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Preface

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INTRODUCTION

This chapter contains general information that will be useful to know before using the Audio Development Board. Items discussed in this chapter include:

- [Document Layout](#)
- [Conventions Used in this Guide](#)
- [Recommended Reading](#)
- [The Microchip Web Site](#)
- [Development Systems Customer Change Notification Service](#)
- [Customer Support](#)
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DOCUMENT LAYOUT

This document describes how to use the Audio Development Board as a development tool to design high-quality audio development platforms.

This user's guide is composed of the following:

- **Chapter 1. “Introduction”** – provides an overview of the Audio Development Board, highlighting its features and uses.
- **Chapter 2. “Hardware”** – provides the hardware descriptions of the Audio Development Board.
- **Appendix A. “Schematics and Board Layout”** – provides a detailed schematic and a board layout diagram of the Audio Development Board.

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CONVENTIONS USED IN THIS GUIDE

This manual uses the following documentation conventions:

DOCUMENTATION CONVENTIONS

| Description | Represents | Examples |
|--|---|---|
| Arial font: | | |
| Italic characters | Referenced books | <i>MPLAB[®] IDE User's Guide</i> |
| | 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</u> > <i>Save</i> |
| Bold characters | A dialog button | Click OK |
| | A tab | Click the Power tab |
| Text in angle brackets < > | A key on the keyboard | Press <Enter>, <F1> |
| Courier New font: | | |
| Plain Courier New | Sample source code | <code>#define START</code> |
| | Filenames | <code>autoexec.bat</code> |
| | File paths | <code>C:\mcc18\h</code> |
| | Keywords | <code>_asm, _endasm, static</code> |
| | Command-line options | <code>-Opa+, -Opa-</code> |
| | Bit values | <code>0, 1</code> |
| | Constants (in source code) | <code>0xFF, 'A'</code> |
| <i>Italic Courier New</i> | A variable argument | <i>file.o</i> , where <i>file</i> can be any valid filename |
| Square brackets [] | Optional arguments | <code>mcc18 [options] file [options]</code> |
| Curly brackets and pipe character: { } | Choice of mutually exclusive arguments; an OR selection | <code>errorlevel {0 1}</code> |
| Ellipses... | Replaces repeated text | <code>var_name [, var_name...]</code> |
| | Represents code supplied by user | <code>void main (void) { ... }</code> |

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- **In-Circuit Debuggers** – The latest information on the Microchip in-circuit debugger, MPLAB ICD 3.
- **MPLAB IDE** – The latest information on Microchip MPLAB IDE, the Windows[®] Integrated Development Environment for development systems tools. This list is focused on the MPLAB IDE, MPLAB SIM simulator, MPLAB IDE Project Manager and general editing and debugging features.
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Chapter 1. Introduction

Thank you for purchasing an Audio Development Board from Microchip Technology Inc. The Audio Development Board showcases a 16/32-bit audio development platform with a true 24-bit audio codec. In addition, the board also showcases the performance of PIC32 MCU/dsPIC33E DSC for complex audio algorithms.

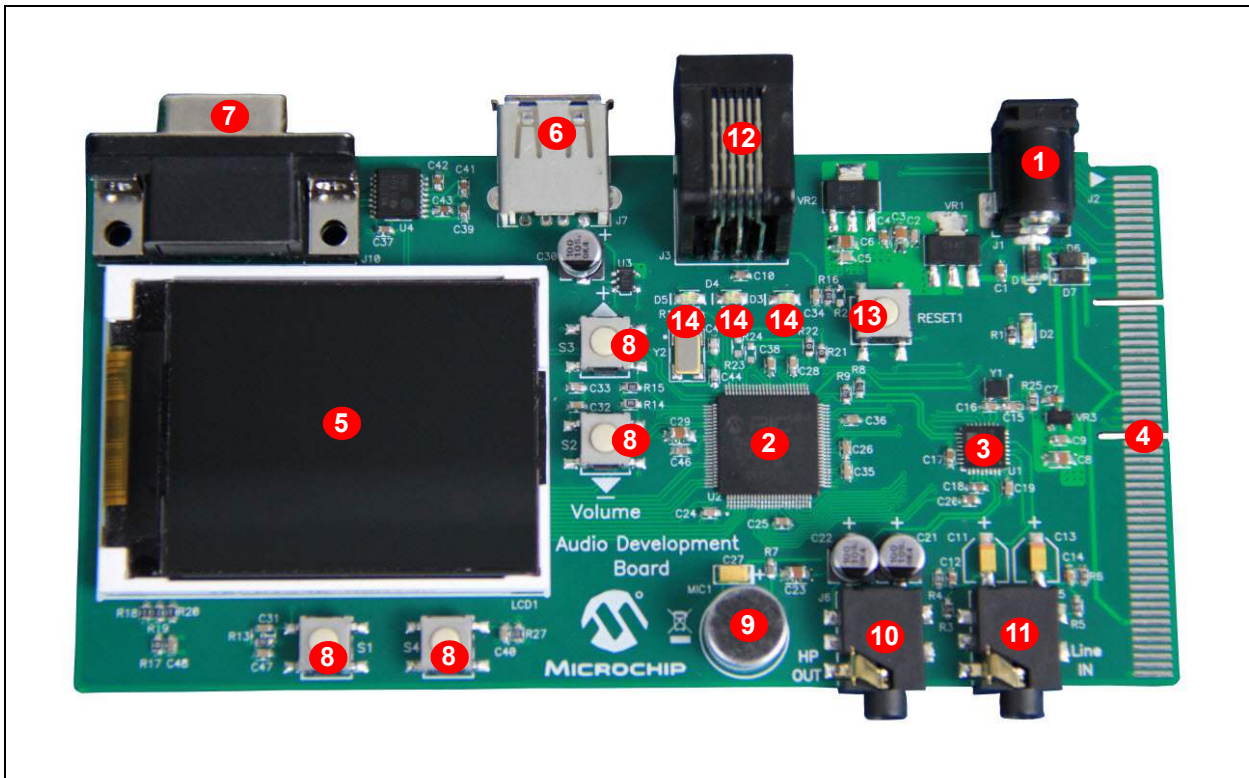
1.1 OVERVIEW

The features of the Audio Development Board are:

- High-performance MCU
- Wolfson WM8960 audio codec with up to 48 kHz sampling rate and up to 24-bit resolution
- Headphone out, Line-in jacks, and an on-board MIC
- TFT color display with 220x176 resolution
- PICTail™ Plus Connector
- General purpose user switches and LEDs

Figure 1-1 shows the Audio Development Board, which is annotated to show the main components. Each component is described in detail in Table 1-1.

FIGURE 1-1: AUDIO DEVELOPMENT BOARD



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TABLE 1-1: AUDIO DEVELOPMENT BOARD COMPONENT DESCRIPTIONS

| Item Number | Component Label | Description |
|-------------|-----------------|---|
| 1 | J1 | 9V DC power connector. |
| 2 | U2 | Microcontroller. |
| 3 | U1 | Wolfson WM8960 audio codec. |
| 4 | J2 | PICtail Plus Connector for iPod® PICtail™ Plus Board. |
| 5 | LCD1 | 2-inch (220x176) TFT display. |
| 6 | J7 | USB interface connector. |
| 7 | J10 | RS-232 serial UART connector. |
| 8 | S1, S2, S3, S4 | General purpose user application switches. |
| 9 | MIC1 | Condenser microphone. |
| 10 | HP OUT | 3.5 mm stereo headphone socket. |
| 11 | Line IN | Line input socket. |
| 12 | J3 | RJ-45 debugger connector. |
| 13 | RESET1 | Device Reset switch. |
| 14 | D3, D4, D5 | General purpose user LEDs. |

Refer to [Chapter 2. “Hardware”](#) for detailed hardware descriptions

Chapter 2. Hardware

This chapter provides a functional overview of the hardware used in the Audio Development Board and identifies the major hardware components.

Topics covered include:

- [Power Supply](#)
- [Microcontroller](#)
- [Audio Codec, Microphone and Audio Connections](#)
- [PICtail™ Plus Connector](#)
- [TFT Display](#)
- [USB Connectivity](#)
- [UART Connectivity](#)
- [User LEDs and Switches](#)

2.1 POWER SUPPLY

Power can be supplied to the Audio Development Board through the DC connector (J1). By connecting a 9V power supply to the DC connector, the Audio Development Board and the expansion connector will receive the proper voltages.

CAUTION

Care should be exercised while working with headphones or speakers. Exposure to high volumes can result in hearing damage. The use of headphones or speakers with built-in volume control is recommended.

2.2 MICROCONTROLLER

The microcontroller (U2) on-board the Audio Development Board is a 16/32-bit, high-performance microcontroller (MCU). The clock requirement is met via the 8 MHz external crystal oscillator (Y2). The device can be placed in Reset by activating the RESET1 switch.

A debugger or programmer such as MPLAB® REAL ICE™ In-Circuit Emulator or ICD 3 can be used via the RJ-45 (J3) connector. The debugging interface is implemented via the ICSP™ protocol and the external debugger is connected to the ICSP socket (J3).

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2.3 AUDIO CODEC, MICROPHONE AND AUDIO CONNECTIONS

The audio codec (U1) is a Wolfson WM8960. The codec is of hi-fi quality with up to 24-bit resolution. The sampling rates supported are between 8 kHz to 48 kHz and includes an on-chip flexible PLL. The codec has a built-in headphone driver and a stereo Class D speaker driver. In addition, it has low-power consumption and offers a small foot print. On 32-bit microcontroller, the codec data interface is handled through the SPI module in Framed SPI mode. On 16-bit microcontroller, the codec data interface is handled through the DCI module. The control registers of the codec are configured over the I²C interface. The codec external clock is provided by a 12 MHz crystal oscillator.

The condenser microphone (MIC1) is available on the board for capturing audio. The microphone bias voltage is provided directly by the codec and is connected via Line Input 1 of the codec. The microphone bias voltage level and sensitivity are controlled via the codec registers. The microphone signal is presented as a mono signal to the application.

The line-in jack (Line IN) is available to interface to audio signal sources (such as CD players and musical instruments) that use line level outputs. The line input signal is a stereo signal and is connected to Left Input 2 and Right Input 2 of the codec.

Note: The maximum line input signal level should not exceed 0.5Vrms on differential and 1Vrms on single-ended input.

The Headphone jack (HP OUT) is a 3.5 mm stereo socket that connects to the codec headphone amplifier, with the headphone signal output as a true stereo signal. Any commercially available headphone can be connected to the headphone jack. The headphone volume and the headphone input signal are configurable via the codec registers. The codec outputs a maximum of 20 mW into a 32 Ohm headphone.

2.4 PICTail™ PLUS CONNECTOR

The expansion connector (J2) on the Audio Development Board can be used to enable Made for iPod (MFi) features for an iPod® PICTail Plus board. The PICTail Plus connector is not compatible with any other PICTail Plus Daughter boards.

2.5 TFT DISPLAY

The Audio Development Board has a 2 inch TFT display (LCD1) with a resolution of 220x176 for a maximum of 262K colors. The display is controlled by a chip-on-glass OTM2201A display controller. The display controller requires 8-bit parallel interface. The Parallel Master Port (PMP) on the MCU is used to interface to the display controller.

2.6 USB CONNECTIVITY

The Audio Development Board features USB Host support (J7). This connector allows applications to interface to USB devices such as a USB Thumb Drive, USB mouse, and so on. The USB module on the MCU provides the required USB Host functionality. A 5V switch controlled by the MCU controls the power supply to the attached USB device.

2.7 UART CONNECTIVITY

The RS-232 Serial port (J10) provides a general purpose serial communication port for application use. The MAX3232CUE (U4) RS-232 transceiver provides the required translation level and connects to a UART on the MCU (U2).

2.8 USER LEDS AND SWITCHES

The general purpose LEDs, D3, D4, and D5, are available for application use. The LEDs are connected to the MCU (U2) output ports. Setting the port high will activate the LED.

The general purpose push button switches S1, S2, S3, and S4, are available for application use. All four switches are connected to the MCU input ports. Activating a switch will cause the port line to pull low.

Note: Switches S2 and S3 are marked on the board as controlling volume; however, these switches *do not* control the volume of the codec (U1) DAC directly. The codec DAC volume is controlled by the on-board device (U2).

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Appendix A. Schematics and Board Layout

A.1 AUDIO DEVELOPMENT BOARD SCHEMATICS

FIGURE A-1: DISPLAY CIRCUIT

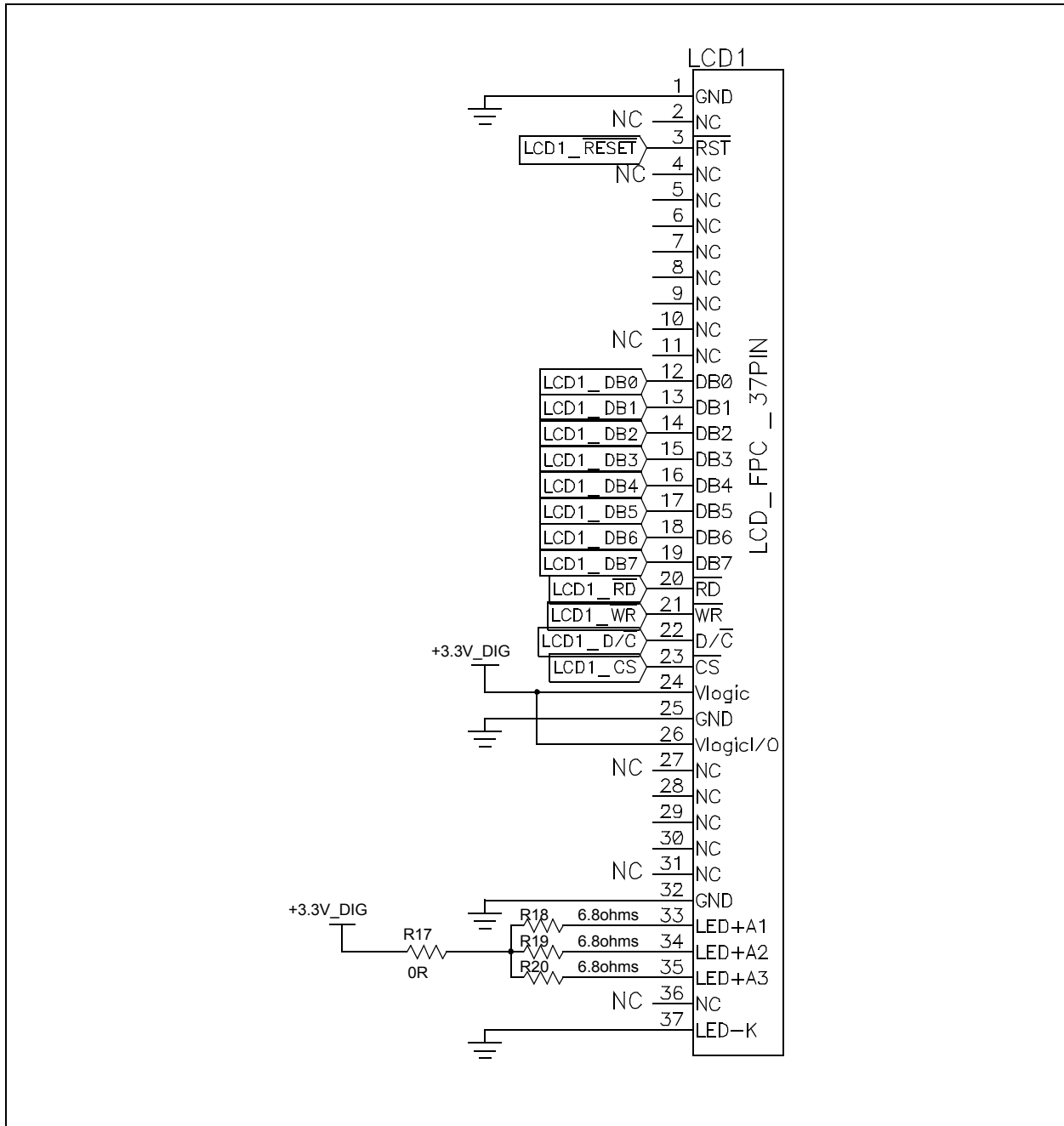


FIGURE A-2: AUDIO CIRCUIT

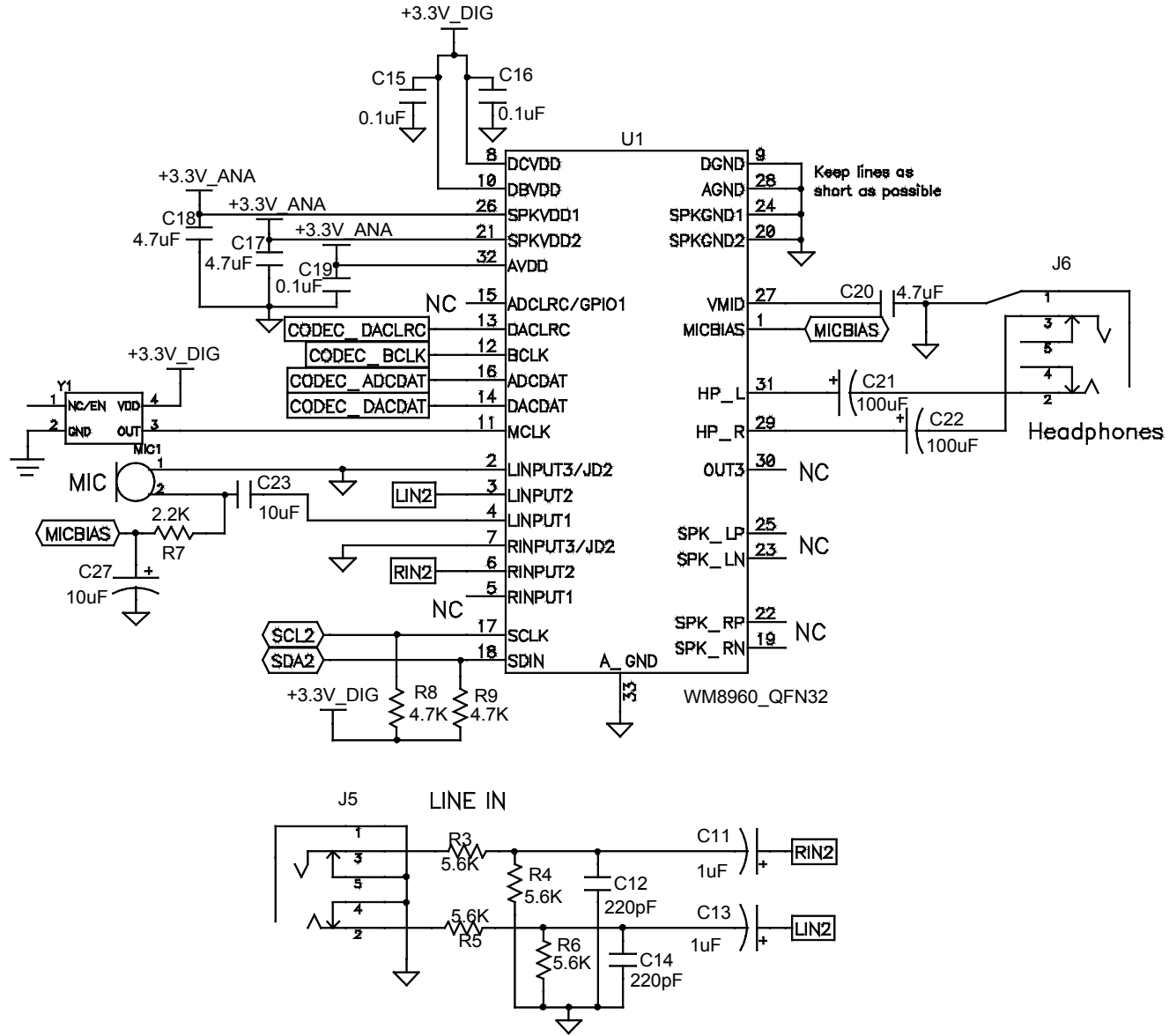
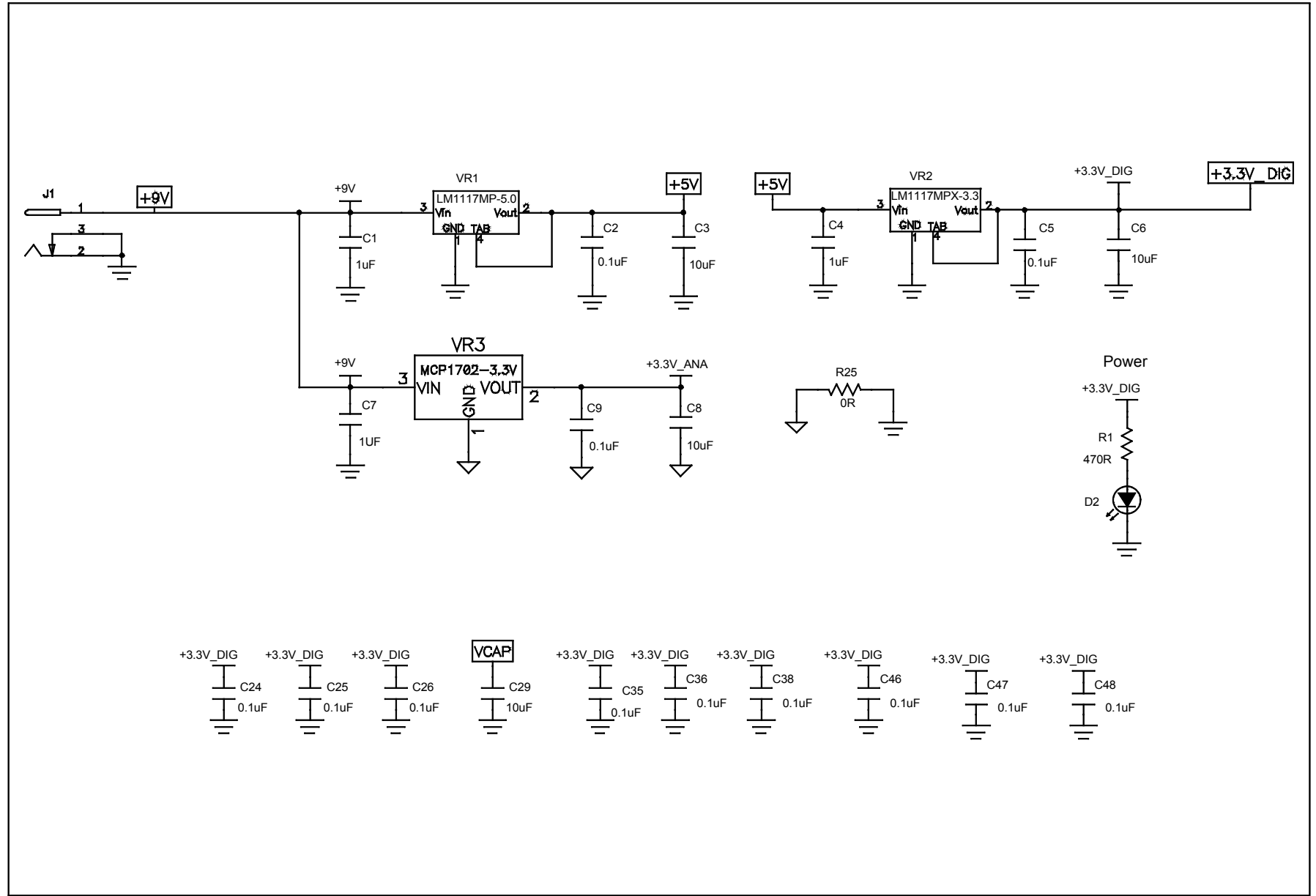
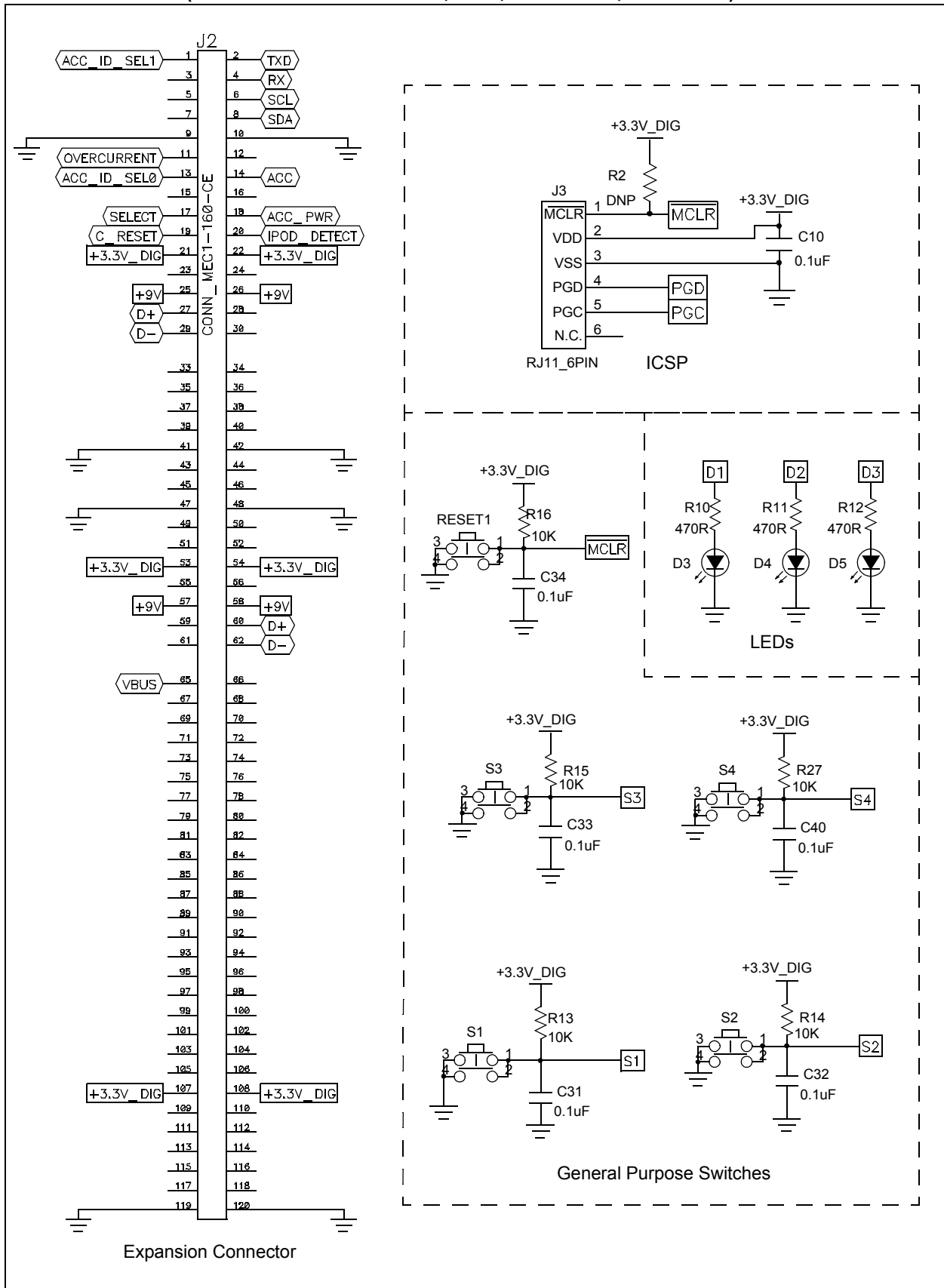


FIGURE A-4: POWER CIRCUITS



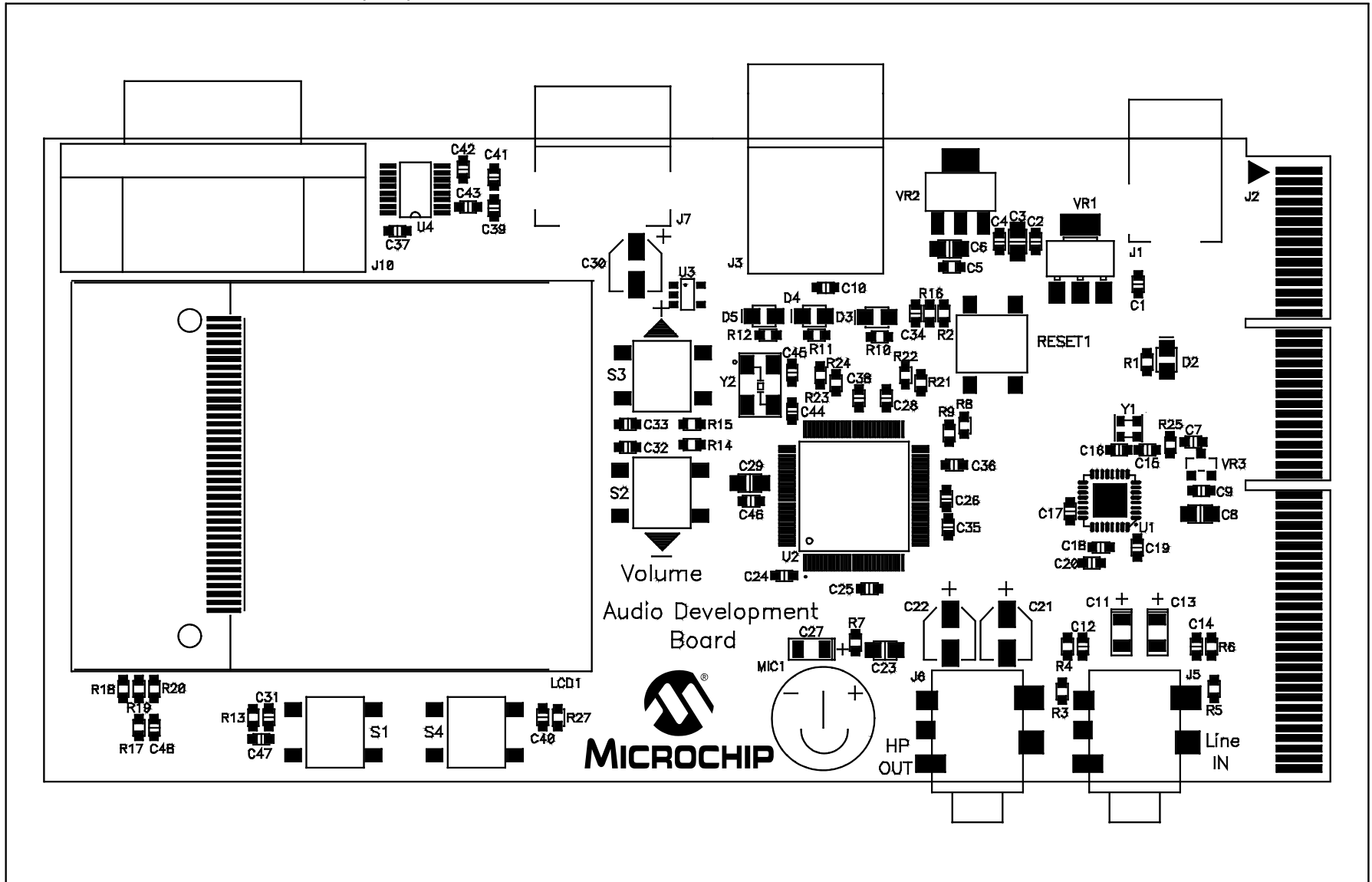
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**FIGURE A-5: COMMUNICATION CIRCUITS
(EXPANSION CONNECTOR, ICSP, SWITCHES, AND LEDs)**



A.2 AUDIO DEVELOPMENT BOARD LAYOUT

FIGURE A-6: BOARD LAYOUT (TOP)



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