# MPLAB<sup>®</sup> ICD 4 In-Circuit Debugger QUICK START GUIDE



# **GETTING STARTED**

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## Install the Latest Software

Download the MPLAB X IDE software from www.microchip.com/mplabx and install onto your computer. The installer automatically loads the USB drivers. Launch MPLAB X IDE.

## 2 Connect to Target Device

- 1. Connect the MPLAB ICD 4 to the computer using the USB cable.
- 2. Connect external power either to the target board or debugger.

#### Typical Configuration (With On-Board Debug Circuitry)



### Alternative Configuration (Without Loss of Pins)



## 3 Create, Build and Run Project

- 1. Refer to the MPLAB X IDE User's Guide or online help for instructions to install language tools, create or open a project, and configure project properties.
- 2. Check that the configuration bits in your code match the Recommended Settings below.
- To execute your code in Debug mode, perform a debug run (*Debug>Debug Project*). To execute your code in Non-Debug (release) mode, perform a run (*Run>Run Project*). To hold a device in Reset after programming, use the Hold in Reset icon in the toolbar.

### **Recommended Settings**

Component	Setting
Oscillator	<ul><li>OSC bits set properly</li><li>Running</li></ul>
Power	Supplied by target
WDT	Disabled (device dependent)
Code-Protect	Disabled
Table Read Protect	Disabled
LVP	Disabled
BOD	VDD > BOD VDD min.
JTAG	Disabled
AVDD and AVss	Must be connected
PGCx/PGDx	Proper channel selected, if applicable
Programming	VDD voltage levels meet programming spec
Note: See MPLAB ICD 4 In-Circuit Debugger online help for more information.	

### **Reserved Resources**

For information on reserved resources used by the debugger, see the MPLAB ICD 4 In-Circuit Debugger online help.



# **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

## **Target Circuit Design Precautions**



- Do not use greater than 100 μF capacitance on Vob: Depending on the overall load, it will prevent the target from powering quickly when MPLAB ICD 4 is the source of power.
- Do not use capacitors on MCLR: They will prevent fast transitions of VPP.
- Do not use multiplexing on PGC/PGD: They are dedicated for communications to MPLAB ICD 4.
- **Do not use capacitors on PGC/PGD:** They will prevent fast transitions on data and clock lines during programming and debug communications.
- Do not use diodes on PGC/PGD: They will prevent bidirectional communication between MPLAB ICD 4 and the target PIC<sup>®</sup> MCU.
- **Do not exceed recommended cable lengths:** Refer to the Hardware Specification of the MPLAB ICD 4 online help or user's guide for cable lengths.



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