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This document presents five code examples for 8-bit PIC MCU devices and the MPLAB XC8 C compiler using the Common Code Interface (CCI). For more on CCI, see the *"MPLAB XC8 C Compiler User's Guide"* (DS50002053).

Some knowledge of microcontrollers and the C programming language is necessary.

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## 1. TURN LEDS ON OR OFF

This example will light alternate LEDs on the Explorer 8 board with a PIC16F1719 microcontroller (MCU). For more information, see [Section B. “Get Software and Hardware”](#).

```
// PIC16F1719 Configuration Bit Settings

// For more on Configuration Bits, ← see Section 1.1
// consult your device data sheet

// CONFIG1
#pragma config FOSC = ECH      // External Clock, 4-20 MHz
#pragma config WDTE = OFF      // Watchdog Timer (WDT) disabled
#pragma config PWRTE = OFF     // Power-up Timer disabled
#pragma config MCLRE = ON      // MCLR/VPP pin function is MCLR
#pragma config CP = OFF        // Flash Memory Code Protection off
#pragma config BOREN = ON      // Brown-out Reset enabled
#pragma config CLKOUTEN = OFF  // Clock Out disabled.
#pragma config IESO = ON       // Internal/External Switchover on
#pragma config FCMEN = ON      // Fail-Safe Clock Monitor enabled

// CONFIG2
#pragma config WRT = OFF       // Flash Memory Self-Write Protect off
#pragma config PPS1WAY = ON    // PPS one-way control enabled
#pragma config ZCDDIS = ON     // Zero-cross detect disabled
#pragma config PLEN = OFF      // Phase Lock Loop disable
#pragma config STVREN = ON     // Stack Over/Underflow Reset enabled
#pragma config BORV = LO       // Brown-out Reset low trip point
#pragma config LPBOR = OFF     // Low-Power Brown Out Reset disabled
#pragma config LVP = OFF       // Low-Voltage Programming disabled

// #pragma config statements should precede project file includes.
// Use project enums instead of #define for ON and OFF.

#include <xc.h> ← see Section 1.2
#include <stdint.h>

void main(void) {

    uint8_t portValue = 0x05; ← see Section 1.3

    // Port B access ← see Section 1.4

    ANSELB = 0x0; // set to digital I/O (not analog)
    TRISB = 0x0;  // set all port bits to be output
    LATB = portValue; // write to port latch - RB[0:3] = LED[4:7]

    // Port D access
    ANSELD = 0x0; // set to digital I/O (not analog)
    TRISD = 0x0;  // set all port bits to be output
    LATD = portValue; // write to port latch - RD[0:3] = LED[0:3]

}
```

## 1.1 Configuration Bits

Microchip devices have configuration registers with bits that enable and/or set up device features.

**Note:** If you do not set Configuration bits correctly, your device will not operate at all, or at least not as expected.

### WHICH CONFIGURATION BITS TO SET

In particular, be aware of the followings settings:

- **Oscillator selection** - This must match your hardware's oscillator circuitry. If this is not correct, the *device clock may not run*. Typically, development boards use high-speed crystal oscillators. From the example code:

```
#pragma config FOSC = ECH
```

- **Watchdog timer**- It is recommended that you disable this timer until it is required. This prevents *unexpected Resets*. From the example code:

```
#pragma config WDTE = OFF
```

- **Code protection** - Turn off code protection until it is required. This ensures that *device memory is fully accessible*. From the example code:

```
#pragma config CP = OFF
```

Different configuration bits may need to be set up to use another 8-bit device (rather than the PIC16F1719 MCU used in this example). See your device data sheet for the name and function of corresponding configuration bits. Use the part number to search <https://www.microchip.com> for the appropriate data sheet.

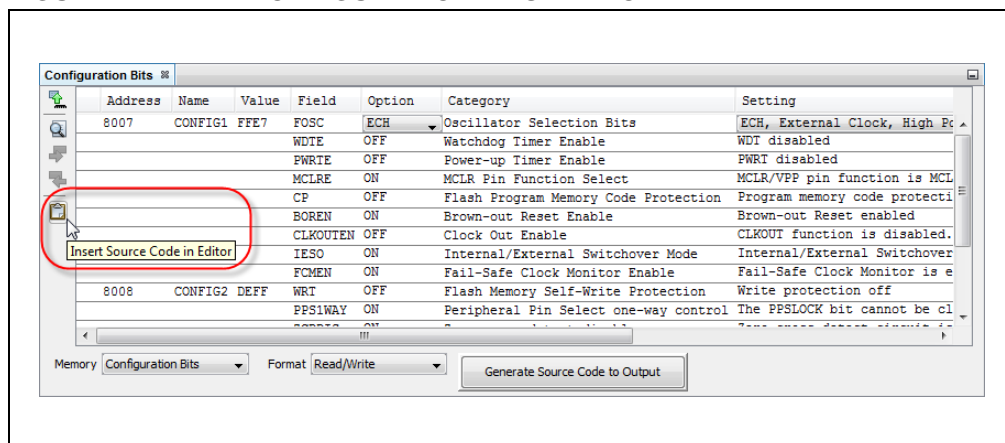
For more information about configuration bits that are available for each device, see the following file in the location where MPLAB XC8 was installed:

*MPLAB XC8 Installation Directory/docs/chips*

### HOW TO SET CONFIGURATION BITS

In MPLAB X IDE, you can use the Configuration Bits window to view and set these bits. Select **Window>Target Memory Views>Configuration Bits** to open this window.

**FIGURE 1: CONFIGURATION BITS WINDOW**



Once the settings are selected, click in code where you want this information placed and then click the **Insert Source Code in Editor** icon, as shown in the example code. See MPLAB X IDE documentation for more information on this window.

## 1.2 Included Header Files

The `xc.h` header file allows code in the source file to access compiler-specific or device-specific features. Based on your selected device, the compiler sets macros that allow `xc.h` to vector to the correct device-specific header file. Do not include a device-specific header in your code or your code will not be portable.

The `stdint.h` header file defines fixed-size integer types. For example, `uint8_t` is an unsigned 8-bit integer.

These and other header files can be found in the MPLAB XC8 installation directory in the `pic/include` subdirectory.

## 1.3 Variable for LED Values

The value to be written to the LEDs (as explained in the next section), has been assigned to a variable (`portValue`), i.e., LEDs D1, D3, D5, and D7 will be on and LEDs D2, D4, D6 and D8 will be off. See the *Explorer 8 Development Board User's Guide* (DS40001812) for the board schematic ([Section B.4 "Get and Set Up the Explorer 8 Board"](#)).

## 1.4 Port Access

Digital I/O device pins may be multiplexed with peripheral I/O pins. To ensure that you are using digital I/O only, disable the other peripheral(s). Do this by using the pre-defined C variables that represent the peripheral registers and bits. These variables are listed in the device-specific header file in the compiler `include` directory. To determine which peripherals share which pins, refer to your device data sheet.

For the example in this section, Port B and Port D pins are multiplexed with peripherals that are disabled by default. By default the port pins are analog, so you must set them to digital I/O. For Port B:

```
ANSELB = 0x0; // set to digital I/O (not analog)
```

A device pin is connected to either a digital I/O port (`PORT`) or latch (`LAT`) register in the device. For the example, `LATD` and `LATB` are used. The macro `LEDS_ON_OFF` is assigned to both latches. For Port D:

```
LATB = portValue; // write to port latch - RD[0:3] = LED[0:3]
```

In addition, there is a register for specifying the directionality of the pin - either input or output - called a TRIS register. For the example in this section, `TRISB` and `TRISD` are used. Setting a bit to 0 makes the pin an output, and setting a bit to 1 makes the pin an input. For Port B:

```
TRISB = 0x0; // set all port bits to be output
```

## 2. FLASH LEDs USING `_delay()` FUNCTION

This example is a modification of the previous code. Instead of just turning on LEDs, this code will flash alternating LEDs.

```
// PIC16F1719 Configuration Bit Settings

// For more on Configuration Bits, consult your device data sheet

// CONFIG1
#pragma config FOSC = ECH      // External Clock, 4-20 MHz
#pragma config WDTE = OFF      // Watchdog Timer (WDT) disabled
#pragma config PWRTE = OFF     // Power-up Timer disabled
#pragma config MCLRE = ON      // MCLR/VPP pin function is MCLR
#pragma config CP = OFF        // Flash Memory Code Protection off
#pragma config BOREN = ON      // Brown-out Reset enabled
#pragma config CLKOUTEN = OFF  // Clock Out disabled.
#pragma config IESO = ON       // Internal/External Switchover on
#pragma config FCMEN = ON      // Fail-Safe Clock Monitor enabled

// CONFIG2
#pragma config WRT = OFF       // Flash Memory Self-Write Protect off
#pragma config PPS1WAY = ON    // PPS one-way control enabled
#pragma config ZCDDIS = ON     // Zero-cross detect disabled
#pragma config PLLEN = OFF     // Phase Lock Loop disable
#pragma config STVREN = ON     // Stack Over/Underflow Reset enabled
#pragma config BORV = LO       // Brown-out Reset low trip point
#pragma config LPBOR = OFF     // Low-Power Brown Out Reset disabled
#pragma config LVP = OFF       // Low-Voltage Programming disabled

// #pragma config statements should precede project file includes.
// Use project enums instead of #define for ON and OFF.

#include <xc.h>
#include <stdint.h>

void main(void) {

    uint8_t portValue;

    // Port B access
    ANSELB = 0x0; // set to digital I/O (not analog)
    TRISB = 0x0;  // set all port bits to be output

    // Port D access
    ANSELD = 0x0; // set to digital I/O (not analog)
    TRISD = 0x0;  // set all port bits to be output

    while(1) { ← see Section 2.1

        portValue = 0x05;
        LATB = portValue; // RB[0:3] = LED[4:7]
        LATD = portValue; // RD[0:3] = LED[0:3]

        // delay value change ← see Section 2.2
        _delay(25000); // delay in instruction cycles
```

```
    portValue = 0x0A;
    LATB = portValue; // RB[0:3] = LED[4:7]
    LATD = portValue; // RD[0:3] = LED[0:3]
    _delay(25000); // delay in instruction cycles
}
}
```

## 2.1 The `while()` Loop and Variable Values

To make the LEDs on Port B and Port D change, the variable `portValue` is first assigned a value of `0x05` (LEDs 0, 2, 4, 6 are on) and then a complementary value of `0x0A` (LEDs 1,3,5,7 are on). To perform the loop, `while(1) { }` was used.

## 2.2 The `_delay()` Function

Because the speed of execution will, in most cases, cause the LEDs to flash faster than the eye can see, execution needs to be slowed. `_delay()` is a built-in function of the compiler.

For more details on the delay built-in, see the *MPLAB® XC8 C Compiler User's Guide* (DS50002053).

### 3. COUNT UP ON LEDs USING INTERRUPTS AS DELAY

This example is a modification of the previous code. Although the delay loop in the previous example was useful in slowing down loop execution, it created dead time in the program. To avoid this, a timer interrupt can be used.

```
// PIC16F1719 Configuration Bit Settings

// For more on Configuration Bits, consult your device data sheet

// CONFIG1
#pragma config FOSC = ECH      // External Clock, 4-20 MHz
#pragma config WDTE = OFF      // Watchdog Timer (WDT) disabled
#pragma config PWRTE = OFF     // Power-up Timer disabled
#pragma config MCLRE = ON      // MCLR/VPP pin function is MCLR
#pragma config CP = OFF        // Flash Memory Code Protection off
#pragma config BOREN = ON      // Brown-out Reset enabled
#pragma config CLKOUTEN = OFF   // Clock Out disabled.
#pragma config IESO = ON       // Internal/External Switchover on
#pragma config FCMEN = ON      // Fail-Safe Clock Monitor enabled

// CONFIG2
#pragma config WRT = OFF       // Flash Memory Self-Write Protect off
#pragma config PPS1WAY = ON    // PPS one-way control enabled
#pragma config ZCDDIS = ON     // Zero-cross detect disabled
#pragma config PLEN = OFF      // Phase Lock Loop disable
#pragma config STVREN = ON     // Stack Over/Underflow Reset enabled
#pragma config BORV = LO       // Brown-out Reset low trip point
#pragma config LPBOR = OFF     // Low-Power Brown Out Reset disabled
#pragma config LVP = OFF       // Low-Voltage Programming disabled

// #pragma config statements should precede project file includes.
// Use project enums instead of #define for ON and OFF.

#include <xc.h>
#include <stdint.h>

// Interrupt function ← see Section 3.1

void __interrupt() tcInt(void){
    // only process Timer0-triggered interrupts
    if(INTCONbits.TMR0IE && INTCONbits.TMR0IF) {
        // static variable for permanent storage duration
        static uint8_t portValue;
        // write to port latches
        LATB = (portValue++ >> 4); // RB[0:3] = LED[4:7]
        LATD = portValue++; // RD[0:3] = LED[0:3]
        // clear this interrupt condition
        INTCONbits.TMR0IF = 0;
    }
}

void main(void){

    // Port B access
    ANSELB = 0x0; // set to digital I/O (not analog)
    TRISB = 0x0; // set all port bits to be output

    // Port D access
    ANSELD = 0x0; // set to digital I/O (not analog)
    TRISD = 0x0; // set all port bits to be output
```

```
// Timer0 setup ← see Section 3.2

OPTION_REG = 0xD7; // timer 0 internal clock, prescaler 1:256
INTCONbits.TMR0IE = 1; // enable interrupts for timer 0
ei(); // enable all interrupts

while(1);
}
```

## 3.1 The Interrupt Function

Functions are made into interrupt functions by using the `__interrupt()` specifier. As the `tcInt()` interrupt function may have to handle multiple interrupt sources, code is added to ensure the counter `portValue` is only incremented if Timer0 generated the interrupt.

## 3.2 Timer0 Setup

Code also needs to be added to the main routine to enable and set up the timer, enable timer interrupts, and change the latch assignment, now that the variable value changes are performed in the interrupt service routine.

To enable all interrupts, `ei()` is used, defined in `xc.h`.



## 4 DISPLAY POTENTIOMETER VALUES ON LEDS USING A/D

This example uses the same device and Port B and Port D LEDs as the previous example. However, in this example, values from a potentiometer on the demo board provide A/D input through Port A that is converted and displayed on the LEDs.

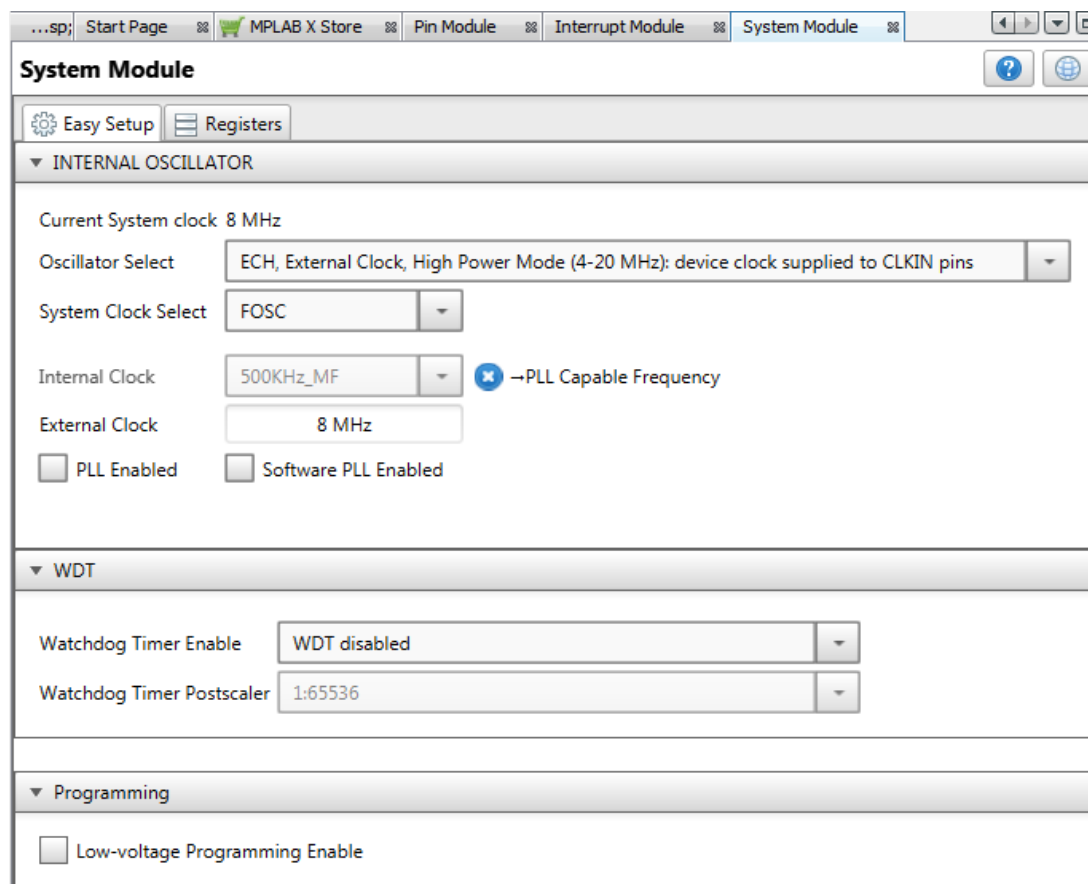
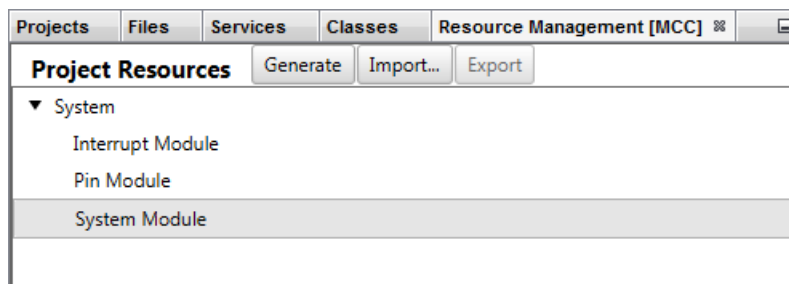
Instead of generating code by hand, the MPLAB Code Configurator (MCC) is used. The MCC is a plug-in available for installation under the MPLAB X IDE menu *Tools>Plugins*, **Available Plugins** tab. See MPLAB X IDE Help for more on how to install plugins.

For information on the MCC, including the *MPLAB® Code Configurator User's Guide* (DS40001725), go to the MPLAB Code Configurator web page at:

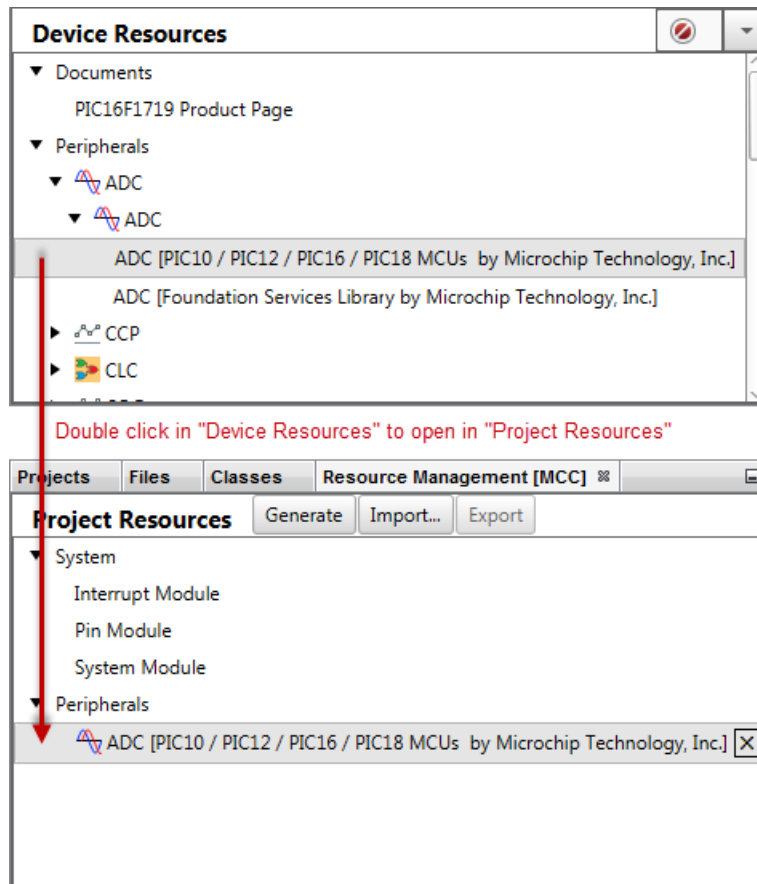
<https://www.microchip.com/mplab/mplab-code-configurator>

For this example, the MCC GUI was set up as shown in the following graphics.

FIGURE 2: ADC PROJECT SYSTEM RESOURCE CONFIGURATION



**FIGURE 3: ADC PROJECT ADC RESOURCE SELECTION**



The **PIC10/PIC12/PIC16/PIC18 MCUs** selection offers you the possibility to directly set up the peripheral in its finest details, via the Easy Setup view.

The **Foundation Services Library** is more abstract in nature, typically offering the basic functionality of the peripheral and easing the configuration process.

**FIGURE 4: ADC PROJECT ADC RESOURCE CONFIGURATION**

The screenshot shows the 'ADC' configuration window in the MPLAB IDE. The 'Easy Setup' tab is selected. Under 'Hardware Settings', the 'Enable ADC' checkbox is checked. The 'ADC Clock' section shows 'Clock Source' set to 'FOSC/2', with calculated values for 1 TAD (250.0 ns), Sampling Frequency (347.8261 kHz), and Conversion Time (11.5 \* TAD = 2.875 us). The 'Result Alignment' is set to 'left', 'Positive Reference' is 'VDD', 'Negative Reference' is 'VSS', and 'Auto-conversion Trigger' is 'no\_auto\_trigger'. The 'Enable ADC Interrupt' checkbox is unchecked. Below, the 'Selected Channels' table lists several channels, with the last row (RA0, AN0, channel\_AN0) circled in red.

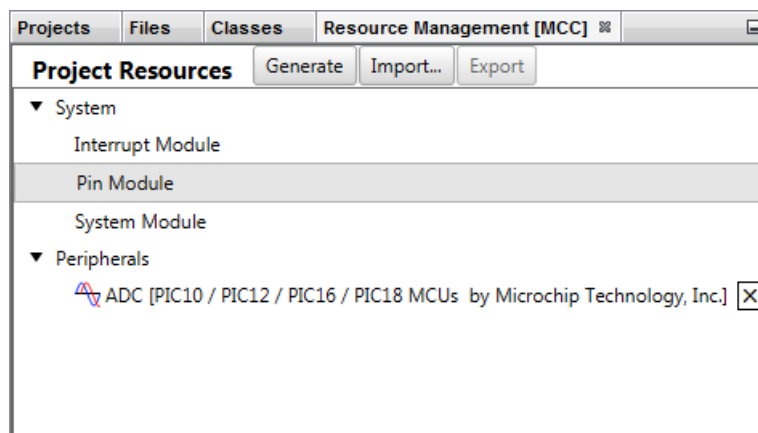
Pin	Channel	Custom Name
Internal Channel	DAC2_Output	channel_DAC2_Output
Internal Channel	DAC1_Output	channel_DAC1_Output
Internal Channel	FVRBuffer1	channel_FVRBuffer1
Internal Channel	Temp	channel_Temp
RA0	AN0	channel_AN0

RA0 to AN0 map displays after selection is made in Figure 5.

**FIGURE 5: ADC PROJECT ADC PIN RESOURCE GRID**

Notifications [MCC]			Pin Manager: Grid View ⓘ																																		
Package:		PDIP40	▼	Pin No:		2	3	4	5	6	7	14	13	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40																
				Port A ▼														Port B ▼																			
Module	Function	Direction	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7																			
ADC ▼	ANx	input	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒		🔒			🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒																					
	VREF+	input				🔒																															
	VREF-	input			🔒																																
OSC ▼	CLKIN	input								🔒																											
	CLKOUT	output							🔒																												
Pin Module ▼	GPIO	input	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒																					
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RESET	MCLR	input																																			

**FIGURE 6: ADC PROJECT PIN RESOURCE CONFIGURATION**



...sp; Start Page MPLAB X Store Pin Module Interrupt Module System Module ADC

**Pin Module**

Easy Setup Registers

Selected Package : PDIP40

Pin Name ▲	Module	Function	Custom Name	Start High	Analog	Output	WPU	OD	IOC
RA0	ADC	AN0	channel_AN0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	none ▼
RB0	Pin Module	GPIO	IO_RB0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	none ▼
RB1	Pin Module	GPIO	IO_RB1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	none ▼
RB2	Pin Module	GPIO	IO_RB2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	none ▼
RB3	Pin Module	GPIO	IO_RB3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	none ▼
RD0	Pin Module	GPIO	IO_RD0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RD1	Pin Module	GPIO	IO_RD1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RD2	Pin Module	GPIO	IO_RD2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RD3	Pin Module	GPIO	IO_RD3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

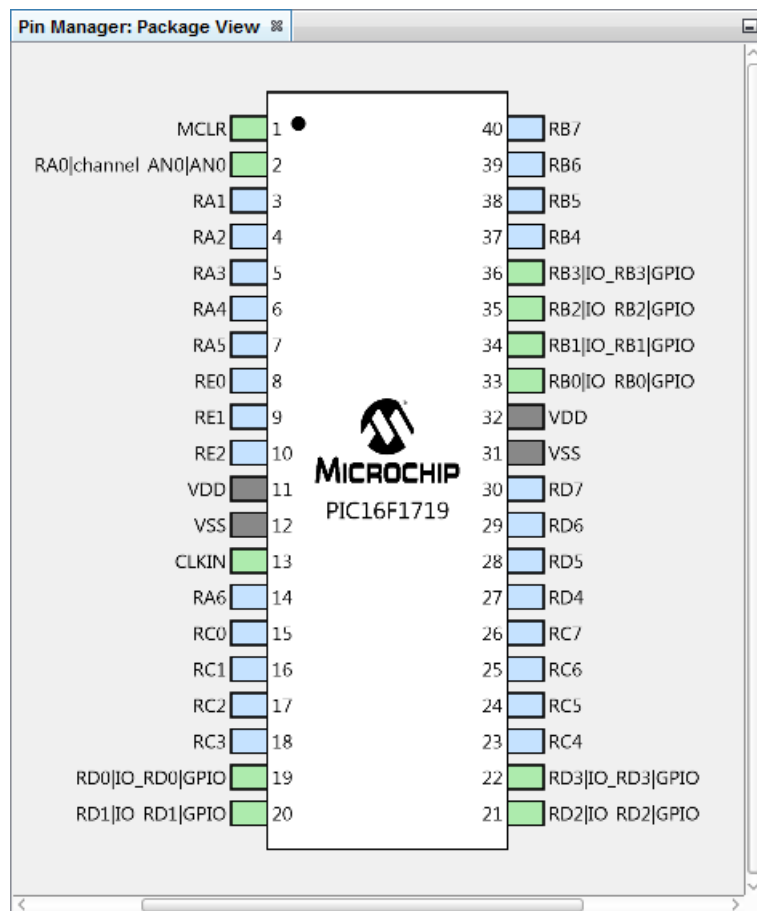
Pins RB0:3 and RD0:3 will appear in the window above when they are selected in Figure 7.

RA0 was previously selected in Figure 5.

Once visible in the window, pin configurations can be selected for each pin.



**FIGURE 8: ADC PROJECT GPIO PIN RESOURCE - PACKAGE**

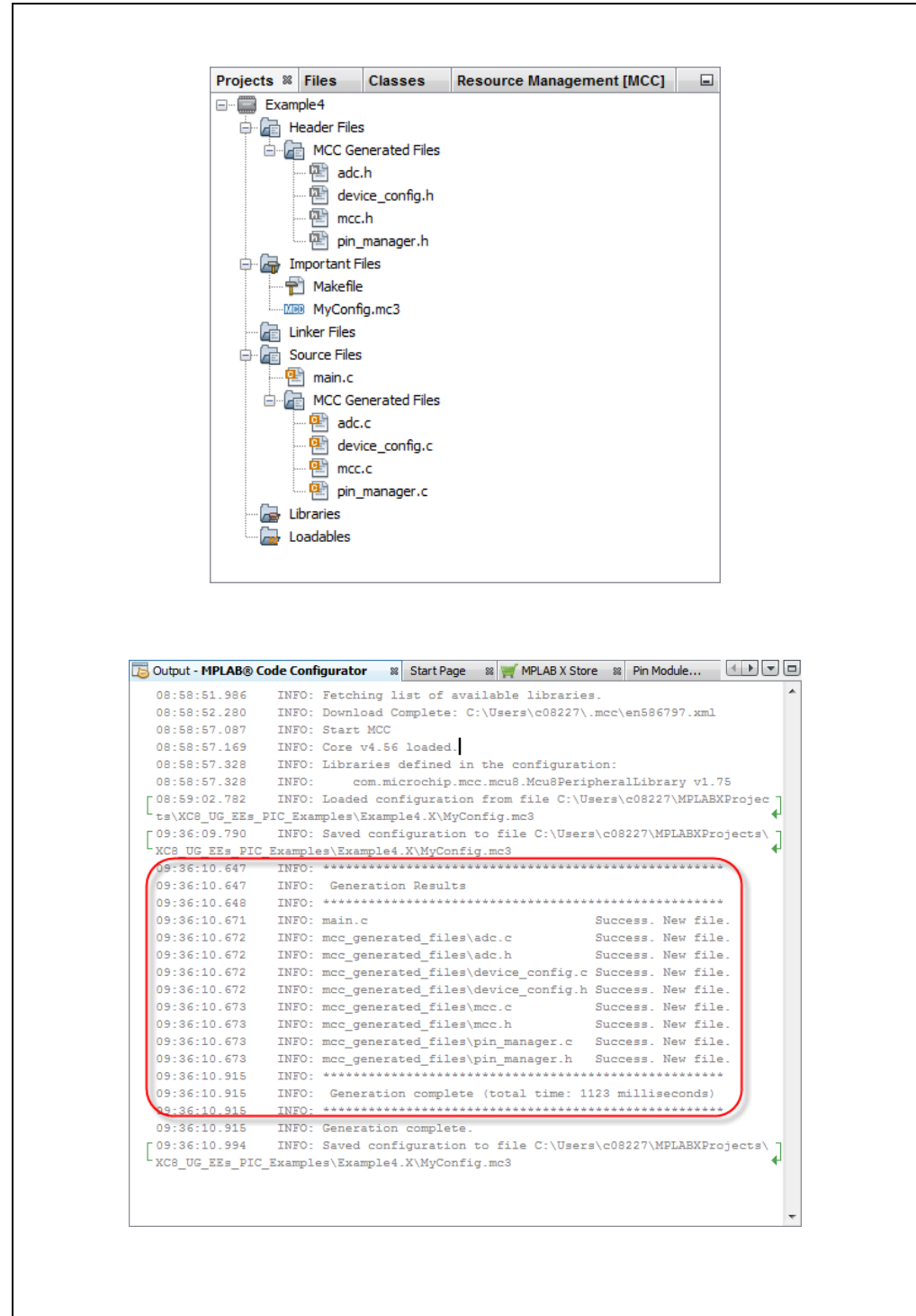




Once the code is configured (as shown in the previous figures), click the **Generate** button on the “Project Resources” window. Code generated by the MCC is modular. Therefore main, system, and peripheral code are all in individual files. Also, each peripheral has its own header file.

Editing of `main.c` is always required to add functionality to your program. Review the generated files to find any functions or macros you may need in your code.

**FIGURE 9: ADC CODE GENERATED BY MCC**



## 4.1 main.c Modified Code

The `main.c` template file has been edited as shown below. Some comments have been removed as described in < >. Code added to `main()` is in red.

```
/**
    Generated Main Source File

<See generated main.c file for file information.>
*/

/*
    (c) 2016 Microchip Technology Inc. and its subsidiaries. You may use
    this software and any derivatives exclusively with Microchip
    products.

<See generated main.c file for additional copyright information.>
*/

#include "mcc_generated_files/mcc.h"

/*
                                Main application
*/
void main(void) {
    // initialize the device
    SYSTEM_Initialize();

    // <No interrupts used - see generated main.c file for code.>

    while (1) {

        // Select A/D channel ← see Section 4.2

        ADC_SelectChannel(channel_AN0);

        // Start A/D conversion
        ADC_StartConversion();

        // Wait for ADC to complete ← see Section 4.3

        while(!ADC_IsConversionDone());

        // Write to Port Latches ← see Section 4.4

        LATD = ADRESH; // RD[0:3] = LED[0:3]
        LATB = (ADRESH >> 4); // RB[0:3] = LED[4:7]

    }
}
/**
    End of File
*/
```

## 4.2 Select A/D Channel and Start Conversion

From the `adc.c` module, use the function:

```
void ADC_SelectChannel(adc_channel_t channel)
```

The variable `channel` is of typedef `adc_channel_t` defined in `adc.h`. For this example, pot input is on RA0, so select `channel_AN0`.

Start the A/D conversion using the function:

```
void ADC_StartConversion()
```

## 4.3 Wait for ADC to compete

From the `adc.c` module, use the function:

```
bool ADC_IsConversionDone()
```

This function returns the negated value of the `ADCON0bits.GO_nDONE` bit (defined in the device header file). However, the actual value of this bit is desired in the `main` `while` loop, so the return value is negated again.

## 4.4 Write to Port Latches

As only 8 LEDs are available, just the value from `ADRESH` is displayed. The lower bits are displayed via `LATD` on LEDs 0 through 3, and the upper bits are shifted so they can be displayed via `LATB` on LEDs 4 through 7.

## 5. DISPLAY EEPROM DATA VALUES ON LEDS

This example uses another Microchip device, the PIC16F1939 MCU, to demonstrate how to write to and read from EEPROM Data (EEData). Read values are displayed on Port D and Port B LEDs.

Again, MPLAB Code Configurator (MCC) is used to generate most of the code. To find out how to install and get the user's guide for MCC, see:

[Section 4 “Display Potentiometer Values on LEDs Using A/D”](#).

For this example, the MCC GUI was set up as shown in the following graphics.

**FIGURE 10: EEDATA PROJECT SYSTEM RESOURCE CONFIGURATION**

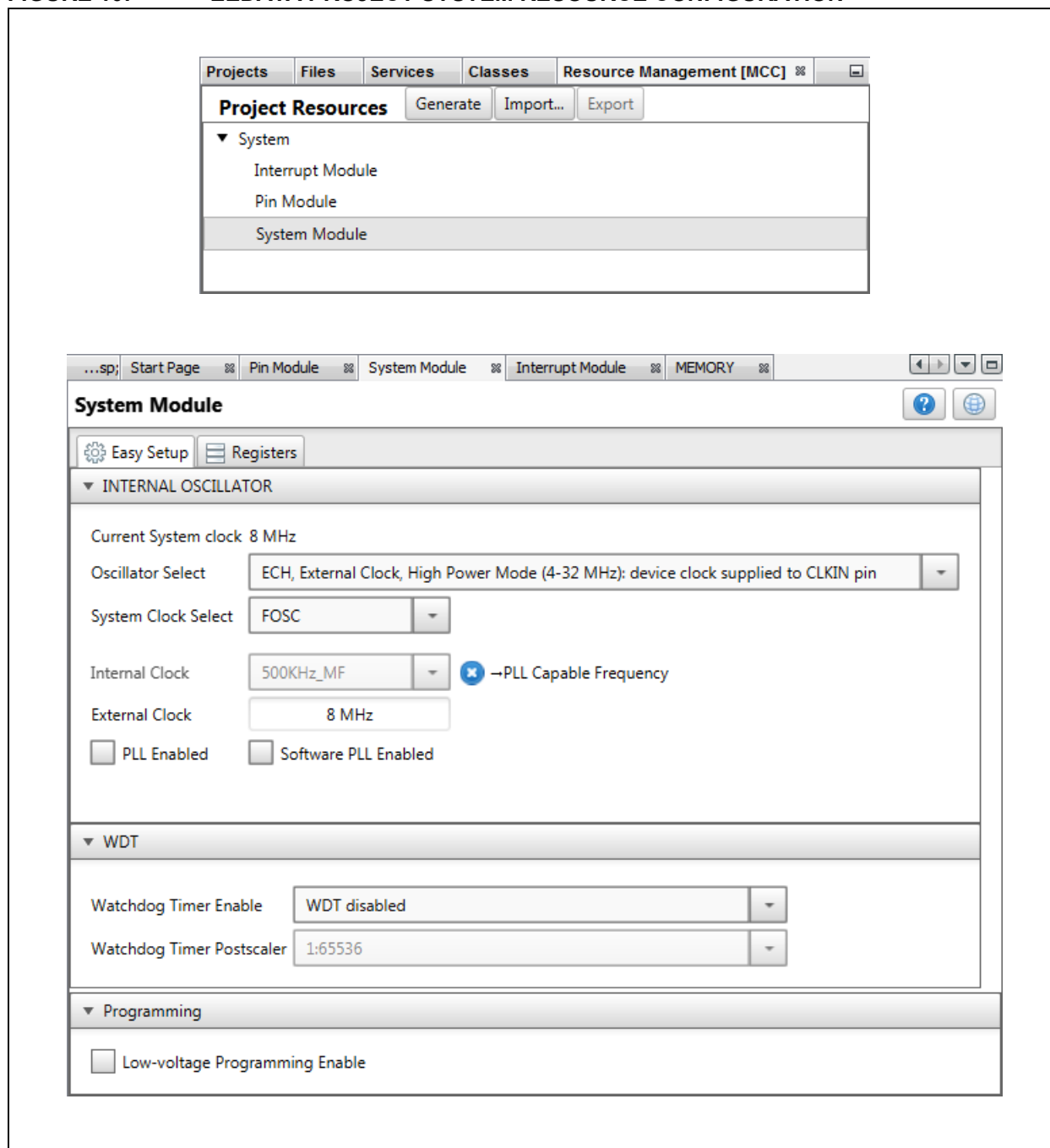
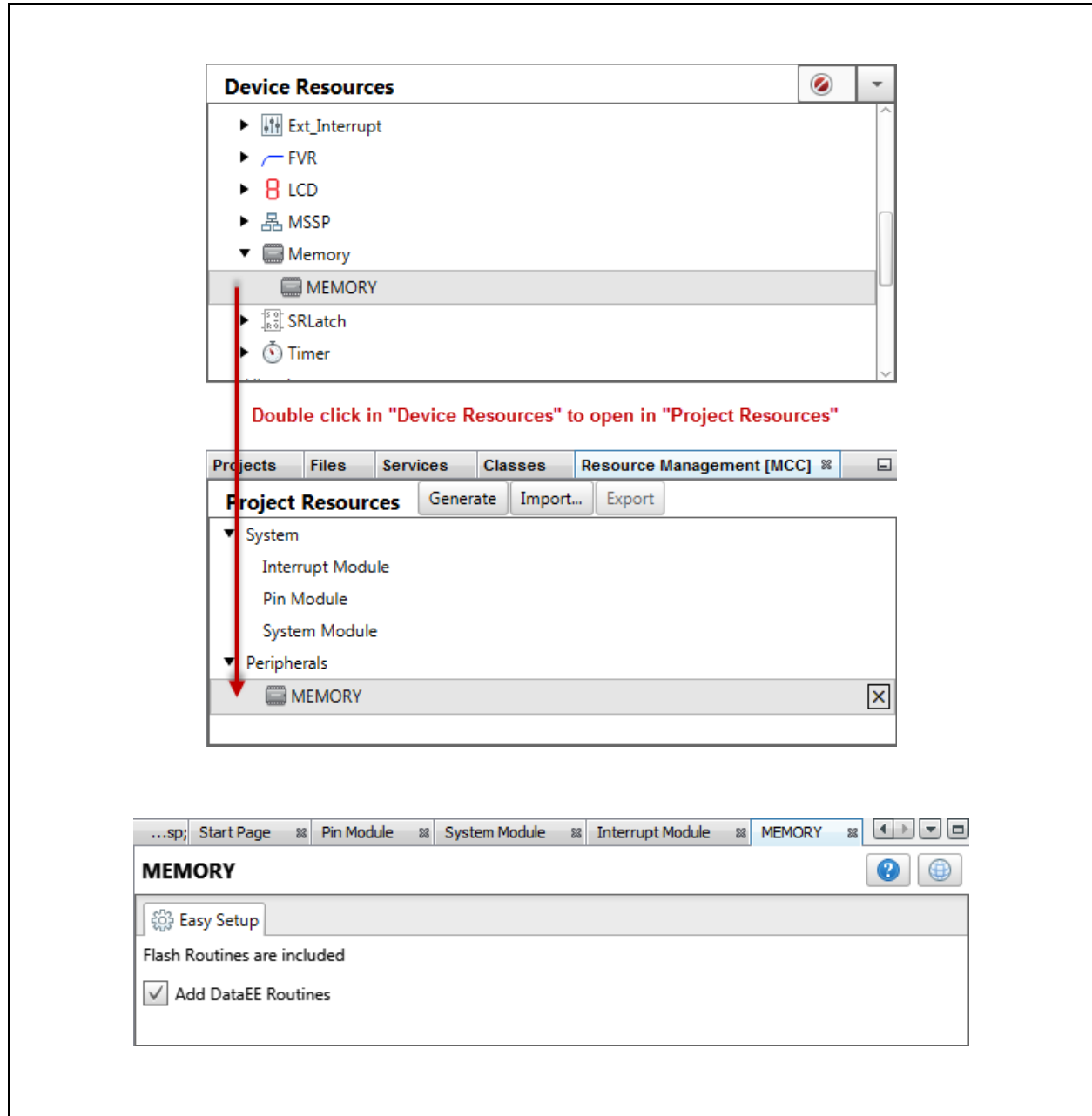
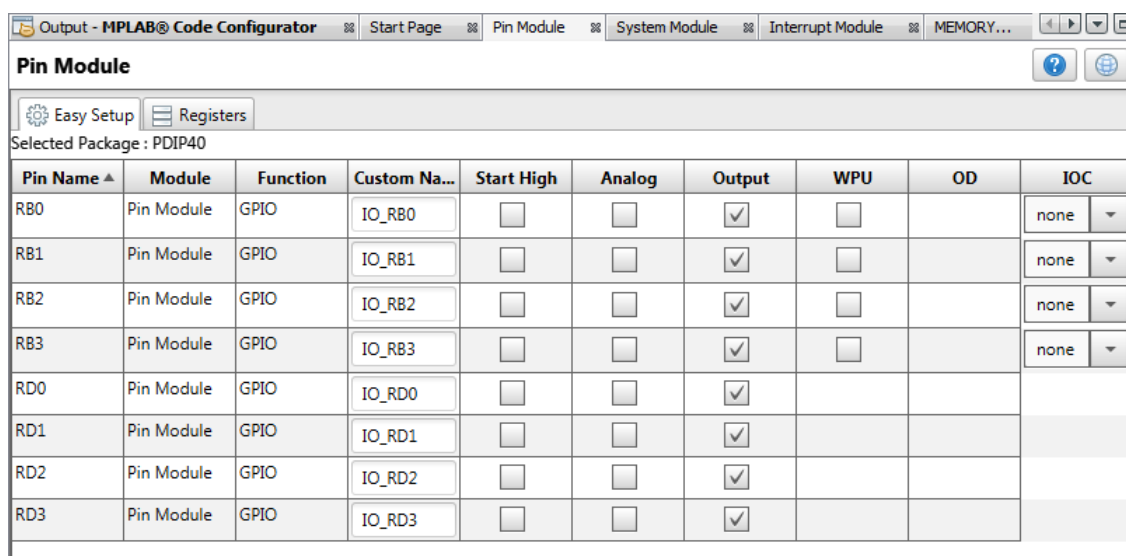
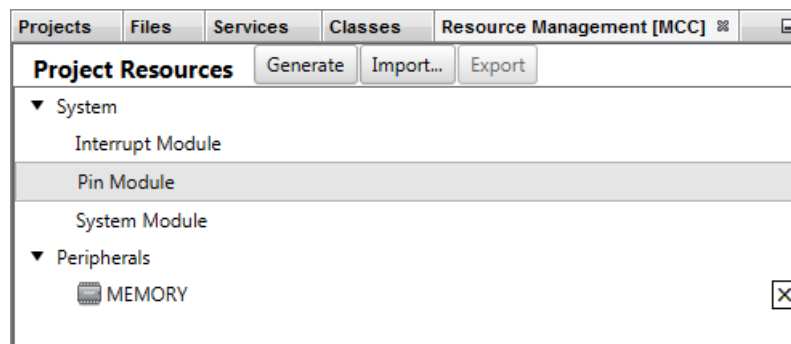


FIGURE 11: EEDATA PROJECT MEMORY RESOURCE CONFIGURATION



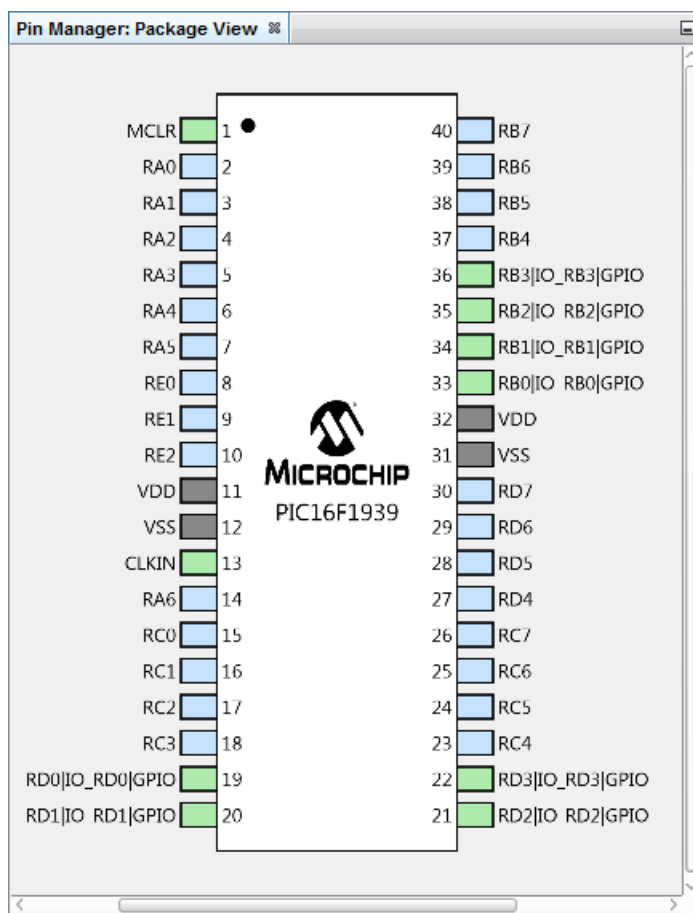
**FIGURE 12: EEDATA PROJECT PIN RESOURCE CONFIGURATION**



Pins RB0:3 and RD0:3 will appear in the window above when they are selected in Figure 13. Once visible in the window, pin configurations can be selected for each pin.



FIGURE 14: EEDATA PROJECT GPIO PIN RESOURCE - PACKAGE

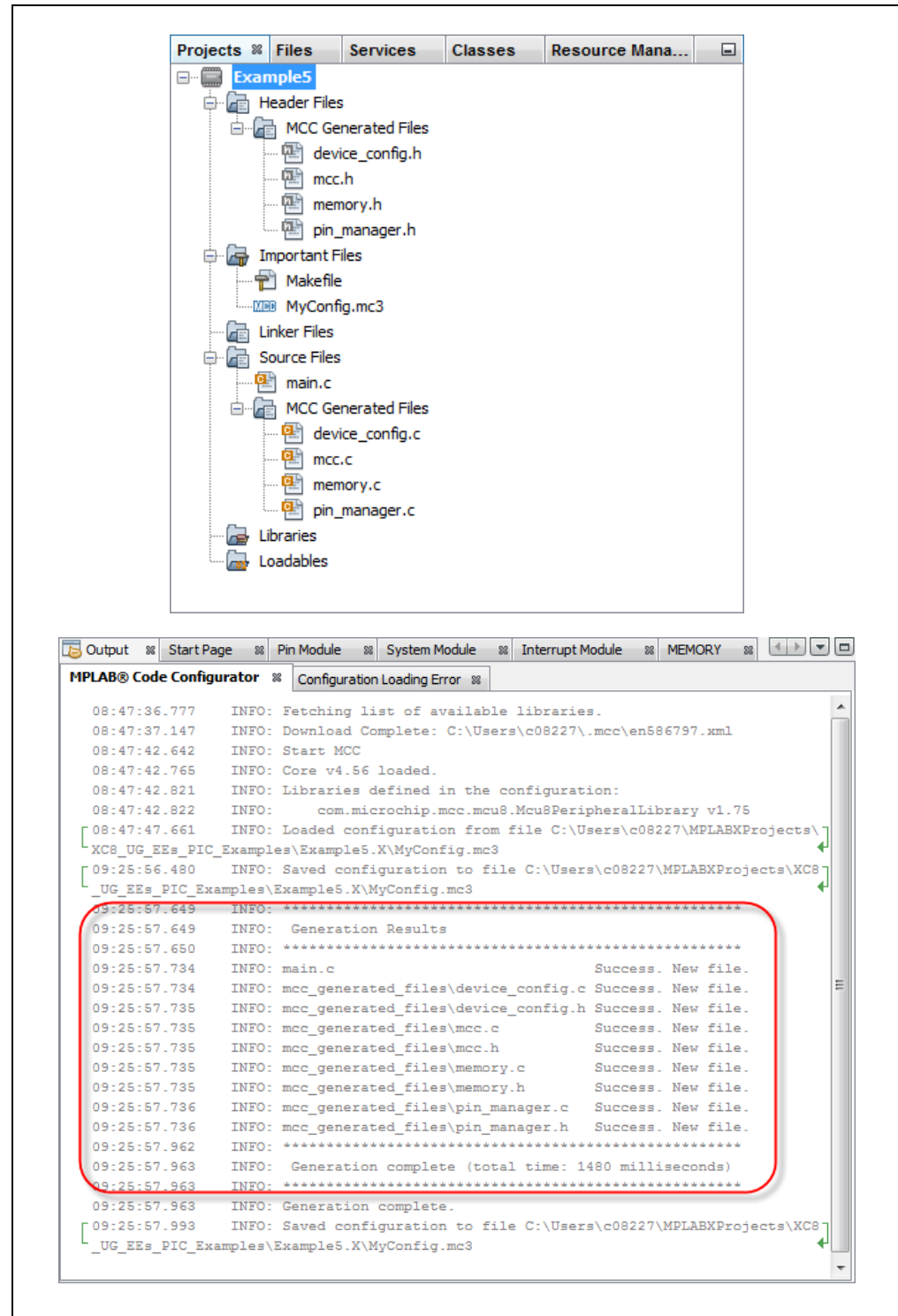




When the code is configured (as shown in the previous figures), click the **Generate** button on the “Project Resources” window. Code generated by the MCC is modular. Therefore main, system, and peripheral code are all in individual files. Also, each peripheral has its own header file.

Editing of `main.c` is always required to add functionality to your program. Review the generated files to find any functions or macros you may need in your code.

**FIGURE 15: EEDATA PROJECT TREE FOR CODE GENERATED BY MCC**



## 5.1 main.c Modified Code

The `main.c` template file has been edited as shown below. Some comments have been removed as described in < >. Code added is in red.

```
/**
    Generated Main Source File

<See generated main.c file for file information.>
*/

/*
    (c) 2016 Microchip Technology Inc. and its subsidiaries. You may use
    this software and any derivatives exclusively with Microchip
    products.

<See generated main.c file for additional copyright information.>
*/

#include "mcc_generated_files/mcc.h"

#define NUM_EE_VALUES 64
#define INSTR_CYCLE_DELAY 25000

/*
    Main application
*/
void main(void) {
    // initialize the device
    SYSTEM_Initialize();

    // <No interrupts used - see generated main.c file for code.>

    // Declare RAM array, loop variable ← see Section 5.2

    volatile uint8_t RAMArray[NUM_EE_VALUES];
    uint8_t i;

    // Write initial values to EEPROM Data ← see Section 5.3
    PIR2bits.EEIF = 0x0; // clear write flag

    for(i=0; i<NUM_EE_VALUES; i++){
        DATAEE_WriteByte(_EEADRL_EEADRL_POSN + i, i);
        while(!PIR2bits.EEIF); // check for write finished
        PIR2bits.EEIF = 0x0;
    }

    while(1){
        // Read from EEPROM and display ← see Section 5.4
        for(i=0; i<NUM_EE_VALUES; i++){
            RAMArray[i] = DATAEE_ReadByte(_EEADRL_EEADRL_POSN + i);
            LATD = RAMArray[i]; // RD[0:3] = LED[0:3]
            LATB = (RAMArray[i] >> 4); // RB[0:3] = LED[4:7]
            _delay(INSTR_CYCLE_DELAY); // delay value change
        }
    }
}
```

```
        // Write to EEPROM in reverse order
        for(i=0; i<NUM_EE_VALUES; i++){
            DATAEE_WriteByte(_EEADRL_EEADRL_POSN +
                (NUM_EE_VALUES - 1) - i, RAMArray[i]);
            while(!PIR2bits.EEIF); // check for write finished
            PIR2bits.EEIF = 0x0;
        }

    };

}
/**
End of File
*/
```

## 5.2 EEData Associated Variables

Variables used to store data from an EEData read or write must match the types specified in the read/write function prototype, referenced from `mcc.h`, and found in `memory.h`:

```
void DATAEE_WriteByte(uint8_t bAdd, uint8_t bData);
uint8_t DATAEE_ReadByte(uint8_t bAdd);
```

From `stdint.h` (also referenced), `uint8_t` is the same as unsigned char.

## 5.3 Write to EEData

EEData is written twice in this example: first to initialize values in EEData memory and second to change the data for dynamic display.

Writing to EEData takes more than one cycle, so a write-complete flag is used to determine when the write is done (`PIR2bits.EEIF`). The flag is cleared initially, and again, after each time the write completes. (This flag must be cleared in software.)

## 5.4 Read from EEData

After EEData is written, memory values are read into a RAM array and then displayed on Port D and Port B LEDs. The values in the RAM array are used in this write loop to change the values in EEData memory.

Because the speed of execution will, in most cases, cause the LEDs to flash faster than the eye can see, the `_delay()` function is used again (as in Example 2) to slow execution.

## A. RUN CODE IN MPLAB X IDE

### A.1 Create a Project

1. Launch MPLAB X IDE.
2. From the IDE, launch the New Project Wizard (*File>New Project*).
3. Follow the screens to create a new project:
  - a) **Choose Project:** Select "Microchip Embedded," and then select "Standalone Project."
  - b) **Select Device:** Select the example device.
  - c) **Select Header:** None.
  - d) **Select Tool:** Select your hardware debug tool, SNxxxxxx. If you do not see a serial number (SN) under your debug tool name, ensure that your debug tool is correctly installed. See your debug tool documentation for details.
  - e) **Select Plugin Board:** None.
  - f) **Select Compiler:** Select XC8 (*latest version number*) [*bin location*]. If you do not see a compiler under XC8, ensure the compiler is correctly installed and that MPLAB X IDE is aware of it (*Tools>Options*, **Embedded** button, **Build Tools** tab). See MPLAB XC8 and MPLAB X IDE documentation for details.
  - g) **Select Project Name and Folder:** Name the project.

### A.2 Select the Common Compiler Interface (CCI)

After your project is created, right click on the project name in the Projects window and select Properties. In the dialog box, click on the "XC8 Compiler" category, select the "Preprocessing and messages" option category, and check "Use CCI syntax." Click the **OK** button.

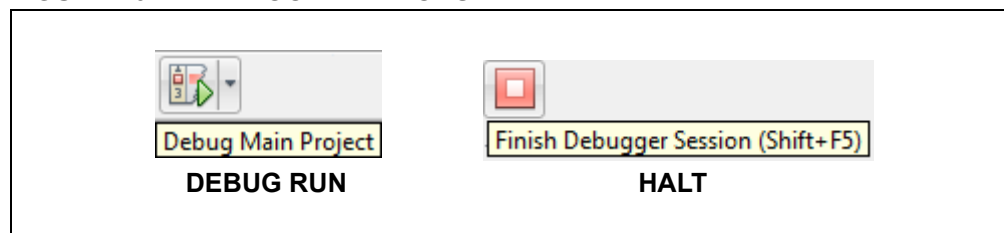
### A.3 Debug the Examples

Do one of the following, based on the example you are using:

1. For examples 1, 2, and 3, create a file to hold the example code:
  - a) Right click on the "Source Files" folder in the Projects window. Select *New>main.c*. The "New main.c" dialog opens.
  - b) Under "File name," enter a name (e.g., *examplen*), where *n* is the example number.
  - c) Click **Finish**. The file opens in an editor window.
  - d) Delete the template code in the file. Then cut and paste the example code from this user's guide into the empty editor window and select *File>Save*.
2. For examples 4 and 5, follow the instructions in each section to generate code using MCC and then edit the *main.c* file with the code shown.

Finally, select Debug Run to build, download to a device, and execute the code. View the demo board LEDs for output. Click Halt to end execution.

**FIGURE 16: TOOLBAR ICONS**



## B. GET SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE

For the MPLAB XC8 projects in this document, the Explorer 8 board (with either a PIC16F1719 or PIC16F1939 MCU) is powered from a 9V external power supply, and uses standard (ICSP™) communications. MPLAB X IDE was used for development.

### B.1 Get MPLAB X IDE and MPLAB XC8 C Compiler

MPLAB X IDE v5.10 and later can be found at:

<https://www.microchip.com/mplab/mplab-x-ide>

The MPLAB XC8 C compiler v2.00 and later can be found at:

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### B.2 Get the MPLAB Code Configurator (MCC)

The MCC v3.66 and later can be found at:

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### B.3 Get PIC® MCUs

The PIC MCUs used in the examples are available at:

<https://www.microchip.com/PIC16F1719>

<https://www.microchip.com/PIC16F1939>

### B.4 Get and Set Up the Explorer 8 Board

The Explorer 8 development kit (DM160228) is available at:

<https://www.microchip.com/DM160228>

Jumpers were set up as shown in the following tables.

**TABLE 1-1: JUMPER SELECTS FOR PROJECTS**

Jumper	Selection	Description
J2	BRD+5V	Power board from power supply (not USB)
J14	+5V	Device Power level
J24	Open	+5V used (not 3.3V)
J7	Closed	Enable LEDs on Port D <RD0:3>
J21	Closed	Enable LEDs on Port B <RB0:3>
J36	OSC1 to RA7	OSC1 CLKIN (8MHz External Oscillator)
J37	OSC2 to RA6	OSC2 CLKOUT (8MHz External Oscillator)
J51	PGD to RB7	ICSPDAT
J52	PGC to RB6	ISCPCLK

**TABLE 1-2: JUMPER SELECTS NOT USED**

Jumper	Selection	Description
JP2	Closed	LCD not used
J22, J23, J53, J54	Open	LCD not used
J15, J16	Open	Digilent Pmod™ Connectors not used
J43, J44, J45, J46, J47	Open	mikroBUS not used
J41, J42, J48, J49, J50	Open	mikroBUS not used
J4, J31	VCAP	RA5, RA4 not used

## B.5 Get Microchip Debug Tools

Emulators and Debuggers can be found on the Development Tools web page:

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