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Preface

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INTRODUCTION

This chapter contains general information that will be useful to know before using the MPLAB[®] Code Configurator V3.xx. Items discussed in this chapter include:

- [Document Layout](#)
- [Conventions Used in this Guide](#)
- [Recommended Reading](#)
- [The Microchip Website](#)
- [Development Systems Customer Change Notification Service](#)
- [Customer Support](#)
- [Revision History](#)

DOCUMENT LAYOUT

This document describes how to use the MPLAB[®] Code Configurator V3.xx. The document is organized as follows:

- **Chapter 1. “Overview”** – This chapter provides a description of the MPLAB[®] Code Configurator and basic information about its use.
- **Chapter 2. “Operating Areas”** – This chapter contains the listing and description of the main operating areas of the MPLAB[®] Code Configurator.
- **Chapter 3. “Generating MCC Drivers”** – Consult this chapter to find out how to generate peripheral drivers using the MPLAB[®] Code Configurator.
- **Chapter 4. “Generated Sources and Header Files”** – This chapter provides information about the generated drivers.
- **Chapter 5. “MCC Device Migration”**

CONVENTIONS USED IN THIS GUIDE

This manual uses the following documentation conventions:

DOCUMENTATION CONVENTIONS

Description	Represents	Examples
Arial font:		
Italic characters	Referenced books	<i>MPLAB[®] 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>Save</i></u>
Bold characters	A dialog button	Click OK
	A tab	Click the Power tab
N'Rnnnn	A number in verilog format, where N is the total number of digits, R is the radix and n is a digit.	4'b0010, 2'hF1
Text in angle brackets < >	A key on the keyboard	Press <Enter>, <F1>
Courier New font:		
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	mcc18 [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) { ... }

RECOMMENDED READING

This user's guide describes how to use Microchip's MPLAB® Code Configurator V3.xx. For more information on the MPLAB® Code Configurator V3.xx, refer to the link below:

<http://www.microchip.com/mcc>

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- **In-Circuit Debuggers** – The latest information on the Microchip in-circuit debuggers. This includes MPLAB ICD 3 in-circuit debuggers and PICKit™ 3 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.
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- Technical Support

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and

<http://www.microchip.com/forums>.

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Revise Figure 1-1; Revise Chapter 2; Revised Figure 2-5 Title; Add Figures 2-6 through 2-10; Revise Chapter 3.

Chapter 1. Overview

1.1 INTRODUCTION

The MPLAB® Code Configurator (MCC) generates driver code using a Graphical User Interface (GUI). The generated drivers control the peripherals on PIC® microcontrollers. The GUI provides an easy means for setting up the configuration of the peripherals. The MCC is a plugin for the MPLAB X IDE.

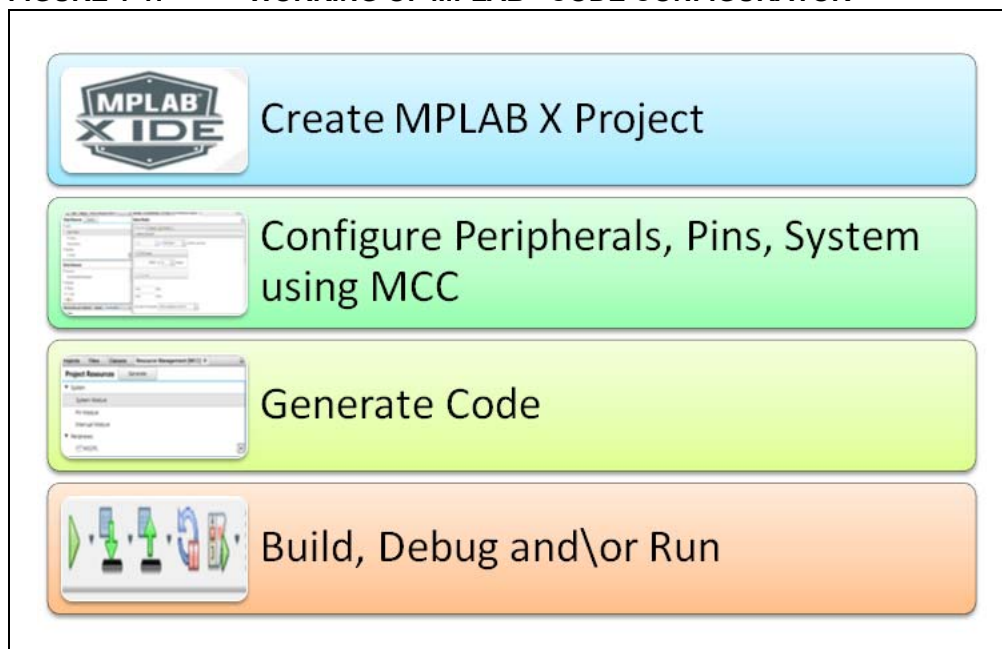
Additionally, the MCC is used to configure and generate libraries, which allows the user to configure and generate code for software libraries and off-chip peripherals.

The generated drivers or libraries can be used in any Microchip PIC device application program. The MCC requires a MPLAB X IDE project to be created, or an existing project opened, before launching the MCC plugin. This is necessary as the MCC needs to know the device used in the project, to have access to device-specific information like registers, bits and configurations and to set up the MCC GUI.

The MCC generates source and header files based on selections made in the GUI. The generated files are added to the active project of MPLAB X IDE.

[Figure 1-1](#) shows an overview of working of the MCC for generating peripheral drivers or libraries.

FIGURE 1-1: WORKING OF MPLAB® CODE CONFIGURATOR



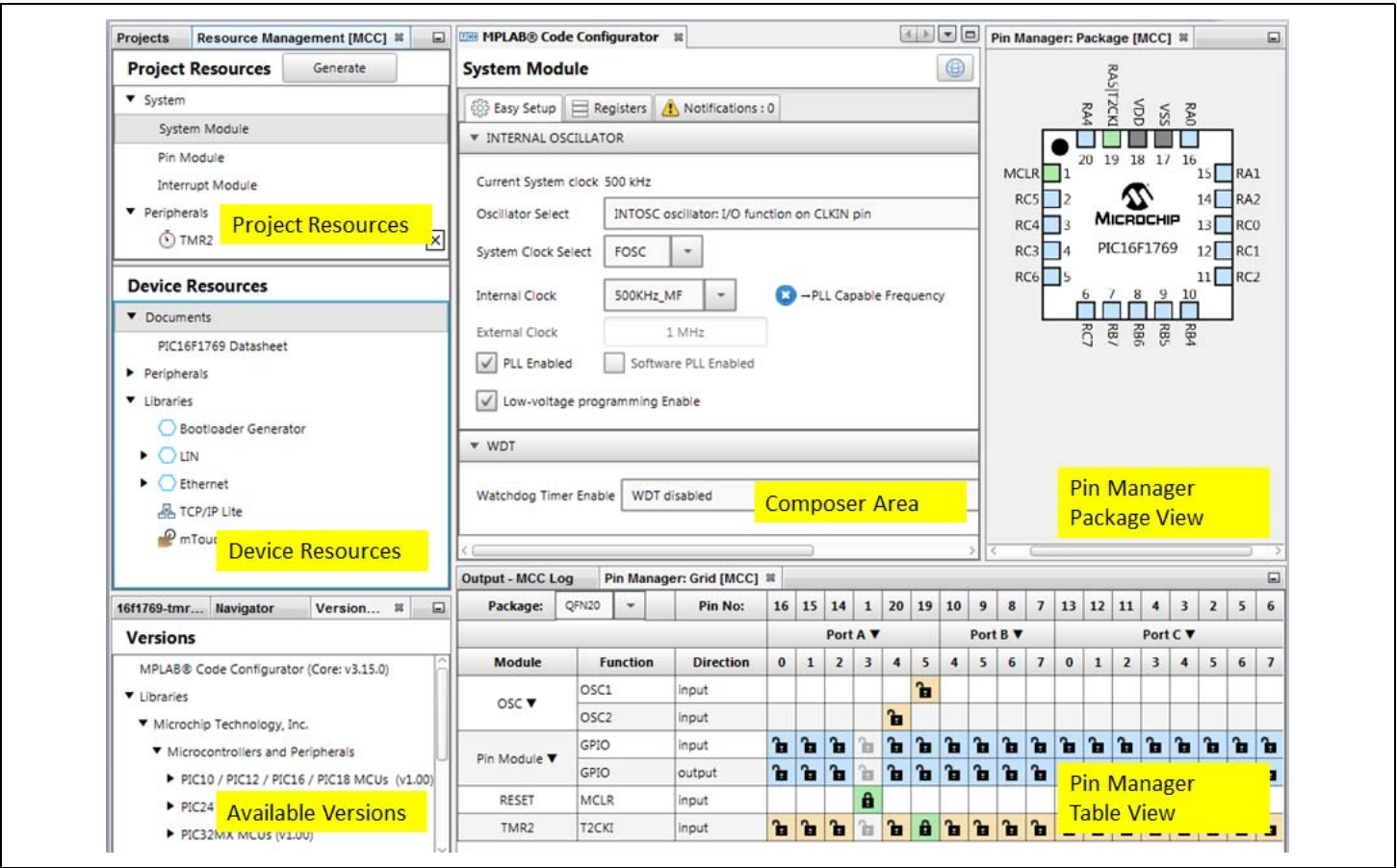
Chapter 2. Operating Areas

2.1 OVERVIEW

The MCC user interface consists of three main operating areas, as shown in [Figure 2-1](#).

1. **Resource Area:** This area displays the MCC supported on-chip peripherals, libraries, and off-chip peripherals that are available for the selected device. The Resource Area includes project resources selected for the project, the device resources showing the available resources and the available MCC library versions on the local machine.
2. **Composer Area:** This area is the main area in which a peripheral or library driver can be configured. This area provides the user with an interface to configure the peripheral or the library driver.
3. **Pin Manager Area:** in this area the I/O pins of the device can be configured. The Pin Manager Table View provides an interface for configuring the device pins. This area also displays the pins in a Package View, showing the pin out of the device and the functions assigned to the pins.

FIGURE 2-1: MCC WITH DIFFERENT OPERATING AREAS



2.2 RESOURCE AREA

The Resource Area is further divided into three sub-windows:

1. Project Resources Area
2. Device Resources Area
3. Versions Area

2.2.1 Project Resources Area

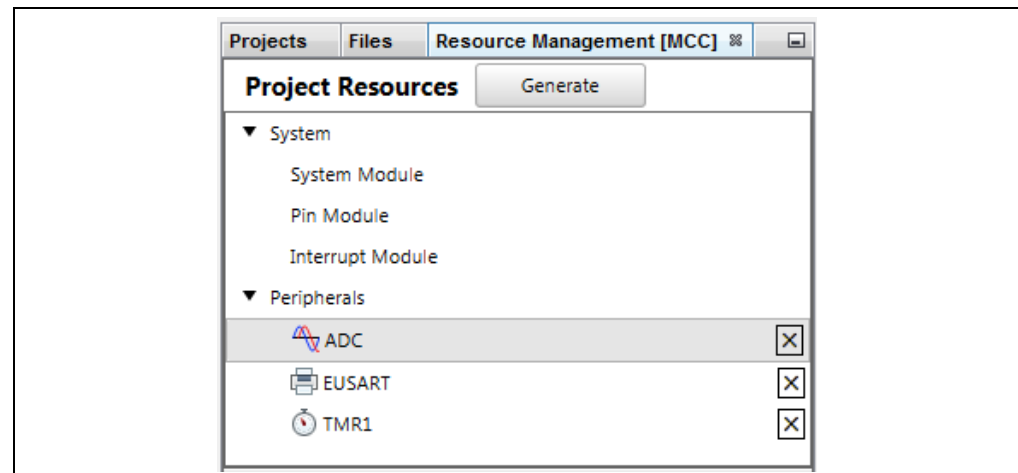
The Project Resources Area (Figure 2-2) displays the list of on-chip and off-chip peripherals, and libraries that have been configured for the MCC project. The peripheral and libraries are added to the project by selecting them from the Device Resources Area. To add a peripheral or library to the Project Resources Area, double-click on its name in the Device Resources Area. The corresponding user interface gets displayed in the Composer Area from where the selected module can be configured.

A module in the Project Resources window can be removed from the project by clicking the **X** button to the right of the module name in the Project Resources Area. The module will be removed from the MPLAB X IDE project. When a module is removed from the Project Resources, all of the configuration information for that module is lost.

There are three system modules that are always available in the Project Resources Area. These modules cannot be removed. The modules are:

1. Interrupt Module: configures the interrupts for the device.
2. Pin Module: configures the pins for the device.
3. System Module: configures the system clock, Configuration bits, and other device-level functions for the device.

FIGURE 2-2: PROJECT RESOURCES AREA

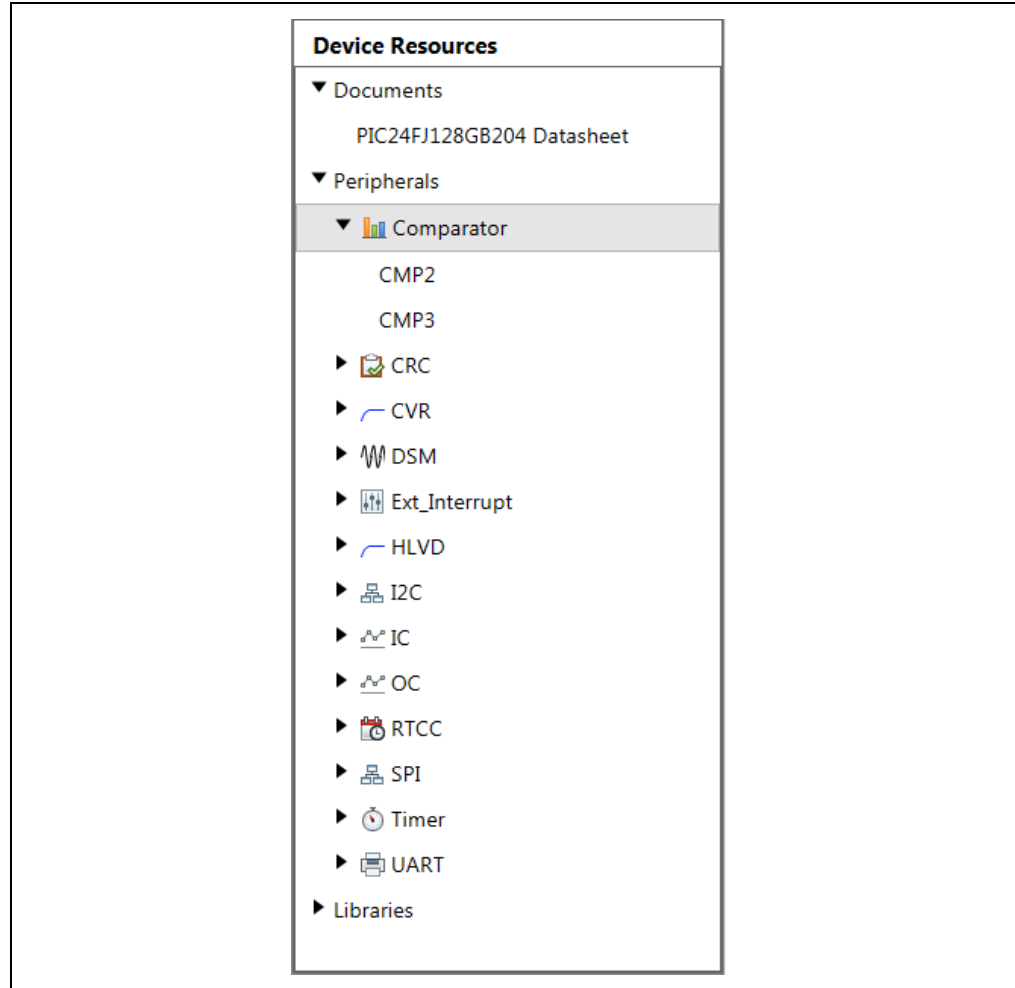


2.2.2 Device Resources Area

The Device Resources Area (Figure 2-3) lists data sheet, on-chip and off-chip peripherals and libraries supported by MCC for the device configured in the MPLAB X IDE project. These items can be added to the MCC Project Resources Area. When the name of a peripheral or library is double-clicked, it is moved from the Device Resources Area, to the Project Resources Area.

Note: The Documents section of the Device Resources Area provides a link to the data sheet of the selected device on www.microchip.com.

FIGURE 2-3: DEVICE RESOURCES AREA



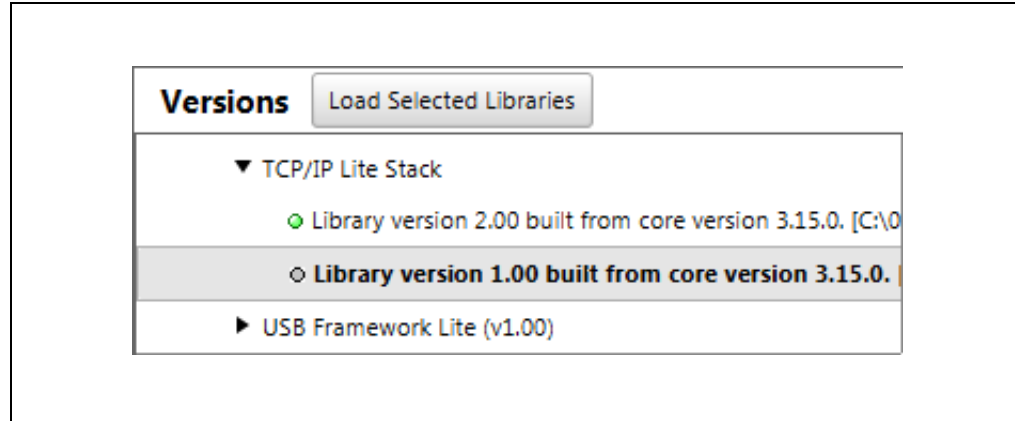
The Device Resources tree shown in [Figure 2-3](#) can also be navigated and handled by using the following keys:

1. Up and down arrow keys: for moving up and down in the tree, respectively
2. Right arrow key: for expanding a node
3. Left arrow key: for collapsing a node

2.2.3 Versions Area

The Versions Area provides information about the versions of the component groups that make up MCC. These component groups are called "Libraries". Over time, multiple versions of the Libraries may be available. In the Versions Area, MCC can be configured to use a specific version of a Library for the current MCC project.

FIGURE 2-4: VERSIONS AREA



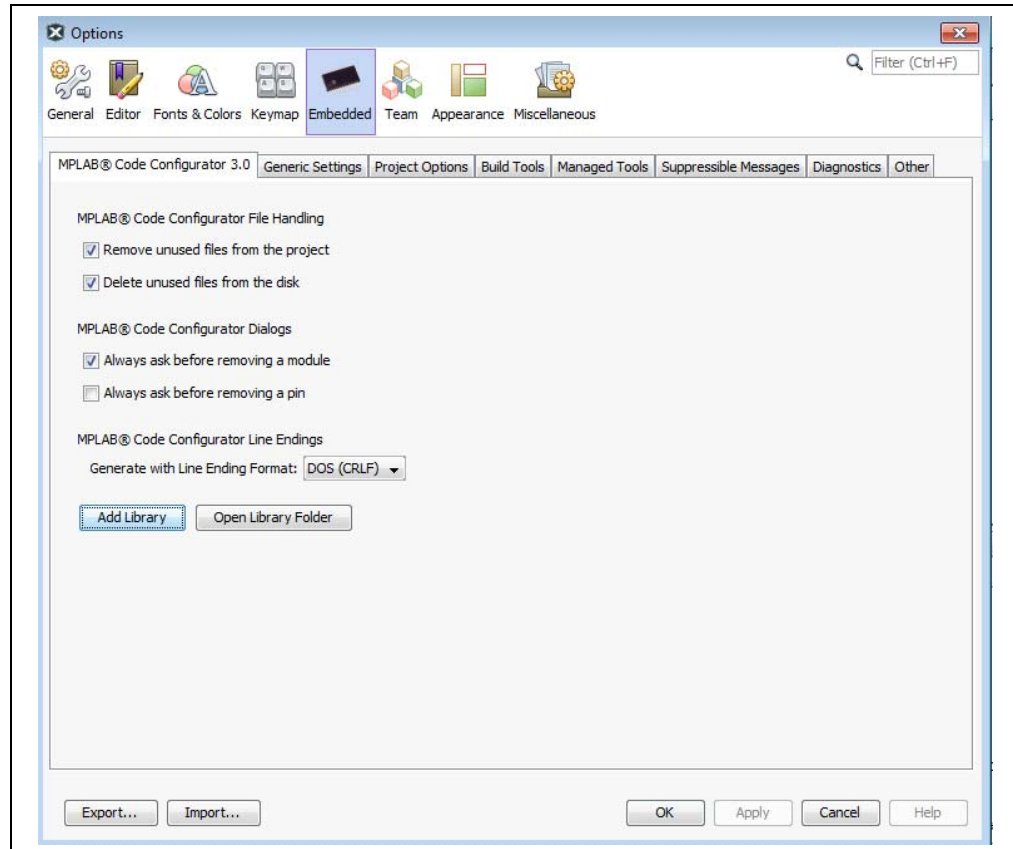
- A red dot means that the version of the library is not compatible with the version of the core installed.
- A grey dot means that the version of the library is compatible but is not loaded in the device resources.
- A green dot means that the version is compatible with the core and is loaded in the device resources.

To load a compatible version of the library in the device resources, the user needs to invoke the context menu and select "Mark for Load" for the specific library and then hit **Load Selected Libraries** button in Versions Area.

2.2.3.1 ADDING LIBRARIES TO MCC

The user can download the library from the MCC website and load it to MCC in MPLAB X.

FIGURE 2-5: LIBRARIES



1. Choose where you have downloaded the library; it should be a .jar file. (If you have downloaded from the website, it might be in .zip format, which would need to be unzipped).
2. Using the "Open Library folder", copy the library into that location.
3. Restart MCC.
4. The newly added library should appear in the Versions Area.

2.3 PIN MANAGER AREA

The Pin Manager Area consists of the following two sub-areas:

1. The Package or Graphical View, which shows a graphical representation of the package selected for the device ([Figure 2-6](#)).
2. Table View, which shows a tabular form of the Pin Manager ([Figure 2-8](#)). I/O pins of the selected device can be configured from these windows.

Note: In addition to the Pin Manager Area, additional pin configuration is provided by the Pin Module in the Composer Area. When the Pin Module is selected in the Project Resources Area, the Pin Module View is shown in the Composer Area.

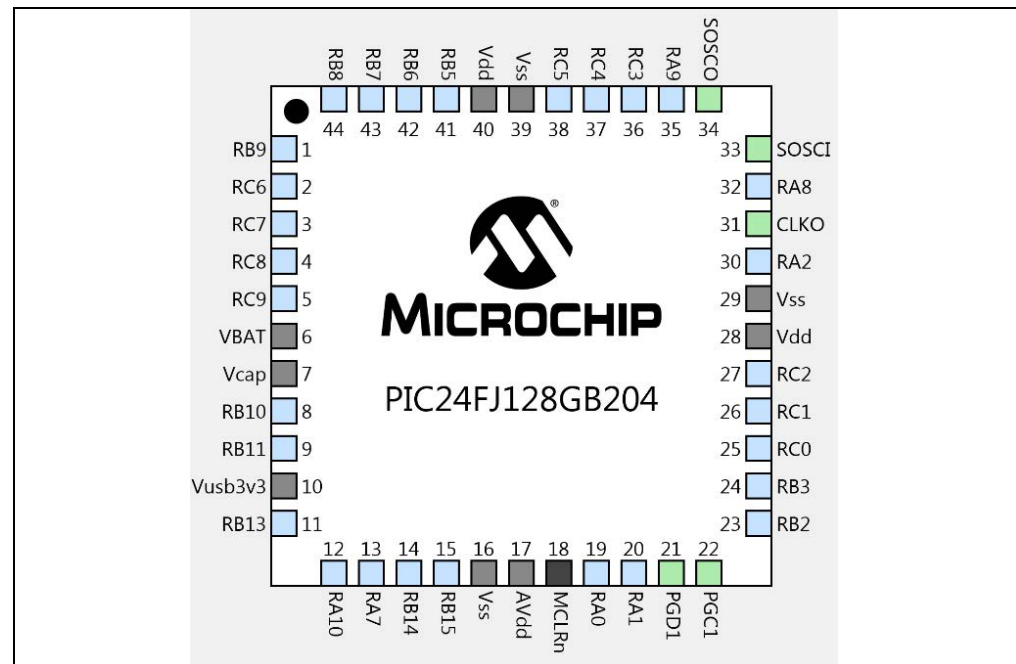
The following color combinations are associated with the pins in Graphical or Table View:

1. Gray colored pin: indicates that the pin is not usable in the selected configuration and that there is no enabled module which has any functionality on that pin. There are also grayed out locks on a white background that indicate pins that are locked out by selected system functions.
2. Blue colored pin: indicates pins that are available to be allocated to a module.
3. Green colored pin (with a lock): this combination indicates that the pin has been allocated and selected for a module. The name displayed against the pin is either the name of the pin in the module's context or a custom name entered.
4. Green color pin (with chain link): this combination indicates that the pin is shared between multiple functions.
5. Yellow colored pin: indicates a possible alternate pin for an already allocated pin function.
6. Grayed out locks on a white background indicates pins that are locked out by selected system functions.

2.3.1 Package View

The graphical Pin Manager can be zoomed in and out in order to adjust its visibility. This can be done by scrolling the mouse wheel when the mouse is over the Package View. Zooming can also be achieved by the "+" and "-" keys on the keyboard (useful if the mouse is not available).

FIGURE 2-6: PACKAGE VIEW OF PIN MANAGER



2.3.2 Table View

In the Table View sub-area, the device package can be selected from a drop-down list. The package selection is in the upper left side of the Pin Manager Table View. In [Figure 2-7](#), the drop-down list shows that the TQFP44 package has been selected.

The selected package will be displayed in the Package View. The pin numbers in the Table View will also show the pin numbers for the selected package.

FIGURE 2-7: TABLE VIEW OF PIN MANAGER (MCC V3.00 AND EARLIER)

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TQFP44			Pin No:		19	20	12	30	31	34	13	32	35	21	22	8	9	11	14	15	23	24	33	41	42	43	44	1	25	26	27	36
			PORT A ▼												PORT B ▼																	
Module	Function	Direction	0	1	10	2	3	4	7	8	9	0	1	10	11	13	14	15	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3		
GPIO Module	GPIO	input	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	
GPIO Module	GPIO	output	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	
ICD	PGCx	input		🔒									🔒																			
ICD	PGDx	input	🔒										🔒		🔒																	
OSC	CLKO	output						🔒																								
OSC	SOSCI	input							🔒															🔒								
OSC	SOSCO	input							🔒																							
JTAG	TCK	output							🔒																							
JTAG	TDI	output								🔒																						
JTAG	TDO	output									🔒																					
JTAG	TMS	output					🔒																									
UART1	U1CTS	input	🔒	🔒										🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒				🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	

The three leftmost columns in the Table View indicate the module's name, functionality name and the direction, respectively.

The Table View or the Package View can be exported using the **Export** button. It is used to save the Package or the Table View to an image file. The supported image format is .png.

FIGURE 2-8: TABLE VIEW OF PIN MANAGER

Notifications			Output - MPLAB® Code Configurator							Pin Manager: Grid [MCC]																							
Package:	UQFN40		Pin No:		33	34	7	8	10	11	35	36	1	2	9	15	16	17	18	19	24	25	26	27	28	29	3	4	5	14	20	21	
			Port A ▼										Port B ▼															Port C ▼					
Module	Function	Direction	0	1	2	3	4	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	0	1	2	3	8	9			
CLC1 ▼	CLC1OUT	output																															
	CLC1INA	input																															
	CLC1INB	input																															
ICD ▼	PGCx	input																															
	PGDx	input																															
JTAG ▼	TCK	output																															
	TDI	output																															
	TDO	output																															
	TMS	output																															
Pin Module ▼	GPIO	input																															
	GPIO	output																															

The Table View allows you to:

- Expand/collapse rows and ports (Figure 2-9)
- Hide and show ports and rows (Figure 2-9 and Figure 2-10)
- Show only the pins that are configured (Isolate) (Figure 2-11)

FIGURE 2-9: COLLAPSING PORTS AND ROWS

Package:			UQFN40		Pin No:		-	35	36	1	2	9	15	16	17	18	19	24	25	26	27	28	29	3	4	5	14	20	21
			A ▶										Port B ▼										Port C ▼						
Module	Function	Direction	-	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	0	1	2	3	8	9				
CLC1 ▶																													
ICD ▼	PGCx	input			🔒						🔒								🔒										
	PGDx	input			🔒						🔒								🔒										
JTAG ▶																													
Pin Module ▼	GPIO	input		🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒
	GPIO	output		🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒

FIGURE 2-10: HIDING PORTS AND ROWS

Module	Function	Direction
	CLC1OUT	output
CLC1	Isolate Selected Pins	input
	Show All	input
ICD	Hide Row	input
	PGDx	input

FIGURE 2-11: RESTORING PORTS AND ROWS (SHOW ALL)

		Port B ▼									
0	1										

FIGURE 2-12: ISOLATING THE SELECTED PINS

Notifications		Output	Pin Manager: Grid [MCC] ⌘																															
Package:	TQFP100		Pin No:	18 29 66 67 25 24 23 22 21 20 26 27 32 33 34 35 41 42 43 44 6 7 8 9 63 73 74 64 72 76																														
			Port B ▼																Port C ▼															
Module	Function	Direction	9	10	14	15	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	1	2	3	4	12	13	14	15	0	1		
ICD ▼	CLCINB	input			🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒			🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒						🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒				🔒	🔒			
	PGCx	input						🔒					🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒																		
	PGDx	Isolate Selected Pins					🔒				🔒				🔒																			
OSC ▼	CLKO	Show All																												🔒				
	SOSCI	Hide Row																											🔒					
	SOSCO	input																												🔒				
Pin Module ▼	GPIO	input	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒			
	GPIO	output	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒			

Notifications		Output	Pin Manager: Grid [MCC] ⌘								
Package:	TQFP100		Pin No:	17 25 24 33 6 73 74 64 77							
			A ▼	Port B ▼			Port C ▼			D ▼	
Module	Function	Direction	0	0	1	9	1	13	14	15	2
CLC1 ▼	CLC1OUT	output		🔒	🔒	🔒					🔒
	CLCINA	input		🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒		🔒		🔒
	CLCINB	input		🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒		🔒		🔒
ICD ▼	PGCx	input			🔒						
	PGDx	input		🔒							
OSC ▼	CLKO	output								🔒	
	SOSCI	input						🔒			
	SOSCO	input							🔒		
Pin Module	GPIO	input	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒

2.3.3 Pin Module View

For any pin which has been configured in the Pin Manager Table View, additional configuration of that pin can be done using the Pin Module View in the Composer Area. To display the Pin Module View, click on the Pin Module in the Project Resources Area ([Figure 2-13](#)).

FIGURE 2-13: PIN MODULE VIEW OF PIN MANAGER

Pin Module

Easy Setup
Notifications : 1

Selected Package : TQFP44

Pin N...▲	Module	Function	Custom Name	Start High	Analog	Output	WPU	OD	IOCP	IOCN
RB2	Pin Module	GPIO	IO_RB2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
RB5	Pin Module	GPIO	SWITCH_A	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
RB13	Pin Module	GPIO	SWITCH_B	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
RB14	Pin Module	GPIO	LED1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
RB15	Pin Module	GPIO	LED2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

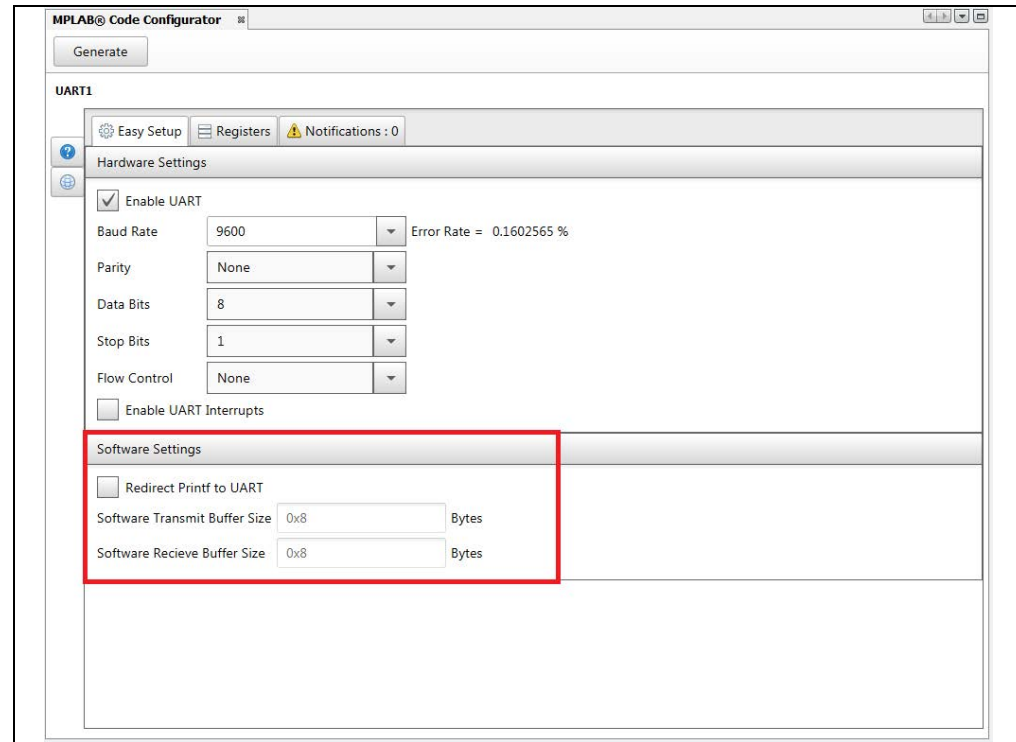
2.4 COMPOSER AREA

When a peripheral or library is selected from the Project Resources Area, its corresponding configuration GUI is displayed in the Composer Area. The Composer Area (Figure 2-14) is where peripherals and libraries are configured based on the application's requirements.

After completing the configuration of the peripheral, clicking the **Generate Code** button will generate drivers for all of the peripherals and libraries configured for the device.

2.4.1 The Easy Setup Tab

FIGURE 2-14: COMPOSER AREA FOR UART MODULE



If the UART1 peripheral is selected from the Project Resources Area, the UART1 Composer Area is displayed.

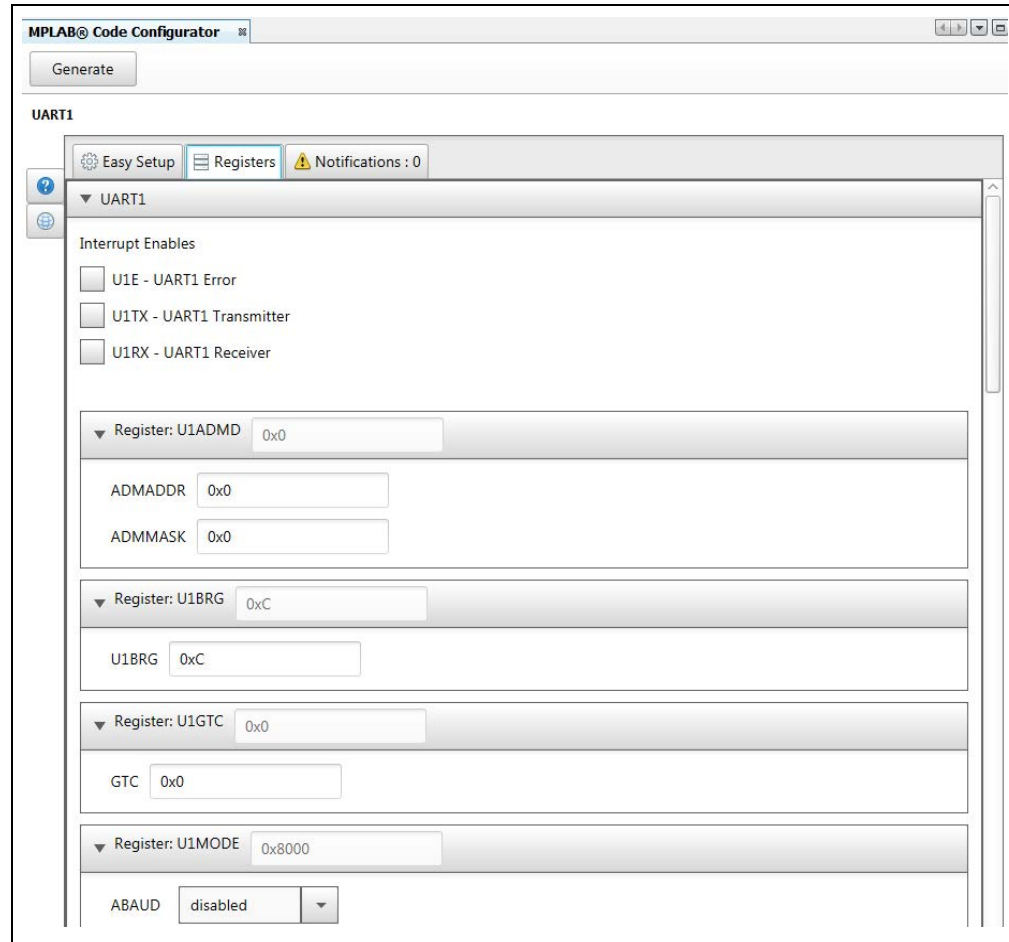
The **Easy Setup** tab in the UART Composer Area allows configuring various UART parameters related to the transmission and the reception operations.

2.4.2 The Registers Tab

In addition to the **Easy Setup** tab in the module's Composer, MCC v3.00 also provides a **Registers** tab (Figure 2-15). The **Registers** tab provides direct access for the user to configure the module's registers and settings. The **Easy Setup** tab allows configuration of the common usages of the modules. The **Registers** tab allows the user unrestricted access to the configuration of the module.

Any module configuration done using the **Easy Setup** tab will be reflected in the values displayed in the **Registers** tab. Likewise, changes performed in the **Registers** tab, will be reflected in the values in the **Easy Setup** tab.

FIGURE 2-15: REGISTER VIEW



2.4.3 The Notifications Tab

The notifications in the Composer View show details and hints for all the modules that are being selected in the Project Resources window.

The **Notifications** tab (Figure 2-16) has four columns: category, module name, type, and description.

1. Category: identifies the notification as an alert or information that the module depends on another module.
2. Module Name: is the name of the module that generated the notification.
3. Type: indicates the severity of the notification.
 - Hint: this provides information to assist in the successful configuration of the module. The module and the MCC can still be used. Action might be required.
 - Info: information only, no action is required.

Note: The notification type may change as the user changes the configuration of MCC. For example, “Warning” might indicate that a module requires another module to be added to the project to operate correctly. After the module is added, the notification type would change to “Info”.

Note: Notifications with a type of “Warning” or “Error” indicates that MCC code generation may fail, or that the generated code may not operate as intended when it is loaded on the target device.

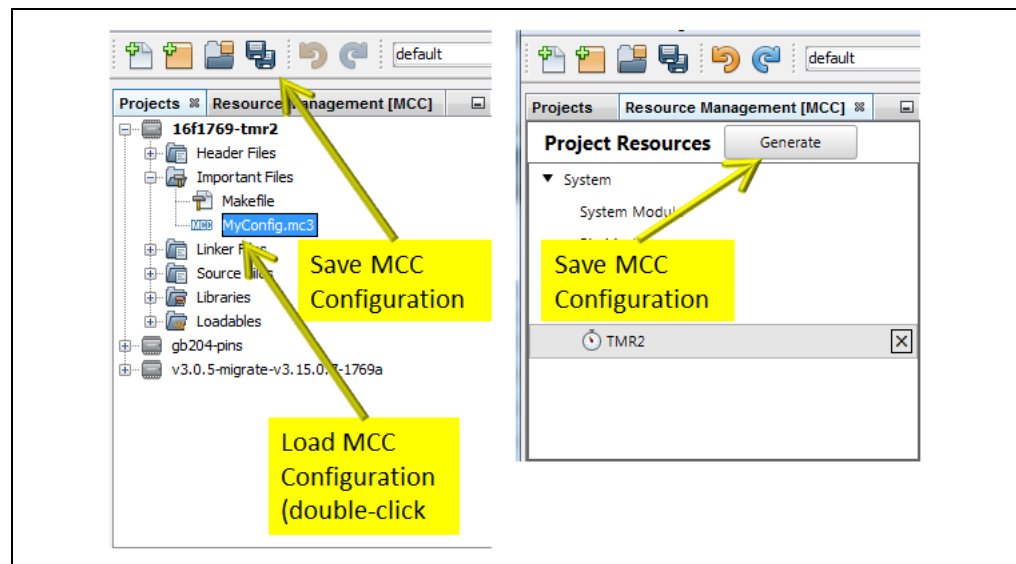
FIGURE 2-16: NOTIFICATIONS TAB IN COMPOSER AREA

Easy Setup Registers Notifications : 3			
Category	Module Name	Type	Description
	CMP1	INFO	CMP1 uses CVR
	IC1	HINT	Configure TMR3 module
	TMR1	HINT	Out of Range value for Timer Period

The MCC configuration is saved to the disk when the **Generate** button is pressed, or if the MPLAB X IDE **Save** button is clicked.

An existing MCC configuration file can be loaded by double-clicking on the desired .mcc3 file in the Important Files section of the MPLAB X IDE project (Figure 2-17).

FIGURE 2-17: SAVE/LOAD BUTTONS IN MPLAB X IDE



At any time, using the **Undo** and **Redo** buttons, located in the MPLAB X IDE toolbar (Figure 2-18), will undo and redo the settings in the Composer or the Pin Manager Area.

FIGURE 2-18: UNDO/REDO BUTTONS IN MPLAB X IDE

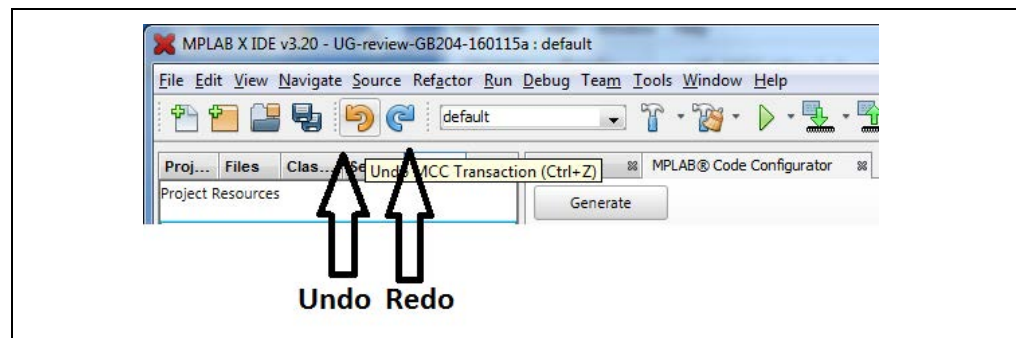


FIGURE 2-19: INVALID DATA ENTRY

The screenshot shows the 'Pin Module' configuration window. At the top, there is a yellow notification bar that says 'Invalid value entered'. Below this, the 'Selected Package' is 'UQFN20'. The main table has columns: Pin N..., Module, Function, Custom Name, Start High, Analog, Output, and WPU. The first row (RA0) has 'Wrong Entry' in the Custom Name field, which is highlighted in red. The second row (RA1) has 'IO_RA1' and the third row (RA2) has 'IO_RA2' in the Custom Name fields.

Pin N...	Module	Function	Custom Name	Start High	Analog	Output	WPU
RA0	Pin Mod...	GPIO	Wrong Entry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
RA1	Pin Mod...	GPIO	IO_RA1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
RA2	Pin Mod...	GPIO	IO_RA2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Additional validation is implemented for areas where text is entered by the user. The field will blink on and off until a legal value is entered. In [Figure 2-19](#) the field requires a legal "C" identifier.

2.5 MCC OPTIONS

Several aspects of the operation of the MCC can be managed by using the "Options" panel ([Figure 2-20](#)), which can be invoked by clicking **Tools** → **Options** → **Embedded** → **MPLAB Code Configurator** in the menu bar of the MPLAB® X IDE.

FIGURE 2-20: MCC OPTIONS PANEL

The screenshot shows the 'MPLAB Code Configurator 3.0' Options panel. It has tabs for 'Generic Settings' and 'Project'. Under 'Generic Settings', there are three sections: 'MPLAB Code Configurator File Handling' with checkboxes for 'Remove unused files from the project' and 'Delete unused files from the disk'; 'MPLAB Code Configurator Dialogs' with checkboxes for 'Always ask before removing a module' and 'Always ask before removing a pin'; and 'MPLAB Code Configurator Line Endings' with a dropdown for 'Generate with Line Ending Format' set to 'DOS (CRLF)'. At the bottom are 'Add Library' and 'Open Library Folder' buttons.

The MCC Options panel offers the following controls:

2.5.1 MCC File Handling

1. Remove unused files from the project: enabling this option tells the MCC to remove .c and .h files for modules which were removed from the MCC configuration between the subsequent generation procedures. This option ensures that the files which are included in the project (and thus in the compilation) are only those which are strictly necessary. However, this will not delete the files from the disk.
2. Delete unused files from the disk: this option gets enabled only when selecting "Remove unused files from the project". This performs the additional task of deleting unused files from the disk and therefore, files cannot be recovered anymore.

2.5.2 MCC Dialogs

1. Always ask before removing a module: enabling this control enables the “Are you sure?” dialog box which appears while disabling or removing an enabled module.
2. Always ask before removing a pin: enabling this control enables the “Are you sure?” dialog box which appears while deallocating or removing a pin from a peripheral.

2.5.3 MCC Line Endings

Specify the type of line endings to use in the files generated by MCC. The default is DOS (<CR><LF>). Unix line endings (<LF>) may be specified.

2.5.4 MCC Libraries

1. Use the **Add Library** button to add a MCC modular library to the MCC plugin.
2. Use the **Open Library Folder** button to view the MCC modular libraries folder.

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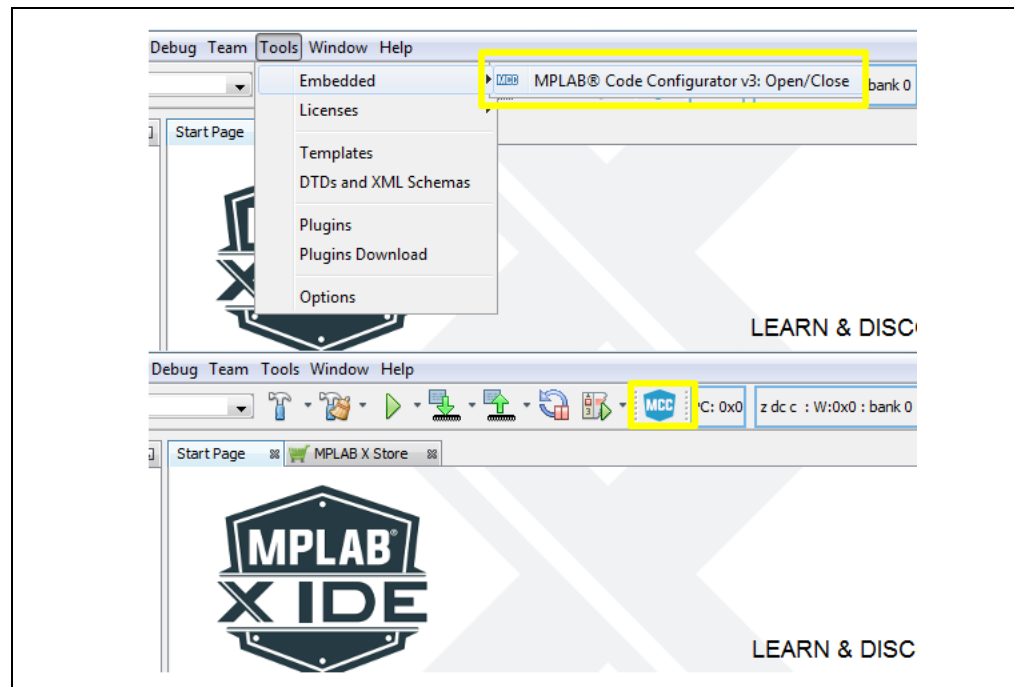
3.1 SETTING UP MPLAB X IDE AND LAUNCHING THE MCC

To generate drivers using the MCC in MPLAB® X IDE, follow these steps:

1. Create a new MPLAB® X IDE project or open an existing project (Figure 3-1).
2. If multiple projects are open in MPLAB X IDE, set one as the main (active) project by selecting “Set as Main Project” in the MPLAB X IDE. For the active project, the MCC automatically includes the generated driver files.
3. Open the MCC plugin tool. For this, in the menu bar of the MPLAB X IDE, go to **Tools** → **Embedded** → **MPLAB® Code Configurator v3**. Or, click on the MCC icon in the MPLAB X IDE toolbar.

Note: For MAC users the “Embedded” selection will be under the “Preferences” menu. This launches the MCC GUI.

FIGURE 3-1: OPENING THE MCC IN MPLAB® X IDE



3.2 SELECTING AND CONFIGURING MODULES

After opening the MCC, peripheral and library modules can be added to the project.

1. In the Project Resource Area, select the peripheral or library module which needs to be configured by clicking the module's name. After a peripheral or library module is selected for configuration, the configuration GUI for that peripheral is displayed in the Composer Area.
2. Configure the peripheral as required for your application in the Composer Area.
3. Configure the pins in the Pin Manager Area depending upon the application requirements.

3.3 GENERATING CODE

When the MCC **Generate** button is pressed in the Project Resources window, the listed actions are performed by MCC. Details of the code generation are shown in the MCC Output window (Figure 3-2).

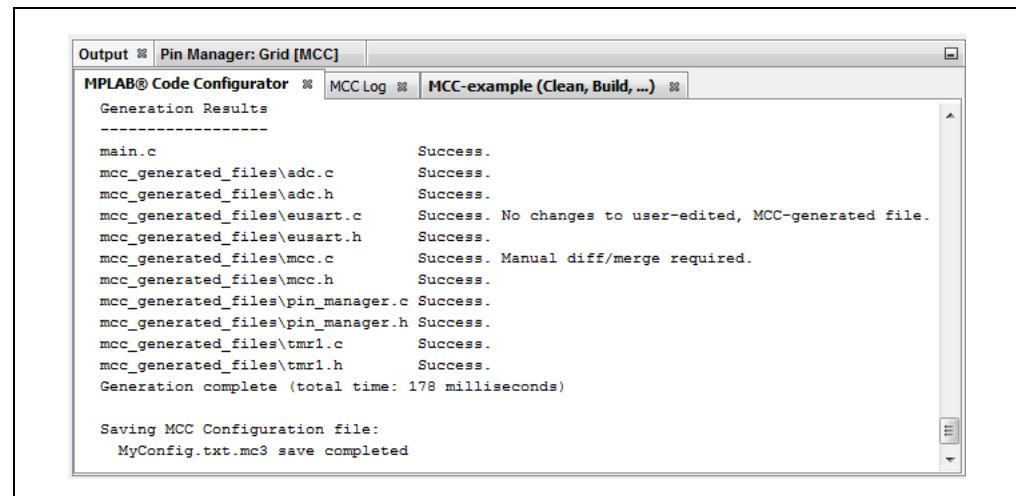
1. The MCC configuration file is saved. If this is the first time the MCC configuration file has been saved, a **Save** dialog box appears. The user can specify a name for the MCC configuration or accept the default name MyConfig.
2. MCC generates code for the peripheral or library module if the module's configuration has changed since the last time MCC generated code for that module.

Note: The user can force all modules to be generated by MCC by right-clicking in the Project Resources window and selecting "Force Update", before clicking on the **Generate** button.

If MCC attempts to regenerate a file on the disk that has been modified outside of MCC, the MCC Merge window is displayed. The MCC Merge window allows the user to select whether to keep the modified file (default action), or to replace the modified content with the content generated by MCC.

The MCC Merge window is discussed in [Section 3.3.2 "The MCC Merge Window"](#).

FIGURE 3-2: MCC OUTPUT WINDOW



3.3.1 Saving and Loading the MCC Configuration

Saving and loading the MCC v3 configuration is integrated into the MPLAB X IDE Save and Load functions. The MCC v3 configuration is saved whenever the **Generate** button is pressed. The user can also save the MCC v3 configuration by clicking on the MPLAB X IDE Save tool, or selecting **Save** from the File menu (see [Figure 2-17](#)).

The MCC v3 configuration file is included in the MPLAB X IDE project, under the Important Files folder. The configuration file uses the extension `.mc3`. Double-clicking on the MCC v3 configuration file will cause that MCC v3 configuration to be loaded ([Figure 2-17](#)).

3.3.2 The MCC Merge Window

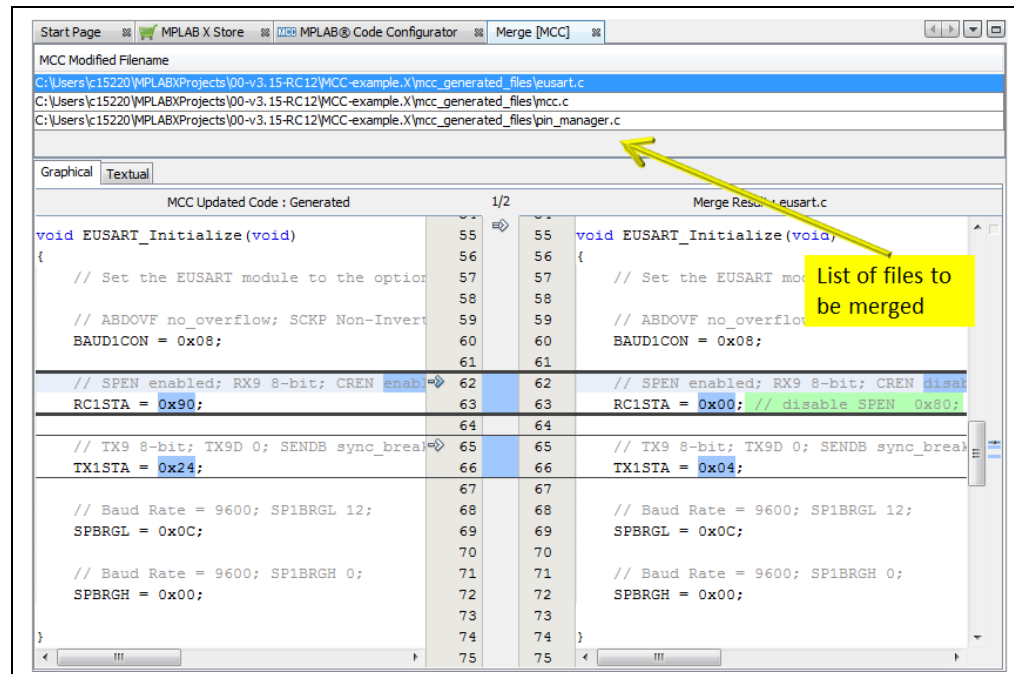
If any of the files generated by the MCC has been edited outside of MCC and saved to the disk, then the MCC Merge window will appear in the Composer Area. The MCC Merge window allows the user to decide whether to keep the edits, or to replace them with the MCC newly generated code.

Note: User edits will never be overwritten by the MCC generated code, except by explicit user action in the MCC Merge window.

When changes have been made both to a generated file and also in the MCC Composer window, the MCC Merge window shown in [Figure 3-3](#) will be displayed. The MCC Merge window allows the user to resolve the conflicts between the newly generated file and the edits the user has made to the file.

When the newly generated MCC content has been accepted by the user, MCC makes the changes to the file. To the MPLAB X IDE, these changes are the same as if the user typed in the new content. The normal MPLAB X IDE edit undo can be used in the MCC Merge operation.

FIGURE 3-3: MCC MERGE WINDOW – FILE LIST

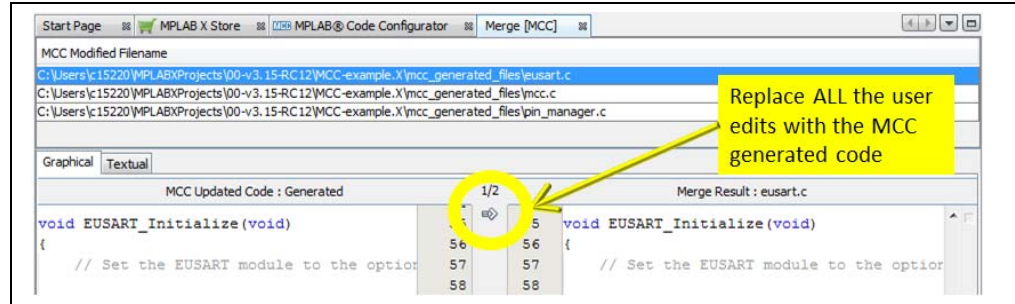


A list of all the files that need to be merged is shown at the top of the MCC Merge window. The user must select each file in the list, in turn, to ensure that all of the newly generated code is incorporated into the project.

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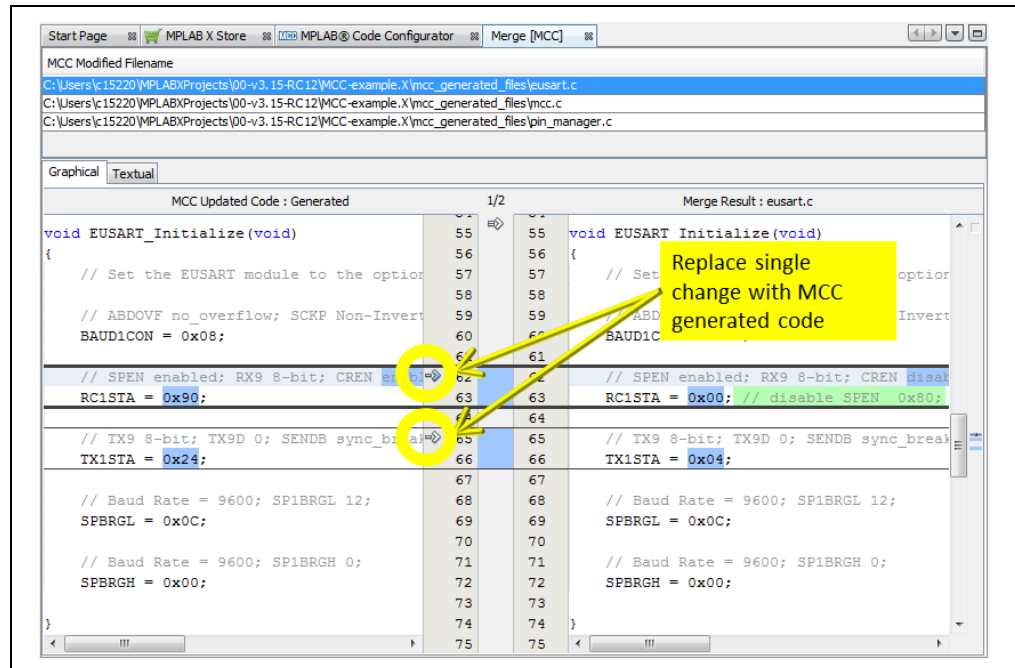
At the top of the MCC Merge window, in the center margin, there is an arrow, as shown in Figure 3-4. Clicking on the arrow will replace all of the user edits in the current file with the MCC updated code that the MCC has just generated. The numbers above the arrow indicate the current difference and the total number of differences.

FIGURE 3-4: MCC MERGE WINDOW – REPLACING ALL USER EDITS WITH MCC GENERATED CODE



The individual lines of **MCC Updated Code** can be selected to replace the edited code. As shown in Figure 3-5, clicking on the arrows in the right margin of the left window will copy the **MCC Updated Code** to the generated driver file. Once the changes are accepted the Merge Tool will remove the highlighted file and highlight the next file on the list. To insure all updates are completed a warning will be generated if the Merge Tool is closed before all the changes are accepted.

FIGURE 3-5: MCC MERGE WINDOW – REPLACING SINGLE CHANGES WITH MCC GENERATED CODE



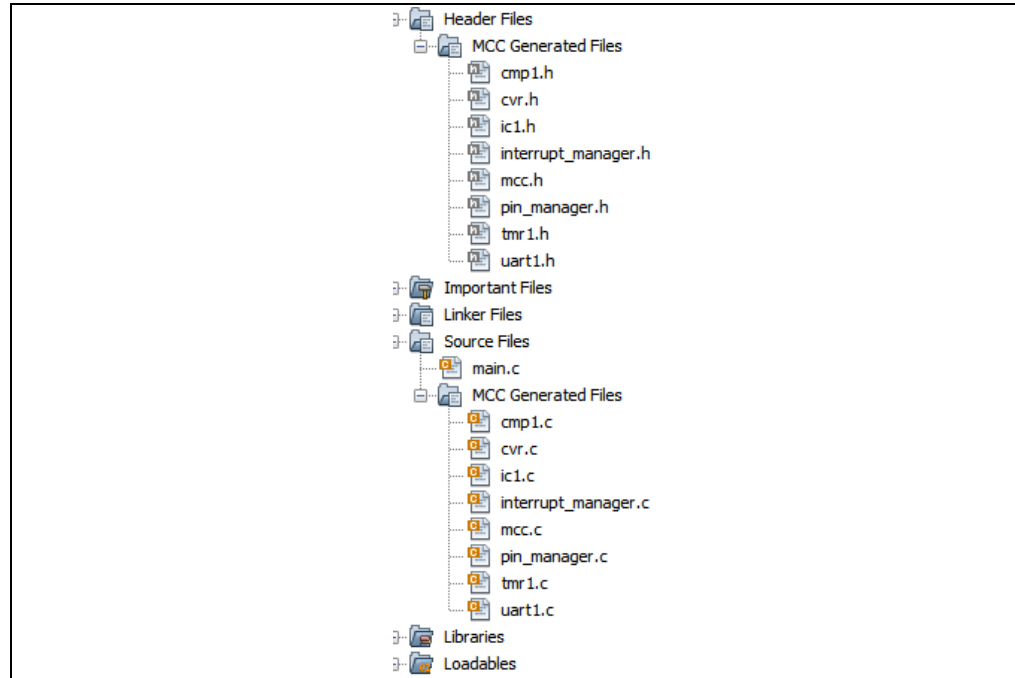
Note: Remember to merge the code for every file shown in the file list in the MCC Merge window.

Note: Be sure to save all the changed files from the Merge.

Chapter 4. Generated Sources and Header Files

The generated drivers will be included in the active MPLAB[®] X IDE project, as shown in [Figure 4-1](#).

FIGURE 4-1: GENERATED SOURCE AND HEADER FILES



1. The `mcc.h` and `mcc.c` files include the definitions of Configuration bits and the `OSCILLATOR_initializer` function. These definitions are based on the settings which were made for the System module in the Composer. Also included is the `SYSTEM_initializer` function which can be called in the application program to call all the other default initializers (the ones marked in the GUI by sprocket symbol).
2. The `pin_manager.h` and `pin_manager.c` files include the Pin Manager initializer functions based on the configurations which were made in the Pin Manager GUI.
3. The `interrupt_manager.h` and `interrupt_manager.c` files are optional files which are generated only when peripheral interrupts are enabled and they include interrupt initializer functions.
4. The `.c` and `.h` are module specific files and include each module's peripheral/library configuration functions.
5. The `main.c` file is generated only when the MCC detects that there is no `main.c` file present in the project. If there is any previous `main.c` in the project regardless of its creator (the user or the MCC), it will not generate or overwrite the existing one. When using a `main.c` not generated by the MCC the lines: `"#include"`, `"mcc_generated_files/mcc.h"`, and `SYSTEM_Initializer()` need to be added to the `main.c` file. The `main.c` file generated by the MCC may include commented out code lines to enable interrupts. Remove the comments from the appropriate lines if the application requires interrupts to be enabled when it starts.

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The Functions provided in any of these MCC generated files can be called from the user application code, as required. The MPLAB X IDE provides auto-completion assistance of all of the MCC generated content. While editing source code in the project, start typing in a MCC API, or MCC variable name, and press **<CTRL+ Space>**. The MPLAB X IDE will show a list of options to complete the entry.

Chapter 5. MCC Device Migration

Using a MCC configuration created for one device, on a different device is called MCC device migration.

Note: MCC device migration is not supported in MCC.

It is possible that attempting to use a MCC configuration on a device other than the one for which it was created, might appear not to fail. It is wholly the responsibility of the user to determine if the MCC code generated as the result of device migration is suitable for use in their application.

Unintended MCC device migration may occur if the selected device in the MPLAB X IDE project is changed after MCC has been configured for that project. Copying a MCC v3 configuration file (*.mc3) to another MPLAB X IDE project may also cause MCC device migration or other unintended operation.

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