
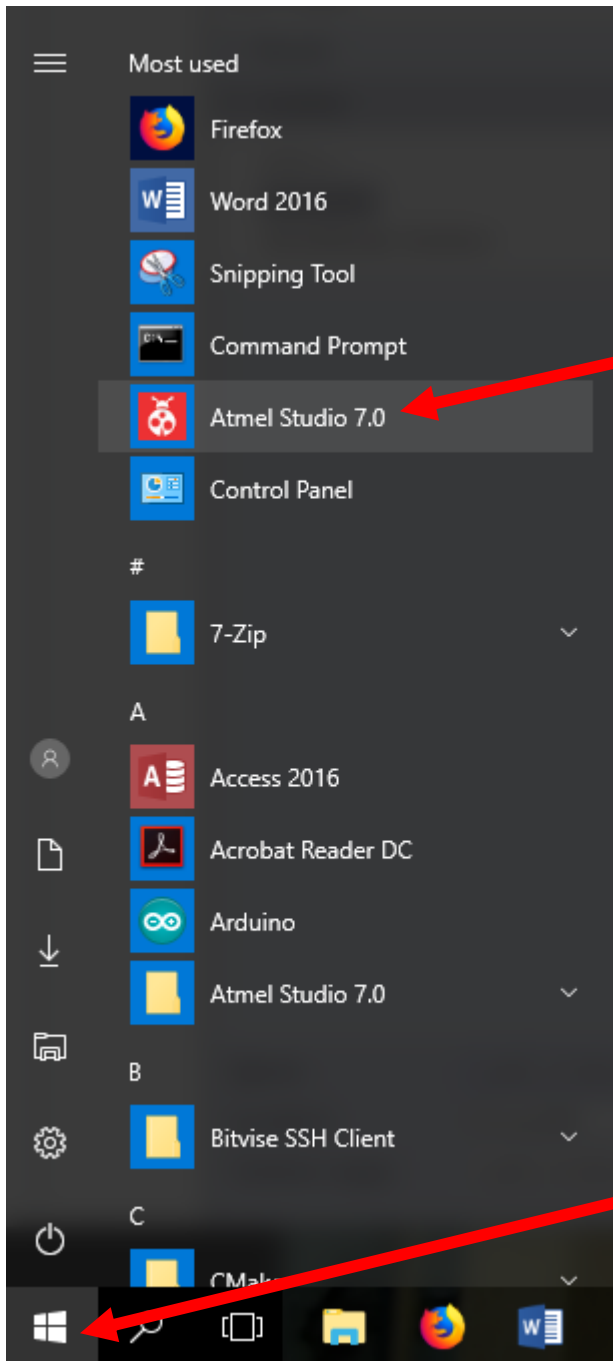


Lab 2 Introduction to Assembly Language

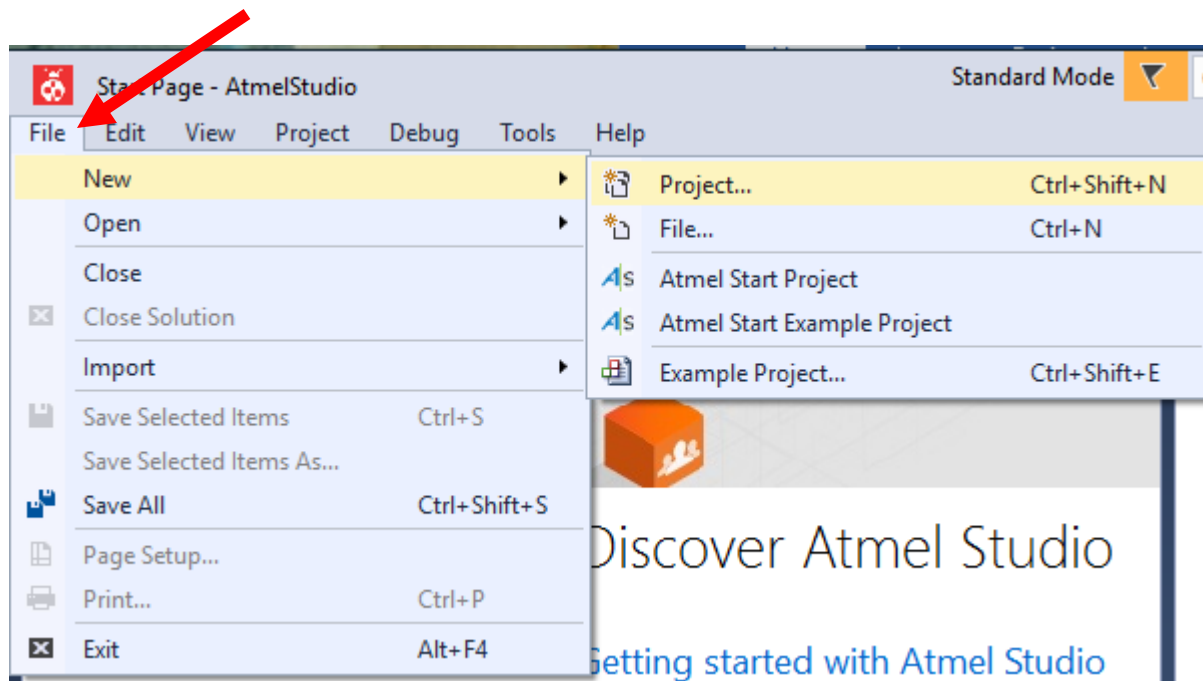
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I. Introduction to Atmel Studio 7.0 ¹

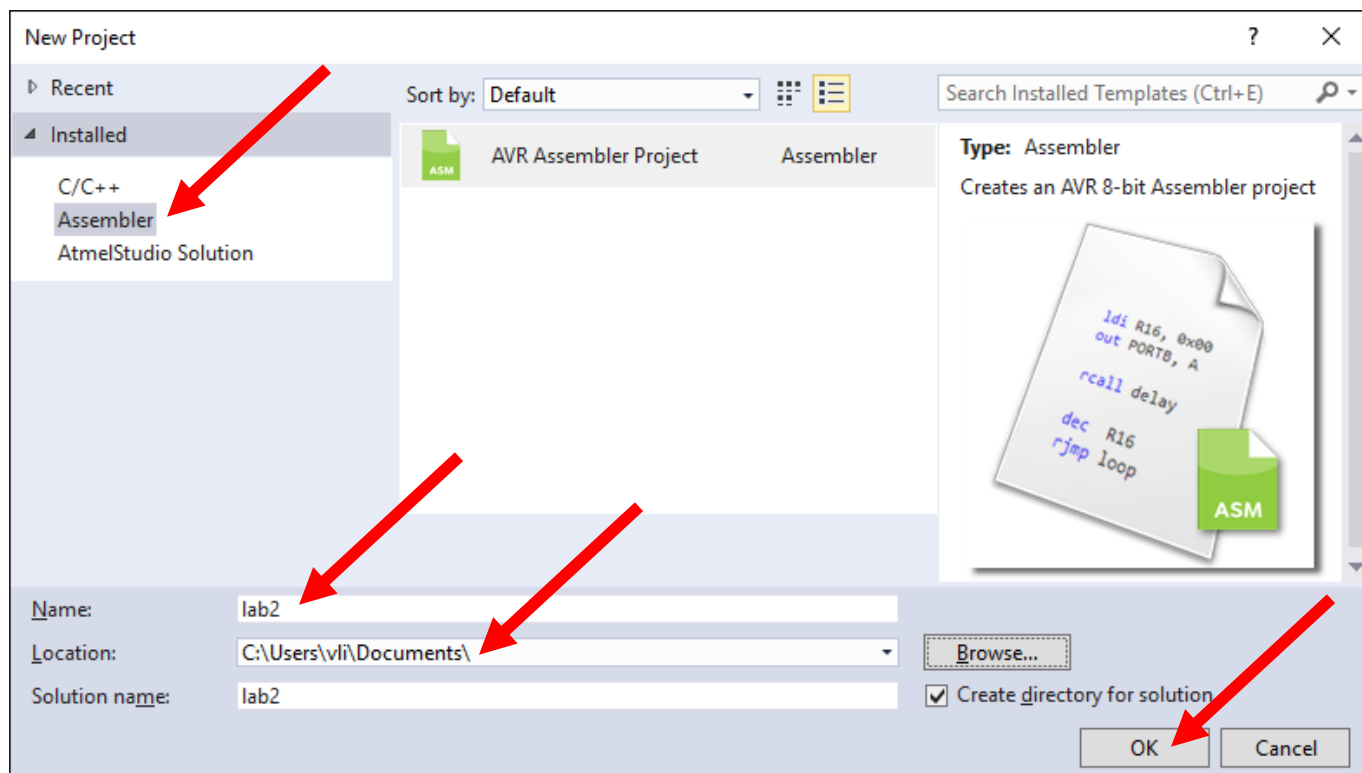
Launch *Atmel Studio 7.0* and create a new project named “lab2”: click on the *Start*  button, then click on *Atmel Studio 7.0*:



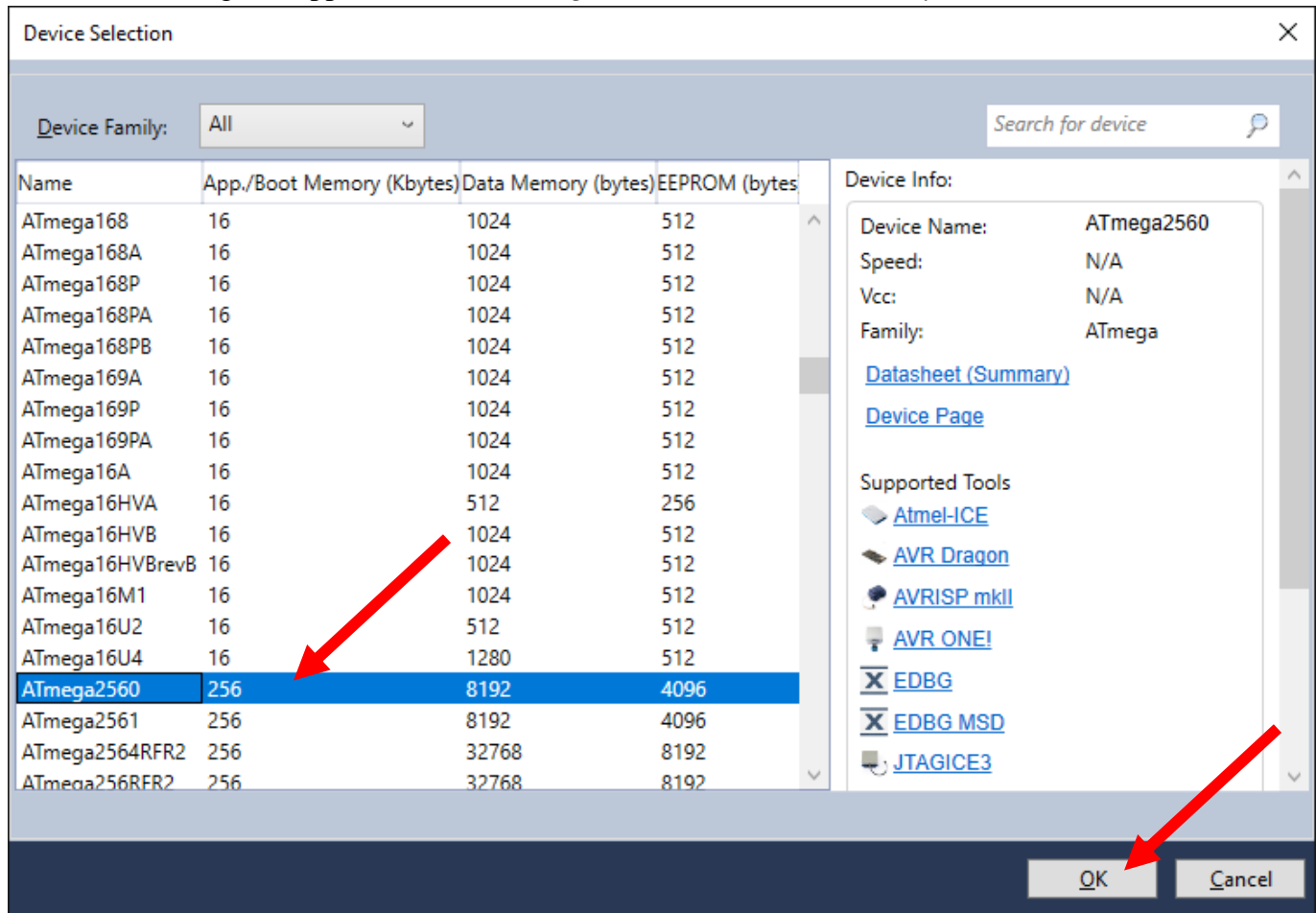
Create a new project named *lab2*: on the menu, click on File -> New -> Project:



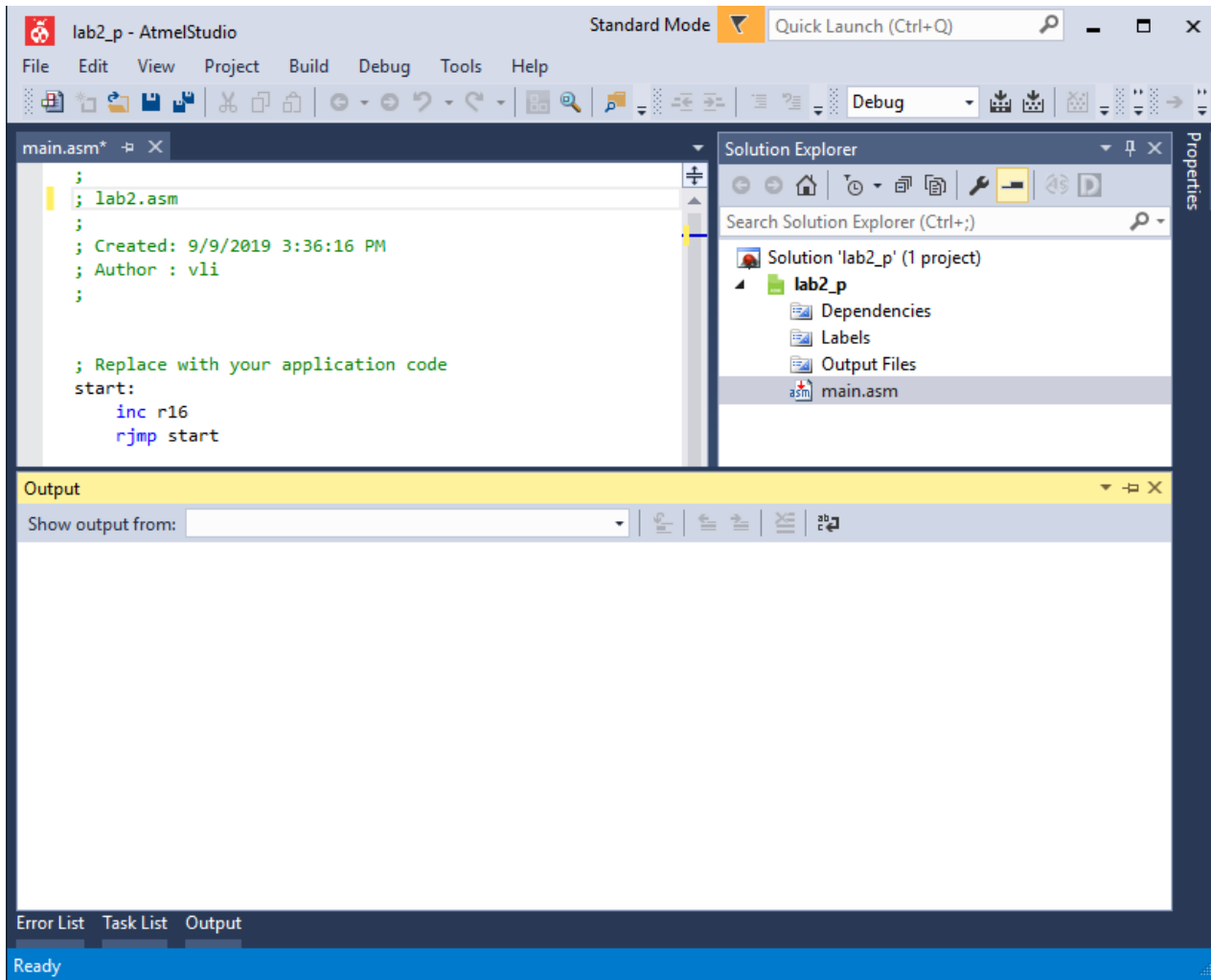
In the new dialog box, on the left pane, under *Installed*, select *Assembler*. Type the project Name *lab2* and select the Location. Click on the *OK* button.



Then a new dialog box appears, choose *ATmega2560* for the *Device Family*. Click on the *OK* button.



The new project looks like this:



Remove “start:

```
    inc r16
    rjmp start”
```

Type the following code:

```

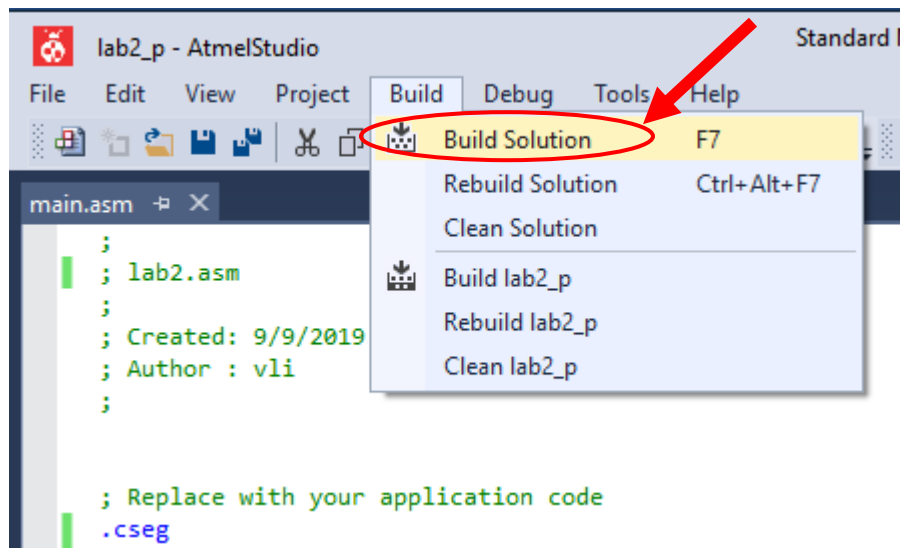
.cseg ;select current segment as code
.org 0 ;begin assembling at address 0 of the flash memory

;define symbolic names for resources (e.g. registers) used
.def count = r16 ;register 16 holds a number

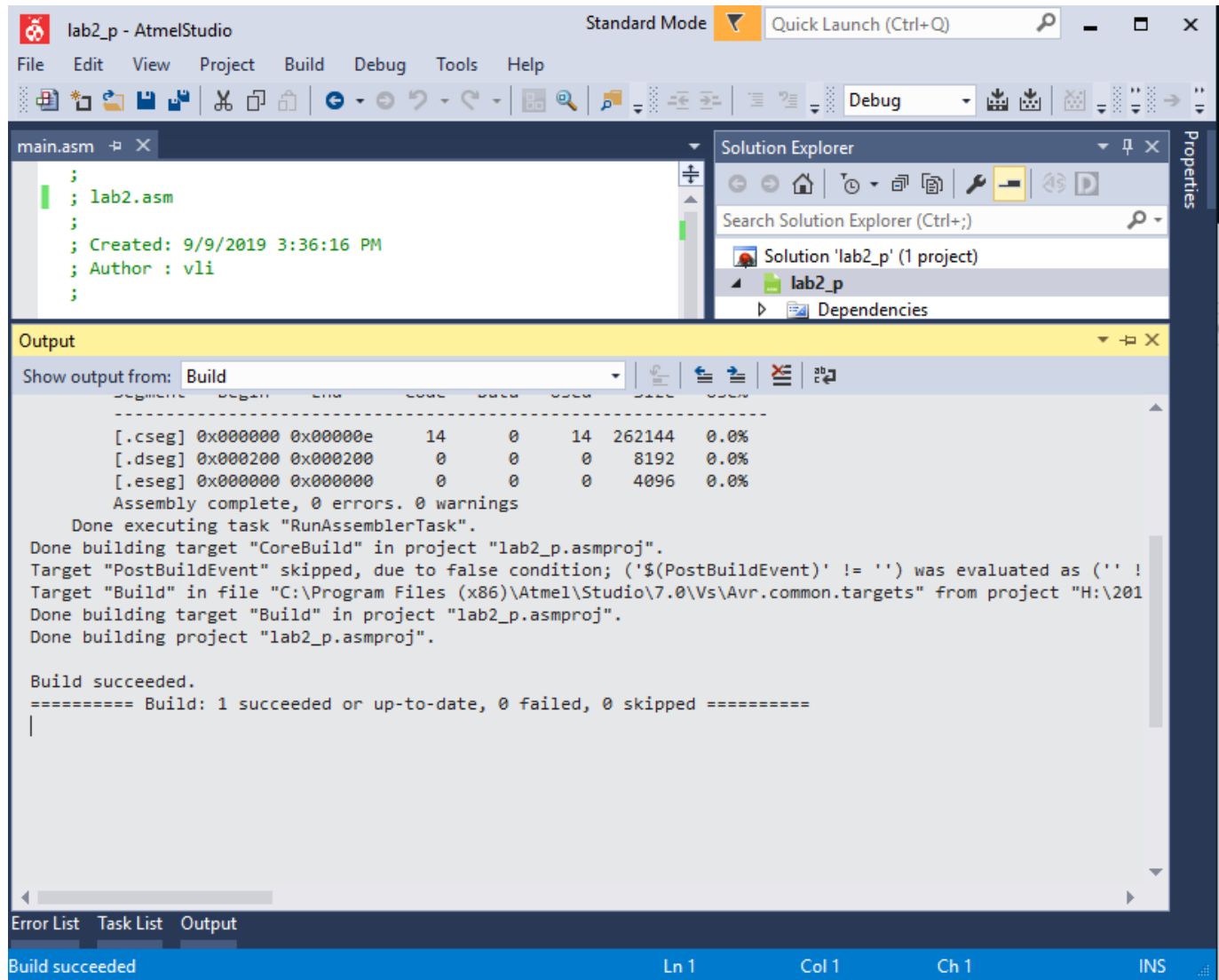
    ldi count, 1 ;initialize count to 1
lp:
    inc count ;increment the counter
    cpi count, 0x05
    breq done
    rjmp lp
done: jmp done

```

Save the code and build the program: on the menu, click on *Build -> Build Solution*:

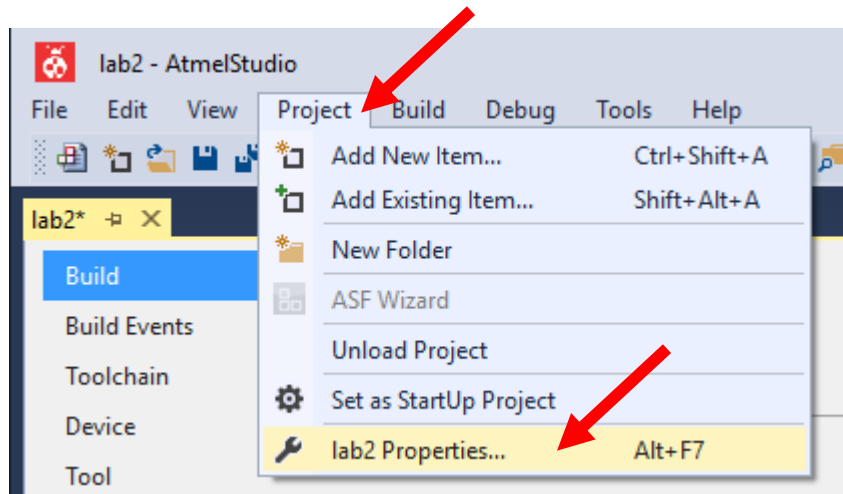


The screen looks like this:

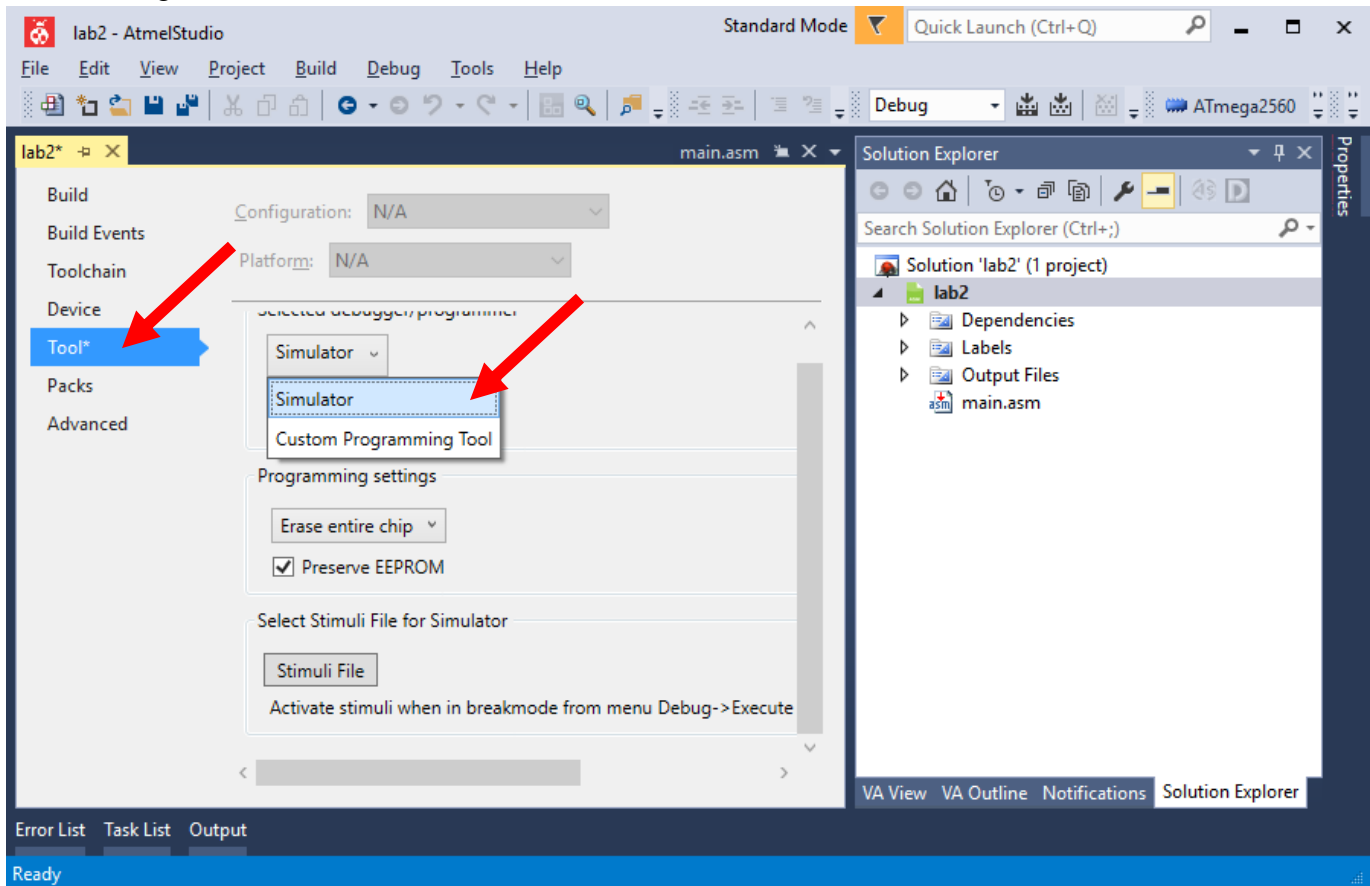


If there are any errors, you must fix them and rebuild your program until there are no build errors.

Now, you are ready to run your program using the simulator. Set up the configuration of the simulator: from the *Project* menu -> *lab2 Properties...*:

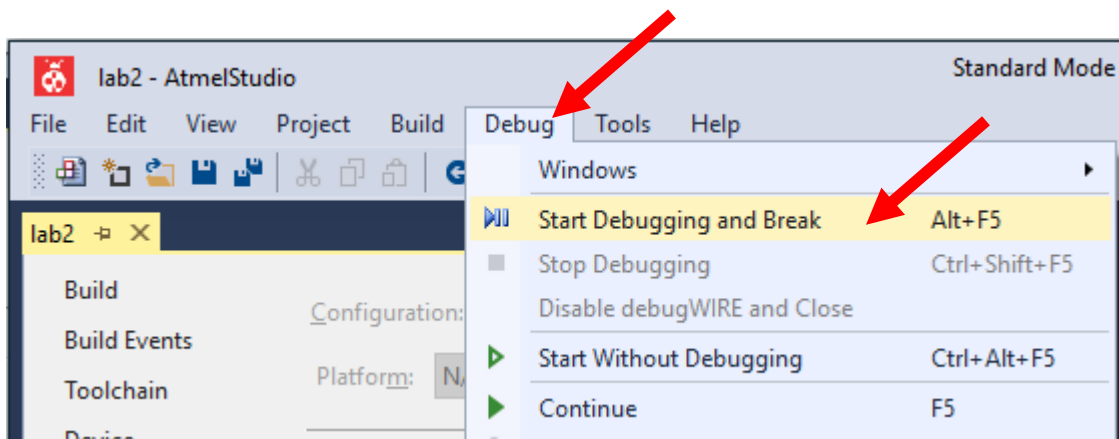


In the settings window, click on Tool and select Simulator:

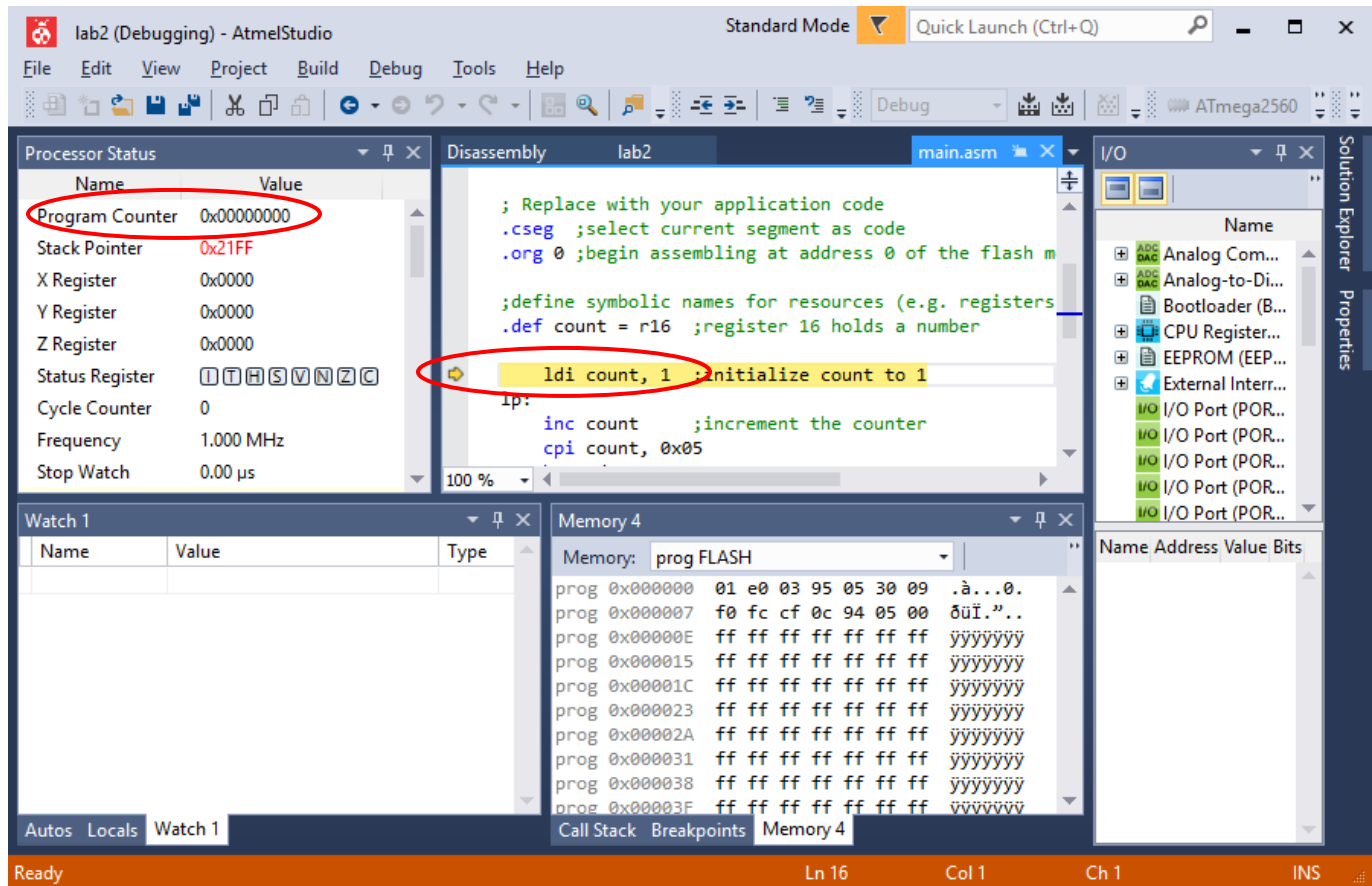


Save the project by click on “File” menu -> “Save All”.

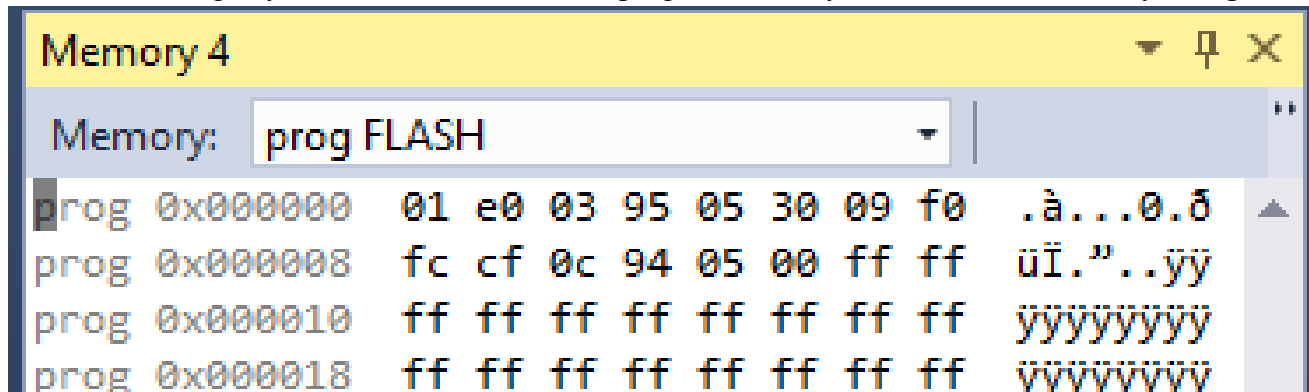
Start the simulator: from the menu, click on *Debug* -> *Start Debugging and Break*



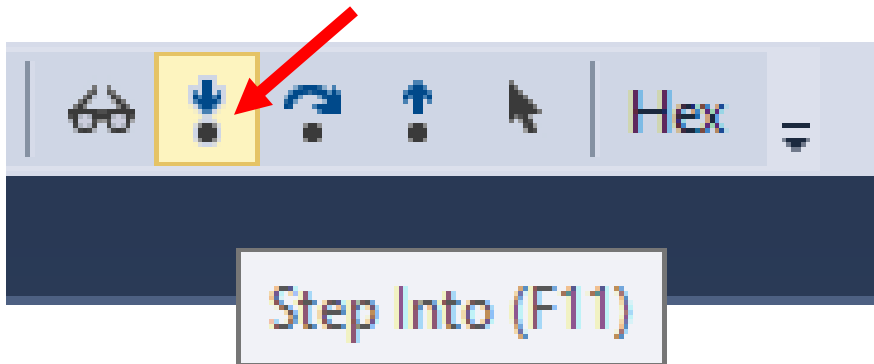
The editor should show a yellow arrow indicating the instruction about to be fetched. The left panel shows the “*Processor Status*”, where you can examine the register and processor values. The “*Program Counter*” shows the memory address of the next instruction to be fetched.



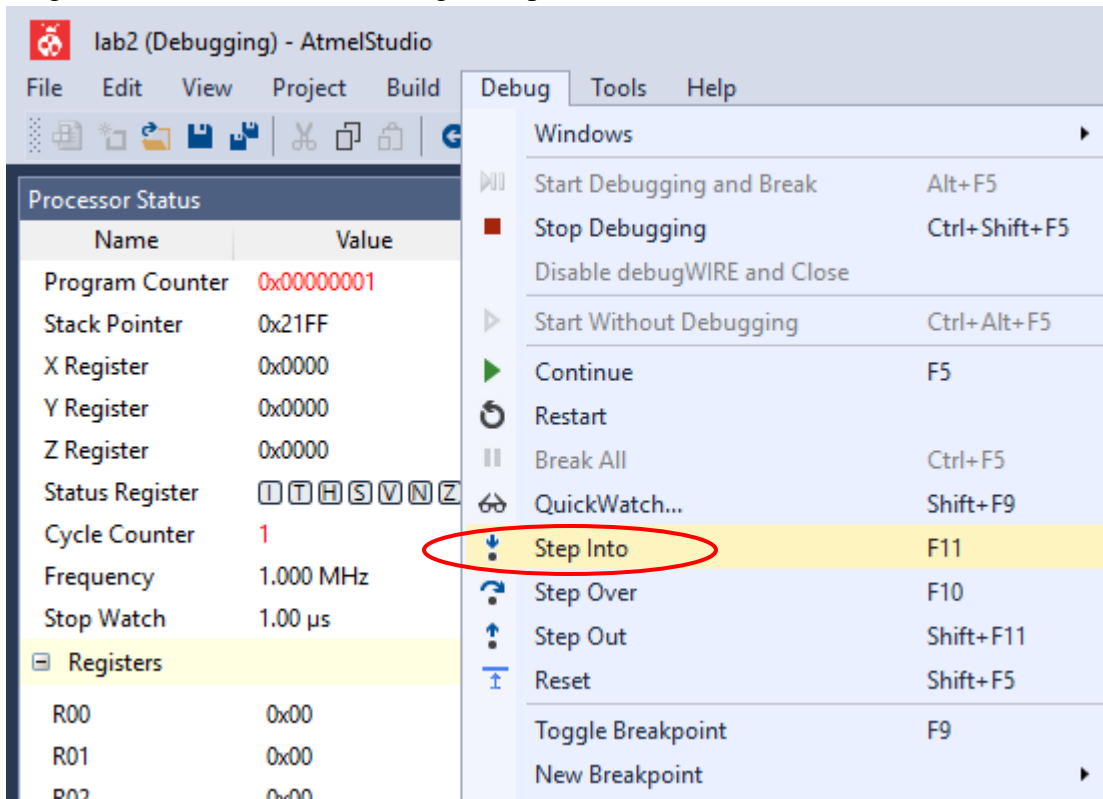
Before executing any instructions, examine the program memory. It looks like this, verify the opcode:



Fetch and execute the first instruction: click on the *Step Into* button (or press the F11 key)



Or go to the menu, click on Debug ->Step Into:



After executing the first instruction, the value in register 16 (R16) is changed from 0x00 to 0x01. The changed values are in red, so are the Program Counter, Cycle Counter, in addition to R16:

The screenshot shows the AtmelStudio interface during a debugging session. The 'Processor Status' window on the left displays the current state of the processor. The 'Disassembly' window on the right shows the assembly code being executed.

Processor Status:

Name	Value
Program Counter	0x00000001
Stack Pointer	0x21FF
X Register	0x0000
Y Register	0x0000
Z Register	0x0000
Status Register	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Cycle Counter	1
Frequency	1.000 MHz
Stop Watch	1.00 µs

Registers:

Register	Value
R00	0x00
R01	0x00
R02	0x00
R03	0x00
R04	0x00
R05	0x00
R06	0x00
R07	0x00
R08	0x00
R09	0x00
R10	0x00
R11	0x00
R12	0x00
R13	0x00
R14	0x00
R15	0x00
R16	0x01

Disassembly:

```

; Replace with yo
.cseg ;select cu
.org 0 ;begin ass

;define symbolic
.def count = r16

ldi count, 1
lp:
inc count
cpi count, 0x
breq done
rjmp lp
done: jmp done
  
```

Stop the debugging session by clicking on the “Stop Debugging” command under the “Debug” menu.

II. Write some assembly language code (mnemonics) and convert it to machine instruction. Verify the result using the machine code (hexadecimal numbers) in the memory. Are they big-endian or little-endian? Choose one line of code and figure out its machine instruction.

How to convert mnemonics to machine instruction?

On page 94 of the *AVR Instruction Set Manual*:

The screenshot shows a Blackboard LMS interface. On the left is a navigation menu with items like Overview, Announcements, Resources, Assignments, Gradebook, Chat Room, Site Info, and Help. The 'Resources' section is active, showing a list of files under the 'AVR Resources' folder. A red arrow points from the 'CSC 230: 201909 A01' dropdown menu to the 'AVR Instruction Set.pdf' file, which is circled in red.

LDI – Load Immediate

Description: Machine code for ldi

Loads an 8 bit constant directly to register 16 to 31.

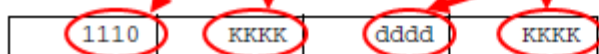
Operation:
(i) $Rd \leftarrow K$

Syntax:
(i) `LDI Rd,K`

Operands:
 $16 \leq d \leq 31, 0 \leq K \leq 255$

Program Counter:
 $PC \leftarrow PC + 1$

16-bit Opcode:



So the opcode (operation code) of `ldi Rd, K` is 1110 KKKK dddd KKKK

For example:

Mnemonics: `ldi r16, 0x82` ;load 0x82 to register 16

In this example, $K = 0x82$, in binary, it is `0b10000010`

$d = 16$, in binary, it is `10000` (Is this “`ldi r0, 4`” correct? No, because $16 \leq d \leq 31$. That means only R16 to R31 can be used in the *ldi* instruction.)

The 16-bit Opcode of *ldi* is: `1110 KKKK dddd KKKK`

Step 1: The **opcode** for *ldi* is: `1110????????`

Step 2, fill in the high nibble of K, which is `1000`, we have `11101000???????`

Step 3, fill in the low nibble of K, which is `0010`, we have `11101000????0010`

Step 4, fill in the last four bits of destination register (why? Because only 4 bits are reserved for registers.), which is `0000`, we have `1110100000000010`

Step 5, convert the 16 bit machine code to hexadecimal: 0xE802

But in the memory, you see 0x02E8, why? Because it is little endian. The low byte is written before the high byte.

In summary, the machine code for `ldi r16, 0x82` is:

machine instruction in binary form: `0b1110100000000010`

machine instruction in hexadecimal form: 0xE802

machine instruction in hexadecimal form in AVR memory (little endian): 0x02E8

Lab exercise:

Write machine code of the following mnemonics:

- `Andi r16, 0b00000001` (verify it by checking the values in memory) (page 20)
- `ldi r17, -5` ;hint, two's complement of -5

Do you get 0x0170 for “a” and 0x1BEF for “b”?

III. Comment out the program you have written so far and write a new program. The program calculates the number of students in csc999. There are two lab sections B01 and B02. The number of students registered:

B01: 23

B02: 21

The maximum enrollment for the course is 60. If the course enrollment is bigger than 60, set register 0 to 1, 0 otherwise. Store the course enrollment in register 19. Assume the total number of students is fewer than or equal to 255.

In high-level programming language, it can be done like this:

```
unsigned int x=23
unsigned int y=21
unsigned int sum=x+y
boolean over_enrollment=false
```

```
if (sum>60)
    over_enrollment=true
```

Submit main.asm.

1. Adapted from the lab notes written by Dr. Bill Bird for csc 230 in the summer of 2018.