

MPLAB Analysis Tool Suite User's Guide

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1. Introduction

MPLAB Analysis Tool Suite is a collection of analysis tools that integrates with MPLAB X IDE and supports all Microchip MCU, MPU, CEC and DSC devices. It features the MPLAB® Code Coverage and the MISRA® (Motor Industry Software Reliability Association) Check in the IDE.

The MPLAB Code Coverage feature provides visibility as to what portions of your code are being executed. The MISRA Check in the IDE provides guidelines to ensure safe, secure, portable and reliable C code in embedded systems.

1.1 Licenses

A license for the MPLAB Analysis Tool Suite can be purchased throught the Microchip Direct web site. Licenses for the MPLAB Analysis Tool Suite are as follows:

- MPLAB Analysis Tool Workstation License Part Number: SW006027-2 www.microchip.com/en-us/development-tool/SW006027-2
- MPLAB Analysis Tool High Priority Access (HPA) Workstation License Part Number: SW006027-2H www.microchip.com/en-us/development-tool/SW006027-2H
- MPLAB Analysis Tool Network Server License Part Number: SW006027-2N www.microchip.com/en-us/development-tool/SW006027-2N
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2. MPLAB Code Coverage

2.1 **MPLAB Code Coverage Overview**

The MPLAB® Code Coverage feature in the MPLAB Analysis Tool Suite provides visibility as to what portions of your code are being executed. Run your test cases to completion for a visual display of coverage. See [AoU-09-COV].

The MPLAB Code Coverage feature requires the following tools:

- An MPLAB XC C compiler, either Free or PRO, that supports code coverage output, starting with MPLAB XC8 v2.35, MPLAB XC16 v2.0, and MPLAB XC32 v4.0. See [AoU-02-COV].
- The MPLAB Analysis Tool Suite license, which includes Code Coverage, (see 1.1. Licenses) that provides visibility as to what portions of your code are being executed. See [AoU-05-COV].
- MPLAB X IDE v6.0 or later, which supports the display of code coverage data from an MPLAB XC C compiler with the MPLAB Analysis Tool Suite license. See [AoU-04-COV].

Note: This manual is written for MPLAB X IDE v6.0 or later.

Note: Use MPLAB X IDE for the best code coverage experience.

Code coverage is displayed in the MPLAB X IDE as:

- Editor text highlighted by colors representing coverage: green = executed, yellow = partially executed, and red = not executed.
- Program memory highlighted by colors representing coverage.
- A Code Coverage tab with a report displaying color percentages of code covered. This information may be written to an HTML Report for later viewing.

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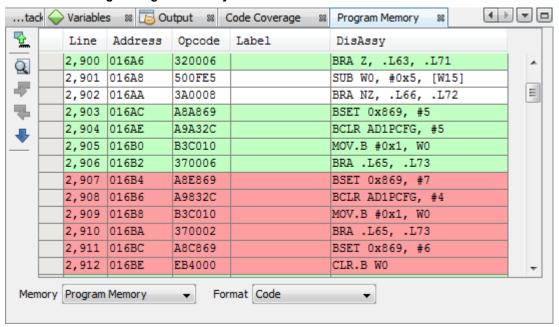
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Figure 2-1. Code Coverage - Editor Window and Code Coverage Tab

Figure 2-2. Code Coverage - Program Memory Window



2.2 Using MPLAB Code Coverage in a Safety Environment



Attention: To use the MPLAB Analysis Tool Suite in a Safety Environment, you must use a functional safety version of the Microchip compiler. The newer function safety versions of the compilers that support the MPLAB Analysis Tool Suite may not be available yet. Check the www.microchip.com/en-us/solutions/functional-safety/mplab-development-ecosystem-for-functional-safety for the appropriate functional safety compiler licenses:

- · MPLAB XC8 Functional Safety License (with MPLAB Analysis Tool Suite support)
- MPLAB XC16 Functional Safety License (with MPLAB Analysis Tool Suite support)
- MPLAB XC32 Functional Safety License (with MPLAB Analysis Tool Suite support)

MPLAB Code Coverage has been designed according to the Microchip Development Tools standard process. Microchip asserts certain Assumptions of Use (AoUs) to meet technical and functional safety requirements at the system level. The AoUs are described below. References to some of these AoUs can be found in other sections in this manual, where they are addressed as part of a specific topic being discussed.

It is the responsibility of the System Integrator to address all the AoUs listed in this manual and to ensure that the AoUs listed have been observed by every component or item, contributed to the application being analyzed by MPLAB Code Coverage.

The System Integrator has two options:

- · Make sure each assumption is fulfilled
- · Disregard the assumption

In both cases, the System Integrator shall provide evidence of the fulfillment and/or a detailed explanation of why disregarding the assumption will not violate a safety requirement, or how the assumption has been sufficiently addressed in a different manner.

As indicated by the classification documents provided by Microchip along with the functional safety version of the compiler, the MPLAB Code Coverage tool is classified TCL 1. This classification is based on the assumptions of use and use cases provided in the FMEA.

Table 2-1. Degree of Obligation

Shall	Binding
Should	Recommendation

Assumption of Use	Description
[AoU-01-COV]	The tool user shall provide a corroborating data source or methodology.
[AoU-02-COV] The MPLAB Code Coverage tool shall only be used in conjunction with supported Safety versions of the MPLAB XC compilers.	
[AoU-03-COV]	Code Coverage shall be used in conjunction with a bona fide Functional Safety process.
[AoU-04-COV]	Code Coverage shall be used with a suitable version of the MPLAB X IDE.
[AoU-05-COV]	Users of Code Coverage shall possess a valid license.
[AoU-06-COV]	Code Coverage shall only be used during development and debugging, and shall not be used in the application while in operation by the end user.
[AoU-07-COV]	Code Coverage shall not be used outside of a safe and controlled testing environment.
[AoU-08-COV]	Code Coverage shall only be used on supported Microchip microcontrollers and DSCs.
[AoU-09-COV]	Tests shall be run to completion and the application in a quiescent state before examining and analyzing code coverage data.

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2.3 MPLAB Code Coverage Details

Use the MPLAB Code Coverage license with MPLAB XC C compiler and MPLAB X IDE versions that support code coverage to view code coverage output. See [AoU-02-COV], [AoU-04-COV] and [AoU-05-COV].

MPLAB Code Coverage works with anything built from C source code. C source code which is not colored is non-existent in the executable image. It is not to be counted as covered or not covered. For example, the common "while(TRUE)" statement will never generate executable instructions.

MPLAB Code Coverage is supported on any debug tool supported by MPLAB X IDE.

Compiler Operation

Code coverage is supported by MPLAB XC C compiler instrumentation. The compiler adds a minimal amount of code in program memory to update flags in RAM to indicate coverage. To remove this code from the application when development ends, disable code coverage per 2.5. Enable/Disable Code Coverage and run the application. This ensures the code is removed from the product that is operating in the field. See [AoU-04-COV].

Note: Code coverage is ELF only.

MPLAB X IDE Operation

The IDE will display highlighted covered code and percentages of covered code for project files. You may select which files to include for coverage by setting up file properties. See 2.7.2.3. Code Coverage by Project File.

A report of the coverage may be generated also. See 2.8. Create a Code Coverage HTML Report .

2.4 Get the Software

To use code coverage, you will need to acquire the following tools.

MPLAB X IDE

MPLAB X IDE support for viewing code coverage output began with version v5.25, with additional features added in v5.30. However, in MPLAB X IDE v6.0, code coverage is bundled with MISRA Check in the MPLAB Analysis Tool Suite license. See [AoU-04-COV, AoU-05-COV].

The IDE may be downloaded for free at www.microchip.com/mplab/mplab-x-ide.

MPLAB XC C Compilers

The MPLAB Analysis Tool Suite license may be used with any MPLAB XC C compiler (Free and PRO) that support code coverage. See [AoU-02-COV].

Support begins with the following versions:

- MPLAB XC8 v2.35
- MPLAB XC16 v2.0
- MPLAB XC32 v4.0

MPLAB XC C compilers may be downloaded at www.microchip.com/mplab/compilers.

MPLAB Analysis Tool Suite License

An MPLAB Analysis Tool Suite license may be purchased and activated like other compiler licenses. For more information, see "Installing and Licensing MPLAB® XC C Compilers" (DS50002059) for details. See [AoU-05-COV]. For license part numbers see 1.1. Licenses.

A license will work for all MPLAB XC C compilers on that computer. This license may be used with Free and PRO compilers.

2.5 Enable/Disable Code Coverage

By default, MPLAB Code Coverage is disabled. To enable code coverage, complete the following steps:

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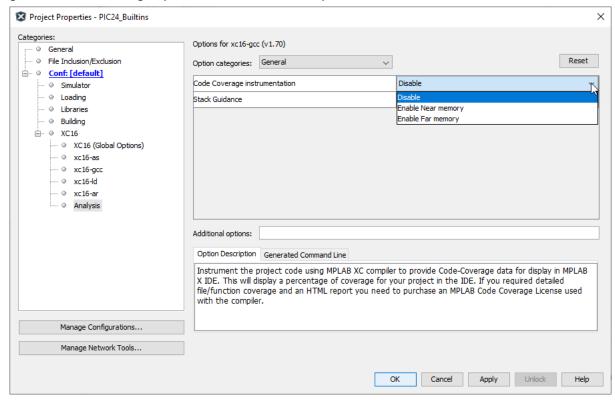
To open the Project Properties dialog, select <u>Tools>Analysis>Code Coverage</u> or you can right click on the name of your project in the Projects window and select "Properties."

- Click on "Analysis" under Categories.
- Under the Option categories (General) select your choice for "Code Coverage Instrumentation." Selections differ for each MPLAB XC compiler (see the table below).

Table 2-2. Enable Code Coverage Options by Compiler

MPLAB XC C Compiler	Enable Options	Description
XC8	Disable	Disable code coverage.
	Enable	Enable code coverage.
XC16	Disable	Disable code coverage.
	Enable Near memory	Use Near RAM space for code coverage instrumentation (recommended). If there is a link error, then select Far.
	Enable Far memory	Use Far RAM space for code coverage instrumentation.
XC32	Disable	Disable code coverage.
	Enable	Enable code coverage.

Figure 2-3. Code Coverage Options - MPLAB XC16 Example



2.6 View Code Coverage Output

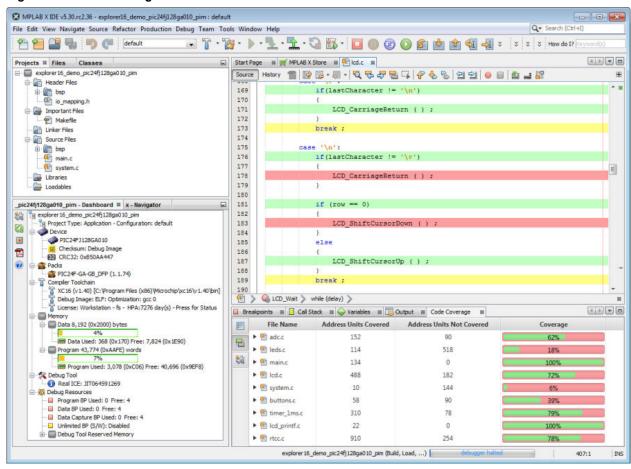
After you have enabled code coverage, as described in 2.5. Enable/Disable Code Coverage, debug your code and execute all test cases to completion. Then halt execution automatically or manually and step as needed till all code execution is complete.

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To view code coverage:

- Right click on project name and select "Show Code Coverage Summary" or select Window>Debugging>Code Coverage.
- To see highlight in Editor window you may need to click in it. Covered code will be highlighted in the window.
- To see highlight in Program (or Execution) Memory window, open it under Windows>Target Memory Views. Covered instructions will be highlighted in the window.
- A summary report will be shown in the Code Coverage tab.

Figure 2-4. Code Coverage in MPLAB X IDE



2.6.1 **Highlight Colors**

The meaning of highlight colors in the Editor window and Program or Execution Memory window are described in the table below.

Highlight Color	Highlight Name	Meaning
	Green	Covered and Executed
	Yellow	Covered and Partially Executed (Editor window only)
	Red	Covered but not Executed
	No Color	No coverage information generated ¹

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continued		
Highlight Color High	hlight Name	Meaning

Note 1: Reasons why no coverage information would be generated include:

- · Some C constructions may not generate code for a C source line
- · Optimizations may cause code not to be generated for a C source line

There may be other circumstances that C source lines do not produce executable code. See the examples in 2.7. Understand Code Coverage Output.

2.6.2 Coverage Colors

On the Code Coverage tab, the colors on the bar chart under "Coverage" have the following meanings:

Coverage Color	Coverage Name	Meaning
	Green	Total code covered and executed by test suite(s).
	Red	Total code covered by test suite(s).

For more on this tab, see 2.7.1.2. Code Coverage Window.

2.6.3 Code Coverage Tab Buttons

Click on buttons in the gutter of this tab for the following functions.

	Generate HTML Report. This report will show the same data presented in the Code Coverage window.
	Toggle (enable/disable) color highlighting in editor window.
8	Open Project Properties to enable/disable code coverage.

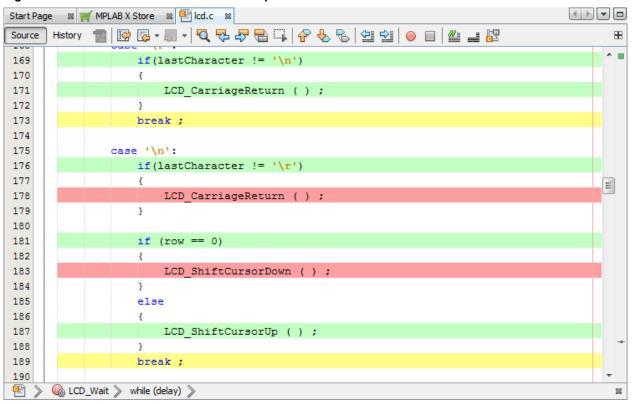
2.7 Understand Code Coverage Output

The following sections detail what the different IDE displays are showing you about code coverage.

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2.7.1 Demo Code Example

Figure 2-5. Editor Window - Demo Code Example



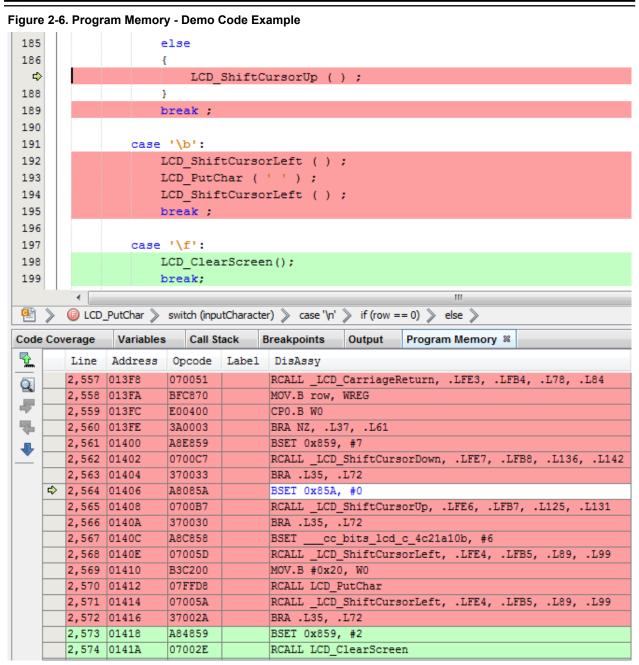
The Explorer 16/32 Board Demo Code for a PIC24FJ128GA010 PIM was used and comes from:

www.microchip.com/DM240001-2

2.7.1.1 Demo Code and Coverage Colors

For the case '\n' statement shown:

- Both if statement conditions are executed and so shown as green (covered and executed).
- Both if statements have evaluated as false and so the following functions are shown as red (covered but not executed).
- The else of the second if statement applies and so the following function is executed and shown as green.
- The break of the case statement is shown as yellow or partially covered (covered but partially executed) which seems unexpected as both if statements have executed. To understand what is going on with partial coverage it is useful to view the Program Memory window.



To see the view, shown in the image above:

- · Halt program execution.
- Open the Program Memory window: Window>Target Memory Views>Program Memory.
- Place a breakpoint at the second if statement of case '\n' in the Editor window.
- Debug until the program pauses at the breakpoint.
- · Step Into once.

In the Program Memory window, you can see the instructions for the <code>else</code> clause and <code>break</code> statement. The compiler has combined the jump back from the function call and the jump out of the <code>case</code> loop into one jump, which associates the <code>break</code> statement with the loop. Therefore it appears yellow since the <code>if</code> statement condition for true was never executed.

Viewing Program Memory can help you understanding why a line is partially covered (yellow). In general partially-covered lines can be minimized by writing tests to remove red lines (covered by not executed). Then the remaining yellow lines can be examined in assembly in the Program Memory window.

2.7.1.2 Code Coverage Window

To open the Code Coverage window, select <u>Windows>Debugging>Code Coverage</u>. This window shows you how successful your test code was at covering your application code.

When program execution is halted, the current coverage percentages for each file in the application will be shown. Click on the arrow to see a breakdown of coverage for functions in the file.

Coverage is expressed in Address Units, where an Address Unit represent the atomic unit of memory addressable by the execution portion of the project device architecture.

The Coverage percentage (in green) represents x/(x+y), where x = address units covered and y = address units not covered.

Figure 2-7. Code Coverage Window

Code	Coverage % Variables Call	Stack Breakpoints 0	Output	
	File Name	Address Units Covered	Address Units Not Covered	Coverage
	▼ 🖺 adc.c	184	94	66%
_	ADC_Read10bit	86	12	87%
95 96		28	12	70%
		0	66	0%
	ADC_SetConfiguration	70	4	94%
	▶ 🖭 leds.c	162	558	22%
	▶ 🖭 main.c	134	0	100%
	▶ 🖭 lcd.c	522	188	73%
	▶ 🖭 system.c	10	144	6%
	▶ 🖺 buttons.c	74	90	45%
	▶ 🖺 timer_1ms.c	322	84	79%
	▶ 🖭 lcd_printf.c	22	0	100%
	▶ 🖭 rtcc.c	922	282	76%

2.7.2 Simple Code Example

Figure 2-8. Editor Window - Simple Code Example

```
Start Page 🕺 🎬 MPLAB X Store 🕸 🖭 main.c 💥 🖭 math.c 🐉
      History 👚 🔯 👼 🔻 🔻 🗸 🖓 🖶 🖫 🔓 🕰 ڬ 🚇 🖭 🚳 🔲 🏙 🚅 👺
Source
 1
   2
       * File:
                 main.c
      */
 3
 4
 5
      #include "xc.h"
 6
 7
      volatile int i, j = 0, n = 5, m;
      volatile int a = 1, b = 0, c, d = 10, e = 20;
 8
 9
   int main(void) {
10
11
12
          // simple if statement
13
          if(a < b ) j = 1;
14
15
          // for statement example
          for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {
16
              m = j++;
17
18
              if (m > i) {
19
                   break;
20
              }
21
          }
22
          // if-else example
23
24
          if (a || b)
25
              c = calcAdd(d,e);
26
          else
27
              c = calcSub(d,e);
28
          // while example
29
30
          //while(1);
31
32
          return 0;
33
34
```

Simple C code constructs are used to demonstrate code coverage.

2.7.2.1 Simple Code and Coverage Colors

No Color - No Coverage Data

Several C constructs do not generate executable code, so have no highlight. Examples shown above include:

- Preprocessor declarations #include statements
- · Variable declarations and initializations
- · Comments or commented out code

Green - Covered and Executed

Full coverage for a line occurs when the code on that line is executed completely.

The main () function executes and returns completely, so the beginning, return and ending lines show full coverage.

The lines of the for loop are all executed to completion except for the break statement, because the if condition is never met. In loops and conditional statements, there are one or more conditions or branches which must all be tested for full coverage.

Functions that are called and complete on a line, such as calcAdd(), are fully covered.

Yellow - Partial Coverage

When code on a line is covered but only partially executed, this is considered partial coverage.

For the simple if statement, the evaluation of a<b is executed but the assignment j=1 is not. Therefore the line is partially covered. If the statements were on different lines, you will see:

The if-else statement uses binary logic to determine the branch condition. Because of the variable values chosen, the statement is only partially covered because when a has a nonzero value, b will not be evaluated.

Red - Covered but not Executed

As discussed above, in loops and conditional statements there are one or more conditions or branches which must all be tested for full coverage.

The if statement in the for loop is never true, so the following break statement is not executed.

The condition of the if-else statement is evaluated so the else branch is never selected and the following line with calcSub() is not executed.

2.7.2.2 Limitations of Coverage in the Editor

The Editor window displays lines of C code. C is a high-level language where one line of C code can represent one or more device instructions, depending on the device. Therefore, looking at the actual device instructions in the Program (or Execution Memory) window may be necessary to determine the reason(s) for the coverage shown.

An example is the while (1) loop commented out in the code. If it is uncommented and the program is run again and then paused, the following text may display in the Output window:

```
No source code lines were found at current PC 0x330. Open program memory view to see instruction code disassembly.
```

To open the Program Memory (8- or 16-bit devices) window, select <u>Windows>Target Memory Views>Program</u>
<u>Memory</u>. To open the Execution Memory (32-bit devices) window, select <u>Windows>Target Memory Views>Execution</u>
<u>Memory</u>.

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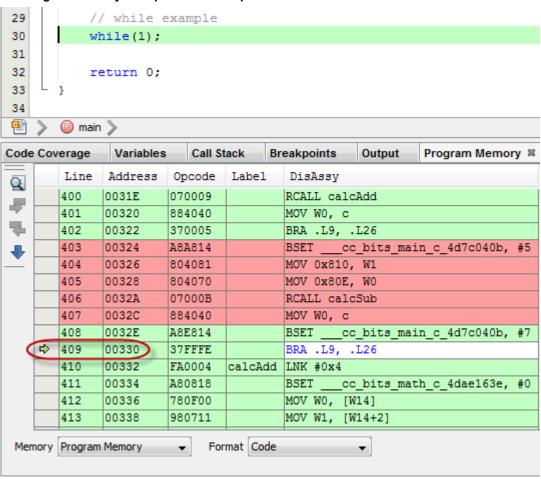


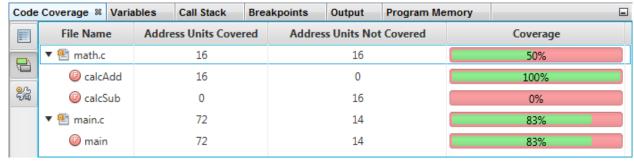
Figure 2-9. Program Memory - Simple Code Example

At address 0x330 is a branch instruction; therefore the compiler has generated this representation of while (1). This will not be seen as source code and so the Output text is generated.

2.7.2.3 Code Coverage by Project File

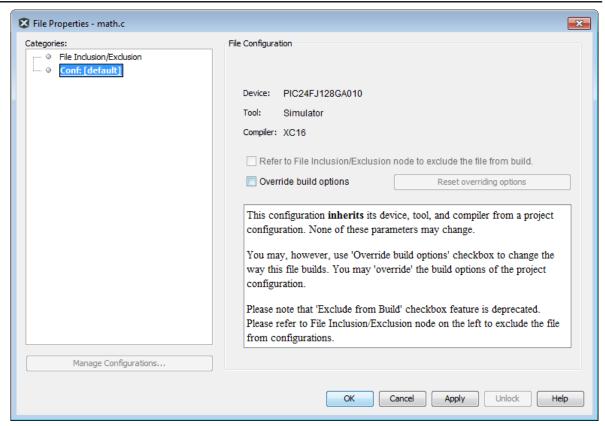
For the Simple Code Example, the Code Coverage window percentages are not difficult to see given the coverage in the Editor window. For more complex applications (such as the Demo Code), the breakdown of coverage by file and function provides useful information for improving tests and coverage.

Figure 2-10. Code Coverage Window - Simple Code Example

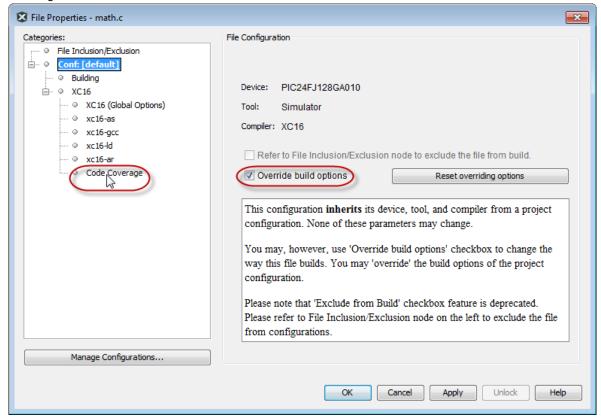


To provide targeted code coverage for specific file(s) in the project, you can change the file build properties.

1. Right click on a project file and select "Properties" from the drop-down menu. The "File Properties" dialog will open.



2. In this dialog, check "Override build options." Now other build option selections will appear. Click on "Code Coverage."

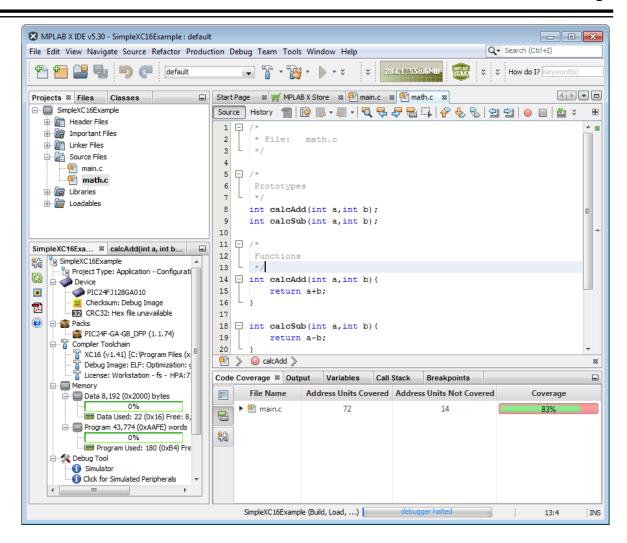


File Properties - math.c × Categories: Overriding options for xc16-gcc (v1.41)

File Inclusion/Exclusion — ○ Conf: [default] Reset Option categories: General - O Building Enable Near memory Code Coverage instrumentation ... ○ XC16 --- O XC16 (Global Options) Disable Enable Near memory Enable Far memory ... ⊚ xc16-ld Code Coverage Additional options: Option Description Generated Command Line Instrument the project code using MPLAB XC compiler to provide Code-Coverage data for display in MPLAB X IDE. This will display a percentage of coverage for your project in the IDE. If you required detailed file/function coverage and an HTML report you need to purchase an MPLAB Code Coverage License used with the compiler. Manage Configurations... OK Cancel Apply Unlock Help

3. Change the "Code Coverage instrumentation" option to "Disable" and then click **OK**.

4. The file will now show in the project as bolded. Run and halt the project and examine the Code Coverage window. The file will no longer be listed here. Open the file in the Editor is see that no code coverage highlighting is available.



2.8 Create a Code Coverage HTML Report

Code coverage information may be saved into a file by clicking on the **Generate HTML Report** button on the **Code Coverage** tab.

For information on the meaning of Coverage colors, see section 2.6.1. Highlight Colors.

Figure 2-11. Source Files List and Coverage

y-
Source files
All
adc.c
<u>leds.c</u>
main.c
lcd.c
system.c
<u>buttons.c</u>
timer 1ms.c
lcd_printf.c
rtcc.c
All Source files
adc.c (62%)
<u>leds.c</u> (18%)
main.c (100%)
<u>lcd.c</u> (72%)
system.c (6%)
buttons.c (39%)
buttons.c (39%)

Coverage Report - All Source files Package Address units covered Address units not covered Coverage Source files 2198 1356 61% adc.c 152 90 buttons.c 58 90 lcd.c 488 182 lcd printf.c 22 0 leds.c 114 518 main.c 134 0 rtcc.c 910 254 10 144 system.c 78 timer 1ms.c 310 Functions in these source file(s) Coverage ADC ChannelEnable 66% ADC Read10bit 82% ADC ReadPercentage 0% ADC SetConfiguration 94%

Figure 2-12. Source Files List and Coverage Details

2.9 Command Line Support for Code Coverage in MDB

MPLAB Code Coverage support has been added for command line tools using MDB. To generate a code coverage report in MDB:

- Generate an ELF file by enabling the code coverage property. See 2.5. Enable/Disable Code Coverage.
- Select report type (html, gcov, all) see table below.
- Provide html report path (Default: project location)— see table below.
- Set replacehtmlreport to true if the report already exists— see table below.
- An HTML Report will be generated if you invoke the below example using MDB.

Example

```
Device PIC16F886
set xccodecoverage.reporttype html
set xccodecoverage.htmlreportpath d:\report
set xccodecoverage.replacehtmlreport true
Hwtool SIM
Program "d:\testCoverage.elf"
Break main.c:41
Run
Wait 2000
Quit
```

Refer to the Microchip Debugger (MDB) User's Guide (DS50002102) for more information on command options. The online help is located at onlinedocs.microchip.com/ where you can search for "Microchip Debugger." A PDF of the MDB User's Guide can be found on the MPLAB X IDE web page www.microchip.com/en-us/development-tools-tools-and-software/mplab-x-ide, under the **Documentation** tab.

3. MISRA Check

3.1 MISRA Check Overview

The MPLAB®MISRA® Check feature in the MPLAB Analysis Tool Suite is a set of C coding standards developed by the Motor Industry Software Reliability Association (MISRA). MISRA guidelines help to ensure safe, secure, portable and reliable C code in embedded systems.

By executing a 'MISRA Check' from the MPLAB X IDE Tools menu, static code analysis is done against a set of MISRA rules. In MPLAB X IDE, MISRA C:2012 rules are used.

The MISRA Check feature is an analysis tool bundled in the MPLAB X IDE v6.0 or later. See [AoU-04-MISRA].

The MPLAB Analysis Tool Suite license includes MISRA Check (see 1.1. Licenses). See [AoU-08-MISRA].

3.2 Using MISRA Check in a Safety Environment



Attention: To use the MPLAB Analysis Tool Suite in a Safety Environment, you must use a functional safety version of the Microchip compiler. The newer function safety versions of the compilers that support the MPLAB Analysis Tool Suite may not be available yet. Check the www.microchip.com/en-us/solutions/functional-safety/mplab-development-ecosystem-for-functional-safety for the appropriate functional safety compiler licenses:

- MPLAB XC8 Functional Safety License (with MPLAB Analysis Tool Suite support)
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MISRA Check has been designed according to the Microchip Development Tools standard process. Microchip asserts certain Assumptions of Use (AoUs) to meet technical and functional safety requirements at the system level. The AoUs are described below. References to some of these AoUs can be found in other sections in this manual, where they are addressed as part of a specific topic being discussed.

It is the responsibility of the System Integrator to address all the AoUs listed in this manual and to ensure that the AoUs listed have been observed by every component or item, contributed to the application being analyzed by MISRA Check.

The System Integrator has two options:

- · Make sure each assumption is fulfilled
- · Disregard the assumption

In both cases, the System Integrator shall provide evidence of the fulfillment and/or a detailed explanation of why disregarding the assumption will not violate a safety requirement, or how the assumption has been sufficiently addressed in a different manner.

As indicated by the classification documents provided by Microchip along with the functional safety version of the compiler, the MISRA Check (be very careful, this cannot be an approximation) is classified TCL 1. This classification is based on the assumptions of use and use cases provided in the classification documents.

Note: MISRA Check has been designed according to the Microchip Development Tools standard process. Microchip asserts certain Assumptions of Use (AoUs) to meet technical and functional safety requirements at the system level. The AoUs are described below. References to some of these AoUs can be found in other sections in this manual, where they are addressed as part of a specific topic being discussed. The most important Assumption of Use is that MISRA Check must be cross-checked against another tool of the same type (e.g. This MISRA Check must be cross-checked with another, independent MISRA Check) or another method to increase confidence of the results presented.

Table 3-1. Degree of Obligation

Shall	Binding
Should	Recommendation

Assumption of Use	Description
[AoU-01-MISRA]	MISRA Check shall be cross-checked against another tool of the same type, or another method to increase confidence of the results presented.
[AoU-02-MISRA]	MISRA Check shall only be used in conjunction with supported Functional Safety versions of the MPLAB XC compilers.
[AoU-03-MISRA]	MISRA Check shall be used in conjunction with a bona fide Functional Safety process.
[AoU-04-MISRA]	MISRA Check shall be used with a suitable version of the MPLAB X IDE v6.0 or higher on supported platforms as specified in MPLAB X IDE documentation
[AoU-05-MISRA]	Users of MISRA Check shall possess a valid license.
[AoU-06-MISRA]	MISRA Check shall only be used on supported Microchip microcontrollers and DSCs.
[AoU-07-MISRA]	The MISRA Check shall be properly configured for the rules and files being checked to ensure the output reports are based on the interface used.
[AoU-08-MISRA]	MISRA Check shall only use the Cpp Check tool shipped with the MPLAB X IDE v6.0 or later.

3.3 **Perform MISRA Check**

Executing static code analysis can help you identifying potential issues or risky constructs in the source code.

MISRA Check Execution

Execute static code analysis as specified below.

- MISRA Check Main Project: Click on the toolbar icon or select from the Source menu.
- MISRA Check Project: In the Projects window, right click on a project name and select.
- MISRA Check File: In the Projects window, right click on a project file and select.
- Run MISRA Check each time project is rebuilt: Enable as part of build by checking Tools>Options>Embedded>MISRA Check>Run each time project is rebuilt.

Static Code Analysis Output

The results of static code analysis can be output in one of the following ways.

- Output window: Under the "MISRA Check" tab.
- HTML report file: Enable in Tools>Options>Embedded>MISRA Check.
- CSV report file: Enable in <u>Tools>Options>Embedded>MISRA Check</u>.

Rule violations are identified with "MISRA rule violated" (rule number and description) and location in file where violation was located.

MISRA Rule Settings

MISRA rules settings are located in <u>Tools>Options>Embedded>MISRA Check</u>.

MISRA Check Execution from the Command Line

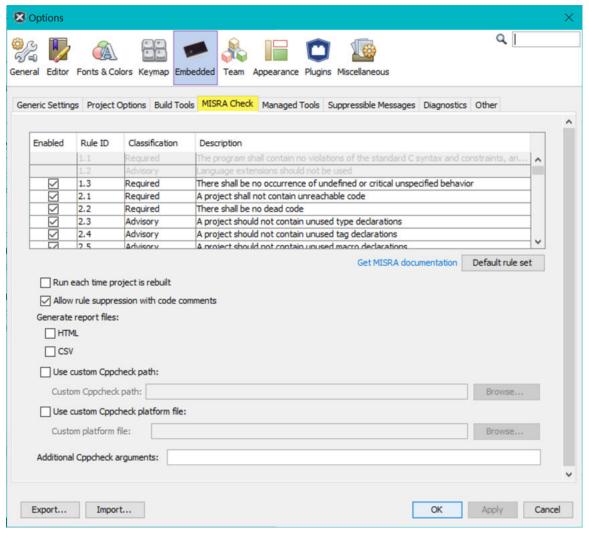
misracli.bat, for Windows, or misracli.sh for Linux/Mac is the command line application for MISRA rule checking. See 3.5. Command Line Support for MISRA Check.

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3.4 MISRA Check Options Tab

The MISRA® Check tab below supports checking your application code against these standards.

To open the MISRA Check tab, select Tools>Analysis>MISRA Check>MISRA Options.



All MISRA C:2012 rules are listed in the table in the above figure. Grayed out rules are to be checked manually. Applied rules can be enabled and disabled.

Table 3-2. MISRA Check Options

Option	Description
Run each time project is rebuilt	Check to execute static code analysis as part of the build.
Allow rule suppression with code comments	Suppress rules that have been commented in the code.

continued				
Option	Description			
Generate report files	Check to generate MISRA Check reports in HTML or CSV format. Reports are timestamped. HTML or CSV reports are written to <pre>project folder>\report. Also a "report" folder is added to the project tree from which the files may be viewed. The HTML report lists: When the check was executed Rule violations – issues found What was checked And which rules was applied The CVS report lists: Rule violations – issues found</pre>			
Use custom Cppcheck path	Provide a link to a custom Cppcheck to override the MPLAB X IDE bundled Cppcheck. Use this to extend/modify/update the applied rule checking.			
Additional Cppcheck arguments:	Provide more Cppcheck arguments.			

3.5 **Command Line Support for MISRA Check**

MISRA Check support is available as a command line tool. See [AoU-07-MISRA].

Installation

- Install the latest MPLAB X IDE.
- Open a native command prompt (Windows, Linux and Mac) and navigate to the MPLAB X IDE installation's bin folder. For example, on Windows: C:\Program Files\Microchip\MPLABX\v6.0\mplab platform\bin.
- The Misra Check command line utility is available as misracli.bat (Windows) or misracli.sh (Linux/Mac).

Examples

The following examples use the Windows version (for Linux/Mac use misracli.sh instead of misracli.bat).

Normal use:

The MISRA Check command line interface will enable all rules by default, but you can disable specific ones using the -disable **option**.

To get a full list of all the available MISRA Check command line interface options run:

```
Files\Microchip\MPLABX\[vX.XX]\mplab platform\bin\misracli.bat
-help
```

- misracli.bat myFile.c runs MISRA Check on a single file and report errors in the output.
- misracli.bat myDirectory runs MISRA Check recursively on all ..c, .cpp, *. cxx,.cc,.h,.hpp,.hxx and *.hh files under a given directory.
- misracli.bat returns 0 if no errors are found and a non-zero value if errors are detected.

Special options

- misracli.bat --help lists all options with a description.
- misracli.bat --version displays a version number.
- · Adding the option --quiet only displays warnings and errors (example: missing source files or incorrect use of --cppcheck param).
- Adding the option --silent disables all output (but the return value should be correct and it can be used together with reporting).

- Using the option --workdir=myDirectory runs the analysis in another folder than the current working directory.
- Using the option --cppcheck="C:\Program Files\myCustomCppCheckInstallation\cppcheck.exe" uses the users installed cppcheck.exe (available from cppcheck.sourceforge.io/).

Reporting:

- Adding the option --html=myReport.html generates an html report.
- Adding the option --csv=myReport.csv generates a csv report.

Rule handling:

- Adding the option --disable="1.2 1.3" checks the files but disable checking of rule 1.2 and 1.3.
- Adding the option --nosuppression disallows inlined code comments which otherwise would suppress rules.

4. Revision History

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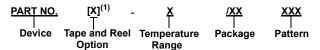
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Package:(2)	JQ	= UQFN	
	P	= PDIP	
	ST	= TSSOP	
	SL	= SOIC-14	
	SN	= SOIC-8	
	RF	= UDFN	
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