

# Lab 0: Introduction to TI MSP-EXP430F5438

ECE/CS

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This document is divided into 2 main sections. The first one is a tutorial explaining how to work with the Code Composer Studio IDE. The second section pertains to the problem statement, questions and submission method.

## 1 Tutorial: Code Composer Studio (CCS)

The TI MSP-EXP430F5438 Experimenter Board will be used in the initial labs for this course. The aim of this tutorial is to take you through the entire flow of writing, building and debugging using the CCS. For this purpose, we will implement a simple LED blink program and then modify it. The CCS is a TI-custom extension of the Eclipse-IDE. For the lab, we will be using the MSP430 Data Sheet and User's Guide extensively.

### 1.1 Setting up the Project

Open the Code Composer Studio from Start Menu. You will be prompted to choose a workspace Figure 1.

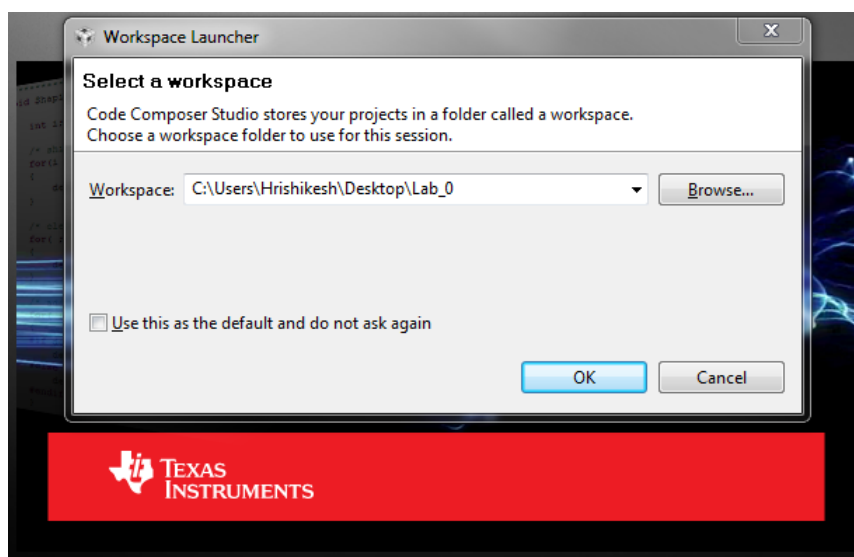


Figure 1: Opening CCS

The next screen is the Welcome screen, Figure 2. You are encouraged to look through the options given in the welcome screen.



Figure 2: Welcome Screen

Once you close the Welcome screen, you will be taken to an empty project screen. From *File* → *New*, choose *CCS Project* as shown in Figure 3.

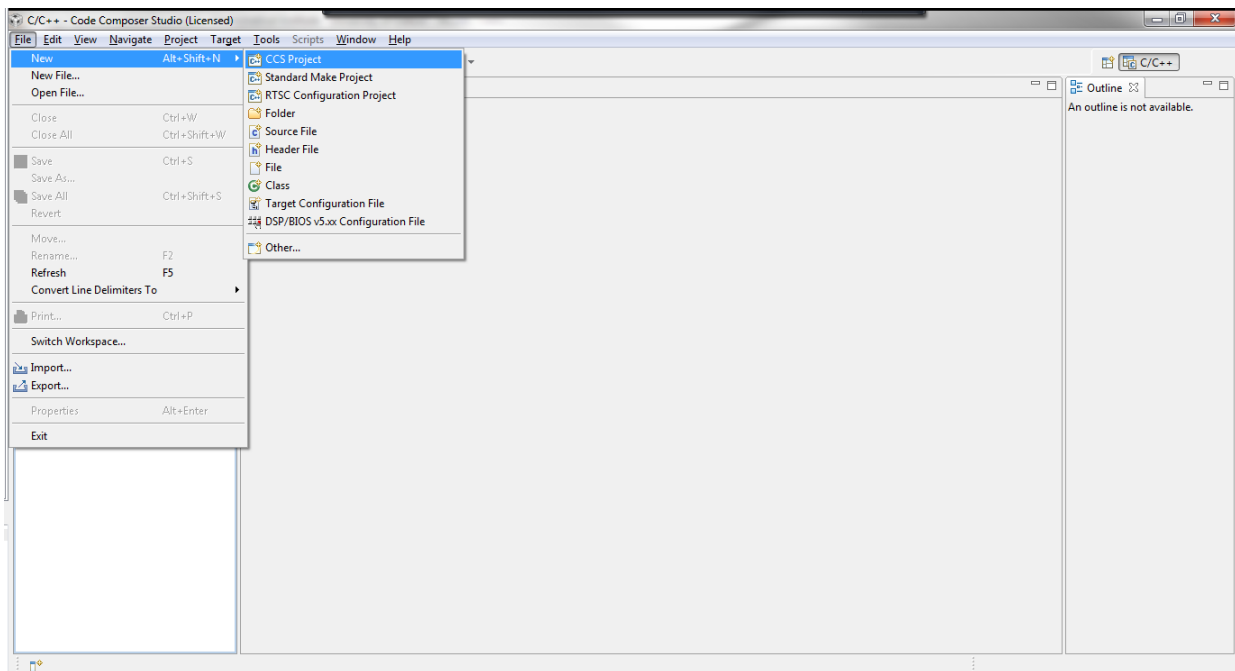


Figure 3: Create New Project

Enter the project name on the subsequent prompt and click *Next*. Choose MSP430 if already not chosen at the next screen and proceed.

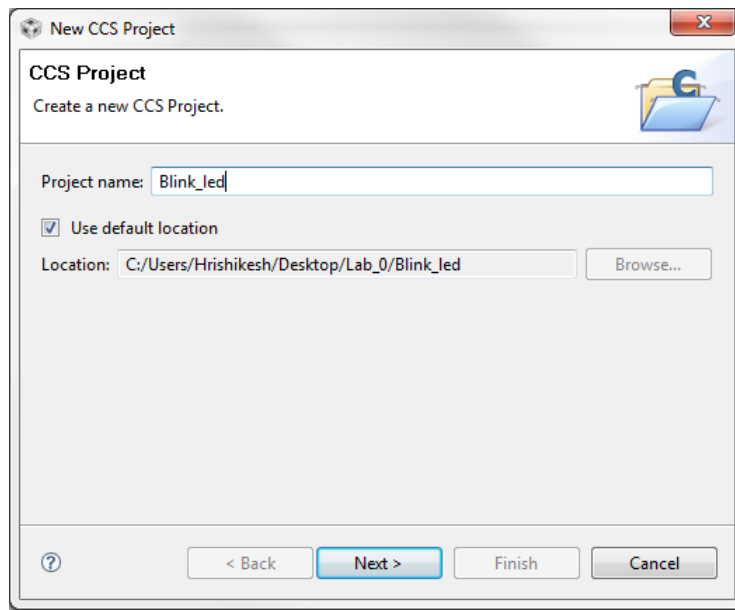


Figure 4: Create New Project - Project Name

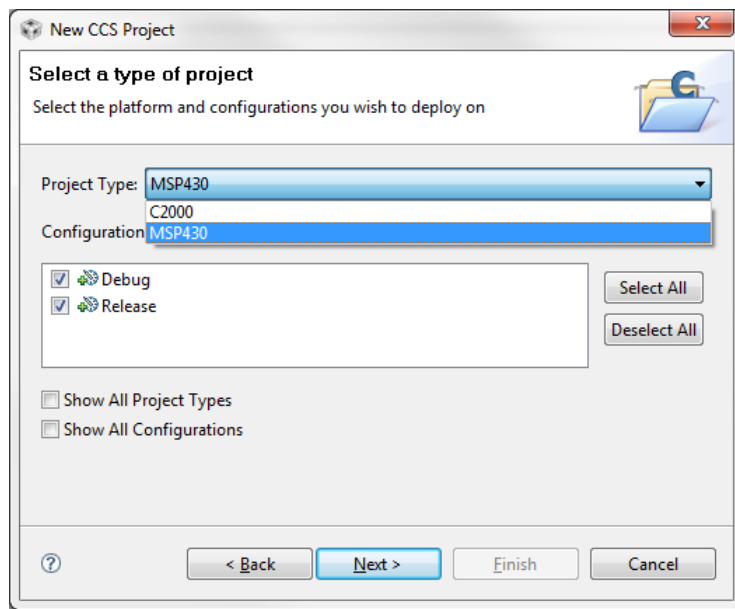


Figure 5: Create New Project - Choose the Configuration

Leave the next screen as it is. As this is our first project, we will not be referencing any other projects and use the full C/C++ indexer. Click *Next* and proceed to *CCS Project Settings*.

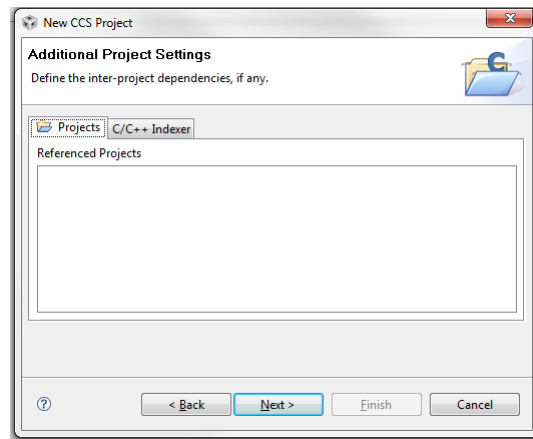


Figure 6: Create New Project - Project Reference

Choose the Micro-controller variant. The MCU we will be using is the *MSP430F5438*. Leave the rest as defaults. Your settings should match the values in Figure 7. Hit *Finish*. The project environment is up.

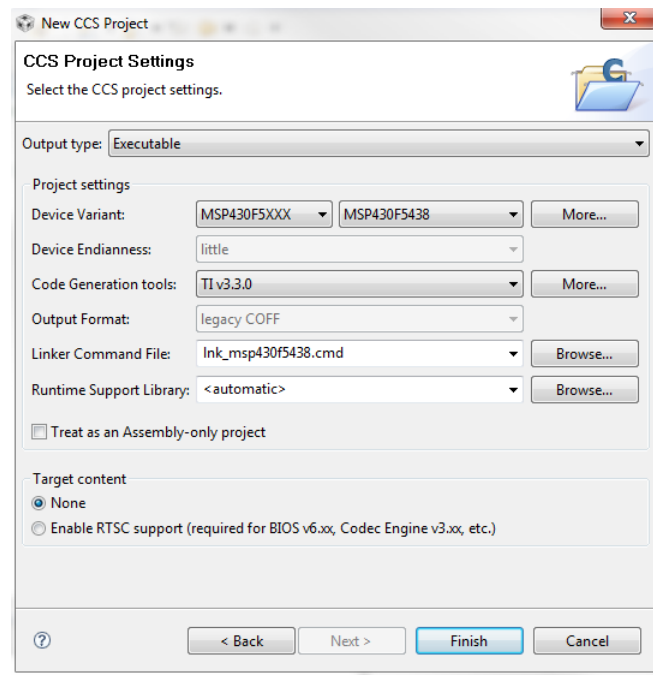


Figure 7: Create New Project - Choose Device

## 1.2 Programming the MSP-EXP430F5438 MCU

Now we are ready to start coding. For our program, a LED should glow when a switch is pressed and should stop glowing when the switch is released. You will notice that there are 2 LEDs and 3 switches on the board. To begin with, we need to know which GPIOs of the micro-controller control the LEDs and switches. A GPIO is a General Purpose In/Out Pin. The board comes with peripherals connected to some GPIO of the MCU. Check chapter 4

of the MSP-EXP430F5438 Experimenter Board User's Guide. It details the connections of the peripherals to the ports of the MCU. For this lab, we want to use a switch and a light emitting diode.

Peripheral		Pin Connection
5-directional joystick (LEFT)		P2.1
5-directional joystick (RIGHT)		P2.2
5-directional joystick (CENTER)		P2.3
5-directional joystick (UP)		P2.4
Switch 1	(S1)	P2.6
Switch 2	(S2)	P2.7
RESET Switch	(S3)	RST / NMI
LED1		P1.0
LED2		P1.1 / TA0 CCR0

Figure 8: Pin Map for Switches and LEDs - Experimenter Board (taken from Board User's Guide)

In Figure 8, we can see that the switch S1 is connected to the GPIO 2.6 and the LED is connected to P1.0. Therefore, the idea is to sample the signal from the switch through port 1.0 and depending upon the value of the signal, control the value which is written out from port 2.6. That seems very straightforward. But, GPIOs are "general purpose". Therefore, they may have multiple functions multiplexed onto the same pin. This in turn, requires the programmer to configure the direction, the pull-up/pull-down resistors etc. depending upon the choice of the function. In other words, we have to *configure* the MCU GPIOs in a particular way to complete the connection with the LEDs or any other peripheral device on the experimenter board.

### This subsection is Optional

Look at the MSP430F5438 Data Sheet. It is a 99-page document. We are only interested in the functions multiplexed onto the GPIOs of the MCU. One can infer this information from either

1. Pin Designation diagram (For people familiar with MCU programming and data sheets).
2. Terminal Functions Table

I prefer the Terminal Functions Table. In the table, search for the ports P2.6 and P1.0 which are of immediate interest to us. You will find that the port P2.6 also serves as an Auxiliary Clock (ACLK). The choice of functionality on this GPIO, therefore depends upon some *configuration*. Similarly for P1.0.

### Required: Configuration Registers

The way that we *configure* a GPIO to a certain functionality is through *configuration registers*. Open up the MSP430 MCU User's Guide. The User's Guide is what you need to write software for the MCU and thus for the board. We will be using this document extensively for the labs to come. Go to Chapter 10: Digital I/O. This chapter provides all the information that you require to use a GPIO. Read Section 10.2. It is highly recommended that you peruse through the entire chapter before continuing with this document.

Section 10.4 describes the registers used for configuring different GPIO ports and their initial states.

## Programming

Ok, so let us start writing our program. Open a new C source file as shown in Figure 9.

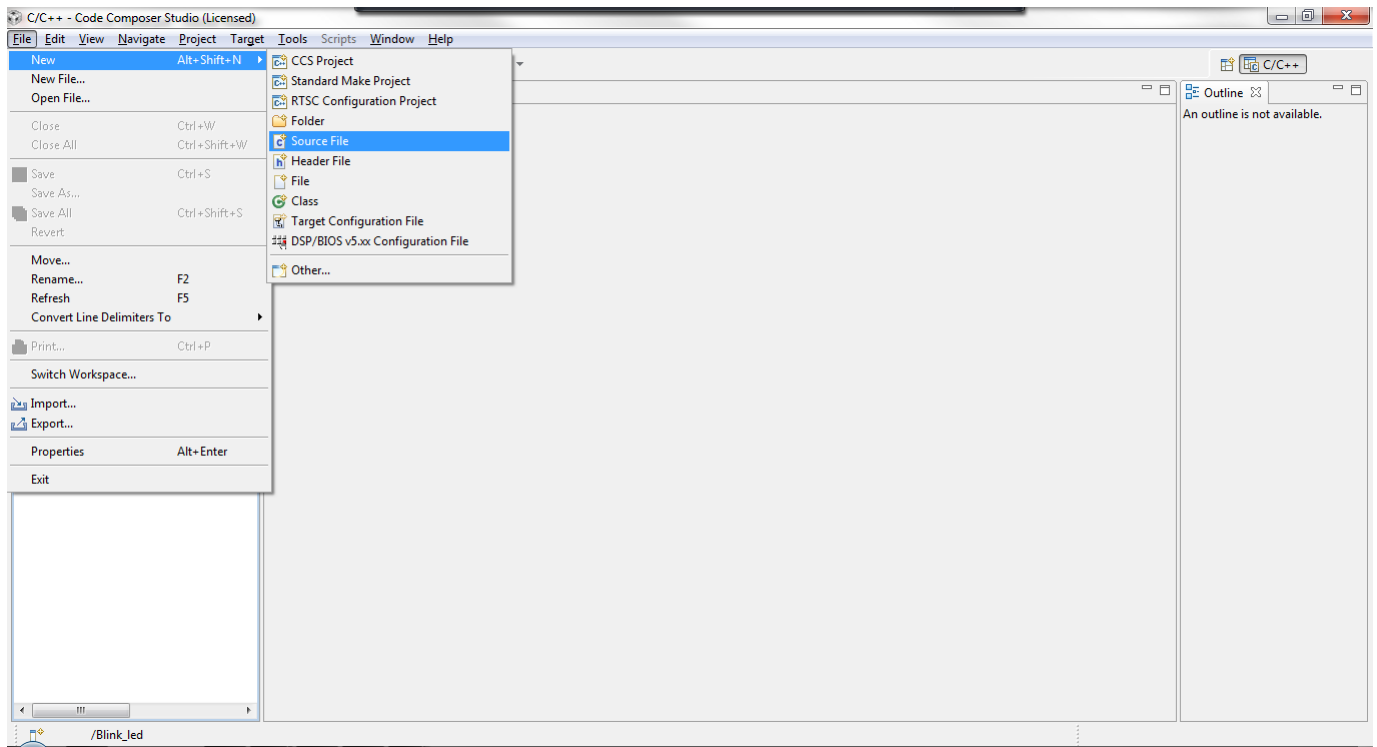


Figure 9: Open new C source file

Give a file name with the .c extension as in Figure 10.

Include the header file `msp430f5438.h`. The header file contains all the registers in our MCU which may be used in the program. The following program is for demonstration of the flow. But it is not the solution. We shall build it, run it on the board and then proceed to debug it. This document will only outline some of the methods you may use to debug using the CCS and will not provide the full solution! Copy the following code into your `blink_led.c` file.

```
#include "msp430f5438.h"

void main()
{
    //Switch S1
    P2SEL &= ~0x40; //I/O Function
    P2DIR &= ~0x40; //P2.6 as input
    P2REN |= 0x40; //Enable pull resistor
    P2OUT |= 0x40; //Enable Pull-Up resistor

    //LED 1
    P1SEL &= ~0x01; //I/O Function
    P1DIR |= 0x01; //P1.0 as output
    P1DS |= 0x01; //Enable Full drive strength

    if(P2IN & 0x40) //If P2.6 is high
        P1OUT |= 0x01;
    else //If P2.6 is low
        P1OUT |= 0x00;
}
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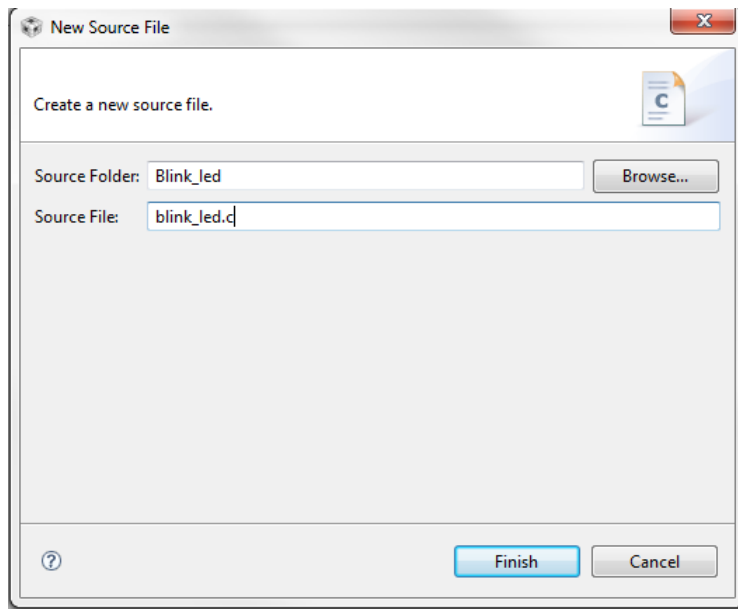


Figure 10: Name C file

Save the file. To build the code go to *Project*→*Build All* or hit *Ctrl+B*. Your CCS window should look something like Figure 11.

## Debug

Now we have to run it on the board. Look at Figure 12 to run the debug session on the board.

You can see the program being loaded on a new pop-up window and subsequently the CCS switches into Perspective Window Mode. Go ahead and hit the play button on the debug panel, Figure 13, to see what the program does on the board. Try pressing the switch S1.

You would have seen that the LED is glowing all the time. There are multiple mistakes in the program. Pause the run and hit the *restart* button on the debug panel. As promised, the program contains bugs and is not the solution. Let us insert some break-points and start to debug. Insert break points at the lines 17, 20, and 21 - also shown in Figure 14 by double clicking on the vertical bar to the left of the code. Now, we would like to view the values of the registers we are using. Enable the register view by going to *Window*→*Show View*→*Registers*. I rearranged my Perspective View so that it becomes easy for me to view the code, registers and memory values. You can rearrange your window to suit your needs. Open the tree for *Port\_1\_2*.

Now do a step by step debug and watch the values of registers. You will hit the end of the code pretty soon which leads us to the most obvious error. You may also want to see the memory space if you are using any variables inside the code. You can open up the Memory View in the same way as the Register View. The example program is a simple one and thus does not use any variables. There are some redundant lines in the given program which you can remove after understanding section 10.2 and going through 10.4.

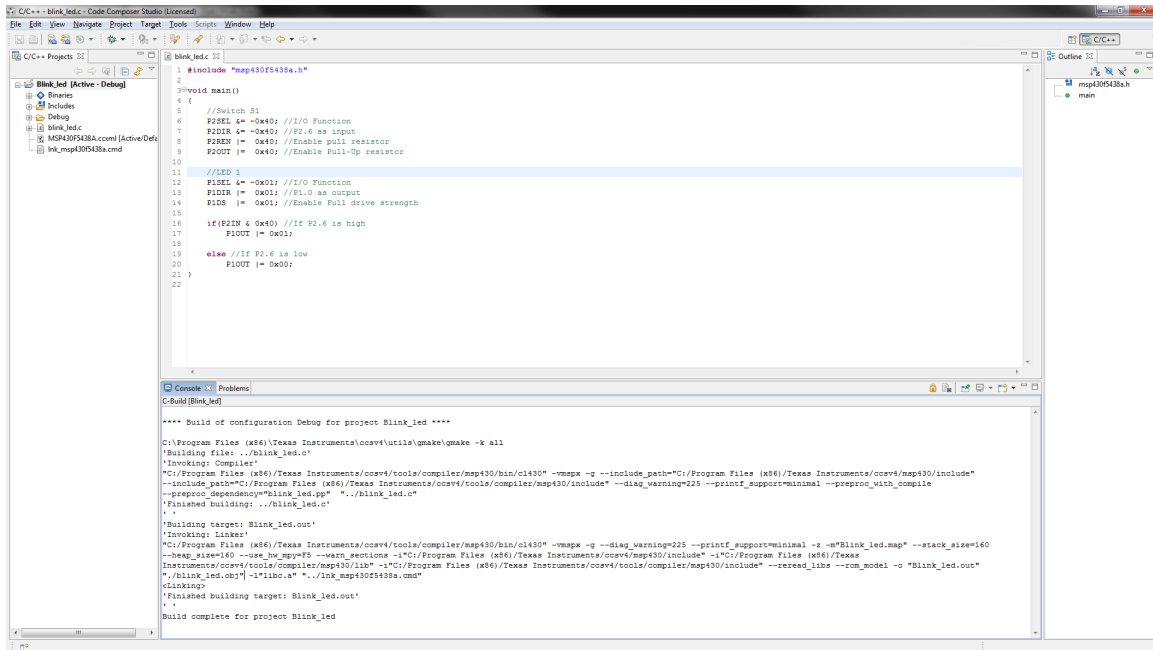


Figure 11: Build completed

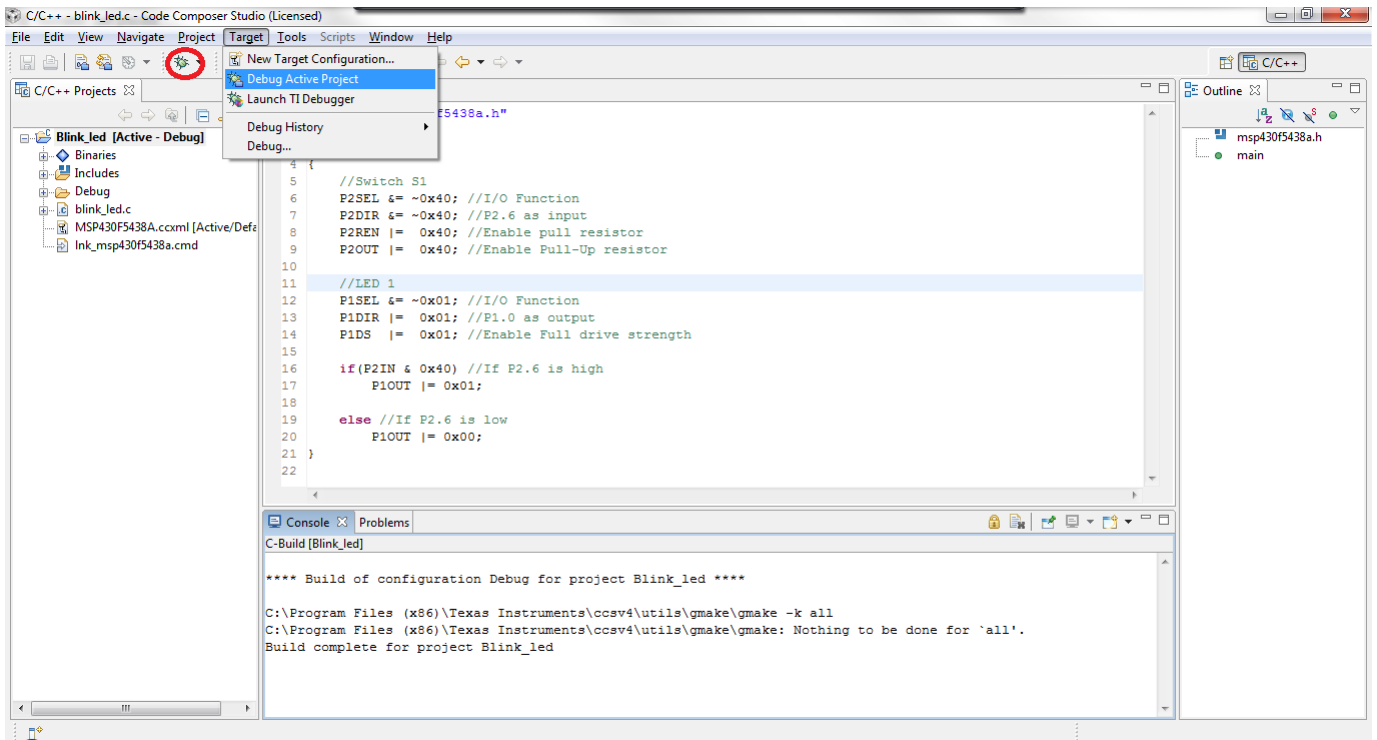


Figure 12: Run the debug session on the board



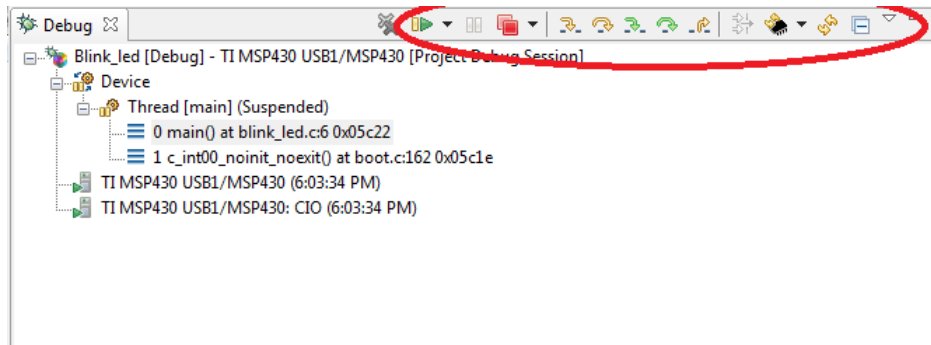


Figure 13: Debug buttons

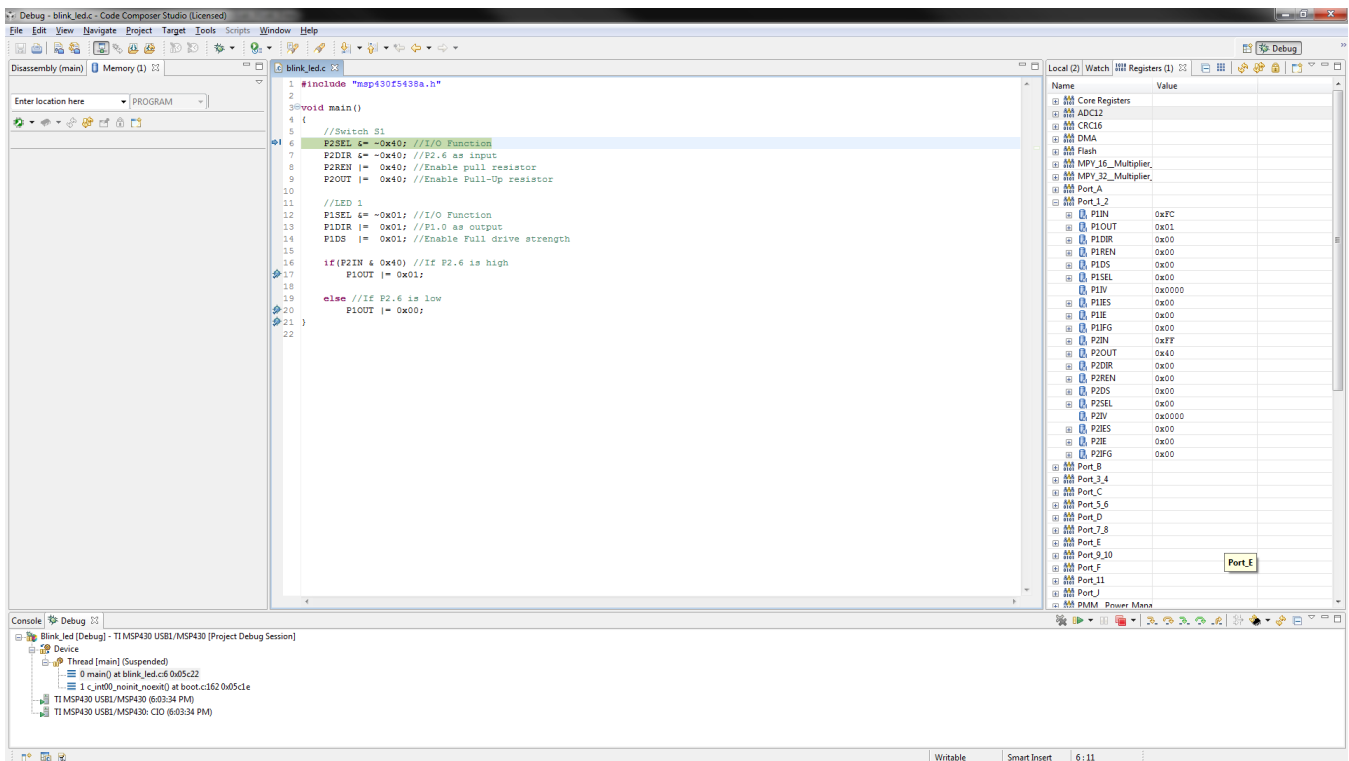


Figure 14: Adding Breakpoints, Registers and Memory

## 2 Problem Statement

Implement a simple XOR system which does the following for the TI MSP430F5438 Experimenter Board. Switches are considered to be On when they are pushed.

S1	S2	LED1	LED2
Off	Off	Off	Off
Off	On	Off	On
On	Off	On	Off
On	On	Off	Off

Table 1: LED Glowing Pattern.

### 2.1 Submission

We will use the Blackboard System (<http://www.itap.purdue.edu/tlt/blackboard/index.cfm>) for the submission throughout our course. Please zip everything before submission and only upload the package. Do not upload every single file separately. The content of the package should be properly organized. Particularly, you should put everything under a directory named *username\_lab0*, where *username* is your Blackboard system login id. Under the directory, include

1. `blink_led.c`: the bug-free blink-LED program;
2. `pattern.c`: the implementation of the XOR system.