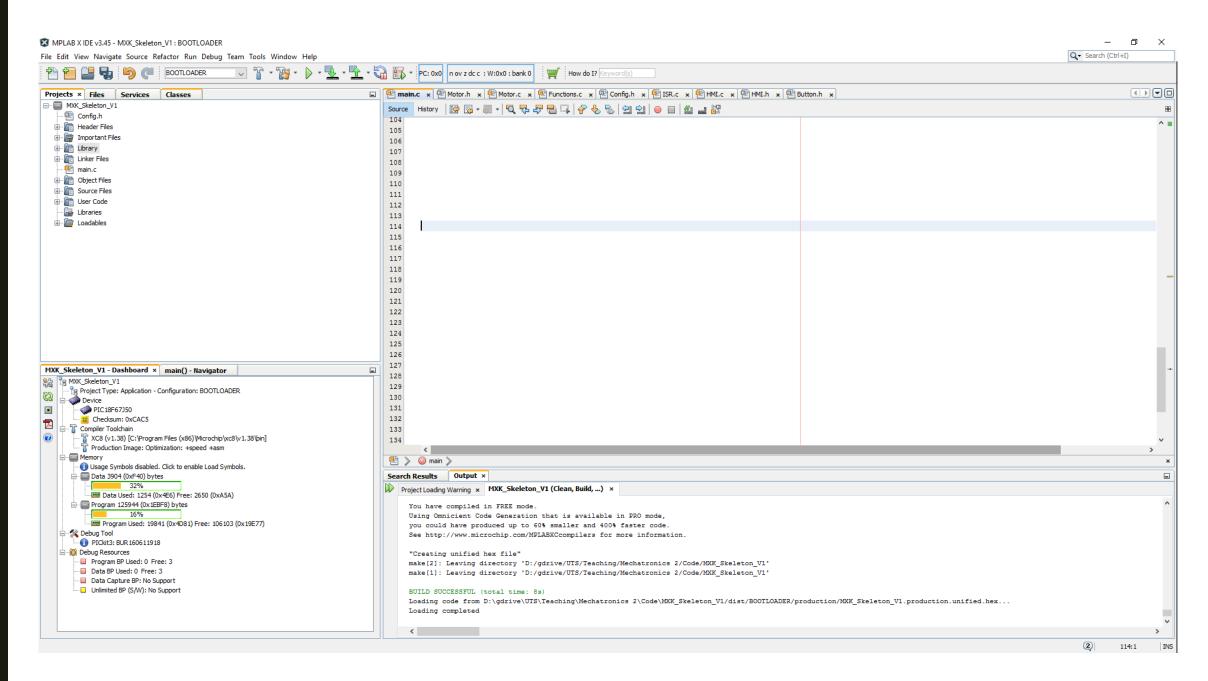
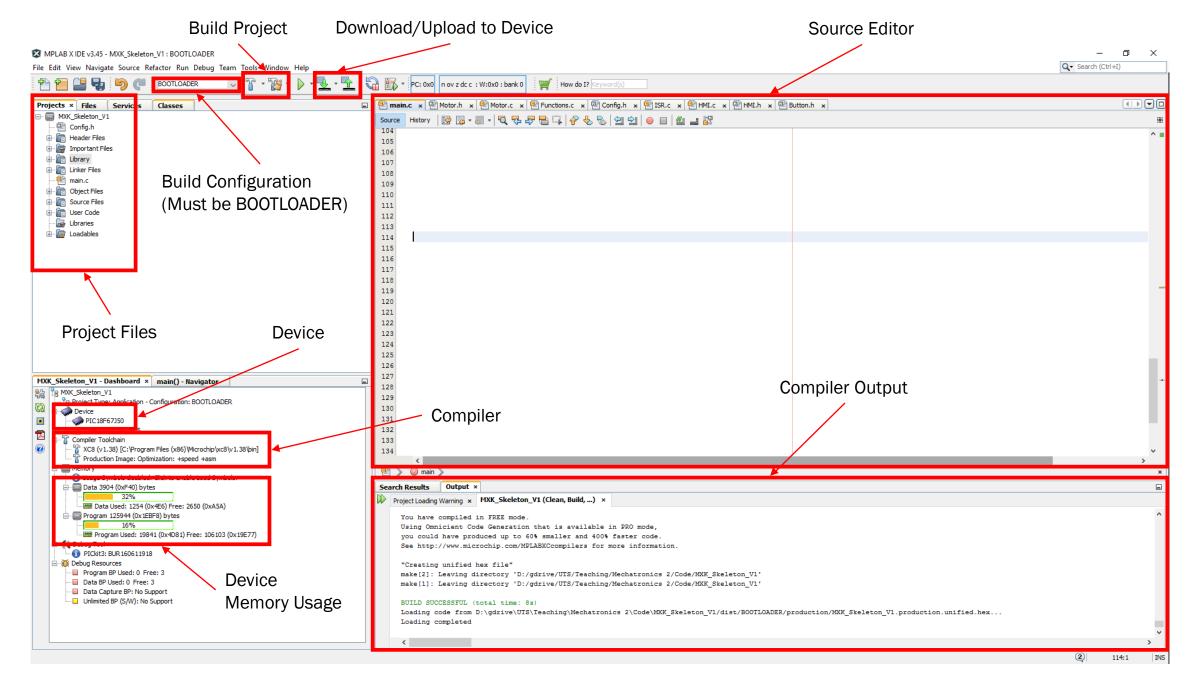
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Mechatronics 2

MPLAB X

- Integrated development environment for embedded devices i.e. an all in one toolset for programming PIC microcontrollers
- Can be used with different compilers and languages (such as MPASM assembly or XC8)
- Can compile and write HEX files directly to embedded devices and even perform debugging with the correct hardware (such as a PICKit3)
- Available for free from: http://www.microchip.com/mplab/mplab-x-ide





Task Preparation

- Download task skeleton file from:
 UTSOnline > Subject Documents > Week 3 > MX2_W3_Skeleton.zip
- Download the HMI User Guide from:
 UTSOnline > Subject Documents > Week 3 > HMI_User_Guide.pdf
- Unzip folder and open project in MPLAB X
- Open main.c and read through the commented code
- Go to page **11** of the **HMI User Guide** and read through each of the function descriptions

Programming

- Click Clean & Build Project from the top menu in MPLAB X
- Open the HIDBootloader.exe program (available from MXK Online) and load the file: [YourProject].X\dist\BOOTLOADER\production\[YourProject].X.production.hex
- Hold down the **TST1** button on the microcontroller module then press the **RST1** to place the board into bootloader mode
- Click "Erase/Program/Verify"
- Click "Reset Device" to exit bootloader mode and start your program
- Note: Do **NOT** use [YourProject].X.production.**UNIFIED**.hex

Task 1

- (Simple): Write your name to the LCD screen
- (Advanced): Write your name to the LCD screen with each letter a different colour
- Note:
 - Choose the functions you think you will need to use from the user guide
 - Make sure your input parameters are the correct data type for each function
 - Break the problem down into smaller problems and test your code frequently

Task 2

- (Simple): Print your birth year to the seven segment display
- (Advanced): Display a counter that counts up by 1 every second on the seven segment display
- Note
 - The seven segment display must be 'rendered' every loop iteration

Task 3

- (Simple): Display the current button states on the LCD screen
- (Advanced): Change the colour of the LCD screen depending which button is pressed
- (Boss): Left and Right buttons change background colour while Up and Down buttons change text colour

Week 4 Preparation

- Ensure you have the following equipment for class:
 - Stepper Motor
 - Stepper Motor Module
 - 9V battery + clip-on battery leads OR alternative 9-12V DC source to power stepper motor
- Ensure you are comfortable with all of the tasks covered this week
- Read through the week 4 content when it is released

See you next week!



Image References

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