

MPLAB IPE (Integrated Programming Environment) User's Guide

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For the most up-to-date information on development tools, see the MPLAB[®] X IDE online help. Select the Help menu, and then Topics to open a list of available online help files.



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1. Introduction

This chapter contains general information that will be useful to know before using the MPLAB[®] Integrated Programming Environment (IPE) installed. This document is compatible with the version of the IPE installed with MPLAB X IDE v5.40 or greater.

1.1 Conventions Used in This Guide

This manual uses the following documentation conventions:

Table 1-1.	Documentation	Conventions
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Description	Represents	Examples
Arial font:		
Italic characters	Referenced books	MPLAB [®] IDE User's Guide
	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>File>Save</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></f1></enter>
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	OxFF, 'A'
Italic Courier New	A variable argument	$\ensuremath{\textit{file.o}}, \ensuremath{\textit{where file}}$ can be any valid filename
Square brackets []	Optional arguments	mcc18 [options] file [options]
Curly brackets and pipe character: { }	Choice of mutually exclusive arguments; an OR selection	errorlevel {0 1}

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continued				
Description	Represents	Examples		
Ellipses	Replaces repeated text	<pre>var_name [, var_name]</pre>		
	Represents code supplied by user	<pre>void main (void) { }</pre>		

1.2 Recommended Reading

This user's guide describes how to use Microchip MPLAB IPE. Other useful documents are listed below. The following Microchip documents are available and recommended as supplemental reference resources.

Multi-Tool Design Advisory (DS51764)

Please read this first! This document contains important information about operational issues that should be considered when using the MPLAB IPE with your target design.

MPLAB X IDE Online Help

This is an essential document to be used with any Microchip hardware tool.

This is an extensive help file for the MPLAB X IDE. It includes an overview of embedded systems, installation requirements, tutorials, details on creating new projects, setting build properties, debugging code, setting configuration bits, setting breakpoints, programming a device, etc. This help file is generally more up-to-date than the printable PDF of the user's guide (DS50002027) available as a free download at https://www.microchip.com/mplabx/.

Release Notes for MPLAB IPE

For the latest information on using the MPLAB IPE, read the notes under "Release Notes and Support Documentation" on the MPLAB X IDE Start Page. The release notes contain updated information and known issues that may not be included in this guide.

MPLAB IPE Online Help File

A comprehensive help file for the MPLAB IPE is included with MPLAB X IDE. This help file may be more up-to-date than the printed documentation.

Processor Extension Pak and Header Specification (DS50001292)

This booklet describes how to install and use headers. Headers are used to better debug selected devices, without the loss of pins or resources. See also the PEP and Header online Help file.

Transition Socket Specification (DS51194)

Consult this document for information on transition sockets available for use with headers.

SQTP File Format Specification (DS50002539)

This document shows how a Serial Quick Turn Programming (SQTPSM) file is produced and used by MPLAB[®] IPE Integrated Programming Environment. Engineers can use this information to generate their own SQTP file.

2. MPLAB IPE Overview

2.1 IPE Defined

The MPLAB[®] Integrated Programming Environment (IPE) is a software application that provides a simple interface to quickly access key programmer features. The IPE provides a production user interface for use on the manufacturing floor.

The MPLAB IPE uses the MPLAB X IDE v4.20 or greater framework, Microchip Debugger (MDB) database, hardware tool interfaces and respective drivers to provide programming capabilities for all Microchip programmers.

The MPLAB IPE is compatible with any of these platforms:

- Microsoft Windows[®] 7 or later
- Linux[®]
- macOS[™]

2.2 Software Installation Requirements

The MPLAB IPE application must be installed on your PC. It is available during the MPLAB X IDE installation process if the check box is selected (see the setup figure below). You do not need to install the MPLAB X IDE in order to use the IPE application. However, you may want to refer to the online help for the MPLAB X IDE for additional information. Also select the check boxes for the device support you want installed.

F	Figure 2-1. Select Applications Dialog			
ſ	U Setup			
	Select Applications			
	Choose which applications you want to install:			

MPLAB X IDE (Integrated Development Environment)

MPLAB IPE (Integrated Programming Environment)

Choose Microchip device support you want installed:

8 bit MCUs (2.2GB)

16 bit MCUs (1.7GB)

32 bit MCUs (4.6GB)

✓ Other MCUs (SERIALEE, HCSxxxx) (13MB)

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- Paths, filenames. or project names

- Fragments of user's source code

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Once you've installed the software, the IPE application can be accessed through the MPLAB IPE icon on your desktop or startup menu.

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2.3 **Programming Tools Supported**

The following programming tools work with the IPE:

- MPLAB ICD 3 In-Circuit Debugger recommended for production programming
- MPLAB ICD 4 In-Circuit Debugger recommended for production programming
- MPLAB PICkit[™] 3 Debugger/Programmer for development programming only
- MPLAB PICkit[™] 4 In-Circuit Debugger recommended for production programming
- MPLAB Snap In-Circuit Debugger for development programming only
- MPLAB PM3 Programmer recommended for production programming
- MPLAB REAL ICE[™] Emulator recommended for production programming
- · Licensed PKOB Starter Kits recommended for development programming only

2.4 IPE Modes

The IPE application operates in two modes:

• Production Mode – in which you can perform production programming operations. By default, the IPE is in Production Mode when it is launched. The Production Mode capabilities are set from the Advanced Mode menu discussed in 3.4.6 Production of this document.

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 Advanced Mode – a feature-rich GUI interface in which you can view and change the settings for programming operations, and set up a production user interface for use on the manufacturing floor. To enable Advanced Mode, see 3.2 Setting Up the Programmer.

3. General Setup

Getting started with the MPLAB[®] IPE is discussed in this chapter.

3.1 Launching the MPLAB IPE Application

After installing the software, double-click the MPLAB IPE application icon located on the desktop. The MPLAB IPE main window opens.

Figure 3-1. MPLAB IPE Main Window

😕 MPLAB X	IPE					
File Settings View Tools Window Help						
Operate						
Device and	Tool Selection	Results				
Family:	All Families 🔹	Checksum: NA				
Device:	TIAA010	Pass Co 0				
Tool:	Select Tool Connect	Fail Count: 0				
		Total Count: 0				
Program Erase Read Verify Blank Check						
Hex File:	Click on browse to select HEX file	Browse Clear sele				
SQTP File:	SQTP File: Click on browse to select an SQTP file Browse Clear sele					
Output - IPE 🕺						
		•				
		T				
	Tool: N/	Device: NA Environment: NA Pack: NA				

Multiple Instances of IPE

If you need to have multiple instances of the IPE available, refer to the MPLAB X IDE help. Open MPLAB X IDE, go to <u>Help>Tool Help Contents>MPLAB X IDE Help</u> and navigate to the "Before You Begin" section, then "Launch Multiple Instances of the IDE." The instructions also apply to the IPE.

3.2 Setting Up the Programmer

For programming devices, you can use any of the supported tools (see 2.3 Programming Tools Supported). Refer to the online help of the selected tool (for example, MPLAB ICD 4, PICkit 4, etc.) for information on programming a device.

 Using the Family drop-down menu, select the family of the device you wish to program, then use the Device drop-down menu to select the device. Or, use the Device drop-down menu directly to select the device.
 Note: Selecting the Recently Used option from the Family menu lists the latest 10 devices used in the Device menu.

Figure 3-2. Recently Used

Device and To	ol Selection		
Family:	Recently Used		
Device:	PIC24FJ64GA010	- Ap	ply
	PIC32MX130F128L		
Tool:	PIC32MX220F032D	Con	nect
	ATmega649		
	PIC16F1829		
	PIC18LF26K42		
	PIC24FJ64GA010	R	

- 2. Click **Apply** to configure the IPE to the current device (for example, Target Memory Views, checksum).
- 3. Connect the development tool to the PC and attach the appropriate target board, device and power. Refer to the tool's online help for additional instructions and information on connecting to target boards, etc.
- 4. Use the Tool drop-down menu to select the tool you want to use. If more than one development tool is connected to the PC, select the one you wish to use.

Figure 3-3. Select Tool

Device and Tool Selection						
Family:	Recently Used	*				
Device:	PIC24EP128GP202	•	9	Apply		
Tool:	ICD 4 S.No : JIT163920011	•		Connect		
	DCD 4 S.No : JIT163920011					
	PICkit4 S.No : BUR180524036					

- 5. Click the **Connect** button (next to the Tool name) to establish a connection between the IPE and the tool.
- 6. When the tool is connected, any messages or errors related to this tool will be displayed in the Output window (refer to the following figure).

ile Settings	View Tools Window Help			
Operate				$\checkmark \Rightarrow \checkmark$
Device and	Tool Selection		Results	
Family:	Recently Used	•	Checksum:	7F80 62
Device:	PIC24EP128GP202	- Apply	Pass Count:	0
Tool:	ICD 4 S.No : JIT163920011	▼ Disconnect	Fail Count:	0
	Program	Read		Blank Check
Hex File:	Click on browse to select HEX file		Bro	owse Clear selection
SQTP File:	Click on browse to select an SQTP file		Bro	OWSE Clear selection
Dutput - IPE	Output Window Tab			
Connectin	ng to MPLAB ICD 4			
Currently Applicat: Boot vers FPGA vers Script ve	y loaded versions: ion version00.00.71 sion00.00.52 sion00.00.31 ersion00.01.99	Information d	lisplays here	
Script bu Applicat:	uild numberd1a127876a ion build numbercef06ab8e4			
Appircau.				

Figure 3-4. Output Window

7. After the tool is successfully connected, proceed to the next chapter to program the device with the IPE.

3.3 Advanced Mode Login

3.3.1 Logging In

Typically, someone has been authorized to establish the settings that production will use for the device and tool. To input those settings, log in to the Advanced mode.

Select <u>Settings>Advanced Mode</u> to open the Advanced Mode login dialog. The password is case sensitive. Type in the default password microchip and click **Login**.

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Figure 3-5. Advanced Mode Login

Advanced Mode	X
Log on to advanced mode	
Password:	sword is microchip
Change Password	Log in
Reset Password	Forgot Password
Keep me logged in	

3.3.2 Changing the Password

To change the password after the initial log on, click **Change Password**. A Change Password dialog opens.

Ch	ange Password	X
	Current Password:	
	New Password:	
	Confirm New Password:	
	In what city or town was your first job?	
	Change password Cancel	

If you forget the new password, click on **Forgot Password** under the **Log in** button. The Forgot Password dialog opens where you can answer the security question used when you changed the default password (microchip) to a new one. Once you enter the answer, click **Submit** and it displays your password.

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Forgot Password	X
In what city or town was your first job?	
1	
Submit	

3.3.3 Staying Logged In

To start up the MPLAB IPE directly in Advanced mode without entering the password again, type the password, select the "Keep me logged in" check box, then click **Log on**. A new installation or first time usage will launch the MPLAB IPE in basic mode. Once the "Keep me logged in" check box is selected, subsequent launches will open in Advanced mode.

To cancel the automatic Advanced mode login, click Logout (see figure below) on the Advanced Settings dialog.

Figure 3-6. Cancel Keep Me Logged In



3.4 Advanced Mode Settings

Advanced mode settings must be set by someone authorized to do so. Some settings that are selected in these dialogs will allow a production specialist to view and control certain commands from the IPE Menu bar, Settings menu.

3.4.1 Operate

After validating the password to log in to the Advanced Mode, the dialog opens in the Operate view. This display is similar to the main display, with the addition of option buttons located along the left side of the window. The dialog shows the device and tool that has been selected (see Section 2.3 "Setting Up the Programmer").

File Settings V	iew Tools V	Window Help						
Opti	Operate							
00	Device and	Device and Tool Selection Results						
Operate	Family:	All Familie	S	•	CP=OFF Checksum:	C404		
പ്	Device:	PIC18E2	LK50		Checksum:	C404	62	
Power		1101012	100	• Apply	Pass Count:	0		
	Tool:	ICD 4 S.M	lo : JIT163920011	▼ Disconnect	Fail Count:	0		
Memory					Total Count:	0		
Environment		Program	Erase	Read	Verify	Blank	Check	
007	Hex File:	Click on browse	e to select a hex file			Browse	Clear selection	
- SulF	SQTP File:	Click on browse	to select a SQTP file			Browse	Clear selection	
Production	Output - IPE	88						
								*
Settings								
Logout								-

Figure 3-7. Advanced Mode, Operate Dialog

3.4.2 Power

The Power option is available only when a tool is connected. From the Advanced Mode dialog, click **Power** to display the available settings. Depending on the tool and the device, only the options available for that combination display.

Memory options will vary for different device families and the tool selected. All of the settings and parameters are similar to MPLAB X IDE.

Table 3-1. Power Settings

Setting	Description	
Note: The options available will vary depending on the device and too selected. The following may not show e possible option.		
Voltage Options		
V _{DD} Min/Max	This voltage is used by the programmer to verify memory. The value should be the minimum/maximum voltage for the designated circuit. The default is the device's maximum voltage value.	
V _{DD} Nom	The default value depends on the device. For example, PIC32 has 3.3V as default V_{DD} Nom.	
V _{PP}	This is the voltage used to bring the device into a programming mode. Although this is dependent on the device's programming specification, it can be changed.	
V _{DD} App	This is the voltage used by the programmer to verify Flash memory. The default is the device's nominal voltage value.	
Power target circuit from (tool)	This setting enables the tool to power the target.	
Voltage Level	Set the level you want to use.	

continued		
Setting	Description	
Programming Options		
Programming mode entry	Select "Use low voltage programming mode entry" or "Use high voltage programming mode entry".	
Programming Method	Select either "Apply Vdd before Vpp" or "Apply Vpp before Vdd."	
Reset to defaults	Returns voltages to their default settings.	

3.4.3 Memory

Setting

From the Advanced Mode dialog, click **Memory** to display the available settings for the device and tool you selected. You can control the memory address and other parameters related to a programming operation. Some of the options in this window are also available on the main screen, for viewing and to provide easy access to these settings.

Memory options will vary for different device families and the tool selected. All of the settings and parameters are similar to MPLAB X IDE.

Note: The memory settings for the MPLAB PM3 Programmer may be different in versions of MPLAB IPE prior to v3.60.

Description

Table 3-2. Memory Settings

Note: The options available will vary depending on the device and too selected. The following may not show every possible option.

Allow select memories and ranges	Select either "Allow (tool) to Select Memories" or "Manually select memories and ranges."
Configuration Memory	When selected, this setting allows the tool to program the configuration memory.
Auxiliary Memory	When selected, this setting allows the tool to program the auxiliary memory.
Flash Data	When selected, this setting allows the tool to program the Flash data.
EEPROM	When selected, this setting allows the tool to program the EEPROM.
ID	When selected, this setting allows the tool to program the User IDs.
Boot Flash	When selected, this setting allows the tool to program the Boot Flash.
Program Memory	When selected, this setting allows the tool to program the program memory.
Program Memory Range(s) (hex)	The address range in Hex of the program space that will be programmed.
Preserve Program Memory	When selected, this setting allows the tool to preserve the program memory. If you wish to use any of the Preserve Memory options, first ensure that your code is not code-protected. For memory to be preserved, the programmer reads the section it needs to save, performs a bulk erase of the device, reprograms the device and then rewrites the area that is preserved with what was saved. Therefore, this area cannot be code protected.
	Note: The MPLAB PM3 programmer does not support the Preserve Memory options in the environment .pm3 files.
Preserve Program Memory Range(s)(hex)	The address range in Hex of the program space that will be preserved.
Preserve ID Memory	When selected, the ID memory will not be programmed with any new data that is present in the ID memory. Only available if device has user ID memory. Note: PIC32M devices do not support preserving user ID or Boot memory.

continued		
Setting	Description	
Reset	Returns addresses to default settings.	

The MPLAB PM3 programmer does not support the Preserve Memory options in the environment .pm3 files.

If you wish to use any of the Preserve Memory options, first ensure that your code is not code-protected. For memory to be preserved, the programmer reads the section it needs to save, performs a bulk erase of the device, reprograms the device and then rewrites the area that is preserved with what was saved. Therefore, this area cannot be code protected.

PIC32M devices do not support preserving User ID or Boot Memory.

3.4.4 Environment

Environments allow you to save settings, so that all of the same settings can be reloaded in another programming session. Environments are supported, under all tools, as either .pen files or .pm3 files.

Note: MPLAB PM3 programmer does not support the Preserve Memory options in the environment .pm3 files.

From the Advanced Mode dialog, click **Environment** to display the available settings.

Table 3-3. Environment Settings

Setting Description

Note: The options available will vary depending on the device and too selected. The following may not show every possible option.

Create Environment Tab				
Environment Information				
Name	Enter a name for the environment.			
.pm3 file	For MPLAB PM3, select this type of file.			
.pen file	For MPLAB ICD 3/4, PICkit 3/4 and REAL ICE tools, select this type of file.			
Description	Enter the description for the environment.			
Misc Files	Add or remove other files used in the environment, for example, data sheets, instructions, etc. Multiple files can be selected.			
SQTP File	Browse or enter the SQTP file name used in the environment.			
Save to PM3 Card	Saves the environment file to a MPLAB PM3 SD card destination. See ADD LINK TO REFERENCE SECTION Save Firmware into PM3 SD Card for additional information on saving multiple operating system firmware to the SD card.			
Save to PC	Saves the environment file to a destination on the PC			
Сору	Opens the Copy Environment dialog to select source and destination for copying the environment.			
Browse Environments Tab				
Browse on:	Select either PC or MPLAB PM3 Card.			
PC	When the PC is selected, it opens the PM3 Environment file selection browser for you to select an environment to load into the MPLAB PM3.			

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Setting	Description
MPLAB PM3 Card	When this option is selected, it opens the PM3 Card browser for you to select an environment from the files on the PM3 Card. In the browser, you can: view the properties of the PM3 SD Card
	format the PM3 SD card
	select an environment to load into the MPLAB PM3; the information displays in the Environment Settings window
	select an environment to delete from the PM3 Card
	select an environment to view information; information displays in the Environment Settings window
Environment Information	Displays information related to the selected environment file such as Name, Path and Environment Description. From here, you can select to clear the information or load the environment into the MPLAB PM3.

3.4.5 SQTP

SQTP (serial quick turn programming) is used to program a unique serial number into each device. This number can be used as an entry code, password or ID number. From the Advanced Mode dialog, click SQTP to display the available settings.

If using SQTP with MPLAB PM3, see "Using SQTP with MPLAB PM3" below for additional information. If using PIC32 devices, see "Using SQTP with PIC32 Devices" below for information on the import methods. For information about how the SQTP files are produced, refer to the SQTP File Format Specification (DS50002539).

Setting	Description
Note: The options available will possible option.	vary depending on the device and too selected. The following may not show every
Generation Method:	
Random	Select this option to generate unique, random numbers for each part. Also enter the start address, number of bytes and number of parts in the corresponding fields.
Pseudo-Random Seed Value (Hex):	Select this option to generate a pseudo-random set of non-repeating numbers based on the Hex value you enter into the Seed Value field. Also enter the start address, number of bytes and number of parts in the corresponding fields.
Sequential Start Value (Hex): Increment (Dec):	Select this option to generate sequential numbers based on the starting value specified and incrementing each number by the amount specified. Also enter the start address, number of bytes and number of parts in the corresponding fields.
Configuration:	
Start Address (Hex)	Enter the starting address (in Hex) for the serial number.
Number of Bytes (Dec)	Enter the size of the serial number (in decimal). Make sure a large enough serial number is specified for the number of parts planned to program using this file.
Number of parts (Dec)	Enter the number of parts to be programmed using this file.
Location:	

Table 3-4. SQTP SETTINGS

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continued		
Setting	Description	
Program Memory	Select this option to load the SQTP number in program memory.	
EEPROM	Select this option to load the SQTP number in EEPROM.	
Auxiliary Memory	Select this option to load the SQTP number in auxiliary memory.	
User OTP Memory	Select this option to load the SQTP number in One-Time Program memory.	
User ID Memory	Select this option to load the SQTP number in user ID memory.	
Boot Memory	Select this option to load the SQTP number in boot memory.	
Flash Data	Select this option to load the SQTP number in Flash memory.	
Access Method:		
RETLW	Select this option to use a series of RETLW (Return Literal W) instructions with the serial number bytes as the literal data.	
Raw Data	Select this option to use the raw data.	
Format for PSV	If the Raw Data option is selected, selecting Format for PSV formats SQTP data to make it compatible with PSV (Program Space Visibility).	
Programming Options:		
Disable operations of SQTP values are exhausted	Select this option to cease programming if there are no more SQTP values available.	
Display the next SQTP sequence in the output window	Select this option to display the information in the output window.	
Generate	Click Generate to create the SQTP (.num) file.	

Using SQTP with MPLAB PM3

SQTP files for Flash Data memory that were generated prior to MPLAB IPE v2.20 will work with MPLAB PM3 firmware up to v3.00. SQTP file generation for Flash Data memory has been modified to the 32-bit byte order (12345678) and the firmware is updated accordingly. A new SQTP file must be regenerated to work with MPLAB IPE v3.00 and higher.

Using SQTP with PIC32 Devices

For PIC32 devices only, starting with MPLAB IPE v3.15, a dialog box, similar to the one below, is provided to choose either 32-bit byte order (12345678) or 16-bit byte order (56781234) when loading an SQTP file.

Figure 3-8. Import SQTP File Dialog

la Choose byte grouping	X
Please choose the byte order grouping to load the selected SQT	۲Р file.
32-bit byte order (i.e. 12345678)	
16-bit byte order (i.e. 56781234)	
Cancel	Ok

3.4.6 Production

From the Advanced Mode dialog, click **Production** to display the available settings.

The Production Settings dialog enables authorized personnel to select the options that are available during production programming. The options that are selected in the Production Settings (see table below) determine which commands will be available under the main IPE menu bar's File, View, and Settings menus when in Production Mode.

Select the appropriate settings for your production programming project by checking or unchecking the settings. Selecting a check box in the Production Settings dialog causes a check mark to display in front of that option under the Settings menu on the main IPE menu bar.

A check mark indicates that an option has been set in the Advanced Mode. If the item is available and has a check mark, then the production specialist can control this item by toggling it on or off.

Setting	Description
Allow Export Hex	This setting enables a production specialist to export Hex files. If checked, this option displays under the <i><u>File>Export</u></i> menu.
Allow Import Hex file	Enables a production specialist to import Hex files. If checked, this option displays under the <i><u>File>Import</u></i> menu.
	Note: If using a Hex file in the IPE and the file is modified using Notepad, MPLAB X IDE, etc., outside of the IPE, a message displays: "File modified. The loaded hex file has been modified externally. Would you like to reload hex file?"
Auto reset program stats counter	Automatically resets the program statistics counter.
Allow Import Multiple Hex files	This setting enables a production specialist to import multiple Hex files. If checked, this option displays under the <i><u>File>Import</u></i> menu.
Allow Import Environment	This setting enables a production specialist to import environments. If checked, this option displays under the <u><i>File>Import</i></u> menu.
Allow Import SQTP file	This setting enables a production specialist to import SQTP files. If checked, this option displays under the <i><u>File>Import</u></i> menu.
Generate Reports	This setting enables reports to be generated. If Generate Reports is checked, click Browse to set the location where the reports will be placed.
Limit the Program Count to	If selected, this option limits the pass, fail, and total counts to the value that is entered into the associated field. This actually halts further programming operations from occurring.
	To clear the counts on the main window, click Reset Counters .
Allow "Verify Device ID before Program" under Settings menu (Applicable only for PM3)	This setting activates this option in the Settings menu and enables a production specialist to control this option. This setting is valid only for tools that are capable of performing this function, for example, MPLAB PM3.
Allow "Auto Download Firmware" under Settings menu	If selected, this option displays in the Settings menu and can be controlled by a production specialist. If it is not selected, the IPE automatically downloads the latest firmware for the tool, if needed.

Table 3-5.	Production Settings	
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General Setup

continued		
Setting	Description	
Allow "Erase All before Program" under Settings menu (Applicable only for PM3 and Gen4)	If selected, this option displays in the Settings menu and can be controlled by a production specialist. If it is not selected, the production specialist cannot control this option from the Settings menu.	
	Note: This option will only be enabled under the Settings menu if the PM3 is connected. For all other tools, this setting is set to true by default and cannot be changed.	
Allow "PM3 Communication" under Settings menu	If selected, this option is enabled and can be controlled by a production specialist. If using the MPLAB PM3 programmer COM port (RS-232), you must select this option in order to set the appropriate COM port.	
Remove Read button from main window	If this option is selected, the Read button is removed from the main window.	
Audible notification on successful program completion	If selected, this option generates a sound when programming completes successfully.	
Allow memory editing and filling	Enables memory editing and filling of Execution Memory, Configuration Bits, User ID Memory or Device ID Memory. If enabled, this option is accessed in Production Mode from the <i>Window>Target Memory Views</i> option.	
Display EEPROM checksum in the output window	If selected, the EEPROM checksum is displayed in the output window. "EEPROM checksum" is the checksum of the EEPROM memory in the MCUs (PIC18F1220 for example) and not the memory from the exclusive memory devices such as 11AA/ LCxxx, 24AA/LC/FCxxx.	
Display imported hex file checksum with CP=OFF	If selected, the non-code protected checksum is displayed in the Results area. A checksum is a calculated value (see the device programming specification for calculation) that should match the value of the programmed device when performing a read of the device. If selected, the CP=OFF checksum setting displays the checksum of the hex file with the code protection bit disabled. This allows for a meaningful checksum value for hex images with enabled code protection bits.	
Enable programming operations only if hex file is loaded	If selected, If Hex file is not loaded: All the programming buttons (Program, Read, Erase, Verify, Blank Check) will be disabled.	
	If Hex file is loaded, all the programming buttons will be enabled.	
Allow Memory View		
Program Memory	If this option is selected, program memory can be displayed in the <u>Windows>Target</u> <u>Memory Views</u> on the main window.	
Auxiliary Memory	If this option is selected, auxiliary memory can be displayed in the <u>Windows>Target</u> <u>Memory Views</u> on the main window.	
User IDs	If this option is selected, user IDs can be displayed in the <u><i>Windows>Target Memory</i></u> <u><i>Views</i></u> on the main window. This is only applicable if user IDs are supported by the tool.	
Config Memory	If this option is selected, configuration memory can be displayed in the <i>Windows>Target Memory Views</i> on the main window.	
Flash Data	If this option is selected, Flash memory can be displayed in the <u>Windows>Target</u> <u>Memory Views</u> on the main window.	

General Setup

continued	
Setting	Description
EEPROM	If this option is selected, EEPROM memory can be displayed in the <u>Windows>Target</u> <u>Memory Views</u> on the main window.

3.4.7 Settings

From the Advanced Mode dialog, click **Settings** to display the available options. If you are connected to a Microchip tool there are additional options.

Table 3-6. Special Settings

Settings	Description	
Note: The options displayed are dependent on the device and tool selected. This table may not show every possible option.		
JTAG Communications method		
JTAG Method	Select 2-wire JTAG or 4-wire JTAG.	
Communication settings for AVR of	or SAM devices	
Interface	Select JTAG or ISP.	
Speed (MHz)	Type in the appropriate speed.	
Programming Options		
Program calibration memory	Select if you want to program calibration memory.	
Diagnostics		
Logging Level	Set the message logging level. OFF: No logging	
	SEVERE: Log severe (error) messages only.	
	WARNING: Log warning messages only.	
	INFO: Log informational messages only.	
	CONFIG: Log configuration information only.	
	FINE: Log some module-to-module communication.	
	FINER: Log more module-to-module communication.	
	FINEST: Log all module-to-module communication.	
Log File	Path and name of log file.	
Tool Pack Selection		
Tool pack update options	Select from the available options: Use latest installed tool pack (Recommended)	
	Use specific tool pack - opens a Select Tool Pack dialog showing the available version(s).	
Specifically selected version	Displays the available versions.	
Device Pack Selection		
Device Packs	The device pack for the currently selected device. Changing the device pack selection is enabled only if the tool is disconnected.	
Special Memory Regions		

continued			
Settings	Description		
Program Calibration Memory	Enables programming of registers used to hold calibration values for a device.		
Program/Read User OTP	Enables programming or reading of a serial user ID that is OTP (one time programmable). Once programmed, it cannot be changed.		
Secure Segments			
Segments to Program	Available only for devices with CodeGuard, for example, dsPIC33FJ12GP202, etc. Supported by REAL ICE, MPLAB ICD 3 and PICkit 3. Select the segments to program:		
	Full Chip Programming		
	Boot, Secure and General Segments		
	Secure and General Segments		
	General Segment Only		
SQTP			
Disable operations if SQTP values are exhausted	Selecting the check box prohibits further programming if all SQTP values from the specified .num file have been exhausted.		
Display the next SQTP sequence in the output window	Select this check box to display the next SQTP sequence in the output window.		
Programming Method	Programming Method		
This option allows you to choose the Test mode entry method for devices. This feature is supported by the tools which can power the target (except for PM3). This setting refers to the order in which the Vpp and Vdd voltages will be applied when programming/reading the target device.			
Apply Vpp before Vdd (Recommended)	This is the default setting.		
Apply Vdd before Vpp	Caution is recommended when using this setting as it may have adverse side effects. This option is available only when powering the device from the debug tool.		
(Tool) Options			
PGC Configuration	Select either none, pull up or pull down. The default is pull down.		
PGD resistor value (Kohms)	Type in a resistor value from 0-50.The default value is 4.7 Kohms.		
PGC resistor value (Kohms)	Type in a resistor value from 0-50.The default value is 4.7 Kohms.		
LED Brightness setting	Select the level of brightness from 1 (darkest) to 10 (brightest); the default is 5.		
PGD Configuration	Select either none, pull up or pull down. The default is pull down.		
Program Speed	Select either Low, Normal or High. The default is Normal.		
Programmer-To-Go			
Image Name	The default is " <your name="" project="">_ptg," but you can edit the name. This will be the folder name on the microSDHC card that contains the appropriate files for Programmer-To-Go.</your>		

continued	
Settings	Description
Send image to tool	The check box is selected by default. With the box checked, the PTG image is created and then sent to the microSDHC card in the connected MPLAB PICkit 4.
Program Device	The check box is selected by default. When the check box selected, the device connected to the MPLAB PICkit 4 is programmed. Note: If both the Send image to tool and Program Device check boxes are unchecked, see the <i>MPLAB PICkit 4 In-Circuit Debugger User's Guide</i> topic on "Setting Up PTG Mode Without a Memory Card."

3.4.8 Logout

After the settings are selected, click **Logout** to save your settings, exit the Advanced Mode, and return to the main window.

4. MPLAB IPE Reference

4.1 IPE Main Window

The following figure shows the main window of the IPE. The IPE Menu bar contains the following menus, with commands:

- File Menu
- Settings Menu
- View Menu
- Tools Menu
- Window Menu
- Help Menu

Commands are available based on several factors, such as the device selected or the settings selected in Advanced Mode.

Figure 4-1. IPE Main Window

C MPLAB X IPE	iew Tools Window Help	
Operate		
Device and T	ool Selection	Results
Family:	Recently Used	Checksum: 7F80
Device:	11AA010 Apply 	Pass Count: 0
Tool:	Select Tool Connect	Fail Count: 0
Connect Total Count: Image: Connect Total Count: Image: Connect Program Image: Connect Program Image: Connect Program Image: Connect Total Count: Image: Connect Total Count: Image: Connect Total Count: Image: Connect Total Count: Image: Connect Program Image: Connect Program Image: Connect I		
		ol: NA Device: PIC24FJ1024GB610 Environment: NA NA

Table 4-1. IPE Main Window Fields

Item	Description
Select Device and Tool:	

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continued		
Item	Description	
Family	Filters devices by family or recently used.	
Device	Specifies the device; click Apply to select.	
Tool	Specifies the tool; click Connect or Disconnect as appropriate.	
Results:		
CP=OFF Checksum	This field displays only if enabled in Advanced Mode. Displays the imported hex checksum as if code protect is off for the device with current memory contents; value can be copied using CTRL+C.	
Checksum	Checksum value for the device with current memory contents; value can be copied using CTRL+C	
Pass Count	Details the number of programming operations that passed.	
Fail Count	Details the number of programming operations that failed.	
Total Count	The total number of programming operations.	
Command Buttons:		
Program	Programs the device.	
Erase	Erases the device.	
Read	Reads the device.	
Verify	Performs a verify operation on the device.	
Blank Check	Checks whether the device is blank.	
Other:		
Hex File	The Hex file location, Browse to locate the file.	
SQTP	The SQTP file location, Browse to locate the file.	
Output Tab	Display of output data. Right-click in the Output window to access additional options.	
Tool Tab	Display of specific tool data, for example, PM3, ICD 4, PICkit 4.	

4.2 File Menu

On the IPE menu bar, the File menu provides three commands:

- Export
- Import
- Exit

4.2.1 File>Export

The Export menu item allows you to export data from IPE to storage media. By default, these commands are not available in Production Mode. However, in Advanced Mode, an authorized user can change the default states of this feature for the Production Mode.

<u>File>Export>Hex</u> – this command allows you to export all the memory contents into Intel[®] Hex file format.

4.2.2 File>Import

The Import menu item allows you to import various files into the IPE. By default, these commands are not available in Production Mode. However, in Advanced Mode, an authorized user can change the default states of this feature for the Production Mode.

- File>Import>Environment select to import (load) the environment (*.pen or .pm3 file).
- File>Import>Hex select to import a hexadecimal file (*.hex).

Note: If using a Hex file in the IPE and the file is modified using Notepad, MPLAB X IDE, etc., outside the IPE, the following message displays:

File mo	odified 💌
?	The loaded hex file has been modified externally. Would you like to reload the hex file?
	Yes No

File>Import>Multiple Hex – select to import multiple hexadecimal files (*.hex).

Note: If Hex files were generated for individual memories for EEPROM, Flash, etc., these Hex files can be imported in the MPLAB IPE. These files are loaded in a FIFO (first in, first out) manner. When loaded into the IPE, the contents are loaded into the respective memory regions of the selected device. If memory regions overlap, a warning message displays in the Output window.

From the Hex File Selection dialog, click the + button to browse and add files, or click the - button to remove a file. Select **Load** to import the files.

• File>Import>SQTP – select to load the SQTP file (*.num file).

4.2.3 File>Exit

This command closes the IPE application.

4.3 Settings Menu

4.3.1 Understanding the Settings Menu Commands

The Settings menu on the IPE Menu bar (see table below) contains commands available for production personnel. Many of these commands are made available through the Advanced Mode, Production Mode dialog.

Menu commands are shown as active (black) or unavailable (grayed out).

Active commands with a check mark indicate that the production personnel can control these settings.

Active commands without a check mark indicate that only authorized personnel can access them.

Unavailable commands with or without a check mark indicate that production personnel cannot control these settings.

Table 4-2. Settings Menu Commands

Setting	Description
Advanced Mode	This command opens the Advanced Mode login dialog. Once the login is validated, additional settings can be set by authorized personnel. Refer to 3.2 Setting Up the Programmer and 3.4 Advanced Mode Settings for more information.
Verify Device ID Before Program	This command is only appropriate when using devices that have device IDs.

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continued		
Setting	Description	
Erase All Before Program	This command is used to control whether or not the contents of the device will be erased before it is programmed. It is not applicable to One-Time-Programmable (OTP). When the "Erase All Before Program" command is enabled (check box is selected), the device will be erased before it is programmed. If it is disabled (unchecked), the device will not be erased before it is programmed	
Auto Download Firmware*	This command is available only for legacy tools (MPLAB ICD 3, PICkit 3 and PM3). If this command is selected, the application verifies that the firmware is the latest available; and, if needed, downloads the newer firmware automatically.	
Manual Download Firmware*	This command is available only for legacy tools (MPLAB ICD 3, PICkit 3 and PM3) and enables manual download of firmware. The Firmware Browser dialog opens and locates directory containing the latest PM3.jar firmware file. click on the Firmware File, then click OK to download the firmware.	
Save Firmware into SD Card	This command downloads the operating system firmware into an SD Card that has been inserted into the MPLAB PM3 programmer. See Section 3.3.2 "Save Firmware into PM3 SD Card".	
Hold in Reset	This command prevents the code from running after programming.	
Release from Reset	This command removes the Reset and allows the code to run.	
PM3 Communication	This command is only used with the MPLAB PM3 programmer. This command opens the PM3 Communication Setting dialog. Use this dialog to set communications for COM or USB ports. See Section 3.3.3 "PM3 Communication Setting Dialog" for more information.	

*The download of firmware will not occur until the connect/disconnect button is clicked or a programming operation is performed.

4.3.2 Save Firmware into PM3 SD Card

In production houses, there may be a need to program several different device family architectures without having access to a computer.

Between MPLAB IPE v3.25 and v3.40, the PM3 operating system was split into two parts based on the device architecture (32-bit vs all other devices). In MPLAB IPE v3.40, the PM3 operating system and database are split into three parts based on the architectures for 8-, 16- and 32-bit devices.

MPLAB IPE v3.40 or greater enables you to save the three PM3 operating system firmwares supporting each of the device family architectures into a PM3 SD card.

Once all the PM3 operating system firmwares are downloaded, when a PM3 environment is selected in Stand-Alone mode, the MPLAB PM3 programmer will load the correct operating system and database for the device from the PM3 SD card.

This feature is available only in the MPLAB IPE v3.40 or greater, not in the MPLAB X IDE.

To save all three operating systems into the PM3 SD card:

- 1. Insert any supported SD card into PM3 SD card slot.
- 2. Open MPLAB IPE v3.40 or greater and connect the MPLAB PM3 programmer to the computer.
- 3. Select Settings>Save firmware into SD Card. The output window in the MPLAB IPE displays messages when the operating systems and databases for the 8-bit, 16-bit and 32-bit MCUs are successfully saved onto the SD card.

4.3.2.1 Points To Be Considered:

• Please ensure the PM3 operating system firmware version stored on the SD card matches the operating system firmware version on the MPLAB PM3 programmer. A mismatch may occur if an upgrade of the PM3 operating

system was performed but the SD card firmware was not updated. Use the MPLAB IPE v3.40 or greater to select the Settings>Save firmware into SD Card option to load the PM3 SD card with the desired PM3 operating system firmware version.

• Any firmware versions of v3.40 or greater are not compatible with earlier versions of MPLAB IPE. It is highly recommended that the MPLAB PM3 use the firmware packaged within the same MPLAB IPE version.

Version	Support
Prior to MPLAB IPE v3.25	One operating system supported.
MPLAB IPE v3.25-3.35	Two operating systems supported (32-bit and all other devices).
MPLAB IPE v3.40 or greater	Three operating systems supported (8-, 16-, 32-bit devices).

4.3.3 PM3 Communication Setting Dialog

The PM3 Communication Setting dialog is available under the IPE Menu bar, Settings menu only when the associated check box for Allow "Communication" under Settings menu is selected in the Advanced Mode, Production Mode dialog.

The MPLAB PM3 must be connected to the PC, using the appropriate cable, prior to using the PM3 Communication Setting dialog.

This dialog enables selecting the communication port for the MPLAB PM3 programmer through the IPE.

To use the RS-232 port on the MPLAB PM3, select the COM Port option and use the drop list to select the available port. Click the refresh button if necessary to view available ports. Click the Test button to check communication between the IPE and the MPLAB PM3.

To use USB for the communication port, select the USB Port option.

Setting up the COM Port Manually

On some systems, you may need to set up the communications port manually.

On Windows, from the Start menu, select Control Panel, then System and Security. Under the System settings, click Device Manager. Expand the Ports drop-down list and double-click on the port you are trying to use. Click the Port Settings tab, and select the following:

Bits per second: 57600 (baud rate) Data bits: 8 Parity: None Stop bits: 1 Flow control: Hardware

Click Advanced. Uncheck the Use FIFO buffers check box.

Reboot the PC to implement the change.

4.4 View Menu

The viewable memory types are determined by the Production settings that are selected in the Advanced Mode. The View menu commands are described below:

- Clear All Memory
- 4.4.1 Memory Settings
- 4.4.2 Power Settings
- 4.4.3 Transfer from PM3
- 4.4.4 Transfer to PM3
- 4.4.5 Read Device ID
- 4.4.6 View PM3 Socket Info

Clear All Memory

Clears all of the memory views.

4.4.1 Memory Settings

Displays the current memory settings (see example below). The Memory Settings are view-only and cannot be changed from this window.

Figure 4-2. Memory Settings Display

lacktrianger 4 Memory Settings		
Allow tool to select memory ranges	:	Yes
Preserve EEPROM	:	No
Preserve Program Memory	:	No
Program Memory Range	:	N/A
Preserve Program Memory Range	:	N/A
Preserve EEPROM Memory Range	:	N/A
Preserve ID	:	No

4.4.2 Power Settings

Displays the current power settings (see example below).

Figure 4-3. Power Settings Display

Power Settings		
VDD	:	3.3
VPP	:	3.3
VDD Nom	:	3.3
VDD App	:	3.3
Power target from tool	:	No
Low Voltage Programming	:	No
High Voltage on MCLR	:	No

4.4.3 Transfer from PM3

When selected, this option transfers the image from the connected MPLAB PM3 Programmer. The status displays in the Output window.

4.4.4 Transfer to PM3

When selected, this option transfers the image to the connected MPLAB PM3 Programmer. The status displays in the Output window.

4.4.5 Read Device ID

Displays the device ID of the selected device in the Output window.

4.4.6 View PM3 Socket Info

Displays the PM3 socket information in the Output window.

4.5 Tools Menu

The Tools menu provides access to Plugins. Select Plugins to display the Plugins Manager. For details, see the NetBeans help topic: Managing Plugins in the IDE found in http://wiki.netbeans.org/InstallingAPlugin. If MPLAB X IDE is installed, see the MPLAB X IDE Help file, Additional Tasks, Add PlugIn Tools.

4.6 Window Menu

4.6.1 Output

This option opens the Output window at the bottom of the display. Right-click the tab title to display window options, such as Close, Float, Move, etc. Right-click in the body of the window to display Output window content options, such as Find, Wrap text, etc. See figure below.

Figure 4-4. Output Window Right-Click Menus



4.6.2 Target Memory Views

This option is available only if Production Settings are set in Advanced Mode to view the different types of memory. Some of the possible memory views include Execution Memory, Configuration Bits, User ID Memory, Device ID Memory, etc.

4.6.3 Reset Windows

Selecting this option will reset all the program windows to the default settings.

4.7 Help Menu

The Help menu provides access to the following online information:

- Read Me Docs MPLAB IPE Readme and Programmer Command-line Readme
- · Help Contents displays the master set of all installed documentation.
- Tool Help Contents lists help for several Microchip tools.
- About displays information specific to the current version of MPLAB IPE.

5. Revision History

5.1 Revision A (December 2013)

Initial release of this document.

5.2 Revision B (August 2015)

Modified "Software Installation Requirements". The IPE is now a separate installation than the MPLAB X IDE.

Modified the description of Production Mode.

In the General Setup chapter:

- Added information on new features: Recently Used option in the Family list of devices and Creating Desktop Shortcuts.
- Added information on Preserve Memory options.
- Added notes regarding MPLAB PM3 programmer environment files.
- Added a note in the description of the Allow Import Hex file option.
- Added information regarding using the MPLAB PM3 programmer with the option Allow "Communication" under Settings menu.
- Added Special Memory Regions information.

In The MPLAB IPE Reference chapter:

• Added a note regarding the *File>Import>Hex* option.

5.3 Revision C (March 2017)

- · Added Note with location of the Readme file for MPLAB IPE in "Software Installation Requirements".
- Added a "Staying Logged In" topic to the Advanced Mode Login section.
- Updated memory range descriptions.
- · Updated environment settings options.
- Revised "SQTP" section and added sections for using SQTP with MPLAB PM3 and with PIC32 devices.
- Added new SQTP setting.
- · Updated field descriptions to the main IPE window.
- Added new Read Device ID option to the View menu.
- Added new settings menu command for saving firmware into SD card and added a revised information to "Save Firmware into PM3 SD Card".

5.4 Revision D (June 2018)

- In the Preface, added compatibility note that this document reflects the changes as of MPLAB X IDE v4.20 or greater.
- Multiple updates throughout to reflect changes made to the program for the NetBeans platform. Added Tools and Windows menus, updated graphics, text, and menu options.

5.5 Revision E (April 2020)

- · Entire document has been reformatted and renumbered.
- In the Preface, added compatibility note that this document reflects the changes as of MPLAB X IDE v5.40 or greater.

- Replaced screen for Select Applications Dialog in the "Software Installation Requirements" section.
- Removed the "Feature Matrix" section.
- Added a new heading for "Multiple Instances of IPE" in Launching the MPLAB IPE Application section.
- Replaced screen for Advanced Mode Login and added screen for Change Password and Forgot Password dialogs.
- Updated Production Settings table.
- Updated Special Settings table, added information for tool and device packs and other options including Programmer-To-Go, JTAG, etc. Also removed PM3 program speed option and screen.

6. Support

Please refer to the items discussed here for support issues.

- 6.1 Warranty Registration
- 6.2 Microchip Web Site
- 6.3 Personalized Notification Service
- 6.4 Customer Support

6.1 Warranty Registration

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- Emulators The latest information on Microchip in-circuit emulators. These include the MPLAB REAL ICE incircuit emulators
- In-Circuit Debuggers The latest information on Microchip in-circuit debuggers. These include the MPLAB ICD 3 and MPLAB ICD 4 in-circuit debuggers and PICkit[™] 3 and MPLAB PICkit 4 in-circuit debuggers.
- MPLAB[®] X IDE The latest information on Microchip MPLAB X IDE, the multi-platform (Windows[®], macOS[™], Linux[®]) Integrated Development Environment for development systems tools.
- Programmers The latest information on Microchip programmers. These include the device (production) programmers MPLAB REAL ICE in-circuit emulator, MPLAB ICD 4 in-circuit debugger, MPLAB PICkit 4 in-circuit debugger, MPLAB PM3 and development (non-production) programmer and PICkit 3.
- Starter/Demo Boards These include MPLAB Starter Kit boards, PICDEM demo boards, and various other evaluation boards.

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Product Identification System

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PART NO. [X] ⁽¹⁾ - X T Device Tape and Reel Temperature I Option Range	/XX XXX Package Pattern		
Device:	PIC16F18313, PIC16LF18313, PIC16F18323, PIC16LF18323		
Tape and Reel Option:	Blank	= Standard packaging (tube or tray)	
	Т	= Tape and Reel ⁽¹⁾	
Temperature Range:	1	= -40°C to +85°C (Industrial)	
	E	= -40°C to +125°C (Extended)	
Package: ⁽²⁾	JQ	= UQFN	
	Р	= PDIP	
	ST	= TSSOP	
	SL	= SOIC-14	
	SN	= SOIC-8	
	RF	= UDFN	
Pattern:	QTP, SQTP, Code or Special Requirements (blank otherwise)		

Examples:

- PIC16LF18313- I/P Industrial temperature, PDIP package
- PIC16F18313- E/SS Extended temperature, SSOP package

Note:

- 1. Tape and Reel identifier only appears in the catalog part number description. This identifier is used for ordering purposes and is not printed on the device package. Check with your Microchip Sales Office for package availability with the Tape and Reel option.
- 2. Small form-factor packaging options may be available. Please check http://www.microchip.com/packaging for small-form factor package availability, or contact your local Sales Office.

Microchip Devices Code Protection Feature

Note the following details of the code protection feature on Microchip devices:

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