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BIGdsPIC6[™]

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Introduction to BIGdsPIC6 Development System

The *BIGdsPIC6*[™] development system provides a development environment for programming and experimenting with dsPIC[®] microcontrollers from Microchip[®]. The system includes an on-board programmer with mikroICD providing an interface between the microcontroller and a PC. You are simply expected to write a program in one of the dsPIC compilers, generate a .hex file and program your microcontroller using the on-board *dsPICflash*[™] programmer. Numerous modules, such as 128x64 graphic LCD, alphanumeric 2x16 LCD, real-time clock etc, are provided on the board and allow you to easily simulate the operation of the target device.





The *dsPICFLASH* program provides a complete list of all supported microcontrollers. The latest version of this program with updated list of supported microcontrollers can be downloaded from our website at **www.mikroe.com**

Package of	contains:
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Development system: BIGdsPIC6

Development system.	
CD:	product CD with relevant software
Cables:	USB cable
Documentation:	Manuals for BIGdsPIC6 and dsPICflash, quick guide for installing USB drivers, electrical schematic of the system

System specification:

Power Supply:	over an AC/DC connector (7-23V AC or 9-32V DC); or over a USB cable for programming (5V DC)	
Power consumption:~40mA in idle state when all on-board modules are off		
Dimension:	26,5 x 22cm (10,4 x 8,6inch)	
Weight:	462g (0.89lbs)	

BIGdsPIC6 Development System



Key Features

- 1. USB 2.0 programmer with *mikroICD* support
- 2. Connector for Microchip's debugger (ICD2 or ICD3)
- 3. CAN communication module
- 4. USB UART Module
- 5. A/D converter test inputs
- 6. Connector A for RS-232 communication
- 7. Real-Time Clock
- 8. Connector B for RS-232 communication
- 9. DIMM-168P socket for MCU cards
- 10. Jumper for pull-up/pull-down resistor selection
- 11. DIP switches enable pull-up/pull-down resistors
- 12. I/O port connectors
- 13. DIP switches turn on/off on-board modules
- 14. 4.096V voltage reference

- 15. Serial EEPROM module
- 16. Potentiometer for adjusting graphic display contrast
- 17. Touch panel controller
- 18. Graphic LCD connector
- 19. Piezo buzzer
- 20. 3.3V voltage regulator
- 21. Touch panel connector
- 22. Push buttons simulate microcontroller digital inputs
- 23. Jumper for protective resistor shortening
- 24. Jumper for selecting push buttons' logic state
- 25. Reset button
- 26. MMC/SD card connector
- 27. Power supply voltage regulator
- 28. 77 LEDs indicate pins' logic state
- 29. Potentiometer for adjusting LCD contrast
- 30. Alphanumeric LCD display connector

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1.0. Connecting the System to a PC

Step 1:

Follow the instructions provided in the relevant manuals and install the *dsPICFLASH* program and USB driver from the product CD. USB drivers are essential for the proper operation of the on-board programmer.

In case you already have one of the Mikroelektronika's dsPIC compilers installed on your PC, there is no need to reinstall USB drivers as they are already installed along with the compiler.

Step 2:

Use the USB cable to connect the development system to a PC. One end of the USB cable, with a USB connector of B type, should be connected to the development system, as shown in Figure 1-2, whereas the other end of the cable with a USB connector of A type should be connected to a PC. When establishing a connection, make sure that jumper J11 is placed in the USB position as shown in Figure 1-1.







Figure 1-2: Connecting USB cable

Step 3:

Turn on your development system by setting the POWER SUPPLY switch to the ON position. Two LEDs marked as POWER and USB LINK will be automatically turned on indicating that your development system is ready to use. Use the on-board programmer and the *dsPICFLASH* program to dump a hex code into the microcontroller and employ the system to test and develop your projects.

NOTE: If some additional modules are used, such as LCD, GLCD etc, it is necessary to place them properly on the development system while it is turned off. Otherwise, either can be permanently damaged. Refer to figure below for the proper placing of the additional modules.





Figure 1-3: Placing additional modules on the board

2.0. Supported Microcontrollers

The *BIGdsPIC6* development system provides a DIMM-168P connector to place an MCU card into. This development system comes with an MCU card with a microcontroller in 80-pin TQFP package soldered on it, Figure 2-3. Besides, the MCU card alone provides an oscillator as well as 80 soldering pads connected to the microcontroller pins. Each pad is marked the same as the pin it is connected to. Soldering pads also make connection between the MCU card and target device's modules easy.



Figure 2-1: DIMM-168P connector

Figure 2-3: MCU card with an 80-pin microcontroller in TQFP package soldered on it



Figure 2-4: Schematic of the DIMM-168P connector's pinout

Placing MCU card into the DIMM-168P connector is performed as follows:



Open extraction levers A and B



Push the MCU card down gently into the DIMM-168P connector and lift extraction levers slowly at the same time



Place the MCU card into the DIMM-168P connector



Close the extraction levers when the MCU card is properly placed into the connector



Extraction levers used to fix the MCU card in 'closed' position



Extraction levers used to fix the MCU card in 'open' position

3.0. On-board dsPICFlash Programmer

A programmer is a necessary tool when working with microcontrollers. It is used to load a hex code into the microcontroller and provides an interface between the microcontroller and a PC. The *BIGdsPIC6* features an on-board *dsPICFlash* programmer. The *dsPICFLASH* program is used for loading a .hex file into the microcontroller. Figure 3-3 shows connection between the compiler, *dsPICFLASH* program and the microcontroller.





Figure 3-3: Programming process

4.0. ICD Connector

The ICD connector enables communication between the microcontroller and an external ICD debugger/programmer (ICD2 or ICD3) from Microchip. Jumpers J14 and J15 are used for selecting the pin to be fed with programming signal. For the programming signal to be sent to the microcontroller, it is necessary to place both jumpers in the same position, as shown in Figure 4-3. Either RB0 and RB1 or RB6 and RB7 microcontroller pins can be fed with this signal. The position of jumpers J14 and J15 depends on the microcontroller provided on the MCU card. When the dsPIC30F6014 microcontroller is programmed by means of the external ICD programmer, jumpers J14 and J15 should be placed in the RB0 and RB1 position, respectively. In case some other microcontroller is used, it is necessary to check which microcontroller pins can be fed with the programming signal.



Figure 4-1: Pins RB6 and RB7 are used for programming





Figure 4-2: Pins RB0 i RB1 are used for programming



Figure 4-3: ICD connector's pinout and pin designations

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5.0. Power supply

The BIGdsPIC6 development system may use one of two power supply sources:

- 1. +5V PC power supply through the USB programming cable; and
- 2. External power supply source connected to an AC/DC connector provided on the development board.

The MC34063A voltage regulator and Gretz rectifier are used to enable external power supply voltage to be either AC (in the range of 7V to 23V) or DC (in the range of 9V to 32V). Jumper J11 is used as a power supply source selector. To make advantage of the USB power supply, jumper J11 should be placed in the USB position. When using the external power supply, jumper J11 should be placed in the EXT position. The development system is turned on/off by switching the position of the POWER SUPPLY switch.





Figure 5-2: Power supply source schematic

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6.0. A/D Converter Test Inputs

An A/D converter is used for converting an analog voltage into the appropriate digital value. The A/D converter is linear, which means that converted number is linearly dependent on the input voltage value. The A/D converter built into the microcontroller converts an analog voltage value into a 10-bit number. Potentiometers P3 and P4 enable voltage to vary between 0 and 5V. The microcontroller with a built-in A/D converter is supplied with this voltage via test inputs. Jumpers J16 and J17 are used for selecting one of the following pins RB8 - RB15 to be supplied with A/D conversion voltage. Resistors R28 and R29 have a protective function and are used to limit current flow through the potentiometer or the microcontroller pin.



Figure 6-1: ADC (jumpers in default position)



Figure 6-2: Pins RB8 and RB12 used as input pins for A/D conversion



Figure 6-3: A/D converter test inputs and microcontroller connection schematic

NOTE: In order to enable the microcontroller to accurately perform A/D conversion, it is necessary to turn off LEDs and pull-up/ pull-down resistors on the port pins used by the A/D converter.

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7.0. Votage Reference Source

BIGdsPIC6 provides the MCP1541 circuit which generates the voltage reference used for A/D conversion. The value of the voltage reference is 4.096V and it is brought to the microcontroller via RA10 or RB0 pin.



Figure 7-1: Voltage reference connection schematic

8.0. Serial EEPROM Module

EEPROM (Electrically Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory) is a built-in memory module used to store data that should be saved when the power supply goes off. The 24AA01 circuit can store up to 1Kbit data and communicates with the microcontroller through pins RG2 and RG3 using I²C communication. In order to enable connection between the EEPROM module and the microcontroller, it is necessay to set switches 3 and 4 on the DIP switch SW12 to the ON the position.



Figure 8-1: Serial EEPROM module and microcontroller connection schematic

9.0. MMC/SD Connector

The MMC/SD connector enables the memory card to be interfaced to the microcontroller in order to expand microcontroller memory. To enable serial communication between the microcontroller and the memory card it is necessary to adjust their voltage levels. Memory card is powered with the 3.3V power supply voltage (VCC-MMC) generated by the REG1 voltage regulator, whereas the value of the microcontroller power supply voltage is 5V (VCC). A bus transceiver 74LVCC3245 is used here to adjust these voltage levels. In addition, in order to establish communication between memory card and microcontroller, it is necessary to set switches 6, 7 and 8 on the DIP switch SW12 as well as switches 1 and 2 on the DIP switch SW13 to the ON position.





Figure 9-2: MMC/SD memory card



Figure 9-3: MMC/SD connector and microcontroller connection schematic

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10.0. RS-232 Communication Module

USART (*Universal Synchronous/Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter*) is one of the most common ways of exchanging data between the PC and peripheral units. RS-232 serial communication is performed through a 9-pin SUB-D connector and the microcontroller USART module. The *BIGdsPIC6* provides two RS-232 ports, RS-232A and RS-232B. Use switches RX232-A and TX232-A on the DIP switch SW14 to enable port RS-232A. Likewise, use switches RX232-B and TX232-B on the DIP switch SW14 to enable port RS-232B. The microcontroller pins used in such communication are marked as follows: RX - *receive data line* and TX - *transmit data line*. Data rate goes up to 115 kbps.

In order to enable the USART module of the microcontroller to receive input signals with different voltage levels, it is necessary to adjust these levels using an IC circuit such as MAX202 (MAX232).



Figure 10-1: RS-232 module

The function of switches 1, 2, 3 and 4 on the DIP switch SW14 is to determine which of the microcontroller pins are to be used as RX and TX lines, Figure 10-2.



Figure 10-2: RS-232 module connection schematic

NOTE: Make sure that your microcontroller is provided with the USART module as it is not necessarily integrated in all dsPIC microcontrollers.

11.0. CAN Communication Module

CAN (Controller Area Network) is a communication standard primarily intended for use in automotive industry. It enables the microcontroller to communicate to a car device without using a host PC. In addition, such communication is widely used in industrial automation. The *BIGdsPIC6* uses the MCP2551 circuit for CAN communication. This circuit provides an interface between the microcontroller and some peripheral device. To enable connection between the microcontroller and MCP2551, it is necessary to set switches 5 and 7 on the DIP switch SW14 to the ON position. Switches 6 and 8 on the DIP switch SW14 may also be used for this purpose. Which of these switches is to be used depends solely on the arrangement of the microcontroller pins connected to CAN communication lines. The RX line is connected to the microcontroller via RG0 and RF0 microcontroller pins, whereas the TX line is connected to the microcontroller pins.



Figure 11-1: CAN module



Figure 11-2: CAN module connector



Figure 11-3: Microcontroller and MCP2551 connection schematic

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12.0. Real-Time Clock (RTC)

The DS1307 circuit enables the BIGdsPIC6 development system to keep the real time. The real-time clock's main features are as follows:

- providing information on seconds, minutes, hours, days, days in a week and dates including corrections for a leap year
- I²C serial interface
- automatic power-fail detection
- power consumption less than 500nA

The real-time clock is widely used in alarm devices, industrial controllers, mass-consumption products etc. The real-time clock provided on the *BIGdsPIC6* development system is used to generate an interrupt at pre-set time. In order to establish connection between the microcontroller and real-time clock it is necessary to set switches RG3, RG2 and RA15 on the DIP switch SW12 to the ON position.



Quartz-crystal provides real-time clock with clock signal



Figure 12-2: Real-time clock and microcontroller connection schematic

3V battery enables the operation of the real-time clock when the

power supply is off

13.0. USB UART Module

The USB UART module is used to connect the microcontroller provided on the development system to external USB devices. The USB UART module features the FT232RL circuit providing an interface between the USB device and serial UART module integrated into the microcontroller. In order to establish connection between the microcontroller and USB UART module, it is necessary to set switches 1 (RF2) and 2 (RF3) on the DIP switch SW12 to the ON position.

When connecting a UART device and the microcontroller, it is necessary to cross connect data send and data receive lines. In other words, the UART's RX pin should be connected to the microcontroller's TX pin, while the TX pin should be connected to the RX pin. It is not possible to directly connect UART's and microcontroller's TX lines since the microcontroller wouldn't be able to receive nor send data.



Figure 13-1: USB UART module





14.0. Piezo Buzzer

Due to a built-in piezo buzzer, the develompent system is capable of emitting audio signals. For the piezo buzzer to operate normally it is necessary to generate a voltage signal of specified frequency. The voltage signal is generated in the microcontroller by the appropriate code written to its memory. Remember, when writing the voltage signal generation code, the piezo buzzer's resonant frequency is 3.8kHz. In addition, other frequencies in the range between 20Hz and 20kHz can be used, but the best performance is provided by frequencies ranging between 2kHz and 4kHz. The voltage signal can be generated via the RD8 microcontroller pin. Jumper J18 is used to connect the piezo buzzer with the RD8 microcontroller pin.



Figure 14-2: Piezo buzzer and microcontroller connection schematic

15.0. LEDs

LED (Light-Emitting Diode) is a highly efficient electronic light source. When connecting LEDs, it is necessary to use a current limiting resistor. A common LED voltage is approximately 2.5V, while the current varies from 1 to 20mA depending on the type of LED. The *BIGdsPIC6* uses LEDs with current I=1mA.

There are 77 LEDs on the *BIGdsPIC6* development system which visually indicate the state of each microcontroller I/O pin. An active LED indicates that a logic one (1) is present on the pin. In order to enable the pin state to be shown, it is necessary to select appropriate port (PORTA, PORTB, PORTC, PORTD, PORTE, PORTF, PORTG or PORTG/E) using the DIP switch SW11.





Figure 15-2: LEDs and port PORTB connection schematic

16.0. Push Buttons

The logic state of all microcontroller input pins may be changed by means of push buttons. Jumper J13 is used to determine the logic state to be applied to the desired microcontroller pin by pressing appropriate push button. The function of the protective resistor is to limit the maximum current, thus preventing the development system and peripheral modules from being damaged in case a short circuit occurs. If needed, advanced users may shorten such resistor using jumper J12. Right next to the push buttons, there is a RESET button which is not directly connected to the microcontroller pin. The reset signal is generated by the programmer.



Figure 16-1: Push buttons

By pressing any push button when jumper J13 is in the VCC position, a logic one (5V) will be applied to the appropriate microcontroller pin, as shown in Figure 16-2.



Figure 16-2: Push buttons and port PORTB connection schematic

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17.0. 2x16 LCD

The *BIGdsPIC6* development system provides an on-board connector for the alphanumeric 2x16 LCD. This connector is linked to the microcontroller via ports PORTB and PORTD. Potentiometer P1 is used to adjust display contrast. Switch LCD-GLCD on the DIP switch SW11 is used to turn the display backlight on/off.

Communication between the LCD and the microcontroller is performed in a 4-bit mode. Alphanumeric digits are displayed in two lines each containing up to 16 characters of 7x5 pixels.





Figure 17-2: Alphanumeric 2x16 LCD



Figure 17-3: Alphanumeric 2x16 LCD connection schematic

18.0. 128x64 Graphic LCD

128x64 graphic LCD (GLCD) is connected to the microcontroller via PORTB and PORTD ports and enables graphic content to be displayed. It has the screen resolution of 128x64 pixels, which allows diagrams, tables and other graphic content to be displayed. As both ports are also used for the operation of 2x16 LCD, the displays cannot be used simultaneously. Potentiometer P2 is used for the GLCD display contrast adjustment. Switch 8 (LCD-GLCD) on the DIP switch SW11 is used to turn the display backlight on/off.





Figure 18-3: GLCD connection schematic

19.0. Touch Panel

The touch panel is a thin, self-adhesive, transparent, touch-sensitive panel. It is placed over a GLCD display. Its main function is to register pressure at some specific display point and to forward its coordinates in the form of analog voltage to the microcontroller. Switches 5, 6, 7 and 8 on the DIP switch SW13 are used to connect the microcontroller and touch panel.









Figure 19-1: Placing touch panel over a GLCD

Figure 19-1 shows how to place a touch panel over a GLCD display. Make sure that the flat cable is to the left of the GLCD, as shown in Figure 4.



Figure 19-2: Touch panel connection schematic









Figure 19-3: Connecting touch panel

Figure 19-3 shows in detail how to connect a touch panel to the microcontroller. Bring the end of the flat cable close to the CN23 connector (Figure 1). Plug the cable into the connector (Figure 2) and press it easily so as to fully fit the connector (Figure 3). Now, a GLCD can be plugged into the appropriate connector (Figure 4).

NOTE: LEDs and pull-up/pull-down resistors on ports PORTB and PORTF must be off when using a touch panel.

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20.0. Input/Output Ports

Along the right side of the development system, there are ten 10-pin connectors connected to the microcontroller's I/O ports. Pins RB0, RB1, RB6 and RB7 are used for programming and therefore are not directly connected to the appropriate 10-pin connector, but via the programmer's multiplexer. DIP switches SW1-SW10 enable each connector pin to be connected to one pull-up/pull-down resistor. Whether pins of some port are to be connected to a pull-up or a pull-down resistor depends on the position of jumpers J1-J10.





Figure 20-4: Port PORTB connection schematic