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Preface

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INTRODUCTION

This chapter contains general information that will be useful to know before using the MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board. Items discussed in this chapter include:

- Document Layout
- Conventions Used in this Guide
- Recommended Reading
- The Microchip Web Site
- Customer Support
- Document Revision History

DOCUMENT LAYOUT

This document describes how to use the MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board as a development tool to emulate and debug firmware on a target board. The manual layout is as follows:

- **Chapter 1. “Quick Start Instructions”** – this chapter provides an overview of the MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board and instructions on how to program the DAC register and EEPROM of the MCP4706/MCP4716/MCP4726 devices.
- **Appendix A. “Schematic and Layouts”** – shows the schematic and layout diagrams for the MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board.
- **Appendix B. “Bill Of Materials (BOM)”** – lists the parts used to build the MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board.

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CONVENTIONS USED IN THIS GUIDE

This manual uses the following documentation conventions:

DOCUMENTATION CONVENTIONS

Description	Represents	Examples
Arial font:		
Italic characters	Referenced books	<i>MPLAB® IDE User's Guide</i>
	Emphasized text	...is the <i>only</i> 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	<u><i>File>Save</i></u>
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	<i>file.o</i> , where <i>file</i> can be any valid filename
Square brackets []	Optional arguments	mcc18 [options] <i>file</i> [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) { ... }

RECOMMENDED READING

This user's guide describes how to use MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board. The following Microchip documents are available and recommended as supplemental reference resources.

PICkit™ Serial Analyzer User's Guide (DS51647)

Consult this document for instructions on how to use the PICkit™ Serial Analyzer hardware and software.

MCP4706/MCP4716/MCP4726 Data Sheet, "8-/10-/12-Bit Voltage Output Digital-to-Analog Converter with EEPROM Memory" (DS22272)

This data sheet provides detailed information regarding the MCP47x6 product family.

PIC24FJ128GA010 Family Data Sheet (DS39747)

Explorer 16 Development Board User's Guide (DS51589)

AN1079, "Using the C30 Compiler and the I2C Peripheral to Interface Serial EEPROMs with dsPIC33F" (DS01079)

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

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- Replaced the front and back views of the board with updated photos for [Figure 1-1: “Front and Back Views of the MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board.”](#)
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- Initial Release of this Document.



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Chapter 1. Quick Start Instructions

1.1 INTRODUCTION

The following sections provide an overview of the MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board and demonstrate how to: (a) use these devices in a 16-bit MCU environment and (b) evaluate these device's features using the PICkit™ Serial Analyzer (P/N: DV164122). The MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board is designed to work with both the Explorer 16 Development Board (P/N: DV164033) and the PICkit™ Serial Analyzer (P/N: DV164122).

The following topics are covered:

- Description of the MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board.
- How to use the MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board with the Explorer 16 Starter Kit.
- How to use MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board with the PICkit™ Serial Analyzer.

Note 1: If you use the PIC Explorer 16, you need Sections 1.4 — 1.5 only.
2: If you use the PICkit™ Serial Analyzer, you need Sections 1.6 — 1.8 only.

1.2 DESCRIPTION OF THE MCP47X6 PICtail™ PLUS DAUGHTER BOARD

The MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board (P/N ADM00317) contains the MCP4706 (8-bit DAC), MCP4716 (10-bit DAC), and MCP4726 (12-bit DAC) devices. These DAC devices are communicating with the external Master device (MCU) using I²C serial interface communication. The MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board does not include the Master device (MCU), but it has two interface connectors that can be used for the external device, which has the Master device (MCU) to communicate with this board. The two interfaces are:

(a) Connector (J3) for Explorer 16 Starter Kit (P/N: DV164033) for 16-bit MCU environment. The firmware for the 16-bit MCU is provided with this board.

(b) 6-pin connector (J1) for PICkit™ Serial Analyzer (P/N: DV164122) for reading and writing the DAC registers using the PICkit™ Serial Analyzer PC software.

The user can connect the MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board to one of the above tools and perform their own experiments.

These two external devices are used to control the DAC devices on the daughter board. The user can choose one of these tools to use along with the daughter board.

The MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board has test points for SCL and SDA, and V_{OUT} pads for each device. By connecting an oscilloscope to these test points (to SCL, SDA, V_{OUT}) or a digital multimeter to the V_{OUT} pads, the user can examine the data communications through the I²C™ bus line and observe the resulting DAC output (V_{OUT}). Refer to [Appendix A. "Schematic and Layouts"](#).

Note: The user can also control the DAC devices on the MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board by providing I²C commands through the interface communication terminals on the daughter board, without using the Explorer 16 Development Board or the PICkit™ Serial Analyzer.

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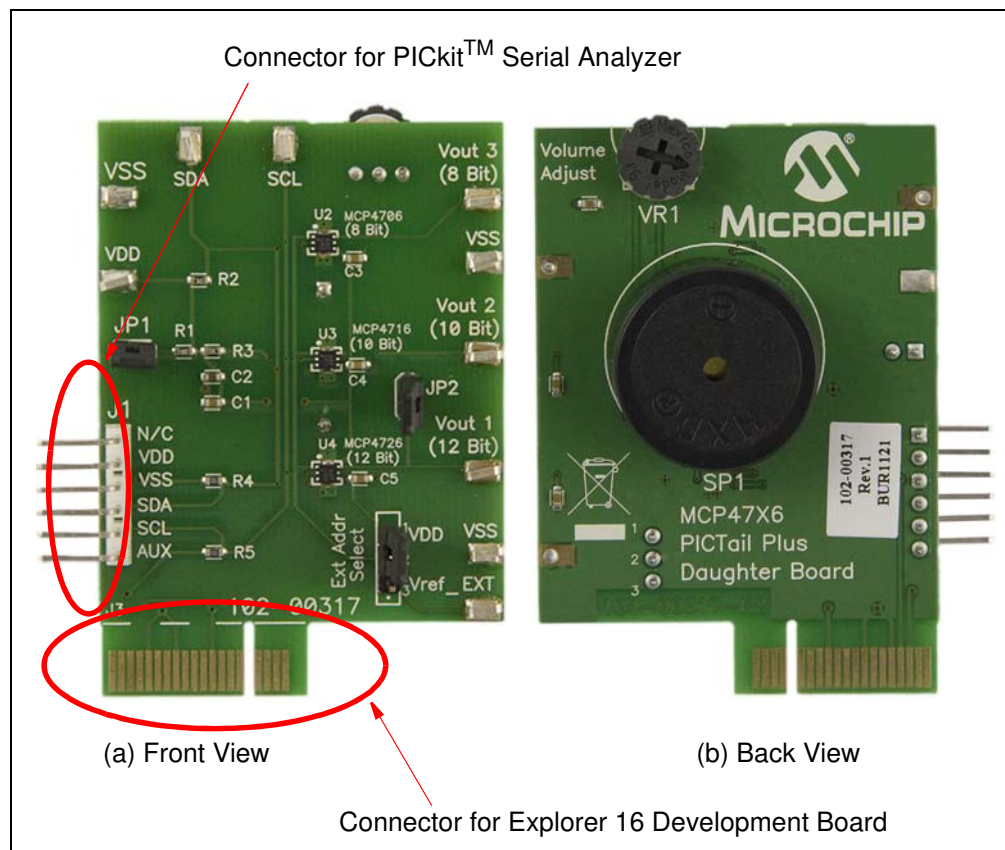


FIGURE 1-1: Front and Back Views of the MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board.

TABLE 1-1: TERMINAL FUNCTION TABLE

Connector/Pin/Terminal Name	Functions
J1 Connector	Connector for PICKit™ Serial Analyzer. Note: Do not use this pin when this board is used with the Explorer 16 Development Board.
J3 Connector	Connector for Explorer 16 Development Board. Note: Do not use this pin when this board is used with the PICKit™ Serial Analyzer.
External Reference Selection Jumper Pins	(a) Connect pin 2 to “V _{REF_EXT} ” if external reference is applied at the V _{REF_EXT} pin. (b) Connect pin 2 to “V _{DD} ” if V _{DD} is used as reference externally. Note: This pin does not affect if V _{DD} is selected as reference internally by the configuration bit setting.
JP1	V _{DD} connection through (a) J1 Connector for PICKit™ Serial Analyzer, or (b) J3 Connector for Explorer 16 Development Board.
JP2	Connecting V _{OUT 1} (MCP4726 output) to Buzzer. Note: Do not connect this jumper if you don't need audible sounds.
V _{DD}	(a) V _{DD} monitoring terminal when JP1 is connected (V _{DD} is provided by the external tools). (b) V _{DD} connection terminal when JP2 is disconnected. You can connect your own V _{DD} to this pin.
V _{SS}	Ground Reference
V _{OUT 1}	DAC output terminal from MCP4726 (12-bit DAC).
V _{OUT 2}	DAC output terminal from MCP4716 (10-bit DAC).
V _{OUT 3}	DAC output terminal from MCP4706 (8-bit DAC).
V _{REF_EXT}	External Reference connection terminal
SDA	Connected to I ² C™ SDA line
SCL	Connected to I ² C™ SCL line
VR1	Volume control for Buzzer 1. Note: Disconnect JP2 if you don't need audible sounds.

1.3 I²C ADDRESS BYTE FOR EACH DEVICE

Each DAC device on the board has its own I²C address bits which are preprogrammed at the factory. Table 1-2 shows the I²C address byte of each device.

TABLE 1-2: I²C ADDRESS BYTE OF EACH DAC DEVICE

Device	Address Byte (1st Byte): Device Code + Address Bits (A2, A1, A0) + R/W	I ² C Address Byte for Write Command (1st Byte)	I ² C Address Byte for Read Command (1st Byte)
MCP4726 (12-bit DAC)	1100-000R/W	1100-0000	1100-0001
MCP4716 (10-bit DAC)	1100-001R/W	1100-0010	1100-0011
MCP4726 (8-bit DAC)	1100-010R/W	1100-0100	1100-0101

where R/W = 0 for write command and 1 for read command.

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1.4 GETTING STARTED WITH THE EXPLORER 16 DEVELOPMENT BOARD

This section describes how to use the MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board with the Explorer 16 Development Board.

After receiving the MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board, program the 16-bit PIC24FJ128 MCU on the Explorer 16 Starter Kit using the firmware provided. The user can download the latest firmware from the Microchip website: www.microchip.com.

- **Step 1:** Insert the MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board to the Explorer 16 Development Board. Figure 1-2 shows the configuration when the board is connected to the Explorer 16 Development Board.
- **Step 2:** Program the Explorer 16 Development Board using the firmware provided with this board. Figure 1-3 shows the connection of the MPLAB ICD2 with the Explorer 16 Development Board for programming.
- **Step 3:** Once the programming is done, disconnect the MPLAB ICD2 from the Explorer 16 Development Board.
- **Step 4:** Now you can evaluate the performance of the DAC devices. The LCD on the Explorer 16 Development Board will display instructions on how to select the DAC device using the push button switches on the Development Board: (a) S3 for MCP4726, (b) S6 for MCP4716, and (c) S5 for MCP4706. S4 is used to increment the DAC code. If you hold down the S4 switch, the DAC code will increase continuously until it reaches the maximum value, and then it starts from code 0 again. You can observe this event by simply connecting a voltmeter at the V_{OUT} pin while holding down the S4 switch.

All procedures are very intuitive and interactive using the Push button switches and by following the instructions on the LCD. The user can observe the DAC output (V_{OUT}) changes using an oscilloscope or voltmeter by pressing the S4 switch. The firmware provided is an example that can be used as reference for the user's applications.

1.5 CONNECTING TO THE EXPLORER 16 STARTER KIT

1. Connect the MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board to the J5 socket on the Explorer 16 Development Board as shown in Figure 1-2.

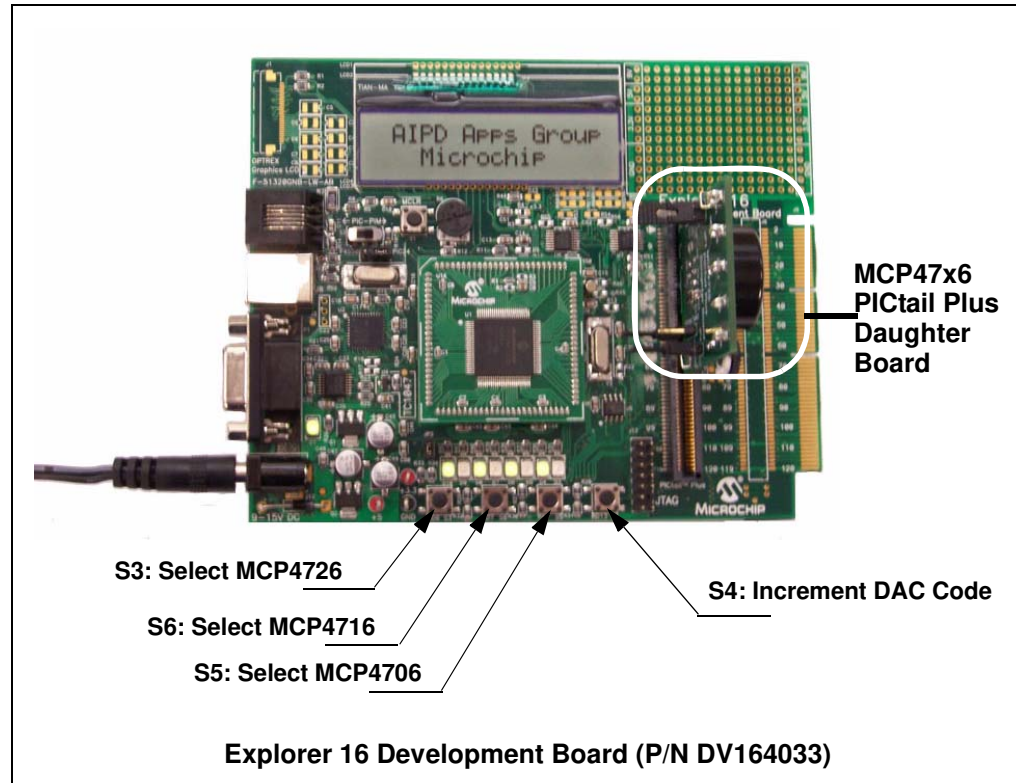


FIGURE 1-2: Connecting the MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board to the Explorer 16 Development Board.

1.5.1 Programming the PIC24FJ128 MCU

The Explorer 16 Development Board contains the PIC24FJ128 MCU. The user can download the firmware to the MCU using the MPLAB ICD2 (or ICD3) programmer.

1.5.1.1 THE PIC24FJ128 MCU FIRMWARE FOR THE MCP47X6 PICtail™ PLUS DAUGHTER BOARD

The original firmware for the Explorer 16 Development Board is modified for the MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board demonstration. The firmware uses most of the original code for the Explorer 16 Development Board except the I²C peripheral control routines for the PIC24FJ128 MCU.

The following four routines are added or modified from the original Explorer 16 Development Board firmware:

- PIC24ExplDemo_MCP4726_Main.c
- MCP47x6_I2C_Func.c
- Banner_MCP4726_MCP4716_MCP4706.c
- I2C_MCP4726.h

The source codes are compiled by using Microchip's C30 Compiler and the hex code is programmed to the MCU using the MPLAB ICD 2. Figure 1-3 shows the connection between the MPLAB ICD 2 and the Explorer 16 Development Board. Figure 1-4 shows the MPLAB IDE programming environment.

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1.5.1.2 FIRMWARE FLOW CHART FOR THE MCP47X6 PICtail™ PLUS DAUGHTER BOARD

Figure 1-5 shows the flow chart of the firmware. Once the MCU firmware is programmed, the LCD will display instructions (with repeats) for the next steps. The firmware uses four push button switches on the Explorer 16 Development Board. The features of the switches are:

- S3: Selecting MCP4726 (12-bit DAC). MCP4726 Output is available at $V_{OUT\ 1}$
- S6: Selecting MCP4716 (10-bit DAC). MCP4716 Output is available at $V_{OUT\ 2}$
- S5: Selecting MCP4706 (8-bit DAC). MCP4706 Output is available at $V_{OUT\ 3}$
- S4: Incrementing the DAC code using a write command (writing both DAC register and EEPROM). The DAC output can be monitored at the V_{OUT} terminal. See Figure 1-6 for the V_{OUT} waveform.

The Buzzer is connected to the MCP4726 output through JP2. Please disconnect JP2 if you don't need audible sounds.

The firmware is interactive with push button switches. Table 1-3 shows the details of the switches that are used.

The user can switch to other devices by using the device selection push button switches (S3, S6 and S5) any time. The DAC output can be updated with the S4. The DAC's configuration bit settings that are used in the firmware are:

- Gain = 1x, Reference = Internal V_{DD}

TABLE 1-3: SWITCHES FOR THE FIRMWARE CONTROL

Device	Device Selection Switch	Switch to increment the DAC Input Code	Output Terminal	Configuration Bit Settings
MCP4726 (12 bit DAC)	S3	S4	$V_{OUT\ 1}$	Gain = 1x, $V_{REF} = V_{DD}$
MCP4716 (10 bit DAC)	S6		$V_{OUT\ 2}$	
MCP4706 (8 bit DAC)	S5		$V_{OUT\ 3}$	

1.5.1.3 DAC OUTPUT (V_{OUT})

The MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board has three DAC output terminals for each DAC device.

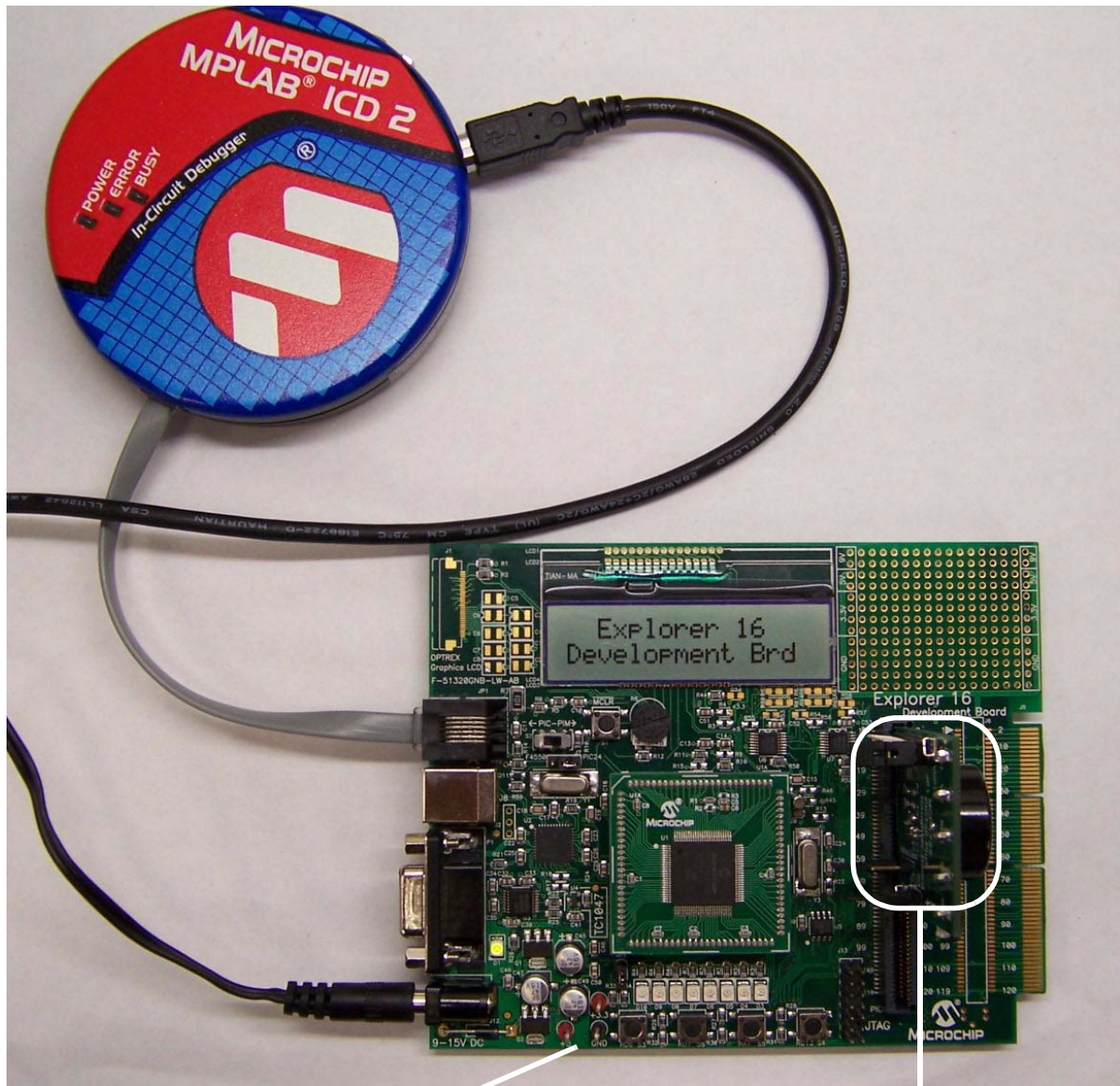
- $V_{OUT\ 1}$: Output from the MCP4726 (12-bit DAC)
- $V_{OUT\ 2}$: Output from the MCP4716 (10-bit DAC)
- $V_{OUT\ 3}$: Output from the MCP4706 (8-bit DAC)

The user can observe the DAC outputs at the V_{OUT} test terminals using a digital voltmeter or an oscilloscope. Figure 1-7 shows the I²C clock (SCL) and data (SDA) signals, and DAC output waveform.

Note: The DAC code is also programmed in EEPROM. The DAC devices on the MCP47x6 Daughter Board will hold the latest settings when the power supply is removed. When power supply is back on again (Example: Remove the board from the Explorer 16 Development Board and connect again), the same DAC output voltage with the previous settings will be immediately available at the DAC output terminal.

1.5.1.4 AUDIBLE BUZZER

The MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board includes a buzzer. This buzzer is directly connected to the V_{OUT} of the MCP4726 (12-bit DAC). The user can disable the buzzer by disconnecting JP2. The buzzer volume also can be adjusted by VR1.



**Explorer 16 Development Board
(P/N DV164033)**

**MCP47x6 PICtail Plus
Daughter Board
(P/N ADM00317)**

FIGURE 1-3: MPLAB ICD2 Connection to Explorer 16 Development Board with the MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board for Programming.

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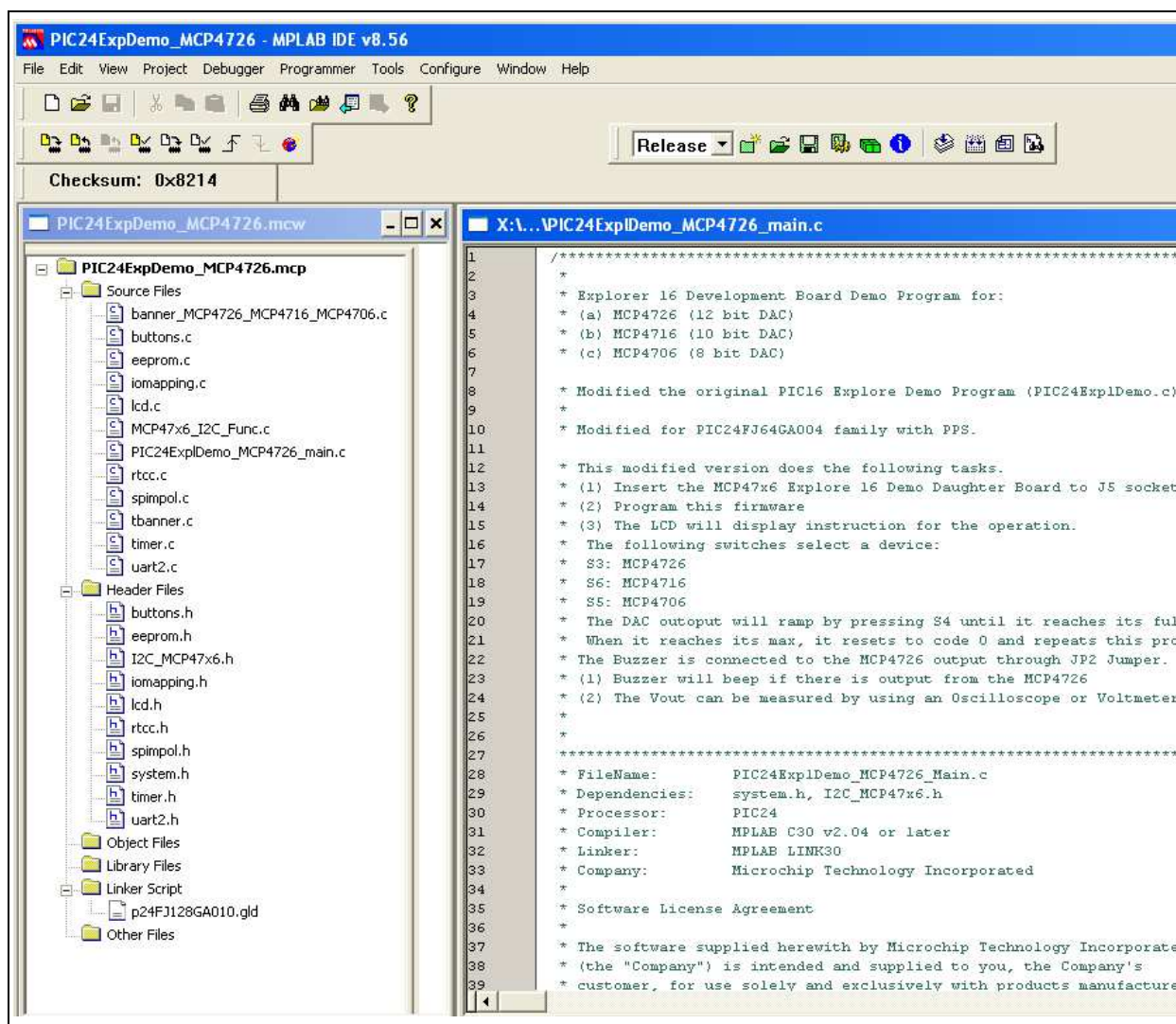


FIGURE 1-4: MPLAB IDE Programming Environment.

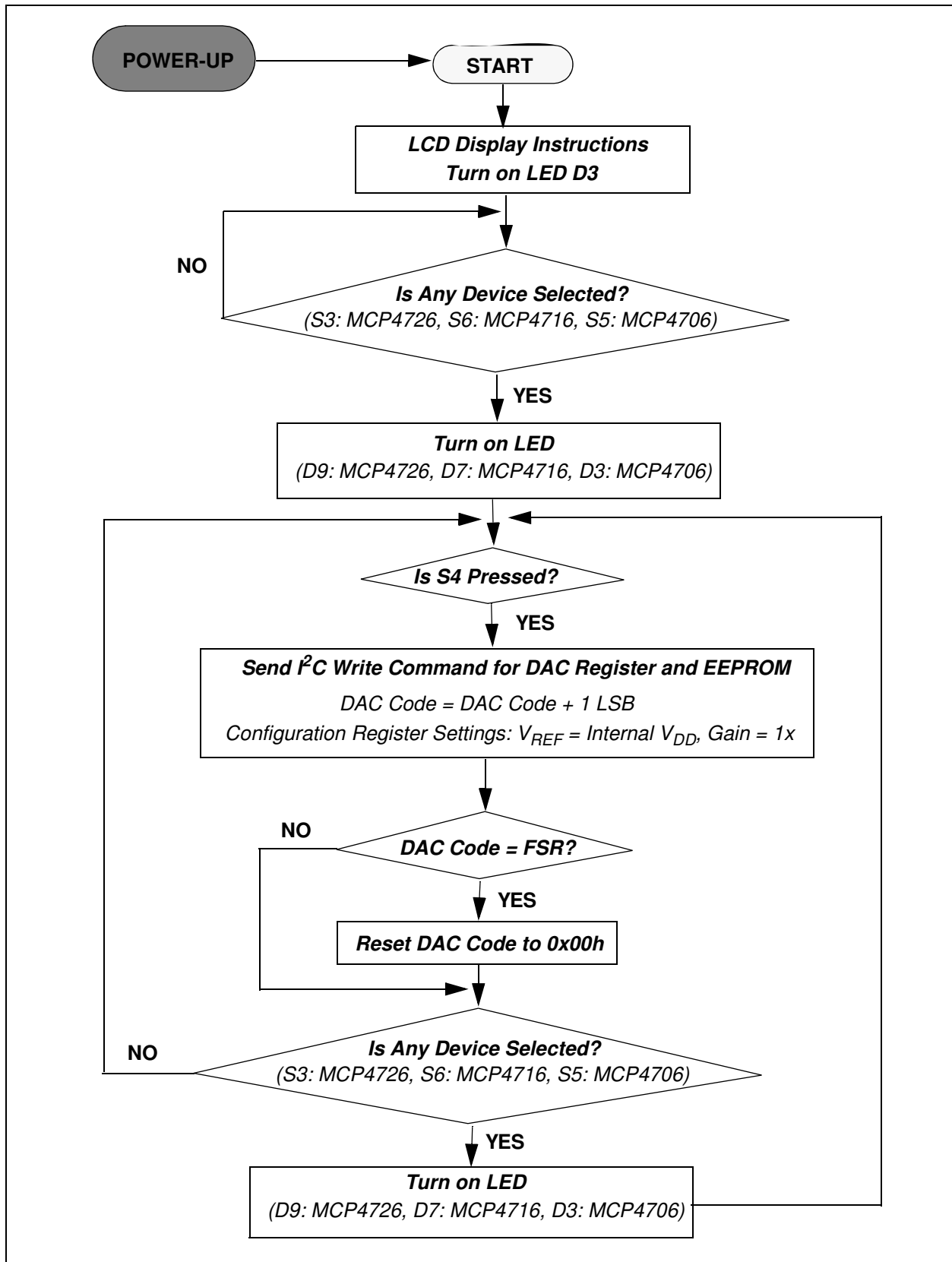


FIGURE 1-5: Flow Chart for the MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board Firmware.

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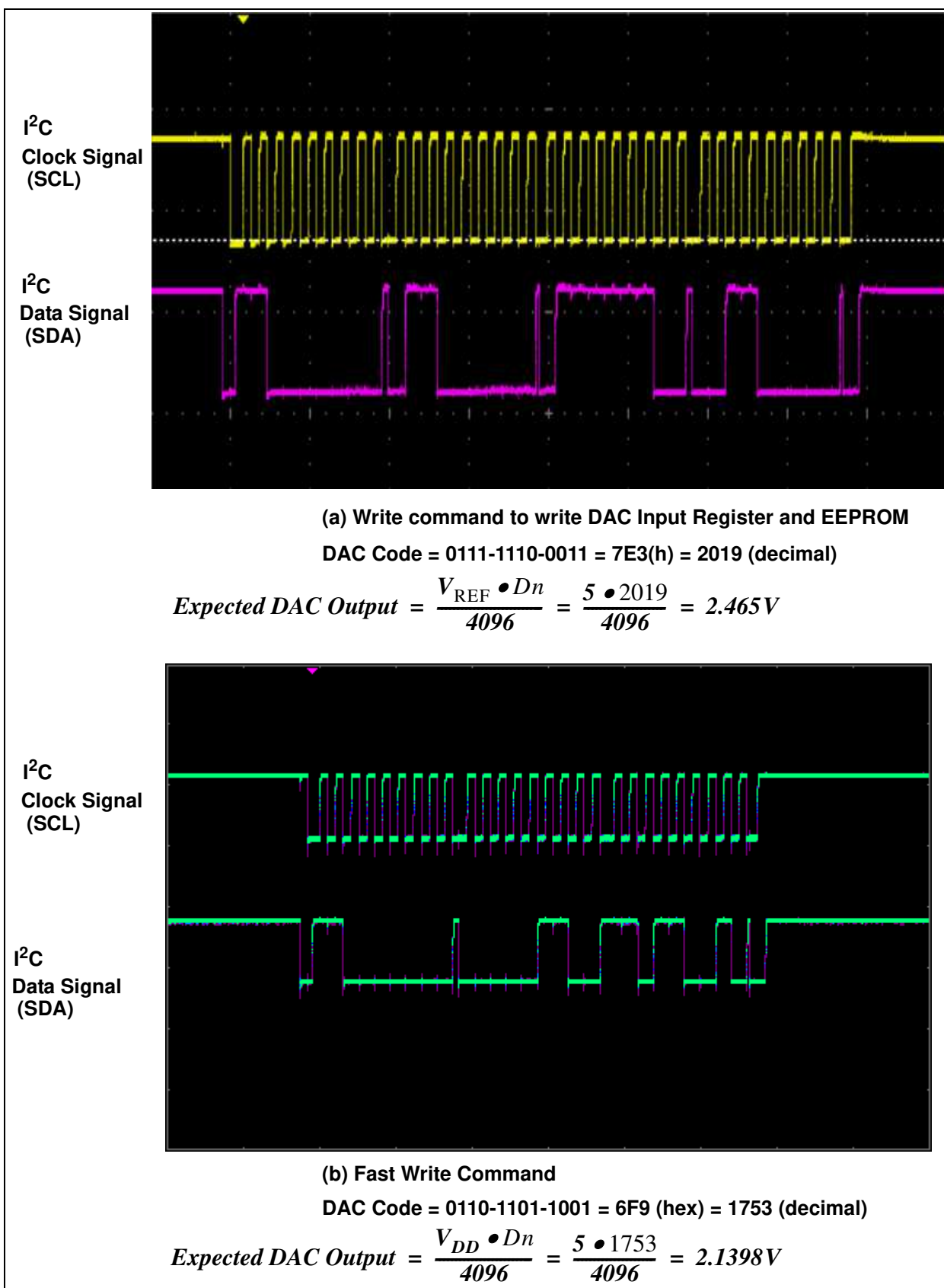


FIGURE 1-6: I²C Write Command Waveforms for the MCP4726, with $V_{\text{REF}} = V_{\text{DD}}$ and Gain = 1x.

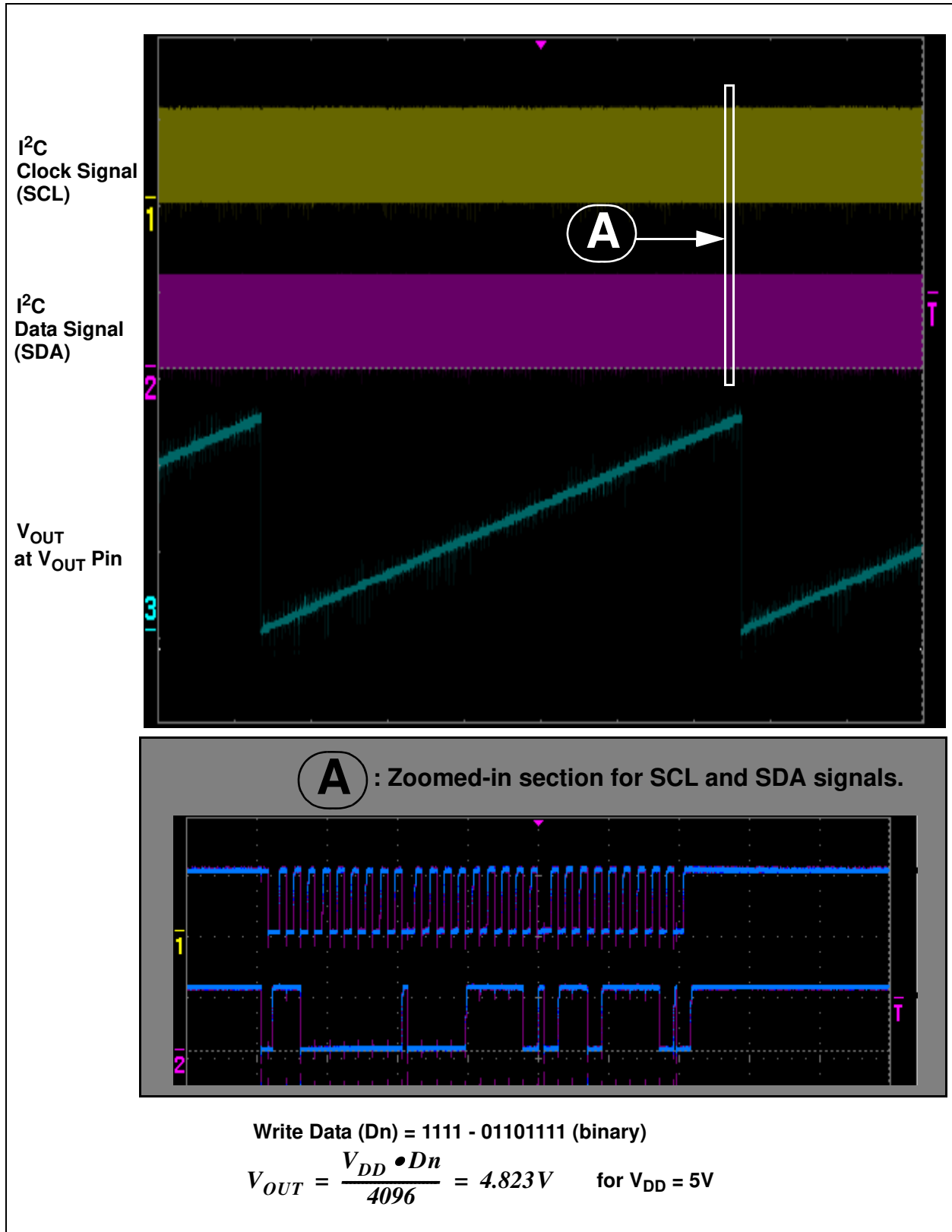


FIGURE 1-7: I²C SCL, SDA, and V_{OUT} Waveforms for the MCP4726 While Incrementing the DAC Code by 1 LSB. The Fast Write Command is Used for this Example.

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1.6 GETTING STARTED WITH PICKIT™ SERIAL ANALYZER

The user can connect the MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board to the PICKit™ Serial Analyzer by setting them up as shown in Figure 1-8.

The following describes how to use them together:

1. Connect the MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board's J2 pin socket to the PICKit™ Serial Analyzer.
2. Connect a digital voltmeter to V_{OUT} test terminals and V_{SS} :
 - V_{OUT} 1 for MCP4726
 - V_{OUT} 2 for MCP4716
 - V_{OUT} 3 for MCP4706

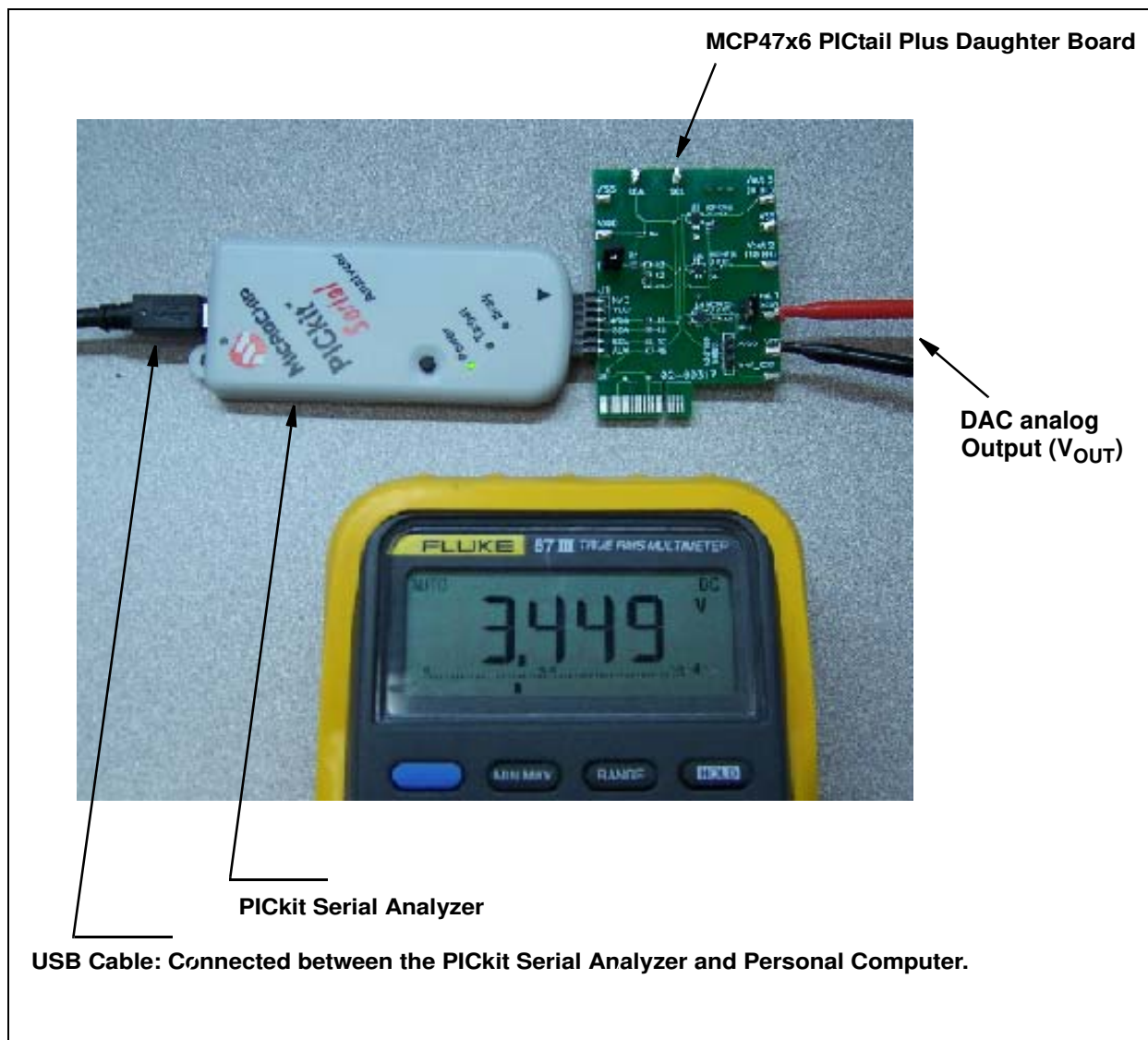


FIGURE 1-8: MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board with the PICKit™ Serial Analyzer.

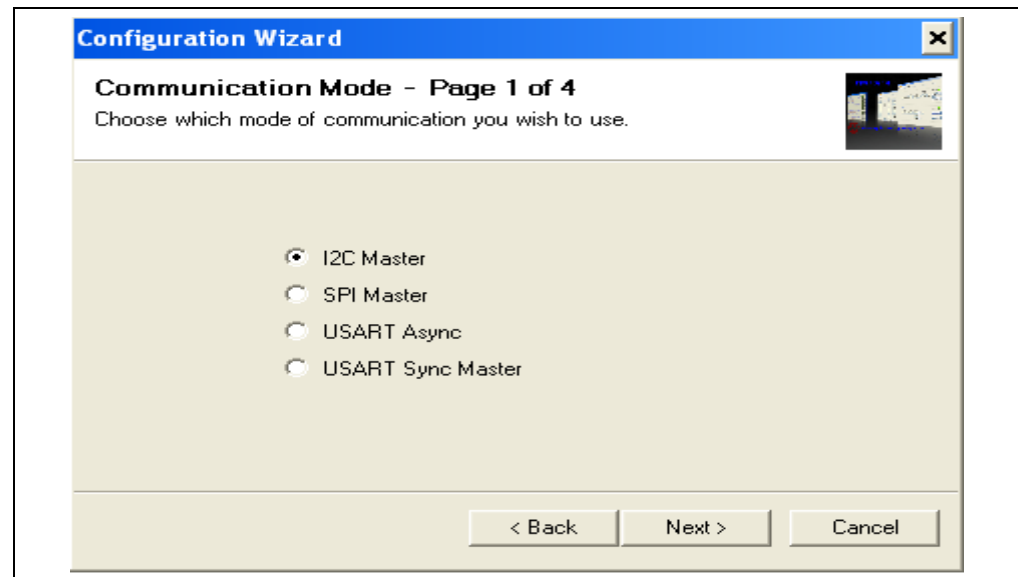
1.6.1 PICkit™ Serial Analyzer PC Software Set-Up for the MCP47x6 Daughter Board

The following steps describe how to set up and use the PICkit™ Serial Analyzer PC Graphic User Interface (GUI) to evaluate the MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board.

1. Install the PICkit™ Serial Analyzer software onto your personal computer (PC).
2. Connect the USB cable between the PICkit™ Serial Analyzer and your PC.
3. Run the PICkit™ Serial PC Software. It will open up the graphic user interface (GUI) as shown. Click the **Next** button and follow the instructions.

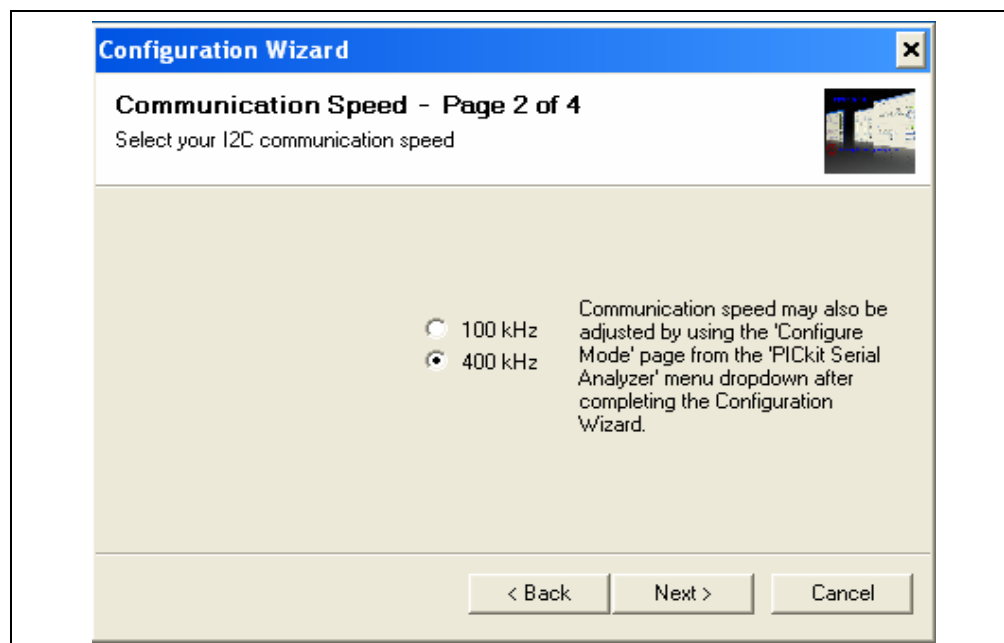


4. Select the Communication Mode type: I²C Master, and click the **Next** button.



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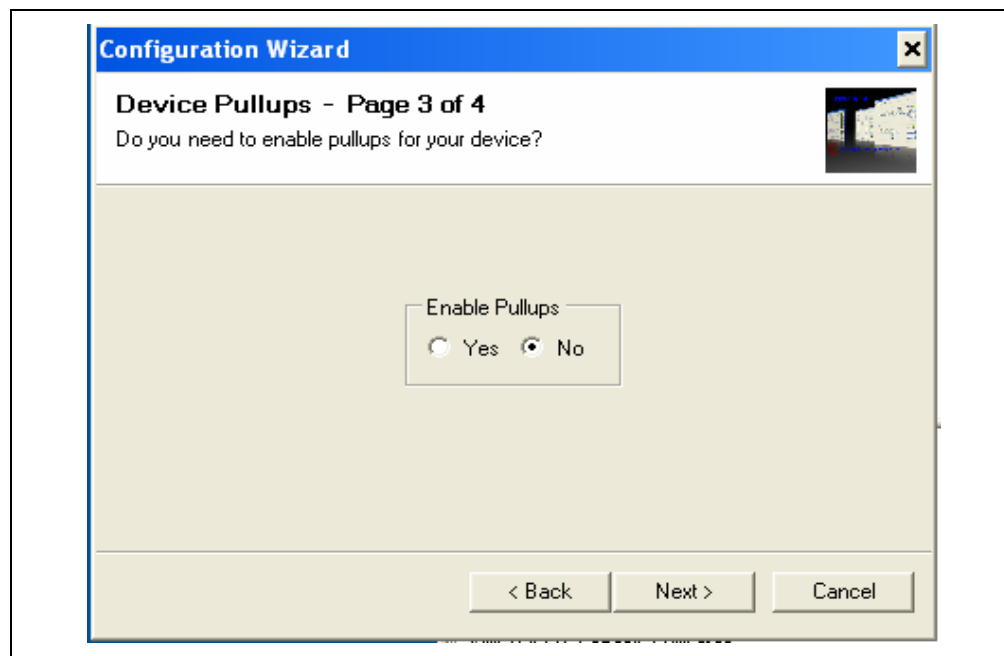
5. Select either 100 kHz or 400 kHz, and click the **Next** button.



Note: The MCP47x6 devices support the I²C bus data rate up to 3.4 MHz, but the current version of the PICkit™ Serial Analyzer supports the I²C bus data rate up to 400 kHz only.

6. Select No on Enable Pull-ups, and click the **Next** button.

Note: The MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board has its own pull-up resistors, therefore, you don't need additional pull-up resistors from the PICkit™ Serial Analyzer.



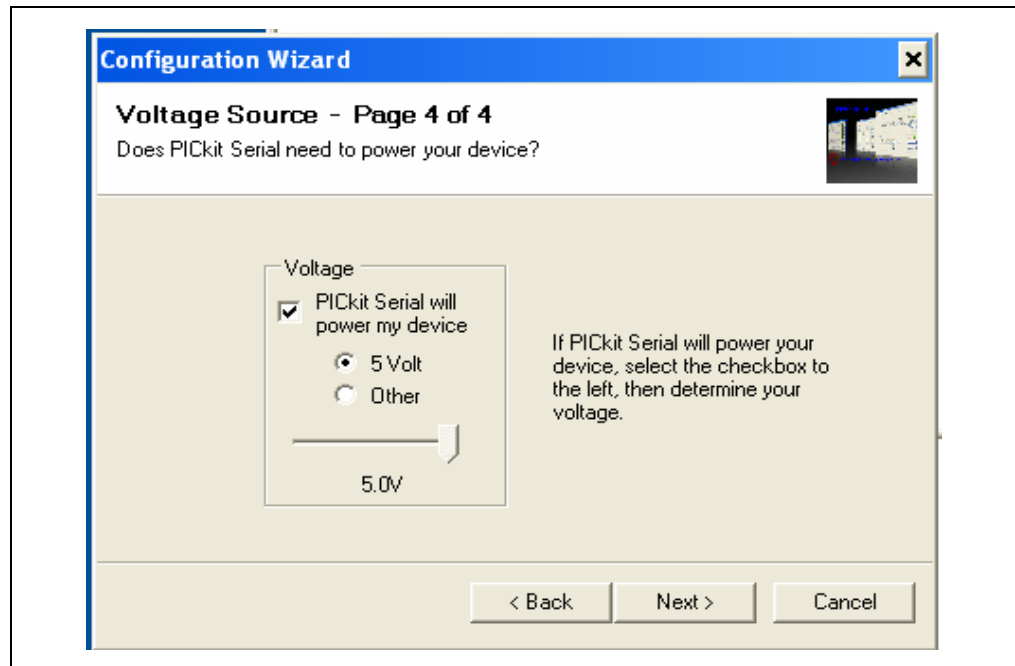
7. Select the V_{DD} voltage of the MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board and click the **Next** button.

Case 1: When you use V_{DD} from the PICKit™ Serial Analyzer

If you choose **PICKit™ Serial will power my device** and **5 Volts** as shown below, the MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board is powered by the 5V DC (range between 4.85V ~ 5V) from the PICKit™ Serial Analyzer through the JP1 jumper. In this case, make sure that the JP1 jumper on the MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board is connected.

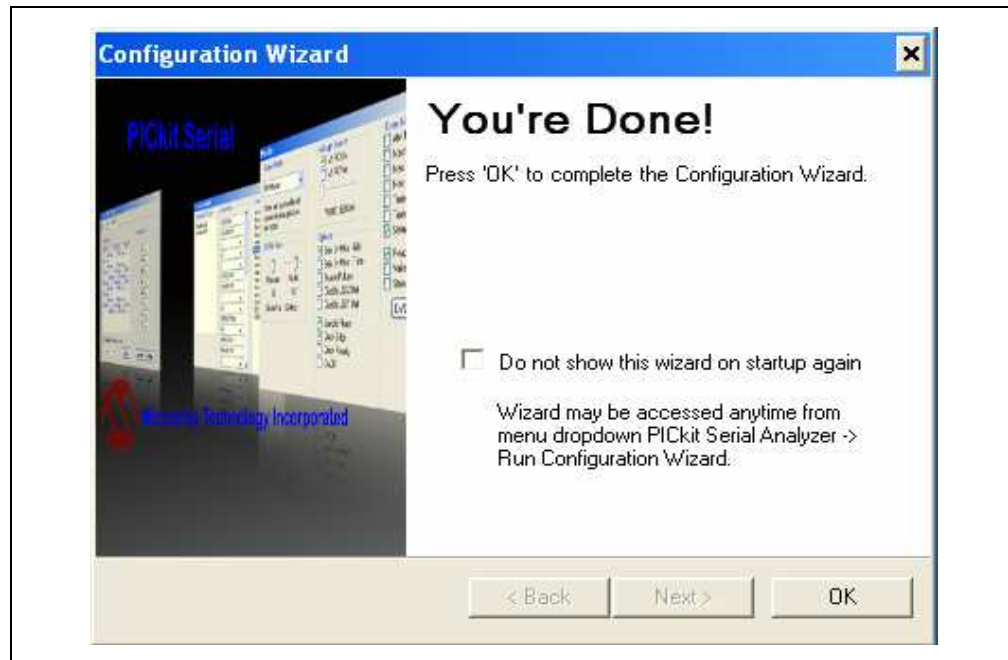
Case 2: When you use your own V_{DD}

You can also provide your own V_{DD} voltage by applying a V_{DD} voltage at the V_{DD} terminal. In this case, make sure that the JP1 jumper is disconnected.



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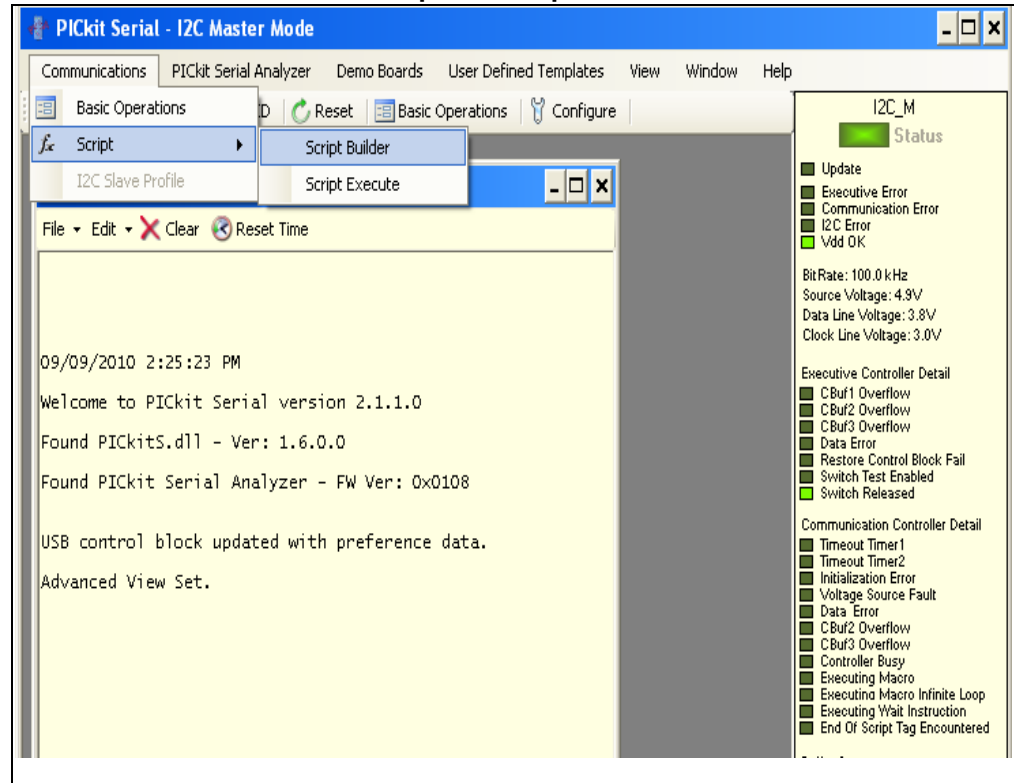
8. Click the **OK** button. You have made all of the PICkit™ Serial Analyzer Configuration set-ups. You are now ready to program the MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board using the PICkit™ Serial Analyzer.



1.6.2 Creating Script Files

In order to create a communication between the PICKit™ Serial Analyzer and the MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board, a script file is needed. The following procedure shows how to create script files and how to use them.

Select **Communication -----> Script ---> Script Builder**.



Note: The MCP47X6 scripts are in a text file on the MCP47X6 PICtail™ Plus Daughter Board's product web page. The scripts can be copied into the PICKit™ serial's CommScripts.txt file.