Embedded Systems

Introduction to Microcontrollers
TI MSP430 G2553

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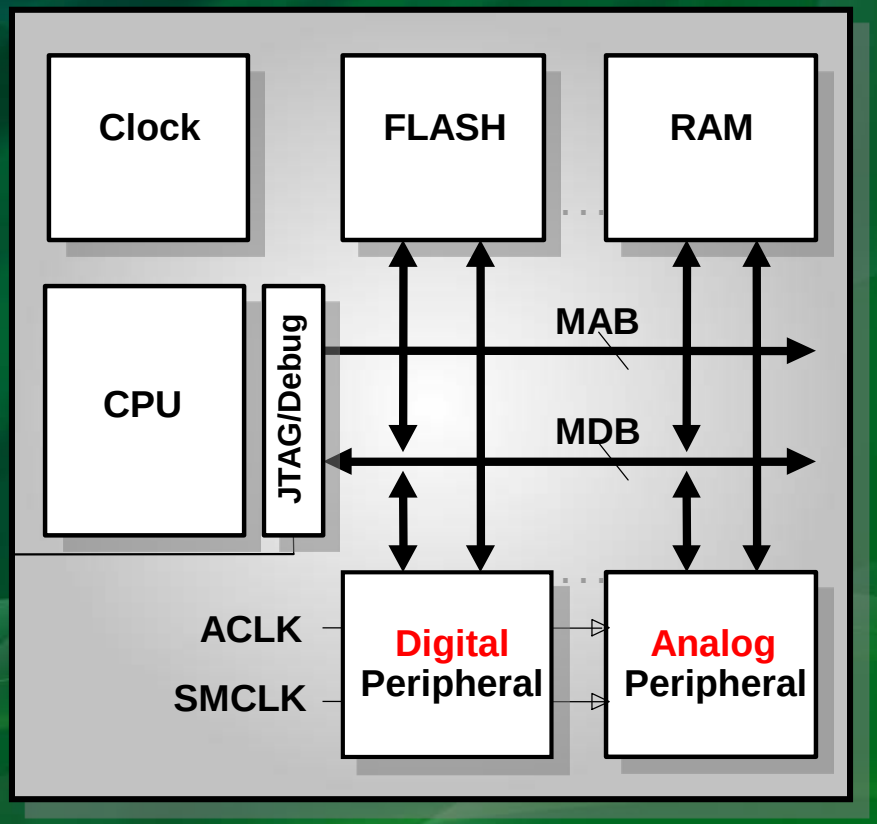
What is an MCU?

- A microcontroller is a computer:
- Has a CPU, memory, inputs/outputs
- Embedded
- Dedicated to one task & run one specific program
- Low power
- Small & low cost



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MCU vs General Purpose Computer

- MCU
  - Memory (RAM and ROM) all on chip
  - Peripherals (Serial Data Controllers, Analog to Digital Converters, Timers)
  - Specific Purpose (Low Power, Size Contraints, Processing Constraints)
- CPU
  - Cache Memory, RAM and ROM External
  - General Purpose

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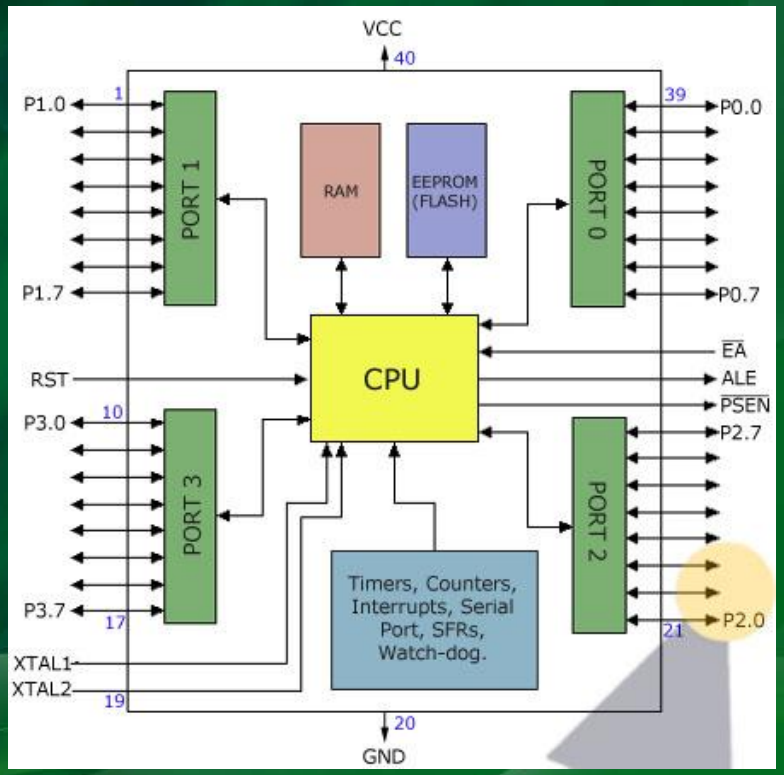
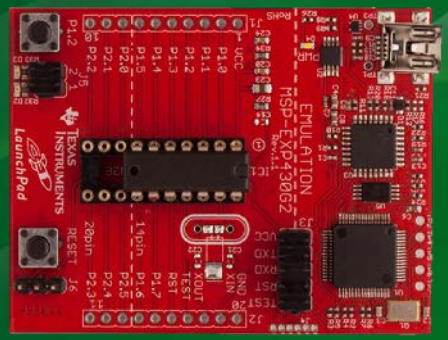
The MSP430 G2553

- 16 MHz Clock
- 16 KB Flash
- Peripherals:
  - 24 General-Purpose I/O
  - USCI_A
    - UART/LIN/IrDA/SPI
  - USCI_B
    - I2C & SPI
  - 10 bit ADC, 8 Channels
  - 2 16 bit Timers
  - Temperature Sensor
  - BootStrap Loader





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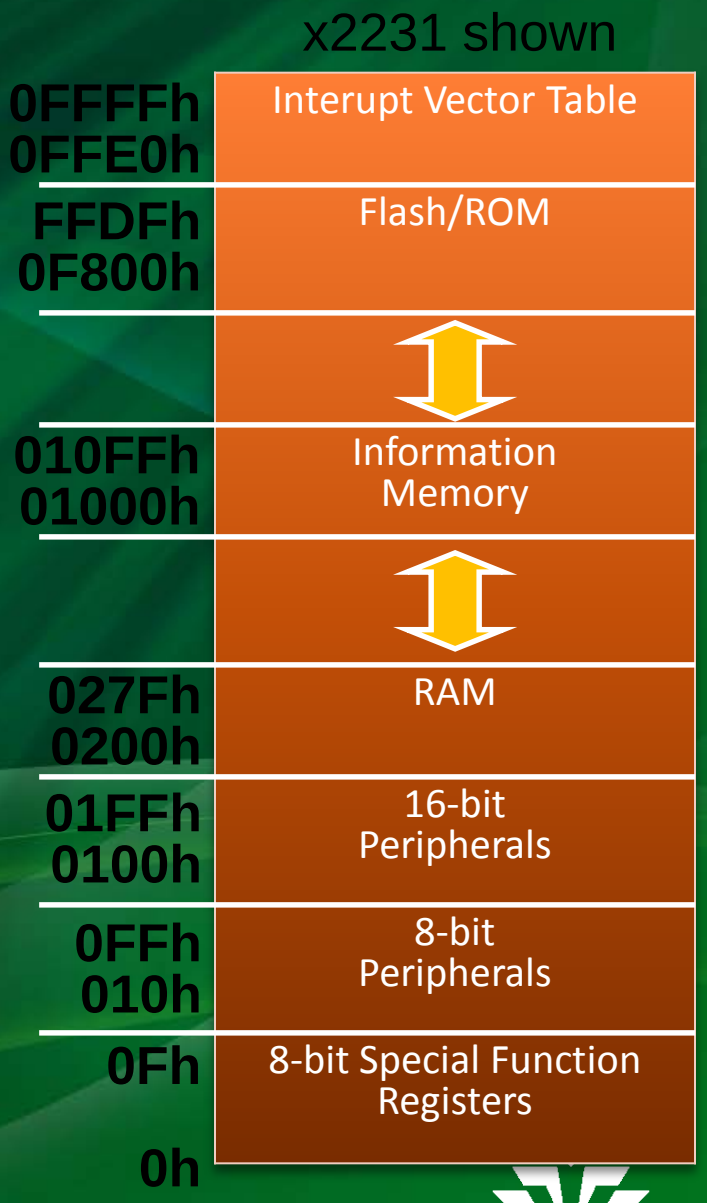
Memory Map

- Flash programmable via JTAG or In-System (ISP)
- ISP down to 2.2V. Single-byte or Word
- Interruptible ISP/Erase
- Main memory: 512 byte segments (0-n). Erasable individually or all
- Information memory: 64 byte segments (A-D)
  - Section A contains device-specific calibration data and is lockable
- Programmable Flash Memory Timing Generator



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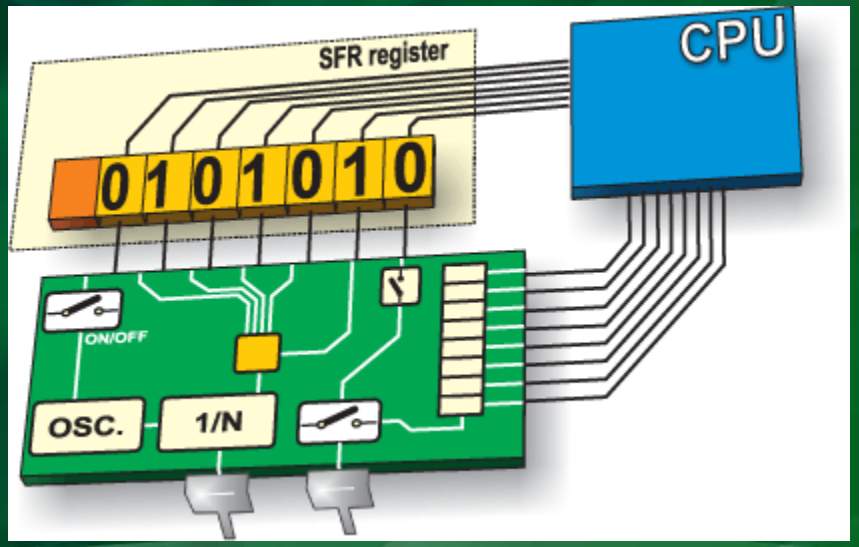
Peripherals and Special Function Registers

- Peripherals are configured and initialized through memory locations known as “special function registers”.
- Special Function registers may also contain the locations of the stack pointers/interrupt pointers/ program counter



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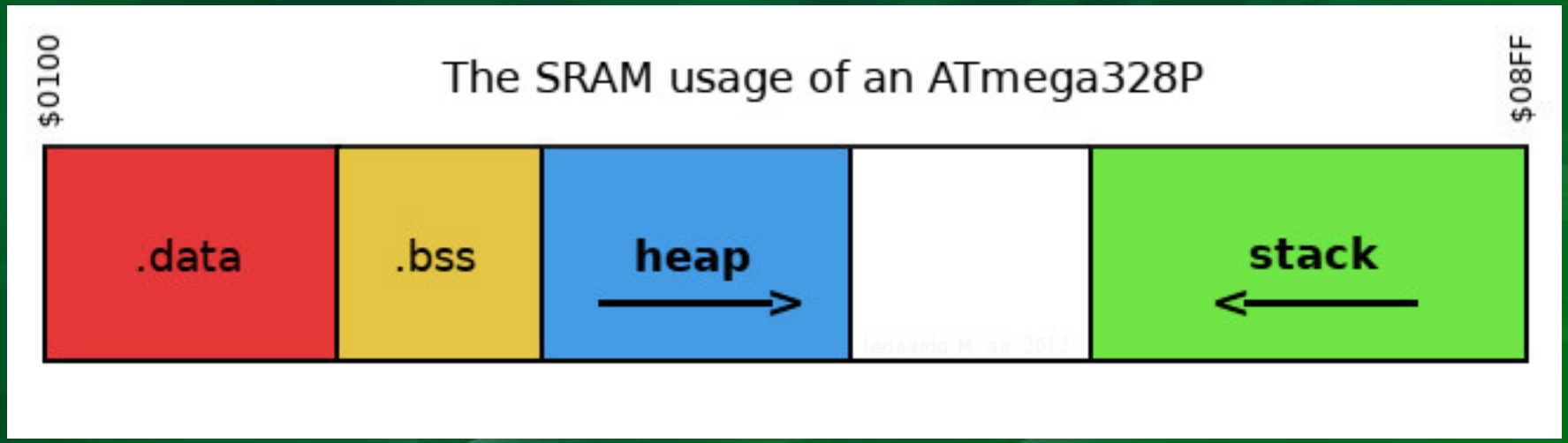
RAM

- Begins at address 0x0200
- Ends at 0x027F
- Contains the stack, heap, .bss, and .data



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Information Memory

- The information memory is often used to store calibrated application parameters which can be updated without affecting the code stored in the main flash memory
- Linker can be modified to use this memory as code space if needed

Flash/ROM

- Program Memory is stored here
- Non-Volatile Memory
  - Does not erase when power is disconnected
  - RAM is volatile memory

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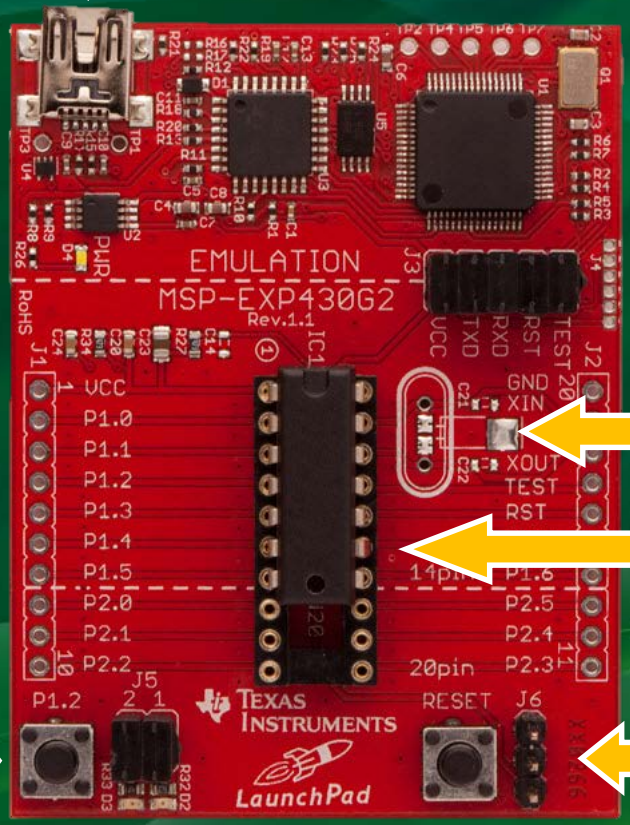
Interrupt Vector Table

- Used to store locations of interrupt service routines
- Called when an “event” happens to execute certain code
  - After an analog voltage is read, stop what the processor is doing, and analyze the ADC value

The LaunchPad Development Board



USB Emulator Connection

Embedded Emulation

6-pin eZ430 Connector

Crystal Pads

Chip Pinouts

Part and Socket

P1.3 Button

Power Connector

LEDs and Jumpers

P1.0 & P1.6

Reset Button

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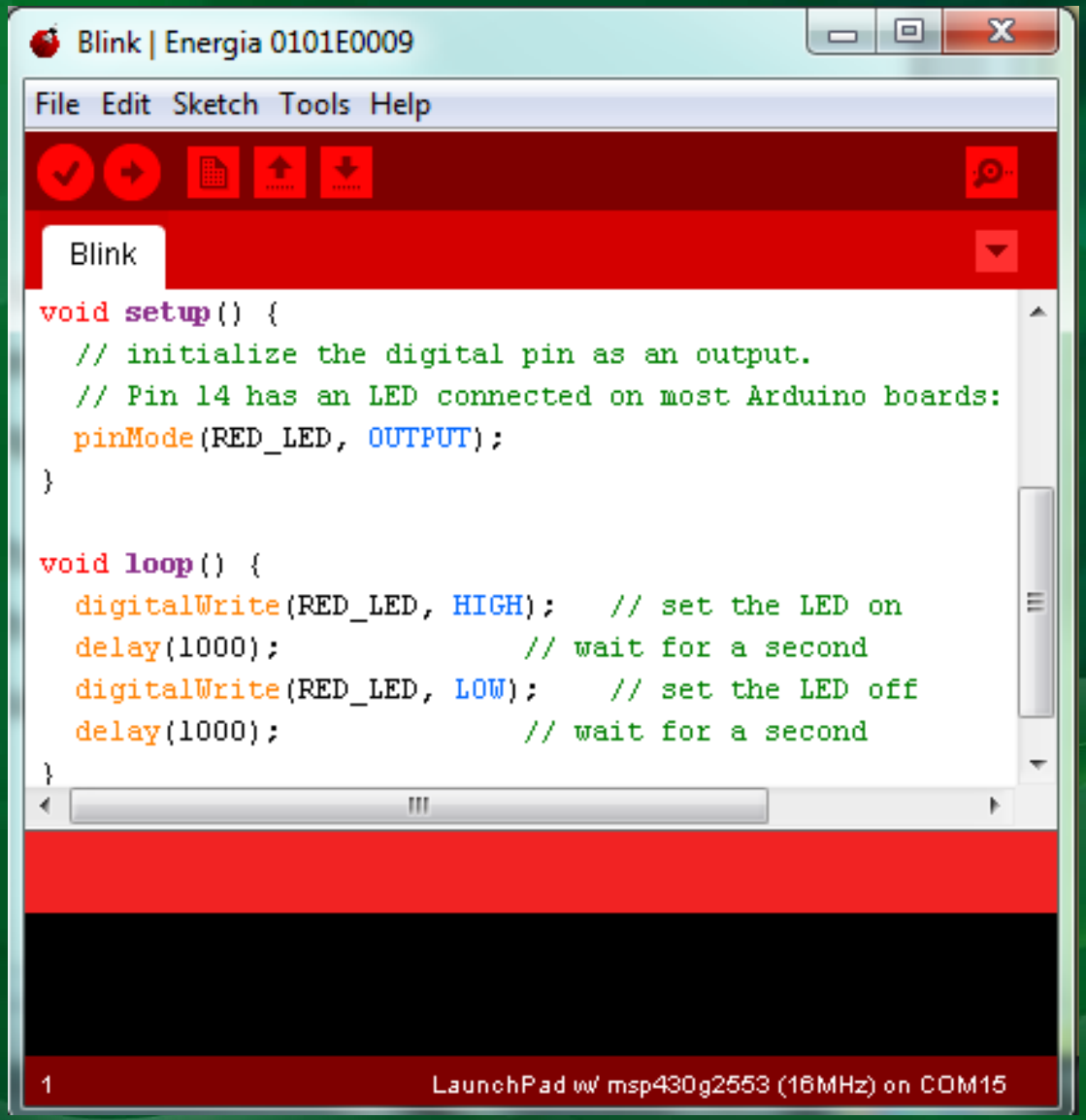
LaunchPad Features

- On-Board Emulator/Debugger
  - Allows user to step through code line-by-line
- I/O Pinouts
  - Allow for breadboarding or connecting TI BoosterPacks (Sensorboards)
- LEDs, Button, and Jumpers for general purpose use
- Reset Switch
- Jumpers to bypass debugger for serial-to-USB communication

Programming the LaunchPad

- LaunchPad can be programmed using IAR, Code Composer Studio, and Energia
- IAR is a professional embedded integrated development environment (IDE) for many different microcontroller architectures
- Energia is an Arduino based IDE for the LaunchPad Boards
  - Easy to program
  - Abstracts many features from user
  - No debugger access

Energia



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Programming the LaunchPad

- Code Composer Studio
  - TI's custom environment
  - TI offers many software libraries and tools supported by code composer
  - More industry standard IDE unlike energia
  - Can be used to import Energia code

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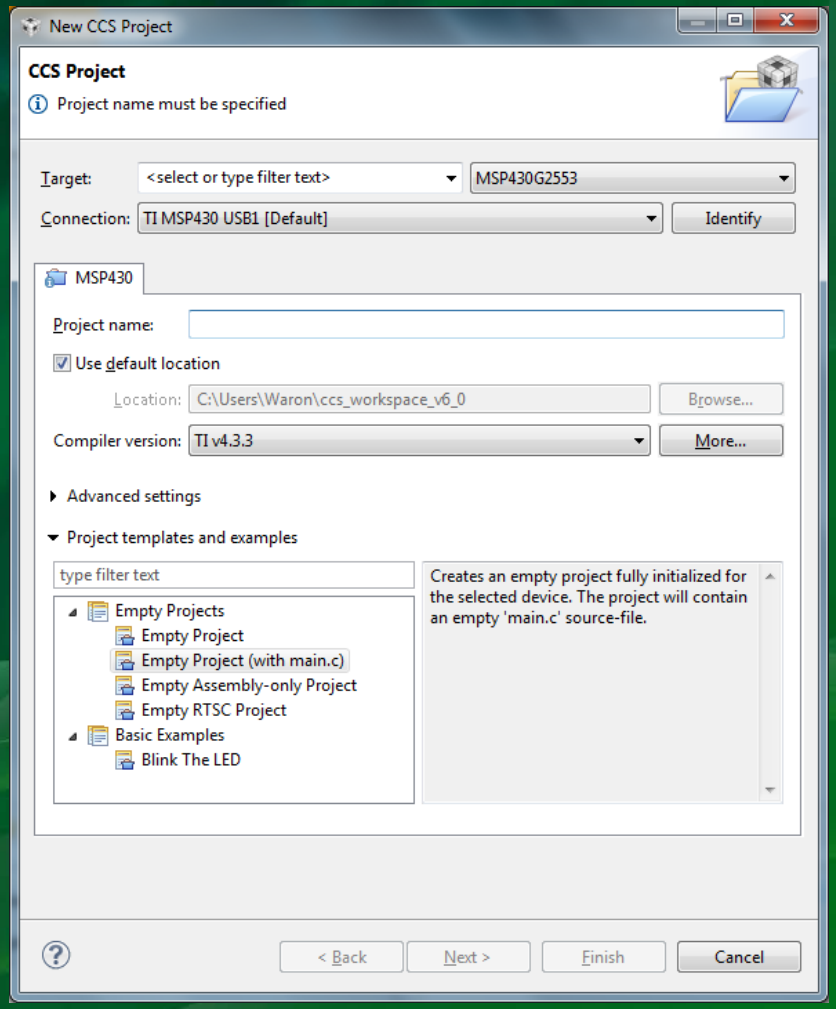
Code Composer Studio

- Creating a new project:
  - File -> new -> CCS Project
  - Select MSP430 G2553 in the target list
  - Name your Project
  - Empty Project (with main.c) provides a good empty code space to start, including code to disable the watchdog timer



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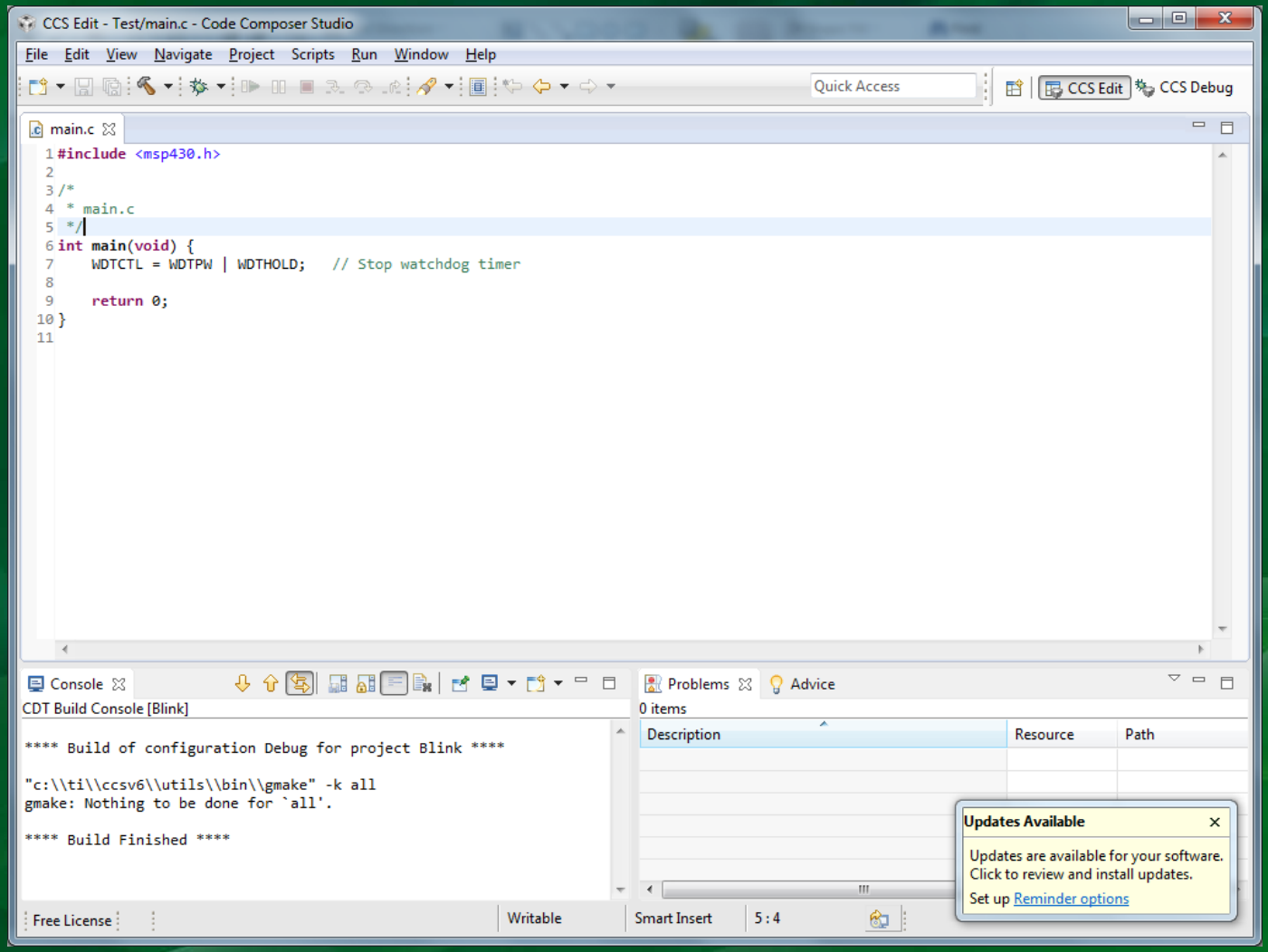
Code Composer Studio

- Build Projects by clicking on the “hammer” icon
  - Compiles code, generates hex file
- Load programs by clicking the “bug” icon
  - Loads the program and sets the IDE into debug mode
  - Hit the green arrow “play” button to run the code

Code Composer Studio



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Lab 1 - Blink

- Assignment is found at Dr. Conrad's webpage
- Program the MSP430 to blink the two on-board LEDs
  - You will need to find which pin are attached to each LED and button
- Deadline: September 4, 2015, 5:00 pm
  - Lab TA will hold office hours on lab checkout days from 2-4:00PM
- What to turn in?
  - Lab check-off sheet – No lab report!

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