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Preface

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INTRODUCTION

This chapter contains general information that will be useful to know before using the PICDEM™ System Management Board. 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 PICDEM™ System Management Board as a demonstration and training platform tool. The manual layout is as follows:

- **Chapter 1. “PICDEM™ System Management”** – This chapter provides an overview of the PICDEM System Management Board and system integration.
- **Chapter 2. “Background”** – This chapter provides background information on the System Management application and the PICDEM System Management Board.
- **Chapter 3. “Troubleshooting”** – This chapter provides resolutions for solving common problems associated with using the PICDEM System Management Board.
- **Appendix A. “Hardware Schematics”** – Illustrates the PICDEM System Management Board hardware schematic diagram.

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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) { ... } |

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PICkit™ Serial Analyzer User's Guide (DS51647)

Consult this document for information how to use the PICkit™ Serial Analyzer. (This document is included with the PICDEM System Management Board kit.)

PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer User's Guide (DS51553)

Consult this document for instructions on how to use the PICkit™ 2 Microcontroller Programmer software and hardware.

MPLAB® IDE, Simulator, Editor User's Guide (DS51025)

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

PIC16F886 Data Sheet (DS41291)

Consult this document for information regarding the PIC16F886 28/40/44-Pin Flash-Based, 8-Bit CMOS Microcontrollers with nanoWatt Technology device specifications.

MCP9700/9700A/9701/9701 Low-Power Linear Active Thermistor™ ICs (DS21942)

Consult this document for information regarding the MCP9700 Analog Temperature Sensor.

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 updated 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, MPLAB ICE 4000 and REAL ICE™.
- **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™ 2 development programmers.

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- Local Sales Office
- Field Application Engineer (FAE)
- Technical Support

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

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Revision B (January 2007)

- Updated Chapter 1.
- Updated Preface by adding the PICkit™ Serial Analyzer User Guide DS number.

TROUBLESHOOTING

See **Chapter 3. “Troubleshooting”** for information on common problems.

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Chapter 1. PICDEM™ System Management

1.1 INTRODUCTION

The PICDEM™ System Management Board is a demonstration and development tool designed for system management applications. System management applications monitor platform physical health characteristics such as temperatures, voltage, fan speed and chassis intrusion. These applications typically utilize independent I²C™ devices like real-time clocks, EEPROMs, Analog-to-Digital Converters (ADC), and thermal management controllers to monitor and control physical health characteristics. The PICDEM™ System Management Board demonstrates how PIC® microcontrollers can add value to these applications in terms of flexibility and cost. I²C devices can be implemented using the Synchronous Serial Port module in conjunction with the many other available peripherals. The programmability of a microcontroller I²C device allows flexibility in the additional intelligent features that can be implemented as well as the easy adaptability of software when requirements change. A new address masking feature of the Synchronous Serial Port module allows the microcontroller to respond to multiple I²C device addresses. The PICDEM™ System Management uses this feature to implement four I²C devices: a real-time clock, ADC, EEPROM, and thermal management controller on one single microcontroller. Integrating these functions on a single microcontroller provides savings in the bill of materials cost and board space. For additional information on system monitoring, see **Chapter 2. “Background”** of this User's Guide.

1.2 HIGHLIGHTS

This chapter discusses the features of the PICDEM™ System Management Board Kit. Topics discussed include:

- PICDEM™ System Management Kit Contents
- PICDEM™ System Management Layout
- Quick Start Guide
- Demonstration Program

1.3 PICDEM™ SYSTEM MANAGEMENT KIT CONTENTS

The PICDEM™ System Management kit includes the following items:

1. The PICDEM™ System Management printed circuit board with 3-wire fan
2. The PICkit™ Serial Analyzer
3. PICDEM™ System Management CD-ROM, which includes:
 - a) PICDEM™ System Management User's Guide
 - b) PICDEM™ System Management GUI
 - c) PICDEM™ System Management Board schematic
 - d) PICDEM™ System Management Source Code
 - e) PICDEM™ System Management Workshop slides
4. PICkit™ Serial Analyzer CD-ROM
5. +12V power supply

If you are missing any part of the kit, please contact your nearest Microchip sales office listed in the back of this publication for help.

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1.4 PICDEM SYSTEM MANAGEMENT LAYOUT

1.4.1 Board Features

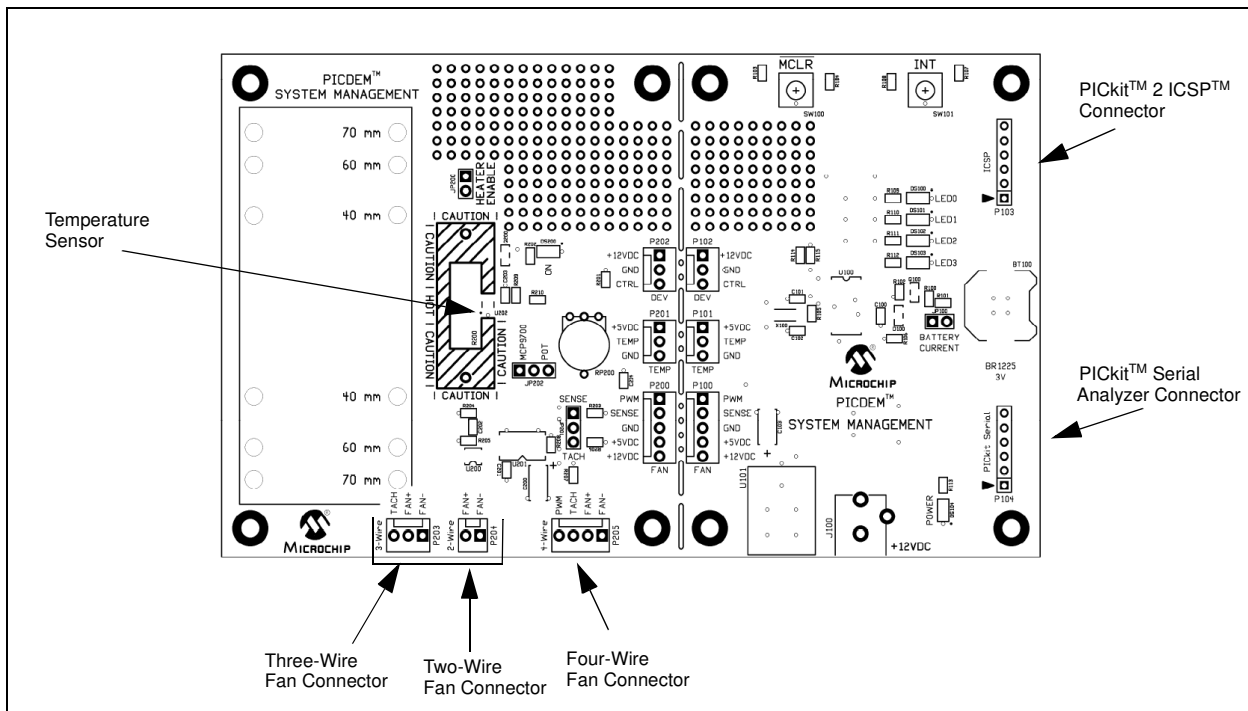
The PICDEM™ System Management board is populated with a PIC16F886 microcontroller. The PIC16F886 connects to the following board features:

- MCLR switch, interrupt switch
- 4 LEDs
- I²C™ communications (SDA and SCL)
- USART communications (TX and RX)
- ICSP™ programming pins (ICSPDAT and ICSPCLK)
- PWM output fan control
- Fan tachometer input line
- Heating element control line
- Temperature sensor input line from MCP9700
- 32.768 kHz crystal clock (T1OSO and T1OSI)
- Battery voltage measurement enable, input line and interrupt-on-change pin

1.4.2 Board Connections

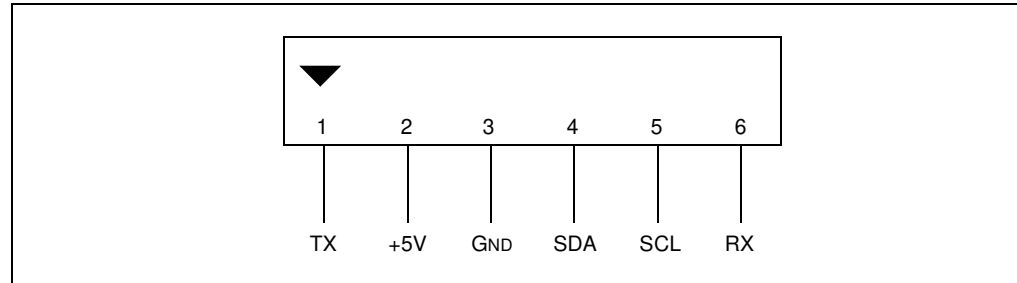
The PICDEM™ System Management is populated with connectors for programming, communications, and fan control and a temperature sensor, shown in Figure 1-1. A description of the connectors and the temperature sensor is described below.

FIGURE 1-1: PICDEM™ SYSTEM MANAGEMENT BOARD



- **PICKit™ 2 ICSP™ (In-Circuit Serial Programmer™) Connector** – A 6-pin ICSP connector is provided for programming the PIC16F886. The PIC16F886 can be programmed through this connector with the PICKit 2 programmer, or the MPLAB ICD 2 using the RJ-11 to ICSP adapter (AC164110).
- **PICKit™ Serial Analyzer Connector** – The PICKit™ Serial Analyzer connector provides pins for serial communication. The serial communications lines are designed to be used with the PICKit Serial Analyzer, but can also be used for other communications applications. The serial communication pinout lines are shown in Figure 1-2.

FIGURE 1-2: PICKit™ SERIAL ANALYZER PINOUT



- **Two-Wire Fan Connector** – The two-wire fan connector (P204) provides power and ground terminals for a two-wire fan. In order to make speed measurements, jumper JP200 must be set in the “SENSE” position for two-wire fans.
- **Three-Wire Fan Connector** – The three-wire fan (P203) connector provides power and ground with a tachometer line for speed measurements. Jumper JP201 must be set in the “TACH” position to measure speed on three-wire fans. Additional background on driving two-wire and three-wire fans is provided in **Section Chapter 2. “Background”** of this document.
- **Four-Wire Fan Connector** – A four-wire fan connector (P205) is mounted on the board and provides power, ground, tachometer and pulse-width modulation terminals. In order to measure the speed of the four-wire fan, the JP201 jumper must be set to the “TACH” position. Additional background information on driving four-wire fans is provided in **Section Chapter 2. “Background”** of this document.
- **Temperature Sensor** – An MCP9700 temperature sensor is located near the heating element of the PICDEM System Management Board. The MCP9700 is an analog temperature sensor that converts temperature into an analog voltage. In order to measure temperature, the JP202 jumper must be set to the “MCP9700” position.

Temperature can also be simulated with the potentiometer that is populated on the board. The circuit has been designed so that the temperature range of the MCP9700 can be simulated. In order to simulate temperature with the potentiometer, the JP202 jumper must be set to the “POT” position.

1.4.3 Heating Element

A resistor is used as a heating element to generate heat near the MCP9700 temperature sensor to simulate a thermal system. To activate the heating element, set the CTRL line (RA3) high. Once, the heating element is active, the ON LED will light up. In order to operate the heating element, JP200, heater enable jumper, must be in place.

WARNING

The heating element will be very hot when on. Do not activate the heating element unless the fan is running. Always disconnect JP200 after use and allow the heating element to cool.

1.4.4 Board Options

The PICDEM™ System Management Board is scribed and can be separated into two separate boards.

The fan control board contains the connectors for two, three and four-wire fans in addition to the control, power and ground lines for the heating element and temperature sensor, as well as the fan drive circuitry.

The main board contains the PIC16F866, power input, push-buttons, LEDs, battery backup circuit and connectors that break out the fan control, temperature sensor and heating element pins. These elements can be used in conjunction with the prototyping area for development.

1.5 QUICK START GUIDE

The PICDEM™ System Management Board is preloaded with demonstration firmware. The board must be configured as described in this section in order to use the demonstration program. For details on firmware, please review the System Management presentation included on the CD-ROM.

Board Setup

1. Connect the 3-wire fan to the 3-wire fan connector labeled "3-wire".
2. Place the JP201 jumper on the bottom setting, connecting "TACH" to the middle pin.
3. Connect the J200 jumper to allow the heating element to be turned on.
4. Plug the PICKit Serial Analyzer into the PICDEM System Management Board on the pins marked "PICKit Serial" (P104).
5. Plug the PICKit Serial Analyzer USB cable into a compatible PC.

Board Power-Up

Connect the provided +12V power supply to J100.

1.5.1 Demonstration Program

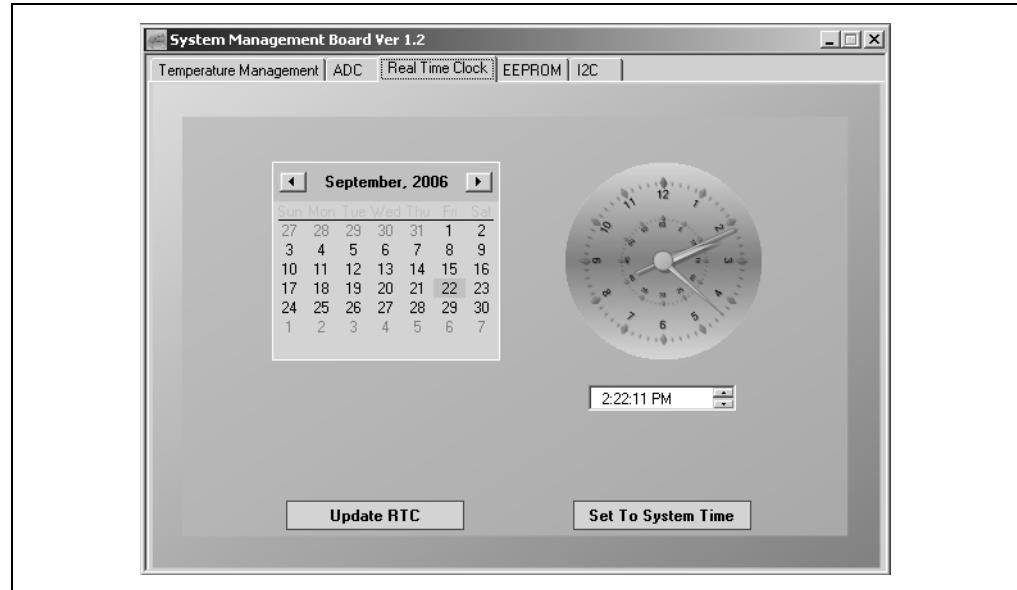
1. Insert the included PICDEM System Management CD into the CD drive.
2. Run the installation software for the PICDEM System Management GUI (D:\Setup\Setup.exe).
3. Run the System Management program (start <Programs><Microchip System Management Board>).

Within this screen there are several tabs that allow control and monitoring of various functions.

1.5.2 Real-Time Clock: Address 0xA2

The **Real-Time Clock** function reads and writes actual time data on the PIC16F886. The time base is generated using a 32.768 kHz external Timer1 crystal. This time is automatically refreshed and can be changed in the GUI software.

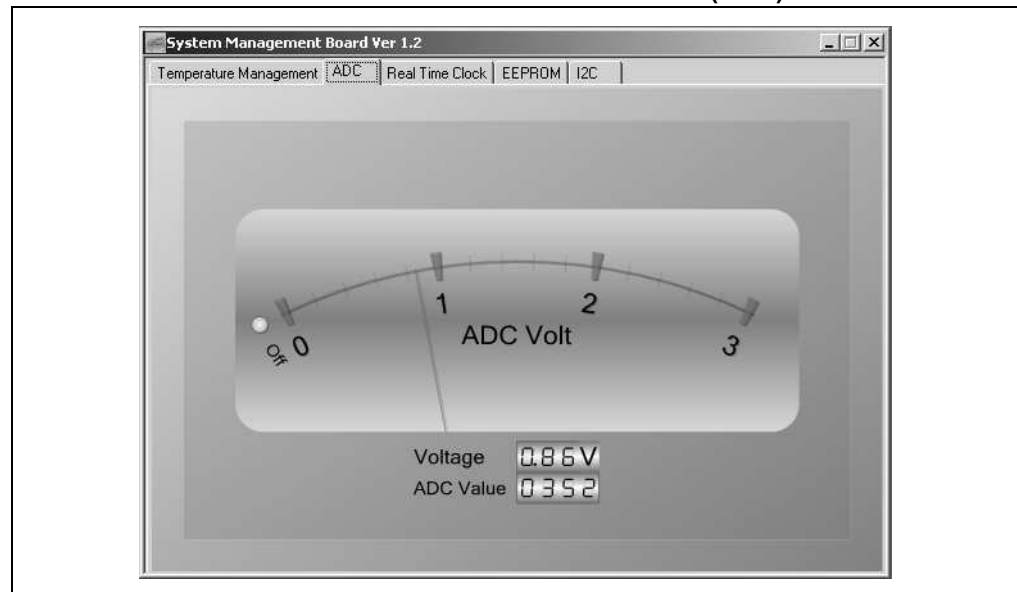
FIGURE 1-3: REAL-TIME CLOCK



1.5.3 Analog-to-Digital Converter (ADC): Address 0xA4

The **ADC** function provides Analog-to-Digital conversion of the voltage drop through potentiometer RP200. As you turn the potentiometer, the voltage indicator should change. Jumper JP202 must connect to the middle pin and the pin labeled "POT."

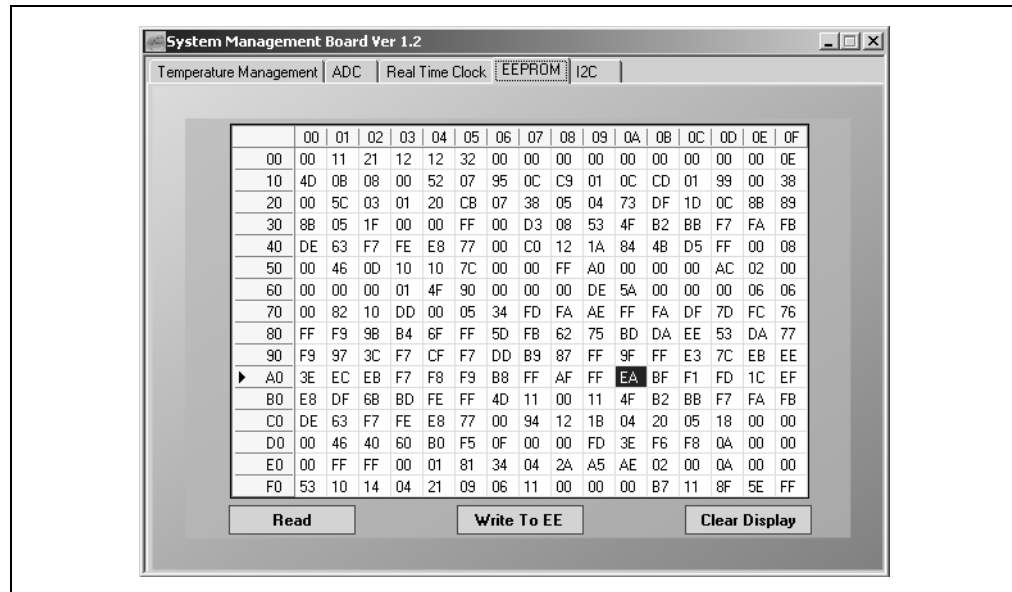
FIGURE 1-4: ANALOG-TO-DIGITAL CONVERTER (ADC)



1.5.4 Serial EEPROM: Address 0xA8

The serial **EEPROM** function allows EEPROM memory to be read and written. The data shown is the actual data that is written on the PIC MCU data EEPROM.

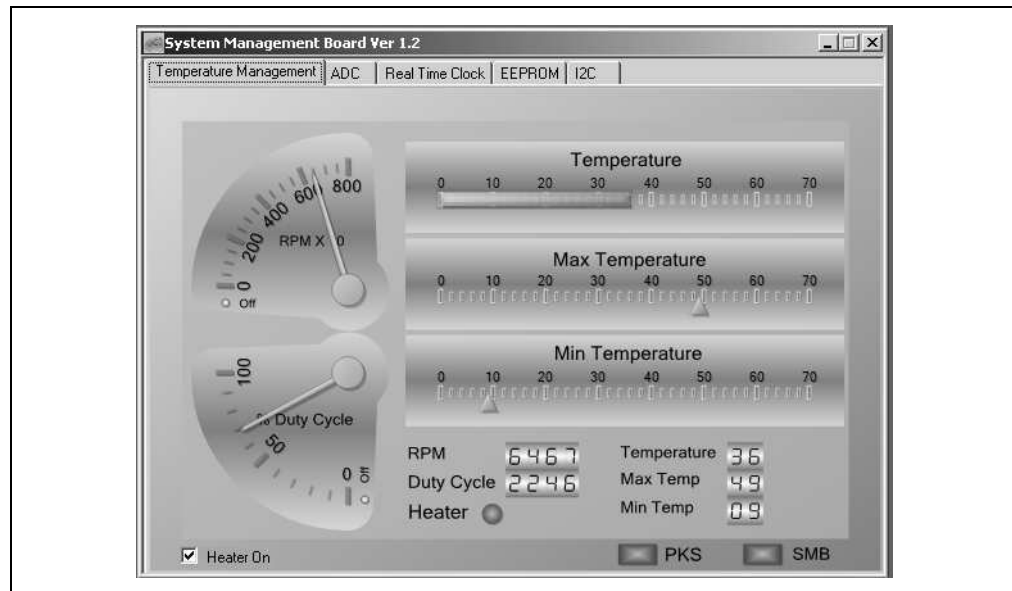
FIGURE 1-5: SERIAL EEPROM



1.5.5 Thermal Management: Address 0xA6

The **Temperature Management** function provides control over fan controller settings. The fan speed output is based on upper and lower temperature set points and ambient temperature. See how adjusting these temperature set points and ambient temperature affect fan speed. In order to measure ambient temperature, JP202 must connect the middle pin to the pin labeled “MCP9700.” The JP202 jumper can also be moved to connect the POT pin to the middle pin. This can allow the sweeping of temperatures in the full range of temperature values.

FIGURE 1-6: THERMAL MANAGEMENT

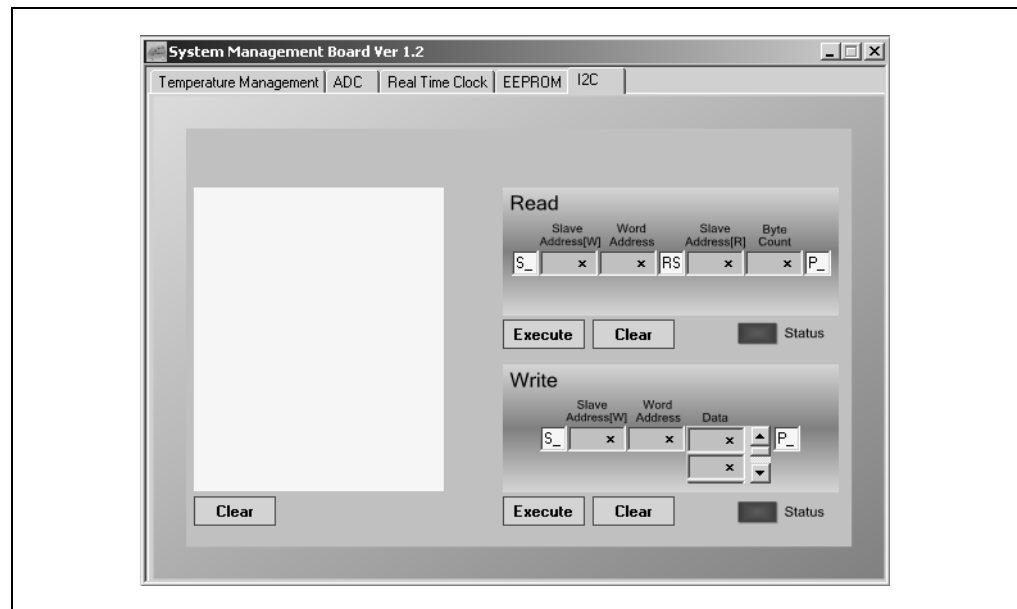


1.5.6 General I²C

The I²C function is an interface that allows master control of an I²C bus. Locate the Read section of the I²C Tab. A Read command can be executed by filling the “Slave Address [W]” field with the address of the device to be read. The “Word Address” field should be filled with the word address of the device to be read. Finally, the “Byte Count” field should be filled with the number of bytes to be read. The results of the command will be output on the screen to the left.

Locate the write section of the I²C Tab. A Write command is executed by filling the “Slave Address [W]” field with the address of the device to be written. The word address of the first byte to be written should be entered into the “Word Address” field. A single byte or multiple bytes of data can be filled in the data fields. The results will be shown on the screen to the left. See Appendix Table B-1 through Table B-4 for device address and word address details.

FIGURE 1-7: I²C™



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Chapter 2. Background

2.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter provides background information on the System Management application and the PICDEM System Management Board. It also provides background information on the fan drive circuitry that is available on the board. Additional detailed information can be found in the PICDEM System Management presentation and source code included on the CD-ROM.

2.2 HIGHLIGHTS

Topics covered in this chapter include:

- PICDEM™ System Management Board and PICKit™ Serial Analyzer
- Fan Speed Control

2.3 PICDEM™ SYSTEM MANAGEMENT AND PICKIT™ SERIAL ANALYZER

The PICDEM™ System Management emulates four I²C peripherals usually found on a system management bus. The real-time clock, ADC, serial EEPROM and thermal management controller peripherals, typically reside on the I²C bus line of rack-mount servers and motherboards. The PIC16F886 integrates the functions of each device on the I²C communications bus, while responding to the specific address calls for each device.

The PICKit Serial Analyzer is a utility that allows control and monitoring of the I²C bus. It is able to generate the specific device calls and interpret data. This data can then be translated to a personal computer and can be interacted with through a graphical user interface. In the PICDEM™ System Management Board, the PICKit Serial Analyzer takes the place of the bus master that manages the devices on the I²C bus.

2.4 FAN SPEED CONTROL

2.4.1 Two-wire Fan

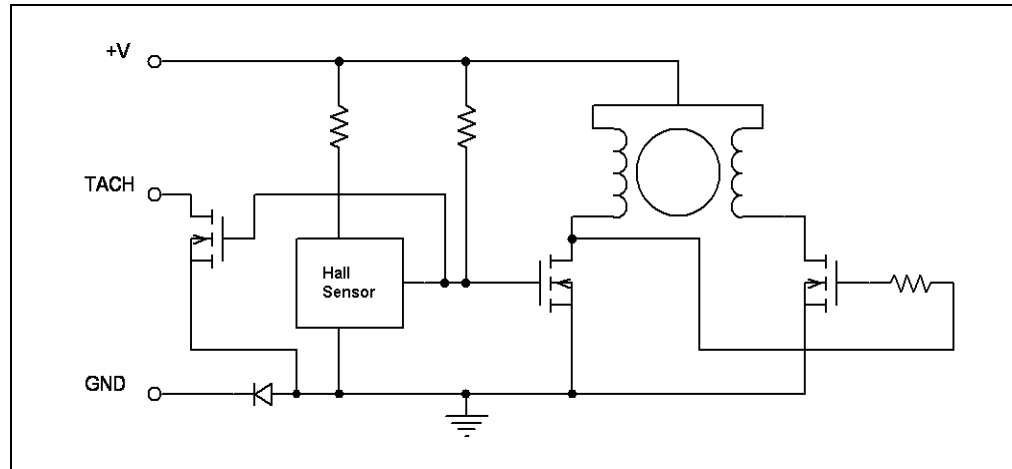
Two-wire fans provide power and ground terminals. The fan can be controlled through low-speed (10-100 Hz) PWM.

Note: Be sure to verify with the fan manufacturer that the fan specifications allow for PWM control of input voltage.

As the duty cycle of the PWM signal increases, fan speed increases non-linearly. Fan speed feedback can be determined by measuring the time between commutation pulse noise that is generated on each revolution of the fan. Low-speed PWM can be generated by PIC microcontrollers using the Enhanced Capture/Compare/PWM module. Speed can be measured with comparator and timer peripherals.

2.4.2 Three-wire Fan

FIGURE 2-1: THREE-WIRE



Three-wire fans provide a power, ground and tachometer terminals. The tachometer signal is typically generated by an internal Hall sensor that monitors magnetic field switching due to rotation in the permanent magnet of the fan. These fans can also be controlled through low-speed (10-100 Hz) PWM control of power input.

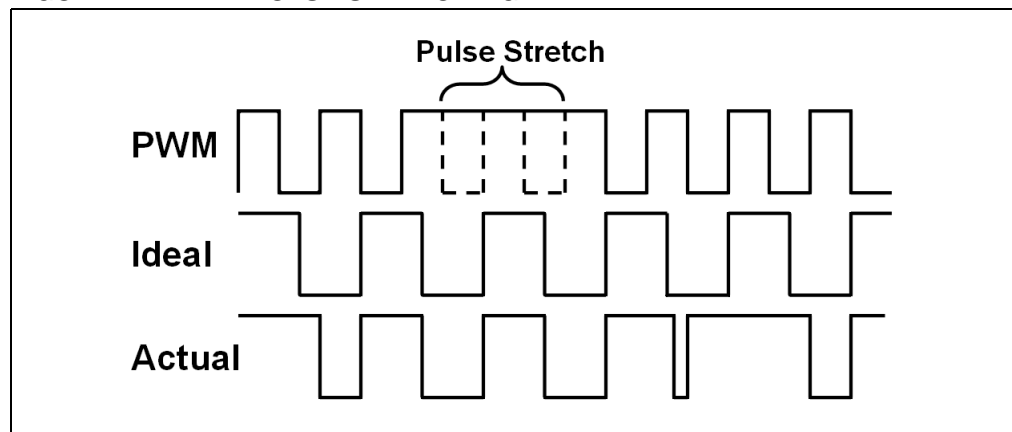
Note: Be sure to verify with the fan manufacturer that the fan specifications allow for PWM control of input voltage.

As the duty cycle of the PWM signal increases, the fan speed will also increase non-linearly. Speed feedback is measured in the same way as the two-wire fan, but the tachometer output of the fan on the third wire provides a square wave through an open drain output.

2.4.3 Measuring the Speed of a Two and Three-wire Fan

It is important to note that when measuring speed on two and three-wire fans, some additional conditions must be taken into account. The tachometer measurements are only valid when fan power is on. Commutation noise is only measurable when power is on and the Hall sensor output in three-wire fan is only valid when power is on. When the PWM signal switches low, the Hall sensor output is no longer valid. Therefore, a technique called pulse stretching must be employed to ensure accurate measurements. Whenever a measurement is made, power must be provided to the fan for the duration of the measurement. (See figure below for more details.)

FIGURE 2-2: PULSE STRETCHING



2.4.4 Four-wire Fan Control

Four-wire fan control provides a PWM input, tachometer output, fan power and ground. Instead of switching fan power, which must be done with two and three-wire fans, only the PWM input line is switched (typically at 10 kHz–30 kHz). As duty cycle of the fan increases, speed also increases non-linearly. The tachometer line is the same as the three-wire fan, generating pulses based on the rotation of the permanent magnet of the fan; however, the Hall sensor is always on. Therefore, PWM stretching is not needed to ensure an accurate measurement.

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Chapter 3. Troubleshooting

3.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter describes common problems and resolutions associated with using the PICDEM System Management Board.

3.2 COMMON PROBLEMS

3.2.1 Serial Communications does not appear to be working

Reset the PICDEM System Management Board by pressing the SW100 switch labeled "MCLR."

The PICKit Serial Analyzer must be connected to header P104 labeled "PICKit Serial." Ensure that the board is being powered by a 12 VDC power supply.

3.2.2 Microcontroller does not run after programming using the MPLAB[®] ICD 2

When using the MPLAB ICD 2 as a programmer, the microcontroller will not run unless you disconnect the MPLAB ICD 2 or release the MPLAB ICD 2 from Reset.

3.2.3 The fan is not providing proper feedback

The 3-wire fan provides a tachometer output on the SENSE line. Ensure that the JP201 jumper connects to the center and "TACH" pins.

3.2.4 Heating element is not heating

Check to see that the heater is enabled. The heater should be on if the CTRL line is high. If you are using the System Management GUI, ensure in the Temperature Management Tab that the checkbox "Heater On" is checked.

Check to ensure that the "Heater Enable" jumper JP200 is in place.

3.2.5 Temperature is not changing

Check JP202 and ensure that it is connected to center pin and pin labeled MCP9700.

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Appendix A. Hardware Schematics

A.1 INTRODUCTION

This appendix contains the PICDEM™ System Management Board hardware diagrams.

FIGURE A-1: SCHEMATIC SHEET 1

