MPLAB® PICkit™ 4 In-Circuit Debugger

QUICK START GUIDE

GETTING STARTED

1 — Install the Latest Software

Download the MPLAB X IDE software from www.microchip.com/mplabx and install onto your computer. The installer automatically loads the USB drivers. Launch MPLAB X IDE.
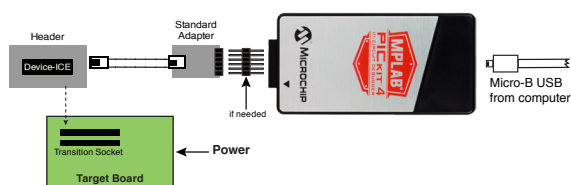
2 — Connect to Target Device

1. Connect the MPLAB PICkit 4 to the computer using the supplied Micro-B USB cable.
2. Attach the communications cable between the debugger and target board.
3. Connect external power to target board.

Typical Debugger System – Device with On-Board Debug Circuitry

Power → Target Device
Target Board
Micro-B USB from computer

Alternative Debugger System – ICE Device

Header
Standard Adapter
Device-ICE
if needed
Micro-B USB from computer
Transition Socket
Power
Target Board

External target board power supply to be provided by user.

3 — Create, Build and Run Project

1. Refer to the MPLAB X IDE User's Guide or online help for instructions to install language tools, create or open a project, and configure project properties.
2. Check that the configuration bits in your code match the Recommended Settings below.
3. To execute your code in Debug mode, perform a debug run. To execute your code in Non-Debug (release) mode, perform a run. To hold a device in Reset after programming, use the Hold in Reset icon in the toolbar.

Recommended Settings

| Component	Setting
Oscillator	• OSC bits set properly • Running
Power	Supplied by target
WDT	Disabled (device dependent)
Code-Protect	Disabled
Table Read Protect	Disabled
LVP	Disabled
BOD	V_{DD} > BOD V_{DD} min.
JTAG	Disabled
AV_{DD} and AV_{SS}	Must be connected
PGCx/PGDx	Proper channel selected, if applicable
Programming	V_{DD} voltage levels meet programming spec

Note: *See MPLAB PICkit 4 In-Circuit Debugger online help for more information.*

Reserved Resources

For information on reserved resources used by the debugger, see the MPLAB PICkit 4 In-Circuit Debugger online help.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Circuitry and Connector Pinouts

Correct

Target Application PC Board
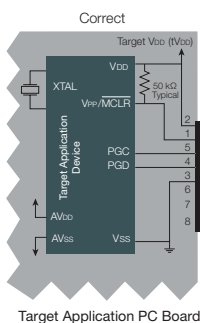
Connect
Pin 1 to Pin 1

Typical 6-Pin ICSP Pinout

Pin	Target	MPLAB® PICkit 4
1	$\overline{MCLR}/V_{PP}$	$\overline{NMCLR}$
2	V_{DD} Target	V_{DD}
3	V_{SS} (ground)	Ground
4	PGD (ICSPDAT)	PGD
5	PGC (ICSPCLK)	PGC
6	Do Not Connect	Do Not Connect
7		Reserved for Future use
8		Reserved for Future use

Target Circuit Design Precautions

Incorrect

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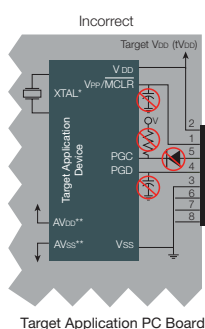
- **Do not use pull-ups on PGC/PGD:** they will disrupt the voltage levels, since these lines have programmable pull-down resistors in the debugger.
- **Do not use capacitors on PGC/PGD:** they will prevent fast transitions on data and clock lines during programming and debug communications.
- **Do not use capacitors on $\overline{MCLR}$:** they will prevent fast transitions of VPP. A simple pull-up resistor is generally sufficient.
- **Do not use diodes on PGC/PGD:** they will prevent bidirectional communication between the debugger and the target device.
- **Do not exceed recommended cable lengths:** Refer to the Hardware Specification of the MPLAB PICkit 4 online help or user's guide for cable lengths.

Pinouts for Additional Interfaces

MPLAB® PICkit 4	Debugging and Programming			Data Stream	
Pin #	ICSP	MIPS EJTAG	Cortex® SWD	DMCI/DGI U(S)ART/CDC	DGI SPI
1	$V_{PP}/\overline{NMCLR}$				
2	V_{DD}	VIO_REF	VTG	VTG	
3	GND	GND	GND	GND	
4	PGD	TDO	SWO		MISO
5	PGC	TCK	SWCLK		SCK
6	AUX	NRESET	NRST	(SCK)	
7	TDI	TDI		TX	MOSI
8	TMS	TMS	SWDIO	RX	SS

** Target device must be running with an oscillator for the debugger to function as a debugger.
*** If the device has AV_{DD} and AV_{SS} lines, they must be connected for the debugger to operate.

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