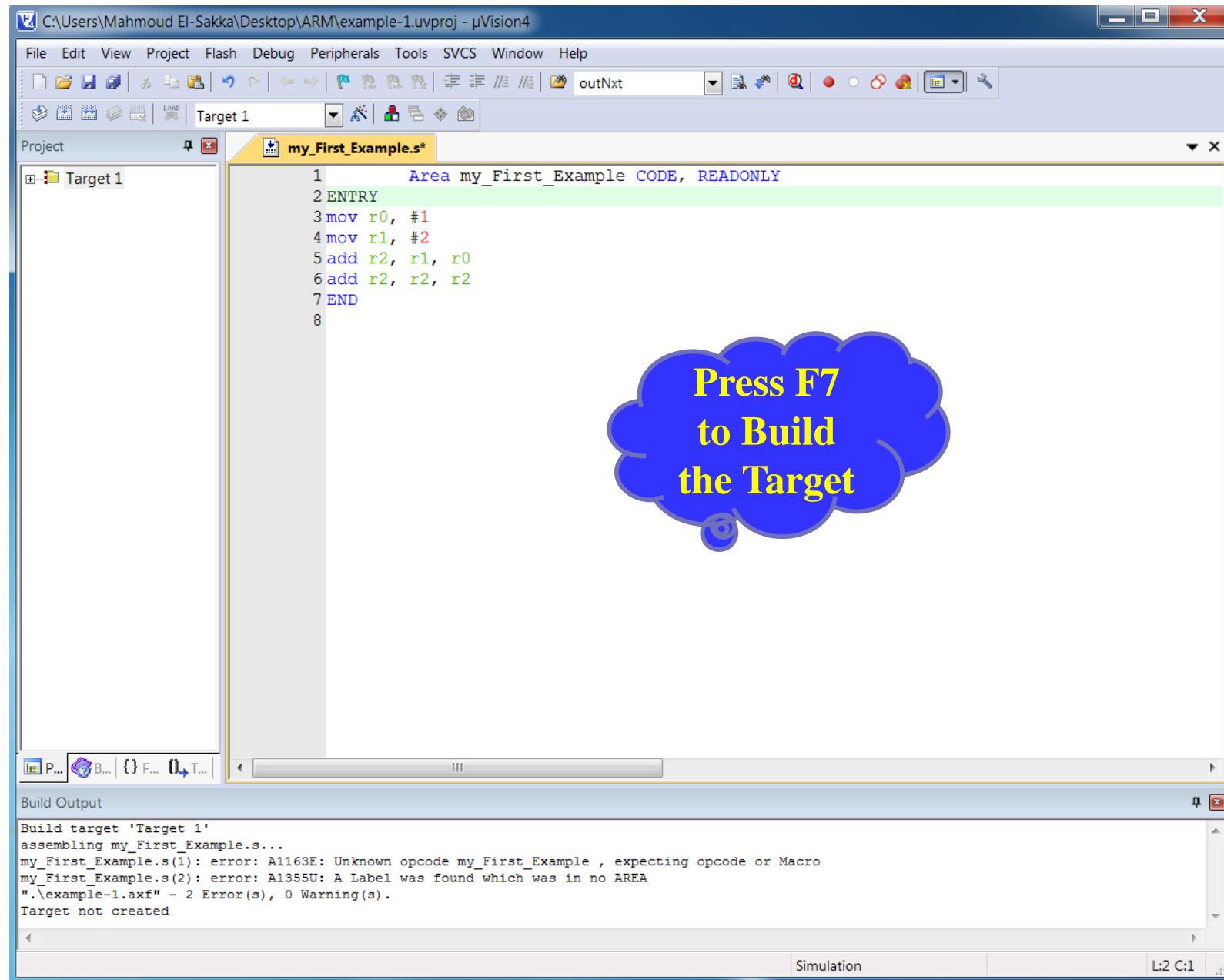
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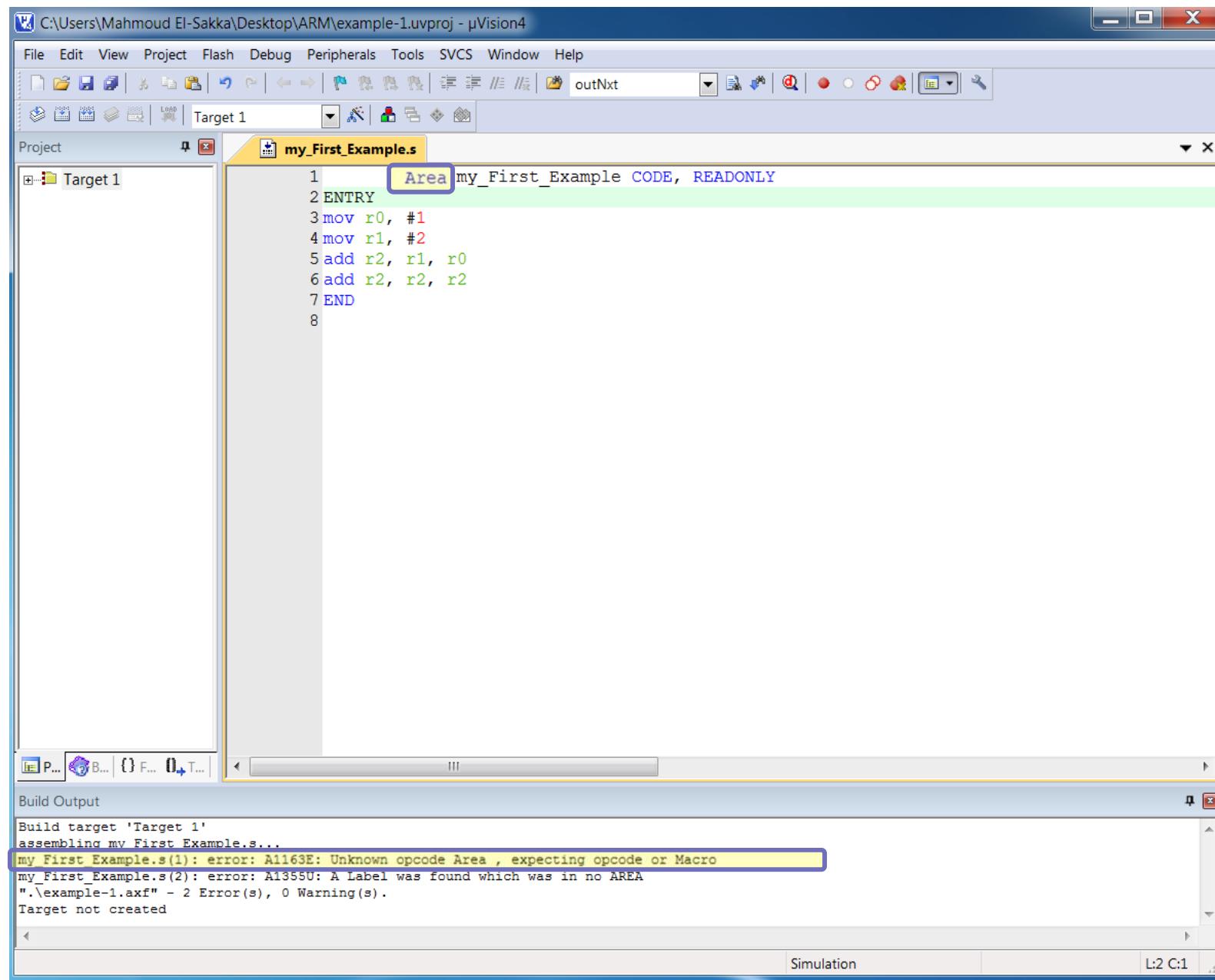
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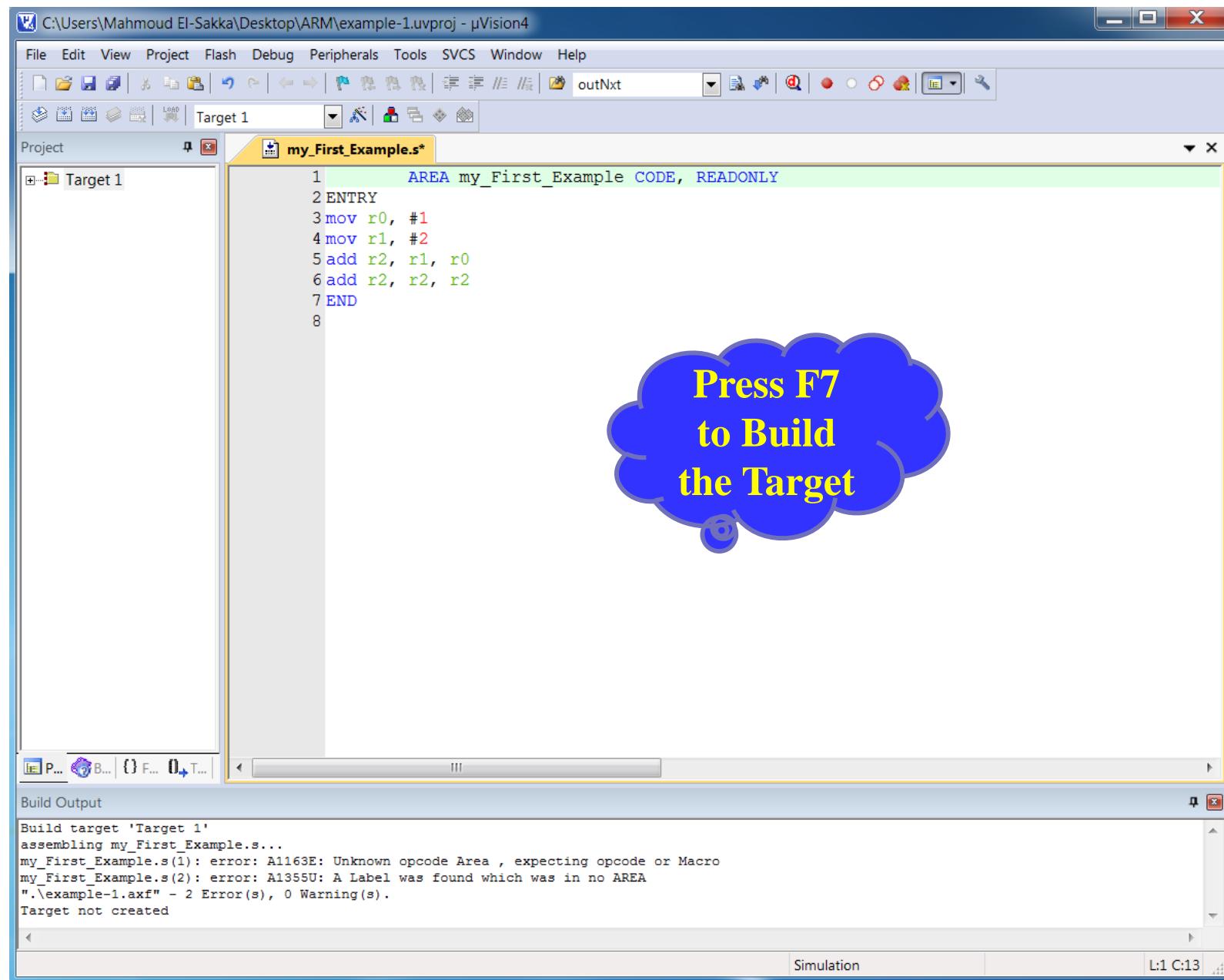
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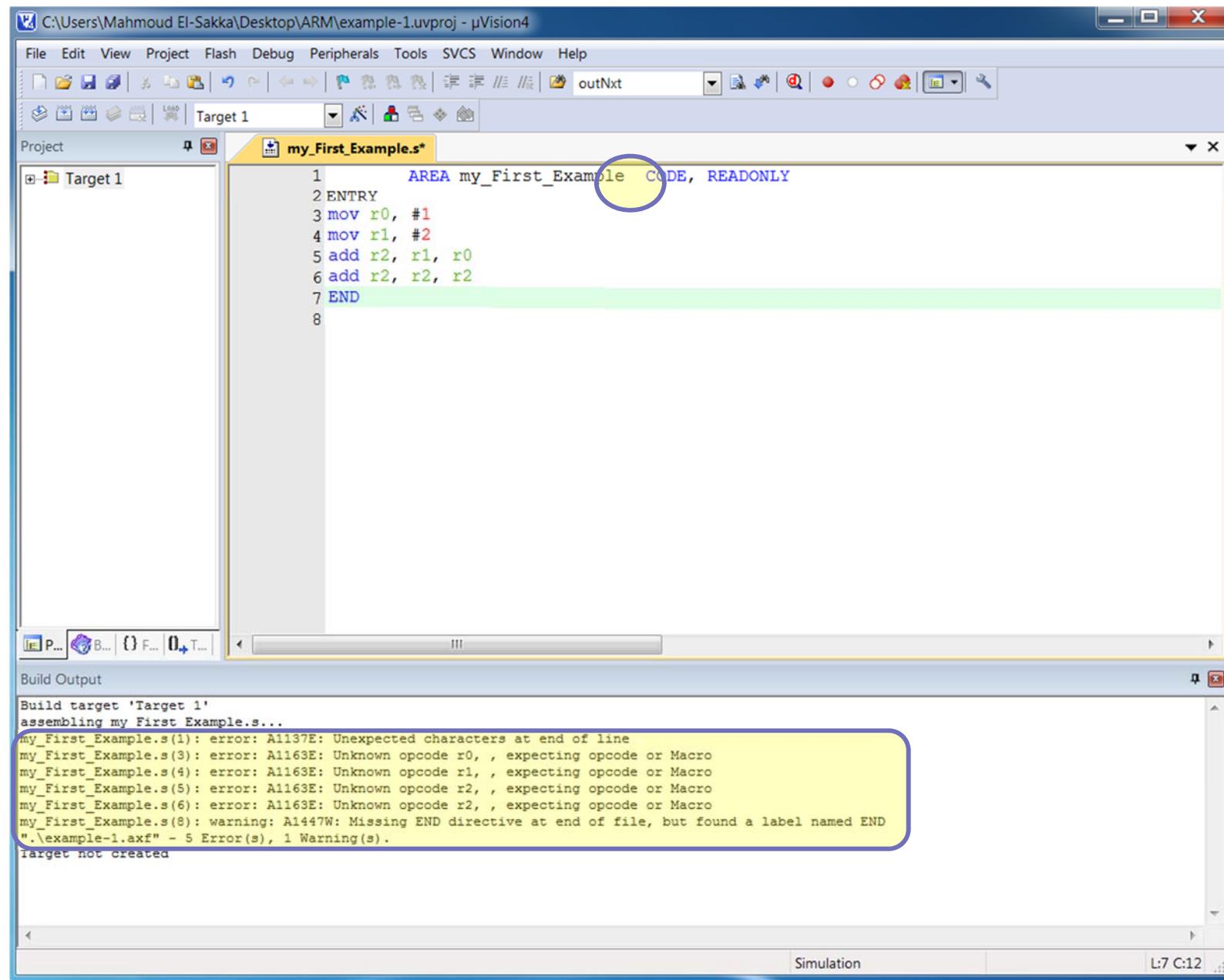
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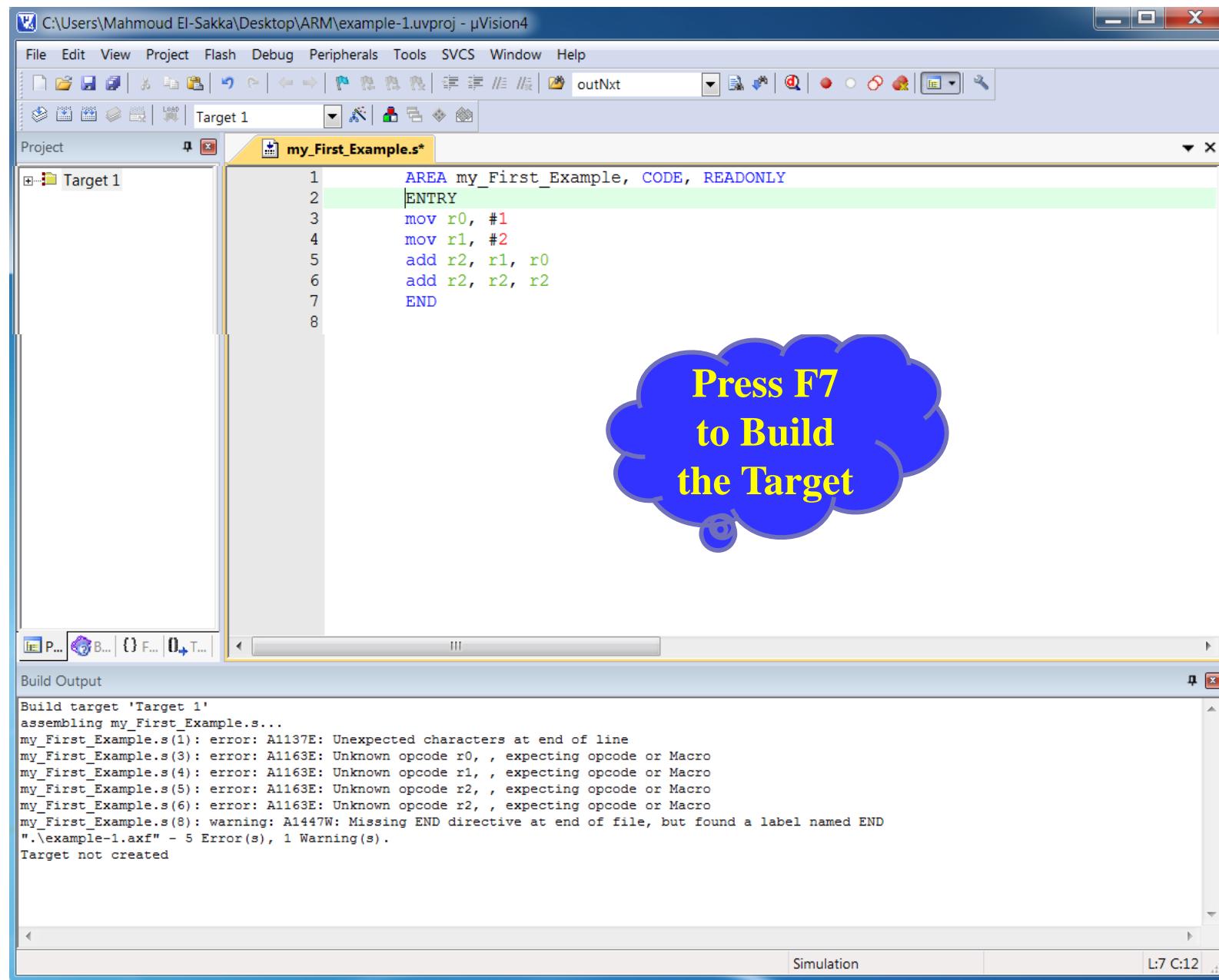
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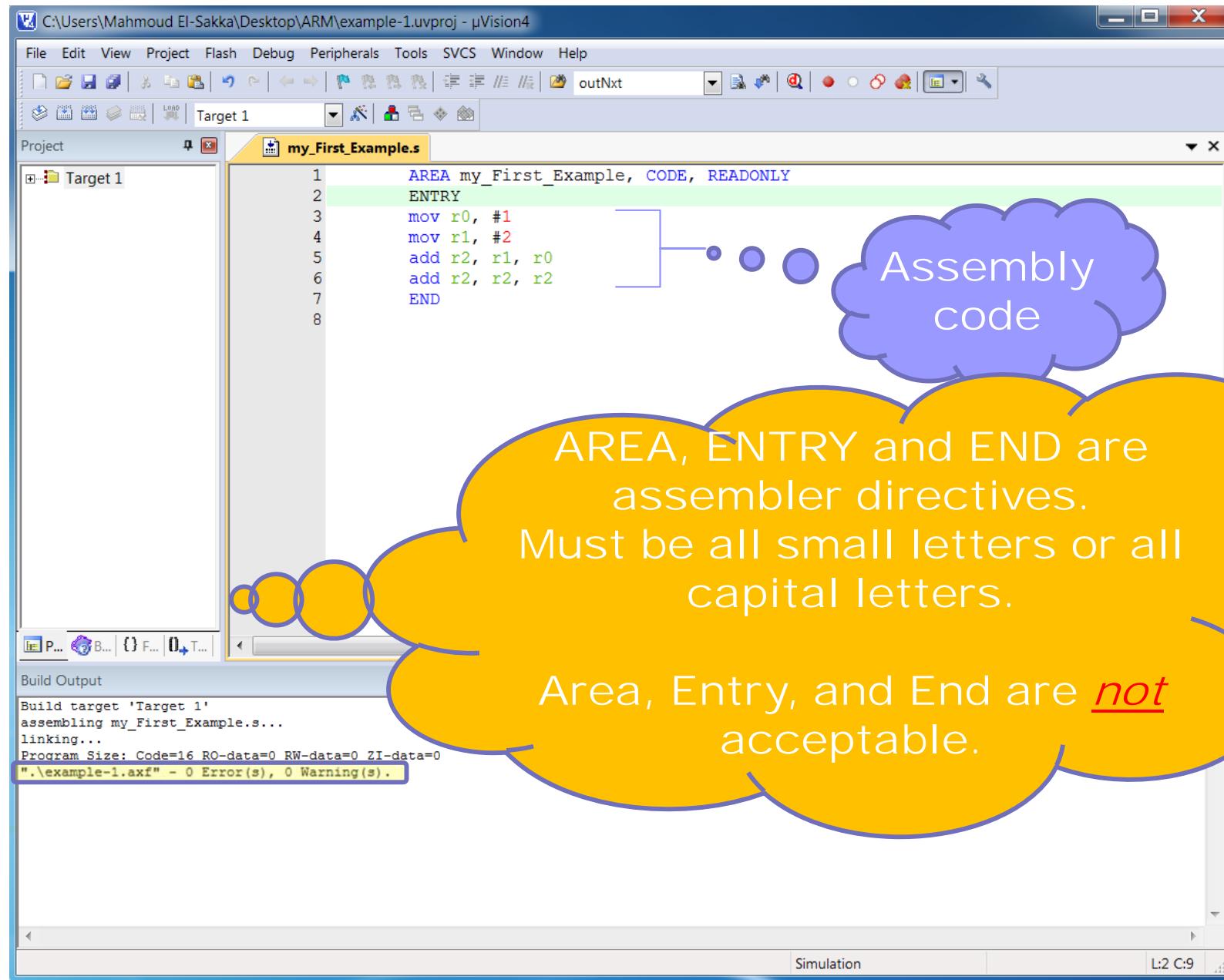
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Comments on Assembly Programs Layout

- When writing an assembly language program, column one is reserved for a user-defined name that allows us to refer to that line (more specifically, it corresponds to the address of that line in the program when it's been assembled into machine code).
 - In our example, we did not use any label.
- Anywhere after column one, we can write an instruction.

{Label} Op-code **operand1**, operand2, operand3 {;comment}

Comments on Assembly Programs Layout

- When writing assembly instructions, note that:
 - there must be at least one space following the mnemonic (operation code)
 - Parameters must be separated by commas
 - Spaces after a comma are optional; for example, we can write

ADD **r2**, r1, r0

or

ADD **r2**, r1, r0

- Operation code must be all capital letters or all small letters

ADD **r2**, r1, r0 ; Ok

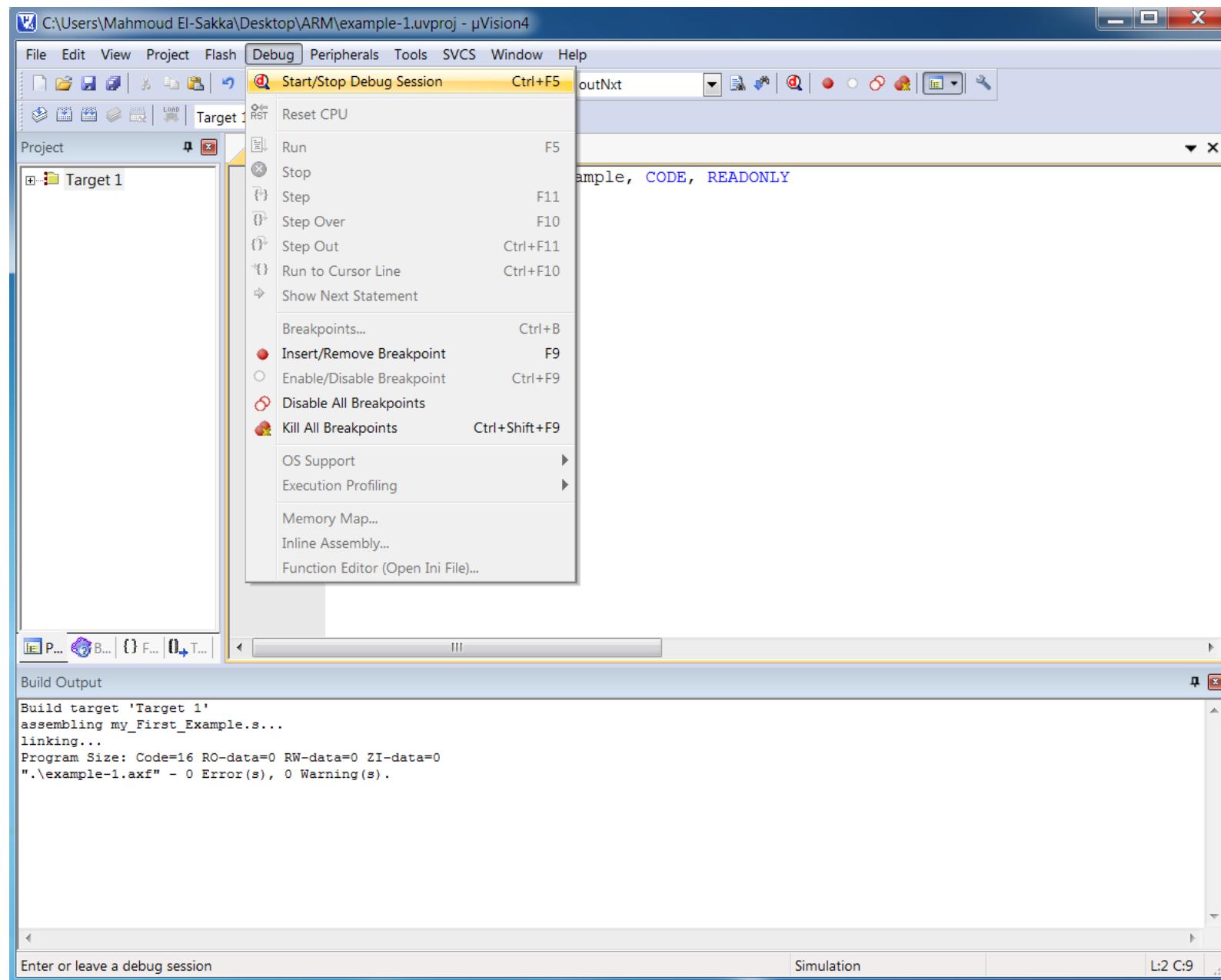
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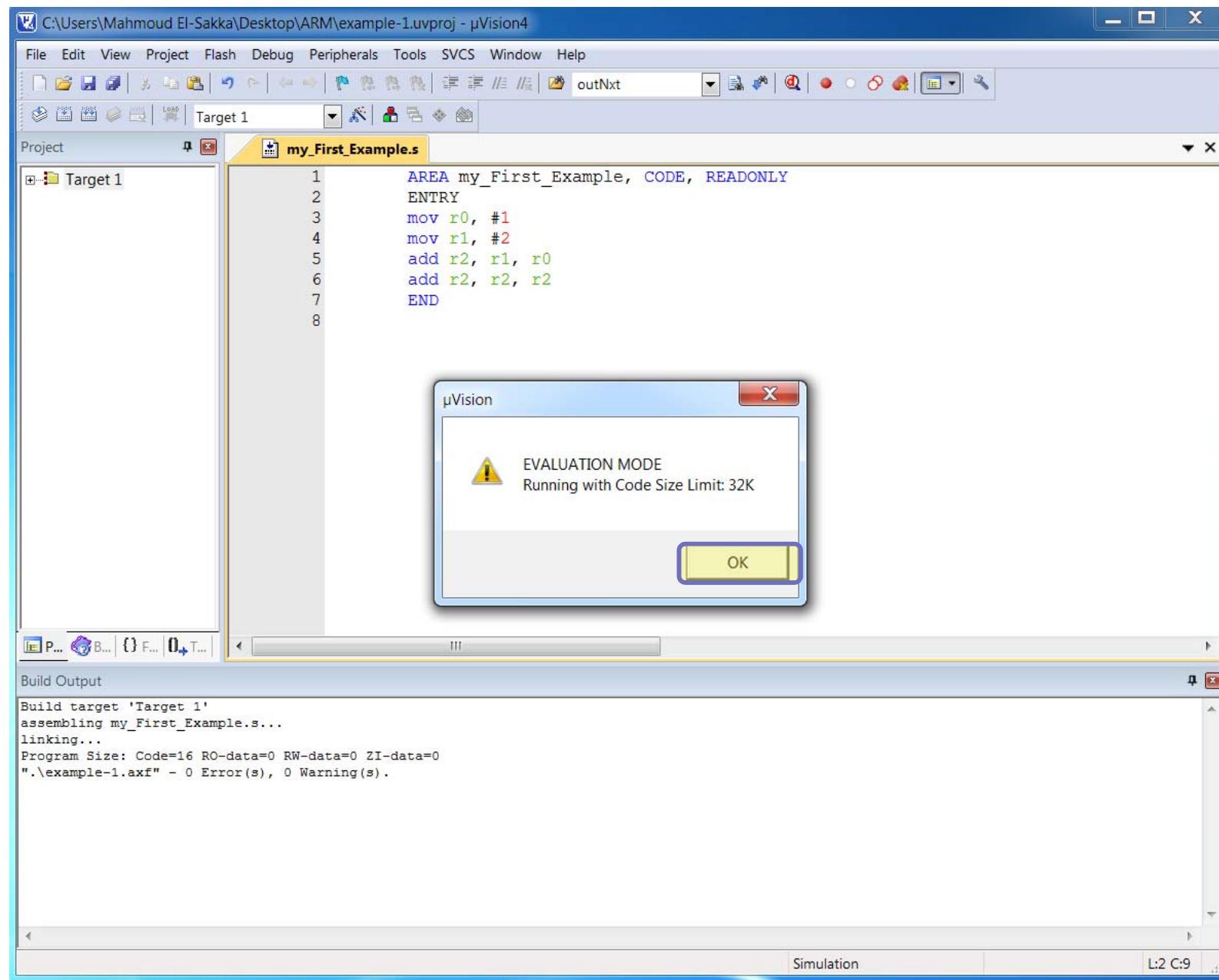
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- Finally, we can append a comment to the right.
 - The assembler we are using requires a semicolon to separate a comment from the code.
- Although we don't have to write a program in columns as we've done above, it makes the program easier to read.

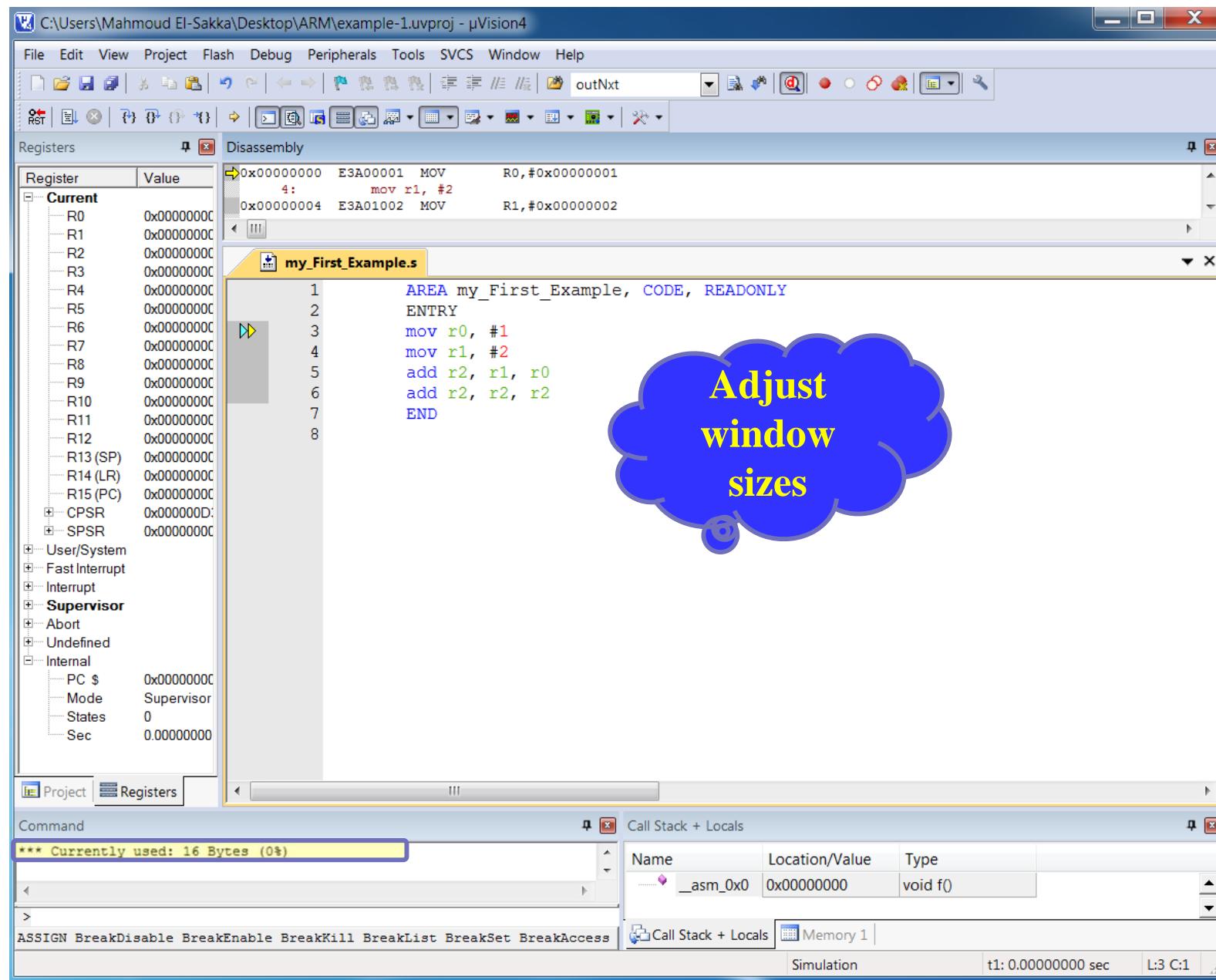
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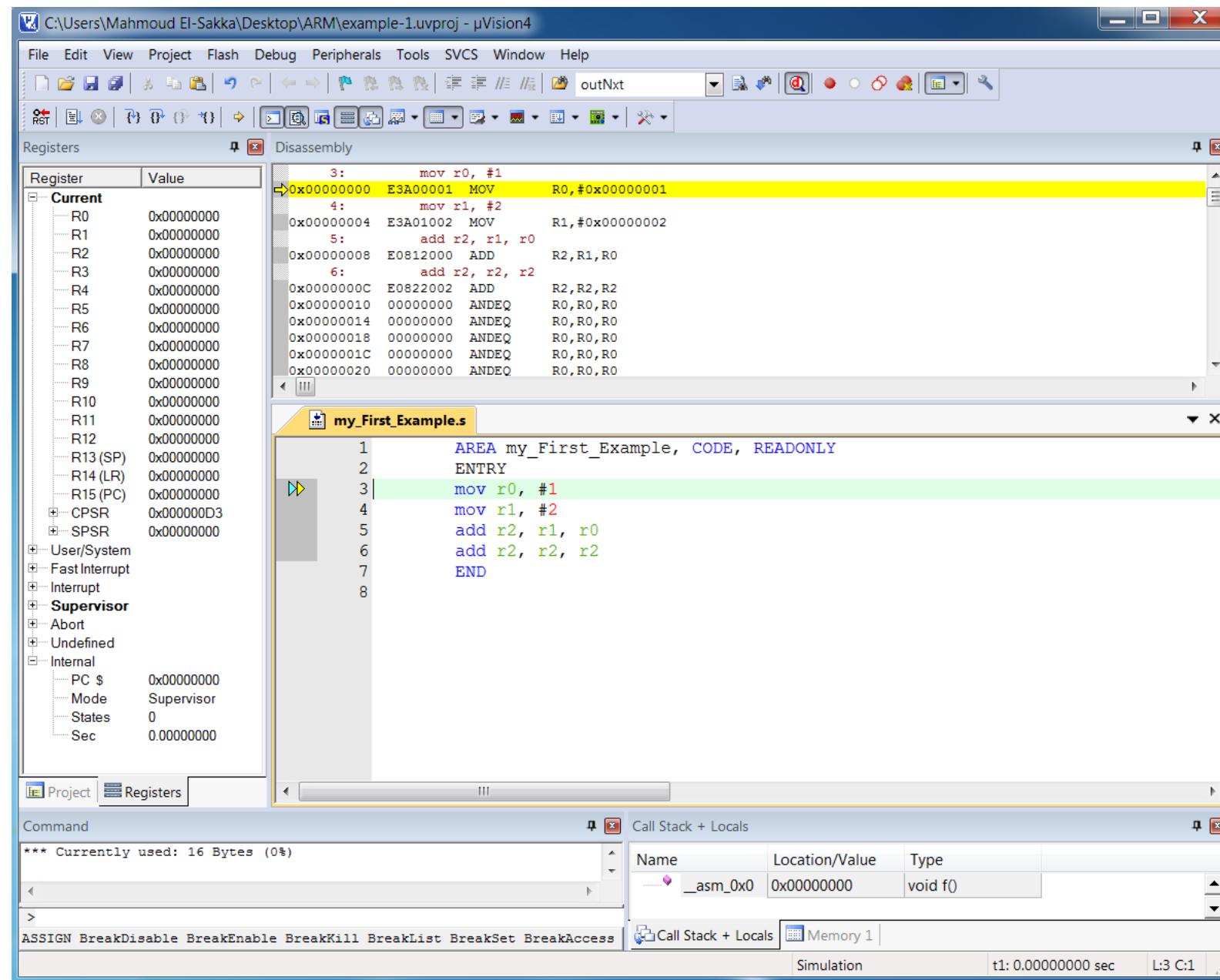
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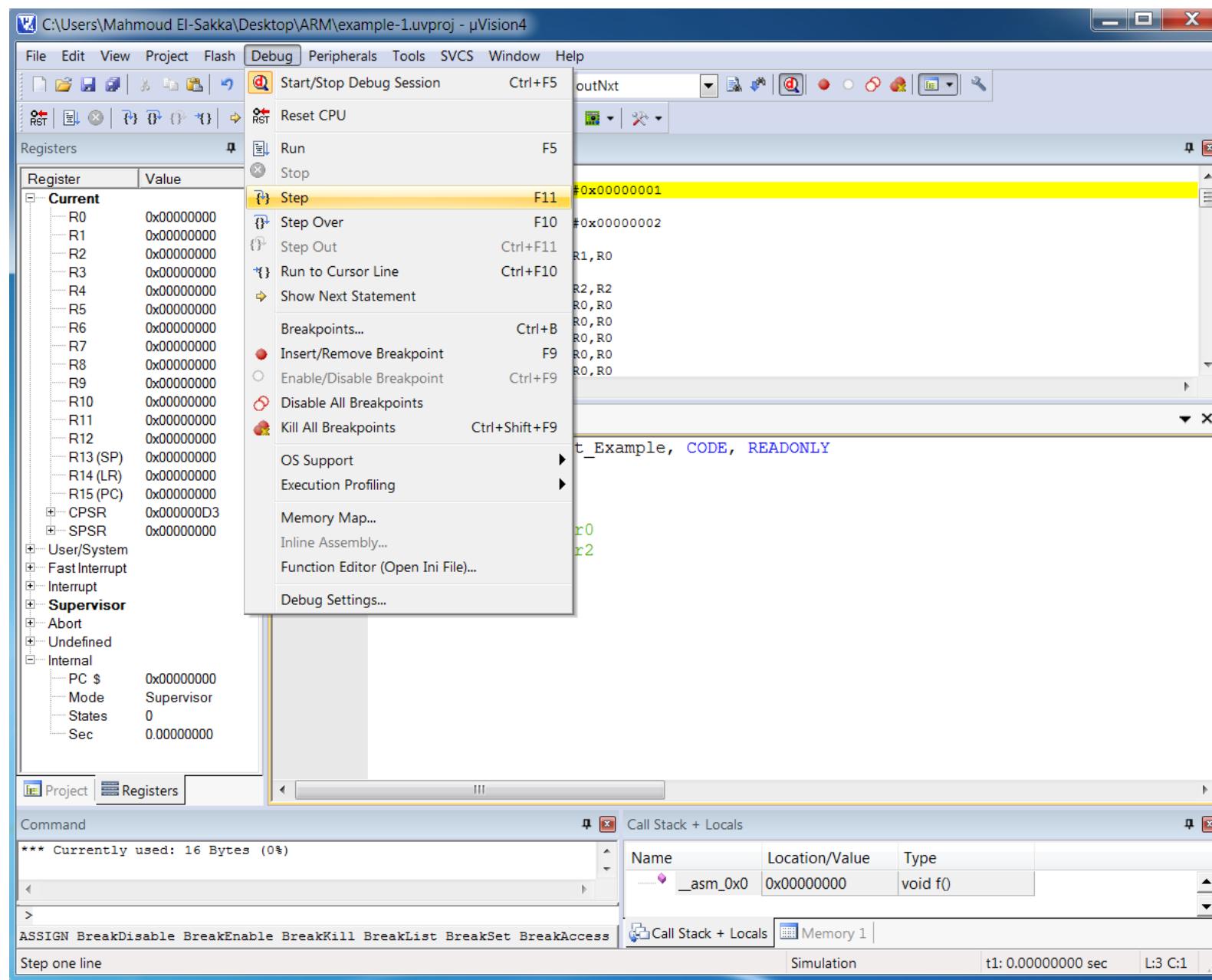
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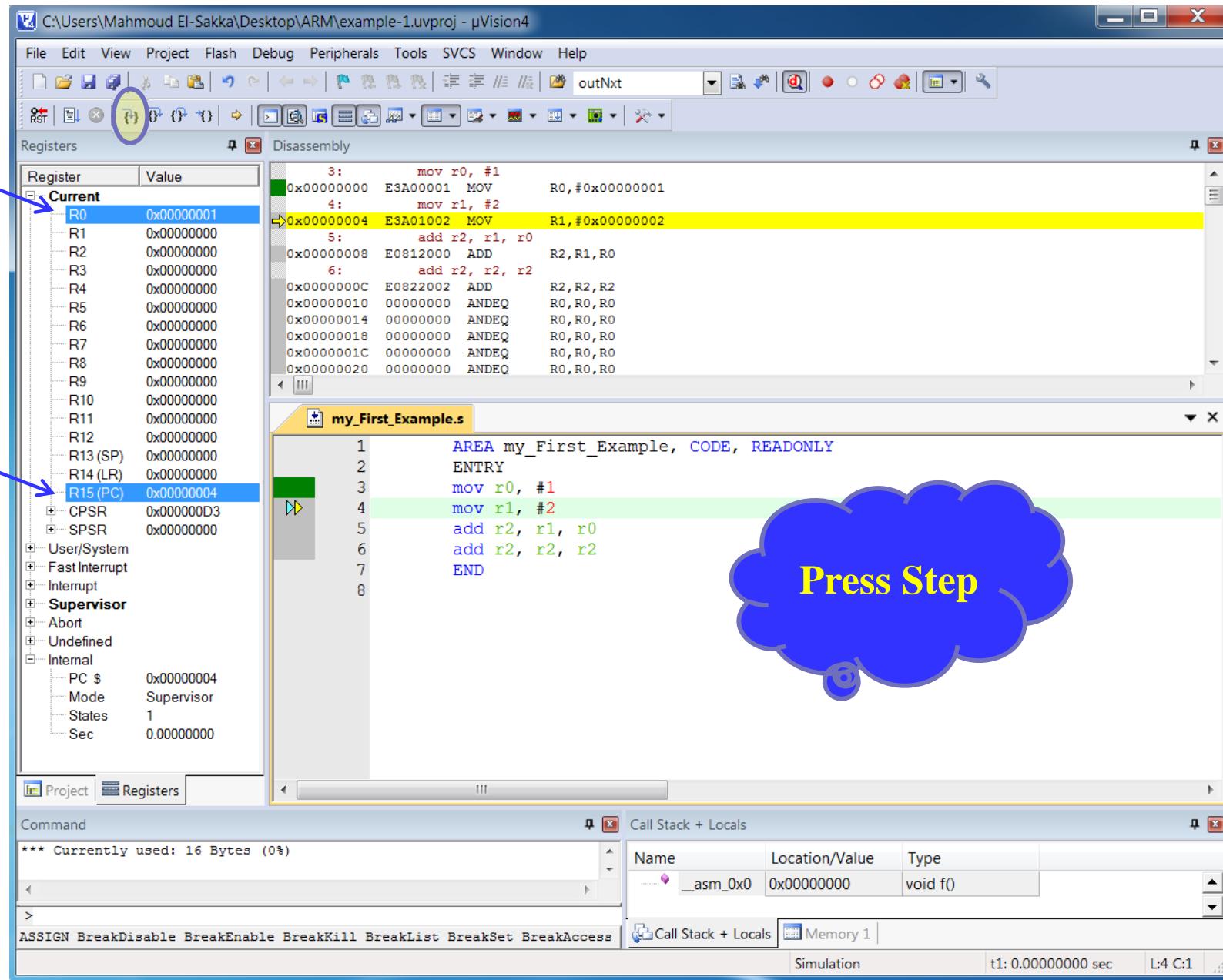
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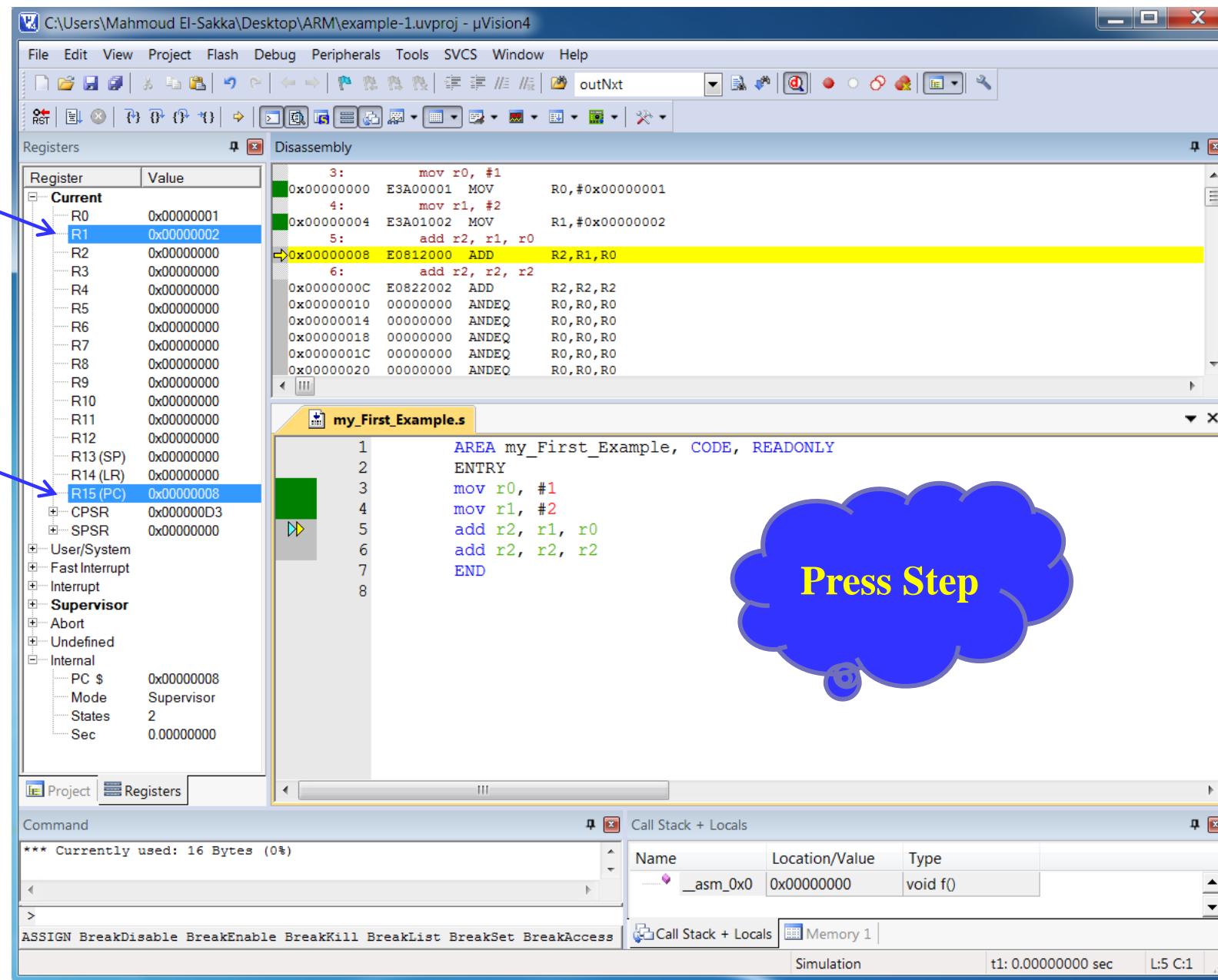
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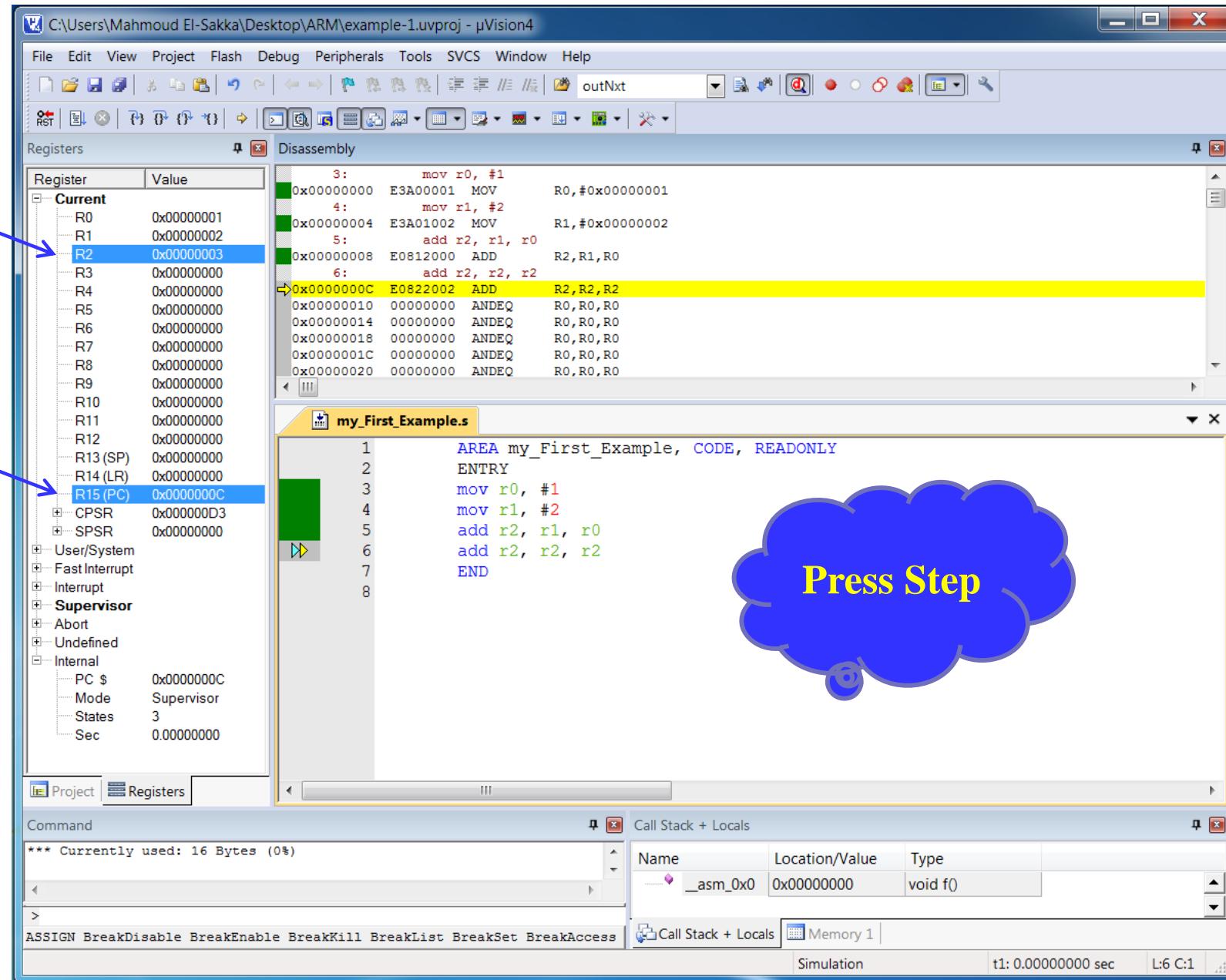
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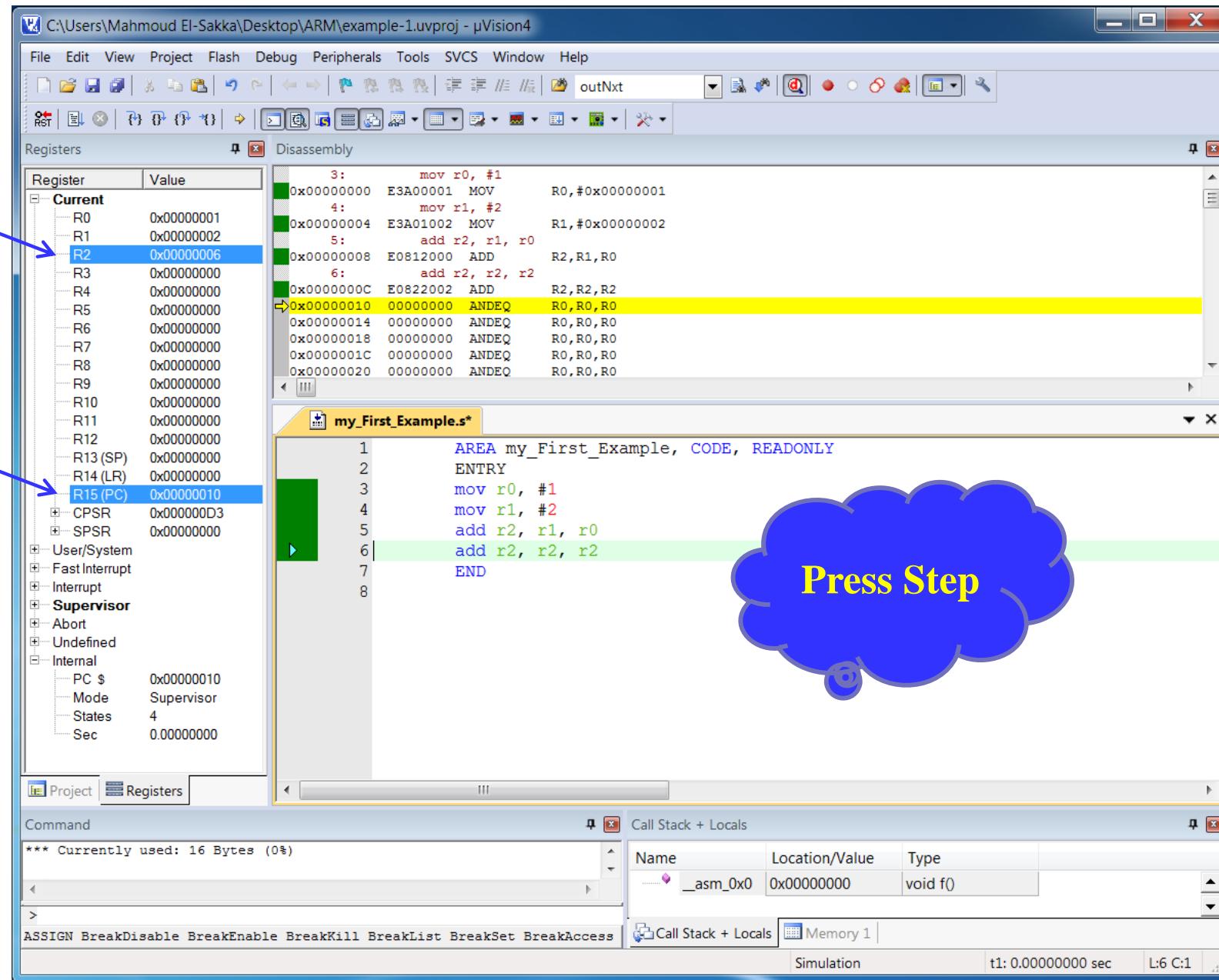
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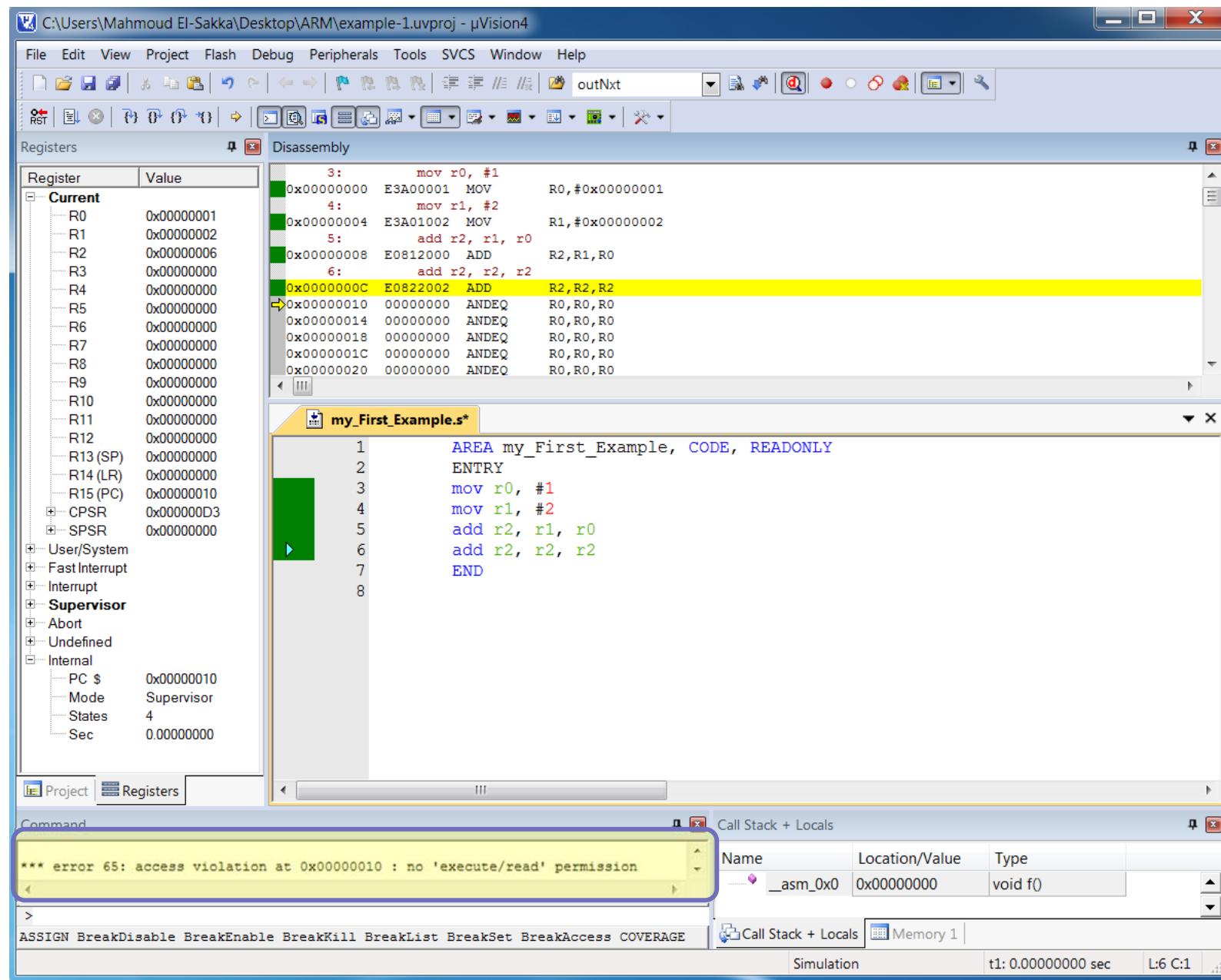
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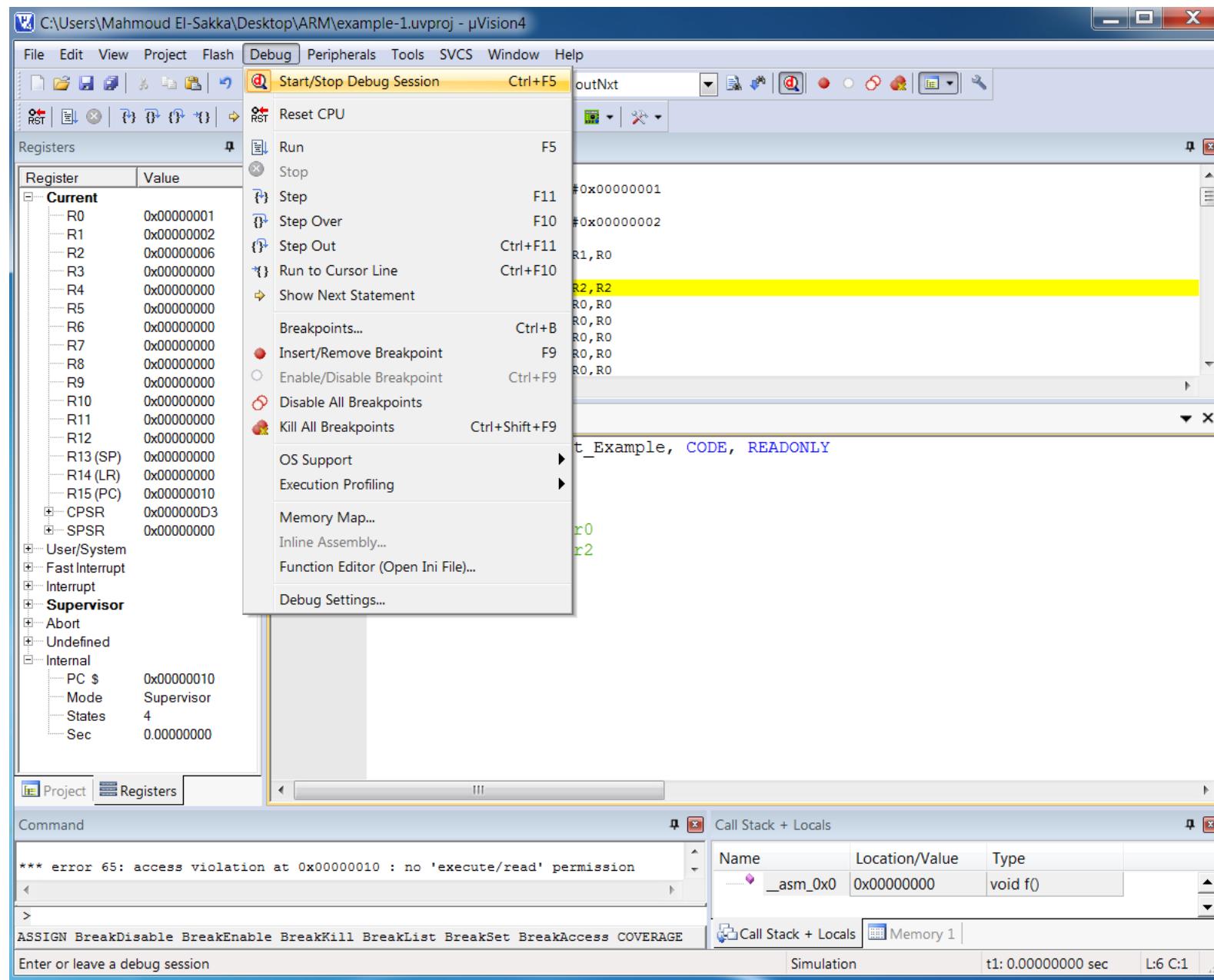
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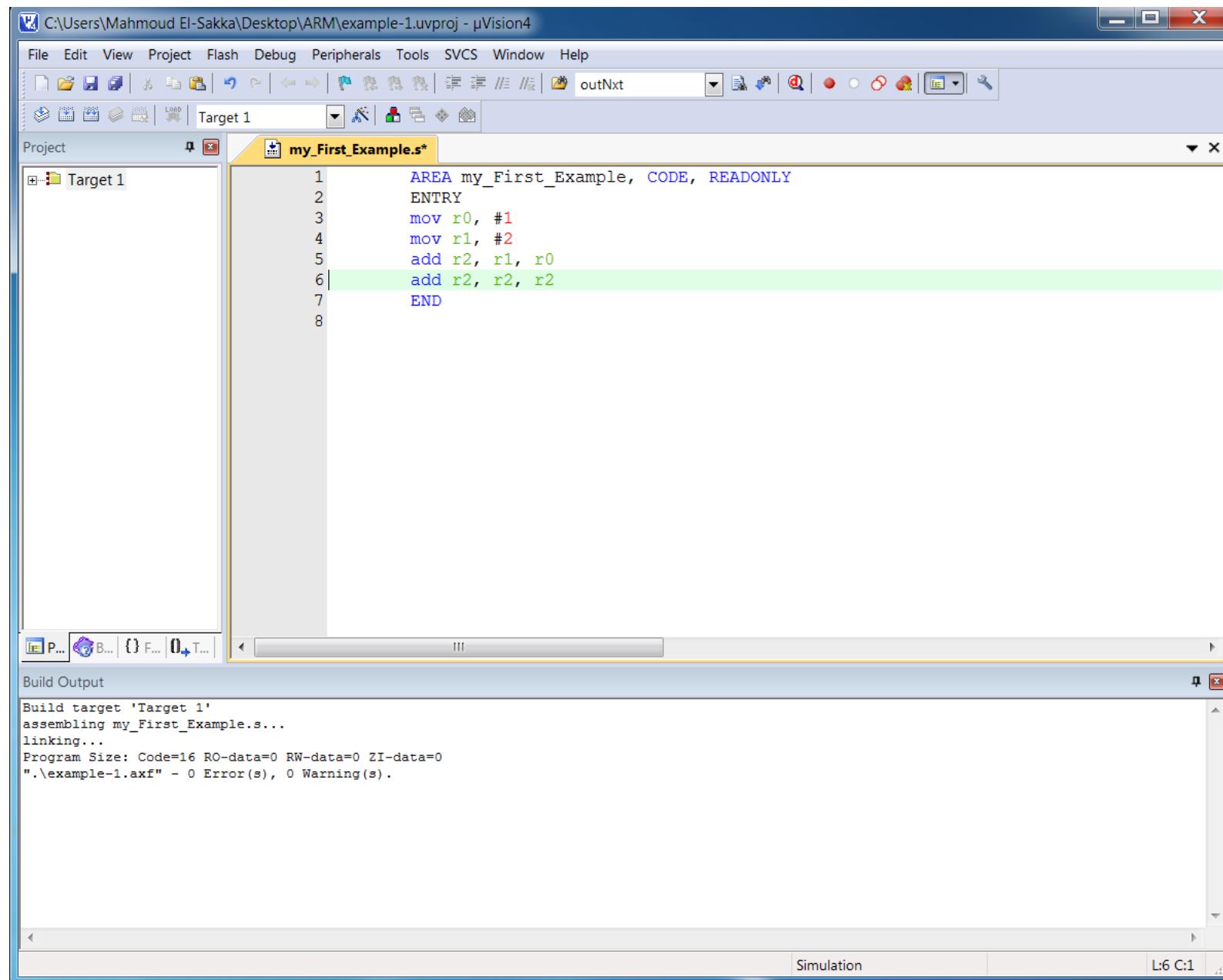
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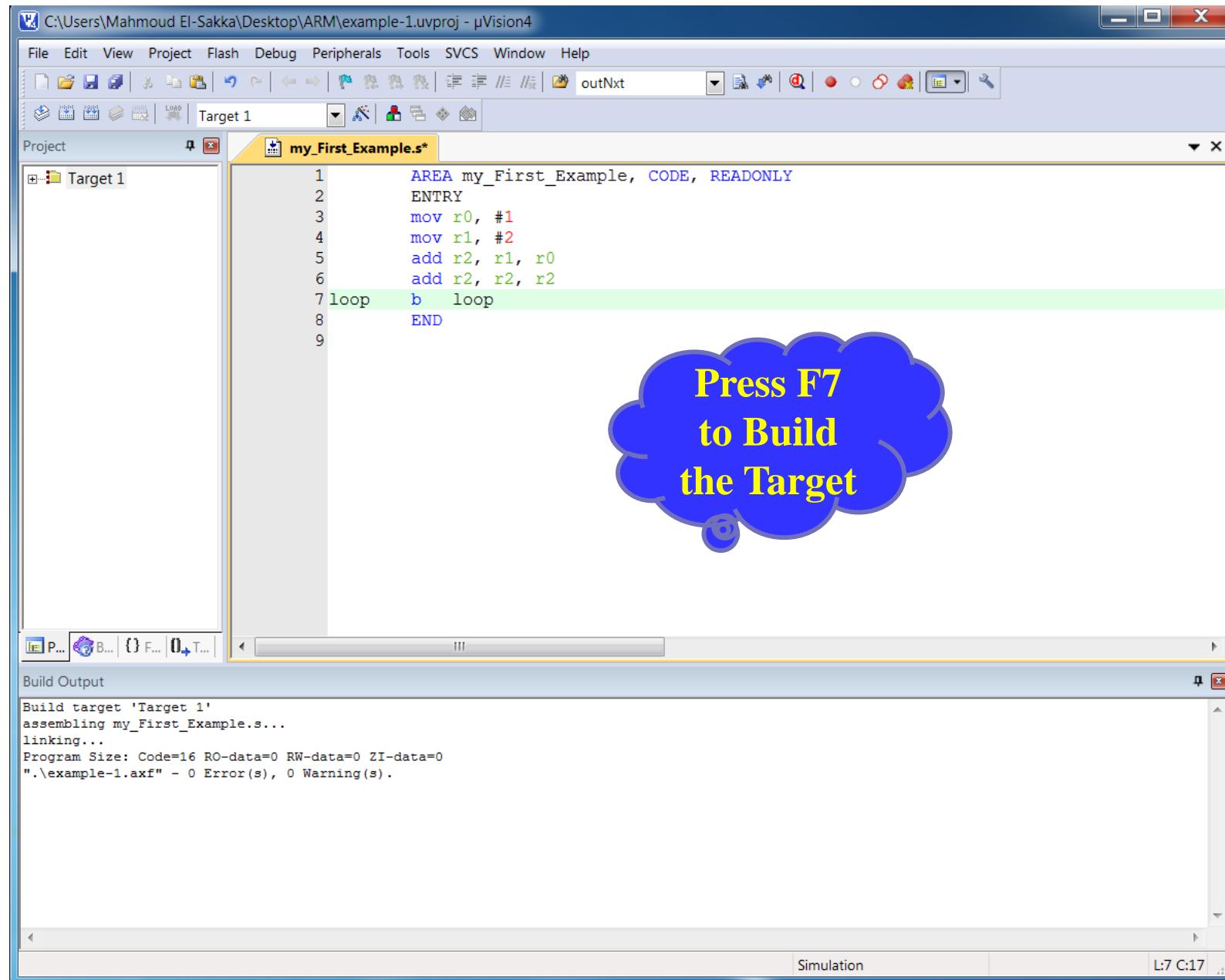
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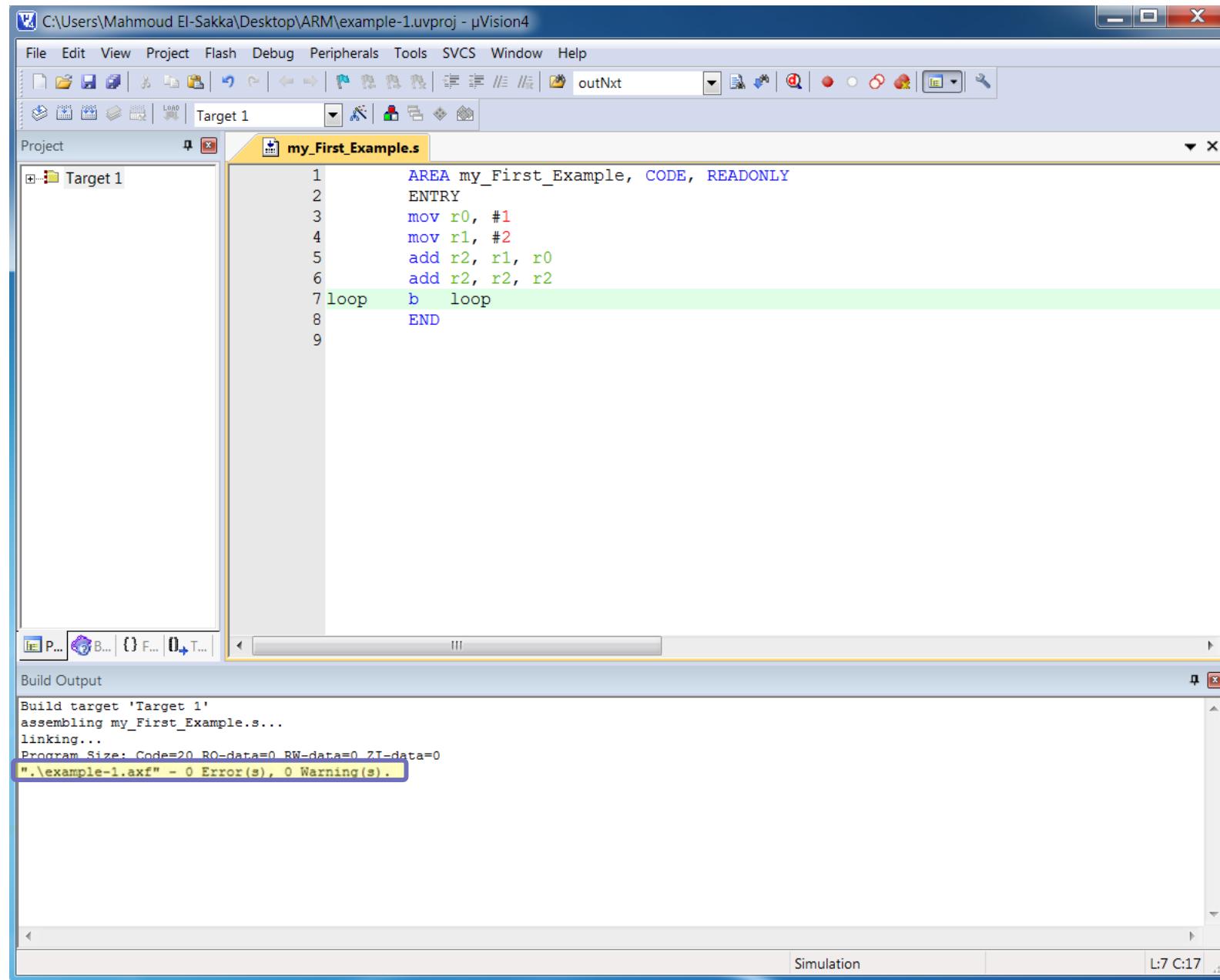
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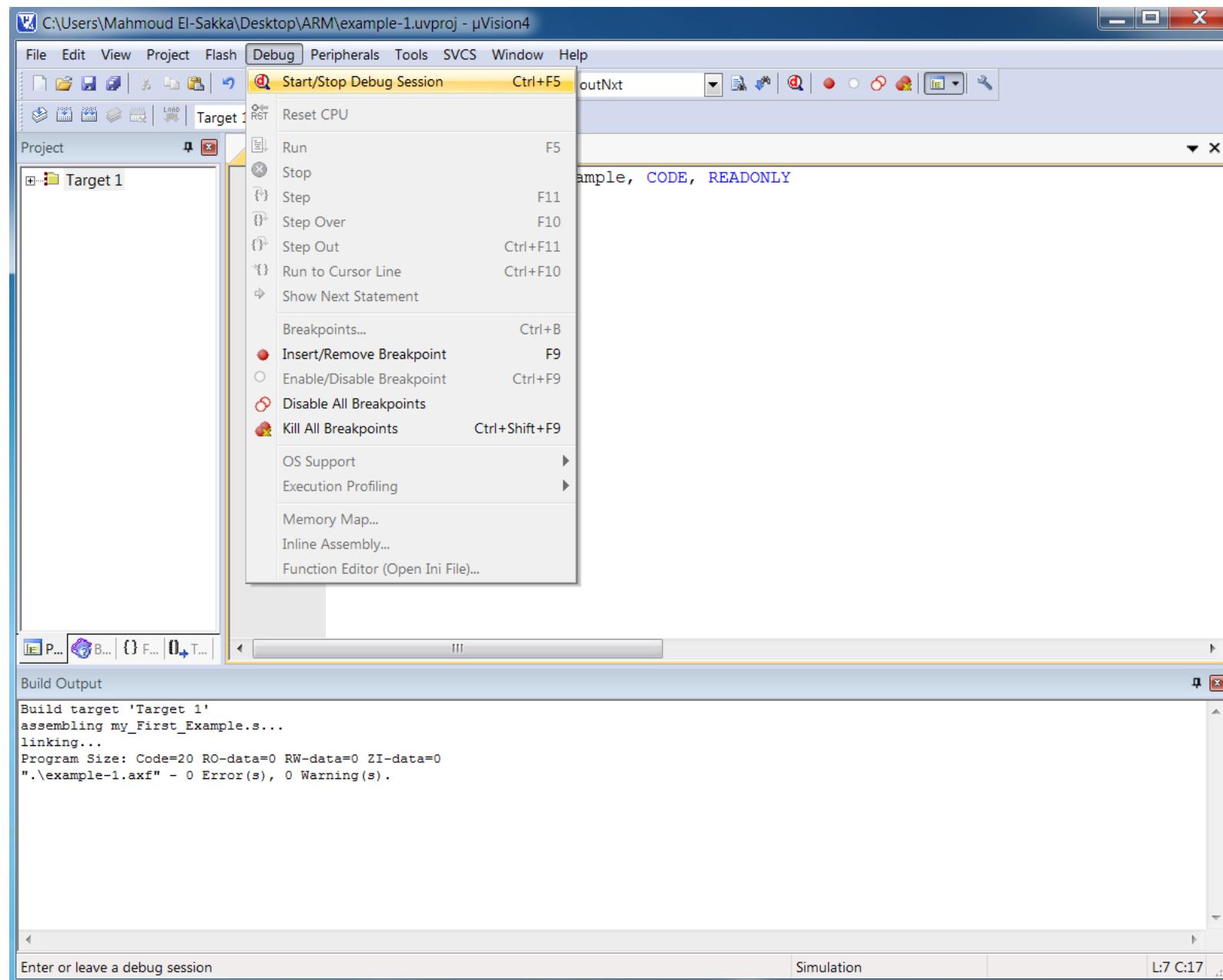
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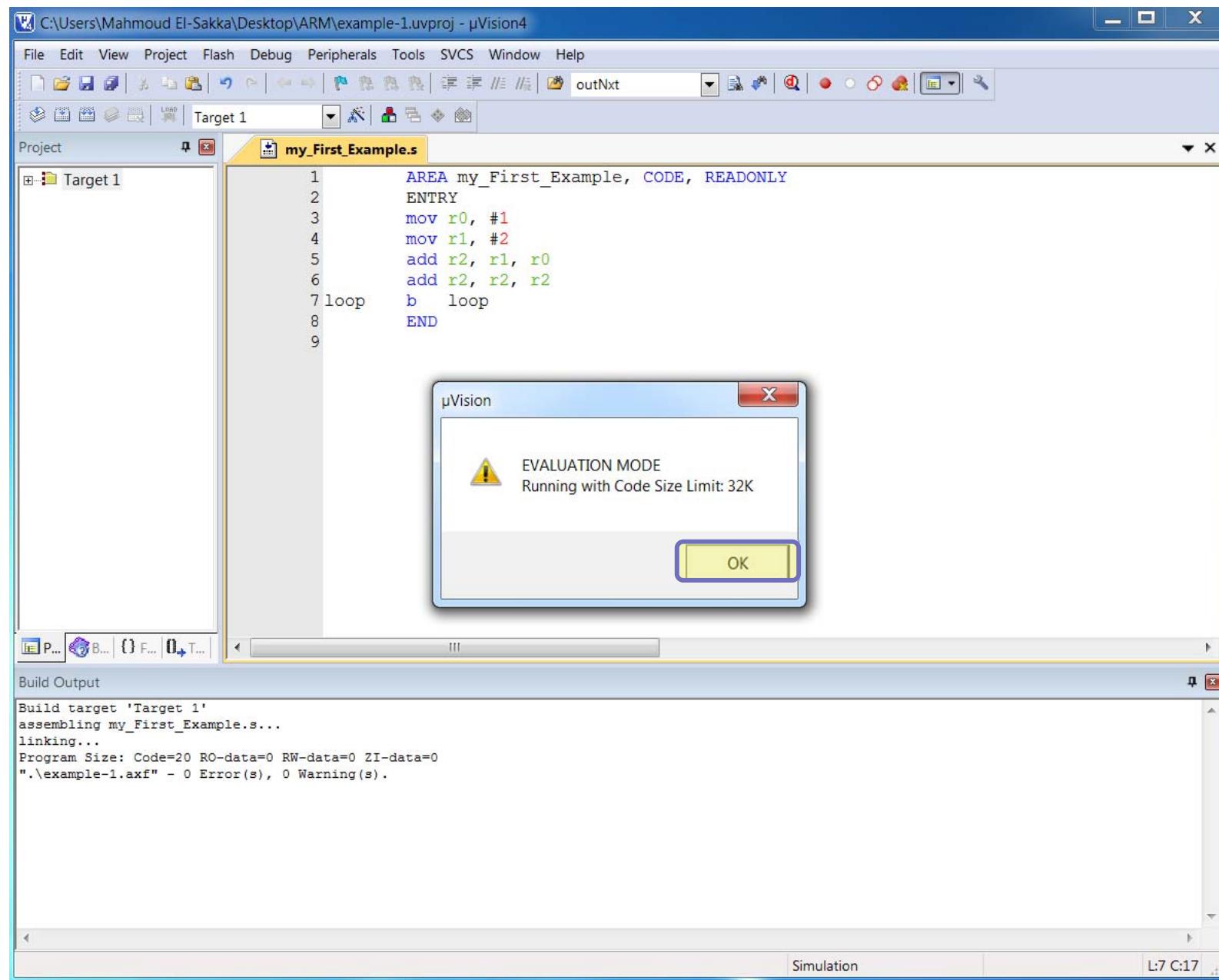
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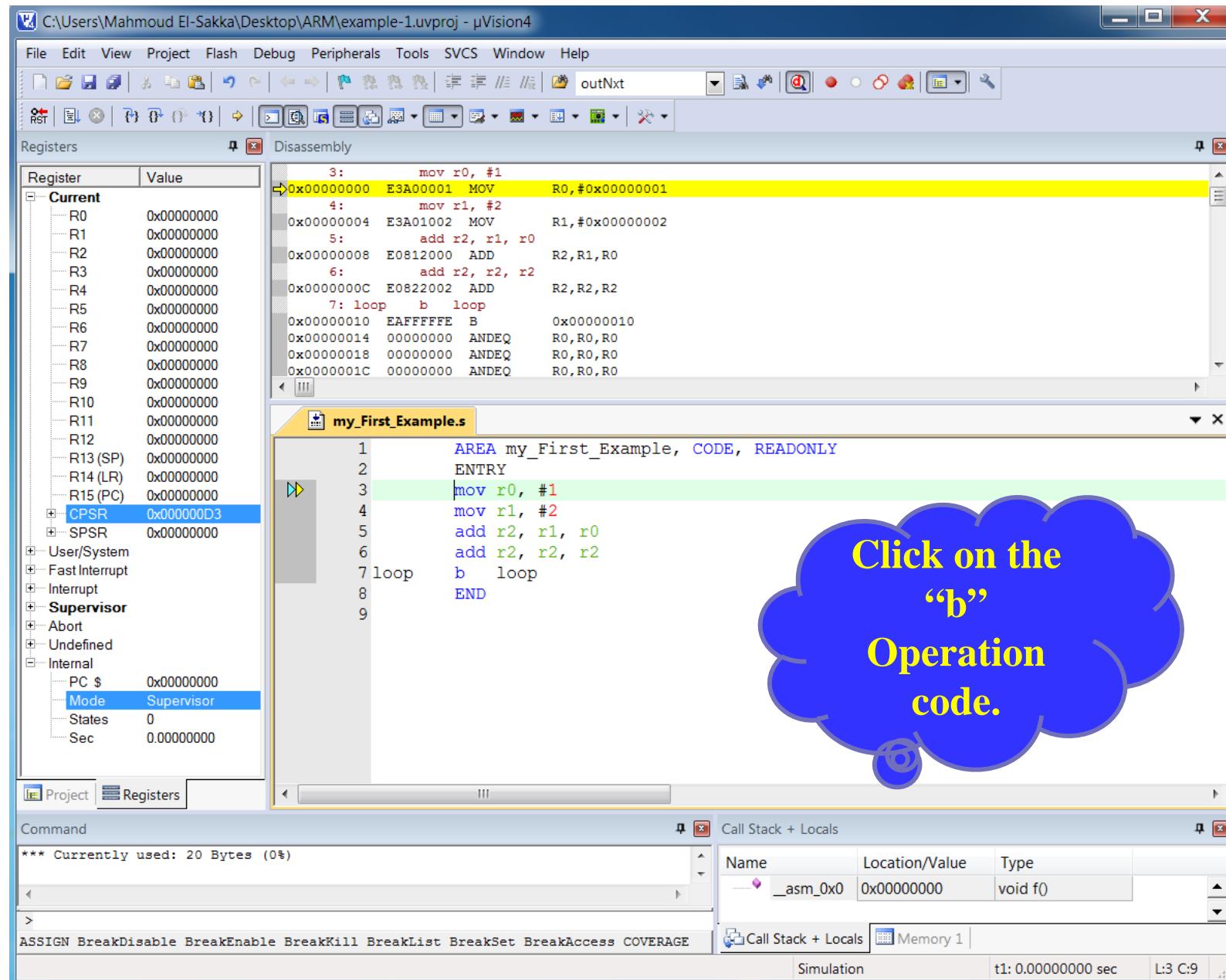
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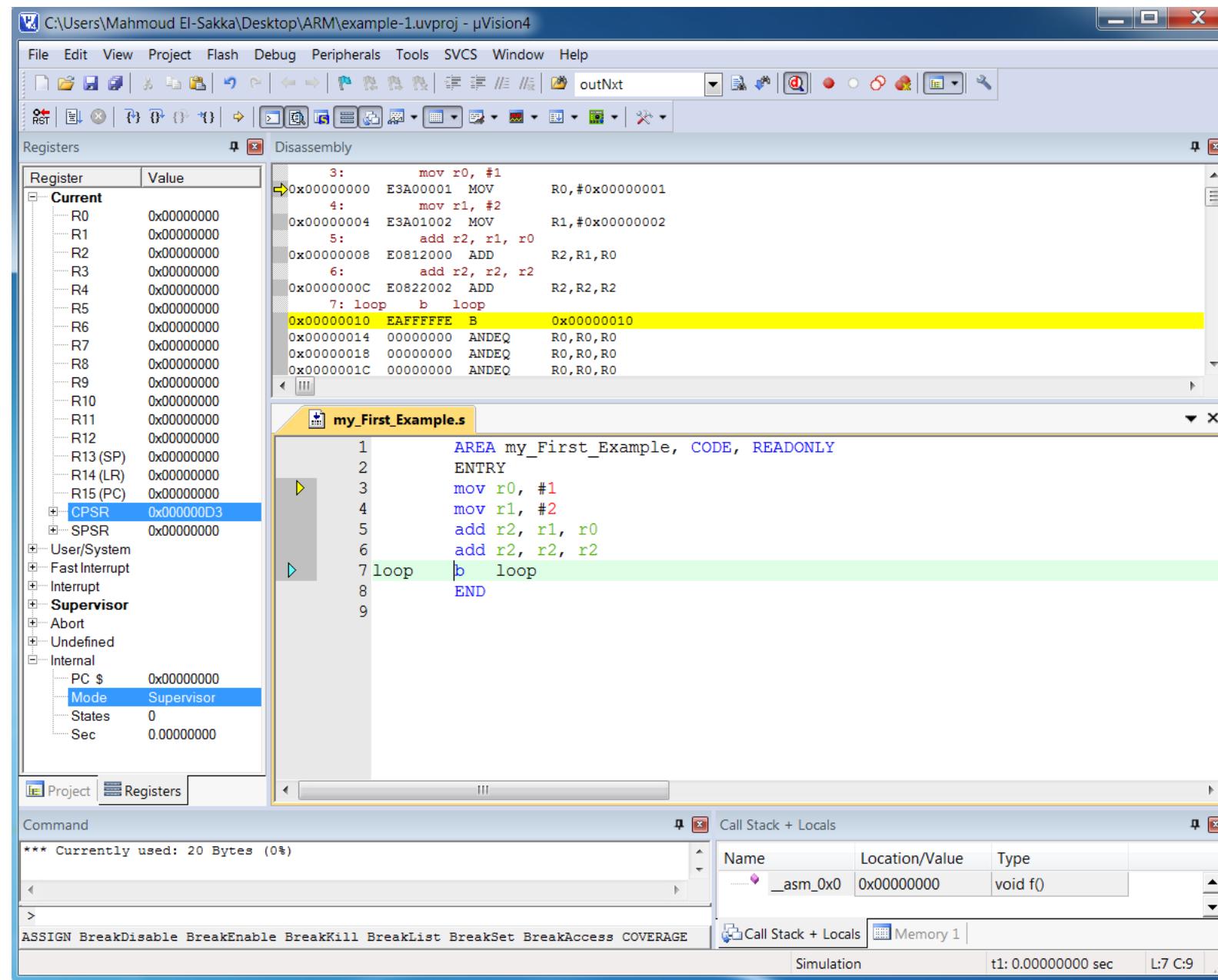
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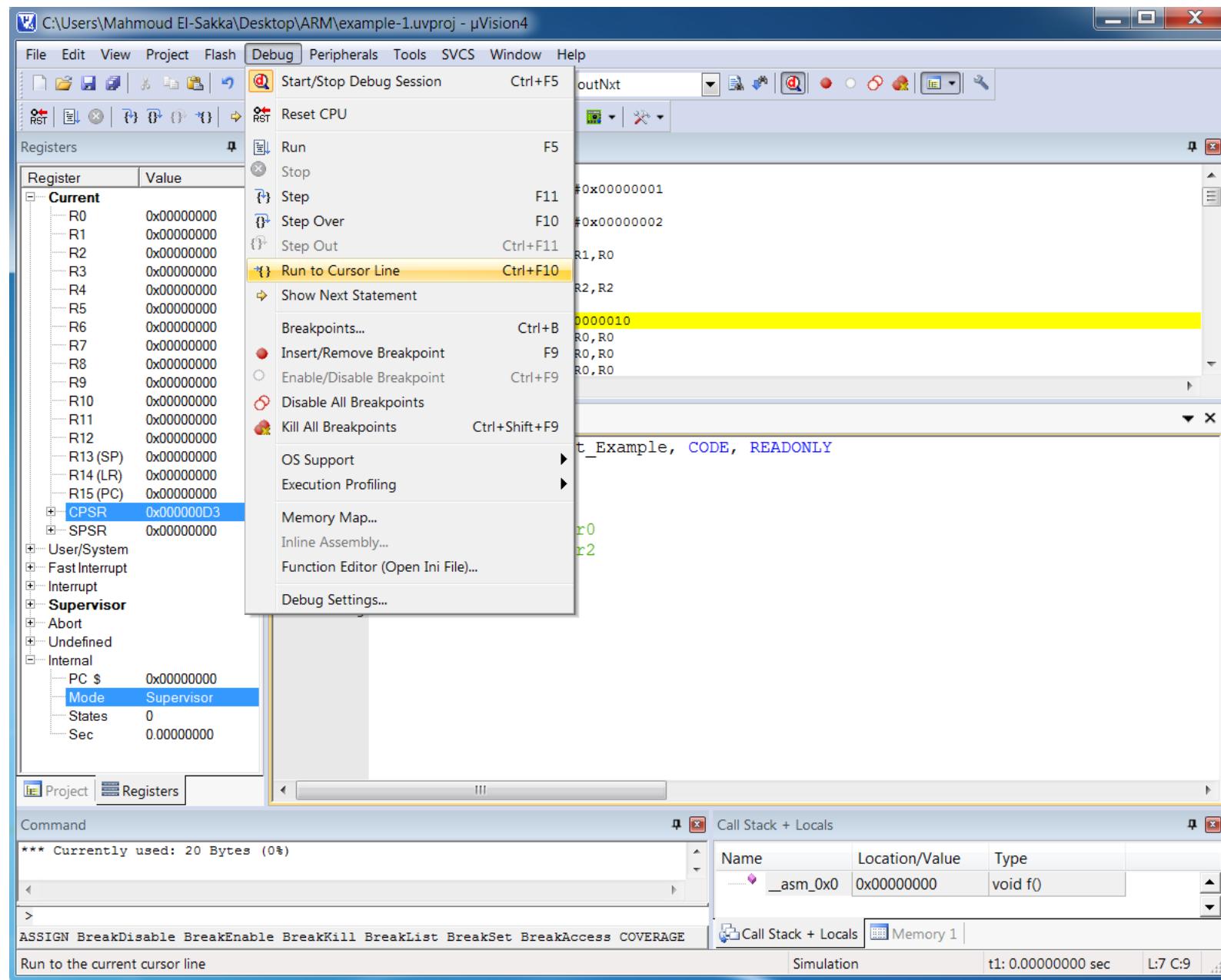
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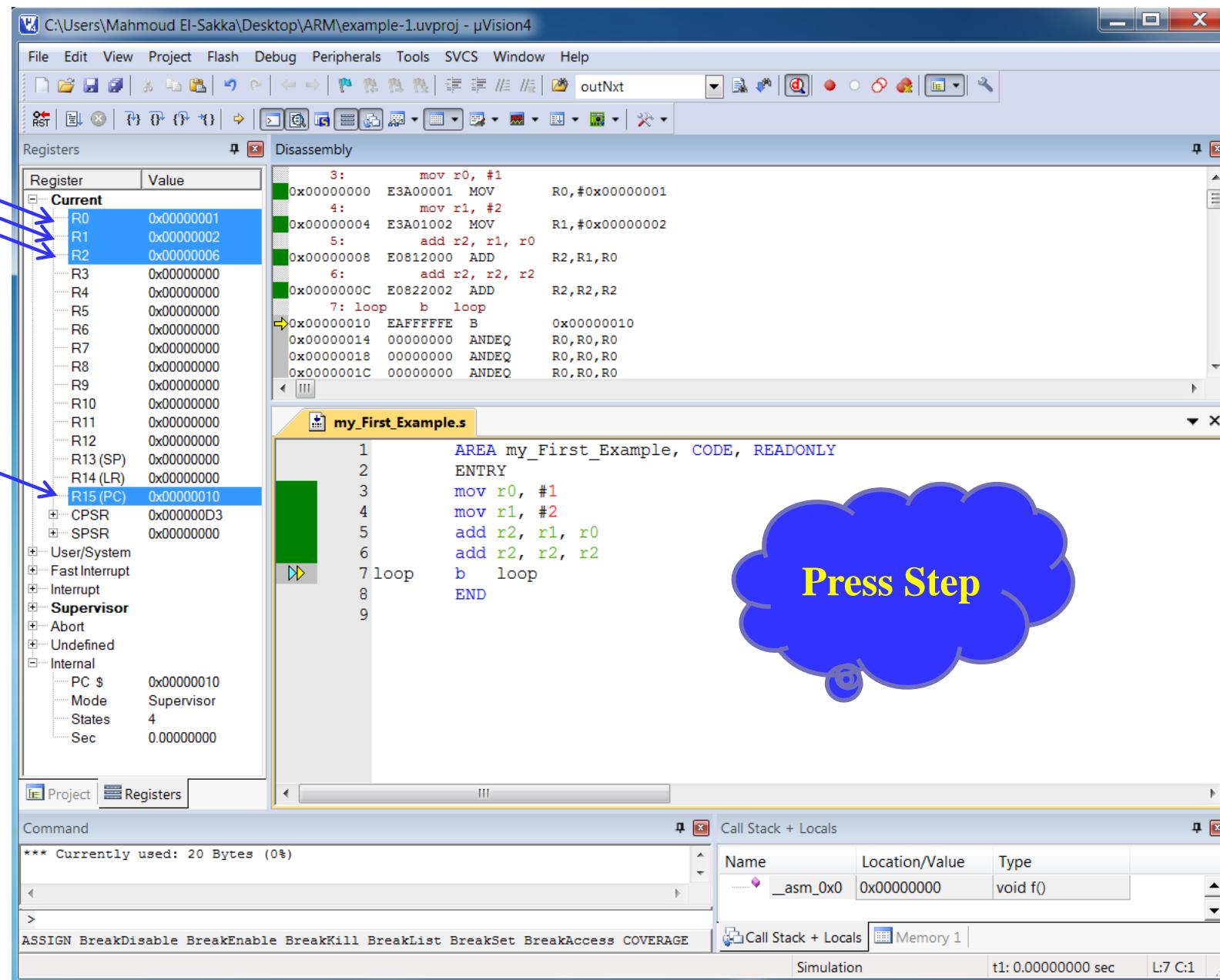
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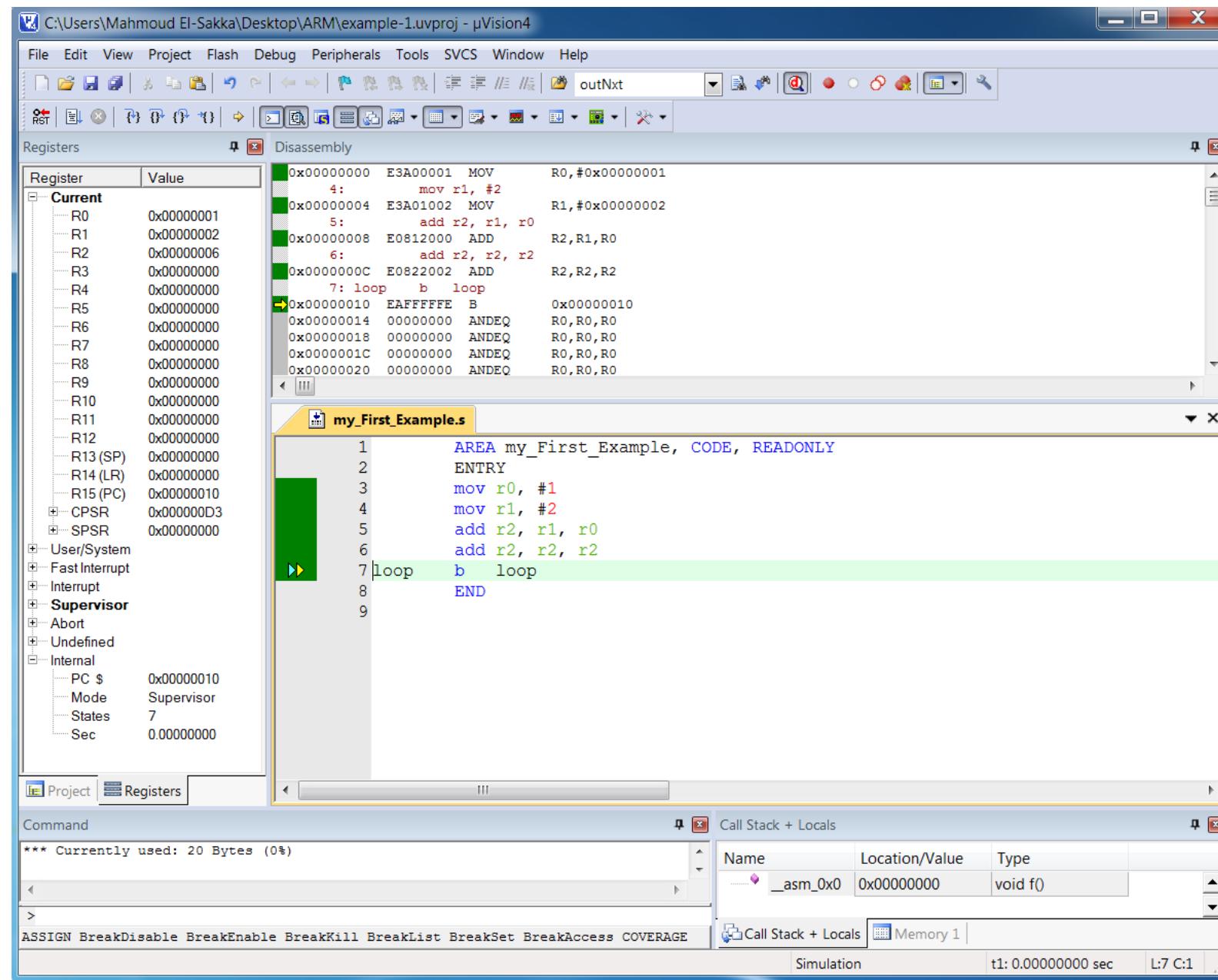
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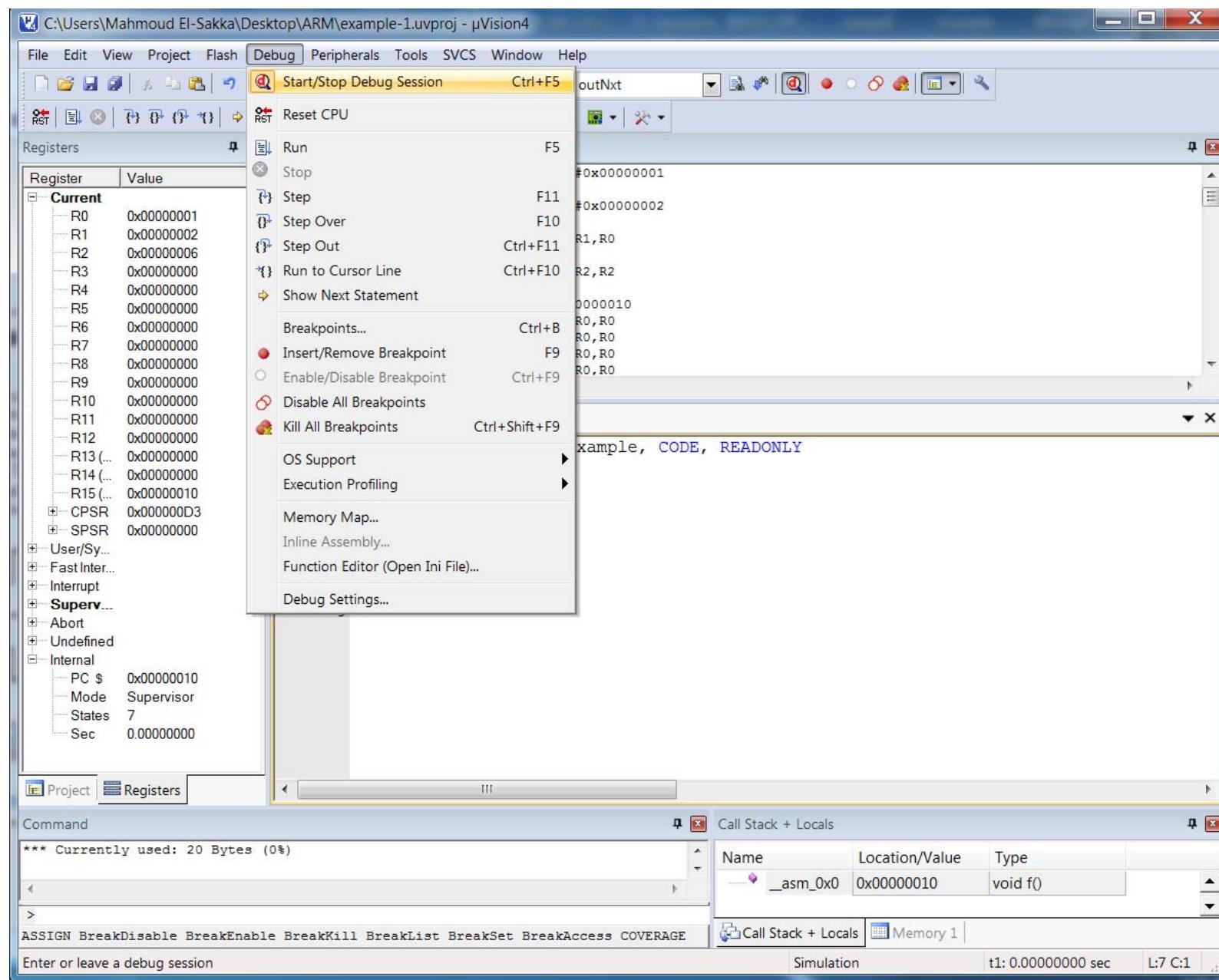
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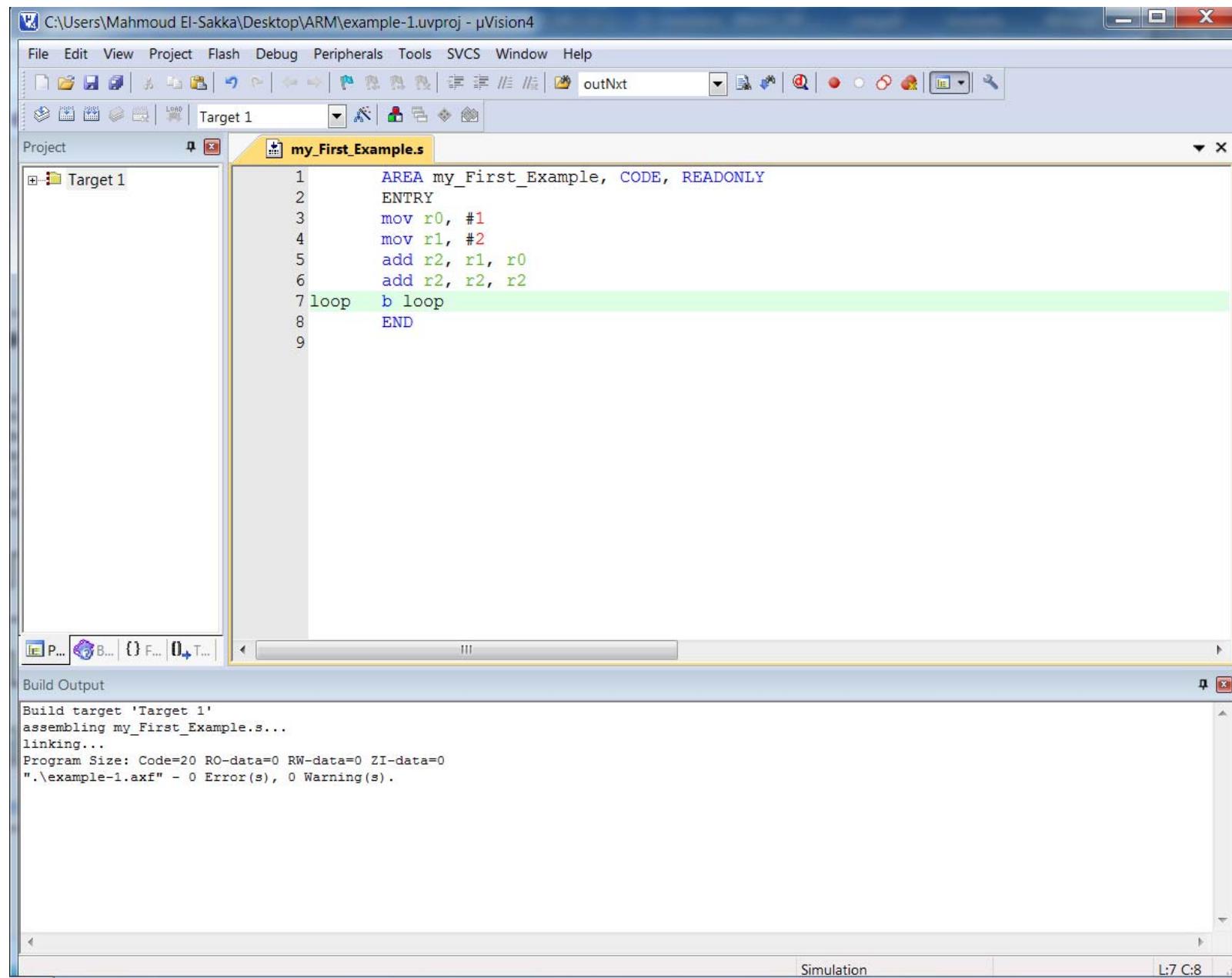
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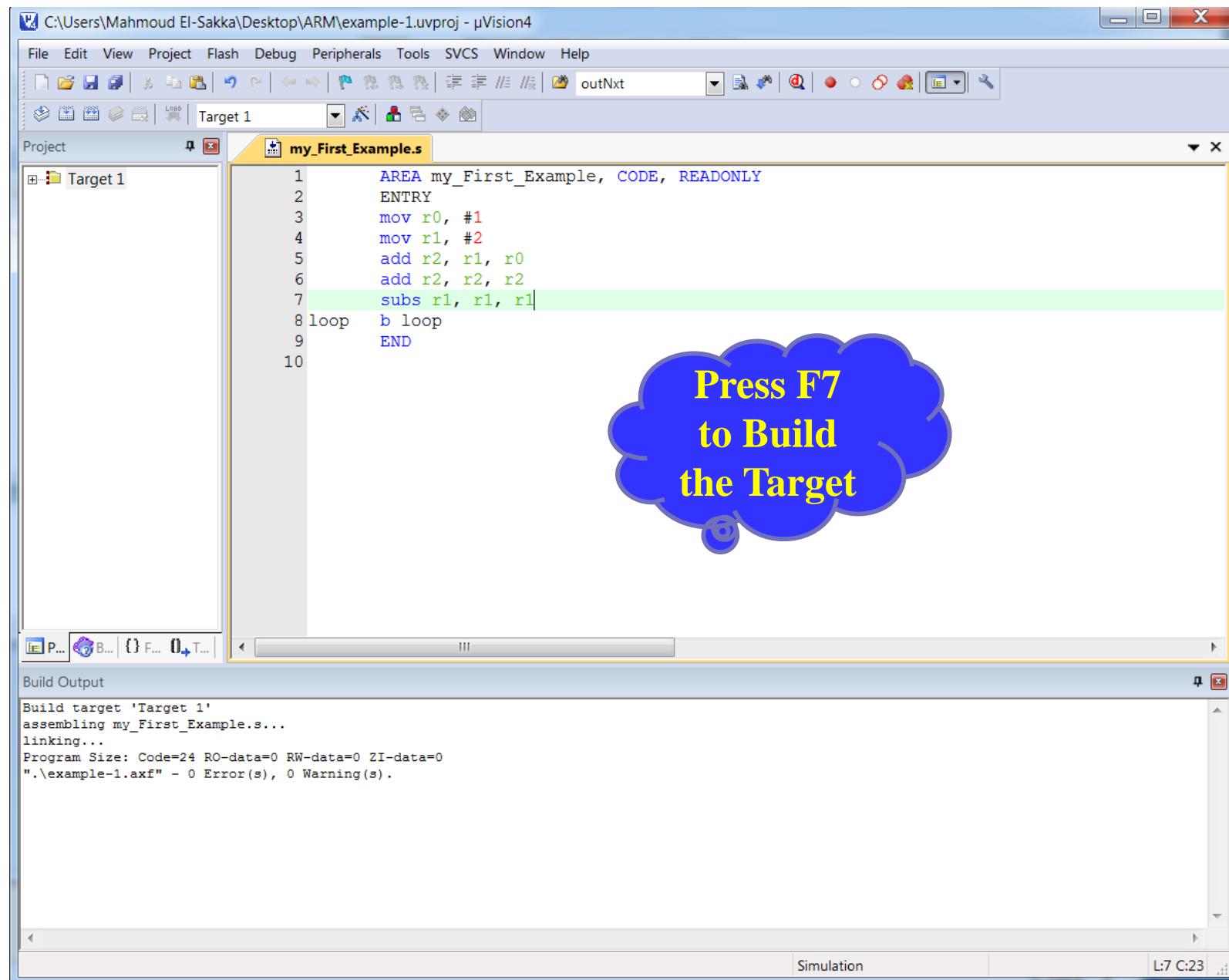
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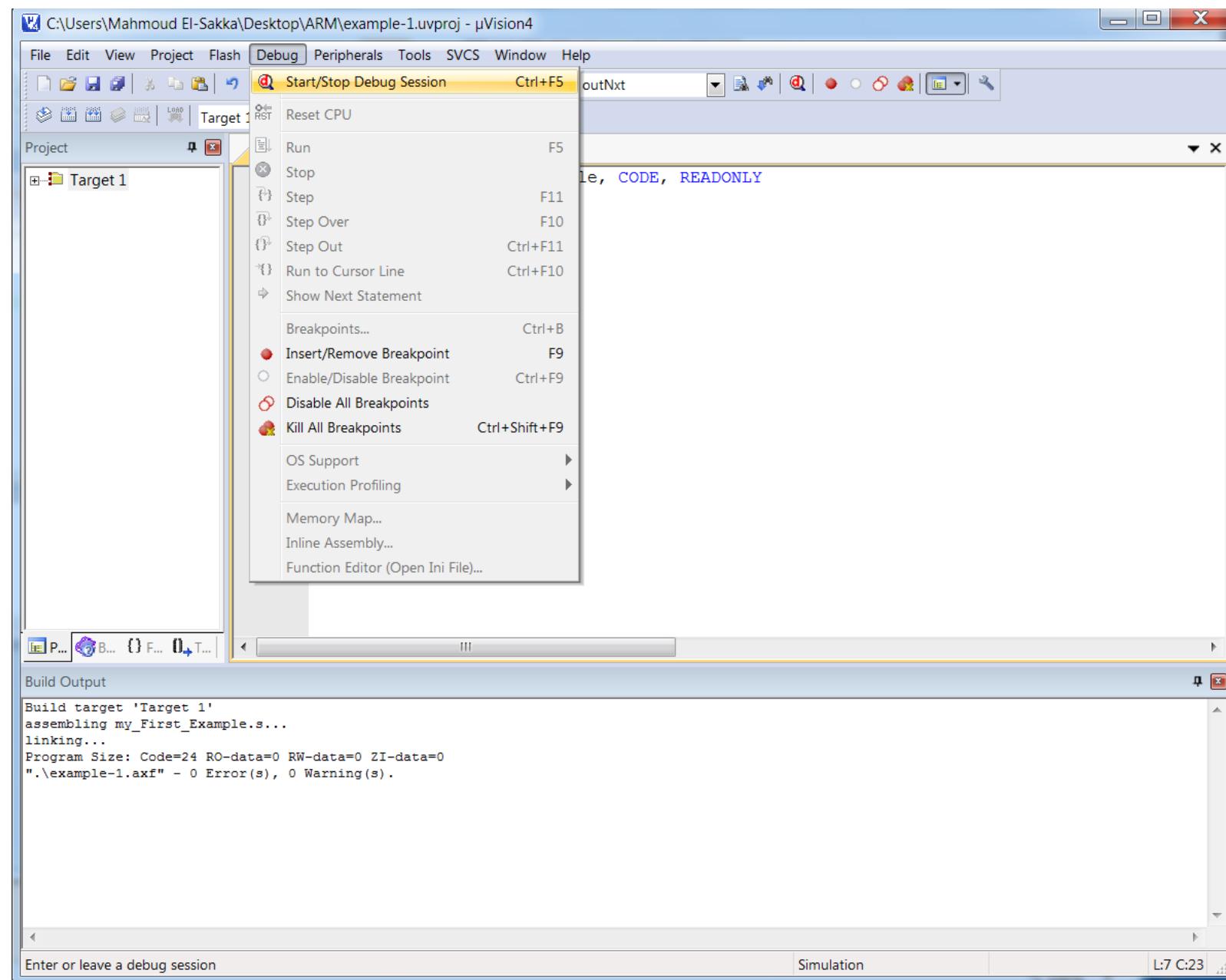
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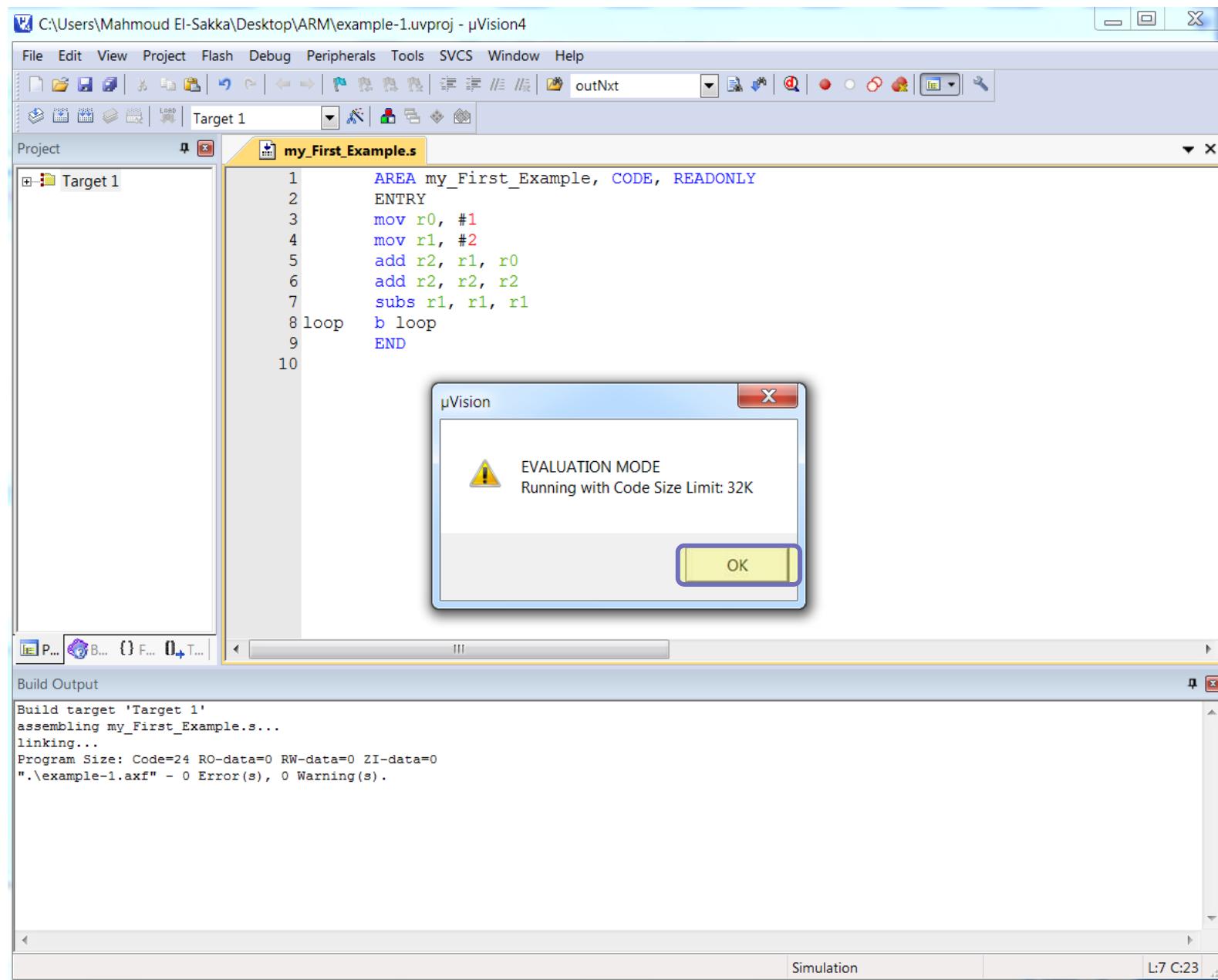
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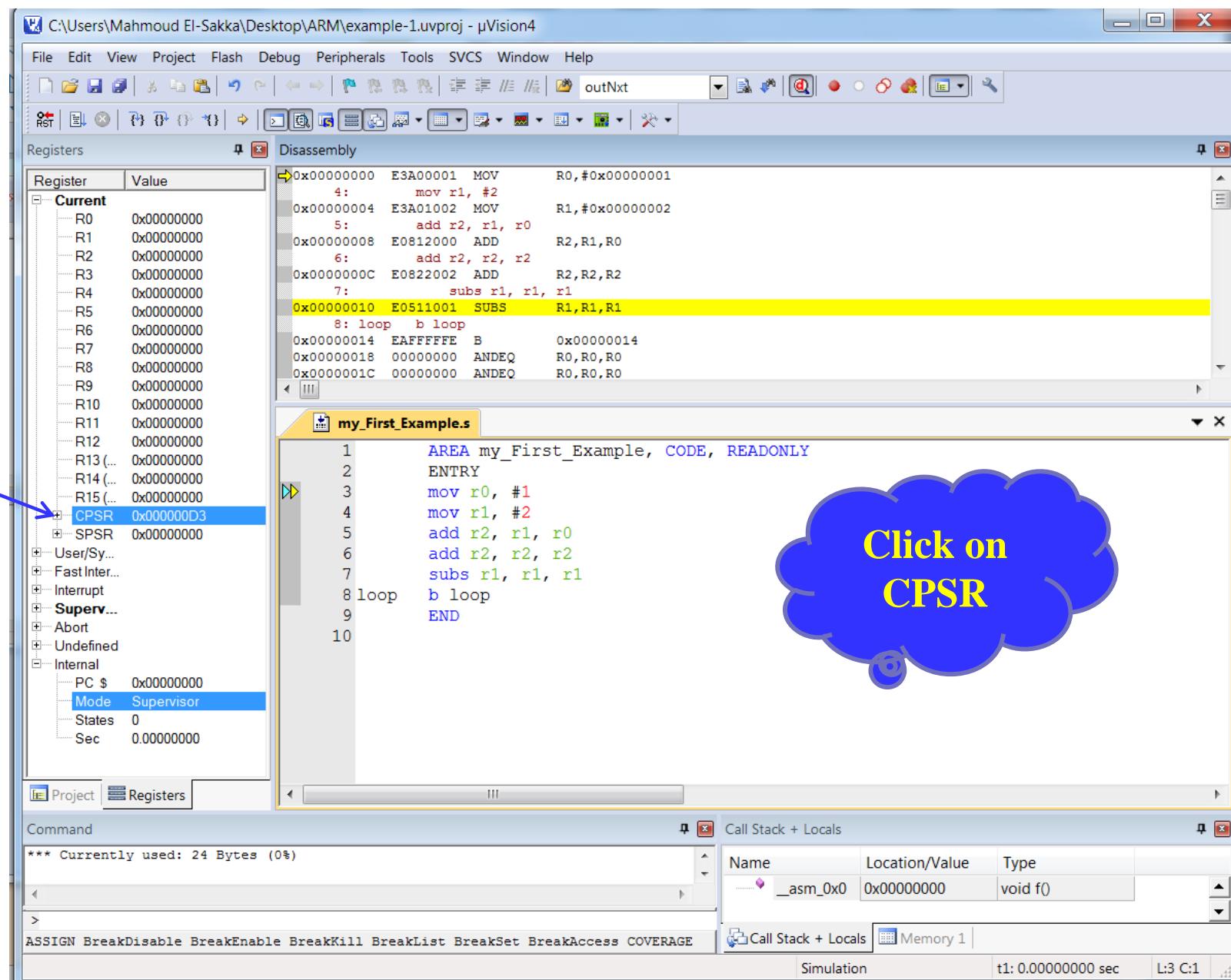
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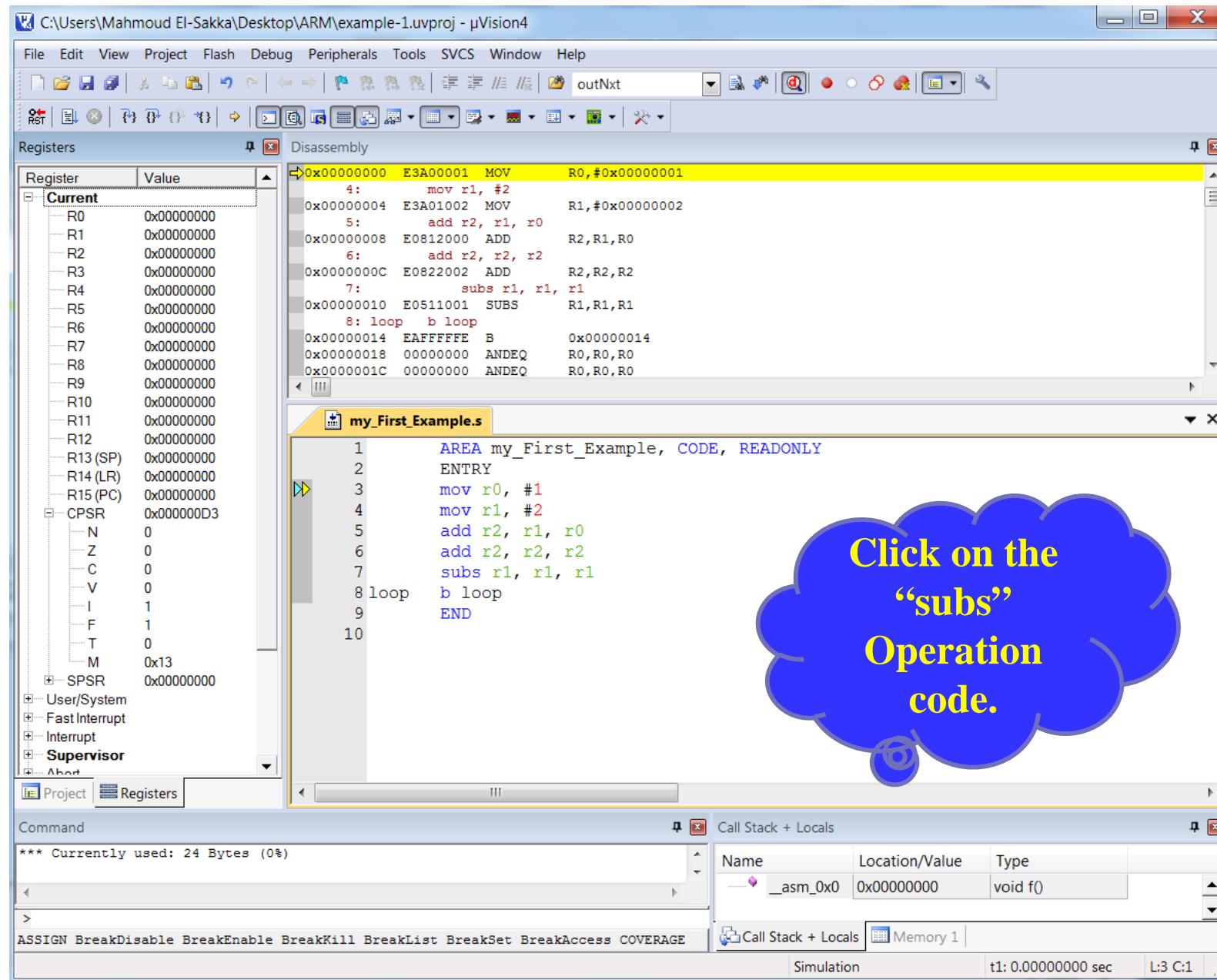
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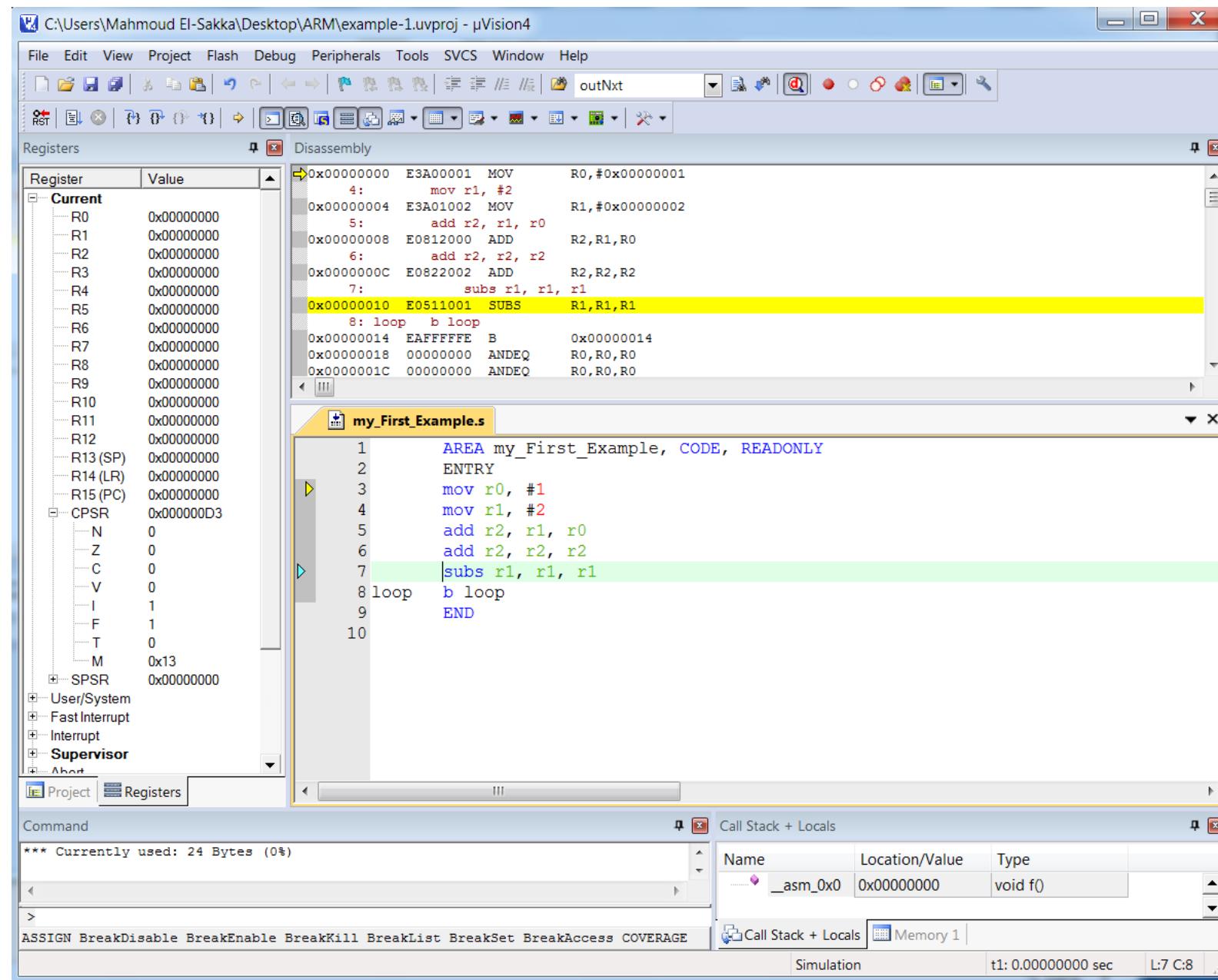
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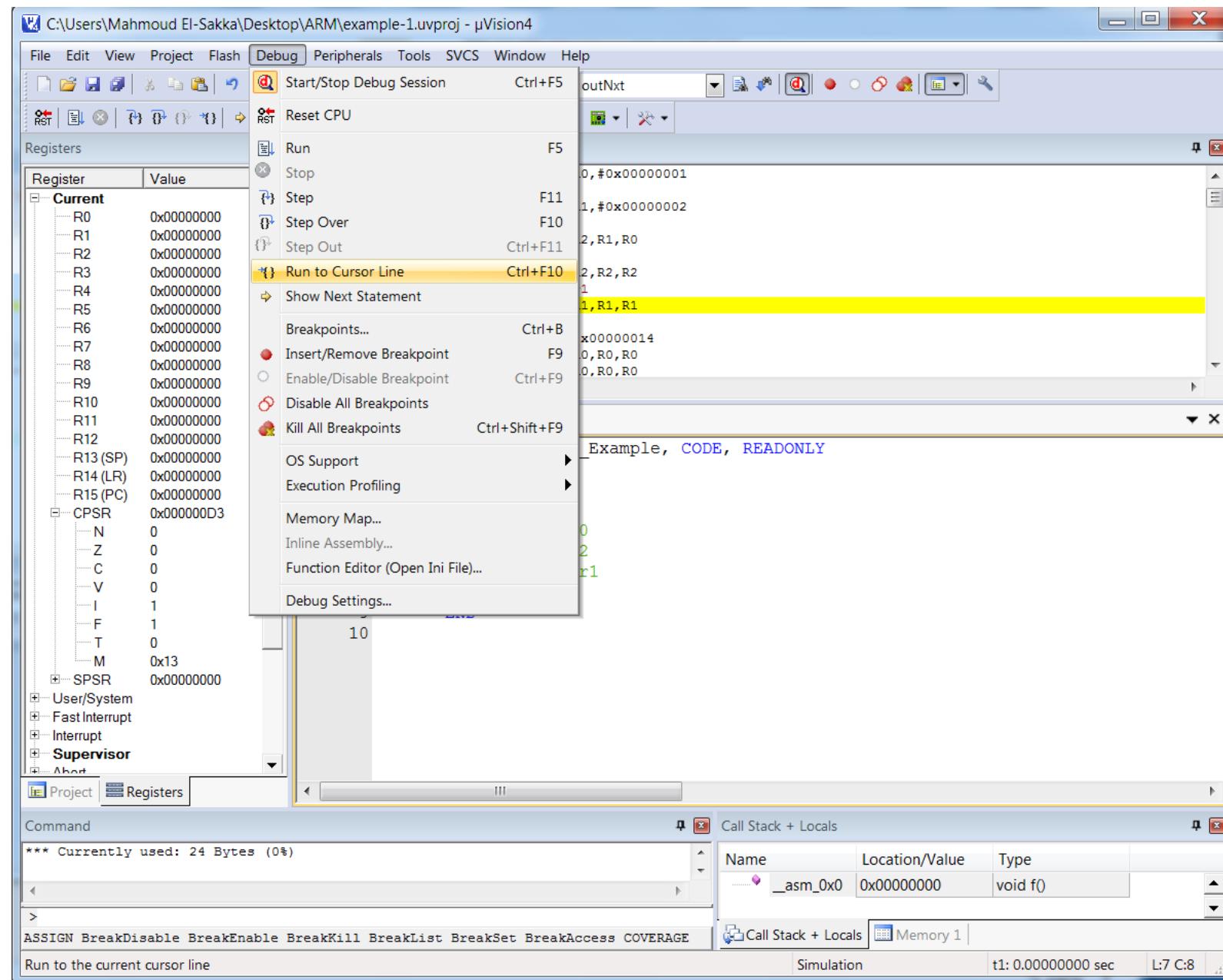
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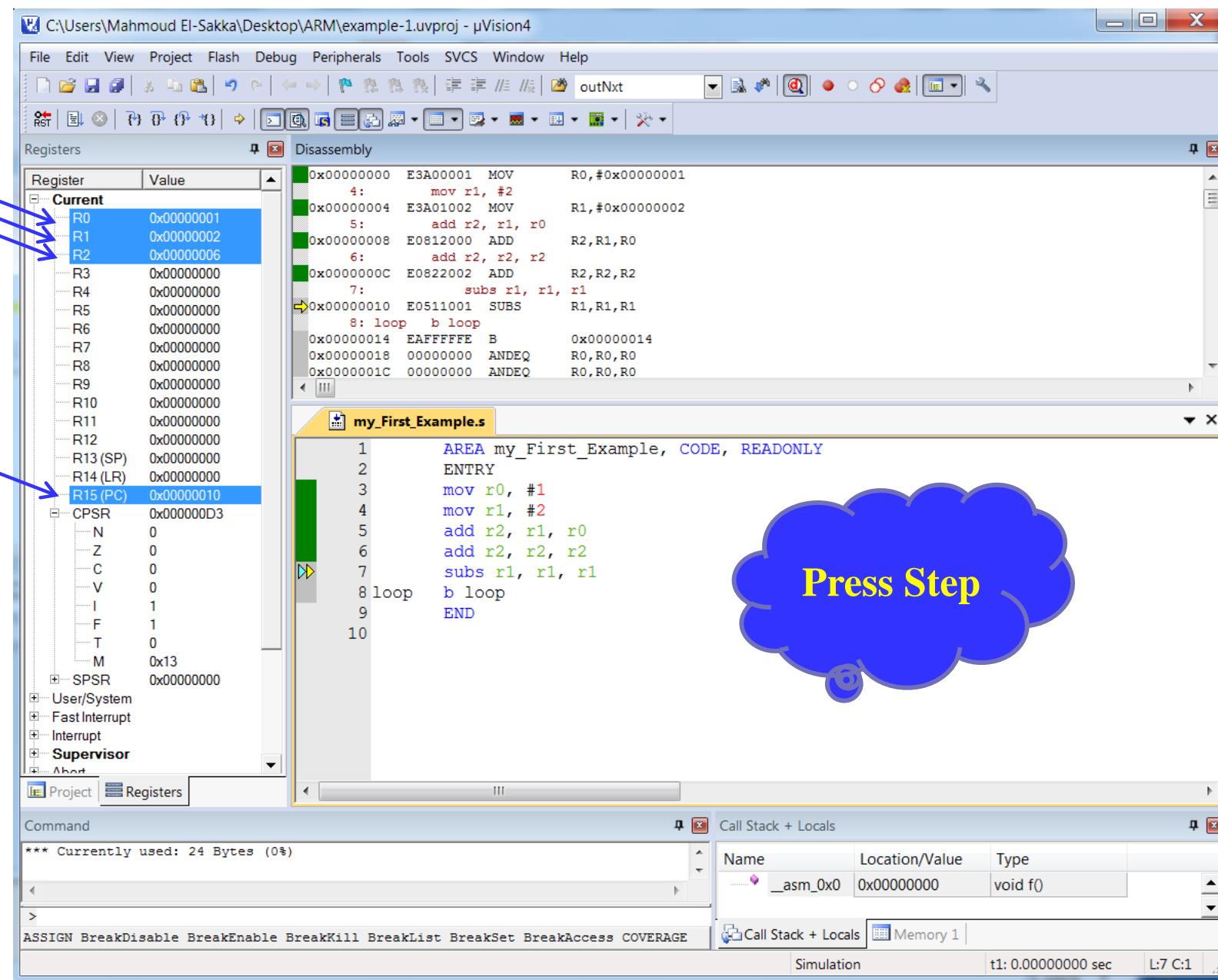
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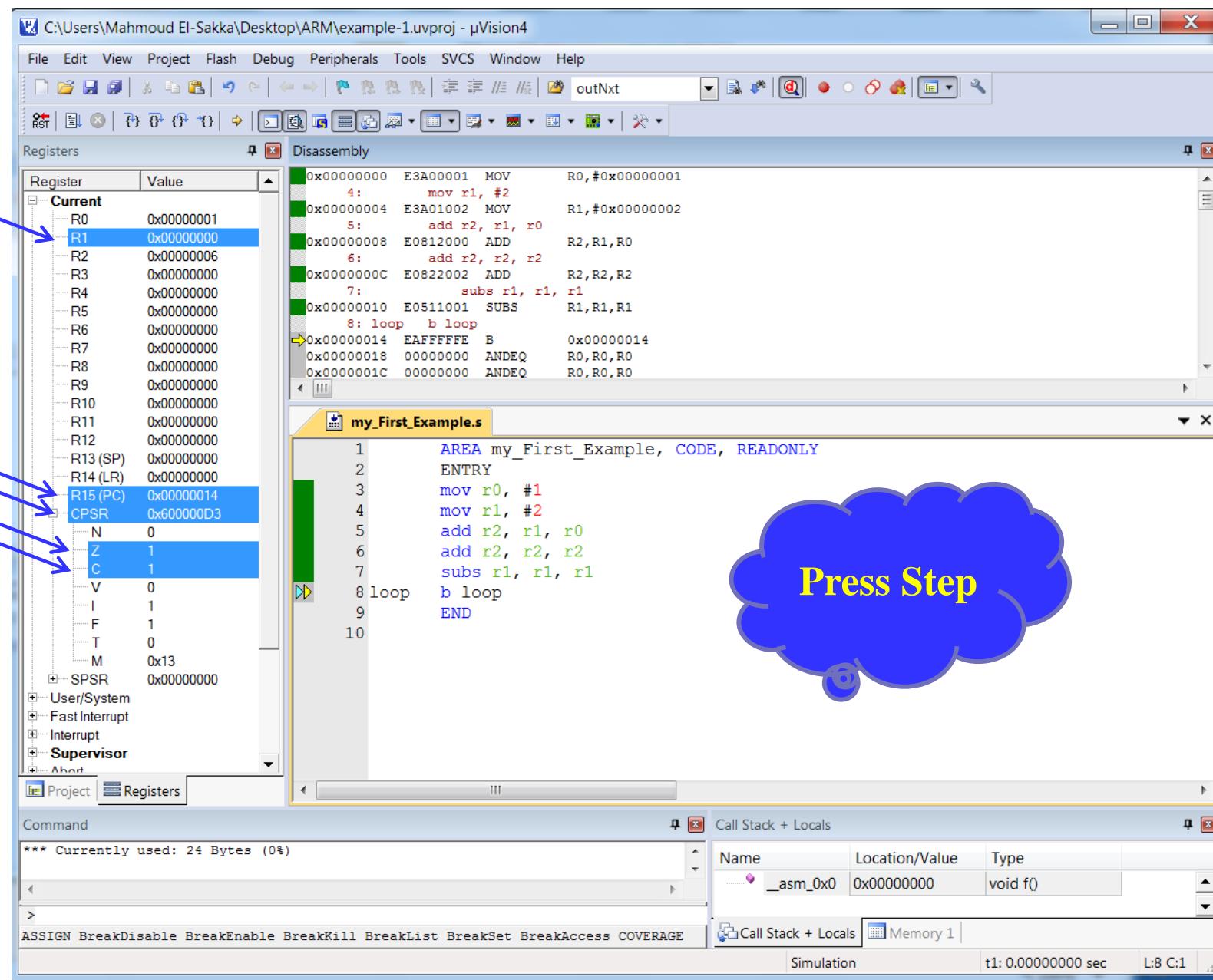
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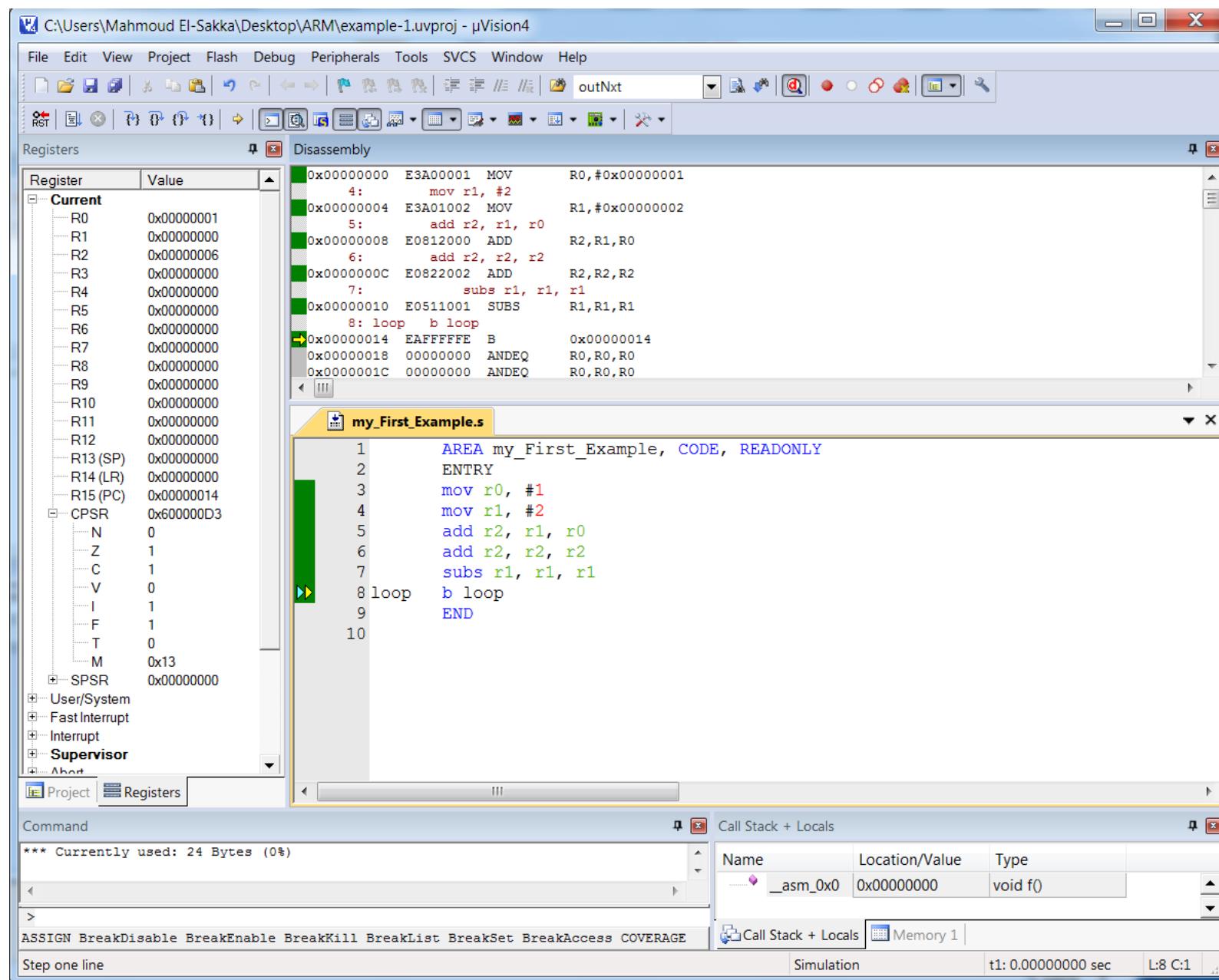
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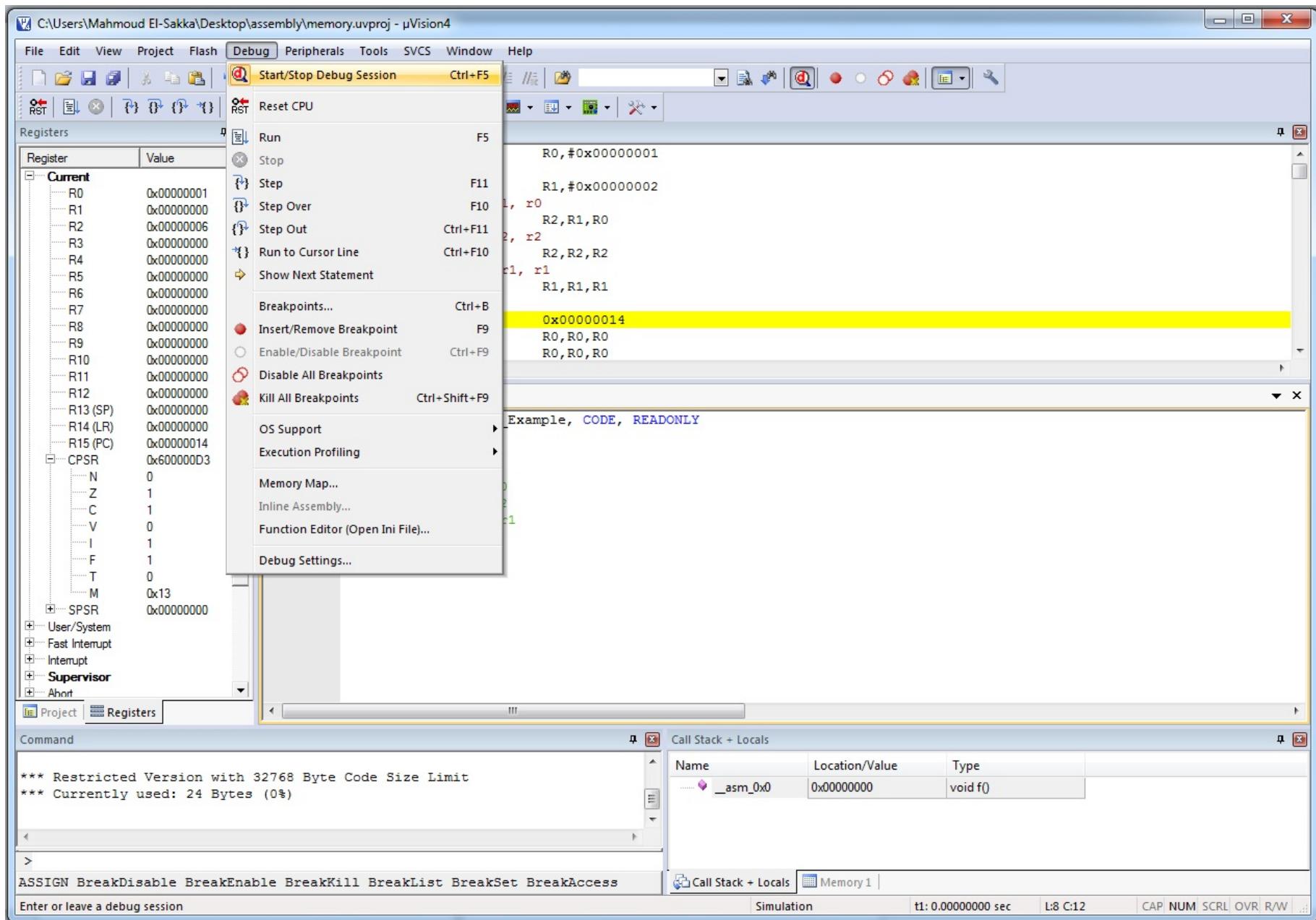
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The screenshot shows the µVision4 IDE interface. The main window displays assembly code for a project named 'my_First_Example.s'. The code defines a section 'my_First_Example' as CODE, READONLY, starts at ENTRY, initializes r0 and r1 to 1 and 2 respectively, adds r2 = r1 + r0, adds r2 = r2 + r2, subtracts r1 = r1 - r1, and loops back to the start. The build output window shows the target 'Target 1' is being assembled from 'my_First_Example.s...', linked, and the resulting program size is 24 bytes. There are no errors or warnings.

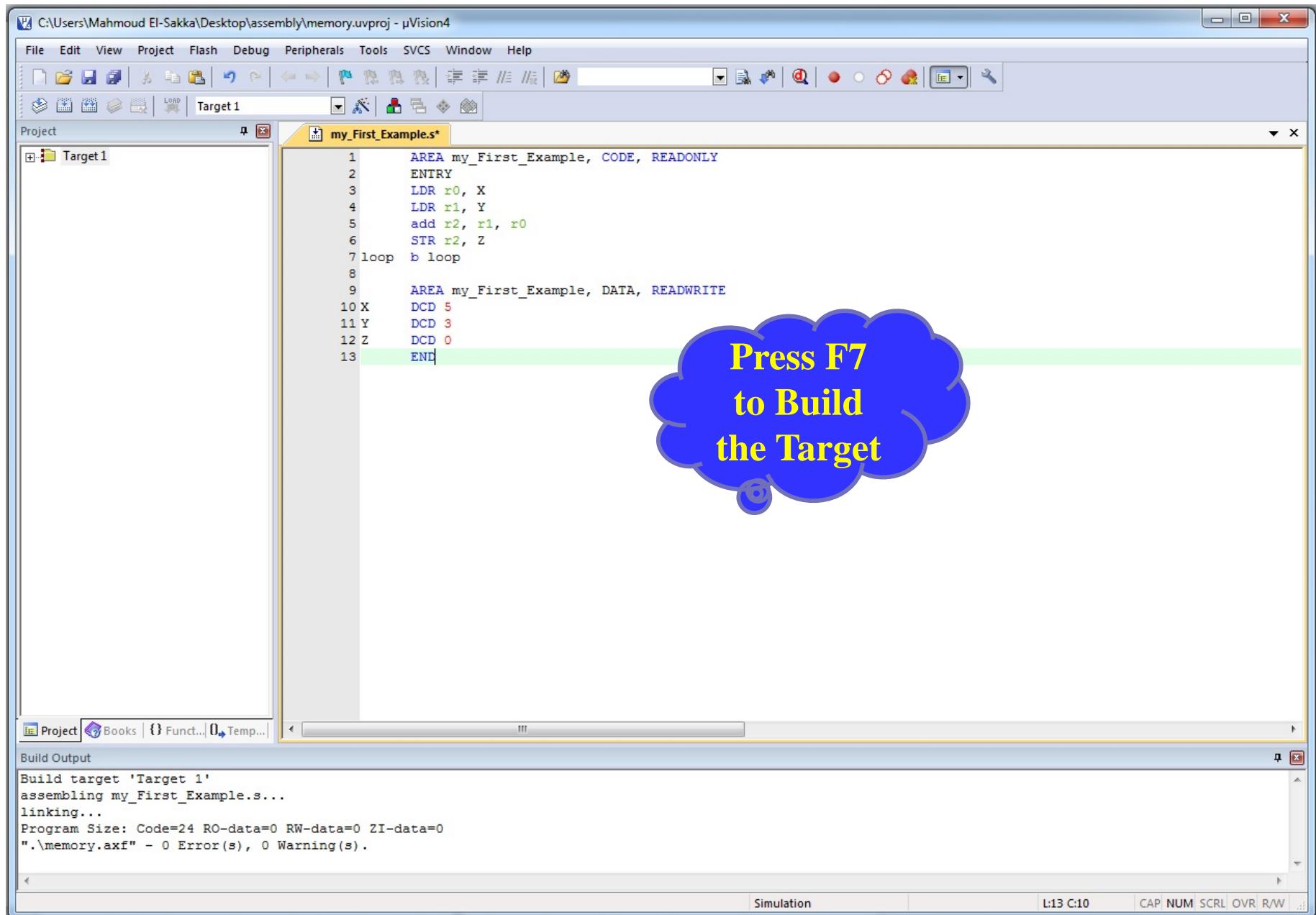
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2 ENTRY
3 mov r0, #1
4 mov r1, #2
5 add r2, r1, r0
6 add r2, r2, r2
7 subs r1, r1, r1
8 loop b loop
9 END
```

Build Output

```
Build target 'Target 1'
assembling my_First_Example.s...
linking...
Program Size: Code=24 RO-data=0 RW-data=0 ZI-data=0
".\memory.axf" - 0 Error(s), 0 Warning(s).
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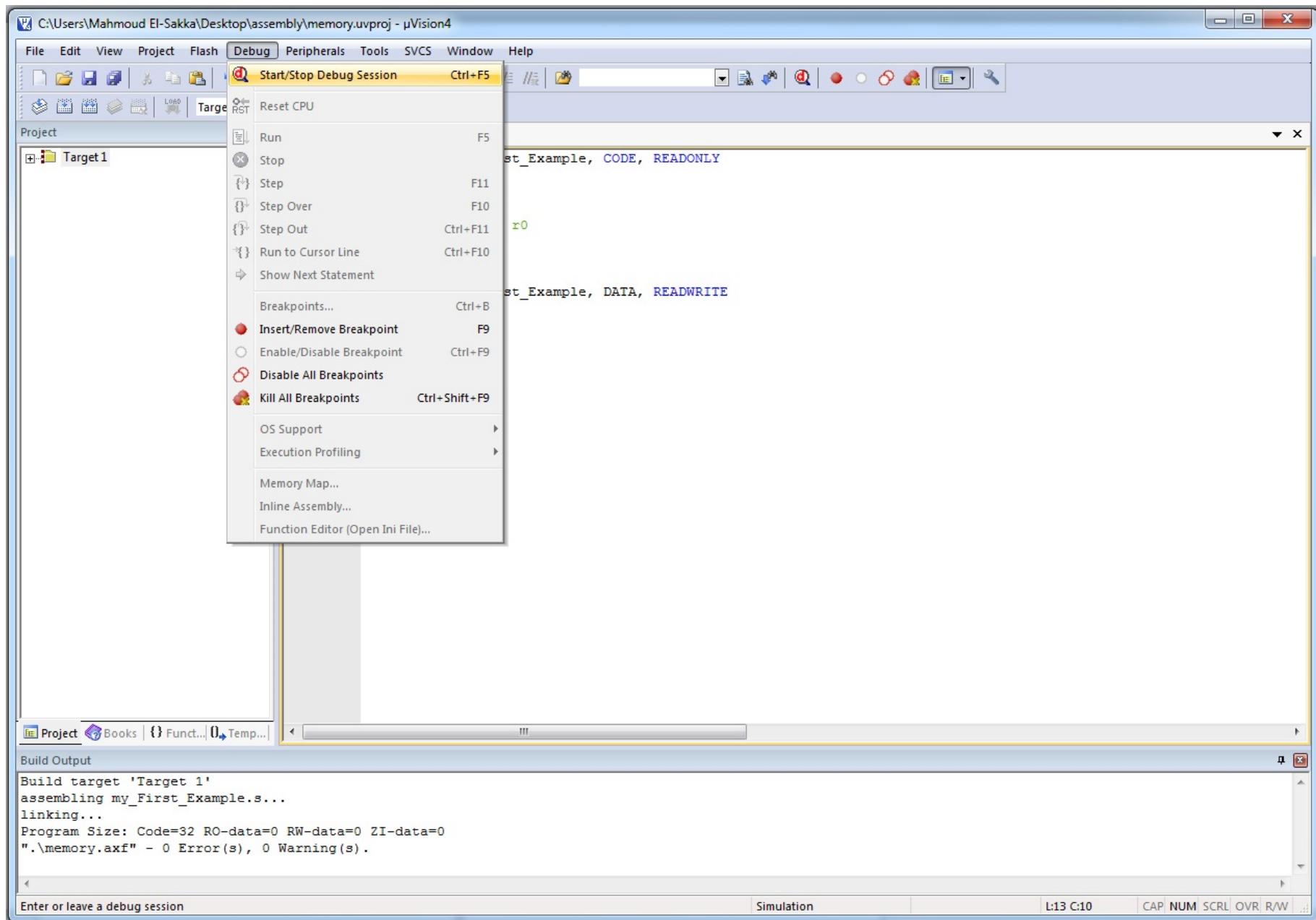
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```
1      AREA my_First_Example, CODE, READONLY
2      ENTRY
3      LDR r0, X
4      LDR r1, Y
5      add r2, r1, r0
6      STR r2, Z
7      loop b loop
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9      AREA my_First_Example, DATA, READWRITE
10     X DCD 5
11     Y DCD 3
12     Z DCD 0
13     END
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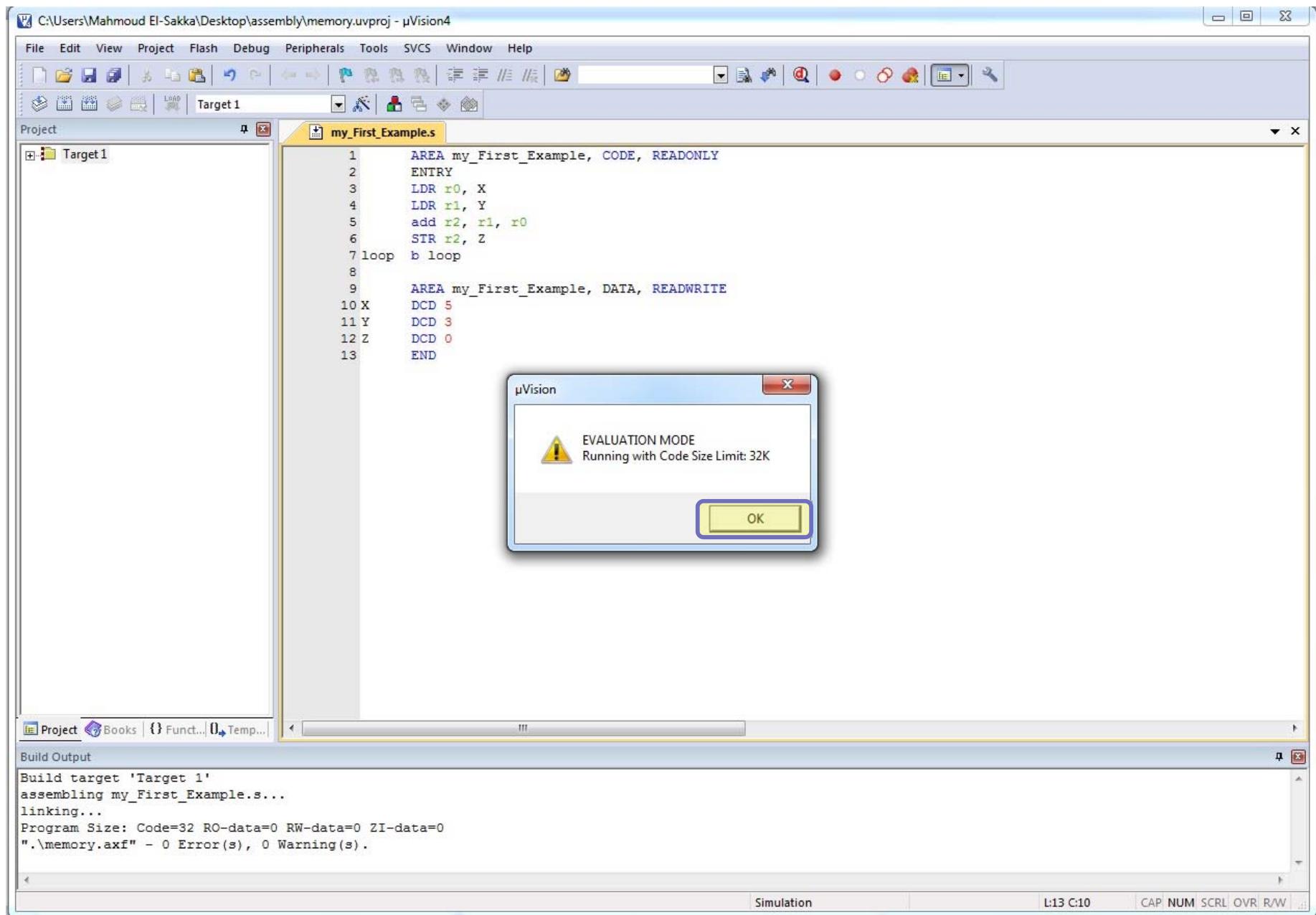
Build Output:

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Build target 'Target 1'
assembling my_First_Example.s...
linking...
Program Size: Code=32 RO-data=0 RW-data=0 ZI-data=0
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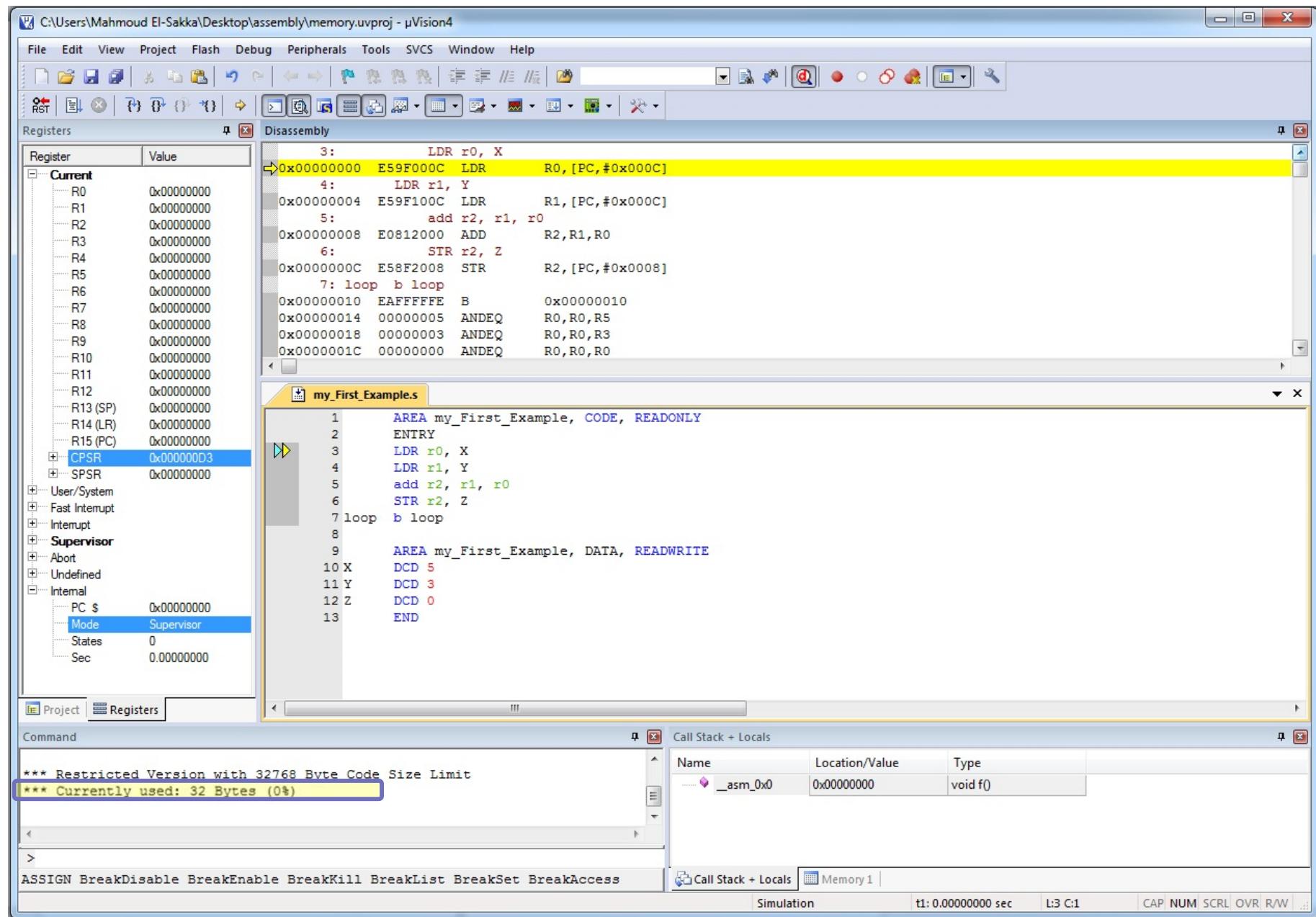
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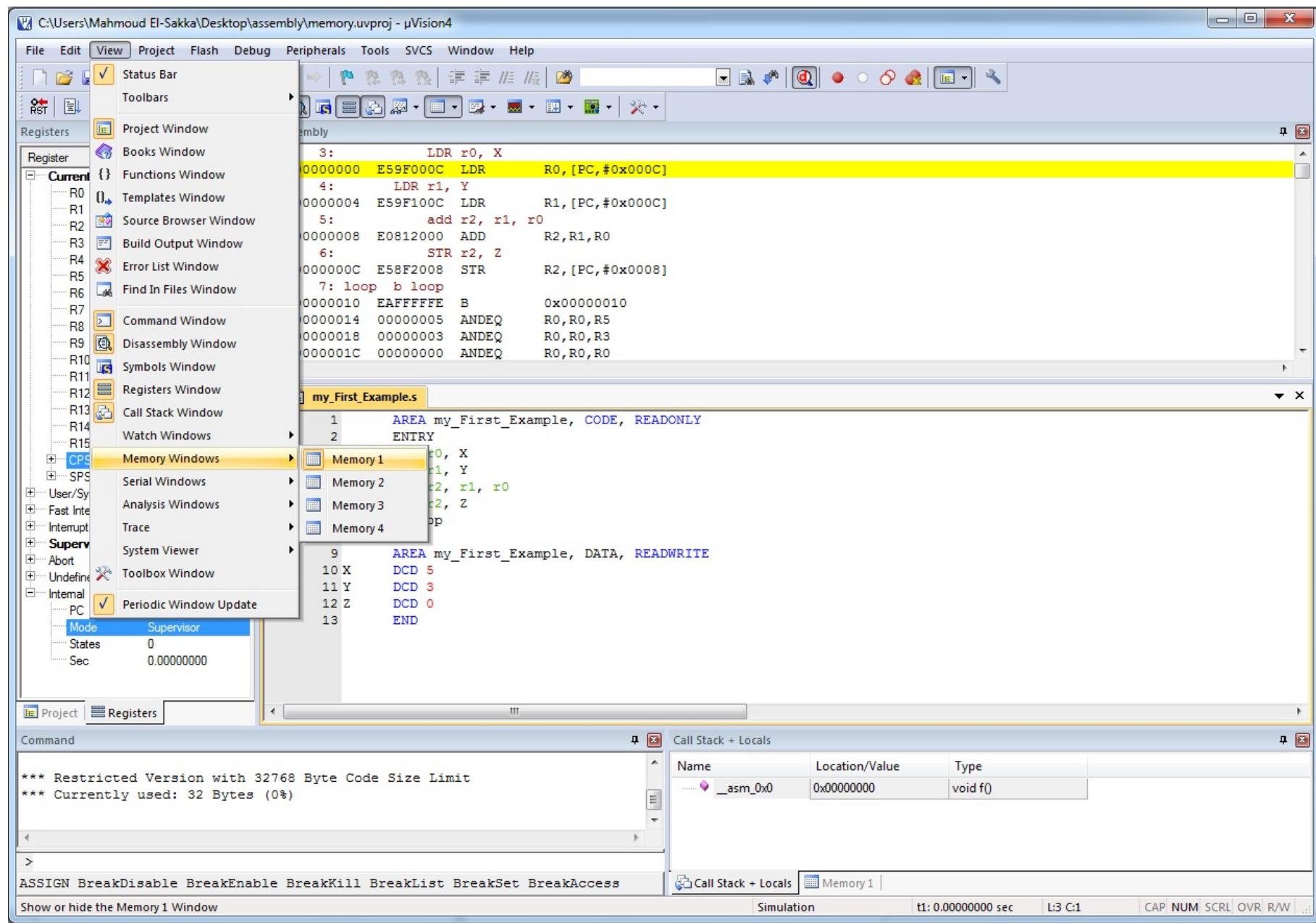
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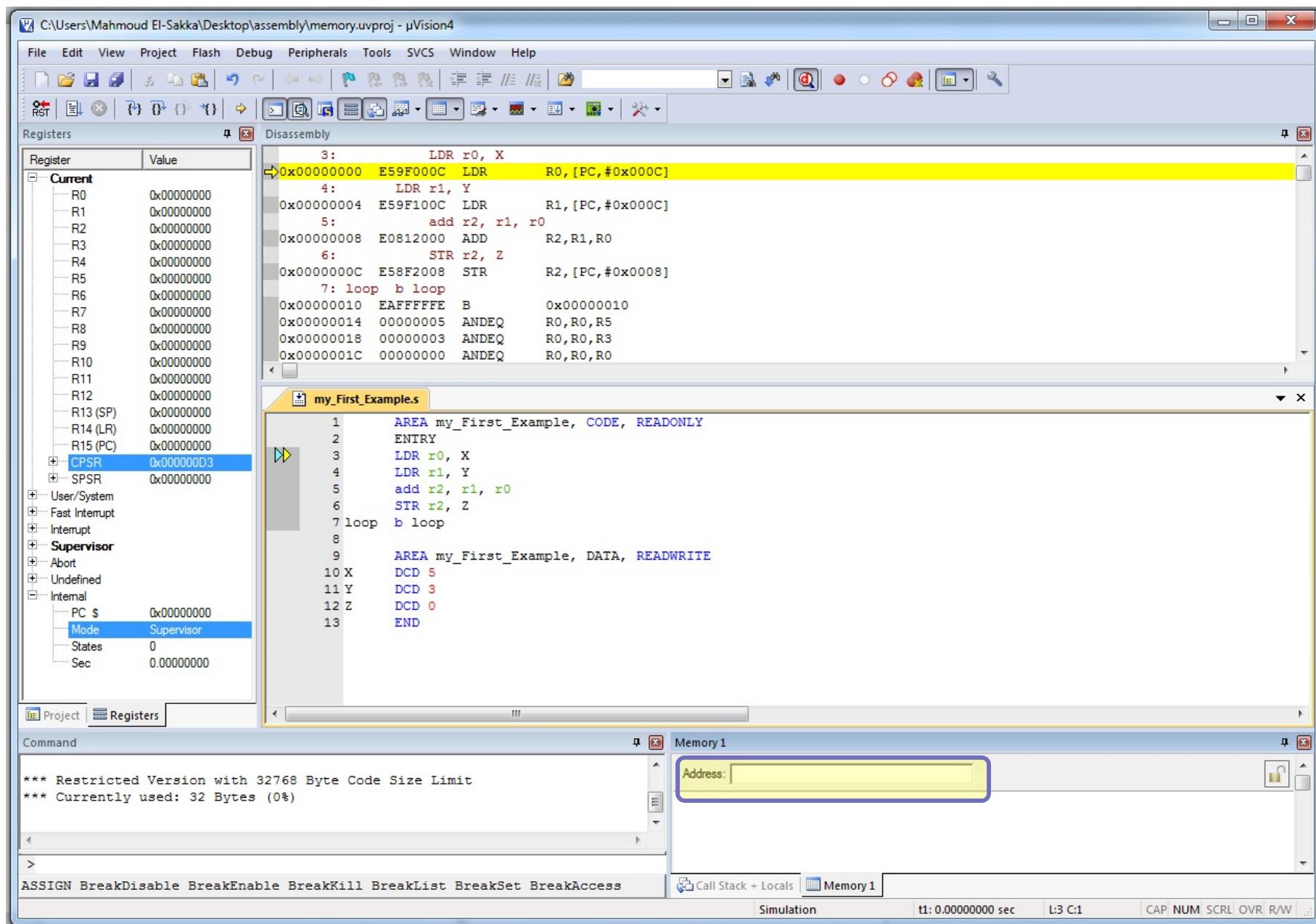
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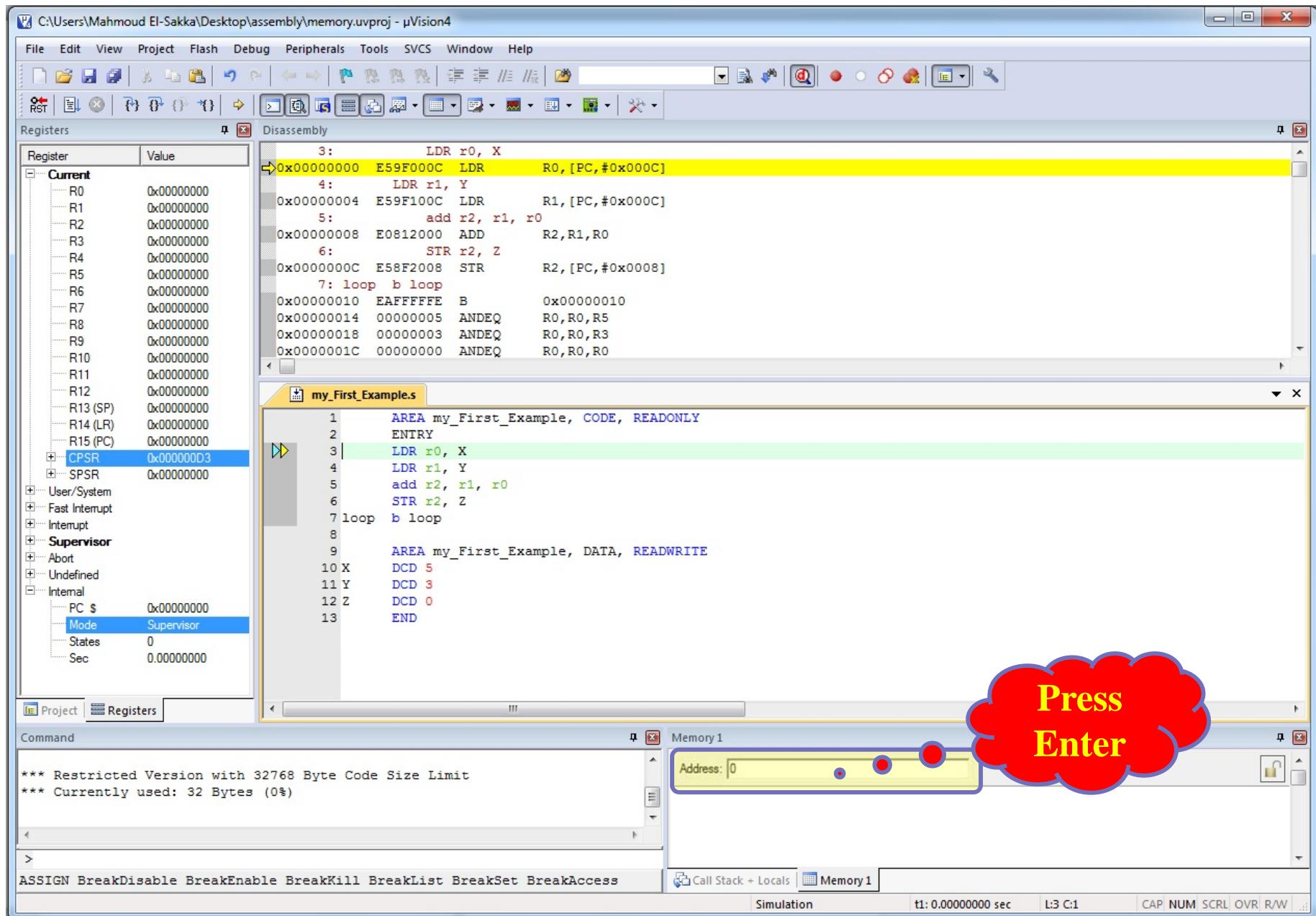
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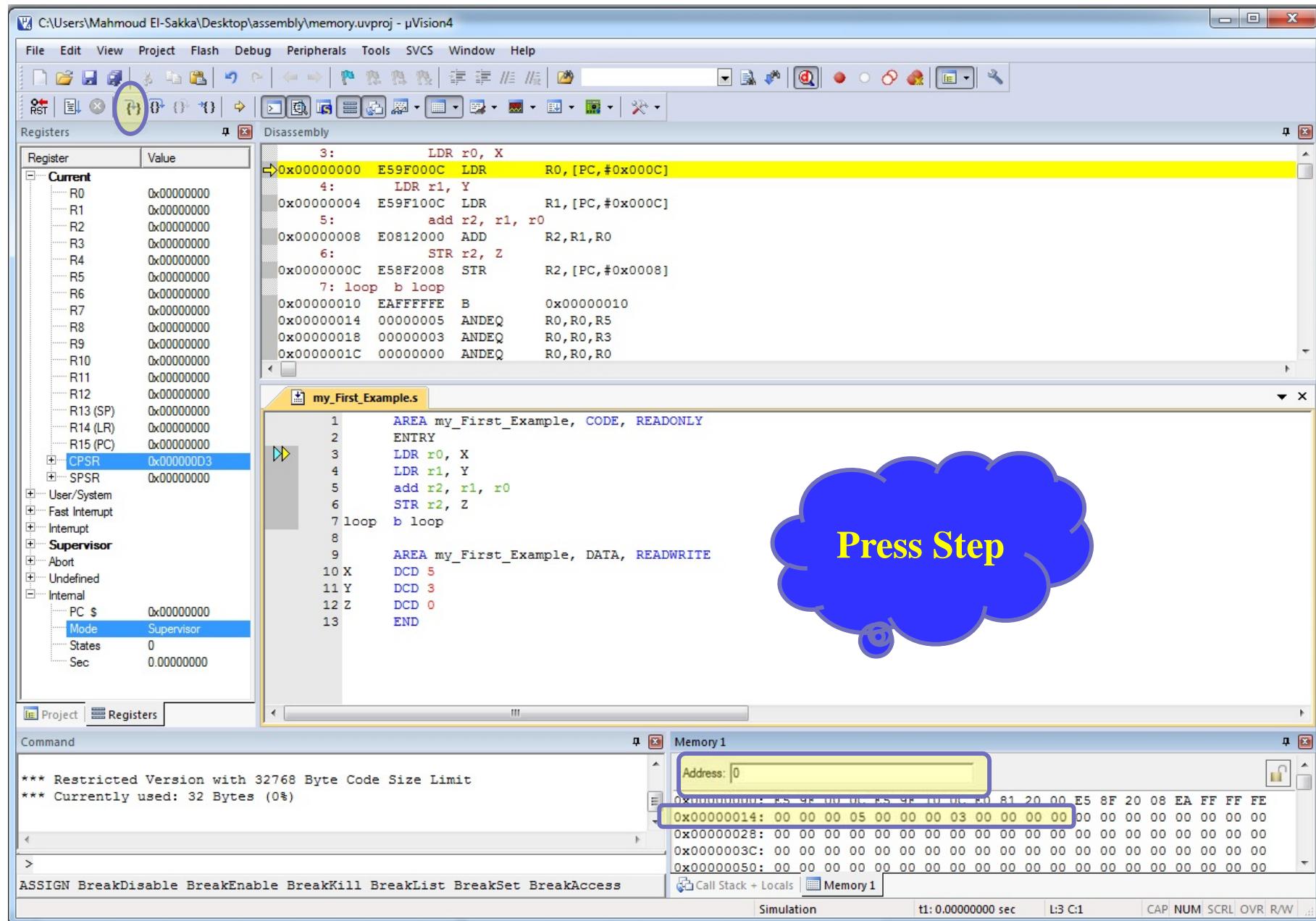


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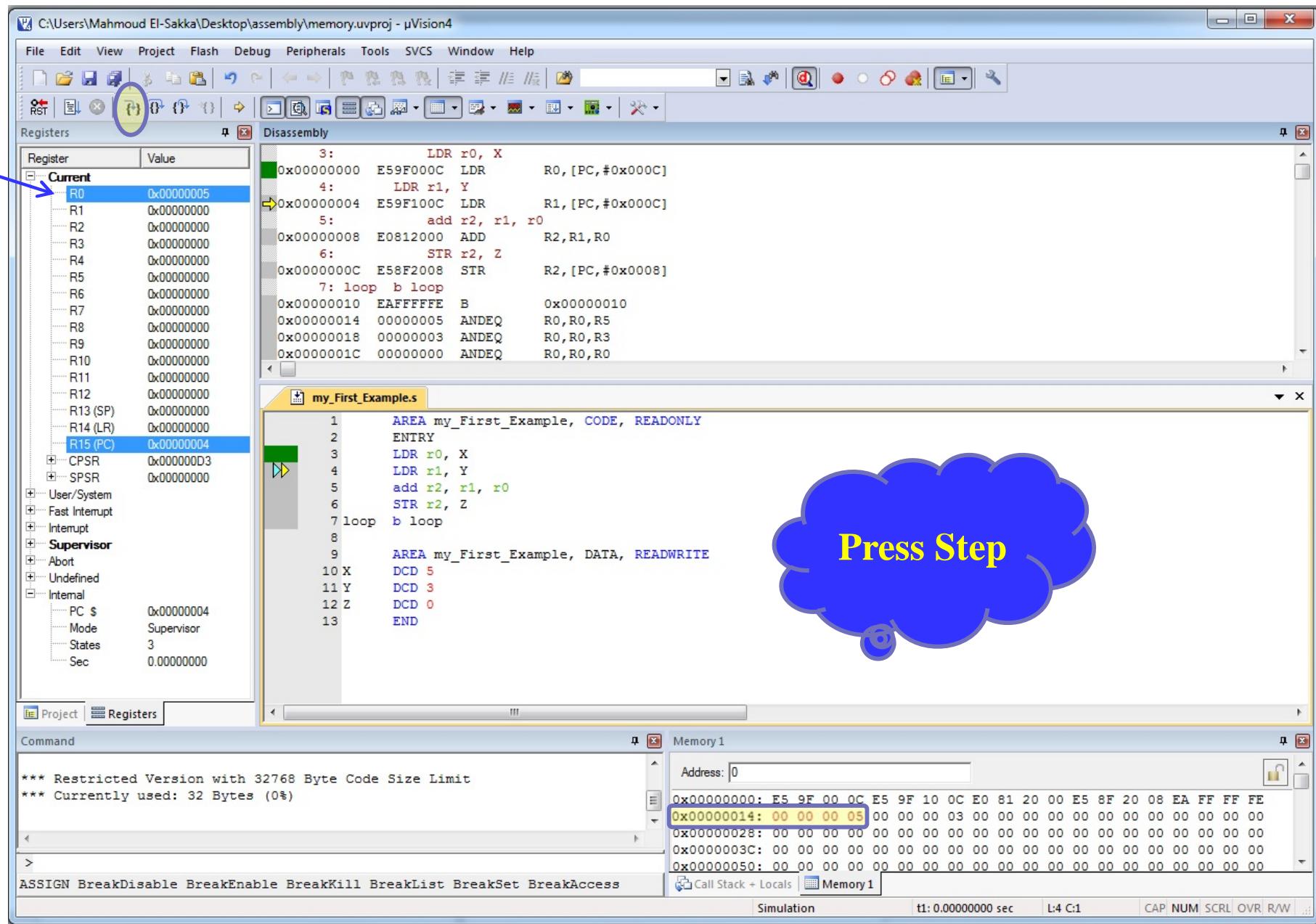


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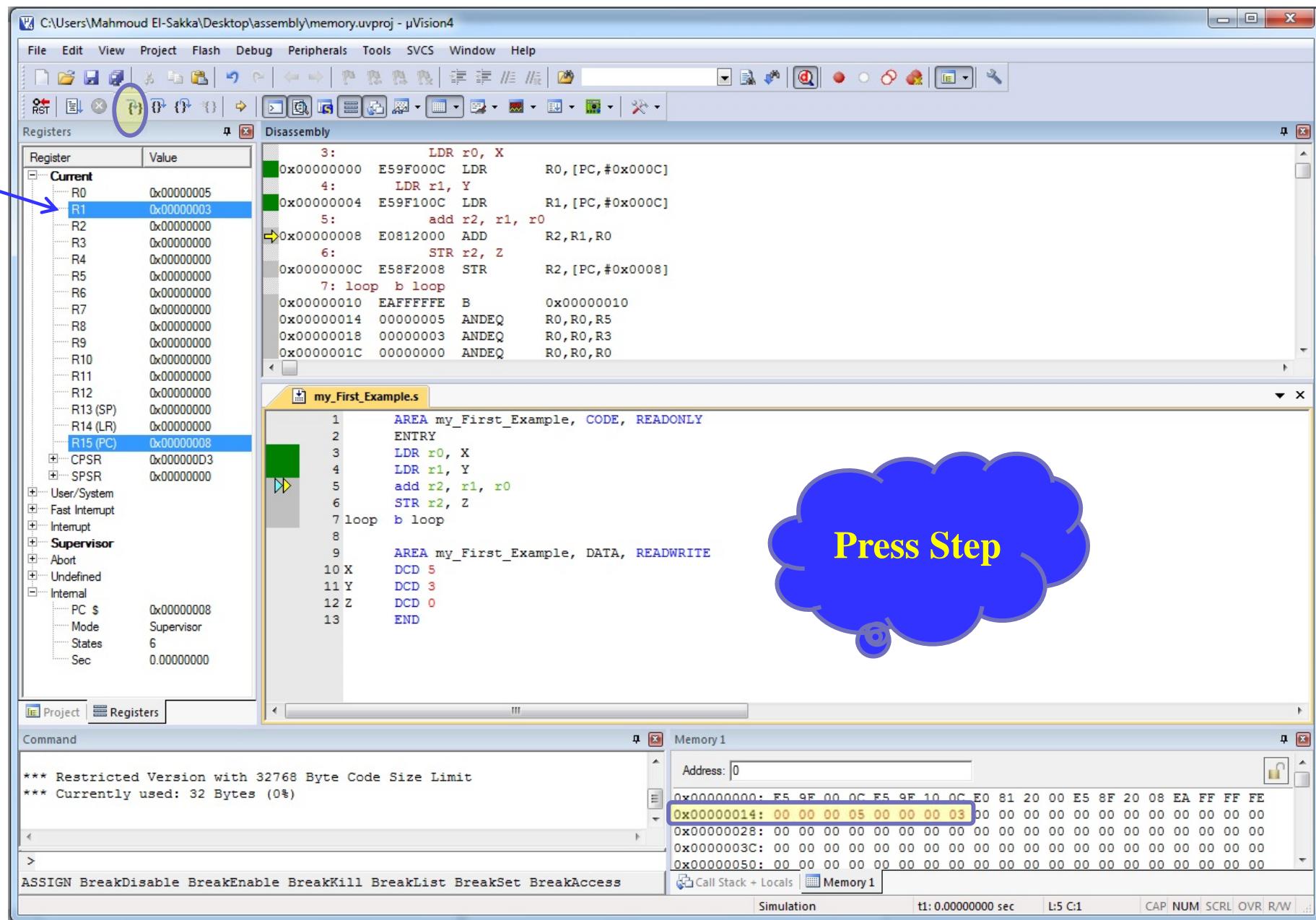
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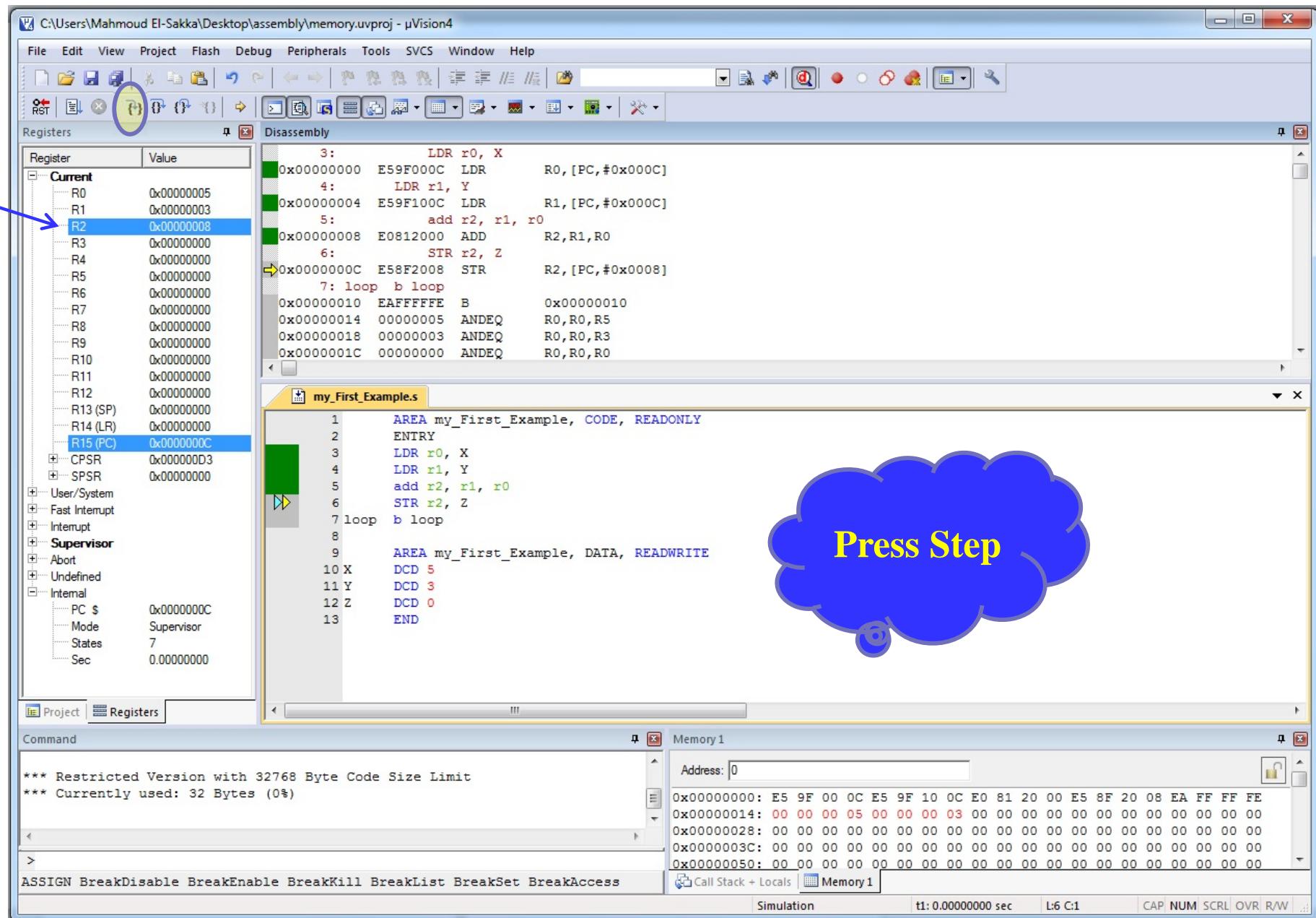
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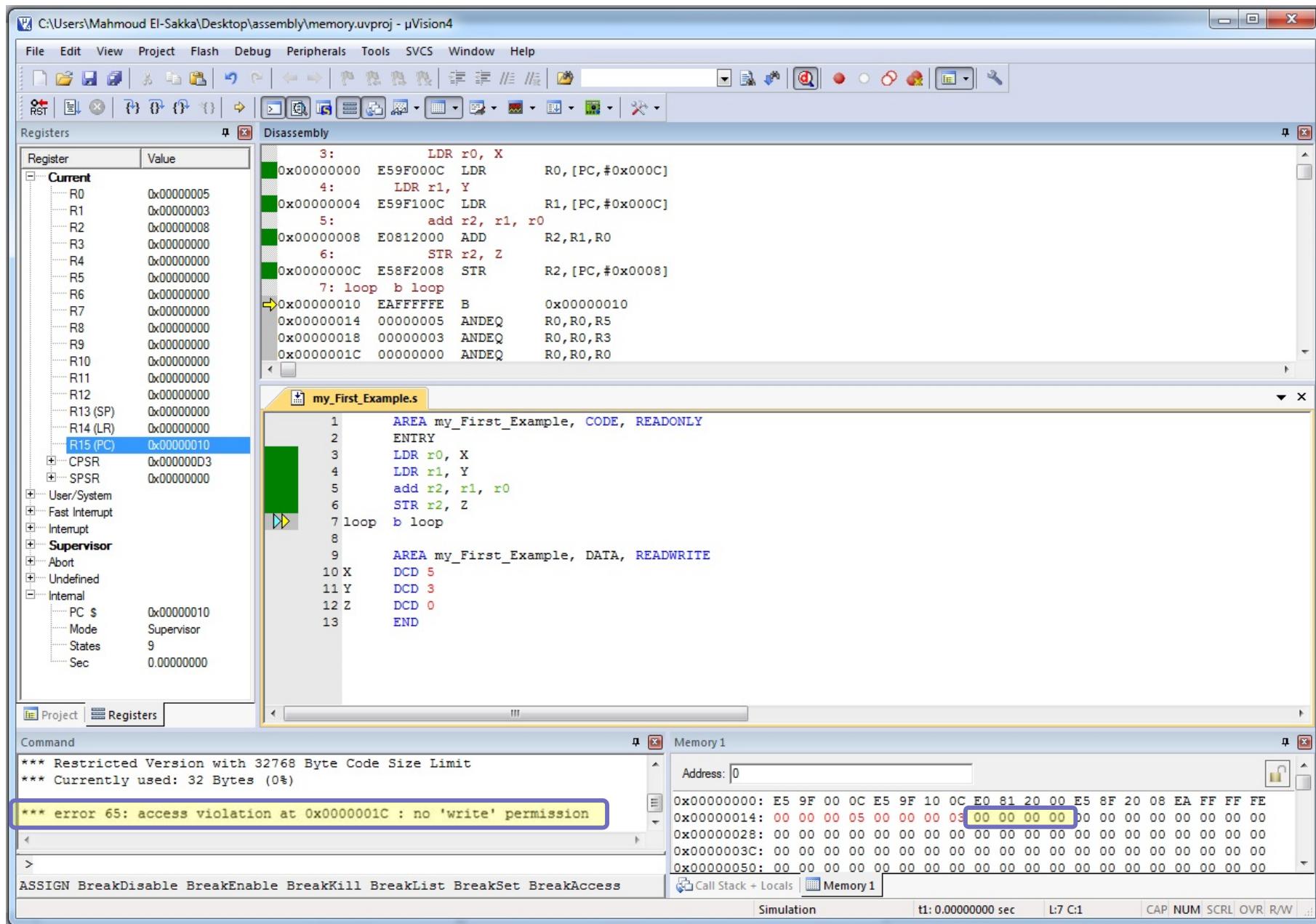
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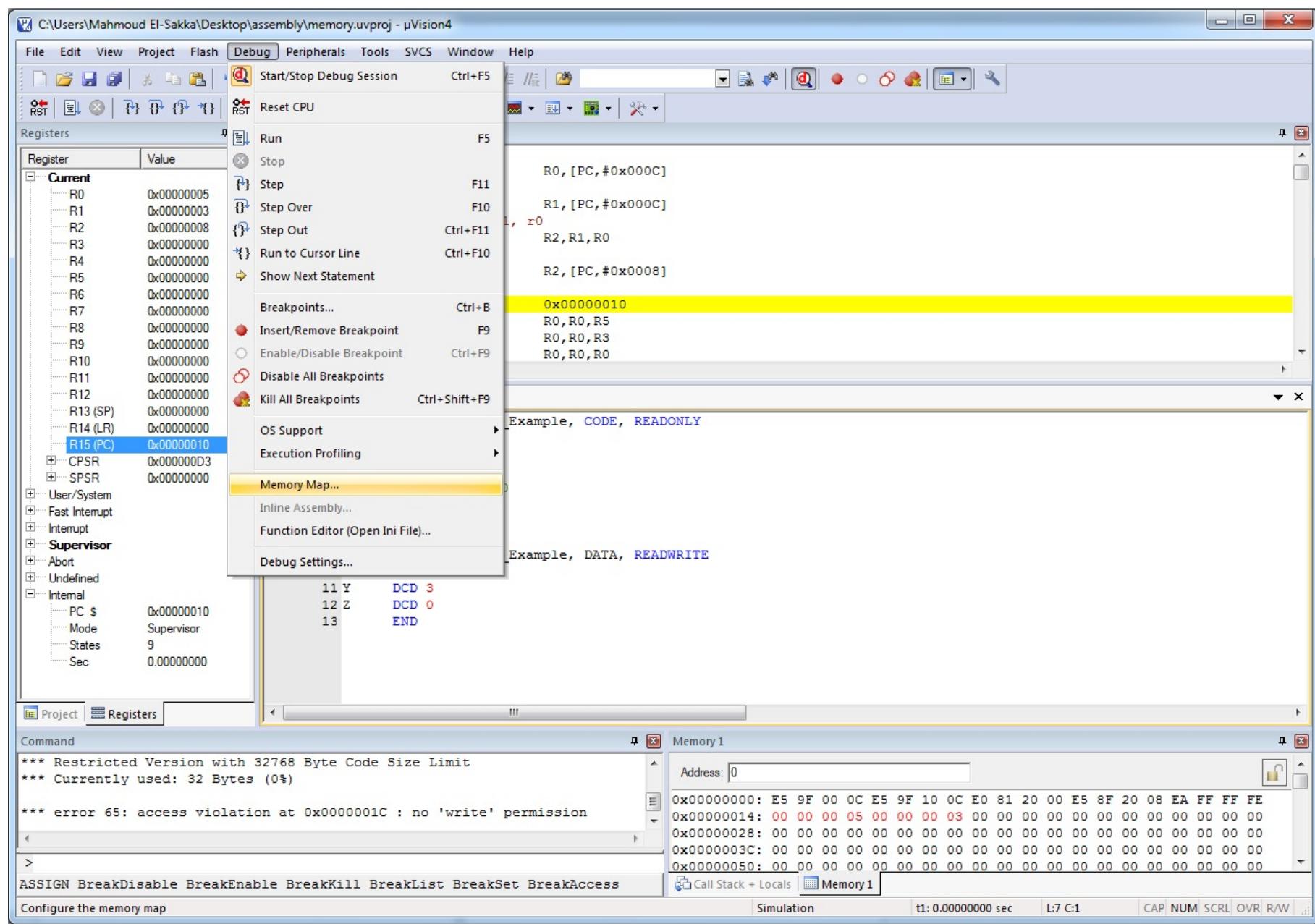
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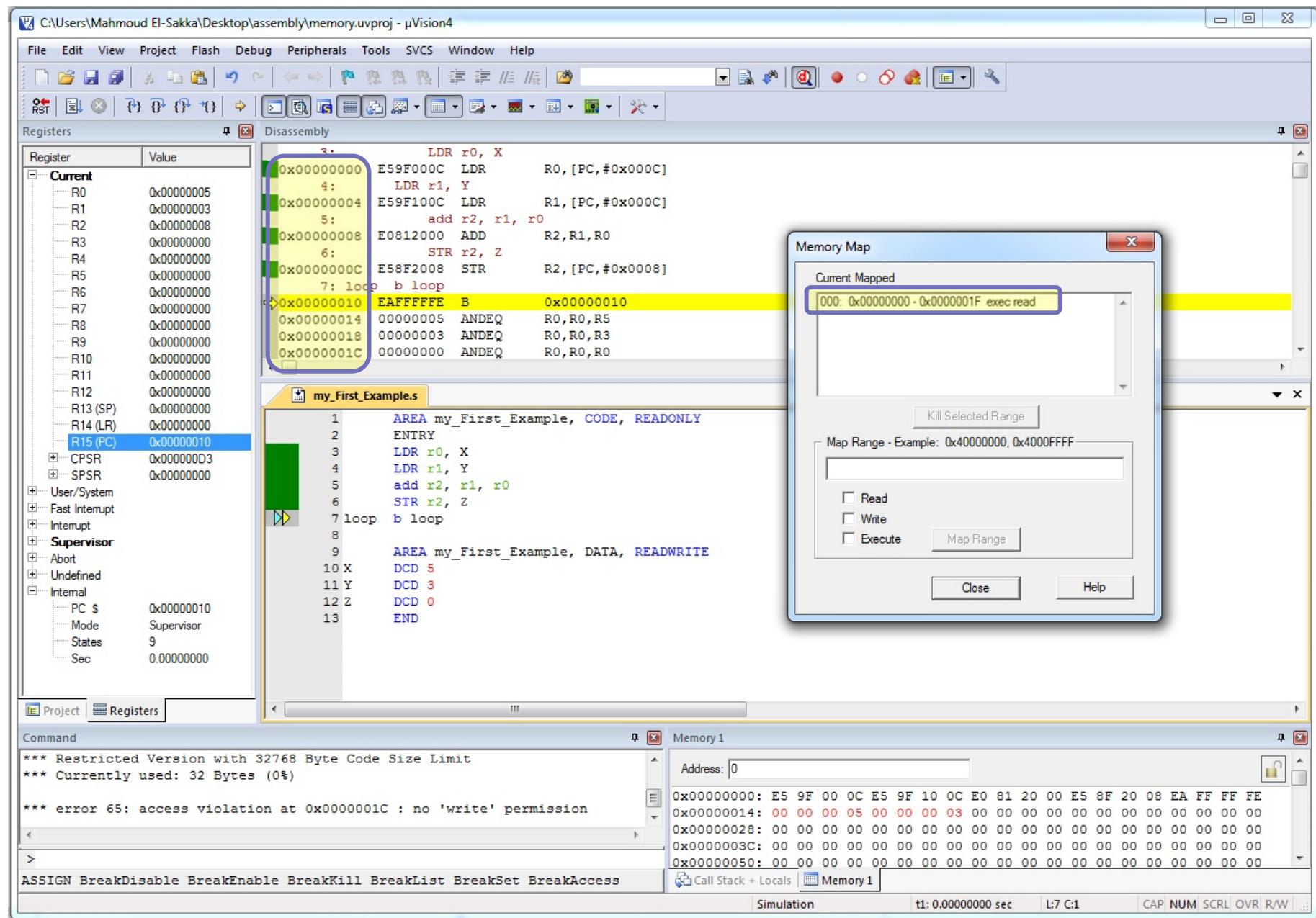
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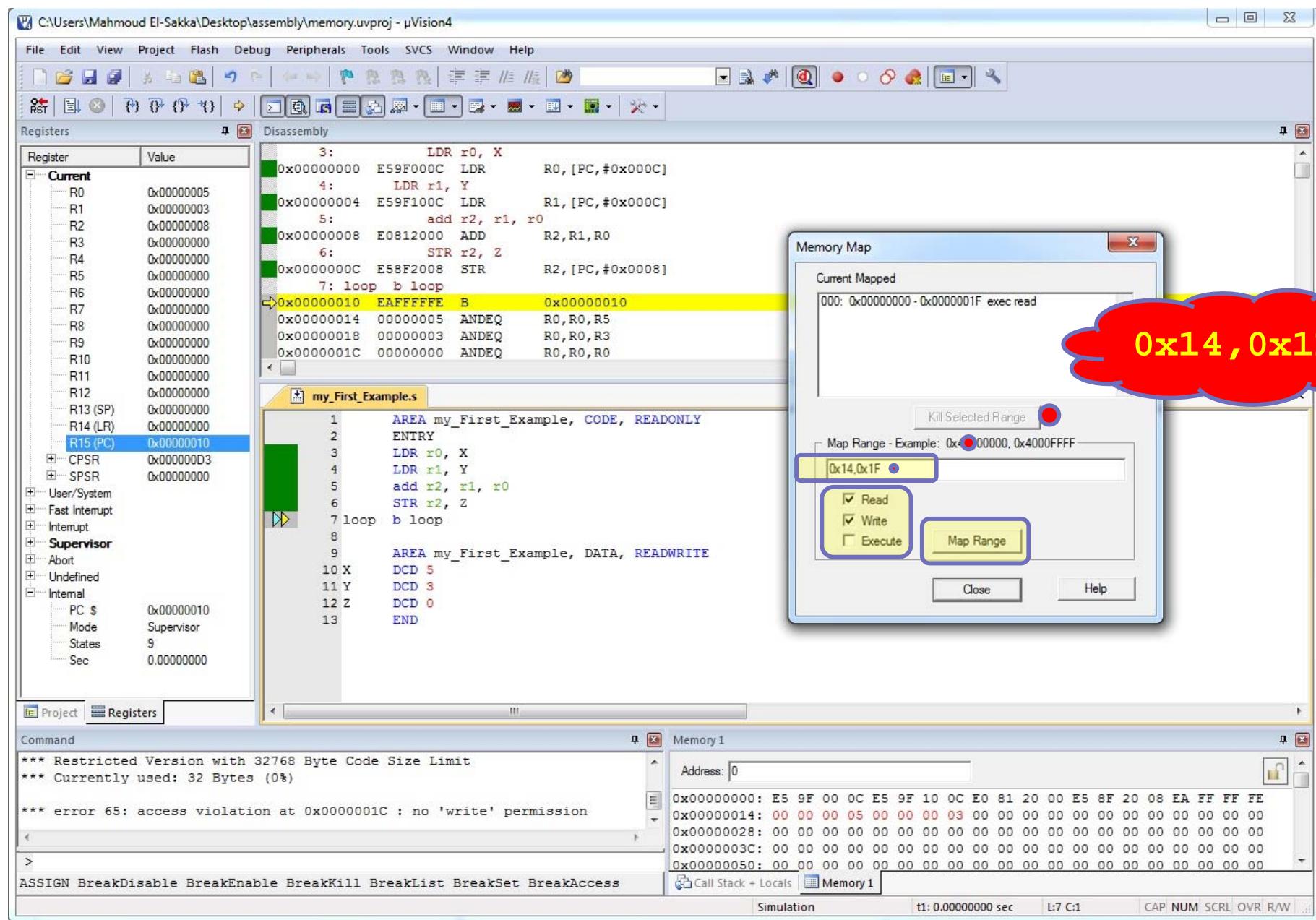
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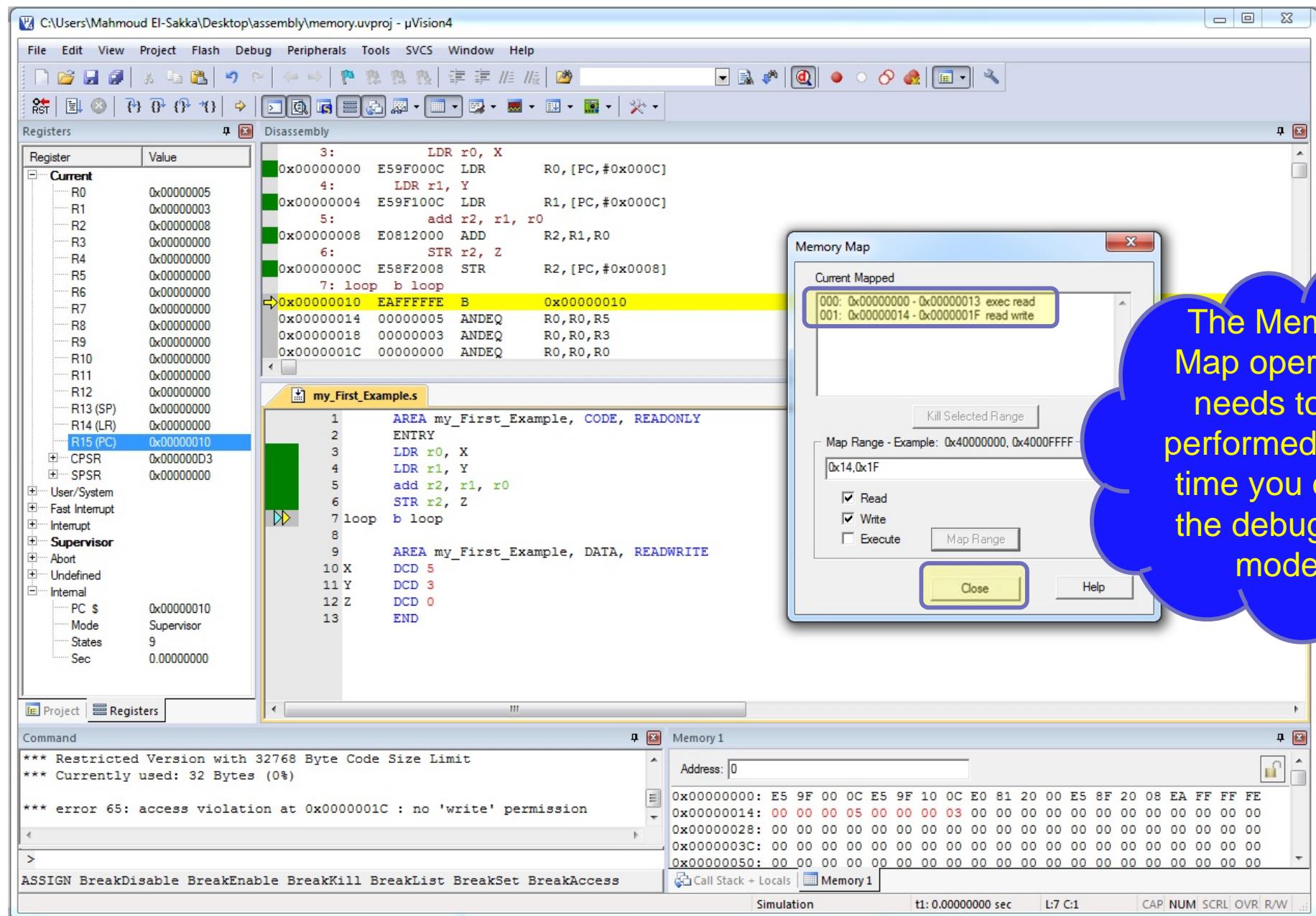


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0x14 , 0x1F

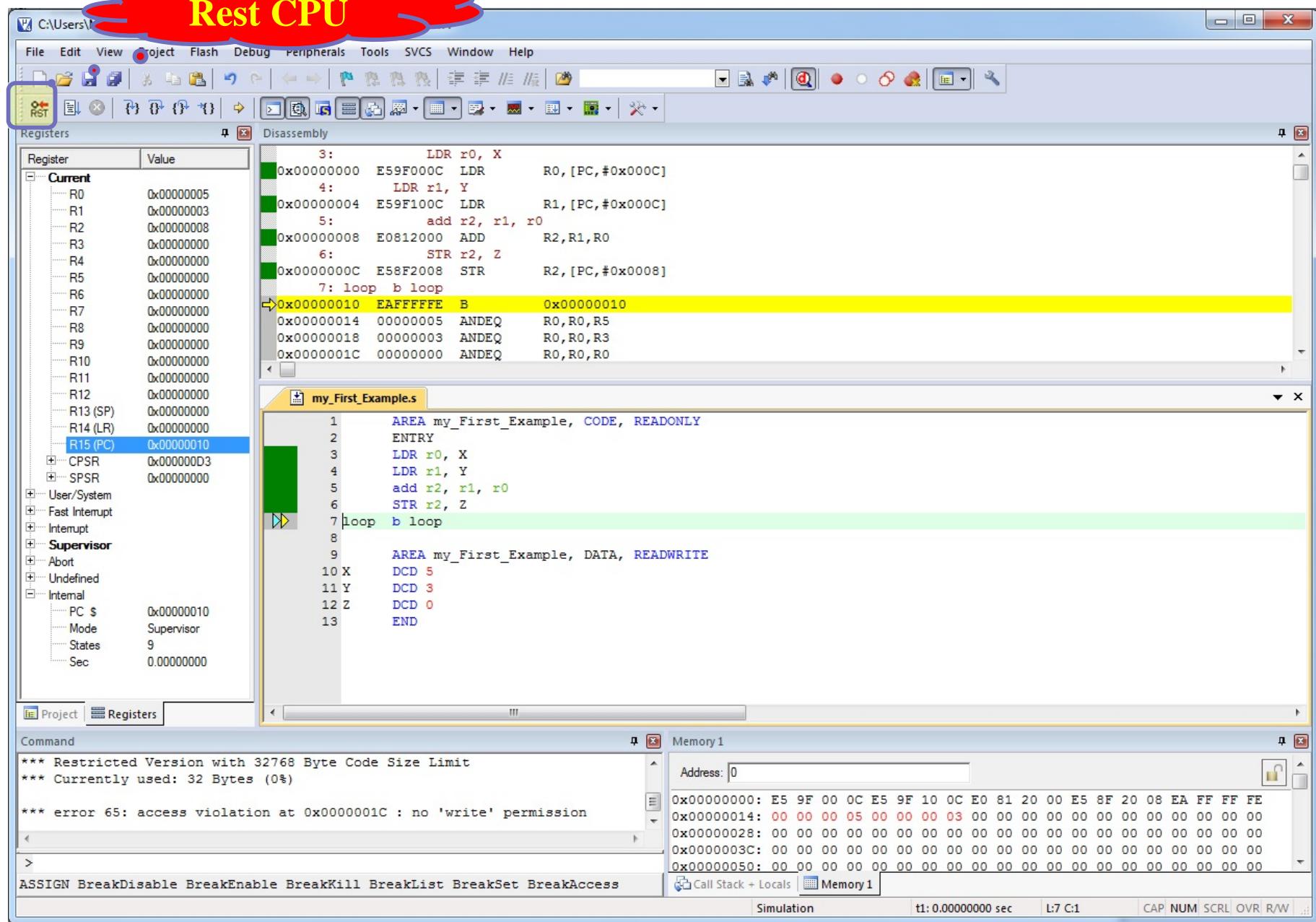
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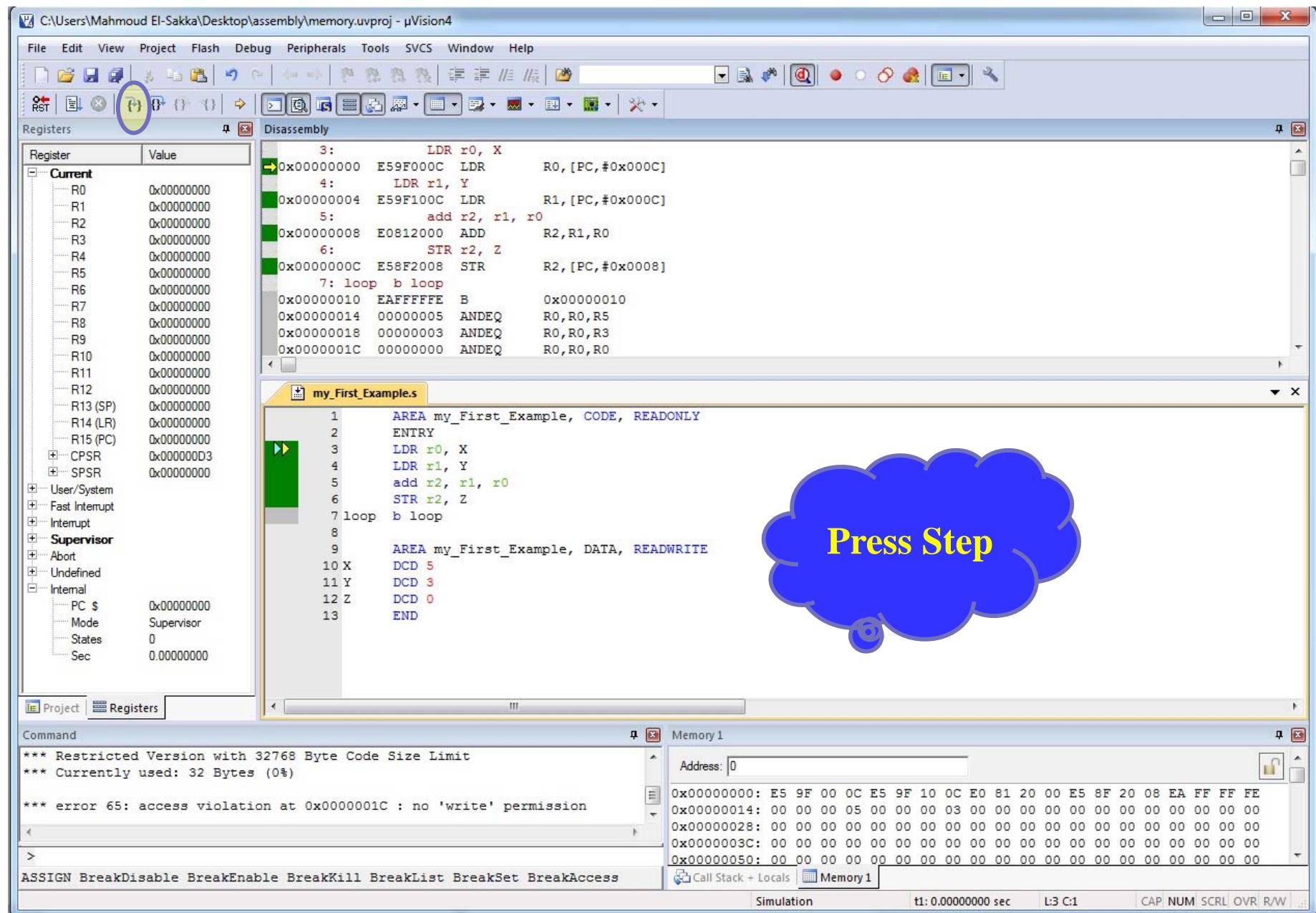
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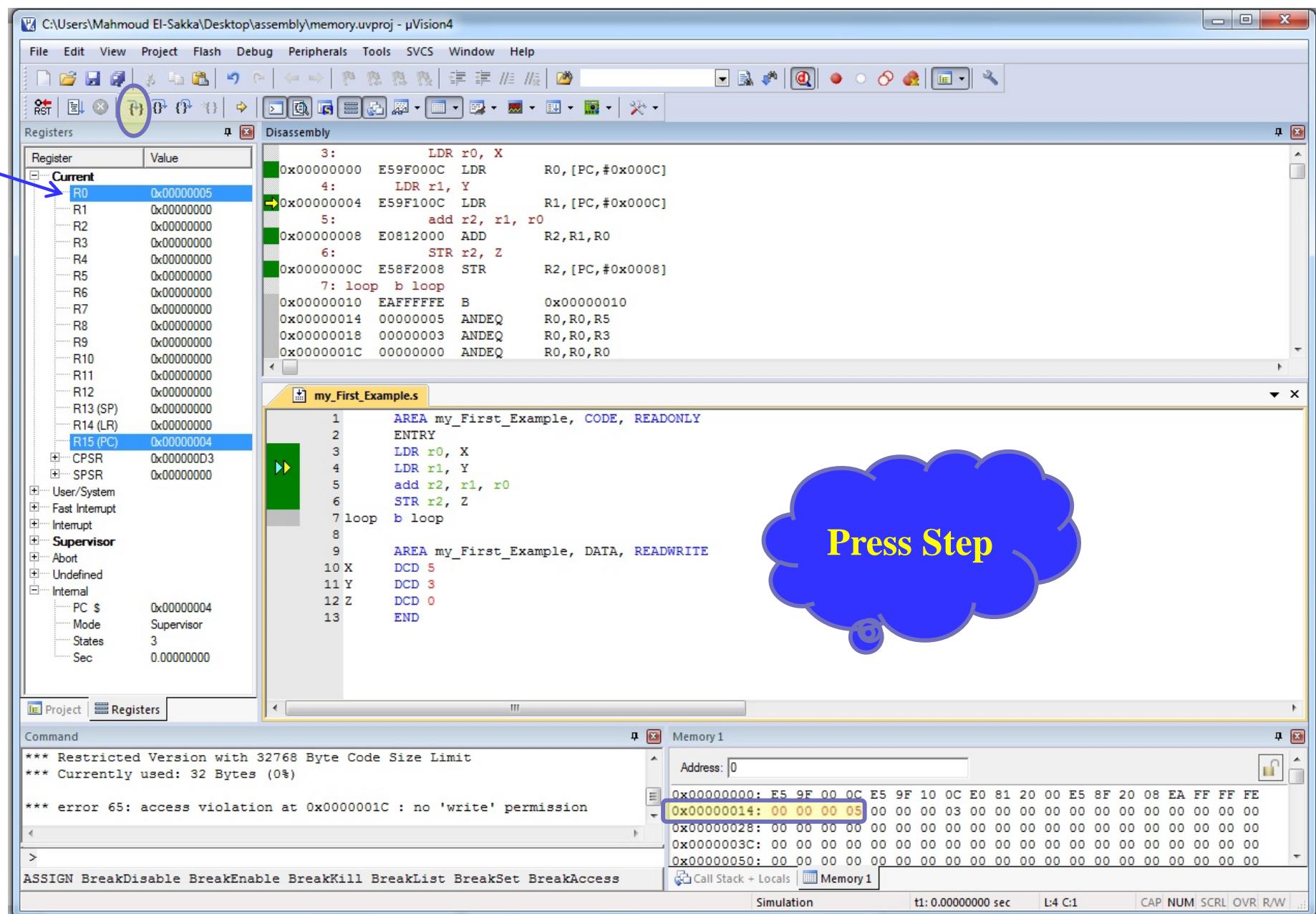
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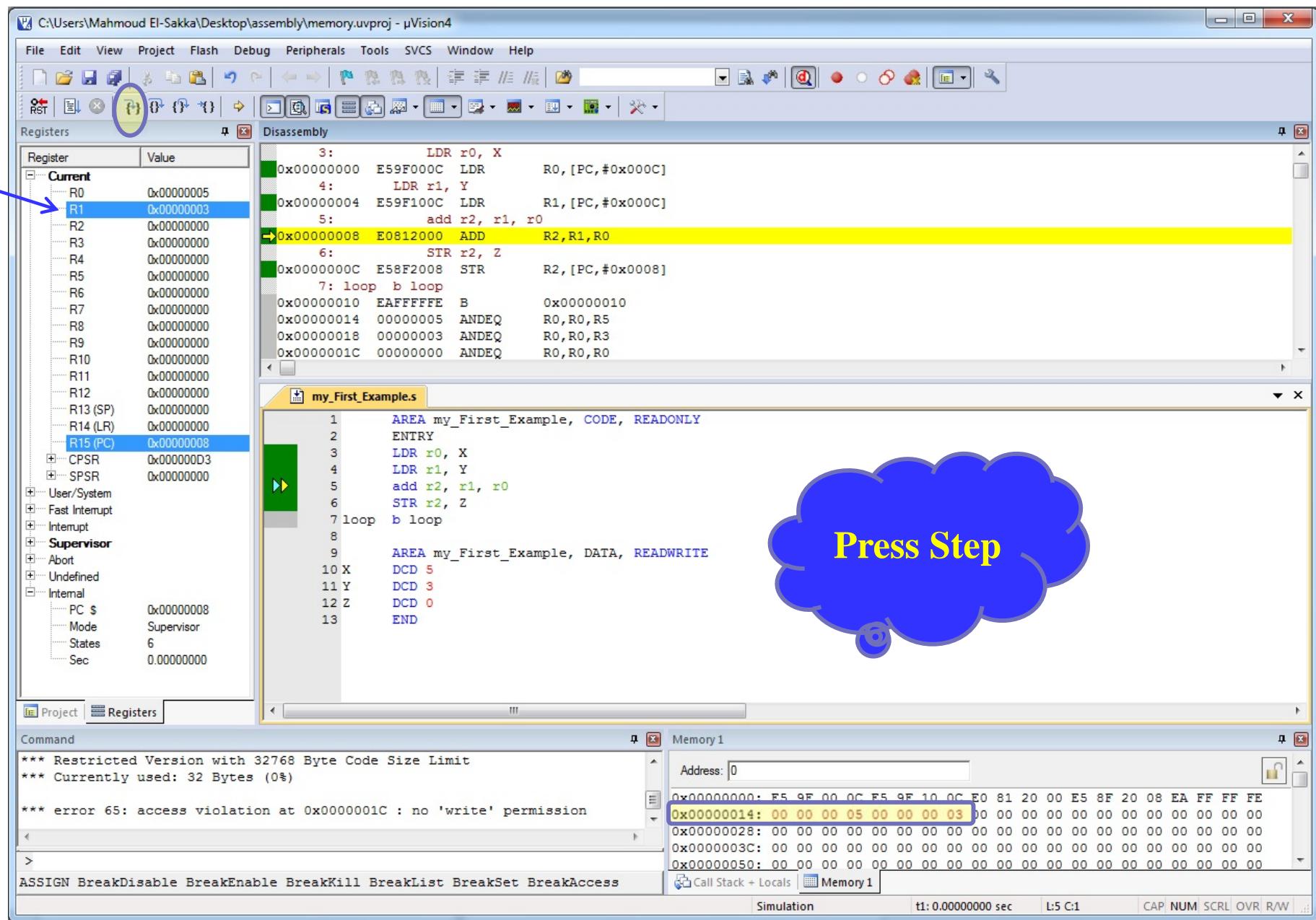
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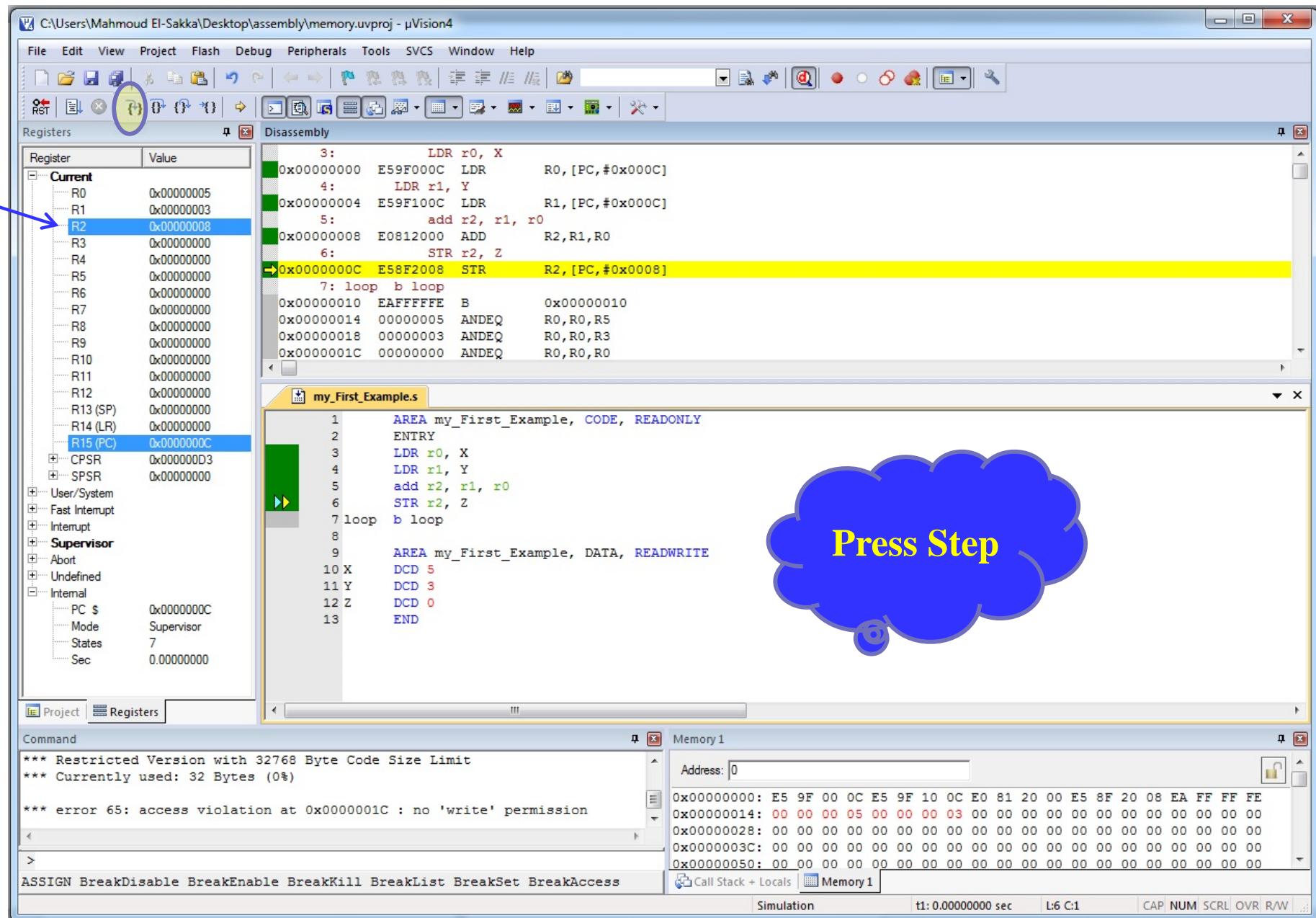
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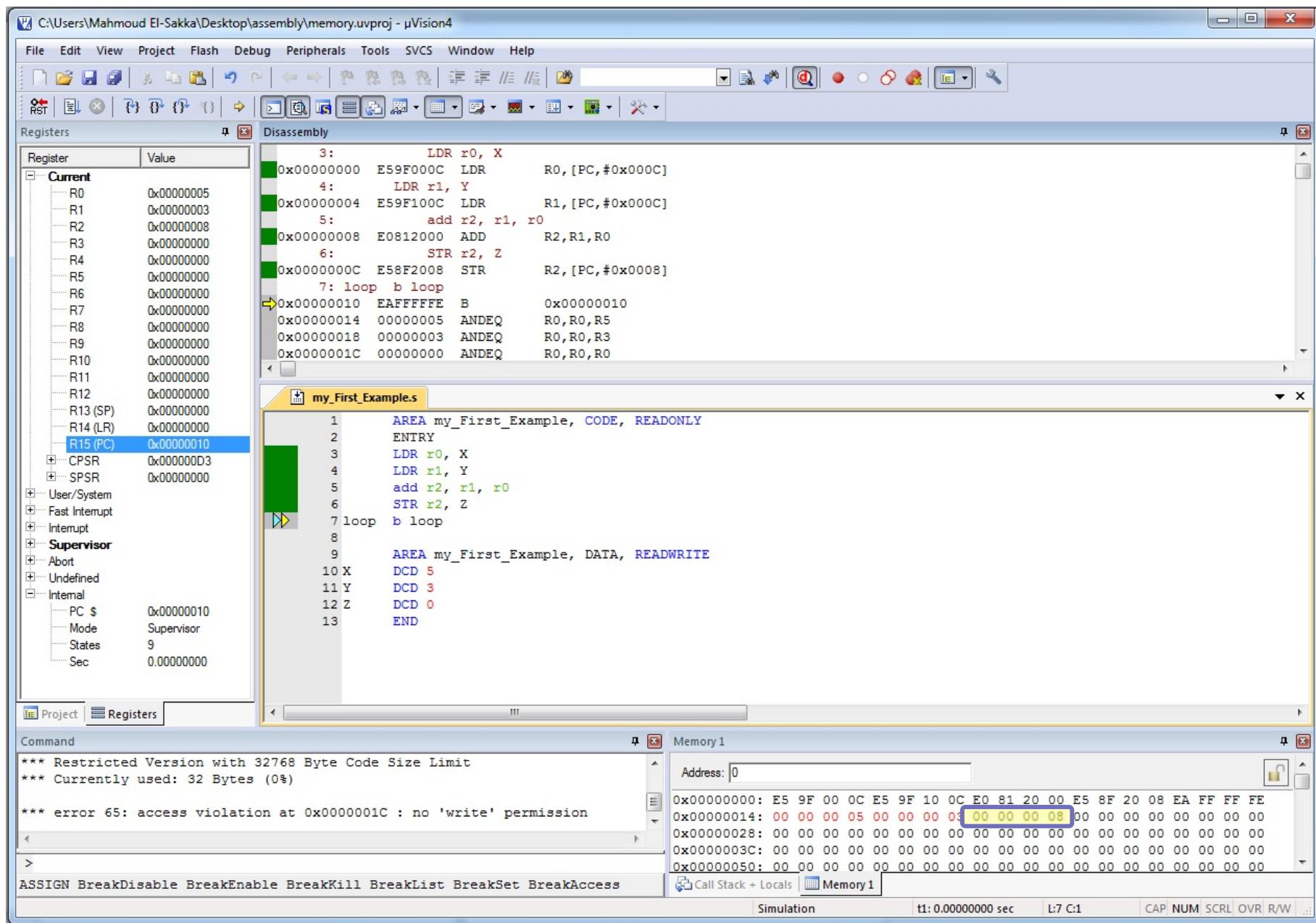
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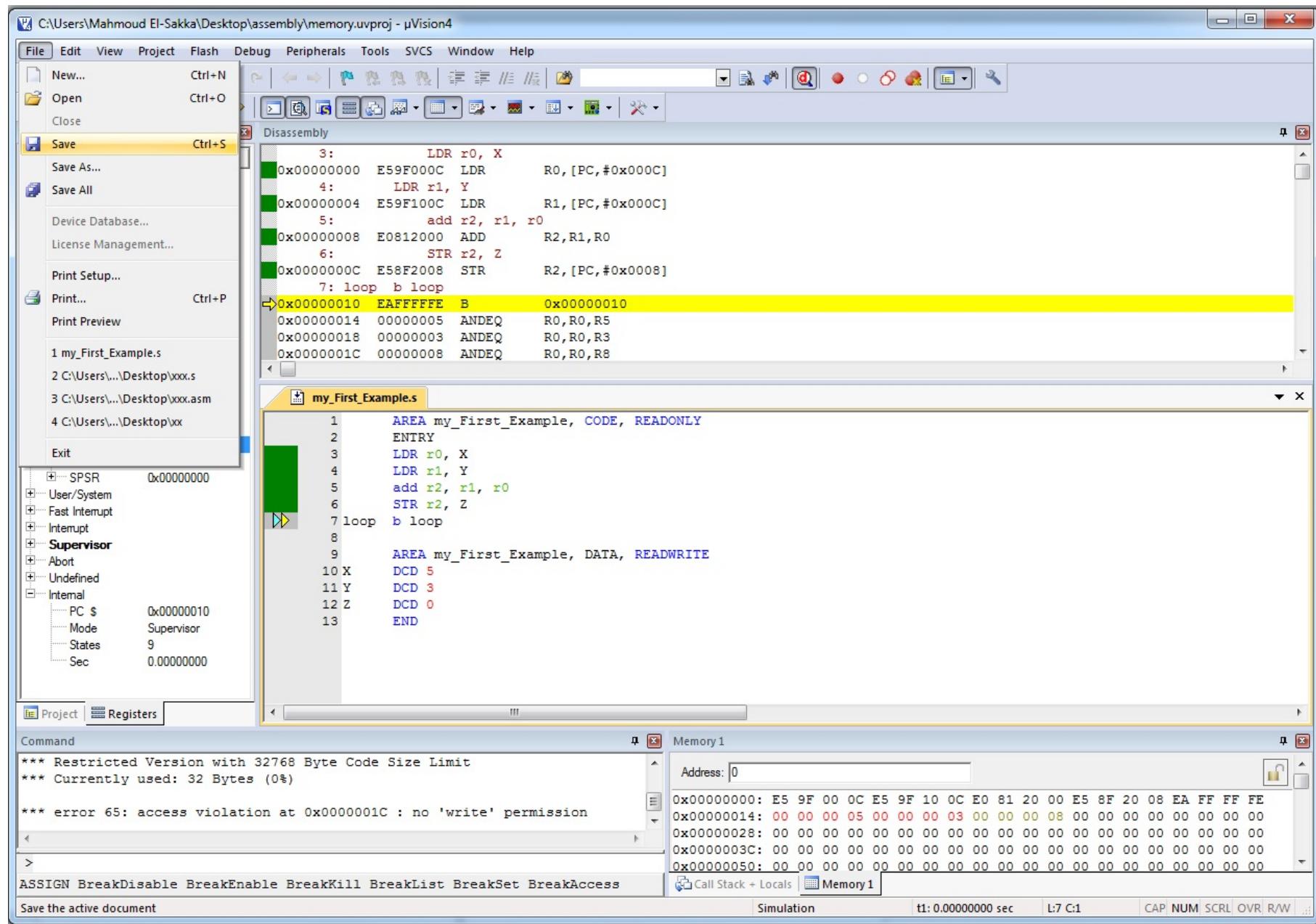
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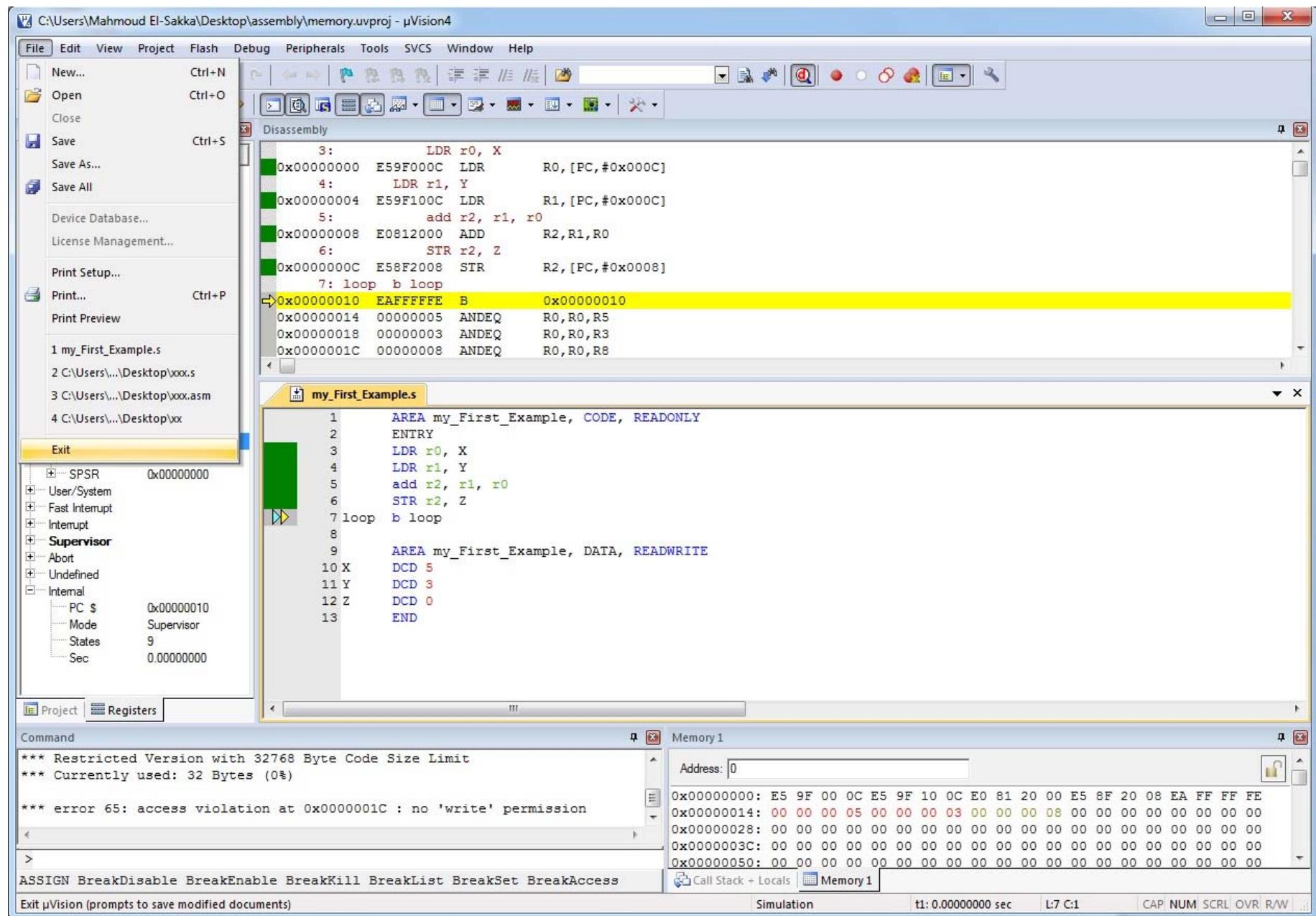
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- In this last example, we demonstrated a way to change a range of the current memory map from execute/read to read/write using the Debug/Memory Map menu option.
- However, this memory map operation ***needs to be performed each time you enter the debugging mode***
- The other way to perform this memory map operation is to include it with the project.
This way, the memory map operation ***will stay active whenever you enter the debugging mode.***

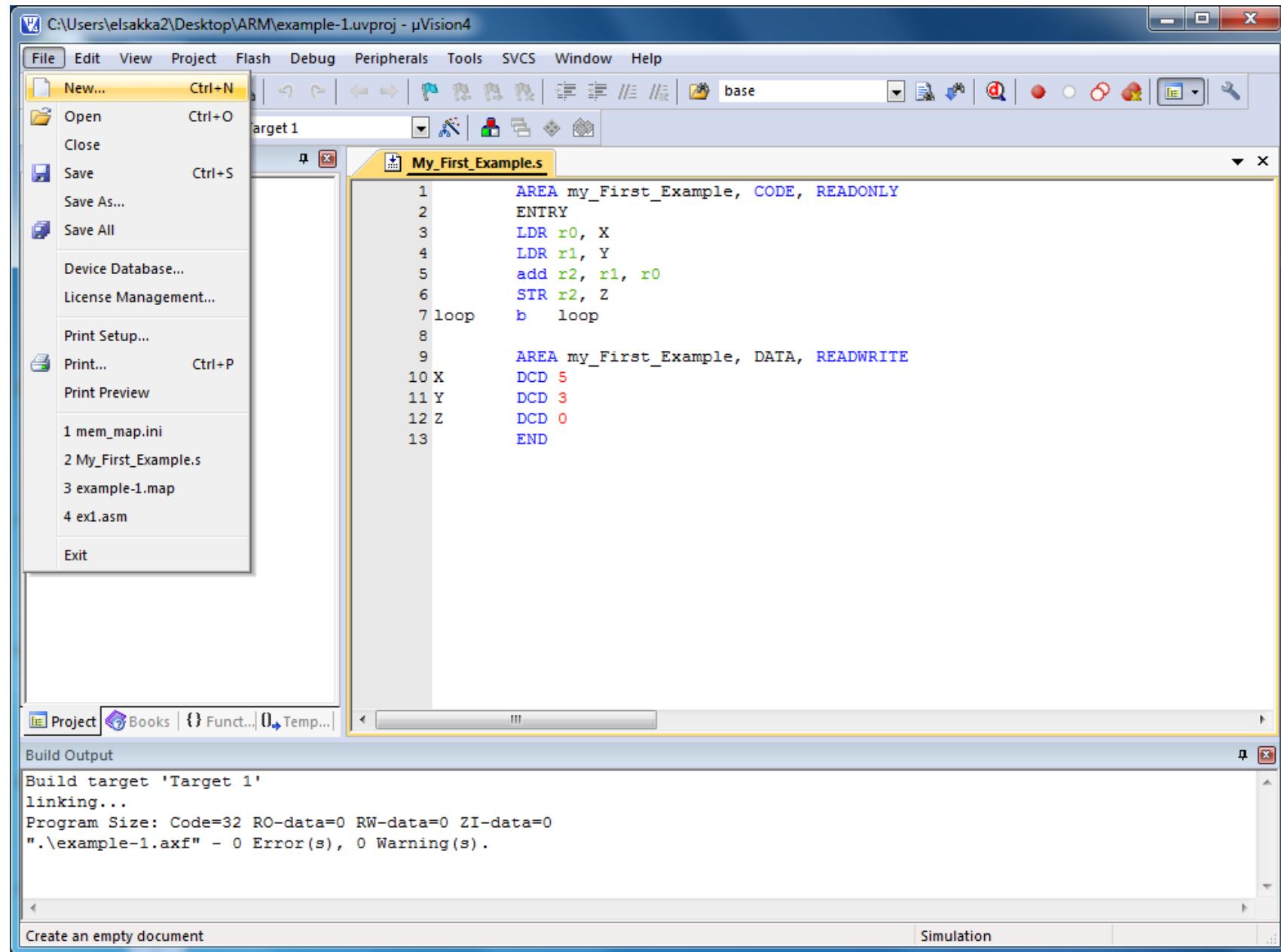
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- First, you need to create a text file with the following content:

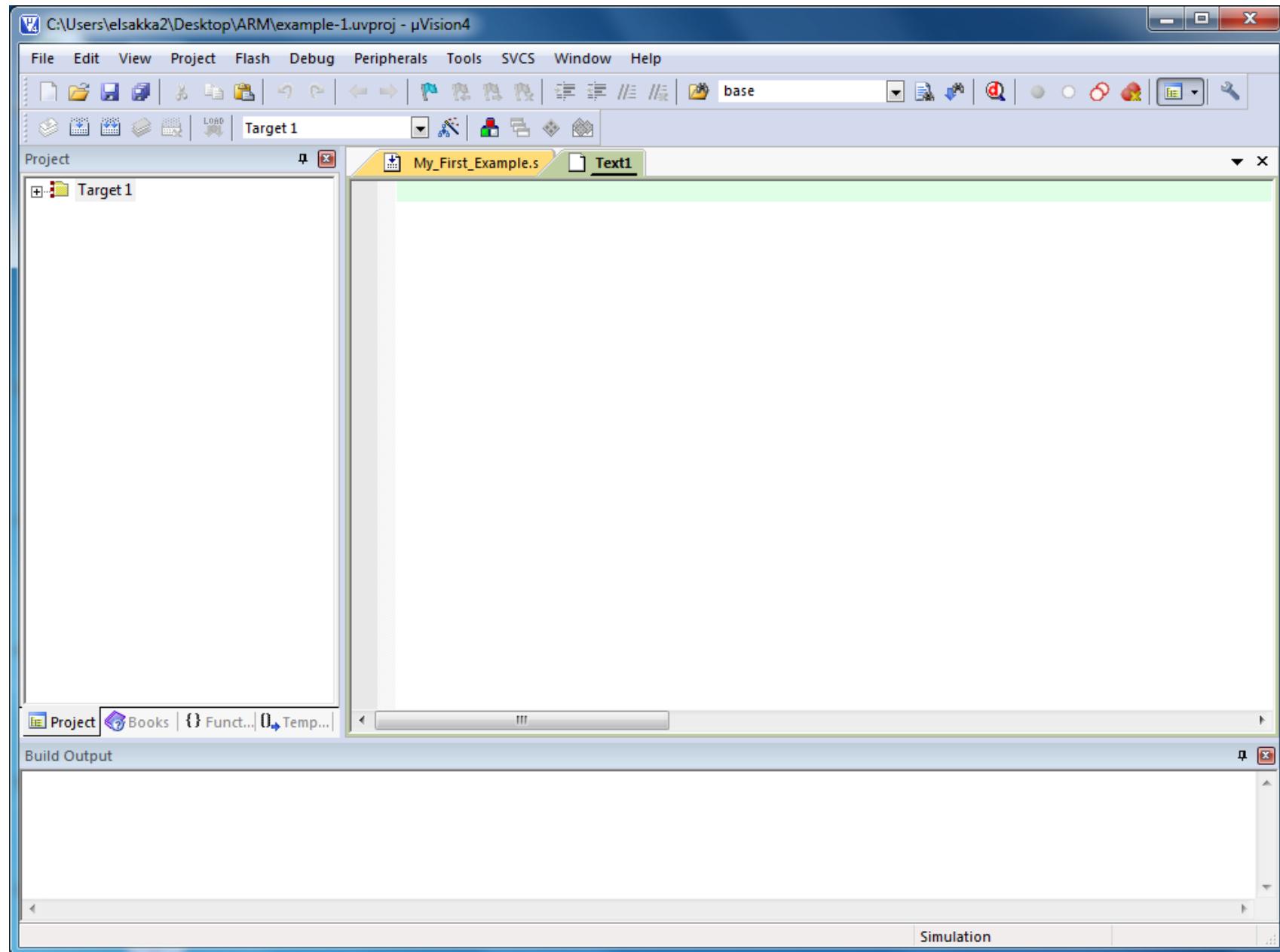
```
/* Map Permission*/  
MAP 0x14, 0x1F READ WRITE // allow R/W access to the DATA space
```

- Note that whatever written between `/* ... */` is a comment, and whatever comes after `//` is a comment as well
- The main part of this file is : **MAP 0x14, 0x1F READ WRITE**

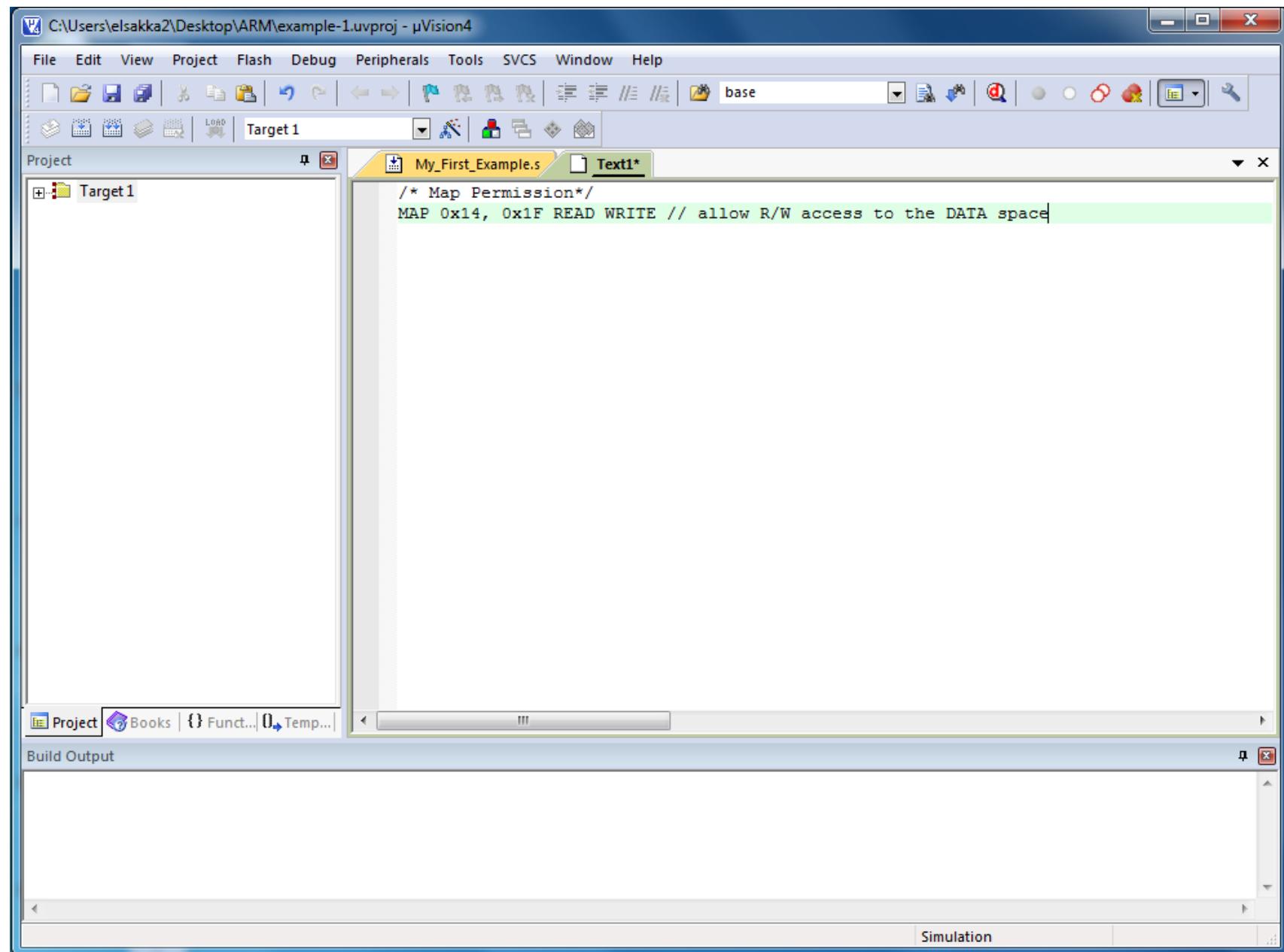
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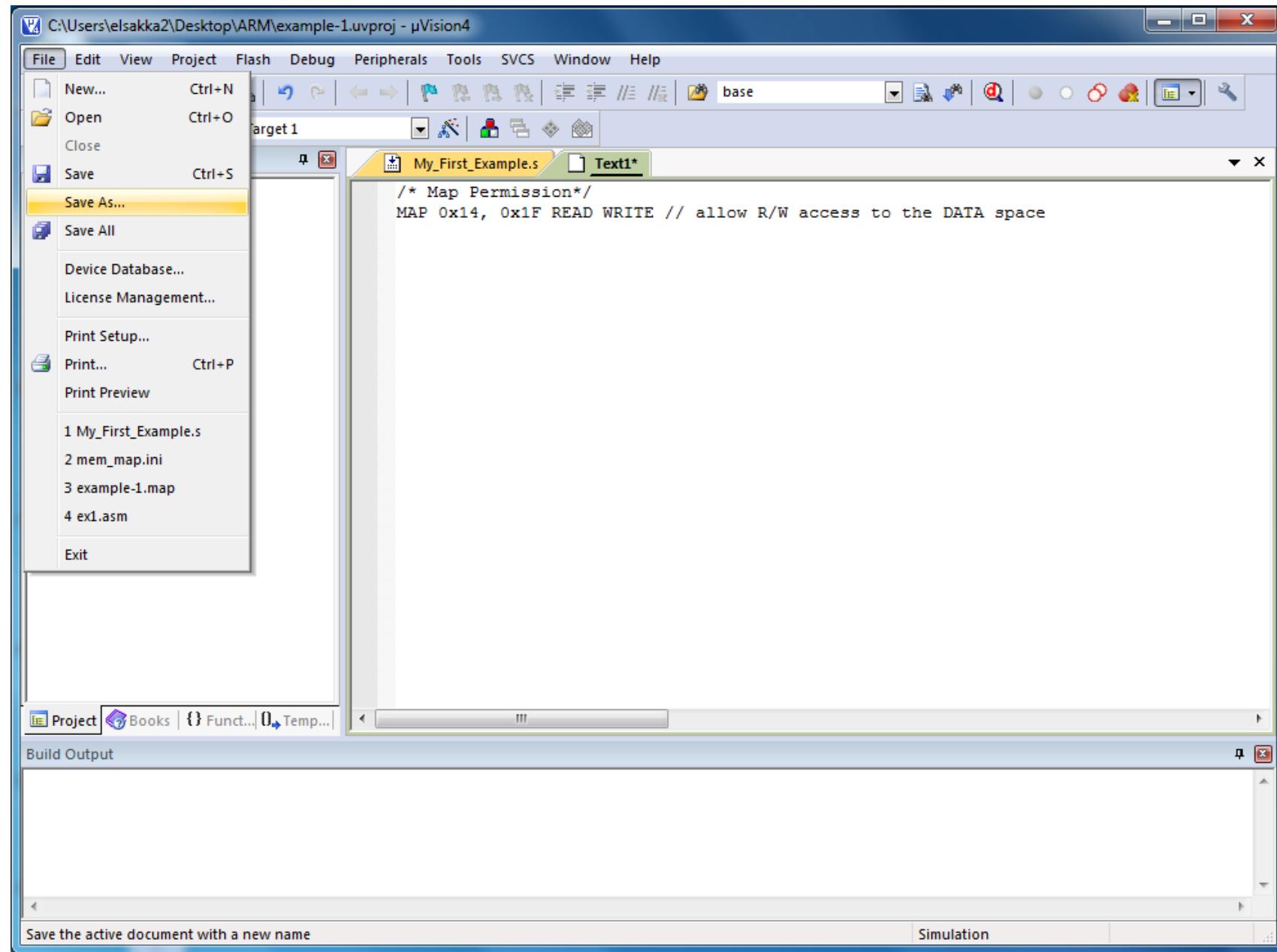
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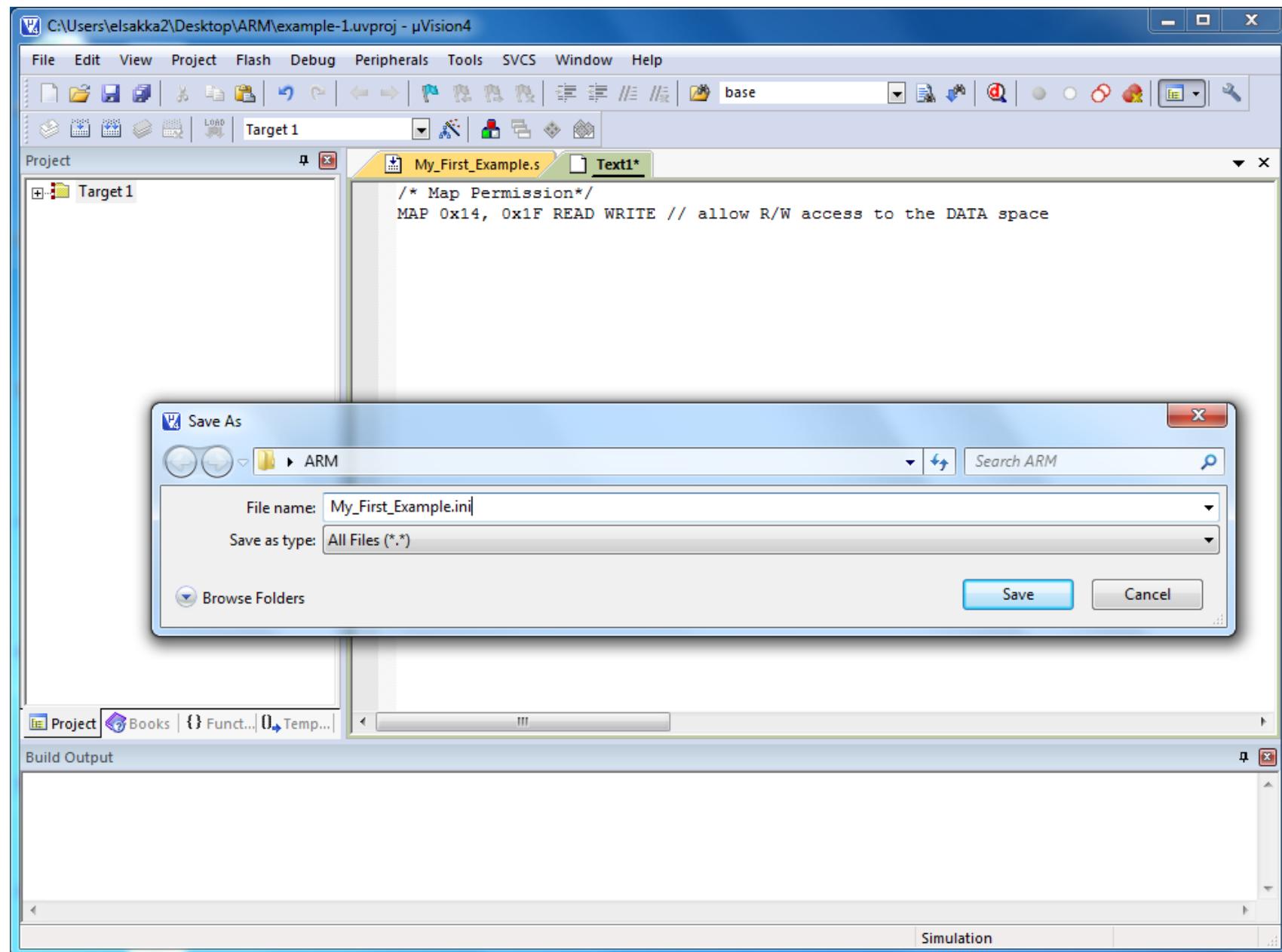
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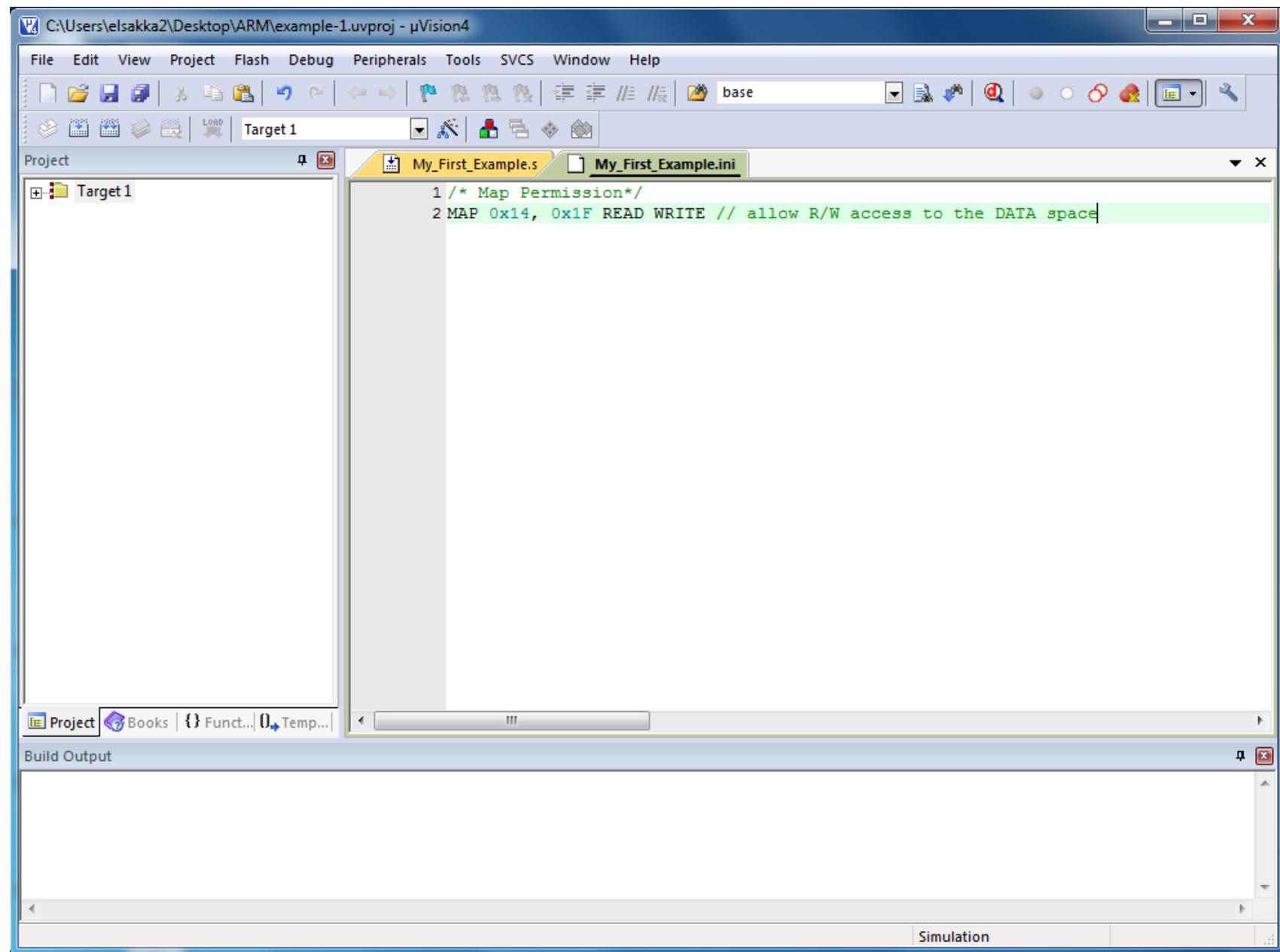
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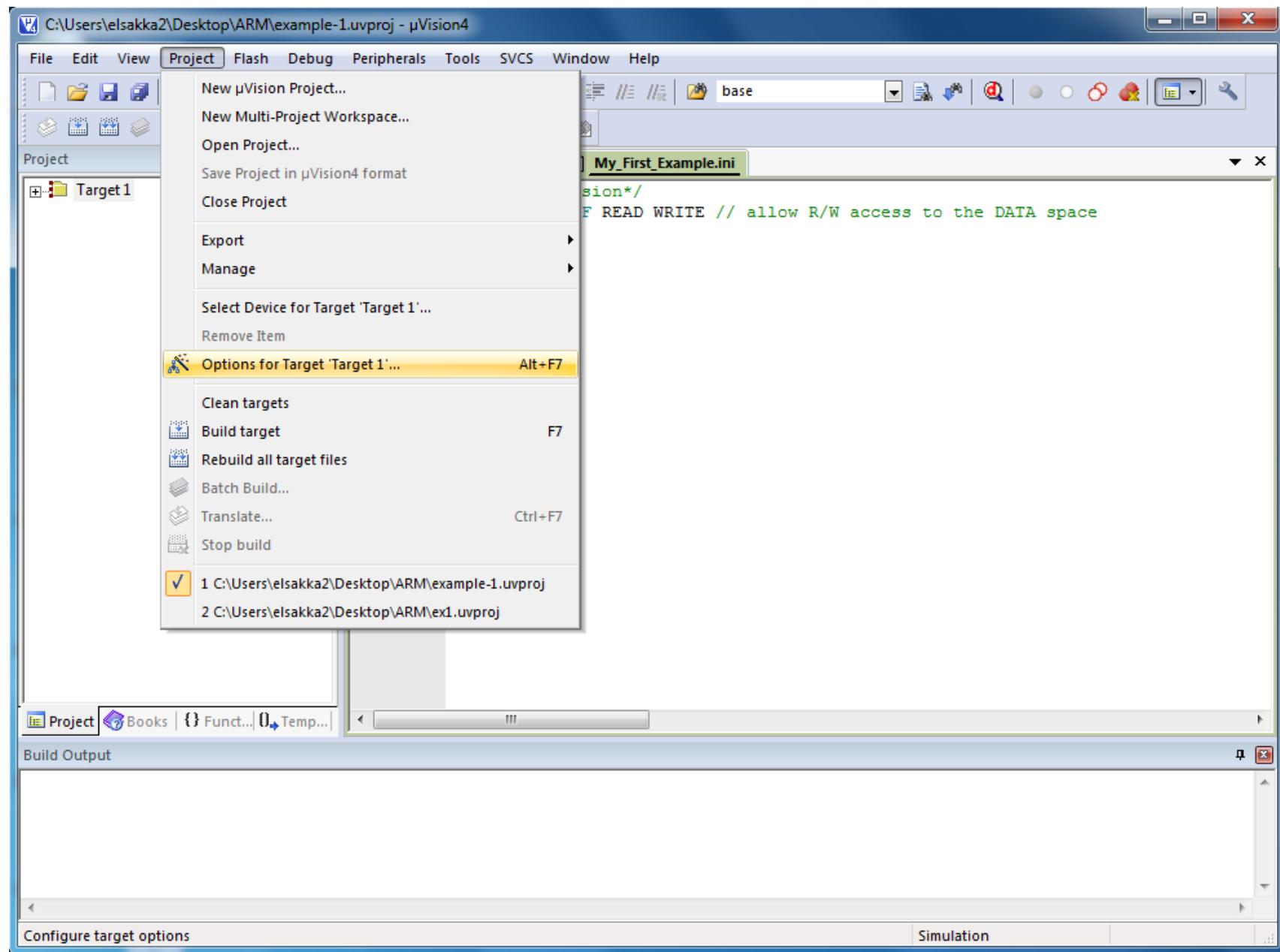
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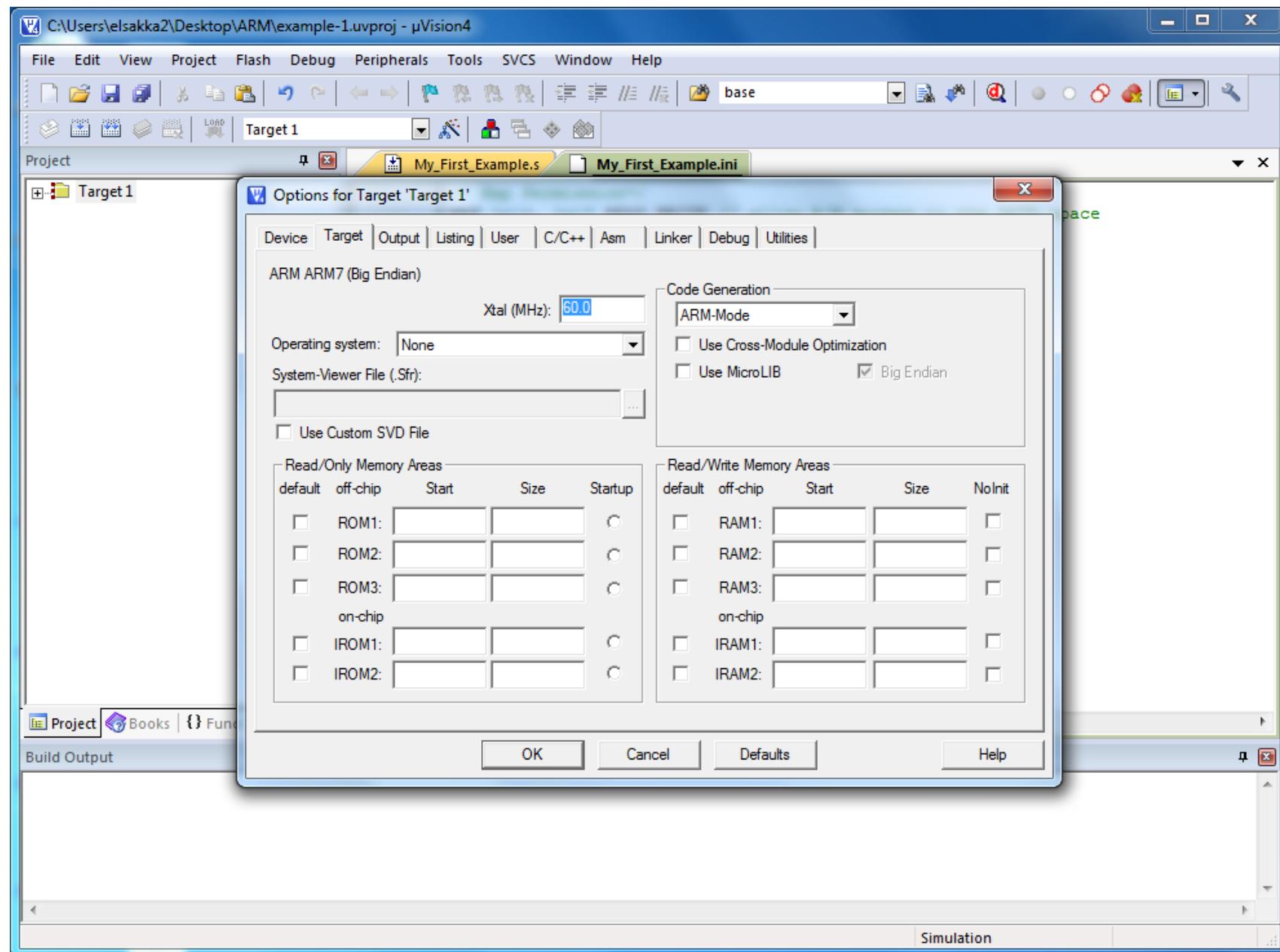
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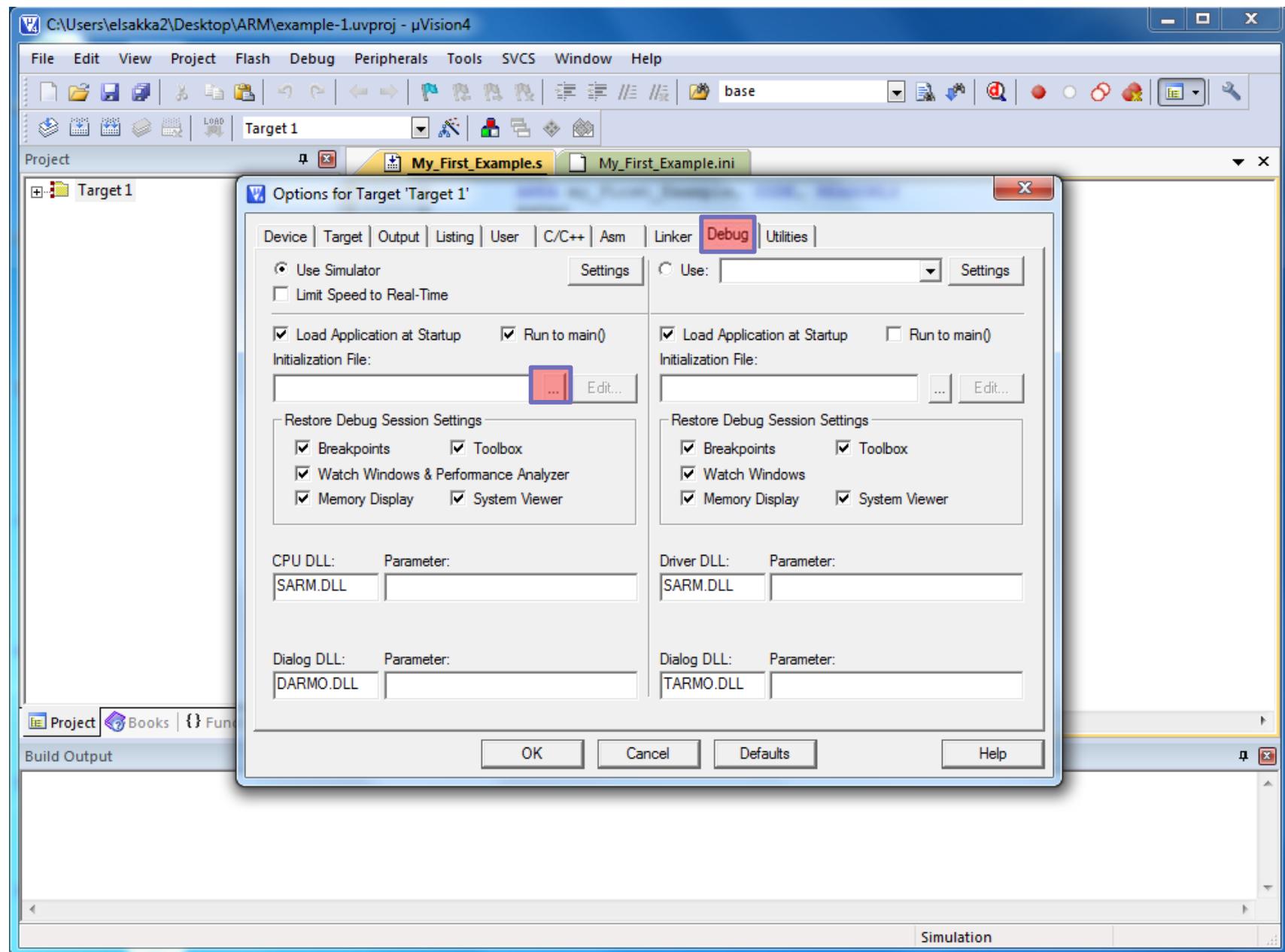
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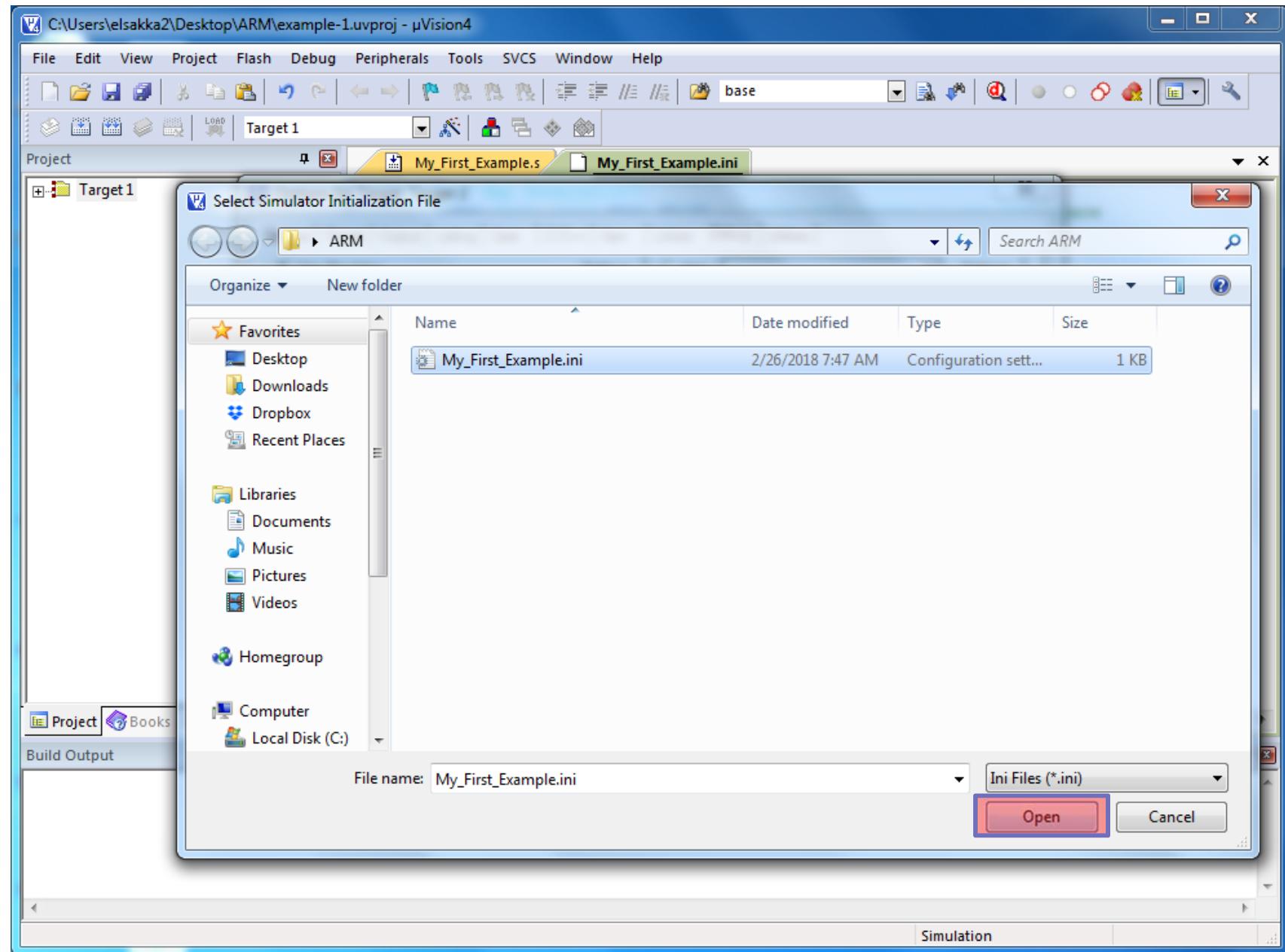
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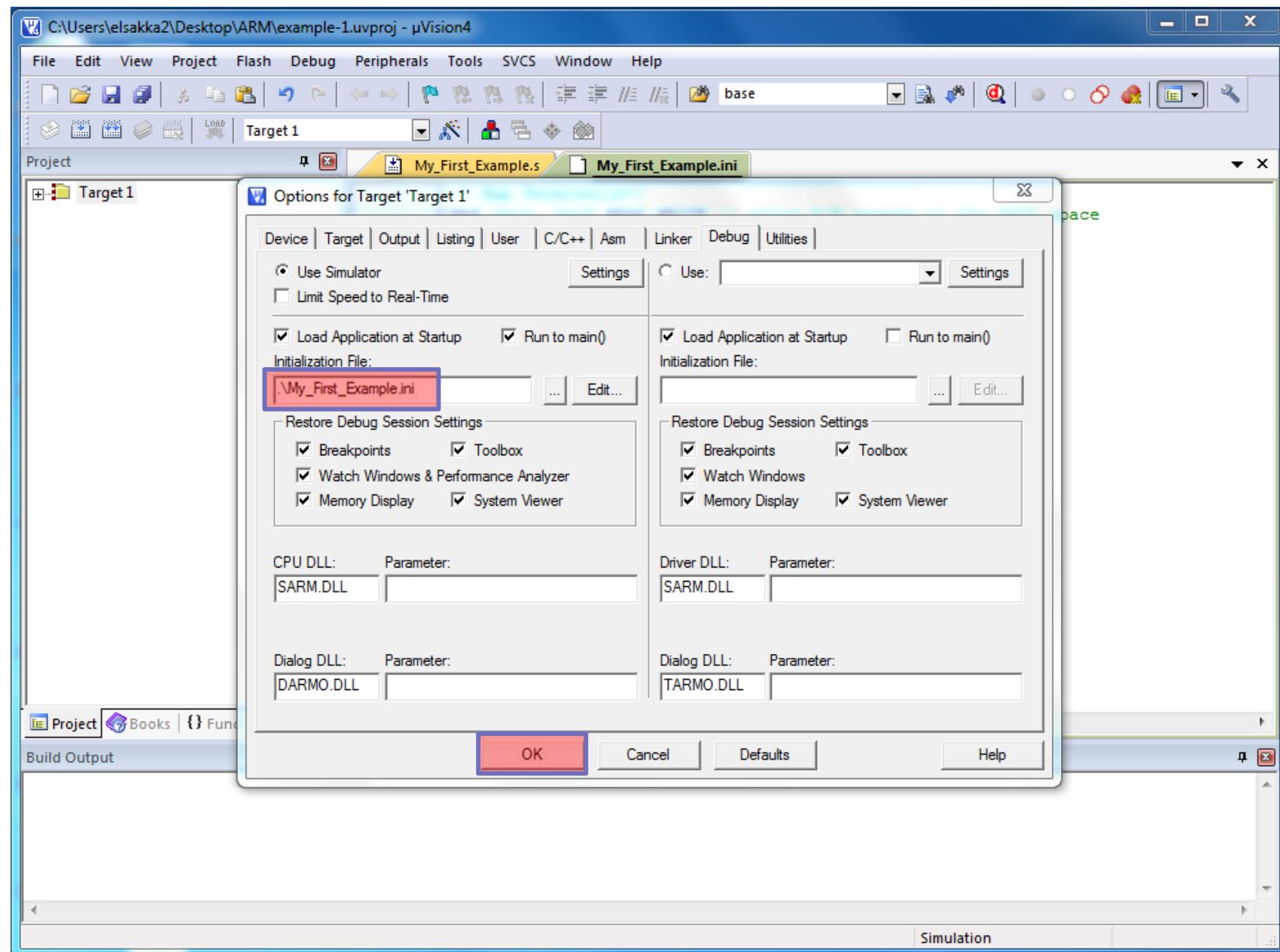
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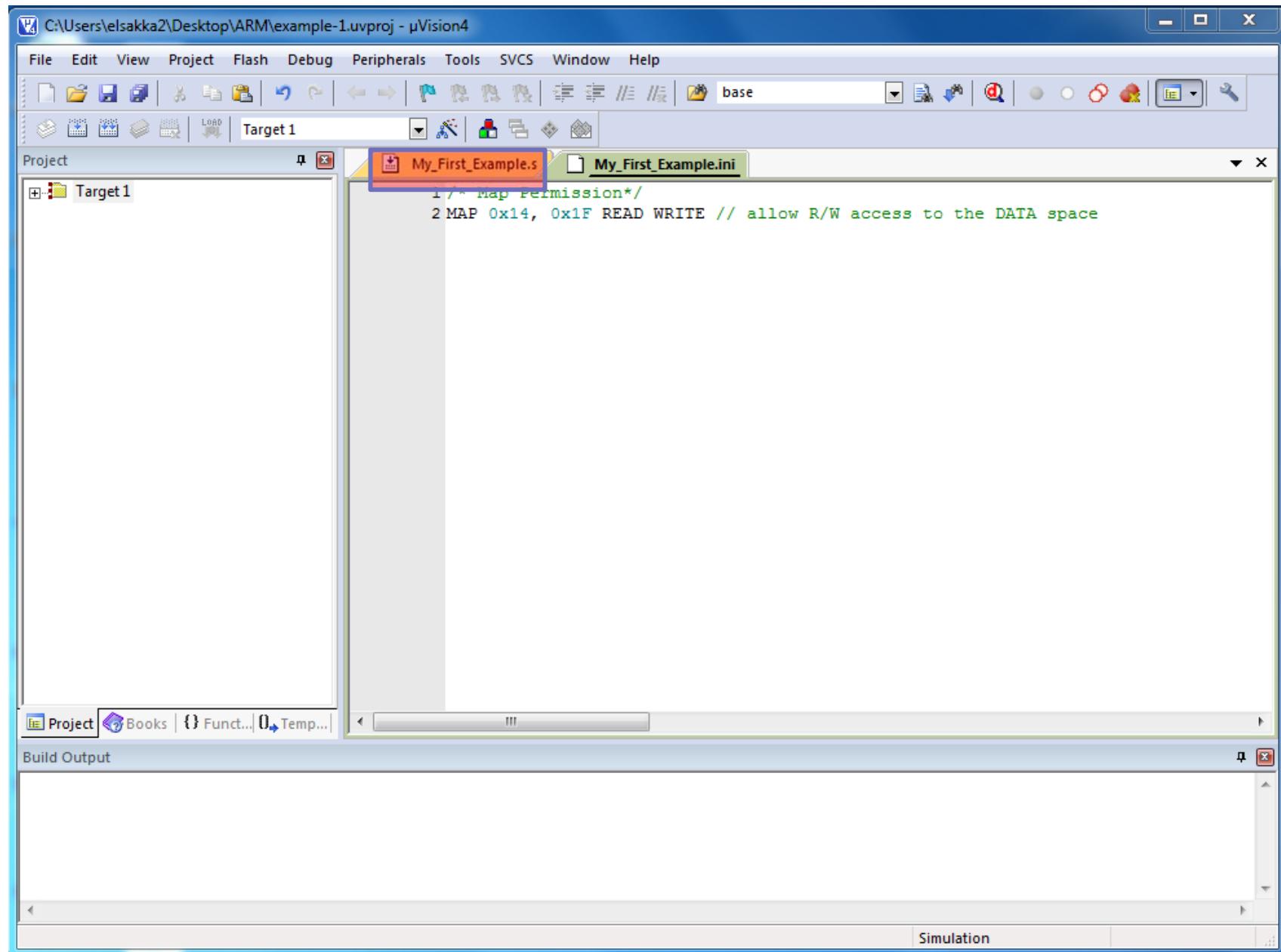
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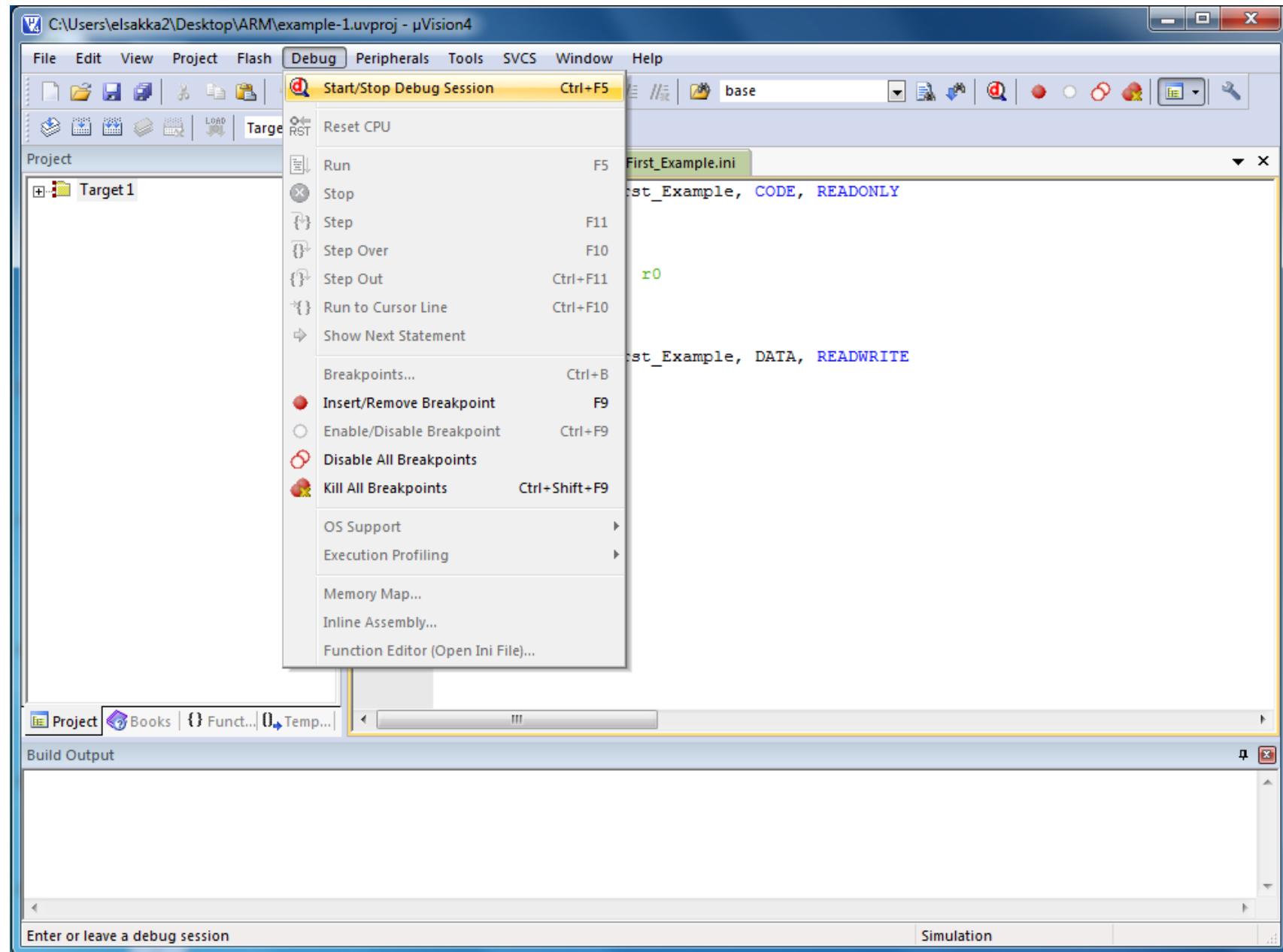
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The screenshot shows the µVision4 IDE interface. The title bar indicates the project is located at C:\Users\elsakka2\Desktop\ARM\example-1.uvproj. The menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Project, Flash, Debug, Peripherals, Tools, SVCS, Window, and Help. The toolbar contains various icons for file operations like Open, Save, and Build. A tab bar shows 'Target 1' and two open files: 'My_First_Example.s' (selected) and 'My_First_Example.ini'. The main code editor displays the following assembly script:

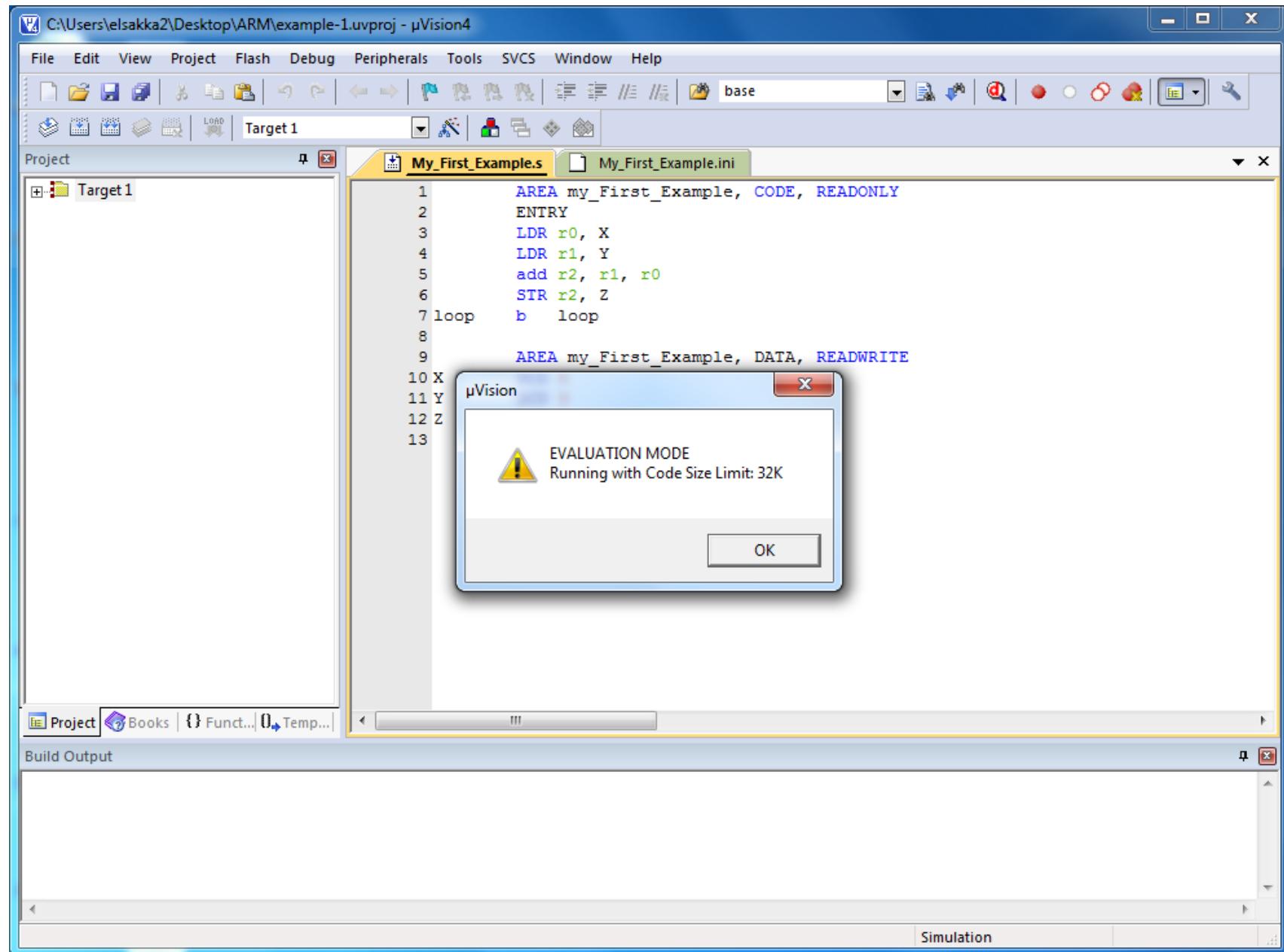
```
1 AREA my_First_Example, CODE, READONLY
2 ENTRY
3 LDR r0, X
4 LDR r1, Y
5 add r2, r1, r0
6 STR r2, Z
7 loop b loop
8
9 AREA my_First_Example, DATA, READWRITE
10 X DCD 5
11 Y DCD 3
12 Z DCD 0
13 END
```

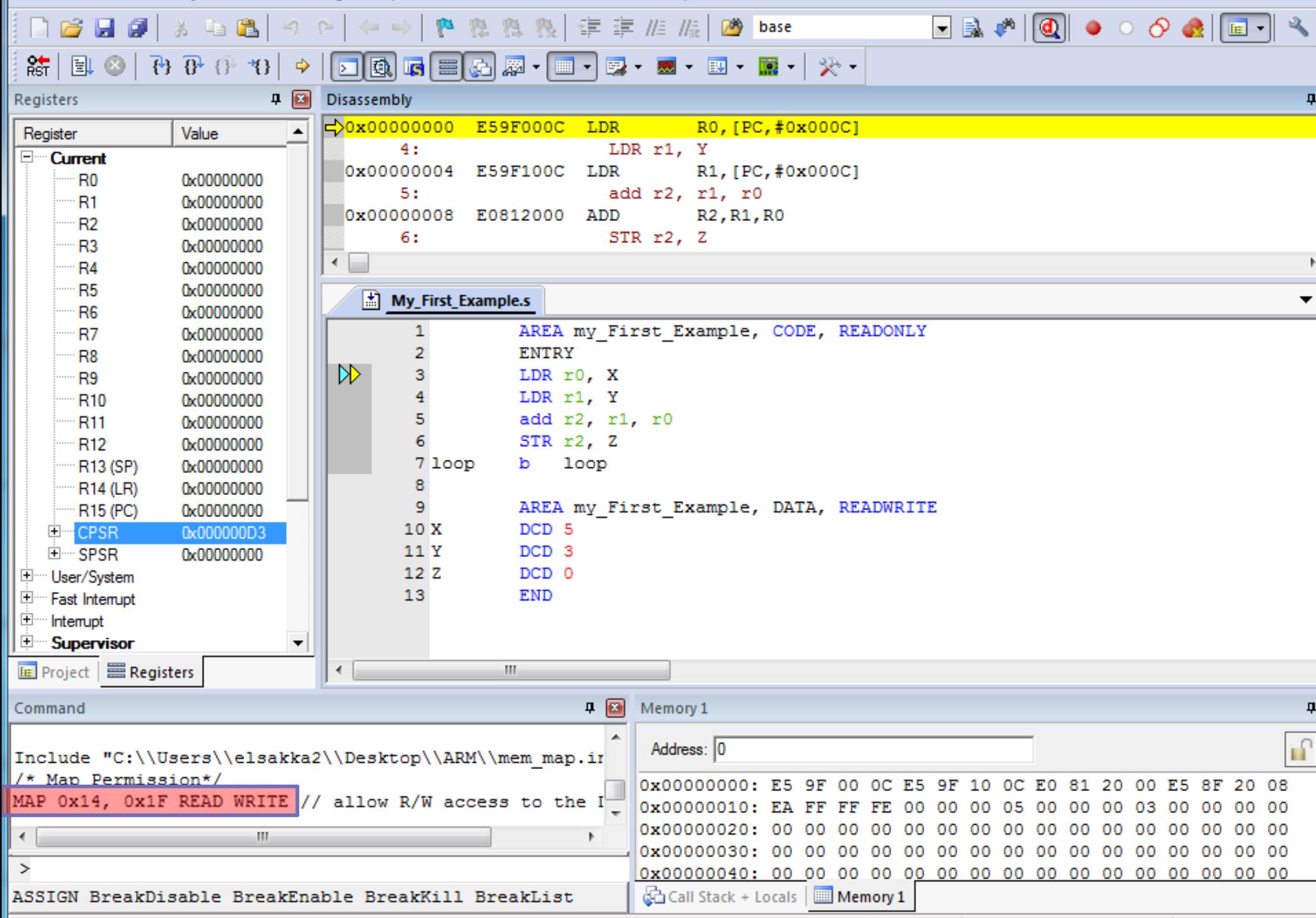
The code editor has a light gray background with syntax highlighting for labels (e.g., 'loop'), instructions (e.g., 'LDR', 'add'), and data (e.g., 'DCD'). Line numbers are on the left. The 'END' directive is highlighted with a green background. Below the code editor are tabs for 'Books', 'Functions', and 'Temp...'. At the bottom of the interface are tabs for 'Build Output' and 'Simulation'.

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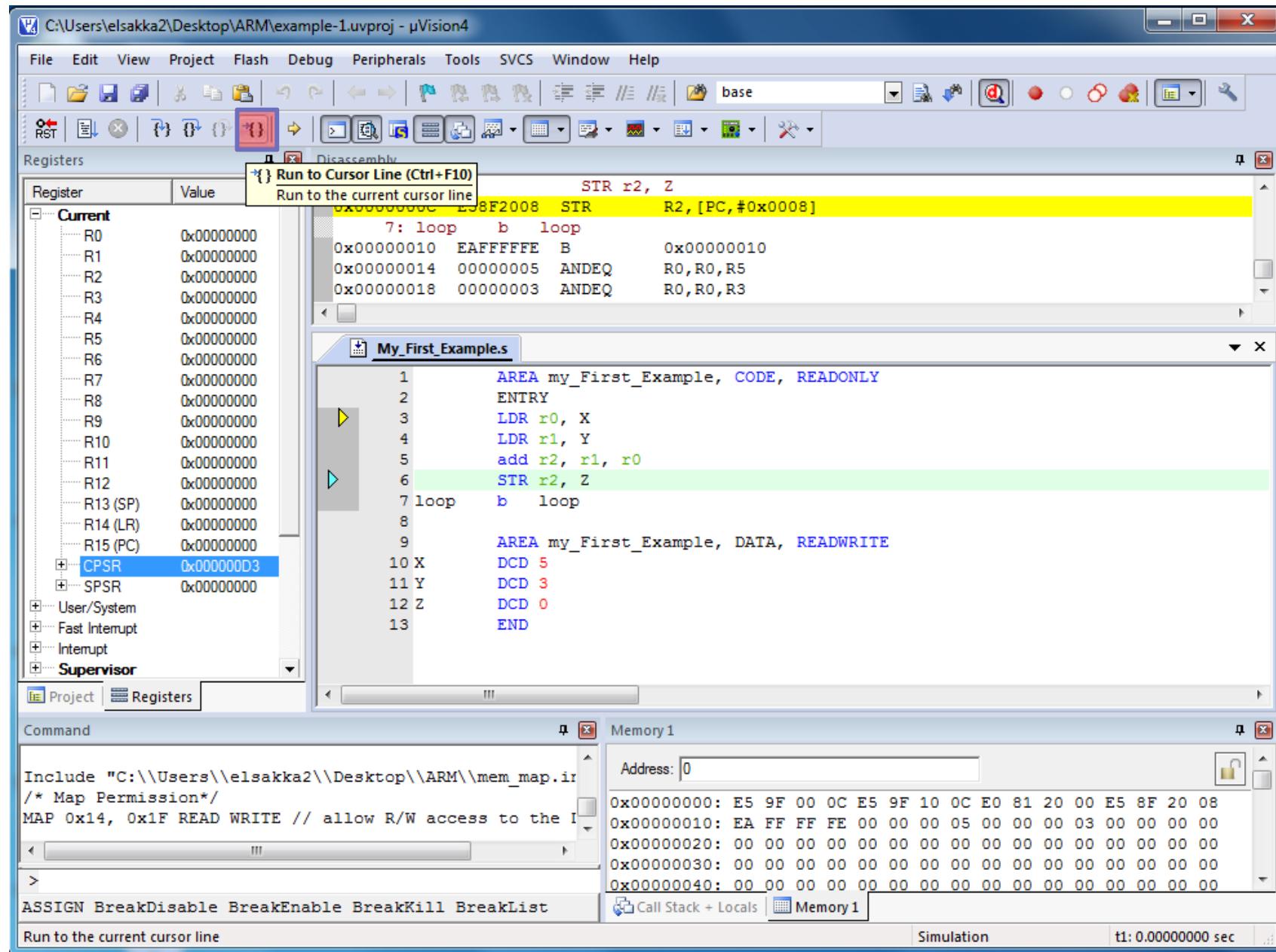


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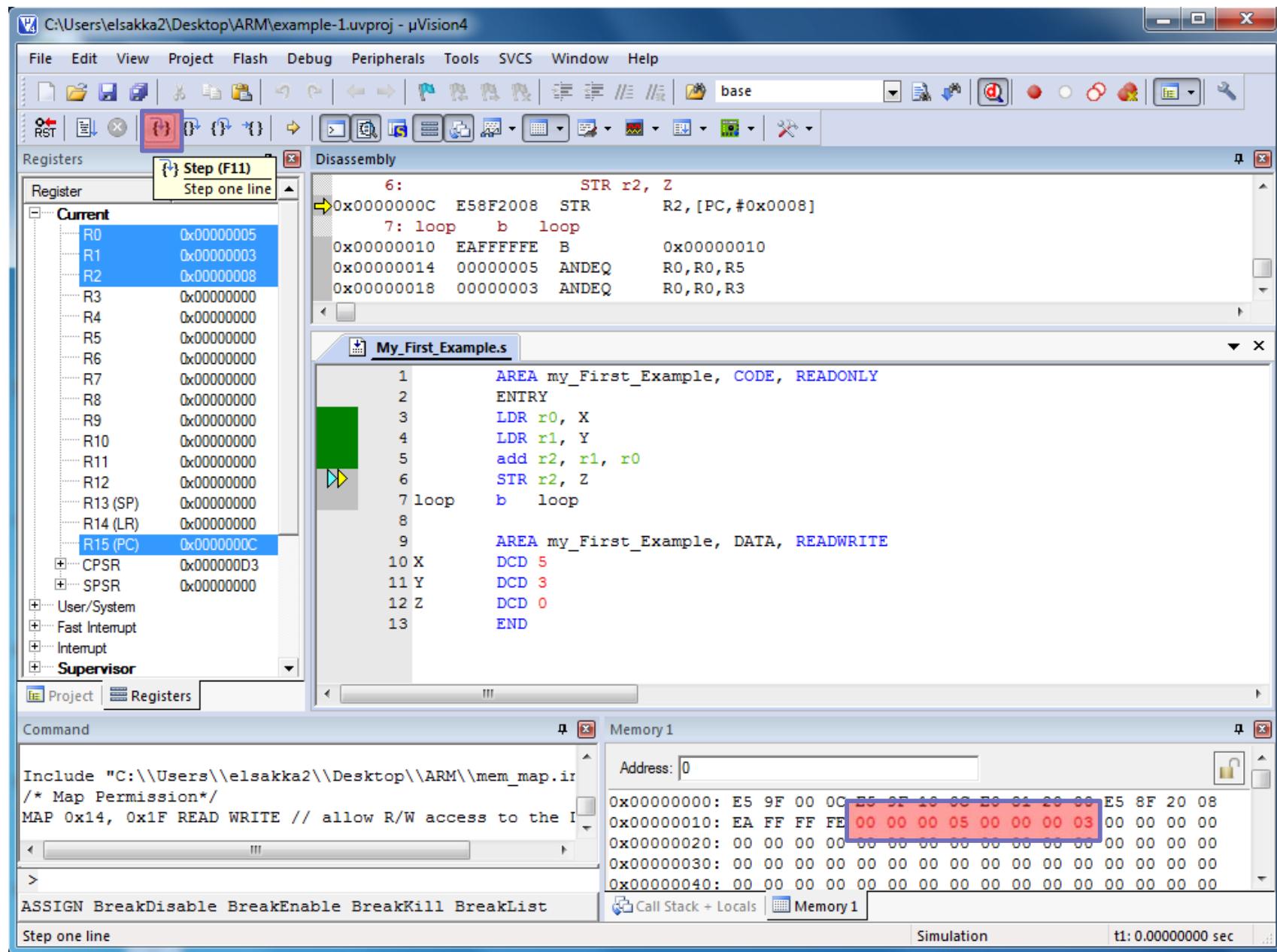




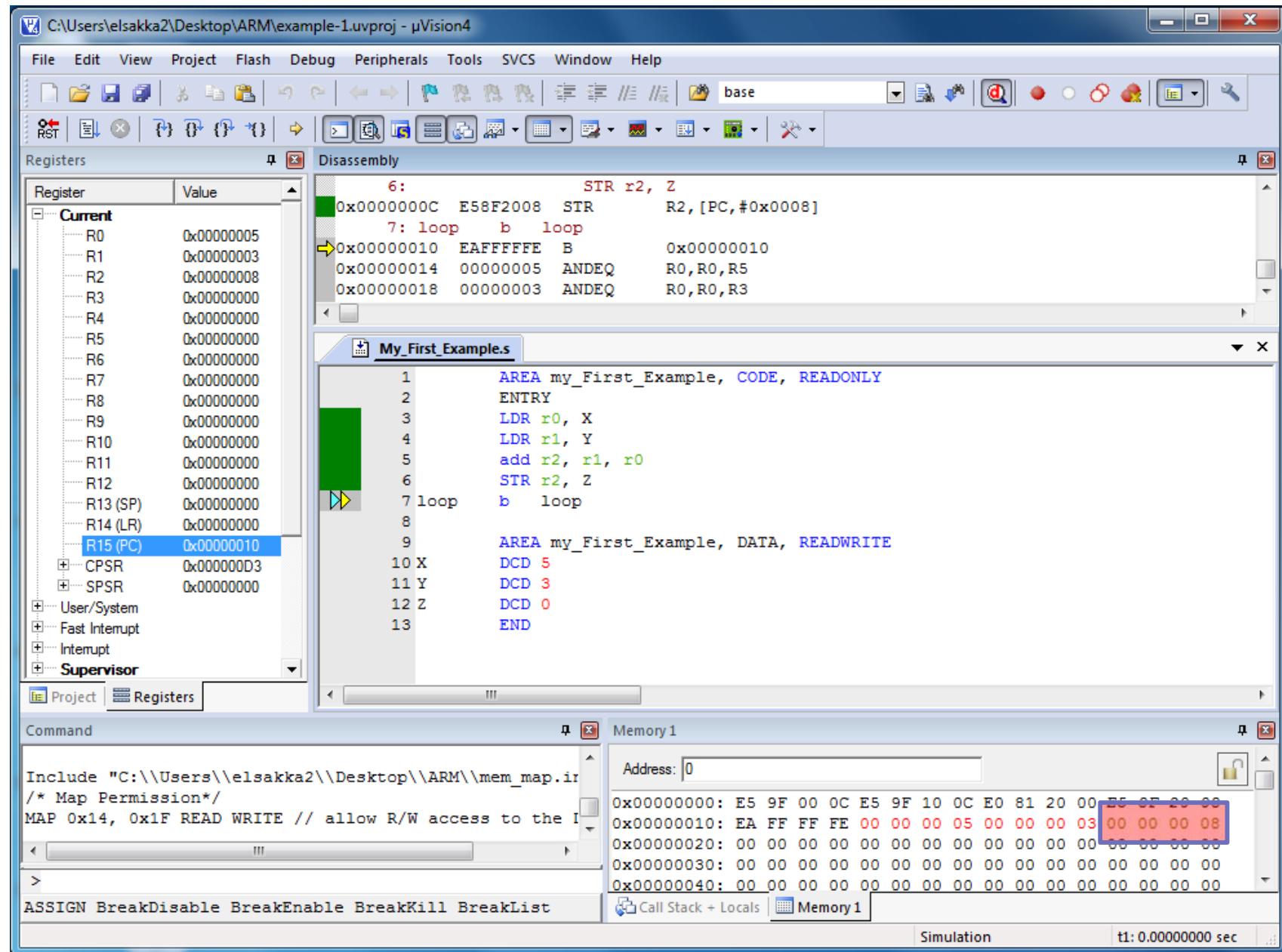
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