

Great Cow BASIC

Index	Issues and Features in the release	Chip Type	Workaround
KI#1	Goto errors a. Avr goto none existent label... still compiles b. Avr gosub unspecified sub Still compiles	AVR	With the full extent of the capabilities of Great Cow BASIC try not to use goto and/or be careful when coding.
KI#2	AVR pins may not be automatically setup to outputs or inputs as expected.	AVR	Set DIRction manually.
KI#4	Parsing of constants creates variables. If you accidentally type a decimal number as 01 instead of 1 the compiler creates a variable "01" rather than treating the field as a numerical constant "1".	AVR & PIC	Always inspect your code for leading Zeros
KI#5	Cannot set function value with the result of function. An example function myfunc i2cstart '.... And other preamble i2crecieve (myfunc) ' does not set myfunc i2cend end function	AVR & PIC	Set results to a variable then return the value. function myfunc i2cstart '.... And other preamble i2crecieve (myvar) ' does not set myfunc i2cend myfunc = myvar end function
KI#6	Functions are not resolved on complex conditional statements but still compiles create bad ASM #chip 16F1847, 32 #config Osc = intOSC, MCLRE_ON, PLLEN_ON while (!((f_one) & (f_two))) end function f_one f_one = true end function function f_two f_two = true end function As the second function is not defined... we should have an error.	PIC, maybe AVR also	Expand all conditional tests to variables or one conditional test per line.
KI#7	A Sub and a Function of the same name may operate as expected	AVR and PIC	Please ensure you place the Function before the Sub
KI#8	Hex file generated may report incorrect file size. Internal structure of the generated hexfiles is good however.	AVR	Please no not worry.
KI#9	The compiler will only enforce things fitting on PIC 12F/16F, where each page must have subroutines carefully allocated to it to fit things in. On AVR or PIC 18F, the code that places subroutines onto program memory pages just dumps everything onto a single page. It doesn't complain about excessively sized programs, because some optimisation is done after that and often drops the size of the code. At the moment the compiler relies on the assembler or programmer to pick up anything that's still too big after optimisation.	PIC	Please watch file size generated.
KI#10	USB functionality not working	AVR and PIC	Supported
KI#11	SD Card functionality not working	AVR and PIC	Supported
KI#12	Two dimensional arrays do not work	AVR and PIC	Use your own methods to create multi-dimension arrays
KI#13	Enumerations do not work	AVR and PIC	Not supported
KI#24	Word search in GCGB does not work	AVR and PIC	Not supported
KI#15	Throwing compiler error condition from user code does not work	AVR and PIC	Not supported
KI#16	Microcontrollers with SFR bit IOSCF5 will not set the chip frequency for the internal oscillator. Internal chip frequency (for these specific microcontrollers) can be set to 8mhz or 4mhz. You MUST set the configuration as follows for the differing	PIC	Include fix in future releases

	<p>frequencies.</p> <p>4mhz = #chip <chipname>, 4 #config IOSCF5 _OFF</p> <p>8mhz = #chip <chipname>, 8 #config IOSCF5 _ON</p>		
KI#17	<p>When using GCASM you may an error - Error: GCASM: Symbol RP0 has not been defined. To resolve please use Great Cow BASIC to generate your ASM then use MPASM to generate your Hex file.</p>	PIC	Include fix in future releases
KI#18	<p>Chips of the type #chip 12F510. May issue warning Warning: Current chip does not have enough common (non-banked) RAM. This is warning and the code may operate as required however to resolve change the use of the wait or time related instructions to remove warning message.</p> <p>The NoBankRAM section in the chip data file refers to the area of microprocessor RAM that can be accessed regardless of which bank is currently selected.</p> <p>Example, the 16F59 does have RAM from 0x0A to 0x1F in bank 0, but only 0x0A to 0x0F can be accessed while another bank is selected. If for example bank 3 is selected, the PIC would be working with addresses between 0x60 and 0x7F. Accessing 0x6A to 0x6F would map back to 0x0A to 0x0F, but accessing 0x70 would access location 0x70 (not 0x10).</p>	PIC	Include fix in future releases
KI#19	<p>You cannot define a label within a macro. Defining a macro within a macro will cause the compiler to hang.</p>	AVR and PIC	Do not do this. Very, very bad practice.