Chapter 13

PIC Family Microcontroller

Lesson 16

Development Tools

MPLAB®

- A development environment for PIC MCUs
- Free source code
- Free software libraries, commonly available in source code form
- Commonly used software for graphics,
 TCP/IP, USB, encryption, file systems, and
 digital signal processing

MPLAB® development environment

- Supports all over 600 MCUs
- Lowest cost 8-bit MCU
- Highest performing and largest memory PIC32
 MCU
- Most of software stacks compatible across many microcontroller and digital signal processor families from Microchip

Development tools

- MPLAB® IDE (Micorchip PIC Laboratory integrated development environment)
- MPLAB® C Compiler
- MPLAB® REAL ICETM In-circuit Emulator
- MPLAB® ICD 3 In-circuit Debugger
- PICkit 3 Programmer
- MPLAB PM3 Universal Device Programmer

Software resources (Free Source Code)

- USB Host and Device stacks
- Graphics and audio library
- TCP/IP Stack with SSL,
- 16 and 32-bit File System
- CAN software

MPLAB IDE

- Windows environment on a personal computer
- MPLAB® MPLAB editor
- Assembler (MPASMTM), library (MPLIBTM) linker (MPLINKTM)
- Simulator
- MPLAB SIM

MPLAB IDE

- In-circuit emulators (MPLAB ICE 2000 and ICEPICTM)
- in-circuit debugger for specific devices (for example, MPLAB ICD for PIC16F87X)
- MPLAB® IDE full featured editor

Summary

We learnt

- MPLAB an IDE
- Free down load
- Software libraries for number of applications also freely available
- Commonly used software for graphics, TCP/IP, USB, encryption, file systems, and digital signal processing

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