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# **MPQ Manufacturing Programmer User's Guide**

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## **1. MPQ Overview**

The MPQ Manufacturing Programmer is a four port device programmer for In System Programming (ISP) of microcontrollers. MPQ allows you to:

- program up to four devices simultaneously from one MPQ
- build arrays of up to 16 MPQ programmers to program up to 64 devices simultaneously
- store up to four different device images in programmer Flash
- use stand-alone (push-button), PC-controlled or ATE (Automated Test Equipment)-controlled modes of operation
- accommodate target device voltages from 1.8 to 5.5V

### **1.1 MPQ Connections**

The MPQ has three external connectors: the Power connector, the Control connector and the Target connector. The Control connector is a 25-pin Female D Subminiature connector through which external control of MPQ operations takes place. A Communications Cable is provided with the MPQ, which provides a connection between its Control port and a host PC serial port for communications with the MP Manager software.

The Target connector is a 30-pin 2mm male header which provides programming signals for up to four target devices. The Power connector is a 2.1mm male barrel connector, through which the MPQ itself is powered. A Target Cable assembly is provided with MPQ which connects its Target port to the circuit board(s) containing the ISP devices to be programmed. RPM offers several termination options for the target end of Target Cables depending upon the particular microcontroller being supported. Target connector options and pin assignments are outlined in the appendices of this manual.

MPQ senses the target system power supply voltage on each of the four ports to determine when target voltage is at acceptable levels for programming. The MPQ does not provide power to the target systems. The power drawn by the MPQ from each target system for target voltage sensing is less than 1mA.

A power supply is provided with the MPQ, which plugs directly into the MPQ's Power connector, and which is capable of operation from any 50/60Hz, 100 ~ 240VAC power source.

### **1.2 Programming Images**

Images to be programmed into the target devices are stored in the MPQ's internal Flash memory. Up to four different images can be stored in the MPQ. Images are loaded into MPQ flash from a file on the host PC, or by reading a programmed device, using the MP Manager software provided with the MPQ. Additional information required to program the target device, such as device type, target voltage and programming mode, is provided by the operator at the time each image is loaded, and is stored with the image in the programmer. Once an image is loaded into flash and the programmer's Target Cable is connected to the target systems, programming can be initiated in one of three ways: by pushing the green button on the top of the MPQ box (stand-alone mode), by asserting the Active# line on the Control connector (ATE mode), or on command from

the MP Manager host software (PC-controlled mode).

While programming is in progress, the MPQ's Active LED will be lit. Upon completion of programming, the Active LED will be doused, and completion status for each of the four ports will be displayed on the Pass/Fail status LEDs. Disabled ports will not display LED pass/fail status.

## **2. MPQ Setup and Operation**

Before any devices can be programmed, the MPQ must be configured and target images loaded into its internal Flash memory.

### **2.1 Installing the MP Manager Software**

MP Manager software is provided on the CD-ROM included with the MPQ. It can also be downloaded from the RPM Systems web site at: <http://www.rpmsys.com/mpq.html>. Minimum system requirements for MP Manager operation are a 600MHz Pentium class computer with 64 MBytes of RAM, 40MBytes of available disk space and one available serial port. MP Manager is compatible with Microsoft Windows 98, Windows NT, Windows 2000 and Windows XP operating systems.

To install MP Manager, insert the CD-ROM in the CD drive of the computer. If the installer does not start automatically, browse to the *MP Manager* folder on the CD-ROM, and run the *setup.exe* file from that folder. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete installation of MP Manager on the computer. Once MP Manager has been installed, it can be invoked from the Windows Start menu.

### **2.2 Connecting MPQ Power and Communications**

Connect the MPQ-PS power supply provided with your MPQ to the programmer, and plug it into a 90 to 240VAC, 50/60Hz power outlet. Then connect the Communications Cable, also provided, to the MPQ Control connector, and to a 9-pin serial port on the PC host.

#### **2.2.1 Using a USB to Serial Communications Adapter with MPQ**

Many newer computers do not provide an RS-232 serial communications port, instead providing a Universal Serial Bus (USB) standard port. Adapters are available which allow the USB port to be used to communicate with the MPQ's serial interface. If you wish to use a USB to serial adapter with your MPQ, please contact RPM Systems for recommended products, or to purchase an adapter from us directly.

### **2.3 Starting MP Manager Software and Connecting to MPQ**

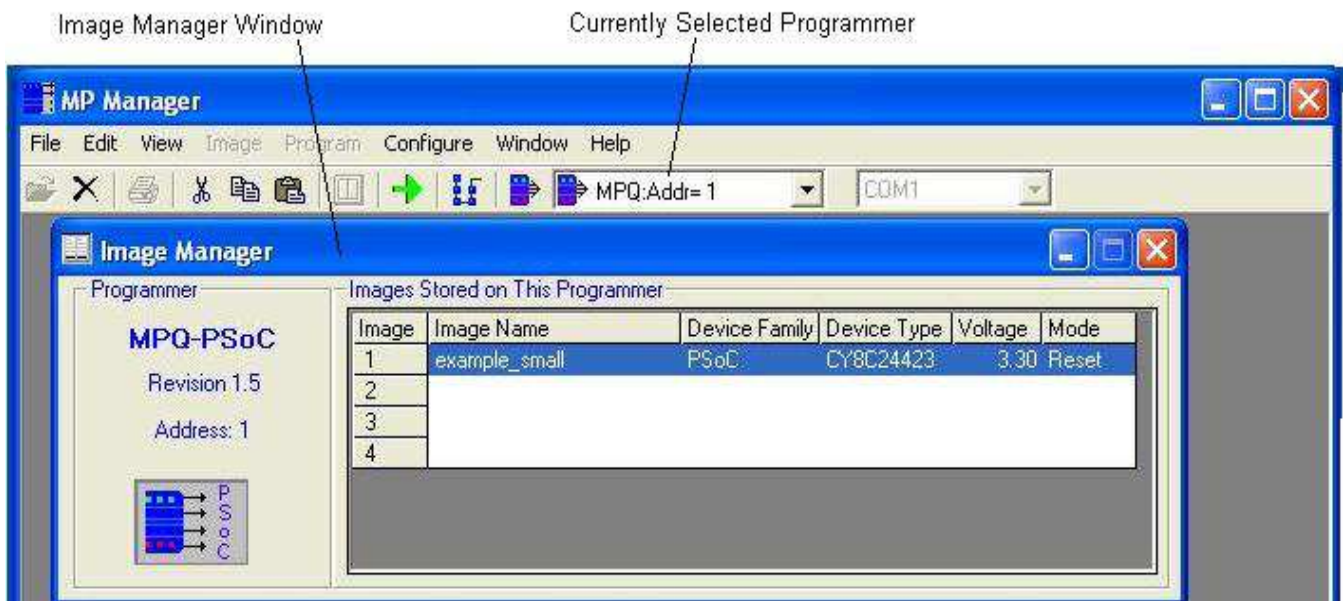
With MPQ powered on and connected the host PC as outlined in the previous section, start the MP Manager software on the host PC (Start/MP Manager/MP Manager). In the main MP Manager window, select the communications port to which the MPQ is attached, then click the Scan for Programmers tool button to locate and connect to programmers connected to that COM port.





The software will display the status message "Acquiring Programmers", and a progress bar will be displayed, while it queries the serial port to identify the programmer(s) attached. A list of the programmers connected to the COM port will be displayed in the programmer select box. If a programmer is not detected, ensure that the programmer is powered on, that the communications cable is properly connected, and that the proper communications port is selected in the MP Manager main window.

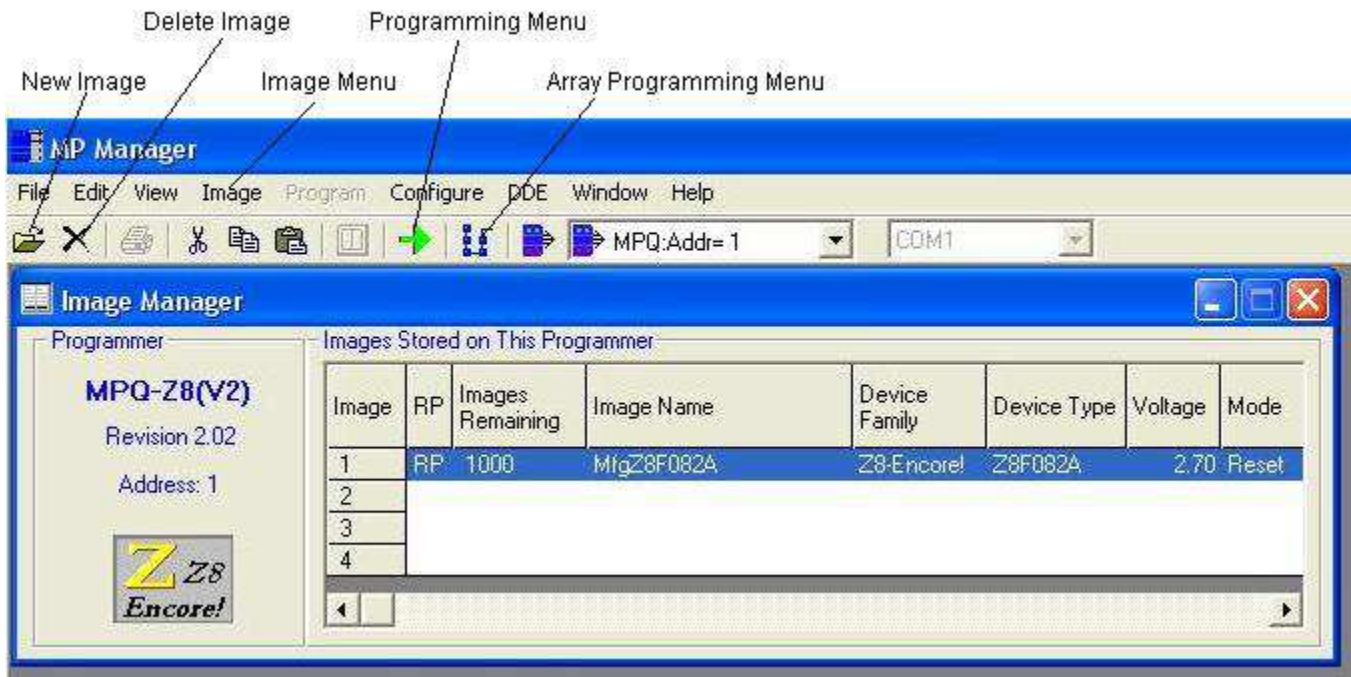
The currently selected programmer will be shown in the programmer select box. Click on the Image Manager toolbar button to open the image manager. The *Programmer* frame on the left-hand side of the Image Manager window will show information regarding the currently selected programmer - model number, device support and revision information. The right side of the Image Manager window will show a list of the images currently programmed into the Flash memory of the programmer. For a new programmer, this list will be empty.



## 2.4 Loading Image Files into MPQ Flash

To load a new image file into programmer Flash, first select which of the four Image banks, Image 1, 2, 3 or 4, shown in the "Images Stored on This Programmer" frame, will receive the new image. Do this by clicking one of the Image numbers with your mouse, or using the arrow keys on your keyboard. Note that, if the bank you select already contains an image, that image will be overwritten with the new image.

Next, select the *Image/Load Image File* option from the MP Manager menu bar, or select the *File-Open* tool bar button. This will open a file browse box. Browse to find the image file you wish to load. The image file will be a .hex file which was created using the development software for the particular microcontroller supported by your MPQ. Once you have selected the image, MPQ reads the .hex file and verifies that it is valid. The "Load Image from File" dialog box will then appear. In this dialog box, you will name the image and select the programming parameters which will be stored with this image in programmer Flash. (Note: if you "Cancel" the file browse box without selecting an image, the Load Image from File dialog will open with an empty image file name).



### 2.4.1 Selecting Programming Parameters

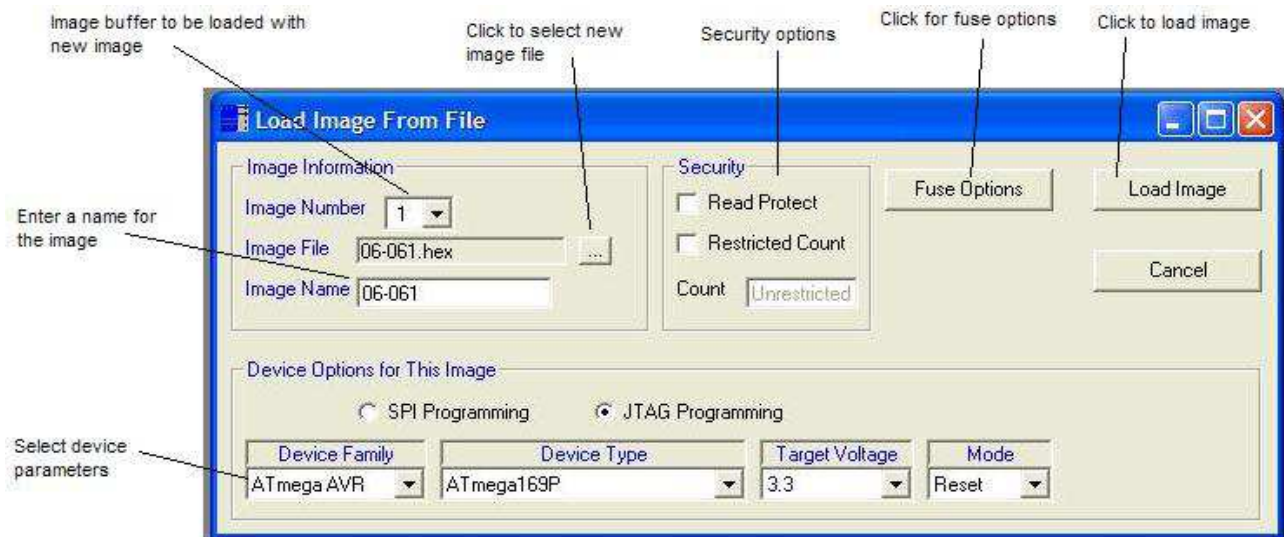
The Load Image dialog allows you to name the new image and to select other parameters necessary for the programmer to properly program devices.

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The Image Name is purely for user convenience. It is stored with the image in Flash, and is intended to help you identify the image. The Image Name defaults to the name of the .hex image file, but could be changed, for instance, to indicate the part number and revision of the firmware.

Once the Load Image dialog is open, you may choose a different image file by clicking on the ellipses next to the Image File. This will reopen the file browse box.

The Image Number shown in the Load Image dialog is the number of the image bank selected in the Image Manager window. To choose a different image, switch to the Image Manager window, select the desired image, then switch back to the Programmer Manager.



The drop-down boxes at the bottom of the Load Image dialog allow you to specify the device family (depends upon the microcontrollers supported by each MPQ), device type, target voltage and programming mode. The target voltage information is used by the programmer to determine when power on the target system is viable, as well as to determine at what voltage level to drive the programming signals to the target system.

The device parameters window will always display the Device Family, Device Type and Target Voltage parameters. Other parameters displayed in this window will depend upon the particular device type being programmed. Device Options information specific to each device family is provided in the appendices of this document.

Once you have selected the desired image file and programming parameters, click the Load Image button to load the new image into programmer Flash. MP Manager will display status messages and a progress bar indicating that it is downloading the image to the programmer, then verifying it, after which a message box will be displayed indicating that the download is complete.

Images in any of the four banks may also be replaced using this process.

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### 2.4.2 Security Settings

The security settings provide some measure of protection against access to your image information by unauthorized individuals, as well as a programmable limit to the number of device which can be programmed from the image.

The Read Protect option prevents the ability to upload the image from the programmer and save it to a file (i.e., the Image/Save Image to File option is not available for this image). Selecting this option has no effect on the use of the image for programming devices, it simply cannot be read out of the programmer for storage on the host PC.

The Restricted Count option allows you to limit the total number of devices which can be programmed with this image. If this option is selected, the number of cycles indicated in the "Count" field will be the total number of devices which may be successfully programmed with the image. Once the count is exhausted, subsequent attempts to program with this image will fail, and a new copy of the image must be loaded from the host to authorize additional programming cycles. Note that, when the "Restricted Count" option is selected, the "Read Protect" option will automatically be selected as well.

**NOTE:** Only the Read Protect option is available on older MPQ (V1) programmers. Both Read Protect and Restricted Count functionality is available on V2 and later programmers.

The security settings for each image, as well as the number of cycles remaining for restricted-count images, are shown in the Image Manager.

Image is Read Protected    1000 program cycles remaining

Image	RP	Images Remaining	Image Name	Device Family	Device Type	Voltage	Mode
1	RP	1000	MigZ8F082A	Z8-Encore!	Z8F082A	2.70	Reset
2		Unrestricted	Test Image 1	Z8-Encore!	Z8F082A	2.70	Reset
3							
4							

Image is not Read Protected    No restriction on programming cycles

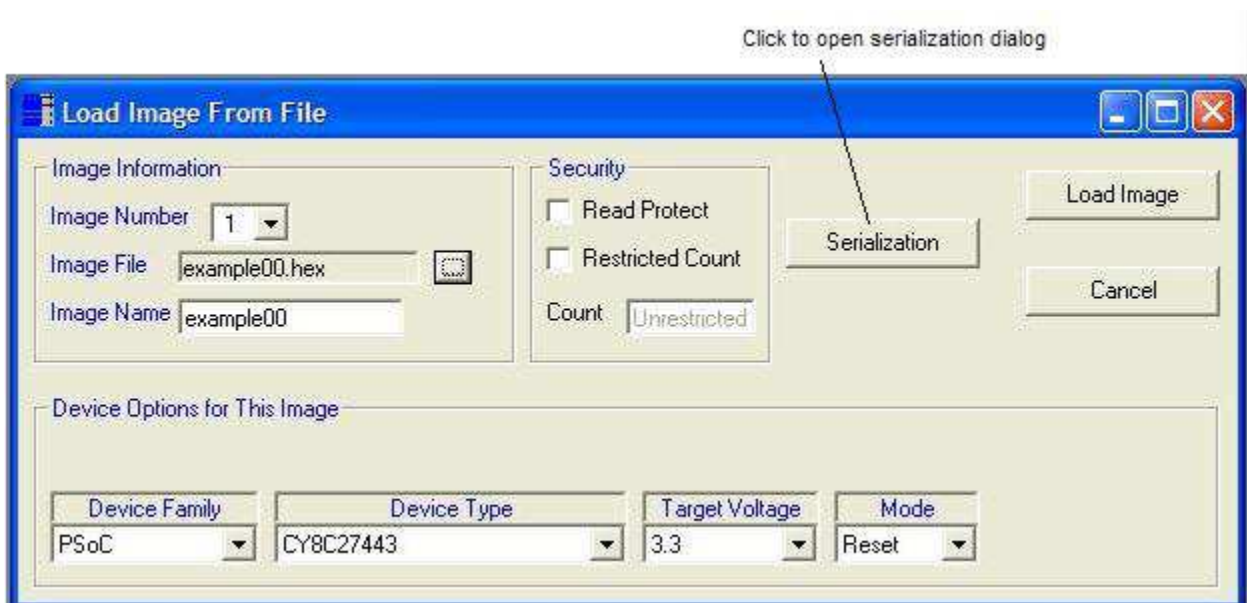
### 2.4.3 Serialization

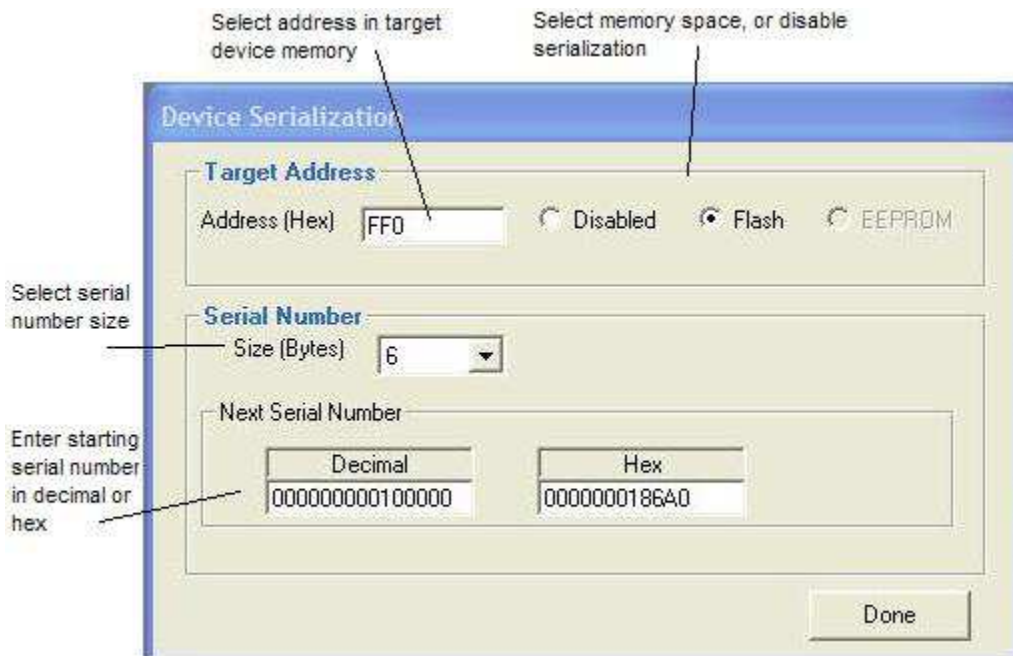
Some MPQ programmers support serialization of the programmed devices. This feature allows the opera-

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tor to define an address in target microcontroller memory which can contain a 2-byte, 4-byte or 6-byte binary serial number, which is automatically incremented by the programmer for each subsequent device programmed. The serialization dialog is invoked from the Load Image dialog. It allows the user to select a target address for the serial number, a memory space (Flash or EEPROM, depending upon the device family), the size of the serial number area in the target memory, in bytes, and the starting serial number value. The byte ordering of the serial number information written to the target is selectable, LSB first or MSB first.

After the image has been loaded, and after any number of programming cycles, the current serial number for each image can be viewed from the Image Manager window by selecting the image bank, then selecting *View Serialization* from the *Image* menu, or by right-clicking on the image in the Image Manager, and selecting *View Serialization* from the popup menu.



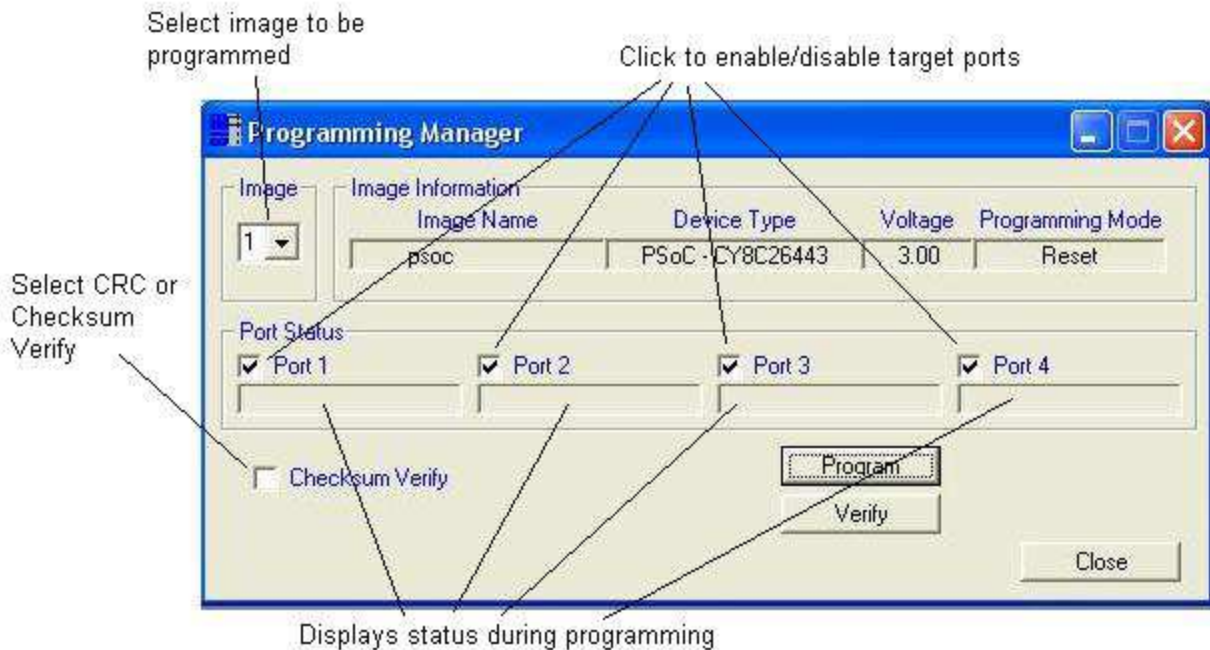


## 2.5 Deleting Images from Programmer Flash

It is not necessary to delete an image from the target Flash before replacing it with a new image. However, there are occasions when it may be desirable to remove an image from the programmer, for instance to ensure that it is no longer used to program devices. To delete images from the programmer, start the Image Manager window as previously described, and select the image to be deleted, either by clicking on the image number or using the keyboard arrow keys. Then select the *Image/Delete Image* option from the MP Manager menu bar, or the *Delete* button on the tool bar. You will be queried to be certain that you want to delete the image. If you chose to do so, the image will be deleted from the programmer.

## 2.6 Programming Devices from MP Manager

Once an image or images have been loaded into the programmer Flash, programming operations can be initiated directly from MP Manager if you so desire. First, ensure that the Target cable is connected between the MPQ's Target connector and the system or systems to be programmed (see appendices for a discussion of target system connections). In the Image Manager window, select the image to be programmed. Next, open the Programming Manager by selecting the *Programming Manager* tool bar button, or by selecting the *View/Programming Manager* option from the MP Manager menu bar. This will cause the Programming Manager window to be opened.



The Programming Manager shows the programming information for the image to be programmed. When the Programming Manager is opened, it defaults to the image which was selected in the Image Manager window. To choose a different image, use the drop-down box in the Image pane on the left side of the Programming Manager window.

To initiate programming, click the Program button, or select the *Program/Program* option from the MP Manager menu bar. During programming, status will be displayed for all four ports as each device is programmed and verified. If power is not applied to the target systems when programming is initiated, the MPQ will wait approximately 10 seconds for power to be applied. As soon as valid power is detected on all four ports, programming will begin. If power has not been detected on all enabled ports after 10 seconds, the MPQ will proceed to program all ports on which power is detected, and will display an error status for those enabled ports on which power was not detected.

While the programming operation is in progress, status will be displayed for all enabled ports in the Programmer Port Status frame. Upon completion of programming, this status will indicate Done if programming is successful, or a failure status if it is not. In addition, pass/fail status for each port will be displayed on the MPQ's status LEDs at the completion of programming.

Once the Programming Manager window is open, you may run multiple programming cycles simply by clicking the Program button to start each new cycle. If you would like to switch images, you can do so by switching to the Image Manager window, selecting a different image, then switching back to the Programming Manager window. It is not necessary to close and reopen the Programming Manager.

### **2.6.1 Enabling and Disabling Target Ports**

Enable or disable target ports by checking or uncheck the boxes next to each target port in the Programmer Port Status frame. A check mark in the box indicates that the port is enabled. It is not necessary to disable ports that are not attached to a target system, however doing so does make the programming cycle go more quickly for the enabled ports, as the MPQ is not required to wait for the 10-second power time-out period to expire.

### **2.6.2 Verifying Devices**

All devices are verified immediately after programming during the Program cycle, before the security fuses are programmed. However, a separate verify-only cycle may be performed by clicking the Verify button in the Programming Manager window, or by selecting the *Program/Verify* option from the MP Manager menu bar. Note that most microcontrollers contain security fuses which can be programmed to prevent subsequent reading of the device's program memory. If these fuses were programmed to setting other than "Unprotected" during the initial programming cycle, the device can not be read back, and **VERIFY WILL FAIL**.

### **2.6.3 Programming Errors**

The following failure statuses may be reported in the Programmer Port Status frame:

<b>No Target Vcc</b>	No power was detected on the port within 10 seconds of program initiation
<b>Device Timeout</b>	The device stopped responding during the program/verify sequence
<b>Verify Failed</b>	Data read back from the device after programming was incorrect
<b>Device ID Failed</b>	The device ID read from the device being programmed did not match the target device type specified for the image
<b>VCC Present</b>	Target Vcc was already present when a Power-On programming cycle was initiated

### **2.6.4 CRC or Checksum Verify**

When MPQ programs a device, it normally reads the entire device contents and compares it to the programming image in order to verify that the part was programmed correctly. The read-verify operation ensures that the programmed image is 100% correct, but lengthens the overall duration of the program cycle. Some microcontrollers, however, allow a CRC or checksum to be read from the device once it is programmed. MPQ can use this capability to reduce program cycle time by verifying that the device CRC or checksum matches the value expected for the programmed image. This allows a sometimes substantial time savings on each program cycle, with relatively little risk of not identifying improperly programmed devices. By checking the "CRC Verify" or "Checksum Verify" box in the Program Manager window, the operator can elect to have MPQ verify programming by this method, rather than performing a complete read-verify.



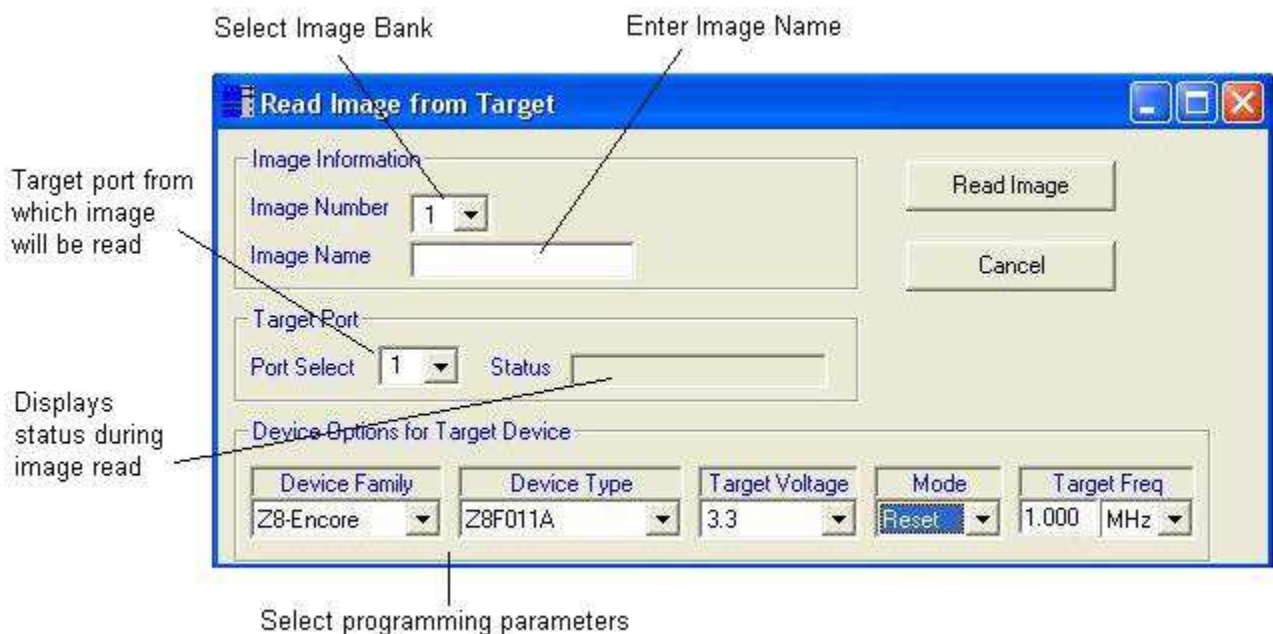
### 2.6.5 Programming Options

Some devices offer programming options, such as memory protection features, oscillator selection, etc., that must be selected at programming time. If the MPQ offers the ability to program these options for the device being programmed, an "Options" button will be displayed in the Program Manager window. Clicking on the Options button will open a second window which allows the available options to be selected. These option windows are discussed in detail in the appendix for each device family.

### 2.7 Reading Images from Target Devices

It is possible to read images from programmed target devices and store them in an image bank on the MPQ. This is useful if you desire to copy the contents of a given device for the purpose of programming other devices. NOTE that it is only possible to read a valid image from a device which has had its protection fuses programmed to prevent the reading of its internal memory. Images read from a device which has been programmed for security will not be valid.

To read an image from a programmed, unprotected device, open the Image Manager Window, and select the image bank which you would like to receive the image to be read. The select *Image/Read Image from Target* from the MP Manager menu bar. This will invoke the Read Image from Target dialog box. This dialog allows you to select the target port from which the image will be read, and to set the programming parameters for the image. Note that the device, target voltage and programming mode selections you choose for the image will also be used when reading the image from the target device. You may also enter a name for the new image. Once you have made your selections, click the Read Image button to read the device and program the image into MPQ Flash. While the image is being read, status will be displayed in the Target Port frame.



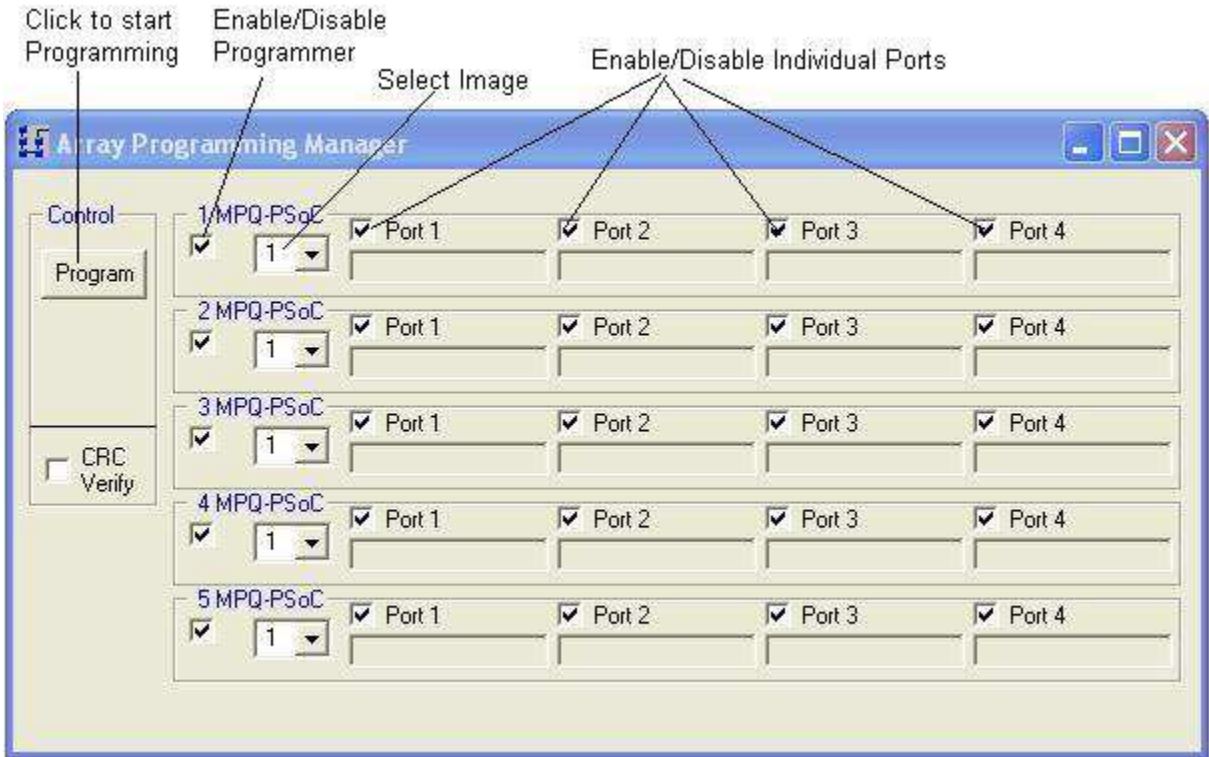
## **2.8 Uploading Images from MPQ**

An image stored in any of MPQ's four image banks may be uploaded and stored in a file on the host PC. To upload an image, open the Image Manager, select the image you would like to upload, then select *Image/Save Image to File* from the MP Manager menu bar. This will open a file browse box, allowing you to specify a file to receive the uploaded image. When you click Save in the Browse box, Image Manager will display status and a progress bar as the image is uploaded from the programmer. The image will be stored on the PC as a standard Intel Hex file.

## **2.9 Array Programming from MP Manager**

MPQ programmers can be connected together in arrays, allowing multiple programmers to be managed together, for simultaneous programming of up to 64 devices. Images are loaded into each MPQ, as described previously, and the Array Program Manager is used to control the programming on multiple MPQ's simultaneously. In order to access multiple MPQ's from the Array Program Manager, they must be interconnected using the RS-485 communications bus (see section 5), which allows multiple programmers to share a single PC communications port.

The first step in array programming is to load target images into all of the programmers in the array, using the Image Manager as previously described. Next, invoke the Array Program Manager using the toolbar button. In the Array Program Manager window, you will be presented with a list of all available programmers connected to the system (as determined by the last Scan for Programmers operation). You will be able to select which programmers will be included in the array programming operation by clicking the check box on the left side of each programmer frame. You will also be able to enable or disable individual ports on each programmer, just as you can from the Programming Manager. Finally, you will be able to select the desired image bank for each programmer. Once you have selected the desired parameters, simply click the Program button to initiate programming of the entire array.



### **3.0 Stand-alone Device Programming**

Once MP Manager has been used to load an image or images into the MPQ's internal Flash, devices may be programmed without the need for a host PC connection. First, use MP Manager to load images into programmer Flash, and to make default image and port enable selections as described in the following section. MPQ may then be disconnected from the host PC and used in stand-alone operation.

For stand-alone operation, provide power to the MPQ using the MPQ-PS power supply, and connect the Target cable to the target system(s). A programming cycle is initiated by pressing the green button on the MPQ. The programming steps taken by the MPQ are identical in stand-alone mode to those taken in PC-connected mode. Final programming status will be displayed on the status LEDs upon completion of programming. In stand-alone mode, without the host PC connected for detailed error reporting, only the LED pass/fail status is available.

Stand-alone operation can also be used with MPQ arrays to program up to 64 devices simultaneously. MPQ arrays are discussed in Section 5.

#### **3.1 Default Image and Port Enable Selections**

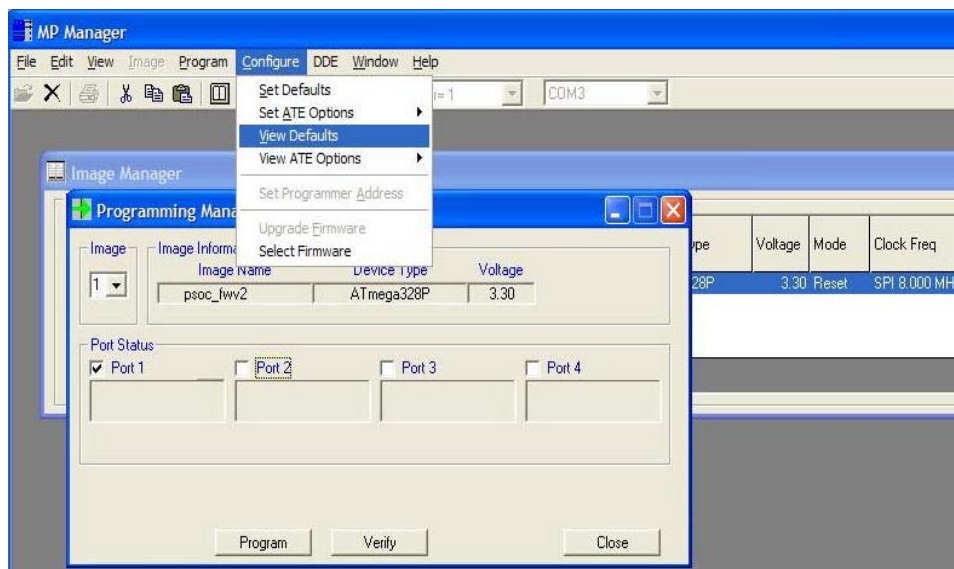
To prepare the MPQ for stand-alone ("push-button") operation, MP Manager must be used to select a default programming image and port-enable selection. To select these options, invoke the Programming Manager, and select the image number and the port-enables you would like to have enabled during stand-alone operation, just as if you were preparing to program from MPManager. For those device families which support CRC Verify or Checksum Verify, this option should also be selected at this time if it is desired for stand-alone programming.

Once you have selected the desired image and port-enable parameters for stand-alone operation, select *Configure/Set Defaults* from the MP Manager menu bar. This will cause your selections to be loaded and stored in the MPQ, and used as the default settings for stand-alone operations.



### **Set Pushbutton Defaults**

If, at any time, you would like to view the default settings currently programmed into an MPQ, connect to the MPQ, open the Program Manager, then select the Configure/View Defaults option from MP Manager menu bar. Note that the default settings do not affect operations which are performed in PC-Controlled mode, using MP Manager.



### **View Pushbutton Defaults**

## 4.0 Interfacing MPQ with Automated Test Equipment

The Control connector provides signals which can be used by Automated Test Equipment (ATE) to manage device programming using the MPQ. ATE control can be extremely simple, involving the use of only one logic-level signal. Additional logic signals may be used to provide the ATE with the capability to select different image and port selection options, and to monitor pass/fail status.

The ATE control signals work in conjunction with settings programmed into the MPQ by MPManger. The ATE may use the Default setting, described in the previous section, or one of four optional ATE settings.

### 4.1 Control Connector Signal Description

Table 4-1 MPQ Control Connector Pins			
Pin Name	Pin #	Direction	Description
RxD	2	Input	RS-232 Serial Receive Data
TxD	3	Output	RS-232 Serial Transmit Data
D+	1	BiDir	RS-485 Serial Data bus
D-	14	BiDir	
ATE_Op_En#	8	Input	ATE Option Select Enable (Low True)
OptionSel0#	9	Input	ATE Option Select
OptionSel1#	21	Input	
CommSel	10	Input	Select RS-232 or RS-485 Communications
Active#	23	BiDir	Program Start Input / Programming Active Status (Low True)
PF1	13	Output	Pass/Fail Status - Port 1
PF2	25	Output	Pass/Fail Status - Port 2
PF3	12	Output	Pass/Fail Status - Port 3
PF4	24	Output	Pass/Fail Status - Port 4
GND	5,7,15,11,22	-	Signal Ground
n/c	4,16	-	No Connection
DNC-Out	6,17,18,19	Output	Reserved outputs. Do not connect to external circuitry
DNC-In	20	Input	Reserved input. Do not connect to external circuitry

Table 4-1 MPQ Control Connector Pins

#### 4.1.1 Active# Control

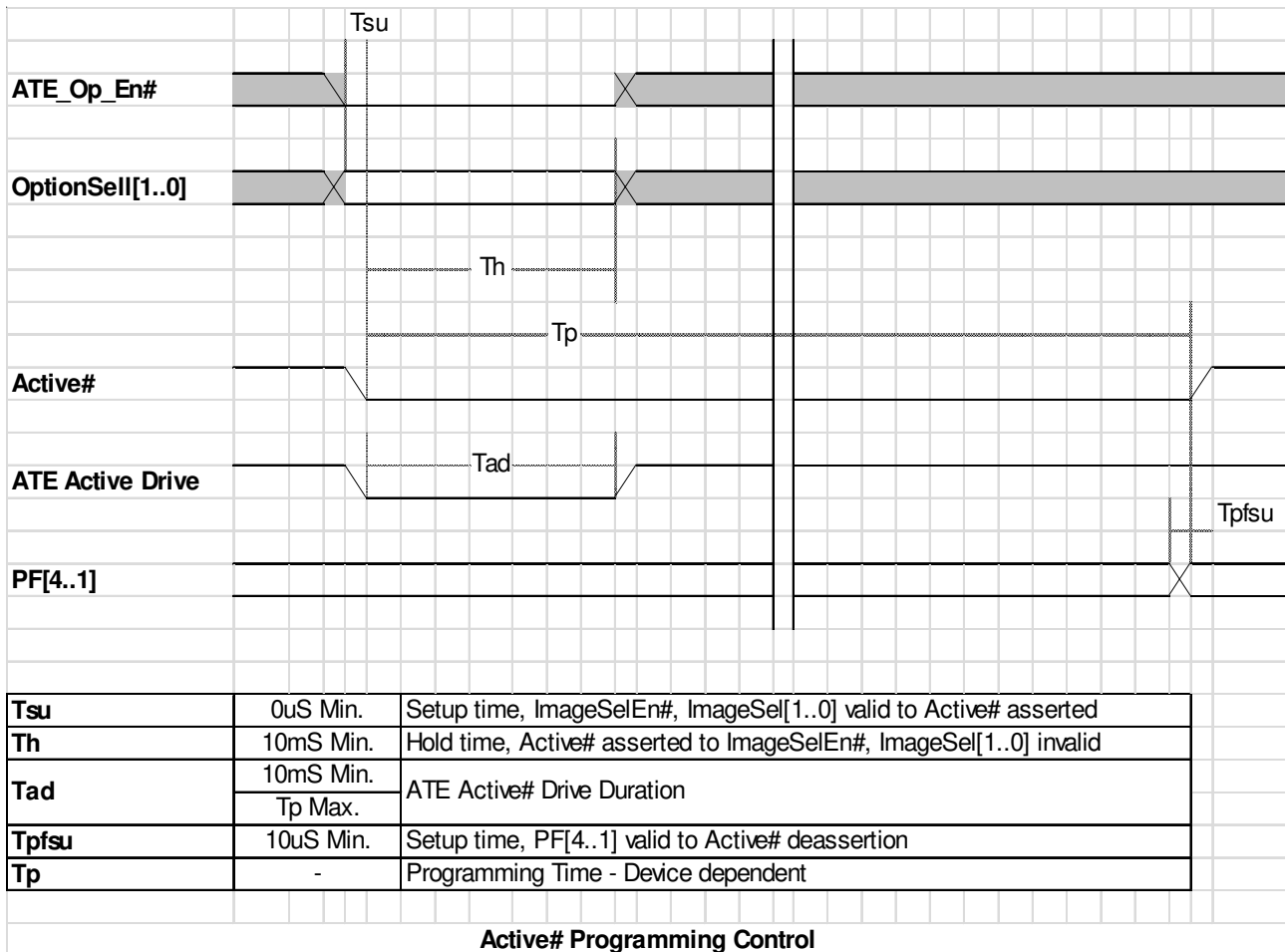
Programming cycles can be initiated and monitored using only a single signal, *Active#*, on the MPQ Control connector. This requires two connections between the ATE and MPQ: the *Active#* signal and GND. *Active#* is a low-true, logic-level, open-drain signal. It is pulled to its inactive state internally with a 4.75K-ohm resistor to 3.3V. Driving this pin to GND externally for 10mS or more will cause a programming cycle to be initiated. The signal will then be held low by the MPQ until the programming cycle has completed. The MPQ will not initiate another programming cycle until *Active#* has first returned to the high state. That is, it is necessary for the ATE to release the *Active#* signal after the start of programming, allowing it to return high upon the

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completion of programming, before another programming cycle may be initiated. The programming cycle will be run on all enabled ports of the MPQ. The default image and port-enable information will be used for programming unless ATE image selection is employed (section 4.1.3).

Active# is an open-drain signal. Current should never be sourced into this pin by the ATE device, and this pin should never be driven below GND potential.

Active# ATE control can also be used with MPQ Arrays, as described in Section 5.



### 4.1.2 ATE Pass/Fail Status

At the completion of programming, pass/fail status is available on pins PF1 .. PF4 of the Control connector. The pins will be drive high (~3.3V) by the MPQ to indicate a PASS condition, or low to indicate a FAIL

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condition. PF1..PF4 are valid on the rising edge of Active#.

The PF1..PF4 signals have an output resistance of approximately 100 ohms. Excessive loading on these pins should be avoided, and they should not be driven by the ATE.

### 4.1.3 ATE Option Selection

When programming is initiated using only Active#, the image and port selections are limited to the Default selections that were made using MP Manager. However, it is possible for the ATE to control image and port-enable selection more directly by using the ATE\_Op\_En# signal. If the ATE\_Op\_En# signal on the Control connector is asserted (low) when Active# is asserted by the ATE, the MPQ will use the information provided on the ATE\_OptionSel 1..0 pins of the control connector to select the programming options. This allows four additional option settings, in addition to the Default setting.

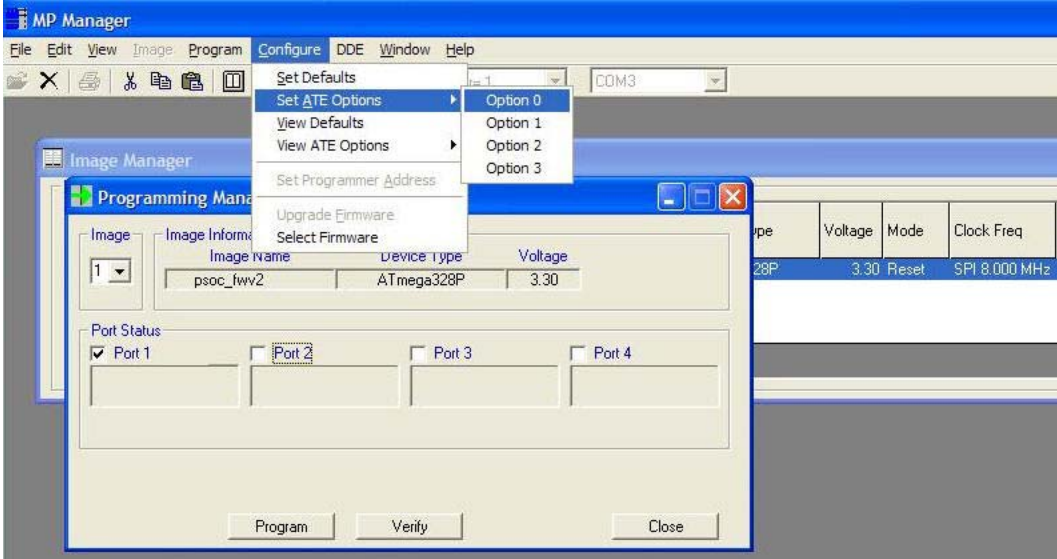
ATE\_Op\_En# and ATE\_OptionSel 1..0 are pulled up with 4.75K-ohm resistors to 3.5V internal to MPQ, so if they are not driven by the ATE, the default image will be used.

<b>ATE_Op_En#</b>	1	0	0	0	0
<b>OptionSel1</b>	x	0	0	1	1
<b>OptionSel0</b>	x	0	1	0	1
<b>Option Selected</b>	Default	3	2	1	0
<b>ATE Option Selections</b>					

### 4.1.4 ATE Option Setup

The four ATE option settings are programmed from MPManager in the same way that the Default setting is programmed. In the Program Manager, select the desired image and port enables, then select *Configure/Set ATE Options* from the MPManager menu bar. You will be given the choice of one of the four ATE Options to be used for the setting. The existing ATE Option settings can also be viewed by selecting *Configure/View ATE Options* from the MPManager menu bar.





**Set ATE Options**

## **5.0 MPQ Arrays**

MPQ programmers can be arranged in arrays - essentially networked together - in a variety of ways in order to provide the ability to control all the programmers in the array with one set of control inputs. Arrays can be used in Stand-alone, ATE and PC-Controlled operating modes.

### **5.1 Stand-Alone Arrays**

To use stand-alone MPQ arrays, it is necessary only to connect together the GND and Active# signals of all programmers in the array. Pressing the green programming button on any one of the MPQs will then initiate a programming cycle on all MPQs in the array. Each MPQ will display pass/fail status for its four ports on its own Pass/Fail LED displays. Under normal circumstances, the image and port enables selected for the array operation will be the Default image selected for each programmer by MP Manager (section 3.1), however the ATE control signals can also be used to select different programming options, as described in the preceding section on ATE-controlled programming.

### **5.2 ATE Controlled Arrays**

ATE controlled arrays can be constructed by connecting together the GND and Active# signals of all programmers in the array. The ATE may then drive the shared Active# low to initiate a programming cycle on all programmers in the array. Note that, since each MPQ provides an internal 4.75K-ohm pullup resistor, the amount of current required from the ATE to assert the Active# signal increases with the number of programmers in the array. The minimum sink current required to assert Active# in an array of 16 programmers is approximately 10mA.

Once the programming cycle is initiated, Active# will be held low until all programmers in the array have completed their programming cycles.

If ATE image selection is desired, the ATE\_Op\_En# and OptionSel1..0 signals of the programmers in the array may be interconnect, as well, and driven by the ATE as described in section 4.1.3.

If the ATE needs to acquire pass/fail status from the programmers in the array, the PF1..4 status outputs from each MPQ in the array must be acquired independently - as a separate ATE input - as each output applies to a specific target port.

### **5.3 PC-Controlled Arrays**

In order to control arrays from the PC, using MP Manager, the PC must be able to communicate with all of the programmers in the array. This is enabled by using the MPQ's built-in RS-485 communications bus. Essentially, the D+, D- and GND signals of each of the programmers in the array are connected together with