

Purpose

The purpose of this exercise is to have "Hands On" the "STK500 Starter kit" and the AVR Studio 5 assembler + C compiler. It's important to put focus on the development tools – and less important to understand the program examples used in the exercise.

Material

- STK500 starter kit + power supply + USB/RS232 converter (unless your PC has a serial COM-port).
- STK500 users guide (AMS Campusnet file sharing).

The exercise

In this exercise we will:

- Install AVR Studio 5.
- Mount the microcontroller Mega32 at the STK500 board.
- Mount various cables at the STK500 and connect to the PC.
- At the PC: Start and prepare AVR Studio 5.
- Create an AVR Studio ASSEMBLY project.
- Write a simple assembly program.
- Build (assemble) the project.
- Download the program to STK500.
- Test the program.
- Modify the program and test the changes.
- Create an AVR Studio AVR GCC project.
- Write a simple C program.
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Follow the step-by-step guidance (next pages).

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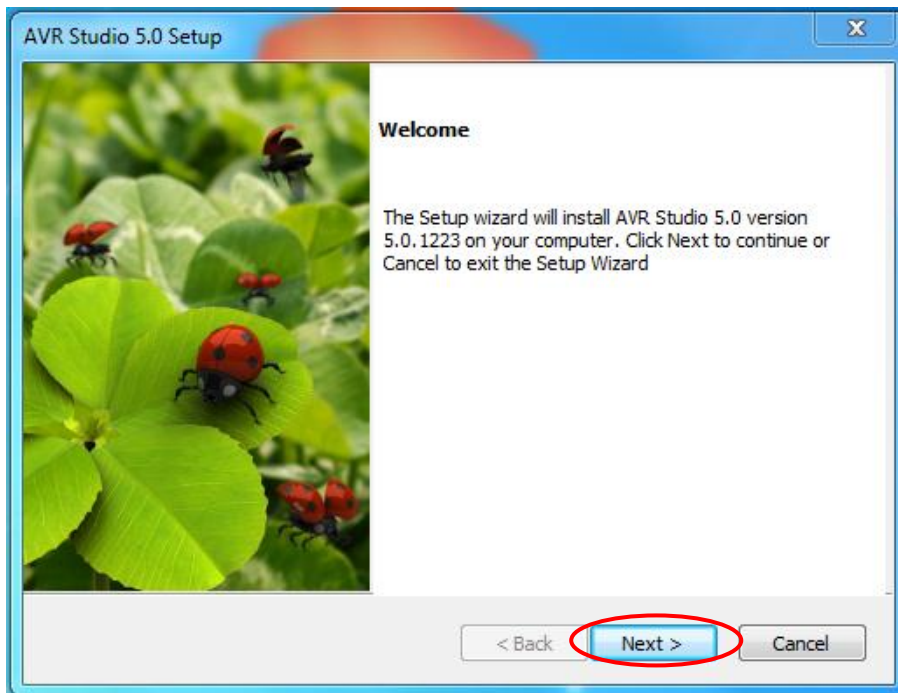
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Step 1: Install AVR Studio 5

Check out to see, if your PC allready has AVR Studio 5 installed.

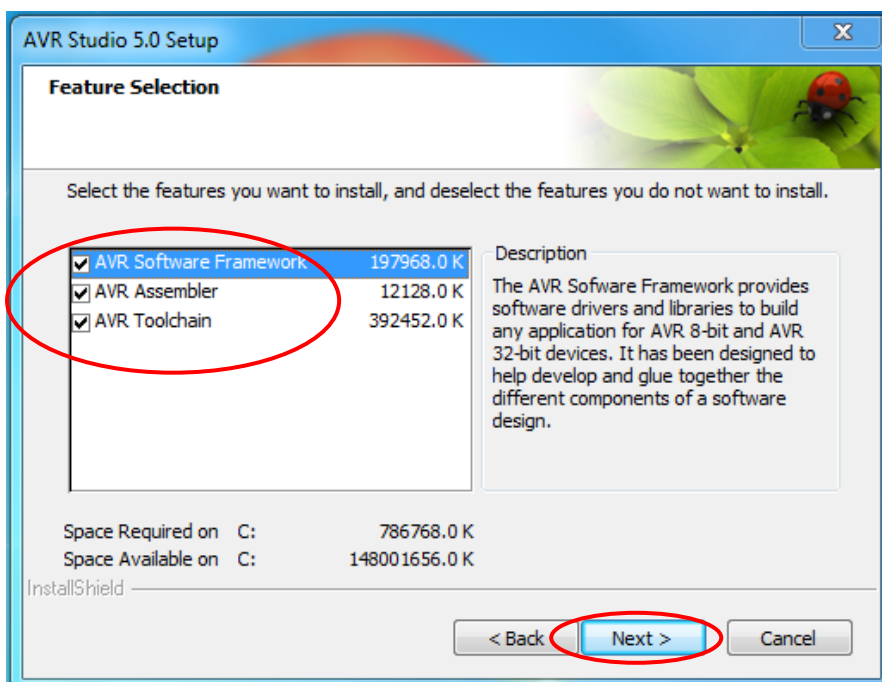
If this is not the case, AVR Studio 5 has to be installed.

Run the setup file "as5installer-5.0.1223-full.exe" to be found at AMS Campusnet file sharing (the "AVR Studio" folder):



Click "Next" all through the installation.

Accept the licens terms and mark all 3 items at this window:



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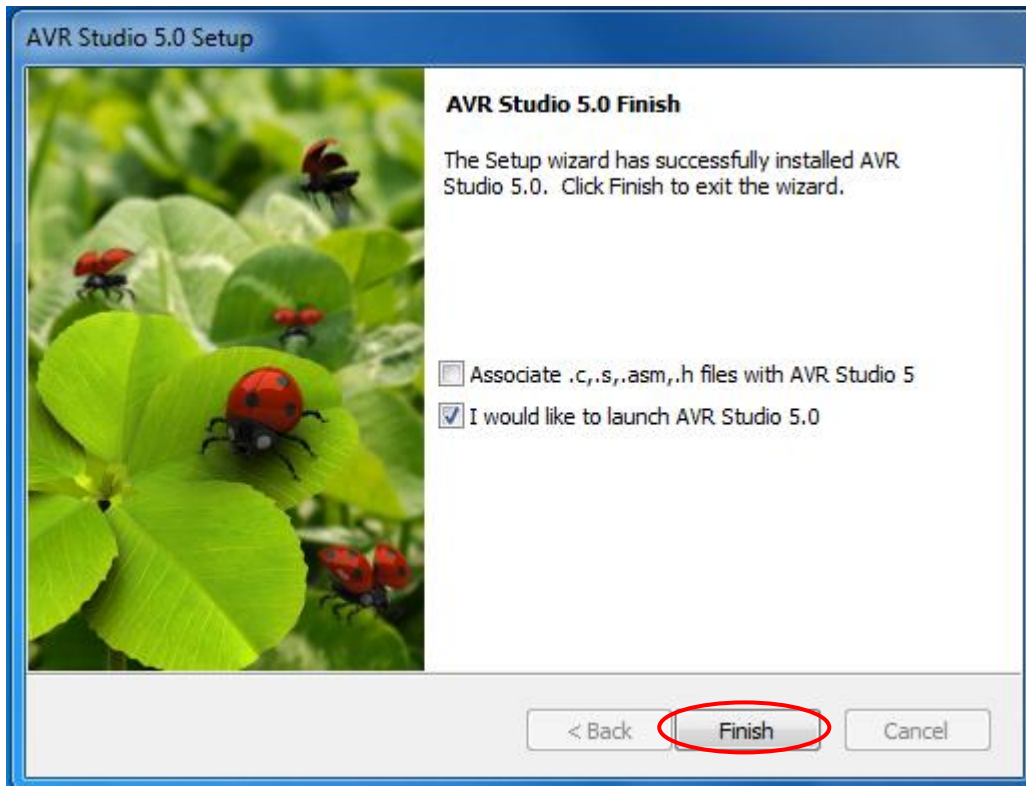
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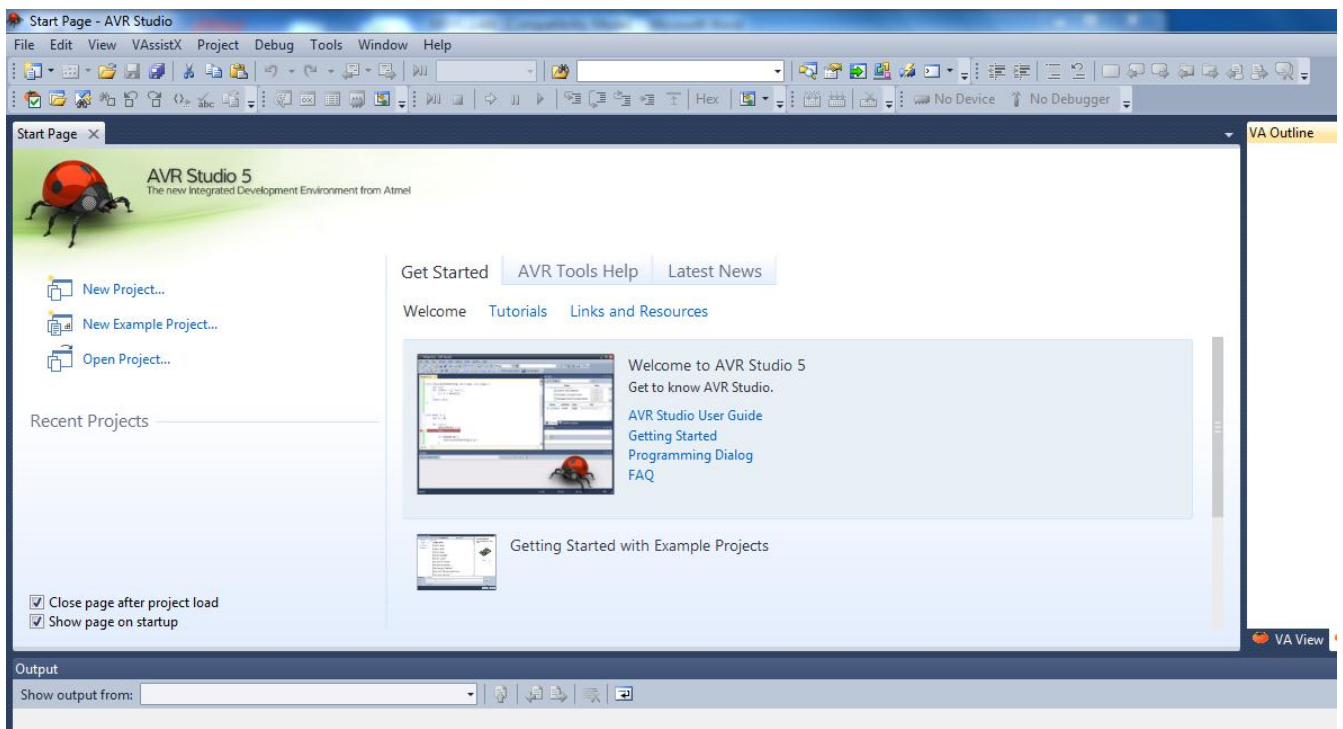
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While waiting for the installation to end, carry out steps 2 to 4 (the following pages).

Click "Finish", when this window shows up:



This will cause AVR Studio 5 to start:



Step 2: Exchange the microcontroller to a Mega32

For all exercises in this course we will use the microcontroller ATMega32 that comes as an extra device within the STK500 package (if bought at the IHA book store).



The STK500 kit is factory delivered with another (outdated) microcontroller (typically a Mega8515 or a 90S8515).

Since only one microcontroller is allowed to be mounted at a time, we have to dismount the original controller chip. Since it is very tight fit in the socket, it might be necessary to use a special tool for the removal (eventually ask the teacher for a little help).

Then mount the Mega32 controller at the STK500 board (OBS: In the socket marked "SCKT3100A3", not being the same socket used for the original controller chip).
Mega32 has to be mounted as shown below.

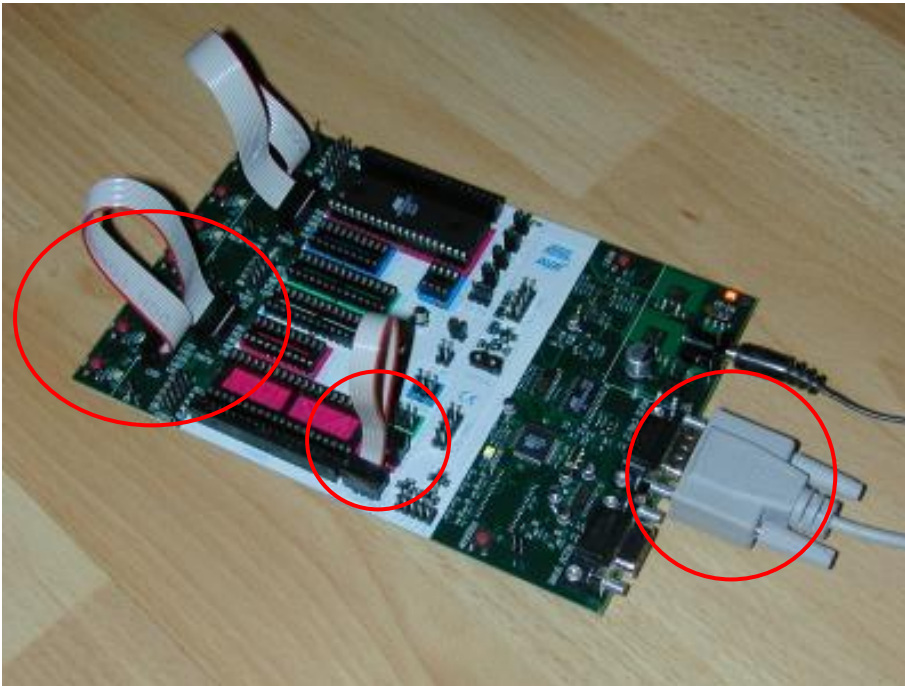
Be careful to orientate it properly, and take care not to damage the chip pins.



Step 3: Mount the relevant cables

To be able to download programs to the microcontroller, you will have to mount a 6-wire cable between the connectors "ISP6PIN" and "SPROG3" (see the figure).

In this exercise we will connect the LEDs to the PORTB pins.
Therefore also mount a 10-wire cable as shown at the figure ("PORTB" til "LEDS").
You don't have to mount the third cable shown at the figure.
Be aware not to mount the cable "twisted".

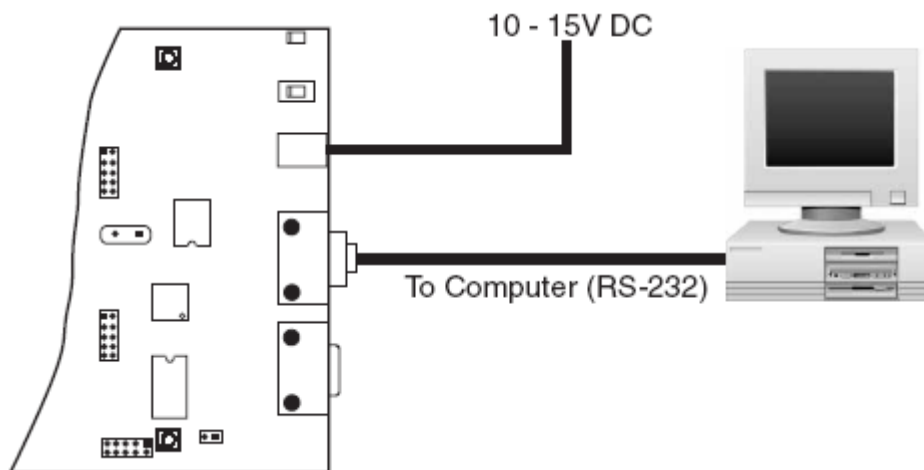


All the cables come with the kit (plastic bag).

Step 4: Connect to PC and power supply

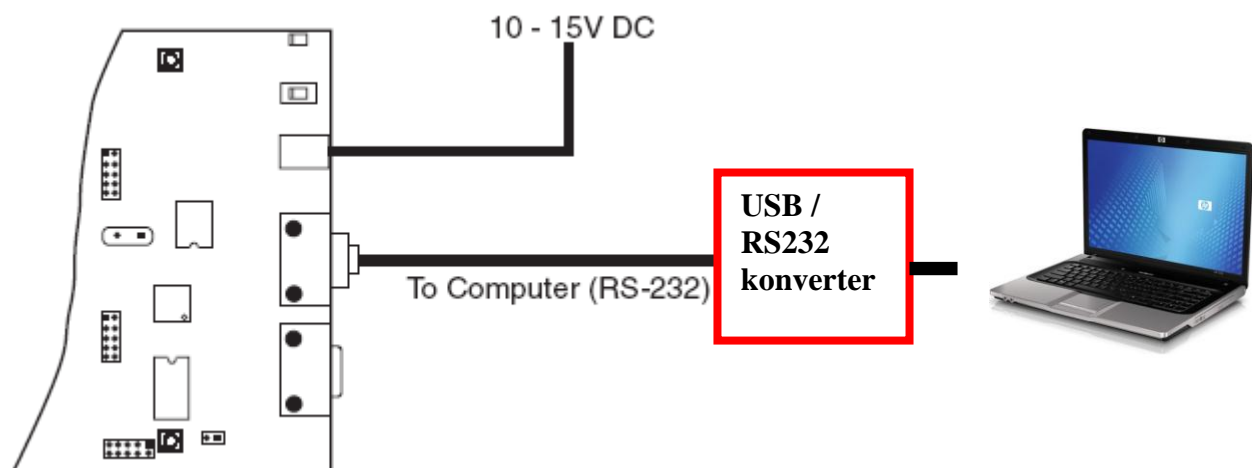
If your PC has a serial port (a COM port), unfortunately not being the fact in most cases for a modern laptop computer:

- Connect the STK500 to the PC COM port using the serial cable and apply power (10-15 volts, minimum 500 mA).
- Switch on the STK500 (power button).



If your PC has no COM port (the most likely):

- Connect the STK500 to a USB/RS232 converter using the serial cable. Connect the USB/RS232 converter to the PC (an arbitrary USB connector).
- Normally there will delivered a driver on a CD when you buy the USB/RS232 converter. This driver has to be installed on the PC before you can use the converter.
Install the driver, if your PC demands it.
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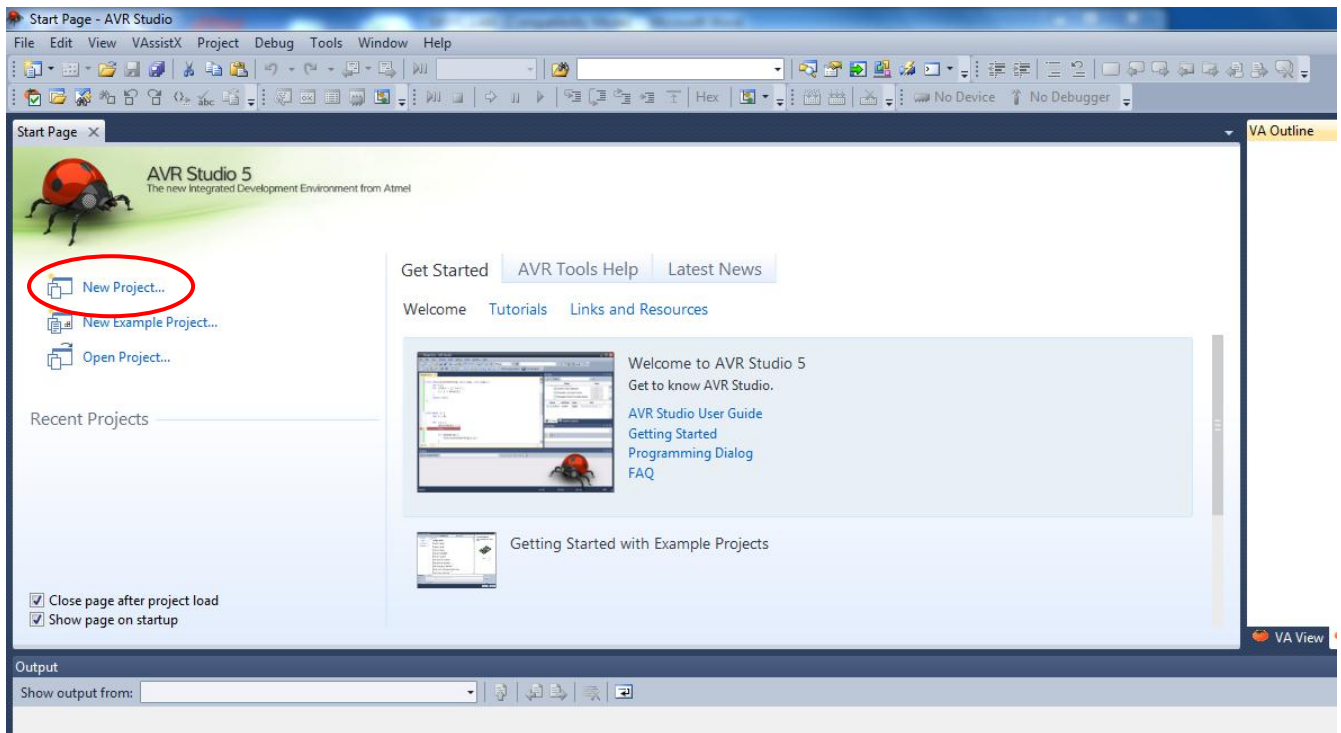
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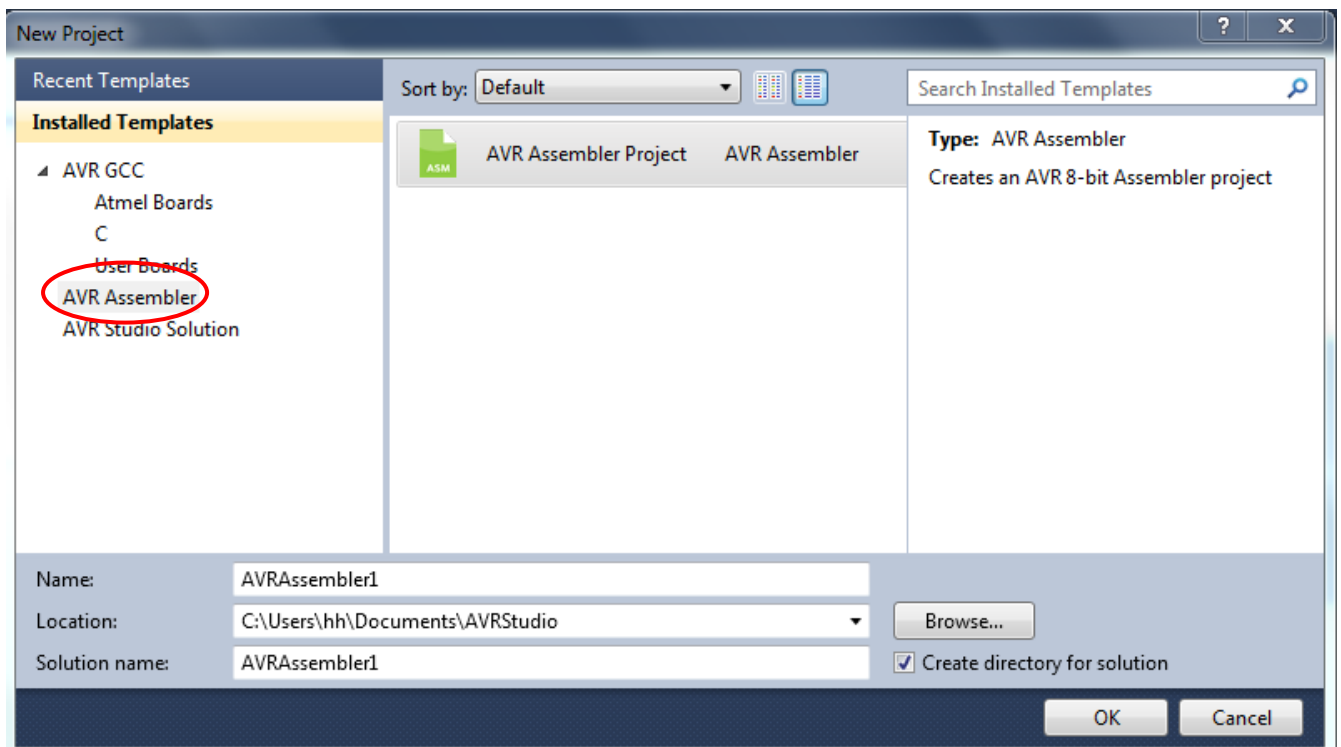
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Step 5: Start AVR Studio and create a new ASSEMBLY project

When AVR Studio starts up, this window is shown:



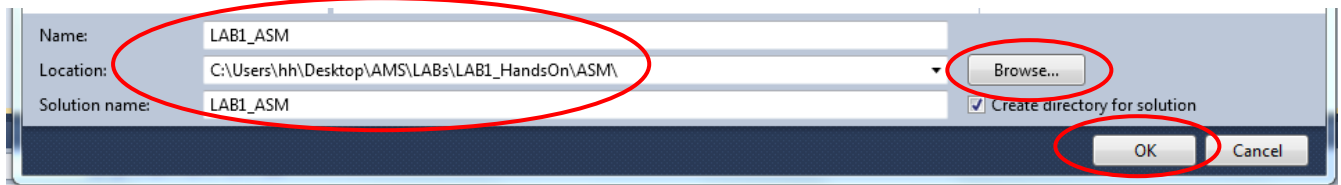
Click "New Project" and then click "ASM Assembler" (to the left):



Step 6: Configure the project

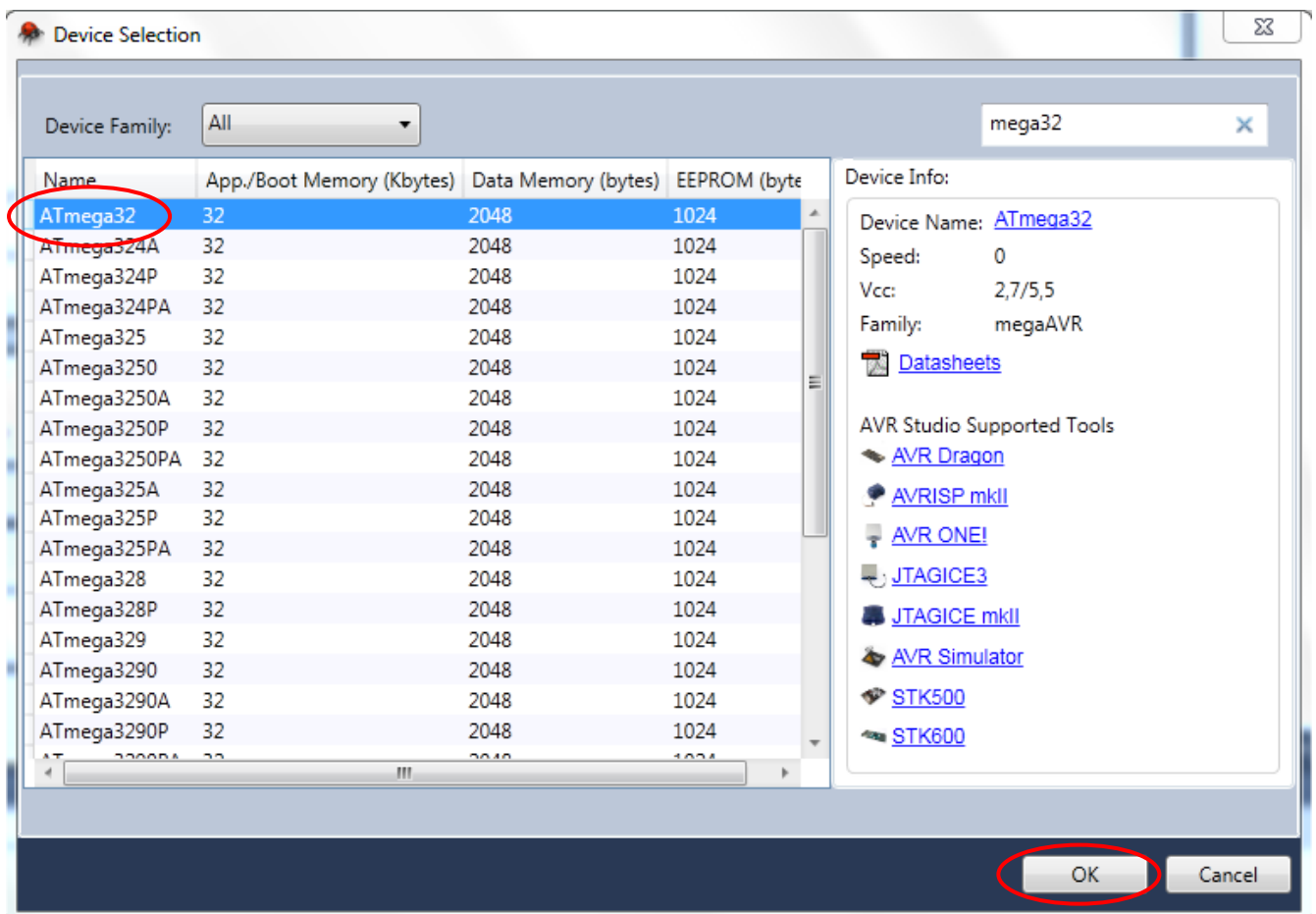
In the fields for "Name" and "Solution Name" write "**LAB1_ASM**".

For the field "**Location**" browse to the folder you want the project files to be stored.



Click "OK".

Now a dialog box appears, telling you to mark what "Device" (e.g. Microcontroller) to use.
In this case select "**ATmega32**".



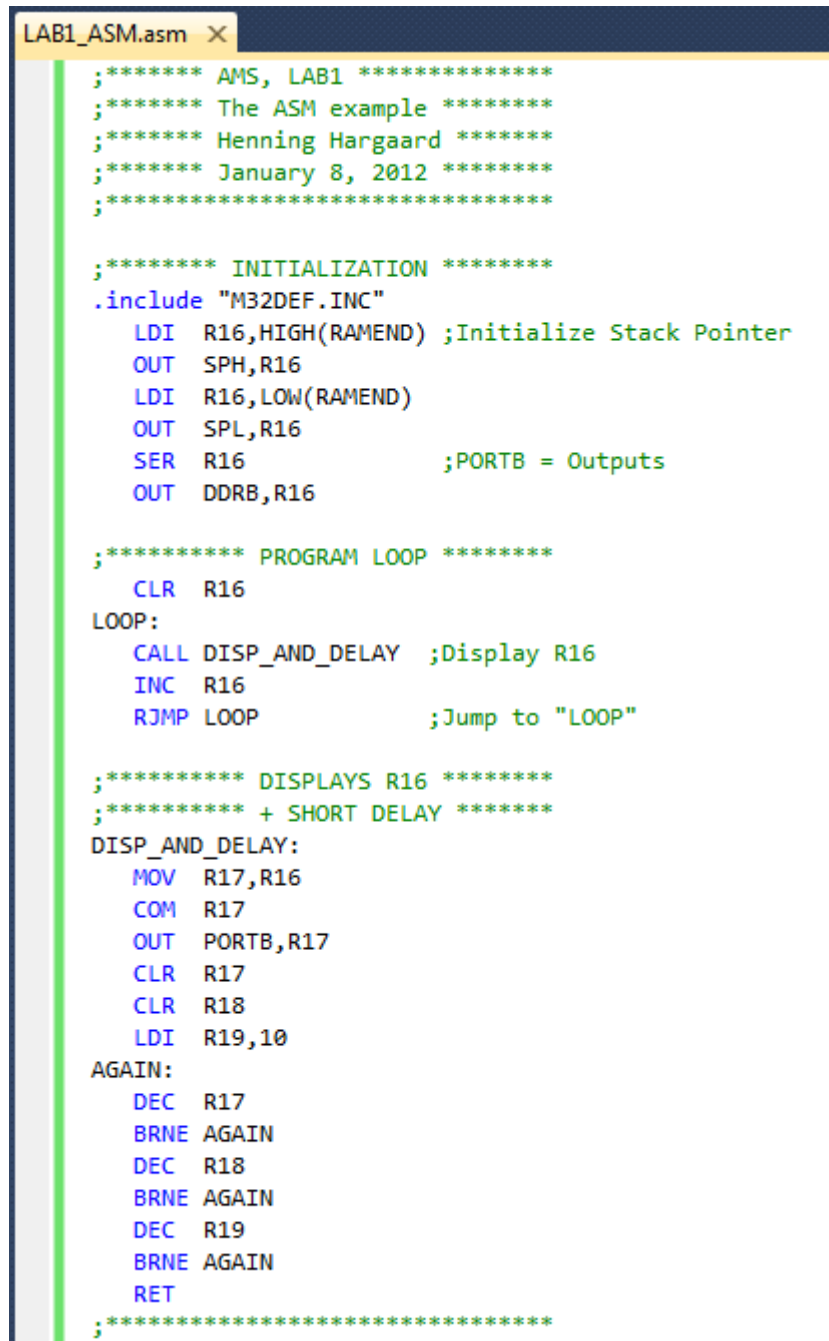
Click "OK".

The project will be created in the folder, you selected.
The editor will open, enabling us to white our assembly program.

Step 7: Write the assembly program

At the AMS Campusnet (LAB1 folder) you will find the simple assembly program, which we are going to use.

You can write this in the editor window "LAB1_ASM.asm" – or simply copy-paste from the file (called "LAB1_ASM.txt" at the Campusnet).



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;***** The ASM example *****
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;***** INITIALIZATION *****
.include "M32DEF.INC"
    LDI R16,HIGH(RAMEND) ;Initialize Stack Pointer
    OUT SPH,R16
    LDI R16,LOW(RAMEND)
    OUT SPL,R16
    SER R16              ;PORTB = Outputs
    OUT DDRB,R16

;***** PROGRAM LOOP *****
    CLR R16
LOOP:
    CALL DISP_AND_DELAY ;Display R16
    INC R16
    RJMP LOOP           ;Jump to "LOOP"

;***** DISPLAYS R16 *****
;***** + SHORT DELAY *****
DISP_AND_DELAY:
    MOV R17,R16
    COM R17
    OUT PORTB,R17
    CLR R17
    CLR R18
    LDI R19,10
AGAIN:
    DEC R17
    BRNE AGAIN
    DEC R18
    BRNE AGAIN
    DEC R19
    BRNE AGAIN
    RET
;*****
```

Notice the automatic "syntax highlighting", e.g. the reserved words gets special colors, making the code better readable.

The program initializes the stack pointer and configures PORTB as output pins.

Then in an infinite loop register R16 is incremented and displayed at PORTB (followed by some delay). Study the code to understand how it works.

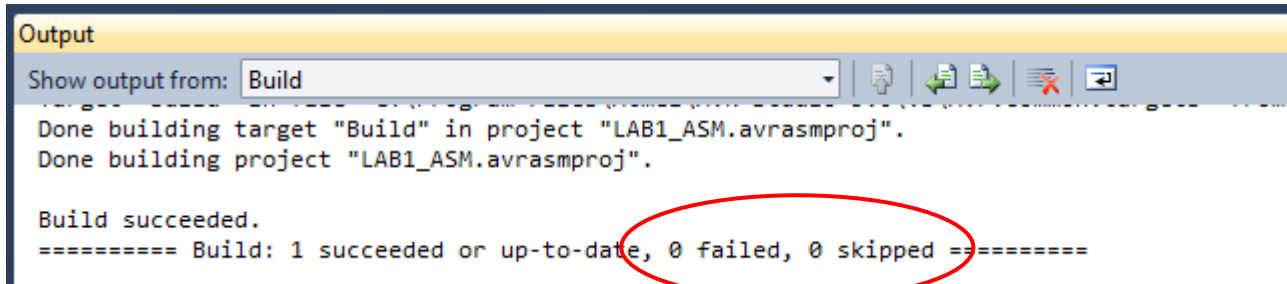
Select "File" -> "Save" to save "LAB1_ASM.asm".

Step 8: Assemble (Build)

Select "Build" -> "Build Solution" or simply press **F7**.

Now the program will be compiled (creating a hex file ready for STK500 download).

If there are no errors, the Output window will appear like this:

The screenshot shows the 'Output' window in AVR Studio 5. The title bar is yellow and says 'Output'. Below it is a toolbar with icons for showing/hiding output, copying, pasting, and other functions. The main text area shows the following output:

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Show output from: Build
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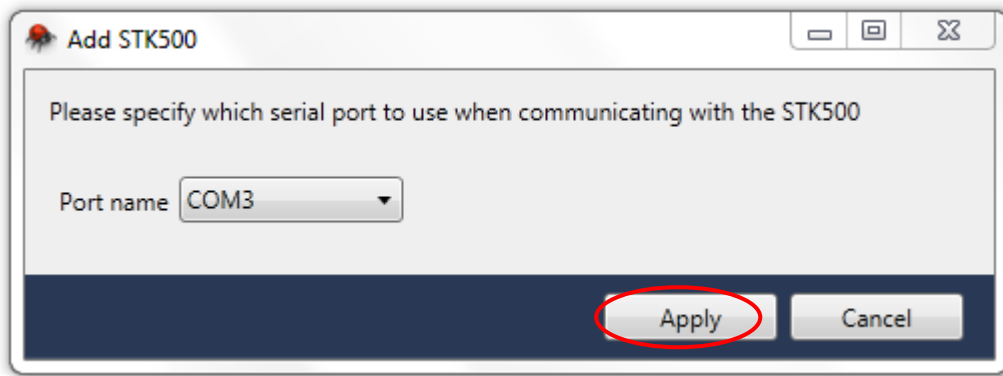
Build succeeded.
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The last line of the output, '===== Build: 1 succeeded or up-to-date, 0 failed, 0 skipped =====', is circled in red.

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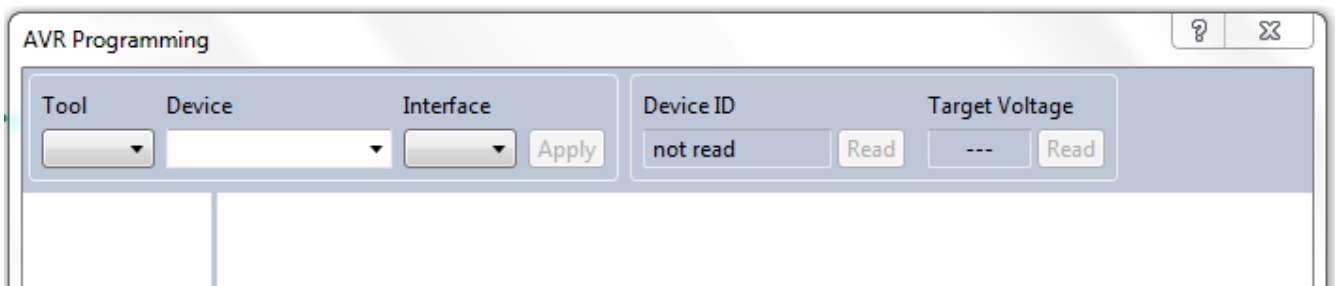
Step 9: Connect to STK500 and download the program

Having STK500 connected to your PC (refer to step 4), select "Tools" -> "Add STK500".

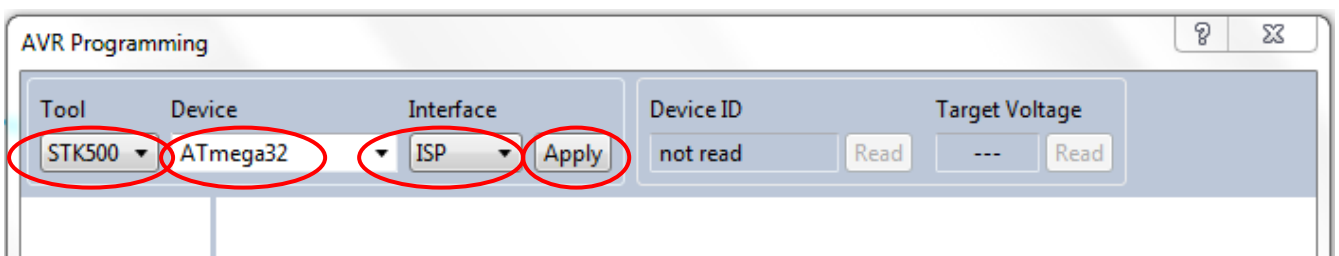


"Port Name" is the COM port connected to the STK500 kit (eventually use "Device Manager" to determine the COM port number used by your USB/serial adaptor). Click "Apply".

Select "Tools" -> "AVR Programming":

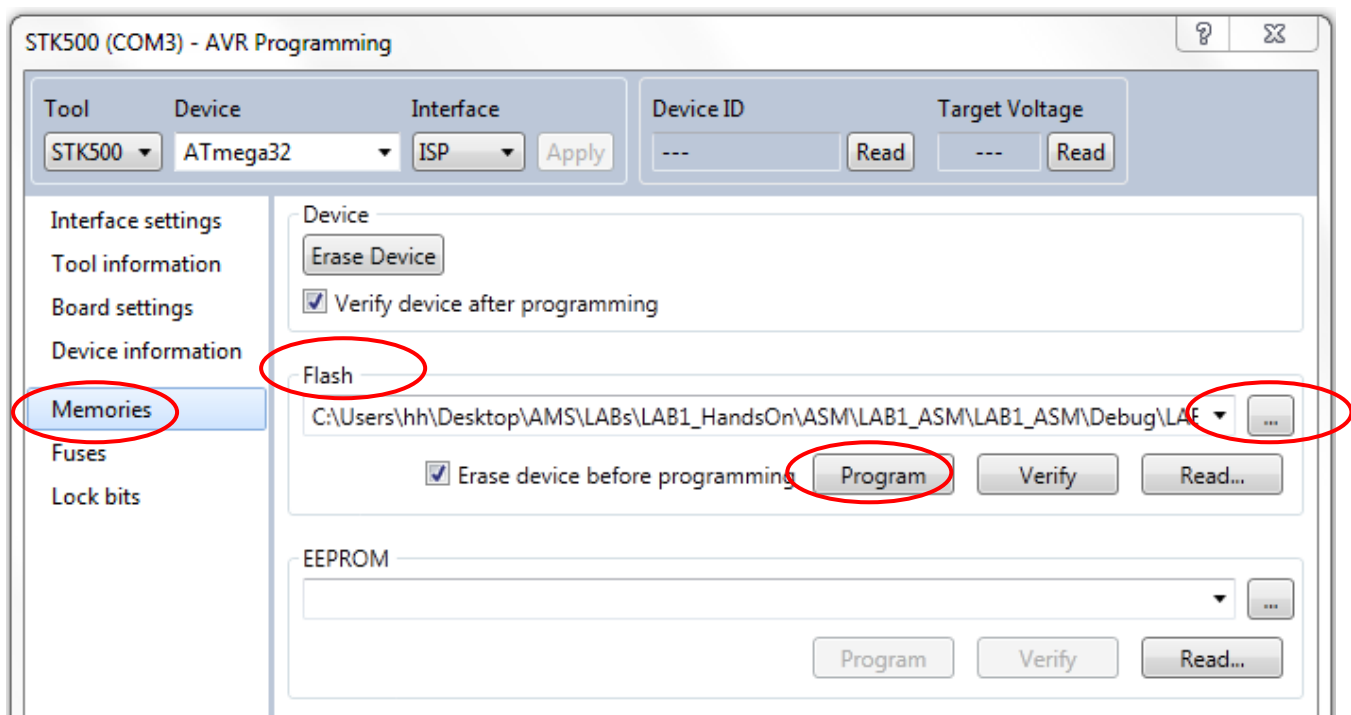


Now set "Tool" to "STK500" and "Device" to "ATmega32". "Interface" must be "ISP":



Click "Apply" and then click at "Memories" (to the left at the window).

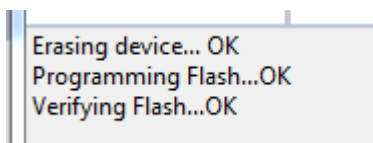
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In the "Flash" field: Browse to the "HEX file" to be downloaded (the HEX file will contain the machine codes of our program). After browsing, double click at "LAB1_ASM.HEX". The file will normally be located in the folder named "Debug".

Then click "**Program**" (NOTICE: In the "Flash" field).

Now the program will be downloaded to the microcontroller at the STK500 (and the program automatically starts up):



Close the window "AVR Programming".

Step 10: Test the program

Study the STK500 LEDs and test that the program behavior is as expected!

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Step 11: Make changes to the program

When you have a good understanding of how the program functions, try doing minor changes to the program. Recompile ("Build") the program, download the code ("Tools" -> "AVR Programming") and test the changes.

End up by closing the assembly project: "File" -> "Close Solution".

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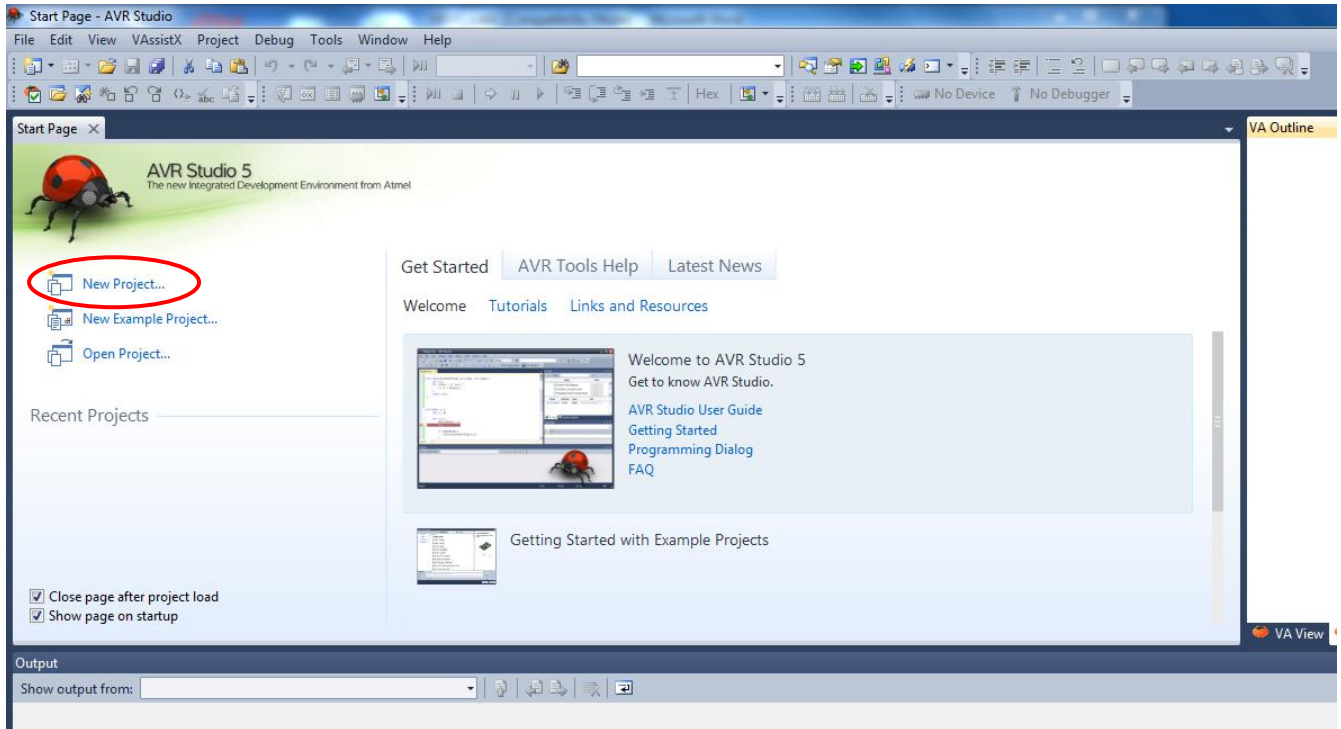
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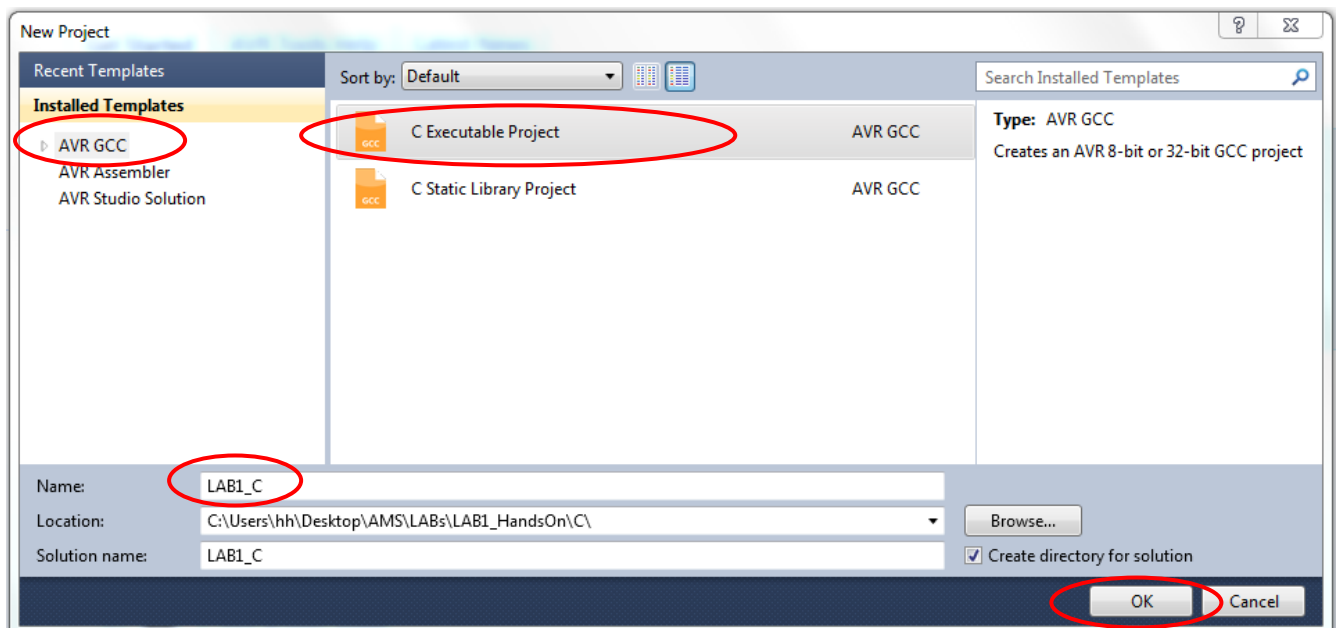
Step 12: Start AVR Studio and create a new AVR GCC project

In the following steps we will demonstrate how to create an AVR GCC project for a C program.

Restart AVR Studio:



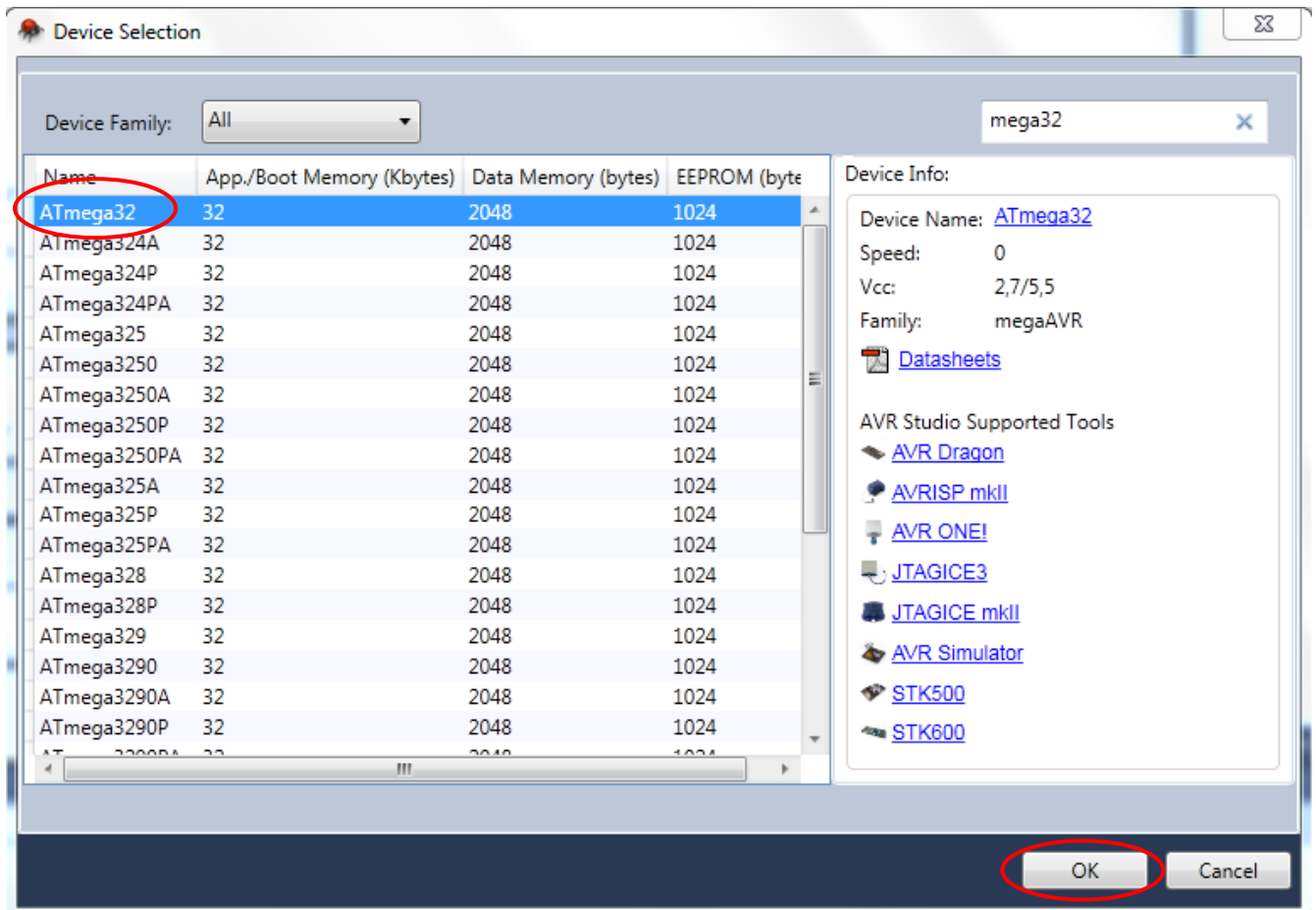
Click "New Project" and then select "AVR GCC" (to the left).
Name the project "LAB1_C" and select a proper location.



Click "OK".

Step 13: Select device

Select the microcontroller "ATmega32".



Click "OK".

The project will be created in the folder, you selected.

The project now opens with a "standard" C code skeleton in the file "LAB1_C.c" :

```
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/*
 * LAB1_C.c
 *
 * Created: 08-01-2012 17:13:11
 * Author: hh
 */

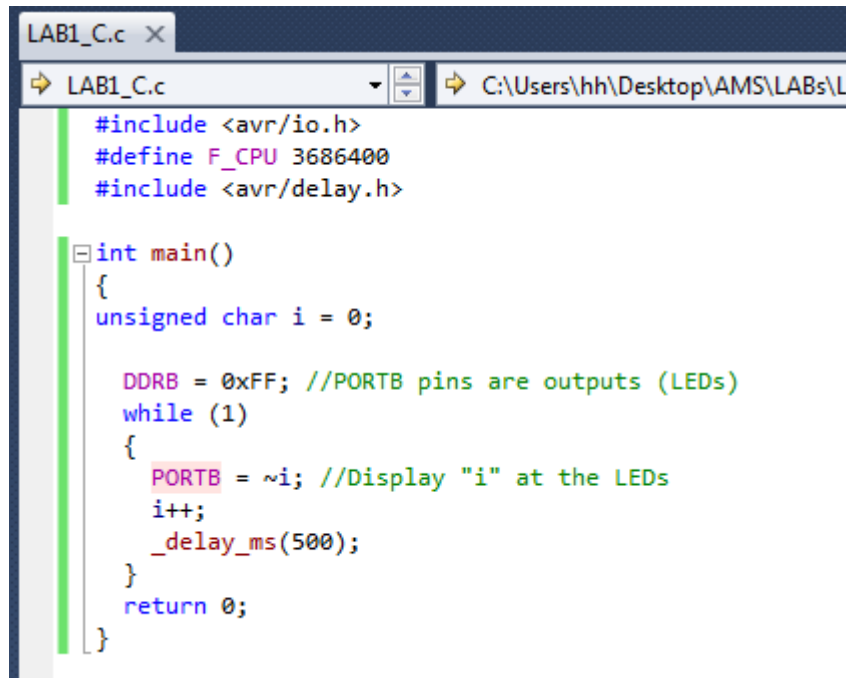
#include <avr/io.h>

int main(void)
{
    while(1)
    {
        //TODO:: Please write your application code
    }
}
```

Step 14: Write the C program

At the AMS Campusnet (LAB1 folder) you will find the simple C program, which we are going to use.

You can write this in the editor window "LAB1_C.c" – or simply copy-paste from the file (called "LAB1_C.txt" at the Campusnet).



```
#include <avr/io.h>
#define F_CPU 3686400
#include <avr/delay.h>

int main()
{
    unsigned char i = 0;

    DDRB = 0xFF; //PORTB pins are outputs (LEDs)
    while (1)
    {
        PORTB = ~i; //Display "i" at the LEDs
        i++;
        _delay_ms(500);
    }
    return 0;
}
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Study the code to understand how it works.

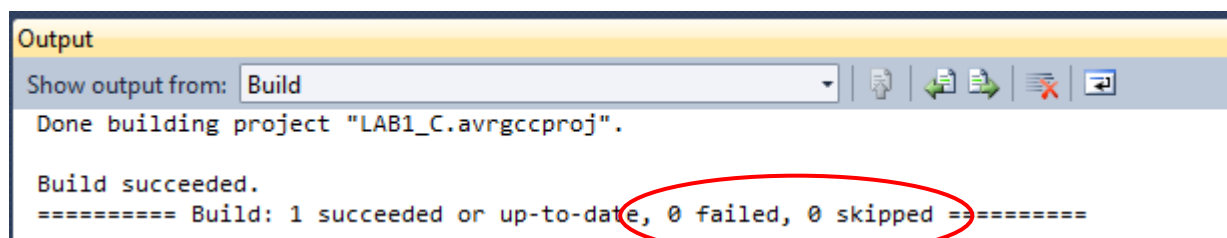
Select "File" -> "Save" to save "LAB1_C.c".

Step 15: Compile (Build)

Select "Build" -> "Build Solution" or simply press **F7**.

Now the program will be compiled (creating a hex file ready for STK500 download).

If there are no errors, the Output window will appear like this:



```
Output
Show output from: Build
Done building project "LAB1_C.avrgccproj".

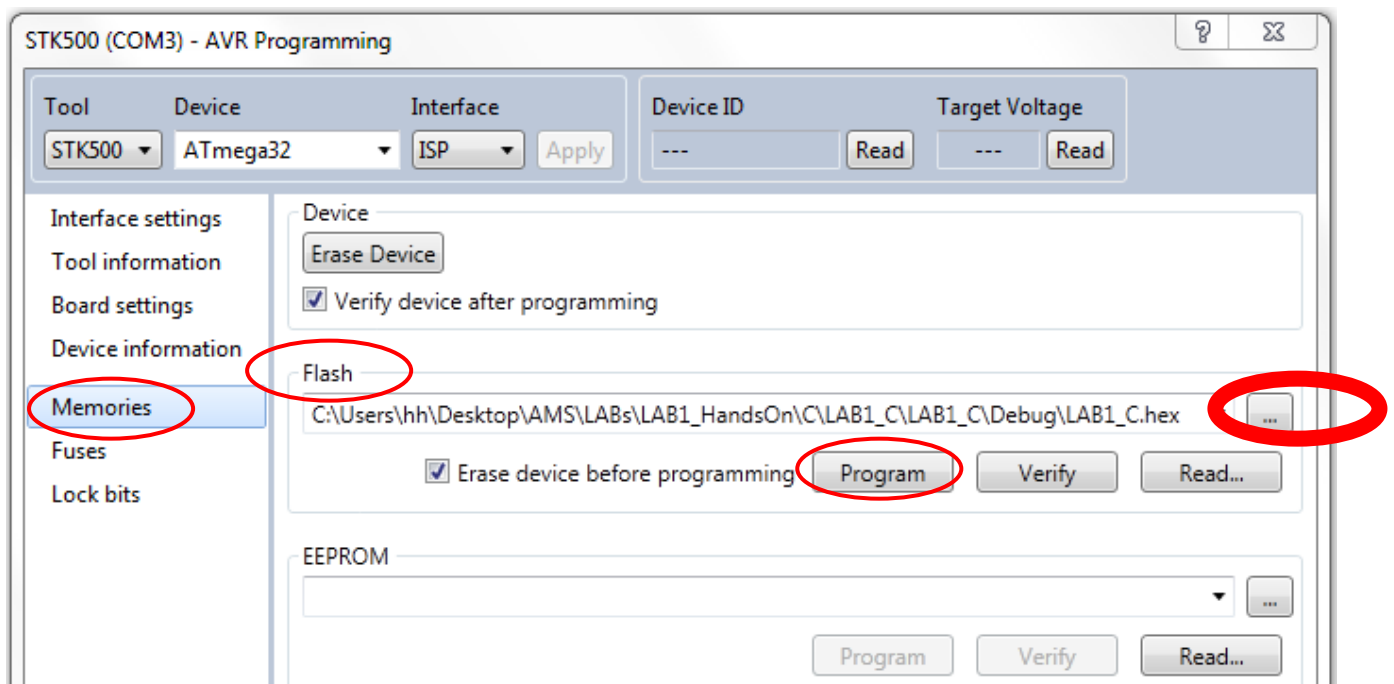
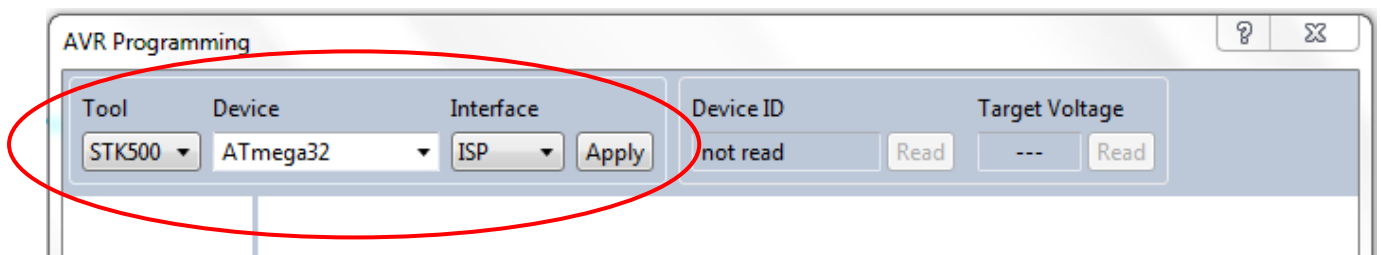
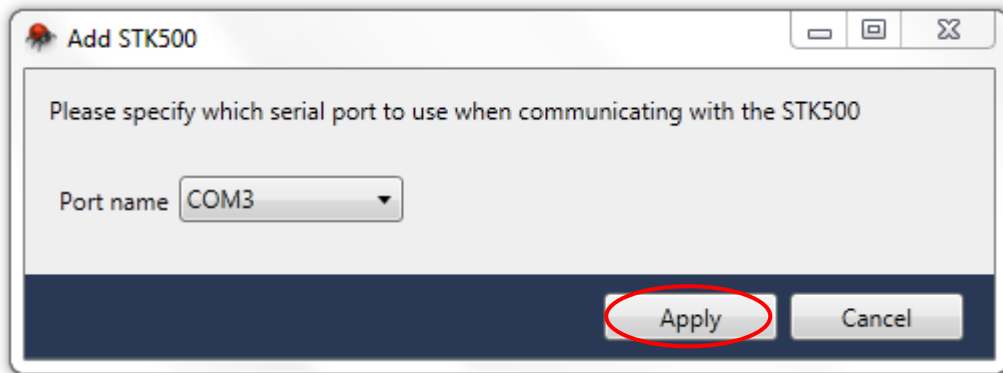
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Step 16: Connect to STK500 and download the program

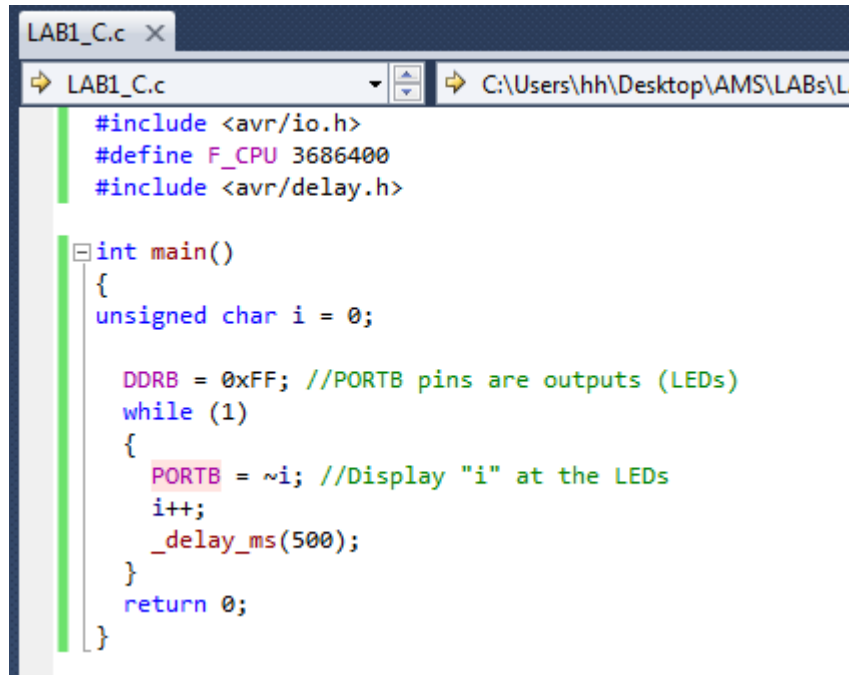
This process is similar to the instructions given in step 9 (eventually read this again).

VERY IMPORTANT: Remember to browse to the right HEX file ("LAB1_C.hex").
The default HEX file will be the last one used (probably "LAB1_ASM.hex").



Step 17: Test the program

Study the STK500 LEDs and test that the program behavior is as expected!

A screenshot of the AVR Studio 5 IDE. The window title is 'LAB1_C.c'. The file explorer on the left shows 'LAB1_C.c'. The main editor area displays the following C code:

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Step 18: Make changes to the program

Do minor changes to the program. Recompile ("Build") the program, download the code ("Tools" -> "AVR Programming") and test your changes.