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Getting Started with the tinyAVR® 2 Family

Introduction

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This application note outlines how to get started with the tinyAVR® 2 Family of microcontrollers.

Refer to the data sheet for further information on the differences between the tinyAVR® 2 Family devices.

Features Presented in this Document

- Getting Started with tinyAVR® 2 Family Microcontrollers and Tools
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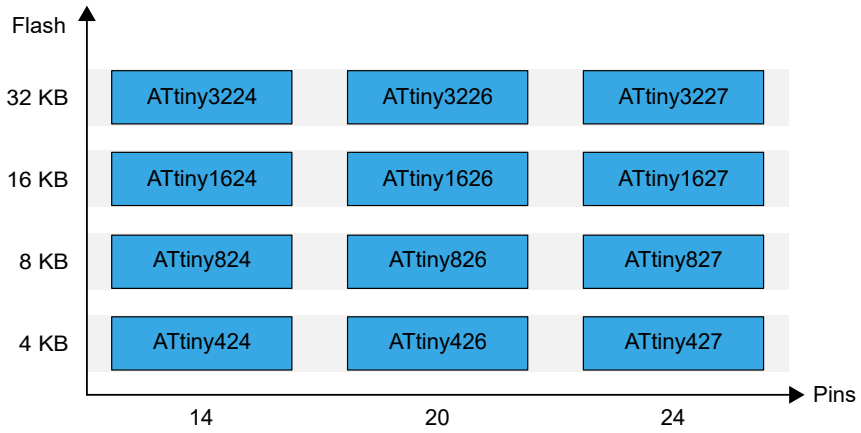
1. Relevant Devices

This section lists the relevant devices for this document. The following figures show the different family devices, laying out pin count variants and memory sizes:

- Vertical migration upwards is possible without code modification, as these devices are pin-compatible and provide the same or more features
- Horizontal migration to the left reduces the pin count and, therefore, the available features
- Devices with different Flash memory sizes typically also have different SRAM and EEPROM

Figure 1-1. tinyAVR® 2 Family Overview



2. Get the Device Data Sheet

Product pages

- Program Memory Size 4 KB
  - www.microchip.com/wwwproducts/en/ATtiny424
  - www.microchip.com/wwwproducts/en/ATtiny426
  - www.microchip.com/wwwproducts/en/ATtiny427
- Program Memory Size 8 KB
  - www.microchip.com/wwwproducts/en/ATtiny824
  - www.microchip.com/wwwproducts/en/ATtiny826
  - www.microchip.com/wwwproducts/en/ATtiny827
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  - www.microchip.com/wwwproducts/en/ATtiny1627
- Program Memory Size 32 KB
  - www.microchip.com/wwwproducts/en/ATtiny3224
  - www.microchip.com/wwwproducts/en/ATtiny3226
  - www.microchip.com/wwwproducts/en/ATtiny3227

Documents

These documents are to be found on the product page for the specific product.

- ATtiny[product number(s)] Data Sheet (.pdf)
- ATtiny[product number(s)] Silicon Errata and Data Sheet Clarification (.pdf)

The documentation for the tinyAVR® 2 Family is split into two document types:

- Data sheet(1) (includes device description, number of peripherals, pinout and electrical characteristics)
- Errata (includes known errata for the device)

Note:

1. For devices that are future products, the product brief is available instead of the data sheet.

3. Relevant Documents

All relevant documents can be found under the documentation tab on the product page.

Below is a list of documents relevant to tinyAVR® 2 Family Microcontrollers.

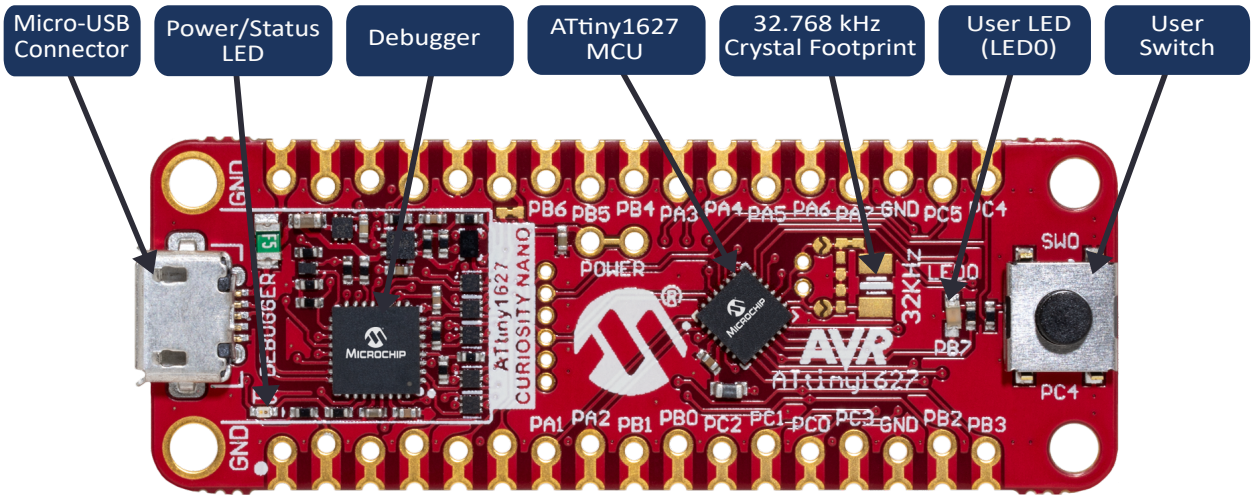
- Technical Briefs:
  - How to use the 12-Bit Differential ADC with PGA in Single Mode
  - How to use the 12-Bit Differential ADC in Series Accumulation Mode
  - How to use the 12-Bit Differential ADC with PGA in Burst Accumulation Mode
- Application Notes:
  - How to use Force Sensitive Resistor with 12-Bit ADC
  - Low-Power, Cost-Efficient PIR Motion Detection Using The tinyAVR® 2 Family
  - Using Matrix Keypad With AVR® Devices
- Training Manual:
  - Getting Started with tinyAVR 2 Family ADC Hands-on

4. Get the Tools

Microchip Studio 7.0, which uses the GCC compiler, can be utilized as an IDE to get started with tinyAVR® 2 Family.

MPLAB® X, which uses the GCC or XC8 compiler, can be utilized as an IDE to get started with tinyAVR® 2 Family.

4.1 Get the ATtiny1627 Curiosity Nano Hardware User Guide



Web page: www.microchip.com/developmenttools/productdetails.aspx?partno=DM080104

Get the kit: www.microchipdirect.com/ProductSearch.aspx?Keywords=DM080104

Document/file:

- ATtiny1627 Curiosity Nano Hardware User Guide (.pdf)

Key Features

- ATtiny1627 Microcontroller
- One Yellow User LED
- One Mechanical User Switch
- Footprint for 32.768 kHz Crystal
- On-Board Debugger:
  - Board identification in Microchip Studio/Microchip MPLAB® X
  - One green power and status LED
  - Programming and debugging
  - Virtual COM port (CDC)
  - Two logic analyzer channels (DGI GPIO)
- USB Powered
- Adjustable Target Voltage:
  - MIC5353 LDO regulator controlled by the on-board debugger
  - 1.8-5.1 V output voltage (limited by USB input voltage)
  - 500 mA maximum output current (limited by ambient temperature and output voltage)

The ATtiny1627 Curiosity Nano user guide covers how to power the kit and the detailed information on board components, extension interface, and the hardware guide.

4.2 Get Code Examples from Atmel START

The code examples are available through Atmel START, which is a web-based tool that enables the configuration of the application code through a Graphical User Interface (GUI). The code can be downloaded for Atmel Studio, MPLAB® X and IAR Embedded Workbench® via the direct example code link below or the **Browse Examples** button on the Atmel START front page.

The Atmel START webpage can be found here: Atmel START.

Code Examples

Finding code examples for devices in the tinyAVR 2 Family can be done by searching for the device name (e.g., ATtiny1627), in the Atmel START example browser.

Click **User Guide** in Atmel START for details and information about example projects. The **User Guide** button can be found in the example browser and by clicking the project name in the dashboard view within the Atmel START project configurator.

Microchip Studio/Atmel Studio

Download the code as a `.atzip` file for Microchip Studio/Atmel Studio from the example browser in Atmel START by clicking **Download Selected example**. To download the file from within Atmel START, click **Export project** followed by **Download pack**.

Double click the downloaded `.atzip` file, and the project will be imported to Microchip Studio/Atmel Studio 7.0

MPLAB® X

Download the code as a `.atzip` file for MPLAB X IDE from within Atmel START by clicking **Export project** followed by **Download pack**.

To open the Atmel START example in MPLAB X, select from the menu in MPLAB X, **File** > **Import** > **START MPLAB Project** and navigate to the `.atzip` file.

IAR Embedded Workbench®

For information on how to import the project in IAR Embedded Workbench, open the Atmel START User Guide, select **Using Atmel Start Output in External Tools**, and **IAR Embedded Workbench**. A link to an online version of the Atmel START User Guide can be found by clicking *Help* from the Atmel START front page or **Help And Support** within the project configurator, both located in the upper right corner of the page.

4.3 Get Code Examples from GitHub

The code examples are available through GitHub, which is a web-based server that provides the application codes through a Graphical User Interface (GUI). The code examples can be opened in both Microchip Studio and MPLAB X. To open the Microchip Studio project in MPLAB X, select from the menu, **File** > **Import** > **Atmel Studio Project**, and navigate to the `.cproj` file.

The GitHub webpage: GitHub.

Code Examples

Finding code examples for devices in the tinyAVR 2 Family can be done by searching for the device name (e.g., ATtiny1627), in the GitHub example browser.

Download the code as a `.zip` file from the example page on GitHub by clicking the **Clone** or **download** button.

4.4 Get Microchip Studio 7.0

Webpage: Microchip Studio

Document/file:

- Microchip Studio for AVR and SAM Devices 7.0 Installer (.exe)

Microchip Studio 7.0 or later is the preferred IDE for developing and debugging firmware for the tinyAVR® 2 Family.

For device support, refer to 4.7 Get Device Support for Microchip Studio.

4.5 Get MPLAB® X

Webpage: MPLAB® X IDE

Document/file:

- MPLAB X

MPLAB X can be utilized as an IDE for developing and debugging firmware for the tinyAVR® 2 Family.

For device support, refer to 4.8 Get Device Support for MPLAB X.

4.6 Get IAR Embedded Workbench® for AVR®

Webpage: https://www.iar.com/iar-embedded-workbench/#!?architecture=AVR

Document/file: IAR Embedded Workbench installer for AVR®.

4.7 Get Device Support for Microchip Studio

Microchip Studio: Support for new devices in Microchip Studio can be added by using the *Device Pack Manager*, which is found under *Tools → Device Pack Manager*.

For the tinyAVR® 2 Family, update to the latest version by performing the following steps:

1. Click **Check for Updates**.
2. For tinyAVR® 2 Family, select the latest available version of *ATtiny_DFP*.
3. Click **Install**.

For offline installers, go to packs.download.microchip.com/. To install a package, double click on the installer file and follow the instructions. Any open Microchip Studio window will have to be closed for the installation to take effect.

IAR™: Support for new devices in IAR Embedded Workbench can be added by installing the latest service pack. The service pack is available at *My Pages* on https://iar.com (*MyPages* is available for users with registered IAR™ licenses, using the same email address that was used to register the license).

4.8 Get Device Support for MPLAB® X

MPLAB X: Support for new devices in MPLAB X can be added by using the *MPLAB Pack Manager*, which is found under *Tools → Packs*.

For the tinyAVR® 2 Family, update to the latest version by performing the following steps:

1. Click **Check for Updates**.
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3. Click **Install**.

For offline installers, go to packs.download.microchip.com/. To install a package, double click on the installer file and follow the instructions. Any open MPLAB X window will have to be closed for the installation to take effect.

5. Microchip Studio Users Getting Started

5.1 Microchip Studio with ATtiny1627 Curiosity Nano

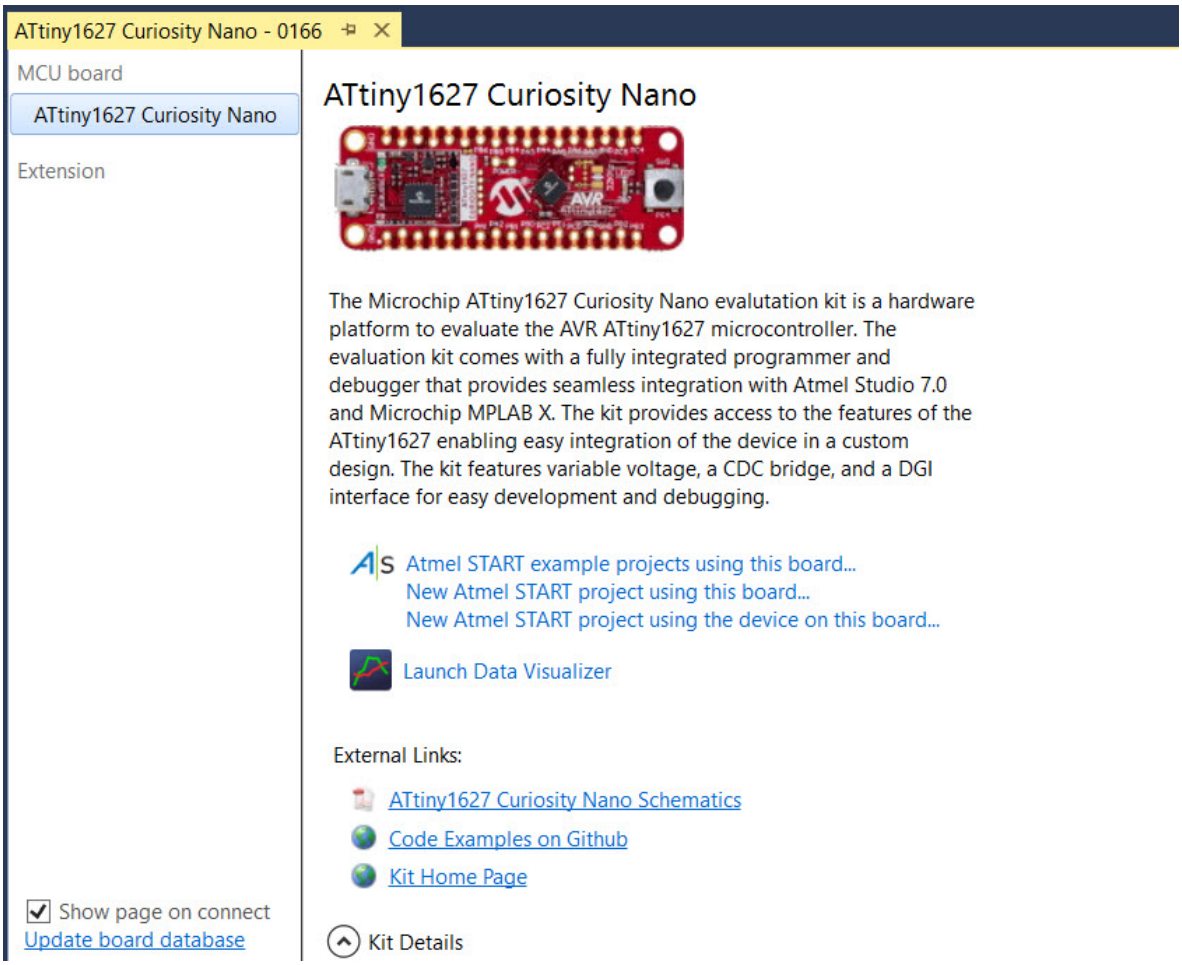
Prerequisites

- Microchip Studio 7.0.2537 or later installed
- The ATtiny1627 Curiosity Nano Board is connected to Atmel Studio 7.0 via the on-board USB connector, which is connected to the embedded debugger. The kit will be powered by the USB, and the embedded debugger will enable debugging and programming via the USB.

Workflow

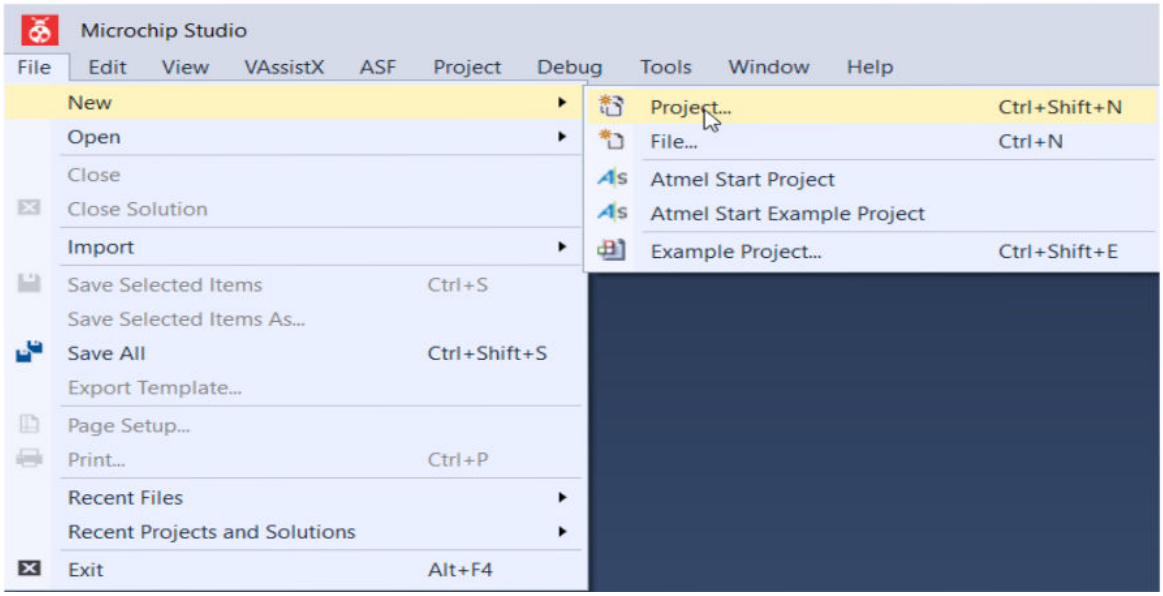
1. Launch Microchip Studio 7.0.
2. The page shown below will appear when ATtiny1627 Curiosity Nano is connected to Atmel Studio 7.0.

Figure 5-1. ATtiny1627 Curiosity Nano Page in Microchip Studio



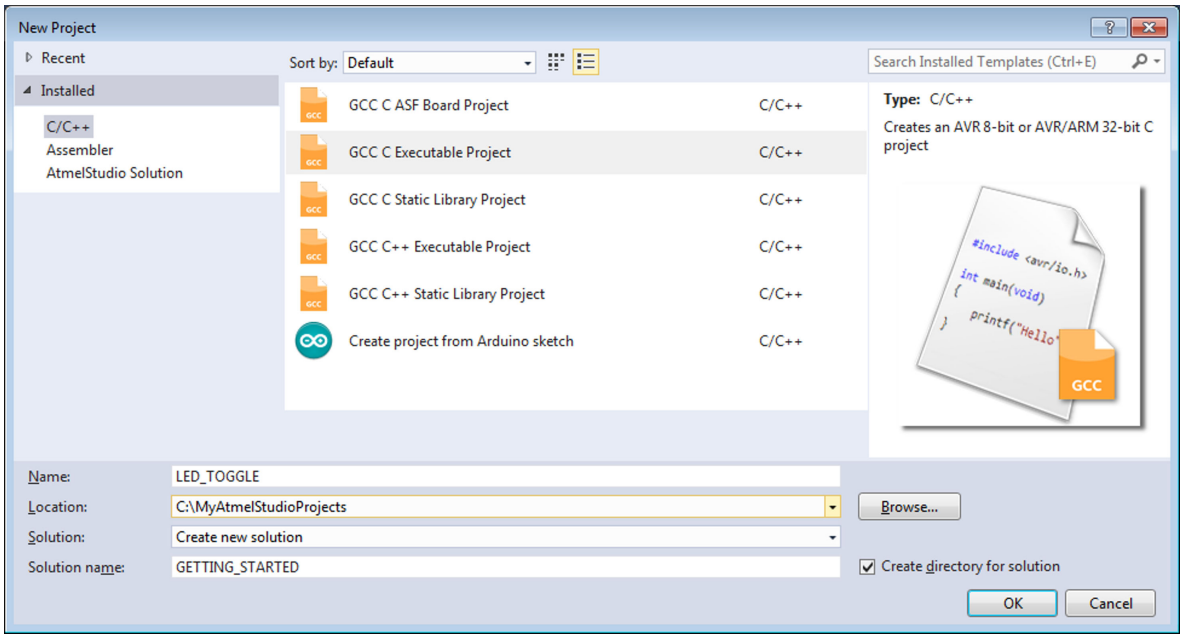
3. Start creating a new project by clicking **New** → **Project...** or by using the **Ctrl+Shift+N** shortcut, as shown in Figure 5-2.

Figure 5-2. Create New Project in Microchip Studio



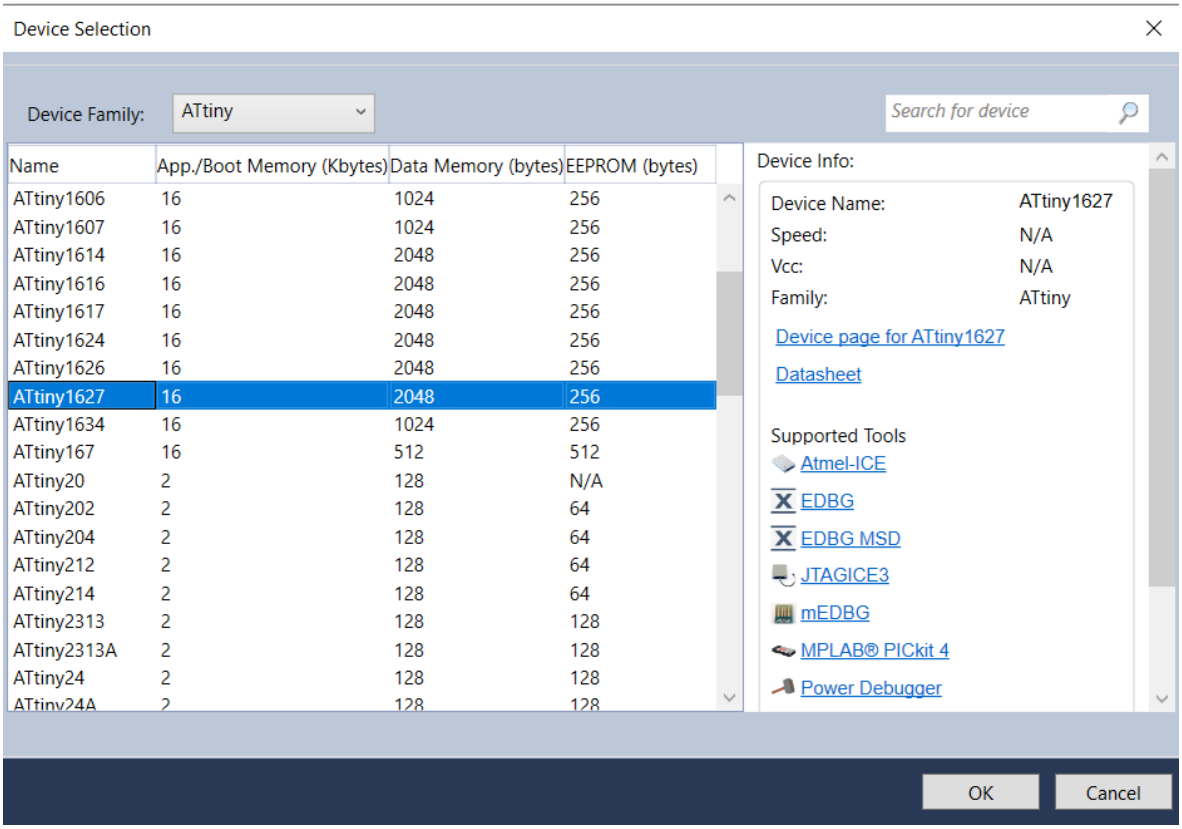
4. Select the **GCC C Executable Project** template, as shown in Figure 5-3, type in the name of the solution and project (e.g., *GETTING_STARTED* and *LED_TOGGLE*), and click **OK**.

Figure 5-3. New Project Wizard



5. Select ATtiny1627 as shown in Figure 5-4, and click **OK**.

Figure 5-4. Device Selection Wizard



A new project with a `main.c` file associated will be generated in Microchip Studio.

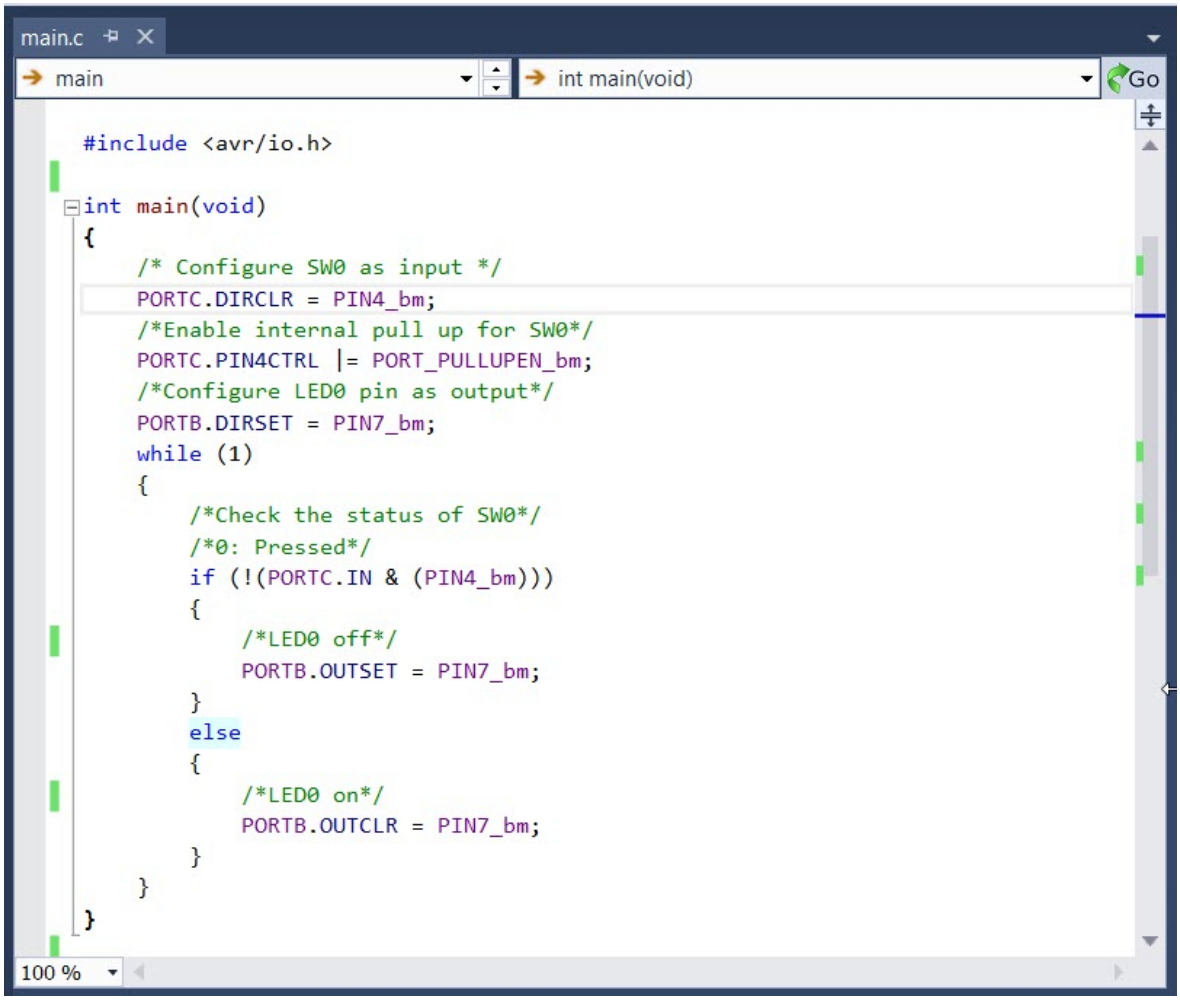
6. Replace the `main.c` file with the following code snippet:

```
int main (void)
{
  /* Configure SW0 as input */
  PORTC.DIRCLR = PIN4_bm;
  /*Enable internal pull up for SW0*/
  PORTC.PIN4CTRL  = PORT_PULLUPEN_bm;
  /* Configure LED0 pin as output */
  PORTB.DIRSET = PIN7_bm;

  while (1)
  {
    /* Check the status of SW0 */
    /* 0: Pressed */
    if (!(PORTC.IN & (PIN4_bm)))
    {
      /* LED0  off */
      PORTB.OUTSET = PIN7_bm;
    }
    /* 1: Released */
    else
    {
      /* LED0 on */
      PORTB.OUTCLR = PIN7_bm;
    }
  }
}
```

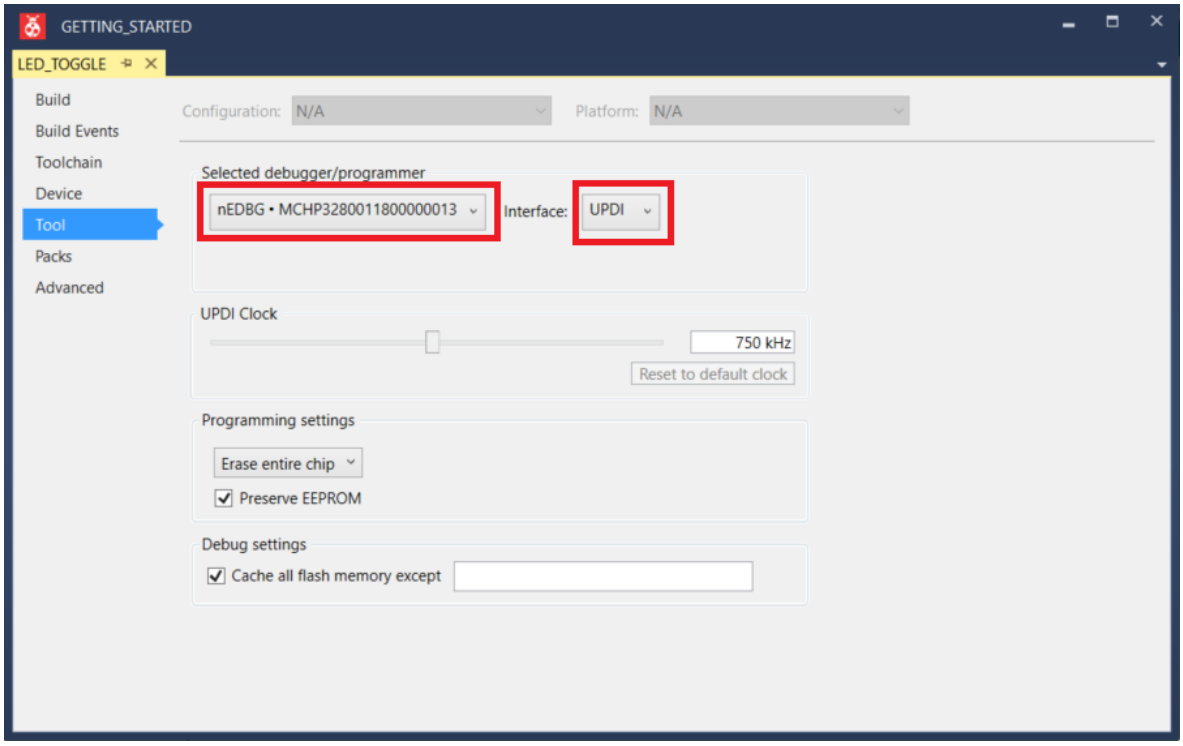
In the code editor, the code will appear, as shown in Figure 5-5.

Figure 5-5. Code Editor Window



7. Open project properties by clicking **Project** → **Properties** or by using the **ALT+F7** shortcut.
8. In the **Tool** view (see Figure 5-6), set *Selected debugger/programmer* to nEDBG and *Interface* to UPDI.

Figure 5-6. Debugger and Interface for ATtiny1627



9. Build the project by clicking **Build** → **Build Solution** or by using the **F7** shortcut.
10. Program ATtiny1627 with the project code and start debugging by clicking **Debug** → **Start debugging and break** or by using the **ALT+F5** shortcut. The application is programmed onto the device, and program execution will break in the `main()` function.
11. Run the code by clicking **Debug** → **Continue** or by using the **F5** shortcut.
12. Verify that LED0 is lit when SW0 is pushed on the ATtiny1627 Curiosity Nano.

6. MPLAB® X Users Getting Started

6.1 MPLAB® X with ATtiny1627 Curiosity Nano

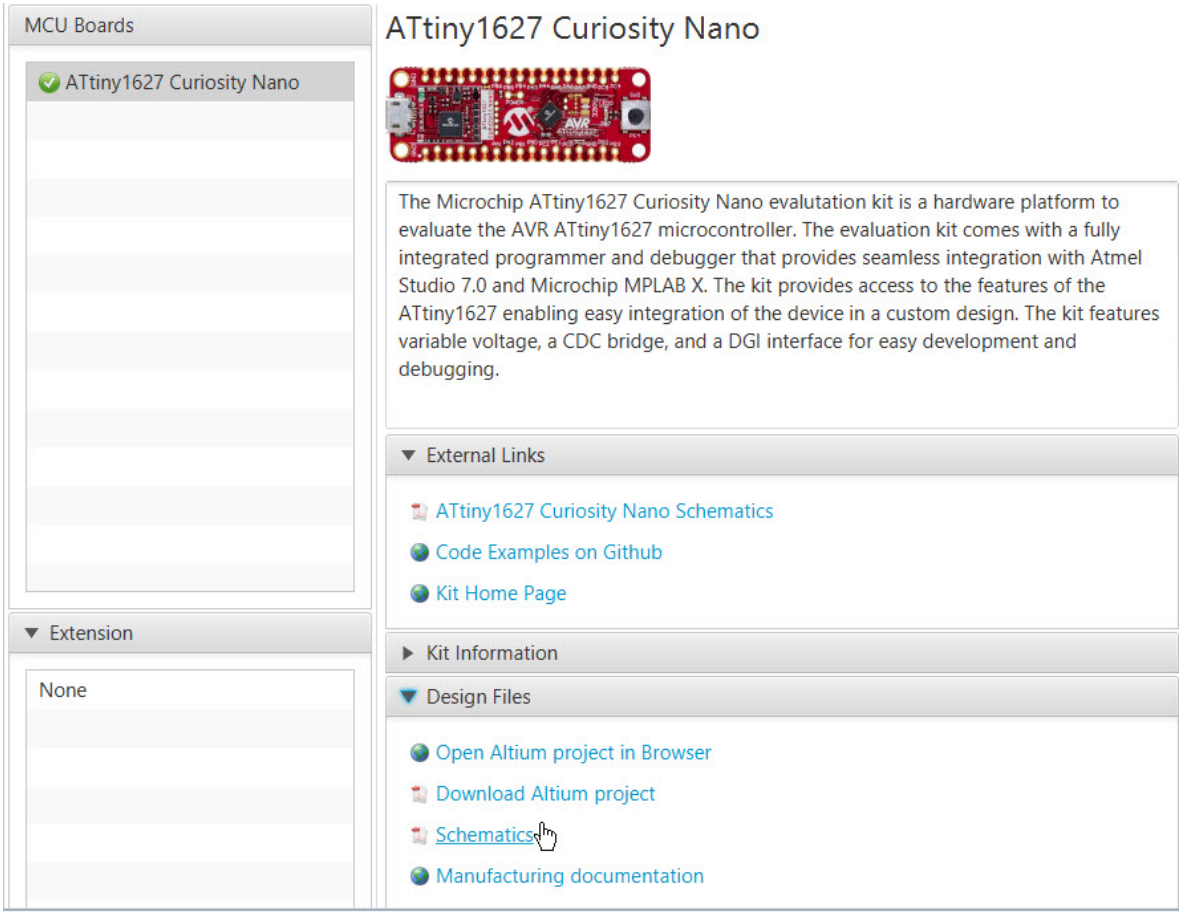
Prerequisites

- MPLAB X installed
- The ATtiny1627 Curiosity Nano Board is connected to MPLAB X via the on-board USB connector, which is connected to the embedded debugger. The kit will be powered by the USB, and the embedded debugger will enable debugging and programming via the USB.

Workflow

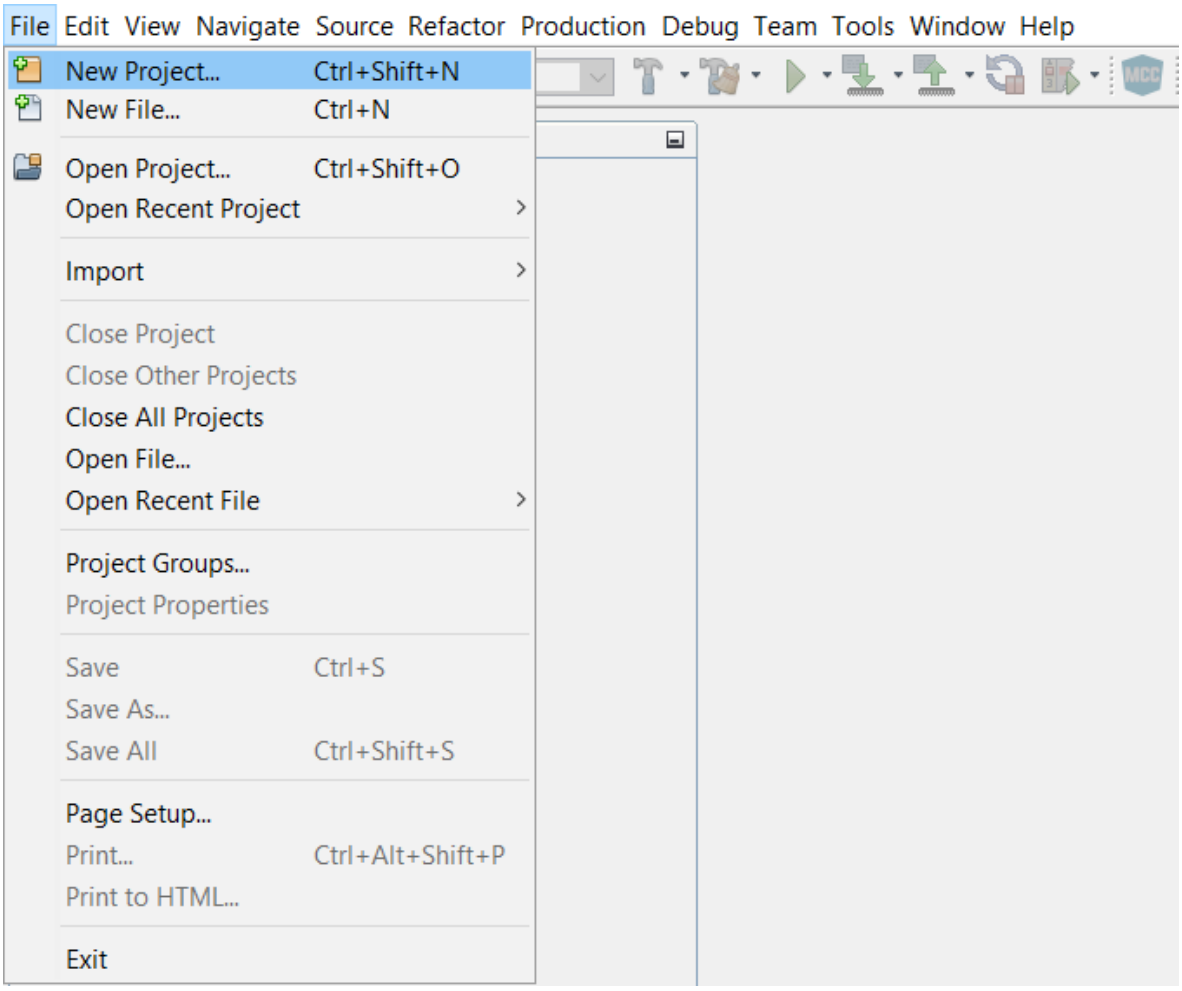
1. Launch MPLAB X.
2. The page shown in Figure 6-1 will appear when ATtiny1627 Curiosity Nano is connected to MPLAB X.

Figure 6-1. ATtiny1627 Curiosity Nano Page in MPLAB® X



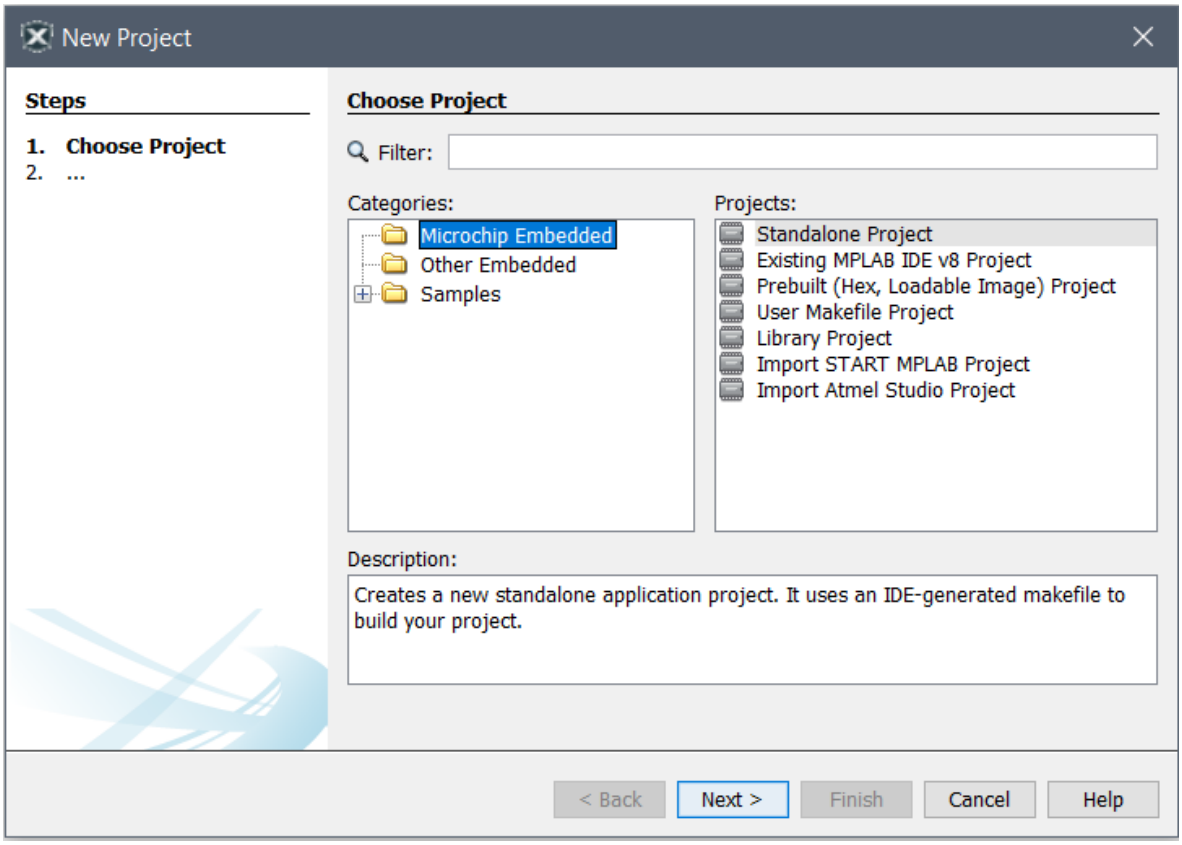
3. Start creating a new project by clicking **File** → **New Project...** or by using the **Ctrl+Shift+N** shortcut, as shown in Figure 6-2.

Figure 6-2. Create New Project in MPLAB® X



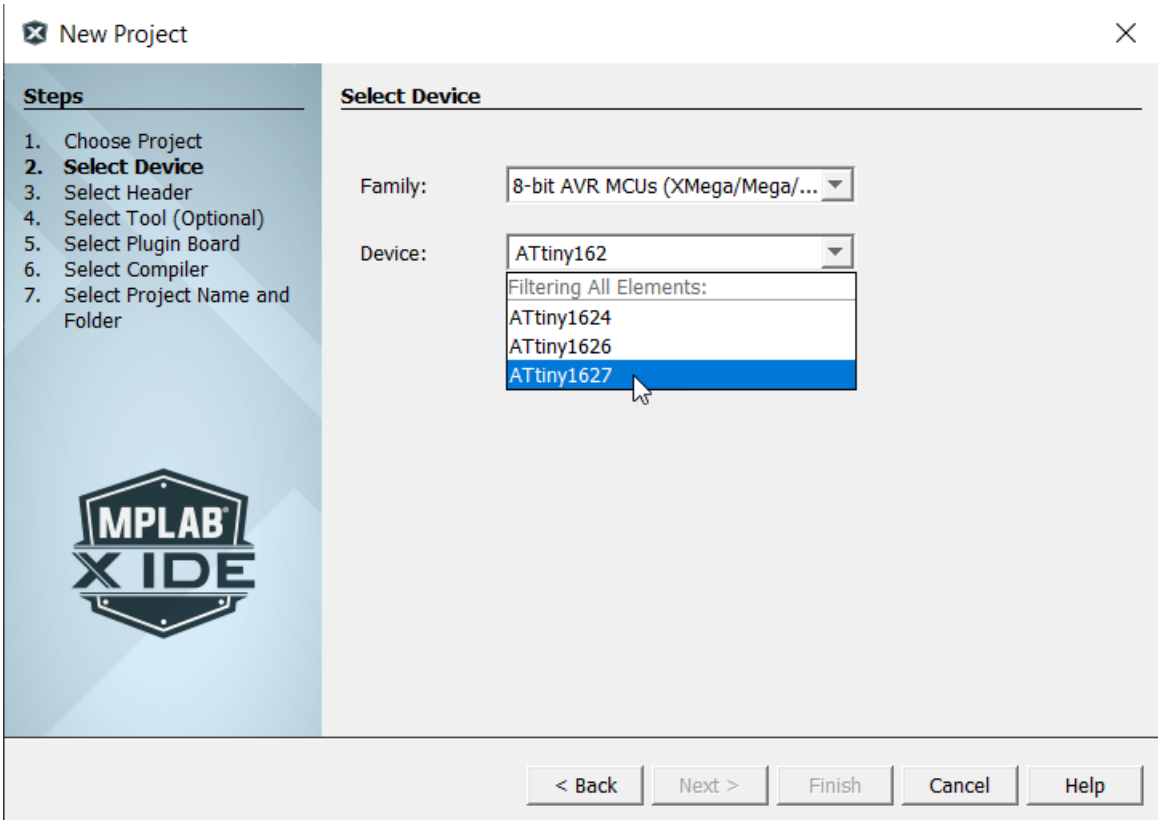
4. Select the **Categories** → **Microchip Embedded** and **Projects** → **Standalone Project** template from Figure 6-6, and click **Next**.

Figure 6-3. New Project Window



5. Select ATtiny1627 (see Figure 6-4) and click **Next**.

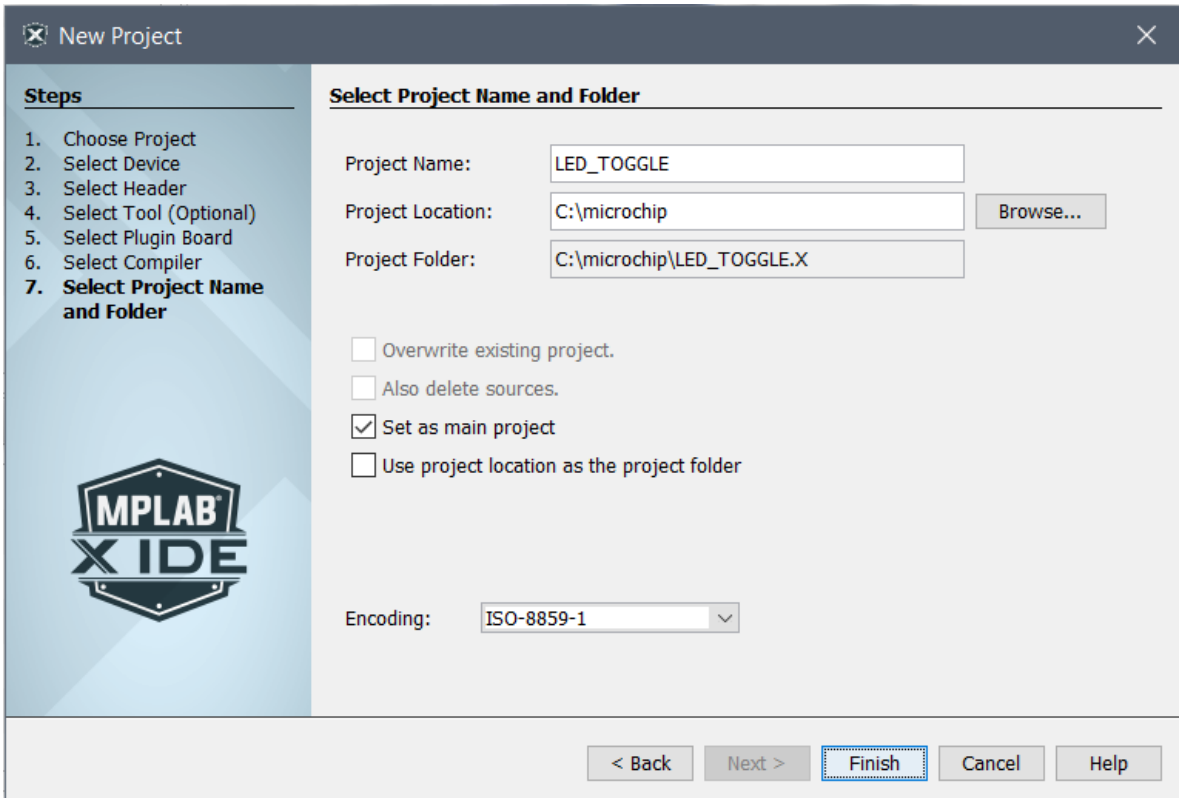
Figure 6-4. Device Selection Window



Then select the board and the desired compiler, if there are any.

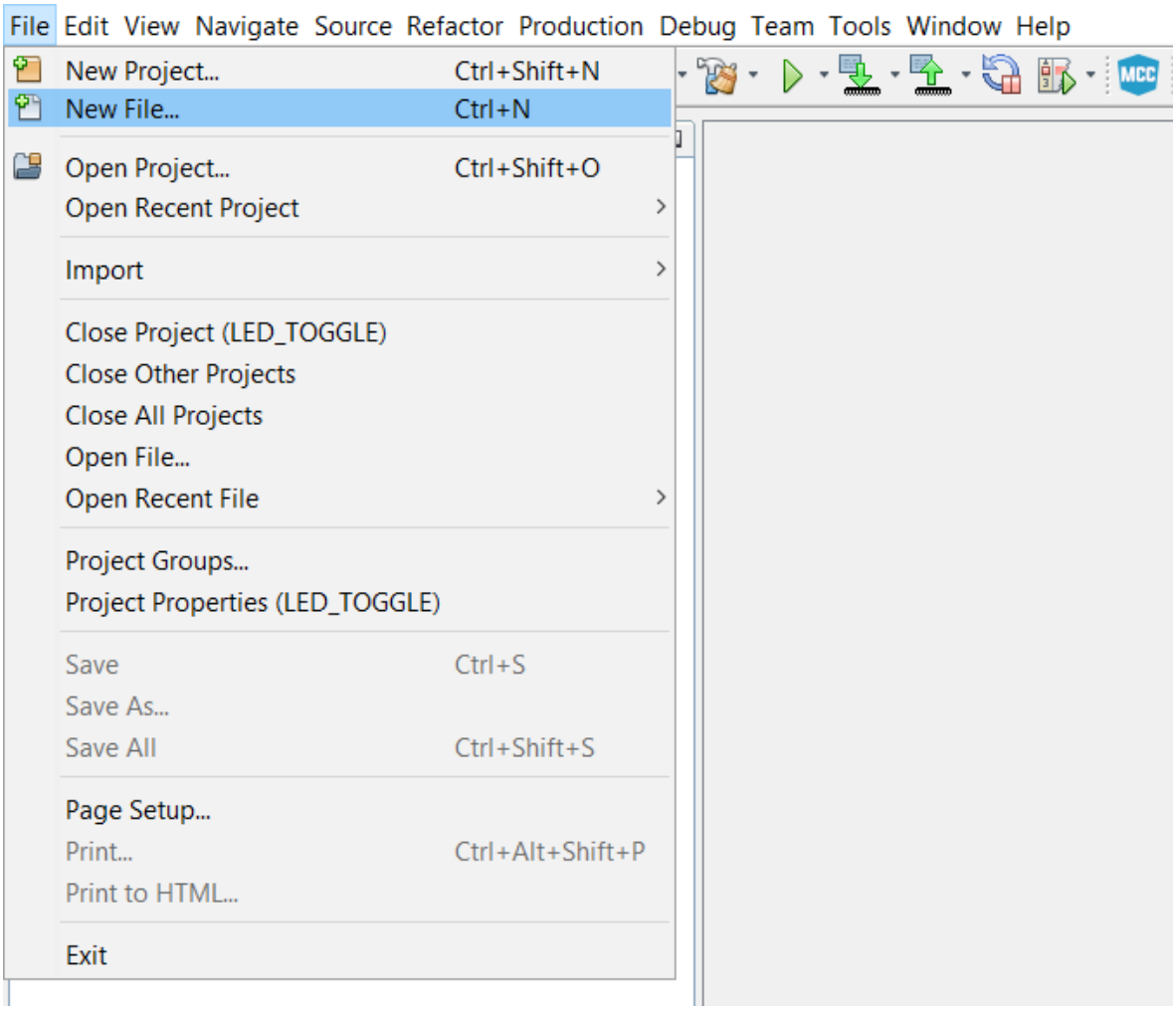
6. Type in the name of the project (e.g., *LED_TOGGLE*) and the project location (e.g., *C:\microchip*), and click **Finish**.

Figure 6-5. Project Name and Location Selection Window



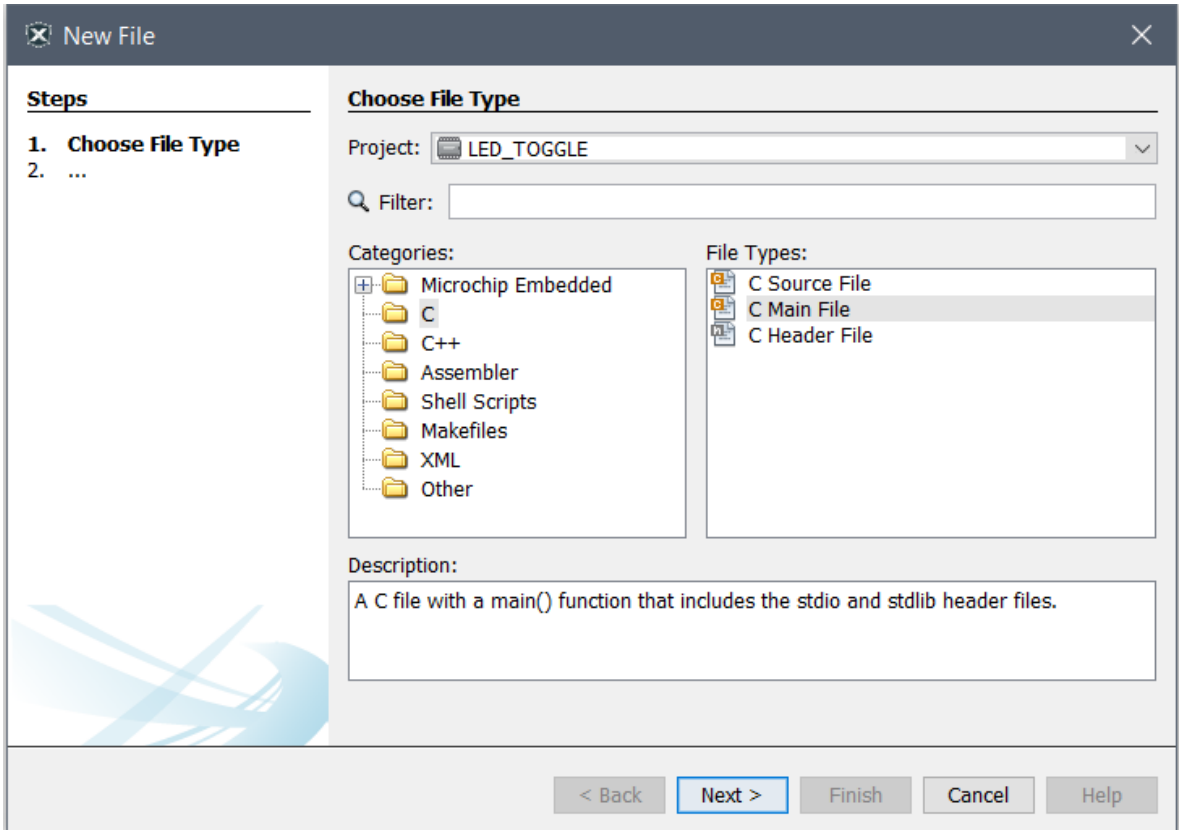
7. Create a new `main.c` file by clicking **File** → **New File...** or by using **Ctrl+N** shortcut, as shown in Figure 6-6.

Figure 6-6. Create a New File in MPLAB® X



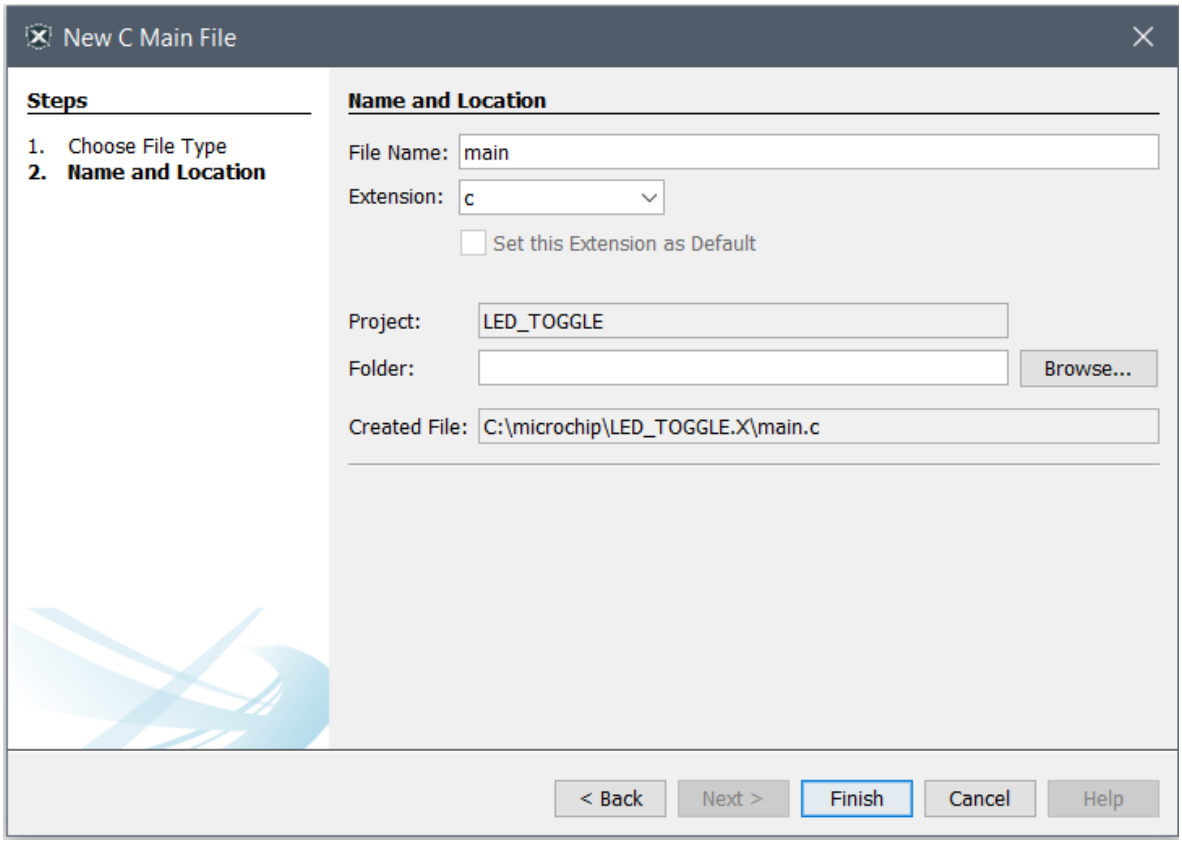
8. Select the **Categories** → **C** and **File Types** → **C Main File** template from Figure 6-7, and click **Next**.

Figure 6-7. New File Window



9. Type in the name of the file (e.g., *main*) and click **Finish**.

Figure 6-8. File Name Window



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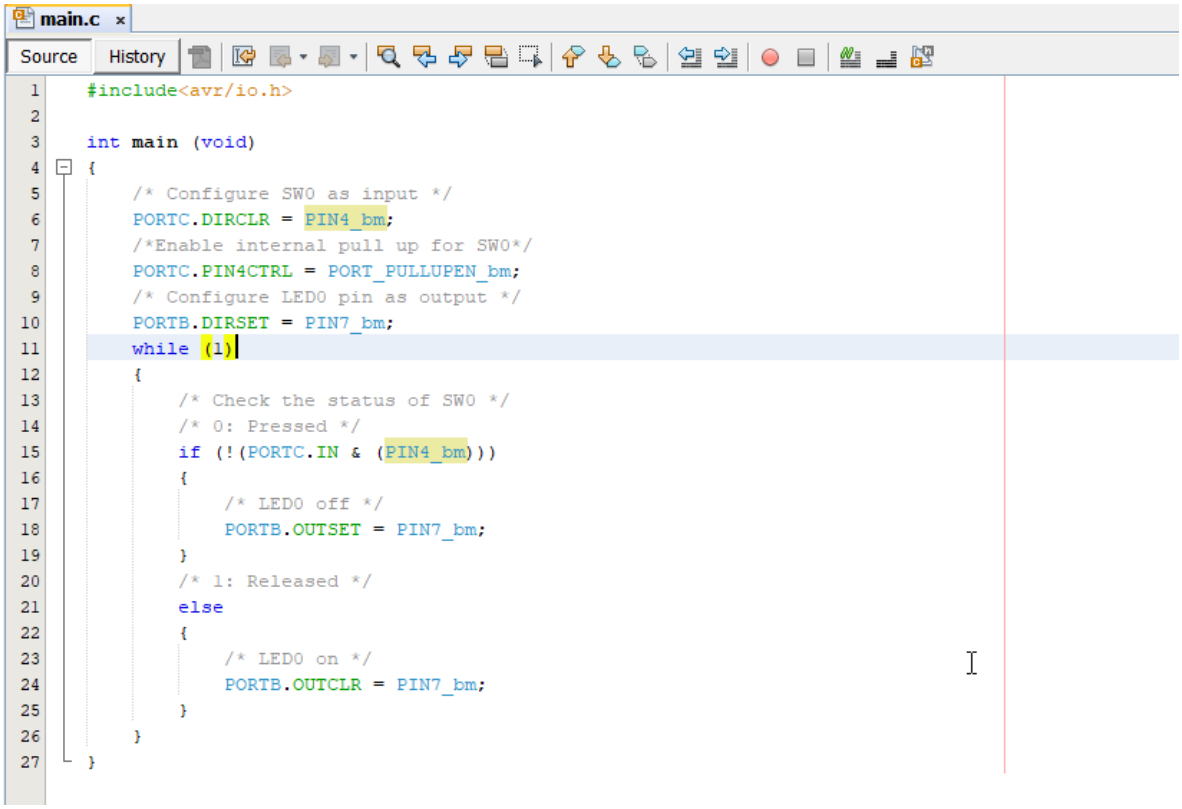
  /* Configure SW0 as input */
  PORTC.DIRCLR = PIN4_bm;
  /*Enable internal pull up for SW0*/
  PORTC.PIN4CTRL  = PORT_PULLUPEN_bm;
  /* Configure LED0 pin as output */
  PORTB.DIRSET = PIN7_bm;

  while (1)
  {
    /* Check the status of SW0 */
    /* 0: Pressed */
    if (!(PORTC.IN & (PIN4_bm)))
    {
      /* LED0  off */
      PORTB.OUTSET = PIN7_bm;
    }
    /* 1: Released */
    else
    {
      /* LED0 on */
      PORTB.OUTCLR = PIN7_bm;
    }
  }
}
```

Add `#inlude<avr/io.h>` in main.c. In the code editor, the code will appear as shown in Figure 6-9.

Figure 6-9. Code Editor Window



11. Build the code by clicking on **Production → Clean and Build Main Project** or by using the **Shift + F11** shortcut.
12. Program ATtiny1627 with the project code and start debugging by clicking **Debug → Debugging Main Project**.
13. Verify that LED0 is lit when SW0 is pushed on the ATtiny1627 Curiosity Nano.

7. Additional Tool Support

Figure 7-1. STK600 Starter Kit

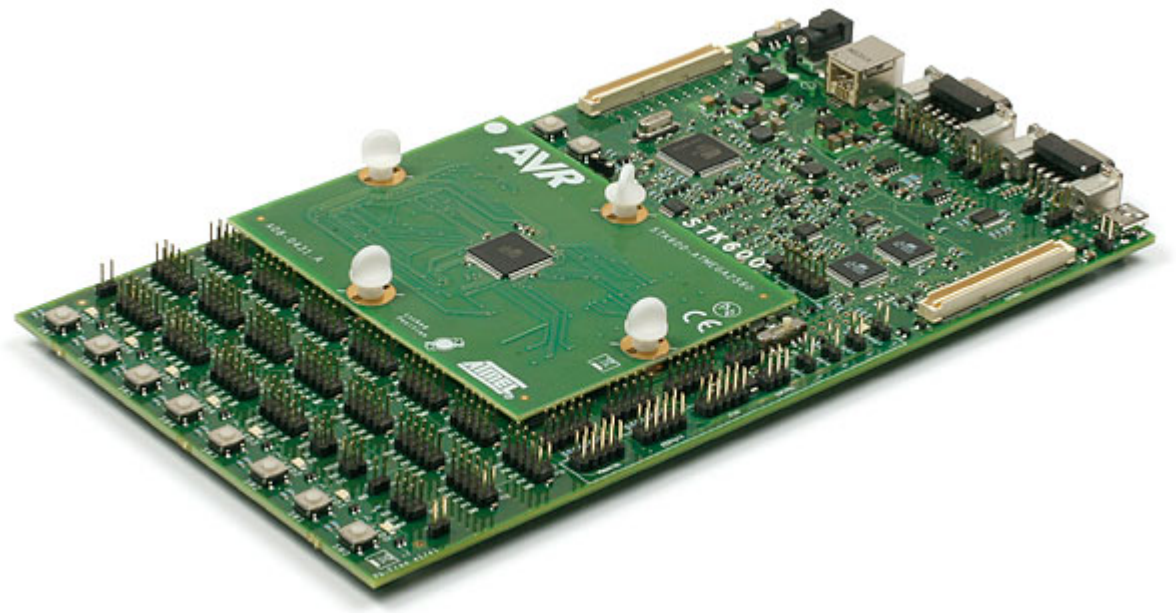


Table 7-1. STK600 Device Support for tinyAVR® 2 Family

Device	Routing Card	Socket Card
ATtiny1624	STK600-RC020T-104	STK600-SOIC
ATtiny1626	STK600-RC020T-104	STK600-SOIC
ATtiny1627	STK600-RC024T-103	STK600-QFN24

For device support for other devices, refer to: onlinedocs.microchip.com

Get the kit: https://www.microchipdirect.com/product/ATSTK600

Web page: http://www.microchip.com/ATSTK600

- **Document/file:**
  - STK600 AVR Flash MCU Starter Kit User's Guide (.pdf)

The STK600 AVR Flash MCU Starter Kit User's Guide describes how to power the kit and includes detailed information about board components, extension interface, and the hardware description.

8. What's Next

For further information on related AVR products and IDE, refer to the links below:

Software:

- Microchip Studio
- Microchip Studio help: **Help** → **View Help** (shortcut **CTRL+F1**)
- Microchip Gallery
- MPLAB X
- IAR Embedded Workbench for AVR: Go to www.iar.com, search for "AVR".

Firmware:

- Atmel START documentation
- Atmel START examples
- GitHub examples

Hardware:

- AN2519: AVR Microcontroller Hardware Design Considerations
- AVR IBIS files
- AVR BDSL files

Recommended Programming/Debugging Tools:

- Atmel-ICE:
  - User Guide
  - Buy
- Power Debugger:
  - User Guide
  - Buy
- MPALB Snap:
  - Buy
- MPLAB PICkit® 4:
  - Buy

Other:

- AVR Freaks®: www.avrfreaks.net/
- Application notes:
  www.microchip.com/en-us/products/microcontrollers-and-microprocessors/8-bit-mcus/avr-mcus

  Find the preferred device and go to the product page. All relevant application notes can be found under the documentation tab.
- AVR product selector:
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- Microchip Technical Support: microchipsupport.force.com/s/

9. Revision History

Doc. Rev.	Date	Comments
B	06/2021	Added topic: Additional Tool Support. Replaced Atmel Studio to Microchip Studio
A	07/2020	Initial document release

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- Technical Support

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Technical support is available through the website at: www.microchip.com/support

Microchip Devices Code Protection Feature

Note the following details of the code protection feature on Microchip devices:

- Microchip products meet the specifications contained in their particular Microchip Data Sheet.
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