PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer

USER'S GUIDE

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Preface

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INTRODUCTION

This chapter contains general information that will be useful to know before using the PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer. Items discussed in this chapter include:

- Document Layout
- Conventions Used in this Guide
- Warranty Registration
- Recommended Reading
- The Microchip Web Site
- Development Systems Customer Change Notification Service
- Customer Support
- Document Revision History

DOCUMENT LAYOUT

This document describes how to use the PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer as a development tool to emulate and debug firmware on a target board. The manual layout is as follows:

- **Chapter 1. "PICkit™ 2 Overview"** – Provides an overview of the PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer.
- **Chapter 2. "Getting Started"** – Provides Instructions on how to get started using the PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer to program Flash-based PICmicro® Microcontroller Units (MCUs).
- **Chapter 3. "PICkit™ 2 and ICSP™"** – Describes programming with the PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer using In-Circuit Serial Programming™ (ICSP™).
- **Chapter 4. "PICkit™ 2 Debug Express"** – Provides a tutorial on using the PICkit 2 Debug Express debugger program.
- **Chapter 5. "Updating the PICkit™ 2 Operating System"** – Provides instruction on how to update your PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer's Operating System.
- **Chapter 6. "Troubleshooting"** – Provides information on solving common problems.
- **Appendix A. "Hardware Schematics"** – Illustrates the PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer hardware schematic diagrams.

CONVENTIONS USED IN THIS GUIDE

This manual uses the following documentation conventions:

DOCUMENTATION CONVENTIONS

Description	Represents	Examples
Arial font:		
Italic characters	Referenced books	"*MPLAB® IDE User's Guide*"
	Emphasized text	...is the *only* compiler...
Initial caps	A window	the Output window
	A dialog	the Settings dialog
	A menu selection	select Enable Programmer
Quotes	A field name in a window or dialog	"Save project before build"
Underlined, italic text with right angle bracket	A menu path	*File>Save*
Bold characters	A dialog button	Click **OK**
	A tab	Click the **Power** tab
N'Rnnnn	A number in verilog format, where N is the total number of digits, R is the radix and n is a digit.	4'b0010, 2'hF1
Text in angle brackets < >	A key on the keyboard	Press <Enter>, <F1>
Courier New font:		
Plain Courier New	Sample source code	`#define START`
	Filenames	`autoexec.bat`
	File paths	`c:\mcc18\h`
	Keywords	`_asm, _endasm, static`
	Command-line options	`-Opa+, -Opa-`
	Bit values	`0, 1`
	Constants	`0xFF, 'A'`
Italic Courier New	A variable argument	*`file`*`.o`, where *`file`* can be any valid filename
Square brackets [ ]	Optional arguments	`mcc18 [options]` *`file`* `[options]`
Curly brackets and pipe character: { | }	Choice of mutually exclusive arguments; an OR selection	`errorlevel {0|1}`
Ellipses...	Replaces repeated text	`var_name [, var_name...]`
	Represents code supplied by user	`void main (void) { ... }`

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RECOMMENDED READING

This user's guide describes how to use PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer. Other useful documents are listed below. The following Microchip documents are available and recommended as supplemental reference resources.

44-Pin Demo Board User's Guide (DS41296)

Consult this document for instructions on how to use the 44-Pin Demo Board as development tool to emulate and debug firmware on a target board.

Low Pin Count Demo Board's User's Guide (DS51556)

Consult this document for instructions on how to use Microchip Technology's Low Pin Count device (8-pin, 14-pin and 20-pin). This document includes a series of tutorials.

MPLAB® IDE User's Guide (DS51519)

Consult this document for more information pertaining to the installation and features of the MPLAB Integrated Development Environment (IDE) software.

MPLAB® IDE Quick Start Guide (DS51281)

Describes how to set up the MPLAB IDE software and use it to create projects and program devices.

MPLAB IDE On-line Help

In-Circuit Serial Programming™ (ICSP™) Guide (DS30277)

This document contains helpful design guidelines for successful ICSP programming. It includes application notes on hardware designs and the ICSP programming specifications.

MPASM™ Assembler, MPLINK™ Object Linker, MPLIB™ Object Librarian User's Guide (DS33014)

Describes how to use the Microchip PICmicro MCU assembler (MPASM assembler), linker (MPLINK linker), and librarian (MPLIB librarian).

README for PICkit™ 2 Debug Express

For the latest information on using the PICkit™ 2 Debug Express, read the "`Readme for PICkit 2 Debug Express.txt`" file (an ASCII text file) in the Readmes sub-directory of the MPLAB IDE installation directory. The Readme file contains updated information and known issues that may not be included in this user's guide.

Readme Files

For the latest information on using other tools, read the tool-specific Readme files in the Readmes subdirectory of the MPLAB IDE installation directory. The Readme files contain update information and known issues that may not be included in this user's guide.

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- **Emulators** – The latest information on Microchip in-circuit emulators.This includes the MPLAB ICE 2000 and MPLAB ICE 4000.
- **In-Circuit Debuggers** – The latest information on the Microchip in-circuit debugger, MPLAB ICD 2.
- **MPLAB® IDE** – The latest information on Microchip MPLAB IDE, the Windows® Integrated Development Environment for development systems tools. This list is focused on the MPLAB IDE, MPLAB SIM simulator, MPLAB IDE Project Manager and general editing and debugging features.
- **Programmers** – The latest information on Microchip programmers. These include the MPLAB PM3 and PRO MATE® II device programmers and the PICSTART® Plus and PICkit™1 development programmers.

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- Distributor or Representative
- Local Sales Office
- Field Application Engineer (FAE)
- Technical Support
- Development Systems Information Line

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Technical support is available through the web site at: http://support.microchip.com

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- Initial release of this document.

Revision B (August 2006)

- Updated Preface, added **Chapter 4. "PICkit™ 2 Debug Express"** tutorial.

Chapter 1. PICkit™ 2 Overview

1.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter introduces the PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer and describes the PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer features and menu functions.

1.2 HIGHLIGHTS

This chapter discusses:

- The PICkit™ 2 Contents
- The PICkit™ 2 Overview
- PICkit™ 2 Programming Software

1.3 PICkit™ 2 MICROCONTROLLER PROGRAMMER CONTENTS

The PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer Kit contains the following items:

1. The PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer
2. USB cable
3. PICkit™ 2 Starter Kit CD ROM

1.4 INTRODUCING THE PICkit™ 2 MICROCONTROLLER PROGRAMMER

The PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer is a low-cost development programmer. It is capable of programming most of Microchip's Flash microcontrollers. For specific products supported, see the `README` file included on the PICkit™ 2 Starter Kit CD ROM.

The PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer Operating System (firmware) can be easily upgraded from the programming software. New device support can be added by updating the operating system. The latest firmware is available on Microchip's web site at www.microchip.com.

Note: The PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer is intended for development programming. For production programming, please consider the MPLAB PM3 Programmer or other third party programmers designed for the production environment.

1.5 PICkit™ 2 MICROCONTROLLER PROGRAMMER OVERVIEW

The PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer overview is shown in Figure 1-1.

FIGURE 1-1: PICkit™ 2 MICROCONTROLLER PROGRAMMER

Legend:

1 – Status LEDs	3 – Lanyard Connection	5 – Pin 1 Marker
2 – Push Button	4 – USB Port Connection	6 – Programming Connector

1.5.1 USB Port Connection

The USB Port Connection is a USB mini-B connector. Connect the PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer to the PC using the supplied USB cable.

1.5.2 Status LEDs

The Status LEDs indicate the status of the PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer.

1. **Power** (green) – Power is applied to the PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer via the USB port.
2. **Target** (yellow) – The PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer is powering the target device.
3. **Busy** (red) – The PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer is busy with a function such as Program mode or is alerting that a function is in progress.

1.5.3 Push Button

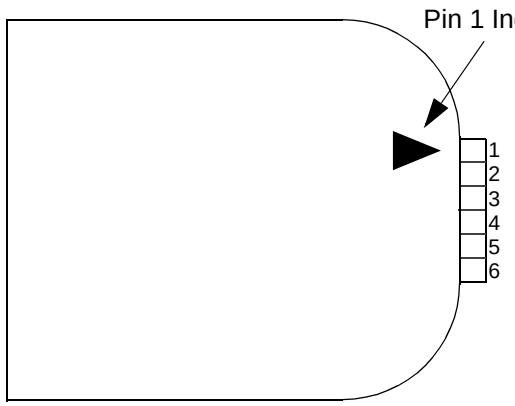
The push button is for initiating a function that will be implemented in the near future.

1.5.4 Programming Connector

The programming connector is a 6-pin header (0.100" spacing) that connects to the target device. See the pinout specification in Figure 1-2.

For more information on how to use the PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer with In-Circuit Serial Programming™ (ICSP™), refer to **Chapter 3. "PICkit™ 2 and ICSP™"**.

FIGURE 1-2: PICkit™ 2 CONNECTOR PINOUT



Pin Description

1 = V_{PP}/$\overline{MCLR}$
2 = V_{DD} Target
3 = V_{SS} (ground)
4 = ICSPDAT/PGD
5 = ICSPCLK/PGC
6 = Auxillary

Note: The 6-pin header (0.100" spacing) accepts 0.025" square pins.

1.5.5 Lanyard Connection

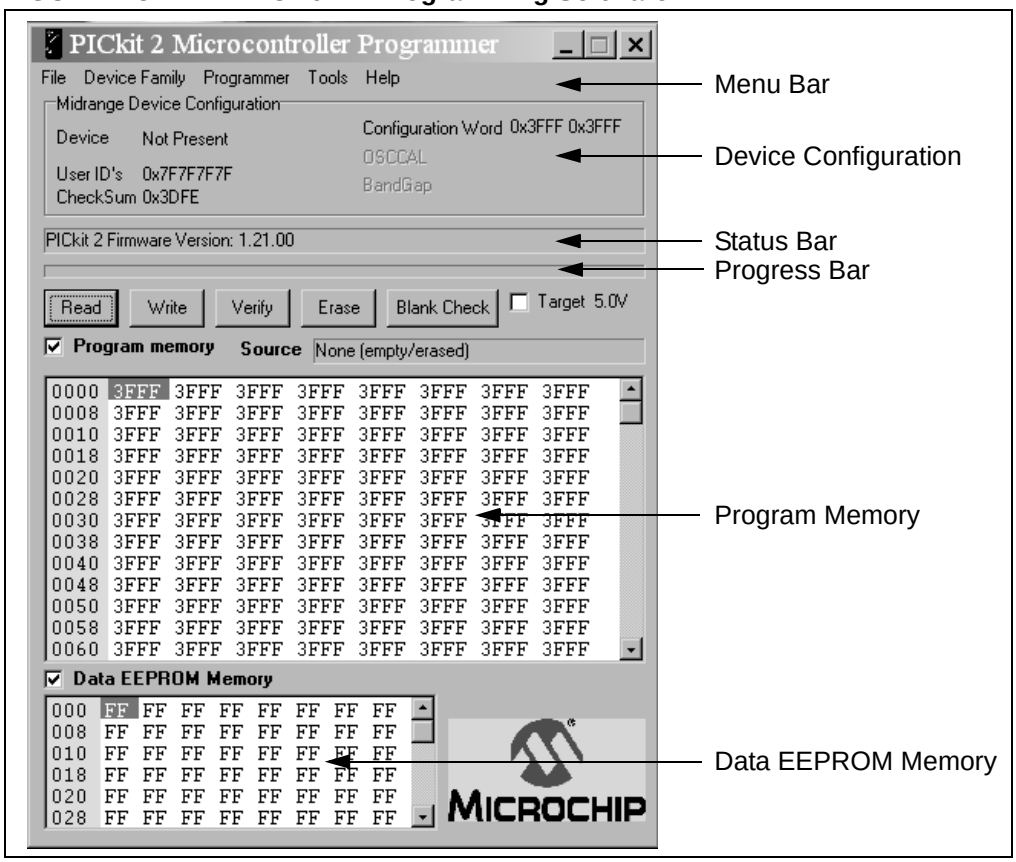
To help prevent possible loss of the The PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer, a convenient laynard connection is available on the programmer.

1.6 PROGRAMMING SOFTWARE

Start the PICkit™ 2 Programming Software by selecting *Start > Programs > PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer > PICkit 2*. The programming interface appears, as shown in Figure 1-3.

For more information on how to us the PICkit™ 2 Programming Software, see **Chapter 2. "Getting Started"**.

FIGURE 1-3: PICkit™ 2 Programming Software



1.6.1 Menu Bar

The menu bar selects various functions of the PICkit™ 2 Programming Software. A summary of the functions are:

FILE

- Import File – Import a hex file for programming
- Export File – Export a hex file read from a device
- Exit – Exit the program (duplicated with the **Quit** button)

DEVICE FAMILY

- Baseline (12-bit Core) – Configures the programming software for baseline Flash devices
- Mid-range (14-bit Core) – Configure the programming software for mid-range Flash devices
- PIC18 – Configures the programming software for PIC18F Flash devices (future feature, presently grayed out)
- PIC18J – Configures the programming software for PIC18FXXJXX Flash devices (future feature, presently grayed out)
- dsPIC® DSC – Configures the programming software for dsPIC DSC Flash devices (future feature, presently grayed out)

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- Read Device – Reads program memory, data EEPROM memory, ID locations, and Configuration bits.
- Write Device – Writes program memory, data EEPROM memory, ID locations, and Configuration bits.
- Verify – Verifies program memory, data EEPROM memory, ID locations and Configuration bits read from the target MCU against the code stored in the programming software.
- Erase – Performs a bulk erase of the target MCU. OSCCAL and band gap values are preserved (PIC12F629/675 and PIC16F630/676 only).
- Blank Check – Performs a blank check of program memory, data EEPROM memory, ID locations and Configuration bits.
- Full Erase (OSCCAL and BG erased) – Performs a bulk erase including the OSCCAL and Band Gap (BG) values (PIC12F629/675 and PIC16F630/676 only).
- Regenerate OSCCAL – Regenerates the OSCCAL value (only for PIC12F629/675 and PIC16F630/676). The AUX line must be connected to the RA4/T1G pin.
- Set Band Gap Calibration Value – Sets the band gap value (only for PIC12F629/675 and PIC16F630/676).

TOOLS

- Code-Protect Device – Enables code protection features of the microcontroller on future write operations.
- Target Power – Power target from PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer.
- Check Board – Verifies communication with the PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer and reads the device ID of the target MCU.
- Download PICkit 2 Operating System – Performs a download of the PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer firmware operating system.

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Displays a dialog box indicating the version and date.

1.6.2 Device Configuration

The Device Configuration window displays the PICmicro MCU device, User ID, Configuration Word and Checksum. It also displays OSCCAL and Band Gap, which are available only on PIC12F629/675 and PIC16F630/676 devices.

For mid-range (14-bit core) devices, the PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer reads the device ID and displays it in the window.

For baseline (12-bit core) devices, the user must select the device from the Device drop-down menu.

1.6.3 Status Bar

The status bar displays text status of the operations in progress. If an operation is successful, the status bar will display a green background. If an operation fails, the status bar will display red. If an operation alerts a caution, the status bar will display yellow.

1.6.4 Progress Bar

The progress bar displays the progress of an operation.

1.6.5 Program Memory

Program code can be loaded into the PICkit™ 2 Programming Software from *File > Import HEX* or it can be read from the device by clicking on the **Read** button. The origin of the code is displayed in the Source block. The Program Memory window displays the program code in hexadecimal. The code cannot be edited in the window.

The check box next to the Program Memory window controls whether the program memory will be programmed into the device or not. If the box is checked, the code displayed in the Program Memory window will be programmed into and used to verify the device. If the box is not checked, the program memory will not be programmed and it will not be used to verify the device.

1.6.6 Data EEPROM Memory

Similar to Program Memory above, program code can be loaded into the PICkit™ 2 Programming Software from *File > Import HEX* or it can be read from the device by clicking on the **Read** button. The origin of the code is displayed in the Source block. The Data EEPROM Memory window displays the program code in hexadecimal. The code cannot be edited in the window.

The check box next to the Data EEPROM Memory window controls whether the data EEPROM memory will be programmed into the device or not. If the box is checked, the code displayed in the Data EEPROM Memory window will be programmed into and used to verify the device. If the box is not checked, the data EEPROM memory will not be programmed and it will not be used to verify the device.

Chapter 2. Getting Started

2.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter gives instruction on how to get started using the PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer to program Flash-based PICmicro® microcontroller units (MCU).

For information on how to use the PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer with In-Circuit Serial Programming™ (ICSP™), refer to **Chapter 3. "PICkit™ 2 and ICSP™"**.

For information on how to update the PICkit 2 firmware operating system, refer to **Chapter 5. "Updating the PICkit™ 2 Operating System"**.

2.2 INSTALLING THE PICkit™ 2 PROGRAMMING SOFTWARE

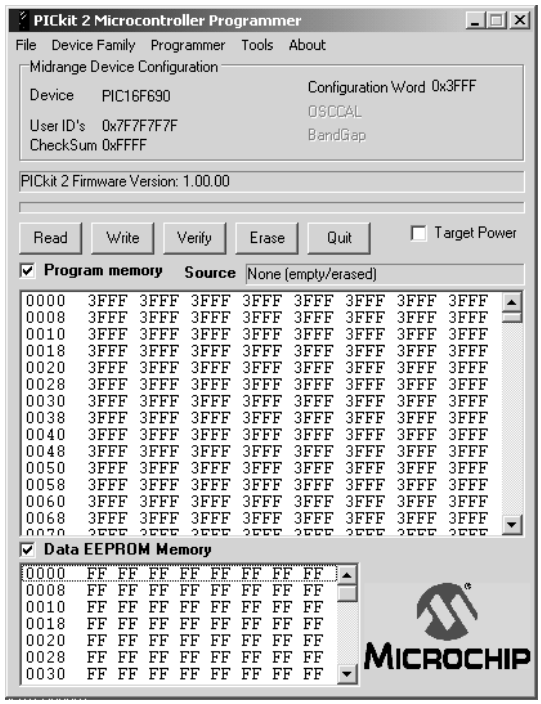
Insert the PICkit™ 2 Starter Kit CD ROM into the CD ROM drive. In a few moments, the introductory screen should be displayed. Follow the directions on the screen for installing the PICkit™ 2 Programming Software.

If the introductory screen does not appear, browse to the CD ROM directory and select the `AutorunPro.exe` program.

2.3 USING THE PICkit™ 2 PROGRAMMING SOFTWARE

Start the PICkit™ 2 Programming Software by selecting *Start > Programs > PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer > PICkit 2*. The programming interface appears as shown in Figure 2-1.

FIGURE 2-1: PICkit 2™ PROGRAMMING SOFTWARE

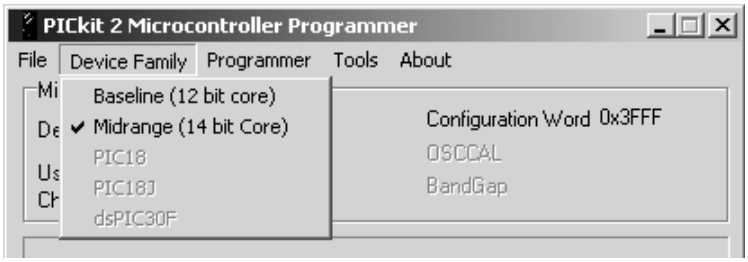


2.3.1 Selecting the Device Family

The PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer is capable of programming a variety of Flash-based Microchip PICmicro® microcontrollers.

The first step in using the PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer is to select the device family by clicking on the Device Family menu as shown in Figure 2-2.

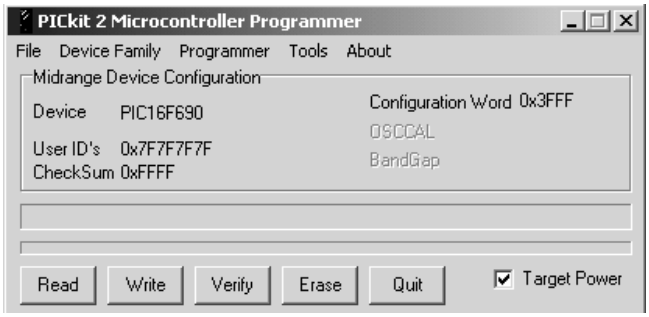
FIGURE 2-2: SELECT DEVICE FAMILY



2.3.2 Device Identification

If the Mid-range (14-bit core) Flash device family is selected, the PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer will automatically read the device ID word from the PICmicro® MCU and display it in the Configuration window as shown in Figure 2-3.

FIGURE 2-3: IDENTIFY DEVICE

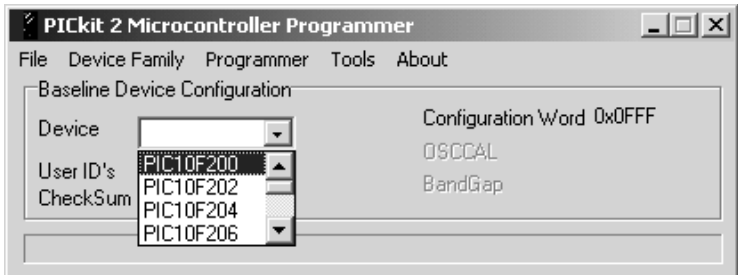


If the Baseline (12-bit core) Flash device family is selected, the user must select the specific device from the device drop-down box as shown in Figure 2-4.

CAUTION

Ensure that the correct Baseline Flash device has been selected. These devices do not contain a device ID to confirm device selection. Choosing the wrong Baseline Flash device may cause an erasing of the OSCCAL value stored in the last memory location.

FIGURE 2-4: SELECT BASELINE FLASH DEVICE



2.3.3 Target Power

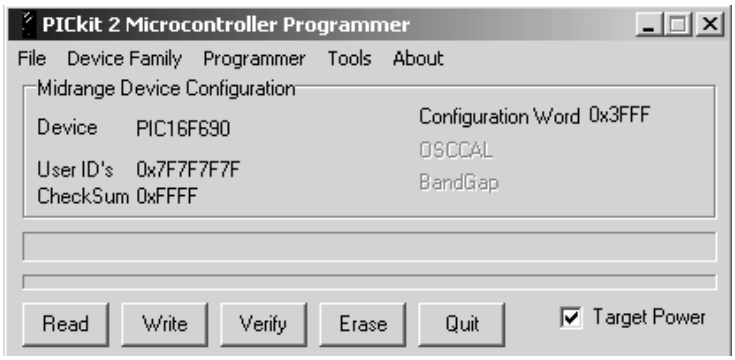
The PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer can supply power to the target. To enable power to the target device, check the Target Power check box as shown in Figure 2-5.

Note: When starting the PICkit 2 Microcontroller Program, target power defaults to off.

CAUTION

The USB port current limit is set to 100 mA. If the target plus PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer exceed this current limit, the USB port will turn off. The target may be powered externally if more power is required.

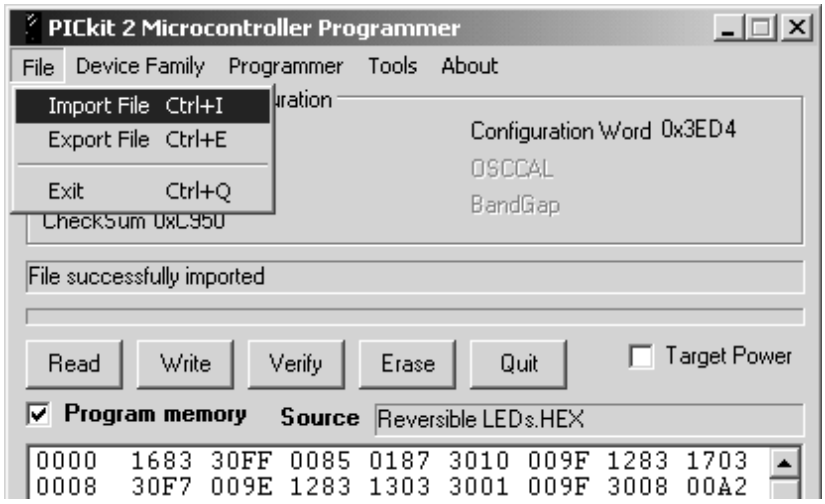
FIGURE 2-5: ENABLE TARGET POWER



2.3.4 Import HEX File

To import a compiled program (hex file), select *File > Import HEX* as shown in Figure 2-6. Browse for the hex file and click **Open**. The code is displayed in the Program Memory and EE Data Memory windows. The name of the hex file is displayed in the Source block.

FIGURE 2-6: IMPORT HEX FILE



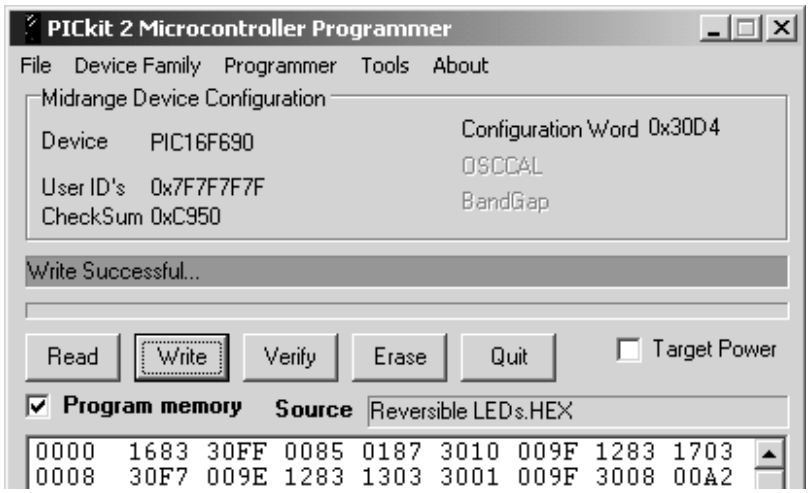
2.3.5 Write

After a device family has been selected and a hex file has been imported, the target PICmicro MCU can be programmed by clicking on the **Write** button. The PICmicro MCU will be erased and programmed with the hex code previously imported. The status of the Write operation is displayed in the status bar located under the Device Configuration window.

Note:	The device will be erased prior to programming. The PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer uses the bulk erase method that requires V_{DD} voltage between 4.5 to 5.5V

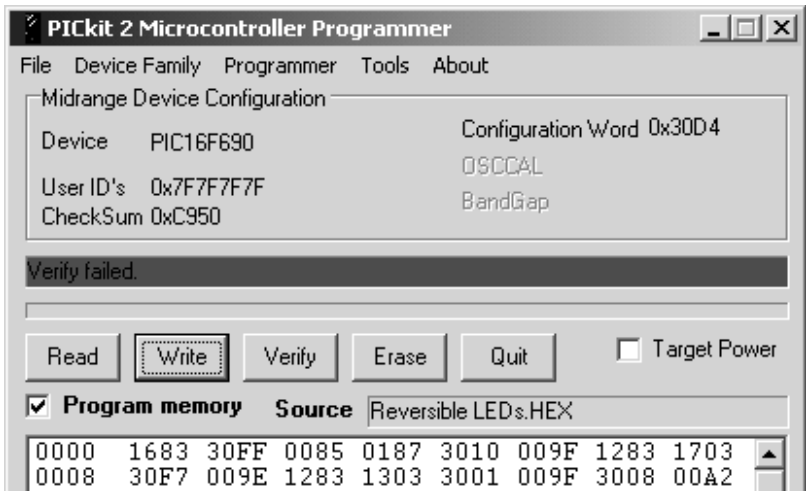
If the write is successful, the status bar turns green and displays "Write Successful", as shown in Figure 2-7.

FIGURE 2-7: WRITE SUCCESSFUL STATUS



If the write fails, the status bar turns red and displays "Verify failed", as shown in Figure 2-8. This error indicates that the data was corrupted during the programming sequence. If this error is displayed, try writing the program to the device again. If the error continues, see **Chapter 6. "Troubleshooting"** for assistance.

FIGURE 2-8: WRITE ERROR STATUS



2.3.6 Automatic File Reload

Prior to each write, the imported hex file time stamp is compared to the version on the disk. If the version on the disk is newer, it is reloaded. This occurs only when a hex file has been read from the disk.

This feature ensures that the latest version built by MPLAB® IDE will be written to the device.

2.3.7 Verify

The Verify function verifies the device program to the imported hex file. It compares all areas of memory including program memory, data EEPROM memory, ID and Configuration bits.

To verify the code, import the hex file and click the **Verify** button. If the code is the same, the status bar turns green and displays “Device Verified”. If a discrepancy is found, the status bar turns red and displays where the error is located: “Error in Program Memory, Data EEPROM Memory or Configuration Bits”.

2.3.8 Read

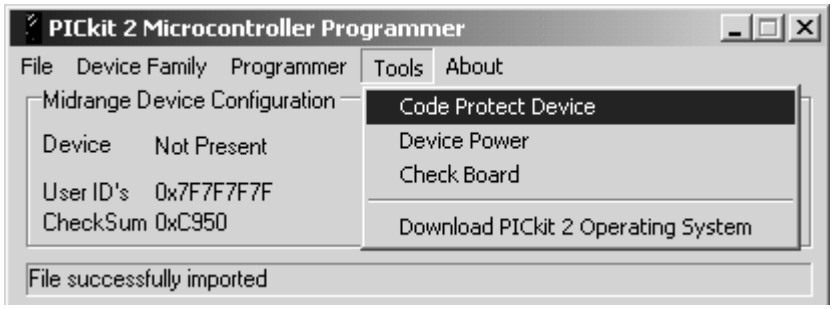
To view the code written to the PICmicro MCU, click the **Read** button. The code is displayed in the Program and Data EEPROM Memory windows for your review. If all zeros are displayed, it is possible that the device is code-protected.

2.3.9 Code-Protect Device

The Code-Protect Device function enables the code protection features of the PICmicro MCU. To protect the code, complete the following steps:

1. Import hex file.
2. Select *Tools > Code Protect Device* as shown in Figure 2-9.
3. Click **Write**.

FIGURE 2-9: ENABLE CODE PROTECT



Note: If the device is read after it has been code-protected, Program Memory and Data EEPROM Memory windows will display all zeros.

2.3.10 Erase

The Erase function erases the program memory, data EEPROM memory, ID and Configuration bits. However, this function is not normally needed since the Write function performs an erase operation prior to programming the PICmicro MCU.

To erase the device, click the **Erase** button.

Note:	The PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer uses the bulk erase method that requires V_{DD} voltage between 4.5 to 5.5V.

Chapter 3. PICkit™ 2 and ICSP™

3.1 INTRODUCTION

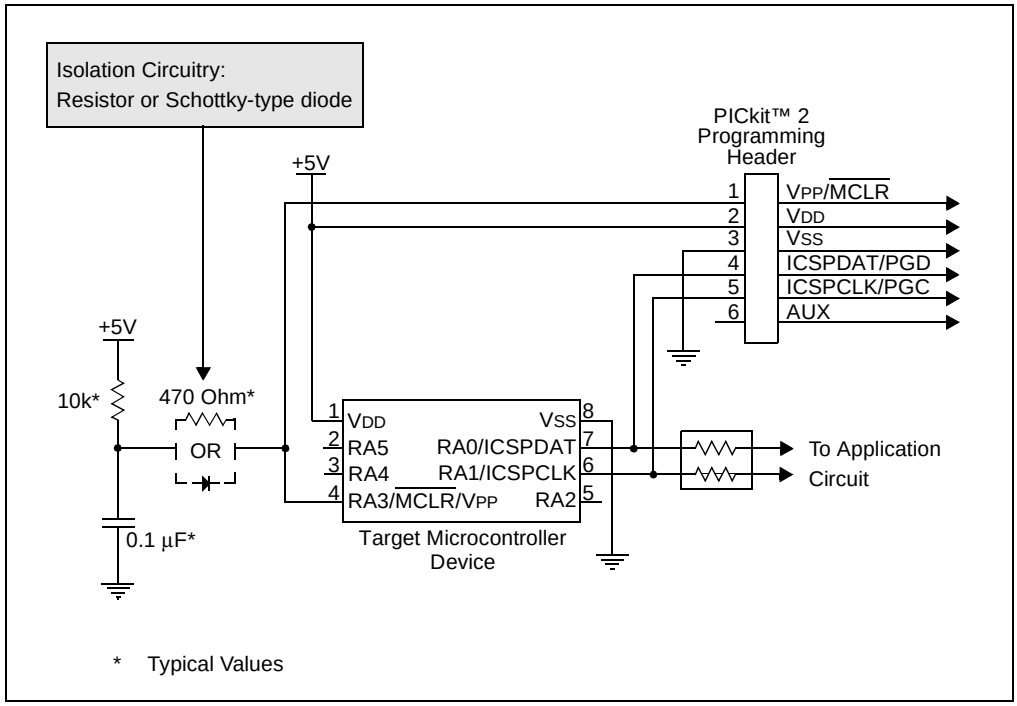
The PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer can program PICmicro® microcontrollers that are installed in an application circuit using In-Circuit Serial Programming™ (ICSP™). In-Circuit Serial Programming (ICSP) requires five signals:

- VPP – Programming Voltage; when applied, the device goes into Programming mode.
- ICSPCLK or PGC – Programming Clock; a unidirectional synchronous serial clock line from the programmer to the target.
- ICSPDAT or PGD – Programming Data; a bidirectional synchronous serial data line.
- VDD – Power Supply positive voltage.
- VSS – Power Supply ground reference.

However, the application circuit must be designed to allow all the programming signals to be connected to the PICmicro device without distorting the programming signals. Figure 3-1 shows a typical circuit as a starting point when designing an application circuit for ICSP. For successful ICSP programming, the precautions in the following sections need to be followed.

Note: For details on how a specific device is programmed, refer to the device programming specification available from the Microchip web site at www.microchip.com.

FIGURE 3-1: TYPICAL ICSP™ APPLICATION CIRCUIT



3.2 ISOLATE VPP/MCLR/PORT PIN

When VPP voltage is applied, the application circuit needs to take into consideration that the typical VPP voltage is +12V. This may be an issue in the following situations:

3.2.1 If the VPP pin is used as a MCLR pin.

The application circuit typically is connected to a pull-up resistor/capacitor circuit, as recommended in the device data sheet. Care must be taken so that the VPP voltage slew rate is not slowed down and exceeds the rise time in the programming specification (typically 1 µs).

If a supervisory circuit or a push button is interfaced to the MCLR pin, it is recommended that they be isolated from the VPP voltage by using a Schottky-type diode or limiting resistor as shown in Figure 3-1. For more information about using supervisory circuits with ICSP, see Application Note, AN820 "*System Supervisors in ICSP™ Architectures*" (DS00820).

3.2.2 If the VPP pin is used as an I/O port pin.

The application circuit that connects to the I/O pin may not be able to handle the +12V voltage. It is recommended to use a Schottky-type diode or limiting resistor as shown in Figure 3-1 to isolate the circuitry.

3.3 ISOLATE ICSPCLK OR PGC AND ICSPDAT OR PGD PINS

The ICSPCLK or PGC and ICSPDAT or PGD pins need to be isolated from the application circuit to prevent the programming signals from being affected by the application circuitry. ICSPCLK or PGC is a unidirection synchronous serial programming clock line from the programmer to the target. ICSPDAT or PGD is a bidirectional synchronous serial programming data line.

If the design permits, dedicate these pins for ICSP. However, if the application circuit requires that these pins be used in the application circuit, design the circuitry in a manner that does not alter the signal level and slew rates. Isolation circuitry will vary according to the application. Figure 3-1 shows one possibility by using series resistors to isolate the ICSP signals from the application circuit.

3.4 VDD

During ICSP programming, the PICmicro MCU needs to be powered in accordance with the device specification. Typically, the PICmicro MCU supply voltage is connected to the application circuit supply voltage. The application circuit can be powered by the PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer or externally. There are a few precautions that need to be observed.

3.4.1 The application circuit is powered by the PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer.

The PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer supply voltage (VDD) is +5V. If the application circuit operates at a different voltage, isolation circuitry may be required so that the two voltage levels do not conflict.

CAUTION

The PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer supply voltage (VDD) is +5V.

CAUTION

The USB port current limit is set to 100 mA. If the target plus PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer exceeds this current limit, the USB port will turn off. The target may be powered externally if more power is required.

3.4.2 The application circuit is powered externally.

The PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer supply voltage (VDD) is +5V. If the application circuit operates at a different voltage, isolation circuitry may be required so that the two voltage levels do not conflict.

CAUTION

The PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer supply voltage (VDD) is +5V.

3.4.3 Bulk Erase is used.

Some PICmicro MCU devices use a bulk erase function to erase program memory, data EEPROM memory, ID locations, and Configuration bits. Typically, the bulk erase function requires a supply voltage (VDD) of 4.5 to 5.5 Volts (refer to the device programming specification for device specific requirements).

This voltage range can be a problem if the application circuit is designed to operate at a different supply voltage range. In order to bulk erase the PICmicro MCU, the application circuit needs to take into consideration the bulk erase voltage requirement while protecting any voltage sensitive circuitry.

3.5 Vss

The power supply ground reference, Vss, must be at the same potential as the application circuit.

3.6 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Minimize the distance the ICSP signals must travel by placing the ICSP connector as close to the application circuit PICmicro MCU as possible. Minimize any cable length between the PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer and application circuit PICmicro MCU. The goal is to keep the ICSP signals within the level and slew rate specifications for successful programming.

Chapter 4. PICkit™ 2 Debug Express

4.1 INTRODUCTION

The PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer allows in-circuit debugging on selected PICmicro® Microcontroller Units (MCUs). In-circuit debugging allows the designer to run, examine and modify the program while the PICmicro MCU is embedded in the hardware. This greatly assists the designer in debugging the firmware and hardware together.

The Debug Express software interacts with the MPLAB® IDE software to run, stop and single-step through programs. One breakpoint can be set and the processor can be reset. Once the processor is stopped, the register's contents can be examined and modified.

Note: Debug Express requires MPLAB® IDE 7.40 version, or later.

4.2 PICkit™ 2 DEBUG EXPRESS

This section explains how to debug programs using the PICkit 2 Debug Express. It is intended for those new to debugging programs, but familiar with the MPLAB IDE software.

For more information on how to use the MPLAB IDE software, reference the following documentation:

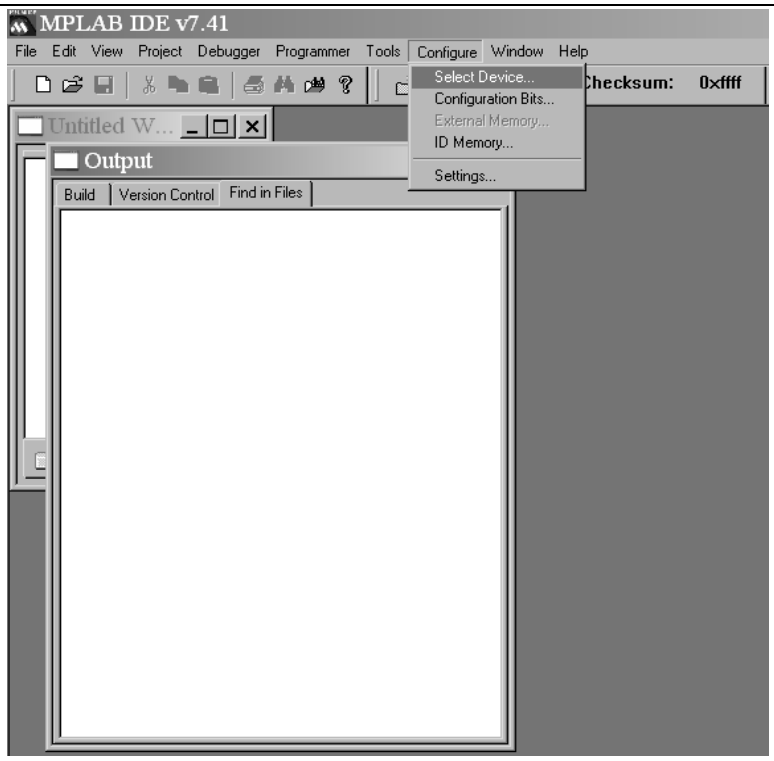
- MPLAB® IDE User's Guide (DS51519)
- MPLAB® IDE Quick Start Guide (DS51281)
- MPLAB® IDE On-line Help

4.2.1 Selecting the Device and Development Mode

From the MPLAB IDE menu bar, select the PICmicro MCU device for this tutorial:

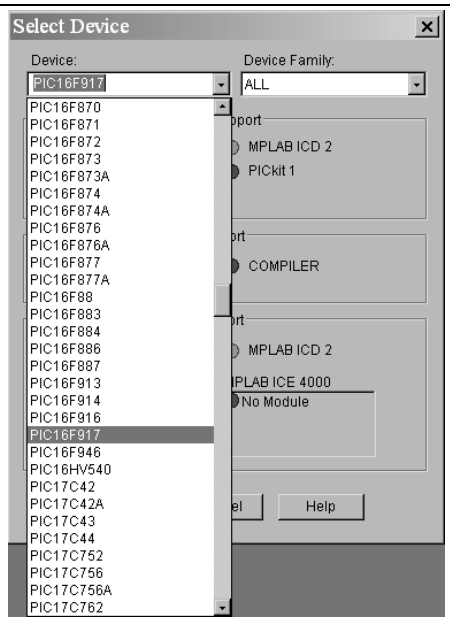
1. Select *Configure > Select Device*.

FIGURE 4-1: MPLAB IDE MENU BAR



2. Click on the Device drop-down list and select the PIC16F917 device. No other changes need to be made in this dialog box.
3. Click **OK**.

FIGURE 4-2: SELECT DEVICE



4.2.2 PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer Debug Tool

Select the PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer as the debug tool:

- Select *Debugger > Select Tool > PICkit 2*.
  The Output window displays communication status between the PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer and Target Board, as shown in Figure 4-4.

FIGURE 4-3: PICkit 2 DEBUG TOOL

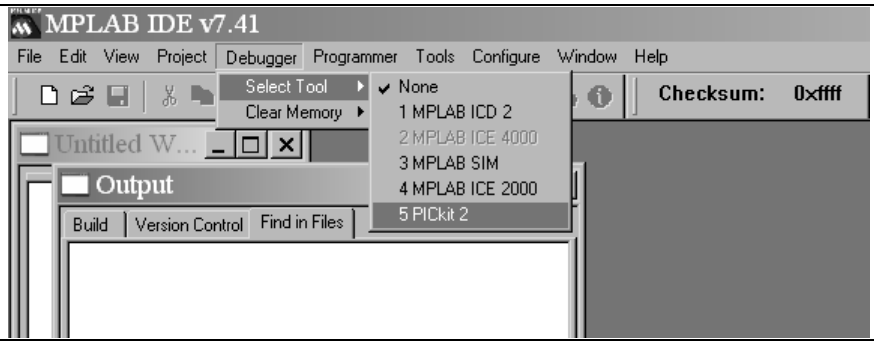
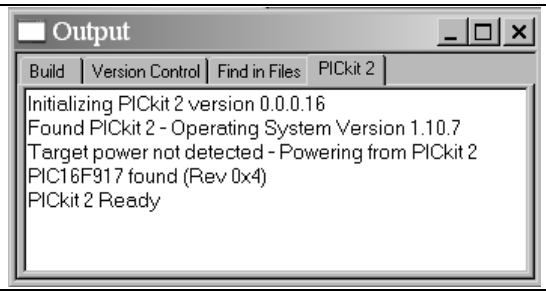
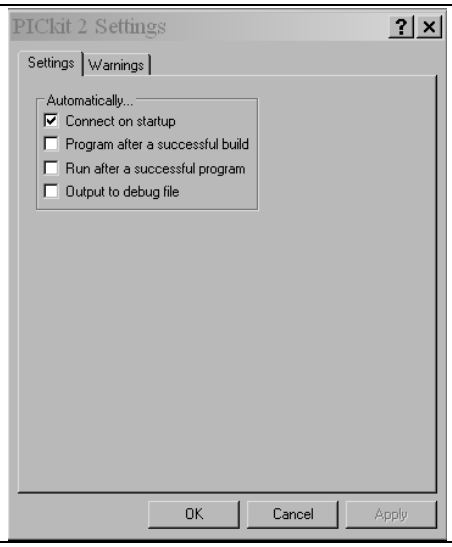


FIGURE 4-4: OUTPUT WINDOW



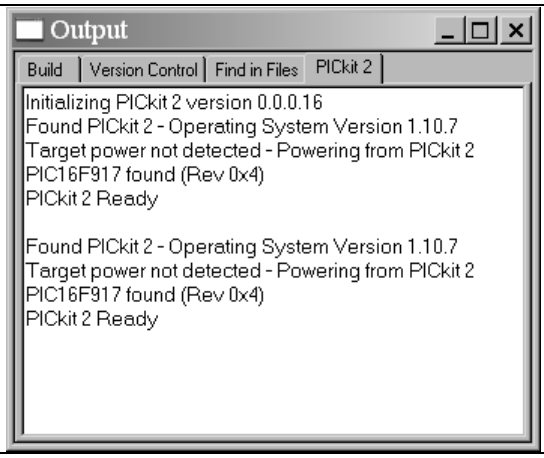
4. Select *Debugger > Settings* to setup the PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer operation.
5. Click the “Connect on Startup” check box to enable the auto-connection feature.
6. Click **Ok**.

FIGURE 4-5: PICkit 2 MICROCONTROLLER PROGRAMMER SETTINGS



7. Select *Debugger > Connect* to connect to the PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer.
   The Output window displays communication status between the PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer and Target Board.

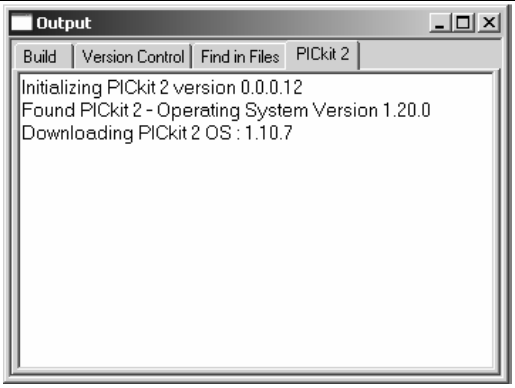
FIGURE 4-6: PICkit 2 MICROCONTROLLER PROGRAMMER CONNECT



4.2.3 Updating PICkit™ 2 Firmware (Operating System)

Depending on the version of the MPLAB IDE software or the selected device, a message may appear indicating that the firmware needs to be updated. MPLAB IDE will automatically install new firmware (see Figure 4-7).

FIGURE 4-7: UPDATING PICkit 2 FIRMWARE DIALOG

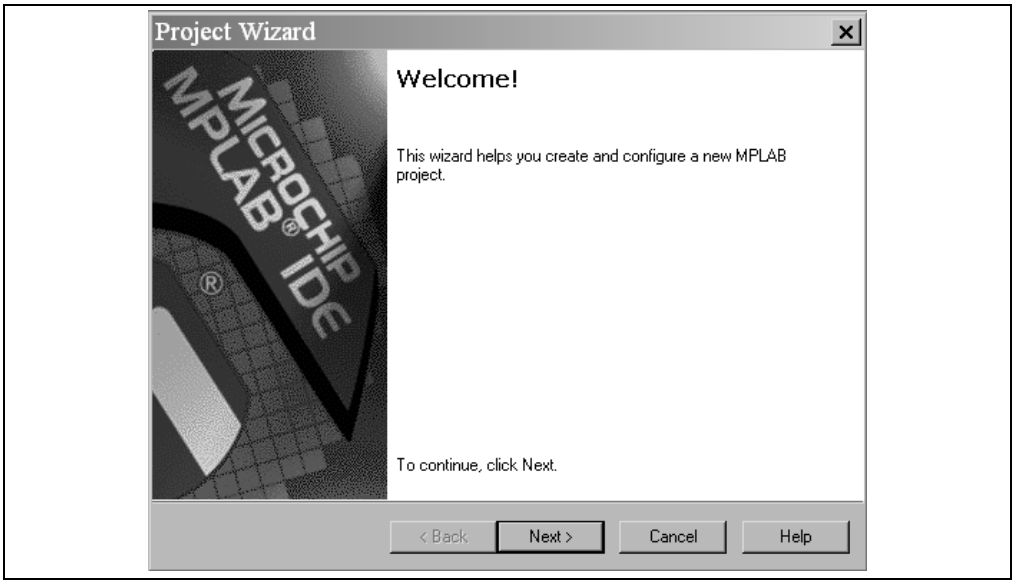


4.2.4 Running the Project Wizard

For this project, the MPASM Assembler tool will be used:

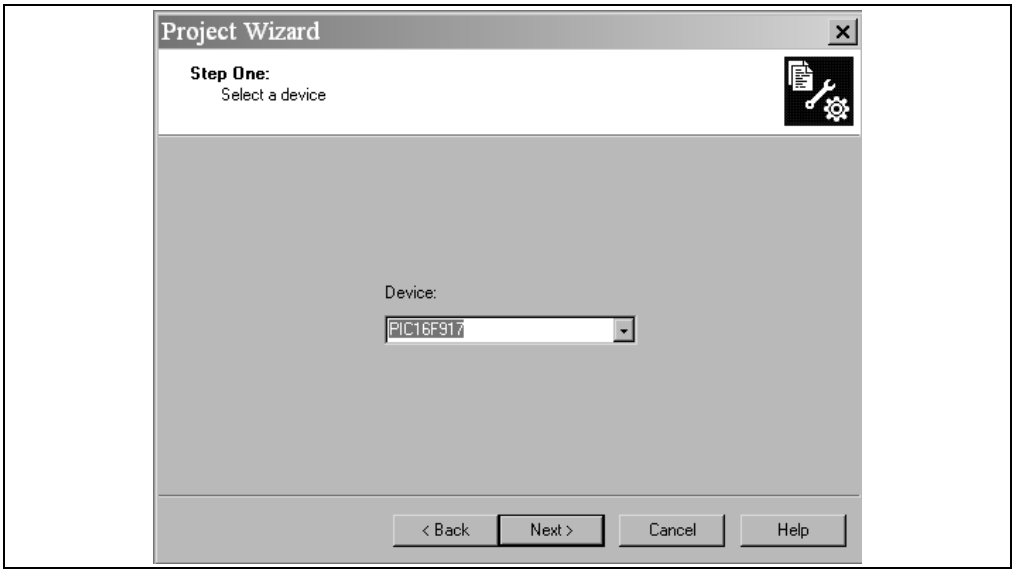
1. Select *Project > Project Wizard* to setup the first project. The Project Wizard Welcome menu will display.
2. Click **Next** to continue to Step One.

FIGURE 4-8: PROJECT WIZARD



3. Select the **PIC16F917** device from the Device drop-down box.
4. Click **Next** to continue to Step Two.

FIGURE 4-9: STEP ONE



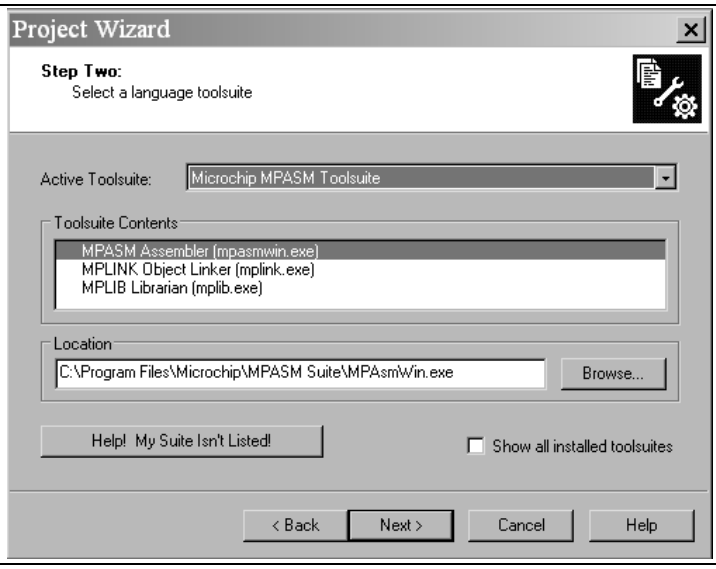
5. Select "Microchip MPASM Toolsuite" from the Active Toolsuite drop-down menu.

Note: Make sure the tools are set to the proper executables by default in the C:\Program Files\Microchip\MPASM Suite folder as follows:

- MPASM Assembler should be pointing to mpasmwin.exe
- MPLINK Linker should be pointing to mplink.exe
- MPLIB Librarian should be pointing to mplib.exe.

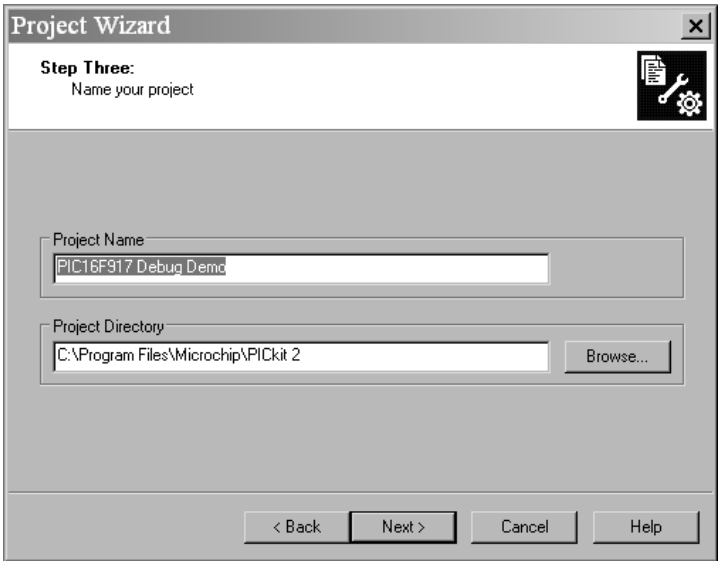
6. Click **Next** to continue to Step Three.

FIGURE 4-10: STEP TWO



- In Step Three, type in the name and location of the project or click the **Browse** button to locate the project files.
- Click **Next** to continue to Step Four.

FIGURE 4-11: STEP THREE

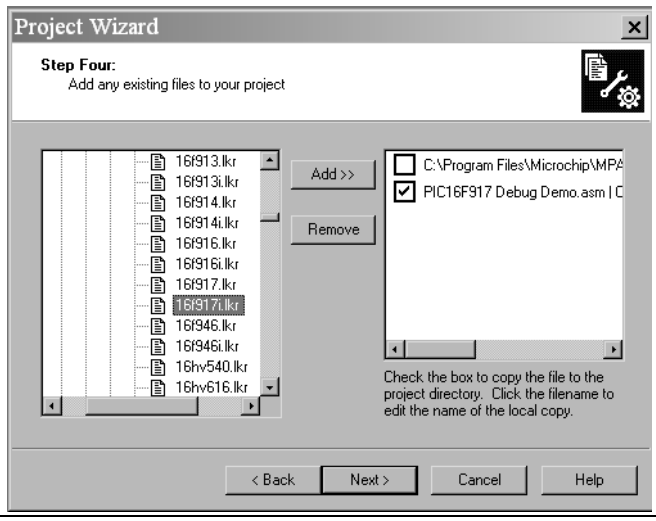


In Step Four, add the project files:

1. From the left pane window, go to C:\Program Files\Microchip\PICkit 2\PIC16F917 Debug Demo.asm. Select and highlight the “PIC16F917 Debug Demo.asm” file and click the **Add** button. The file will be placed into the right pane window.
2. Click the check box next to the file to copy the file into the project directory.
3. Next, add the linker script file. Go to C:\Program File\Microchip\MPASM Suite\LKR\16F917**i**.lkr. Make sure and select the file with the “i”. Select and highlight the “16f917i.lkr” file and click the **Add** button.
4. Click the check box next to the file to copy the linker script file into the project directory.
5. Click **Next** to continue to the Summary window.

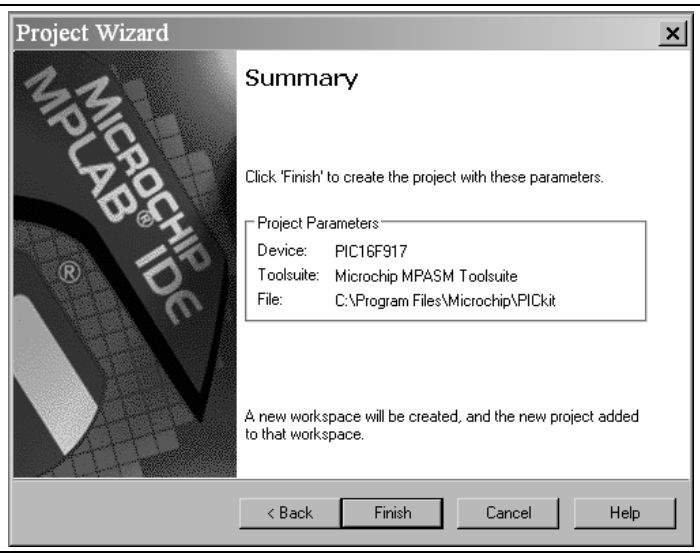
Note:	Files can be added later if needed.

FIGURE 4-12: ADD FILES



If any errors have been made, click on the **Back** button to return to any of the previous steps in the Project Wizard. Click **Finish**.

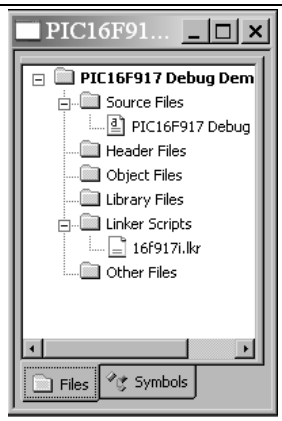
FIGURE 4-13: PROJECT SUMMARY



4.2.5 PIC16F917 Debug Demo Project

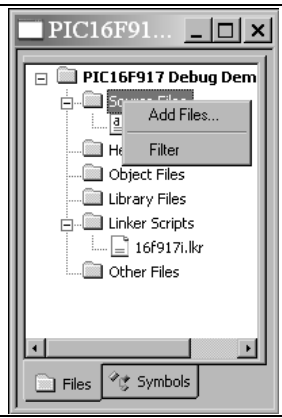
After completing the project setup and exiting the Project Wizard, the Project Window will display in the MPLAB IDE desktop window, as shown in Figure 4-14.

FIGURE 4-14: PROJECT WINDOW



If needed, additional files can be added to the project using the Project Window. Right click on any of the files or folders in the Project Window tree to display a pop-up window with additional options for adding or removing files.

FIGURE 4-15: ADDING AND REMOVING FILES



4.2.6 Creating a Hex File

Select *Project > Build All*, or right click on the project name in the Project Window and select “Build All” from the pop-up menu. The MPASM Assembler will create a hex file with the same name as the source .asm file.

FIGURE 4-16: BUILD PROJECT

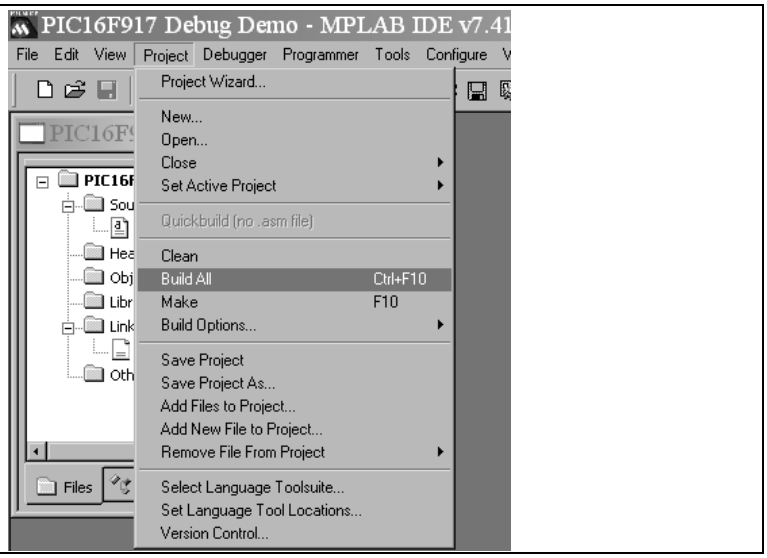
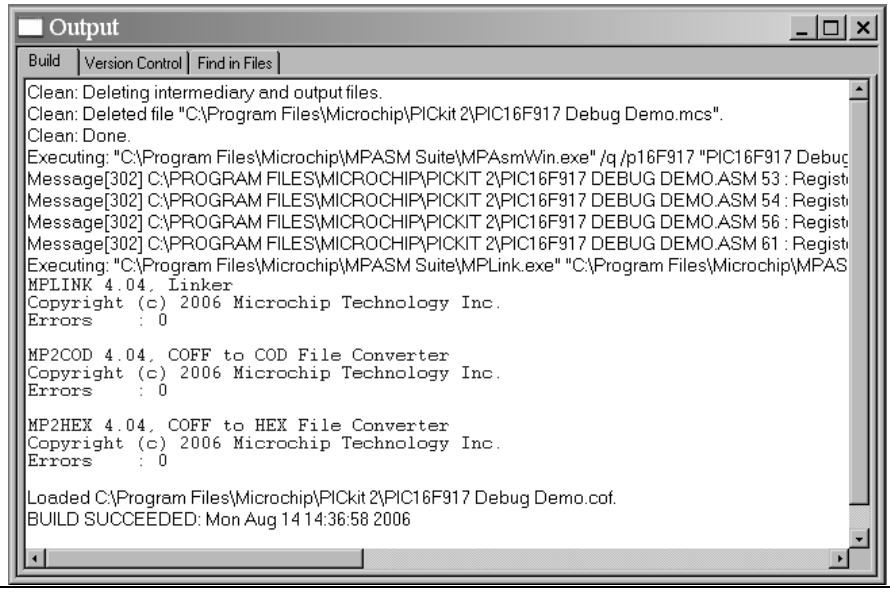


FIGURE 4-17: OUTPUT WINDOW



4.2.7 Setting Debug Options

Before debugging can begin, the device Configuration bits need to be selected.

4.2.7.1 CONFIGURATION BITS

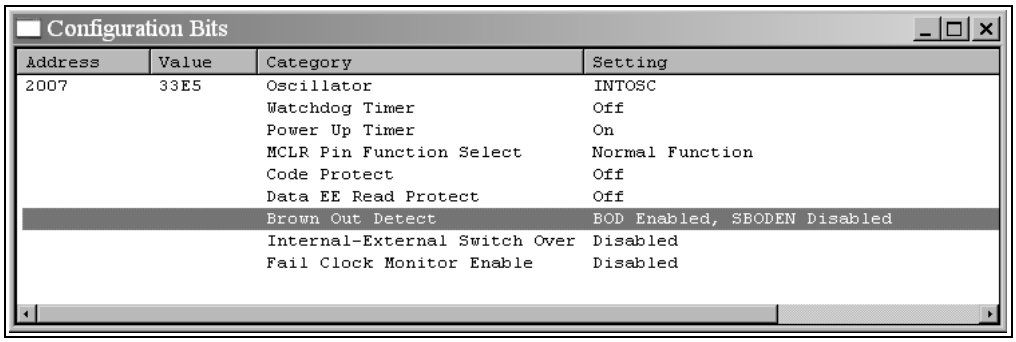
The Configuration bits that are to be programmed into the device are set from within the program. These bits can be verified using the Configuration Bits dialog window.

- Select *Configure > Configuration Bits*.
- To change the setting for a category, double click on the text in the "Setting" column and select the appropriate setting for the corresponding category.

The following Configuration bits should be set for this tutorial:

- Oscillator – INTOSC
- Watchdog Timer – Off
- Power-Up Timer – On
- MCLR Pin Function Select – Normal Function
- Code Protect – Off
- Data EE Protect – Off
- Brown-Out Detect – BOD enabled, SBODEN disabled
- Internal-External Switch Over – Disabled
- Fail Clock Monitor Enable – Disabled

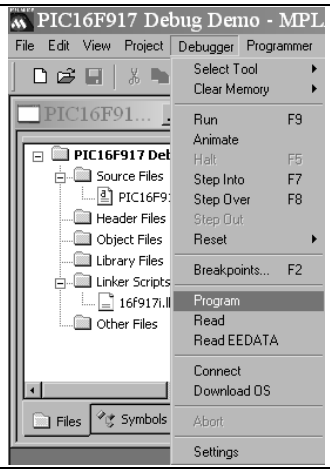
FIGURE 4-18: CONFIGURATION BIT SETTINGS



4.2.8 Loading Program Code for Debugging

- Select *Debugger > Select Tool > PICkit 2* to select the PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer as the debug tool.
- Select *Debugger > Program* to program the `PIC16F917 Debug Demo.hex` file into the PIC16F917 on the 44-Pin Demo Board.

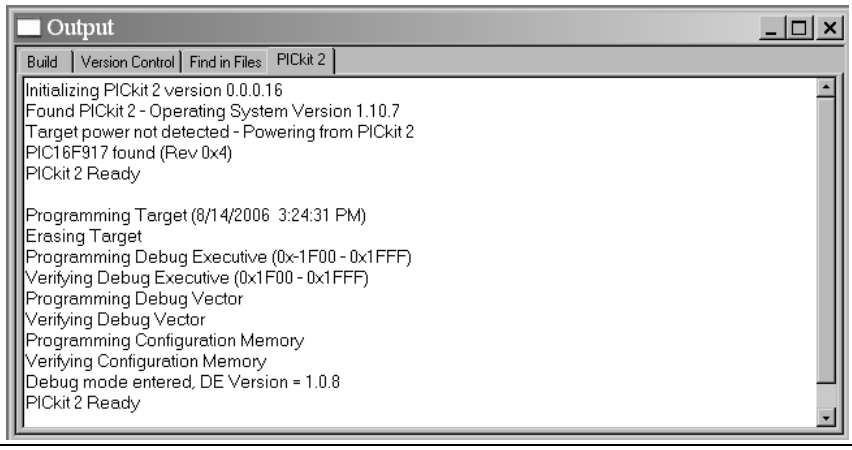
FIGURE 4-19:



Programming will only take a few seconds. During programming, the **PICkit 2** Microcontroller Programmer tab of the Output dialog window will display the current phase of operation. When programming is complete, the dialog should look similar to Figure 4-20.

Note: The debug executive code is automatically programmed in the upper program memory of the PIC16F917 (target device) for the PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer debug functions. Debug code must be programmed into the target PICmicro MCU to use the in-circuit debugging capabilities of the PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer.

FIGURE 4-20: OUTPUT WINDOW – PICKIT 2 MICROCONTROLLER PROGRAMMER TAB



4.2.9 PIC16F917 Debug Demo

The PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer executes in either Real-Time or Step mode. Real-Time execution occurs when the PIC16F917, on the 44-Pin Demo Board, is in the MPLAB IDE Run mode. Step mode execution can be accessed after the processor is halted.

The following toolbar buttons can be used for quick access to commonly used debug operations:

Debugger Menu	Toolbar Buttons
Run	
Halt	
Animate	
Step Into	
Step Over	
Step Out	
Reset	

4.2.9.1 REAL-TIME MODE

Open the `PIC16F917 Debug Demo.asm` file:

1. Double click on the `PIC16F917 Debug Demo.asm` file from the Project Window or select *File > Open* from the toolbar menu.
2. Select *Debugger > Run*, or click the **Run** button.
3. Turn the potentiometer (RA0), located on the demo board and observe the LEDs.

If the program was working properly, the LEDs would rotate faster or slower depending on which direction the potentiometer is turned. However, a bug has been intentionally placed in the code for debugging demonstration purposes. See the next section **Section 4.2.10 "Debugging the PIC16F917 Debug Demo Code"** for debugging instructions.

4. Select *Debugger > Halt*, or click the **Halt** button to stop the program execution.
5. Select *Debugger > Reset* to reset the program.

4.2.10 Debugging the PIC16F917 Debug Demo Code

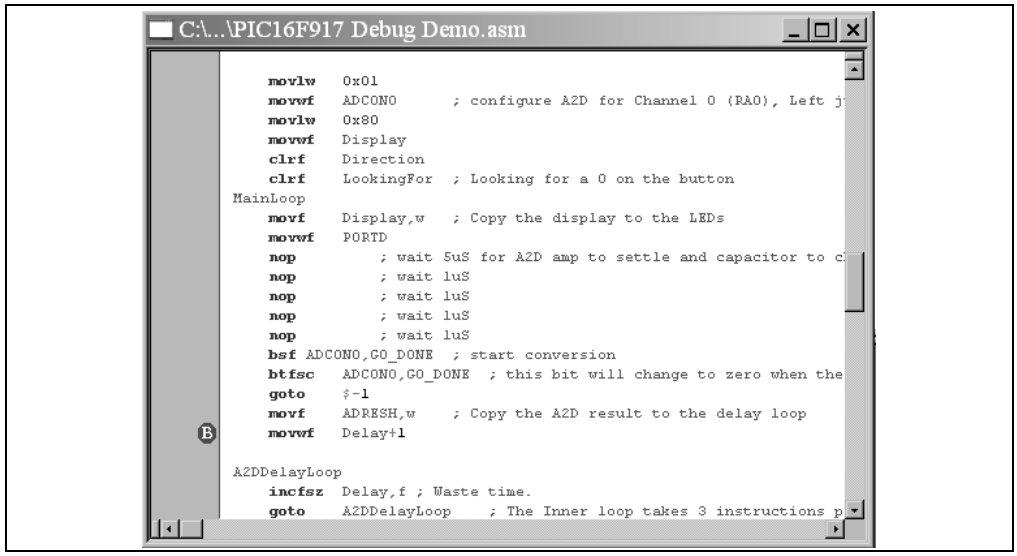
Any of the following issues can prevent the PIC16F917 Debug Demo program from working properly:

- The A/D converter value is not being written properly to the Delay routine.
- The A/D converter is not enabled or has not been set to convert.
- A typing error in the source code has caused the program to function improperly.

To explore the first listed possible issue, set a breakpoint at the line of code that writes the value of the A/D result to the high-order Delay byte:

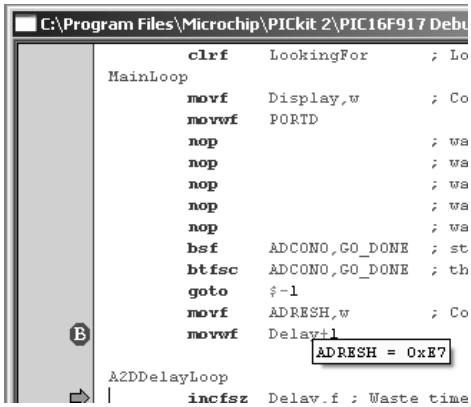
1. Highlight the following line of code in the `PIC16F917 Debug Demo.asm` file: "`movwf Delay+1`", as shown in Figure 4-21.
   At this breakpoint, the program will stop once the A/D conversion has completed.
2. Right click to display a drop-down menu.
3. Select Set Breakpoint from the drop-down menu.
   The program marks the line with the letter B in a red octagon outline, as shown in Figure 4-21.

FIGURE 4-21: BREAKPOINT



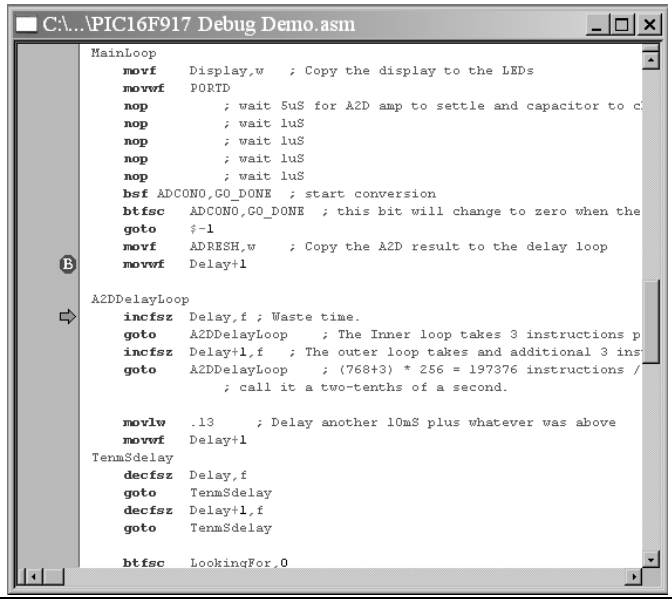
4. Select *Debugger > Run*, or click the **Run** button to run the program in Real-Time mode.
   A breakpoint stops a program's execution when the program executes the line marked as a breakpoint.
5. Hover over "ADRESH" in the listing file and it will show the value of the file register (see Figure 4-22).

FIGURE 4-22: ADRESH REGISTER VALUE



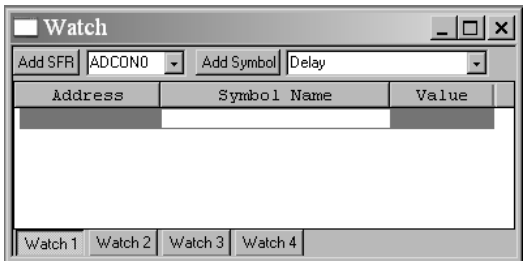
6. Adjust the POT and continue the program by selecting *Debug > Run*. The program will run through the loop and halt.
7. Hover over "ADRESH" again, the A/D result has not changed. Thus it seems the A/D conversion is not working. The A/D conversion initialization and setup occurs at the beginning of the program.

FIGURE 4-23: PROGRAM HALTED



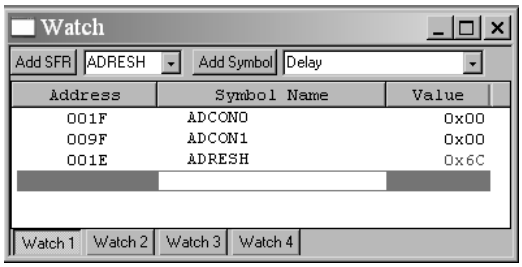
8. Select *Debugger > Reset* to reset the program. The first instruction should be indicated by a green arrow.
9. Select *View > Watch* to open a new Watch window. This window allows the user to watch the A/D register value change as the program executes. The Watch dialog opens with the **Watch_1** tab selected, as shown in Figure 4-24.

FIGURE 4-24: WATCH WINDOW



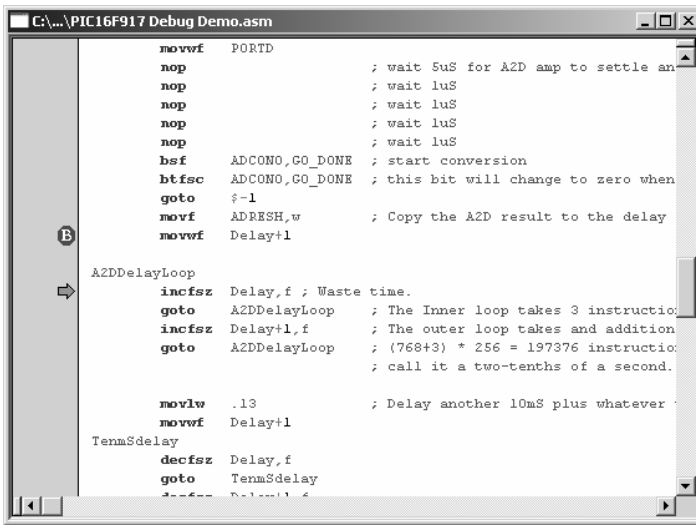
10. Select ADCON0 and click on the **Add SFR** button to add ADCON0 to the Watch window.
11. Repeat Step 10 to add ADCON1 and ADRESH to the Watch window. The selected SFRs should be visible in the Watch window, as shown in Figure 4-25.

FIGURE 4-25: ADD SFR



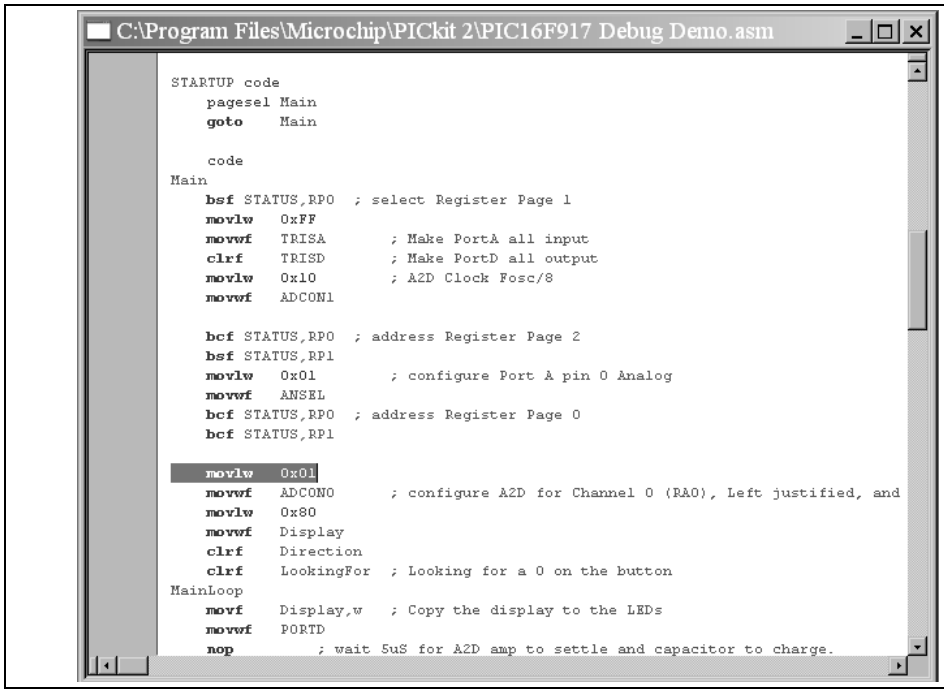
12. Select *Debugger > Run* to the run the program in Real-Time mode. This time the program will stop after it executes the breakpoint line of code and the instruction after the breakpoint will be indicated, as shown in Figure 4-26.

FIGURE 4-26: PROGRAM HALTED AFTER BREAK



13. Examine the values of the ADCON0 and ADCON1 registers in the Watch window. The ADCON0 value is '0x00' (`b'00000000'`). This corresponds to the hex value designated in the program. However, this is not correct. A review of the "*PIC16F917/916/914/913 Data Sheet*" (DS41250), Analog-to-Digital (A/D) Converter Module section, indicates that the last bit should be a '`1`' (`b'0000000`**`1`**`'`) to turn on the A/D module. To fix this bug, change:
"`movlw 0x00`"
to
"`movlw 0x01`", as shown in Figure 4-27.

FIGURE 4-27: A/D MODULE CODE



14. Select *File > Save* to save the changes.
15. Select *Project > Build All* to rebuild the project. A message will indicate that the program has been rebuilt. The PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer must be reprogrammed for the changes to take effect.
16. Select *Debugger > Program* to reprogram the PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer with the changes. When the PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer dialog indicates "Programming Succeeded", the program is ready to run again.
17. Right-click on the line of code that previously had the breakpoint and select *Remove > Breakpoint*.
18. Select *Debugger > Run* to run the program in Real-Time mode. Turn the potentiometer (RA0) to change the value displayed on the LEDs.

The source code in this tutorial contained only one bug. However, real code may have more. Using the PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer and MPLAB IDE debugging functions, users can successfully find and fix problems in their code.

4.2.11 Programming the Application

When the program is successfully debugged and running, the next step is to program the PICmicro MCU for stand-alone operation in the finished design. When doing this, the resources reserved by the ICD are released for use by the application. To program the application, use the following steps:

1. Disable PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer as a debug tool by selecting

Debugger > Select Tool > None.

2. Select PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer as the programmer in *Programmer > Select Tool* menu.
3. Optional: Set up the ID in *Configure > ID Memory*.

FIGURE 4-28: CONFIGURE – ID MEMORY

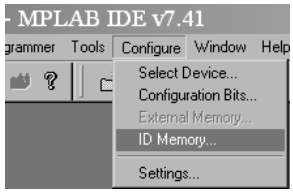
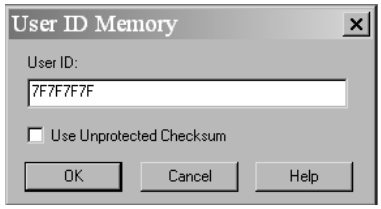


FIGURE 4-29: USER ID MEMORY



4. Set up the parameters for programming on the *Programmer > Settings Program* tab.
5. Select *Programmer > Program*.

Now the PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer can reset and run the target.

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Chapter 5. Updating the PICkit™ 2 Operating System

5.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter describes how to update the PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer's operating system.

5.2 UPDATING THE PICkit™ 2 MICROCONTROLLER PROGRAMMER

To update the PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer firmware Operating System, complete the following steps.

Step 1. Download the latest PICkit 2 Operating System from the Microchip web site at www.microchip.com.

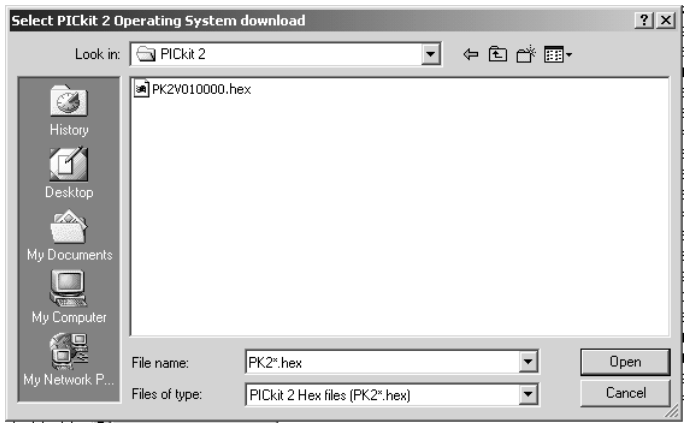
Step 2. From the menu, select *Tools > Download PICKit 2 OS Firmware*, as shown in Figure 5-1.

FIGURE 5-1: DOWNLOAD PICkit 2 OPERATING SYSTEM

Step 3. Browse to the directory where the latest Operating System code was saved, as shown in Figure 5-2.

Step 4. Select the `PK2*.hex` file and click on the **Open** button.

FIGURE 5-2: SELECT PICkit 2 OPERATING SYSTEM



The progress of the OS update will be displayed in the status bar of the programming software and the Busy LED on the PICkit 2 Microcontroller Programmer will flash. When the update completes successfully, the status bar will display "Operating System Verified" and the Busy LED will go out. The operating system update is then complete.

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Chapter 6. Troubleshooting

6.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter describes questions and answers to common problems associated with using the PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer and how to resolve them.

6.2 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Device is not recognized

Question

Why am I receiving an "*Insert Device*" message?

Answer

Verify that the device is supported and that the target MCU is connected to the PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer in accordance with **Chapter 3. "PICkit™ 2 and ICSP™"**.

Current Limit Exceeded

Question

Why am I receiving the error message "*USB Hub Current Limit Exceeded*" from the Microsoft® Windows® program?

Answer

Check for shorts on the circuit board.

Microsoft® Windows® Driver

Question

After plugging the PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer into the USB port, Windows® 98 SE asks for a driver. Where is the driver?

Answer

PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer uses the drivers included with Windows®. When Windows® 98 SE prompts for a driver, select "*Search for the best driver for your device*." Then select the check box next to "*Microsoft Windows Update*" and click **Next**. Windows will automatically install the appropriate driver. Do not use Microchip's MPLAB ICD 2 USB driver.

Verify and Read Return all Zeros

Question

When the **Verify** or **Read** buttons are clicked, the Program Memory window comes up with all zeros. What is wrong?

Answer

The device may be code-protected. Ensure code protection has not been selected in the Configuration Word.

Microsoft® Windows® 95/98/NT

Question

Can I run on Windows® 95/98/NT?

Answer

No. These operating systems either do not support USB or have drivers that are not compatible.

Appendix A. Hardware Schematics

A.1 INTRODUCTION

This appendix contains PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer schematic diagrams.

FIGURE A-1: PICkit 2 MICROCONTROLLER PROGRAMMER SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM (PAGE 1 OF 2)

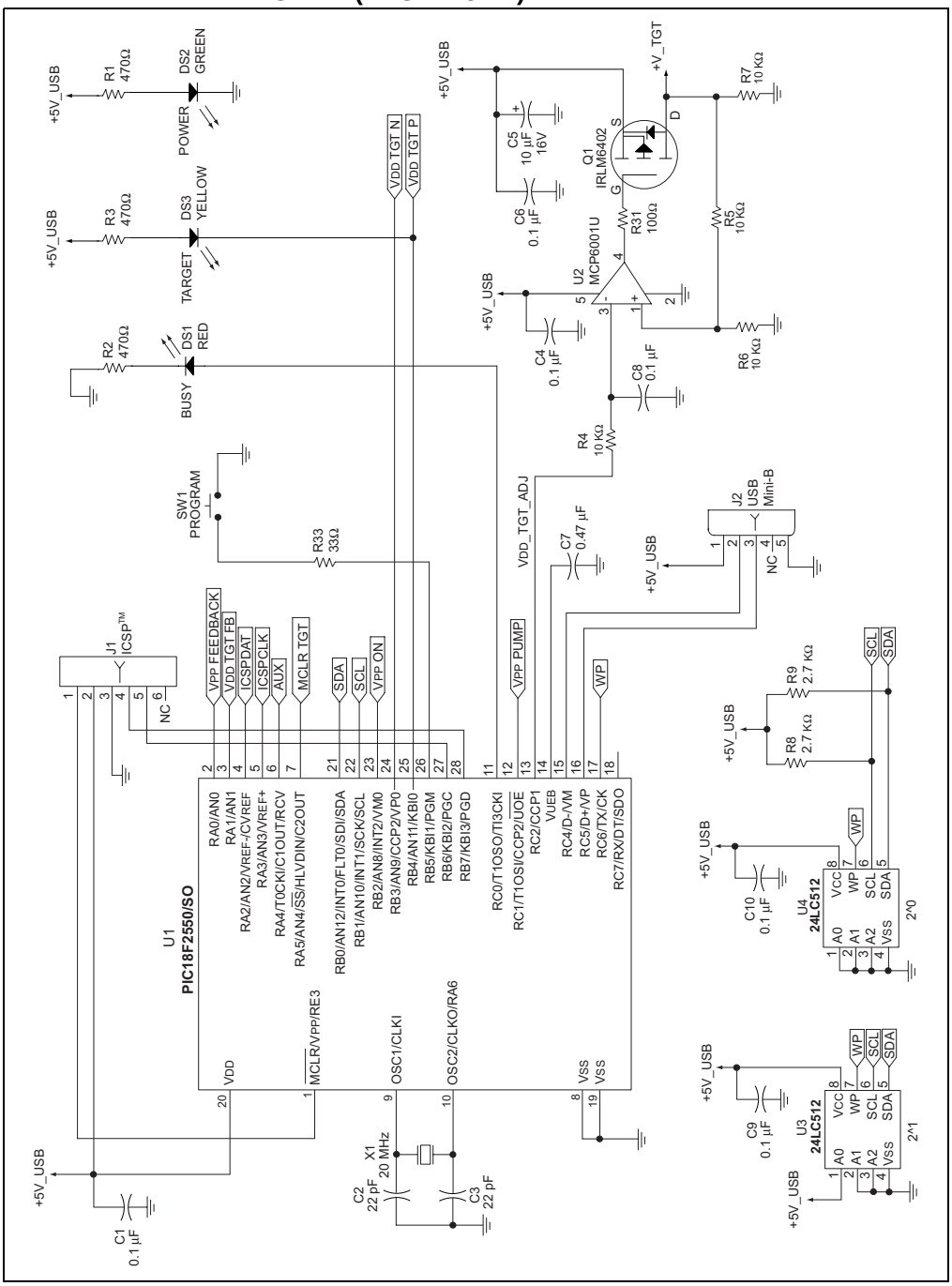
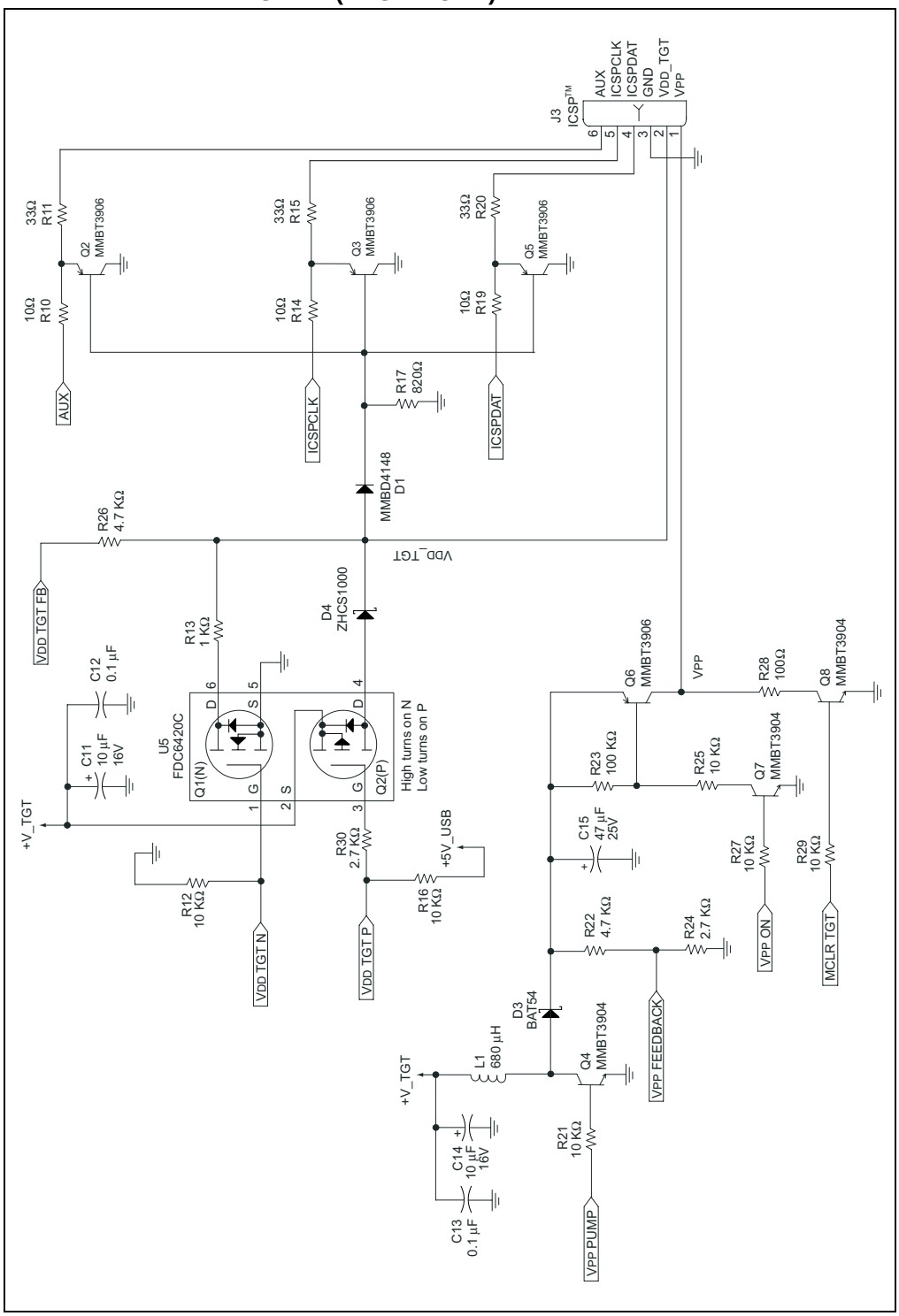


FIGURE A-2: PICkit 2 MICROCONTROLLER PROGRAMMER SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM (PAGE 2 OF 2)



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