

Building a Salvo Application with HI-TECH PICC and Microchip MPLAB v5

Note This Application Note has been superseded by AN-26 *Building a Salvo Application with HI-TECH's PICC and PICC-18 C Compilers and Microchip's MPLAB IDE v6.*

Introduction

This Application Note explains how to use HI-TECH's (<http://www.htsoft.com/>) PICC compiler and Microchip's (<http://www.microchip.com/>) MPLAB IDE together in an integrated environment to create a multitasking Salvo application on PICmicro devices.

In this Application Note we will build the tutorial program located in `\salvo\tut\tu6\sysa` for a PIC16C77. We'll do this in two ways – using the Salvo source files, and using the Salvo standard libraries.

Note This Application Note assumes that you have the full version of Salvo installed on your development machine. If you are working with the freeware libraries and do not have the Salvo source code, please refer to AN-1 *Using Salvo Freeware Libraries with the HI-TECH PICC Compiler.*

Building with Salvo Source Files

The Application

The Salvo application in `\salvo\tut\tu6\main.c` has two tasks that pass information to a third via a message. The `\salvo\tut\tu6\sysa\salvocfg.h` configuration file contains:

```
#define OSBYTES_OF_DELAYS      1
#define OSCOMPILER             OSHT_PICC
#define OSENABLE_MESSAGES     TRUE
#define OSEVENTS              1
#define OSLOC_ALL              bank1
#define OSTARGET               OSPIC16
#define OSTASKS                3
```

Therefore this application will compile with support for messages and 8-bit task delays, one event control block (for the message) and three task control blocks. The HI-TECH PICC compiler is specified, along with the PIC16 (midrange) family of Microchip PICmicro devices.

More information on this particular application can be found in *Tutorial* chapter of the *Salvo User Manual*.

Creating the Project

Note The project described below is contained in the MPLAB project file `\salvo\tut\tu6\sysa\tu6.pjt`. You may use it to verify the actions listed below. Alternately, you can create your own project under a different name.

1. If you have not already done so, install the HI-TECH PICC compiler. The install directory is normally `c:\ht-pic`. See the PICC documentation for more information. Remember to add the following two lines to your `autoexec.bat` file:

```
SET HTC_ERR_FORMAT=Error[ ] file %%f %%l : %%s
SET HTC_WARN_FORMAT=Warning[ ] file %%f %%l : %%s
```

These lines are required to support double-clicking on errors in the **Build Results** window and have MPLAB automatically open the offending source file to the line where the error occurs.

2. Launch MPLAB but do not open any projects. Open the Project → Install Language Tool ... window and select Language

Suite: HI-TECH and Tool Name: PIC-C Compiler. Browse to or type in the full pathname for `picc.exe` on your system:

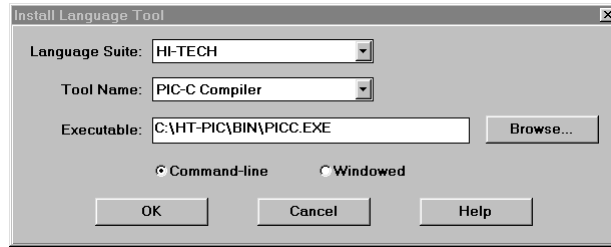


Figure 1: Installing the PICC Language Tool

Ensure that the Command-line radio button is selected. Repeat for the PIC-C Assembler (`picc.exe`) and PIC-C Linker (`picc.exe`) under Tool Name. Click OK to continue.

3. Under Project → New Project create a new project called `main.pjt` in the `\salvo\tut\tu6\sysa` directory:

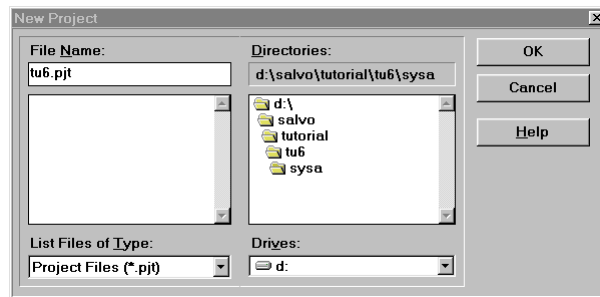


Figure 2: Creating the New Project

Click OK to continue. In the Edit Project window, select Development Mode: MPLAB-SIM16C77¹ to configure the project for the PIC16C77 PICmicro device and Language Tool Suite: HI-TECH to use the PICC compiler. Set the Include Path to `\salvo\tut\tu6\sysa`:

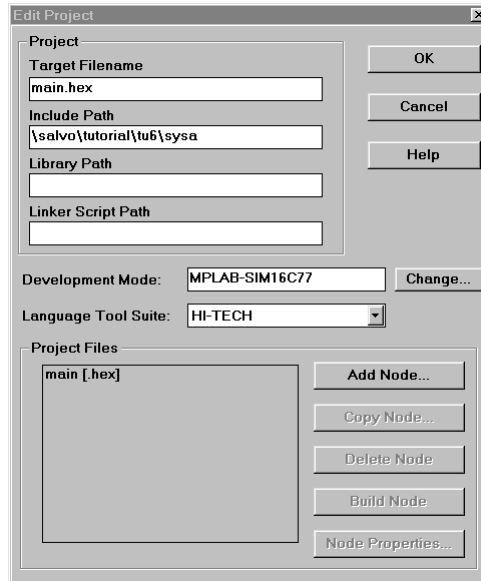


Figure 3: Setting the Include Path, Development Mode and Language Tool Suite

4. In the Edit Project window select `main [.hex]` and click on Node Properties. Select Language Tool: PIC-C Linker. Select the following options in the Node Properties window by clicking the corresponding ON box:

- Generate Debug Info
- Map file (specify `main.map` under Data)
- Display Complete Memory Usage

In the Additional Command Line Options text box. type `-fakelocal`:

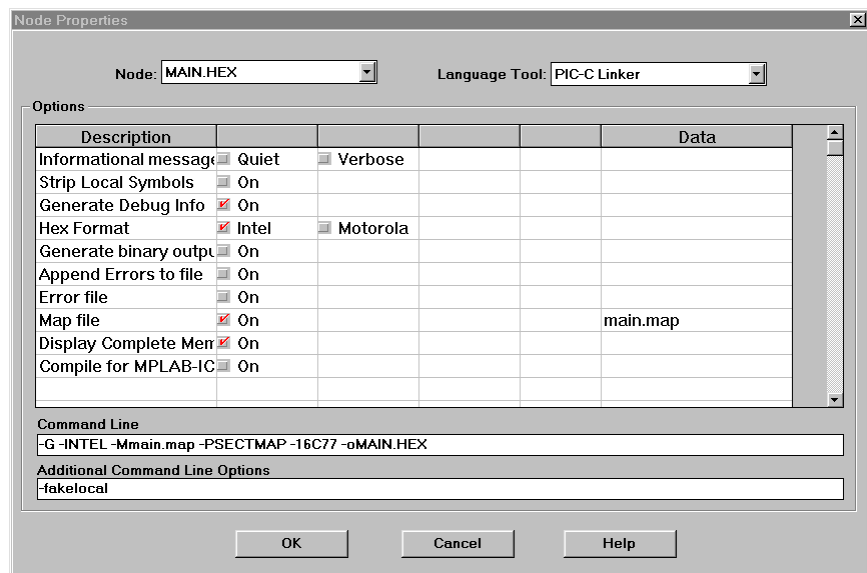


Figure 4: Setting Linker Options

Click OK to continue.

5. Click on `main[.hex]` in the Edit Project window and click on Add Node. Choose the `main.c` file in the `\salvo\tut\tu6` directory and click OK. Click on `main[.c]` in the Edit Project window and click on Node Properties. Select the following options by clicking the On box:

- Generate Debug Info
- Local Optimizations
- Global Optimizations (specify 5 under Data)
- Assembler List file

In the Additional Command Line Options text box, type `-fakelocal -I\salvo\inc:`²

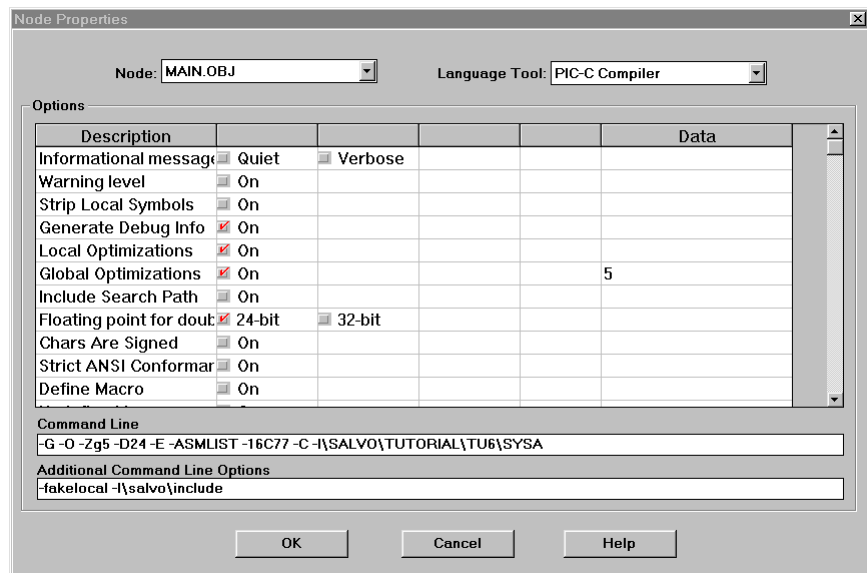


Figure 5: Setting Compiler Options

Click OK to continue.

6. The application in `\salvo\tut\tu6\main.c` contains calls to the following Salvo user services:

```

OS_Delay()
OS_WaitMsg()
OS_Yield()
OSCreateMsg()
OSCreateTask()
OSEnableInts()
OSInit()
OSSignalMsg()
OSSched()
OSTimer()

```

You must add the Salvo source files that contain these user services, as well as those that contain internal Salvo services, to your project. The *Reference* chapter of the *Salvo User Manual* lists

the source file for each user service. Internal services are in other Salvo source files. For this project, the complete list is:

delay.c	mem.c
event.c	msg.c
idle.c	qins.c
init.c	sched.c
initedb.c	timer.c
inittask.c	util.c
inittcb.c	

To add these files to your project, in the Edit Project window select main.c, click on Copy Node, and navigate in the Copy Node window to the \salvo\source directory. Add each one of the files listed above,³ and click OK.

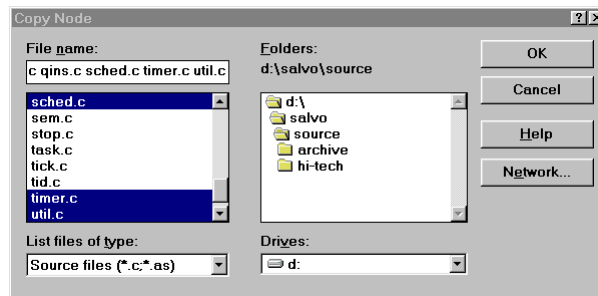


Figure 6: Adding Salvo Source Files to Project

Your Edit Project window should now look like this:

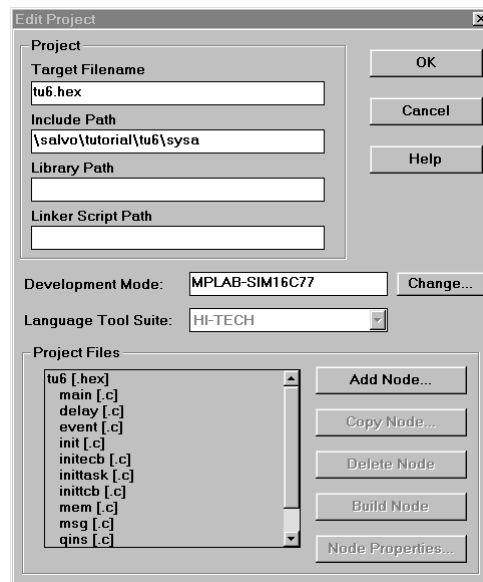


Figure 7: Complete Project Window

Click OK, then select Project → Save Project to save the project.

7. Now you can build the project via Project → Make Project F10. The results are shown the Build Results window:

```

Build Results
Compiling UTIL.C:
Command line: "C:\HT-PIC\BIN\PICC.EXE -G -O -Zg5 -D24 -E -ASMLIST -16
Enter PICC -HELP for help

Compiling MAIN.C:
Command line: "C:\HT-PIC\BIN\PICC.EXE -G -O -Zg5 -D24 -E -ASMLIST -16
Enter PICC -HELP for help

Linking:
Command line: "C:\HT-PIC\BIN\PICC.EXE -G -INTEL -MTU6.map -16C77 -oTU
Enter PICC -HELP for help

Memory Usage Map:

Program ROM $0000 - $0081 $0082 ( 130) words
Program ROM $04CD - $07FF $0333 ( 819) words
              $03B5 ( 949) words total Program ROM

Bank 0 RAM $0020 - $0037 $0018 ( 24) bytes
Bank 0 RAM $0070 - $0072 $0003 ( 3) bytes
              $001B ( 27) bytes total Bank 0 RAM

Bank 1 RAM $00A0 - $00B7 $0018 ( 24) bytes total Bank 1 RAM

Build completed successfully.
    
```

Figure 8: Results of a Successful Build

Testing the Application

You can test and debug this application with full source code integration in the MPLAB Simulator. After a successful build, select File → Open, navigate to \salvo\tut\tu6\main.c in the Open Existing File window, click OK, set a breakpoint on the OSSignalMsg() line of TaskBlink(), and select Debug → Run → Run F9. Program execution will stop in TaskBlink(). Now zero the stopwatch in the Stopwatch window, select Debug → Run → Run F9, and wait until execution stops. The Stopwatch window now displays an elapsed time of half a second (50 times 10ms, the TMR2-driven system tick rate in this example).

```

d:\salvo\tutorial\tu6\main.c
void TaskBlink( void )
{
    for ( ; ; )
    {
        OSSignalMsg(MSG_UPDATE_PORT, (OStypeMsg *) &CODE_B);

        OS_Delay(50, TaskBlink1);
    }
}

void main( void )
{
    PR2 = TMR2_RELOA
    T2CON = 0x4D;

    OSInit();

    TMR2IE = 1;
    
```

Stopwatch

Zero	Cycles	501169
	Time	501.17 ms
	Processor Frequency	4.000000 MHz
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clear On Reset		
Close		Help

Figure 9: Measuring 500ms of Task Delay in the Simulator via a Breakpoint

Note The extra 1.17 milliseconds shown in the Stopwatch window of Figure 9 below are due to unavoidable jitter in the system timer – well under the system tick interval of 10ms (10,000

instruction cycles in this example). See the *Salvo User Manual* for more information on the system timer.

You can also trace program execution through the Salvo source code. Select **Debug** → **Run** → **Reset F6**, **Debug** → **Clear All Points** → **Yes**, and set a breakpoint at the first call to `OSCreateTask()` in `main.c`. Select **Debug** → **Run** → **Run F9**. Execution will stop in `main.c` at the call to `OSCreateTask()`. Now⁴ choose **Debug** → **Run** → **Step F7**. The `\salvo\src\inittask.c` file window will open, and you can step through and observe the operation of `OSCreateTask()`.

```

Program Memory Window
d:\salvo\tutorial\tu6\main.c
d:\salvo\source\inittask.c
****
*****
OSTypeErr OSCreateTask( OStypeTFP task,
                       OStypeTcbP tcbP,
                       OStypePrio prio )
{
  OSEnterCritical();
  OSIncCallDepth();

  /* punt if tcbP is clearly bad. */
  #if OSENABLE_BOUNDS_CHECKING
  if ( ( tcbP < OSTCBP(1) ) || ( tcbP > OSTCBP(OSTASKS) ) ) {
    OSWarnRtn("OSCreateTask",
             OSMakeStr("task %d nonexistent or invalid.",
                       OSID(ecbP)), OSERR_BAD_P);
  }
  #endif

  /* ensure specified task isn't already created. */
  #if OSENABLE_ERROR_CHECKING
  if ( tcbP->status.bits.state != (OStypeInt8u) OSTA_DESTROY
      OSDecCallDepth();
      OSExitCritical();
      OSWarnRtn("OSCreateTask",

```

Figure 10: Stepping Through Salvo Source Code

Troubleshooting

Occasionally you may get an error when `picc.exe` links the project. This error manifests itself in an incorrectly formatted command line containing the full path name of the one Salvo object module (often the last) being linked to form your application. This is shown in Figure 11 – note the incorrect `"d:\salvo\ource\inittcb.obj"`.

```

Build Results
Command line: "C:\NHT-PIC\BIN\PICC.EXE -G -O -Zg5 -D24 -E -ASMLIST -16
Enter PICC -HELP for help

Compiling UTIL.C:
Command line: "C:\NHT-PIC\BIN\PICC.EXE -G -O -Zg5 -D24 -E -ASMLIST -16
Enter PICC -HELP for help

Linking:
Command line: "C:\NHT-PIC\BIN\PICC.EXE -G -INTEL -MTU6.map -16C77 -oTU
Enter PICC -HELP for help
Error[ ] file d:\salvo\ource\inittcb.obj : Can't open: : No such
file or directory

Exit status = 1

MPLAB is unable to find output file "TU6.HEX".

Build failed.

```

Figure 11: Link Error Involving Path Name

Select **Project** → **Edit Project**, select the first in the list (`main.c` in this example), select **Delete Node**. Add the node back to the project using **Copy Node** as outlined above – this will place it at the end of the list. Re-make the Project.

Alternatively, exiting and re-starting MPLAB may fix this error.

Building with Salvo Libraries

You can also build applications using the Salvo standard libraries. The procedure is very similar to the one outlined above, with the following exceptions:

- You don't need to add any of Salvo's source files as nodes in your project,
- You must link to the standard library that's appropriate for your target processor and the Salvo functionality you desire, and
- Your project's `salvocfg.h` contains just a few configuration options to specify which type of library you're using.

AN-1 Using Salvo Freeware Libraries with the HI-TECH PICC Compiler describes in-depth how to build an application using the freeware libraries. Building applications with the standard libraries is substantially similar. When using the standard libraries, be sure to select the correct (standard) library when adding it to your project's nodes. More information on the standard libraries and how to identify them is found in the *Libraries* chapter of the *Salvo User Manual*.

A complete project using the standard libraries is contained in the MPLAB project file `\salvo\tut\tu6\sysa\tu6le.pjt`.

A complete project using the freeware libraries is contained in the MPLAB project file `\salvo\tut\tu6\sysa\tu6lite.pjt`.

¹ The Development Mode window allows you to select both the development mode (editor only, simulator, in-circuit emulator, etc.) and the particular target PICmicro device.

² Or the appropriate path to the `\salvo\inc` directory on your system. PICC does not support multiple, semicolon-delimited include paths in the Include Path field of MPLAB's Edit Project window.

³ You can Ctrl-select multiple files at once.

- ⁴ Ensure that a C source window (in this case, `main.c`) is the foremost window when stepping through C source code. If the Program Memory window is foremost, stepping will occur in assembly language instead.