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Preface

INTRODUCTION

This chapter contains general information about this user's guide and customer support that will be useful prior to using the PICKit™ 1 Flash Starter Kit.

HIGHLIGHTS

Items discussed in this chapter are:

- About this Guide
- Warranty Registration
- Recommended Reading
- Troubleshooting
- Microchip On-Line Support
- Customer Change Notification Service
- Customer Support

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This document describes how to use the PICKit™ 1 Flash Starter Kit. The manual layout is as follows:

- **Chapter 1: PICKit™ 1 Flash Starter Kit** – An overview of the PICKit™ 1 Flash Starter Kit and instructions on how to use it.
- **Chapter 2: PICKit™ 1 Classic Software** – This chapter provides instructions on how to use the PICKit 1 Classic programming software to program 8 and 14-pin Mid-range Flash Microcontroller (MCU) Family devices.
- **Chapter 3: PICKit™ 1 Baseline Flash Software** – This chapter provides instructions on how to use the PICKit 1 Baseline Flash programming software to program 8 and 14-pin Baseline (12-bit Core) Flash Microcontroller (MCU) Family devices.
- **Chapter 4: PICKit™ 1 and MPLAB® IDE** – A quick overview on how to load a project in MPLAB IDE and program a device with MPLAB IDE.
- **Chapter 5: Troubleshooting** – This chapter describes common problems and possible solutions for solving problems with the PICKit™ 1 Flash Starter Kit.
- **Appendix A: PICKit™ 1 Hardware Description** – This appendix contains the PICKit 1 hardware description and schematic diagrams.
- **Appendix B: Baseline Flash Microcontroller Programmer Hardware Description** – This appendix contains the Baseline Flash Microcontroller Programmer hardware description and schematic diagram.
- **Appendix C: PIC12F675 Programming Projects** – This appendix contains introductory lessons for persons new to PICmicro® microcontroller units (MCU).
- **Worldwide Sales and Service** – A listing of Microchip sales and service locations and telephone numbers worldwide.

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This manual uses the following documentation conventions:

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Code (Courier font):		
Plain characters	Sample code Filenames and paths	#define START c:\autoexec.bat
Angle brackets: < >	Variables	<label>, <exp>
Square brackets []	Optional arguments	MPASMWIN [main.asm]
Curly brackets and pipe character: { }	Choice of mutually exclusive arguments; An OR selection	errorlevel {0 1}
Lower case characters in quotes	Type of data	"filename"
Ellipses...	Used to imply (but not show) additional text that is not relevant to the example	list ["list_option...", "list_option"]
0xnnn	A hexadecimal number where n is a hexadecimal digit	0xFFFF, 0x007A
Italic characters	A variable argument; it can be either a type of data (in lower case characters) or a specific example (in upper case characters).	char isascii (char, ch);
Interface (Arial font):		
Underlined, italic text with right arrow	A menu selection from the menu bar	<u>File > Save</u>
Bold characters	A window or dialog button to click	OK, Cancel
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Documents (Arial font):		
Italic characters	Referenced books	<i>MPLAB IDE User's Guide</i>

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This user's guide describes how to use the PICkit™ 1 Flash Starter Kit. Other useful documents are listed below:

PIC12F629/675 Data Sheet (DS41190)

Consult this document for information regarding the PIC12F629/675 8-pin Flash-based 8-bit CMOS microcontroller device specifications.

PIC16F630/676 Data Sheet (DS40039)

Consult this document for information regarding the PIC16F630/676 14-pin Flash-based 8-bit CMOS microcontroller device specifications.

MPLAB® IDE, Simulator, Editor User's Guide (DS51025)

Consult this document for more information pertaining to the installation and features of the MPLAB Integrated Development Environment (IDE) Software.

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Microsoft® Windows® Manuals

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- Systems Information and Upgrade Hot Line

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Chapter 1. PICkit™ 1 Flash Starter Kit

1.1 INTRODUCTION

The PICkit 1 Flash Starter Kit is a low-cost introductory programmer and starter kit with an easy to use PC host program user interface for programming Microchip's 8/14-pin Flash family of microcontrollers. The starter kit is designed to help the user get up to speed quickly using PIC® microcontrollers.

Starting with Version 2 PC software and PIC16C745 firmware, new Baseline (12-bit Core) Flash PICmicros® can be programmed by the PICkit 1 Flash Starter Kit.

1.2 HIGHLIGHTS

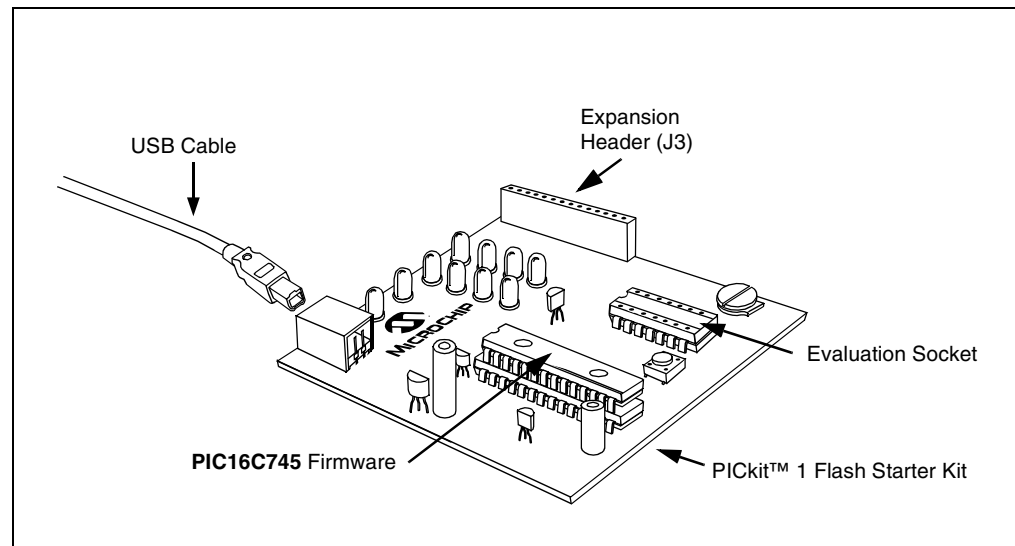
This chapter discusses:

- Running the PICkit 1 Flash Starter Kit Default Demonstration
- PICkit 1 Classic and Baseline Flash Programming Software
- New to Programming PICmicro MCUs

1.3 RUNNING THE PICKIT 1 FLASH STARTER KIT DEFAULT DEMONSTRATION

The PICkit 1 Flash Starter Kit comes preprogrammed with a demonstration program. Connect the PICkit 1 Flash Starter Kit to the PC's USB port using the USB cable as shown in Figure 1-1. The demo program will blink the eight red lights in succession. Press the **Push Button Switch**, labeled **SW1**, on the board and the sequence of the lights will change. Rotate the **Variable Resistor**, labeled **RP1**, and the light sequence will blink at a different rate.

FIGURE 1-1: PICKIT 1 FLASH STARTER KIT



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1.4 PICKit 1 CLASSIC AND BASELINE FLASH PROGRAMMING SOFTWARE

There are two PC host programs for the PICKit 1 Flash Starter Kit:

1.4.1 PICKit 1 Classic

The PICKit 1 Classic programming software programs 8 and 14-pin Mid-range (14-bit Core) Flash Microcontroller (MCU) Family devices. Instructions on how to use the PICKit 1 Classic program is given in Chapter 2.

1.4.2 PICKit 1 Baseline Flash

The PICKit 1 Baseline Flash programming software programs 6, 8 and 14-pin Baseline (12-bit Core) Flash Microcontroller (MCU) Family devices. Instructions on how to use the PICKit 1 Baseline Flash program is given in Chapter 3.

1.5 NEW TO PROGRAMMING PICmicro® MCUs

Appendix C. “PIC12F675 Programming Projects” contains introductory lessons for persons new to PICmicro® microcontroller units (MCU). The programming projects in the appendix describe different concepts in controlling the PIC12F675 PICmicro® microcontroller unit (MCU). Each lesson includes instructions for running a program demo that illustrates basic concepts. It is best to follow the lessons in sequential order, for each lesson builds upon the previous one. (The hex files and source code for the lessons can be found on the PICKit 1 Flash Starter Kit CDROM.)

Chapter 2. PICkit™ 1 Classic Software

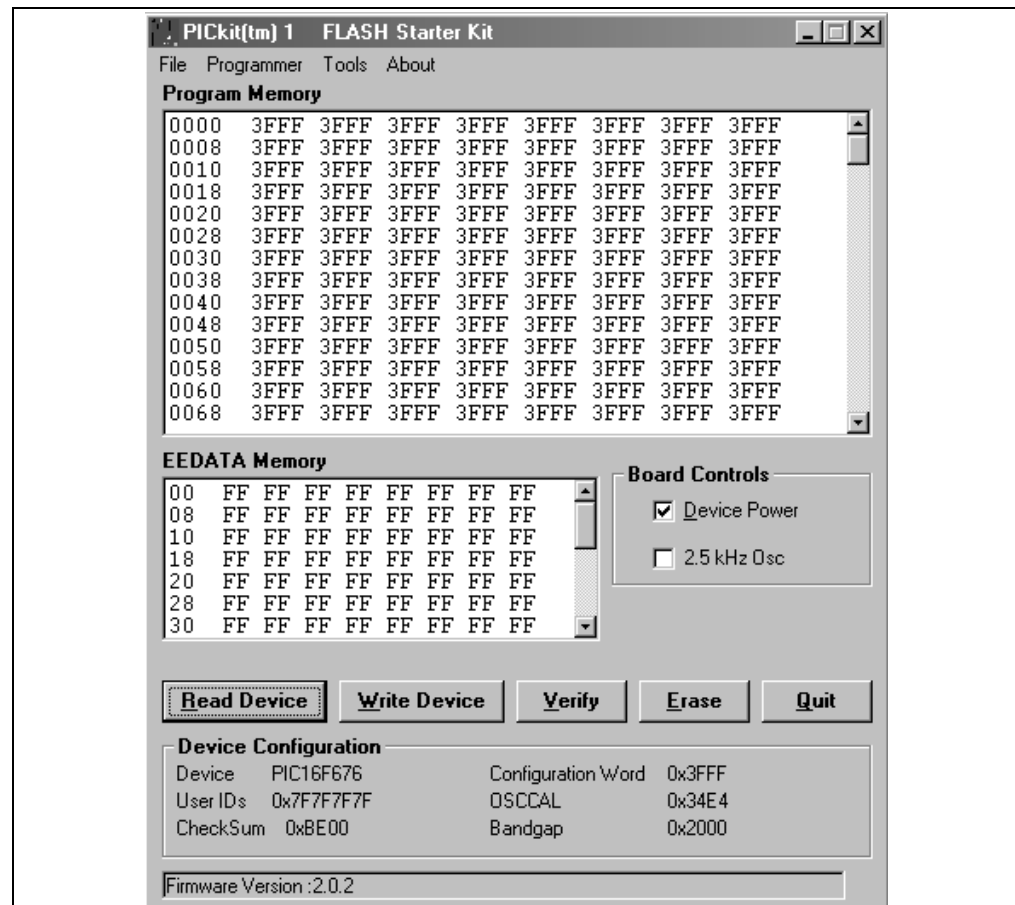
2.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter provides instructions on how to use the PICkit 1 Classic programming software to program 8 and 14-pin Mid-range (14-bit Core) Flash Microcontroller (MCU) Family devices.

2.2 USING PICKIT 1 CLASSIC PROGRAMMING SOFTWARE

Start the PICkit 1 Classic program by selecting *Start > Programs > PICkit 1 Flash Starter Kit > PICkit 1 Classic*. The programming interface appears as shown in Figure 2-1.

FIGURE 2-1: PICKIT 1 CLASSIC PROGRAMMING INTERFACE



Notice that the Device Power check box is selected. This is a default function indicating the device power is turned on.

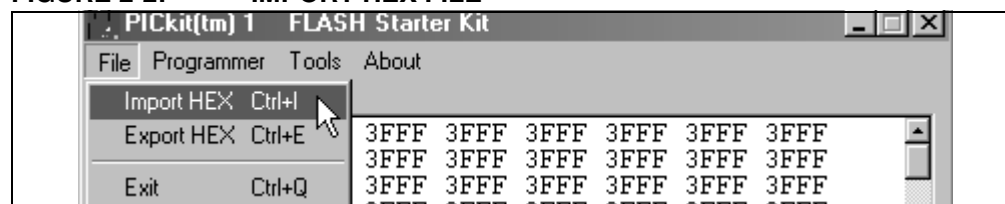
Note: To turn the device power off, deselect the check box.

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2.2.1 Import HEX File

To import a compiled program (hex file), select *File > Import HEX*, as shown in Figure 2-2. Browse for the hex file and click **Open**.

FIGURE 2-2: IMPORT HEX FILE

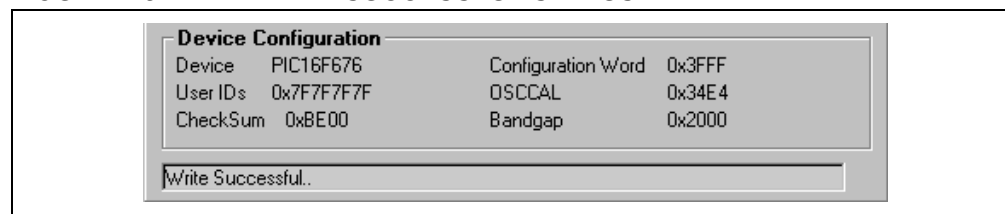


The code is displayed in the Program Memory and EEDATA Memory windows. (For more information on Program and EEDATA memory, see Lesson 5 and Lesson 6 in **Appendix C. “PIC12F675 Programming Projects”**.)

After the hex file is imported, write the program to the device by clicking the **Write Device** button. The existing program will be erased and replaced with the new one. The status of the program write is displayed in the status bar located at the bottom of the interface window.

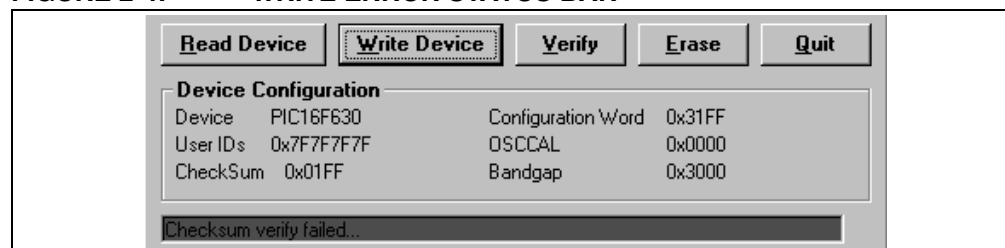
If the write is successful, the status bar turns green and displays “Write Successful”, as shown in Figure 2-3.

FIGURE 2-3: WRITE SUCCESSFUL STATUS BAR



If the write fails, the status bar turns red and displays “Checksum verify failed”, as shown in Figure 2-4. This error indicates the data was corrupted during the programming sequence. If this error is displayed, try writing the program to the device again. If this error continues, see **Chapter 5. “Troubleshooting”** for assistance.

FIGURE 2-4: WRITE ERROR STATUS BAR



2.2.2 Automatic File Reload

Prior to each write, the imported hex file time stamp is compared to the version on the disk. If the version on the disk is newer, it is reloaded. This occurs only when a hex file has been read from the disk.

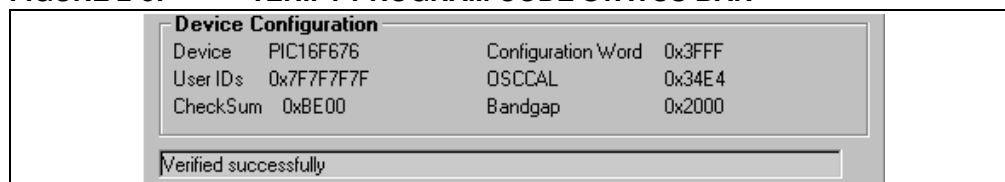
In the normal mode of operation, the hex file is updated with every build in MPLAB IDE. This ensures that the latest version built by MPLAB IDE will be written to the device.

2.2.3 Verify Program Code

This function verifies the program written to the device against a hex file. It compares all areas of memory including Program, EEDATA and Configuration.

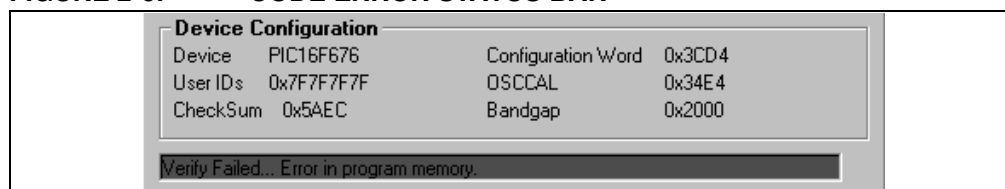
To verify the code, import the hex file and click **Verify**. If the code is the same, the status bar turns green and displays “Verified successfully”, as shown in Figure 2-5.

FIGURE 2-5: VERIFY PROGRAM CODE STATUS BAR



If a discrepancy is found, the status bar turns red and displays the error “Verify Failed... Error in program memory.”, as shown in Figure 2-6. If the Verify fails, it is possible that the device is code protected.

FIGURE 2-6: CODE ERROR STATUS BAR



2.2.4 Read Device

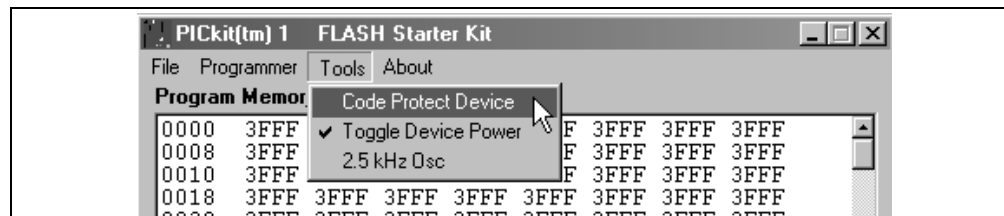
To view the code written to the device, click **Read Device**. The code is displayed in the Program and EEDATA Memory windows for your review. If all zeros are displayed in the Program Memory window, it is possible that the device is code protected.

2.2.5 Code Protect Device

This function enables the code protection features of the device. To protect the code, complete the following steps:

1. Import the hex file.
2. Select Tools > Code Protect Device, as shown in Figure 2-7.
3. Click **Write Device**.

FIGURE 2-7: CODE PROTECT



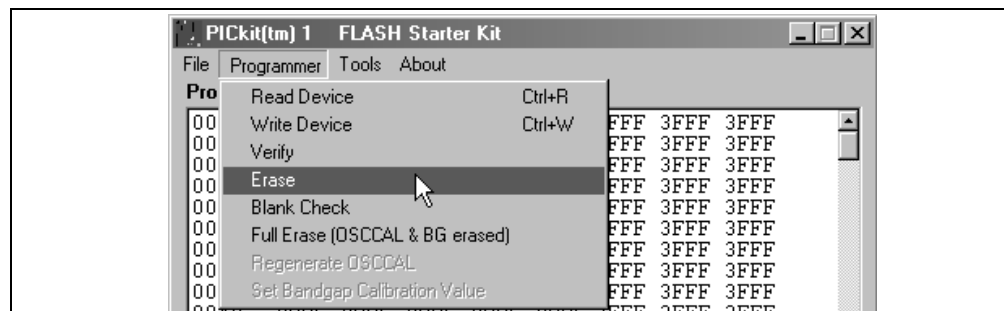
Note: If the device is read after it has been code protected, the Program and EEDATA Memory windows will display all zeros.

2.2.6 Erase

The Erase function erases code from the device. However, this function is not normally needed since the Write Device function performs an erase prior to writing code to the device.

To erase the device using the Erase function, click the **Erase** button or select Programmer > Erase from the toolbar menu, as shown in Figure 2-8.

FIGURE 2-8: DEVICE ERASE



2.2.7 Full Erase

Unlike the Erase function, the Full Erase allows the user to erase not only the device, but the OSCCAL and bandgap calibration as well. Performing a full erase is not recommended or needed in the normal course of events. Only use this function if the OSCCAL or bandgap data has been corrupted.

To perform a full erase, select Programmer > Full Erase (OSCCAL & BG erased) from the toolbar menu, as shown in Figure 2-8.

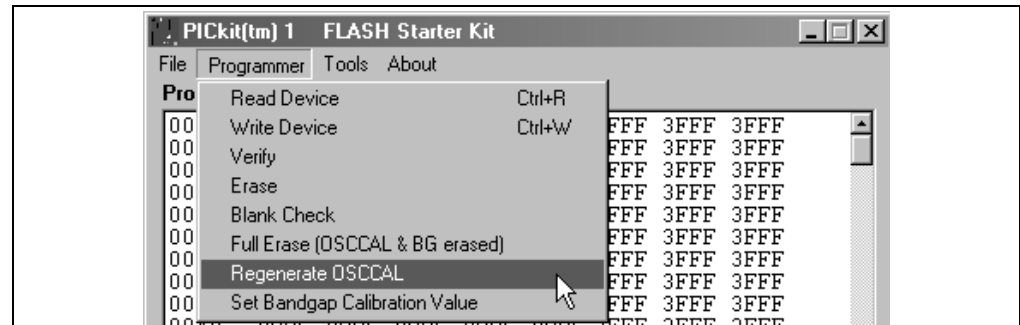
Once the full erase is complete, regenerate the OSCCAL and reset the bandgap calibration value bits.

Note: The regenerated OSCCAL function runs a program on the device to recalculate the oscillator calibration value. See Lesson 7 in **Appendix C. "PIC12F675 Programming Projects"** for more details.

2.2.8 Regenerate OSCCAL

To regenerate the OSCCAL, select *Programmer > Regenerate OSCCAL* from the toolbar menu, as shown in Figure 2-9.

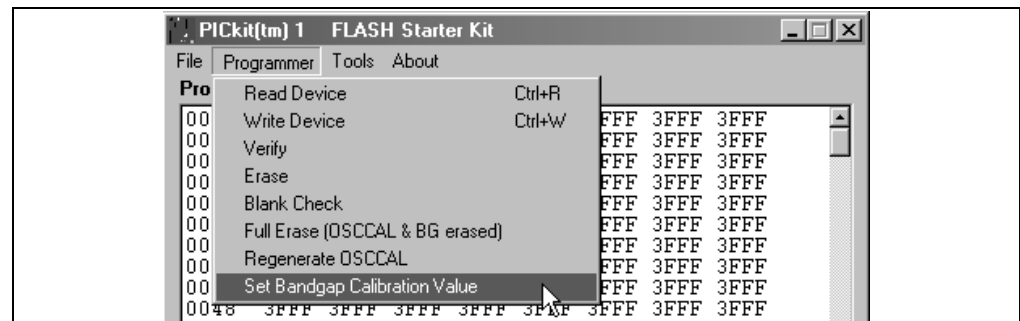
FIGURE 2-9: REGENERATE OSCCAL



2.2.9 Set Bandgap Calibration Value

To set the bandgap calibration value, select *Programmer > Set Bandgap Calibration Value* from the toolbar menu, as shown in Figure 2-10.

FIGURE 2-10: REGENERATE BANDGAP CALIBRATION VALUE



The Write Bandgap Calibration Value window will appear as shown in Figure 2-11. Select a bit value from the list and click OK.

FIGURE 2-11: SELECT BANDGAP BIT VALUE



The bandgap bit value will appear in the Device Configuration box, as shown in Figure 2-12.

FIGURE 2-12: DEVICE CONFIGURATION



For more information on the OSCCAL and bandgap calibration, see the device data sheets located on the CDROM or the Microchip web site (www.microchip.com).

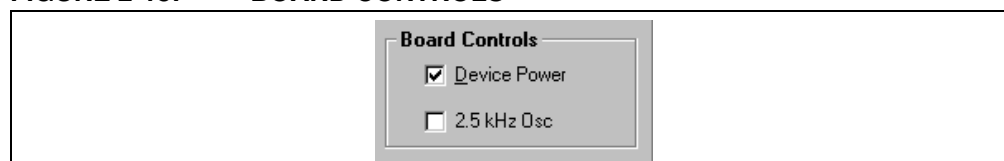
Note: The "Regenerated OSCCAL" and "Set Bandgap Calibration Value" functions are only available on the PIC12F629/675 and PIC16F630/676 devices.

2.2.10 2.5 kHz OSC

The 2.5 kHz OSC is a square wave signal that, when selected, is input to pin 3 of the evaluation socket. See the schematic Figure A-1 in Appendix A.

This function is used by Lesson 7 in **Appendix C. "PIC12F675 Programming Projects"**, and for OSCCAL regeneration.

FIGURE 2-13: BOARD CONTROLS



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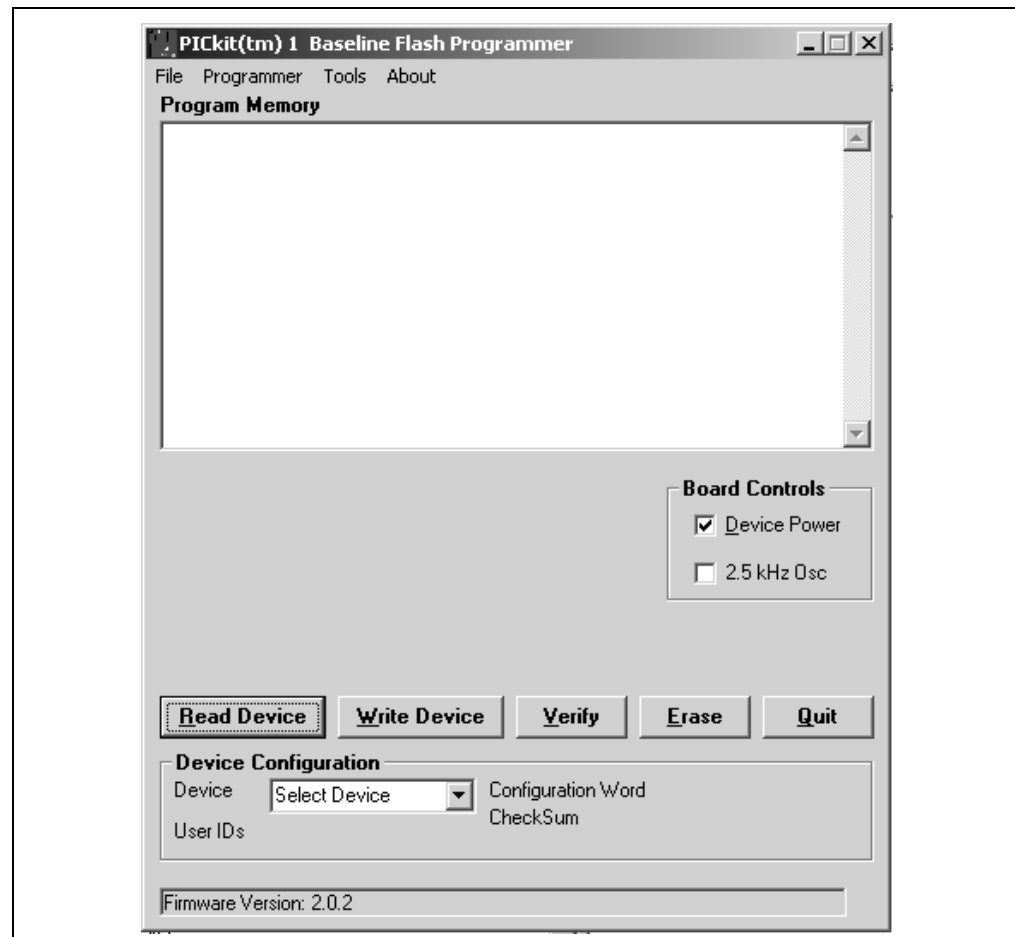
3.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter provides instructions on how to use the PICkit 1 Baseline Flash programming software to program 6, 8 and 14-pin Baseline (12-bit Core) Flash Microcontroller (MCU) Family devices.

3.2 USING PICKIT 1 BASELINE FLASH PROGRAMMING SOFTWARE

Start the PICkit 1 Baseline Flash program by selecting *Start > Programs > PICkit(tm) 1 Flash Starter Kit > PICkit 1 Baseline Flash*. The programming interface appears, as shown in Figure 3-1.

FIGURE 3-1: PICKIT 1 BASELINE FLASH PROGRAMMING INTERFACE



Notice that the Device Power check box is selected. This is a default function indicating the device power is turned on.

Note: To turn the device power off, deselect the check box.

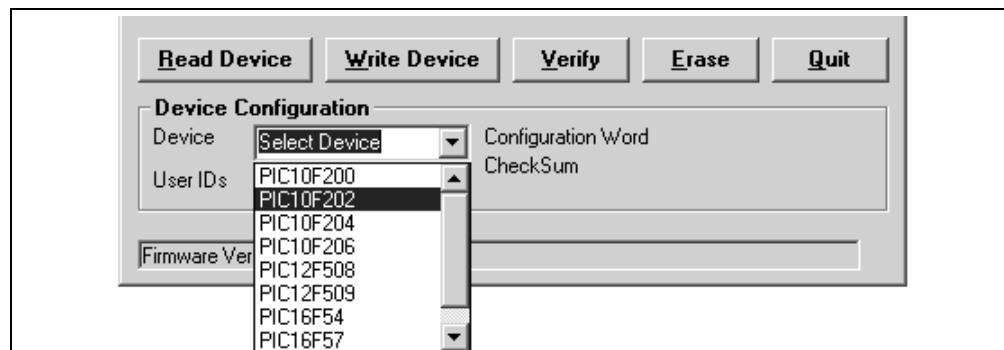
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3.2.1 Select Device

The user must first select the device intended for programming. Select the device by clicking on the **Device** drop-down menu, as shown in Figure 3-2. The drop-down menu lists the available devices that can be programmed by the PICkit 1 Baseline Flash programming software.

Note: Baseline (12-bit core) devices do not contain a Device ID. As a result, the PICkit 1 programming software cannot determine which device is in the evaluation socket of the PICkit 1 Flash Starter Kit. It is important that the user verify that the target device and the selected device match. Otherwise unintended results will happen.

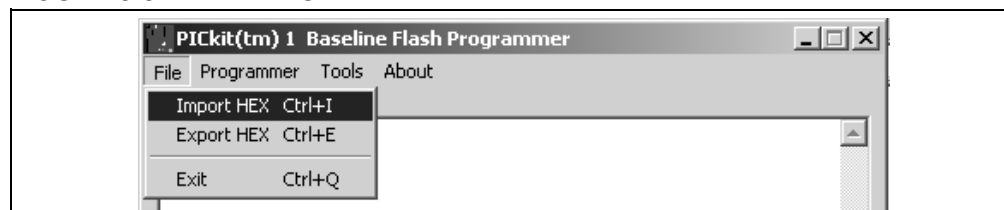
FIGURE 3-2: SELECT DEVICE



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FIGURE 3-3: IMPORT HEX FILE

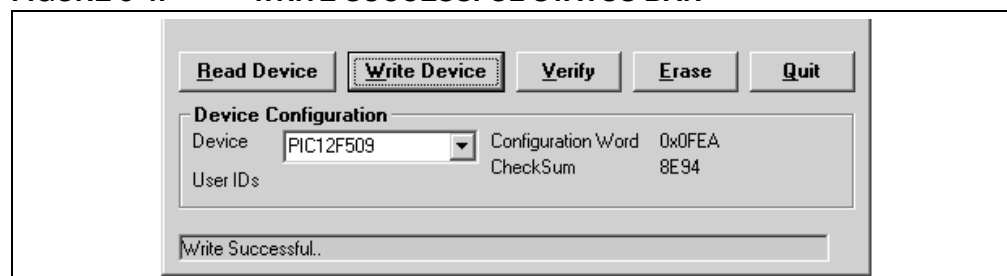


The code is displayed in the Program Memory window.

After the hex file is imported, write the program to the device by clicking the **Write Device** button. The existing program will be erased and replaced with the new one. The status of the program write is displayed in the status bar located at the bottom of the Interface window.

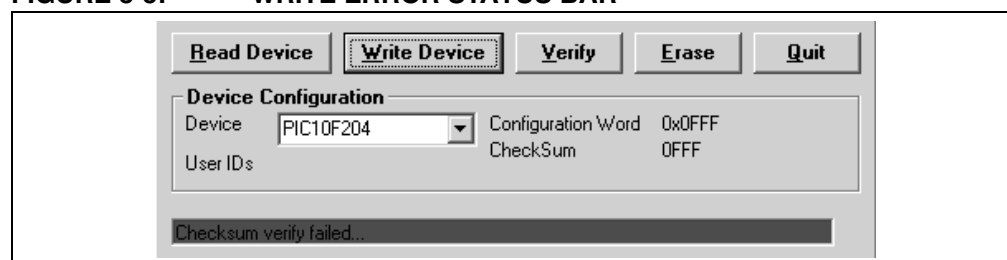
If the write is successful, the status bar turns green and displays "Write Successful", as shown in Figure 3-4.

FIGURE 3-4: WRITE SUCCESSFUL STATUS BAR



If the write fails, the status bar turns red and displays “Checksum verify failed”, as shown in Figure 3-5. This error indicates the data was corrupted during the programming sequence. If this error is displayed, write the program to the device again. If this error continues, see **Chapter 5. “Troubleshooting”** for assistance.

FIGURE 3-5: WRITE ERROR STATUS BAR



3.2.3 Automatic File Reload

Prior to each write, the imported hex file time stamp is compared to the version on the disk. If the version on the disk is newer, it is reloaded. This occurs only when a hex file has been read from the disk.

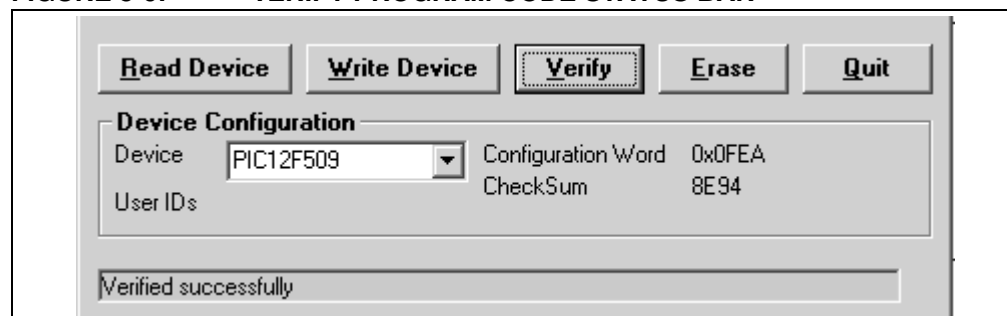
In the normal mode of operation, the hex file is updated with every build in MPLAB IDE. This ensures that the latest version built by MPLAB IDE will be written to the device.

3.2.4 Verify Program Code

This function verifies the program written to the device against a hex file. It compares all areas of memory including Program and Configuration.

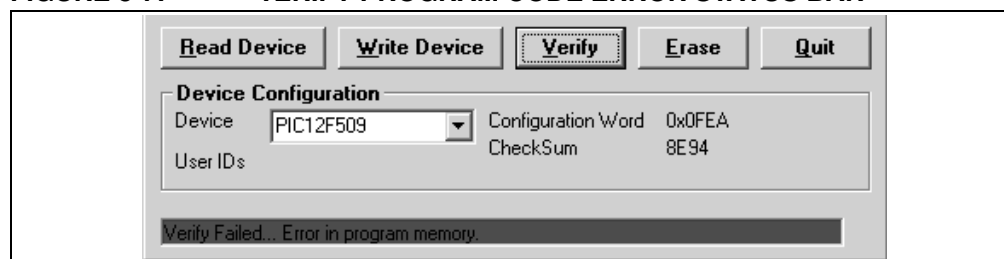
To verify the code, import the hex file and click **Verify**. If the code is the same, the status bar turns green and displays “Verified successfully”, as shown in Figure 3-6.

FIGURE 3-6: VERIFY PROGRAM CODE STATUS BAR



If a discrepancy is found, the status bar turns red and displays the error “Verify Failed Error in program memory”, as shown in Figure 3-7.

FIGURE 3-7: VERIFY PROGRAM CODE ERROR STATUS BAR



3.2.5 Read Device

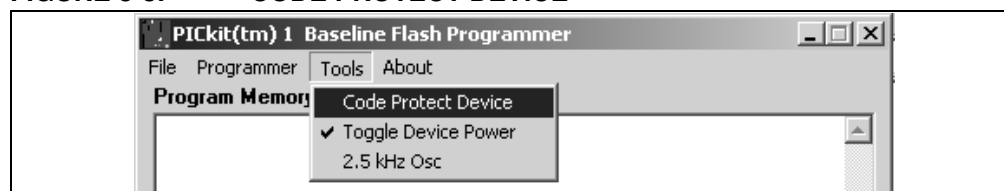
To view the code written to the device, click **Read Device**. The code is displayed in the Program Memory windows for your review.

3.2.6 Code Protect Device

This function enables the code protection features of the device. To protect the code, complete the following steps:

1. Import the hex file.
2. Select Tools > Code Protect Device, as shown in Figure 3-8.
3. Click **Write Device**.

FIGURE 3-8: CODE PROTECT DEVICE



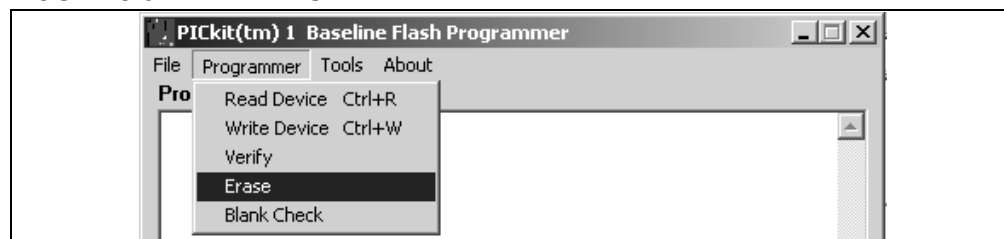
Note: If the device is read after it has been code protected, the Program Memory window displays all zeros.

3.2.7 Erase

The Erase function erases code from the device. However, this function is not normally needed since the Write Device function performs an erase prior to writing code to the device.

To erase the device using the Erase function, click the **Erase** button, or select Programmer > Erase from the toolbar menu, as shown in Figure 3-9.

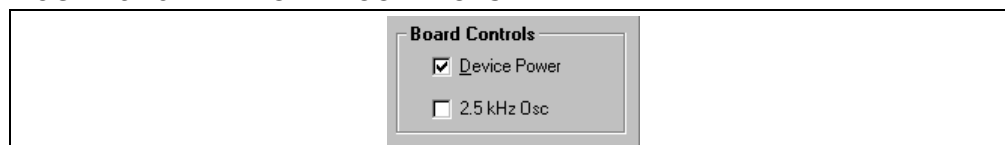
FIGURE 3-9: ERASE



3.2.8 2.5 kHz OSC

The 2.5 kHz OSC is a square wave signal that, when selected, is input to pin 3 of the evaluation socket. See the schematic Figure A-1 in the Appendix A.

FIGURE 3-10: BOARD CONTROLS



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NOTES:

Chapter 4. PICKit™ 1 and MPLAB® IDE

4.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter provides a quick overview on how to create and load a project in MPLAB IDE and program a device with MPLAB IDE. The PIC12F675 programming projects described in **Appendix C. “PIC12F675 Programming Projects”** are used as examples in this chapter.

Detail information on MPLAB IDE can be found in the “*MPLAB® IDE v6.xx Quick Start Guide*”, (DS51025) available on the MPLAB IDE CD-ROM included in the kit or from the Microchip Technology Inc. website (<http://www.microchip.com>).

MPLAB IDE is the integrated development environment supplied by Microchip Technology Inc. for developing software for PIC® microcontrollers. MPLAB IDE is used to:

- Create source code using the built-in editor.
- Assemble, compile and link source code using various language tools. An assembler, linker and librarian come with MPLAB IDE. Supported C compilers are available from Microchip. Third party compilers may be supported also. Check the release notes or readme files for details.
- Debug the executable logic by watching program flow with the built-in simulator, or in real time with the MPLAB ICE 2000 emulator or MPLAB ICD 2 in-circuit debugger. Third party emulators may also be supported. Check the release notes or readme files for details.
- Make timing measurements with the simulator or emulator.
- View variables in watch windows.

4.2 HIGHLIGHTS

- Using the PIC12F675 Programming Project Source Code
- Project Management in MPLAB IDE

4.3 USING THE PIC12F675 PROGRAMMING PROJECT SOURCE CODE

If the PIC12F675 Programming Project source code was installed from the PICKit 1 CDROM, and “Lessons” was selected from the options list, the source and hex files will be installed on the PC harddrive at:

```
C:\PICKit 1\Classic\Lesson n
```

Where n indicates the lesson number.

In order to use the lesson source code you will have to:

1. Create a new or open an existing MPLAB IDE project.
2. Configure the project for the PIC12F675.
3. Add the code to the project.
4. Compile the software.

Details for each of these steps can be found on the “*MPLAB® IDE v6.xx Quick Start Guide*” available on the MPLAB IDE CD-ROM included with the PICKit 1 Flash Starter Kit.

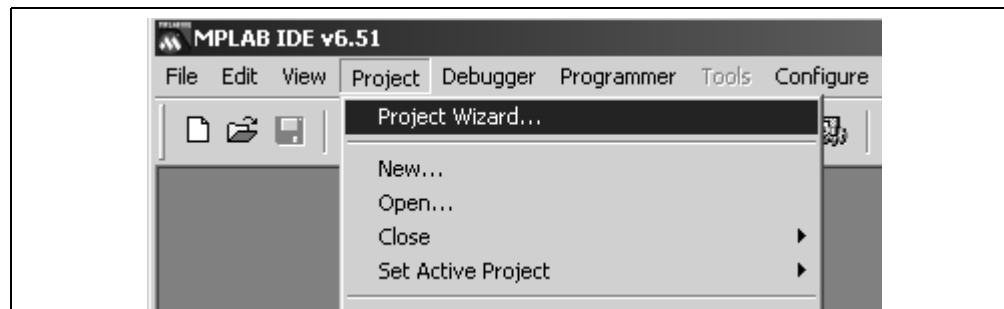
4.4 PROJECT MANAGEMENT IN MPLAB IDE

Work in MPLAB IDE is done by creating or loading a project. A project contains all the information needed to write, compile and program a PICmicro MCU device.

4.4.1 Creating a Project

1. Select Project > Project Wizard, as shown in Figure 4-2.
2. Follow the steps in the wizard to create a project.

FIGURE 4-1: CREATING A PROJECT

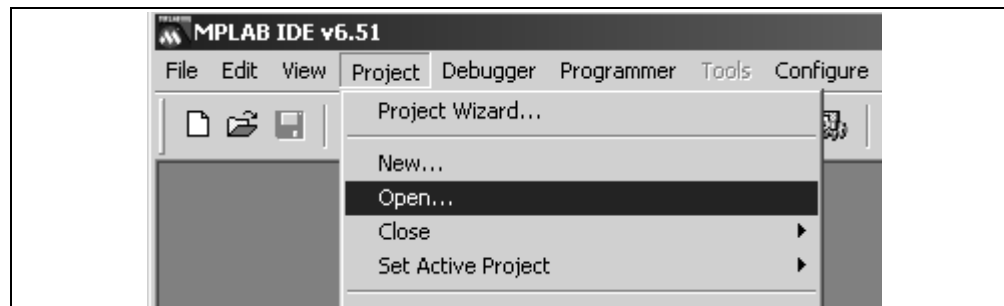


4.4.2 Opening a Project

Opening a project in MPLAB IDE is accomplished with the following steps:

1. Select Project > Open, as shown in Figure 4-2.
2. Browse and locate the project.
3. Click **OPEN**.

FIGURE 4-2: OPENING A PROJECT

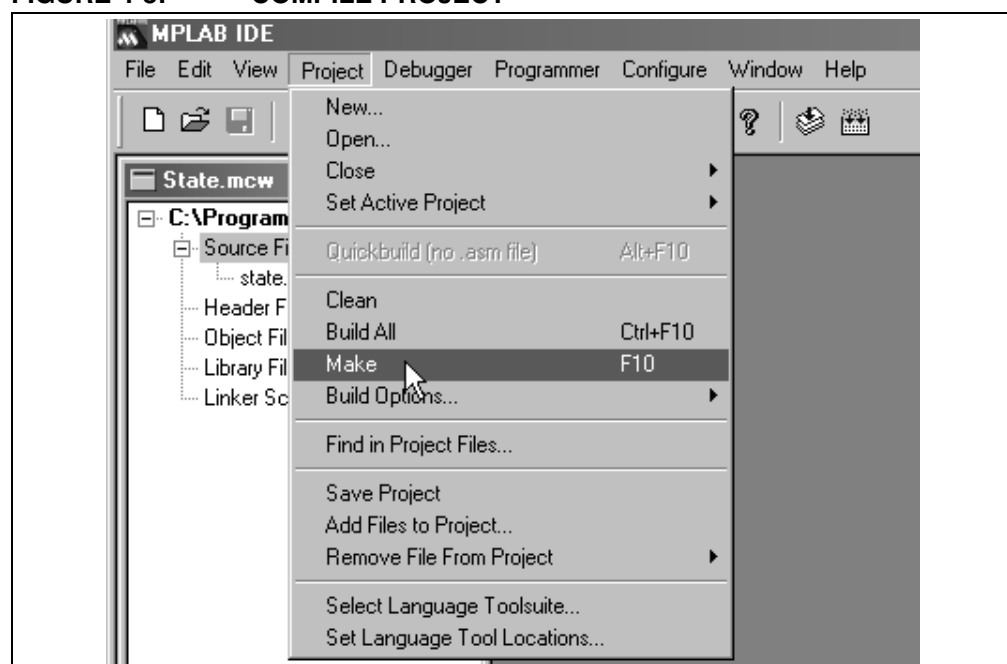


4.4.3 Compiling the Project

After creating or opening a project, it is necessary to compile it. Select Project > Make, as shown in Figure 4-3.

A window will appear and show the progress. If there are no errors, the program can be simulated or programmed into the PICkit 1 Flash Starter Kit software. (See **Section 4.4.5 “Programming the Device from MPLAB IDE”**).

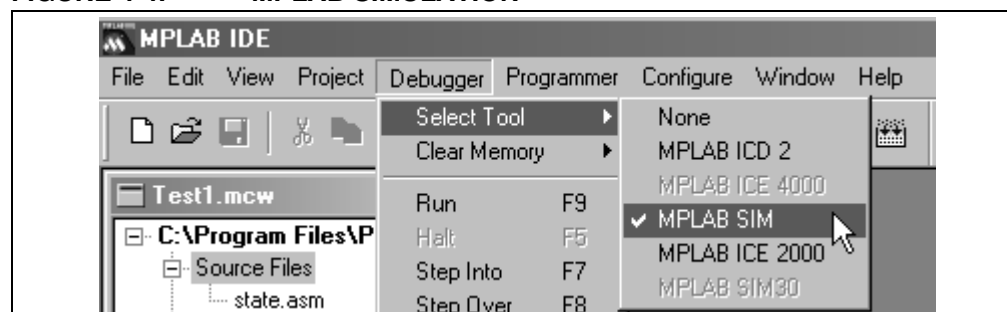
FIGURE 4-3: COMPILE PROJECT



4.4.4 Simulating the Project

In order to simulate the program to see what the PIC microcontroller is actually doing with each instruction, select the MPLAB IDE simulator debugger. Select *Debugger > Select Tool > MPLAB SIM*, as shown in Figure 4-4.

FIGURE 4-4: MPLAB SIMULATION







Once MPLAB SIM is selected, five buttons will appear on the right end of the menu toolbar, as shown in Figure 4-5.

FIGURE 4-5: SIMULATION TOOLBAR



These buttons allow the user to:

1. Run code: 
2. Pause code: 
3. Single Step code, step into functions: 
4. Single Step code, step over functions: 
5. Reset code: 