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Preface

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INTRODUCTION

This chapter contains general information that will be useful to know before using the Curiosity HPC Development Board. Items discussed in this chapter include:

- Document Layout
- · Conventions Used in this Guide
- · Recommended Reading
- · The Microchip Website
- Development Systems Customer Change Notification Service
- Customer Support
- Revision History

DOCUMENT LAYOUT

This document describes how to use the Curiosity HPC Development Board as a development tool to emulate and debug firmware on a target board. The document is organized as follows:

- Chapter 1. "Introduction to Curiosity High Pin Count (HPC)" This chapter
 contains general information regarding the Curiosity HPC Development Board kit
 contents, layout and power source.
- Chapter 2. "Getting Started" This chapter offers information on how to program the Curiosity HPC Development Board.
- Chapter 3. "Troubleshooting" Consult this chapter for troubleshooting information.
- Appendix A. "Schematic" This appendix lists the Curiosity HPC Development Board schematic.
- Appendix B. "General Notes" Refer to this appendix for general notes on using the Click module sockets and the solder blob jumpers.

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CONVENTIONS USED IN THIS GUIDE

This manual uses the following documentation conventions:

DOCUMENT 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></f1></enter>	
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	<pre>mcc18 [options] file [options]</pre>	
Curly brackets and pipe character: { }	Choice of mutually exclusive arguments; an OR selection	errorlevel {0 1}	
Ellipses	Replaces repeated text	<pre>var_name [, var_name]</pre>	
	Represents code supplied by user	<pre>void main (void) { }</pre>	

RECOMMENDED READING

This user's guide describes how to use the Curiosity HPC Development Board. For the latest information on using other tools, refer to the MPLAB® X IDE home page: www.microchip.com/mplab/mplab-x-ide. This resource page contains updated documentation, downloads and links to other MPLAB X compatible tools, plug-ins and much more.

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- In-Circuit Debuggers The latest information on the Microchip in-circuit debuggers. This includes MPLAB ICD 3 in-circuit debuggers and PICkit™ 3 debug express.
- 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 IDE Project Manager, MPLAB Editor and
 MPLAB SIM simulator, as well as general editing and debugging features.
- Programmers The latest information on Microchip programmers. These include production programmers such as MPLAB REAL ICE in-circuit emulator, MPLAB ICD 3 in-circuit debugger and MPLAB PM3 device programmers. Also included are nonproduction development programmers such as PICSTART[®] Plus and PICkit 2 and 3.

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- Field Application Engineer (FAE)
- · Technical Support

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Chapter 1. Introduction to Curiosity High Pin Count (HPC)

The Curiosity High Pin Count (HPC) Development Board supports Microchip's 28 and 40-pin 8-bit PIC[®] MCUs. Two unique PDIP sockets are surrounded by dual-row expansion headers, which allow for connectivity to all pins on the PIC MCUs. Programming/debugging is accomplished through the PICkit™ On-Board (PKOB), eliminating the need for an external programming/debugging tool. The development board includes a set of four indication LEDs, a potentiometer, and push-button switches. Additionally, the Curiosity HPC Board integrates two MikroElektronika mikroBUS™ sockets, which accommodate a variety of plug-in Click™ Board modules that can be used for application development.

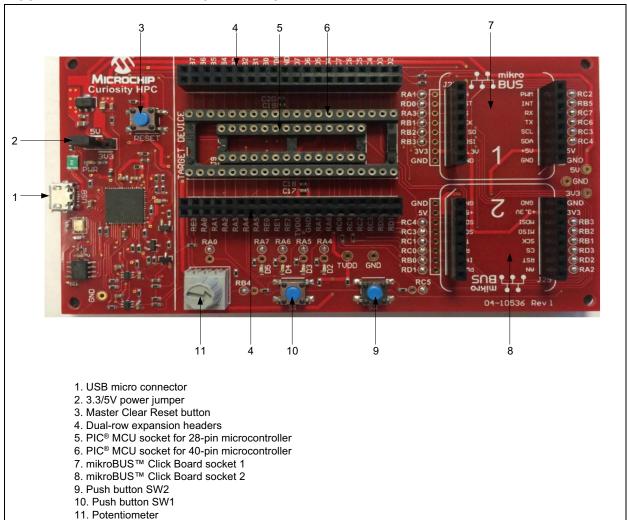
1.1 CURIOSITY HIGH PIN COUNT (HPC) DEVELOPMENT BOARD KIT CONTENTS

The Curiosity High Pin Count (HPC) Development Board kit contains the following:

- · Curiosity High Pin Count (HPC) Development Board
- · Quick Start Guide
- PIC18F47Q10 MCU

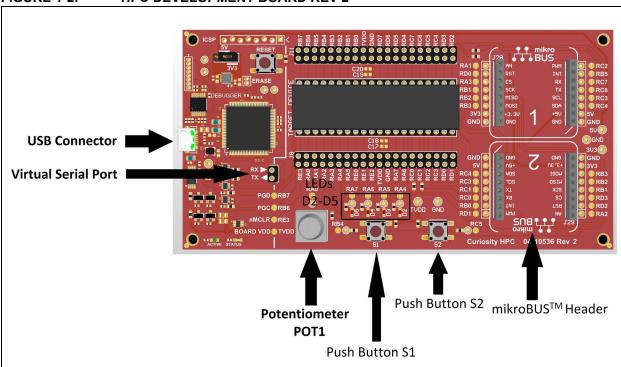
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FIGURE 1-2: HPC DEVELOPMENT BOARD REV 2





Chapter 2. Getting Started

The Curiosity HPC Development Board can be used with either MPLAB[®] X Integrated Development Environment (IDE, version 3.0 or higher) or MPLAB[®] Xpress IDE; both IDEs are available for free at www.microchip.com.

The Curiosity HPC Development Board contains a PICkit On-Board (PKOB) which allows for both low-voltage programming and low-voltage in-circuit debugging for all supported devices. When used with the MPLAB IDE, in-circuit debugging allows the user to run, modify, and troubleshoot their custom software and hardware quickly, without the need for additional debugging tools.

2.1 PROGRAMMING THE CURIOSITY HPC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

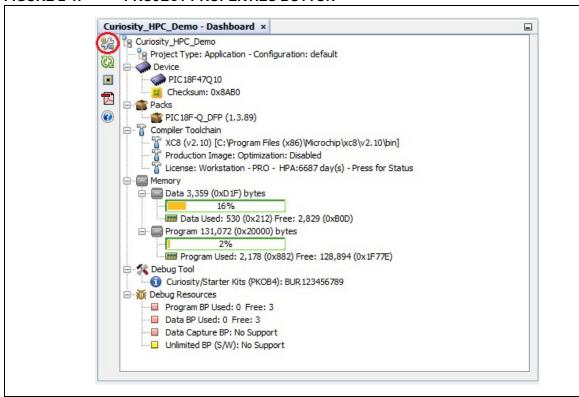
Programming the Curiosity HPC Development Board can be accomplished through one of the two following ways: either through MPLAB X IDE (version 3.30 or higher for Rev 1 and version 5.20 or higher for Rev 2), or through MPLAB Xpress.

Note: The Curiosity HPC Board must be programmed using Low-Voltage Programming (LVP). The LVP bit of the Configuration Word(s) must be set (LVP = ON or '1').

2.1.1 Programming Using MPLAB X IDE

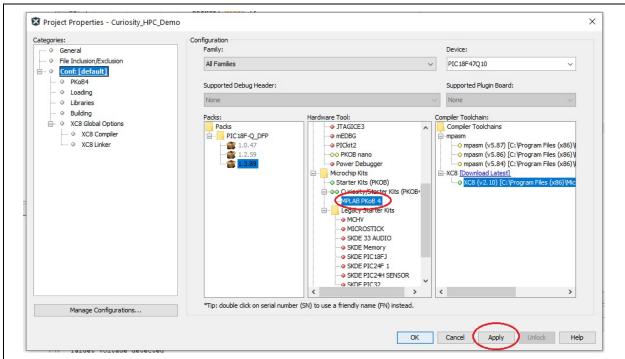
- Connect the Curiosity HPC Board to the computer using the on-board micro-USB connector.
- 2. Open MPLAB X IDE and either create a new project or open an existing one.
- Click on the Project Properties icon located in the project's Dashboard window (as seen in Figure 2-1). Alternatively, the Project Properties window can be opened by clicking on <u>File > Project Properties</u>, or by right clicking on the project name in the Projects window and clicking **Properties**.

FIGURE 2-1: PROJECT PROPERTIES BUTTON



 The Project Properties window will open. This window allows for the selection of the programming tool, compiler, and PIC MCU. MPLAB X IDE refers to the Curiosity HPC Board as "Starter Kits" in the Hardware Tool selection window as seen in Figure 2-2.

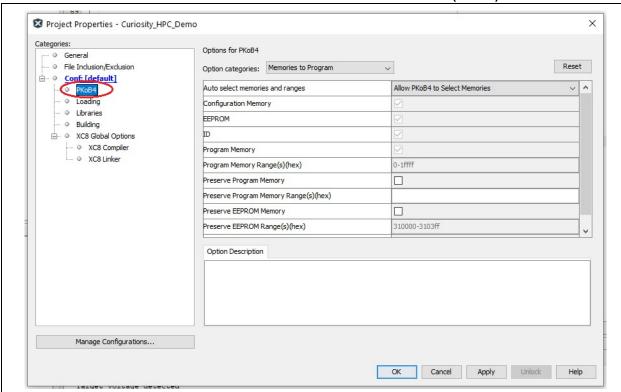
FIGURE 2-2: SELECTING THE CURIOSITY HPC DEVELOPMENT BOARD



5. In the upper left-hand corner of the Project Properties window, click on **Starter**

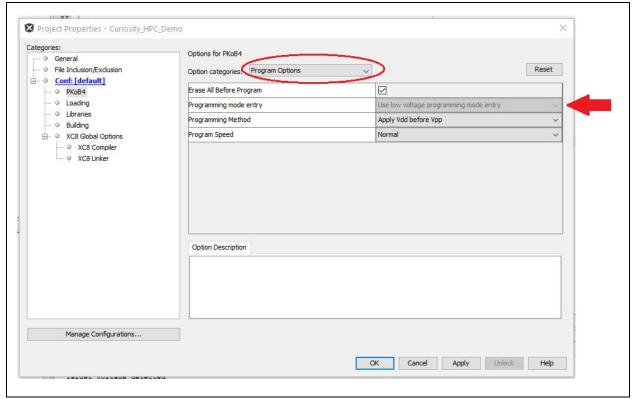
Kits (PKOB). The window will now show the configuration options for the PKOB programmer, as shown in Figure 2-3.

FIGURE 2-3: PROGRAM OPTIONS FOR THE PICkit™ ON-BOARD (PKOB)



6. In the Option categories drop-down menu, select **Program Options**; ensure that the Low Voltage Programming mode is selected for Programming mode entry (Figure 2-4). The Curiosity HPC Board is now ready to be programmed.

FIGURE 2-4: ENSURE LOW-VOLTAGE PROGRAMMING IS ENABLED



Once the project is ready to be programmed, simply click on the **Make and Program Device** button, and MPLAB X IDE will build and compile the code and program the PIC device, as displayed in Figure 2-5.

FIGURE 2-5: DEVICE PROGRAMMING





Chapter 3. Troubleshooting

This chapter discusses common operational issues and methods to resolve them.

3.1 THE MCU WILL NOT PROGRAM USING THE PKOB

The Curiosity HPC Development Board's PICkit On-Board (PKOB) uses low-voltage programming. Both MPLAB X IDE and MPLAB Xpress set the Low-Voltage Programming (LVP) bit to a '1', allowing low-voltage programming.

- When using custom firmware, the LVP bit must be set to '1' in the Configuration Word. MPLAB X IDE will not allow programming using the PKOB unless the bit is properly configured.
- 2. When using a PIC microcontroller (one not included with the Curiosity Development Board) that has already been programmed using high-voltage programming and the LVP bit is cleared (LVP = OFF or '0'), the device will not be recognized and cannot be programmed using the PKOB. Reprogramming the device can be achieved by one of the following two methods:
 - a) Connect a PICkit™ 3 Programmer to the PIC device dual-row expansion headers, ensuring the appropriate ICSP™, GND, and VDD connections are made. Configure MPLAB X IDE to use the PICkit 3 as the programmer, and ensure the LVP bit is set to '1' in the Configuration Word. Reprogram the device.
 - b) Use an unprogrammed (blank) device and ensure the LVP bit is set to '1' in the Configuration Word.

3.2 THE MPLAB PICKIT™ 4 ON-BOARD (PKOB4) DOES NOT PERFORM

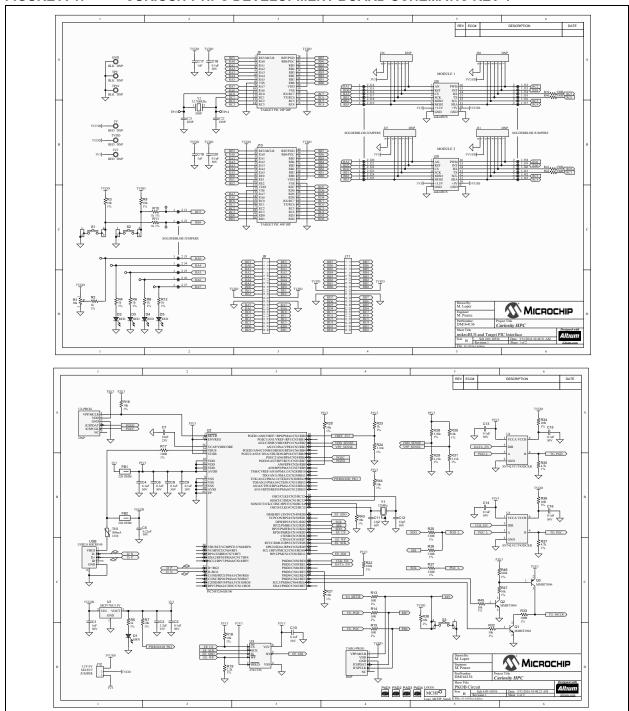
Use the **Hardware Tool Emergency Boot Firmware Recovery Utility** to restore hardware tool boot firmware to its factory state. The recovery utility window can be opened by clicking on <u>Debug > Hardware Tool Emergency Boot Firmware Recovery Utility</u> in MPLAB X IDE. The Curiosity HPC Development Board's PICkit On-Board (PKOB) uses low-voltage programming. Both MPLAB X IDE and MPLAB Xpress sets the Low-Voltage Programming (LVP) bit to a '1', allowing low-voltage programming.

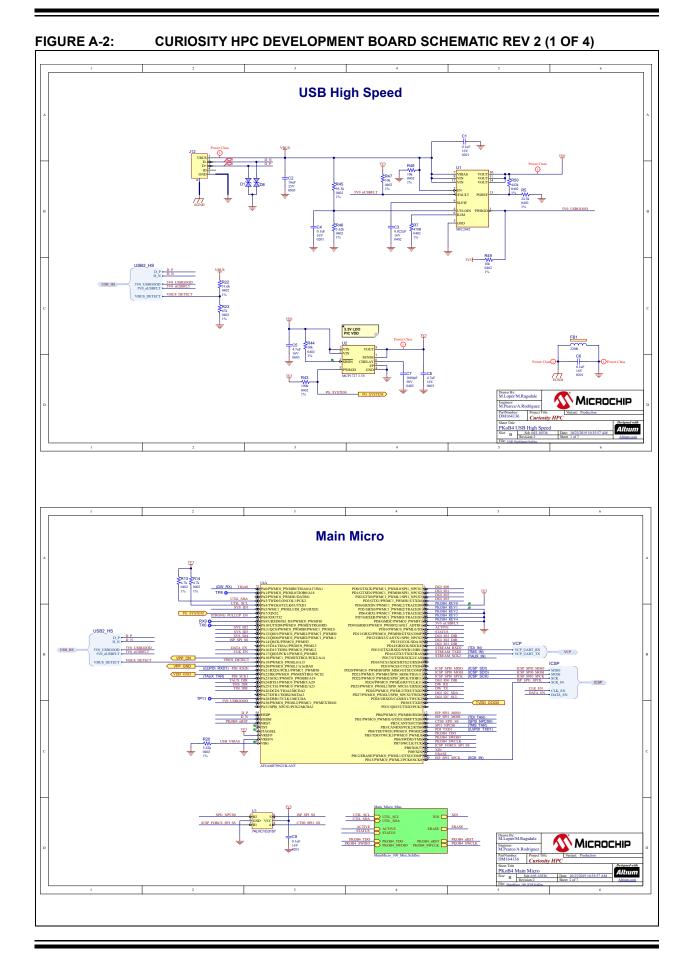


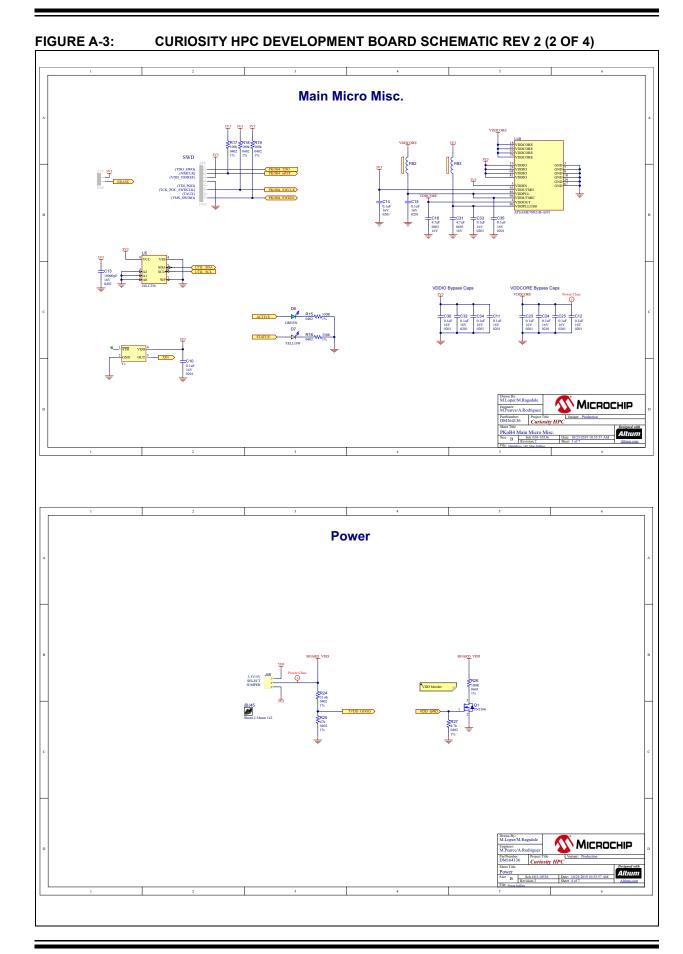
Appendix A. Schematic

A.1 CURIOSITY HPC DEVELOPMENT BOARD SCHEMATIC

FIGURE A-1: CURIOSITY HPC DEVELOPMENT BOARD SCHEMATIC REV 1







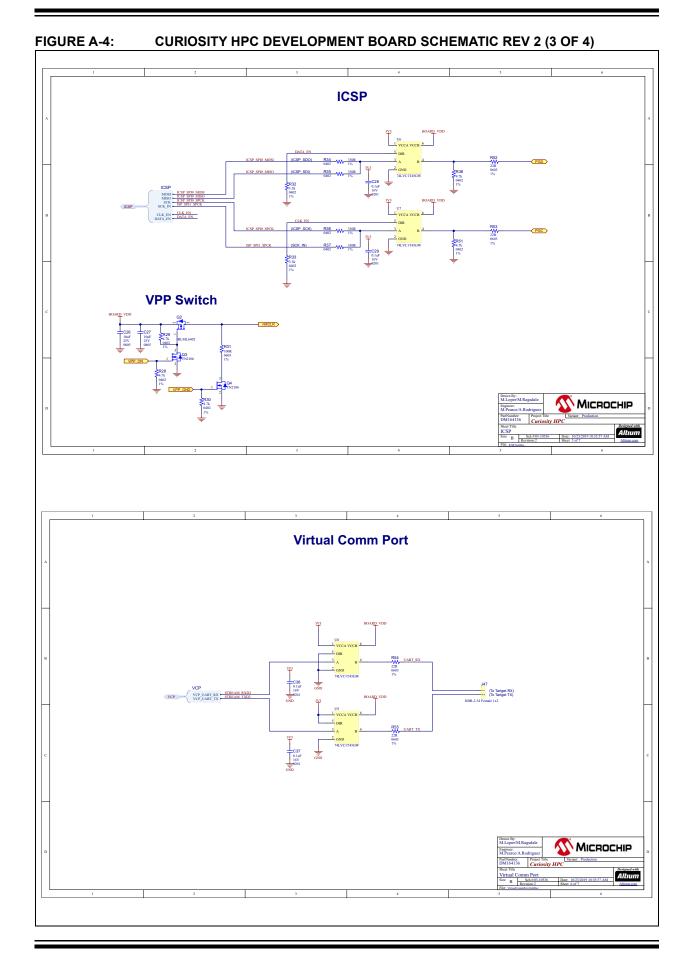


FIGURE A-5: CURIOSITY HPC DEVELOPMENT BOARD SCHEMATIC REV 2 (4 OF 4)



Appendix B. General Notes

B.1 mikroBUS™ CLICKS

Module 1 is the main click socket, and Module 2 is the secondary socket. Both sockets are fully compatible with a 40-pin PIC device; however, when using 28-pin devices, not all pins are available.

All pins in Module 1 are available for use with the exception of the mikroBUS's Reset (RST) signal, which is tied to pin RD0. PORT D is not available on 28-pin devices. If the RST signal is needed, remove the solder blob jumper associated with the mikroBUS RST connection, and place a jumper wire between the via next to the solder blob jumper and the desired pin connection found in the J8 or J11 dual-row expansion headers (see Figure 1-2).

All pins in Module 2 are available for <u>use</u> with the exception of the mikroBUS's Reset (RST) signal (RD2), SPI Chip Select (CS) signal (RD3), and the PWM (RD1) signal. These signals are routed to the PORT D pins, which are not available on 28-pin PIC devices. If these signals are needed, remove the solder blob jumpers associated with the mikroBUS connection pins, and place jumper wires from the vias located next to the associated solder blob jumpers to the desired pin connections found in the J8 or J11 dual-row expansion headers (see Figure 1-2).

B.2 SOLDER BLOB JUMPER

Solder blob jumpers can be found on each Click module, push-button switch, LED, or potentiometer connection. This allows the user to utilize those pin connections for other applications.



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