- [A] Auto Allow MPLAB IDE to guess whether the file's path should be relative or absolute based upon the file's location. If the project directory contains the file, the reference is a relative path. Otherwise, the reference is an absolute path.
- [U] User Reference the file with a relative path. This is the preferred way to add files created specifically for a project.
- [S] System Reference the file with an absolute path.
 There are cases when this mode is useful, but these paths
 often require correction when a project is moved from one
 system to another.
- [C] Copy Copy a file to the project directory and add a relative path to the copied file. Optionally, edit the file name to rename the local copy of the file. This mode provides a convenient way to incorporate linker scripts and template source files into a project without introducing an absolute path.