

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

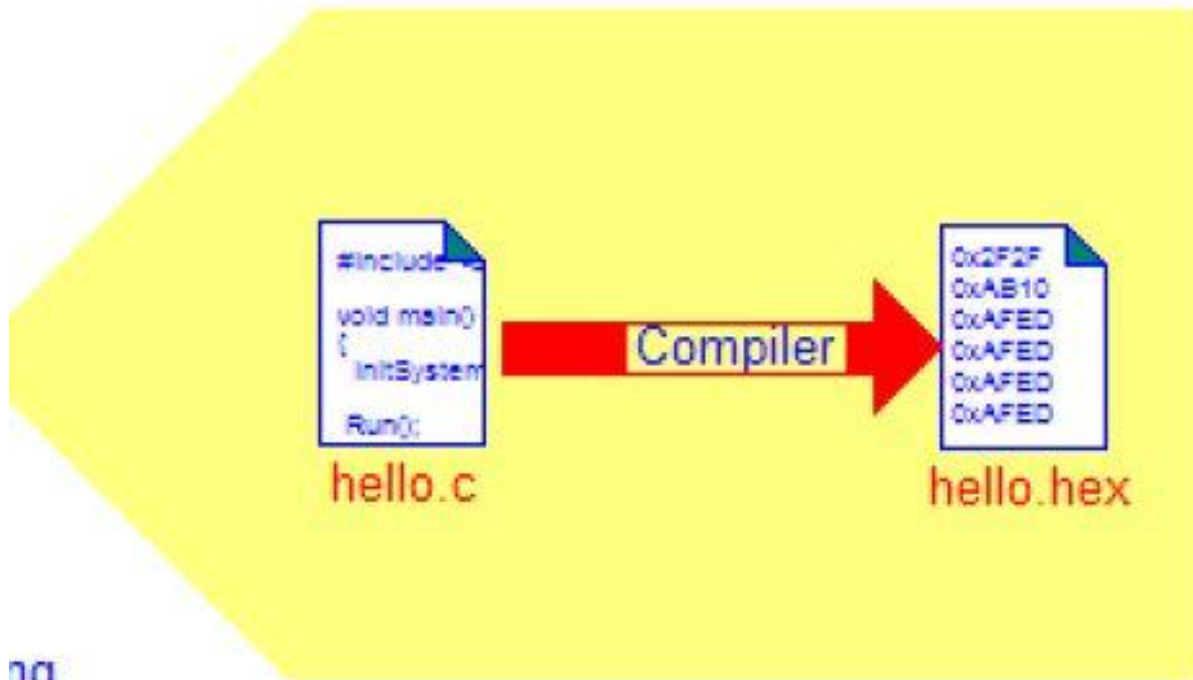
Tools Required -> CVAVR



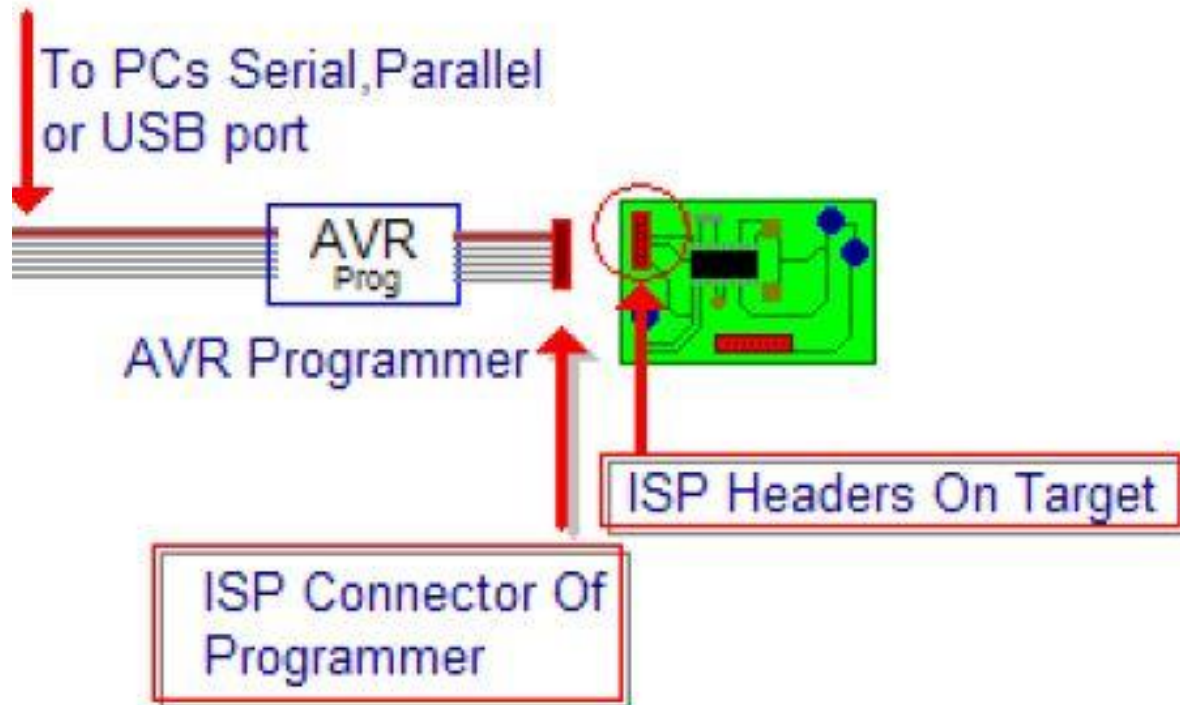
PC Running IDE for entering, editing and compiling source program.

Compiler -> CVAVR

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



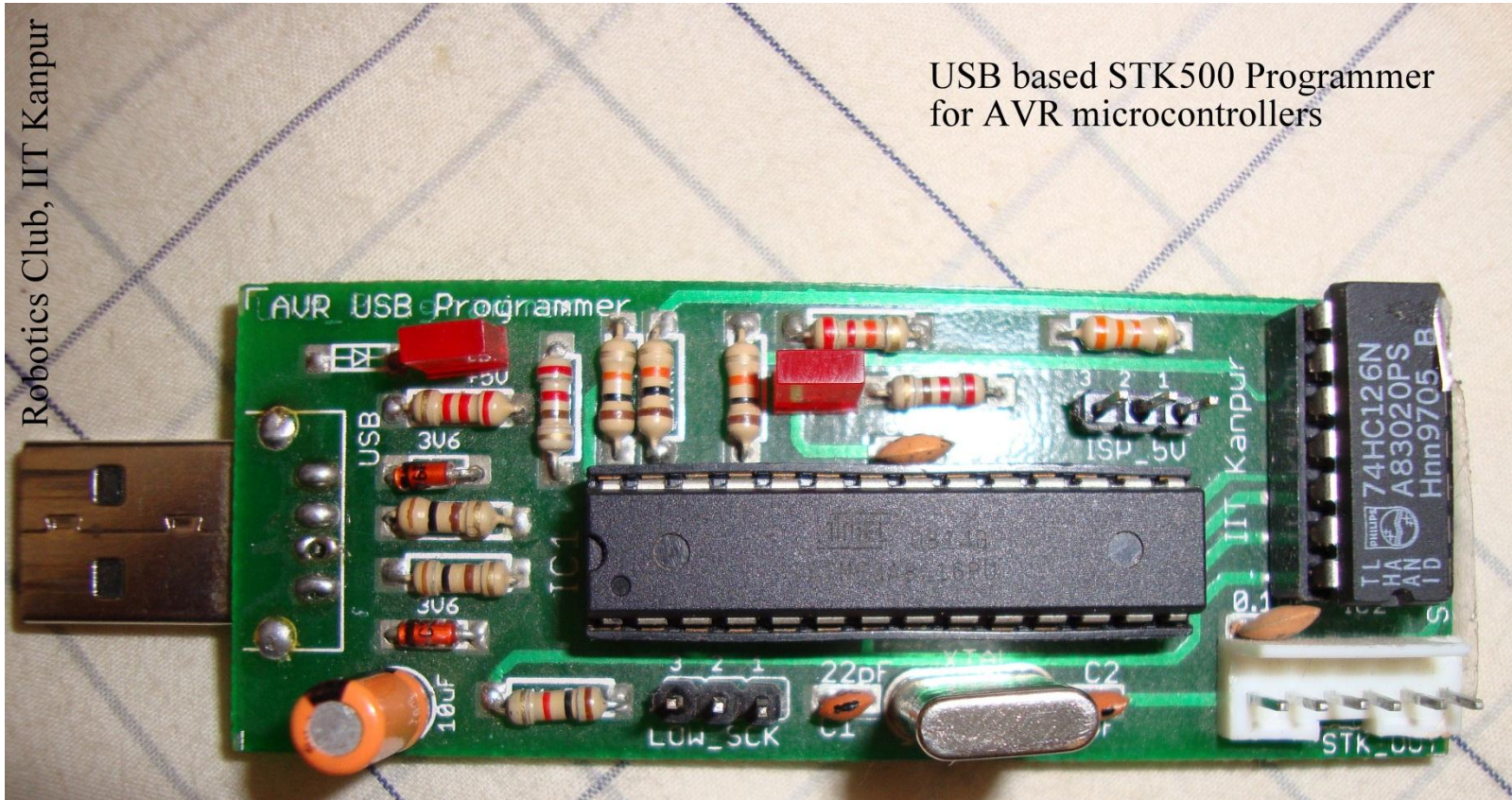
Transfer code to Atmega AVR Studio



Avr Programmer

USB based STK500 Programmer
for AVR microcontrollers

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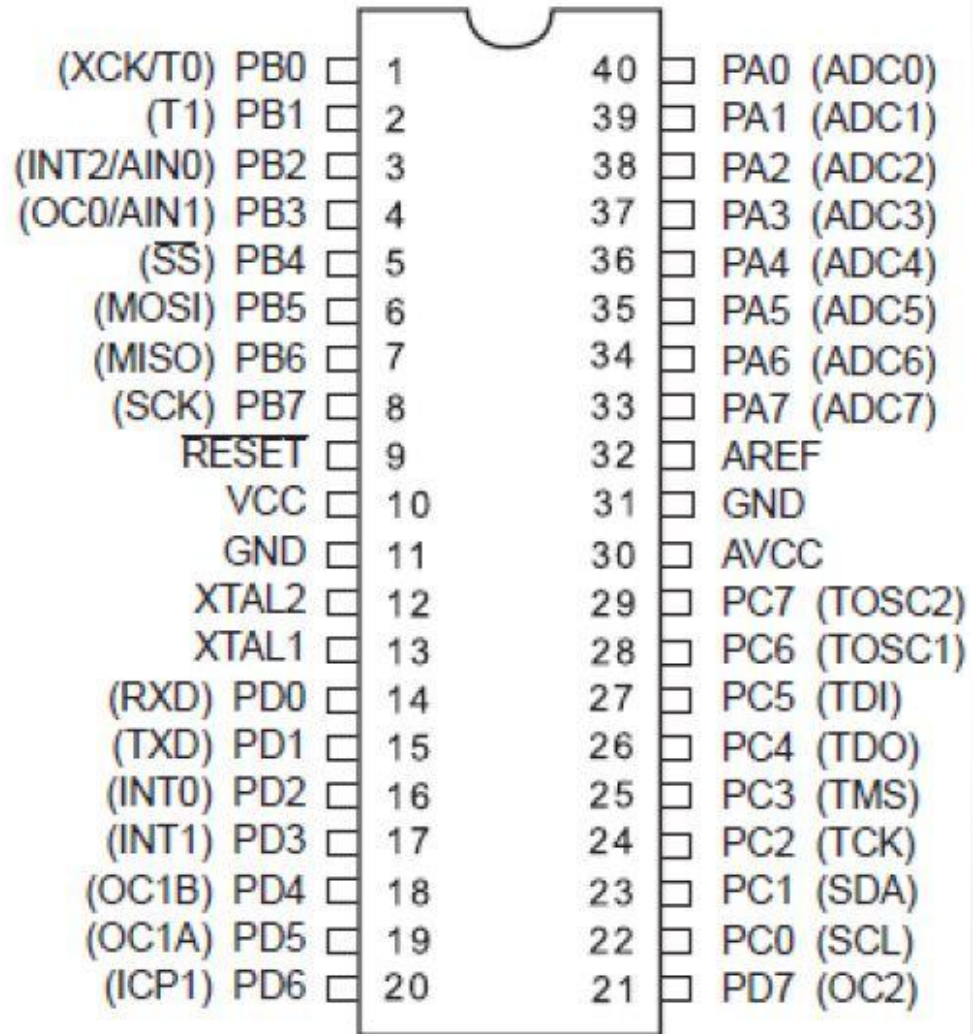


- So we need two softwares overall
 - a) CVAVR → Editor and Compiler
 - b) Avr Studio → Transfer Code to Atmega

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`

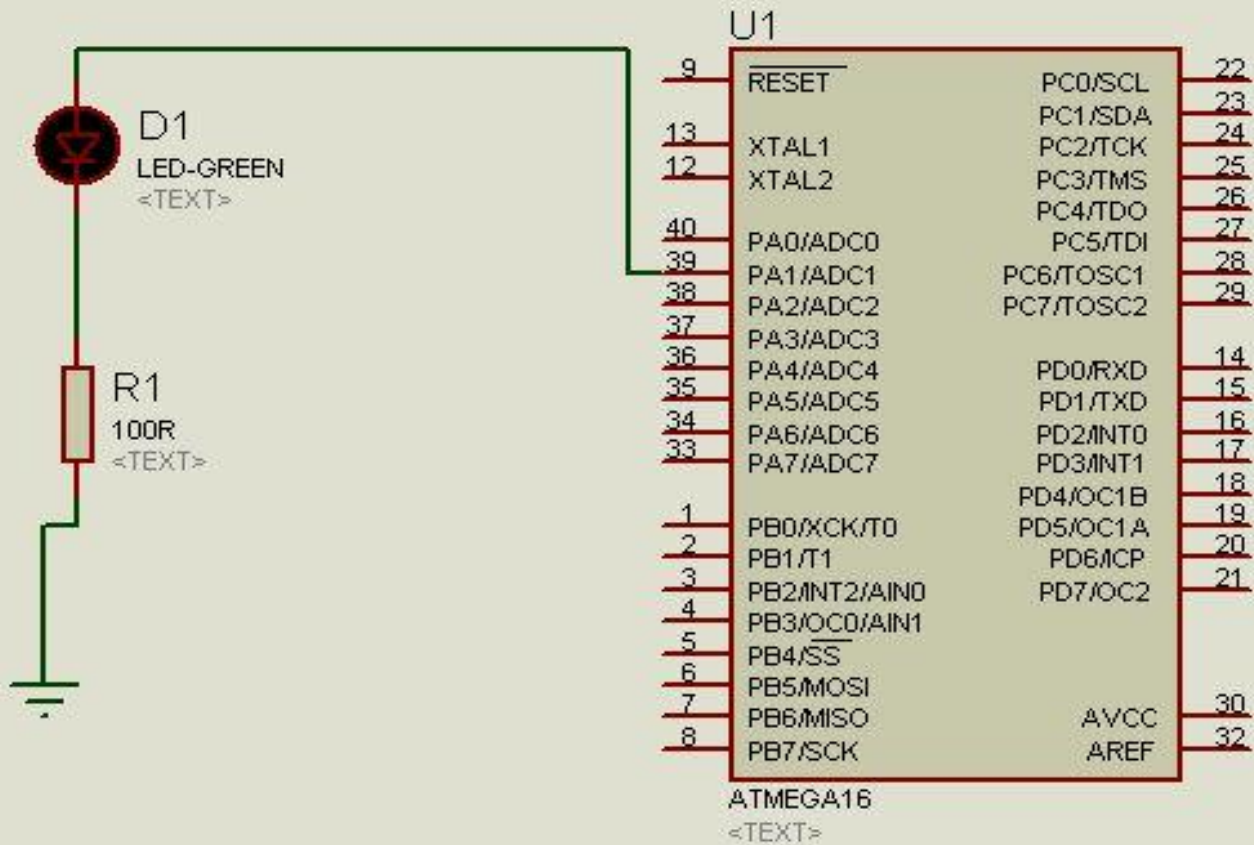
- `~` is bitwise NOT.

Eg. `~10100110 = 01011001`

- `<<` is shift left. `>>` is shift right.

- Lets Begin by blinking a simple LED

Circuit Diagram



Getting Started with CVAVR



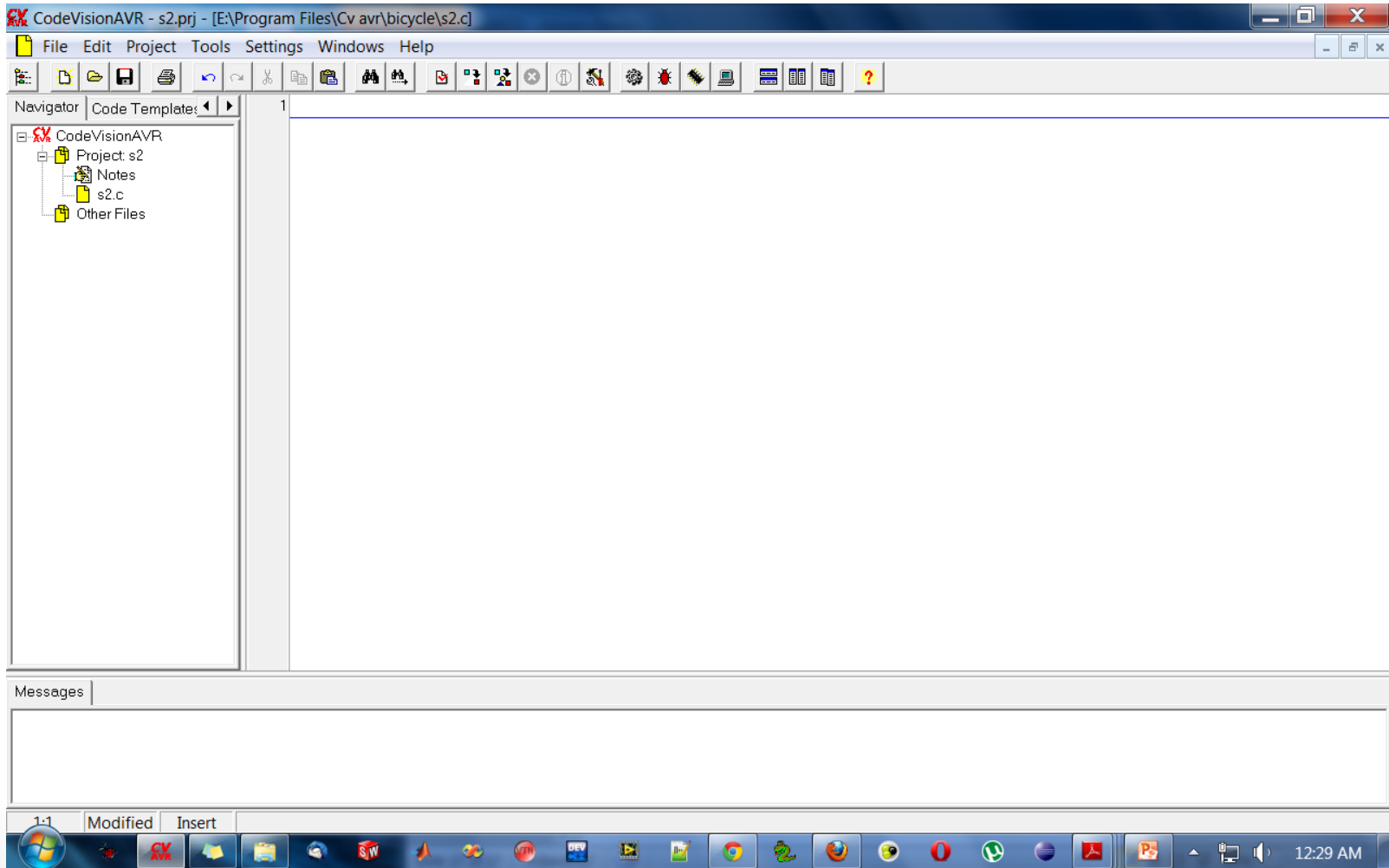
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CVAVR

Go to
File

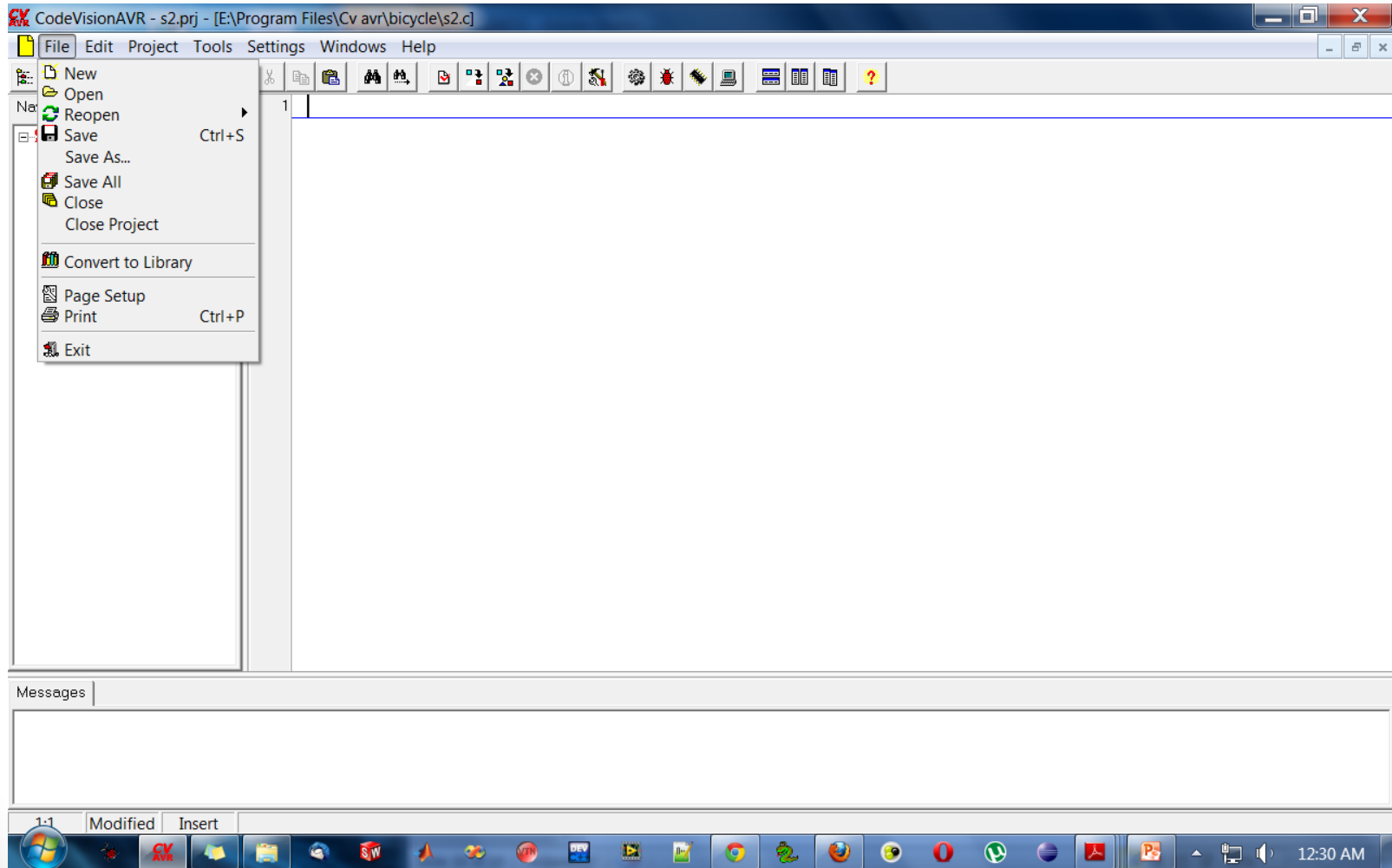
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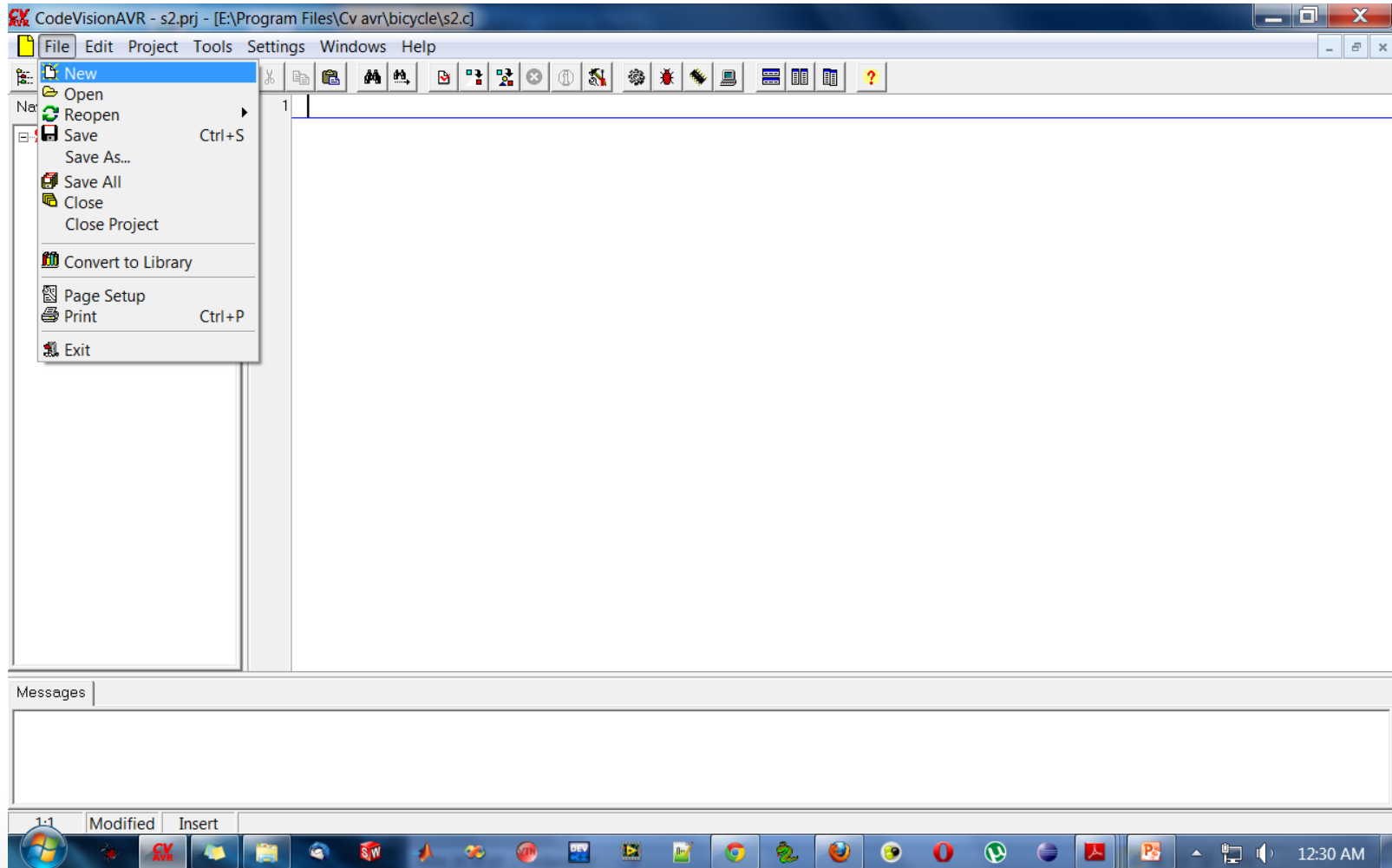
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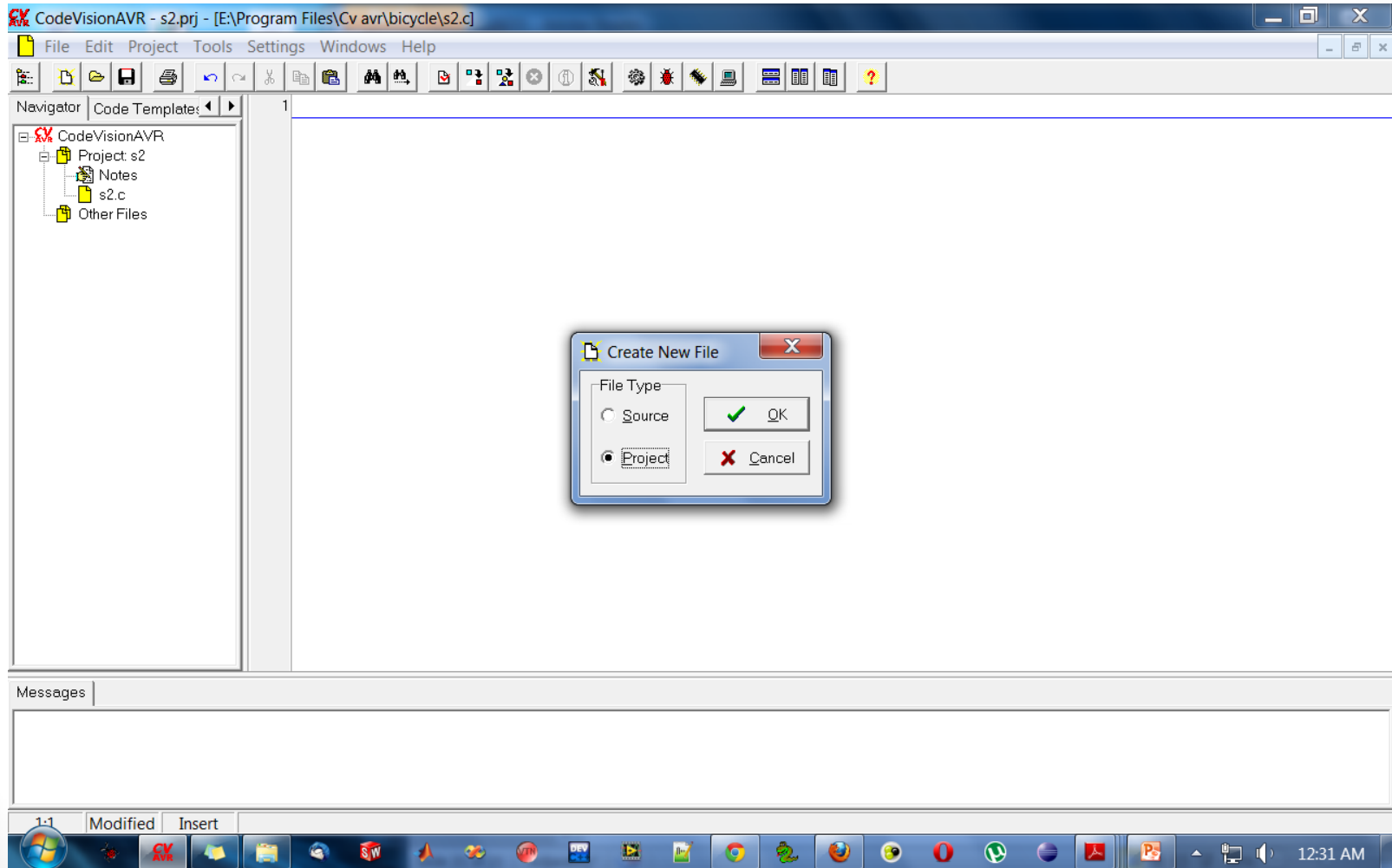
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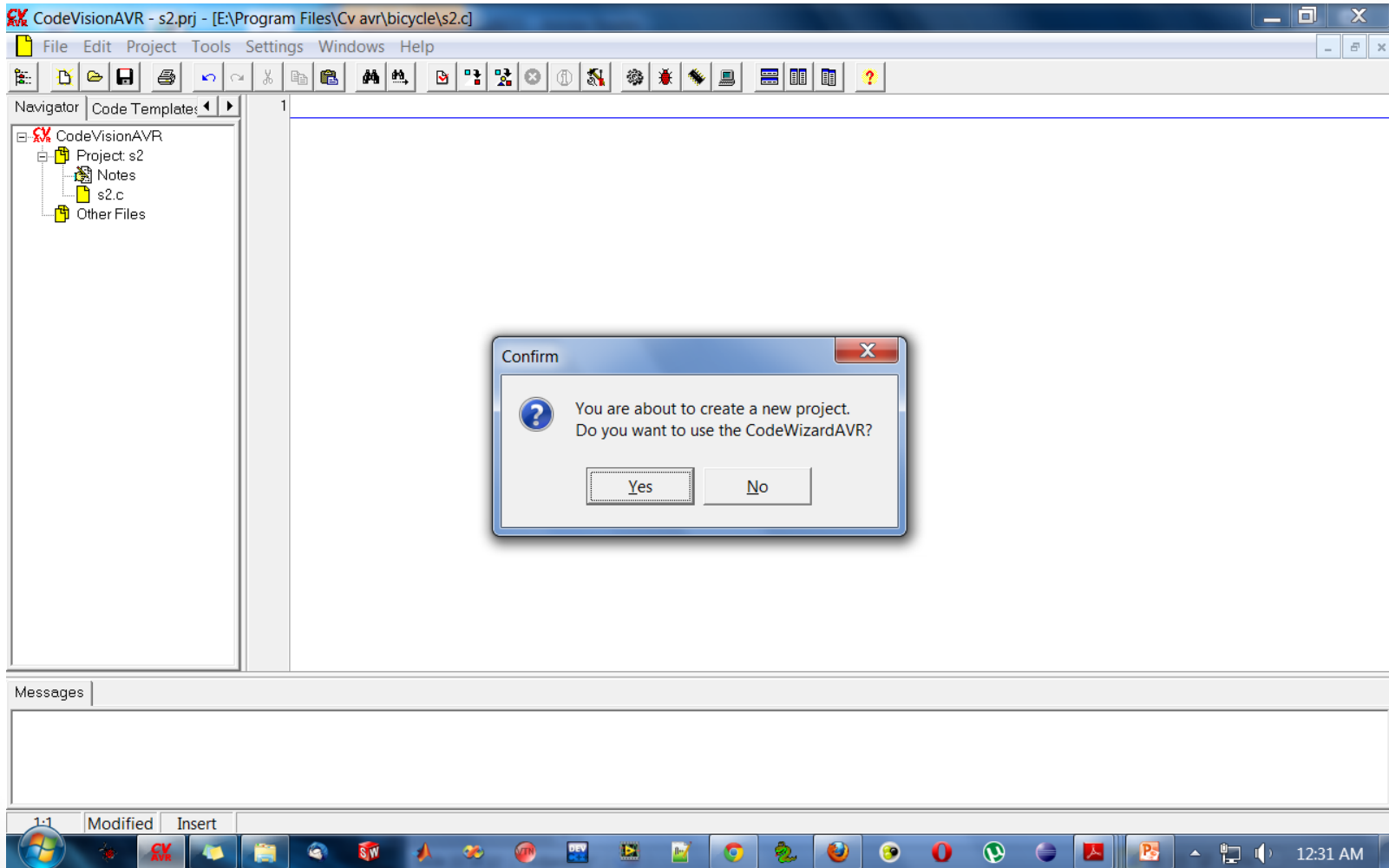
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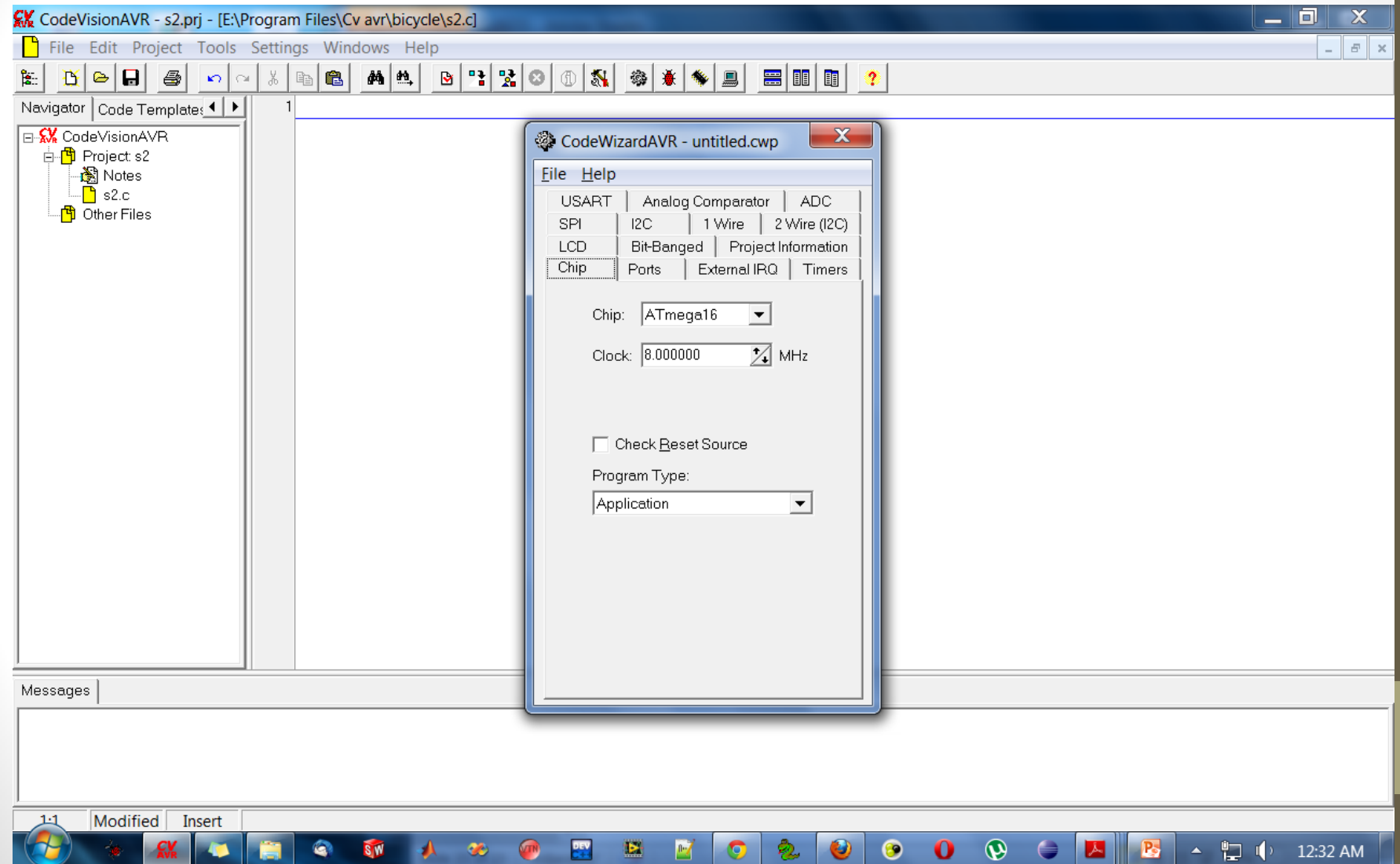
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Click YES



Select Chip

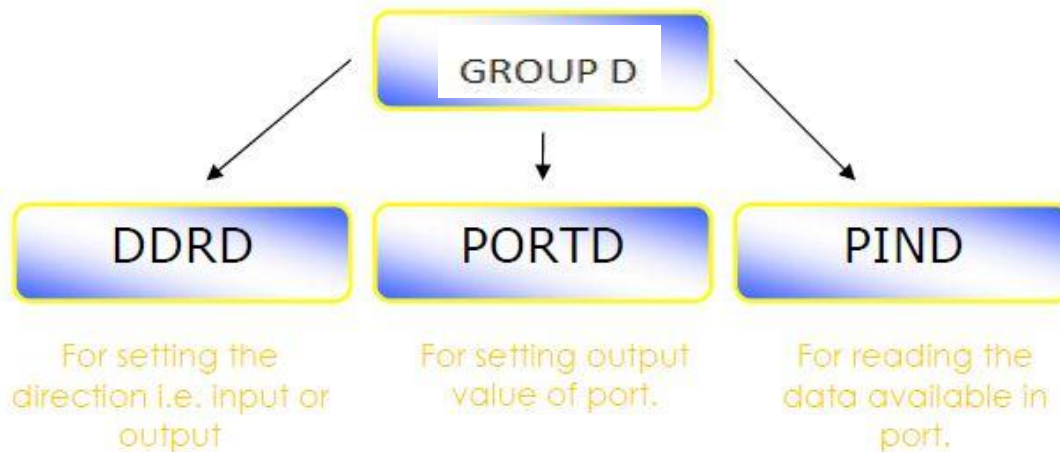


Introduction to I/O

- 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

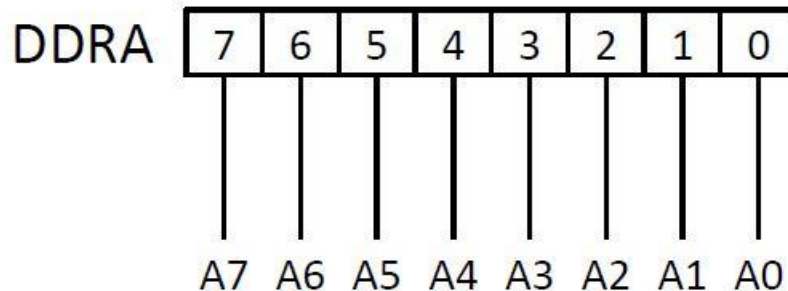
Accessing digital IO in C

Each PORT in AVR has three related Registers.



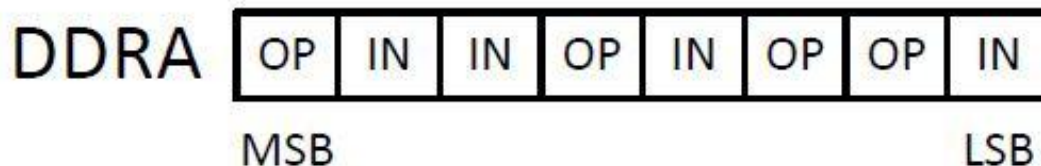
Data Direction register (DDR)

- 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

The screenshot shows the CodeVisionAVR IDE interface. The main window displays a C source file named `s2.c` with the following code:

```
198 SFIOR=0x00;  
199  
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  
213  
214  
215  
216  
217  
218     // Place yo  
219  
220 };  
221 }  
222
```

A `CodeWizardAVR - untitled.cwp` dialog box is open, showing the configuration for the AVR microcontroller. The `Ports` tab is selected, and the `Port A` configuration is visible. The dialog box includes a menu for selecting the microcontroller (USART, Analog Comparator, ADC, SPI, I2C, 1 Wire, 2 Wire (I2C), LCD, Bit-Banged, Project Information, Chip, Ports, External IRQ, Timers) and a table for configuring the ports:

Port A	Port B	Port C	Port D
Data Direction			
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

The status bar at the bottom indicates the current cursor position is at line 222, column 1, with the text "Modified" and "Insert" mode active.

- Click on In to make that pin Output
- Can do so for all four ports

The screenshot shows the CodeVisionAVR IDE interface. The main window displays a C program for AVR microcontroller control. The code includes initialization for the LCD module and a while loop for pin configuration. A CodeWizardAVR dialog box is open, showing the configuration for the AVR ports. The dialog has tabs for various hardware modules, and the 'Ports' tab is selected. It shows a table for configuring Port A, Port B, Port C, and Port D.

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206     lcd_putsf("re
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210     {
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218     // Place your
219
220     };
221 }
222
```

CodeWizardAVR - untitled.cwp

File Help

USART	Analog Comparator	ADC
SPI	I2C	1 Wire 2 Wire (I2C)
LCD	Bit-Banged	Project Information
Chip	Ports	External IRQ Timers

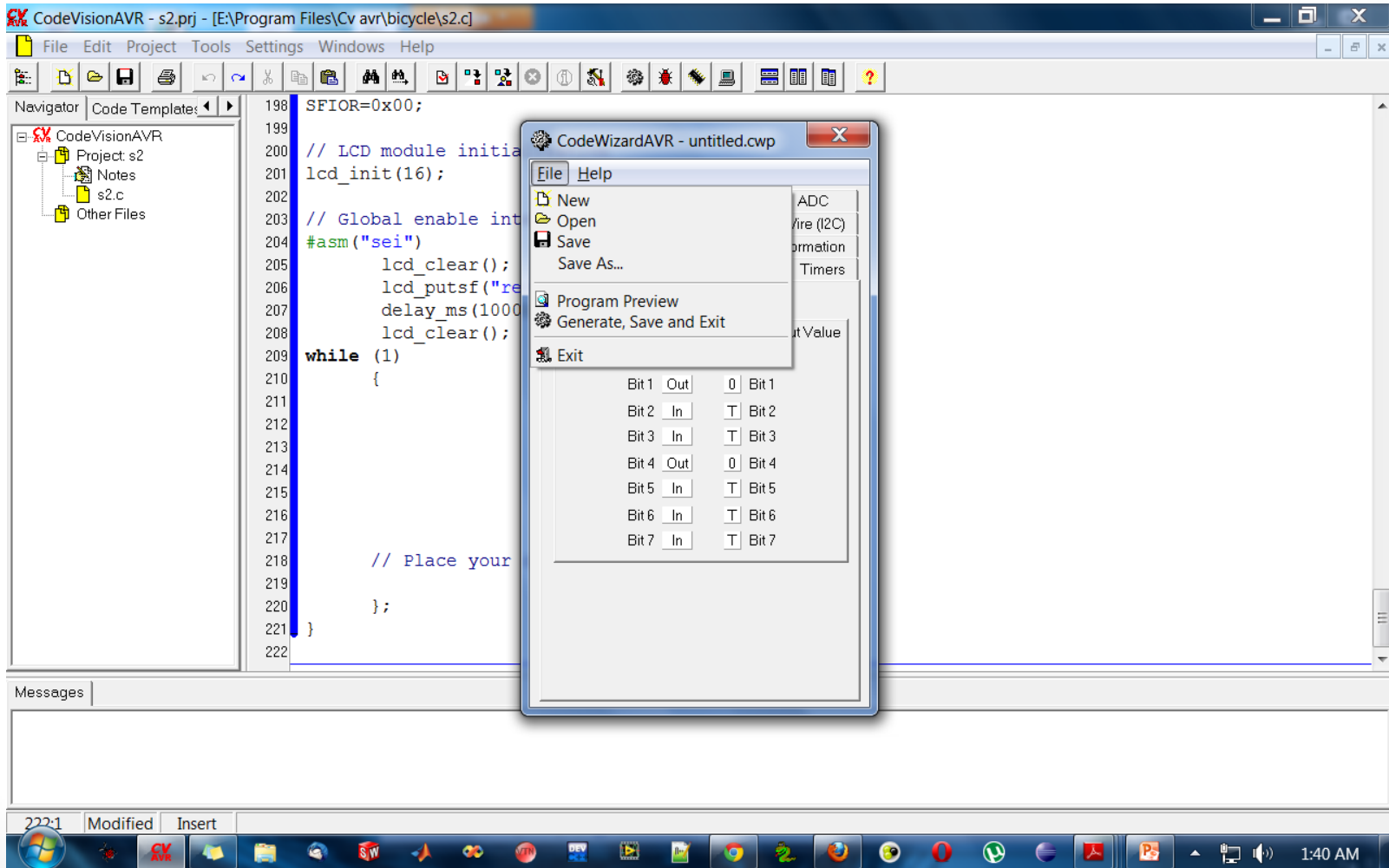
Port A	Port B	Port C	Port D
	Data Direction	Pullup/Output Value	
Bit 0	In	T	Bit 0
Bit 1	Out	0	Bit 1
Bit 2	In	T	Bit 2
Bit 3	In	T	Bit 3
Bit 4	Out	0	Bit 4
Bit 5	In	T	Bit 5
Bit 6	In	T	Bit 6
Bit 7	In	T	Bit 7

Messages

222:1 Modified Insert

1:39 AM

Click on File



Generate Save and Exit

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220     };
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```

The CodeWizardAVR dialog box is open, showing the 'File' menu with the following options:

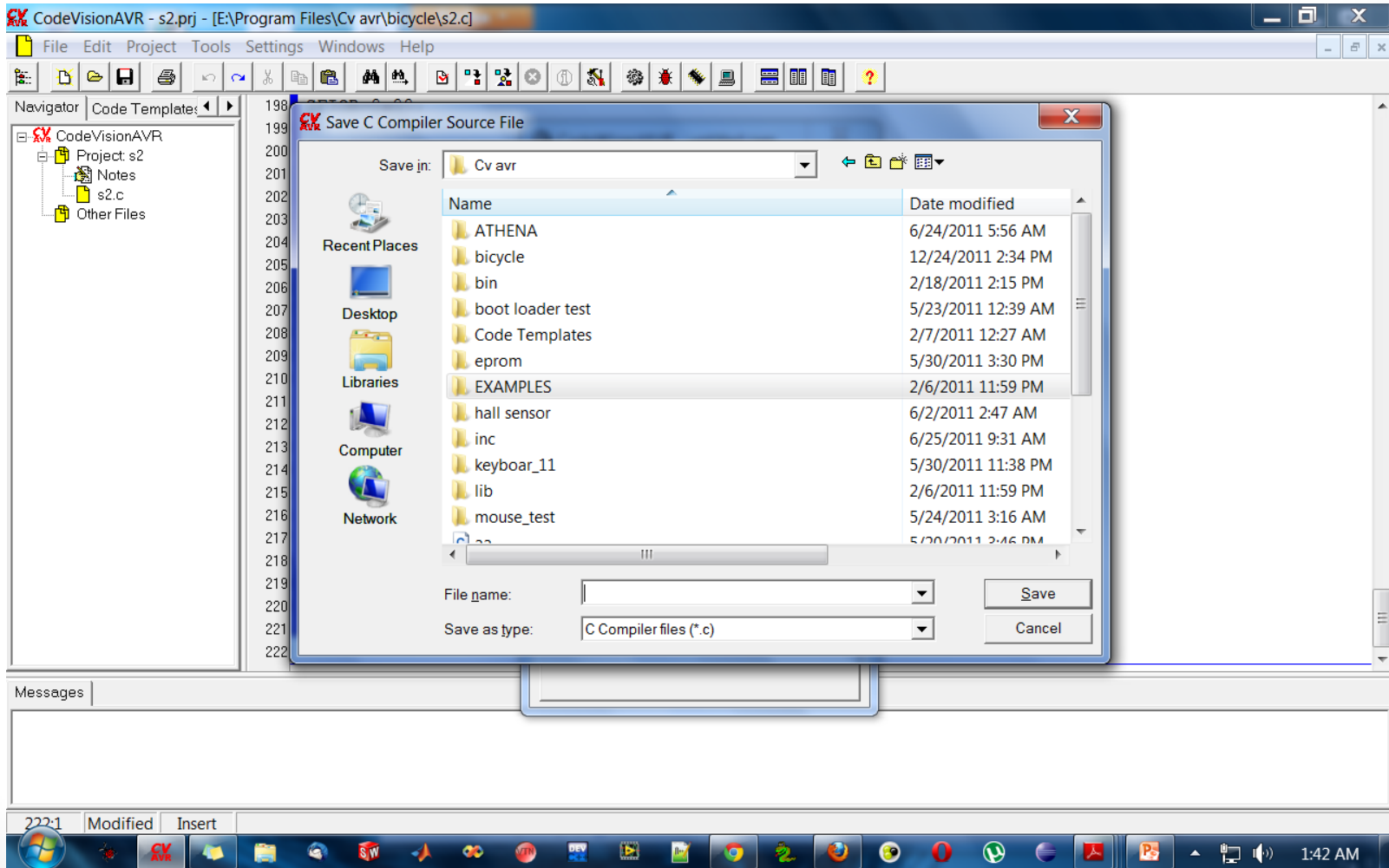
- New
- Open
- Save
- Save As...
- Program Preview
- Generate, Save and Exit** (highlighted)
- Exit

The dialog also displays a table of bit configurations:

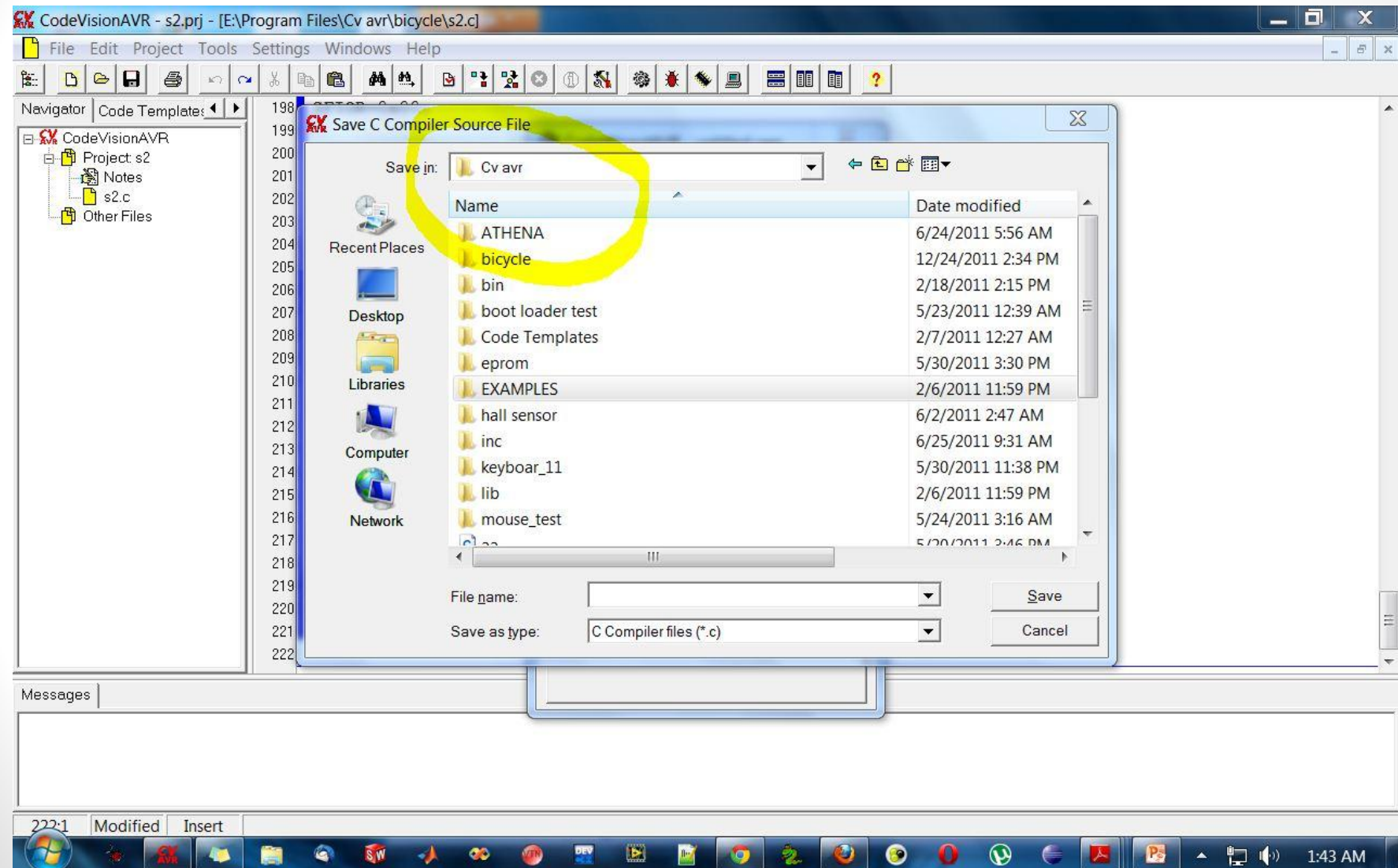
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Bit 6	In	T	Bit 6
Bit 7	In	T	Bit 7

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the system clock as 1:41 AM.

Enter name (3 times)

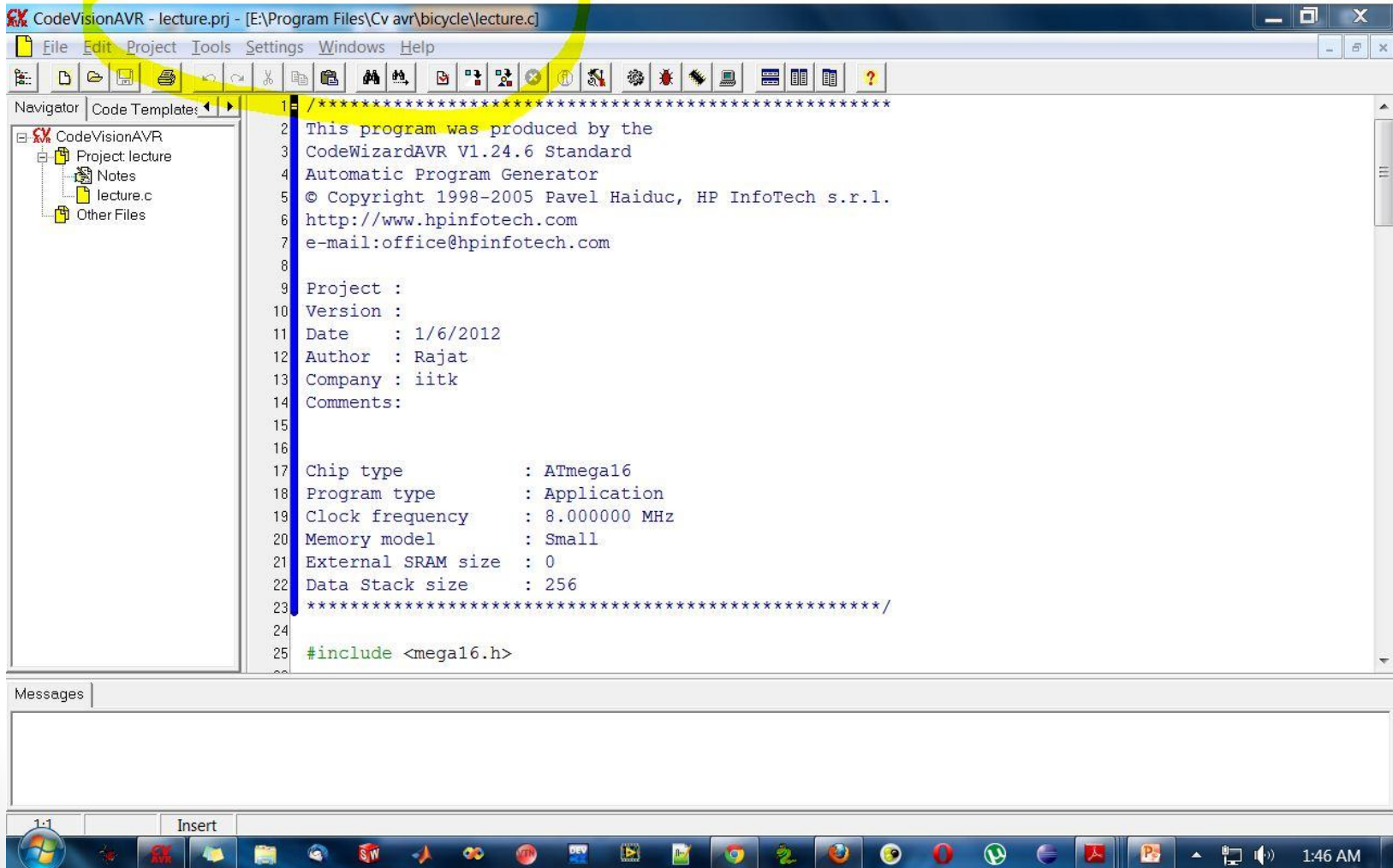


Where is the code stored ?



Then Click Save

Name of Project & Location



The screenshot shows the CodeVisionAVR IDE interface. The title bar of the window is highlighted with a yellow circle and contains the text: `CodeVisionAVR - lecture.prj - [E:\Program Files\Cv avr\bicycle\lecture.c]`. The file explorer on the left shows the project structure: `CodeVisionAVR` (parent folder), `Project: lecture` (subfolder), `Notes` (subfolder), `lecture.c` (file), and `Other Files` (subfolder). The main editor window displays the following code:

```
1 /*****  
2 This program was produced by the  
3 CodeWizardAVR V1.24.6 Standard  
4 Automatic Program Generator  
5 © Copyright 1998-2005 Pavel Haiduc, HP InfoTech s.r.l.  
6 http://www.hpinfotech.com  
7 e-mail:office@hpinfotech.com  
8  
9 Project :  
10 Version :  
11 Date : 1/6/2012  
12 Author : Rajat  
13 Company : iitk  
14 Comments:  
15  
16  
17 Chip type : ATmega16  
18 Program type : Application  
19 Clock frequency : 8.000000 MHz  
20 Memory model : Small  
21 External SRAM size : 0  
22 Data Stack size : 256  
23 *****/  
24  
25 #include <mega16.h>
```

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the system tray with the time 1:46 AM and various application icons.

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 !!!

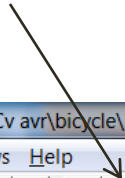
- This is because Atmega runs at a frequency of 8000000 Hz
- We need to introduce delay so as to see blinking
- Use header file delay.h
- Function to be used → `delay_ms(time in millis);`

```
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



CodeVisionAVR - lecture.prj - [E:\Program Files\Cv avr\bicycle\lecture.c]

File Edit Project Tools Settings Windows Help

Navigator Code Template: [dropdown]

- CodeVisionAVR
 - Project: lecture
 - Notes
 - lecture.c
 - Other Files

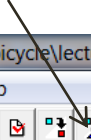
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9 Project :  
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12 Author  : Rajat  
13 Company : iitk  
14 Comments:  
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23 *****/  
24  
25 #include <mega16.h>
```

Messages

2-18 Insert

12:37 PM

Make the Project



CodeVisionAVR - lecture.prj - [E:\Program Files\Cv avr\bicycle\lecture.c]

File Edit Project Tools Settings Windows Help

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- CodeVisionAVR
 - Project: lecture
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 - lecture.c
 - Other Files

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24  
25 #include <mega16.h>
```

Messages

7:4 Insert

Taskbar: 12:37 PM

Check for errors

The screenshot displays the CodeVisionAVR IDE interface. The main window shows the source code for 'lecture.c' with the following content:

```
103 // INT1: Off
104 // INT2: Off
105 MCUCR=0x00;
106 MCUCSR=0x00;
107
108 // Timer(s)/Counter(s)
109 TMSK=0x00;
110
111 // Analog Comparator i
112 // Analog Comparator:
113 // Analog Comparator I
114 ACSR=0x80;
115 SFIOR=0x00;
116
117 while (1)
118 {
119     delay_ms(1000);
120     PORTA.1=1;
121     delay_ms(1000);
122     PORTA.1=0;
123     // Place your co
124
125 };
126 }
127
```

The 'Information' dialog box is open, showing the following details:

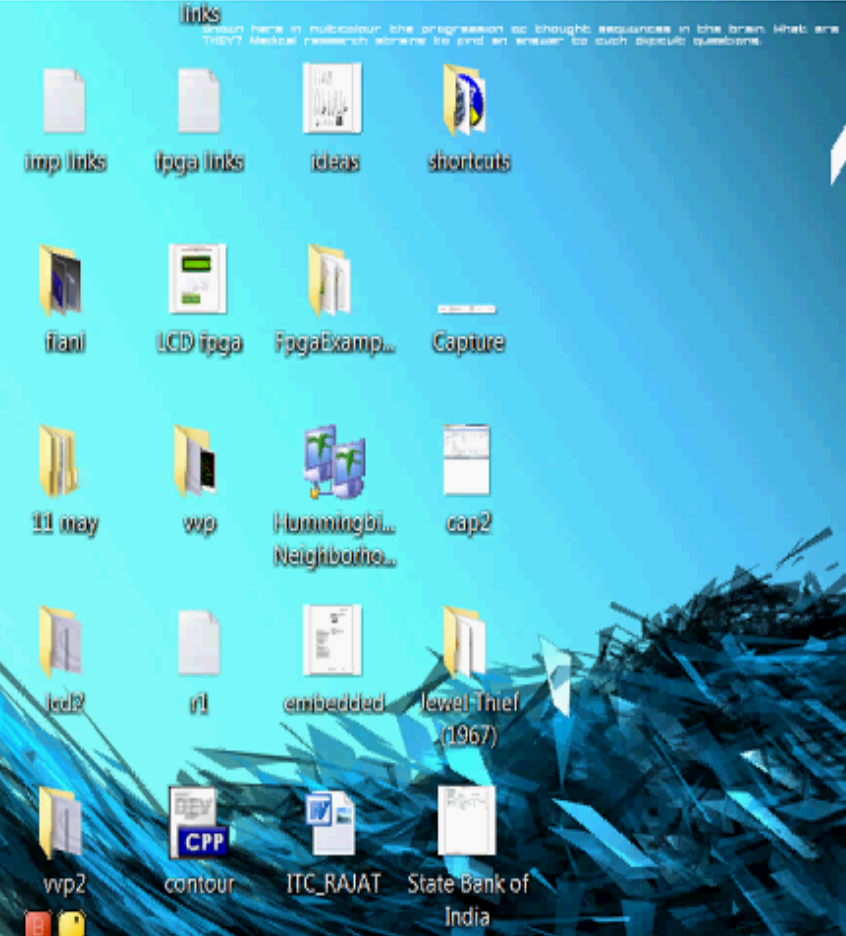
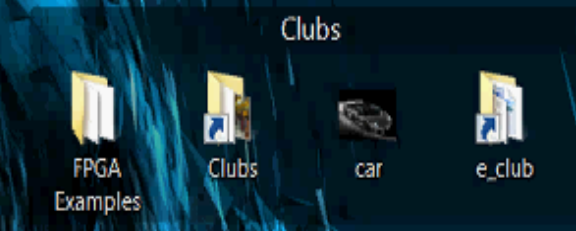
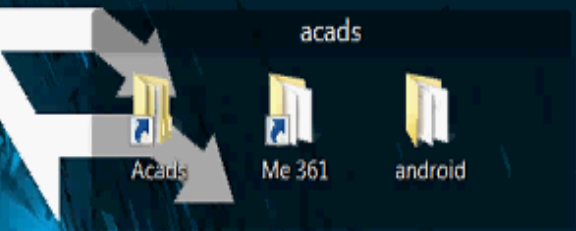
- Compiler: Assembler
- Chip: ATmega16
- Program type: Application
- Memory model: Small
- Optimize for: Size
- (s)printf features: int, width
- (s)scanf features: int, width
- Promote char to int: No
- char is unsigned: Yes
- 8 bit enums: Yes
- Enhanced core instructions: On
- Automatic register allocation: On
- 247 line(s) compiled
- No errors
- No warnings
- Bit variables size: 0 byte(s)
- Data Stack area: 60h to 15Fh
- Data Stack size: 256 byte(s)
- Estimated Data Stack usage: 0 byte(s)
- Global variables size: 0 byte(s)
- Hardware Stack area: 160h to 45Fh
- Hardware Stack size: 768 byte(s)
- Heap size: 0 byte(s)
- EEPROM usage: 0 byte(s) (0.0% of EEPROM)
- Program size: 150 words (1.8% of FLASH)

The 'Messages' pane at the bottom is empty. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the system clock as 12:47 PM.

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

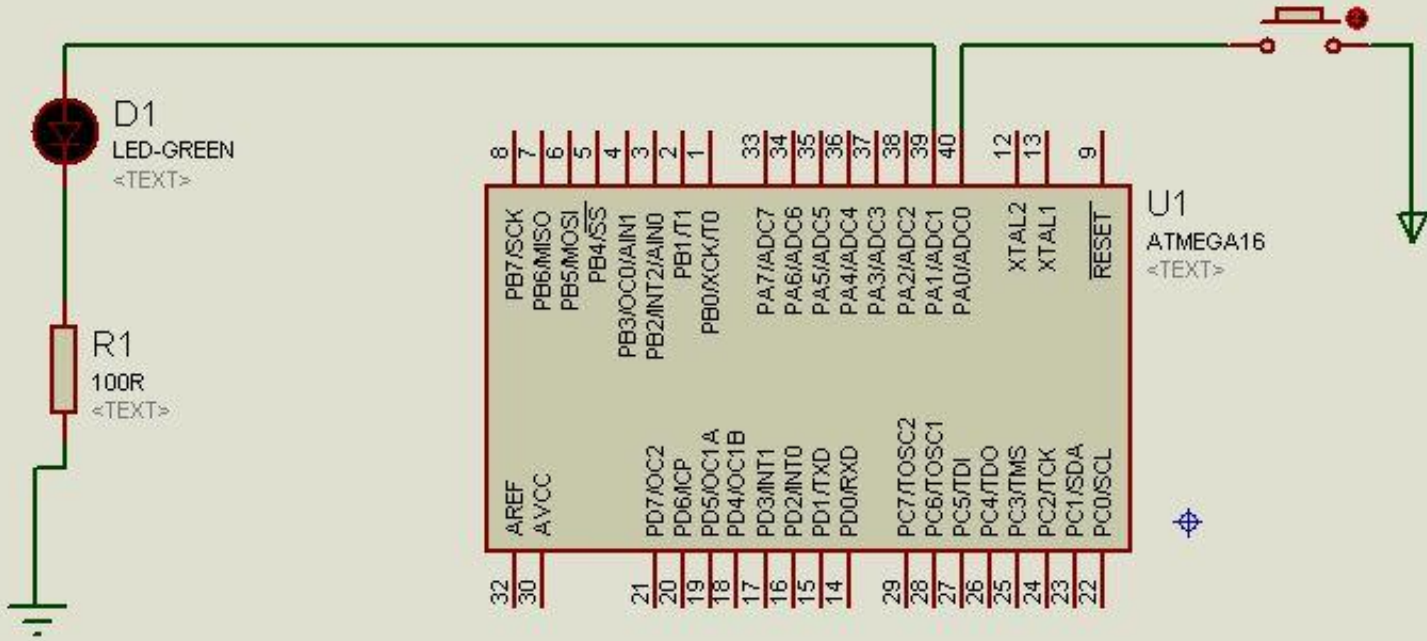


Vertical text on the right side of the desktop, possibly a watermark or system message.

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

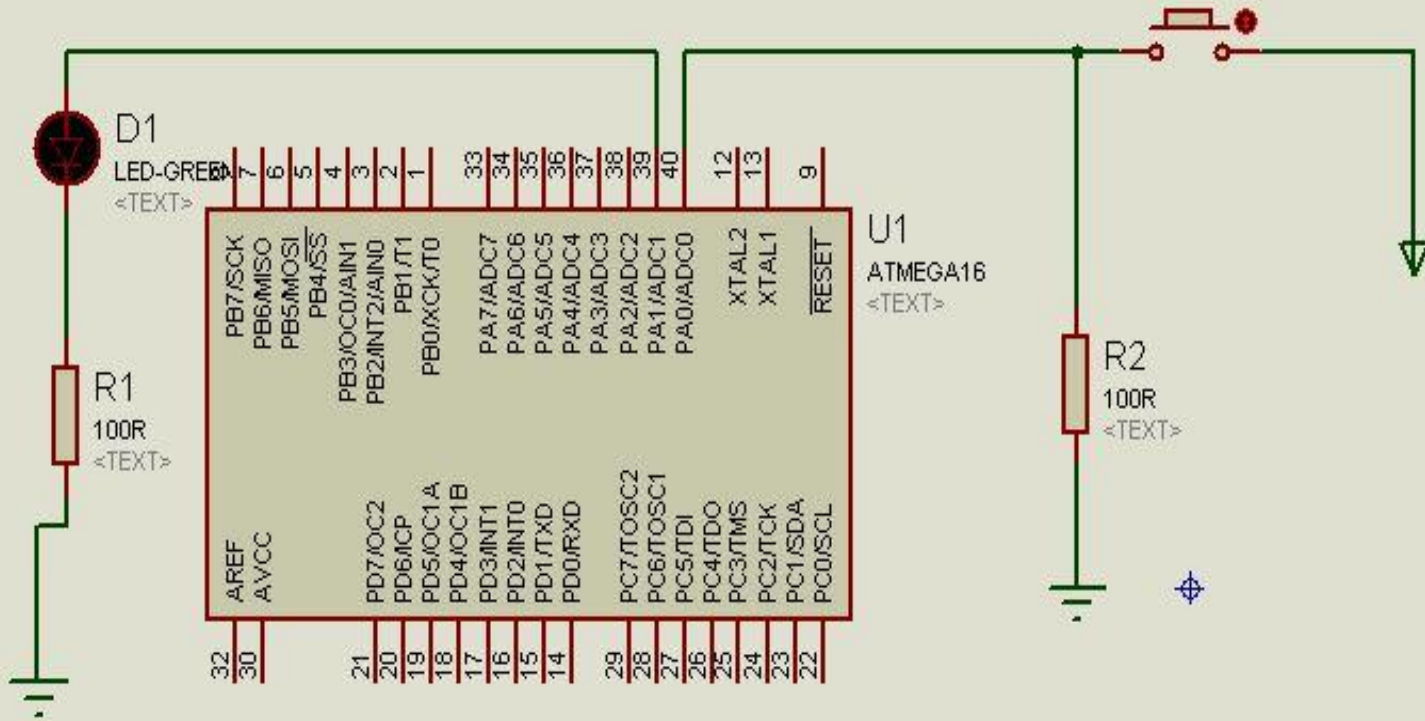


- Never leave any Input pin unconnected / floating at any point of time while your circuit is working
- In Last Circuit A0 is floating when button is not pressed so our Circuit Diagram is wrong

- 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



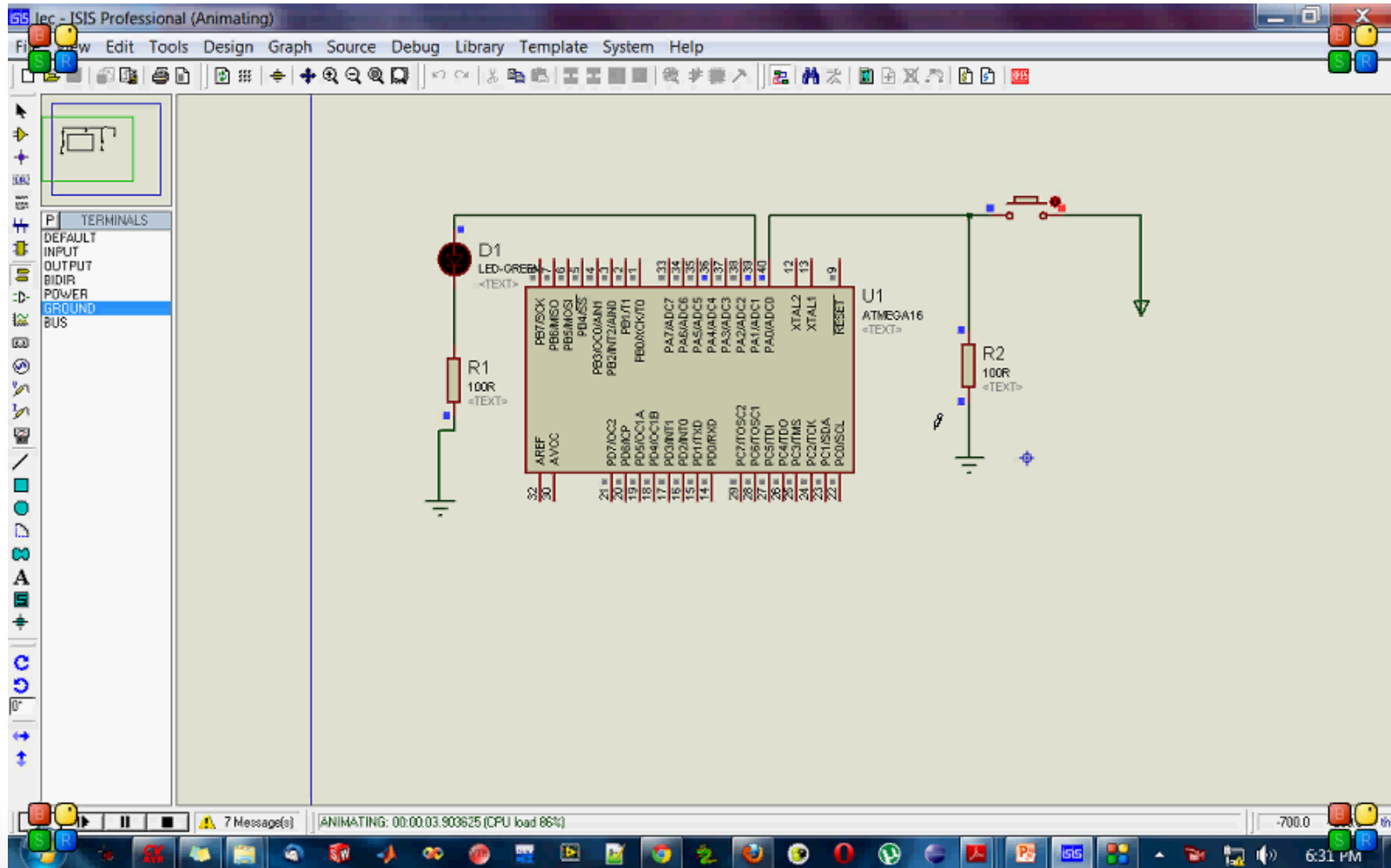
PIN Register

- 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



Thank You