Introduction to Microcontrollers

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Micro-Controller

- A single chip Computer (to some extent)
- Has CPU
  1. RAM
  2. EEPROM
  3. I/O in form of pins
  4. Peripherals (Timer , Communication modes , ADC etc)

Flash Back (Takneek)

- Line Following Robots
- Wireless keyboards
- They were made using Microcontrollers

- Suppose we want to make a Line following Robot
- What do we do ?
- Use a computer with 2.4Ghz Intel core I7 with 4 Gb RAM , 500 Gb Hard disk , 1 Gb Graphics Card ??

Why not a Computer ?

- PC is a general purpose computer.
- Can run thousand of softwares
- Microsoft ppt in which you are seeing this presentation
- Games (NFS , AOE , Call of Duty)
- Highly expensive

Why MCU

- Small reflected by the word “MICRO”
- Inexpensive
- Ideal for doing repetitive tasks
- Easy to use
- Highly Efficient and fast

Selecting a MCU

- Two family of MCU extremely popular
  a) AVR
  b) PIC

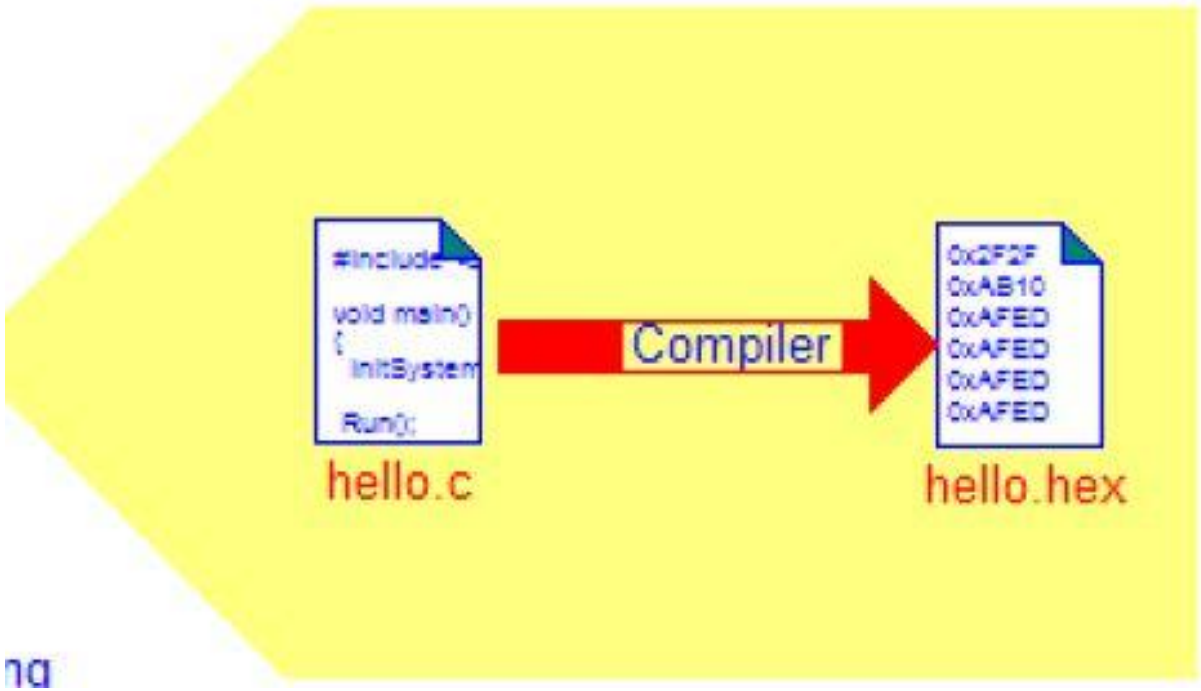
- We use AVR series of MCU from Atmel
- The instructions are fed once in the form of a Hex file

Tools Required -> CVAVR

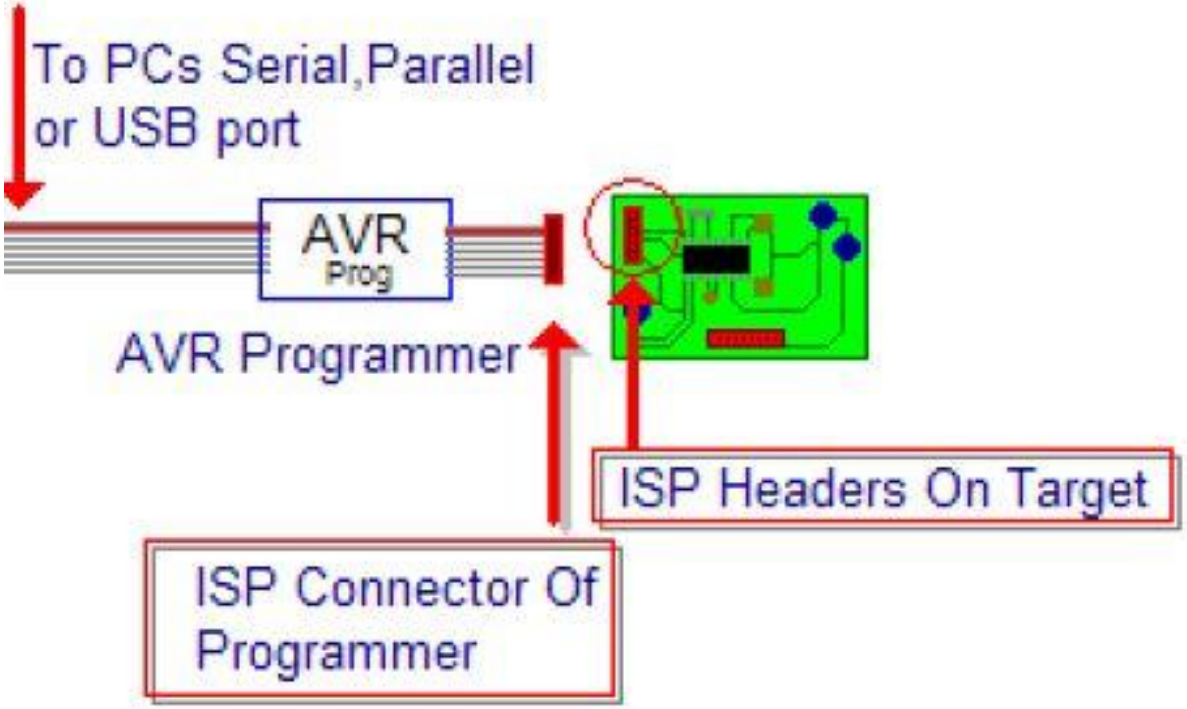
PC Running IDE for entering,editing and compiling source program.

Compiler -> CVAVR

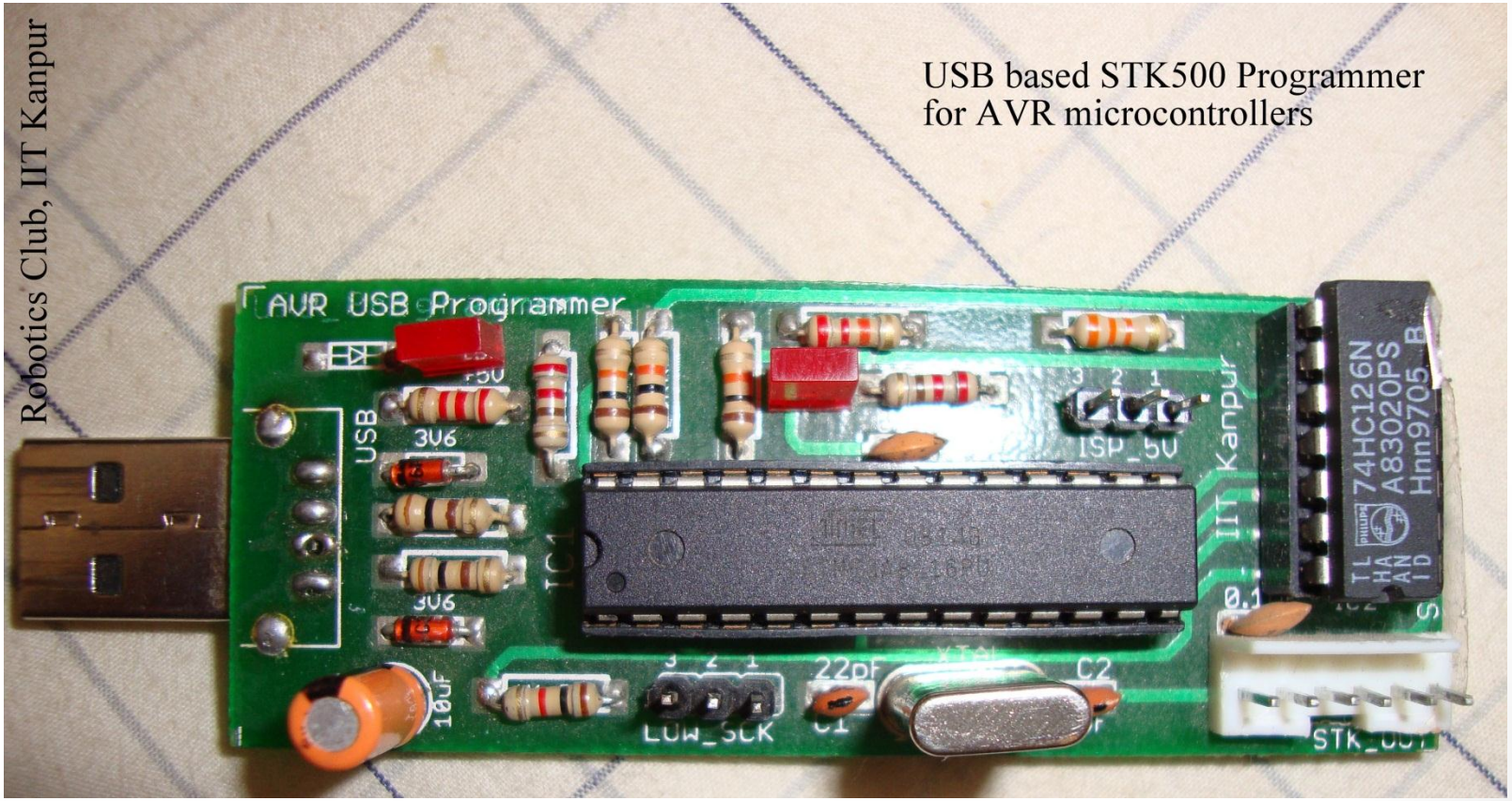
- The code is written in C language so we need to convert it into the format that Atmega understands



Transfer code to Atmega AVR Studio



Avr Programmer



- So we need two softwares overall

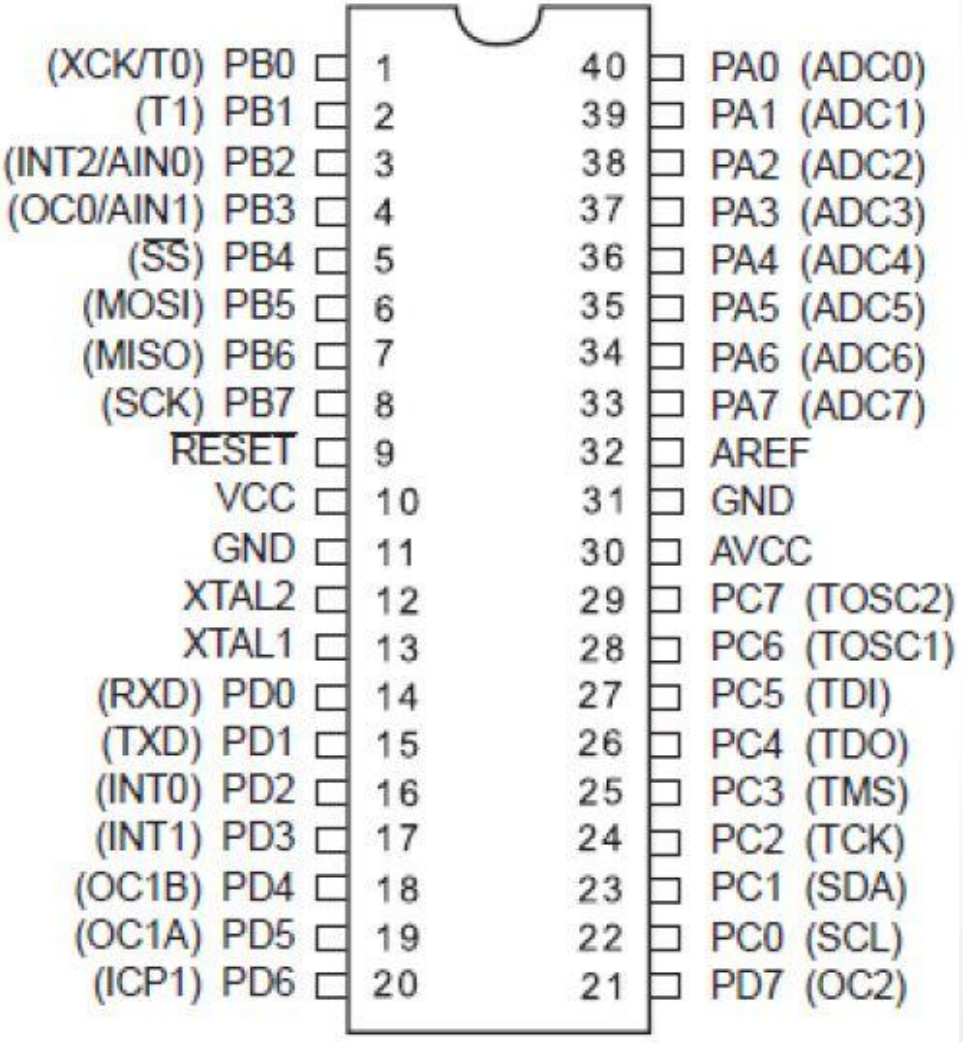
    a) CVAVR –> Editor and Compiler

    b) Avr Studio –> Transfer Code to Atmega

Atmega 16

The ATmega16

- 40 pin IC.
- 32 pins for I/O.
- 8 pins reserved.
- I/O pins divided into 4 groups of 8 pins, called ports.
- Ports labeled as A, B, C and D.



Basics of C language

- If else block
- If(condition)
  {
  … …
  }
  else
  {
  … …
  }

While & For

- While (conditon)
  {
  … …
  }

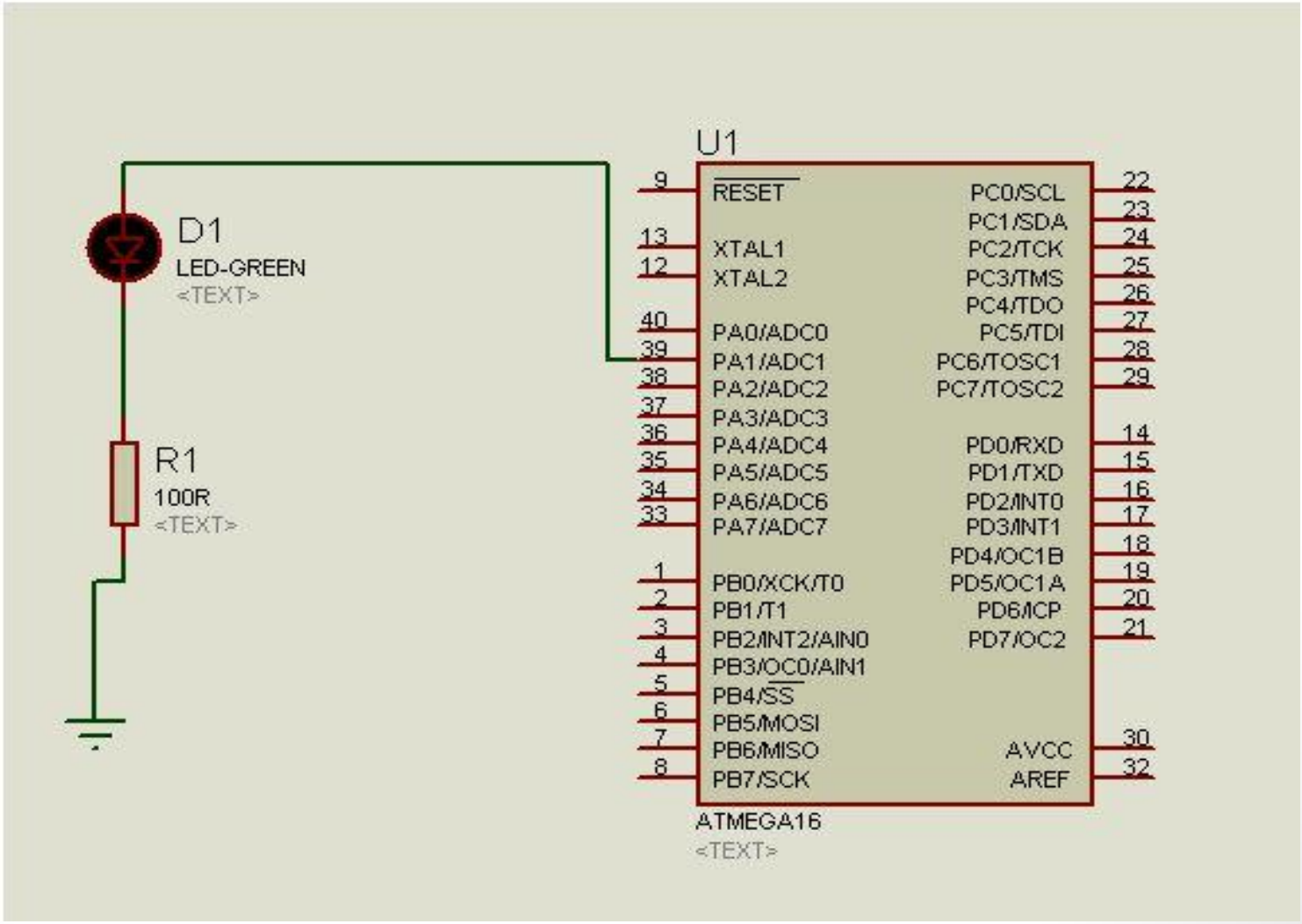
- for(initialisation; condition; increment)
  {
  … …
  }

Some C operators

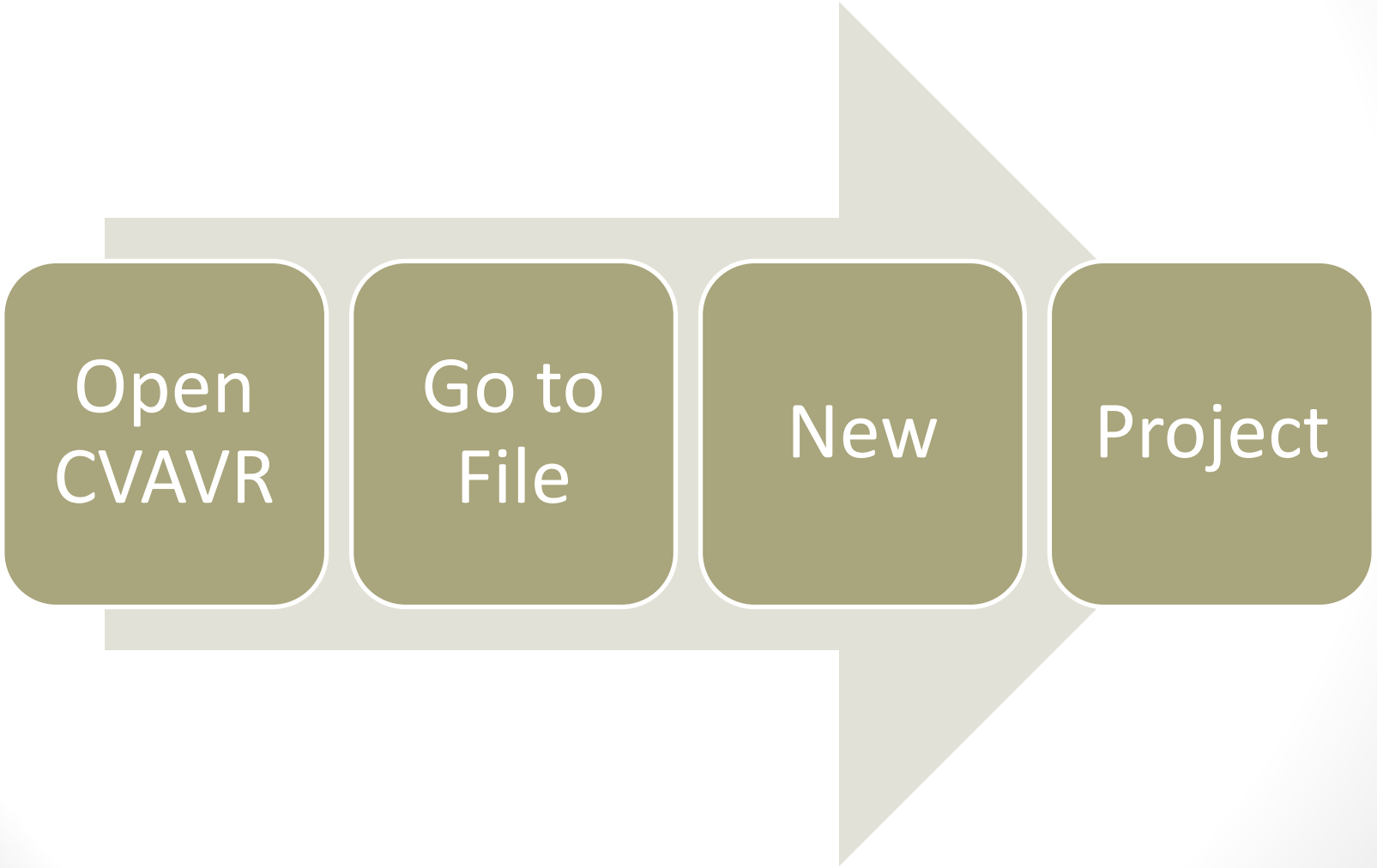
- | is bitwise OR.
  Eg. `10100111 | 11000101 = 11100111`
- & is bitwise AND.
  Eg. `10100111 & 11000101 = 10000101`
- ~ is bitwise NOT.
  Eg. `~10100110 = 01011001`
- << is shift left. >> is shift right.

- Lets Begin by blinking a simple LED

Circuit Diagram



Getting Started with CVAVR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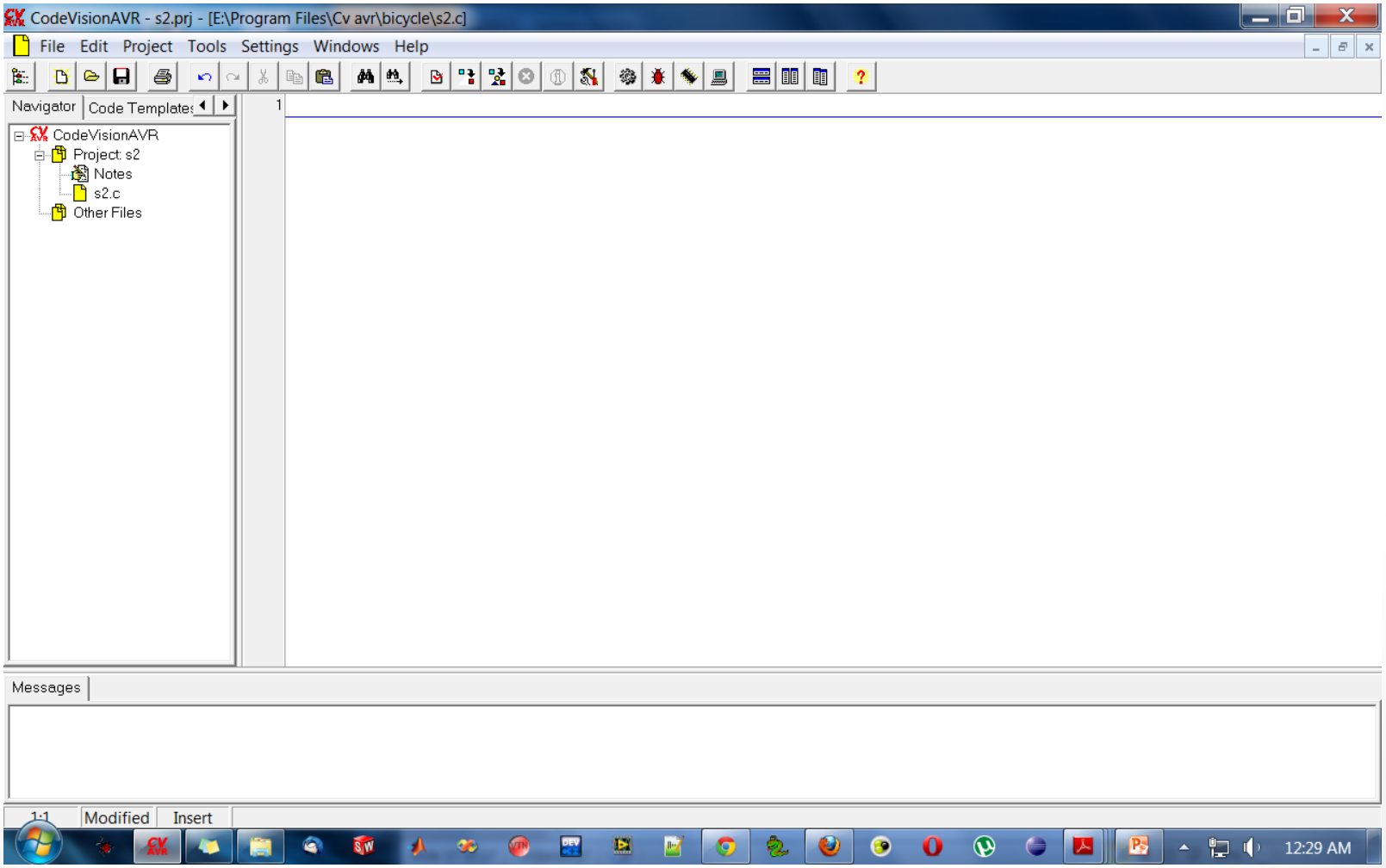
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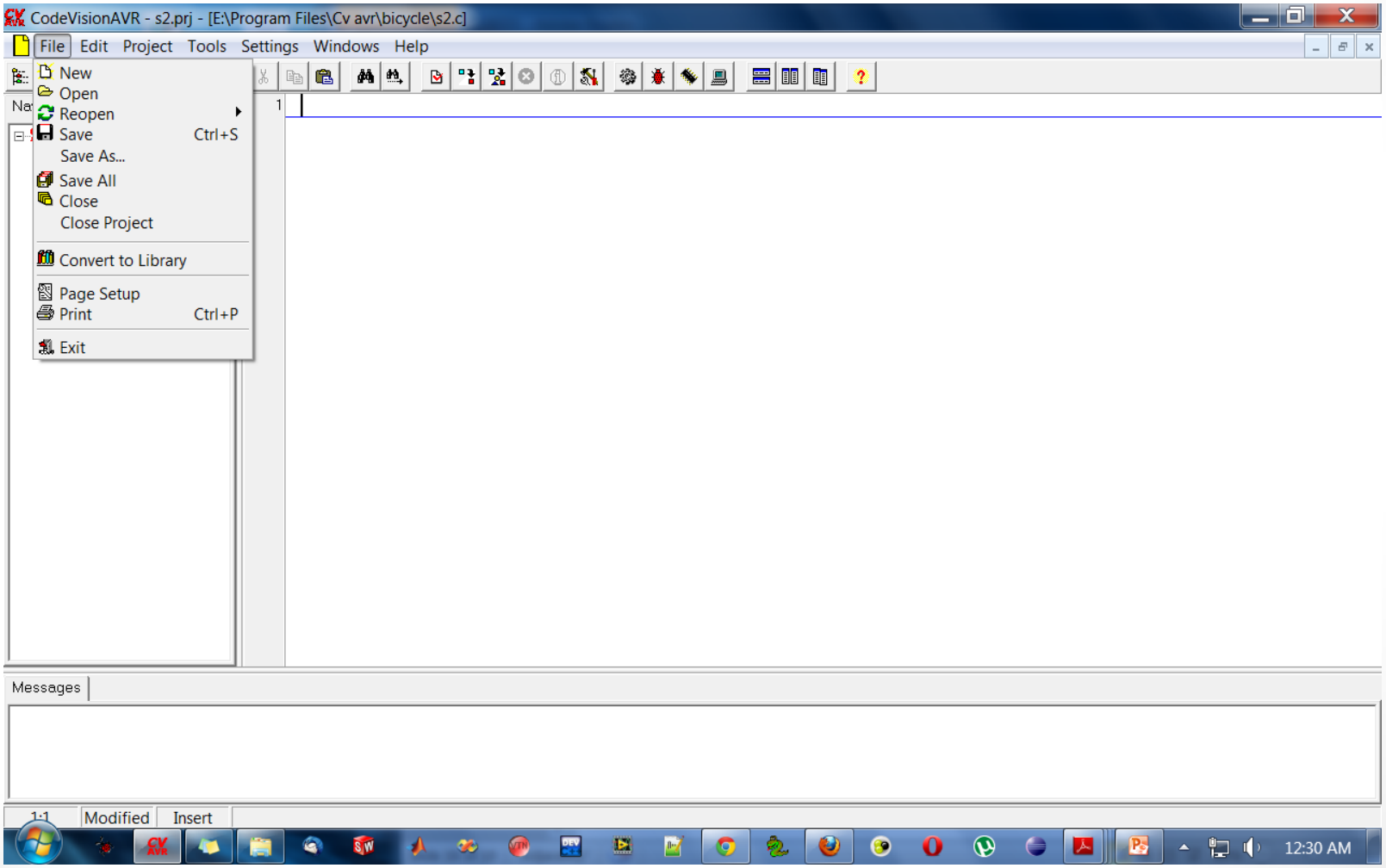
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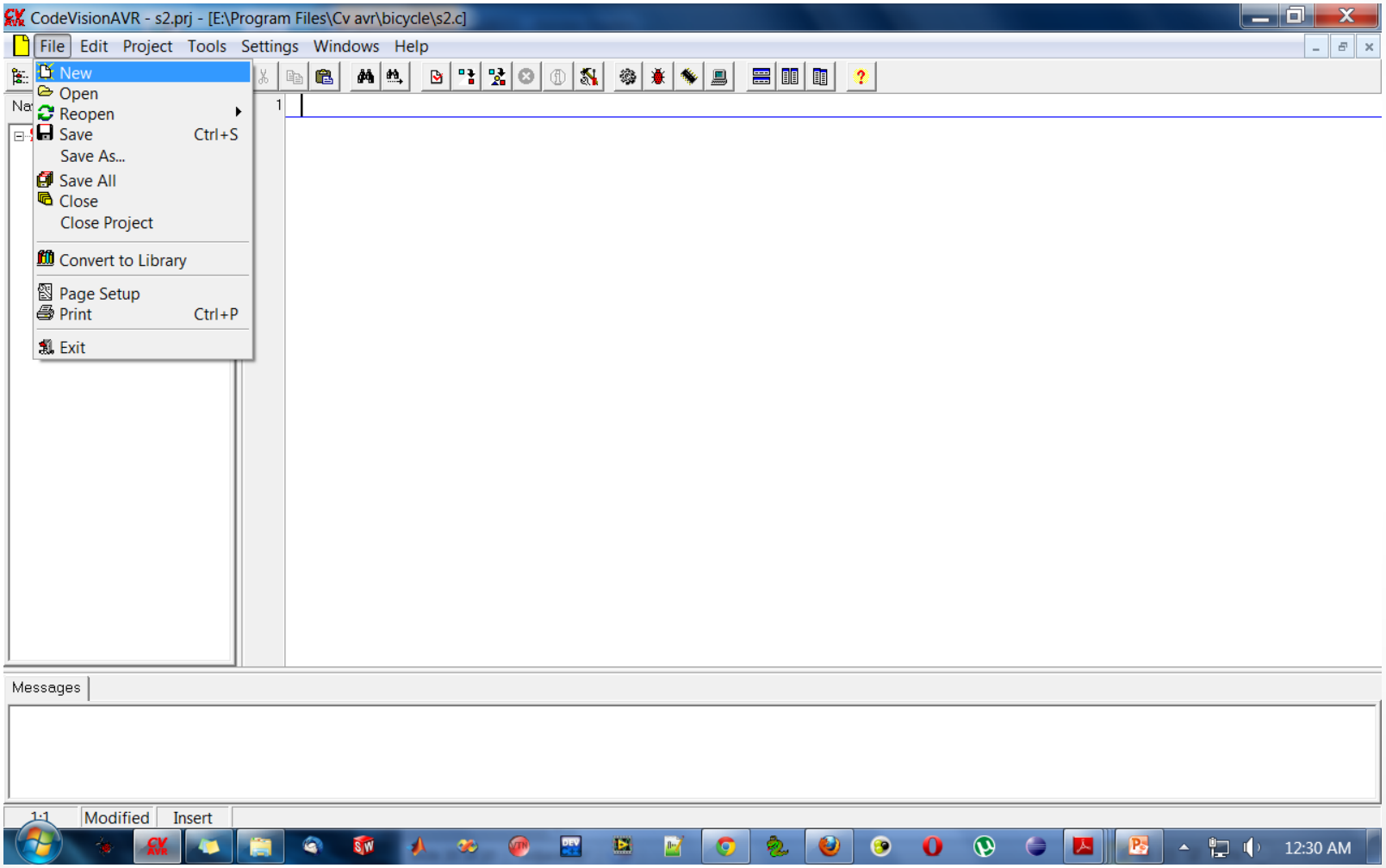
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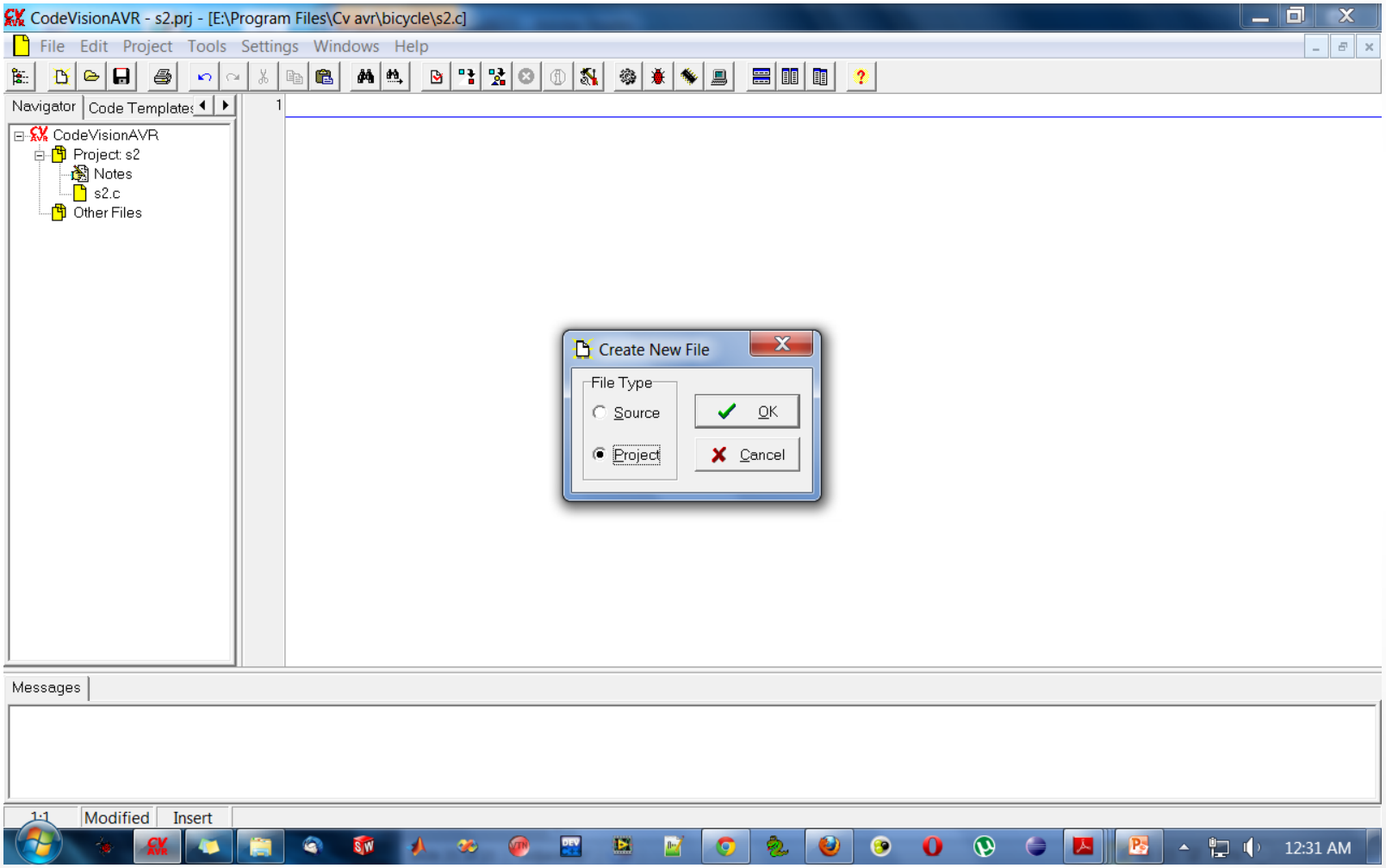

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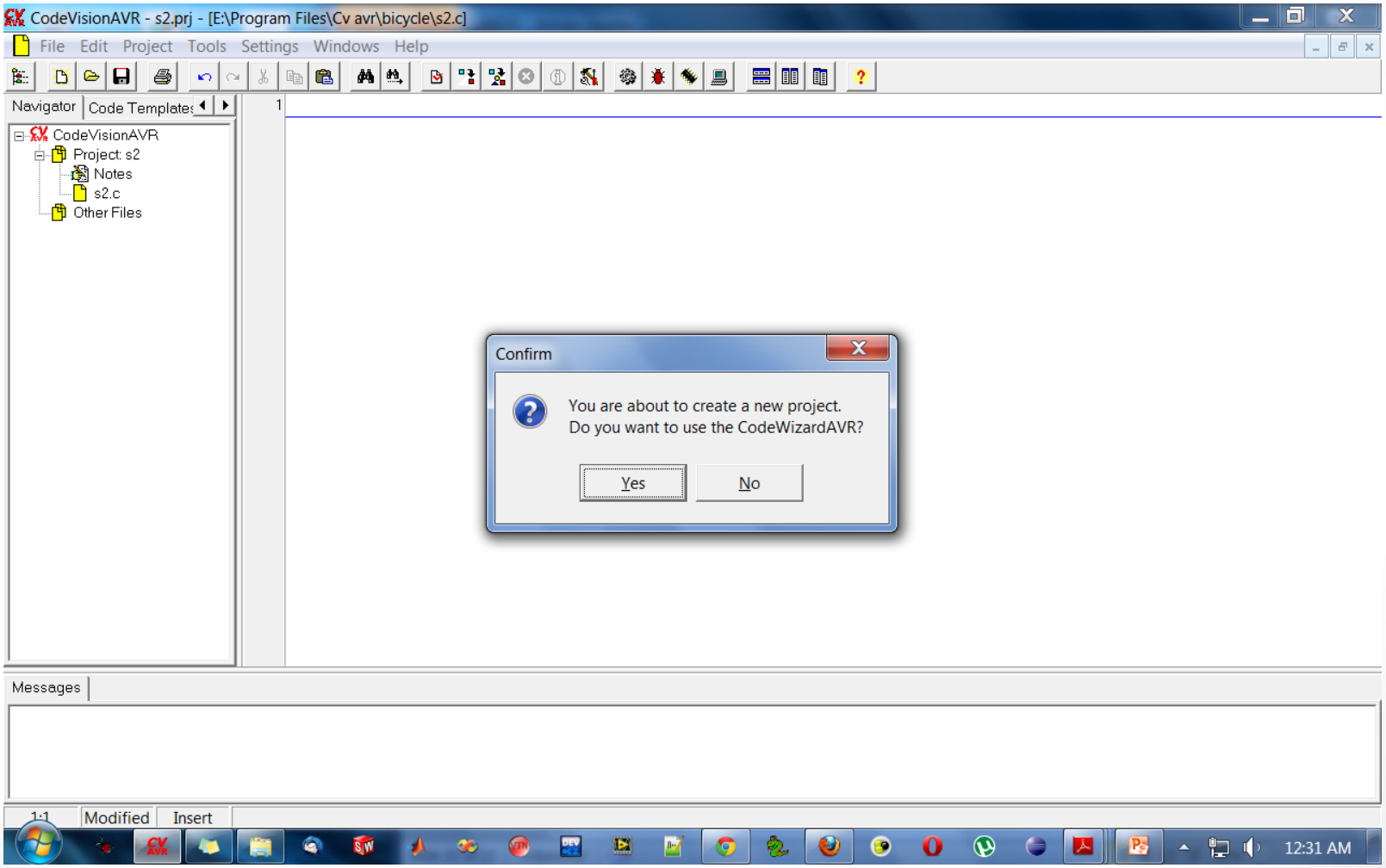
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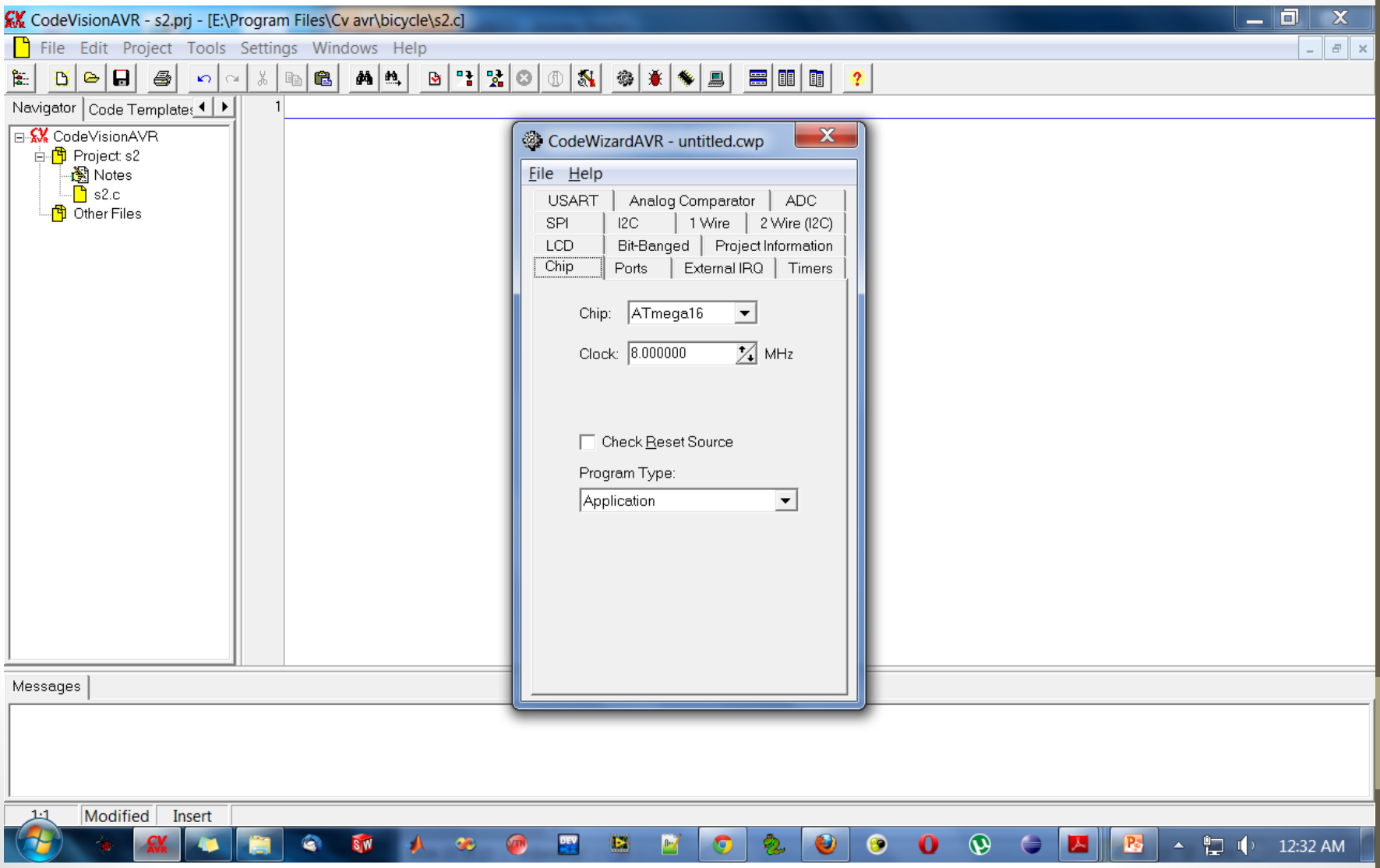
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Project Information
Chip
Ports
External IRQ
Timers
Chip: ATmega16
Clock: 8.000000 MHz
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Program Type:
Application
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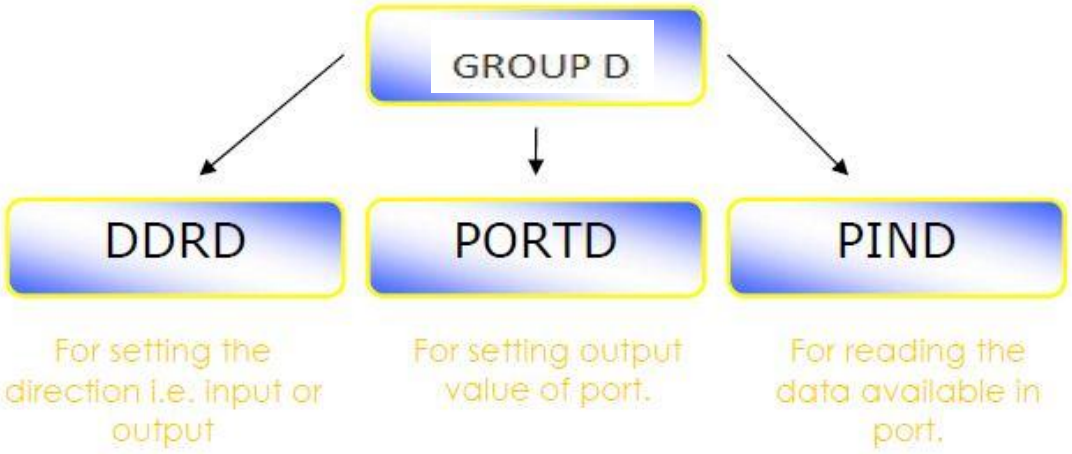
Introduction to I/O

- Atmega has total of 40 pins out of which 32 pins can be used as Input or Output
- These 32 pins are divided into 4 groups of 8 pins
  PORTA, PORTB , PORTC , PORTD

Accessing digital IO in C

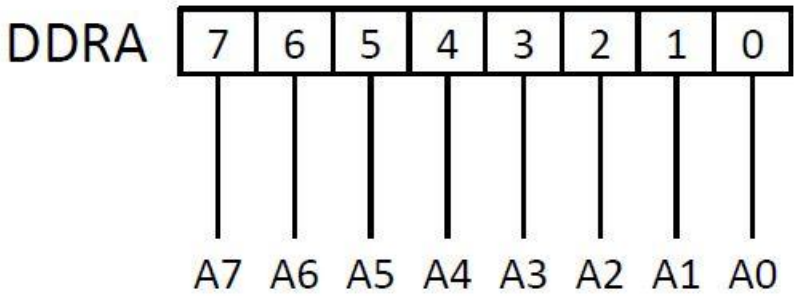
Each PORT in AVR has three related Registers.



Data Direction register (DDR)

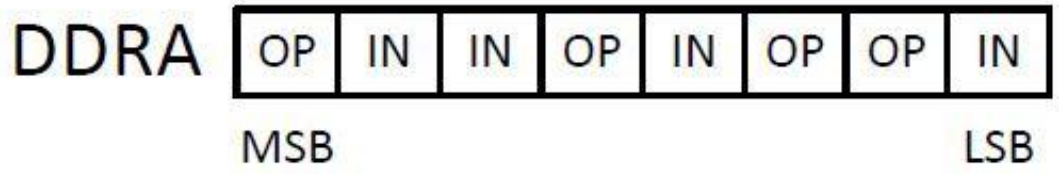
- This sets direction for all pins (32)
- Direction for these pins can be Input or Output
- To blink an LED we need to set pin as “OUTPUT” but “HOW“ ?

- DDRA = 0b00000001 ;
- DDRA = 0x01 ;
- 1 Stands for Output & 0 stands for Input



Interpretation of DDR values

- If a bit on the **DDR** register is `0`, then the corresponding pin on the associated port is set as input.
- Similarly, if the bit is 1, then the pin is set as output.
- Example: if DDRA = `0b10010110`, then:



What Next ?

- We have set the Pin as Output
- What else do we need to light the LED ??
- Supply of 5 Volts !!! This is given by PORT Register

PORT Register

- Only after you have set the Pin to Output you can control them through this Register
- It is a 8 bit register . It corresponds to the pin in same manner as that of DDR Register
- Used to set output value (0 or 1) only if the corresponding Pin has been set as output by DDR Register
- PORTA= 0b 00000001;
  or
- PORTA= 0x01 ;
- 1 stands for 5V
- 0 stands for 0V

Simple Questions

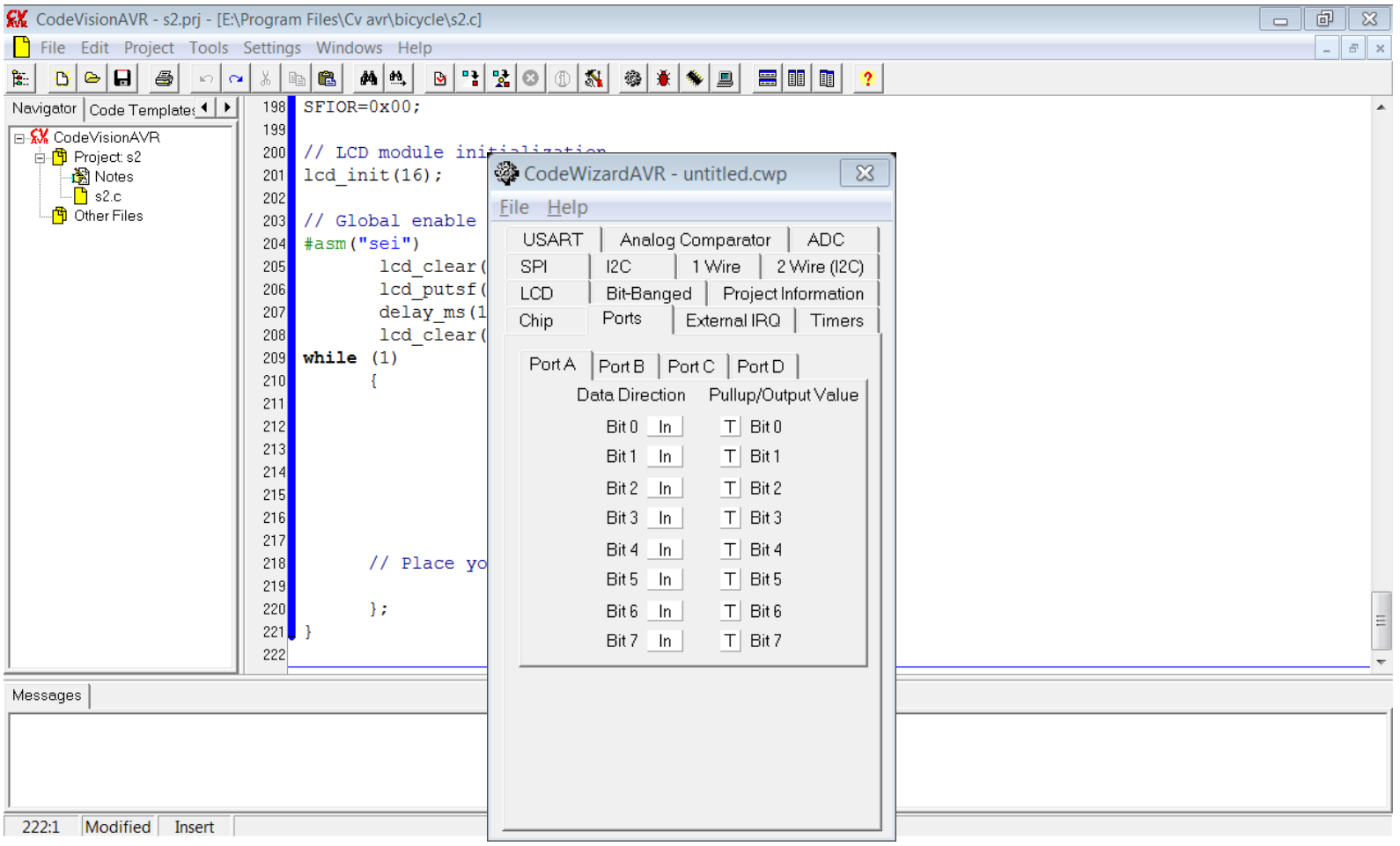
- DDRA= 0b 00101100
- DDRD = 0xf4
- DDRC = 0b 01111110
- DDRB = 0x3b

Assume all 32 pins set as output

- PORTA = 0b00001100;
- PORTD = 0b11110000;
- PORTB.4=1;
- PORTC.2=1;

Setting I/O

Go to Ports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200 // LCD module initialization
201 lcd_init(16);
202
203 // Global enable
204 #asm("sei")
205 lcd_clear(
206 lcd_putsf(
207 delay_ms(1
208 lcd_clear(
209 while (1)
210 {
211
212
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218 // Place yo
219
220 };
221 }
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Port B
Port C
Port D
Data Direction
Pullup/Output Value
Bit 0 In T Bit 0
Bit 1 In T Bit 1
Bit 2 In T Bit 2
Bit 3 In T Bit 3
Bit 4 In T Bit 4
Bit 5 In T Bit 5
Bit 6 In T Bit 6
Bit 7 In T Bit 7
Messages
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Modified
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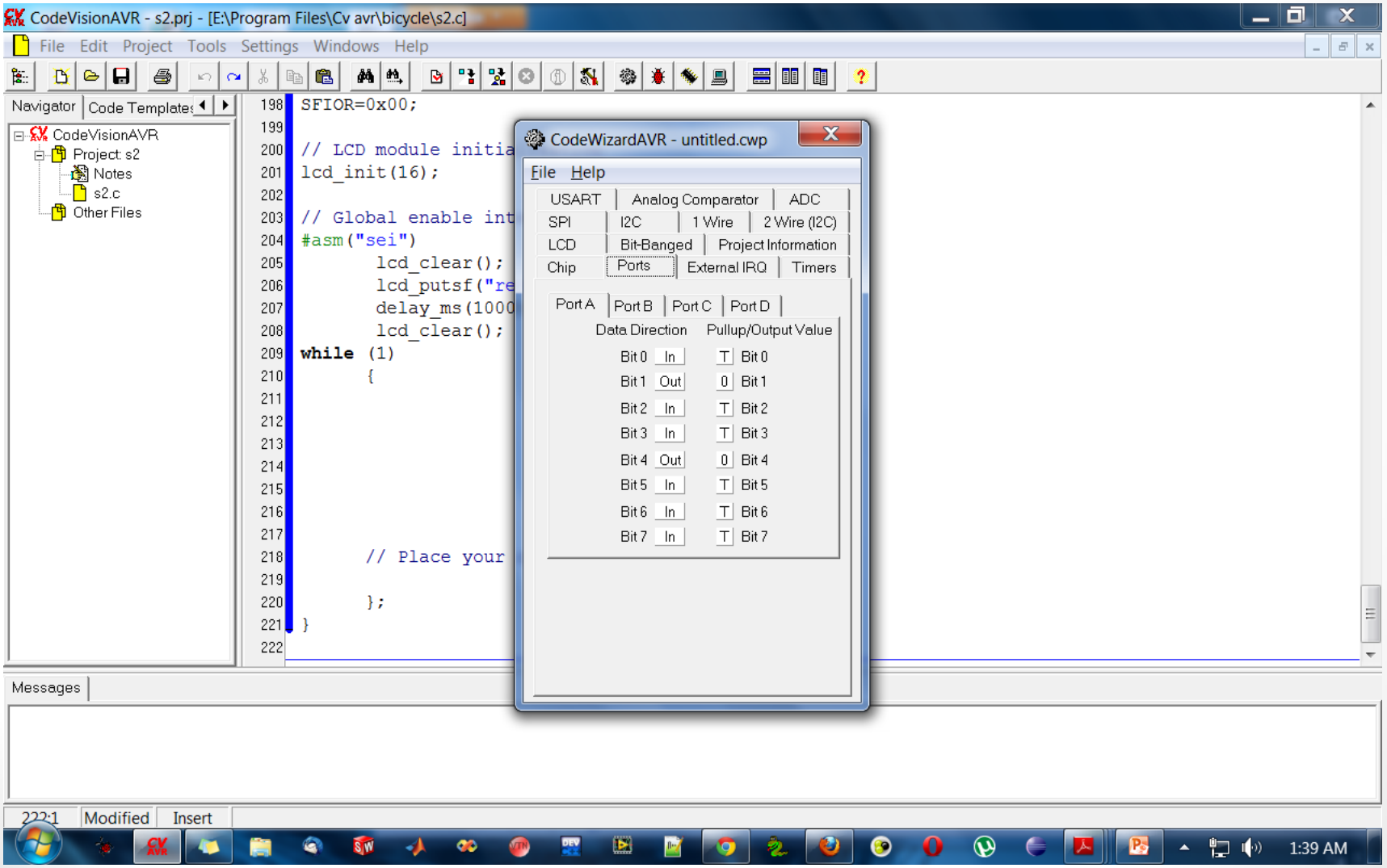
- Click on In to make that pin Output
- Can do so for all four ports



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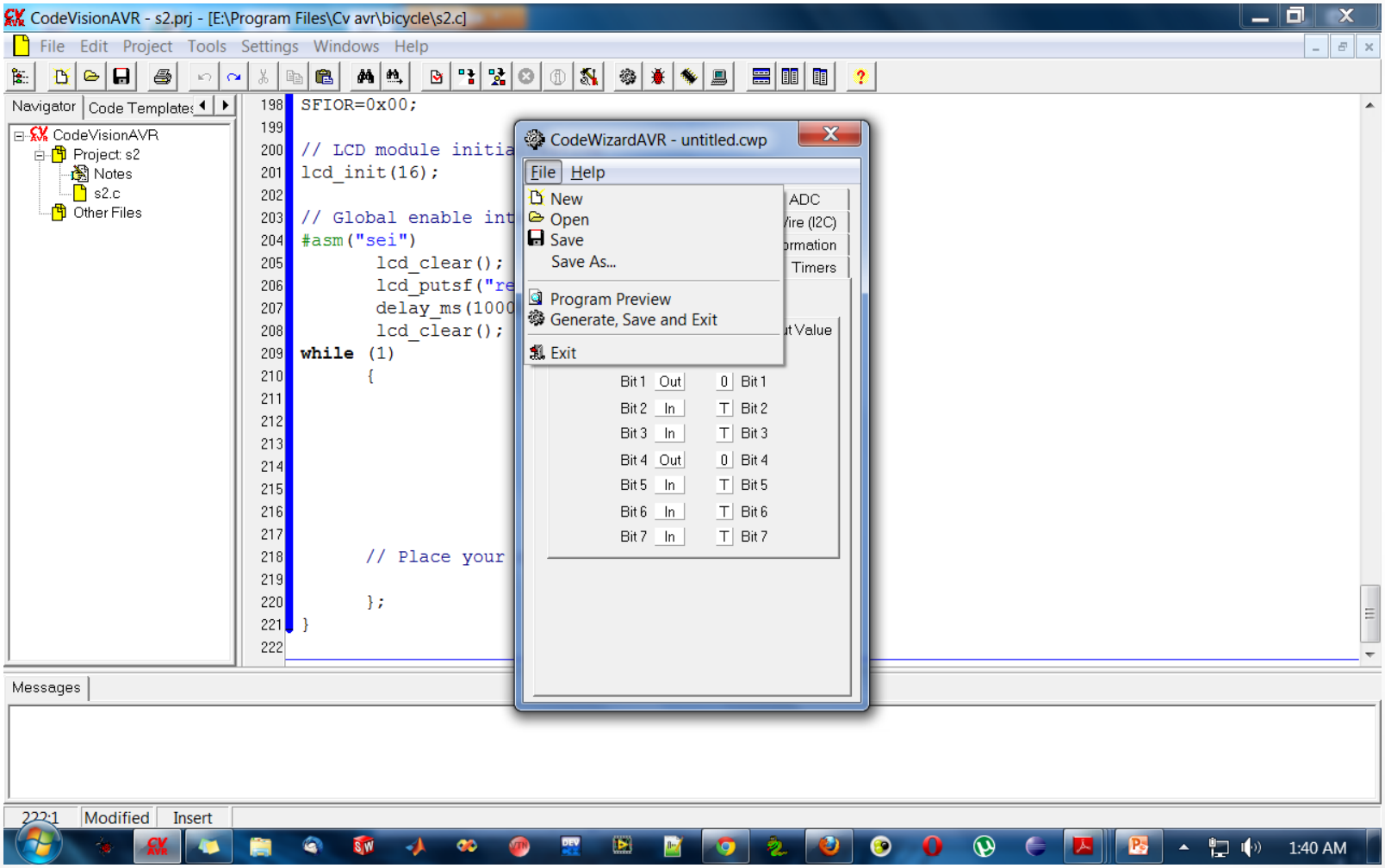

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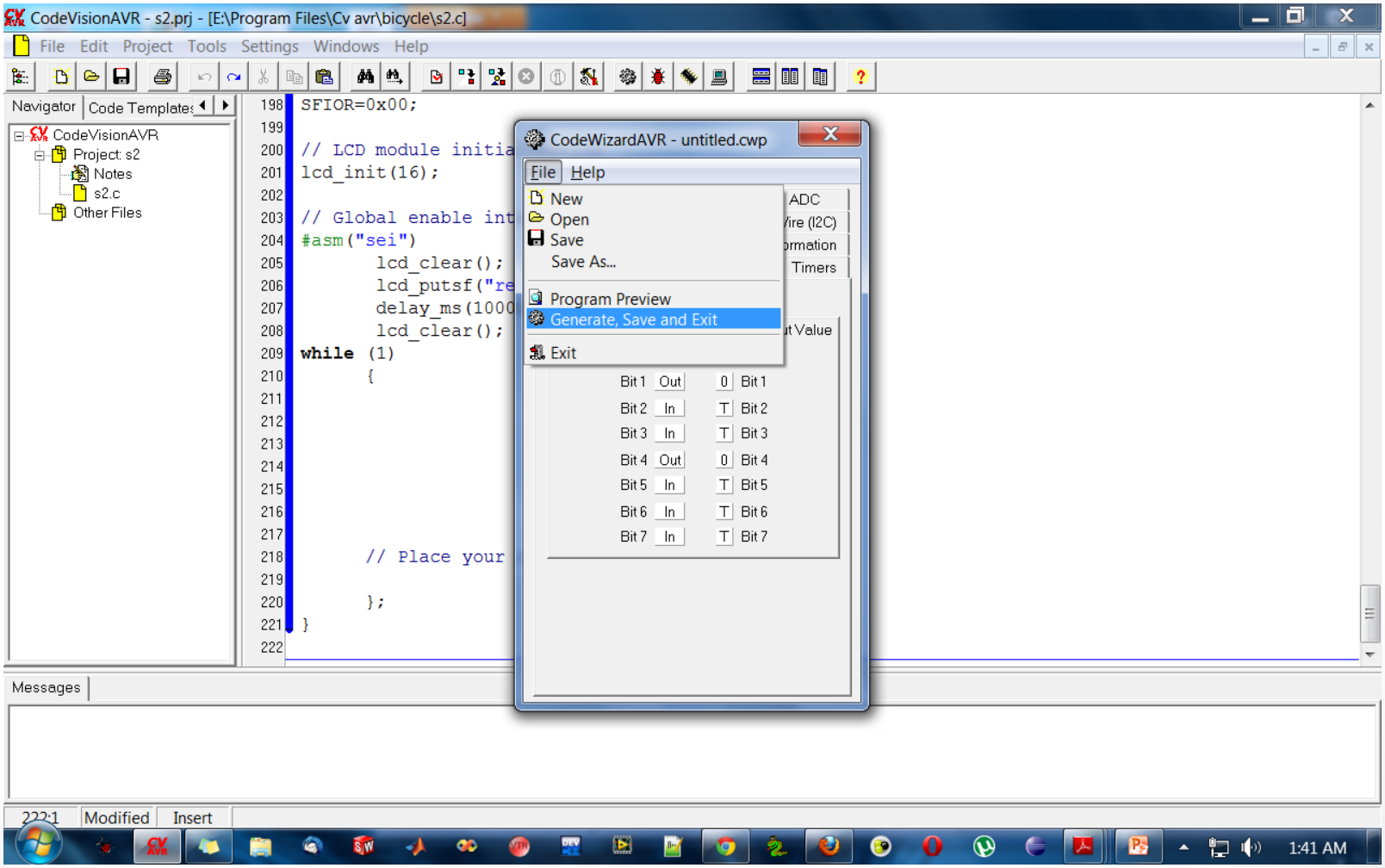

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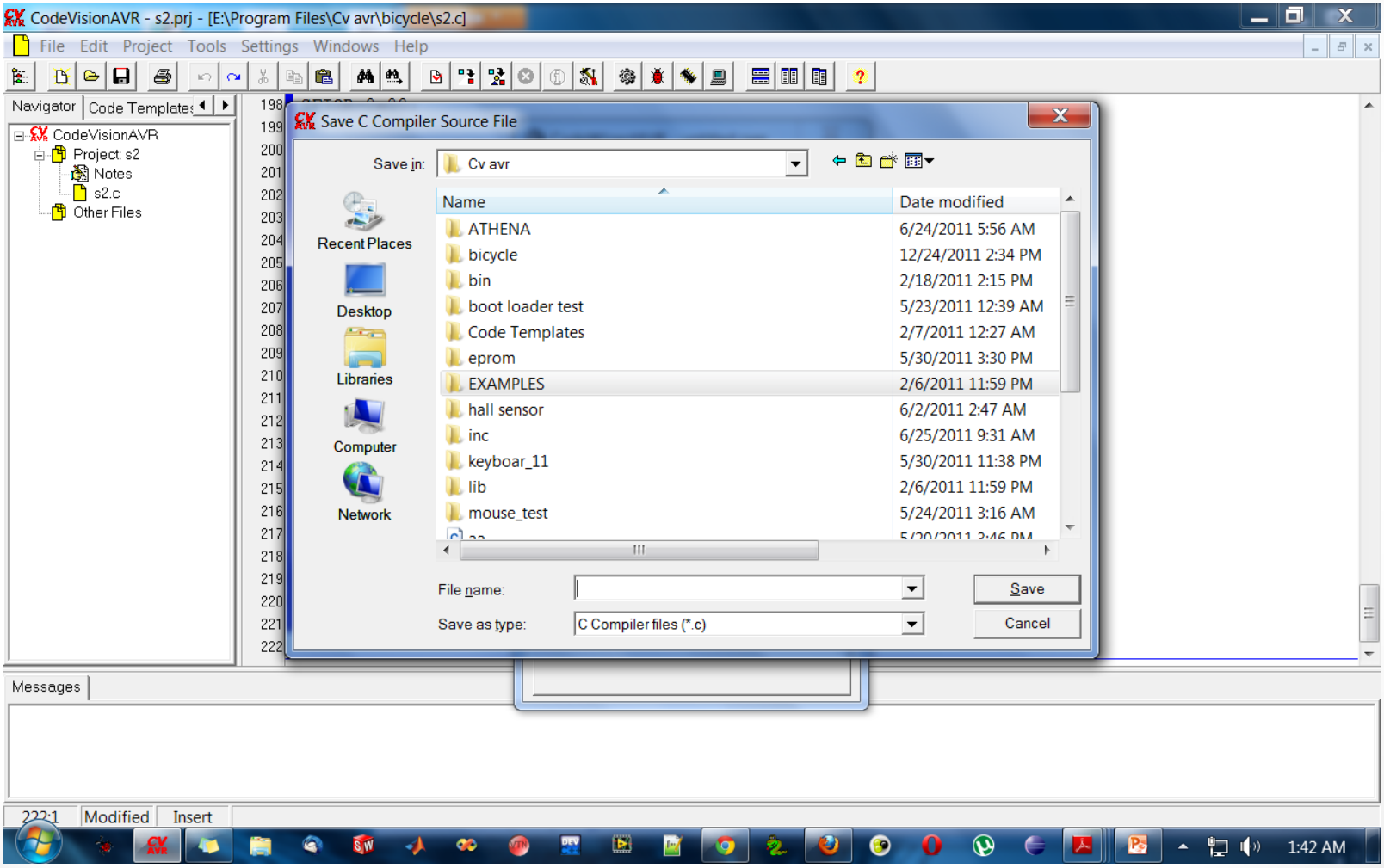

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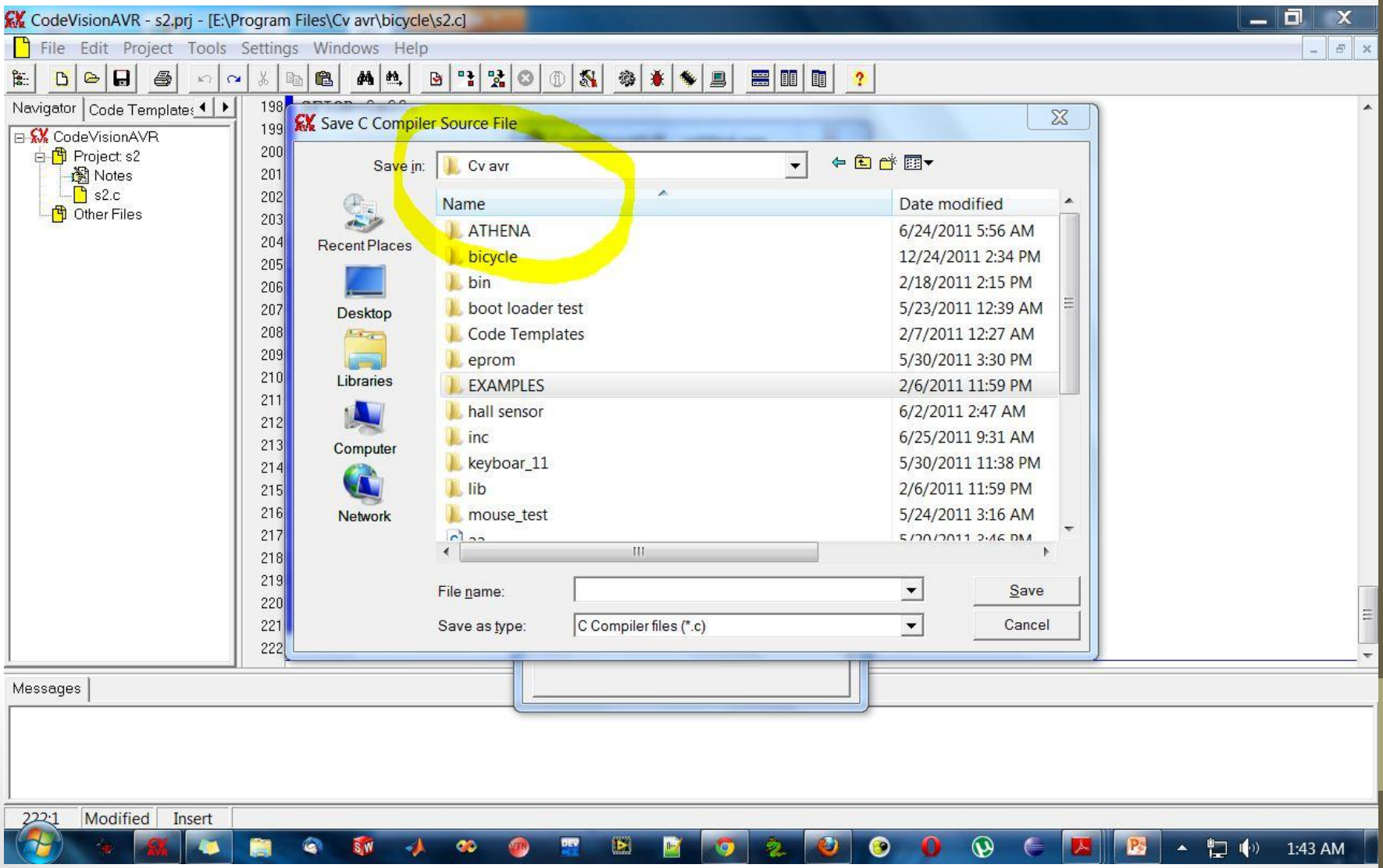

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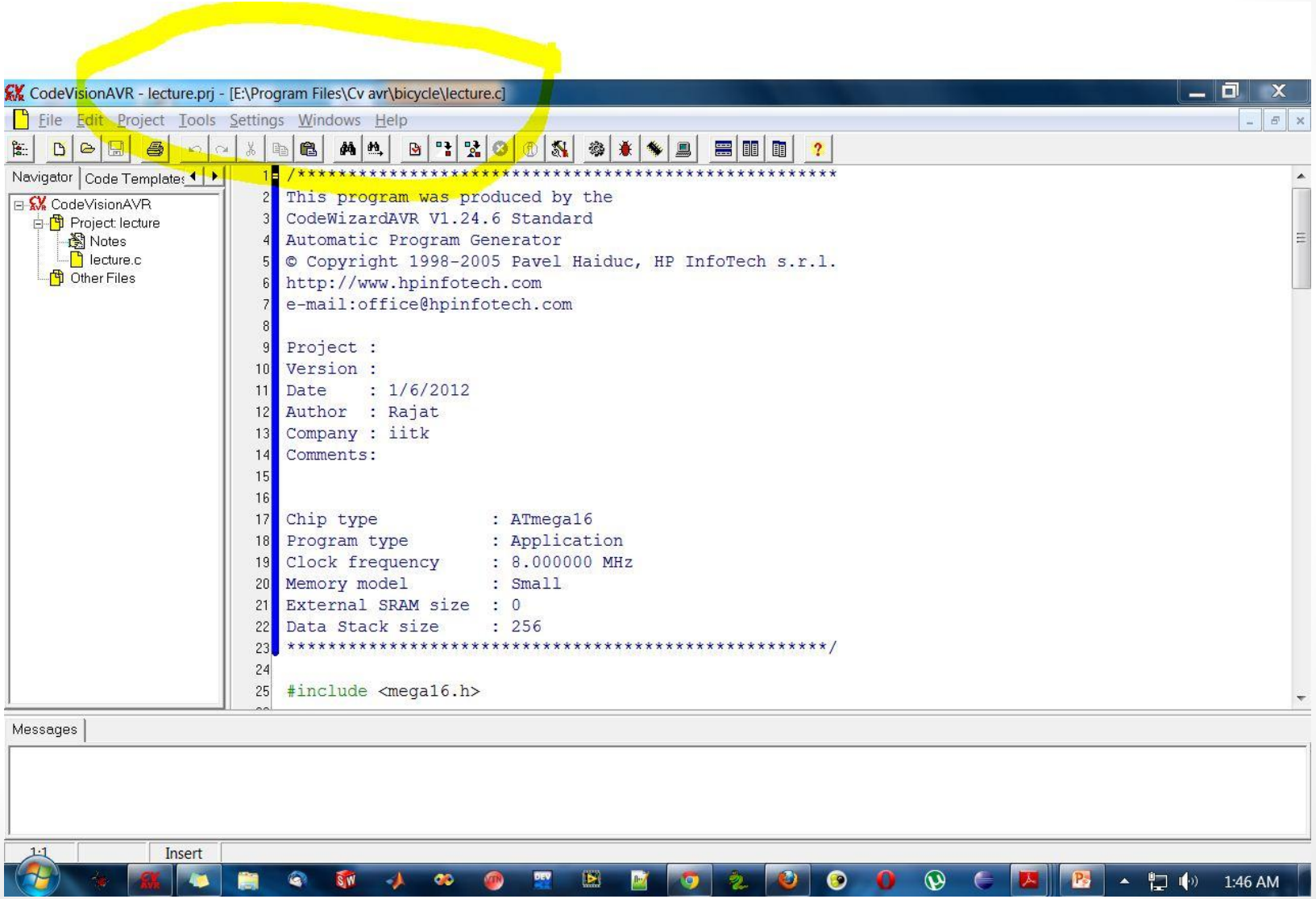


Writing the Code

- NOTE : We write our code in While block
- While (1)
  {
  PORTA.1=1; // sets the Pin to 5 volts
  PORTA.1=0; // sets the Pin to 0 volts
  }

- This makes the LED to blink but we cannot see blinking !!!

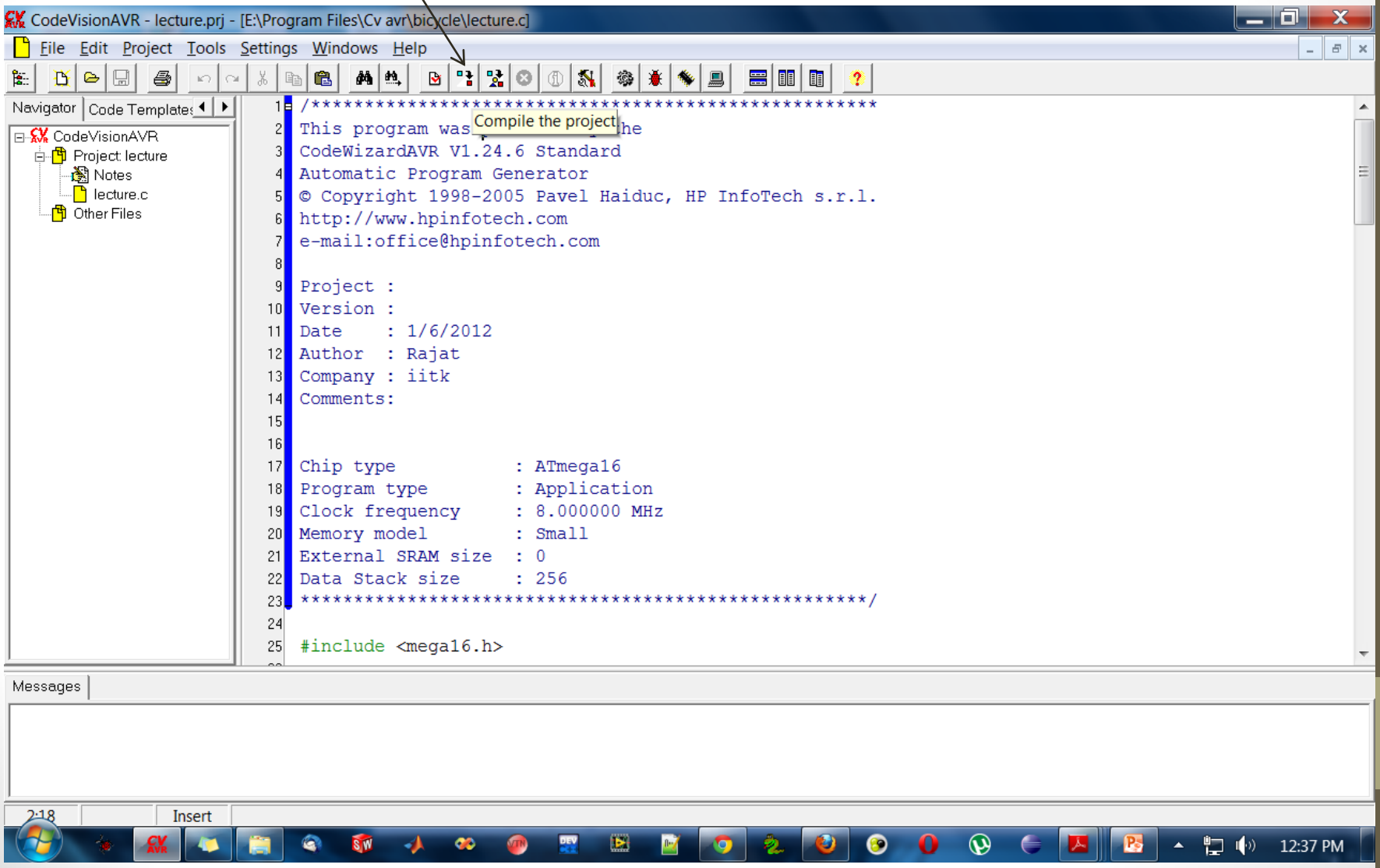
- This is because Atmega runs at a frequency of 8000000 Hz
- We need to introduce delay so as to see blinking
- Use header file delay.h
- Function to be used → delay_ms(time in millis);

```
While (1)
{
delay_ms(1000);
PORTA.1=1;
delay_ms(1000);
PORTA.1=0;
}
```

How to compile

- Code is written in C language but Atmega understands Hex file
  so we need to convert the C file to Hex file

Compiling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Automatic Program Generator
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http://www.hpinfotech.com
e-mail:office@hpinfotech.com
Project :
Version :
Date : 1/6/2012
Author : Rajat
Company : iitk
Comments:
Chip type : ATmega16
Program type : Application
Clock frequency : 8.000000 MHz
Memory model : Small
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Data Stack size : 256
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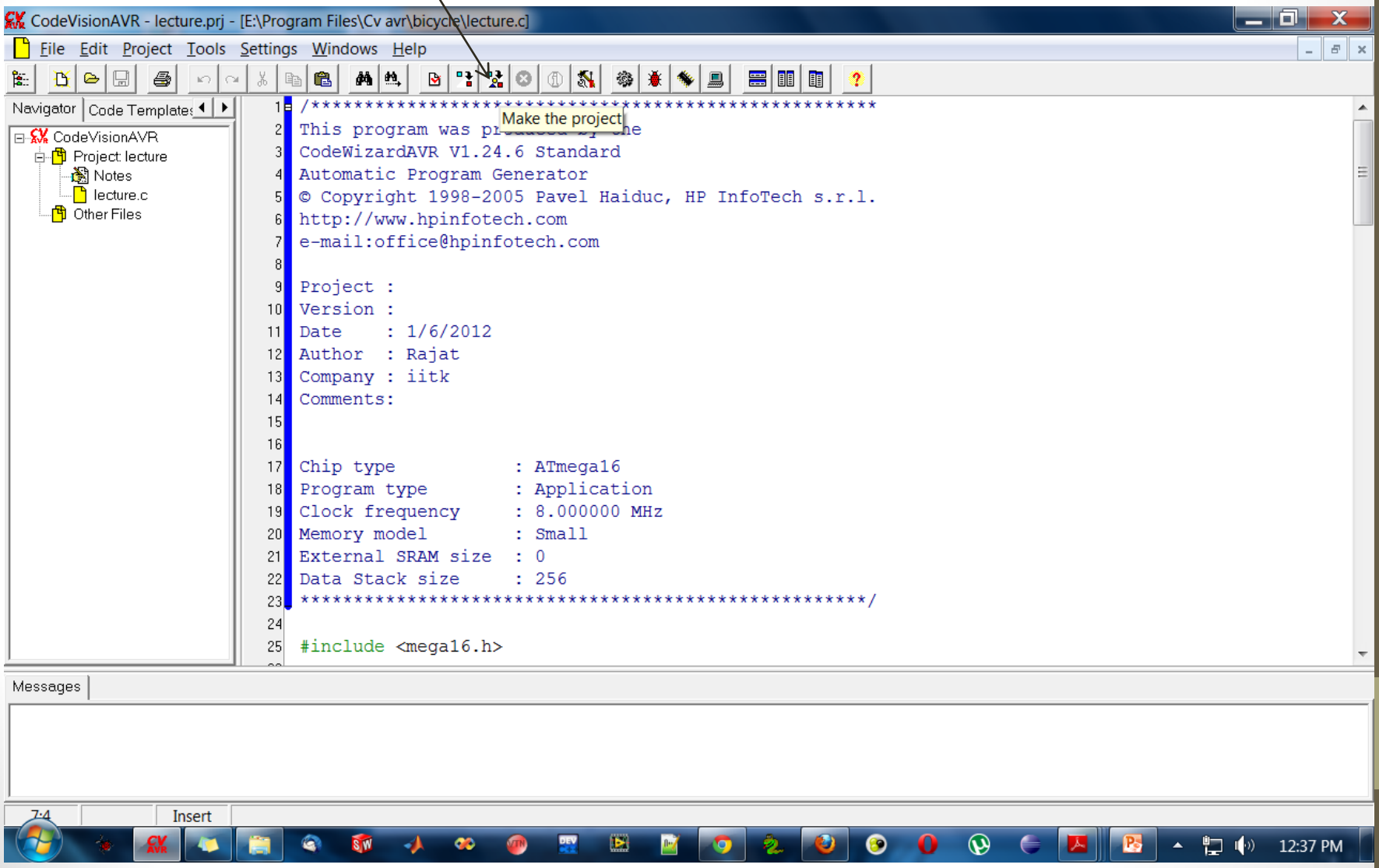
Make the Project



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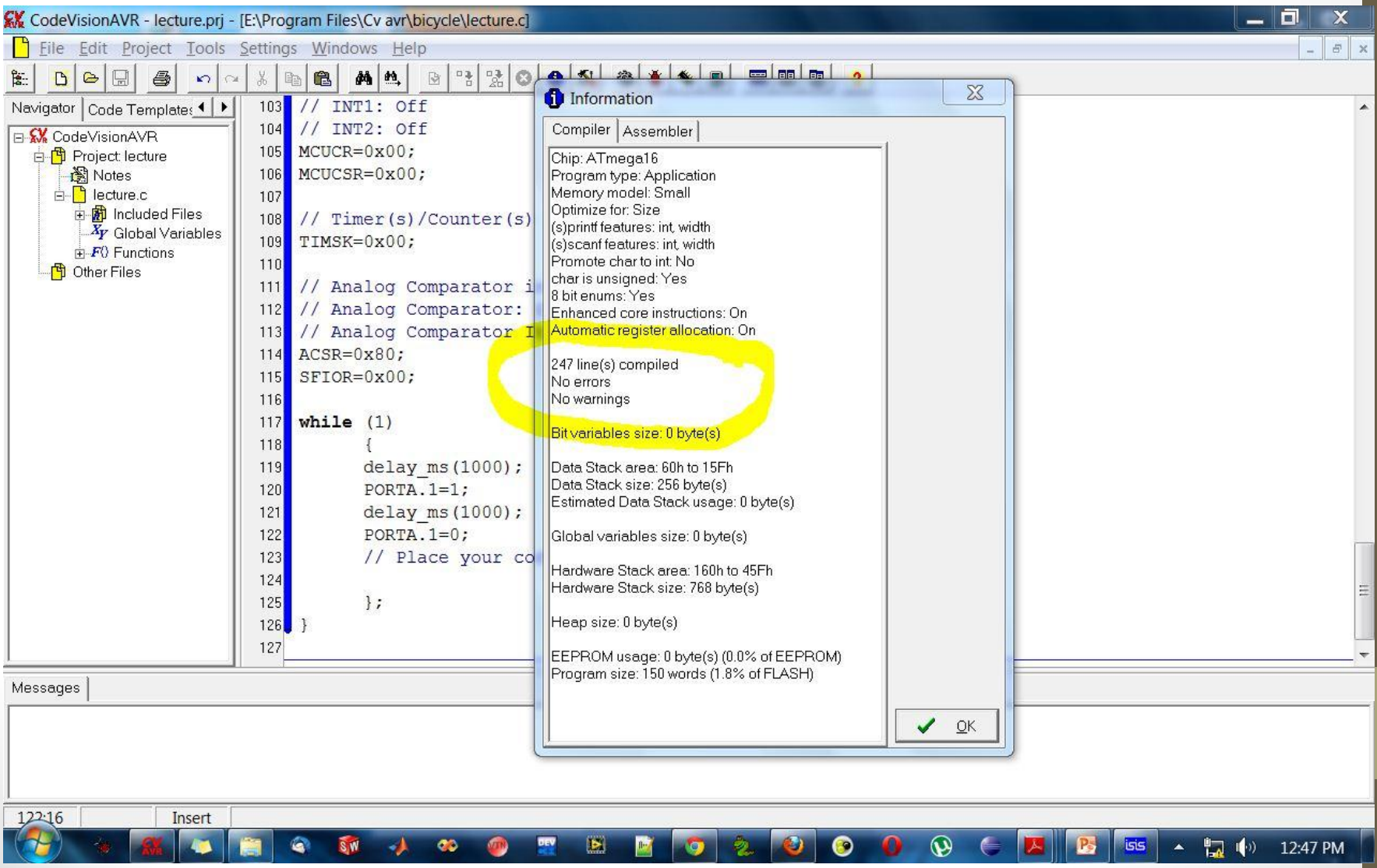
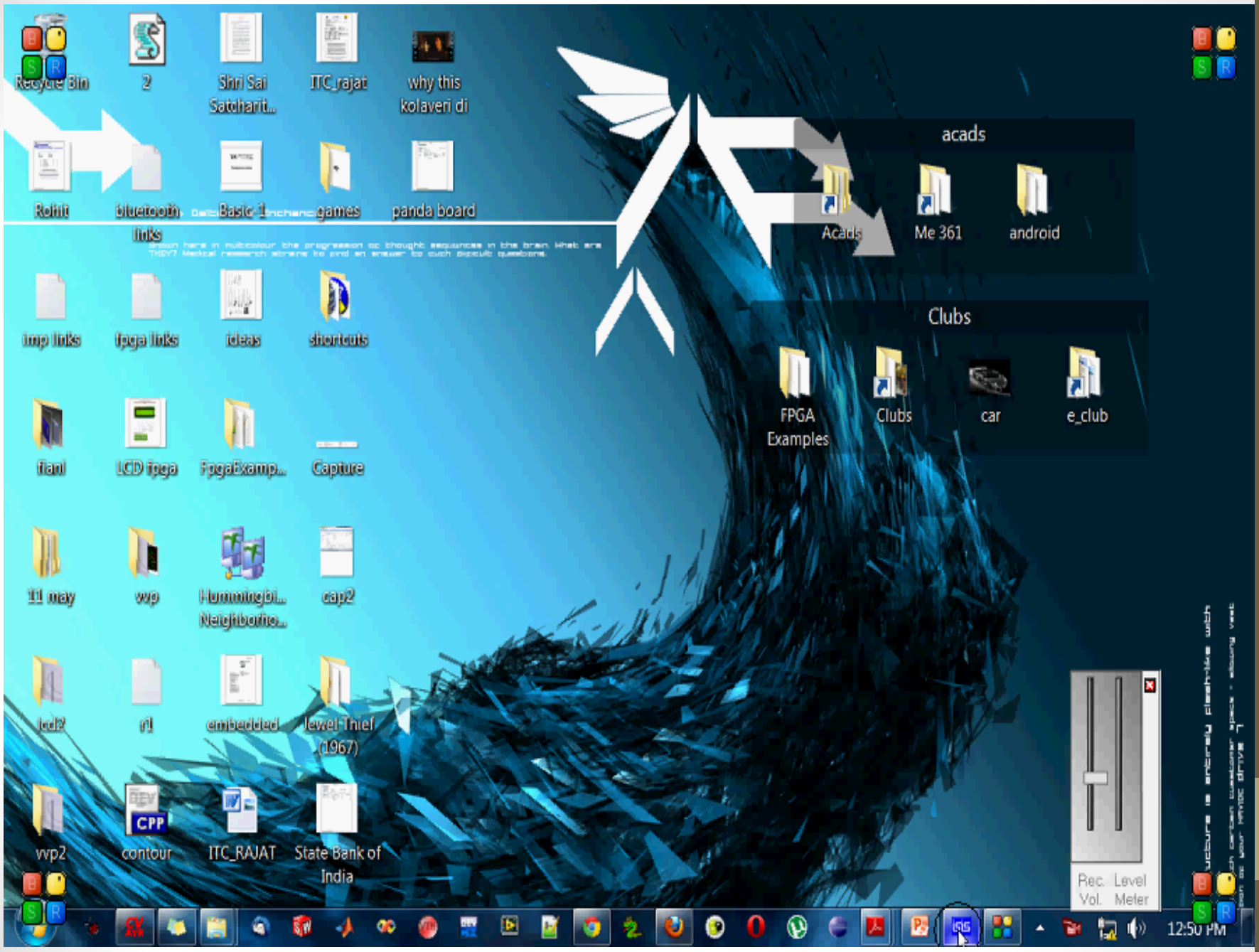


Hex File

- You can find the Hex file in Bin folder or the EXE folder of the directory where You installed CVAVR

- So we Have our Code ready
- Feed this code to Atmega using Programmer (we will see this in workshop)
- Lets see the code in action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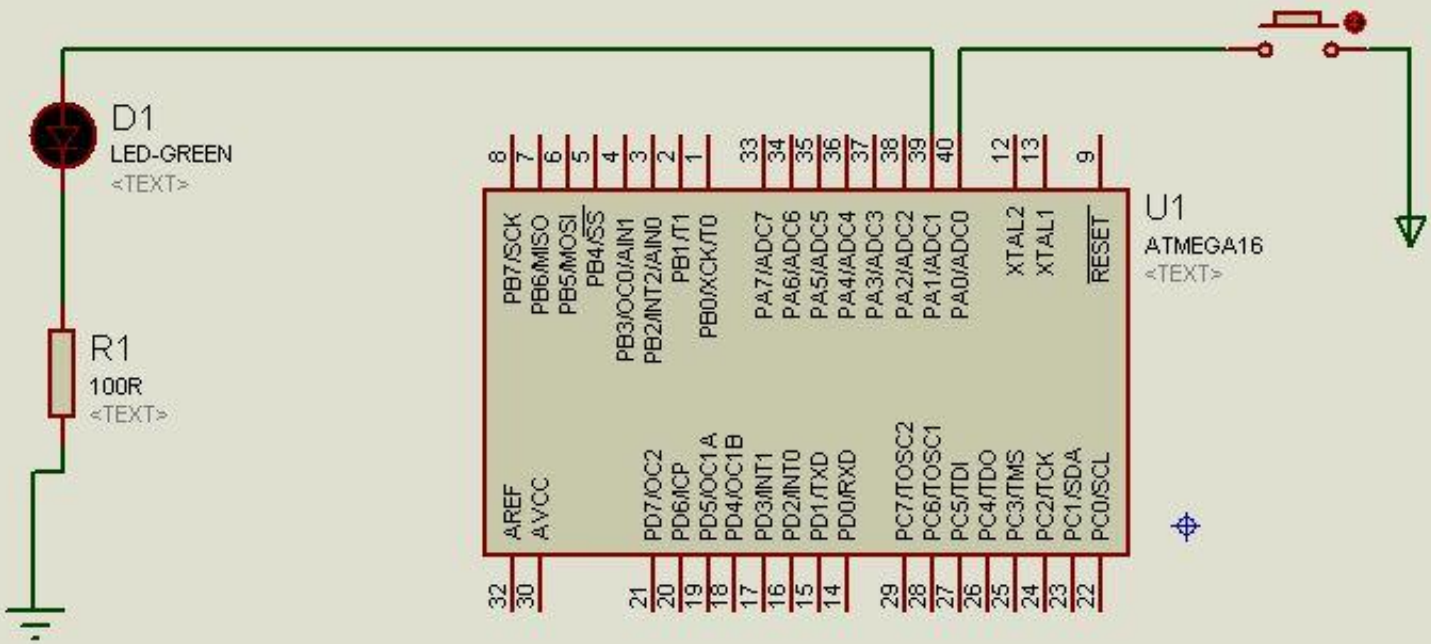
Lets add an Input

- Most Common Input → Button

- Since we have already made A0 as Input we connect a button to that pin
- If button is pressed light the LED else turn it off
- First draw the Circuit Diagram

Circuit Diagram



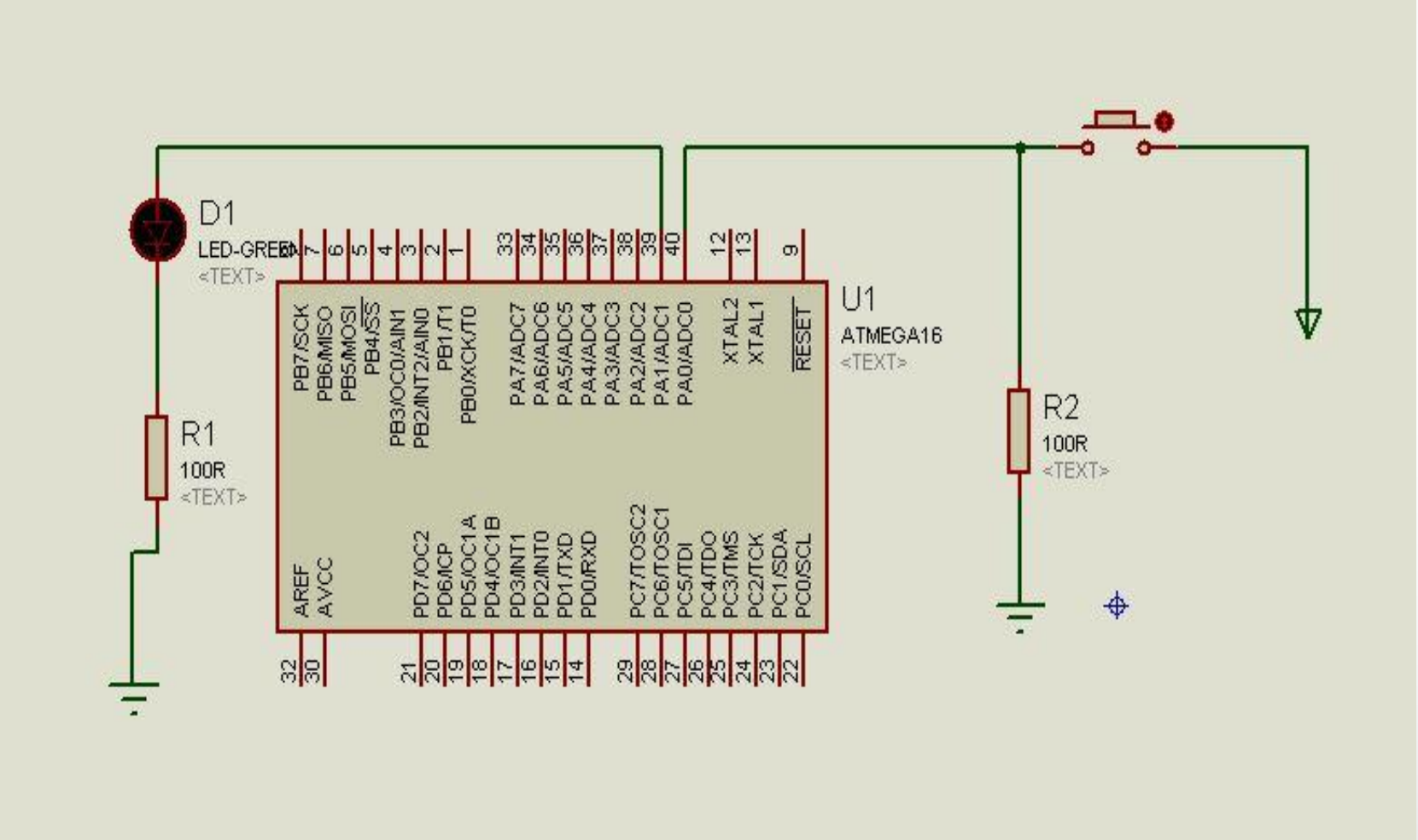
- Never leave any Input pin unconnected / floating at any point of time while your circuit is working
- In Last Circuit A0 is floating when button is not pressed so our Circuit Diagram is wrong

- What is the Voltage at the Floating PIN ?

- Not 5 V
- Not 0V
- Its UNDEFINED
- So never leave an input pin unconnected
- Use the Concept of Pull up / Pull down

- In Layman terms
  - PULL DOWN : Gives 0V when unconnected
  - PULL UP : Gives 5V when unconnected
- Connect the PIN to Ground through a resistance for pulling down
- Connect the PIN to 5V through a resistance for Pulling up

Correct Circuit Diagram



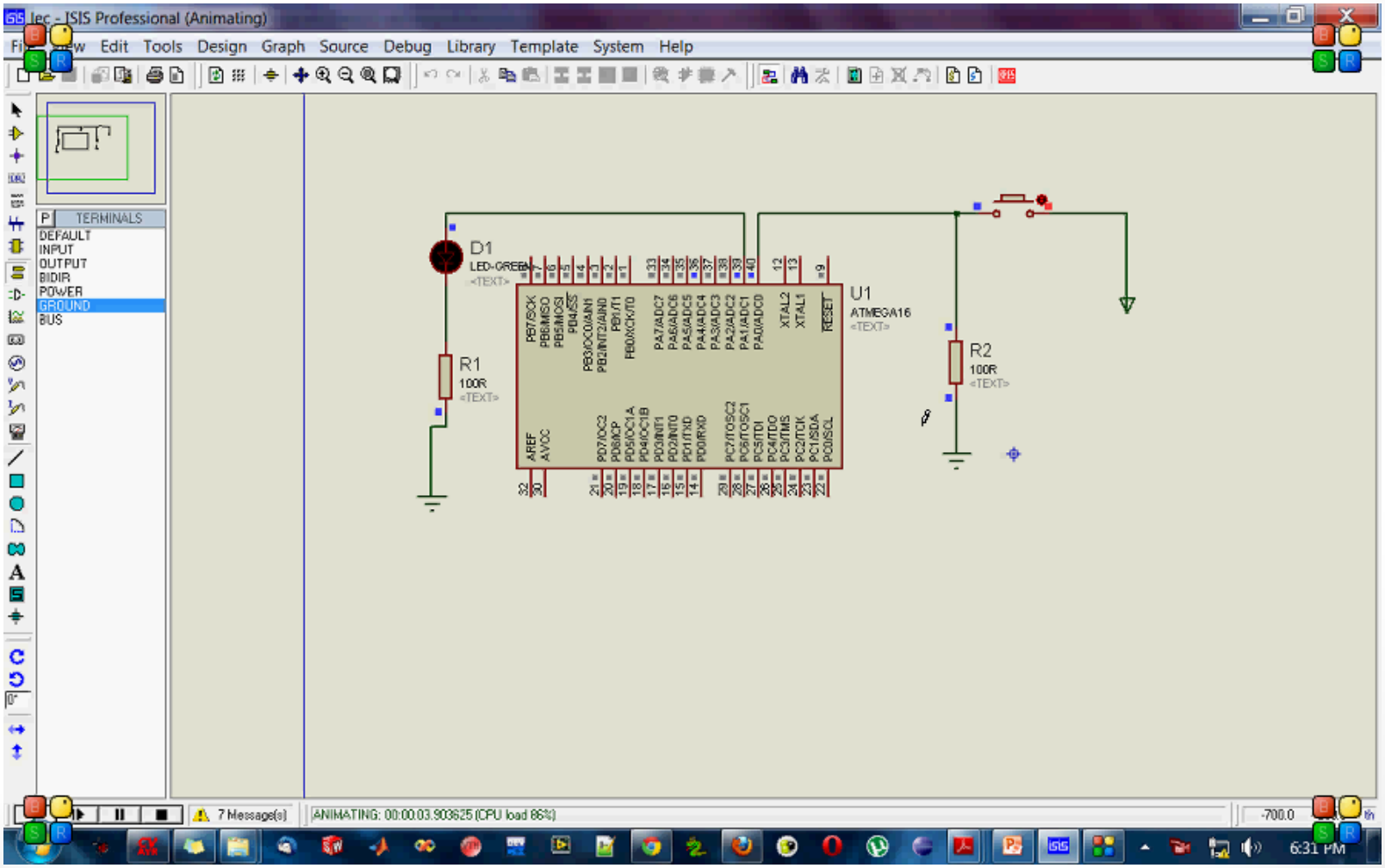
PIN Register

- It is a 8 bit register . It corresponds to the pin in same manner as that of DDR Register
- It is used to read voltage at a pin
- To be used only after the pin has been set as input by DDR register

Using Pin Register

```
int a;    // Define the variable a to store the value of voltage
a=PINA.0;  // read value at pin A.0 (make sure it is input)
If (a==1) //  if voltage is 5V
{
PORTA.1=1;  // Light the LED
}
else
{
PORTA.1=0;  // Turn off the LED
}
```

Code in Action



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