

MPLAB First Steps

Installation

Install MPLAB X IDE

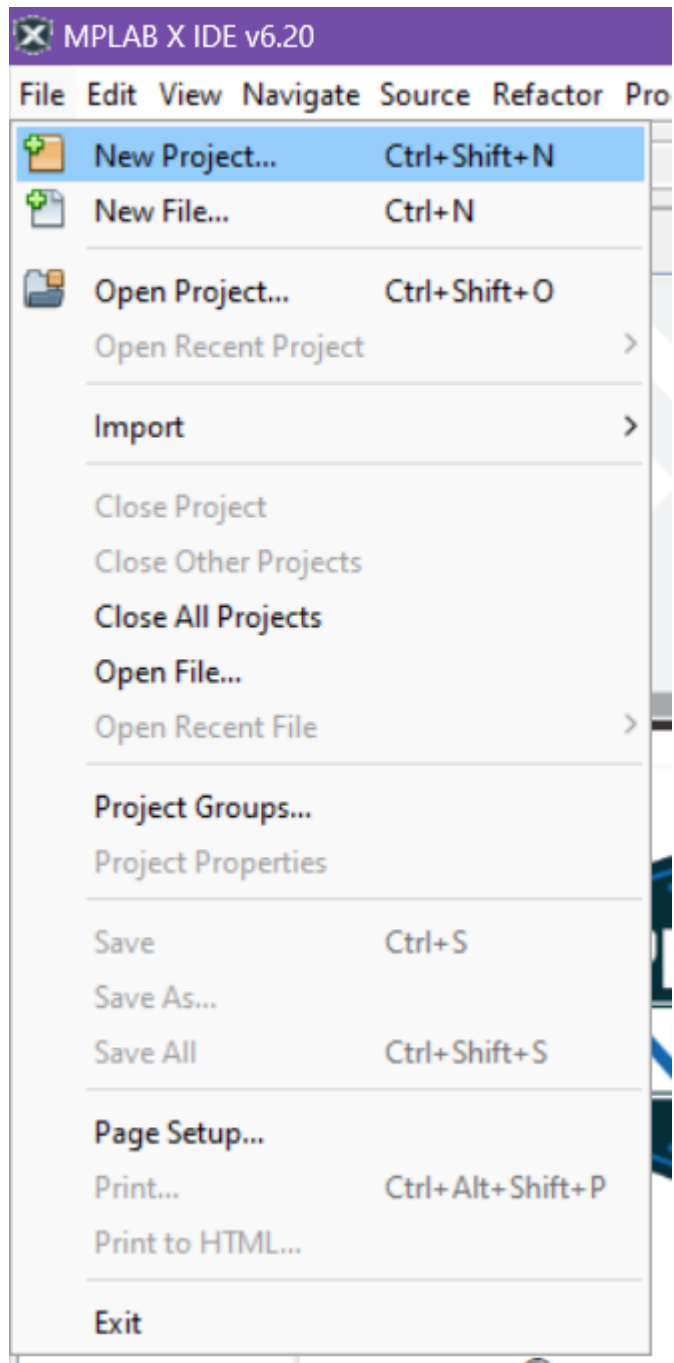
Install MPLAB X IDE through the official Microchip site: [MPLAB X IDE](#)

Install XC32 Compiler

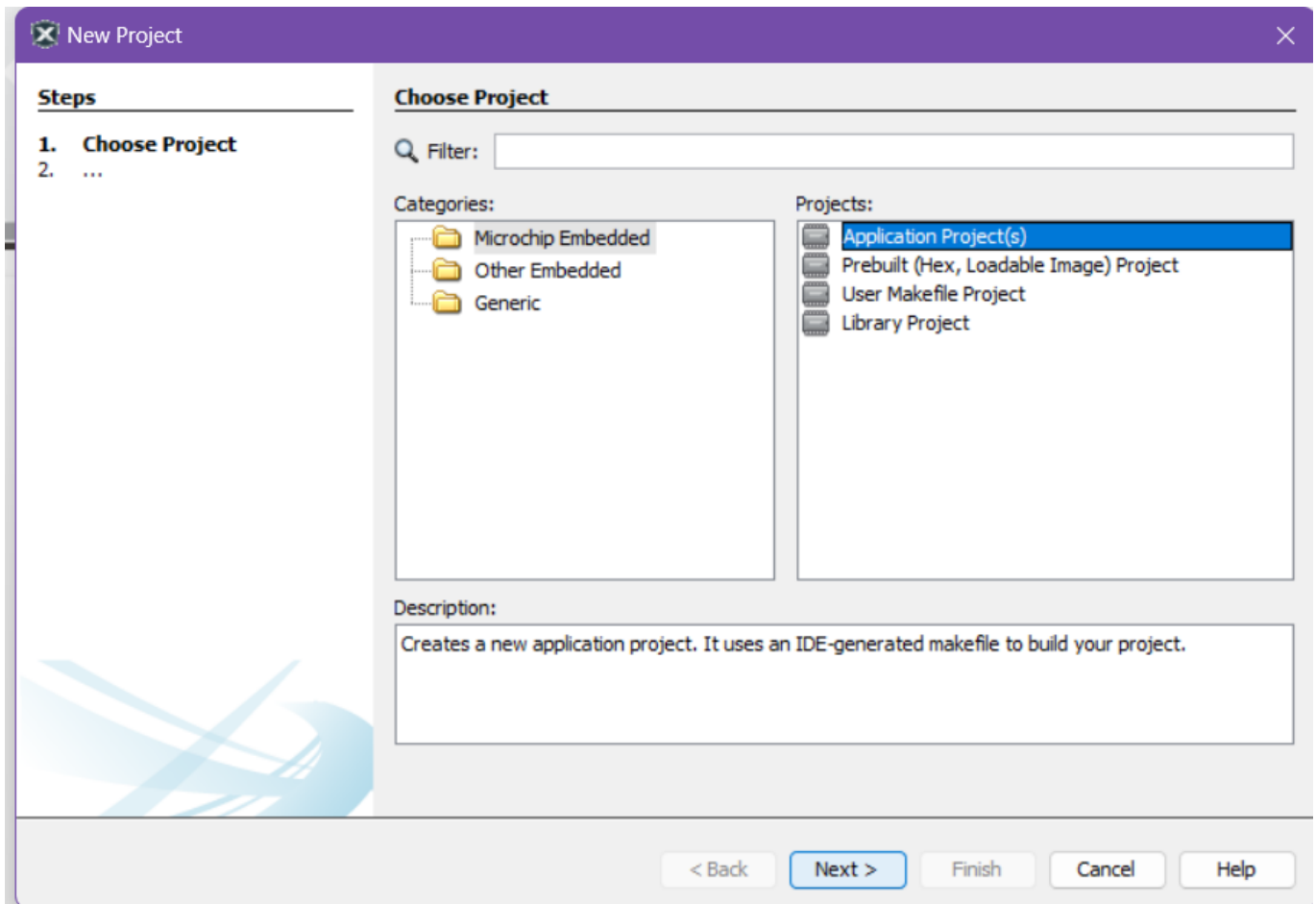
Install the XC32 COmpilers from Microchip: [MPLAB xC32 Compilers](#)

Your First MPLAB Project

- Create a New Project

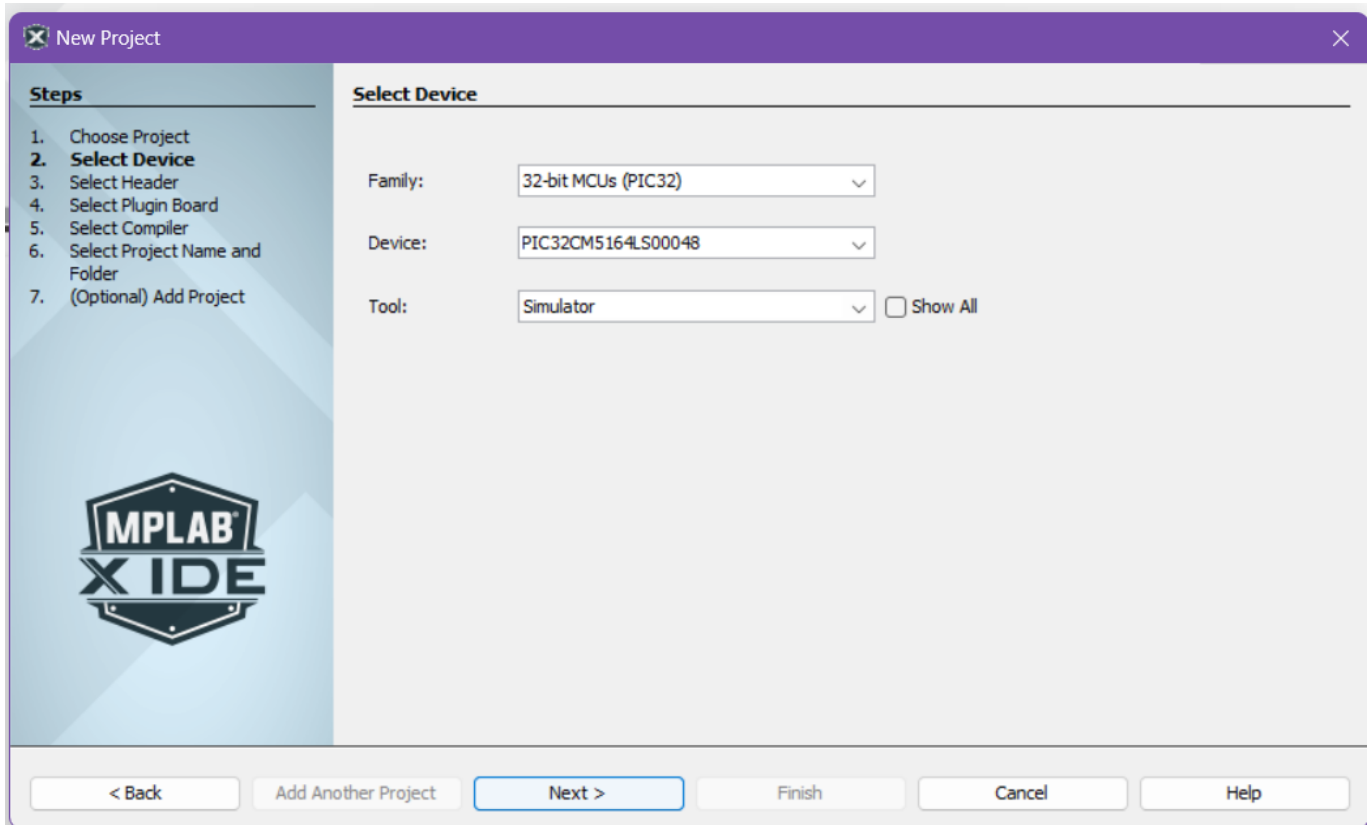


- Choose **Application Project(s)** then click **Next >**

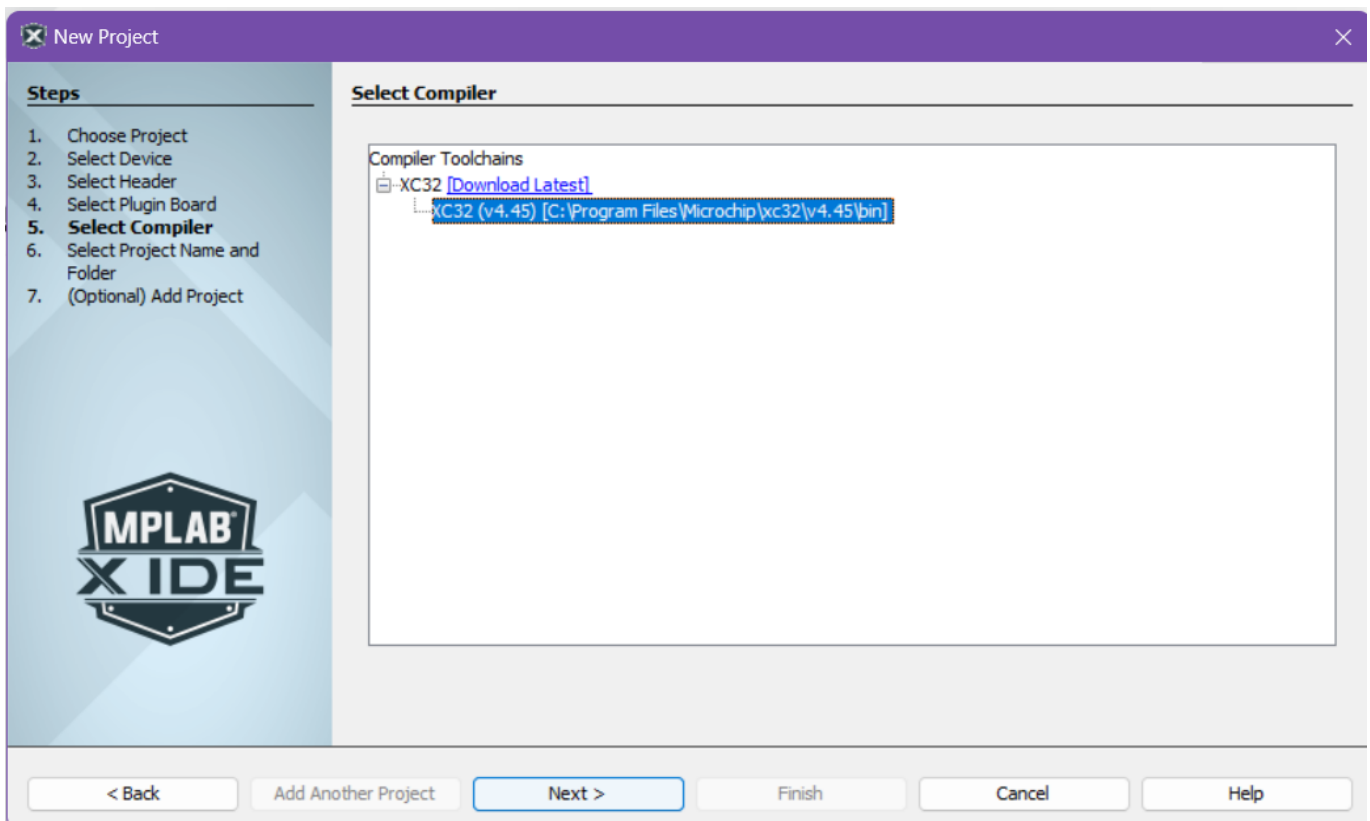


- Choose the following for 2. **Select Device**
 - **Device:** PIC32CM5164LS00048
 - **Tool:** Simulator

note: you can always change the tool later, will be useful once we move from using the simulator to actual hardware



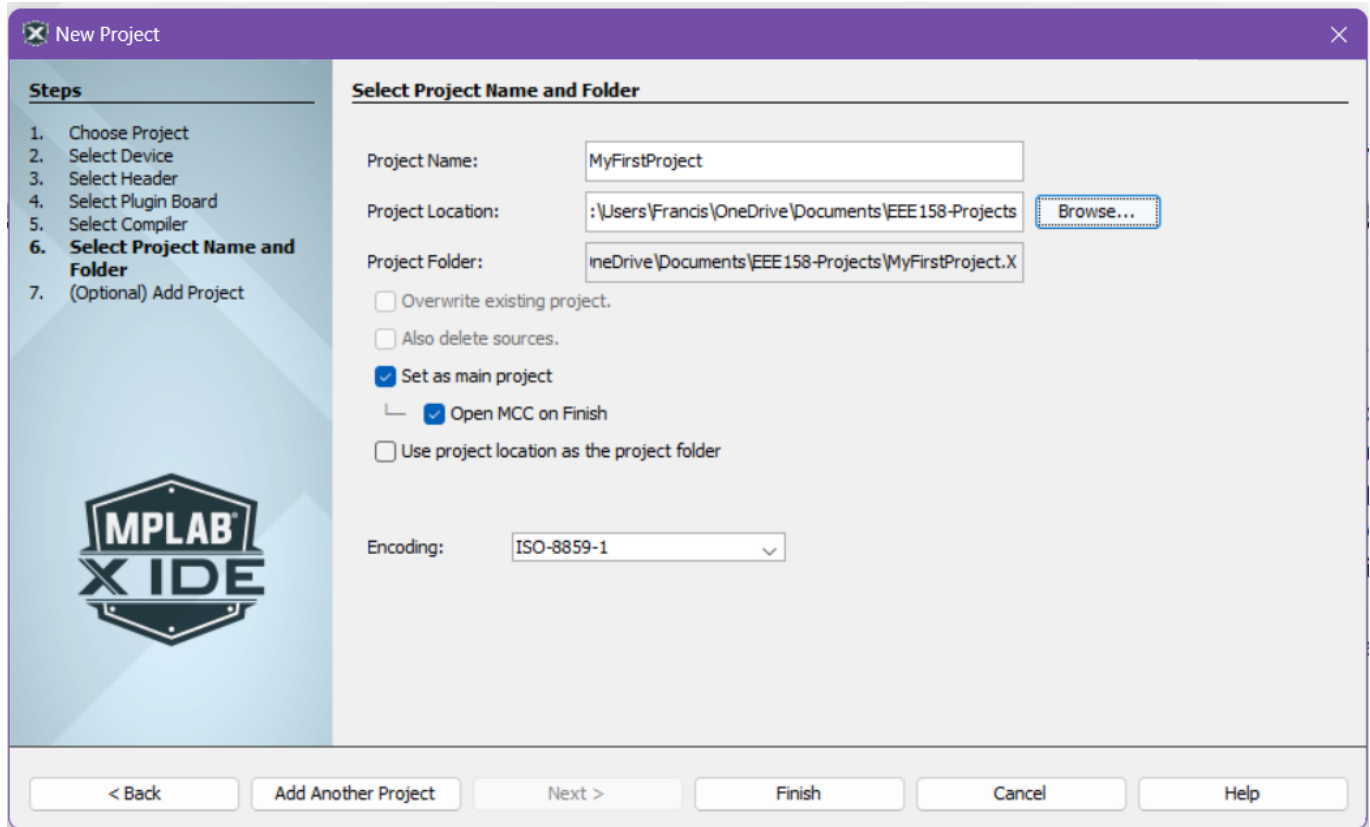
- Choose a installed XC32 Compiler
 - *note: if you do not see options for compilers, make you have properly installed the XC32 Compilers from the [Install XC32 Compilers Step](#)*



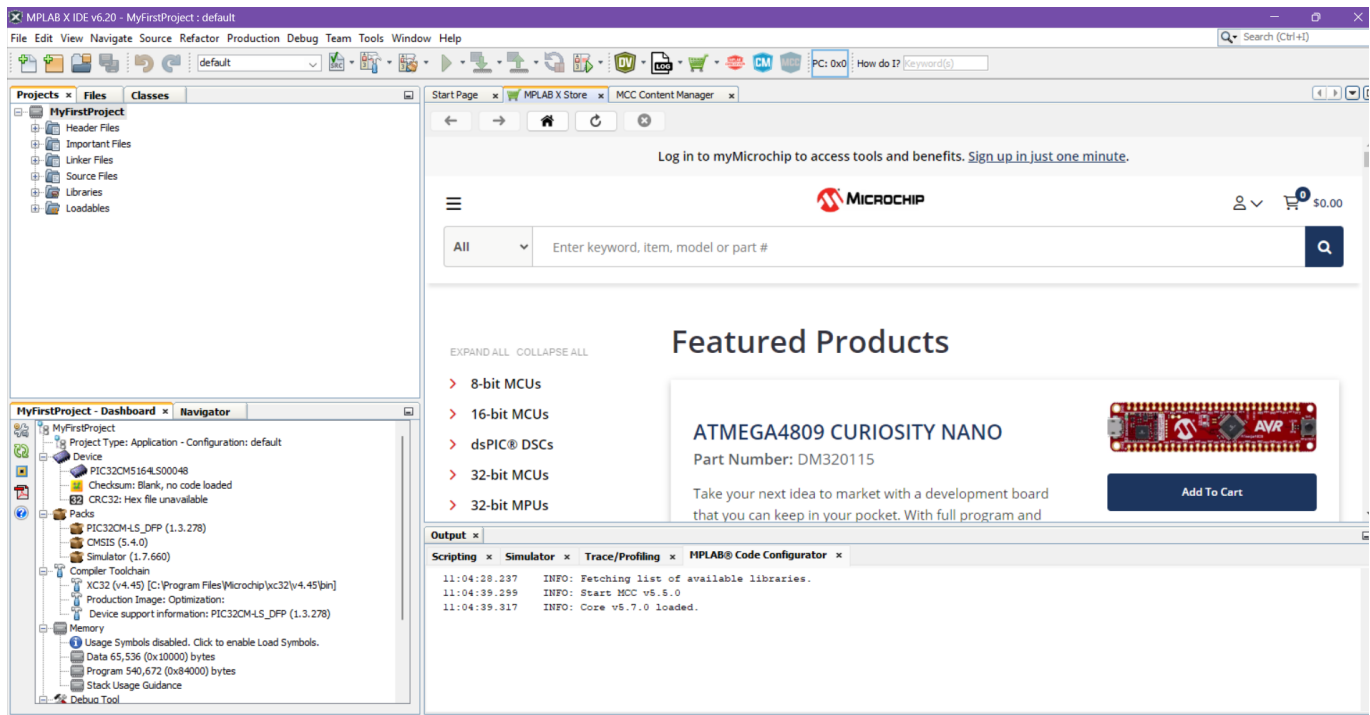
- Select where to save your Project on your local machine then click **Finish**

note: We suggest creating a new folder within another folder when you create a project as another folder will be generated in the same directory as the path you choose here (i.e. if you plan on storing all your Projects in a

folder called *MyProjects*, create a folder *MyProjects/MyFirstProject* and choose *MyFirstProject* as the place to save)



- Your First Project should now initialize

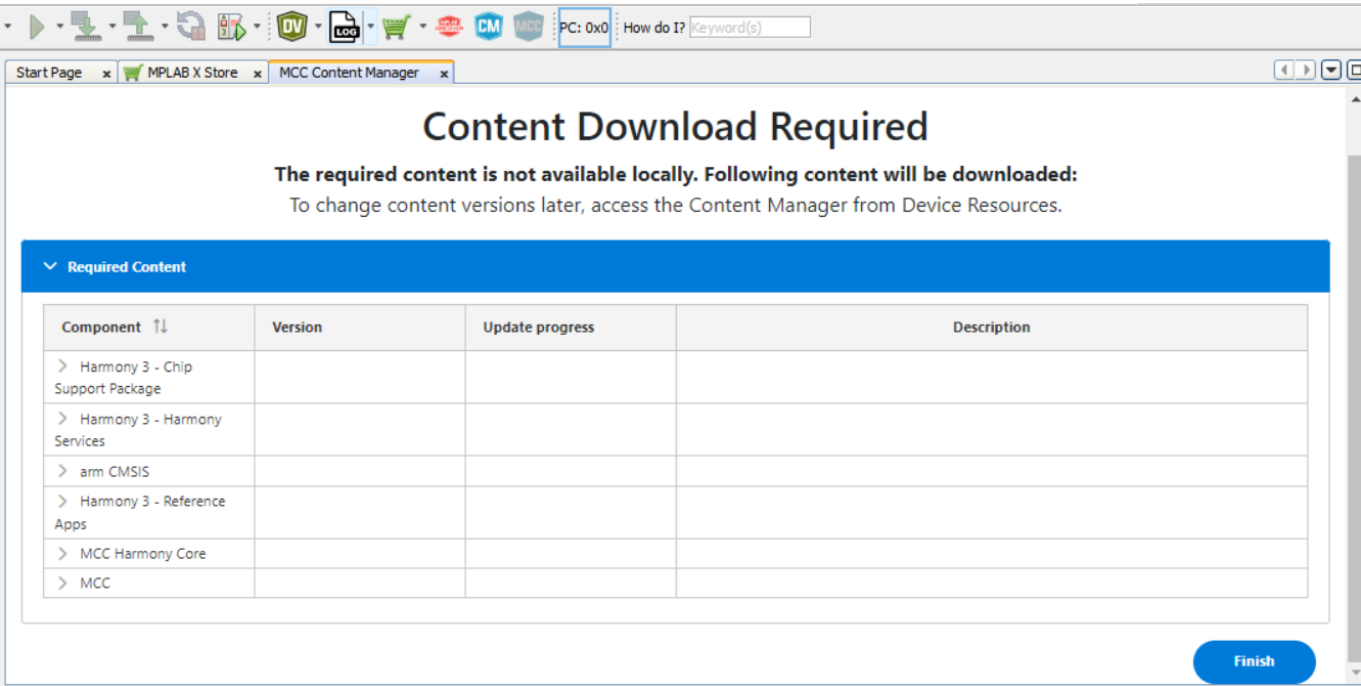


- We now proceed to setting up the MPLAB Code Configurator, It will either open up automatically or you can open it by clicking on the **MCC** icon on the top ribbon



MPLAB Code Configurator

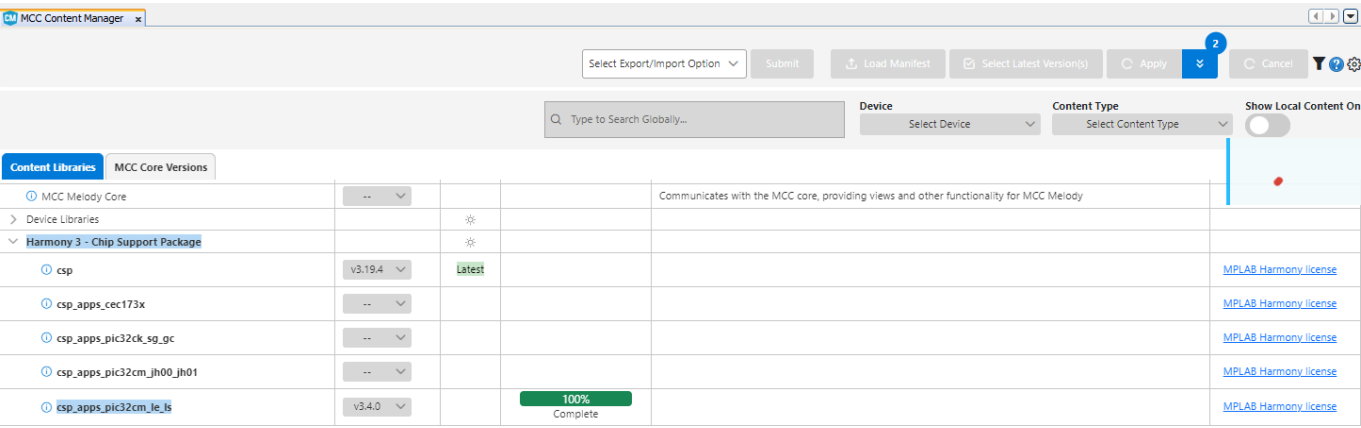
- Download content for MPLAB Code Configurator (MCC)



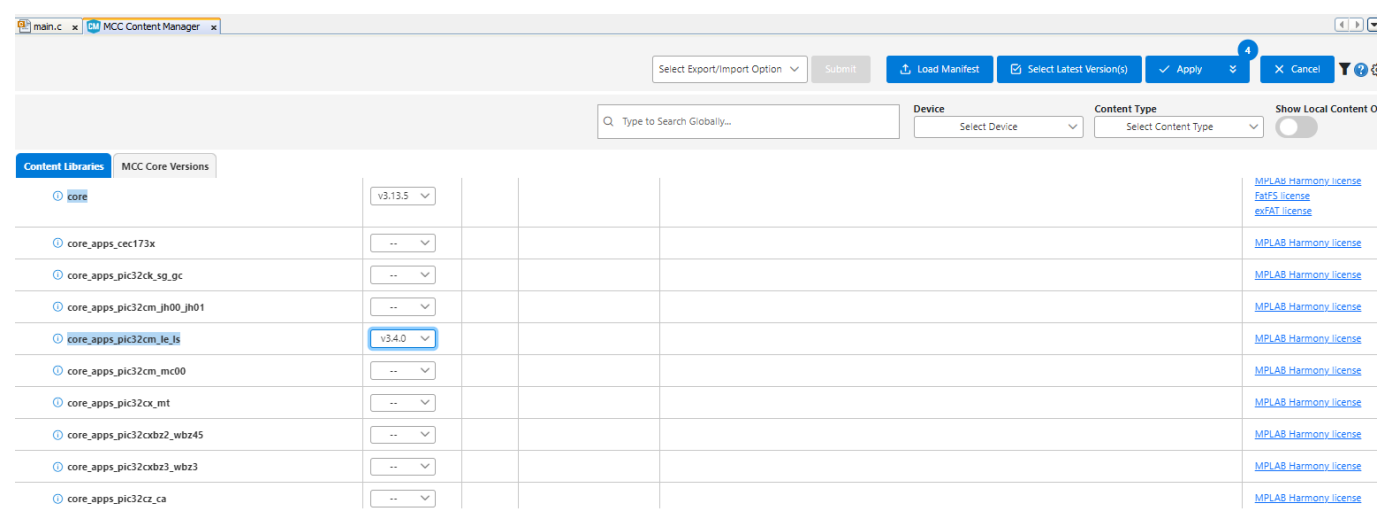
- On your first time opening, MCC will automatically ask you to download some files.

Board Packages

- Chip Support Package: proceed to also include `csp_apps_pic32cm_1e_1s` from under **Harmony 3 - Chip Support Packages**



- Core Apps Package: proceed to also include `core_apps_pic32cm_1e_1s` from under **Harmony 3 - Core**

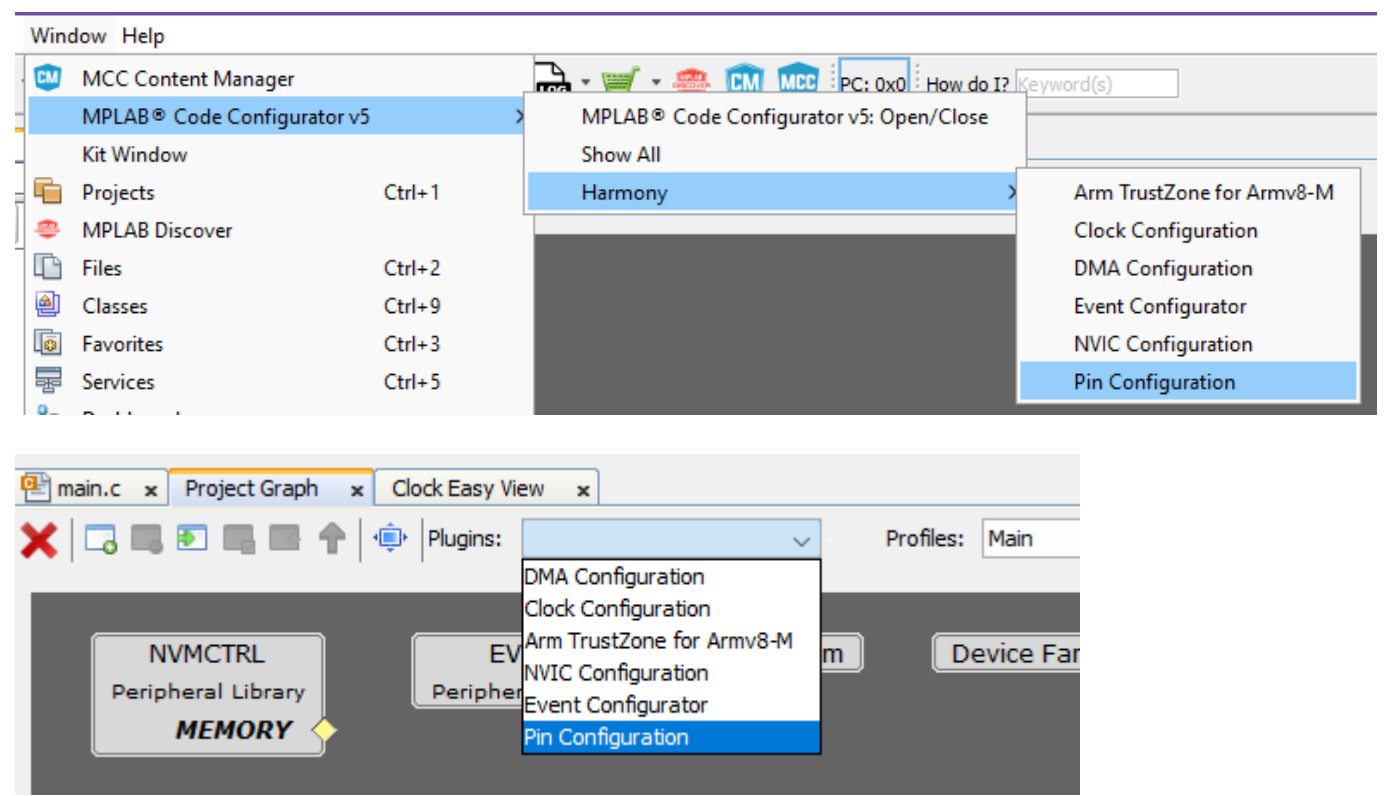


note: you can also add these packages later by opening up the **Content Manager** (CM button beside MCC) if you don't install them now

MCC Harmony Windows

We now proceed with using MCC to easily create some configurations for our Microcontroller

Open up **MCC** and navigate to **Pin Configuration** either through the ribbon or through the Project Graph



We can use a GUI to set up the pins of our Microcontroller. Proceed to set up PA15 as Output Pin as shown. Take note of the **Security Mode** being set as **NON-SECURE** as well.

main.cPin SettingsPin TablePin Diagram

Order: PinsTable ViewEasy View

Pin Number	Pin ID	Custom Name	Function	Mode	Direction	Latch	Pull Up	Pull Down	Drive Strength	Security Mode
19	VSS			Digital	High Impedance	Low	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NORMAL	SECURE
20	VDDPLL			Digital	High Impedance	Low	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NORMAL	SECURE
21	PA12		Available	Digital	High Impedance	Low	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NORMAL	SECURE
22	PA13		Available	Digital	High Impedance	Low	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NORMAL	SECURE
23	PA14		Available	Digital	High Impedance	Low	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NORMAL	SECURE
24	PA15	LED_PIN	GPIO	Digital	Out	High	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	STRONG	NON-SECURE

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UnavailableAvailableAssigned

PIC32CM5164LS00048

PA0012PA0111PA0210PA039PA048PA057PA066PA075PA084PA093PA102PA111PA120PA131PA140PA15242322212019181716151413

PA2536VDD35VSS34PA2433PA2332PA2231PA2130PA2029PA1928PA1827PA1726PA1625

PB0348PB0247PB0146PB3145PB3044VDD43VDDOUT42VSSCORE41VDDCORE40RESET_N39VSS38PB2337PB2236

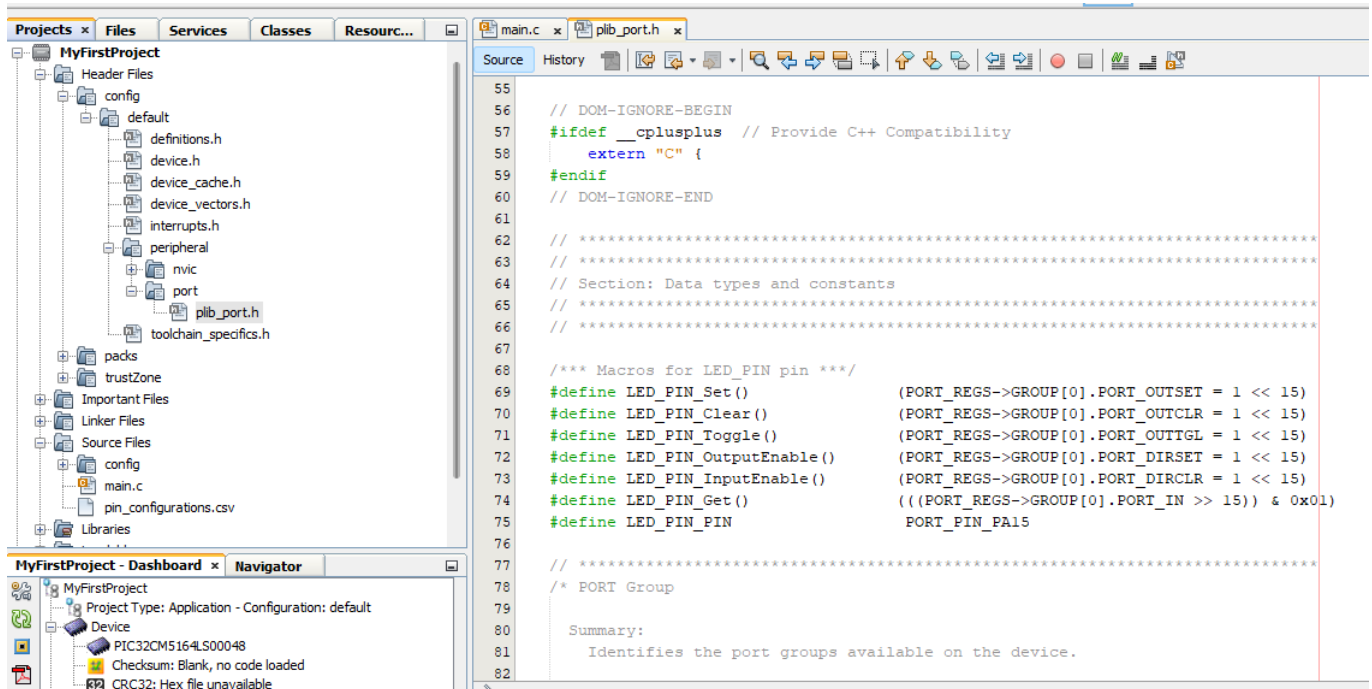
- Click on Generate to generate your configuration code

Project Resources

GenerateImport...Export

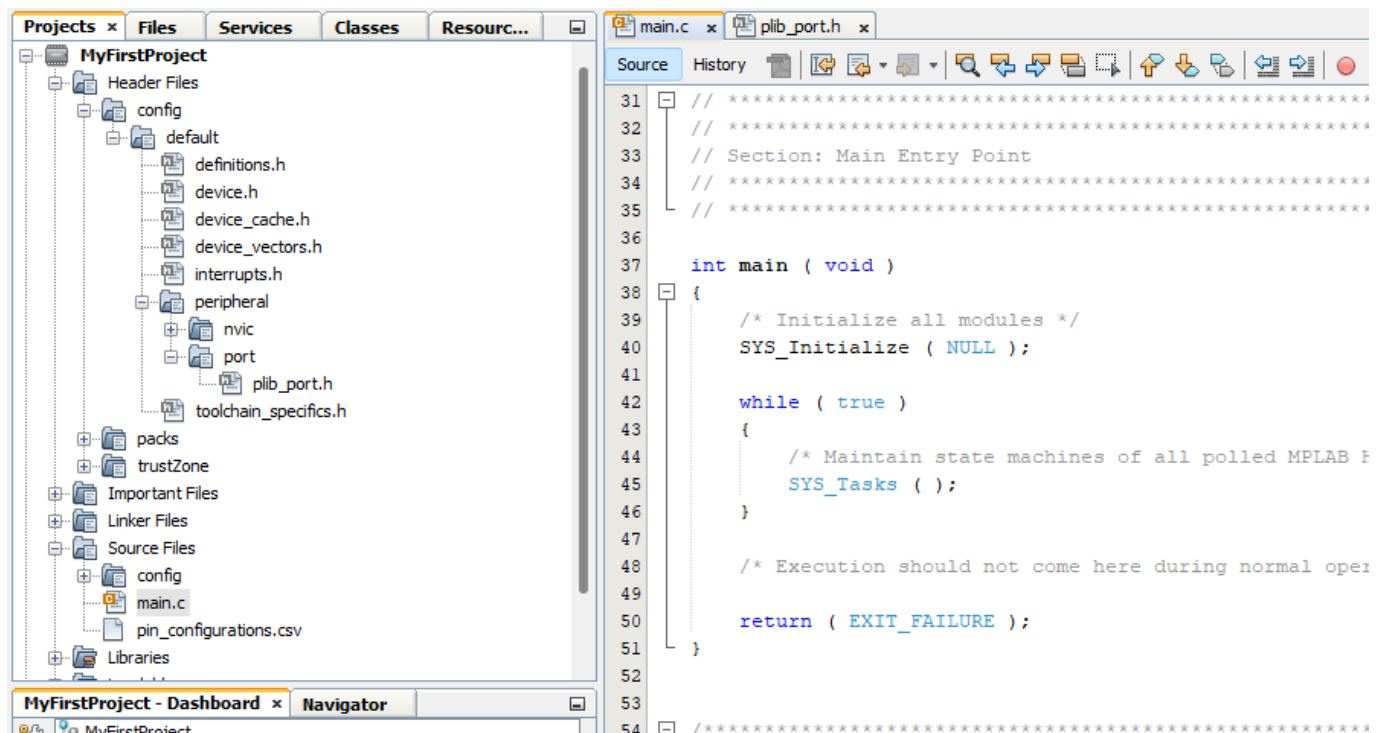
You should now see in your Project folder more files, these were auto generated by MCC. The interesting one here is the header file `plib_port.h`

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You can use these newly declared definition in you code to control the Pin.

- Go to `main.c` under **Source Files**



Here is where you can start creating your application. Let's blink try and blink an LED by switching a pin between HIGH and LOW.

Guided Exercise: "Blinky!"

Blinky!

- in `main.c` add the function call `LED_PIN_Toggle()`; and also this `crude_delay_ms()` function before `main()`

```

int crude_ms_delay(int ms){
    int count = 0;
    unsigned int delay_count = ms * 12000;

    while(count < delay_count){
        asm("nop");
        count = count + 1;
    }
    return 0;
}

int main ( void )
{
    /* Initialize all modules */
    SYS_Initialize ( NULL );

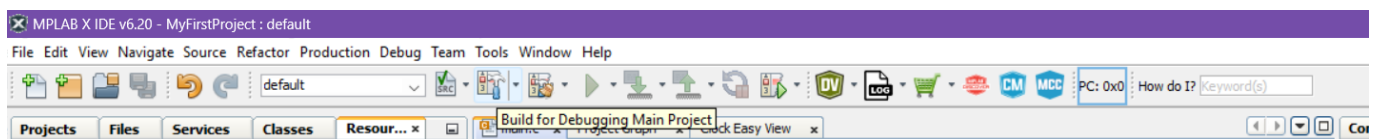
    while ( true )
    {
        LED_PIN_Toggle();
        crude_ms_delay(1000);
        /* Maintain state machines of all polled MPLAB Harmony modules. */
        SYS_Tasks ( );
    }

    /* Execution should not come here during normal operation */

    return ( EXIT_FAILURE );
}

```

Let us first try Building our Application. Press the **Build** Icon to compile your project. It's the one that looks like a hammer



If it builds, we are now ready to try and debug your application using the Simulator.

Simulator Debugging

Guided Exercise: "Hello World"

"Hello World"

Logic Analyzer