

PICtail™ Plus Expansion Board Information Sheet

Overview

The PICtail™ Plus Expansion Board extends the capabilities of either the legacy Explorer 16 Development Board or the Explorer 16/32 Development Board (www.microchip.com/Explorer1632). When used with either board, the PICtail Plus Expansion Board provides either forward or backwards compatibility, as necessary, for attaching both mikroBUS™ and PICtail Plus (vertical card edge) based hardware daughter boards.

The legacy Explorer 16 board does not have any mikroBUS interface connectors. Attachment of up to two mikroBUS daughter boards is possible, however, when used with the PICtail Plus Expansion Board. The pinout for the two mikroBUS interfaces is effectively the same as the Explorer 16/32 Development Board mikroBUS interfaces, allowing for firmware compatibility between both platforms.

The Explorer 16/32 Development Board does not have a vertical PICtail Plus board connector (instead, using the area for female I/O pin access headers), but attachment of existing vertical card edge-based PICtail Plus Daughter Boards is possible through the use of the PICtail Plus Expansion Board.

The PICtail Plus Expansion Board also has a small prototyping area, and serves as a pass through for signals, allowing for the attachment of additional horizontally connected PICtail Plus Daughter Boards.

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