Introduction to FlowCode4

FlowCode4 is a flowchart driven program that allows the user to create a microcontroller program simply by creating a flowchart. Tools located in the program will compile the flowchart and download the hexadecimal program to the microcontroller chip.

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The first step in using FlowCode4 is to learn how the program works.

Once the software is loaded and the user opens the program, the following screen appears.

Opening FlowCode4



Adding Operational Icons



Changing Properties

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Selection of Components



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Setting Component Properties



Setting External Properties



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Stepping Through the Program Manually



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Add Looping to the Program



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Setting Properties for Looping

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Setting Properties for Looping



Using Go/Continue to Execute the Program



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Executing the Program



Editing the Program

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Moving Within the Program



Repositioning the Panel Window



Positioning the Variable and Call Stack Windows

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