



Creating the first project in

# **mikroBasic** PRO for ARM<sup>®</sup>

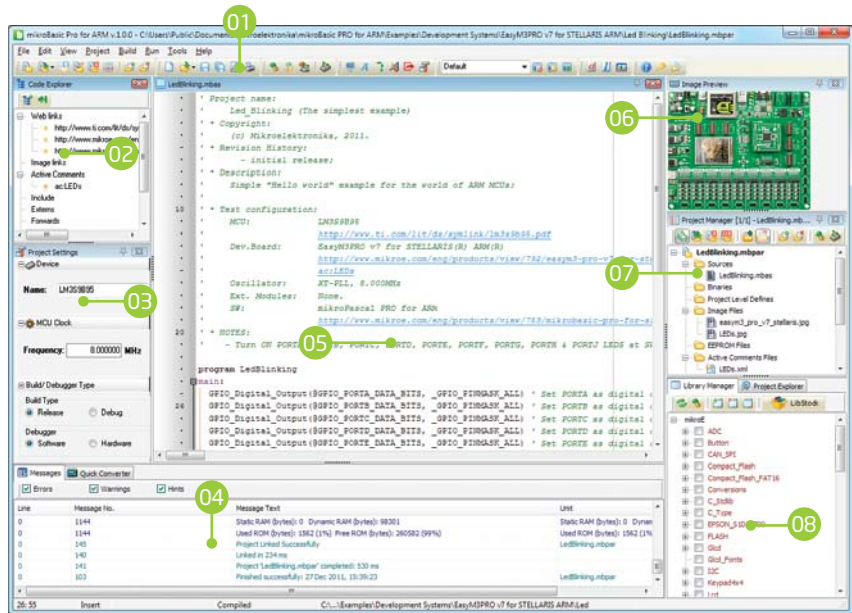
# 1. Introduction to mikroBasic PRO for ARM

**mikroBasic PRO for ARM®** organizes applications into projects consisting of a single project file (file with the **.mbproj** extension) and one or more source files (files with the **.c** extension). The mikroBasic PRO for ARM® compiler allows you to manage several projects at a time. Source files can be compiled only if they are part of the project.

A project file contains:

- Project name and optional description;
- Target device in use;
- Device clock;
- List of the project source files;
- Binary files (\*.emcl); and
- Other files.

In this reference guide, we will create a new project, write code, compile it and test the results. The purpose of this project is to make microcontroller PORTA LEDs blink, which will be easy to test.



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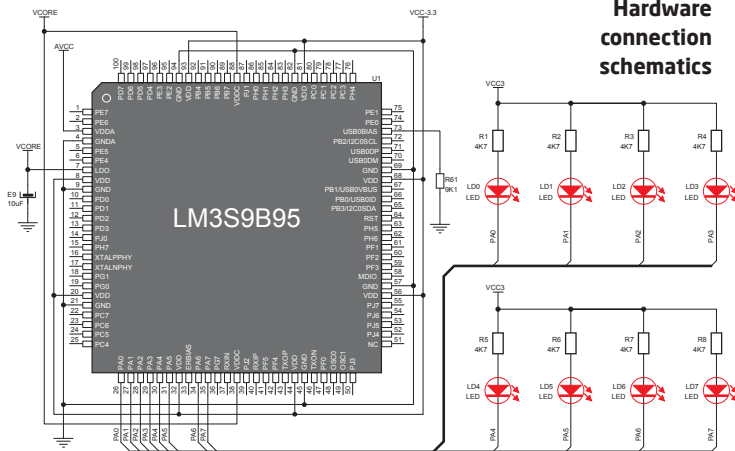
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## 2. Hardware Connection

Let's make a simple "Hello world" example for the selected microcontroller. First thing embedded programmers usually write is a simple **LED blinking** program. So, let's do that in a few simple lines of Basic code.

LED blinking is just turning ON and OFF LEDs that are connected to desired PORT pins. In order to see the example in action, it is necessary to connect the target microcontroller according to schematics shown on **Figure 2-1**. In the project we are about to write, we will use only **PORTA**, so you should connect the LEDs to PORTA only.



### Figure 2-1: Hardware connection schematics

Prior to creating a new project, it is necessary to do the following:

## Step 1: Install the compiler

Install the mikroBasic PRO for ARM® compiler from the **Product DVD**  
or download it from the MikroElektronika website:

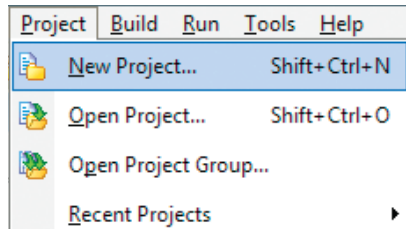
<http://www.mikroe.com/eng/products/view/753/mikrobasic-pro-for-arm/>

## Step 2: Start up the compiler

Double click on the compiler icon in the Start menu, or on your desktop to Start up the mikroBasic PRO for ARM® compiler. The mikroBasic PRO for ARM® IDE (Integrated Development Environment) will appear on the screen. Now you are ready to start creating a new project.

# 3. Creating a New Project

The process of creating a new project is very simple. Select the **New Project** option from the **Project menu** as shown below. The **New Project Wizard** window appears. It can also be opened by clicking the **New Project icon** from the **Project toolbar**.



The **New Project Wizard** (Figure 3-1) will guide you through the process of creating a new project. The introductory window of this application contains a list of actions to be performed when creating a new project.

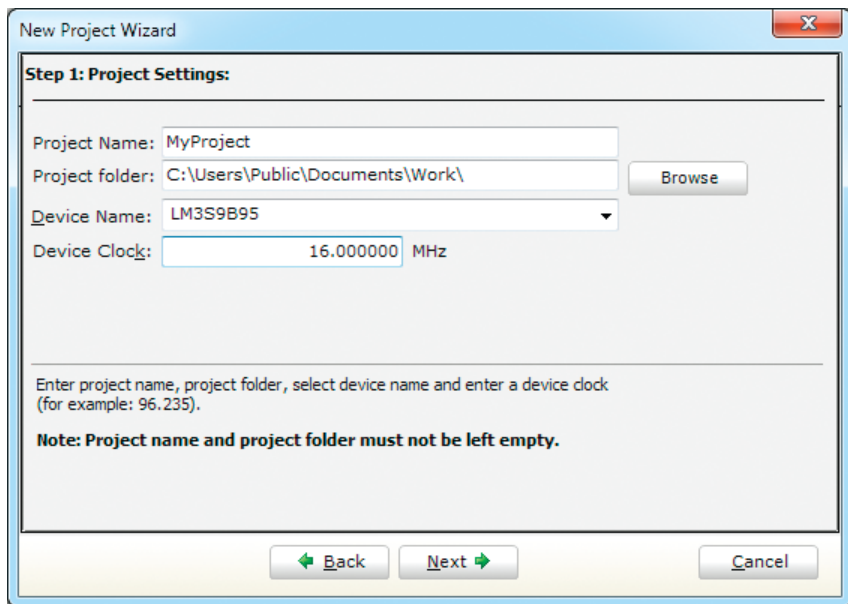
01 Click **Next**.



Figure 3-1: Introductory window of the New Project Wizard

## Step 1 - Project Settings

First thing we have to do is to specify the general project information. This is done by selecting the target microcontroller, its operating clock frequency, and of course - naming our project. This is an important step, because compiler will adjust the internal settings based on this information. Default configuration is already suggested to us at the beginning. We will not change the microcontroller, and we will leave the default **LM3S9B95** as the choice for this project.



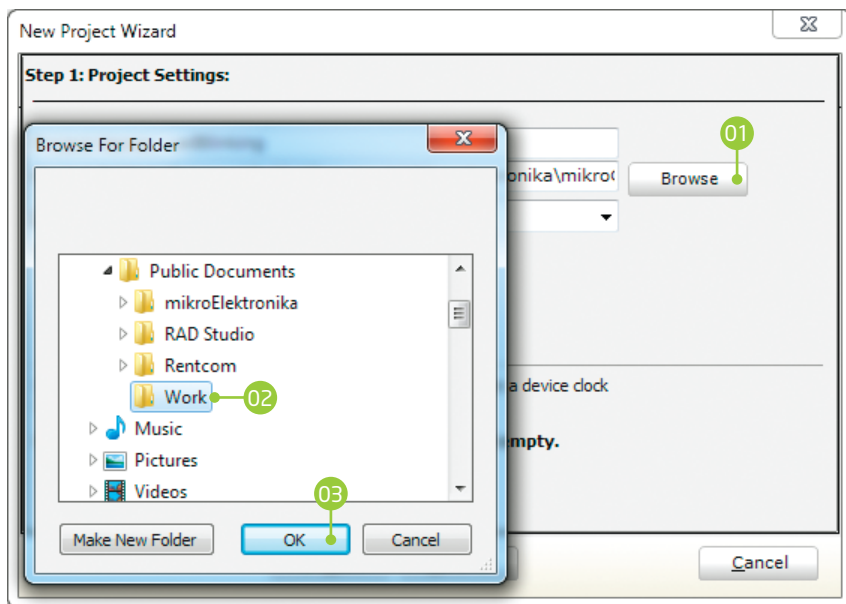
The screenshot shows a 'New Project Wizard' window with a title bar containing a close button. The main area is titled 'Step 1: Project Settings:'. It contains four input fields: 'Project Name' with the text 'MyProject', 'Project folder' with the path 'C:\Users\Public\Documents\Work\' and a 'Browse' button to its right, 'Device Name' with a dropdown menu showing 'LM3S9B95', and 'Device Clock' with a text box containing '16.000000' and 'MHz' to its right. Below these fields is a line of instructional text: 'Enter project name, project folder, select device name and enter a device clock (for example: 96.235)'. Below that is a bold note: 'Note: Project name and project folder must not be left empty.' At the bottom of the window are three buttons: 'Back' with a left arrow, 'Next' with a right arrow, and 'Cancel'.

**Figure 3-2: You can specify project name, path, device and clock in the first step**

## Step 1 - Project Settings

If you do not want to use the suggested path for storing your new project, you can **change the destination folder**. In order to do that, follow a simple procedure:

- 01 Click the **Browse** button of the Project Settings window to open the **Browse for Folder** dialog.
- 02 Select the desired folder to be the destination path for storing your new project files.
- 03 Click the **OK** button to confirm your selection and apply the new path.



**Figure 3-3: Change the destination folder using Browse For Folder dialog**

## Step 1 - Project Settings

Once we have selected the destination project folder, let's do the rest of the project settings:

- 01 Enter the name of your project. Since we are going to blink some LEDs, it's appropriate to call the project **"LedBlinking"**
- 02 For this demonstration, we will use the default **16MHz clock**. Clock speed depends on your target hardware, and whether you are using PLL or not. But however you configure your hardware, make sure to specify the exact clock (**Fosc**) that the microcontroller is operating at.
- 03 Click the **OK** button to proceed.

New Project Wizard

**Step 1: Project Settings:**

Project Name:  01

Project folder:  Browse

Device Name:

Device Clock:  MHz 02

Enter project name, project folder, select device name and enter a device clock (for example: 96.235).

**Note: Project name and project folder must not be left empty.**

Back Next 03 Cancel

**Figure 3-4: Enter project name and change device clock speed if necessary**

## Step 2 - Add files

This step allows you to include additional files that you need in your project: some headers or source files that you already wrote, and that you might need in further development. Since we are building a simple application, we won't be adding any files at this moment.

01 Click **Next**.

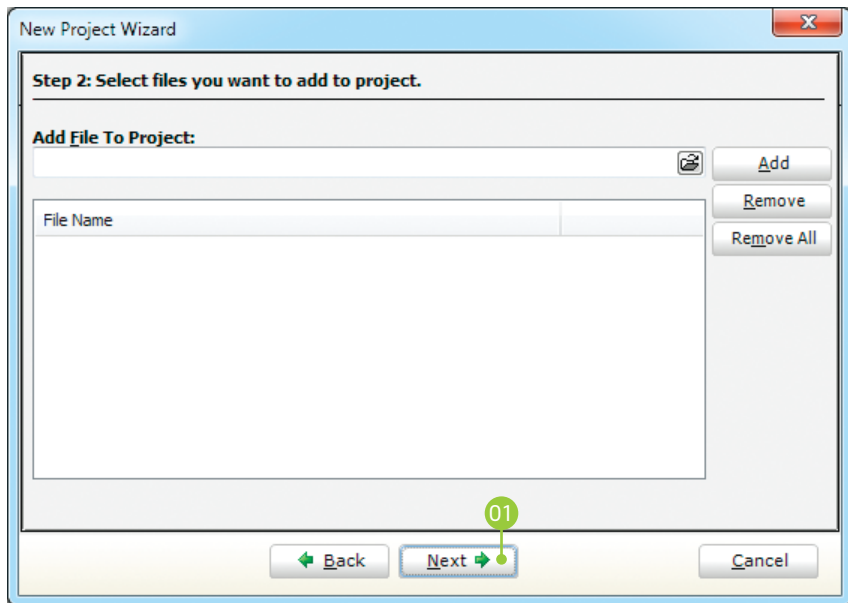


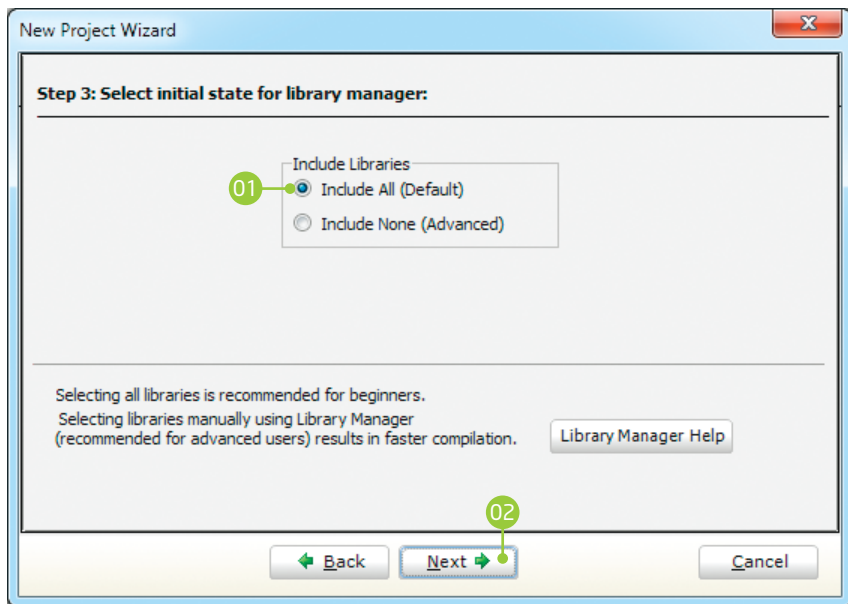
Figure 3-5: Add existing headers, sources or other files if necessary



## Step 3 - Include Libraries

Following step allows you to quickly set whether you want to include all libraries in your project, or not. Even if all libraries are included, they will not consume any memory unless they are explicitly used from within your code. The main advantage of including all libraries is that you will have over **500 functions** available for use in your code right away, and visible from **Code Assistant [CTRL+Space]**. We will leave this in default configuration:

- 01 Make sure to leave **"Include All"** selected.
- 02 Click **Next**.



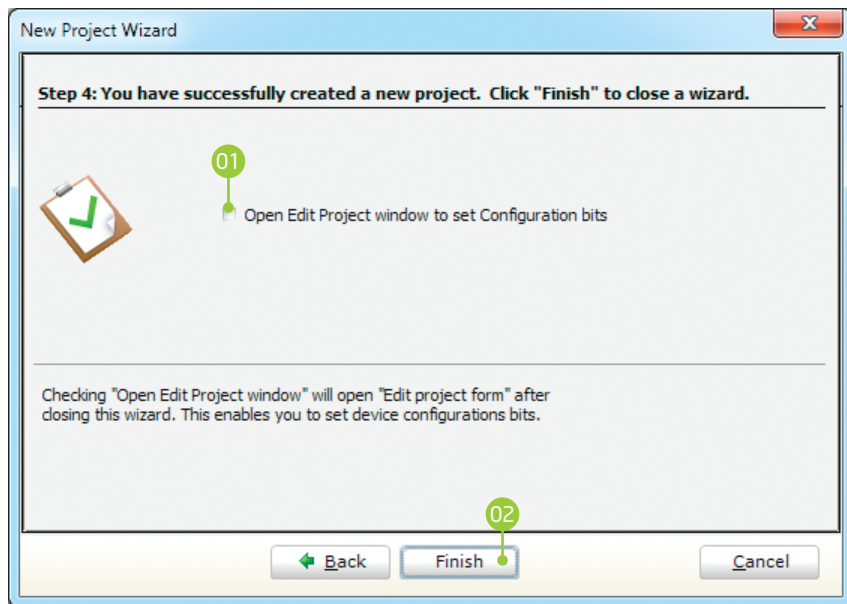
**Figure 3-6: Include all libraries in the project, which is a default configuration.**

## Step 4 - Finishing

After all configuration is done, final step allows you to do just a bit more.

01 There is a check-box called **“Open Edit Project window to set Configuration bits”** at the final step. **Edit Project** is a specialized window which allows you to do all the necessary oscillator and PLL settings. We made sure that everything is described in plain English, so you will be able to do the settings without having to open the datasheet. Anyway, since we are only building a simple application, we will leave it at default configuration (internal 16MHz oscillator with PLL disabled). **Therefore, leave the checkbox unchecked.**

02 Click **Finish**.



**Figure 3-7: Choose whether to open Edit Project window after dialog closes.**

## Blank new project created

New project is finally created. A new source file called **"LedBlinking.mbas"** is created and it contains the **main:** function, which will hold the program. You may notice that project is configured according to the settings done in the **New Project Wizard**.

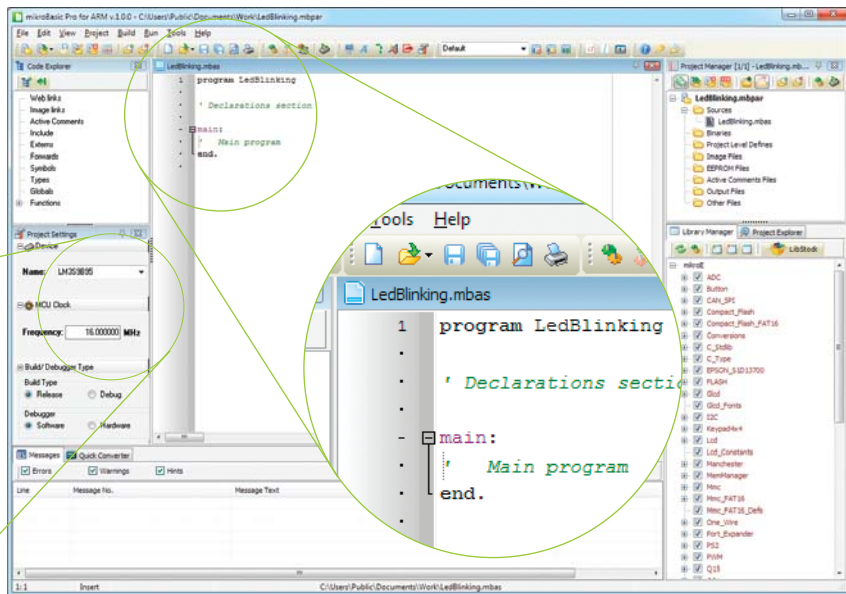


Figure 3-8: New blank project is created with your configuration

# 4. Code Example

Time has come to do some coding. mikroBasic PRO for ARM® has the unique libraries that enable you to do complicated tasks in a single line of code. Built-in **GPIO library** enables you to set configure each PORT and enable pins that you need, without worrying about complex procedure that this operation requires. To demonstrate this, we will write our first line of code:

```
' Set PORTA as digital output
GPIO_Digital_Output(
    @GPIO_PORTA,
    _GPIO_PINMASK_ALL)
```

Once we have enabled PORTA to act as digital output, we can now initialize PORTA with logic zeros on every PORT pin:

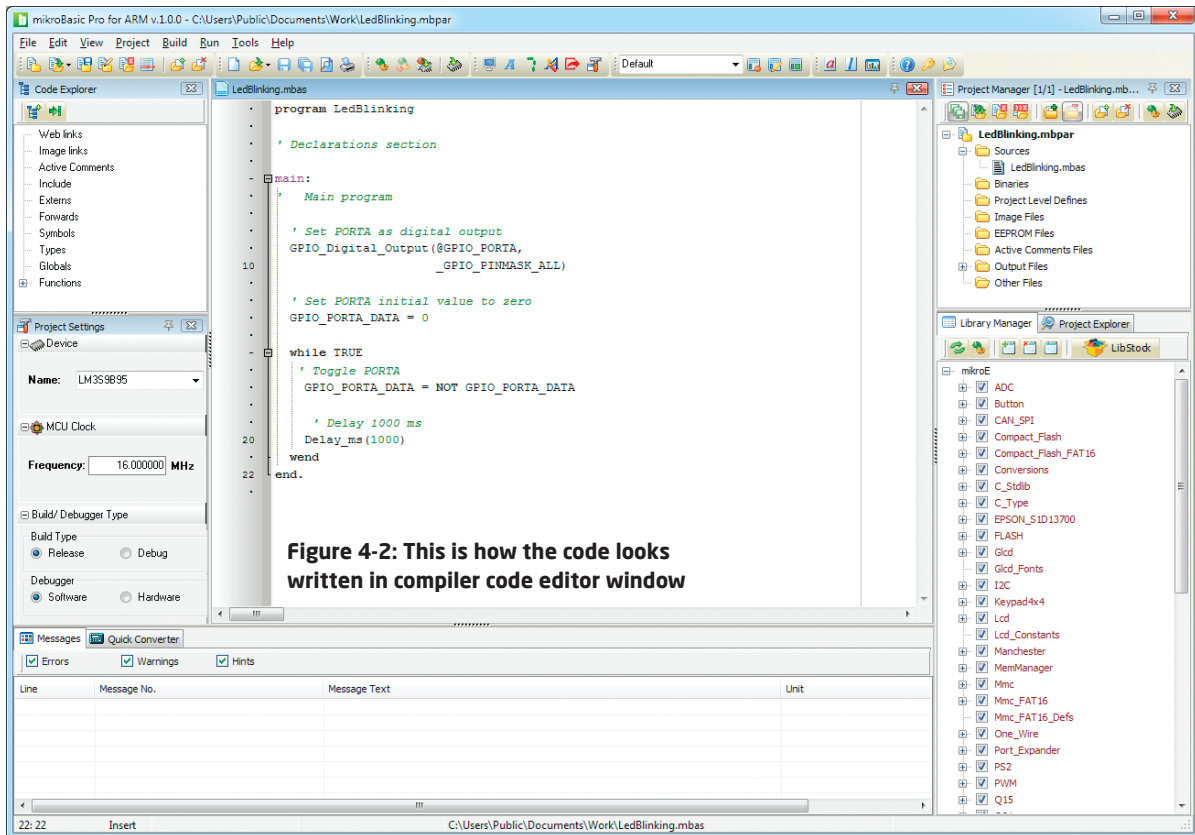
```
' Set PORTA initial value to 0
GPIO_PORTA_DATA = 0
```

Finally, in a **while()** loop we will toggle the PORTA value, and put a 1000 ms delay, so the blinking is not too fast.


## LedBlinking.mbas - source code

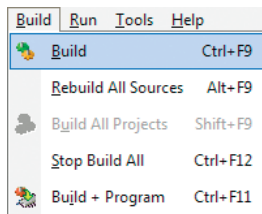
```
1  program LedBlinking
2
3  ' Declarations section
4
5  main:
6  '   Main program
7
8  ' Set PORTA as digital output
9  GPIO_Digital_Output(@GPIO_PORTA,
10                      _GPIO_PINMASK_ALL)
11
12 ' Set PORTA initial value to zero
13 GPIO_PORTA_DATA = 0
14
15 while TRUE
16 ' Toggle PORTA
17   GPIO_PORTA_DATA = NOT GPIO_PORTA_DATA
18
19 ' Delay 1000 ms
20   Delay_ms(1000)
21 wend
22 end.
```

**Figure 4-1: Complete source code of the PORTA LED blinking**



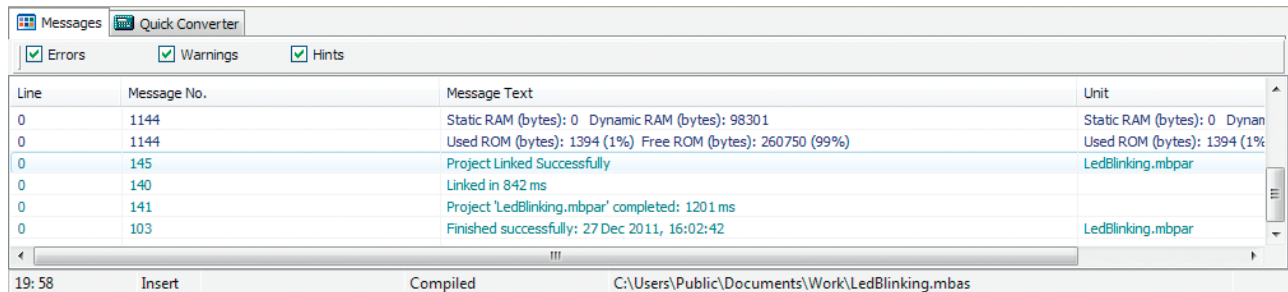
# 5. Building the Source

When we are done writing our first **LedBlinking** code, we can now build the project and create a **.HEX** file which can be loaded into our target microcontroller, so we can test the program on real hardware. "Building" includes compilation, linking and optimization which is all done automatically. Build your code by clicking on the  icon in the main toolbar, or simply go to **Build menu** and click **Build [CTRL+F9]**. Message window will report the details of the building process (**Figure 5-2**). Compiler automatically creates necessary output files. **LedBlinking.hex** (**Figure 5-1**) is among them.



Name	Date modified	Type	Size
LedBlinking.asm	2011-12-27 6:27 PM	ASM File	1 KB
LedBlinking.brk	2011-12-27 5:16 PM	BRK File	1 KB
LedBlinking.cfg	2011-12-27 6:27 PM	CFG File	1 KB
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LedBlinking.hex	2011-12-27 6:27 PM	HEX File	4 KB
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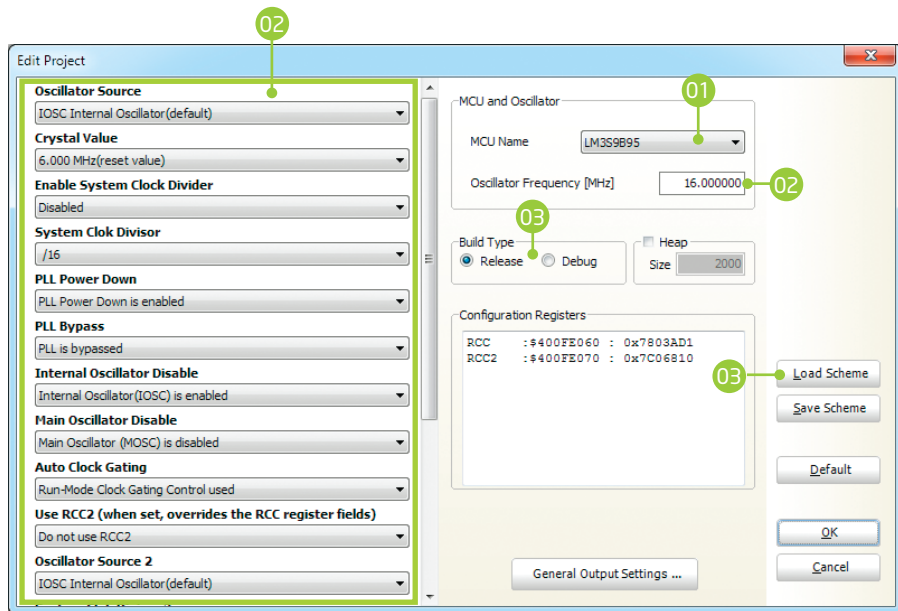
**Figure 5-1: Listing of project files after building is done**



**Figure 5-2: After the successful compilation and linking, the message window should look something like this**

# 6. Changing Project Settings

If you need to change the target microcontroller or clock speed, you don't have to go through the new project wizard all over again. This can be done quickly in the **Edit Project** window. You can open it using **Project->Edit Project [CTRL+SHIFT+E]** menu option.



01 To change your MCU, just select the desired microcontroller from the dropdown list.

02 To change your oscillator settings enter the oscillator value and adjust oscillator configuration registers using drop-down boxes.

03 Several most commonly used oscillator settings can be loaded using the provided oscillator "schemes". Load the desired scheme by clicking the **Load Scheme** button.

04 Select whether to build a **Debug HEX**, which is necessary for hardware debugging, or a final **Release HEX**.

Figure 6-1: Edit Project Window

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