



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.

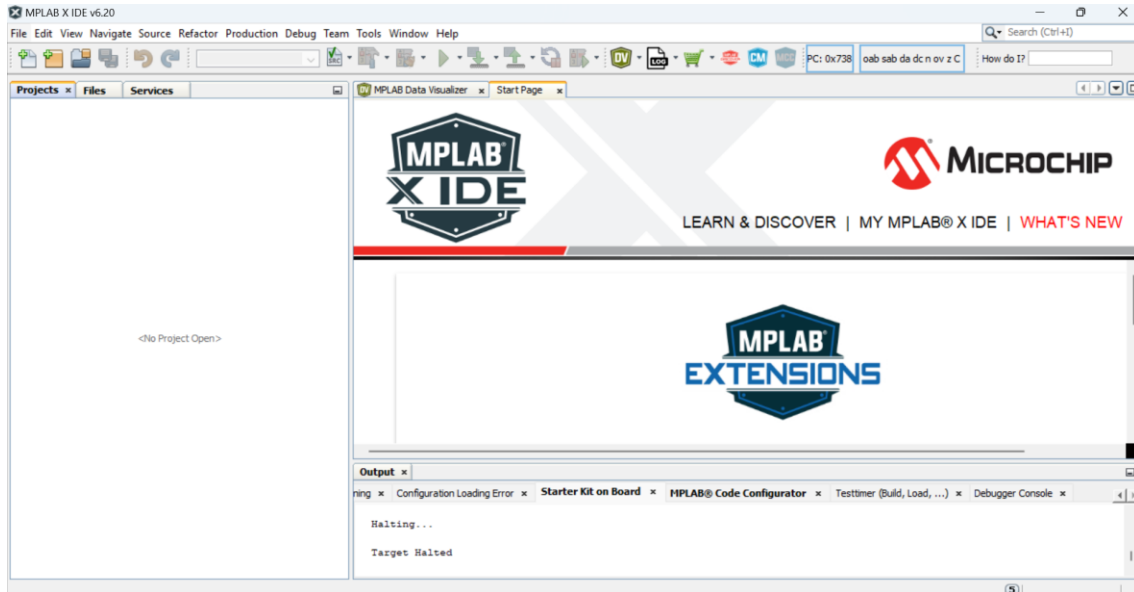
Overview:

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.

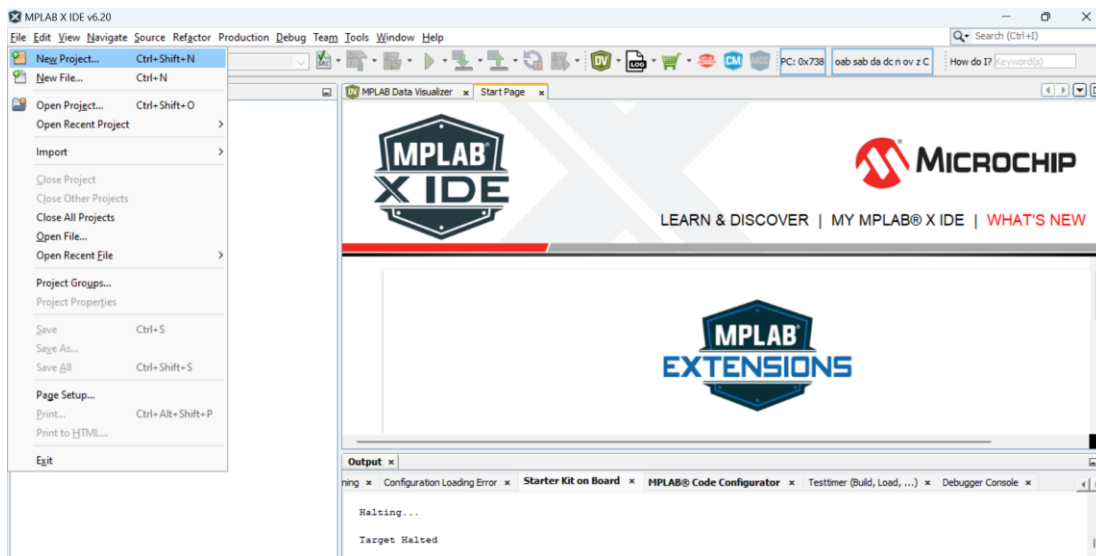
Procedure:

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

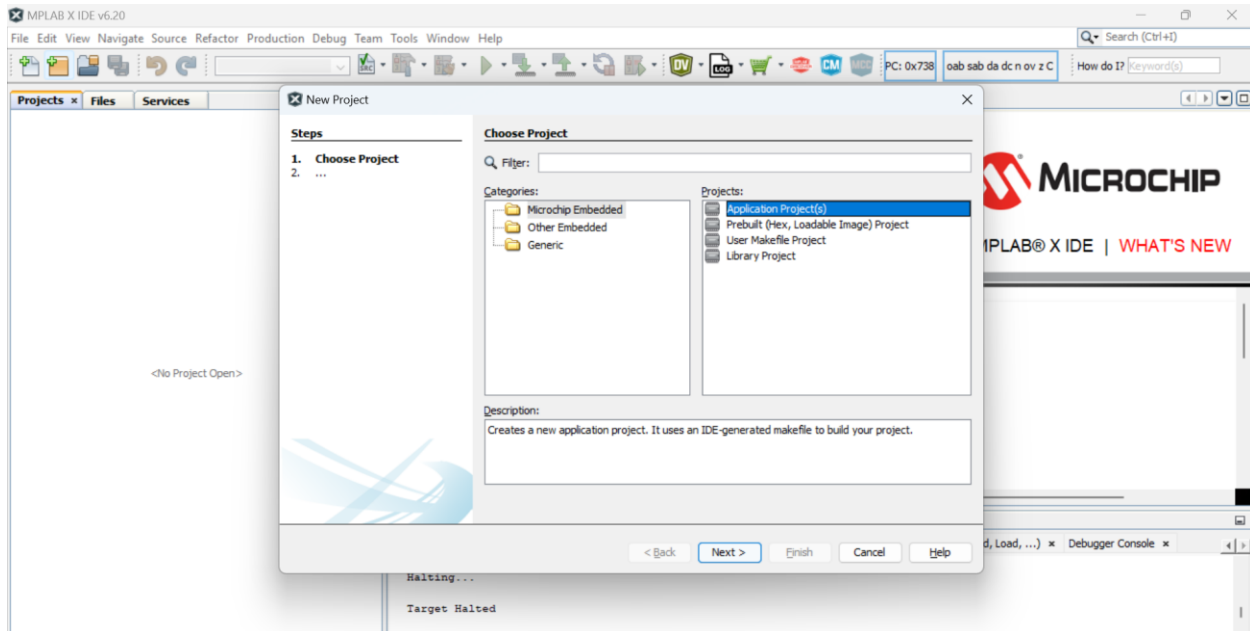
STEP 1: Click on the MPLABX IDE which is available on Desktop. Once MPLABX windows opens you can see the below Figure.



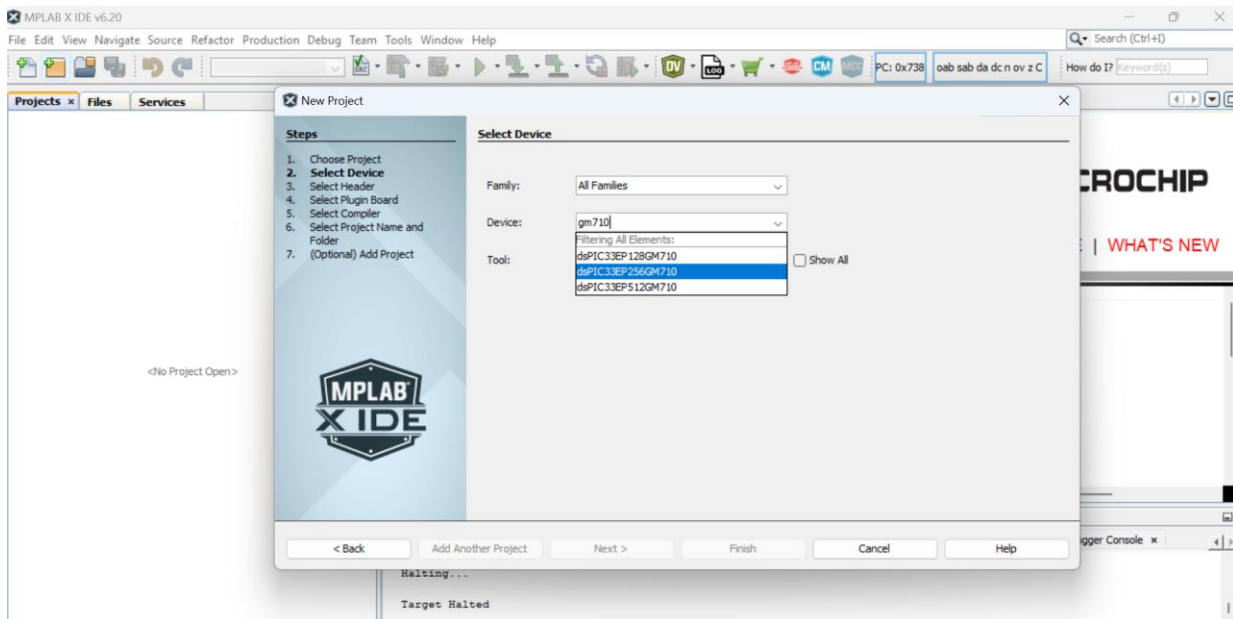
STEP 2: Create a new project by clicking on “New” on the window.



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



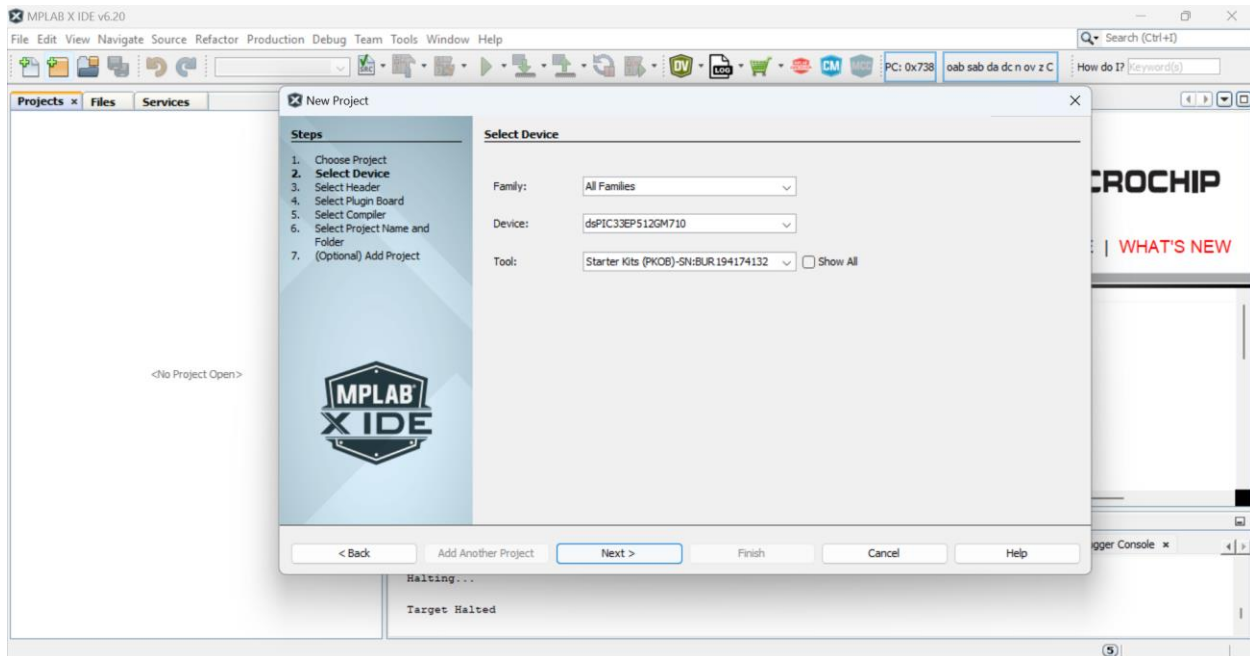
Step 4: Choose the appropriate device you are working on. Here type dspic33ep512GM710 in the device option, and choose the mentioned device.



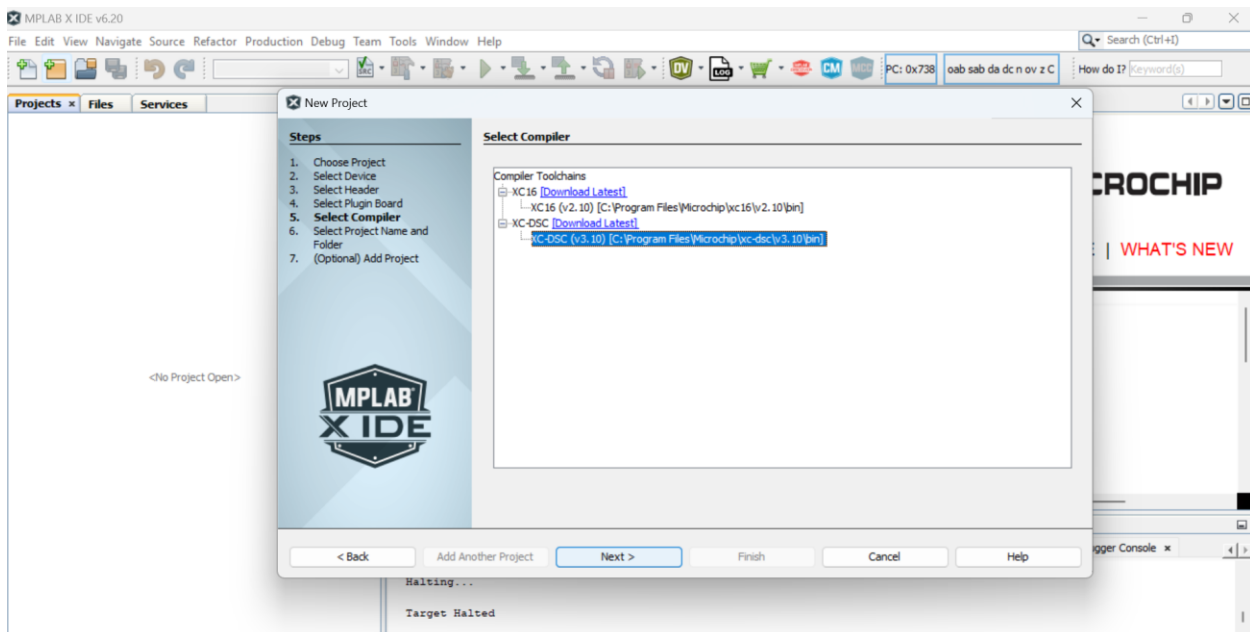
STEP 5: Once you have selected the device, proceed to the next step and choose "Debugger" as indicated below. The debugger option will only be accessible when the board is connected.



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

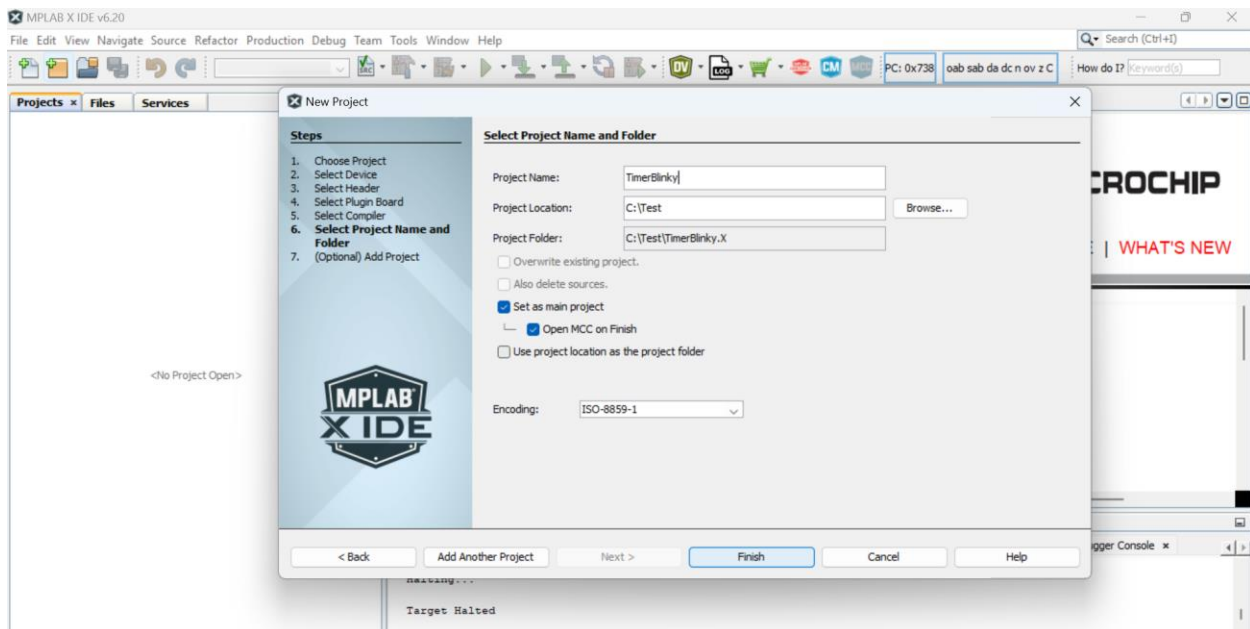


STEP 6: In this step choose the compiler. Here you can choose XC16 compiler for PIC controllers and XC DSC for Digital Signal Controllers. Since dspic33ep512GM710 is Digital Controller, choose XC DSC compiler and press next.

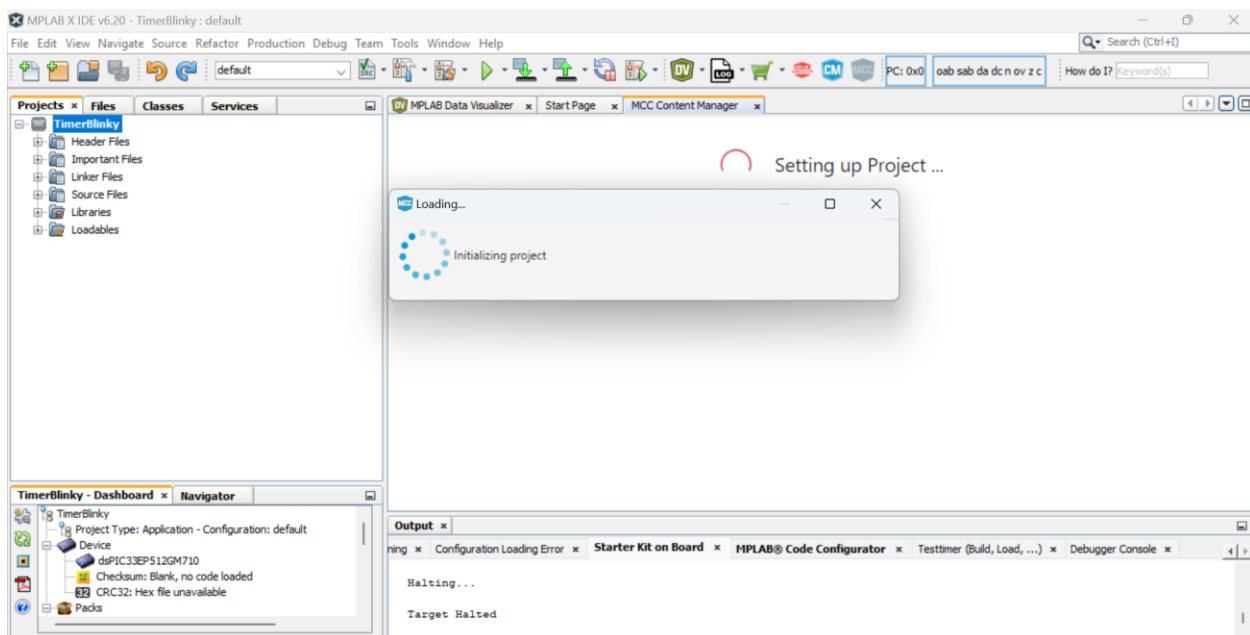




STEP 7: When selecting the project path, ensure that you choose the correct folder. It is expected that you have already established a folder, enabling you to make a selection at this time.

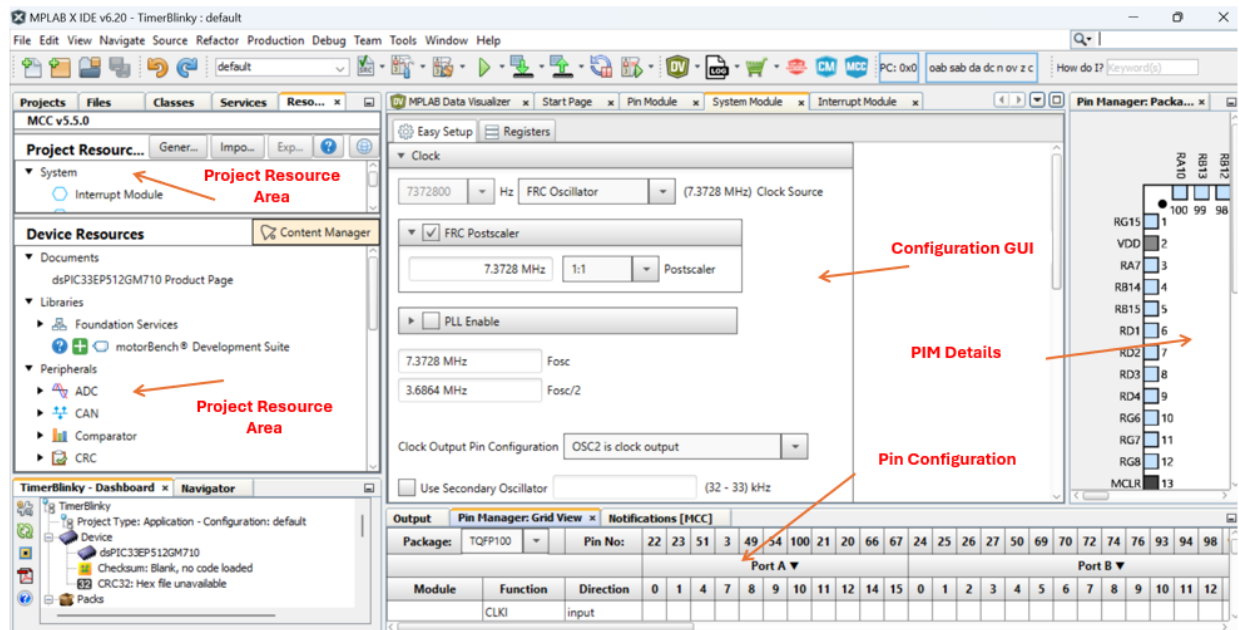


After this click Finish and the IDE will create a new project for you.





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.

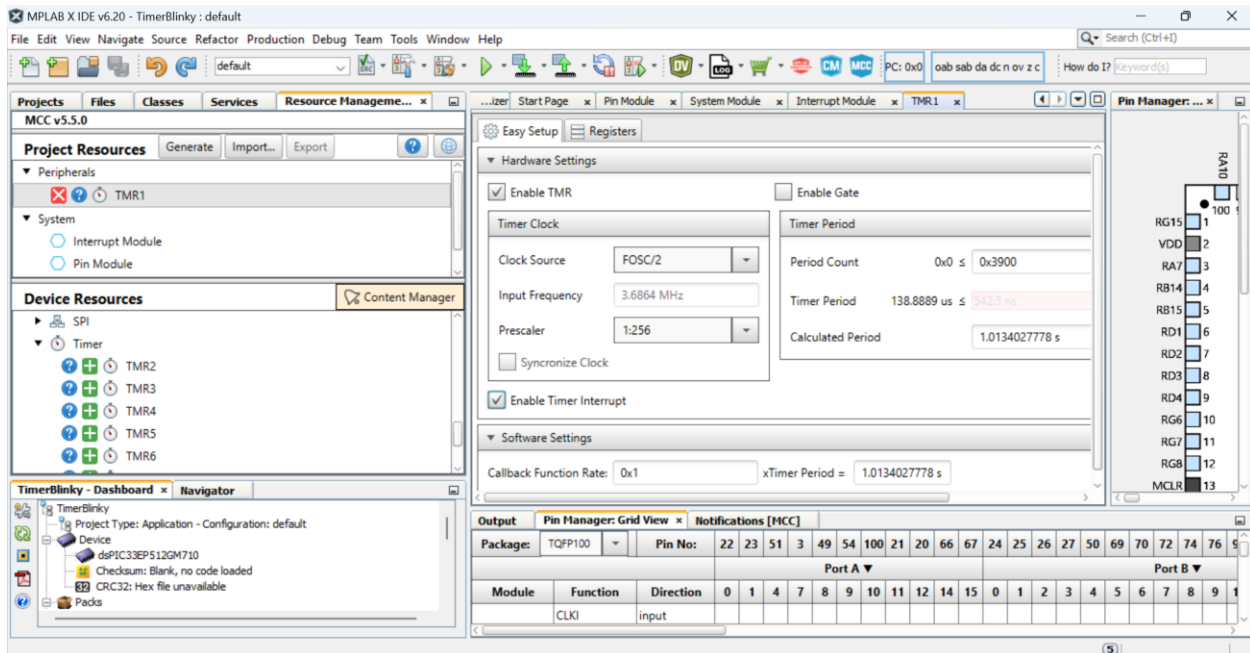
Pin Manager Grid View

- 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.

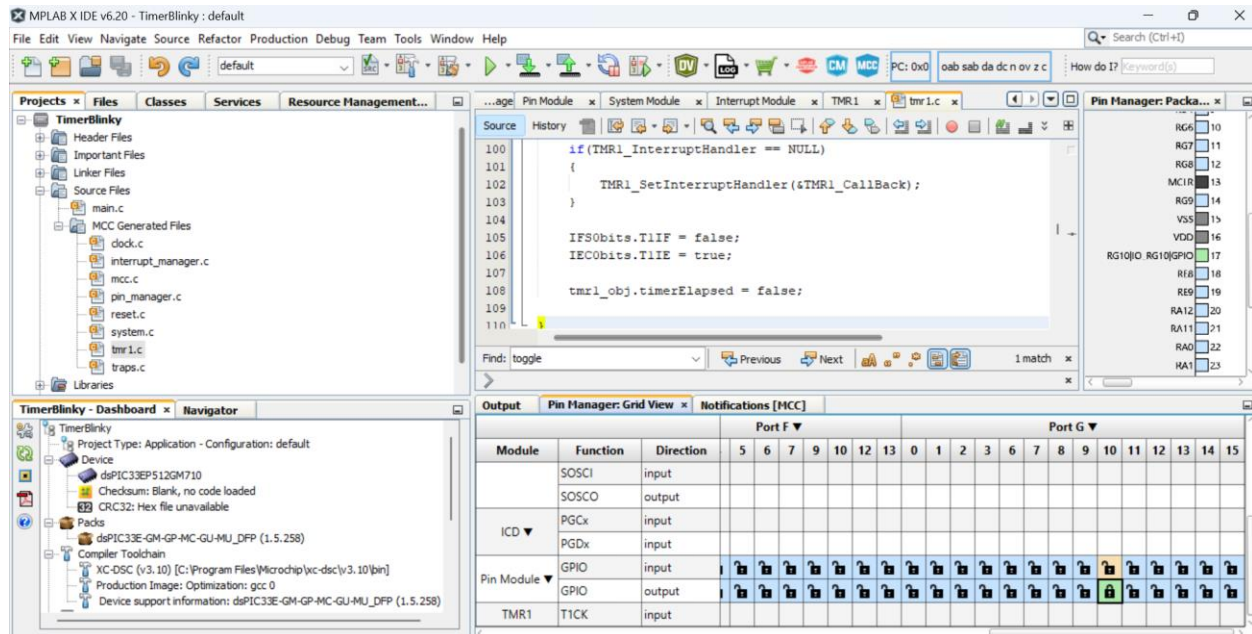
STEP 11: Here in the screen shot a value 0x3900 is given, which calculates to approximately 1s time, which is what required.

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

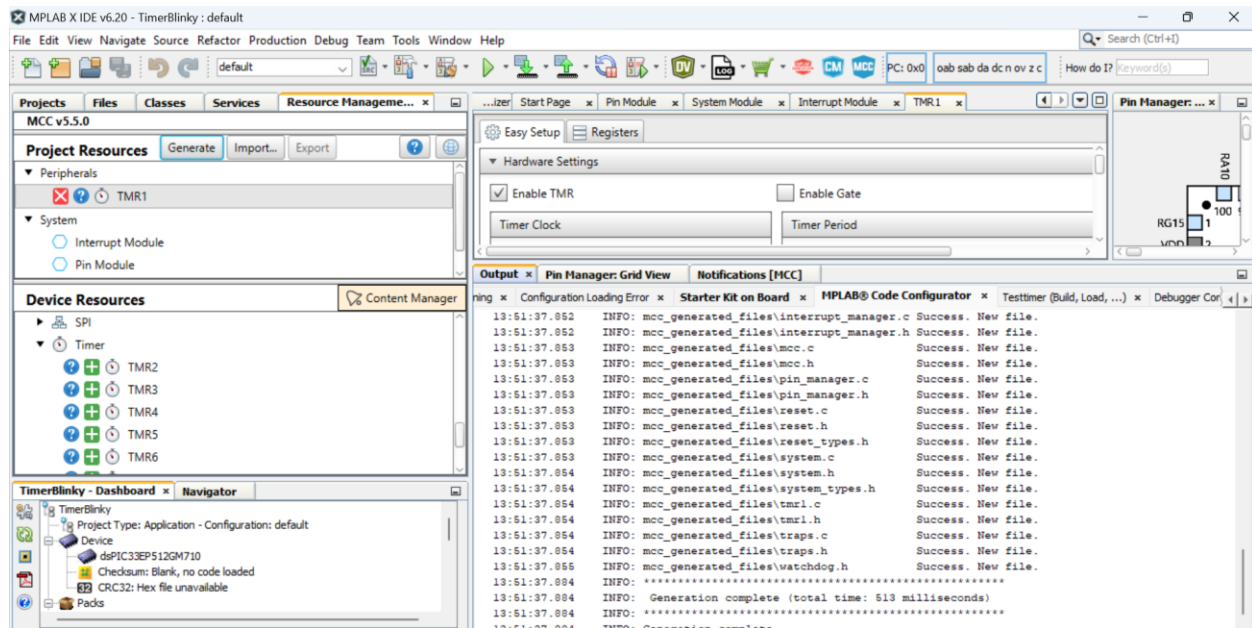
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As per the circuit diagram Pin 17 is connected to LED D3. When you see the Pin 17 in Pin Manager Window, it is mapped to RG10 pin. So, in the Pin Manager Grid choose RG10 as output as shown.



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



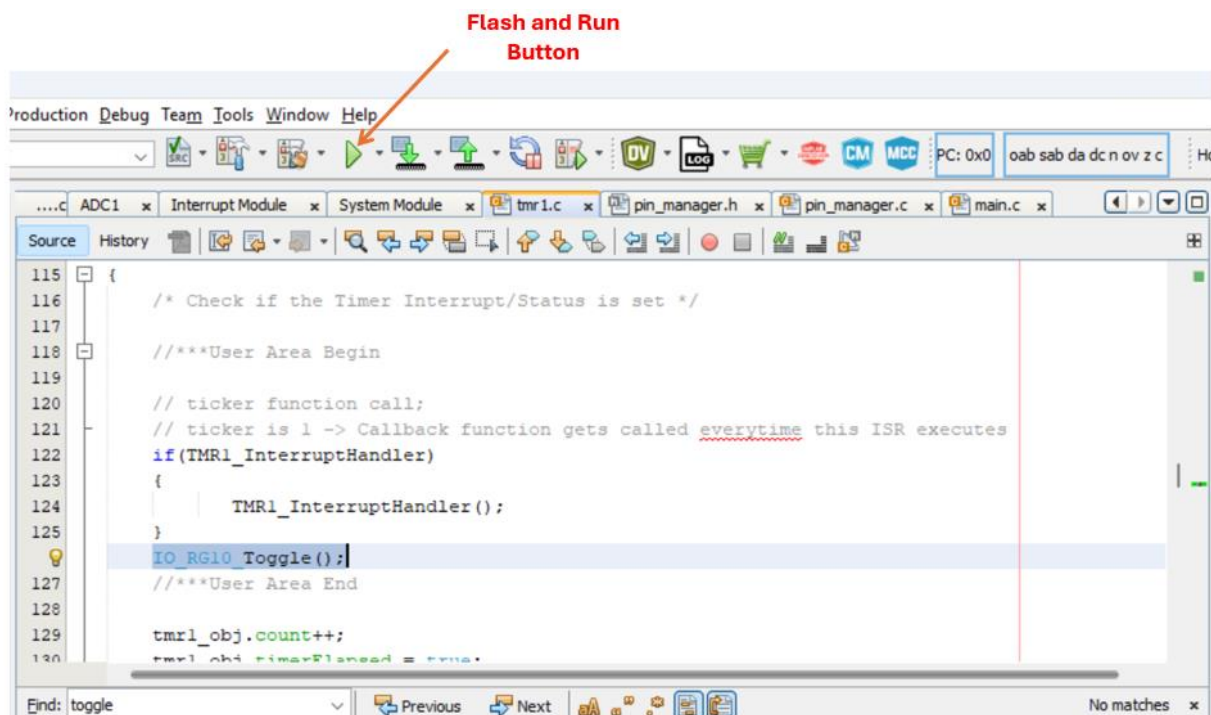
Step 14: Now choose the project window, in the `mcc_generated` folder open `tmr1.c`. In that consider the `_T1Interrupt()`, navigate to “//User Area End” and the macro `IO_RG10_Toggle()`; (



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

```
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.timerFlagged = true;
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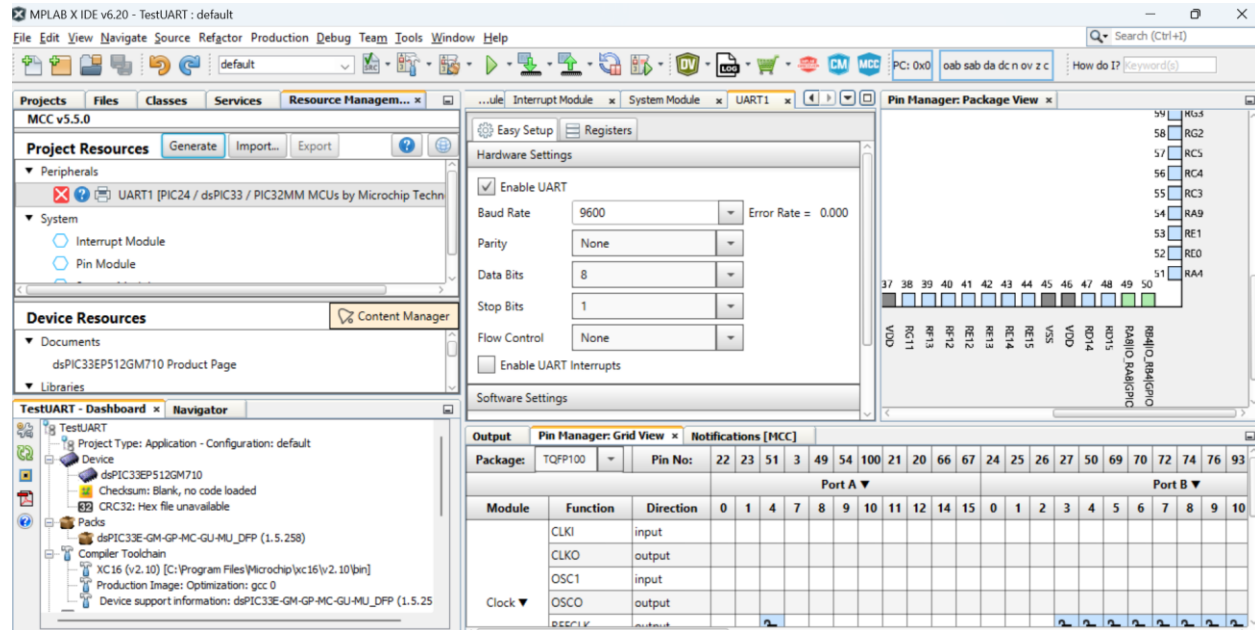
Step 15: Now run the program, compile the program and flash the program by clicking the Green button.



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



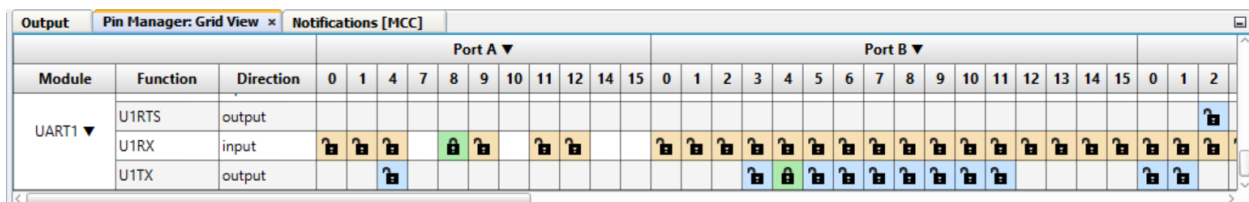
STEP 10: Choose UART1 peripheral as shown and, in the figure, and Enable UART as shown in the figure.



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.



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 */`



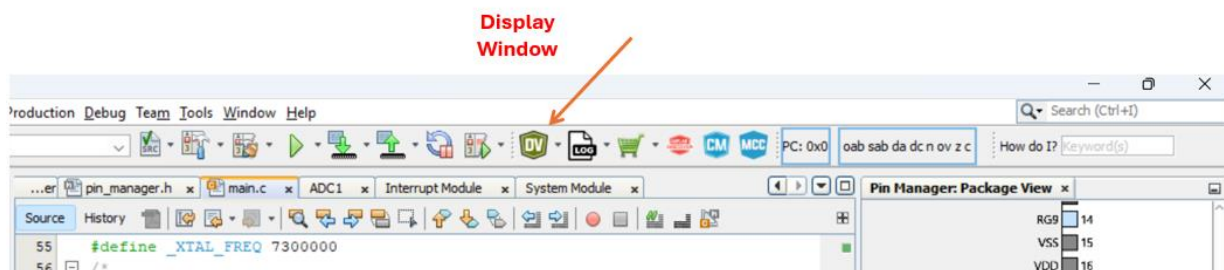
So, in the main program after initialization, please introduce a delay using a for loop as shown below.

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

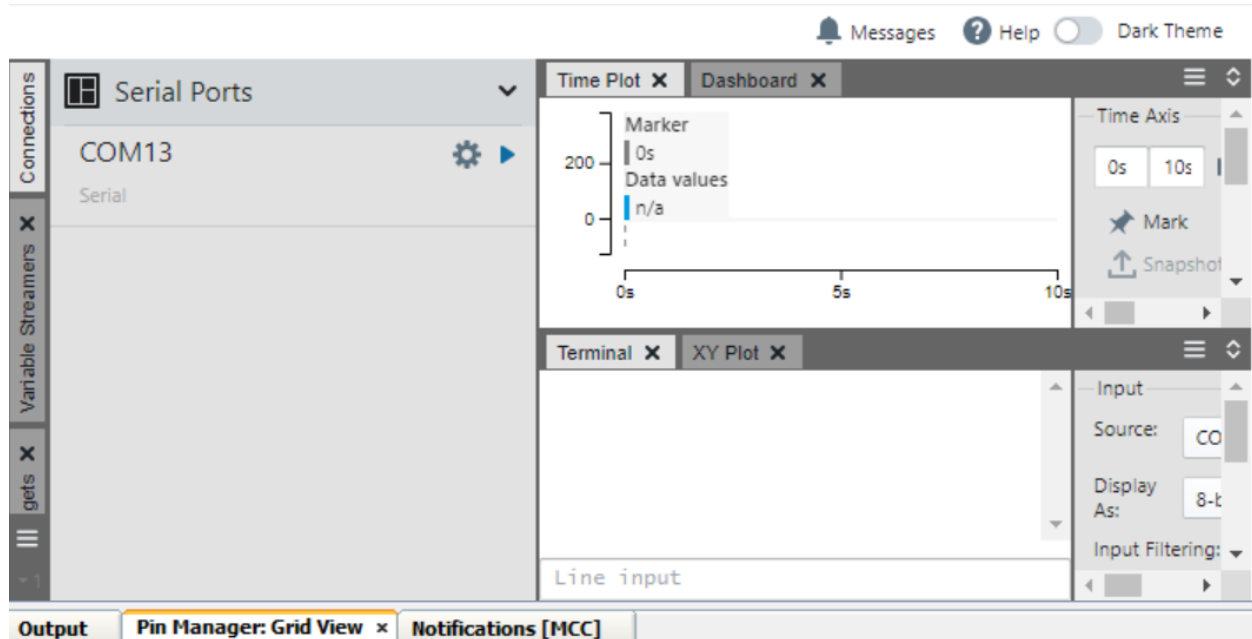
And in the infinite loop please add the below code.

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

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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.

The screenshot shows the 'Easy Setup' tab of the UART configuration window. The 'Enable UART' checkbox is checked. The Baud Rate is set to 9600, Parity is None, Data Bits is 8, Stop Bits is 1, and Flow Control is None. The 'Error Rate' is 0.000. The 'Enable UART Interrupts' checkbox is unchecked. The 'Software Settings' section is expanded, showing 'Redirect Printf to UART' checked, 'Software Transmit Buffer Size' set to 0x8 Bytes, and 'Software Receive Buffer Size' set to 0x8 Bytes.

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

A screenshot of the Microchip Configuration (MCC) tool's UART configuration window. The window has two tabs: "Easy Setup" (selected) and "Registers". Under "Easy Setup", there is a checked checkbox for "Enable UART". Below it are five dropdown menus: "Baud Rate" (9600), "Error Rate" (0.000), "Parity" (None), "Data Bits" (8), "Stop Bits" (1), and "Flow Control" (None). There is also a checked checkbox for "Enable UART Interrupts". A section titled "Software Settings" contains a checked checkbox for "Redirect Printf to UART". Below this are two input fields: "Software Transmit Buffer Size" (0x8) and "Software Receive Buffer Size" (0x8), both followed by the unit "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

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.