An abstract graphic featuring three blue circles of varying sizes. The top circle is the largest, the middle one is smaller, and the bottom one is the smallest. They are arranged along a diagonal line that runs from the top left towards the bottom right. The circles are composed of concentric rings of different shades of blue. Thin blue lines extend from the top left corner towards the circles, and another line extends from the top right corner towards the bottom right circle.

# Automatically Disconnecting ICSP PIC Programmer

*"APIC Programmer"*

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## **Introduction**

[JDM programmers](#) are the most using homemade programmers. There are several drawbacks in cheap JDM based ICSP programmers. We can list them as follows

1. JDM based ICSP programmers require, user to disconnect ICSP cable from target board before executing program. Otherwise target board will not operate properly. This is because programmer begins to act as external component to target board and most importantly negative voltage on MCLR pin will reset the PIC.
2. User has to remove the power supply to target board before beginning programming. Not removing external power supply normally causes erroneous programming. This is because JDM programmers use funky voltages. Separate power supply will interfere with programmer.
3. These JDM programmers depend on the charge stored in a capacitor to supply Vpp voltage during programming. Programming errors may occur when writing large programs where charge on capacitor drains before completing programming.
4. Removing ICSP cable after programming may damage PIC because these programmers continuously provide 5V even after programming is complete.
5. Most JDM programmers do not give user to select method to enter programming modes “Vpp before Vdd” or “Vdd before Vpp”. (There are few improved programmers which have this option)

## **Features**

In order to solve above problems I designed this PIC programmer. Following are the features of this programmer.

**Programmer will automatically disconnect from target board after programming is complete.**

- ❖ User does not have to remove ICSP cable manually. Programmer will automatically connect to target board when programming begins. This is achieved by using CD4066 bilateral switch. This IC contains 4 bilateral switches. These switches turn on when their control pins states are high and go to high impedance mode when control pins states are low. These high impedance state acts as disconnection of programmer’s Vpp, Vdd, clock and data lines are connected to target board through these switches. Normally all switch control pins are set to logic low by using pull down resistor. Therefore programmer is disconnected from target board. When programming begins, TXD pin of serial port goes high (positive 12V) and this will set control pins logic state to high and this will turn on switches. So programmer will connect to target board through switches and programming begins. CD4066 has maximum

supply voltages of 15V therefore it can be connected to TXD pin directly. Since programmer is disconnected and MCLR pin is set to high so program execution can begin immediately.

**No need to remove external power supply to target board even programmer is self powered.**

- ❖ This programmer use rectifying bridge to convert negative voltage (-12V) at TXD pin respective to GND pin of serial port, when not in programming mode. And when in programming mode TXD voltage with respective to GND pin becomes positive. Due to rectifying bridge output is always positive. This positive output voltage is regulated and reduced to 5V supply using a 78L05 regulator IC. Therefore external power supply to PIC and programmers power supply matches. Therefore we don't have to remove the external power supply.

**Programmer does not depend on charge stored in a capacitor to supply Vpp voltage**

- ❖ Programmers Vpp supply is taken through the rectifier bridge. In order to reduce voltage drop on bridge germanium diodes (OA70) are used. Normally serial port can supply 12V and most PICs have programming voltage between 8.5V-13.5V this is enough without charge pump capacitor. So we can write large programs without failing.

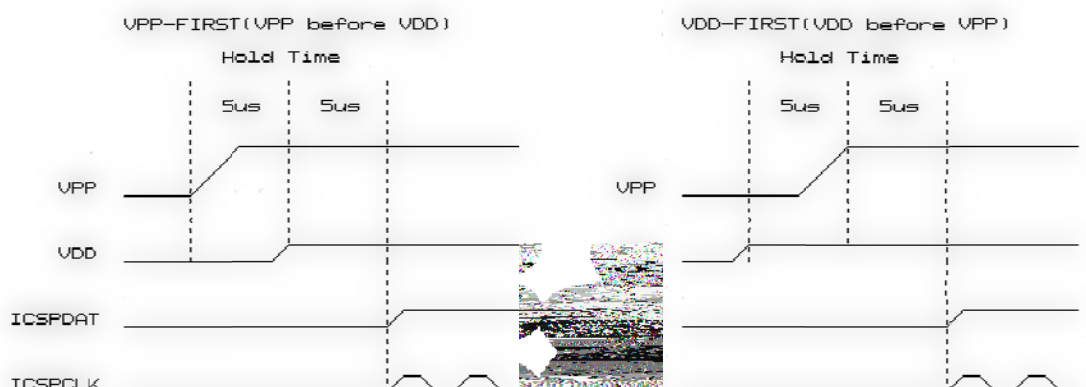
**Removing ICSP cable does not damage PIC**

- ❖ This is because programmer disconnects itself from target board and power supply with it. Removing cable will not do anything.

**“Vpp before Vdd”, “Vdd before Vpp” and “Vpp during Vdd” method selection ability**

- ❖ Some PICs requires Vpp before Vdd method to program (12F675) and some requires Vdd before Vpp method (18F452, 16F876). This is achieved by simple RC delay circuit. When Switch S1 is on position 1, Vpp is directly supplied to PIC but Vdd is delayed by charging capacitor C4 through R4. when Switch is set to position 3 Vdd is directly supplied without

Two methods that enter devices into Program/Verify mode



delay but Vpp supply is delayed until capacitor C5 charge through R5 to required voltage. By setting switch to center position (2) “Vpp during Vdd” is selected.

**Cheap**

- ❖ It cost only about \$ 0.77
  - ✓ CD4066 – \$ 0.25
  - ✓ 78L05 - \$ 0.10
  - ✓ Resistors - \$ 0.03
  - ✓ Capacitors - \$ 0.06
  - ✓ Diodes - \$ 0.08
  - ✓ Switch - \$ 0.25

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**Schematic**



## Programming voltages and methods

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;*****
;
; 18F Device Table
;
; <ID2> <ID1> <"name"> <param1> <param2>, 8 bytes per device
;
; PARAM1 = B EE WWW F   (B = bulk erase algorithm, 0 or 1)
;                        (E = erase buffer size, 20h or 40h)
;                        (W = write buffer size, 08h, 20h, or 40h)
;                        (F = flash memory size b16)
;
; PARAM2 = FFFF EEEE    (F = flash mem size b15..b12)
;                        (E = eeprom mem size b11..b8)
;

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	org	h'0C00'			Programming Voltage	Programmin
ID8TBL	dt	0x04,0x80,	"242 ",	0x42,0x41	;18F242	9.0-13.25 VDD
	dt	0x08,0x00,	"248 ",	0x42,0x41	;18F248	9.0-13.25 VDD
	dt	0x04,0x00,	"252 ",	0x42,0x81	;18F252	9.0-13.25 VDD
	dt	0x08,0x40,	"258 ",	0x42,0x81	;18F258	9.0-13.25 VDD
	dt	0x04,0xA0,	"442 ",	0x42,0x41	;18F442	9.0-13.25 VDD
	dt	0x08,0x20,	"448 ",	0x42,0x41	;18F448	9.0-13.25 VDD
	dt	0x04,0x20,	"452 ",	0x42,0x81	;18F452	9.0-13.25 VDD
	dt	0x08,0x60,	"458 ",	0x42,0x81	;18F458	9.0-13.25 VDD
	dt	0x07,0xE0,	"1220",	0x42,0x11	;18F1220	9.0-13.25 VDD
	dt	0x05,0x80,	"2220",	0x42,0x11	;18F2220	9.0-13.25 VDD
	dt	0x05,0xA0,	"4220",	0x42,0x11	;18F4220	9.0-13.25 VDD
	dt	0x07,0xC0,	"1320",	0x42,0x21	;18F1320	9.0-13.25 VDD
	dt	0x05,0x00,	"2320",	0x42,0x21	;18F2320	9.0-13.25 VDD
	dt	0x05,0x20,	"4320",	0x42,0x21	;18F4320	9.0-13.25 VDD
	dt	0x08,0xE0,	"2331",	0x42,0x21	;18F2331	9.0-13.25 VDD
	dt	0x08,0xC0,	"2431",	0x42,0x41	;18F2431	9.0-13.25 VDD
	dt	0x08,0xA0,	"4331",	0x42,0x21	;18F4331	9.0-13.25 VDD
	dt	0x08,0x80,	"4431",	0x42,0x41	;18F4431	9.0-13.25 VDD
	dt	0x21,0x60,	"2221",	0xC2,0x11	;18F2221	9.0-12.5 VDD (e)

	dt	0x21,0x20, "2321", 0xC2,0x11	;18F2321	9.0-12.5	VDD (e)
	dt	0x11,0x60, "2410", 0xC8,0x40	;18F2410	9.0-12.5	VDD (e)
	dt	0x11,0x40, "2420", 0xC8,0x41	;18F2420	9.0-12.5	VDD (e)
	dt	0x24,0x20, "2450", 0xC8,0x40	;18F2450	9.0-12.5	VDD (f)
check					
	dt	0x0B,0xA0, "2455", 0xC8,0x61	;18F2455	9.0-12.5	VDD
	dt	0x1A,0xE0, "2480", 0xC8,0x41	;18F2480	9.0-12.5	VDD (e)
	dt	0x11,0x20, "2510", 0xC8,0x80	;18F2510	9.0-12.5	VDD (e)
	dt	0x0C,0xE0, "2515", 0xD0,0xC0	;18F2515	9.0-12.5	VDD
	dt	0x11,0x00, "2520", 0xC8,0x81	;18F2520	9.0-12.5	VDD (e)
	dt	0x0C,0xC0, "2525", 0xD0,0xC4	;18F2525	9.0-12.5	VDD
	dt	0x0B,0x60, "2550", 0xC8,0x81	;18F2550	9.0-12.5	VDD
	dt	0x1A,0xC0, "2580", 0xC8,0x81	;18F2580	9.0-12.5	VDD (e)
	dt	0x0E,0xE0, "2585", 0xD0,0xC4	;18F2585	9.0-12.5	VDD
	dt	0x0C,0xA0, "2610", 0xD1,0x00	;18F2610	9.0-12.5	VDD
	dt	0x0C,0x80, "2620", 0xD1,0x04	;18F2620	9.0-12.5	VDD
	dt	0x0E,0xC0, "2680", 0xD1,0x04	;18F2680	9.0-12.5	VDD
	dt	0x21,0x40, "4221", 0xC2,0x41	;18F4221	9.0-12.5	VDD (e)
	dt	0x21,0x00, "4321", 0xC2,0x41	;18F4321	9.0-12.5	VDD (e)
	dt	0x10,0xE0, "4410", 0xC8,0x40	;18F4410	9.0-12.5	VDD (e)
	dt	0x10,0xC0, "4420", 0xC8,0x41	;18F4420	9.0-12.5	VDD (e)
	dt	0x24,0x00, "4450", 0xC8,0x40	;18F4450	9.0-12.5	VDD (f)
check					
	dt	0x0B,0x80, "4455", 0xC8,0x61	;18F4455	9.0-12.5	VDD
	dt	0x1A,0xA0, "4480", 0xC8,0x41	;18F4480	9.0-12.5	VDD (e)
	dt	0x10,0xA0, "4510", 0xC8,0x80	;18F4510	9.0-12.5	VDD (e)
	dt	0x0C,0x60, "4515", 0xD0,0xC0	;18F4515	9.0-12.5	VDD
	dt	0x10,0x80, "4520", 0xC8,0x81	;18F4520	9.0-12.5	VDD (e)
	dt	0x0C,0x40, "4525", 0xD0,0xC4	;18F4525	9.0-12.5	VDD
	dt	0x0B,0x40, "4550", 0xC8,0x81	;18F4550	9.0-12.5	VDD
	dt	0x1A,0x80, "4580", 0xC8,0x81	;18F4580	9.0-12.5	VDD (e)
	dt	0x0E,0xA0, "4585", 0xD0,0xC4	;18F4585	9.0-12.5	VDD
	dt	0x0C,0x20, "4610", 0xD1,0x00	;18F4610	9.0-12.5	VDD
	dt	0x0C,0x00, "4620", 0xD1,0x04	;18F4620	9.0-12.5	VDD
	dt	0x0E,0x80, "4680", 0xD1,0x04	;18F4680	9.0-12.5	VDD
ID8TOT equ (\$-ID8TBL)/8					
;*****					
;					
; 12F/16F Device Table					
;					



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; <ID2> <ID1> <"name"> <param1> <param2>, 8 bytes per device
;
; PARAM1 = not defined yet
;
; PARAM2 = not defined yet
;

        org      h'0E00'

ID6TBL  dt      0x00,0x00, "508 ", 0x0000 ;12F508
;
;      dt      0x00,0x00, "509 ", 0x0000      ;12F509
;
;      dt      0x00,0x00, "510 ", 0x0000      ;12F510
;
;      dt      0x0F,0x80, "629 ", 0x0000      ;12F629 (*) 8.5-13.5 VPP
;
;      dt      0x0F,0xA0, "635 ", 0x0000      ;12F635      10.0-13.0 VPP
;
;      dt      0x0F,0xC0, "675 ", 0x0000      ;12F675 (*) 8.5-13.5 VPP
;
;      dt      0x04,0x60, "683 ", 0x0000      ;12F683      10.0-13.0 VPP
;
;
;      dt      0x00,0x00, "505 ", 0x0000      ;16F505
;
;      dt      0x00,0x00, "506 ", 0x0000      ;16F506 future?
;
;      dt      0x00,0x00, "54  ", 0x0000      ;16F54  ID 12.5-13.5 VDD
;
;      dt      0x00,0x00, "57  ", 0x0000      ;16F57  ID 12.5-13.5 VDD
;
;      dt      0x00,0x00, "59  ", 0x0000      ;16F59  ID 12.5-13.5 VDD
;
;      dt      0x07,0xA0, "627 ", 0x0000      ;16F627      8.5-13.5 VDD
;
;      dt      0x10,0x40, "627A", 0x0000      ;16F627A     10.0-13.5 VPP
;
;      dt      0x07,0xC0, "628 ", 0x0000      ;16F628      8.5-13.5 VDD
;
;      dt      0x10,0x60, "628A", 0x0000      ;16F628A     10.0-13.5 VPP
;
;      dt      0x10,0xC0, "630 ", 0x0000      ;16F630      8.5-13.5 VPP
;
;      dt      0x10,0xA0, "636 ", 0x0000      ;16F636     10.0-13.0 VPP
;
;      dt      0x10,0xA0, "639 ", 0x0000      ;16F639     10.0-13.0 VPP
;
;      dt      0x11,0x00, "648A", 0x0000      ;16F648A     10.0-13.5 VPP
;
;      dt      0x10,0xE0, "676 ", 0x0000      ;16F676      8.5-13.5 VPP
;
;      dt      0x10,0x80, "684 ", 0x0000      ;16F684     10.0-13.0 VPP
;
;      dt      0x04,0xA0, "685 ", 0x0000      ;16F685     10.0-13.0 VPP
;
;      dt      0x13,0x20, "687 ", 0x0000      ;16F687     10.0-13.0 VPP
;
;      dt      0x11,0x80, "688 ", 0x0000      ;16F688     10.0-13.0 VPP
;
;      dt      0x13,0x40, "689 ", 0x0000      ;16F689     10.0-13.0 VPP
;
;      dt      0x14,0x00, "690 ", 0x0000      ;16F690     10.0-13.0 VPP
;
;      dt      0x11,0x40, "716 ", 0x0000      ;16F716     11.0-13.5 VDD
;
;      dt      0x00,0x00, "72  ", 0x0000      ;16F72
;
;
;
;
;      dt      0x06,0x00, "73  ", 0x0000      ;16F73      12.8-13.3 VDD

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	dt	0x0B,0xA0, "737 ", 0x0000	;16F737	12.8-13.3 VDD
;	dt	0x06,0x20, "74 ", 0x0000	;16F74	12.8-13.3 VDD
	dt	0x0B,0xE0, "747 ", 0x0000	;16F747	12.8-13.3 VDD
;	dt	0x06,0x40, "76 ", 0x0000	;16F76	12.8-13.3 VDD
	dt	0x0E,0xA0, "767 ", 0x0000	;16F767	12.8-13.3 VDD
;	dt	0x06,0x60, "77 ", 0x0000	;16F77	12.8-13.3 VDD
	dt	0x0D,0xE0, "777 ", 0x0000	;16F777	12.8-13.3 VDD
;	dt	0x12,0x00, "785 ", 0x0000	;16F785	10.0-12.0 VDD/VPP
	dt	0x04,0xC0, "818 ", 0x0000	;16F818	8.5-13.5 VDD
	dt	0x04,0xE0, "819 ", 0x0000	;16F819	8.5-13.5 VDD
	dt	0x05,0x60, "84A ", 0x0000	;16F84A	
	dt	0x07,0x20, "87 ", 0x0000	;16F87	8.5-13.5 VDD
	dt	0x0D,0x00, "870 ", 0x0000	;16F870	8.5-13.5 VDD
	dt	0x0D,0x20, "871 ", 0x0000	;16F871	8.5-13.5 VDD
	dt	0x08,0xE0, "872 ", 0x0000	;16F872	8.5-13.5 VDD
	dt	0x09,0x60, "873 ", 0x0000	;16F873	8.5-13.5 VDD
	dt	0x0E,0x40, "873A", 0x0000	;16F873A	8.5-13.5 VDD
	dt	0x09,0x20, "874 ", 0x0000	;16F874	8.5-13.5 VDD
	dt	0x0E,0x60, "874A", 0x0000	;16F874A	8.5-13.5 VDD
	dt	0x09,0xE0, "876 ", 0x0000	;16F876	8.5-13.5 VDD
	dt	0x0E,0x00, "876A", 0x0000	;16F876A	8.5-13.5 VDD
	dt	0x09,0xA0, "877 ", 0x0000	;16F877	8.5-13.5 VDD
	dt	0x0E,0x20, "877A", 0x0000	;16F877A	8.5-13.5 VDD
	dt	0x07,0x60, "88 ", 0x0000	;16F88	8.5-13.5 VDD
;	dt	0x13,0xE0, "913 ", 0x0000	;16F913	10.0-12.0 VDD/VPP
;	dt	0x13,0xC0, "914 ", 0x0000	;16F914	10.0-12.0 VDD/VPP
;	dt	0x13,0xA0, "916 ", 0x0000	;16F916	10.0-12.0 VDD/VPP
;	dt	0x13,0x80, "917 ", 0x0000	;16F917	10.0-12.0 VDD/VPP