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Running SpinCAD Designer in debug mode (#p1347)

by **Digital Larry** » Fri Jun 14, 2013 9:06 am

To get all sorts of interesting and valuable debug information from SpinCAD Designer, run it in debug mode. I will describe it for Windows as that's what I have here. It may be slightly different for OS/X and Linux, but there again, maybe not.

Open up a command prompt and navigate to the folder where your SpinCAD Designer JAR file is located.

Then launch SpinCAD Designer by typing:

```
java -jar SpinCAD-367.jar
```

or whatever the filename corresponding to the version you have is. You will now be able to see all sorts of debug messages spewing out when various things happen in the program.

When the program refuses to put out ASM code, almost invariably it's because an exception (error) occurred somewhere. This is not uncommon and it's why I'm doing beta testing!

The easiest thing for you to do would be to capture the debug output to a file, such as:

```
java -jar SpinCAD-367.jar 2> debuglog.txt
```

This will send the debug output to a txt file. After the problem is observed, exit SpinCAD Designer and ZIP up the log file and post it with a message here. I'll look at it and see what happened. It would also help to have the SPCD file attached and let me know what version of the program you were using.

Note that some debug messages will still come out on the console window even if you're sending the debug output to a log file. So keep that window visible to see if that happens.

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