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Product Status	Active
Core Processor	MIPS32® M4K™
Core Size	32-Bit Single-Core
Speed	80MHz
Connectivity	I <sup>2</sup> C, IrDA, LINbus, PMP, SPI, UART/USART, USB OTG
Peripherals	Brown-out Detect/Reset, DMA, POR, PWM, WDT
Number of I/O	53
Program Memory Size	256KB (256K x 8)
Program Memory Type	FLASH
EEPROM Size	-
RAM Size	32K x 8
Voltage - Supply (Vcc/Vdd)	2.3V ~ 3.6V
Data Converters	A/D 16x10b
Oscillator Type	Internal
Operating Temperature	-40°C ~ 85°C (TA)
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Package / Case	64-TQFP
Supplier Device Package	64-TQFP (10x10)
Purchase URL	<a href="https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/microchip-technology/pic32mx440f256h-80i-pt">https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/microchip-technology/pic32mx440f256h-80i-pt</a>

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## Preface

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### NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

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

## INTRODUCTION

This chapter contains general information that will be useful to know before using the PIC32MX. Items discussed in this chapter include:

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

## DOCUMENT LAYOUT

This document describes how to use the PIC32MX Starter Kit as a development tool to emulate and debug firmware on a target board. The manual is composed of the following chapters:

- **Chapter 1. “Introducing the PIC32MX Starter Kit”** provides a brief overview of the PIC32MX Starter Kit, highlighting its features and uses.
- **Chapter 2. “PIC32MX Starter Kit Tutorial”** provides step-by-step instructions for installing the PIC32MX and using the Microchip MPLAB® IDE to build and run the tutorial program on the PIC32MX Starter Kit.
- **Chapter 3. “Create a New Project”** provides step-by-step instructions for creating a new project using the MPLAB IDE and loading it onto the PIC32MX Starter Kit.
- **Chapter 4. “PIC32MX Starter Kit Hardware”** provides a more detailed description of the features of the hardware included in the PIC32MX Starter Kit.
- **Appendix A. “PIC32MX Starter Kit Schematics”** provides a block diagram and detailed schematics of the PIC32MX Starter Kit.

## DOCUMENT REVISION HISTORY

### **Revision A (October 2007)**

This is the initial release of the PIC32MX Starter Kit User's Guide.

### **Revision B (October 2007)**

Removed confidential status.

### **Revision C (November 2008)**

Updated the instructions in **Section 3.3.2 "Task 2, Select the Language Toolsuite"**.

Added connector table in **Section Table 4-1: "Starter Board Connector Part Numbers"**.

### **Revision D (February 2009)**

Updated directory names and associated figures.

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## Chapter 1. Introducing the PIC32MX Starter Kit

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### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing the Microchip Technology PIC32MX Starter Kit. This kit provides a low-cost, modular development system for Microchip's new line of 32-bit microcontrollers.

The starter kit comes pre-loaded with demonstration software for the user to explore the new features of the PIC32MX. It is also expandable through a modular expansion interface, which allows the user to extend its functionality. The PIC32MX Starter Kit also supplies on-board circuitry for full debug and programming capabilities.

### 1.2 HIGHLIGHTS

This chapter covers the following topics:

- Kit Contents
- PIC32MX Functionality and Features
- Installing the PIC32MX Starter Kit CD
- Using the PIC32MX Starter Kit Out of the Box
- PIC32MX Demonstration Program

The preprogrammed example code on the PIC32MX MCU has been included on the PIC32MX Starter Kit CD-ROM for future reference. All project files have been included, so that the code may be used directly to restore the PIC32MX MCU on the starter kit to its original state (i.e., if the sample device has been reprogrammed with another program), or so you can use the tutorial code as a platform for further experimentation.

### 1.3 KIT CONTENTS

The PIC32MX Starter Kit contains the following items:

- PIC32MX Starter Kit Board
- USB Mini-B cable
- PIC32 Starter Kit Installation CD-ROM, which includes:
  - *PIC32MX Starter Kit User's Guide* (DS61144)
  - *PIC32MX Family Data Sheet* (DS61143)
  - *PIC32MX Family Reference Manual* (DS61132)
  - *PIC32MX Peripheral Library Manual*
  - Code examples for use with the PIC32MX devices

If you are missing any part of the kit, contact a Microchip sales office for assistance. A list of Microchip offices for sales and service is provided on page 44.

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## Chapter 2. PIC32MX Starter Kit Tutorial

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### 2.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter is a self-paced tutorial to get you started using the PIC32MX Starter Kit.

### 2.2 HIGHLIGHTS

Items discussed in this chapter include:

- Host Computer Requirements
- Installing the Starter Kit Board
- Starting with the Tutorial Project
- Building the Project
- Programming the Device
- Running the Program
- Operation of the Tutorial Program

### 2.3 HOST COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS

To communicate with and program the starter kit board, the following hardware and software requirements must be met:

- PC-compatible system
- An available USB port on PC or powered USB hub
- CD-ROM drive
- Microsoft Windows XP®  
(The PIC32MX Starter Kit has not been tested on Windows NT®, Windows 2000® or Microsoft Vista™ operating systems)

## 2.4.2 View the Getting Started Tutorial

Perform the following steps to view the tutorial:

1. After your computer has rebooted, the Getting Started Tutorial menu opens.
2. View the tutorial instructions for connecting to the starter kit board and running the tutorial project.

If you performed the installation steps as you followed along in the Getting Started tutorial, skip to **Section 2.5 “Starting the Tutorial Project”** on page 16.

If you did not, continue to the next page for instructions about how to connect the board and install the device driver.

## 2.4.3 Connect the Starter Kit Board

Using the supplied USB cable, connect the board to an open USB port on your computer. (A USB hub that is *not bus-powered* can also be used.) Connect the other end of the cable into the USB connector on the starter kit board.

Check the board: the green power LED D3 should be lit. If it is not, check the connections at the port, hub, and board.

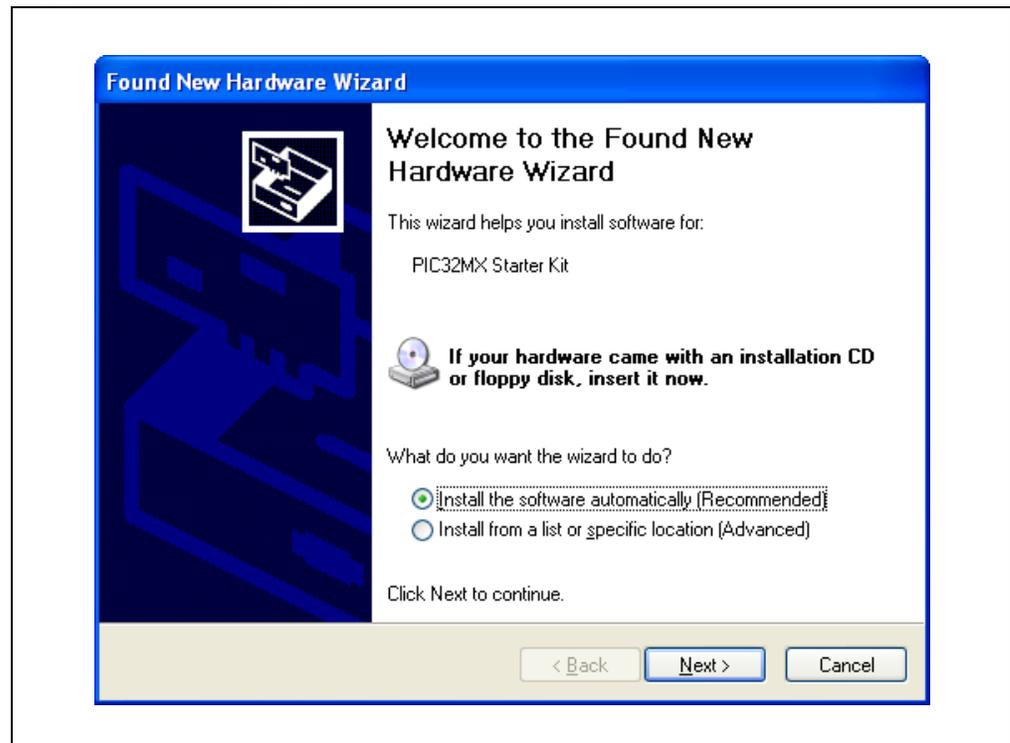
## 2.4.4 Install the USB Device Driver

**Note:** The USB driver installation steps described here refer specifically to installing the driver on a Microsoft Windows XP operating system.

Perform the following steps to install the USB device driver:

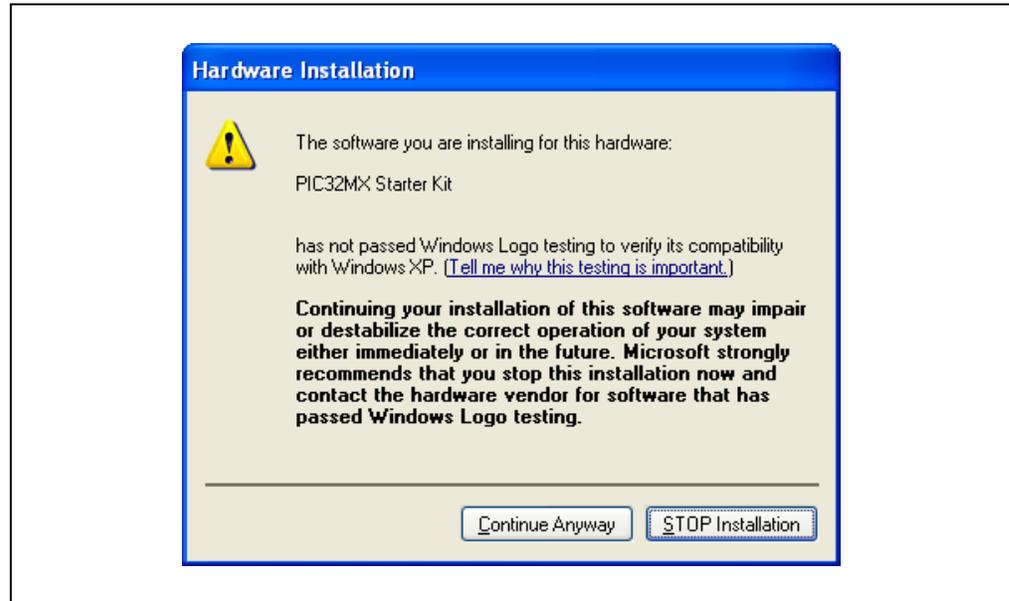
1. When the USB cable is connected, the “Found New Hardware Wizard” dialog box opens, as shown in Figure 2-2. When asked whether to install the software automatically or install from a list or specific location, select “Install software automatically” and click **Next**.

**FIGURE 2-2: FOUND NEW HARDWARE WIZARD**



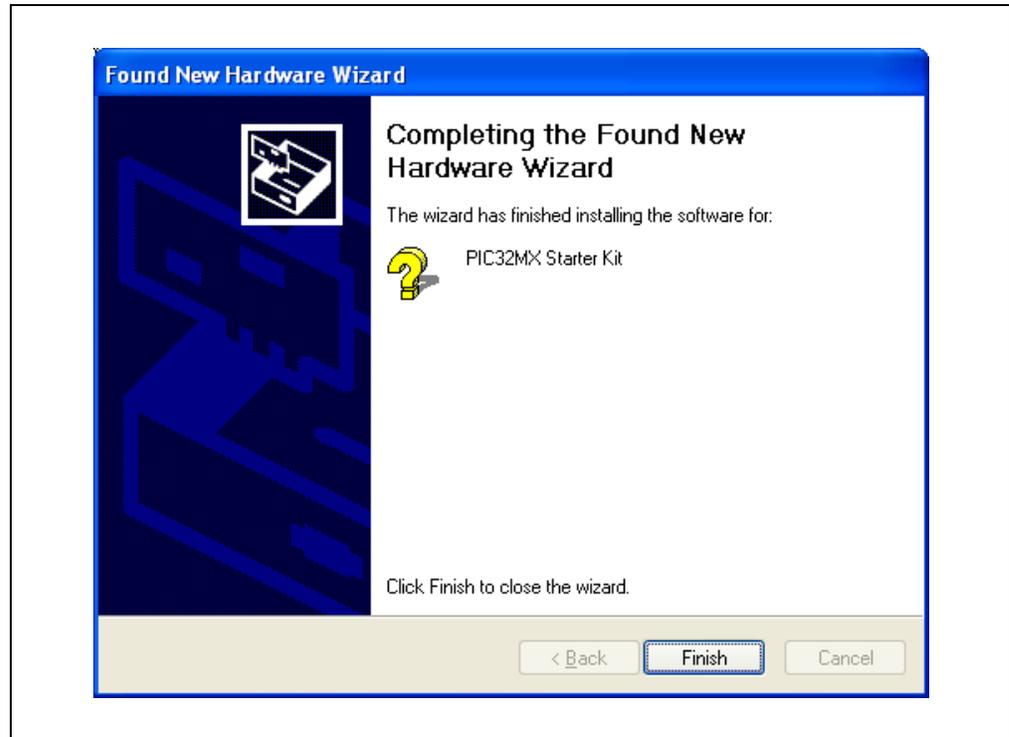
4. If prompted with a dialog box for Windows Logo testing, as shown in Figure 2-5, click **Continue Anyway**.

**FIGURE 2-5: WINDOWS LOGO TESTING**



5. The next window (Figure 2-6) indicates that the installation of the software for the starter kit is complete. Click **Finish**.

**FIGURE 2-6: COMPLETING DEVICE DRIVER INSTALLATION**



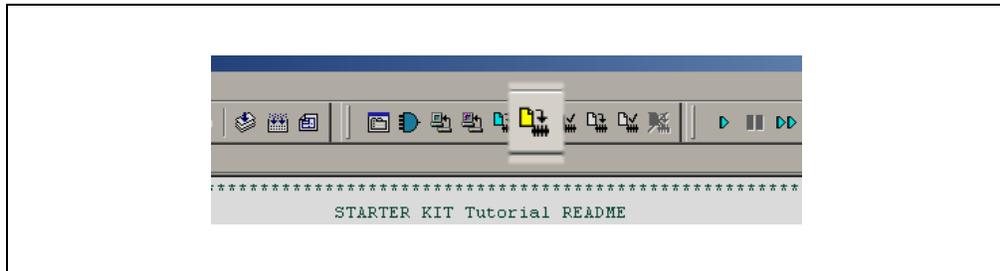
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## 2.7 PROGRAMMING THE DEVICE

### 2.7.1 Program the Device

Click on the Program All Memories icon on the Program Device Tool Bar, as shown in Figure 2-9).

**FIGURE 2-9: PROGRAM DEVICE TOOL BAR**



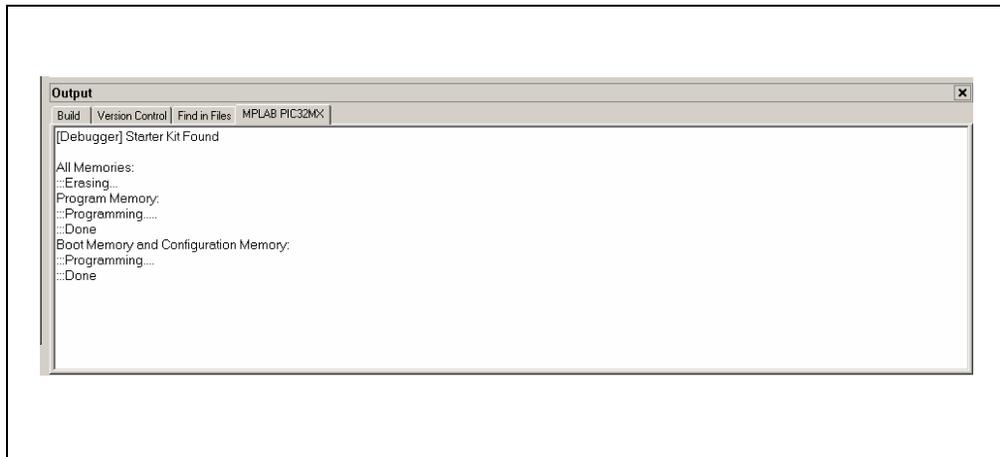
A Programming Warning window (Figure 2-10) opens to warn you about overwriting the memory. Click **Yes**.

**FIGURE 2-10: PROGRAMMING WARNING WINDOW**



The Output window (Figure 2-11) tracks the progress of the output. A "Done" entry indicates that the programming of the device is complete.

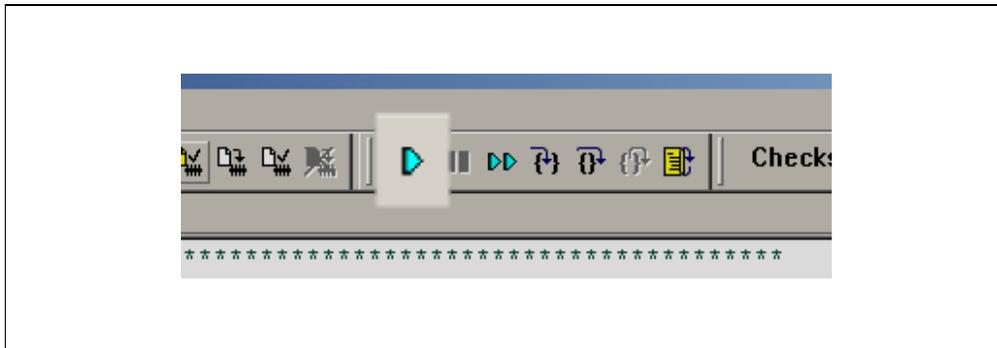
**FIGURE 2-11: OUTPUT WINDOW**



## 2.8 RUNNING THE PROGRAM

Either click *Debugger>Run* from the menu bar of the MPLAB IDE or click the Run icon (the turquoise triangle) on the Debug Tool Bar (Figure 2-12) to run the new program.

**FIGURE 2-12: DEBUG WINDOW**

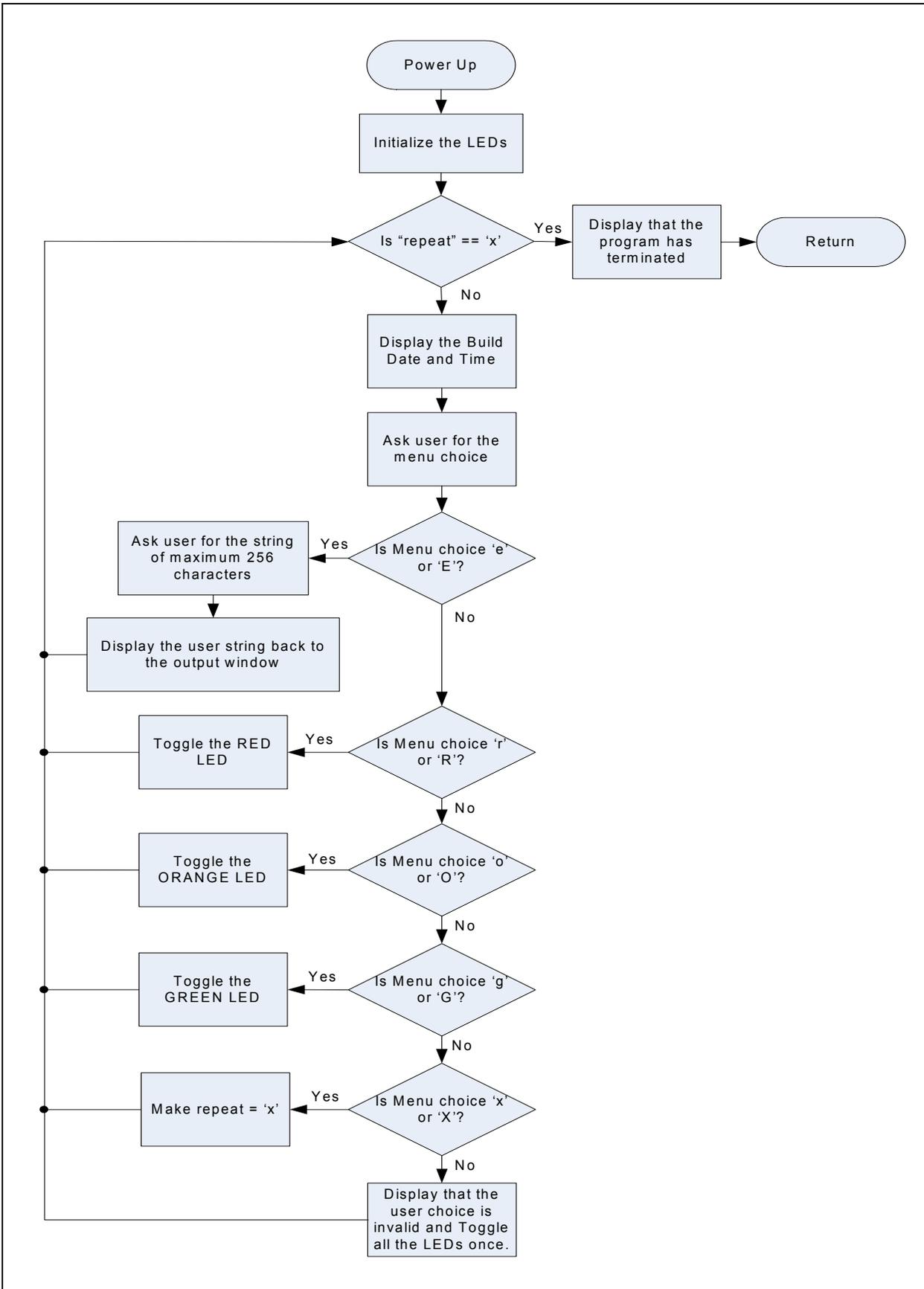


## 2.9 TUTORIAL PROGRAM OPERATION

The starter kit tutorial demonstrates a simple application. The program responds according to the user input menu. The program prints the available menu choices to the starter kit Output window in the MPLAB IDE. The program flow is shown in Figure 2-13.

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FIGURE 2-13: PIC32MX TUTORIAL PROGRAM FLOWCHART



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## Chapter 3. Create a New Project

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### 3.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter explains how to create a new project.

### 3.2 HIGHLIGHTS

Items discussed in this chapter include:

- Creating a New Project
- Building the Project
- Programming the Device
- Running the Program

After completing this chapter, you should be able to accomplish the following tasks:

- Create a project using the Project Wizard
- Assemble and link the code, and set the Configuration bits
- Set up the MPLAB IDE to use the PIC32MX Starter Kit
- Program the chip, and run the program

### 3.3 CREATING A NEW PROJECT

The first step is to create a project and a workspace in the MPLAB IDE. Typically, there is a single project per workspace.

A project contains the files needed to build an application (i.e., source code, header files, library, etc.), and their corresponding build options.

A workspace contains one or more projects, information on the selected device, debug/programmer tool, and MPLAB IDE configuration settings.

MPLAB IDE contains a Project Wizard to help create a new project.

You will perform the following tasks as you create a new project:

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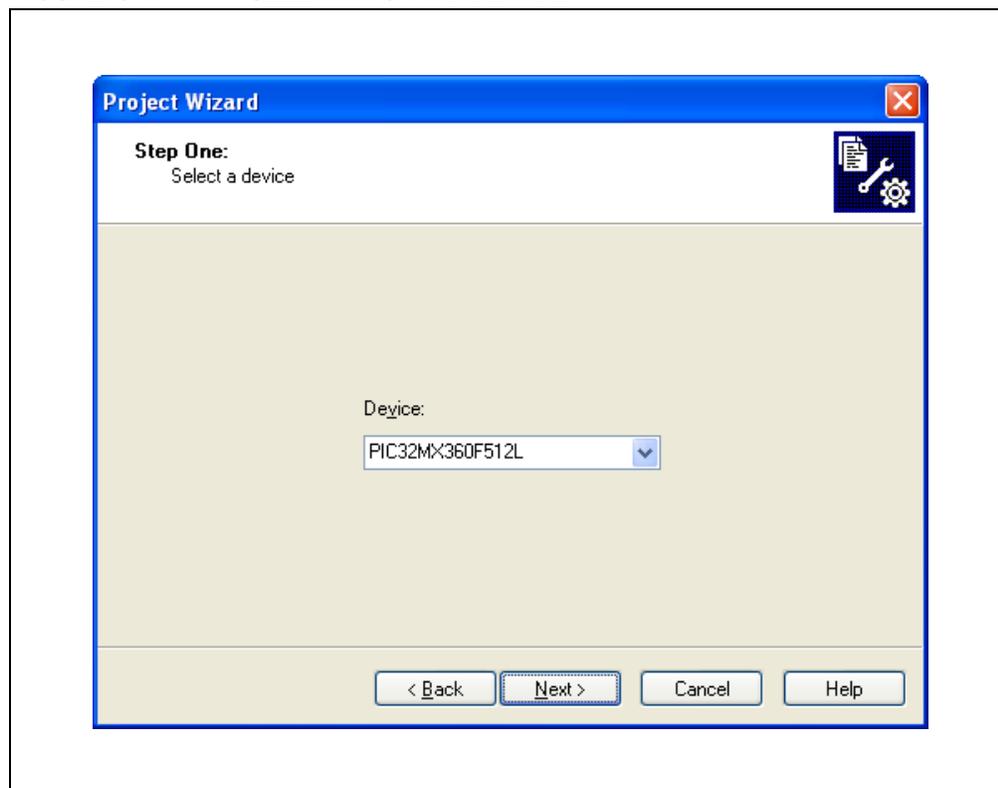
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## 3.3.1 Task 1, Select a Device

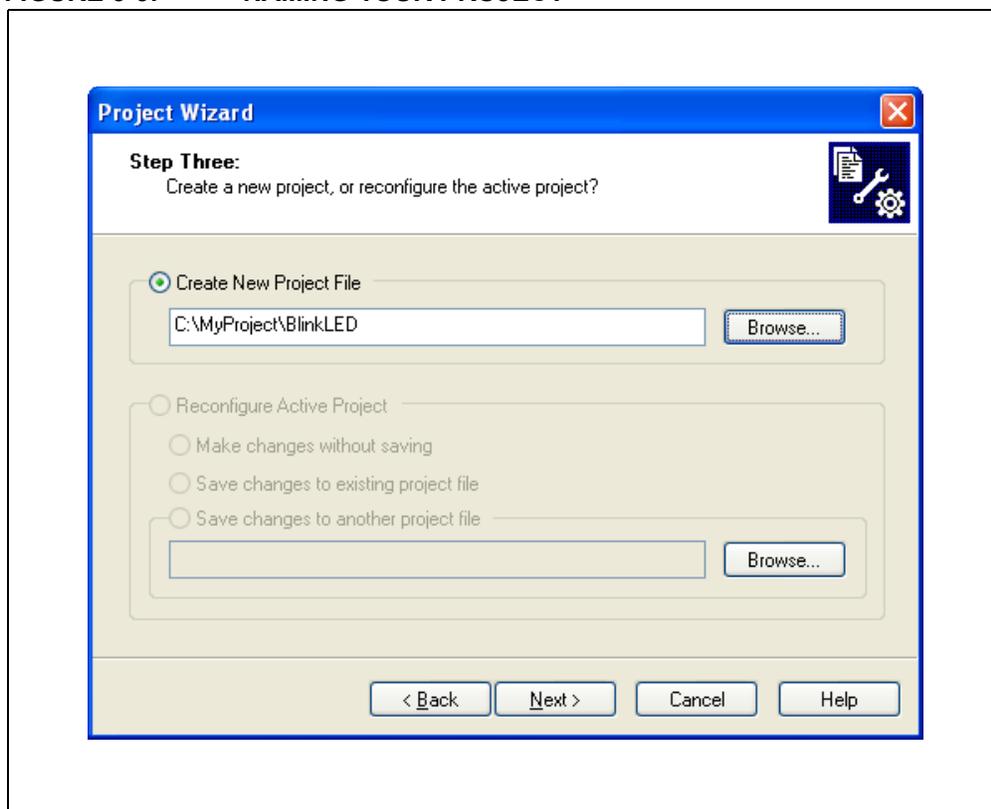
1. Start MPLAB IDE.
2. Click *File>Close Workspace* on the menu bar, to close any workspace that is open.
3. Click *Project>Project Wizard...* to start the wizard.
4. In the Welcome window, click **Next**. The Project Wizard Step One: window is displayed, as shown in Figure 3-1.

**FIGURE 3-1: SELECTING THE DEVICE**



5. From the "Device" drop-down list, select "PIC32MX360F512L".
6. Click **Next**. The Project Wizard Step Two: dialog box opens, as shown in Figure 3-2.

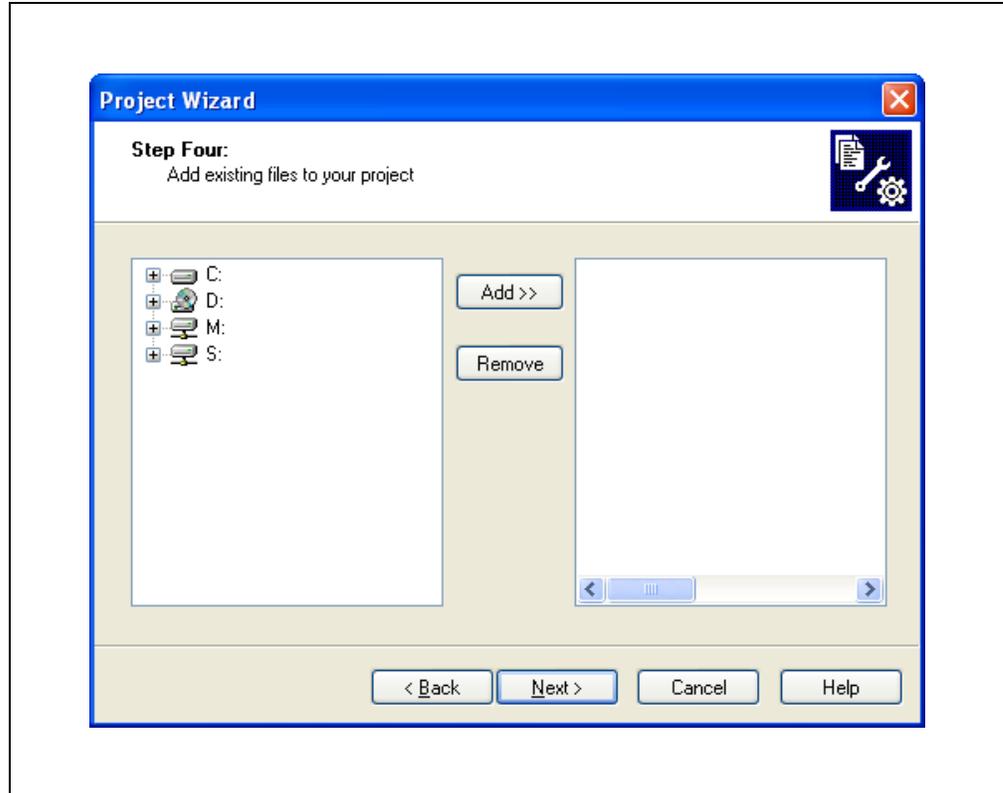
FIGURE 3-3: NAMING YOUR PROJECT



### 3.3.3 Task 3, Name Your Project

1. In the "Create New Project File" field, type **C:\MyProject\BlinkLED**.
2. Click **Next** and **Ok** to continue. The Project Wizard Step Four: dialog opens, as shown in Figure 3-4.

FIGURE 3-4: ADDING FILES TO THE PROJECT



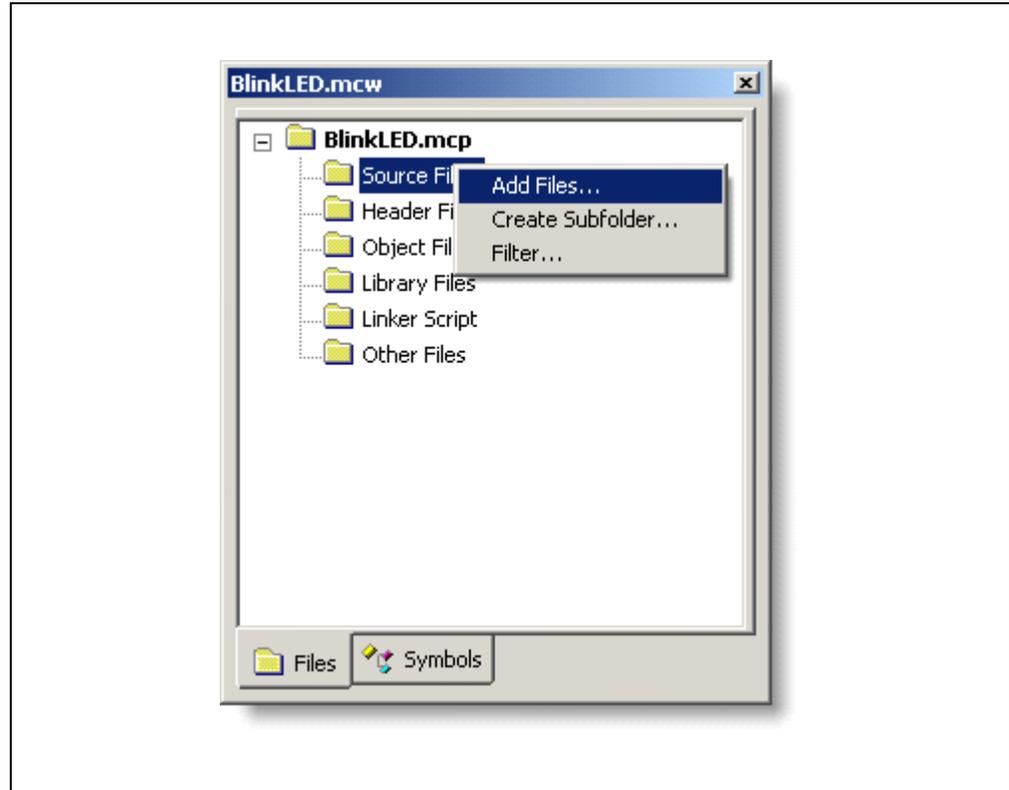
### 3.3.4 Task 4, Add Files to Your Project

This window can be skipped, since no '.c' files have been created.

1. Click **Next** to continue.
2. Click **Finish** on the summary screen.
3. A project and workspace have been created in the MPLAB IDE.  
`BlinkLED.mcw` is the workspace file and `BlinkLED.mcp` is the project file.
4. Click **File>New** from the menu bar to create a new file. A new file is displayed.
5. Click **File>Save As...** and save this file as 'BlinkLED.c' in the same folder (in this case, the `C:\MyProject` folder).
6. Now copy the source code provided in Example 3-1 to the `BlinkLED.c` file. The source code file is located in the PIC32 Starter Kit directory:  
`[install directory]\PIC32 Starter Kits\Blink_Leds.`

7. In the Project window, right-click on the Source Files folder. Select Add Files and choose `BlinkLED.c` to add the file to the source directory, as shown in Figure 3-5.

**FIGURE 3-5: ADDING SOURCE FILES**



8. Click *Debugger>Select Tool>PIC32MX Starter Kit* from the menu bar, for the Target board.

**Note:** Make sure that the starter kit demo board is connected to your PC.

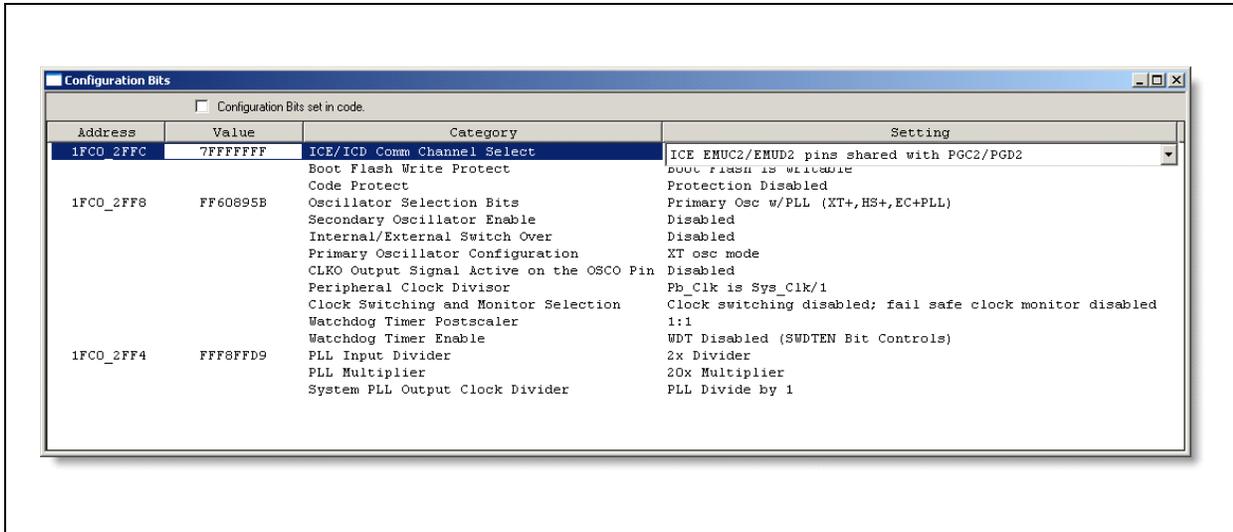
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## 3.3.5 Task 5, Confirm the Configuration Settings

Click *Configure>Configuration Bits* to confirm that the configuration settings are correct. Typical configuration settings for the starter kit are shown in Figure 3-6.

**Note:** The “Configuration Bits set in code” check box must be unchecked if the config bits are set via this window and not in the code. The configuration settings can also be embedded in the source file. See the *MPLAB C Compiler for PIC32 User's Guide (DS51686)* for information.

FIGURE 3-6: CONFIGURATION BIT SETTINGS



### CAUTION

Setting the PIC32 Starter Kit configuration bits to cause the PIC32MX to operate faster than the maximum 80MHz system clock speed may cause the PIC32MX to stop communicating with the PIC18F4550 Starter Kit debugger. Should this occur, run the `sk_erase.exe` utility to re-flash the PIC32MX with a default configuration. This utility is located on the PIC32 Starter Kit CD or in the PIC32MX Starter Kit directory:

```
[install directory]\PIC32 Starter Kits\tools
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## 3.3.7 Task 7, Program the Device

1. Click the Program All Memories icon on the Program Device Tool Bar, as shown in Figure 3-8.

**FIGURE 3-8: PROGRAM DEVICE WINDOW**



A Programming Warning window (Figure 3-9) opens to warn you about overwriting the memory.

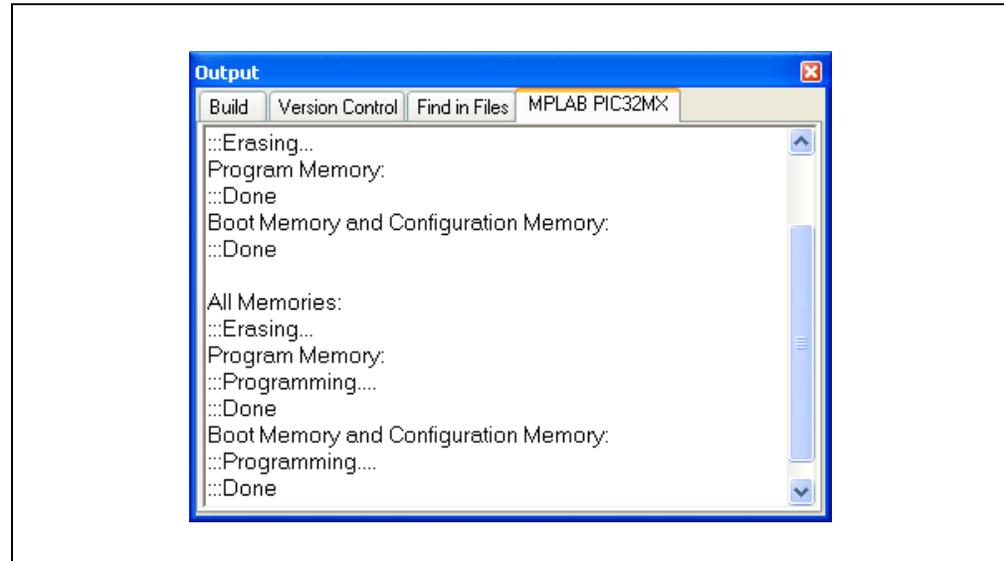
2. Click **Yes**.

**FIGURE 3-9: PROGRAMMING WARNING WINDOW**



The Output window (Figure 3-10) tracks the progress of the output. "Done" signals that the programming of the device is complete.

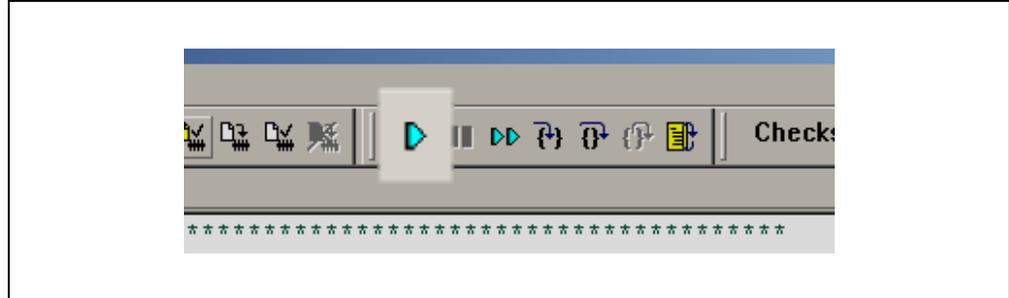
**FIGURE 3-10: OUTPUT WINDOW**



## 3.3.8 Task 8, Run the Program

Click *Debugger>Run* from the menu bar of the MPLAB IDE or click the Run icon (the turquoise triangle) on the Debug Tool Bar, as indicated in Figure 3-11, to run the new program.

**FIGURE 3-11: RUN THE PROGRAM**



The starter kit LEDs blink to indicate that the program is running successfully.

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FIGURE A-6: PIC32MX SCHEMATIC, SHEET 6 OF 6 (POWER SUPPLY)

