



# mikromedia™

for PIC18FJ®

Compact development system rich with on-board peripherals for all-round multimedia development on PIC18F87J50 device.



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I want to express my thanks to you for being interested in our products and for having confidence in MikroElektronika.

The primary aim of our company is to design and produce high quality electronic products and to constantly improve the performance thereof in order to better suit your needs.

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Nebojsa Matic  
General Manager

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# Introduction to mikromedia™ for PIC18FJ®

The **mikromedia™ for PIC18FJ®** is a compact development system with lots of on-board peripherals which allow development of devices with multimedia contents. The central part of the system is a 8-bit **PIC18F87J50** microcontroller. The mikromedia™ for PIC18FJ® features integrated modules such as stereo MP3 codec, **TFT 320x240 touch screen** display, accelerometer, USB connector, audio connector, MMC/SD card slot, 8 Mbit flash memory, 2x26 connection pads and other. It comes preprogrammed with USB bootloader, but can also be programmed with external programmers, such as mikroProg™ or ICD2/3. Mikromedia is compact and slim, and perfectly fits in the palm of the hand, which makes it convenient platform for mobile devices.



# Package Contains



- 01 Damage resistant protective box



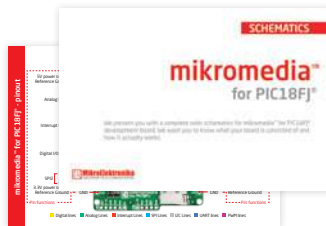
- 02 mikromedia™ for PIC18FJ® development system



- 03 Two 1x26 male headers and one 1x5 header



- 04 mikromedia™ for PIC18FJ® user's guide



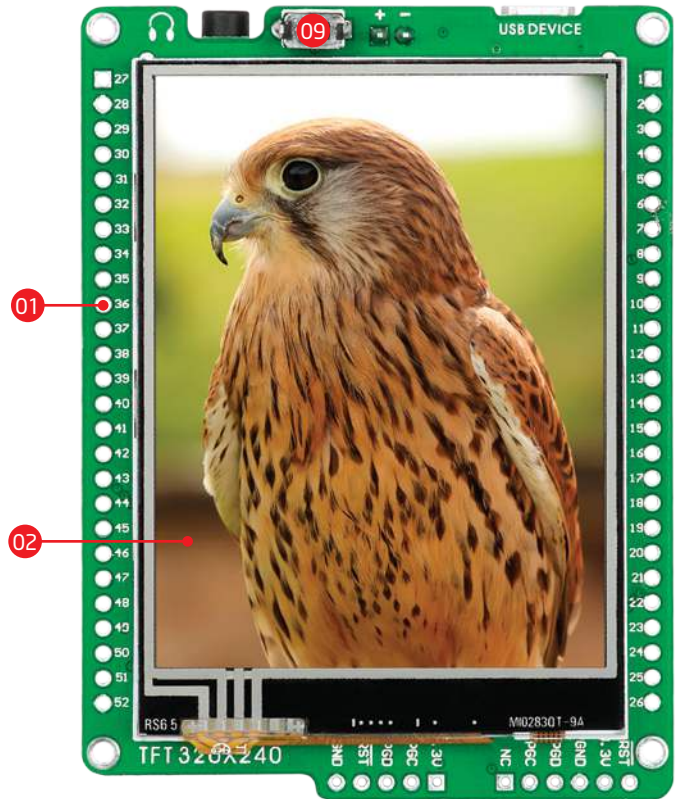
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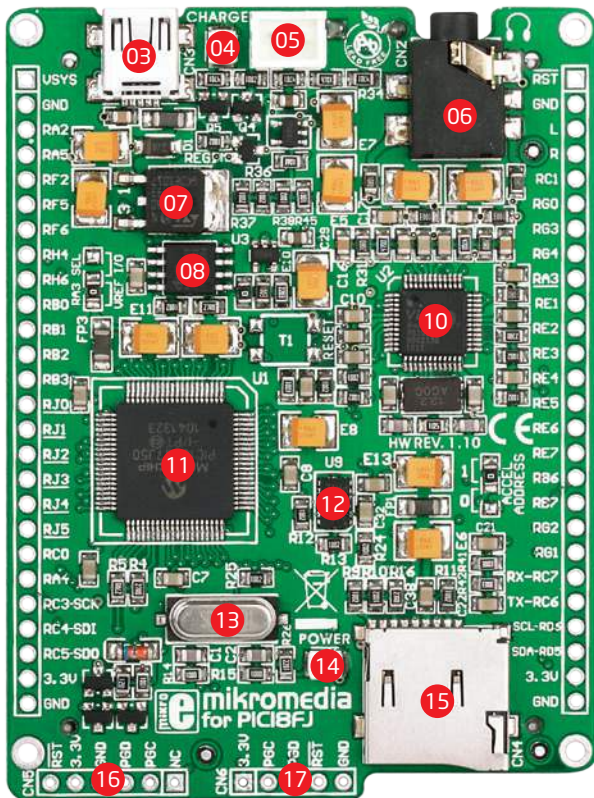


- 06 USB cable

# Key Features

- 01 Connection Pads
- 02 TFT 320x240 display
- 03 USB MINI-B connector
- 04 CHARGE indication LED
- 05 LI-Polymer battery connector
- 06 3.5mm headphone connector
- 07 Power supply regulator
- 08 Serial Flash memory
- 09 RESET button
- 10 VS1053 Stereo mp3 coder/decoder
- 11 PIC18F87J50 microcontroller
- 12 Accelerometer
- 13 Crystal oscillator
- 14 Power indication LED
- 15 microSD Card Slot
- 16 ICD2/3 connector
- 17 mikroProg connector





## System Specification



### power supply

Via USB cable (5V DC)



### power consumption

52 mA with erased MCU (when back-light is ON)



### board dimensions

81.2 x 60.5 mm (3.19 x 2.38 inch)



### weight

~45.5g (0.10lbs)



### class B product

Product complies with the Class B limit of EN 55022 and can be used in the domestic, residential, commercial and industrial environments.



### CAUTION: Electrostatic Sensitive Device

Permanent damage may occur on devices subjected to high energy electrostatic discharges which readily accumulate on the human body or test equipment and can discharge without detection.

# 1. Power supply



Figure 1-1: Connecting USB power supply

## USB power supply

You can apply power supply to the board using **MINI-B USB** cable provided with the board. On-board voltage regulators provide the appropriate voltage levels to each component on the board. **Power LED (GREEN)** will indicate the presence of power supply.

## Battery power supply

You can also power the board using **Li-Polymer** battery, via on-board battery connector. On-board battery charger circuit **MCP73832** enables you to charge the battery over USB connection. **LED diode (RED)** will indicate when battery is charging. Charging current is  $\sim 250\text{mA}$  and charging voltage is  $4.2\text{V DC}$ .



Figure 1-2: Connecting Li-Polymer battery



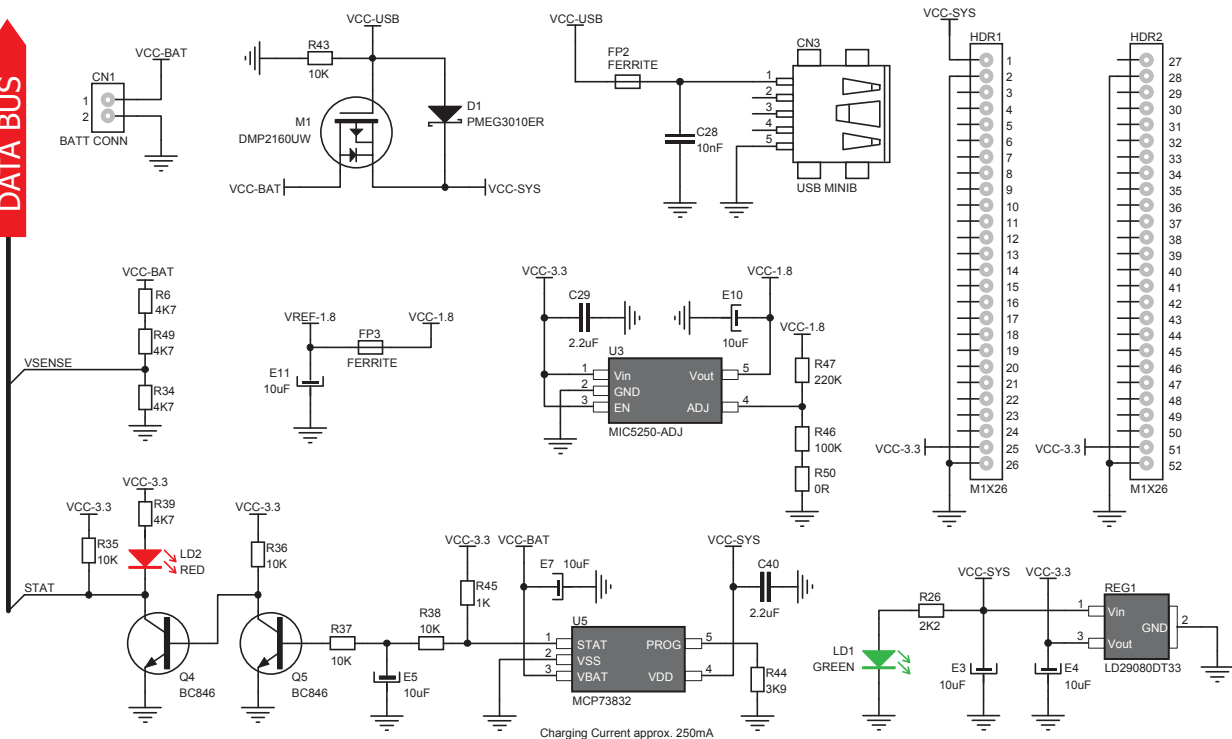


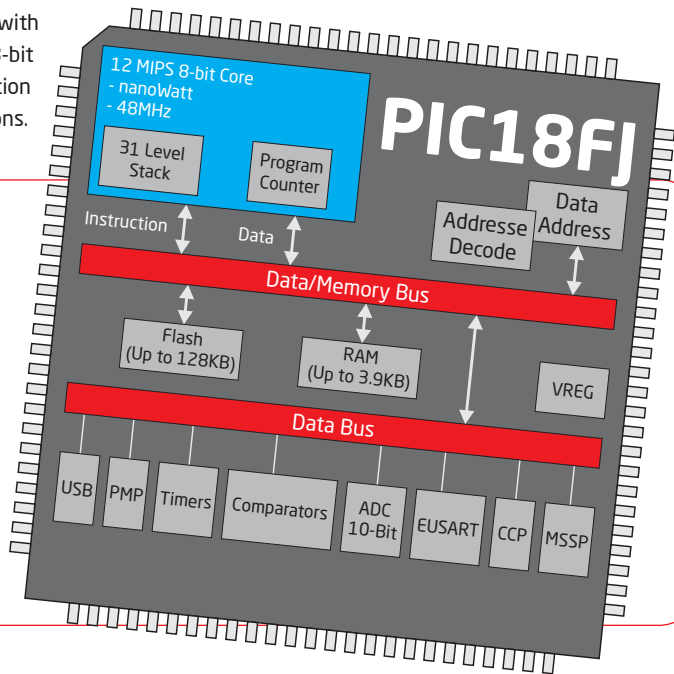
Figure 1-3: Power supply schematics

## 2. PIC18F87J50 microcontroller

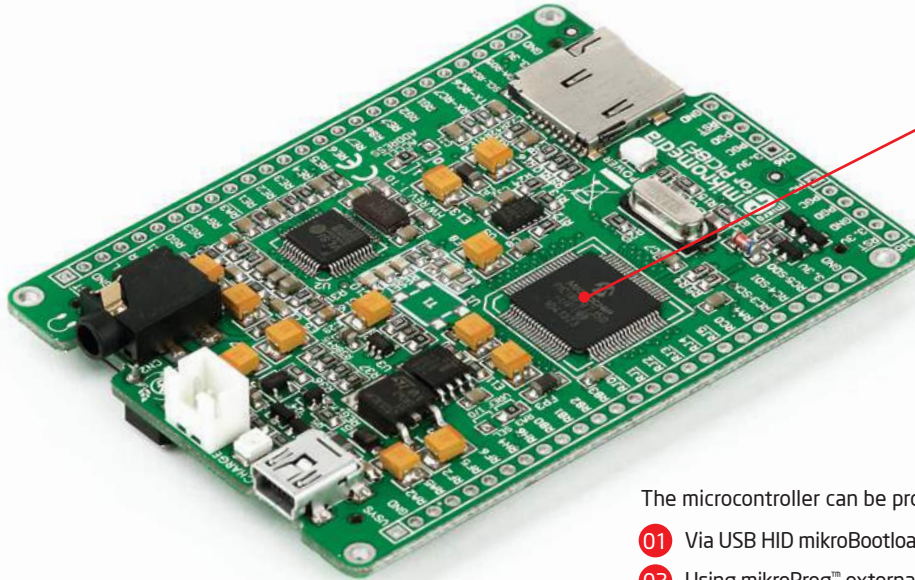
The mikromedia™ for PIC18FJ® development system comes with the **PIC18F87J50** microcontroller. This high-performance 8-bit microcontroller with its integrated modules and in combination with other on-board modules is ideal for multimedia applications.

### Key microcontroller features

- Up to 12 MIPS Operation;
- 8-bit architecture;
- 128KB of program memory;
- 3.904 bytes of RAM;
- 65 I/O pins;
- Internal Oscillator 8 MHz, 32 kHz;
- 2-UART, 2-SPI, 2-I<sup>2</sup>C, USB 2.0;
- DAC, ADC, etc.



# 3. Programming the microcontroller



**Figure 3-1:**  
**PIC18F87J50**  
**microcontroller**

The microcontroller can be programmed in three ways:

- 01** Via USB HID mikroBootloader
- 02** Using mikroProg™ external programmer
- 03** Using ICD2/3® external programmer

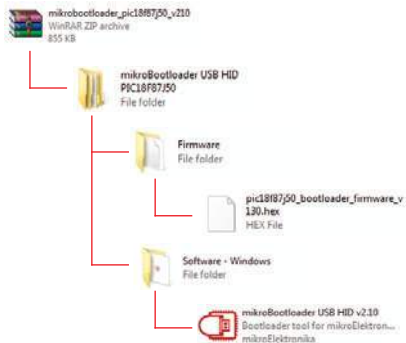
# Programming with mikroBootloader

Microcontroller is preprogrammed with USB HID Bootloader, which can be used to upload new device firmware. To transfer firmware .HEX file from a PC to MCU you need to use mikroBootloader USB HID application, which can be downloaded from:



[http://www.mikroe.com/downloads/get/1682/mikrobootloader\\_pic18f87j50\\_v210.zip](http://www.mikroe.com/downloads/get/1682/mikrobootloader_pic18f87j50_v210.zip)

Upon download, unzip it to desired location and start the mikro-Bootloader application:



## step 1 - Connecting mikromedia



Figure 3-2: USB HID mikroBootloader window

- 01 In order to start, connect the USB cable or (if already connected) press the **Reset** button on your mikromedia board. Click the **Connect** button within 5s to enter the bootloader mode, otherwise the existing microcontroller program will be executed.

## step 2 - Browsing for .HEX file



Figure 3-3: Browse for HEX

- 01 Click the **Browse for HEX** button and from a pop-up window (**Figure 3.4**) choose the .HEX file which will be uploaded to MCU memory.

## step 3 - Selecting .HEX file



Figure 3-4: Selecting HEX

- 01 Select .HEX file using open dialog window.
- 02 Click the **Open** button.

## step 4 - Uploading .HEX file



Figure 3-5: Begin uploading

- 01** In order to upload .HEX file click the **Begin uploading** button.



Figure 3-6: Progress bar

- 01** .HEX file uploading can be monitored via progress bar.

## step 5 - Finish upload



Figure 3-7: Restarting MCU

- 01** Click the **OK** button after uploading is finished. The board will be automatically reset and after 5 seconds your new program will be executed.



Figure 3-8: mikroBootloader ready for next job

# Programing with mikroProg™

## programmer

The microcontroller can be programmed with **mikroProg™ programmer** and **mikroProg Suite™ for PIC®** software. The mikroProg™ programmer is connected to the development system via the CN6 connector, **Figure 3-9**.



**Figure 3-9:**  
Connecting mikroProg™ to mikroMedia™

**mikroProg™** is a fast USB 2.0 programmer with mikroICD™ hardware In-Circuit Debugger. Smart engineering allows mikroProg™ to support PIC10®, PIC12®, PIC16®, PIC18®, dsPIC30/33®, PIC24® and PIC32® devices in a single programmer. It supports over 570 microcontrollers from Microchip®. Outstanding performance, easy operation and elegant design are its key features.



# mikroProg Suite™ for PIC® Software



**mikroProg™** programmer requires special programming software called **mikroProg Suite™ for PIC®**. This software is used for programming of ALL Microchip® microcontroller families, including PIC10®, PIC12®, PIC16®, PIC18®, dsPIC30/33®, PIC24® and PIC32®. Software has intuitive interface and SingleClick™ programming technology. Just by downloading the latest version of **mikroProg Suite™** your programmer is ready to program new devices. **mikroProg Suite™** is updated regularly, at least four times a year, so your programmer will be more and more powerful with each new release.

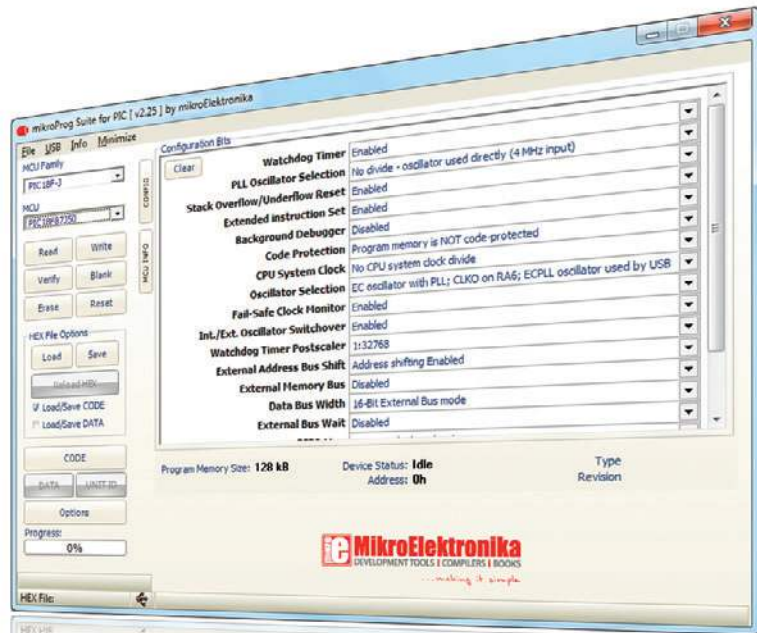
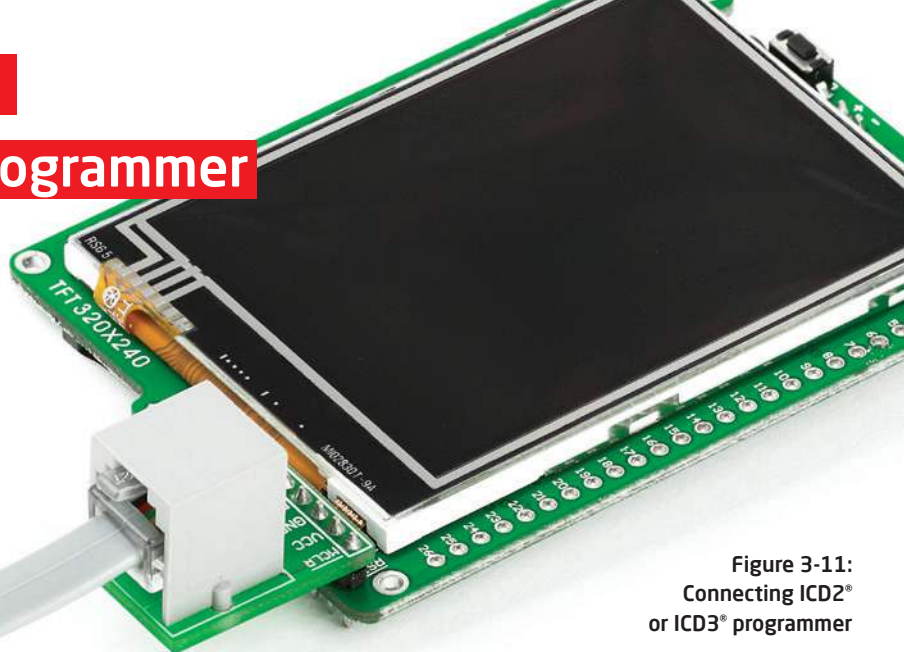


Figure 3-10: Main Window of mikroProg Suite™ for PIC® programming software

# Programming with ICD2® or ICD3® programmer

The microcontroller can be also programmed with **ICD2® or ICD3® programmer**. These programmers connects with mikromedia board via **ICD2 CONNECTOR BOARD**.



**Figure 3-11:**  
Connecting ICD2®  
or ICD3® programmer

In order to enable the ICD2® and ICD3® programmers to be connected to the development system, it is necessary to provide the appropriate connector such as the **ICD2 CONNECTOR BOARD**. This connector should be first soldered on the CN5 connector. Then you should plug the ICD2® or ICD3® programmer into it, **Figure 3-11**.

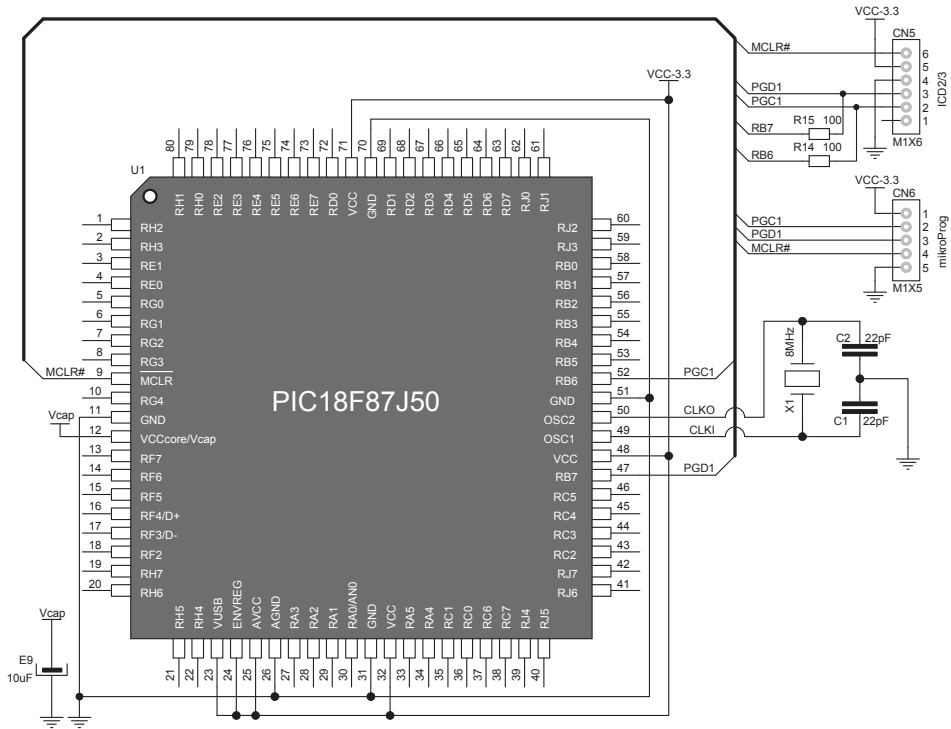
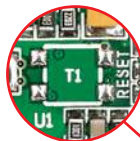


Figure 3-12: mikroProg™ and ICD2®/ICD3® programmer connection schematic

## 4. Reset Button

Board is equipped with reset button, which is located at the top of the front side (Figure 4-2). If you want to reset the circuit, press the reset button. It will generate low voltage level on microcontroller reset pin (input). In addition, a reset can be externally provided through **pin 27** on side headers (Figure 4-3).



### NOTE

*You can also solder additional reset button on the appropriate place at the back side of the board, Figure 4-1.*

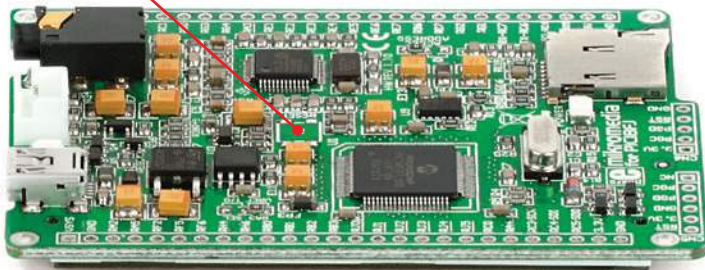


Figure 4-1: Location of additional reset button

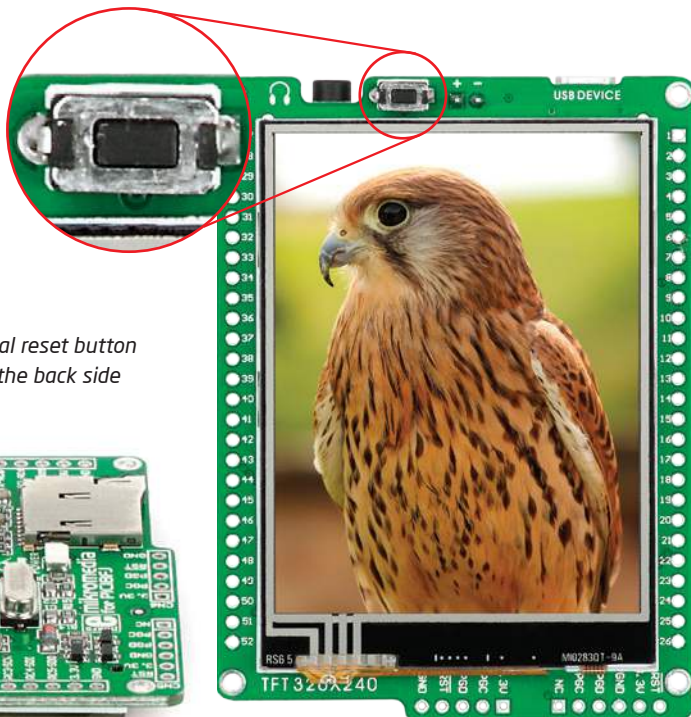


Figure 4-2: Frontal reset button

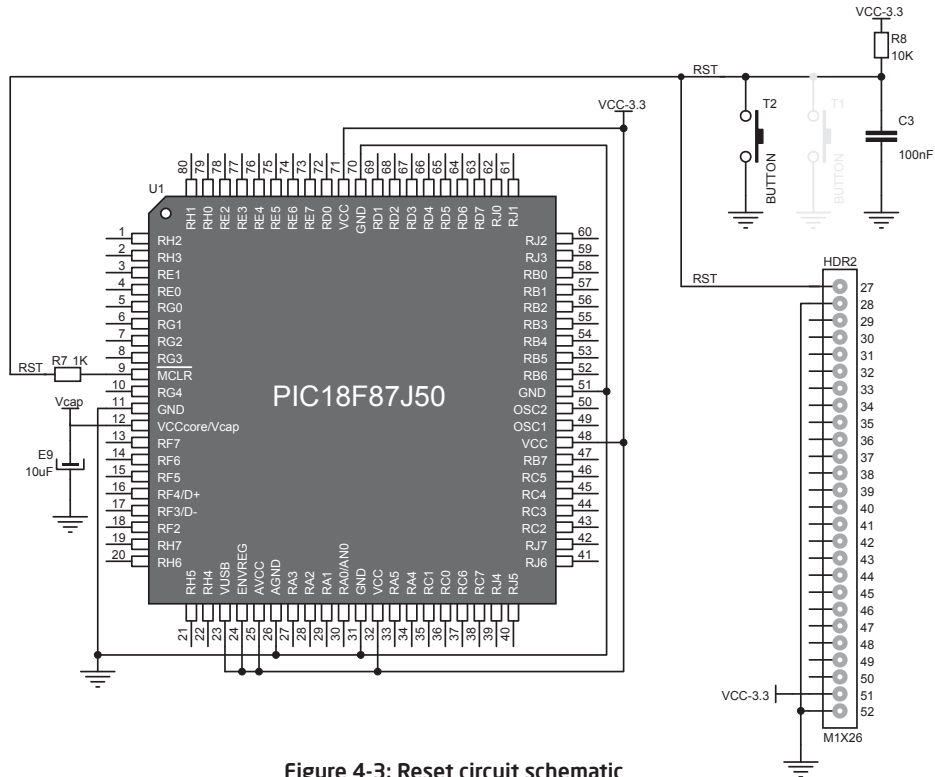


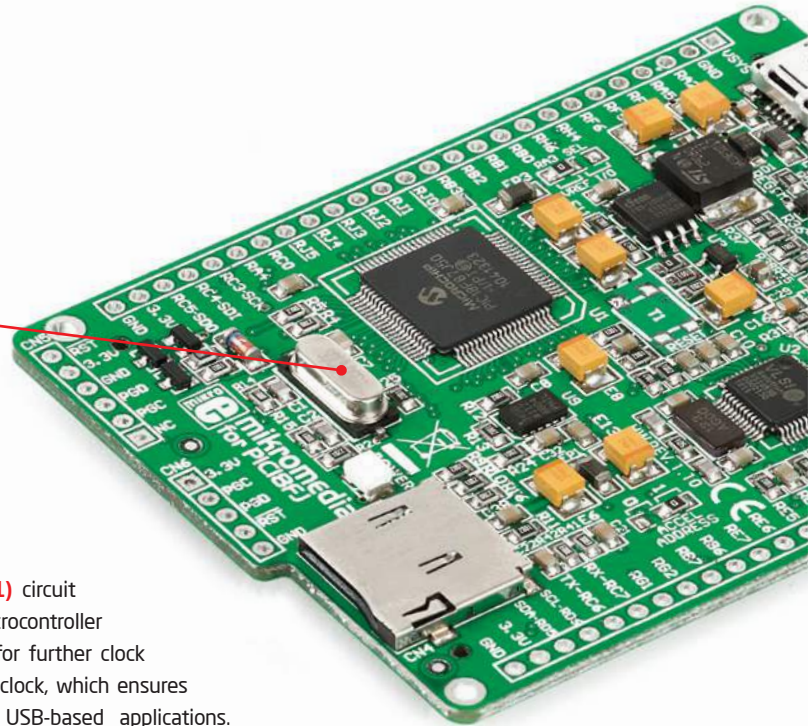
Figure 4-3: Reset circuit schematic

## 5. Crystal oscillator



Figure 5-1:  
Crystal oscillator  
module

Board is equipped with **8MHz crystal oscillator (X1)** circuit that provides external clock waveform to the microcontroller CLK0 and CLK1 pins. This base frequency is suitable for further clock multipliers and ideal for generation of necessary USB clock, which ensures proper operation of bootloader and your custom USB-based applications.



**NOTE :** The use of crystal in all other schematics is implied even if it is purposely left out, because of the schematics clarity.

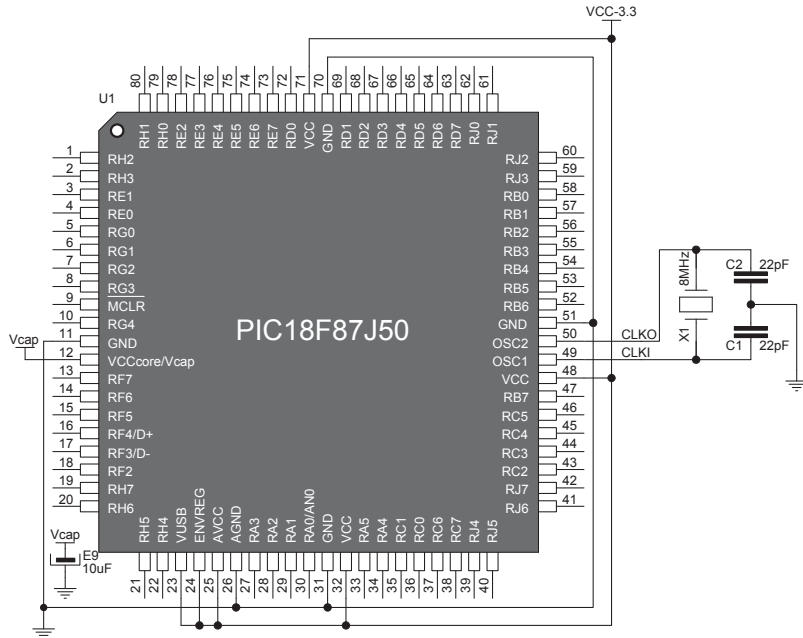


Figure 5-2: Crystal oscillator schematic

## 6. microSD Card Slot

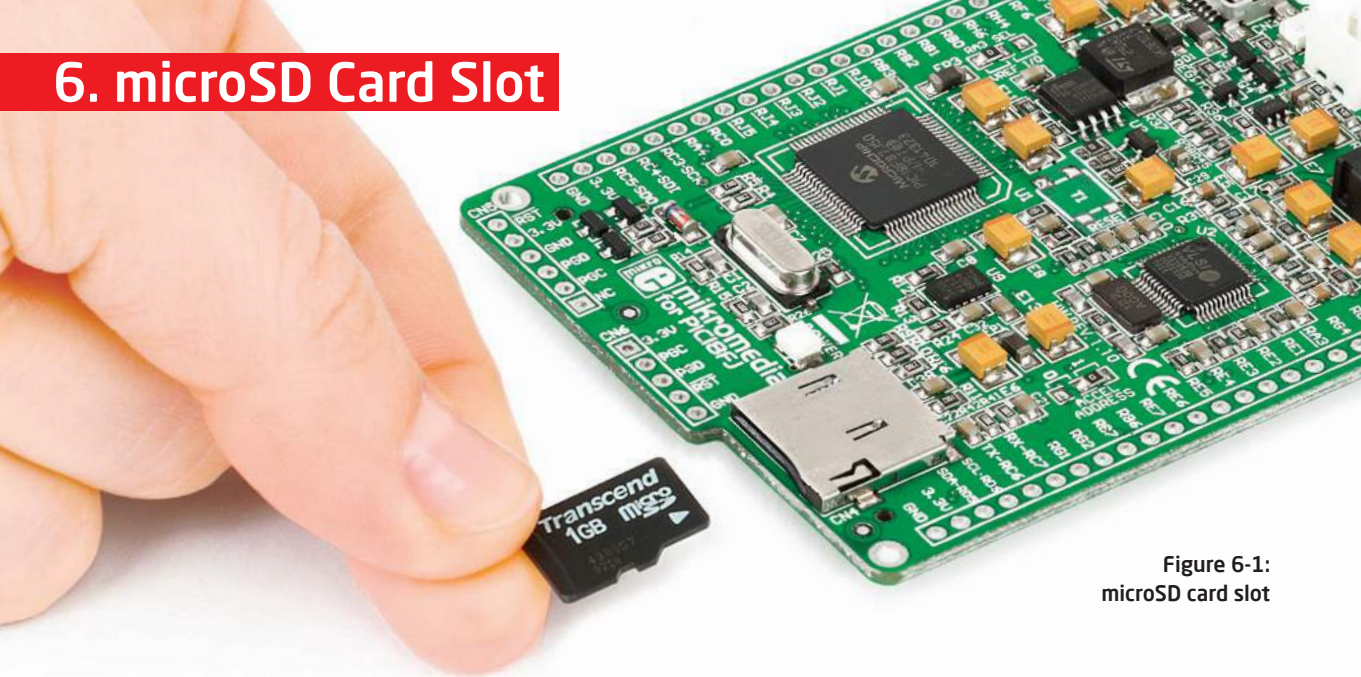


Figure 6-1:  
microSD card slot

Board contains **microSD card slot** for using microSD cards in your projects. It enables you to store large amounts of data externally, thus saving microcontroller memory. microSD cards use Serial Peripheral Interface (**SPI**) for communication with the microcontroller.



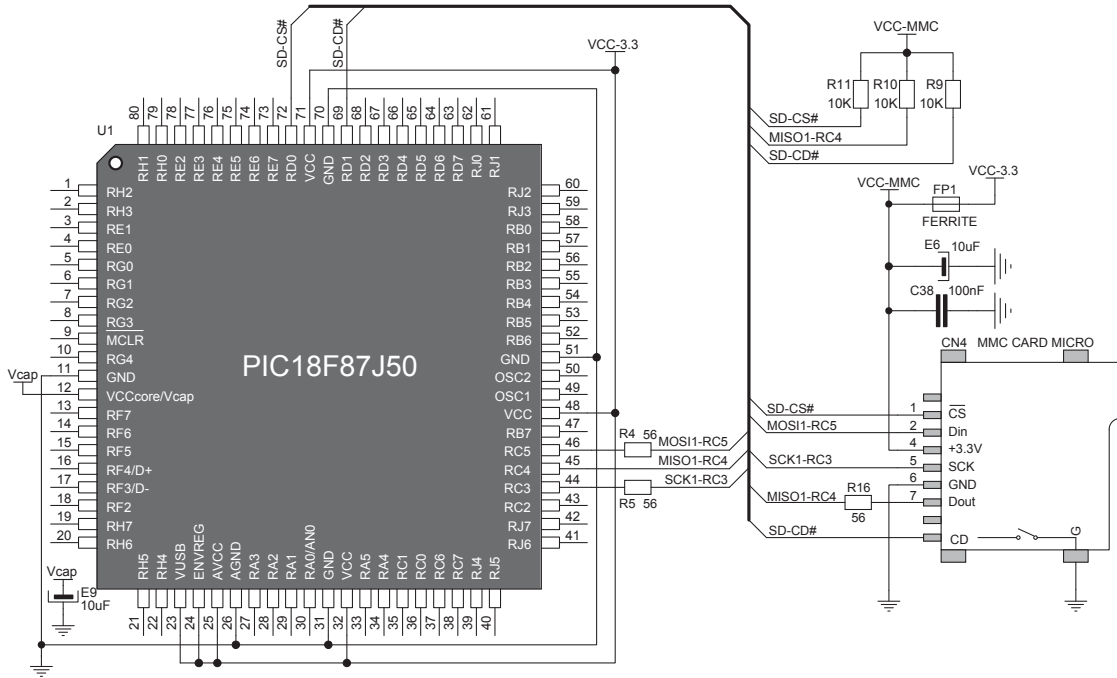


Figure 6-2: microSD Card Slot module connection schematic

## 7. Touch Screen

The development system features a **TFT 320x240 display** covered with a **resistive touch panel**. Together they form a functional unit called a **touch screen**. It enables data to be entered and displayed at the same time. The TFT display is capable of showing graphics in **262.144 different colors**.

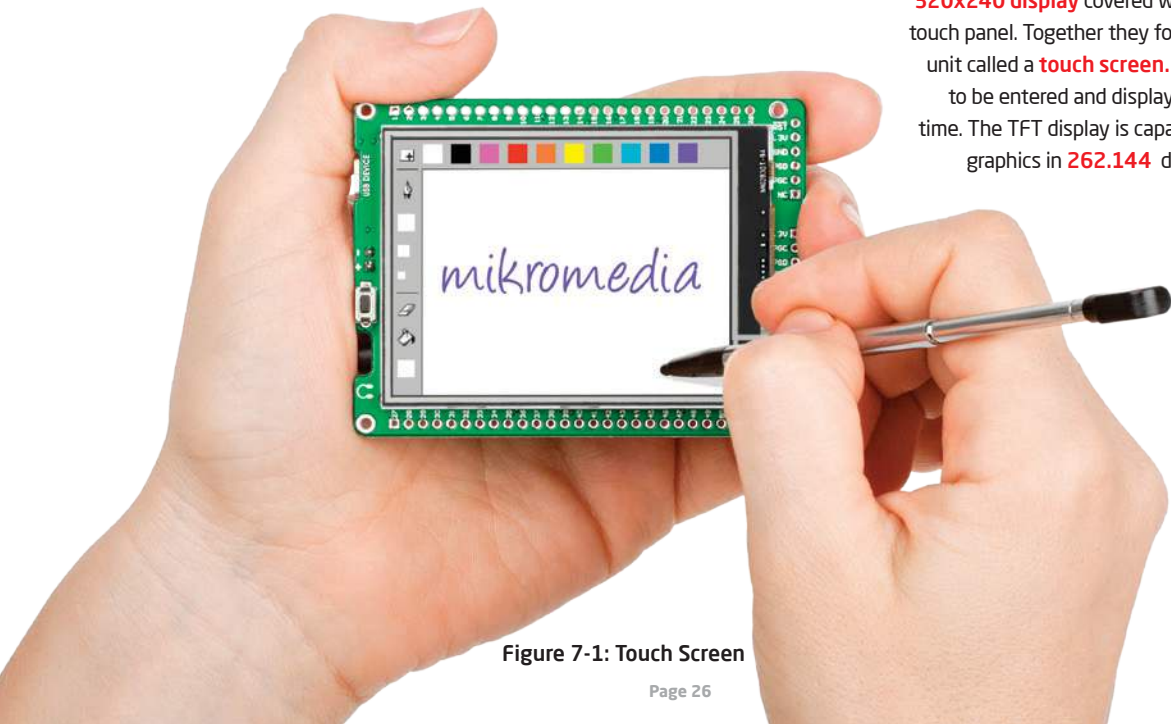


Figure 7-1: Touch Screen

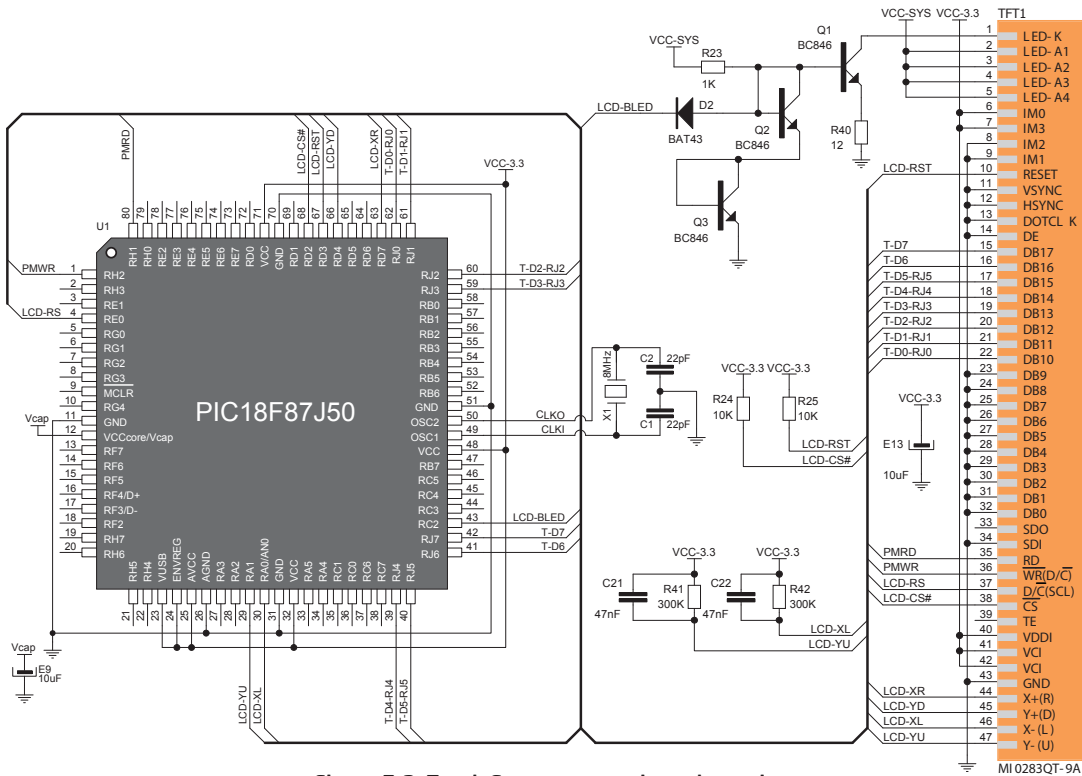


Figure 7-2: Touch Screen connection schematic

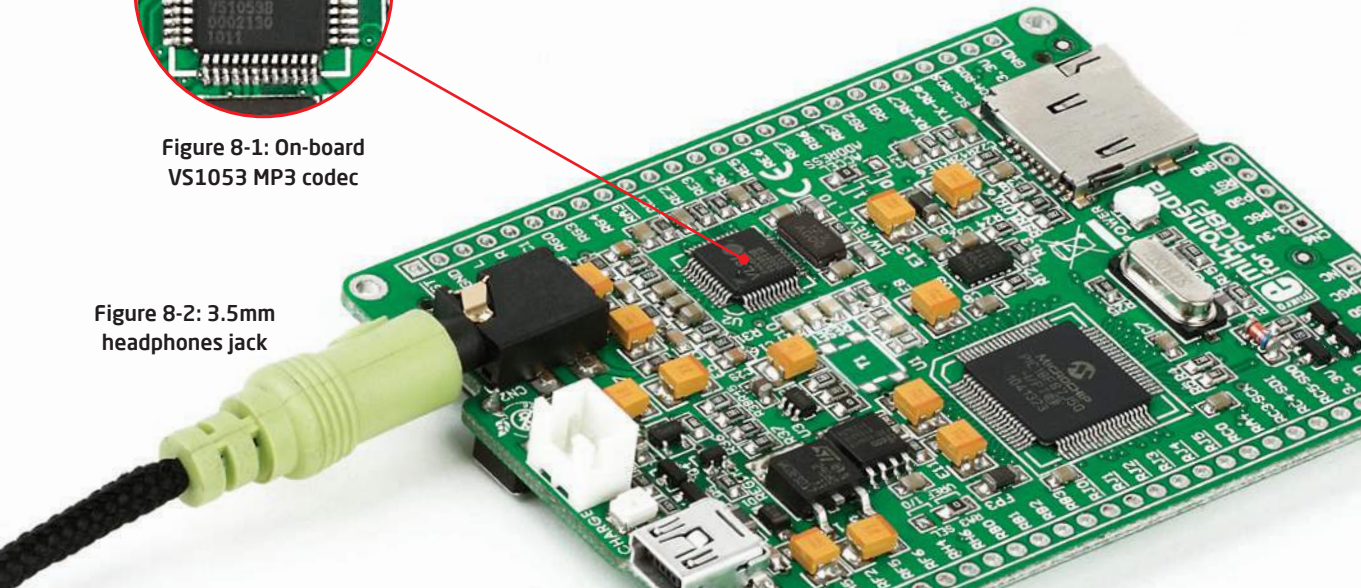
## 8. Audio Module



Figure 8-1: On-board VS1053 MP3 codec

Figure 8-2: 3.5mm headphones jack

The mikromedia™ for PIC18FJ® features stereo audio codec **VS1053**. This module enables audio reproduction by using stereo headphones connected to the system via a **3.5mm** connector CN2. All functions of this module are controlled by the microcontroller over Serial Peripheral Interface (**SPI**).



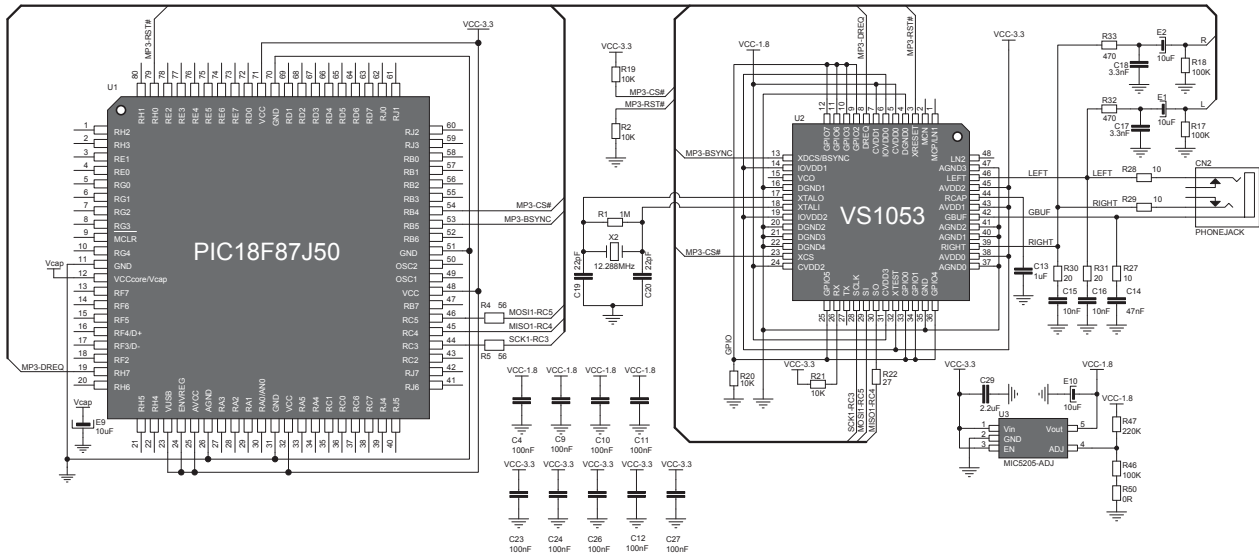


Figure 8-3: Audio module connection schematic

## 9. USB connection

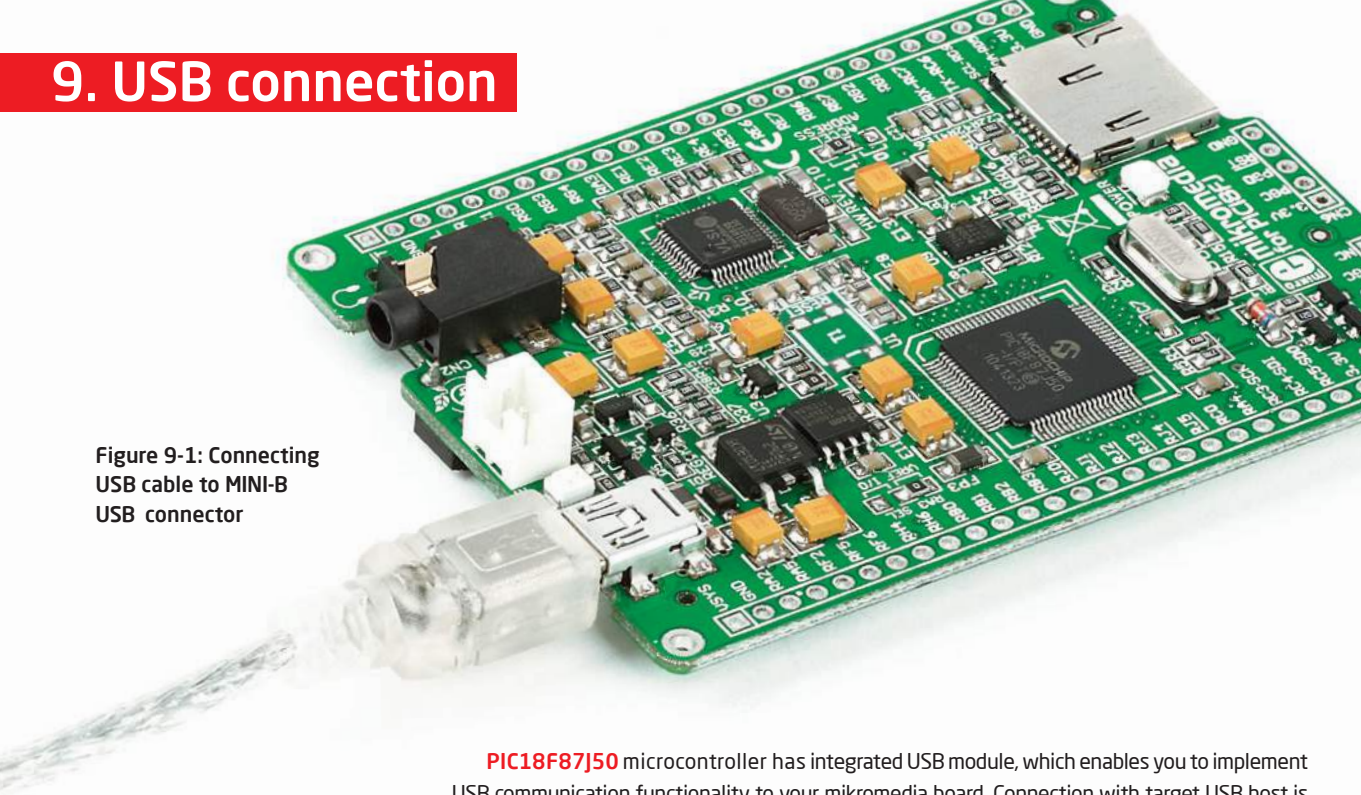


Figure 9-1: Connecting USB cable to MINI-B USB connector

**PIC18F87J50** microcontroller has integrated USB module, which enables you to implement USB communication functionality to your mikromedia board. Connection with target USB host is done over MINI-B USB connector which is positioned next to the battery connector.

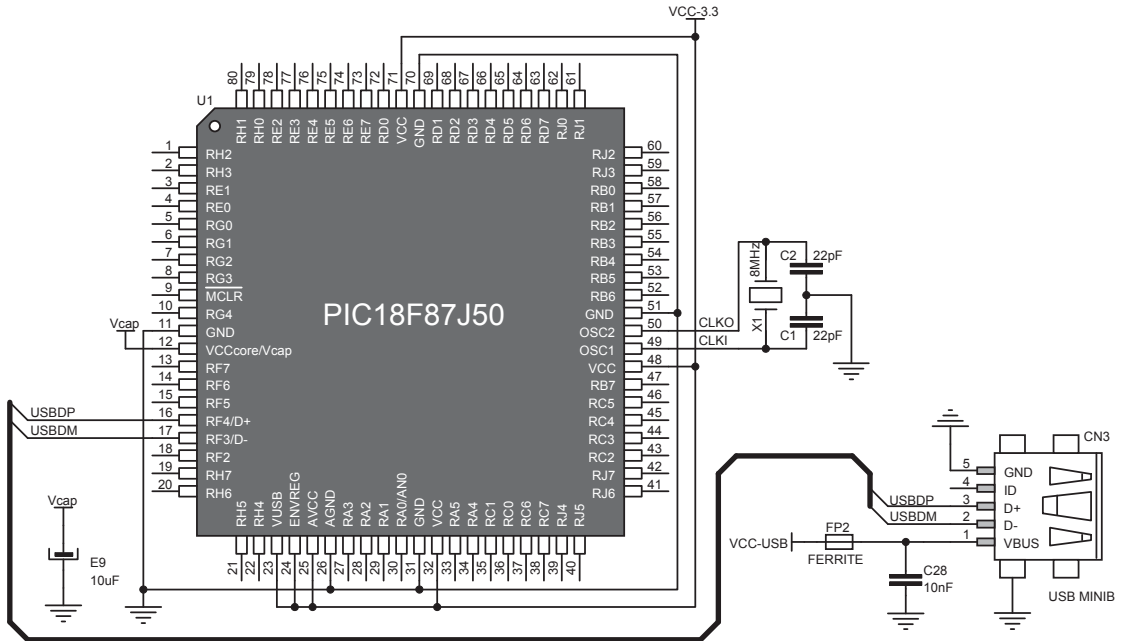
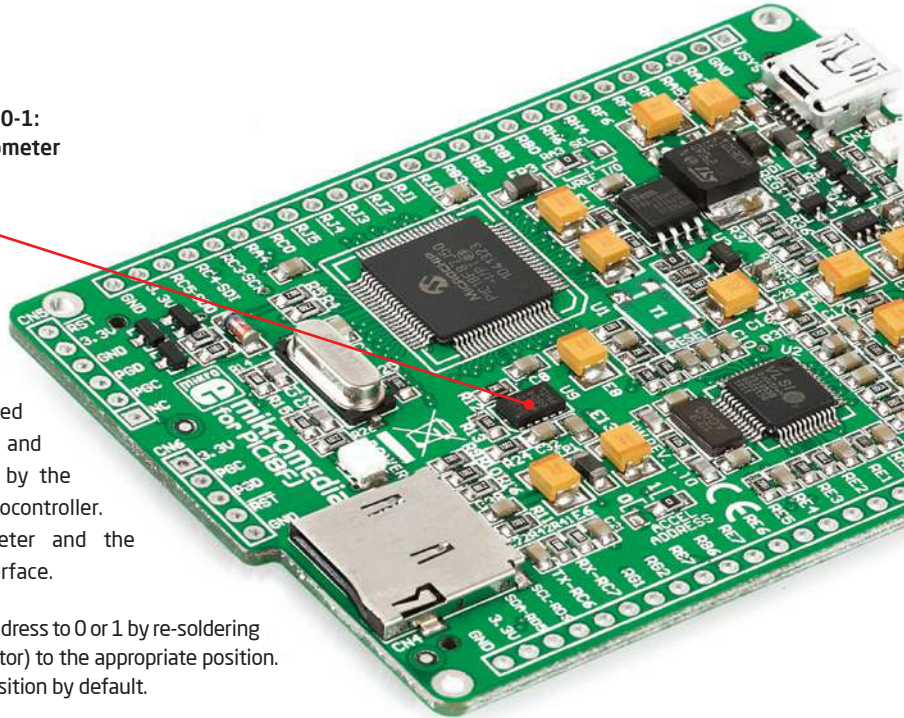


Figure 9-2: USB module connection schematic

# 10. Accelerometer



Figure 10-1:  
Accelerometer  
module



On board **ADXL345** accelerometer is used to measure acceleration in three axis: x, y and z. The accelerometer function is defined by the user in the program loaded into the microcontroller. Communication between the accelerometer and the microcontroller is performed via the **I<sup>2</sup>C** interface.



You can set the accelerometer address to 0 or 1 by re-soldering the SMD jumper (zero-ohm resistor) to the appropriate position. Jumper is placed in address 1 position by default.



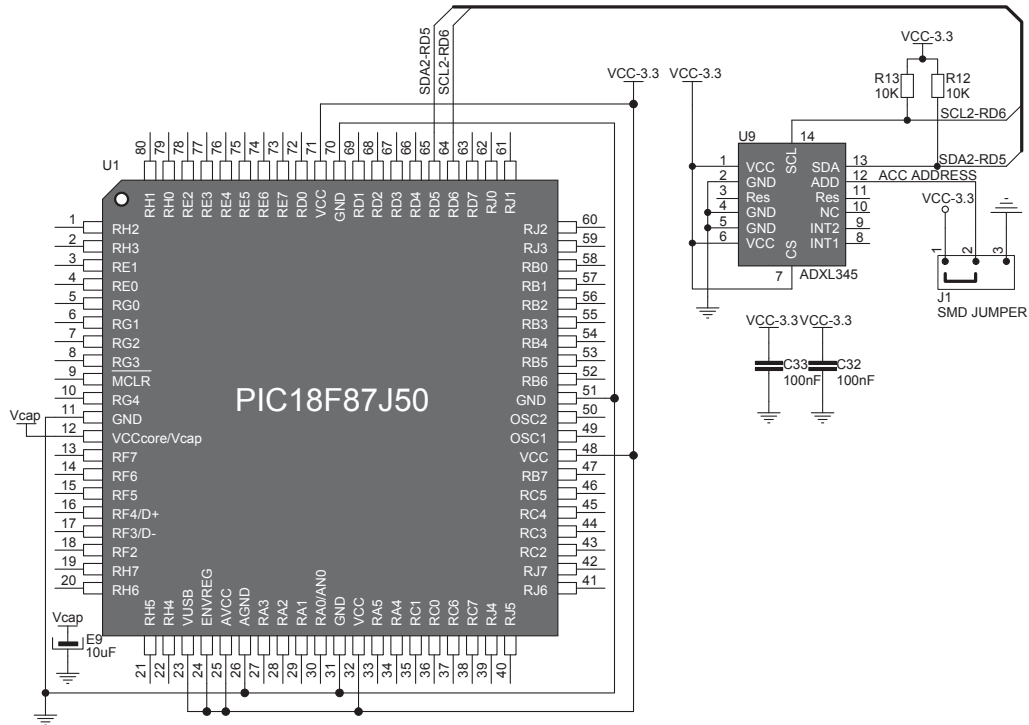


Figure 10-2: Accelerometer connection schematic

# 11. Flash Memory



Figure 11-1:  
Flash memory module

Since multimedia applications are getting increasingly demanding, it is necessary to provide additional memory space to be used for storing more data. The flash memory module enables the microcontroller to use additional **8Mbit** flash memory. It is connected to the microcontroller via the Serial Peripheral Interface (**SPI**).

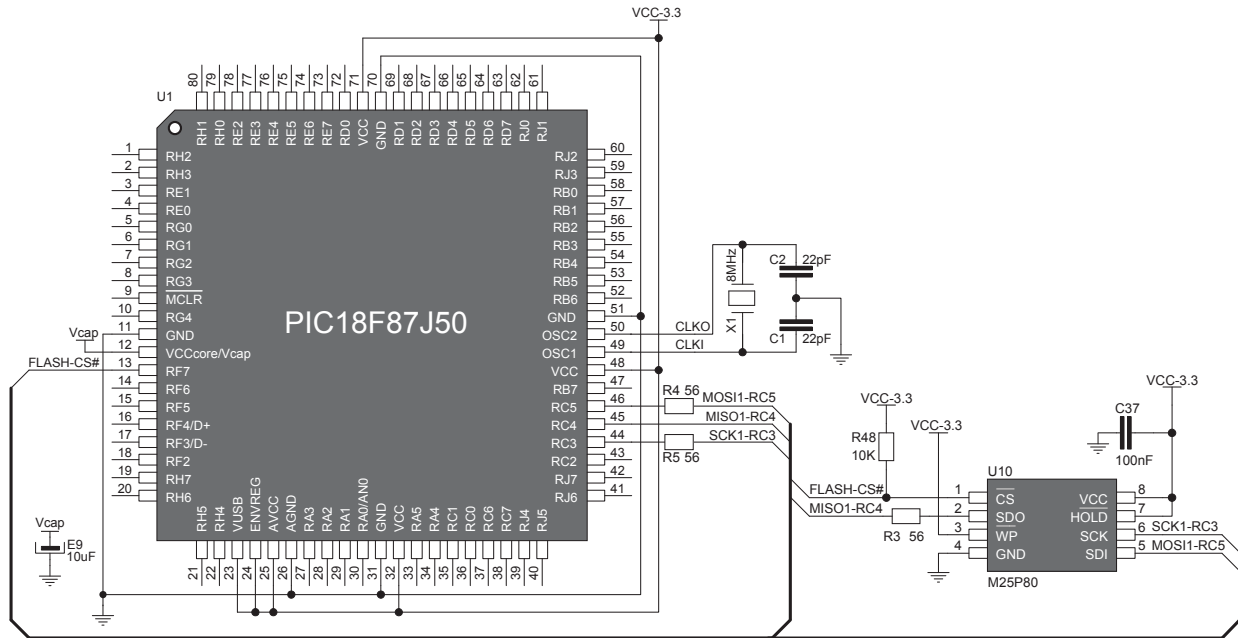


Figure 11-2: Flash memory module connection schematic

# 12. Pads



Pads HDR2

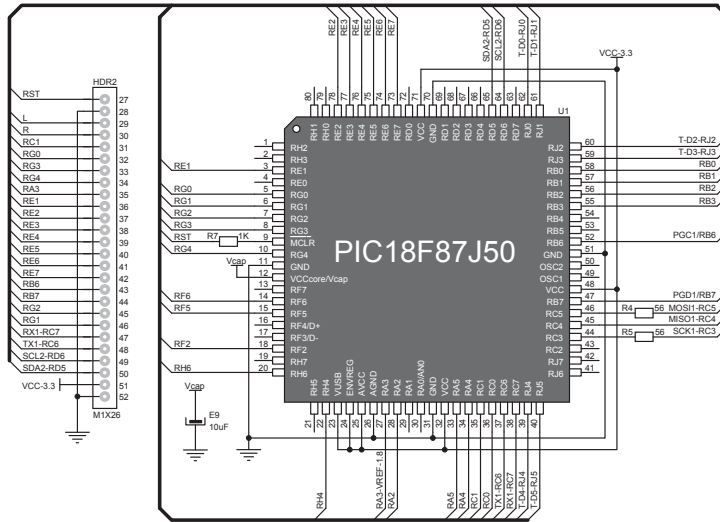


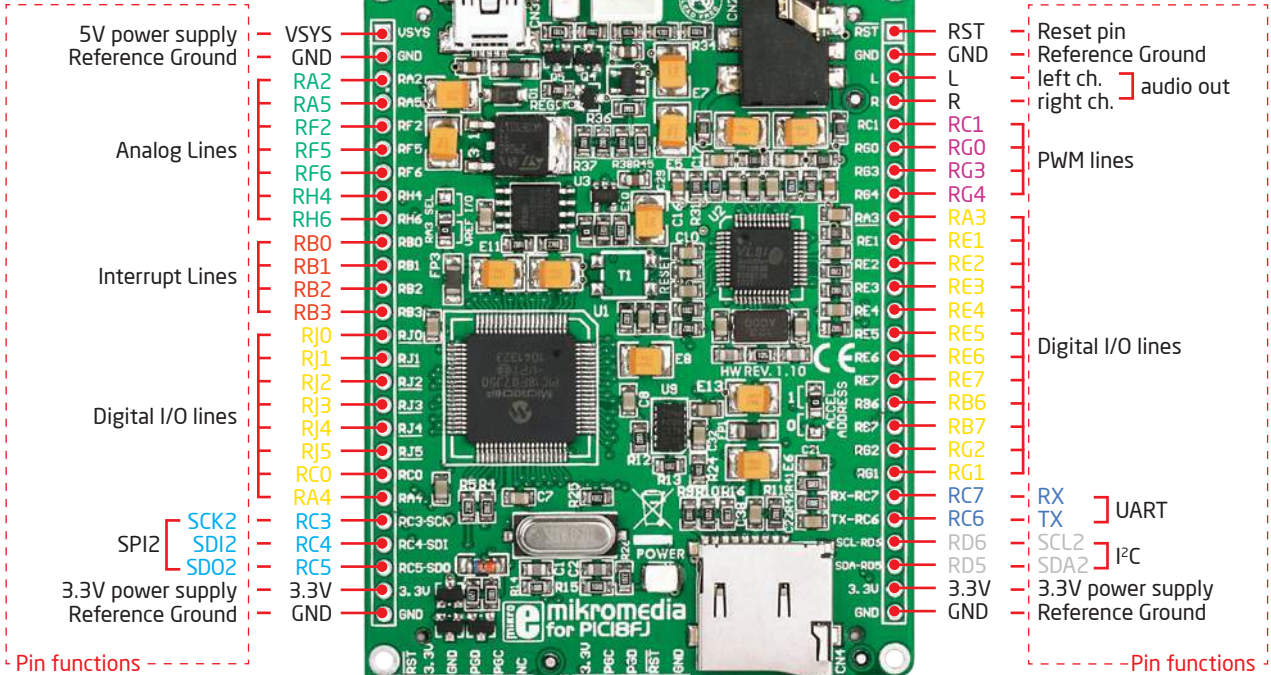
Figure 12-1: Connecting pads schematic

Most microcontroller pins are available for further connectivity via two 1x26 rows of connection pads on both sides of the mikromedia board. They are designed to match additional shields, such as Battery Boost shield, Gaming, PROTO shield and others. Pads with underlined silkscreen markings have multiple functions (see the complete schematic for more information).



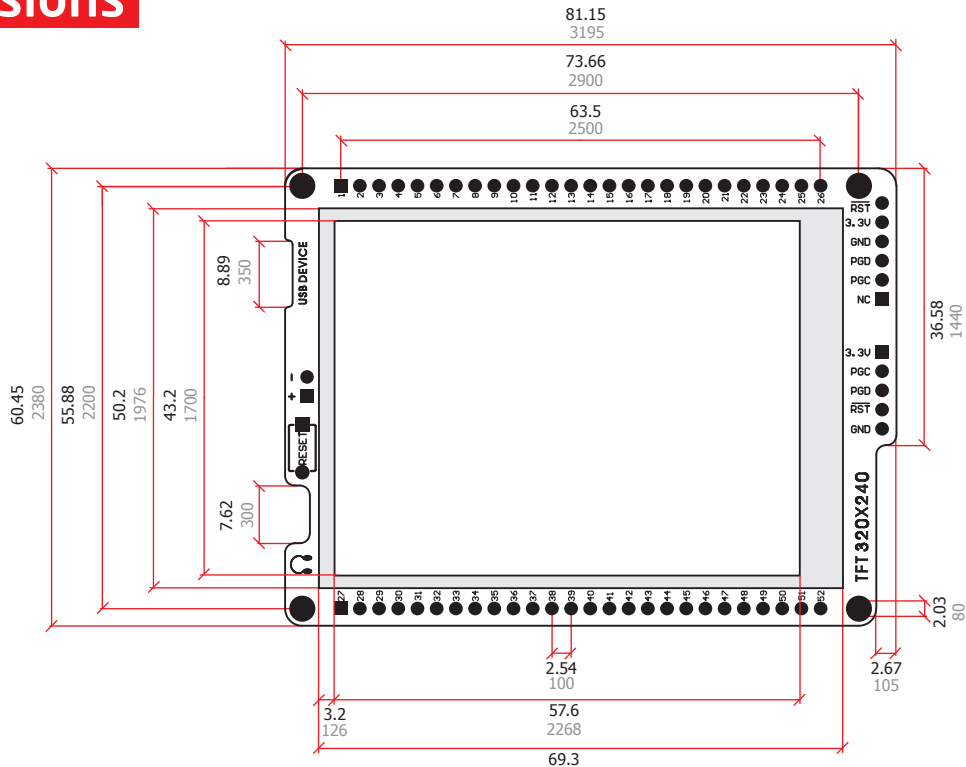
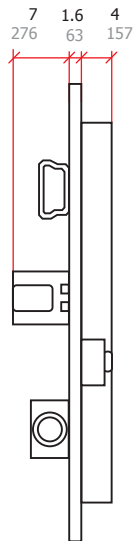
Pads HDR1

# 13. Pinout



■ Digital lines  
 ■ Analog Lines  
 ■ Interrupt Lines  
 ■ SPI Lines  
 ■ I2C Lines  
 ■ UART lines  
 ■ PWM lines

# 14. Dimensions



## Legend

-  mm
-  mils

# 15. Mikromedia accessories

We have prepared a set of extension boards pin-compatible with your mikromedia, which enable you to easily expand your board basic functionality. We call them mikromedia shields. But we also offer other accessories, such as Li-polymer battery, stacking headers, wire jumpers and more.



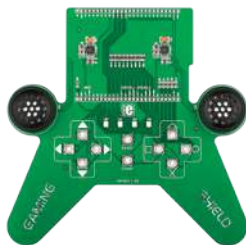
01 Connect shield



02 BatteryBoost shield



03 PROTO shield



04 Gaming shield



05 mikroBUS shield



06 Li-Polymer battery



07 Wire Jumpers

# What's next?

You have now completed the journey through each and every feature of mikromedia™ for PIC18FJ® board. You got to know it's modules and organization. Now you are ready to start using your new board. We are suggesting several steps which are probably the best way to begin. We invite you to join the users of mikromedia™ brand. You will find very useful projects and tutorials and can get help from a large ecosystem of users. Welcome!

## Compiler

You still don't have an appropriate compiler? Locate PIC® compiler that suits you best on our site:

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Choose between mikroC™, mikroBasic™ and mikroPascal™ and download fully functional demo version, so you can begin building your first applications.

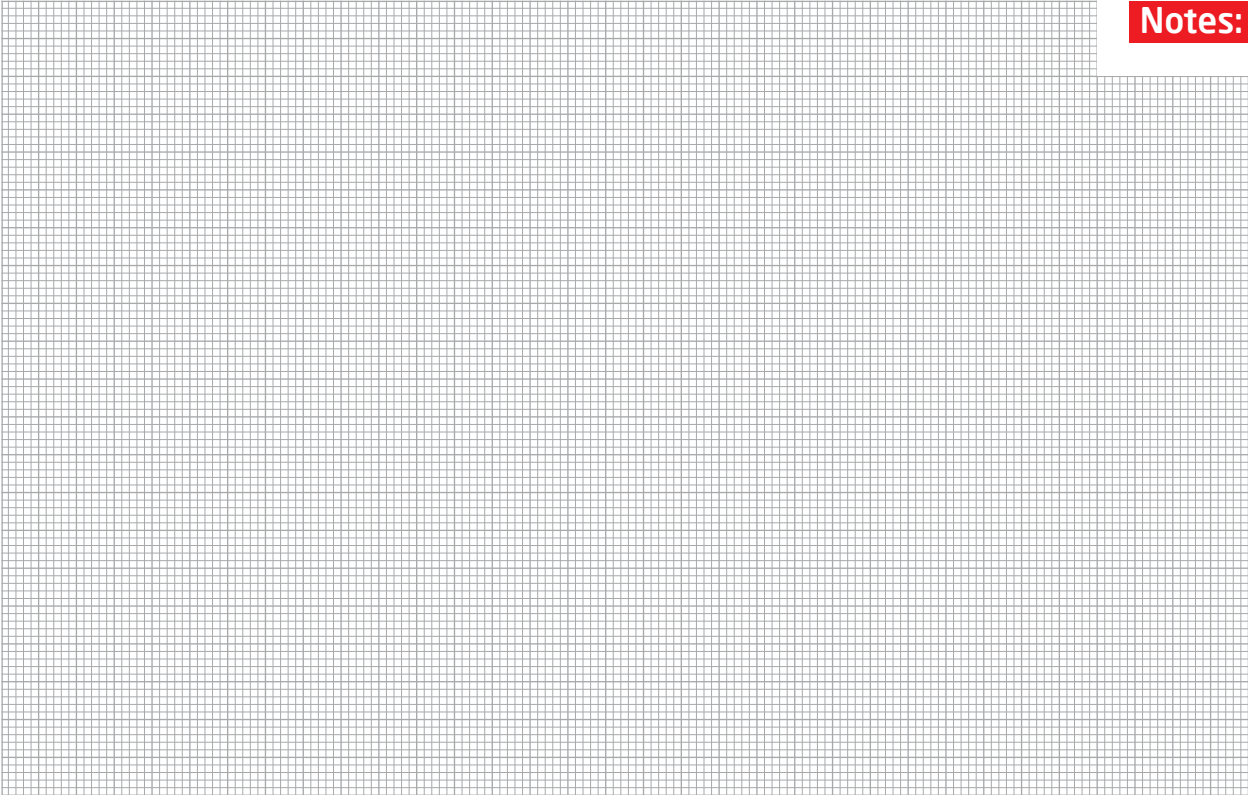


## Projects

Once you have chosen your compiler, and since you already got the board, you are ready to start writing your first projects. **Visual TFT™ software** for rapid development of graphical user interfaces enables you to quickly create your GUI. It will automatically create necessary code which is compatible with mikroElektronika compilers. Visual TFT™ is rich with examples, which are an excellent starting point for your future projects. Just load the example, read well commented code, and see how it works on hardware. Visual TFT™ is also available on our site:

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