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## Preface

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For the most up-to-date information on development tools, see the MPLAB® IDE on-line help. Select the Help menu, and then Topics to open a list of available on-line help files.

## INTRODUCTION

This chapter contains general information that will be useful to know before using 16-Bit Language Tools. Items discussed include:

- Document Layout
- Conventions Used in this Guide
- Recommended Reading
- The Microchip Web Site
- Development Systems Customer Change Notification Service
- Customer Support

## DOCUMENT LAYOUT

This document describes how to use 16-Bit Language Tools as development tools to emulate and debug firmware on a target board. The manual layout is as follows:

- **Chapter 1: Installation and Overview** – How to install the 16-Bit Language Tools on your PC and how they work.
- **Chapter 2: Tutorial 1 – Creating a Project** – How to set up a project using 16-Bit Language Tools.
- **Chapter 3: Tutorial 2 – Real-Time Interrupt** – How to create a 16-bit application using a real-time interrupt.
- **Chapter 4: Tutorial 3 – Mixed C and Assembly Files** – How to create a 16-bit application using a combination of C and assembly code files.

## CONVENTIONS USED IN THIS GUIDE

The following conventions may appear in this documentation:

### DOCUMENTATION CONVENTIONS

Description	Represents	Examples
<b>Arial font:</b>		
Italic characters	Referenced books	<i>MPLAB<sup>®</sup> IDE User's Guide</i>
	Emphasized text	...is the <i>only</i> compiler...
Initial caps	A window	the Output window
	A dialog	the Settings dialog
	A menu selection	select Enable Programmer
Quotes	A field name in a window or dialog	"Save project before build"
Underlined, italic text with right angle bracket	A menu path	<u><i>File&gt;Save</i></u>
Bold characters	A dialog button	Click <b>OK</b>
	A tab	Click the <b>Power</b> tab
Text in angle brackets < >	A key on the keyboard	Press <Enter>, <F1>
<b>Courier New font:</b>		
Plain Courier New	Sample source code	#define START
	Filenames	autoexec.bat
	File paths	c:\mcc18\h
	Keywords	_asm, _endasm, static
	Command-line options	-Opa+, -Opa-
	Bit values	0, 1
	Constants	0xFF, 'A'
Italic Courier New	A variable argument	<i>file.o</i> , where <i>file</i> can be any valid filename
Square brackets [ ]	Optional arguments	mpasmwin [options] <i>file</i> [options]
Curly brackets and pipe character: {   }	Choice of mutually exclusive arguments; an OR selection	errorlevel {0 1}
Ellipses...	Replaces repeated text	var_name [, var_name...]
	Represents code supplied by user	void main (void) { ... }

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## RECOMMENDED READING

This documentation describes how to use 16-Bit Language Tools. Other useful documents are listed below. The following Microchip documents are available and recommended as supplemental reference resources.

### **Readme Files**

For the latest information on Microchip tools, read the associated Readme files (HTML files) included with the software.

### **MPLAB<sup>®</sup> Assembler, Linker and Utilities for PIC24 MCUs and dsPIC<sup>®</sup> DSCs User's Guide (DS51317)**

A guide to using the 16-bit assembler, object linker, object archiver/librarian and various utilities.

### **MPLAB C Compiler for PIC24 MCUs and dsPIC<sup>®</sup> DSCs User's Guide (DS51284)**

A guide to using the 16-bit C compiler. The 16-bit linker is used with this tool.

### **16-Bit Language Tools Libraries (DS51456)**

A descriptive listing of libraries available for Microchip 16-bit devices. This includes standard (including math) libraries and C compiler built-in functions. DSP and 16-bit peripheral libraries are described in Readme files provided with each peripheral library type.

### **Device-Specific Documentation**

The Microchip website contains many documents that describe 16-bit device functions and features. Among these are:

- Individual and family data sheets
- Family reference manuals
- Programmer's reference manuals

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- **Emulators** – The latest information on Microchip in-circuit emulators. These include the MPLAB REAL ICE™, MPLAB ICE 2000 and MPLAB ICE 4000 in-circuit emulators
- **In-Circuit Debuggers** – The latest information on Microchip in-circuit debuggers. These include the MPLAB ICD 2 in-circuit debugger and PICKit™ 2 debug express.
- **MPLAB® IDE** – The latest information on Microchip MPLAB IDE, the Windows® Integrated Development Environment for development systems tools. This list is focused on the MPLAB IDE, MPLAB IDE Project Manager, MPLAB Editor and MPLAB SIM simulator, as well as general editing and debugging features.
- **Programmings** – The latest information on Microchip programmers. These include the MPLAB PM3 and PRO MATE® II device programmers and the PICSTART® Plus and PICKit 1 and 2 development programmers.



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- Distributor or Representative
- Local Sales Office
- Field Application Engineer (FAE)
- Technical Support

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Technical support is available through the web site at: <http://support.microchip.com>

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## Chapter 1. Installation and Overview

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### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

This document provides a step-by-step guide to using 16-bit (PIC24 MCU and dsPIC DSC devices) language tools with the MPLAB® Integrated Development Environment (IDE) v8.10 or later. The MPLAB IDE project manager and the MPLAB SIM simulator are both components of MPLAB IDE and, along with the built-in debugger structure, will be used extensively in this guide.

Items discussed in this chapter are:

- Installing/Uninstalling MPLAB IDE
- Installing the 16-Bit Assembler, Linker and Utilities
- Installing/Uninstalling the 16-Bit C Compiler
- Tutorial Overview

### 1.2 INSTALLING/UNINSTALLING MPLAB IDE

MPLAB IDE is provided on CD-ROM or is available from [www.microchip.com](http://www.microchip.com) at no charge. Follow the instructions on the CD-ROM or website to install MPLAB IDE. To uninstall, view the instructions in the file `Readme for MPLAB IDE.txt`.

### 1.3 INSTALLING THE 16-BIT ASSEMBLER, LINKER AND UTILITIES

The MPLAB Assembler and Object Linker for PIC24 MCUs and dsPIC DSCs (formerly MPLAB ASM30 and MPLAB LINK30) are provided free with MPLAB IDE. They are also included in the installation for the MPLAB C Compiler for PIC24 MCUs and dsPIC DSCs (formerly MPLAB C30). To ensure compatibility between all 16-bit tools, the versions of these tools provided with the 16-bit compiler should be used.

### 1.4 INSTALLING/UNINSTALLING THE 16-BIT C COMPILER

To install the MPLAB C Compiler for PIC24 MCUs and dsPIC DSCs (formerly MPLAB C30) and related 16-bit language tools, do the following:

- Make a backup when installing the 16-bit compiler as an update to a previous version, since existing files may be overwritten.
- Insert the CD-ROM into the PC and execute the installation file. A series of dialogs will step through the installation process. The installation may take a few minutes as it searches for MPLAB IDE and other related files on the PC.
- To follow the examples in this guide, make sure that the check box for EXAMPLES is checked.

To uninstall the 16-bit compiler, open the folder where the compiler is installed and double click on `UNWISE.exe`.

**Note:** When uninstalling an upgraded version of the 16-bit compiler, the entire installation will be removed. If files have been added to directories after the previous installation, these will not be removed.

## 1.5 TUTORIAL OVERVIEW

The following tutorials are intended to help an engineer familiar with the C programming language and embedded systems concepts get started using the MPLAB C Compiler for PIC24 MCUs and dsPIC DSCs with MPLAB IDE. This document shows how to create and build projects, how to write code using features of 16-bit devices and how to verify and debug code written for the 16-bit compiler.

These tutorials assume that the 16-bit compiler and MPLAB IDE are installed (see the previous sections.) Please refer to the Microchip web site for 16-bit device data sheets and family reference manuals containing information on processor-specific items such as the Special Function Registers, instruction set and interrupt logic.

Tutorials presented in these chapters for using the 16-bit compiler include:

- **Tutorial 1** which demonstrates how to:
  - set up and build a project
  - run, step and set breakpoints in the example code
  - debug the code
- **Tutorial 2** which demonstrates how to:
  - use templates to create a source file
  - use a real-time interrupt in C
- **Tutorial 3** which demonstrates how to:
  - use the 16-bit compiler with an assembly language DSP routine
  - pass parameters to and from an assembly language module

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**Chapter 2. Tutorial 1 – Creating A Project**

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**2.1 INTRODUCTION**

The simple source code in this tutorial is designed for an MPLAB IDE v8.10 project. It will use the MPLAB SIM simulator for the dsPIC30F6014 device. The tutorial assumes the default MPLAB C Compiler for PIC24 MCUs and dsPIC DSCs (formerly MPLAB C30) installation directory, i.e.,

C:\Program Files\Microchip\MPLAB C30.

This tutorial consists of:

- Creating a File
- Using the Project Wizard
- Using the Project Window
- Setting Up Build Options
- Building the Project
- Troubleshooting Build Errors
- Debugging with the MPLAB SIM Simulator
- Generating a Map File
- Debugging at Assembly Code Level
- Exploring Further

**2.2 CREATING A FILE**

Start MPLAB IDE and select *File>New* to bring up a new empty source file. The source code that should be typed in (or copied and pasted if viewing this electronically) to this New Source File window is shown in Example 2-1.

**EXAMPLE 2-1: MyFile.c**

```
#include "p30f6014.h"

int counter;           // for TRISB and PORTB declarations
int main (void)
{
    counter = 1;
    TRISB = 0;         // configure PORTB for output
    while(1)           // do forever
    {
        PORTB = counter; // send value of 'counter' out PORTB
        counter++;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

TRISB and PORTB are Special Function Registers (SFRs) on the dsPIC30F6014 device. PORTB is a set of general purpose input/output pins. TRISB bits configure the PORTB pins as inputs (1) or outputs (0).

Use *File>Save As* to save this file with the file name `MyFile.c` in the `\examples` folder under the installation folder.

## 2.3 USING THE PROJECT WIZARD

Select *Project>Project Wizard* to create a new project. The Welcome page will appear. Click **Next>** to continue.

1. At “Step One: Select a Device”, use the pull-down menu to select the dsPIC30F6014 device. Click **Next>** to continue.
2. At “Step Two: Select a language toolsuite”, choose “Microchip C30 Toolsuite” as the “Active Toolsuite”. Then click on each language tool in the toolsuite (under “Toolsuite Contents”) and check or set up its associated executable (Figure 2-1).

MPLAB ASM30 Assembler should point to the assembler executable, `pic30-as.exe` under “Location”. If it does not, enter or browse to the executable location, which is by default:

```
C:\Program Files\Microchip\MPLAB C30\bin\pic30-as.exe
```

MPLAB C30 C Compiler should point to the compiler executable, `pic30-gcc.exe` under “Location”. If it does not, enter or browse to the executable location, which is by default:

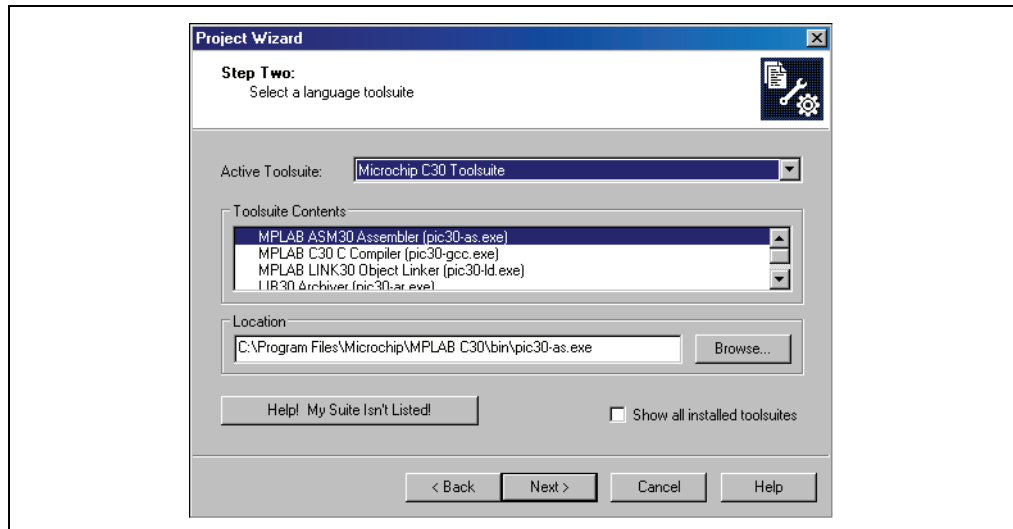
```
C:\Program Files\Microchip\MPLAB C30\bin\pic30-gcc.exe
```

MPLAB LINK30 Object Linker should point to the linker executable, `pic30-ld.exe` under “Location”. If it does not, enter or browse to the executable location, which is by default:

```
C:\Program Files\Microchip\MPLAB C30\bin\pic30-ld.exe
```

Click **Next>** to continue.

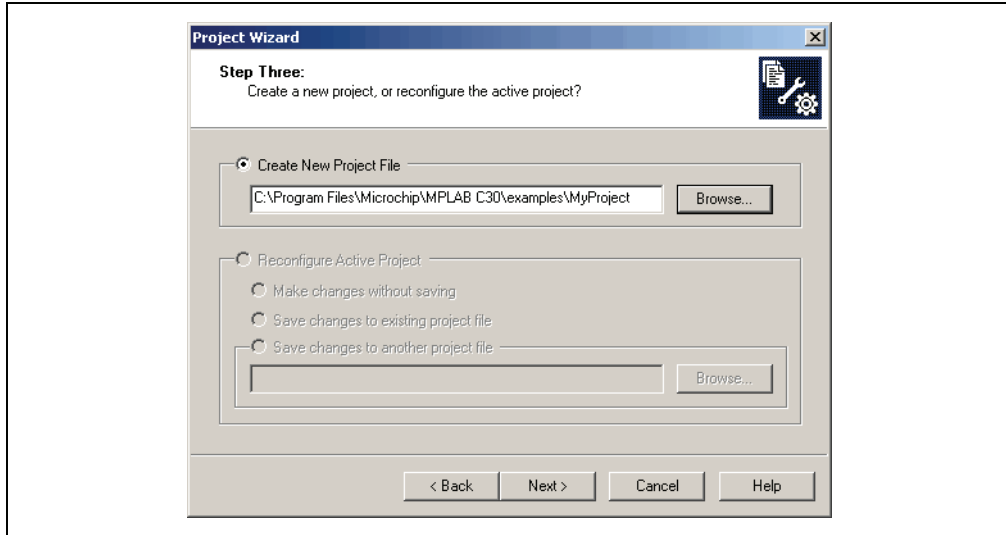
**FIGURE 2-1: PROJECT WIZARD – SELECT LANGUAGE TOOLSUITE**



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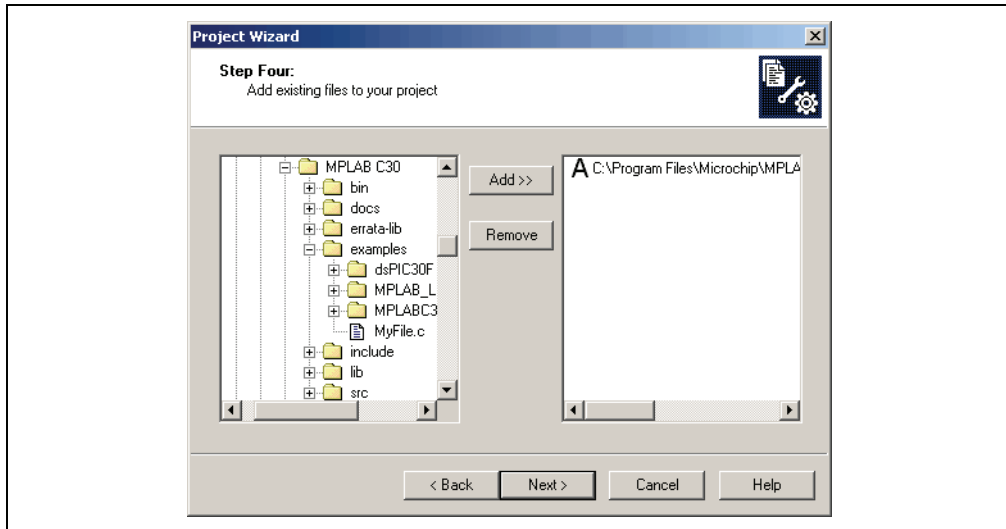
3. At “Step Three: Create new project...”, use **Browse** to go the \examples folder in the installation directory for the 16-bit compiler and enter the name of the project as MyProject. Click **Save** and then **Next>** to continue.

**FIGURE 2-2: PROJECT WIZARD – PROJECT NAME AND DIRECTORY**



4. At “Step Four: Add existing files to your project”, a C file will be added to the project. Select the source file created earlier, MyFile.c, in the \examples folder. Press **ADD>>** to add it to the list of files to be used for this project (on the right). For information on the letter to the left of the added file, see MPLAB IDE Help, “Projects and Workspaces”. Leave the “A” for this project.

**FIGURE 2-3: PROJECT WIZARD – ADD C SOURCE FILE**



A linker script file no longer needs be added to a project using the 16-bit C compiler. The linker will automatically find and use the correct linker script for the selected device.

Select **Next>** to continue.

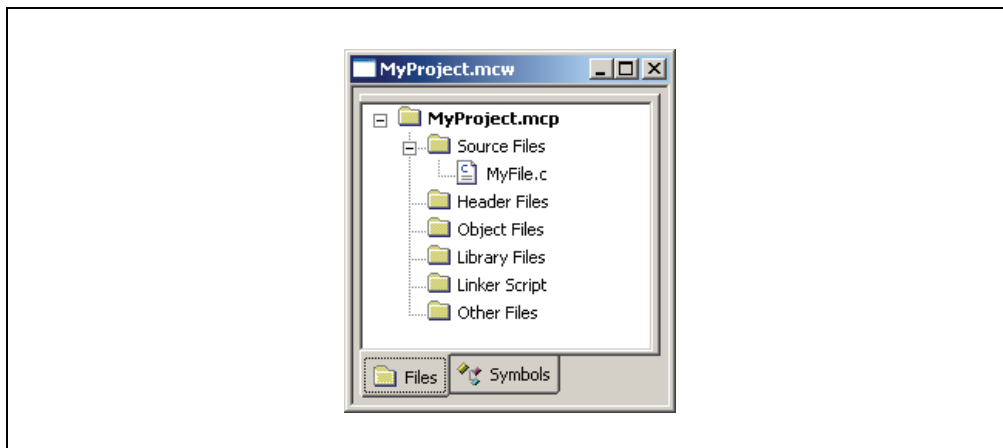
5. At the Summary screen, review the “Project Parameters” to verify that the device, toolsuite and project file location are correct. If you wish to change anything, use **Back** to return to a previous wizard dialog. Click **Finish** to create the new project and workspace.

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## 2.4 USING THE PROJECT WINDOW

Locate the Project window on the MPLAB IDE workspace. The file name of the workspace should appear in the top title bar of the Project window, `MyProject.mcw`, with the file name as the top “node” in the project, `MyProject.mcp`. Project files will be listed in tree format on the **Files** tab.

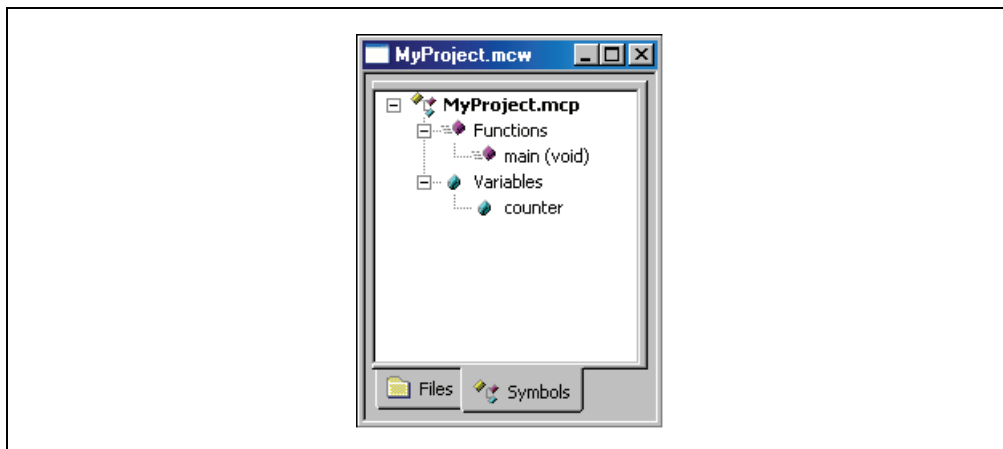
**FIGURE 2-4: PROJECT WINDOW – FILES TAB**



**Note:** If an error was made, highlight a file name and press the Delete key or use the right mouse menu to delete a file. Place the cursor over “Source Files” or other folder and use the right mouse menu to add the proper files to the project.

To view the functions and variables in this short example, click the **Symbols** tab.

**FIGURE 2-5: PROJECT WINDOW – SYMBOLS TAB**



If you do not see any symbols on this tab, right-click in the window to pop up a menu and make sure that “Enable Tag Locators” is checked.



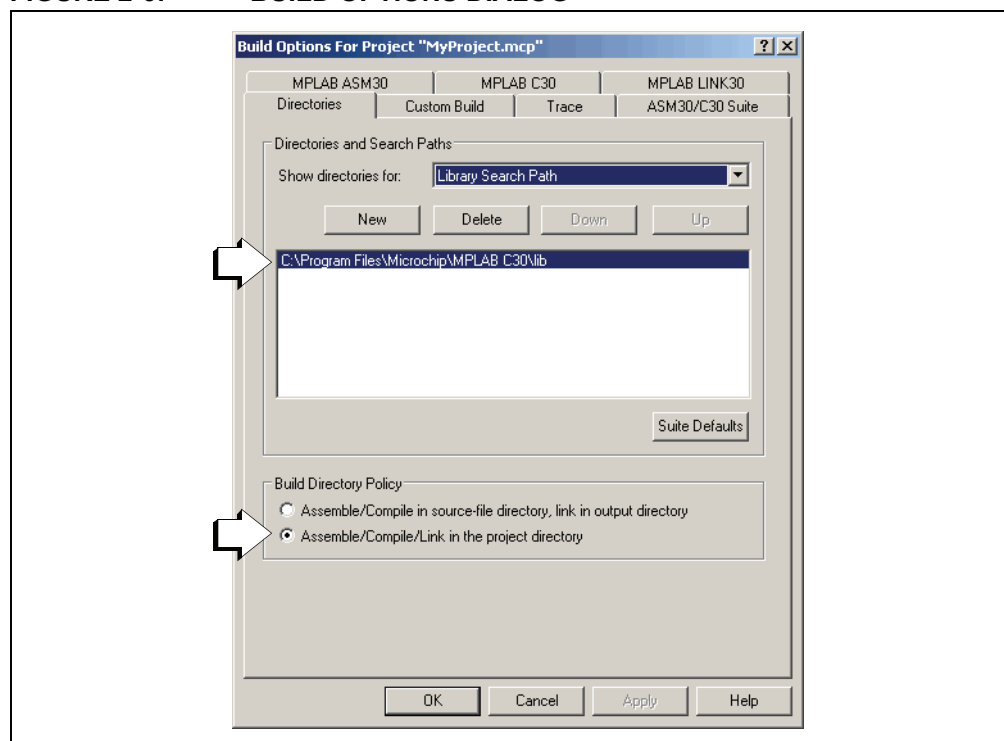
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## 2.5 SETTING UP BUILD OPTIONS

The 16-bit tools are almost ready to be invoked to build the project. However, the project and tool build options need to be checked.

1. Select *Project>Build Options* and click on “Project” to display the Build Options dialog for the entire project.
2. Click the **Directories** tab. For this tutorial, check that the “Library Search Path” is the `\lib` directory of the 16-bit compiler installation directory. Also, “Assemble/Compiler/Link in the project directory” should be selected.

**FIGURE 2-6: BUILD OPTIONS DIALOG**



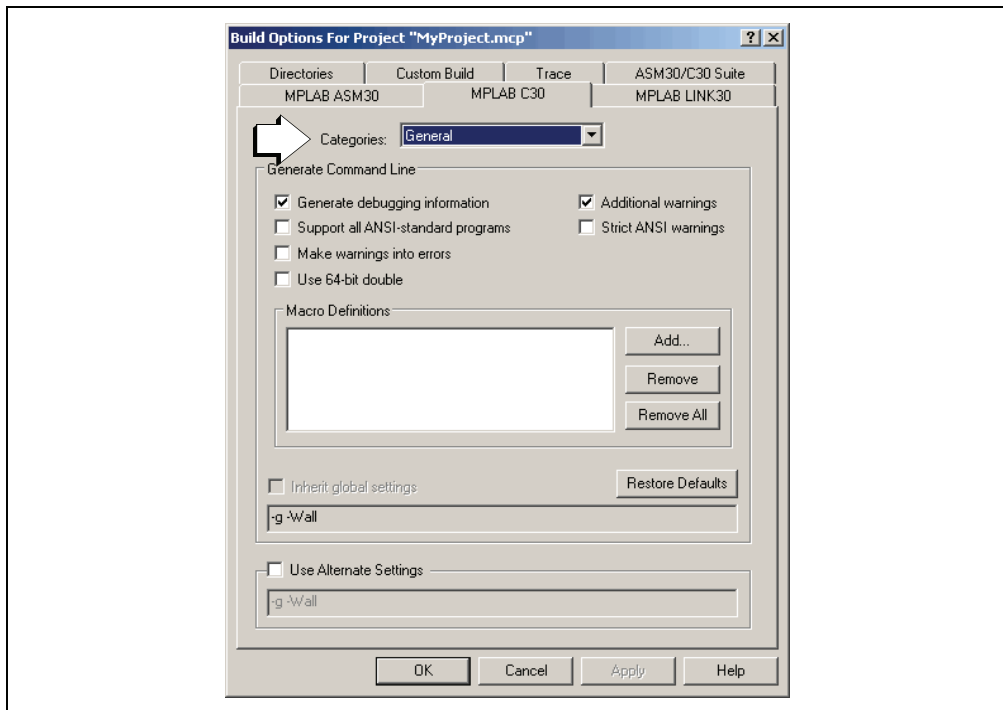
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The various command-line options that are passed to the 16-bit tools can be set on the tool-specific tabs.

3. Click the **MPLAB C30** tab. There are three dialogs of options: General, Memory Model and Optimization. These are selected in the “Categories” pull-down list and will change the items on the dialog accordingly.

For this example, you will keep the default command-line options for the 16-bit compiler.

**FIGURE 2-7: COMPILER BUILD OPTIONS – GENERAL**



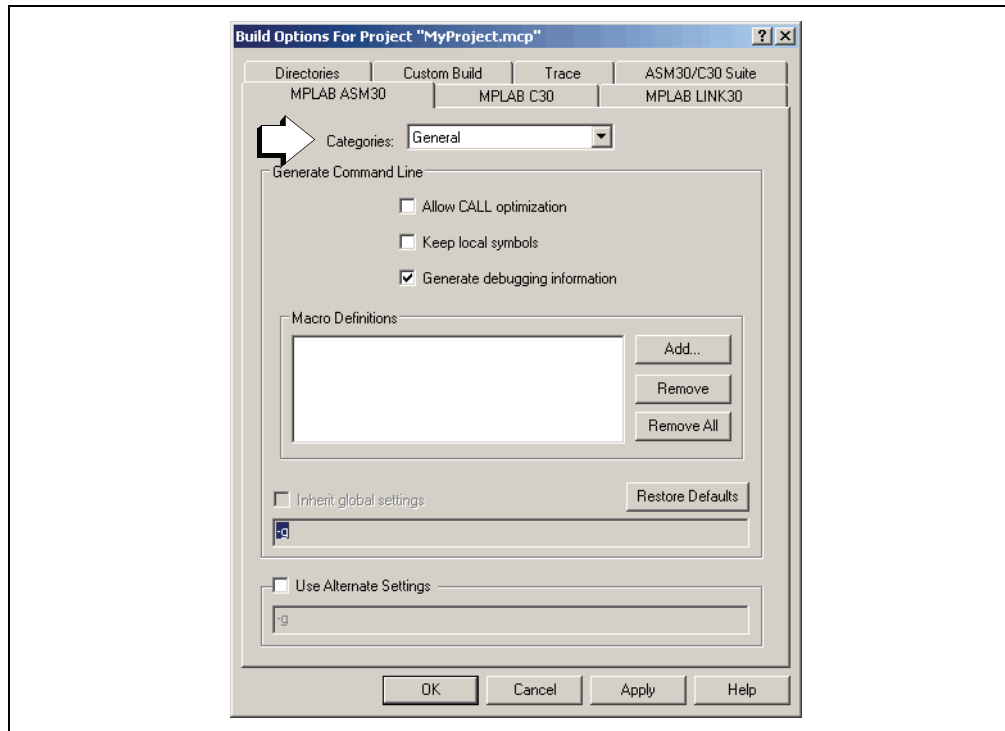


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5. Click the **MPLAB ASM30** tab. There are two dialogs of options: General and Diagnostics. These are selected in the “Categories” pull-down list and will change the items on the dialog accordingly.

For this example, you will keep the default command-line options for the 16-bit assembler.

**FIGURE 2-9: ASSEMBLER BUILD OPTIONS – GENERAL**

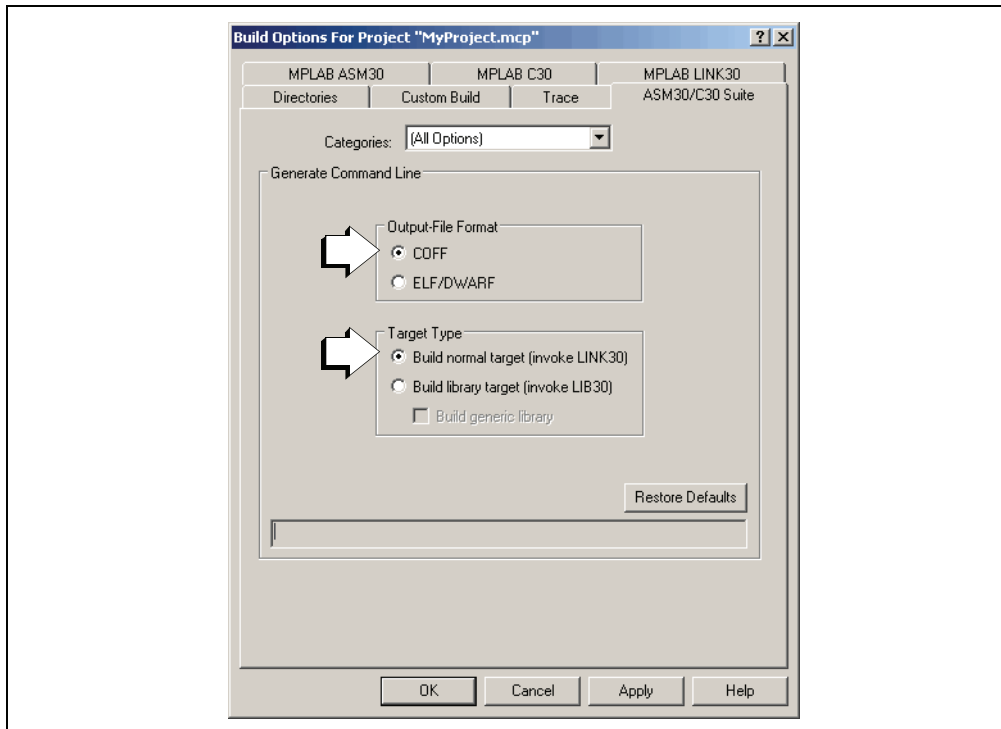


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- Click the **ASM30/C30 Suite** tab. On this tab, the type of output for the assembler and compiler may be selected. Select an output format of either COFF or ELF/DWARF. Select to create regular output (from the linker) or a library (from the librarian).

For this example, you will keep the default options.

**FIGURE 2-10: SUITE BUILD OPTIONS**



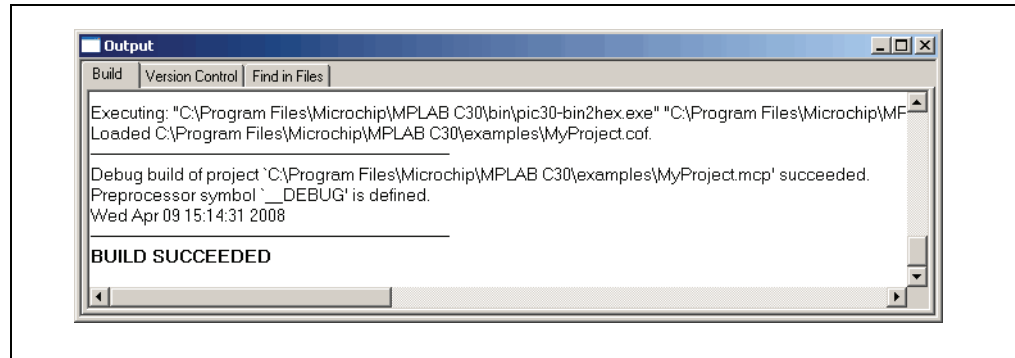
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## 2.6 BUILDING THE PROJECT

Select *Project>Build All* to compile, assemble and link the project. If there are any error or warning messages, they will appear in the Output window.

For this tutorial, the Output window should display no errors and should show a message stating the project “BUILD SUCCEEDED.” If there were any errors, check to see that the content of the source file matches the text of `MyFile.c` displayed in Example 2-1.

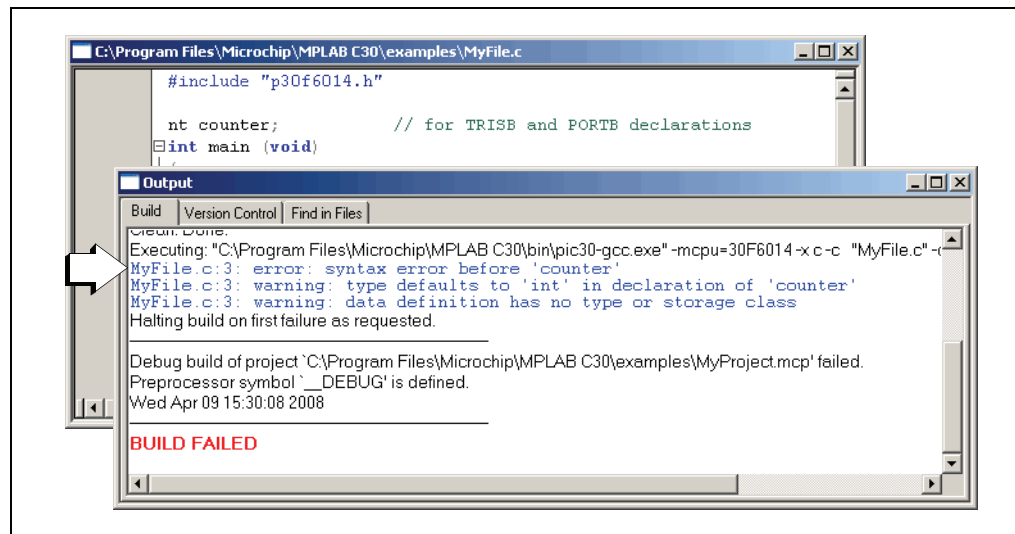
FIGURE 2-11: BUILD OUTPUT WINDOW



## 2.7 TROUBLESHOOTING BUILD ERRORS

If errors were reported after building the project, double click on the line with the error message to go directly to the source code line that caused the error. If the example was typed in, the most common errors are misspellings, missing semicolons or unmatched braces. In the following screen, a typo was made. In this example, the letter “i” was accidentally omitted in the “int” declaration of `main()`. The error message(s) will appear in the Output window.

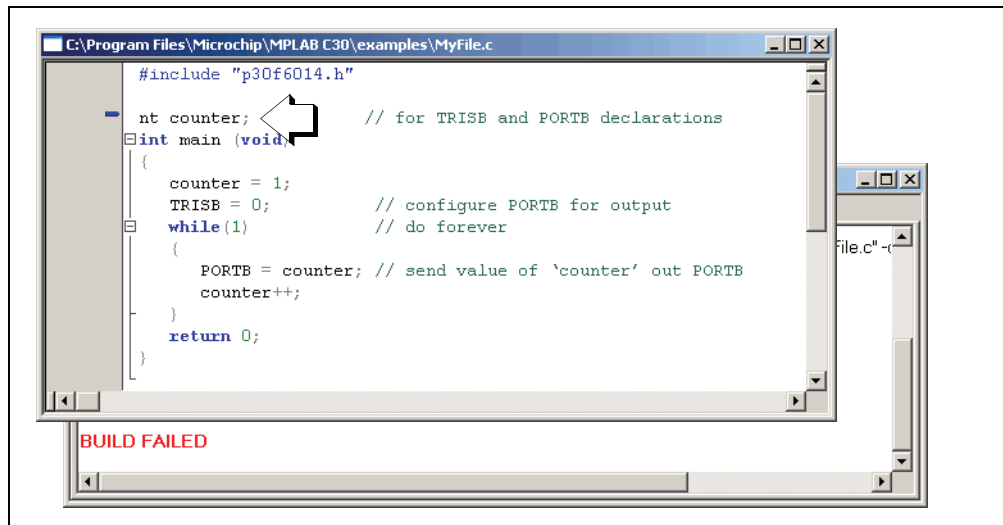
FIGURE 2-12: BUILD ERROR



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After double clicking on the error line in the Output window above, the desktop looks like this:

**FIGURE 2-13: DOUBLE CLICK TO GO TO SOURCE**



The offending typo “nt” is in black text rather than blue – a good indication that something is wrong, since key words are shown in blue color fonts. Typing an “i” to make the “nt” the proper key word “int,” results in the text turning blue. Selecting *Project>Project Build All* again produces a successful build.

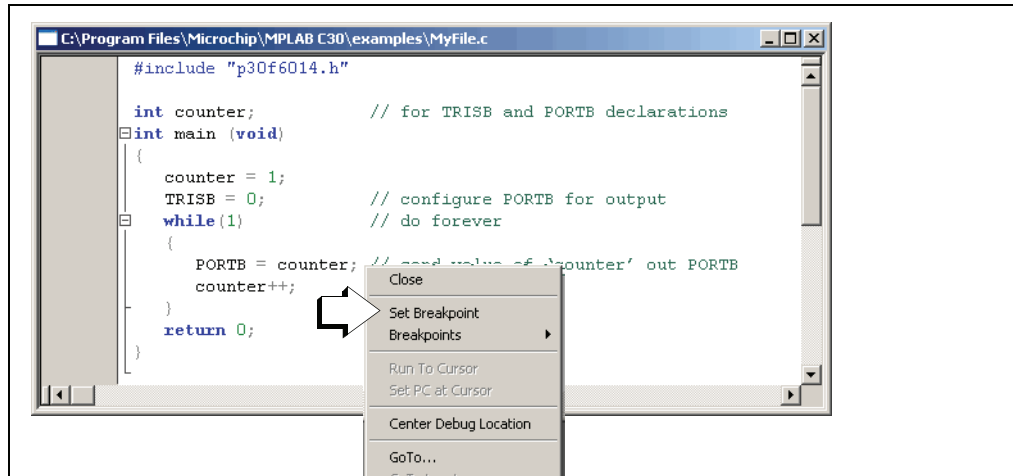
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## 2.8 DEBUGGING WITH THE MPLAB SIM SIMULATOR

To debug application code, you need the help of a debug tool. In this tutorial, we will use the MPLAB SIM simulator. In the simulator, breakpoints can be set in the source code and the value of variables can be observed with a Watch window.

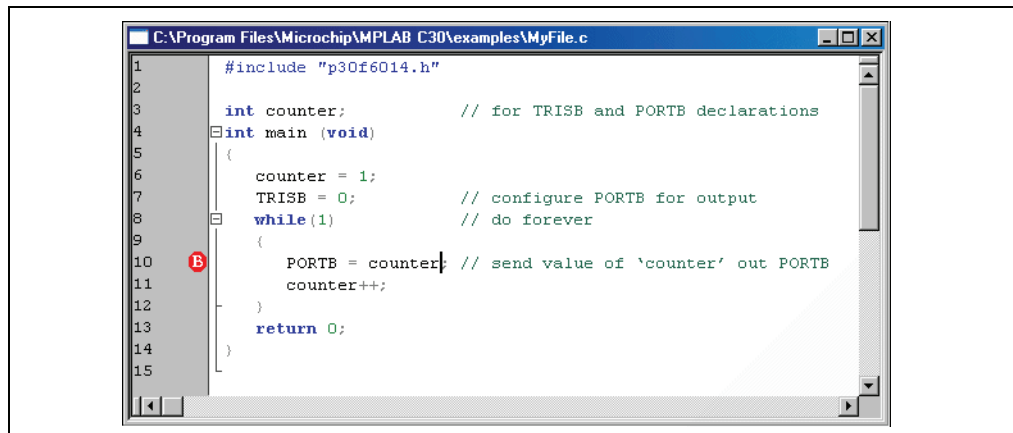
1. Select the MPLAB SIM simulator as the debugging tool by selecting *Debugger>Select Tool>MPLAB SIM*.
2. Open the source file by double clicking on its name (MyFile.c) in the project tree of the Project window. In the source file, place the cursor over the line:  
`PORTB = counter;`  
Then click the right mouse button and select “Set Breakpoint”.

FIGURE 2-14: SET BREAKPOINT



The red stop sign symbol in the margin along the left side of the Source window indicates that the breakpoint has been set and is enabled.

FIGURE 2-15: BREAKPOINT IN SOURCE WINDOW

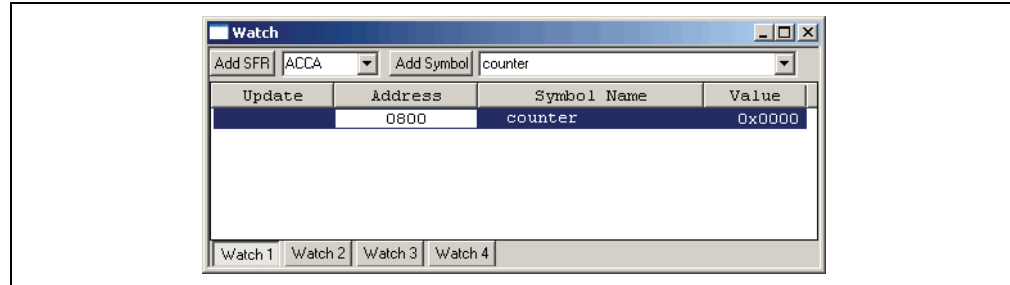




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3. Select View>Watch to open a Watch window. Select `counter` from the pull-down expandable menu next to **Add Symbol** and then click **Add Symbol**.

**FIGURE 2-16: ADD WATCH VARIABLE**



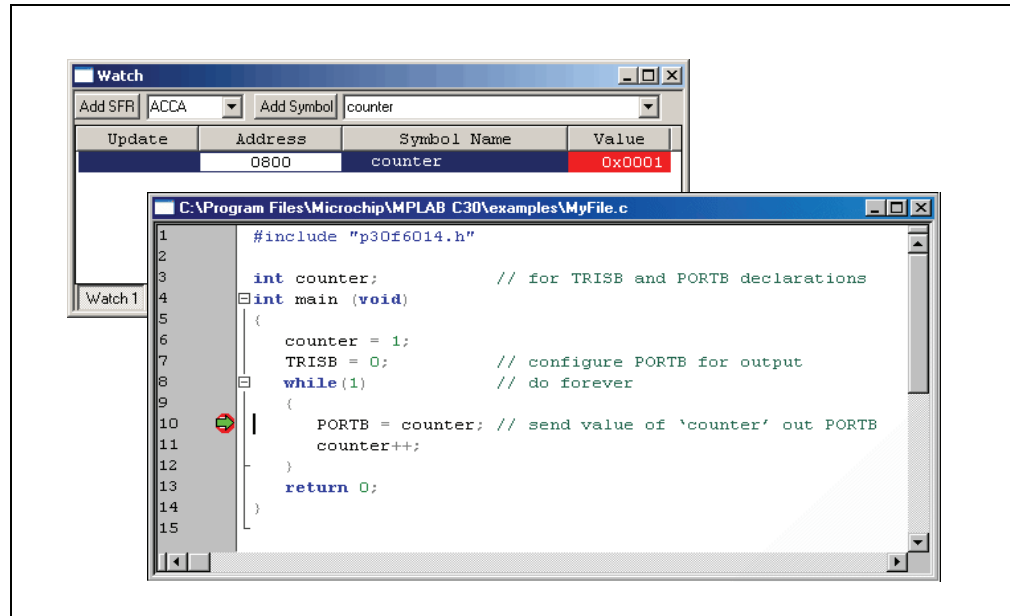
**Note:** There are three ways to enter Watch variables: (1) in the method described above, a variable can be picked from a list, (2) the symbol's name can be typed directly in the Symbol Name column in the Watch window or (3) the variable's name can be highlighted in the source text and dragged to the Watch window.

4. Press **Run** on the toolbar to run the program.



The program should halt just before the statement at the breakpoint is executed. The green arrow in the left margin of the Source window points to the next statement to be executed. The Watch window should show `counter` with a value of '1'. The value of '1' will be shown in red, indicating that this variable has changed.

**FIGURE 2-17: RUN TO BREAKPOINT**



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5. Press **Run** again to continue the program. Execution will continue in the `while` loop until it halts again at the line with the breakpoint. The Watch window should show `counter` with a value of '2'.
6. To step through the source code one statement at a time, use **Step Into** on the toolbar.



As each statement executes, the green arrow in the margin of the Source window moves to the next statement to be executed.

7. Place the cursor on the line with the breakpoint, and use the right mouse button menu to select "Remove Breakpoint". Now press the Run button. The "Running..." message should appear on the lower left of the Status bar, and next to it, a moving bar will indicate that the program is running. The Step icon to the right of the Run icon will be grayed out. If the Debugger menu is pulled down, the Step options will also be grayed out. While in the Run mode, these operations are disabled.

To interrupt a running program, use **Halt** on the toolbar.



Once the program has stopped (halted), the step icons are no longer grayed out.

**Note:** There are two basic modes while debugging: Halt or Run. Most debugging operations are done in Halt mode. In Run mode, most debug functions are not operational. Registers cannot be inspected or changed and a project cannot be rebuilt. Functions that try to access the memory or internal registers of the running target will not be available in Run mode.

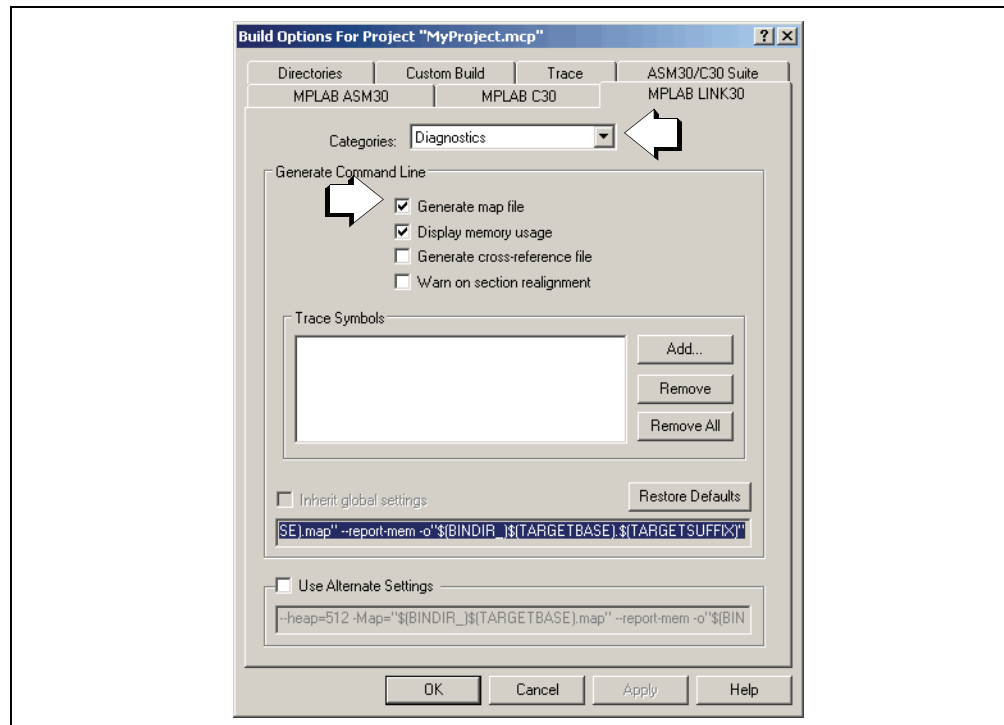
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## 2.9 GENERATING A MAP FILE

A map file provides additional information that may be useful in debugging, such as details of memory allocation. This file can be generated by setting the appropriate linker build option.

1. Select *Project>Build Options>Project*, and then click the **MPLAB LINK30** tab.
2. Select “Diagnostics” from “Categories” and then click on the checkbox for “Generate map file”.
3. Click **OK** to save the option.
4. Rebuild the project (*Project>Build All*) to generate the map file.

**FIGURE 2-18: GENERATE MAP FILE**



The map file (*MyProject.map*) is present in the project directory and may be opened by selecting *File>Open*, and then browsing to the project directory. Select Files of Type “All files(\*)” in order to see the map file. The excerpt in Example 2-2 from the *MyProject.map* file shows the program and data memory area usage after *MyProject.C* was compiled.

This information can also be made visible in the Output window by checking the “Display Memory Usage” checkbox on the **MPLAB LINK30** tab, Diagnostics category.

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## EXAMPLE 2-2: MAP FILE EXCERPT

Program Memory Usage

section	address	length (PC units)	length (bytes) (dec)
.reset	0	0x4	0x6 (6)
.ivt	0x4	0x7c	0xba (186)
.aivt	0x84	0x7c	0xba (186)
.text	0x100	0x96	0xe1 (225)
.dinit	0x196	0x8	0xc (12)
.isr	0x19e	0x2	0x3 (3)
Total program memory used (bytes):			0x26a (618) <1%

Data Memory Usage

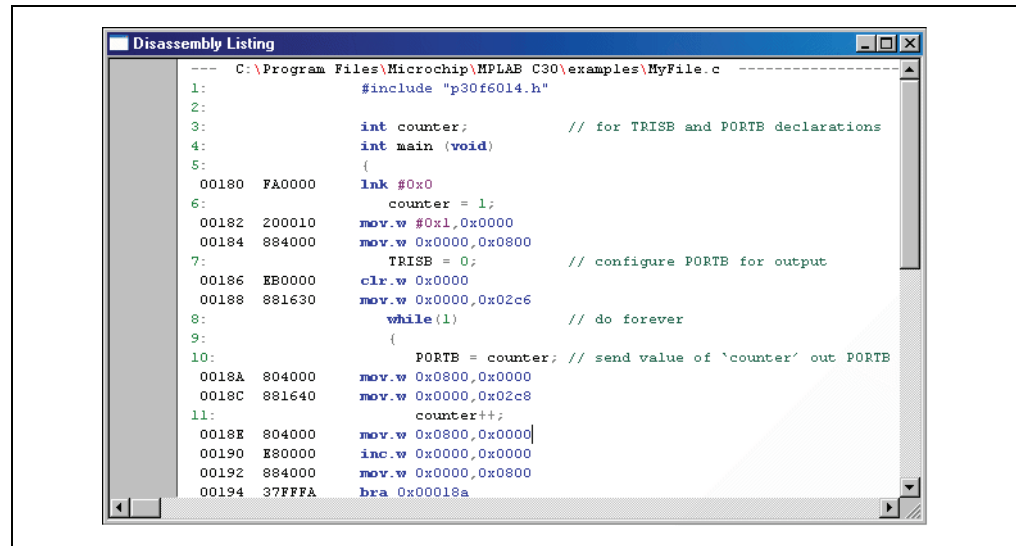
section	address	alignment gaps	total length (dec)
.nbss	0x800	0	0x2 (2)
Total data memory used (bytes):			0x2 (2) <1%

## 2.10 DEBUGGING AT ASSEMBLY CODE LEVEL

So far all debugging has been done from the C source file, using functions and variables as defined in the C code. For embedded systems programming, it may be necessary to dig down deeper into the assembly code level. MPLAB IDE provides tools to do both, and shows the correlation between the C code and the generated machine code.

1. Select the MPLAB IDE *View>Disassembly Listing* window to see the source code interspersed with the generated machine and assembly code. This is useful when debugging mixed C and assembly code, and when it is necessary to see the machine code generated from the C source code.

FIGURE 2-19: DISASSEMBLY WINDOW



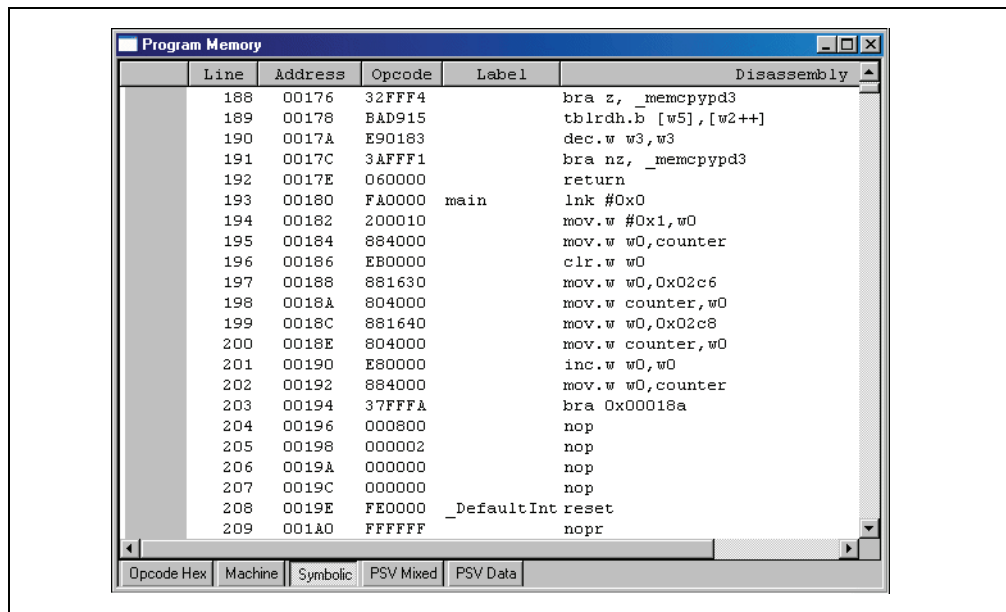
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The C source code is shown with the line number from the source code file shown on the left column. The generated machine hex code and the corresponding disassembled instructions are shown with the address in the left column. For the machine code instructions, the left column is the address of the instruction in program memory, followed by the hexadecimal bytes for the instruction and then the dsPIC30F disassembled instruction.

**Note:** The Disassembly Listing does not display dsPIC30F instructions correctly. Working register operands, W0 through W15, are displayed as hexadecimal numbers, 0x0000 through 0x001E. For example, register W1 is displayed as 0x0002, and register W15 is displayed as 0x001E.

2. Select View>Program Memory window to see only the machine and assembly code in program memory.

**FIGURE 2-20: PROGRAM MEMORY WINDOW – SYMBOLIC**



By selecting the various tabs at the bottom of the Program Memory window, the code can be viewed with or without symbolic labels, as a raw hex dump, as mixed PSV code and data, or just as PSV data.

**Note:** See the device data sheet for more information about PSV data.

Breakpoints can be set, single stepped and all debug functions performed in any of the Source code, Disassembly and Program Memory windows.

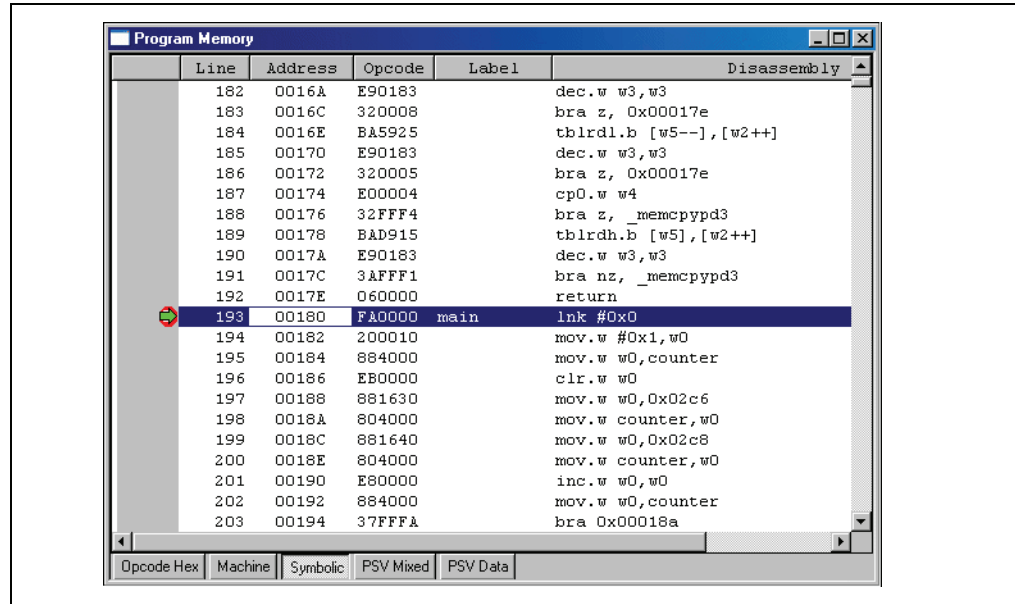
3. Make sure the program is halted by pressing the Halt button. In the Program Memory window, click on the Symbolic tab at the bottom to view the code tagged with symbols. Scroll down and click on the line with the label `main`, which corresponds to the `main()` function in the C file. Use the right mouse button to set a breakpoint on `main`. Press the Reset icon (or select to Debugger>Reset and select Processor Reset).



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4. Now press Run. The program should halt at the breakpoint set at `main`.

**FIGURE 2-21: BREAKPOINT IN PROGRAM MEMORY**



5. Go back and look at the Source File window (*File>Open*) and the Disassembly window (*View>Disassembly Listing*). The breakpoint should be seen in all three windows. The step function can now be used in any window to single step through C source lines or to single step through the machine code.

## 2.11 EXPLORING FURTHER

Go ahead and experiment with this example program. Things to explore include:

- Changing the value of `counter` by clicking on its value in the Watch window and typing in a new number.
- Assigning `counter` an initial value of one in its definition. Inspect the source code to see where `counter` is loaded with this value.

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### 3.1 INTRODUCTION

This next tutorial demonstrates real-time interrupt code implemented using the basic “template” file that comes with MPLAB IDE software. Timer1 on the dsPIC30F6014 will be used to generate a recurring interrupt to measure one-second intervals.

This tutorial consists of:

- Using Template Files
- Using the Template in a New Project
- Debugging with the MPLAB SIM Simulator
- Exploring Further

### 3.2 USING TEMPLATE FILES

Template files are source code files that can serve as a structure to build an application. They make it easy to start a project for an application since the C constructs and formats are provided in a simple file where details of an application can be added. The templates have example C statements for many common features of the MPLAB C Compiler for PIC24 MCUs and dsPIC DSCs (formerly MPLAB C30) source code, including variables and constants, processor-specific include files, interrupt vectors and associated interrupt code, plus areas to insert application code.

The template has comments to help identify key constructs. In many cases, macros are defined to make some things easier. In the simplest form, here is a “stripped-down” template without these comments and macros so its basic structure can be seen:

#### EXAMPLE 3-1: ELEMENTS OF A TEMPLATE FILE

```
#include <p30fxxxx.h>                                /* proc specific header */

#define CONSTANT1 10                                /* sample constant definitions */
#define CONSTANT2 20

int array1[CONSTANT1] __attribute__((space(xmemory), aligned(32)));
int array2[CONSTANT1] __attribute__((space(ymemory), aligned(32)));
/* arrays with dsPIC30F attributes */

int array3[CONSTANT1] _XBSS(32);                    /* arrays with dsPIC30F macros */
int array4[CONSTANT1] _YBSS(32);

int array5[CONSTANT2];                               /* simple array */

int variable1 __attribute__((space(xmemory)));
int variable2 __attribute__((space(ymemory)));
/* variables with attributes */

int variable3;                                       /* simple variable */
```

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```
int main ( void )                               /* start of main application code */
{
    /* Application code goes here */
}

/* Interrupt Service Routine 1 */
void __attribute__((interrupt, auto_psv)) _ADCInterrupt(void)
{
    /* Interrupt Service Routine code goes here */
}

/* Interrupt Service Routine 2 */
void __attribute__((interrupt, shadow, auto_psv)) _T1Interrupt(void)
{
    /* Interrupt Service Routine code goes here */
}

/* Interrupt Service Routine 3 */
void __attribute__((interrupt(save(variable1,variable2)), auto_psv))
_INT0Interrupt(void)
{
    /* Interrupt Service Routine code goes here */
}
```

This template code starts out with the `#include` statement to include the header file that has the dsPIC30F device-specific Special Function Register definitions. Following this are simple constant definitions (`#define`) that can be modified and copied to make a list of constants for the application.

Two array definitions follow to show how to define an array with various attributes, specifying its section in memory, and how it is aligned in the memory architecture of the dsPIC DSC device. Two more array definitions show how to accomplish the same thing using macros defined in the header file. The final array definition, `array5`, is a simple array.

Like arrays, variables can be assigned with attributes (`variable1` and `variable2`), or with no attributes (`variable3`).

A code fragment for `main()` follows. This is where code for the application can be placed. Following `main()` is the code framework for several interrupts.

Actual applications may use different interrupts, different attributes, and will be more complicated than this, but this template provides a simple place to start. The unmodified template can be added to a new project and the project will build with no errors.

Templates are stored in a folder with the 16-bit compiler installation directory named `\support\templates`, and are provided for both assembler and compiler source files in the corresponding `\assembly` and `\c` folders.

The full source code for the C template file for the dsPIC30F6014 is shown in Example 3-2.



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## EXAMPLE 3-2: temp\_6014.c TEMPLATE FILE

```
/*
 * This file is a basic template for creating C code for a dsPIC30F
 * device. Copy this file into your project directory and modify or
 * add to it as needed.
 *
 * If interrupts are not used, all code presented for that interrupt
 * can be removed or commented out with C-style comment declarations.
 *
 * For additional information about dsPIC architecture and language
 * tools, refer to the following documents:
 *
 * 16-Bit Language Tools Getting Started           : DS51316
 * MPLAB C Compiler for
 *     PIC24 MCUs and dsPIC DSCs User's Guide    : DS51284
 * MPLAB Assembler, Linker and Utilities for
 *     PIC24 MCUs and dsPIC DSCs User's Guide    : DS51317
 * 16-Bit Language Tools Libraries               : DS51456
 *
 * For the latest Datasheets and Family Reference Guides, please
 * see the Microchip web site.
 *
 * Template file has been compiled with MPLAB C30 v3.10.
 *
 *
 * Author:
 * Company:
 * Filename:      temp_6014.c
 * Date:          4/9/2008
 * File Version:  3.10
 * Other Files Required: p30f6014.h, p30f6014.gld
 * Tools Used: MPLAB IDE -> 8.10
 *               Compiler -> 3.10
 *
 * Devices Supported:
 *     dsPIC30F2011
 *     dsPIC30F3012
 *     dsPIC30F2012
 *     dsPIC30F3013
 *     dsPIC30F3014
 *     dsPIC30F4013
 *     dsPIC30F5011
 *     dsPIC30F6011
 *     dsPIC30F6012
 *     dsPIC30F5013
 *     dsPIC30F6013
 *     dsPIC30F6014
 *
 *
 * Other Comments:
 *
 * 1) C attributes, designated by the __attribute__ keyword, provide a
 * means to specify various characteristics of a variable or
 * function, such as where a particular variable should be placed
 * in memory, whether the variable should be aligned to a certain
 * address boundary, whether a function is an Interrupt Service
 * Routine (ISR), etc. If no special characteristics need to be
 * specified for a variable or function, then attributes are not
 */
```

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```
*      required. For more information about attributes, refer to the      *
*      C30 User's Guide.                                                *
*                                                                           *
* 2) The space(xmemory) and space(ymemory) attributes are              *
*      used to place a variable in X data space and Y data space,      *
*      respectively. Variables accessed by dual-source DSP instructions *
*      must be defined using these attributes.                            *
*                                                                           *
* 3) The aligned(k) attribute, used in variable definitions, is used    *
*      to align a variable to the nearest higher 'k'-byte address      *
*      boundary. 'k' must be substituted with a suitable constant      *
*      number when the ModBuf_X(k) or ModBuf_Y(k) macro is invoked.    *
*      In most cases, variables are aligned either to avoid potential   *
*      misaligned memory accesses, or to configure a modulo buffer.    *
*                                                                           *
* 4) The interrupt attribute is used to qualify a function as an      *
*      interrupt service routine. An interrupt routine can be further   *
*      configured to save certain variables on the stack, using the    *
*      save(var-list) directive. If constants or string literals may   *
*      be accessed using the default constants-in-code memory model,   *
*      then the auto_psv attribute is included. If no constants or     *
*      string literals will be accessed, the no_auto_psv attribute     *
*      can be included, saving a few cycles of latency.                 *
*                                                                           *
* 5) The shadow attribute is used to set up any function to            *
*      perform a fast context save using shadow registers.              *
*                                                                           *
* 6) Note the use of double-underscores (__) at the start and end of  *
*      the attribute keyword mentioned above.                            *
*                                                                           *
*****/

/* The correct device header file will be selected automatically */

#include <p30fxxxx.h>

/* Define constants here */

#define CONSTANT1 10
#define CONSTANT2 20

/***** START OF GLOBAL DEFINITIONS *****/

/* Define arrays: array1[], array2[], etc. */
/* with attributes, as given below */

/* either using the entire attribute */
int array1[CONSTANT1] __attribute__((space(xmemory), aligned(32)));
int array2[CONSTANT1] __attribute__((space(ymemory), aligned(32)));

/* or using macros defined in the header file */
int array3[CONSTANT1] _XBSS(32);
int array4[CONSTANT1] _YBSS(32);

/* Define arrays without attributes */

int array5[CONSTANT2]; /* array5 is NOT an aligned buffer */

/* ----- */
```

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```
/* Define global variables with attributes */

int variable1 __attribute__((space(xmemory)));
int variable2 __attribute__((space(ymemory)));

/* Define global variables without attributes */

int variable3;

/***** END OF GLOBAL DEFINITIONS *****/

/***** START OF MAIN FUNCTION *****/

int main ( void )
{
/* Code goes here */
}

/***** START OF INTERRUPT SERVICE ROUTINES *****/

/* Replace the interrupt function names with the */
/* appropriate names depending on interrupt source. */

/* The names of various interrupt functions for */
/* each device are defined in the linker script. */

/* Interrupt Service Routine 1 */
/* No fast context save, and no variables stacked */

void __attribute__((interrupt, auto_psv)) _ADCInterrupt(void)
{
/* Interrupt Service Routine code goes here */
}

/* Interrupt Service Routine 2 */
/* Fast context save (using push.s and pop.s) */

void __attribute__((interrupt, shadow, auto_psv)) _T1Interrupt(void)
{
/* Interrupt Service Routine code goes here */
}

/* Interrupt Service Routine 3: INT0Interrupt */
/* Save and restore variables var1, var2, etc. */

void __attribute__((interrupt(save(variable1,variable2)), auto_psv))
_INT0Interrupt(void)
{
/* Interrupt Service Routine code goes here */
}

/***** END OF INTERRUPT SERVICE ROUTINES *****/
```

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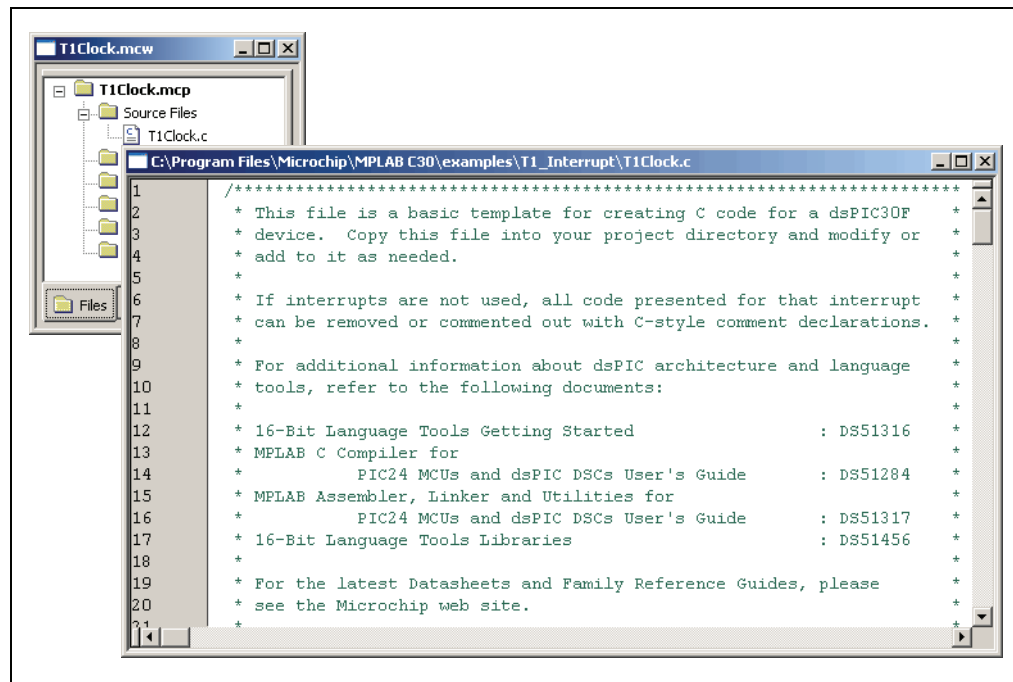
## 3.3 USING THE TEMPLATE IN A NEW PROJECT

For this tutorial, copy the template described above to a new project directory, following these steps. Go to Windows® Explorer for these folder/file operations.

1. Make a new folder named `\T1_Interrupt` in the `\Examples` directory under the 16-bit compiler installation directory.
2. Copy `C:\Program Files\Microchip\MPLAB C30\support\templates\c\temp_6014.c` to the new `\T1_Interrupt` folder.
3. Rename the copied template file `temp_6014.c` in the `\T1_Interrupt` folder to `T1Clock.c`.
4. Return to MPLAB IDE.

Follow the steps from **Chapter 2. “Tutorial 1 – Creating A Project”** to use the project wizard to create the new project, `T1Clock`. In this directory, select the C30 Toolsuite, and add `T1Clock.c` as the only source file. After double clicking on the file name, `T1Clock.c` in the Project window, the desktop should look something like this:

**FIGURE 3-1: VIEW T1Clock.c**



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Some of the header comments for this generic template can now be removed and application-specific information entered for the new project. The header area at the beginning of the file should contain information on the new project. After editing is finished, it might look something like this:

## EXAMPLE 3-3: EDITED T1Clock.c HEADER

```
/******  
*  
* Author:          F. Bar          *  
* Company:        Widgets, Inc.   *  
* Filename:       T1Clock.c       *  
* Date:           4/9/2008        *  
* File Version:   3.10            *  
* Other Files Required: p30f6014.h, p30f6014.gld *  
* Tools Used:    MPLAB IDE -> 8.10 *  
*                Compiler  -> 3.10 *  
*  
******/
```

```
#include <p30fxxxx.h>
```

For this tutorial, one constant, two variables and an array need to be defined. Just after the template header, the constants defined are named `CONSTANT1` and `CONSTANT2`. Comment those out, and below the `CONSTANT2` line, add a comment and the definition for `TMR1_PERIOD 0x1388`.

**Note:** The period `0x1388` = 5000 decimal. The timer will count at a rate one fourth the oscillator frequency. 5000 cycles at 5 MHz (the 20 MHz oscillator is divided by four) yields a time-out for the counter at every 1 ms.

## EXAMPLE 3-4: DEFINE A CONSTANT

```
#include <p30fxxxx.h>  
  
/* Define constants here          */  
/* #define CONSTANT1 10           */  
   #define CONSTANT2 20           */  
  
/* Timer1 period for 1 ms with FOSC = 20 MHz */  
#define TMR1_PERIOD 0x1388
```

Define some variables to track the code operation in this example. Position these in the `GLOBAL DEFINITIONS` area, after the definition of `variable3`. Add two new integer variables, `main_counter` and `irq_counter`. Then, for the interrupt timer routine, create a structure of three unsigned integer variable elements, `timer`, `ticks` and `seconds`, named `RTclock`:

## EXAMPLE 3-5: VARIABLE DEFINITIONS

```
/* Define global variables without attributes */  
  
int variable3;  
  
int main_counter;  
int irq_counter;
```

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```
struct clockType
{
    unsigned int timer;    /* countdown timer, milliseconds */
    unsigned int ticks;   /* absolute time, milliseconds */
    unsigned int seconds; /* absolute time, seconds */
} RTclock;

/***** END OF GLOBAL DEFINITIONS *****/
```

The other template code in this tutorial can be left in or commented out. It is probably better to comment it out at this time since these definitions will get compiled and take up memory space. Make sure to comment out all the sample arrays, since they use the macros which can be commented out. Also, as the code grows, it may be difficult to remember which code is used by the application and which was part of the original template.

**Note:** When using the template, remember that when beginning to code the application, only a few elements of the template may be needed. It may be helpful to comment out those portions of code that are not being used so that later, when similar elements are needed, they can be referred back to as models.

After the section labelled, `END OF GLOBAL DEFINITIONS`, type in the following routine to initialize Timer1 as an interrupt timer using the internal clock:

## EXAMPLE 3-6: RESET\_CLOCK CODE

```
/***** END OF GLOBAL DEFINITIONS *****/

void reset_clock(void)
{
    RTclock.timer = 0;    /* clear software registers */
    RTclock.ticks = 0;
    RTclock.seconds = 0;
    TMR1 = 0;            /* clear timer1 register */
    PR1 = TMR1_PERIOD;  /* set period1 register */
    T1CONbits.TCS = 0;  /* set internal clock source */
    IPC0bits.T1IP = 4;  /* set priority level */
    IFS0bits.T1IF = 0;  /* clear interrupt flag */
    IEC0bits.T1IE = 1;  /* enable interrupts */
    SRbits.IPL = 3;     /* enable CPU priority levels 4-7 */
    T1CONbits.TON = 1;  /* start the timer */
}

/***** START OF MAIN FUNCTION *****/
```

This routine uses Special Function Register names, such as `TMR1` and `T1CONbits.TCS` that are defined in the header (`.h`) file. Refer to the data sheet for more information on these control bits and registers for Timer1.

A main routine and an Interrupt Service Routine may need to be written. The most complex routine is the Interrupt Service Routine. It is executed when Timer1 counts down 0x1388 cycles. It increments a counter `sticks` at each of these 1 ms interrupts until it exceeds one thousand. Then it increments the `seconds` variable in the `RTclock` structure and resets `sticks`. This routine should count time in seconds.

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In the section labelled, “START OF INTERRUPT SERVICE ROUTINES”, find Interrupt Service Routine 2 (where a template for the `_T1Interrupt()` code is written), and replace the comment:

```
“/* Interrupt Service Routine code goes here */”
```

with the lines of code below:

## EXAMPLE 3-7: INTERRUPT SERVICE ROUTINE

```
/* Interrupt Service Routine 2 */
/* Fast context save (using push.s and pop.s) */

void __attribute__((interrupt, shadow, auto_psv)) _T1Interrupt(void)
{
    static int sticks=0;

    irq_counter++;

    if (RTclock.timer > 0) /* if timer is active */
        RTclock.timer -= 1; /* decrement it */

    RTclock.ticks++; /* increment ticks counter */

    if (sticks++ == 1000)
    {
        /* if time to rollover */
        sticks = 0; /* clear seconds ticks */
        RTclock.seconds++; /* and increment seconds */
    }

    IFS0bits.T1IF = 0; /* clear interrupt flag */
}

/* Interrupt Service Routine 3: INT0Interrupt */
/* Save and restore variables var1, var2, etc. */
```

There are three sample interrupt functions in the template file. Comment out `_INT0Interrupt()` because it uses two of the template file sample variables and, as a result, will not compile. `_ADCInterrupt()` can be commented out too, since it will not be used in this tutorial.

By comparison to the Timer1 interrupt code, the `main()` code is simple. Type the following in for the body, replacing the line “`/* code goes here */`”:

## EXAMPLE 3-8: MAIN CODE

```
/****** START OF MAIN FUNCTION *****/

int main ( void )
{
    reset_clock();

    for (;;)
        main_counter++;
}

/****** START OF INTERRUPT SERVICE ROUTINES *****/
```

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The `main()` code is simply a call to our Timer1 initialization routine, followed by an infinite loop, allowing the Timer1 interrupt to function. Typically, an application that made use of this timer would be placed in this loop in place of this test variable, `main_counter`.

The final code should now look like this:

## EXAMPLE 3-9: FINAL C CODE FILE

```
/* *****  
 *  
 * Author: F. Bar *  
 * Company: Widgets, Inc. *  
 * Filename: T1Clock.c *  
 * Date: 4/9/2008 *  
 * File Version: 3.10 *  
 * Other Files Required: p30f6014.h, p30f6014.gld *  
 * Tools Used: MPLAB IDE -> 8.10 *  
 * Compiler -> 3.10 *  
 *  
 * *****/  
  
/* The correct device header file will be selected automatically */  
  
#include <p30fxxxx.h>  
  
/* Define constants here */  
  
/*#define CONSTANT1 10  
 #define CONSTANT2 20 */  
  
/* Timer1 period for 1 ms with FOSC = 20 MHz */  
#define TMR1_PERIOD 0x1388  
  
/* ***** START OF GLOBAL DEFINITIONS ***** */  
  
/* Define arrays: array1[], array2[], etc. */  
/* with attributes, as given below */  
  
/* either using the entire attribute  
int array1[CONSTANT1] __attribute__((space(xmemory), aligned(32)));  
int array2[CONSTANT1] __attribute__((space(ymemory), aligned(32)));  
*/  
  
/* or using macros defined in the header file  
int array3[CONSTANT1] _XBSS(32);  
int array4[CONSTANT1] _YBSS(32);  
*/  
  
/* Define arrays without attributes */  
  
/* int array5[CONSTANT2]; array5 is NOT an aligned buffer */  
  
/* ----- */  
  
/* Define global variables with attributes */  
/*  
int variable1 __attribute__((space(xmemory)));  
int variable2 __attribute__((space(ymemory)));  
*/
```



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```
/* Define global variables without attributes */
/*
int variable3;
*/
int main_counter;
int irq_counter;

struct clockType
{
    unsigned int timer;    /* countdown timer, milliseconds */
    unsigned int ticks;    /* absolute time, milliseconds */
    unsigned int seconds; /* absolute time, seconds */
} RTclock;

/***** END OF GLOBAL DEFINITIONS *****/

oid reset_clock(void)
{
    RTclock.timer = 0;    /* clear software registers */
    RTclock.ticks = 0;
    RTclock.seconds = 0;
    TMR1 = 0;            /* clear timer1 register */
    PR1 = TMR1_PERIOD;   /* set period1 register */
    T1CONbits.TCS = 0;   /* set internal clock source */
    IPC0bits.T1IP = 4;   /* set priority level */
    IFS0bits.T1IF = 0;   /* clear interrupt flag */
    IEC0bits.T1IE = 1;   /* enable interrupts */
    SRbits.IPL = 3;      /* enable CPU priority levels 4-7 */
    T1CONbits.TON = 1;   /* start the timer */
}

/***** START OF MAIN FUNCTION *****/

int main ( void )
{
    reset_clock();

    for (;;)
        main_counter++;
}

/***** START OF INTERRUPT SERVICE ROUTINES *****/

/* Replace the interrupt function names with the */
/* appropriate names depending on interrupt source. */

/* The names of various interrupt functions for */
/* each device are defined in the linker script. */

/* Interrupt Service Routine 1 */
/* No fast context save, and no variables stacked */
/*
void __attribute__((interrupt, auto_psv)) _ADCInterrupt(void)
{

    Interrupt Service Routine code goes here
}

```

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```
}

/
/* Interrupt Service Routine 2          */
/* Fast context save (using push.s and pop.s) */

void __attribute__((interrupt, shadow, auto_psv)) _T1Interrupt(void)
{

    static int sticks=0;

    irq_counter++;

    if (RTclock.timer > 0)    /* if timer is active */
        RTclock.timer -= 1;    /* decrement it */

    RTclock.ticks++;        /* increment ticks counter */

    if (sticks++ == 1000)
    {
        /* if time to rollover */
        sticks = 0;          /* clear seconds ticks */
        RTclock.seconds++;   /* and increment seconds */
    }

    IFS0bits.T1IF = 0;      /* clear interrupt flag */

}

/* Interrupt Service Routine 3: INT0Interrupt */
/* Save and restore variables var1, var2, etc. */
/*
void __attribute__((interrupt(save(variable1,variable2)), auto_psv))
_INT0Interrupt(void)
{

    Interrupt Service Routine code goes here

}

*/
/***** END OF INTERRUPT SERVICE ROUTINES *****/
```

If everything is typed correctly, then selecting *Project>Build All* should result in a successful compilation. Double click on any errors appearing in the Output window to return to the source code to fix typos and rebuild the project until it builds with no errors.

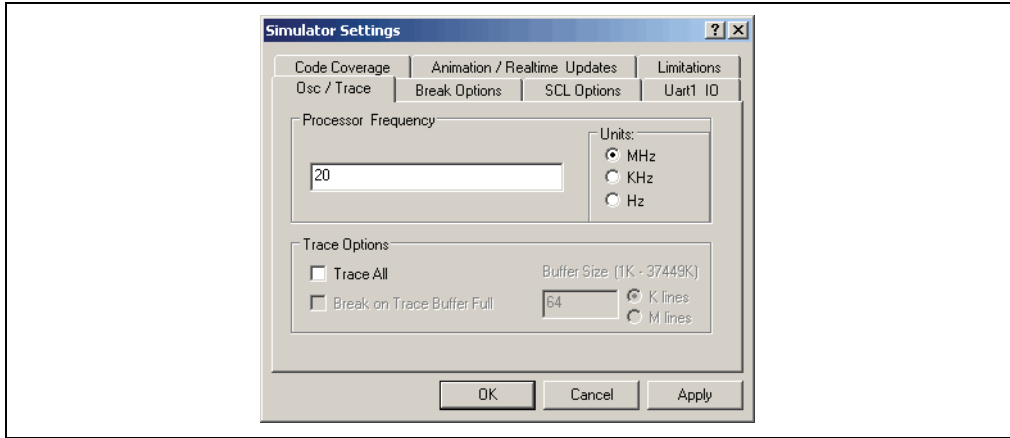
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## 3.4 DEBUGGING WITH THE MPLAB SIM SIMULATOR

The MPLAB SIM simulator can now be used to test the code. Select *Debugger>Select Tool>MPLAB SIM* to choose the simulator. Then set the processor clock speed for the simulator by selecting *Debugger>Settings*. The Oscillator (**Osc/Trace**) tab is used to set the clock frequency of the simulated dsPIC30F6014; set it to 20 MHz.

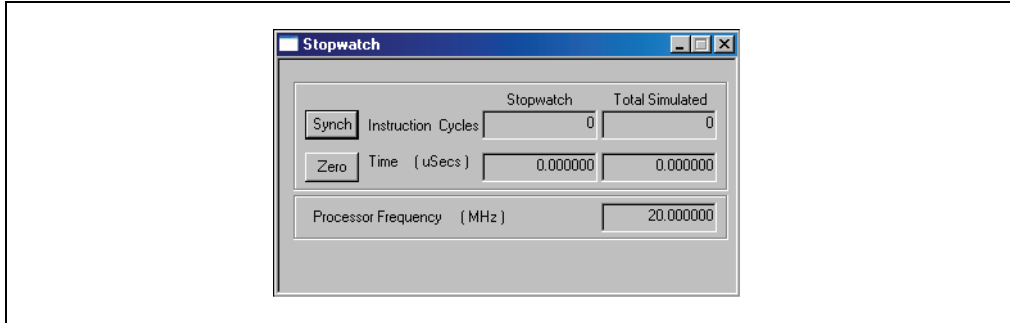
**Note:** The simulator runs at a speed determined by the PC, so it will not run at the actual dsPIC30F DSC speed as set by the clock in this dialog. However, all timing calculations are based on this clock setting, so when timing measurements are made using the simulator, times will correspond to those of an actual device running at this frequency.

**FIGURE 3-2: STIMULUS OSCILLATOR FREQUENCY**



One way to measure time with the simulator is to use the Stopwatch. Select *Debugger>Stopwatch* to view the Stopwatch dialog. The Stopwatch will always clear on simulator Reset.

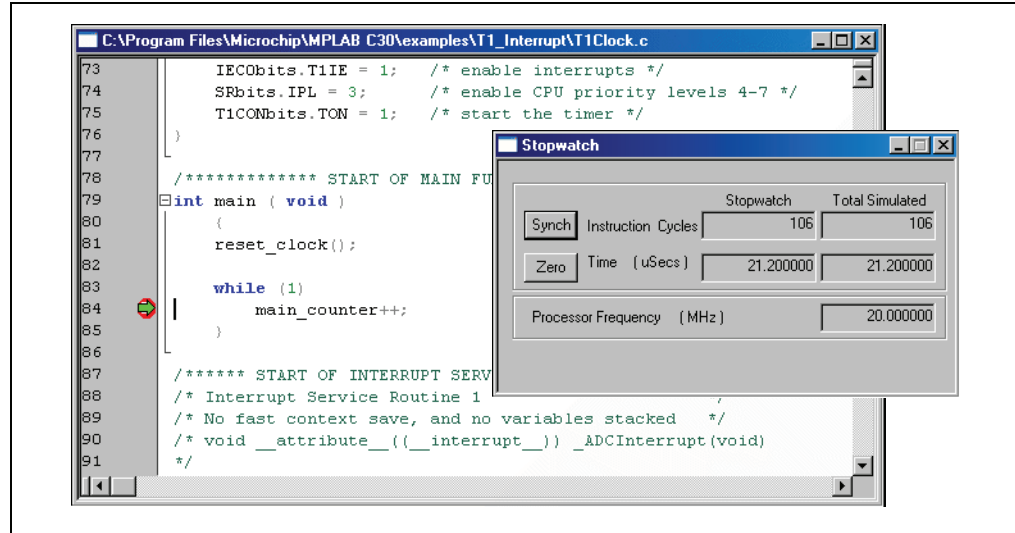
**FIGURE 3-3: SIMULATOR STOPWATCH**



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A good first test is to verify that, at a minimum, the program runs. For this purpose, set a breakpoint at the line in `main()` that increments `main_counter` (right mouse click on the line and select “Set Breakpoint”), then press the Run icon or select *Debugger>Run*. The Stopwatch and the screen should like this after the breakpoint is reached.

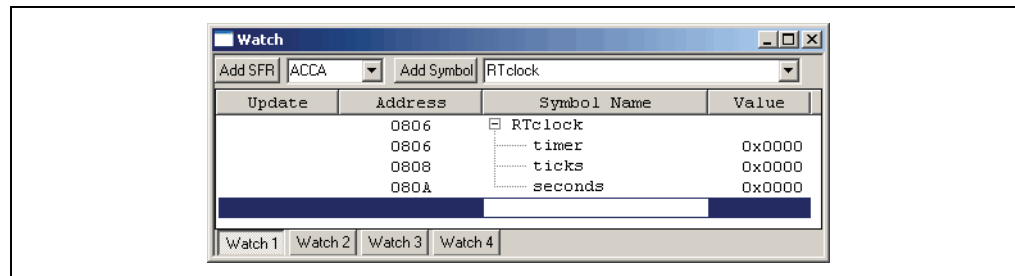
**FIGURE 3-4: TIME MEASUREMENT**



If the run was successful, then a Watch window can be set to inspect the program's variables. Select *View>Watch* to bring up a Watch window. Add the variable `RTclock` (from the drop-down box next to **Add Symbol**.)

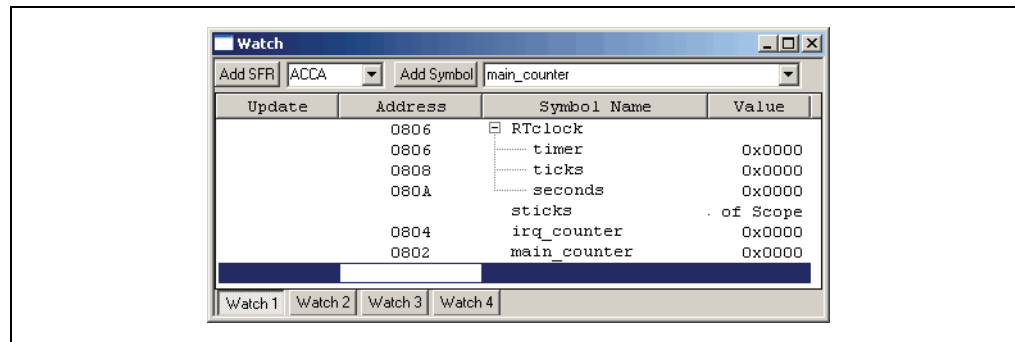
`RTclock` is a structure, as indicated by the small plus symbol in the box to the left of its name. Click on the box to expand the structure so it looks like this:

**FIGURE 3-5: WATCH STRUCTURE VARIABLE**



In addition to `RTclock`, add the variables, `sticks`, `irq_counter` and `main_counter`, to the Watch window.

**FIGURE 3-6: ALL WATCH VARIABLES**



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The Value column may be expanded wider in order to read the text on the `sticks` variable. You will see that it says “Out of Scope”. This means that, unlike `RTclock`, `irq_counter`, and `main_counter`, this is not a global variable, and its value can only be accessed while the function `_T1Interrupt()` is executing.

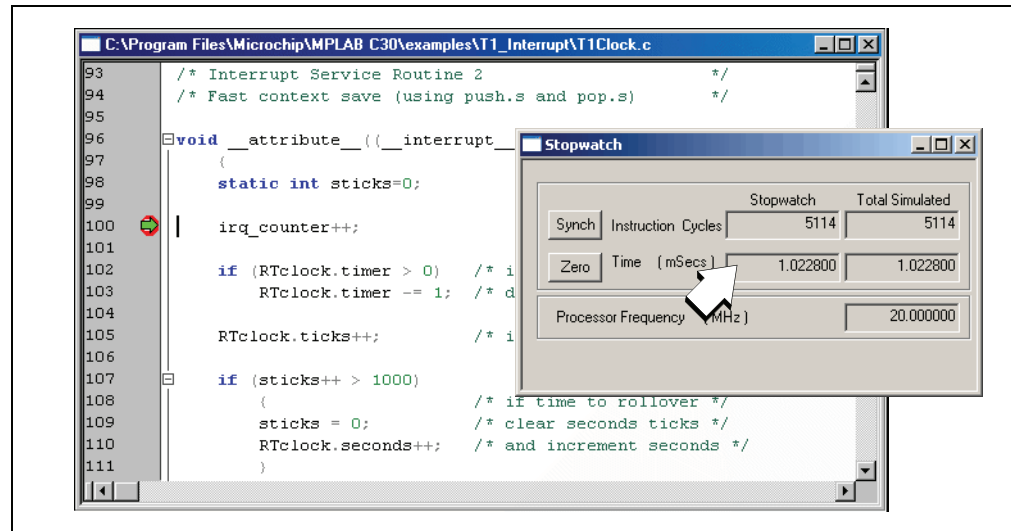
**Note:** The Address column for `sticks` does not have a value. This is another indication that `sticks` is a local variable.

When inspecting the variables in the Watch window at this first breakpoint, all of them should be equal to zero. This is to be expected, since `Timer1` just has been initialized and `counter` has not yet been incremented for the first time.

Press the Step Into icon to step once around the `main()` loop. The value of `main_counter` should now show ‘0001’. The interrupt routine has not yet fired. Looking at the Stopwatch window, the elapsed time only increments by a microsecond each time through the `main()` loop. To reach the first interrupt, you would have to step a thousand times ( $1000 \times 1 \mu\text{s} = 1 \text{ms}$ ).

In order to test the interrupt functionality, remove the breakpoint at `main_counter++` by clicking on the highlighted line with the right mouse button and select “Remove Breakpoint”. Now select “Set Breakpoint” in the right mouse menu to put a breakpoint in the Interrupt Service Routine at the `irq_counter++` statement. Then, press Run. The Stopwatch should look like this:

**FIGURE 3-7: STOPWATCH AT FIRST INTERRUPT**



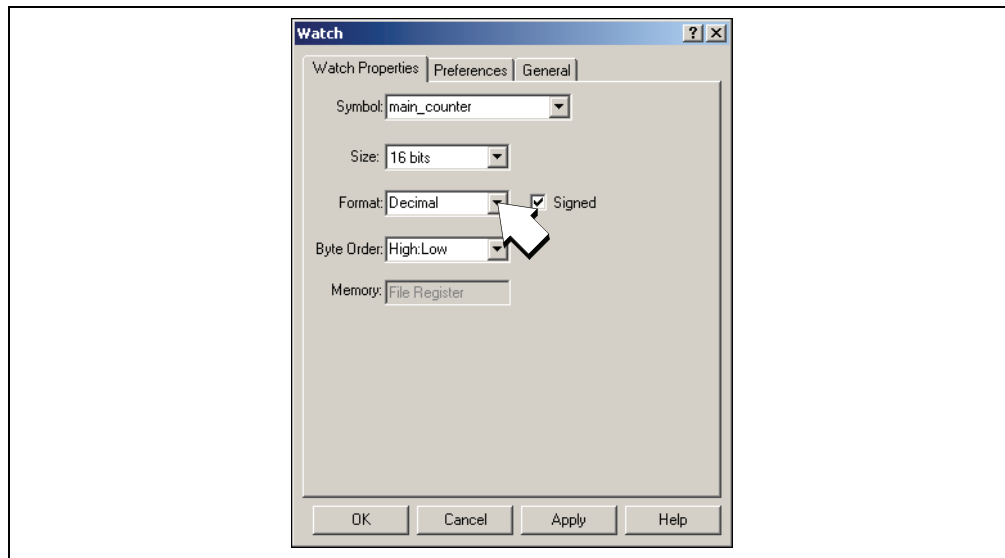
The value shown in the Time window is 1.0228 ms. This is about what was expected, since the interrupt should happen every millisecond. There was some time since Reset that was counted by the Stopwatch, including the C start-up code and the `Timer1` initialization.

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Look at the Watch window. The variable, `main_counter`, is showing a value of `0x3E8`. To change the radix of this display to decimal, do the following:

1. Click `main_counter` to select the line in the Watch window. Then, using the right mouse button, choose “Properties”.
2. In the Watch dialog on the **Watch Properties** tab, select “Decimal” from the “Format” pull-down menu.
3. Click **OK**.

**FIGURE 3-8: SET WATCH RADIX**

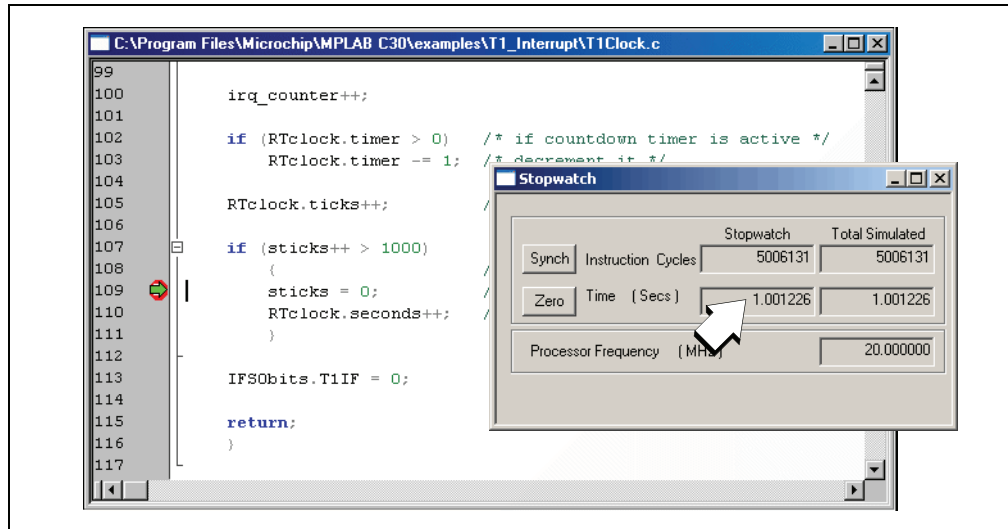


The `main_counter` value should now show 1000. Press the Step Into icon a few more times to see the changing variables, especially `sticks` and `irq_counter`, which are incrementing each time the interrupt happens.

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Remove the breakpoint from the `irq_counter++;` line, and put a breakpoint inside the conditional statement that increments `sticks` (at the line `sticks = 0;`). Click Run to run and halt at this breakpoint. The window should look like this:

**FIGURE 3-9: MEASURE INTERRUPT PERIOD**



The Stopwatch Time window shows 1.001226 seconds, which is close to a one-second interrupt. A good time measurement would be to measure the time to the next interrupt. That value could then be subtracted from the current time. Or, since it doesn't matter how much time it took to get here – the main interest is the time between interrupts – press Zero on the Stopwatch and then press Run.

**Note:** The Stopwatch always tracks total time in the windows on the right side of the dialog. The left windows can be used to time individual measurements. Pressing Zero will not cause the total time to change.

## 3.5 EXPLORING FURTHER

Go ahead and experiment with this example program. Things to explore include:

- Measure the overhead of the interrupt, calculate how this will affect the timing, and try to adjust the constant, `TMR1_Period`, to adjust the interrupt to get better 1-second accuracy.
- What is the maximum time (in minutes) measured by this routine? What can be done to extend it?
- Add a routine that outputs a two-millisecond pulse every second from a port. Verify the pulse duration with the Stopwatch.

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**Chapter 4. Tutorial 3 – Mixed C and Assembly Files**

**4.1 INTRODUCTION**

This tutorial will show how to make a project that uses an assembly language routine that is called from a C source file.

This tutorial consists of:

- Getting Project Source Files
- Creating and Building the Project
- Examining the Program
- Exploring Further
- Where to Go from Here

**4.2 GETTING PROJECT SOURCE FILES**

The files for this tutorial are available in the \Examples\MPLABC30\_Getting\_Started folder and are called `example3.c`, a C source code file, and `modulo.s`, an assembly language file. Create a folder in the \Examples folder called \DSP\_ASM and copy these two files to that new folder. See Chapter 3. “Tutorial 2 – Real-Time Interrupt” for how to do this.

For reference, Example 4-1 and Example 4-2 show listings of these two files.

**EXAMPLE 4-1: C SOURCE FILE**

```

/*****
*   Filename:      example3.c   for Tutorial 3 in           *
*                                                         *
*                   16-Bit Language Tools Getting Started *
*                   The file modulo.s is also used.       *
*   Date:         04/16/2008                                     *
*   File Version: 3.10                                           *
*   Tools used:   MPLAB IDE -> 8.10                             *
*                   Compiler  -> 3.10                           *
*   Linker File:  p30f6014.gld                                    *
*****/

#include "p30f6014.h"
#include <stdio.h>

/* Length of output buffer (in words) */
#define PRODLLEN 20

/* source arrays of 16-bit elements */
unsigned int array1[PRODLLEN/2] __attribute__((space(xmemory), aligned(32)));
unsigned int array2[PRODLLEN/2] __attribute__((space(ymemory), aligned(32)));

/* output array of 32-bit products defined here */
long array3[PRODLLEN]; /* array3 is NOT a circular buffer */

/* Pointer for traversing array */
unsigned int array_index;

```

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```
/* 'Point-by-point array multiplication' assembly function prototype */
extern void modulo( unsigned int *, unsigned int *, long *, unsigned int );

int main ( void )
{
/* Set up Modulo addressing for X AGU using W8 and for Y AGU using W10 */
/* Actual Modulo Mode will be turned on in the assembly language routine */

CORCON |= 0x0001;      /* Enable integer arithmetic */
XMODSRT = (unsigned int)array1;
XMODEND = (unsigned int)array1 + PRODLLEN - 1;
YMODSRT = (unsigned int)array2;
YMODEND = (unsigned int)array2 + PRODLLEN - 1;

while (1)              /* just do this over and over */
{

/* Initialize array1 and array2 */
for (array_index = 0; array_index < PRODLLEN/2; array_index++)
{
array1[array_index] = array1[array_index] + array_index + 1;
array2[array_index] = array2[array_index] + (array_index+1) * 3;
}

/* Call assembly subroutine to do point-by-point multiply */
/* of array1 and array2, with results place in array3. */
modulo( array1, array2, array3, PRODLLEN-1 );
}
}
```

## EXAMPLE 4-2: modulo.s ASM SOURCE FILE

```
/******
*   Filename:      modulo.s      for Tutorial 3 in
*   16-Bit Language Tools Getting Started
*   The file example3.c is also used.
*   Date:         04/16/2008
*   File Version: 3.10
*   Tools used:   MPLAB IDE -> 8.10
*                 Compiler  -> 3.10
*   Linker File:  p30f6014.gld
*   Description:  Assembly routine used with example3.c
*****
*/

.text

.global _modulo
_modulo:

; If any of the registers W8 - W15 are used, they should be saved
; W0 - W7 may be used without saving
PUSH    W8
PUSH    W10

MOV     #0xC0A8, W8      ; turn on modulo addressing
MOV     W8, MODCON

; The 3 pointers were passed in W0, W1 and W2 when function was called
; Transfer pointers to appropriate registers for MPY
```

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```
MOV    W0, W8      ; Initializing X pointer
MOV    W1, W10     ; Initializing Y pointer

; Clear Accumulator and prefetch 1st pair of numbers
CLR    A, [W8]+=2, W4, [W10]+=2, W7

LSR    W3, W3
RCALL  array_loop  ; do multiply set
INC2   W8, W8      ; Change alignment of X pointer
RCALL  array_loop  ; second multiply set

POP    W10
POP    W8

RETURN
; Return to main C program

array_loop:
; Set up DO loop with count 'PRODLLEN - 1' (passed in W3)
DO     W3, here

; Do a point-by-point multiply
MPY   W4*W7, A, [W8]+=2, W4, [W10]+=2, W7

; Store result in a 32-bit array pointed by W2
MOV   ACCAL, W5
MOV   W5, [W2++]

MOV   ACCAH, W5
here: MOV   W5, [W2++]

CLR   MODCON      ; turn off modulo addressing

RETURN

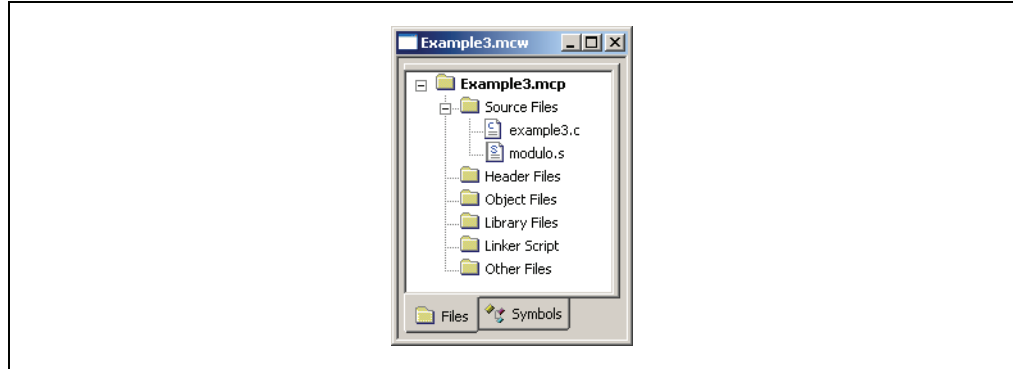
.end
```

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## 4.3 CREATING AND BUILDING THE PROJECT

Using the Project Wizard, create a new project with these two source files. See **Chapter 2. “Tutorial 1 – Creating A Project”** for how to do this. The Project window should look like this:

**FIGURE 4-1: PROJECT WINDOW**



This tutorial will use the standard I/O function, `printf()`, to display messages to the Output window. In order to use `printf()`, the build options for the linker need to have the heap enabled. Make sure that the linker build option is set as shown in Figure 2-8 with 512 bytes allocated for the heap.

When building the project (*Project>Build All*), it should compile with no error messages. If an error is received, make sure the project is set up with the same options as for the previous two tutorials.

This tutorial sets up three arrays. It fills two of them with a test numerical sequence, then calls an assembly language routine that multiplies the values in the two 16-bit arrays and puts the result into the third 32-bit array. Using modulo arithmetic for addressing, the two source arrays are traversed twice to generate two sets of products in the output array, with the pointer to one array adjusted at the second pass through the multiply loop to change the alignment between the multipliers. Using an assembly language routine ensures that the arithmetic will be done using the DSP features of the dsPIC30F6014.

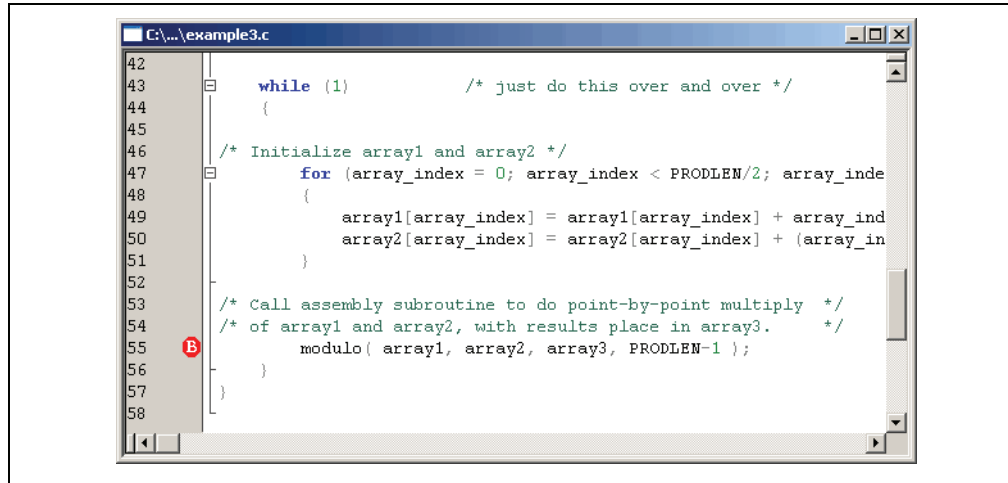
The assembly language routine takes four parameters: the addresses of each of the three arrays and the array length. It returns its result in the product array. This routine runs in a continual loop, with the source arrays getting increasingly larger numbers as the program repeatedly executes the main endless loop.

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## 4.4 EXAMINING THE PROGRAM

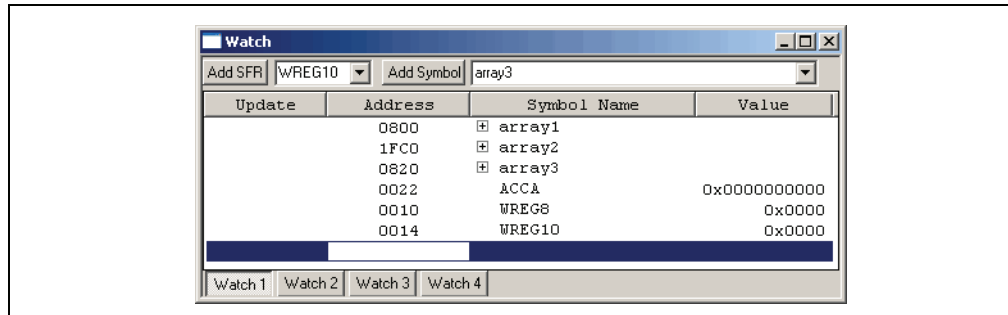
Once the project is set up and successfully built, the operation of the program can be inspected using MPLAB SIM simulator (*Debugger>Select Tool>MPLAB SIM*). Set up and run to a breakpoint on the function that calls the assembly language routine, `modulo()`, from `example3.c`.

**FIGURE 4-2: BREAKPOINT IN C CODE FILE**



Set up a Watch window to look at the variables involved in this calculation. Add the three arrays `array1`, `array2` and `array3`. Also add the SFRs `ACCA`, `WREG8` and `WREG10`. The Watch window should look like this:

**FIGURE 4-3: WATCH WINDOW**



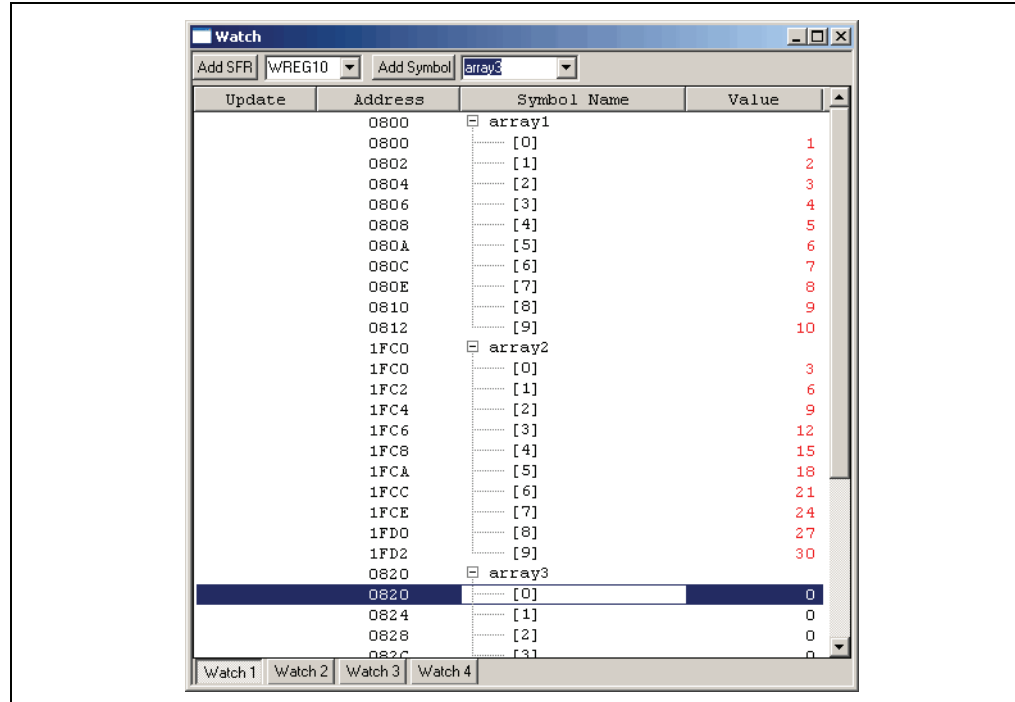
Click on the plus symbol to the left of the symbol name to expand the arrays. At this point in the program, both `array1` and `array2` should have been set up with initial values, but `array3` should be all zeros, since the `modulo()` routine has not yet been called.

Click on any element in the array to select the element, and then right click on the element to change the radix of the display. Change the radix for all three arrays to decimal.

**Note:** Changing the radix for any element of an array changes the radix for all elements in that array.

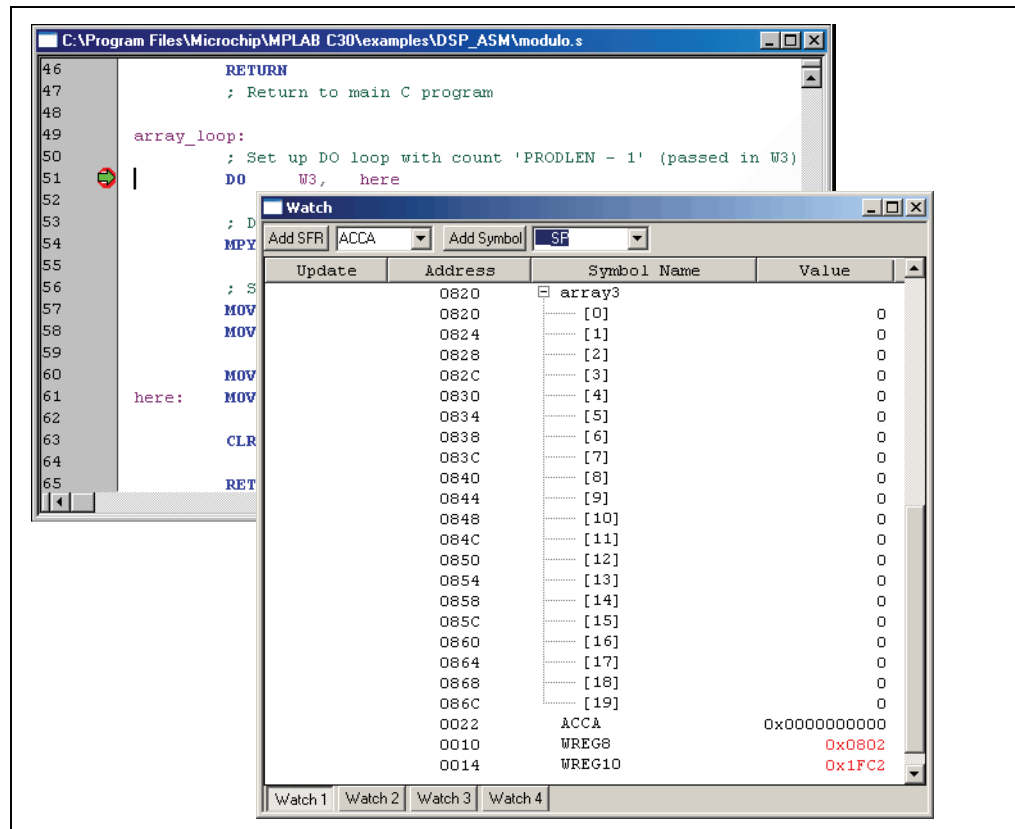
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FIGURE 4-4: ARRAYS SET TO DECIMAL



Set a breakpoint in the `modulo.s` file at the start of the DO loop. Run to the breakpoint and scroll the Watch window to look at `array3`. It should still be all zeroes.

FIGURE 4-5: BREAKPOINT IN ASSEMBLY CODE FILE



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Press Run again, to run once through the DO loop. Now `array3` should show values representing the first set of products of each element pair from the source arrays:

**FIGURE 4-6: array3 RESULTS – 1ST PASS**

Update	Address	Symbol Name	Value
	0820	array3	
	0820	[0]	3
	0824	[1]	12
	0828	[2]	27
	082C	[3]	48
	0830	[4]	75
	0834	[5]	108
	0838	[6]	147
	083C	[7]	192
	0840	[8]	243
	0844	[9]	300
	0848	[10]	0
	084C	[11]	0
	0850	[12]	0
	0854	[13]	0
	0858	[14]	0
	085C	[15]	0
	0860	[16]	0
	0864	[17]	0
	0868	[18]	0
	086C	[19]	0
	0022	ACCA	0x00000012C
	0010	WREG8	0x0804
	0014	WREG10	0x1FC2

Run again (run to `example3` breakpoint, run to `modulo` breakpoint once, run to `modulo` breakpoint again) to see the results for the second pass through the DO loop:

**FIGURE 4-7: array3 RESULTS – 2ND PASS**

Update	Address	Symbol Name	Value
	0820	array3	
	0820	[0]	3
	0824	[1]	18
	0828	[2]	36
	082C	[3]	60
	0830	[4]	90
	0834	[5]	126
	0838	[6]	168
	083C	[7]	216
	0840	[8]	270
	0844	[9]	0
	0848	[10]	0
	084C	[11]	0
	0850	[12]	0
	0854	[13]	0
	0858	[14]	0
	085C	[15]	0
	0860	[16]	0
	0864	[17]	0
	0868	[18]	0
	086C	[19]	0
	0022	ACCA	0x000000000
	0010	WREG8	0x0000
	0014	WREG10	0x0000

Remove the breakpoint from `modulo.s` and press Run to see the next time through the loop. Press Run a few more times to see the values change with subsequent executions of this multiplication process. Finally, remove the breakpoint from `example3.c`.

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With Watch windows, data can be examined as code is run and halted with breakpoints. The simulator can also output data as it executes, providing a log that can be inspected and sent to other tools for graphing and analysis. Insert a `printf()` statement after the `modulo()` function call to monitor the values in the output array. The code should look like this (added code is bold):

### EXAMPLE 4-3: `printf()` MONITOR

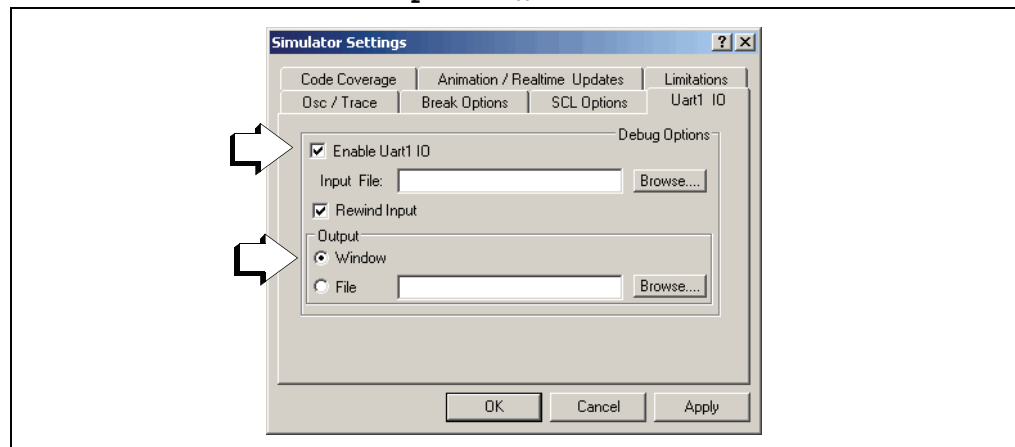
```
modulo( array1, array2, array3, PRODLLEN-1 );

printf("Product Array\n");

    for (array_index=0; array_index<PRODLLEN/2; array_index++)
        printf("%ld\n",array3[array_index]);
```

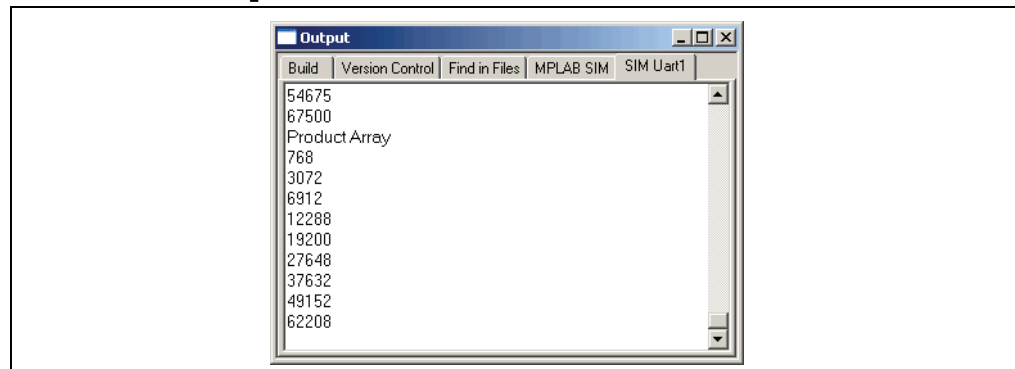
The `printf()` function uses the UART1 functions of the dsPIC DSC being simulated to write messages either to a file or to the Output window. Select *Debugger>Settings* to bring up the simulator Settings dialog. Click the **UART1 IO** tab, check "Enable UART I/O", and then select the radio button to send text from the `printf()` statement to the Output window. Click **OK**.

**FIGURE 4-8: UART1 I/O – `printf()` SETUP**



Now recompile your project (*Project>Build All*). Press Run, let it run for a few seconds, then press Halt. If the Output window is not present, enable it on *View>Output*. Click the **SIM UART1** tab. A log of the contents of `array3` should have been generated in the Output window.

**FIGURE 4-9: `printf()` OUTPUT**





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## 4.5 EXPLORING FURTHER

Go ahead and experiment with this example program. Things to explore include:

- Some of the other DSP instructions can be tried to further process the numbers in these arrays.
- Use the `printf()` function to output lists of values that can then be imported into a spreadsheet. Graph the values.
- Use the DMCI (*Tools>DMCI - Data Monitor Control Interface*) to graph values. Click the **Dynamic Data View** tab and then click the checkbox next to “Graph 1” to enable it. Right click in the graph area and select “Configure Data Source” from the menu. In the dialog, click on one of the arrays under “Data Sources”, “Global Symbols”, “Dynamic”, to select that array and then click **OK**. Finally click the **Run** button on the DMCI window to see the graph.
- Further generalize the code so that all of the modulo indexing is set up from within `modulo.s` (i.e., convert these lines from Example 4-1 into assembly code that sets up the modulo addressing parameters from the parameters passed into the array).

```
XMODSRT = (unsigned int)array1;
XMODEND = (unsigned int)array1 + PRODLLEN - 1;
YMODSRT = (unsigned int)array2;
YMODEND = (unsigned int)array2 + PRODLLEN - 1;
```

## 4.6 WHERE TO GO FROM HERE

These tutorials were designed to help you gain familiarity with using the 16-bit compiler in the MPLAB IDE environment. There are many features of MPLAB IDE and the 16-bit compiler that were not covered here. For more information, reference the current MPLAB IDE on-line help, “MPLAB<sup>®</sup> C Compiler for PIC24 MCUs and dsPIC<sup>®</sup> DSCs User’s Guide” (DS51284) and “MPLAB<sup>®</sup> Assembler, Linker and Utilities for PIC24 MCUs and dsPIC<sup>®</sup> DSCs User’s Guide” (DS51317) to start using these tools for individual applications.

Instant help can be obtained from MPLAB IDE’s on-line help or by logging on to Microchip’s web conference for MPLAB C compiler products at [www.microchip.com](http://www.microchip.com). Go to the Technical Support section and then to the On-Line Discussion Groups. The Development Systems web board also has a section devoted to Microchip C compiler discussion.

By subscribing to the Customer Change Notification service on Microchip’s web site, customers can register to be notified of changes to the 16-bit C compiler. Choose the MPLAB C compiler category in Development Tools to receive notices when new versions are available and to receive timely information on the 16-bit compiler.

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