



# Lab Manual for Digital Signal Controller

**Lab1: Implement Timer and LED Driver and blink LED D3 on explorer 16 board using Microchip Code Configurator (MCC)**

## **Pre-Requisite Needed:**

**System:** A system with 16 GB RAM, Windows 10 Machine.

**MPLABX – 6.20 Ver**

**Compiler - XC DSC 3.10 Ver**

## **Purpose:**

Upon finishing the lab, you will acquire a comprehensive understanding of how to utilize the MPLABX Integrated Development Environment (IDE) and the Microchip Code Configurator (MCC). The user will learn how to create a project, navigate the MCC User interface, and utilize MCC to develop a UART driver.

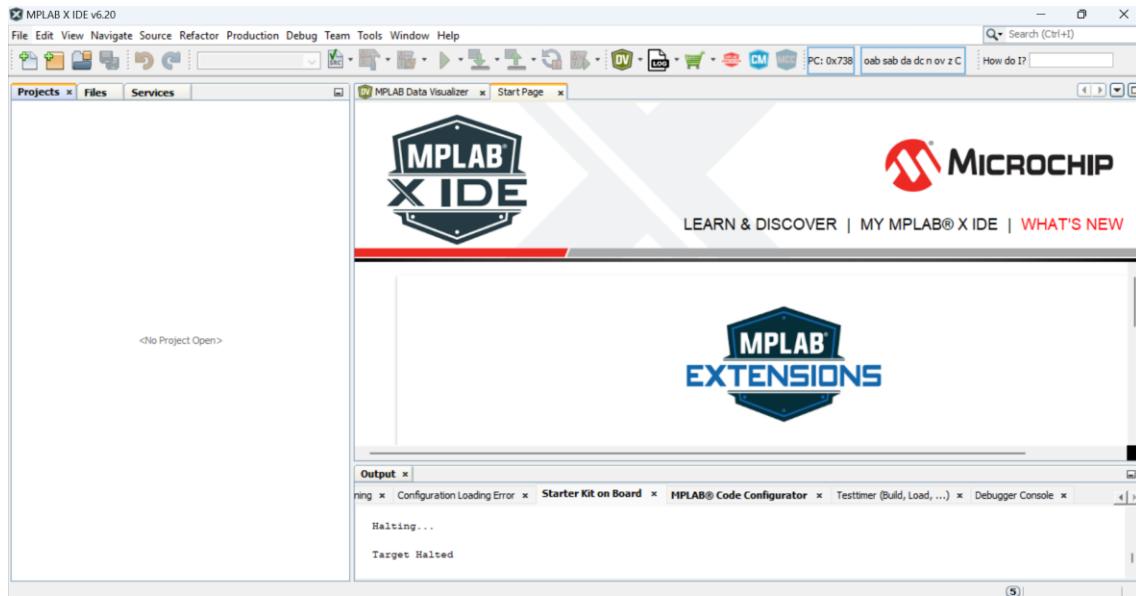
## **Overview:**

The objective of the practical session is to familiarize the user with the Microchip Digital Signal Controller, as well as the Explorer 16 board and its interfaces. This guide aims to assist the user in comprehending the process of configuring the Timer in MCC and exploring the diverse applications accessible on the MPLABX tool.

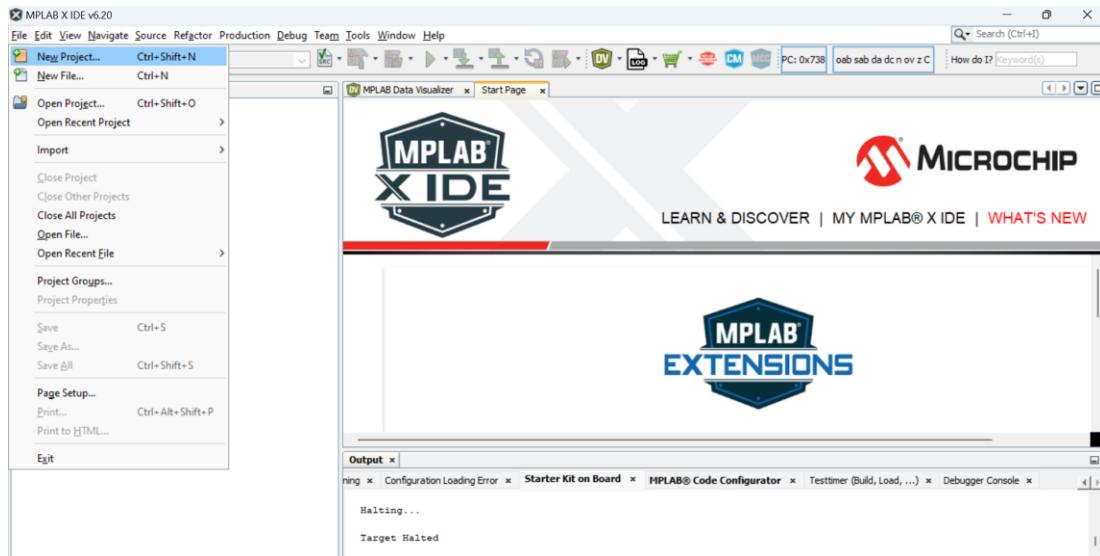
## **Procedure:**

The laboratory experiment should be conducted by following the subsequent procedures.

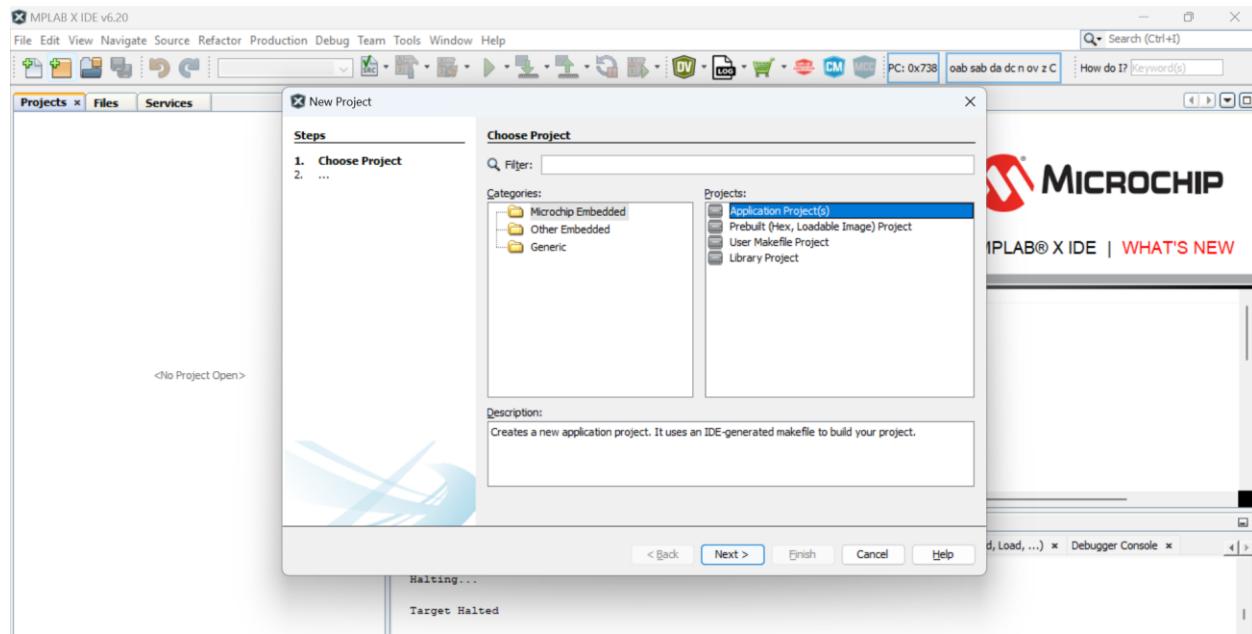
**STEP 1:** Click on the MPLABX IDE which is available on Desktop. Once MPLABX windows opens you can see the below Figure.



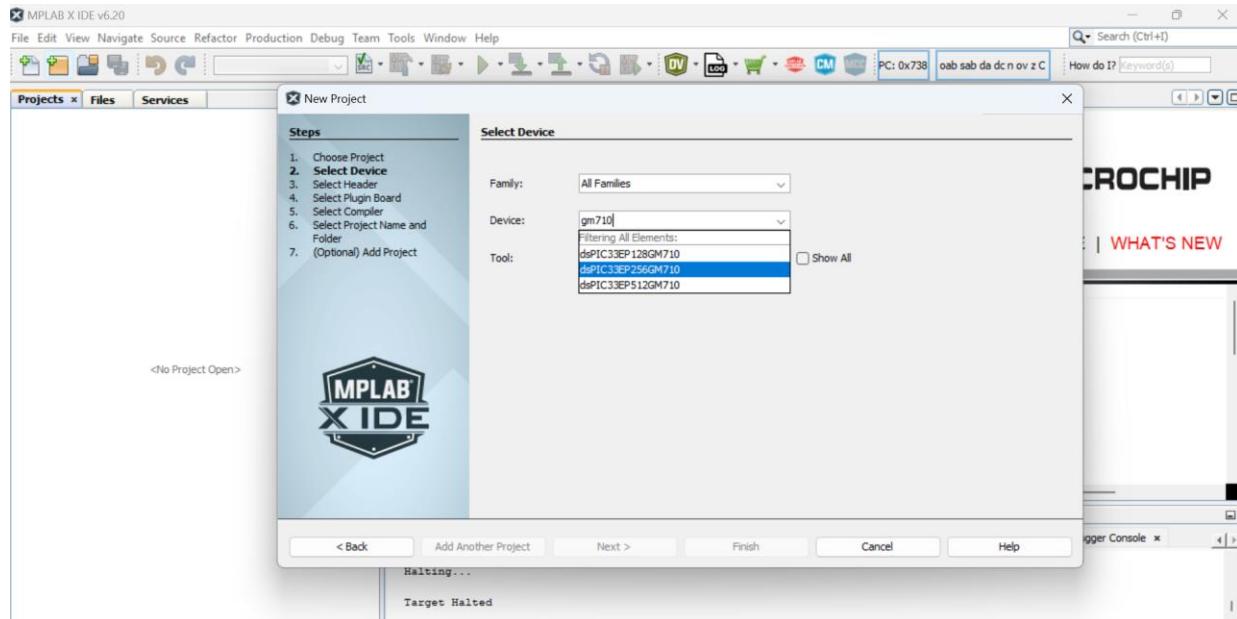
**STEP 2:** Create a new project by clicking on “New” on the window.



**STEP 3:** Once you click the new project option, the below figure will be displayed. Choose the application project option as shown below.



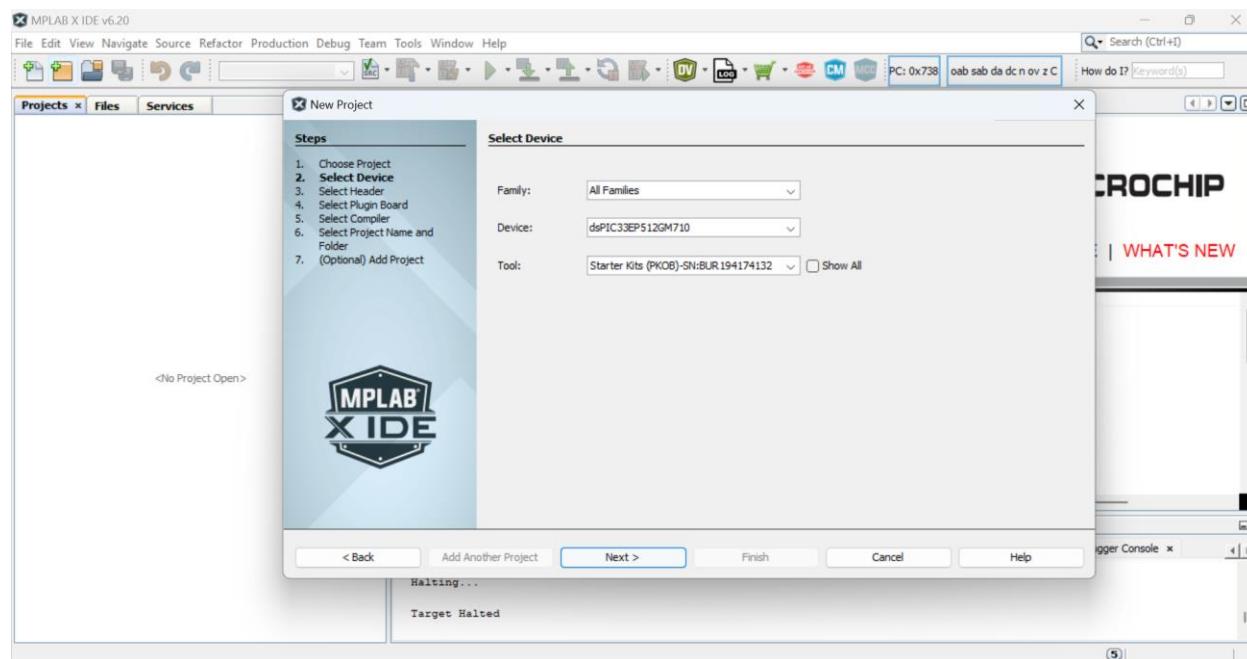
**Step 4:** Choose the appropriate device you are working on. Here type dspic33ep512GM710 in the device option, and choose the mentioned device.



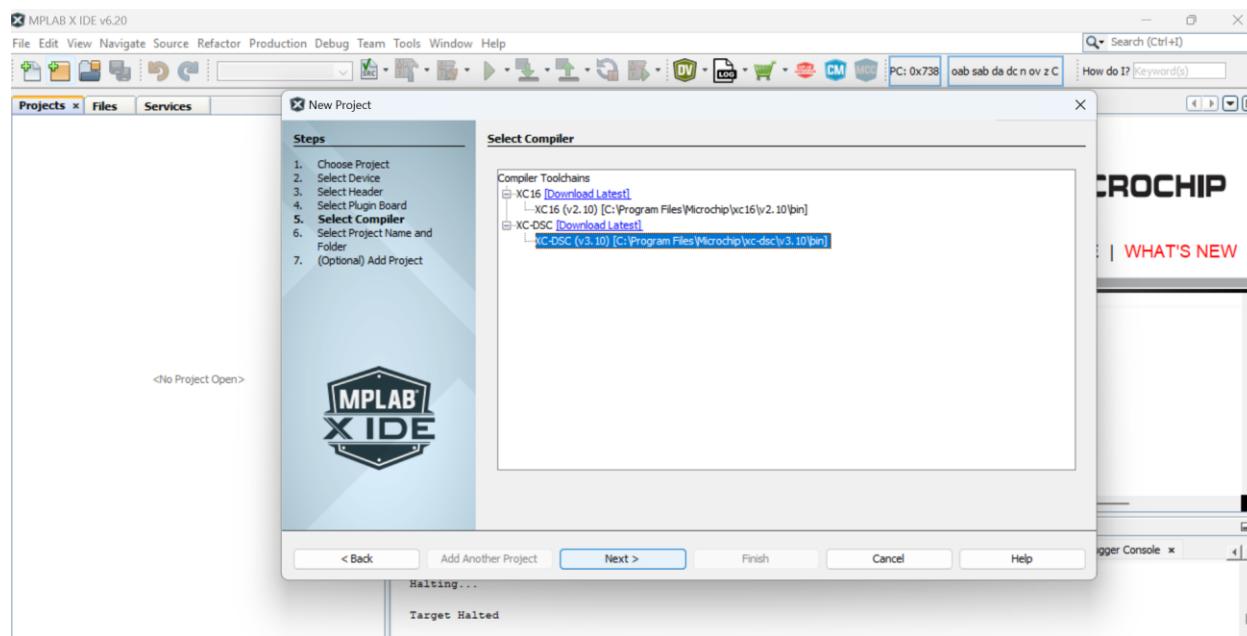
**STEP 5:** Once you have selected the device, proceed to the next step and choose "Debugger" as indicated below. The debugger option will only be accessible when the board is connected.



Alternatively, you can select the simulation option to work on. Subsequently, proceed to select the "Next" option.

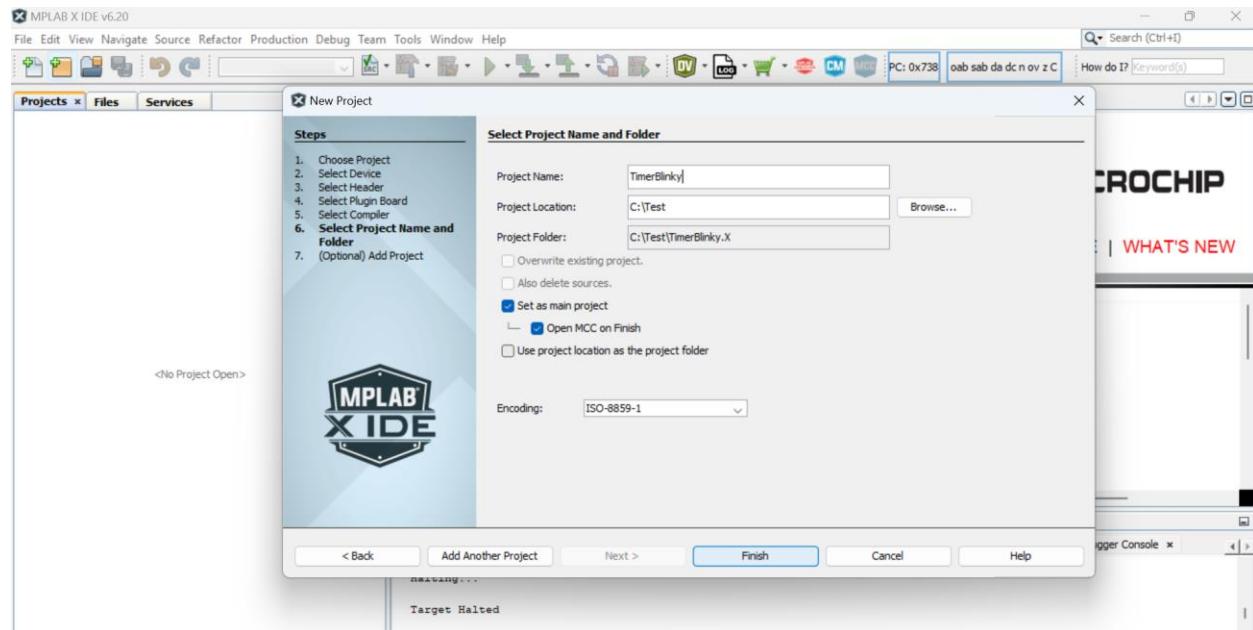


**STEP 6:** In this step choose the compiler. Here you can choose XC16 compiler for PIC controllers and XC DSC for Digital Signal Controllers. Since dsPIC33EP512GM710 is Digital Controller, choose XC DSC compiler and press next.

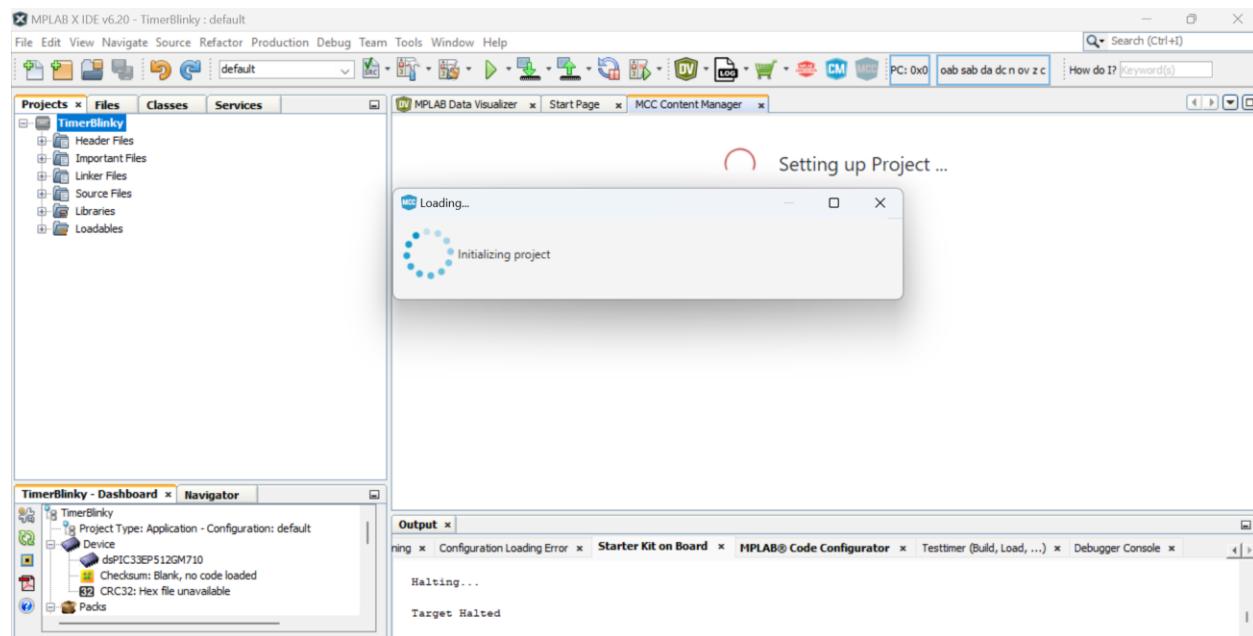




**STEP 7:** When selecting the project path, ensure that you choose the correct folder. It is expected that you have already established a folder, enabling you to make a selection at this time.

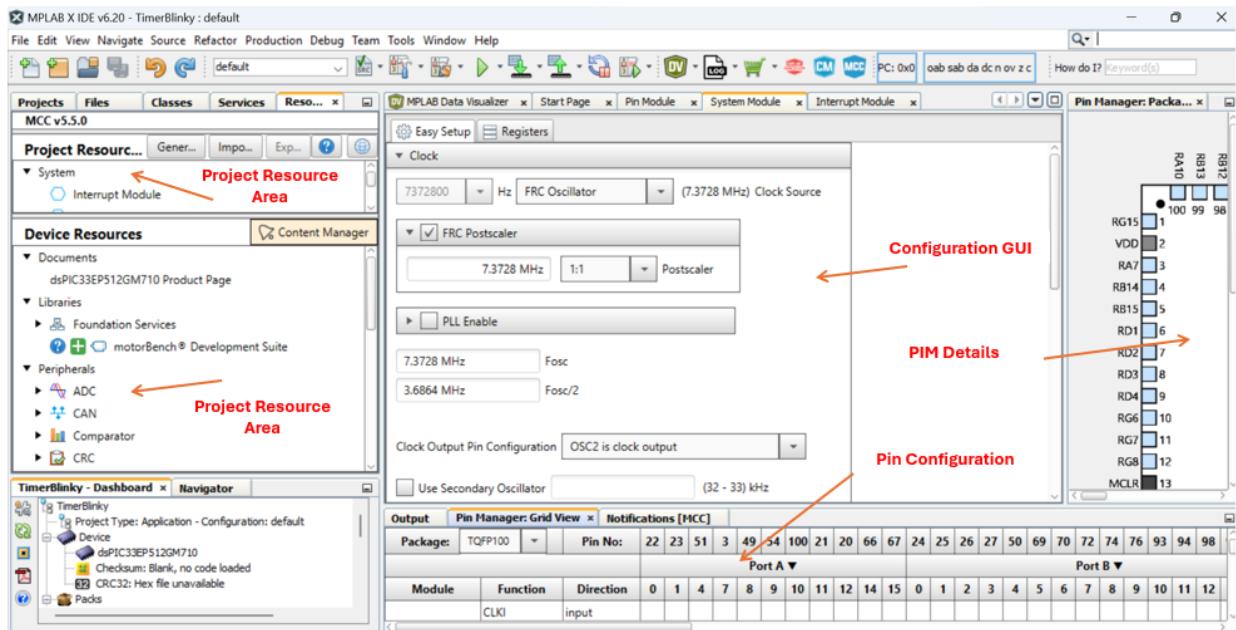


After this click Finish and the IDE will create a new project for you.





**STEP 8:** Once the project is created, you can see the below Screen shot in the IDE. Please explore each of the labels mentioned in the screen shot.



**Project resources** window will show you all the folders and files available under the project.

- It also clearly segregates between source and header files folder. Also, it generates the main.c file for application.

## Resource Management Window

- Will list Peripherals that are selected for this project
- **The system** window will list the system setup settings.
- **Device Resource** window will list down all the available peripherals for the given device.

## Pin Manager Package View

- This gives an overview of the pins of the chosen controller.
- It gives the appropriate pin mapping details.

## Output Window

- This gives message details of all the process that is happening during compilation, output, error messages etc.

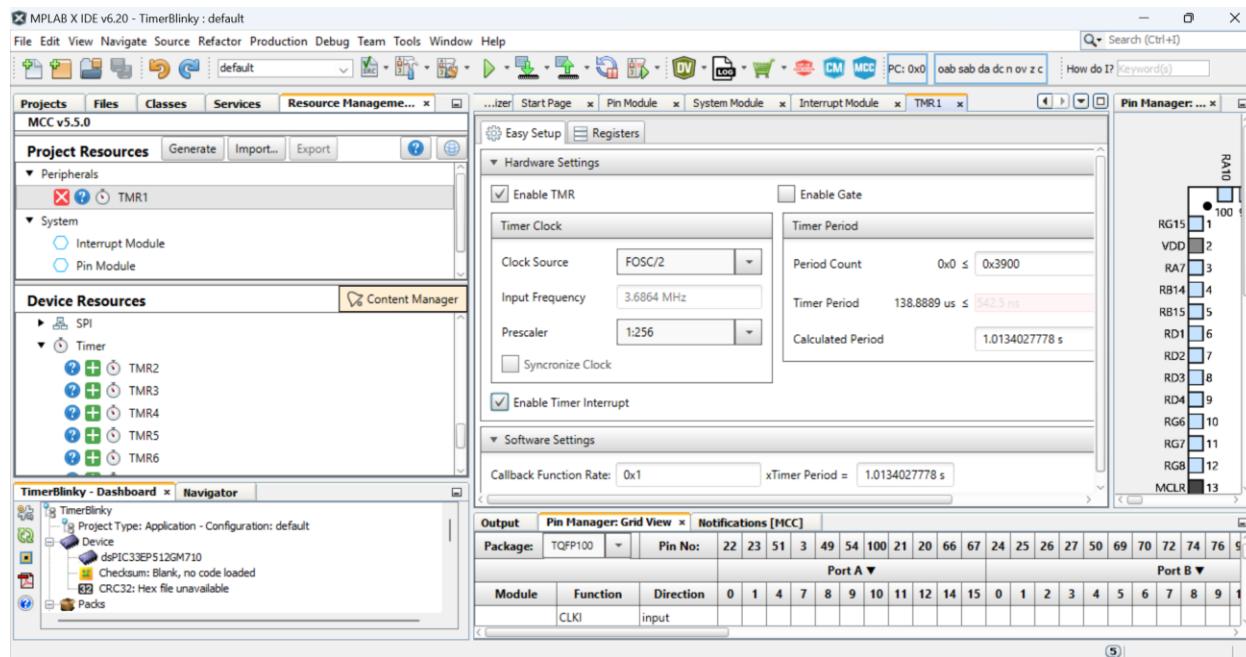
## Pin Manager Grid View

- This gives the various pins details of the selected module.



These are the major details about MCC. The remaining thing as we get on to the exercise will be explained.

**STEP 9:** In the Device resource window, navigate downwards to locate the Timer module. If you click on it, additional timer modules will be displayed. Select TMR1 in that case. Once you make a selection, the tmr1 module project resources will be displayed in the Peripheral Section.



**STEP 10:** On the right-hand side, in the easy setup window all the timer setup options are visible. Since we are creating a 1s timer, choose the prescaler value to 1:256.

Subsequently, assign a numerical value to represent the count of periods. Modifying the count value triggers the calculation of the period, which is then shown in the designated calculated period box. A delay of 1 second will be displayed, and it should be acceptable. Otherwise, provide the appropriate value.

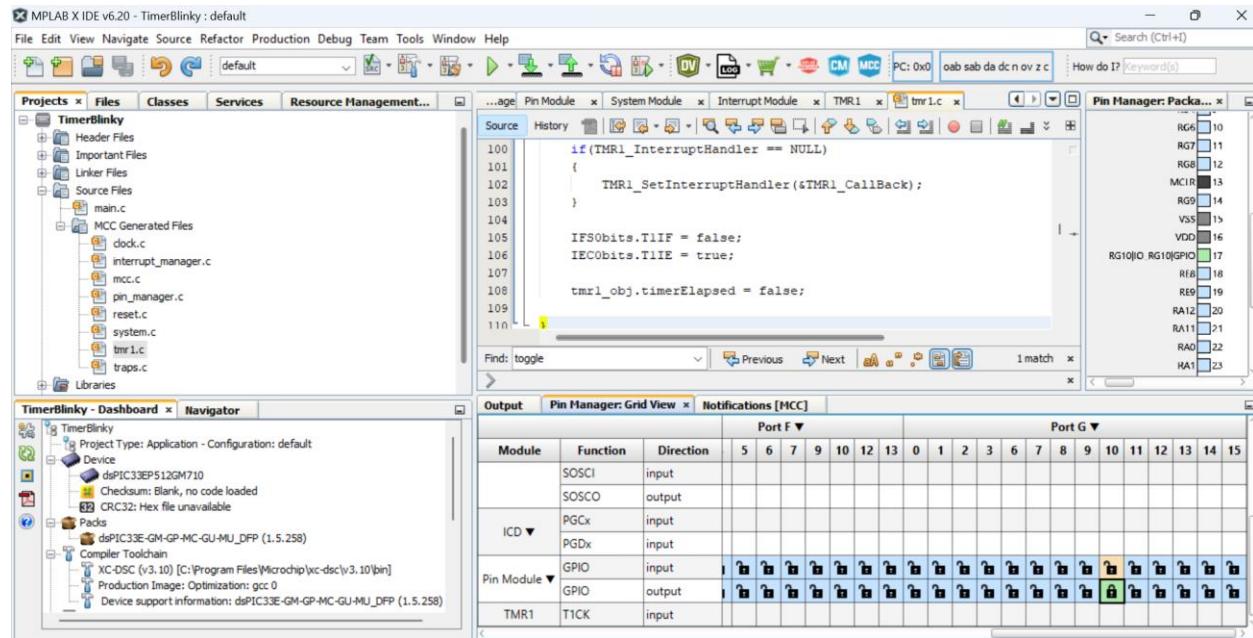
**STEP 11:** Here in the screen shot a value 0x3900 is given, which calculates to approximately 1s time, which is what required.

**STEP 12:** In this experiment we need to blink LED D3 for 1s. Need to choose the D3 LED Pin. So refer the circuit diagram of the board

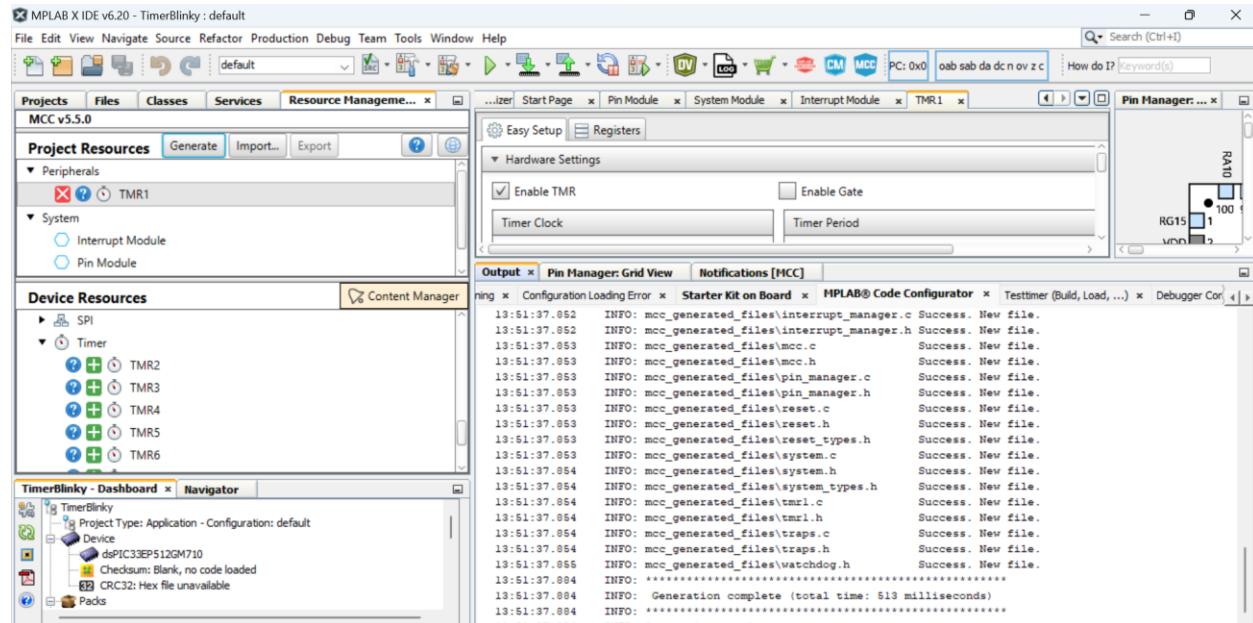
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As per the circuit diagram Pin 17 is connected to LED D3. When you see the Pin Manager Window, it is mapped to RG10 pin. So, in the Pin Manager Grid choose RG10 as output as shown.



**STEP 13:** Now generate the code by clicking “generate” button in the Project Resource space. It will generate the code as shown below.



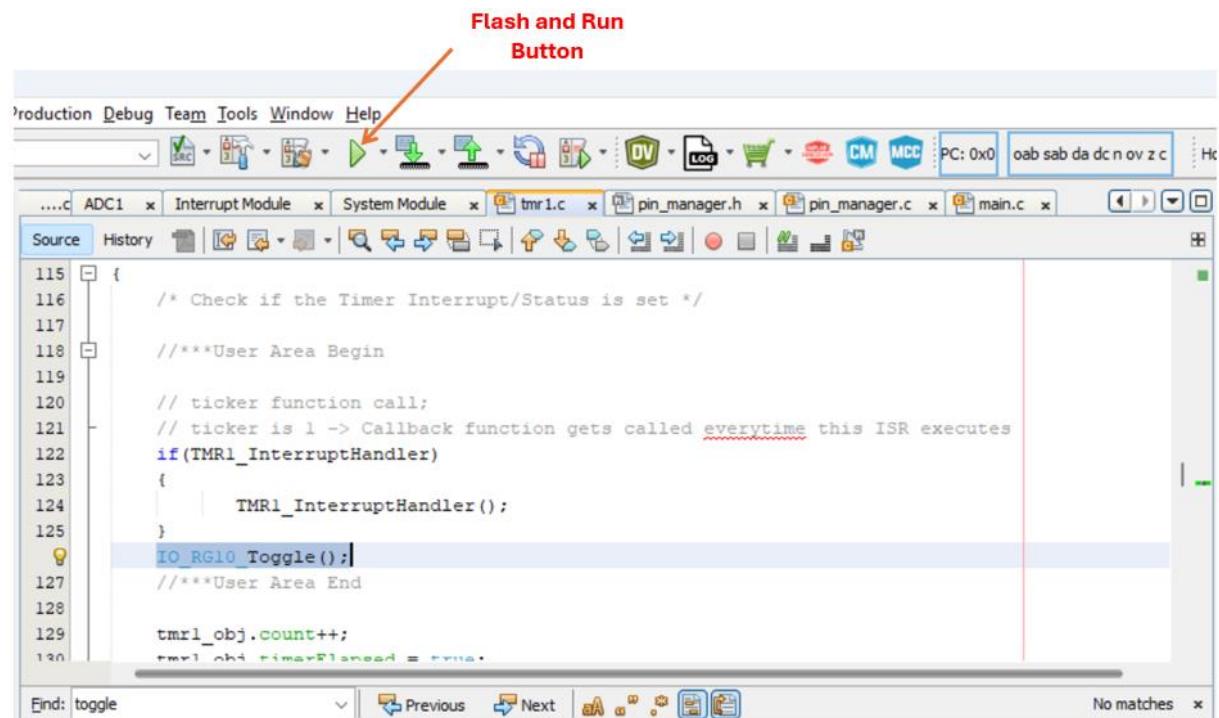
**Step 14:** Now choose the project window, in the mcc\_generated folder open tmr1.c. In that consider the \_T1Interrupt(), navigate to “//User Area End” and the macro IO\_RG10\_Toggle(); (



This macro can be searched in pin\_manager.h file). Also, Please Open the pin\_manager.h file and look for the above macro and add it in tmr1.c

```
...c ADC1 x Interrupt Module x System Module x tmr1.c x pin_manager.h x pin_manager.c x main.c x
Source History |  |           
115 {  
116     /* Check if the Timer Interrupt/Status is set */  
117  
118     //****User Area Begin  
119  
120     // ticker function call;  
121     // ticker is 1 -> Callback function gets called everytime this ISR executes  
122     if(TMR1_InterruptHandler)  
123     {  
124         TMR1_InterruptHandler();  
125     }  
126     IO_RG10_Toggle();  
127     //****User Area End  
128  
129     tmr1_obj.count++;  
130     tmr1_obj.timerElasped = tmr1...
```

**Step 15:** Now run the program, compile the program and flash the program by clicking the Green button.



**STEP 16:** After programming onto flash, now you should be able to see the LED D3 is blinking.



## **Lab2: Implement UART Driver and Application to Print a Character on the Terminal using Microchip Code Configurator (MCC)**

## Purpose:

You will have a comprehensive understanding of the MPLABX IDE and MCC once you have finished the lab. Additionally, the user will be familiar with the process of creating a project, navigating the MCC user interface, and collaborating with MCC to develop a UART driver.

## Overview:

The objective of the hands-on session is to acquaint the user with the user interfaces of the Microchip Digital Signal Controller and Explorer 16 board. This will assist the user in comprehending the process of configuring the UART in MCC and in exploring the diverse applications that are available on the MPLABX tool.

## Procedure

**STEP1 – STEP 8** the procedure remains same as LAB 1 activity. Please follow the same.

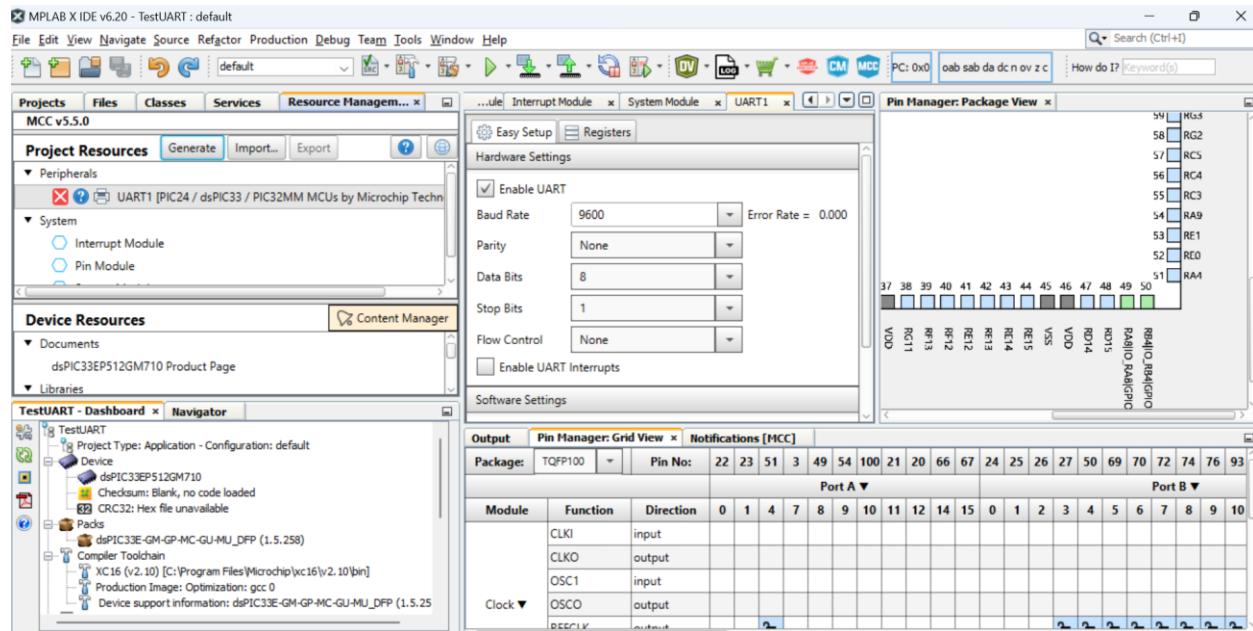
**STEP 9:** Navigate through Device resources options and choose the UART1 peripheral as shown in the below figure.

The screenshot shows the MPLAB X IDE interface with the following windows open:

- Projects**: Shows a project named "MCC v5.5.0".
- File Manager**: Displays files like "default.c" and "main.c".
- Resource Manager**: Currently selected, showing "Pin Module" selected.
- Device Resources**: Shows a tree view of resources, including "UART" which is expanded to show "UART1" and "UART2".
- Pin Manager: Package View**: Shows pin assignments for package TQFP100. It lists pins RA8, RB2, RB3, and RB4, all assigned to GPIO functions. A detailed pin map on the right shows pins 37-51 labeled as RA0 through RA4.
- Pin Manager: Grid View**: Shows a grid of pin assignments for Port A (pins 22-51) and Port B (pins 66-93). The grid includes columns for Module, Function, Direction, and Pin Number. Rows represent CLKI, CLKO, OSC1, OSCO, and FOSC1K.



**STEP 10:** Choose UART1 peripheral as shown and, in the figure, and Enable UART as shown in the figure.



**STEP 11:** Please check the hardware circuit and identify the Rx and Tx pin connections. The circuit diagram can be found in the below path.  
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As per the circuit Pin 49 is connected to Rx and Pin 50 is connected to Tx.

When you see **Pin 49 and Pin 50** in Pin Manager Window, it is mapped to **RA8** pin and **RB4** respectively. So, in the Pin Manager Grid choose **RA8** and **RB4** from UART pin selections as output. Now generate the code.

			Port A ▼															Port B ▼																	
Module	Function	Direction	0	1	4	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	0	1	2			
UART1 ▾	U1RTS	output																																	
	U1RX	input																																	
	U1TX	output																																	

**STEP 12:** In the generated code, Now click on main.c and open the file. Pls refer the Family Reference Manual of dspic series of controller. It can be found in the below path:  
<https://ww1.microchip.com/downloads/en/DeviceDoc/70000582e.pdf>

Goto example 5.1 on page 18. In that it can be observed that a delay of 105us needs to be introduced after the enabling of UART. It can be found inside the program in the comment.

```
/* Wait at least 105 microseconds (1/9600) before sending first char */
```



So, in the main program after initialization, please introduce a delay using a for loop as shown below.

```
unsigned int i;
while (i<600) {
    Nop(); // 105 us delay
    i++;
}
```

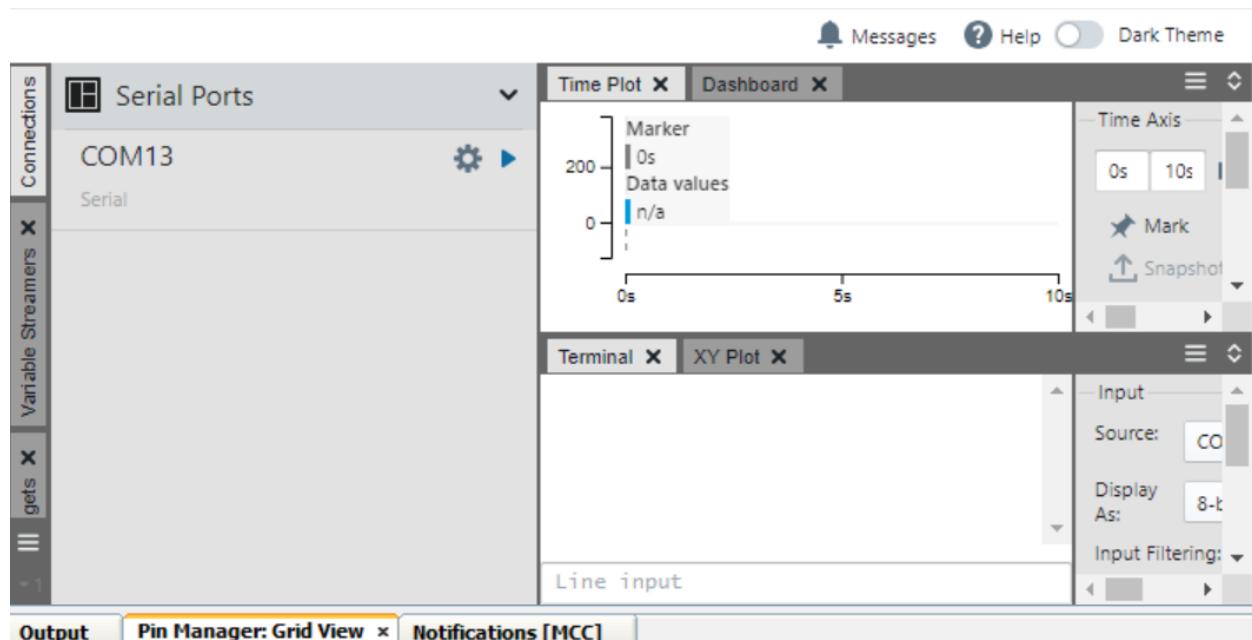
And in the infinite loop please add the below code.

```
if(UART1_IsTxReady() == 1)
{
    UART1_Write('a');
}
```

**STEP 13:** Now click on main.c and open the file. Pls refer the Family Reference Manual of dspic series of controller. It can be found in the below path:

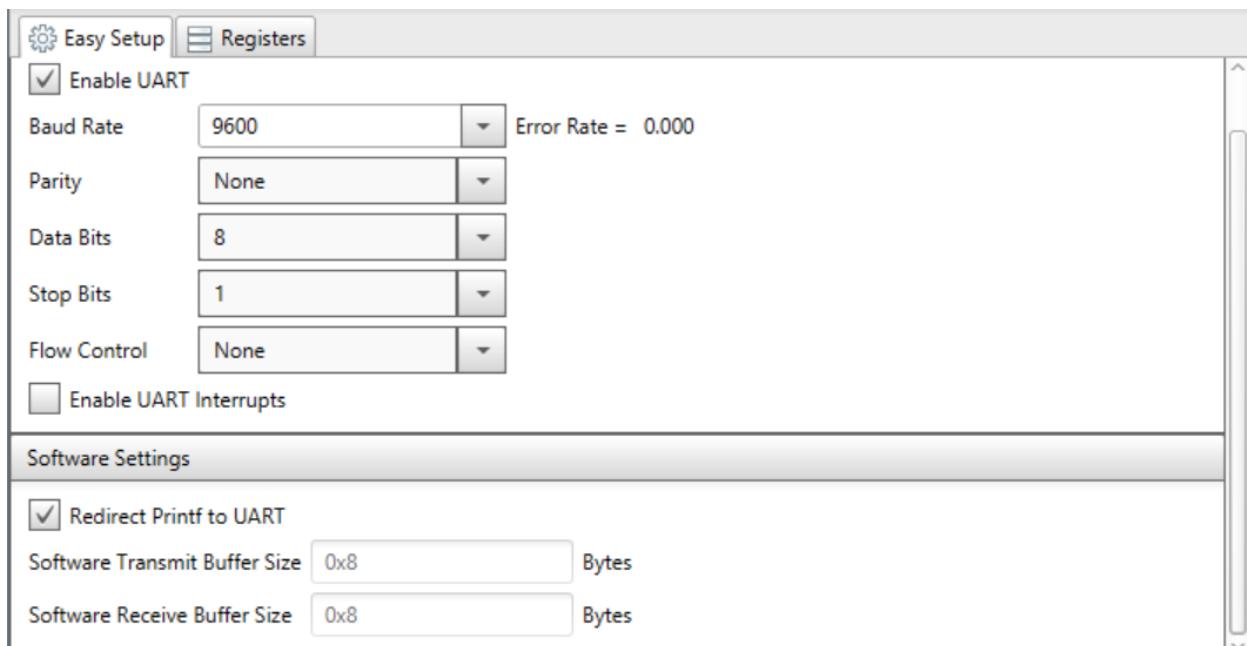


Once the Display window is opened, the screen shot will be displayed as illustrated below. It will automatically display the COM PORT that is connected. To commence the capture of the display on the COM13, click the blue-colored capture button. The terminal should display the characters 'a' and 'a' scrolling. This is the anticipated result.



### Next Exercise:

1. Enable UART “ Redirect Print Option to UART” and try printing the UART prints.



2. “Enable UART Interrupts ” and try printing the UART prints, after regenerate the code.

A screenshot of the MCC software interface. The window title is "Easy Setup". There are two tabs: "Easy Setup" (selected) and "Registers".  
**UART Configuration:**  
Enable UART:   
Baud Rate: 9600 (dropdown menu)  
Parity: None (dropdown menu)  
Data Bits: 8 (dropdown menu)  
Stop Bits: 1 (dropdown menu)  
Flow Control: None (dropdown menu)  
Error Rate = 0.000  
**Software Settings:**  
Enable UART Interrupts:   
Redirect Printf to UART:   
Software Transmit Buffer Size: 0x8 Bytes  
Software Receive Buffer Size: 0x8 Bytes

### Lab3: Implement Switch interface and accordingly and LED Blink if a switch is pressed using MCC.

#### Purpose:

You will have a comprehensive understanding of the MPLABX IDE and MCC once you have finished the lab. Additionally, the user will be familiar with the process of creating a project, navigating the MCC user interface, and collaborating with MCC to develop a switch and LED driver.

#### Overview:

The objective of the hands-on session is to acquaint the user with the user interfaces of the Microchip Digital Signal Controller and Explorer 16 board. This will assist the user in comprehending the process of configuring the switch in MCC and in exploring the diverse applications that are available on the MPLABX tool.

#### Procedure

**STEP1 – STEP 8** the procedure remains same as LAB 1 and LAB2 activity. Please follow the same.



**STEP 9:** Please check the hardware circuit and identify the Switch connection and corresponding LED pin connections. The circuit diagram can be found in the below path.  
[https://ww1.microchip.com/downloads/aemDocuments/documents/OTH/ProductDocuments/BoardDesignFiles/Explorer\\_16\\_32\\_Schematics\\_R6\\_3.pdf](https://ww1.microchip.com/downloads/aemDocuments/documents/OTH/ProductDocuments/BoardDesignFiles/Explorer_16_32_Schematics_R6_3.pdf)

As per the circuit **Pin 83** is connected to **Switch S3** and **Pin 17** is connected to **LED D3**.

When you see **Pin 83** and **Pin 17** in Pin Manager Window, it is mapped to **RD6** pin and **RG10** respectively. So, in the Pin Manager Grid choose **RD6** and **RG10** from GPIO pin selections as input and output respectively.

**STEP 10:** Now generate the code.

**STEP 11:** In the generated code, open pin\_manager.h from the header file section in mcc\_generated files. In that identify the macros

“IO\_RD6\_GetValue()” , “IO\_RG10\_SetHigh()” and “IO\_RG10\_SetLow” Copy those macros.

**STEP 12:** Now open main.c file and add the identified macros in below code in the infinite while loop .

```
if(IO_RD6_GetValue()) {  
    IO_RG10_SetHigh();  
} else {  
    IO_RG10_SetLow();  
    trigger_adc = true;
```

Please check the output by pressing Switch S3 and ensure the LED D3 is ‘ON’. This completes the experiment.