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Preface

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this user's guide is to help you get up and running with Microchip's MPLAB C17 C Compiler.

This manual is written with the intent that you are at least familiar with using the C programming language. If not, check Appendix A for a list of reference books that cover C programming.

HIGHLIGHTS

Items discussed in this chapter are:

- About this Guide
- Warranty Registration
- Recommended Reading
- · Troubleshooting
- Microchip On-Line Support
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Document Layout

This document describes how to use MPLAB C17 to write C code for PICmicro[®] microcontroller applications. For a detailed discussion about basic MPLAB IDE functions, refer to the *MPLAB IDE User's Guide (DS51025)*.

This user's guide layout is as follows:

Section 1 – MPLAB C17 Basics

- Chapter 1: Compiler Overview and Installation provides an overview of the MPLAB C17 C compiler, including compiler operation, input/output files and resource requirements. Also gives instructions on how to install or uninstall the compiler onto your system.
- Chapter 2: Differences Between MPLAB C17 and ANSI C describes how MPLAB C17 differs from standard ANSI C. Compares MPLAB C17 and ANSI C and then highlights keyword, statement and standard function differences.
- Chapter 3: Using MPLAB C17 with MPLAB IDE describes how to use MPLAB C17 with the MPLAB IDE v5.xx or below. Code development and other hardware tools are available when using MPLAB IDE.
- Chapter 4: Using MPLAB C17 on the Command Line describes how to use the MPLAB C17 compiler from the command line interface. More compiler options are available on the command line.

Section 2 – MPLAB C17 Advanced Usage

- Chapter 5: Runtime Environment describes the MPLAB C17 runtime environment. Includes information on code and data sections, startup and initialization, memory models and the software stack.
- Chapter 6: Data Types describes MPLAB C17 data types.
- Chapter 7: Device Support Files discusses the device support files used by MPLAB C17, namely processor header files and register definitions files.
- Chapter 8: Interrupts describes how to use interrupts. Detailed interrupt usage may be found in the reference section.
- Chapter 9: Mixing Assembly Language and C Modules provides guidelines to using C with assembly language modules.
- Chapter 10: Writing Efficient Code provides guidelines to writing efficient MPLAB C17 code.

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- Chapter 11: Enabling/Disabling Interrupts detailed information on how to enable and disable interrupts.
- Chapter 12: Implementation-Defined Behavior details MPLAB C17 specific parameters described as implementation-defined in the ANSI standard.
- Chapter 13: MPLAB C17 Diagnostics lists errors and warnings generated by MPLAB C17.

Section 4 – Appendices

- Appendix A: Reference Documents gives references that may be helpful in programming with MPLAB C17.
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 Table:
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Plain characters	Sample code Filenames and paths	#define START c:\autoexec.bat	
Angle brackets: < >	Variables	<label>, <exp></exp></label>	
Square brackets []	Optional arguments	MPASMWIN [main.asm]	
Curly brackets and pipe character: { }	Choice of mutually exclusive arguments; An OR selection	errorlevel $\{0 1\}$	
Lower case characters in quotes	Type of data	"filename"	
Ellipses	Used to imply (but not show) additional text that is not relevant to the example	<pre>list ["list_option, "list_option"]</pre>	
0xnnn	A hexadecimal number where n is a hexadecimal digit	0xFFFF, 0x007A	
Italic characters	A variable argument; it can be either a type of data (in lower case characters) or a specific example (in uppercase characters).	char isascii (char, <i>ch</i>);	
Interface (Arial font):			
Underlined, italic text with right arrow	A menu selection from the menu bar	<u>File > Save</u>	
Bold characters	A window or dialog button to click	OK, Cancel	
Characters in angle brackets < >	A key on the keyboard	<tab>, <ctrl-c></ctrl-c></tab>	
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This user's guide describes how to use MPLAB C17 C Compliler. For more information on included libraries and precompiled object files for the compilers, the operation of MPLAB IDE and the use of other tools, the following are recommended reading.

README.C17

For the latest information on using MPLAB C17 C Compiler, read the README.C17 file (ASCII text) included with the software. This README file contains update information that may not be included in this document.

README.XXX

For the latest information on other Microchip tools (MPLAB IDE, MPLINK[™] linker, etc.), read the associated README files (ASCII text file) included with the MPLAB IDE software.

MPLAB C17 C Compiler Libraries (DS51296)

Reference guide for MPLAB C17 libraries and precompiled object files. Lists all library functions with a detailed description of their use.

MPLAB IDE User's Guide (DS51025)

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MPASM[™] User's Guide with MPLINK[™] and MPLIB[™] (DS33014)

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- Programmers

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Emulators - The latest information on Microchip in-circuit emulators. This includes the MPLAB ICE 2000.

In-Circuit Debuggers - The latest information on Microchip in-circuit debuggers. These include the MPLAB ICD and MPLAB ICD 2. Part

MPLAB - 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.

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Chapter 1. Compiler Overview and Installation

1.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter provides an overview of the MPLAB C17 C compiler and how to install the compiler on your computer.

1.2 HIGHLIGHTS

This chapter covers the following topics:

- MPLAB C17 Description
- Basic Functionality
- Input/Output Files
- Reserved Resources
- Host Computer System Requirements
- Compiler Versions
- Install/Uninstall the Compiler

1.3 MPLAB C17 DESCRIPTION

The MPLAB C17 compiler is a full-featured ANSI C compiler for Microchip's PIC17 PICmicro microcontrollers (MCU). The compiler is fully compatible with Microchip's MPLAB Integrated Development Environment (IDE) (Figure 1-1), allowing source-level debugging with both the MPLAB ICE in-circuit emulator and the MPLAB SIM simulator. MPLAB IDE provides a convenient, project-oriented development environment that reduces development time.

MPLAB C17 has implemented extensions to the C language to provide specific support for Microchip's PICmicro MCU peripherals. The C libraries include: A/D converter, Character Classification, External LCD, I²C[™], Input Capture, Interrupt Support Macros, I/O Port, Memory/String Manipulation, Number/Text Conversion, Pulse Width Modulation, RESET, Relay, Software I²C, Software SPI[™], Software USART, SPI, Timers and USART.



1.4 BASIC FUNCTIONALITY

MPLAB C17 generates object code from C source code. This object code is then input into Microchip's MPLINK linker to form the final executable code. A single C source file may be compiled into a single executable as shown in Figure 1-2, or it can be linked with other separately assembled or compiled modules as shown in Figure 1-3. Related modules can also be grouped and stored together in a library using Microchip's MPLIB Librarian (Figure 1-4). Required libraries can be specified at link time, and only the modules that are needed will be included in the final executable.

For more information on MPLINK linker and MPLIB librarian operation, please refer to the *MPASM*[™] User's Guide with MPLINK[™] and MPLIB[™] (DS33014).











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1.5 INPUT/OUTPUT FILES

These are the default file extensions used by MPLAB C17.

TABLE 1-1: MPLAB C17 DEFAULT EXTENSIONS

Extension	Purpose
.C	Default source file extension input to MPLAB C17: <source_name>.c</source_name>
.err	Output extension from MPLAB C17 for error files: <source_name>.err</source_name>
.0	Output extension from MPLAB C17 for object files: <source_name>.o</source_name>

1.5.1 Source Code Format (.c)

The source code file can be created using any ASCII text file editor. It should conform to C language programming guidelines. For information on how to program using C, please refer to Appendix A.

1.5.2 Error File Format (.err)

By default MPLAB C17 generates an error file. This file can be useful when debugging your code. The MPLAB IDE automatically opens this file in the case of an error. The format of the messages in the error file is:

<type>[<number>] <file> <line> <description>

For example:

```
Error[113] C:\prog.c 7 : Symbol not previously defined
 (start)
```

See the appendices for descriptions of error messages generated.

1.5.3 Object File Format (.o)

Object files are the relocatable code produced from source files.

1.6 RESERVED RESOURCES

The following are PICmicro MCU resource impacts from the compiler:

- **FSR0**: Can be used, but compiler may use also. Don't expect value to stay the same.
- FSR1: Reserved for compiler use.
- **PRODH, PRODL**: Can be used, but compiler may use also. Don't expect value to stay the same.
- **TBLPTRH, TBLPTRL, TBLAT**: Can be used, but compiler may use also. Don't expect value to stay the same.

1.7 HOST COMPUTER SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

MPLAB C17 requires:

- PC-compatible 386 or better class system
- 16 MB memory (32 MB recommended)
- 5 MB hard disk space (10 MB recommended)
- MS-DOS[®] PC-DOS version 5.0 or greater, or Microsoft Windows[®] operating system (version 3.x or greater).

1.8 COMPILER VERSIONS

There are two versions of MPLAB C17:

- a DOS-extended or Windows 3.x version, mcc17d.exe
- a Windows 32-bit version (Windows 95 or greater), mcc17.exe

You can use both versions with MPLAB IDE; however, the Windows 32-bit version is recommended.

1.9 INSTALL/UNINSTALL THE COMPILER

If you are going to use MPLAB C17 with the MPLAB IDE, install the MPLAB IDE first. To install MPLAB C17, enter your Windows operating system, run the file SETUP.EXE on the CD-ROM, and follow the prompts.

The install program will use or create the directory you chose in the setup program. Then, it will install the MPLAB C17 components into seven subdirectories:

- bin executable versions
- doc help files
- examples source code examples, with example-specific header, linker and batch files
- h general header files
- lib library and pre-compiled object files
- lkr linker script files
- src source code for files found in lib directory

In addition, the MPLAB C17 install will create an environment variable, MCC_INCLUDE, in your AUTOEXEC.BAT file. The MCC_INCLUDE environment variable specifies the directories to search for included files. For more information, refer to the #include directive. The install program will also add the compiler bin directory to your PATH so you can run the compiler from any other directory.

To uninstall the compiler:

- 1. From the Start menu, select <u>Settings > Control</u> Panel to display the Control Panel directory.
- 2. Double-click the Add/Remove Programs icon. Scroll down the list and locate the program you want to remove. Click **Remove**.

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Chapter 2. Differences Between MPLAB C17 and ANSI C

2.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter discusses the differences between MPLAB C17 and ANSI C.

2.2 HIGHLIGHTS

Items discussed in this chapter are:

- MPLAB C17 vs. ANSI C
- Components of a Basic MPLAB C17 Program
- Keyword Differences
- Statement Differences
- · Oddities of Standard Functions

2.3 MPLAB C17 vs. ANSI C

Most C programmers have gained their experience programming C on computers where there was an operating system to handle such things as memory management, input/output, interdevice communications, etc. Microcontrollers, by their very nature, do not have the memory overhead for an operating system. Therefore, the compiler expects the user to implement memory allocation, I/O operation through a peripheral, and other specialized tasks. Libraries and precompiled object files are available with MPLAB C17 to aid the programmer in this endeavor.

An MPLAB C17 program is a collection of declarations, statements, comments and preprocessor directives that typically do the following:

- · Declare data structures
- · Allocate data space
- Evaluate expressions
- Perform program control operations
- Control PICmicro MCU peripherals

Additionally, after source code is compiled, it must be programmed into a device. In the device environment, RAM is in an undefined state on power-up. The program must take care of initializing any variables that are set in the code. This is accomplished by storing the variable values in program memory and then moving them to RAM before the main() function executes. There are other main() pre-execution items that may be necessary, such as setting up a software stack. These specialized items may be written in C or assembly code. In either case, the programmer must decide what is needed.

2.4 COMPONENTS OF A BASIC MPLAB C17 PROGRAM

The following is the shell for a basic MPLAB C17 source file, highlighting the elements of the program:

```
– preprocessor directive
#include <p17CXX.h>
                       -
                                 – prototyped function
void function1(void);
void main(void)
                                   main routine
                 -
{
 /* User source code here */
}
void function1(void)

    function definition

ł
 /* User function code here */
}
```

The first line is a preprocessor directive that includes the processor definition file (7.3 "Processor Header File"). This file defines processor-specific information such as special function registers.

Note: p17CXX.h includes proper processor-specific header file based on the processor selected on the command line.

The next line is a declaration of a function (2.6.9 "Functions") that will be used in the main routine (function1). Placing the function declaration here is called prototyping. The function itself may then be defined after the main routine. Another option is to place the entire function definition in the prototype location.

Finally, the main routine is defined, with the appropriate source code between the braces. Note that the main routine is itself a function.

2.5 KEYWORD DIFFERENCES

The ANSI C standard defines 32 keywords for use in the C language. Typically, C compilers add keywords that take advantage of the processor's architecture. The following table shows the ANSI C and the MPLAB C17 keywords, where MPLAB C17 keywords are shown in bold.

asm	double	long	struct
_endasm	else	near	switch
auto	enum	ram	typedef
break	extern	register**	union
case	far	return	unsigned
char	float	rom	void
const	for	short	volatile
continue	goto	signed	while
default	if	sizeof	
do	int	static	

TABLE 2-1:ANSI C AND MPLAB C17 KEYWORDS

** has no effect in MPLAB C17

2.6 STATEMENT DIFFERENCES

There are differences between how MPLAB C17 uses some statements and how these statements would be implemented under ANSI C. These specialized MPLAB C17 statements are:

- #include filename
- #pragma Statements
- Constants
- Variables
- Storage Classes
- Functions
- Operators
- switch Statement
- Initializing Arrays
- · Pointers
- Structures
- Bit-fields

2.6.1 #include filename

Include the file *filename* into the MPLAB C17 program. Usually at least the processor header file is included, so that register and pin names may be used in code as opposed to addresses.

When "filename" is used, MPLAB C17 looks for the file in the current directory and then in the directories specified by the current include search path, which refers to the environment variable MCC_INCLUDE and command-line option '-i'.

When <filename> is used, MPLAB C17 looks for the file in the directories specified by the current include search path.

2.6.2 #pragma interrupt fname

2.6.2.1 DESCRIPTION

Declare a function to be an interrupt function. This pragma must come before the function definition, but may come after a prototype. The compiler will generate a separate temporary storage section dedicated to the function.

See Chapter 9 for more details on interrupt handling.

2.6.2.2 SYNTAX

2.6.3 #pragma list / #pragma nolist

2.6.3.1 DESCRIPTION

The #pragma list directive turns on list file generation for all code following the directive. The #pragma nolist directive turns off list file generation for all code following the directive.

2.6.3.2 SYNTAX

```
list-directive:
#pragma list new-line
#pragma nolist new-line
```

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Appendices

2.6.4 #pragma sectiontype

2.6.4.1 DESCRIPTION

The section declaration family of pragmas changes the section into which MPLAB C17 will allocate data of the associated type. Optionally, the section may be allocated at an absolute address.

A section declaration with no name resets the allocation of data of the associated type to the default section for the current module.

A data section qualified as shared will be located in a SHAREBANK by the linker. Similarly, a data section qualified as access will be located in an ACCESSBANK by the linker.

Specifying a section name which has been previously declared causes MPLAB C17 to resume allocating data of the associated type into the specified section. The section qualifiers must match the previous declaration.

For udata and idata sections in MPLAB C17, the data section type, SFR or GPR, and a bank number may be optionally specified instead of an absolute address. This is functionally equivalent to specifying a varlocate pragma with the same information for each symbol declared in the section. Like varlocate, this qualifier provides information to the compiler only and is not enforced by the linker; therefore, care should be exercised in its use.

Note: Logical sections are used to specify which of the defined memory regions should be used for a portion of source code. For more on sections, refer to the MPLINK linker section of the MPASM[™] User's Guide with MPLINK[™] and MPLIB[™] (DS33014).

2.6.4.2 SYNTAX

2.6.4.3 EXAMPLE

Declare a section for udata allocation at address 0x120. The linker will enforce that the section will be located at address 0x120.

#pragma udata myNewDataSection = 0x120

Resume allocation of romdata into the default section.

#pragma romdata

Declare a new code section at address 0x8000.

#pragma code myExternalCodeSection=0x8000

2.6.4.4 SEE ALSO

#pragma varlocate

2.6.5 #pragma varlocate n name #pragma varlocate {gpr | sfr} name

2.6.5.1 DESCRIPTION

The varlocate pragma tells the compiler where a variable will be located at link time, enabling the compiler to perform more efficient bank switching. The bank may be specified (n) or the GPR or SFR address range may be specified.

varlocate specifications are not enforced by the compiler or linker. The sections which contain the variables should be assigned explicitly in the linker script, or via absolute sections in the module(s) where they are defined, into the correct bank.

2.6.5.2 SYNTAX

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variable-locate-directive:
    #pragma varlocate bank variable-name new-line
    #pragma varlocate [bank-reg] variable-name new-line
#pragma varlocate section-name variable-name new-line
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2.6.6 Constants

The MPLAB C17 compiler supports the usual four different kinds of constants:

- Integers
- Floating-point numbers
- Characters
- Strings

See Chapter 6 for more on data types.

2.6.7 Variables

The MPLAB C17 compiler supports the standard integer and floating-point numeric types. A plain char is signed by default. See Chapter 6 for more on data types.

The ranges of the standard integer types are documented in Table 2-2.

TABLE 2-2: STANDARD INTEGER TYPES

Name	Value	Meaning
CHAR_BIT	8	Width of char type, in bits
SCHAR_MIN	-128	Minimum value of signed char
SCHAR_MAX	127	Maximum value of signed char
UCHAR_MAX	255	Maximum value of unsigned char
SHRT_MIN	-32,768	Minimum value of short int
SHRT_MAX	32,767	Maximum value of short int
USHRT_MAX	65,535	Maximum value of unsigned short
INT_MIN	-32,768	Minimum value of int
INT_MAX	32,767	Maximum value of int
UINT_MAX	65,535	Maximum value of unsigned int
LONG_MIN	-2,147,483,648	Minimum value of long int
LONG_MAX	2,147,483,647	Maximum value of long int
ULONG_MAX	4,294,967,295	Maximum value of unsigned long
CHAR_MIN	If type char is signed by default, then SCHAR_MIN else 0.	Minimum value or char
CHAR_MAX	If type char is signed by default then SCHAR_MAX, else UCHAR_MAX.	Maximum value of char