

# Robot experiment with PIC microcontroller

based-on Robo-PICA robot kit  
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# Chapter 1

## Part list of Robo-PICA and Introduce software tool

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### 1.1 Robo-PICA part list

There is 3 groups as :

1.1.1 Mechanical parts

1.1.2 Electronic parts

1.1.3 Optional parts

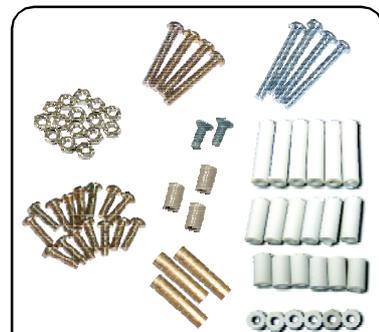
#### 1.1.1 Mechanical parts



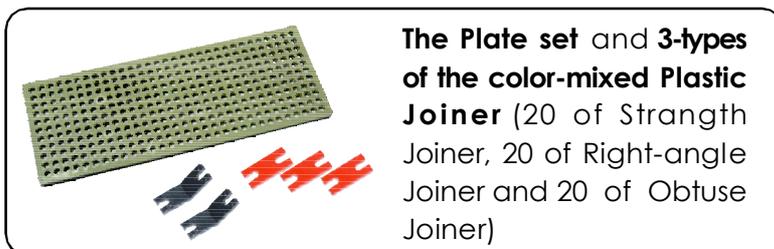
**Motor Gearbox** – Uses a 4.5-9V and 180 mADC motor with a ratio of 48:1; torque 4kg/cm; comes with support plates.



**Track wheel set** - includes 3-length of Track wheel, many support wheels and sprockets, axels and shaft base

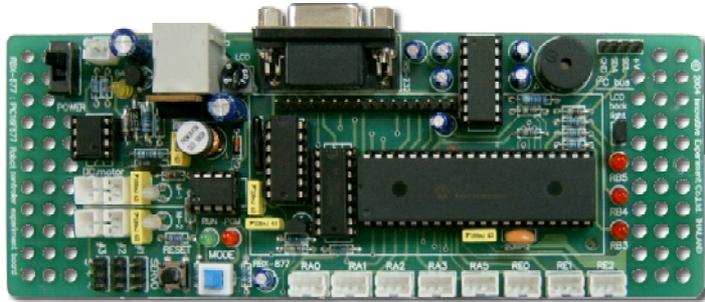


**Many sizes of Screw and Nut** (4 of 3x6mm., 30 of 3x10mm., 4 of 3x15mm., 4 of 3x25 mm., 4 of 3x35mm. Screw and 30 of 3mm. nuts), 2 of Flat head screws, **Set of Spacers** (4 of 5mm., 4 of 10mm, 4 of 15mm. and 4 of 25 mm.)

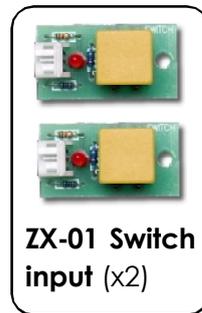


**The Plate set and 3-types of the color-mixed Plastic Joiner** (20 of Strangth Joiner, 20 of Right-angle Joiner and 20 of Obtuse Joiner)

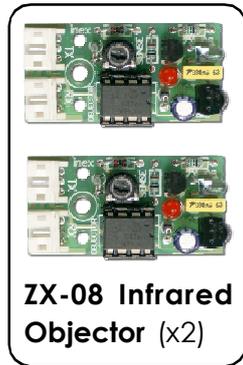
## 1.1.2 Electronic parts



**RBX-877** PIC16F877 Robot Experiment Board



**ZX-01** Switch input (x2)



**ZX-08** Infrared Objecter (x2)



**ZX-03** Infrared Reflector (x2)



**ZX-05** 38kHz Infrared Receiver



**AA size 4-pieces Battery Holder** with power cable



**ER-4** Infrared Remote Control



**16-Characters 2-lines LCD module** with Back-light assembled female connector

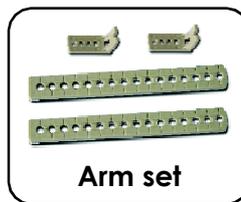
## 1.1.3 Optional parts (not included in the standard kit, supply separated)



**4.8-6V RC servo motor** with Circular wheel and Tire



**4-Speed motor gearbox**



**Arm set**



**GP2D120**  
4 to 30cm. Infrared Distance sensor



**Four of AA size Rechargeable batteries** (1800mAH or higher recommended)

## 1.2 Tools for making the robot kit



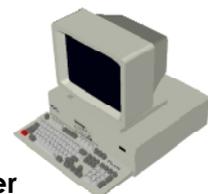
Cutter plier



A sharp-tipped hobby knife or Handy Cutter



Philips Screwdriver



**Computer**

Install Windows98SE or higher and has both RS-232 serial port and Parallel port

## 1.3 Software development tools for Robot programming

In Robo-PICA kit use PIC microcontroller, PIC16F877 then builders can write the controlled program in assembly, BASIC and C language. Only BASIC and C program must use compiler software.

However in this kit select the BASIC program in all examples. Because BASIC program is easy to learn and suitable for beginners. The most popular of BASIC compiler for PIC microcontroller is PICBASIC PRO compiler from Microengineering Labs (Melabs : [www.melabs.com](http://www.melabs.com)). Exactly, the Robo-PICA robot kit use this compiler too.

The demo version of PICBASIC PRO compiler is selected for this robot kit. Builders who need to develop the advance program, please purchase the full version from Melabs at their webiste. The demo version of PICBASIC PRO can download from <http://www.melabs.com/pbpdemo.htm>. However in the Robo-PICA robot kit contains this software in a bundled CD-ROM.

Builders must download the PICBASIC PRO manual from Melabs for programming reference. In this manual does not describe the instruction sets of all.

### 1.3.1 PicBasic Pro Compiler (Demo version)

**This demo version of PICBASIC PRO Compiler supports a limited number of PIC microcontroller and is limited to 31 lines of source code** (comments and whitespace are not counted) and cannot include another file by `INCLUDE` directive.

Builders can view the PICBASIC PRO Compiler manual from Melabs developer's resources page.

Demo version PICmicro MCU support:

***PIC16F627(A), PIC16F628(A), PIC16F84(A), PIC16F870, PIC16F871, PIC16F872, PIC16F873(A), PIC16F874(A), PIC16F876(A) and PIC16F877(A)***

The PICBASIC PRO compiler's operation is compile the BASIC language program in .bas file to machine code in .hex file. It has 2 steps as :

1. Compile the BASIC language programs to assembly program. The result file is .asm file.

2. Assembler the assembly program to the result file in .hex file.

### 1.3.1.1 Reserve words of PICBASIC PRO compiler

Reserve words mean the words or message that reserved by compiler. Programmer cannot use all words for variable name definition and any label in their program. All reserved word are sequenced following alphabet numerical as :

#### A

ABS            ADCIN            AND            ANDNOT        ASM            AUXIO

#### B

BANK0        BANK1        BANK2        BANK3        BANK4        BANK5        BANK6        BANK7  
 BANK8        BANK9        BANK10        BANK11        BANK12        BANK13        BANK14        BANK15  
 BANKA        BIN            BIN1            BIN2            BIN3            BIN4            BIN5            BIN6  
 BIN7        BIN8            BIN9            BIN10            BIN11            BIN12            BIN13            BIN14  
 BIN15        BIN16        BIT            BRANCH        BRANCHL        BUTTON        BYTE

#### C

CALL            CASE            CLEAR            CLEARWDT        CON            COS            COUNT

#### D

DATA            DCD            DEBUG            DEBUGIN        DEC            DEC1            DEC2            DEC3  
 DEC4            DEC5            DEFINE            DIG            DISABLE        DIV32            DTMFOUT

#### E

EEPROM        ELSE            ENABLE            END            ENDASM        ENDIF            ERASECODE    EXT

#### F

FOR            FREQOUT

#### G

GET            GOSUB            GOTO

#### H

HEX            HEX1            HEX2            HEX3            HEX4            HEX5            HIGH            HPWM  
 HSERIN        HSEROUT

#### I

I2CREAD        I2CWRITE        IBIN            IBIN1            IBIN2            IBIN3            IBIN4            IBIN5  
 IBIN6            IBIN7            IBIN8            IBIN9            IBIN10            IBIN11            IBIN12            IBIN13  
 IBIN14            IBIN15            IBIN16            IDEC            IDEC1            IDEC2            IDEC3            IDEC4  
 IDEC5            IF            IHEX            IHEX1            IHEX2            IHEX3            IHEX4            IHEX5  
 INCLUDE        INPUT            INTERRUPT        IS            ISBIN            ISBIN1            ISBIN2            ISBIN3  
 ISBIN4            ISBIN5            ISBIN6            ISBIN7            ISBIN8            ISBIN9            ISBIN10            ISBIN11  
 ISBIN12            ISBIN13            ISBIN14            ISBIN15            ISBIN16            ISDEC            ISDEC1            ISDEC2  
 ISDEC3            ISDEC4            ISDEC5            ISHEX            ISHEX1            ISHEX2            ISHEX3            ISHEX4  
 ISHEX5

#### L

LCDIN            LCDOUT            LET            LIBRARY        LOOKDOWN        LOOKDOWN2        LOOKUP            LOOKUP2  
 LOW

**M**

MAX            MIN            MOD

**N**

NAP            NCD            NEXT            NOT

**O**

OFF            ON            OR            ORNOT            OUTPUT            OWIN            OWOUT

**P**

PAUSE            PAUSEUS            PEEK            PEEKCODE            POKE            POKECODE            POLLIN            POLLMODE  
 POLLOUT            POLLRUN            POLLWAIT            POT            PULSIN            PULSOUT            PUT            PWM

**R**

RANDOM            RCTIME            READ            READCODE            REM            REP            RESUME            RETURN  
 REV            REVERSE

**S**

SBIN            SBIN1            SBIN2            SBIN3            SBIN4            SBIN5            SBIN6            SBIN7  
 SBIN8            SBIN9            SBIN10            SBIN11            SBIN12            SBIN13            SBIN14            SBIN15  
 SBIN16            SDEC            SDEC1            SDEC2            SDEC3            SDEC4            SDEC5            SELECT  
 SERIN            SERIN2            SEROUT            SEROUT2            SHEX            SHEX1            SHEX2            SHEX3  
 SHEX4            SHEX5            SHIFTIN            SHIFTOUT            SIN            SKIP            SLEEP            SOUND  
 SQR            STEP            STOP            STR            SWAP            SYMBOL            SYSTEM

**T**

THEN            TO            TOGGLE

**U**

USBIN            USBINIT            USBOUT

**V**

VAR

**W**

WAIT            WAITSTR            WEND            WHILE            WORD            WRITE            WRITECODE

**X**

XIN            XOR            XORNOT            XOUT

### 1.3.1.2 Installation the PICBASIC PRO compiler demo version

If download PICBASIC PRO compiler demo version success, builders can install by their own. Download and run the install file. This will install the PBP demo and the Windows interface, MicroCode Studio. To get started programming, launch MicroCode Studio from your start menu.

The PICBASIC PRO Manual can be found in the MicroCode Studio help file or you can view the online manual at [www.melabs.com](http://www.melabs.com)

### 1.3.1.3 Using PICBASIC PRO compiler on Window Operating System

The PICBASIC PRO compiler is a compiler that operate on DOS OS and can run in command line prompt. However some third party company develop the Windows IDE for PICBASIC PRO compiler. The most popular are **Code Designer from CSMicro Systems** and **Microcode Studio from Mecanique**. In this mnnual suggess to use the Microcode Studio. Because it's free software and can works with PICBASIC PRO all full and demo version. Addition the Microcode Studio GUI is very friendly user and easy to use.

The installation of PICBASIC PRO compiler onto Microcode Studio very comfortable. The Microcode Studio can find the folder that contains PICBASIC PRO compiler automatically.

## 1.3.2 The Microcode Studio

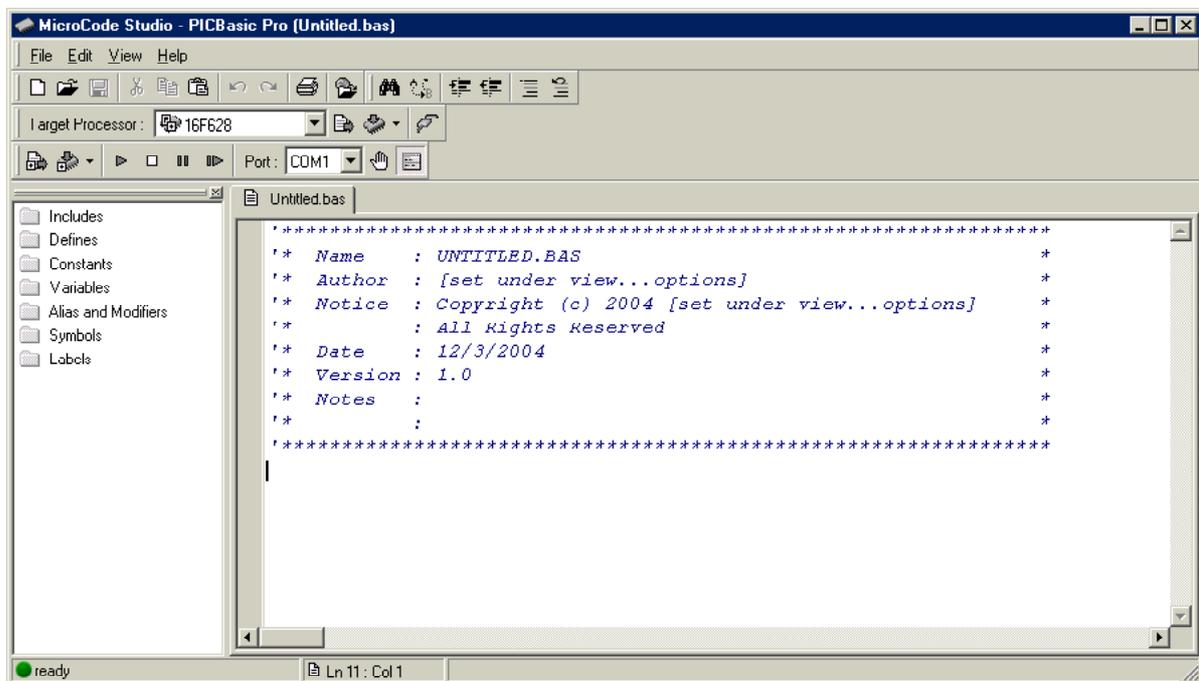
Microcode Studio is developed by **Mecanique** from UK. Free download the latest version at [www.mecanique.com](http://www.mecanique.com). MicroCode Studio is a powerful visual Integrated Development Environment (IDE) with In Circuit Debugging (ICD) capability designed specifically for MicroEngineering Labs PICBasic PRO compiler.

It's easy to set up your compiler, assembler and programmer options or you can let MicroCode Studio do it for you with its built in auto search feature. Compilation and assembler errors can easily be identified and corrected using the error results window. MicroCode Studio even comes with a serial communications window.

### 1.3.2.1 Installation Microcode Studio

Buider can install the Microcode Studio software from mcstudio.exe file that contained in Robo-PICA CD-ROM. Enter folder Tools → MicroCode Studio 2.1.0.1 (the number of version could be change depend on the latest version). Double-click the mcstudio.exe file for starting the installation. Click OK button for acception the installation process until the installation complete.

To run the Microcode Studio, select to Start → Program → Microcode Studio → Microcode Studio. The main window of Microcode Studio will appear, see figure 1-1

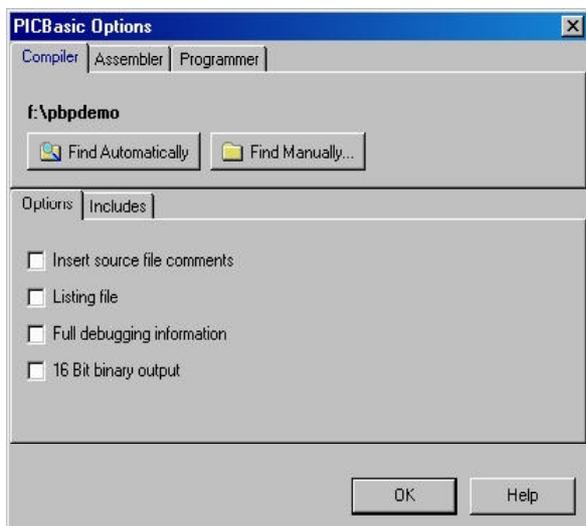


**Figure 1-1** Main window of the Microcode Studio

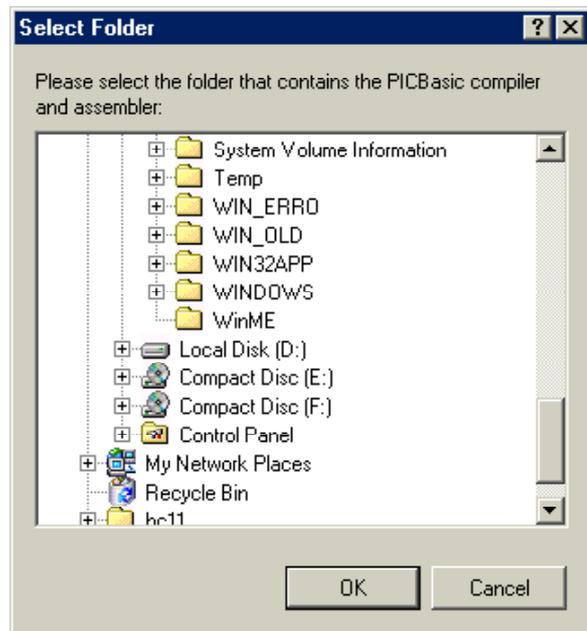
### 1.3.2.2 Adding PICBASIC PRO compiler

MicroCode Studio will automatically scan for the PICBasic PRO demo compiler when started for the first time. If you have another microEngineering Labs compiler installed (for example, the standard version) you will need to manually point MicroCode Studio to the correct installation folder.

To do this, select VIEW → PIC BASIC OPTIONS from the main menu. Make sure the 'Compiler' tab is selected following the figure 1-2. Next, press the 'Find Manually...' button and select the folder containing the demo version of the compiler following the figure 1-3. After that click **OK** button to confirmation.



**Figure1-2** PICBasic Option window, use to select the folder that install PICBASIC PRO compiler



**Figure 1-3** Select folder window of PICBASIC PRO compiler in case find manually

**Note :** User can check the correct folder of compiler by open the example program, press F9 key for compiling program. Observe the status bar at the bottom of wmain window.

(A) If **unable to find compiler** message appears. It means the folder is not correct. Need to change.



(B) If **Success : xx words used** message appears. It means everything correct.



### 1.3.2.3 Microcode Studio element

The main element of Microcode Studio includes :

1. **Code area** - It provides color syntax and font's format to separate Instructions, Label and Comment. It helps user to understand easier.
2. **Code Explorer window** - It allows user to automatically jump to include files, defines, constants, variables, aliases and modifiers, symbols and labels that are contained within your source code.
3. **Error window** - After compile the sourcecode, may be the error will happen. This window will show all error. User can click at the error line to access for editing easier.

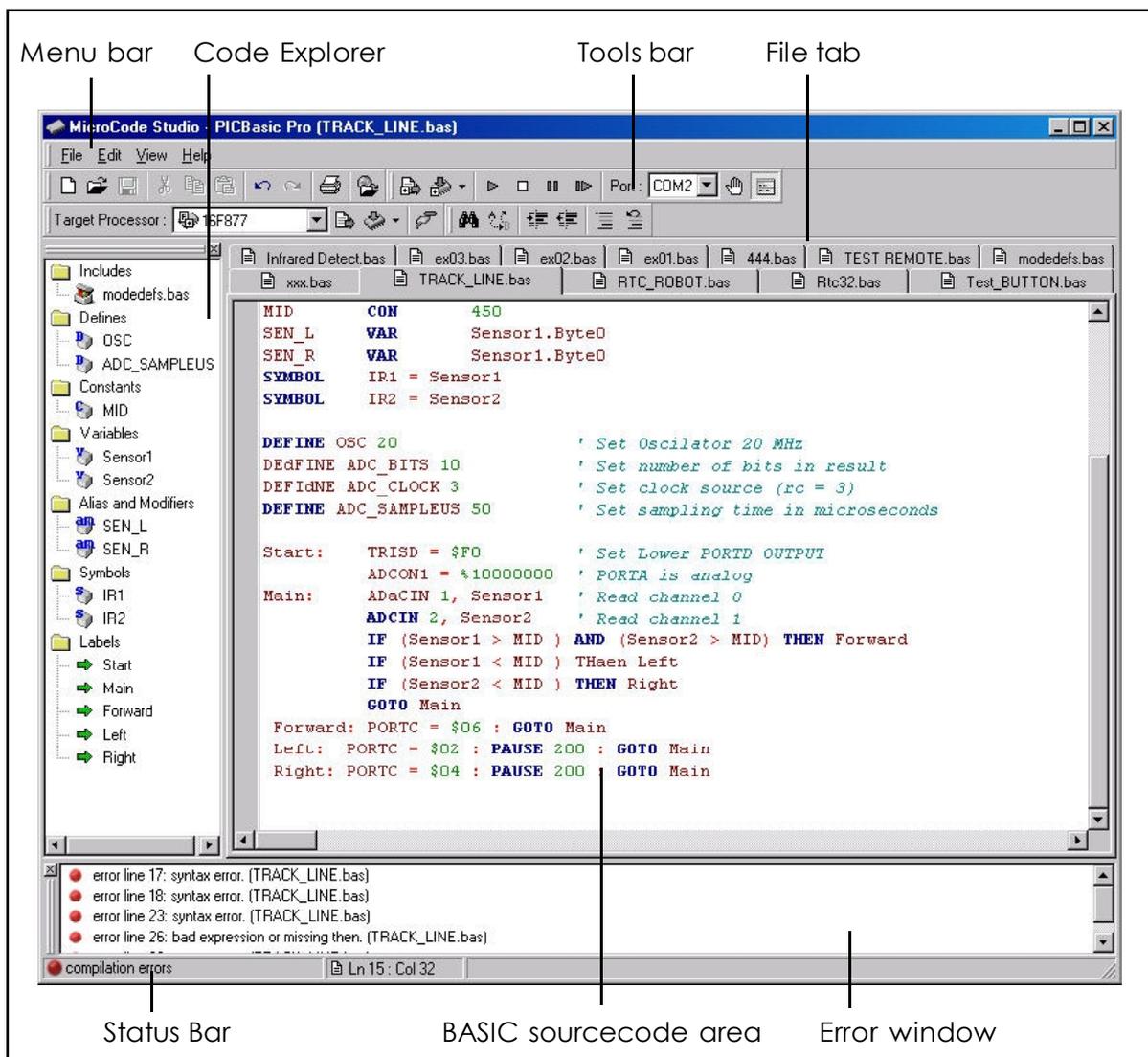


Figure 1-4 Microcode Studio element

4. **Status bar** - It show the status by Red and Green LED symbols.

5. **Tools bar** - This bar will collect Edit and Compile instructions to help user to use program more comfortable.

6. **Serial Communications Window** - It is used for displaying the serial data that send out from microcontroller via DEBUG or SEROUT command. User can define all parameter.

### 1.3.2.4 Important command button of Microcode Studio

#### File

**NEW** (Ctrl+N) Creates a new document. A header is automatically generated, showing information such as author, copyright and date. To toggle this feature on or off, or edit the header properties, you should select editor options. When a new document is created, the default target processor device is set to the 16F877. To change the default, edit the file 'default.ini', located in your main installation folder. You need to restart MicroCode Studio after making the changes.

**Open** (Ctrl+O) Displays a open dialog box, enabling you to load a document into the MicroCode Studio IDE. If the document is already open, then the document is made the active editor page.

**Save** (Ctrl+S) Saves a BASIC code to disk.

**Save As** - Save a code and change the other filename to disk.

**Save All** - Save all the opened file to disk.

**Close**-Closes the currently active code

**Close All** -Closes all editor documents

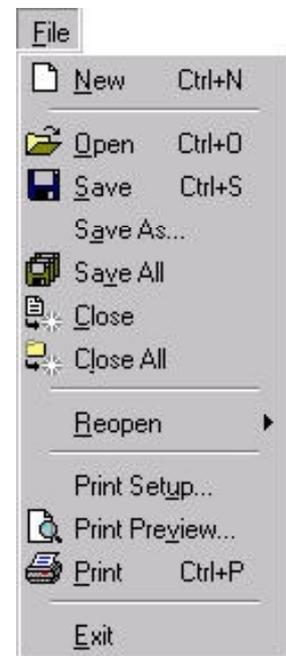
**Reopen** - Displays a list of Most Recently Used (MRU) files.

**Print Setup** -Displays a print setup dialog.

**Print Preview** - Displays a print preview window

**Print** - Prints the currently active editor page

**Exit**-Exit MicroCode Studio



## Edit

**Undo** (Ctrl+Z) - Cancels any changes made to the currently active document page.

**Redo** (Shift+Ctrl+Z) -Reverse an undo command.

**Cut** (Ctrl+X) - Cuts any selected text from the active document page and places it into the clipboard.

**Copy** (Ctrl+C) Copies any selected text from the active document page and places it into the clipboard.

**Paste** (Ctrl+V) - Paste the contents of the clipboard into the active document page.

**Delete** (Ctrl+Del)- Deletes any selected text.

**Select All** (Ctrl+A)- Selects the entire text in the active document page.

**Find** (Ctrl+F) - Displays a find dialog.

**Replace** (Ctrl+R)- Displays a find and replace dialog.

**Find Next** (F3)- Automatically searches for the next occurrence of a word.

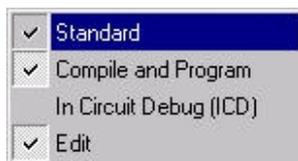
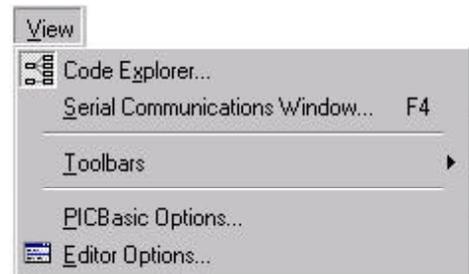


## View

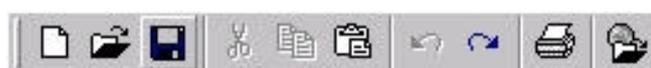
**Code Explorer** - Display or hide the code explorer window.

**Serial Communications Window** (F4) - Displays the Serial Communicator software. For more information, see the online help supplied with Serial Communicator.

**Toolbars** - Display or hide the Standard, edit, compile and program and ICD toolbars.



*Standard:* Include standard tools such as New, Open or Save and etc.



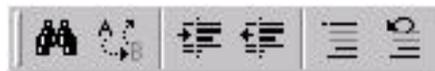
*Compile and Program : Includes tools for compile, Select target microcontroller and open the Serial Communications*



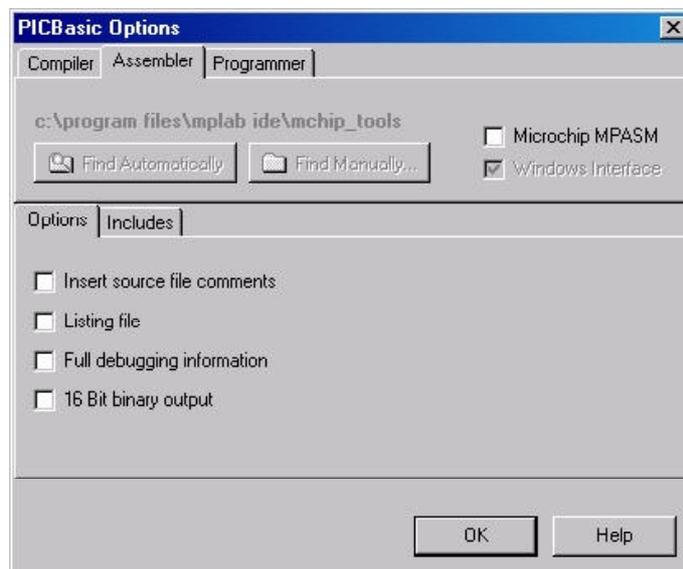
*In Circuit Debug (ICD) : Includes tools for In-Circuit Debugger. Require a hardware ICD (Do not support PICBASIC PRO compiler Demo version)*



*Edit : Tools for editing source program. Includes Find, Replace, and Make the comment etc.*



**PICBASIC OPTION** - Select and find folder that install PICBASIC PRO compiler and Programmer software.



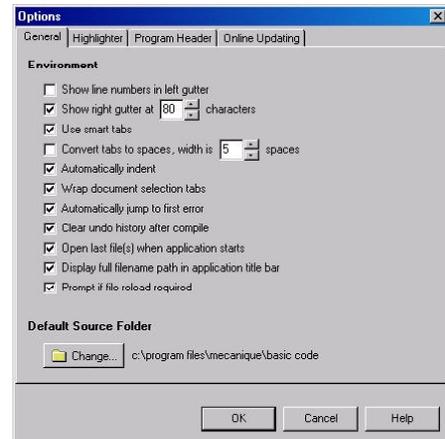
*Compiler : Select the compiler folder*

*Assamblar : Select the Assembler. Normally Microcode Studio select PM.EXE file for assembling the code. Then not nescessary to change this option.*

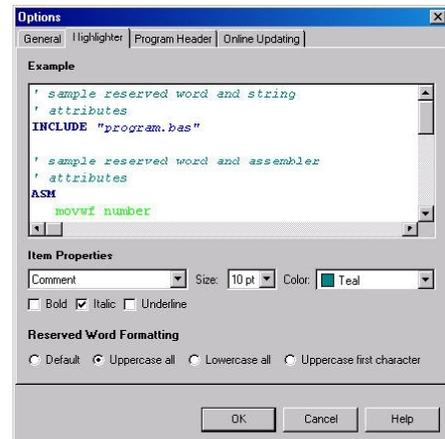
*Programmer : Select the Programmer software folder*

**Editor Option** - Displays the main editor options dialog. Includes :

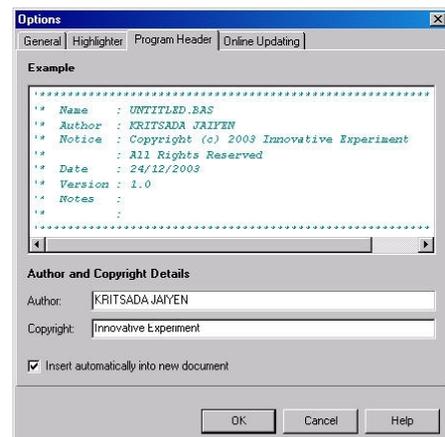
*General : Set default parameter*



*Highlighter : Adjust color and fonts for color syntax separate.*



*Program Header : Define the header comment for any sourcecode.*



*Online Updating : Select for checking the update software from manufacturer's website.*

### 1.3.3 Miracle PIC : Programmer software for PIC microcontroller

This is one of PIC microcontroller programmer software. Developed by Innovative Experiment Co.,Ltd. User can free download from [www.inex.co.th](http://www.inex.co.th). Miracle PIC needs a free computer's Parallel port and can interface with Microcode Studio. User can compile and program the code into the microcontroller in one click.

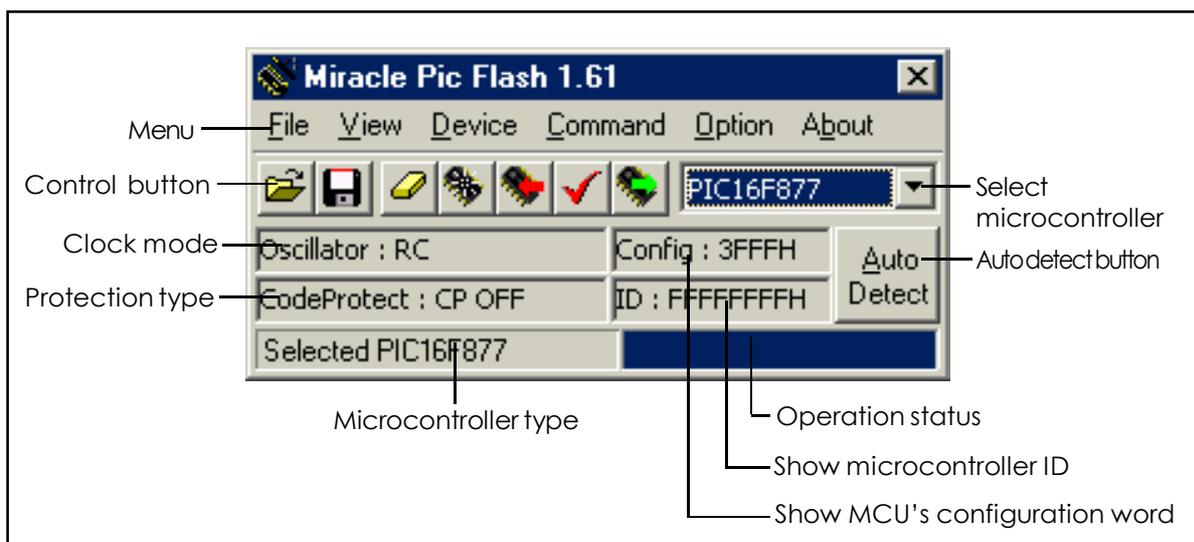
#### 1.3.3.1 Installation

Enter to folder Tool à Miracle\_PIC in Robo-PICA bundled CD-ROM. Double-click at mPICSetup161.exe (numver of version could be change depends on the latest version). The installation window will appear. Click OK button to begin the installation and wait until installation complete.

User can run the Miracle PIC by select Start à Program → Miracle PIC → Miracle PIC Flash. The main window will appear following the figure 1-5

#### 1.3.3.2 Main Control Buttom

-  Open : Open HEX file
-  Save : Save source code in HEX file
-  PROGRAM : Program all data into program memory and EEPROM
-  VERIFY : Test program; compare data in buffer with MCU's data
-  READ : Read data from selected microcontroller and also read parameter



**Figure 1-5** : Miracle-PIC Flash software main window

 BLANK CHECK : Check blank data inside microcontroller

 ERASE : Delete data in program memory of selected microcontroller. This function used with flash microcontroller memory or EEPROM only.



Select microcontroller : Just click at the arrow. User will see many listing.

### 1.3.3.3 Menu description

#### File

**Open file** - To open file.HEX

**Save file As** - To save data in another file name

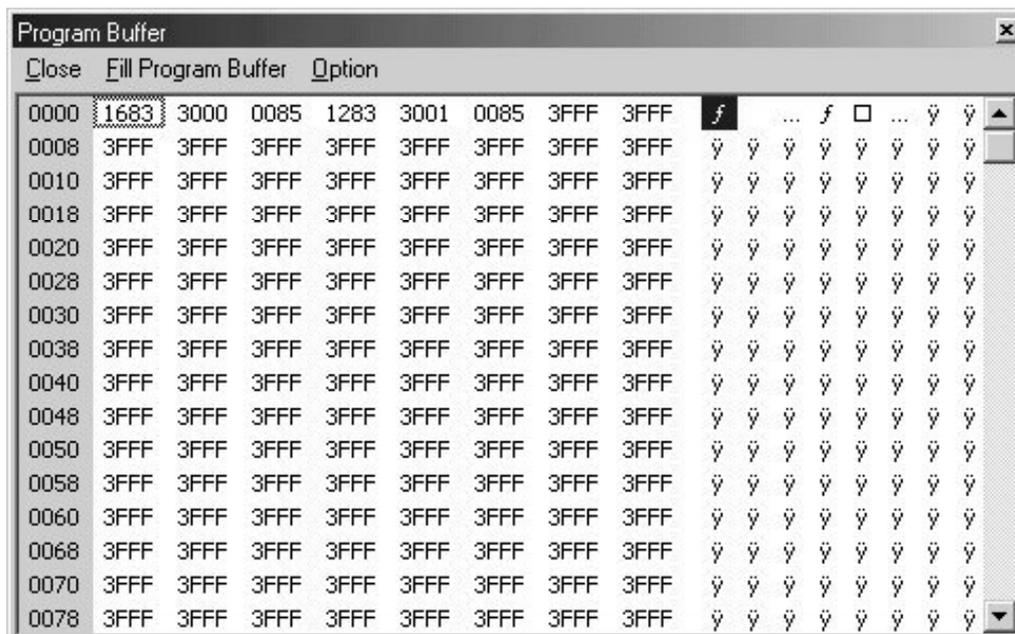
**Recent files** - To open recently file

**Exit** - Quit

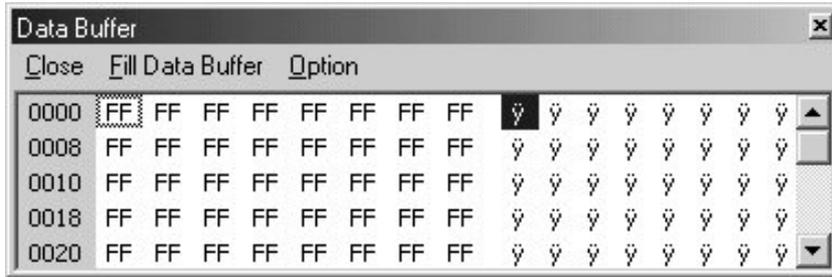
#### View

To see all parameter of PIC microcontroller

**Program Buffer (F11)** - shows code in program memory (figure 1-6). User can edit by select memory position and input value directly or use Fill Program Buffer Function



**Figure 1-6** : Program buffer window, user can see all code and edit any address



**Figure 1-7 :** Data buffer window, user can see all data in EEPROM within microcontroller and edit any address

**Data Buffer (F12)** - shows all data EEPROM (figure 1-7). User can edit data by select memory position and input value directly or use Fill Program Buffer Function

**Configuration (F9)** - shows detail of PIC configuration. User can enable or disable all parameter.

**Count Program** - show number of programmed microcontroller (*not use this function in RBX-877 robot experiment board*)

**Stay on top** - Make the program always on the top

### Configuration Setting

Before programming PIC microcontroller, always fix configuraruon, go to View à Configuration. This is detail of them.

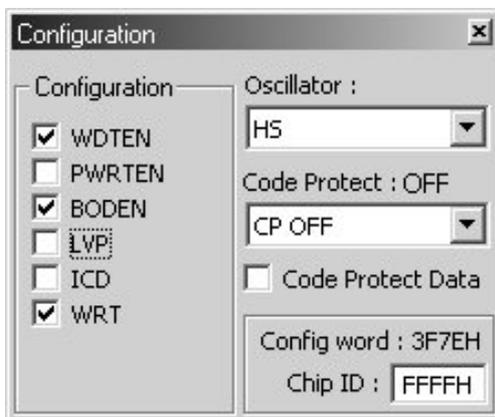
**Oscillator** - select clock mode, there are 4 types (for PIC16F877-20/P)

*LP - low cystal (not use in the RBX-877 board)*

*XT - normal cystal not over 4 MHz (not use in the RBX-877)*

*HS - Over 4 MHz high frequency xtal (**select for RBX-877**)*

*RC - External RC circuit (not use in RBX-877 board)*



**Figure 4 :** Configuration window

**Code protection** - Use for selecting protection mode. It can protect data in PIC16F877 microcontroller is 4 modes include : ALL, 1F00H-1FFFH, 1000H-1FFFH and OFF. Select CPD box for protection data in EEPROM.

**Configuration** - To select special ability of PIC microcontroller, it depends on type of microcontroller. For PIC16F877 has 6 types;

*WPT (watchdog Timer)*

*PWRT (Power-up Timer)*

*BODEN (Brown-out Reset)*

*LVP (Low Voltage program) - Enable programming to PIC microcontroller with low voltage +5V instead of +12V (Should not use with JX-877)*

*ICD (In-circuit Debugger) - Edit program memory in position 0X0100(100H) up via RB6 and RB7 so RB6 and RB7 is not work(no use in JX-877)*

*WRT (Flash program write) - If select this function, users can program data into flash program memory via resistor EECON. On the other hand, no select this, the program in the memory have to do via RB6 and RB7 in normally.*

## **Device**

Select type of PIC microcontroller

## **Command**

Arrange reading, writing and testing data in microcontroller memory

**Program Chip (F4)** - Program code and data to microcontroller as PROGRAM button

**Verify Chip (F5)** - Check writing data in PIC microcontroller correct or incorrect as VERIFY button

**Read Chip (F6)** - Read data from microcontroller as READ button

**Erase Chip (F7)** - Delete data in PIC microcontroller as ERASE button

**Blank Chip (F8)** - Check blank data in PIC microcontroller memory as BLANK CHECK button

## Option

Separate 4 parts;

*Part 1*

**Program/Verify Program** - check latest programming in microcontroller with buffer.

**Program/Verify Data** - check data in microcontroller memory after latest programming

**Program/Verify ID** - checking ID value in microcontroller after latest programming (*not use in JX-877*)

**Program/Verify Configuration** - check configuration value after latest programming

*Part 2 Special feature in Miracle-PIC programmer software*

**Verify while program** - check data while program microcontroller. If occur the faults, program will stop in suddenly.

**Auto verify after program** - check data after completely programming automatic.

**Auto erase before program** - delete data before programming

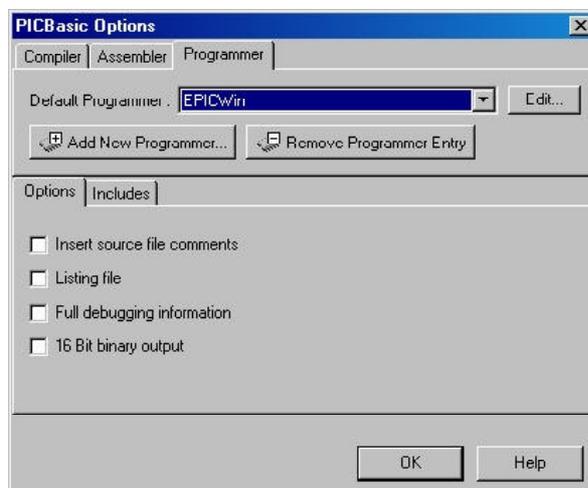
**Program all address** - program data in every address

*Part 3 Configuration erase message* - select warning window

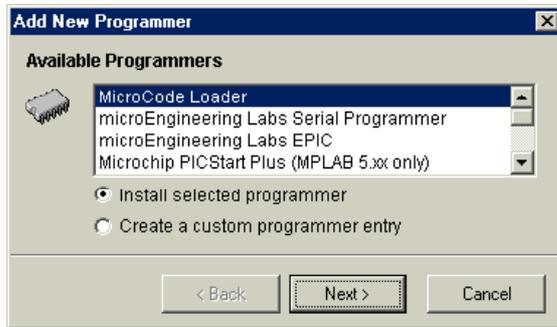
*Part 4 Parallel port* - select parallel port LPT1 to LPT3

### 1.3.3.4 How to interface Miracle PIC with Microcode Studio

**Step 1** : Open Microcode Studio. Select menu bar VIEW → PICBasic Option then select the Programmer tab

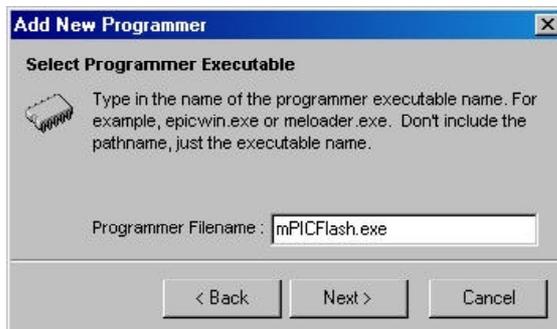


**Step 2 :** Click the  button to add the new programmer. The Add Ndew Programmer window will appear



**Step 3 :** Select Create a custom programmer entry then click  button. It will show a window for defining the programmer's name. Put Miracle PIC name and click  button to next step.

**Step 4 :** Select the programmer software execute file. For Miracle PIC is *mPICFlash.exe*. Type this filename into the message box. After that click  button to next step.



**Step 5 :** Find the folder that install Miracle PIC software. User can find automatically by clicked  button or manually by clicked  button

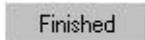


**Step 6** : Select the parameters for passing important parameter from HEX filename to Miracle PIC in automatic. This step set to support one-click operation from compile to program the cose into microcontroller. The parameter is :

**-e -l \$hex-filename\$ -p -v -x**



Parameter	Description
-e	Erase data in the program memory before program.
-l \$hex-filename\$	Load the target .hex file from Microcode Studio
-p	Program the chip
-v	Verify the chip after programming
-x	Exit from Miracle PIC after finish

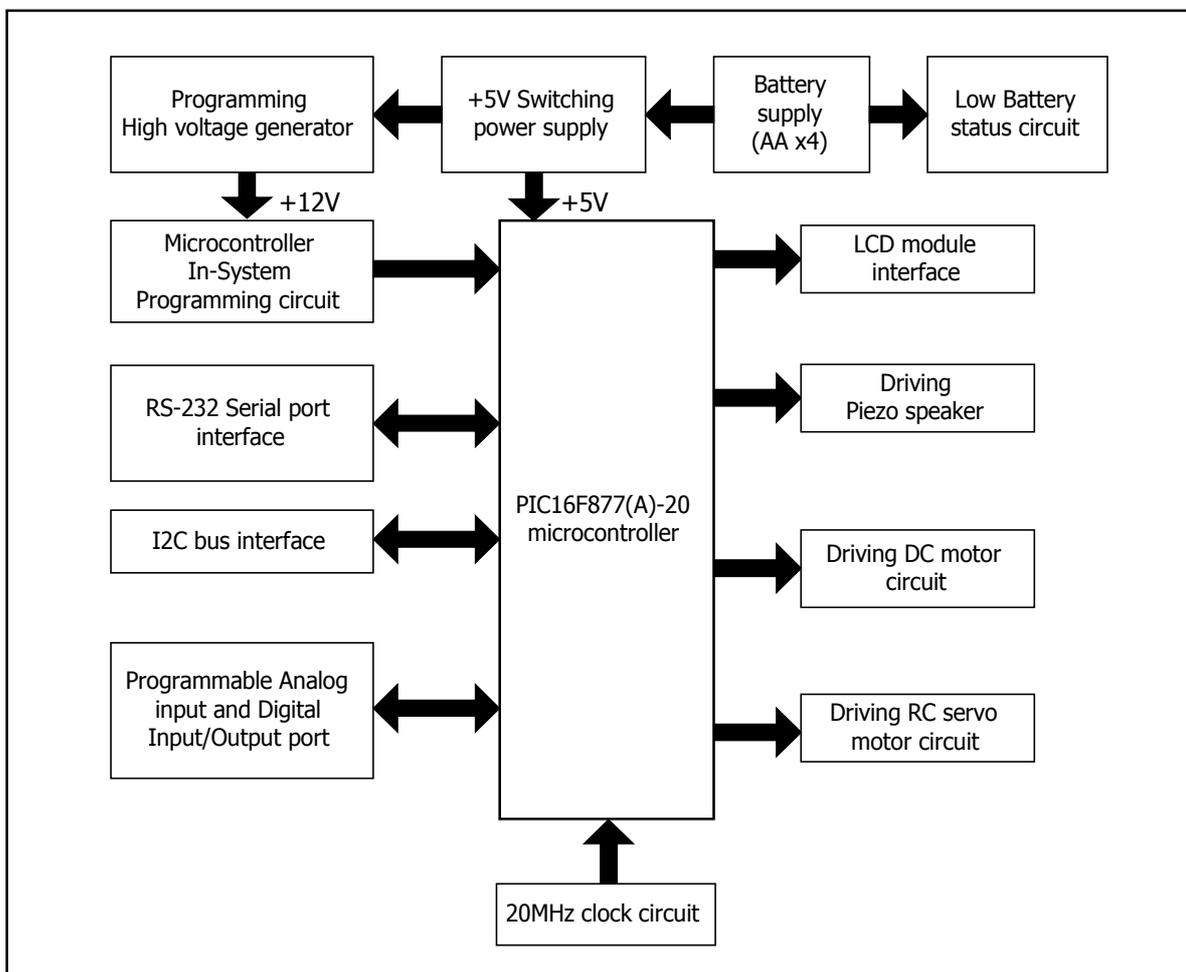
Click  button for finishing this setting.

# Chapter 2

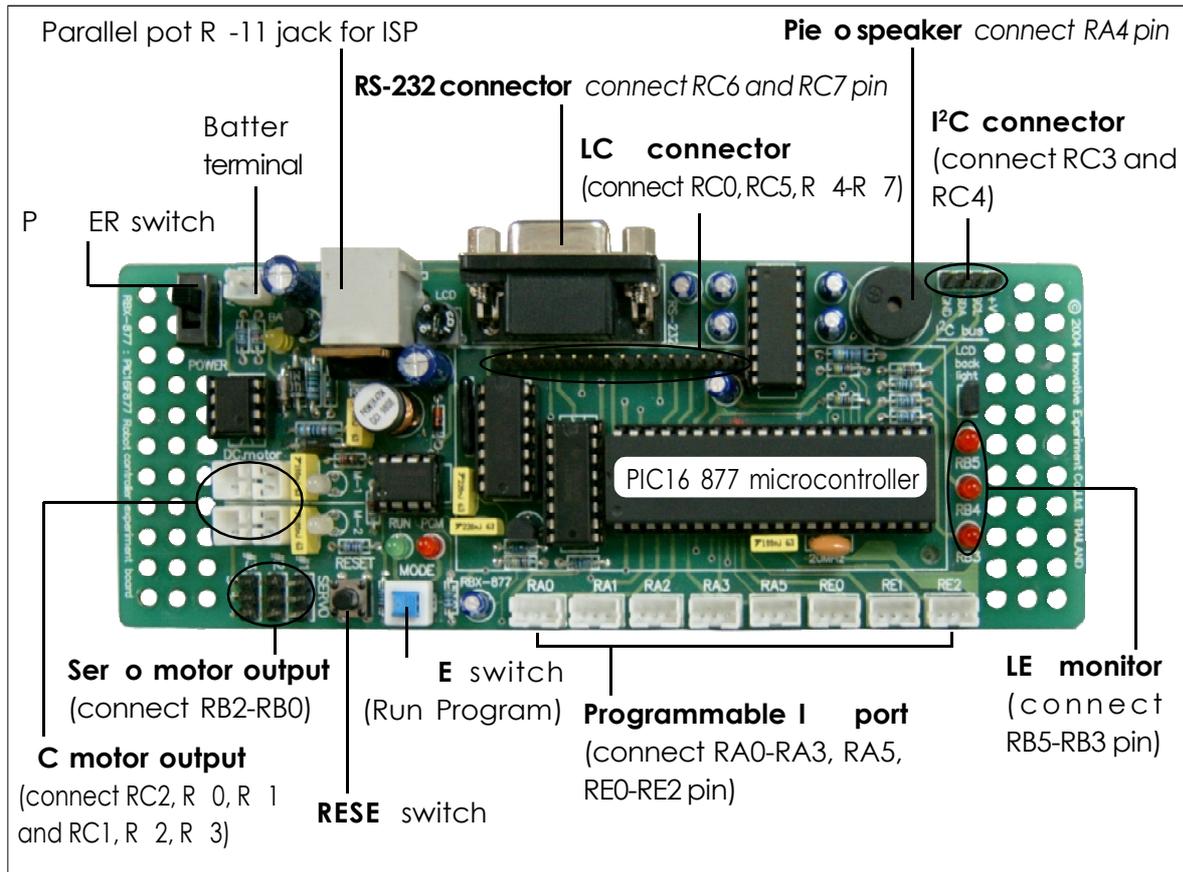
## RBX-877

### PIC16F877 Robot Experiment Board

Robo-PICA robot kit is controlled by RBX-877 (PIC16 877 Robot Experiment board). The main microcontroller is PIC16 877. The figure 2-1 shows operating diagram of RBX-877 board. In this chapter will present the operation of RBX-877 board and some example experiment. Builders must read and test following all experiments to reference for building and programming the robot in next chapter.



**Figure 2-1** RBX-877 Robot experiment board's block diagram



**Figure 2-2** RBX-877 board layout

## 2.1 Technical features

- Controlled by PIC16 877(A) 20 KHz microcontroller with 8 K word memory
- Download program via Parallel port, selected by mode switch
- Serial port interface
- LC 16x2 display
- Piezo speaker
- 3-LED monitor
- Drive 2-DC motors (4.5 to 6 V) and 3-RC Servo motors (in range 4.8 to 6 V)
- 8-Programmable port support all analog input and digital input/output
- Supply voltage from 4 of AA batteries (Rechargeable 1700mAh recommended)
- 2.375 x 6.25 Inches size

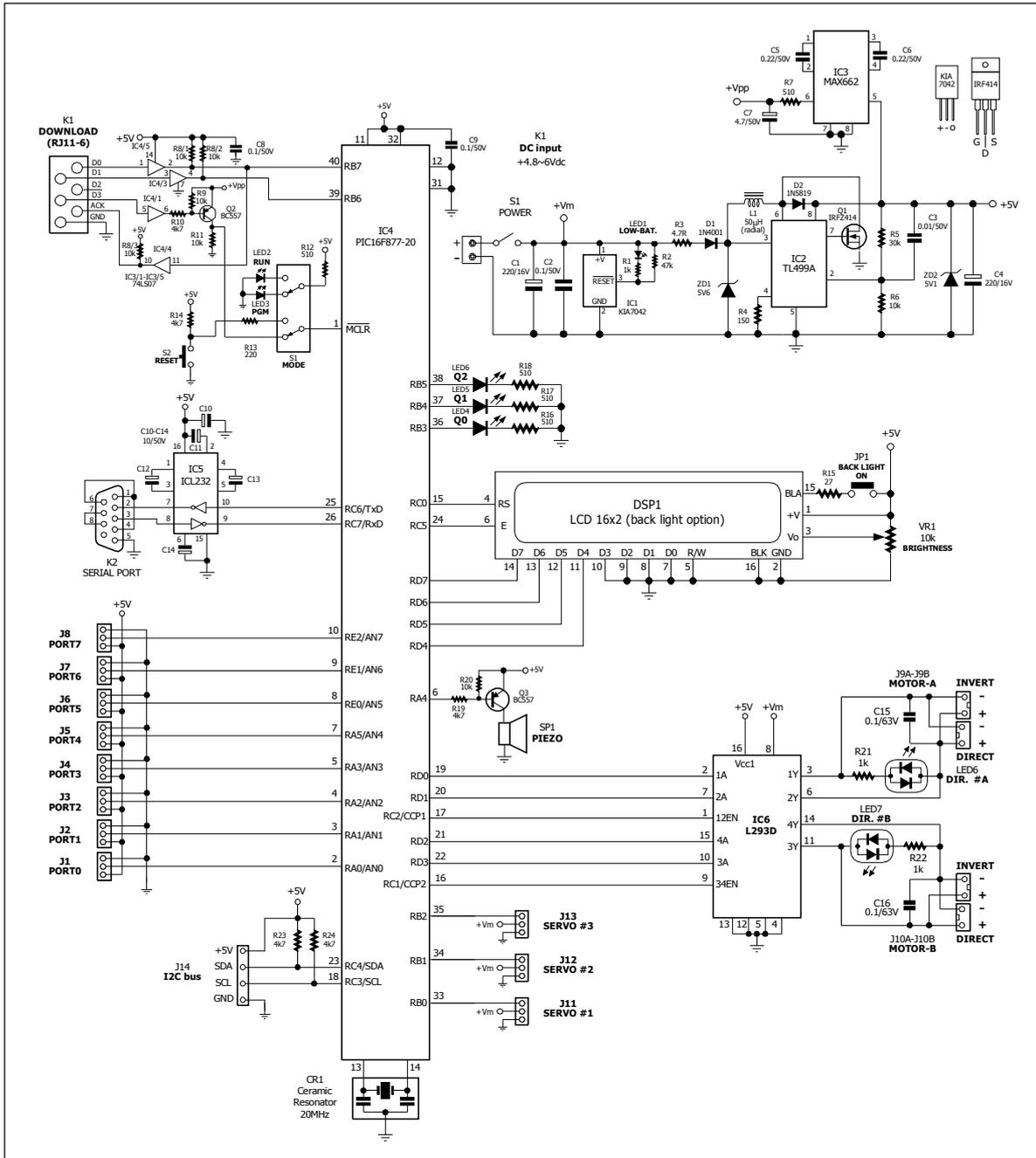


Figure 2-3 Schematic diagram of RBX-877 Robot Experiment board

## 2.2 RBX-877 board circuit description

### 2.2.1 microcontroller circuit

The heart of this board is PIC16 877 microcontroller. The 20 Hz ceramic resonator, CR1 is used to make the 20 Hz clock for PIC16 877

### 2.2.2 Power suppl

The RBX-877 board contains a step-up switching power suppl to suppl 5 regulated for PIC16 877. Although the level of batter will decrease in driving motor. This switching power suppl circuit will maintain the 5 for microcontroller until batter voltage level donw to 1.5

S1 is on-off switch to suppl the voltage from batteries to RBX-877 board. IC1-1A7042 is used to detect the suppl voltage. If lower 4.2 , output pin of IC1 will be logic 0 . It cause LE 1 turn-on for report L -BAT status. R3, 1 and Z 1 ard used to limit the input voltage to IC2 not over 5.1

IC2 is a switching powersuppl IC, TL4 A. It can support input voltage 4.2-5.6 range for regulating 5 suppl voltage. Z 2 is used to limit output voltage of TL4 not over 5 .

### 2.2.3 In-S stem Programming circuit

5 suppl is send to AX662 for switching up to 12.5 high voltage for programming the PIC16 877 microcontroller

S2, E switch is used to select operaion mode of RBX-877 board Run or Program. In program mode selected, the red LE will be turn-on and CLR pin of PIC16 877 is connected to 12.5 from AX662. RB6 and RB7 pin of PIC16 877 are connected to clock and data signal of in-s stem programming. In rn mode selected, the green LE will be turn-on and CLR pin is connected to RESET switch fot resetting the microcontroller s operation.

### 2.2.4 ispla circuit

**Character display :** The RBX-877 board provides LC module connector. It supports 16 characters 2-lines LC . PIC16 877 s R 4-R 7 pin is assigned to 4- 7 data pins, RC5 to E pin and RC0 to RS pin for selection data mode. R1 is used to contrast adjustment of LC screen. In case using Back-light LC , it provides a jumper to control the LE back-light of LC

**LED monitor** RBX-877 board has 3 fo general purpose LE . The are connected to RB3, RB4 and RB5 of PIC16 877 microcontroller via the current limiied resistor.

**Sound output** RBX-877 has a sound driver circuit. Connect RA4 pin to driver circuit and piezo speaker. This circuit can drive audio fre uenc signal. However the piezo speaker has the resonance fre uenc in range 1kHz to 3kHz.

## 2.2.5 Programmable port

The RBX-877 board provides 8-programmable port for muttli-purpose. It includes RA0-RA3, RA5, RE0-RE2 pin. All port pin cab program to 3 functions as

1. **Analog input** - to get analog signal to A/D converter circuit inside microcontroller. Input voltage range is 0 to 5V. Converter resolution is 10-bit.
2. **Digital input** - to get digital signal from digital device and switch
3. **Digital output** - to drive digital signal logic 0 and 1 to external device.

In default all port will be set to analog input port.

On RBX-877 board provides all ports in 3-pin PCB connector. Each connector includes 5V and GND.

## 2.2.6 RS-232 serial port interface for serial data communication

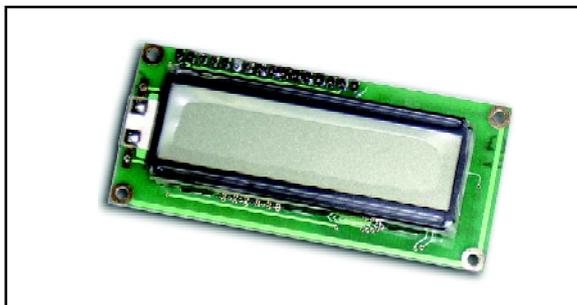
Builders can make the serial data communication from RBX-877 board to computer's RS-232 serial port. PIC16 877 microcontroller provides RC6 and RC7 pin as UART module port pin for this purpose. Serial signal from PIC16 877's UART must convert to RS-232 level by IC5, MAX232 and feed to 25-pin female connector.

## 2.2.7 DC motor driver circuit

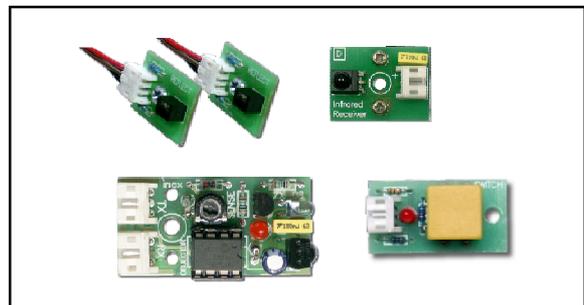
The RBX-877 board use IC6, L238 H-bridge motor driver IC for driving DC motor 2 channels. The suitable motor is 4.5-6V 100-200mA.

Motor A speed is controlled by R0 with R1 pin and enable by RC2 port. Motor B speed is controlled by R2 with R3 pin and enable by RC1. LE6 and LE7 are bi-color LEDs. They are used for showing the motor output status.

Voltage is supplied to L238 includes 5V supply voltage and motor supply voltage (V<sub>m</sub>). The V<sub>m</sub> is connected direct from batteries for powerful driving.



**Figure 2-4** Character LCD module for RBX-877 board



**Figure 2-5** Sample of sensor and detector board that interface with RBX-877 board

## 2.2.8 RC servo motor driver circuit

The RBX-877 provides 3 port pin to driving RC servo motor. It includes RB0, RB1 and RB2. RC servo motor supply get from the system battery. This driver cannot support high-current and high power RC servo motor. The suitable RC servo motor is 4.8 to 6 motor and need current consumption about 100-200mA.

## 2.2. I<sup>2</sup>C connector

A way to expansion of RBX-877 board is using I<sup>2</sup>C bus connector. Because PIC16 877 has I<sup>2</sup>C bus module. An external device need I<sup>2</sup>C bus protocol such as Real-time clock, memory, A/D and A converter, port expansion device and etc. RC3 SCL and RC4 SDA of PIC16 877 are connected to I<sup>2</sup>C bus connector includes 5 supply and ground. R23 and R24 pull-up resistor are connected to these port for setting idle state.

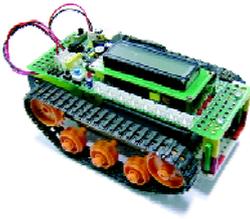



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All example sourcecode select PIC16 877 microcontroller. See the code in line

```
@ DEVICE PIC16F877,HS_OSC ' Use PIC16F877 and HS Oscilator
```

***If change to PIC16F877A or another, must edit this code at this line to make sure the correct microcontroller number and configuration***



# Activity 1

## Write programs for testing RBX-877 Robot Experiment board

### Procedure

This is standard step for testing the operation of RBX-877 board and robot programming.

1. Open Microcode Studio that interface PICBASIC PR compiler (demo or full version) and Miracle PIC software reader.
2. Write the experiment program following each sub-activity.
3. Put 4 of AA batteries into Battery holder of RBX-877.
4. Connect the CX-6 cable from RBX-877 board to computer's parallel port.
5. Connect the addition device following each activity to interface connector on RBX-877 board after that turn-on POWER switch.
6. Select Mode switch to Program mode. (The red LED at POWER is on)
7. Compile the code and download HEX file to RBX-877 board.
8. Change the Mode switch to Run mode for running the program within RBX-877 board.

### Activity 1-1 LED testing

See the figure A1-1, RB3, RB4 and RB5 of PIC16F877 connect to LED via current limited resistor 510 Ω. or turning-on these LEDs must send logic 1 to these ports. and send logic 0 for turning-off.

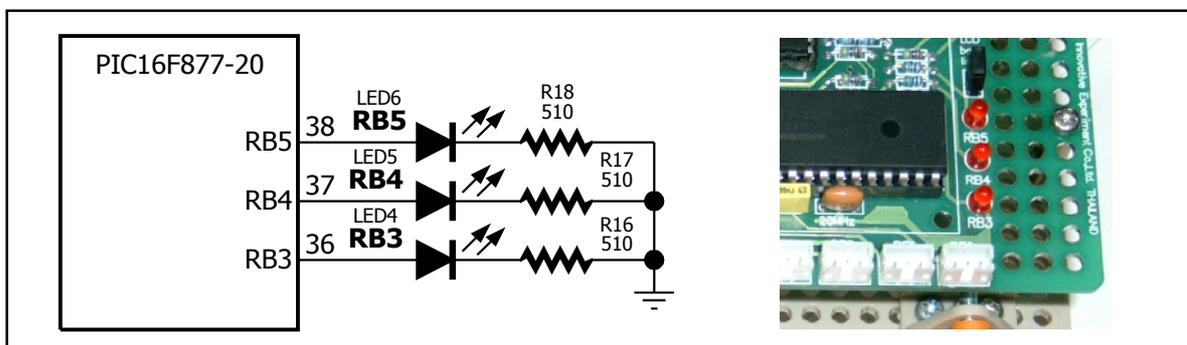


Figure A1-1 LED connection on RBX-877 board

```
' File : a0101.bas
' Description : Drive LED at RBb by HIGH command
@ DEVICE PIC16F877,HS_OSC      ' Use PIC16F877 and HS Oscilator
DEFINE OSC 20                  ' Use Oscillator 20 MHz

HIGH PORTB.3                   ' Set LED at RB3 --> ON
LOOP: GOTO LOOP                ' Still Here
```

### Listing A1-1 Turn-on LED at RB3

A1.1.1 Write program following the listing A1-1 then compile and download to RBX-877 board. See the operation.

*E at RB3 on*

A1.1.2 Refer the listing A1-1, for more clearing of command operation. In the listing A1-2 shows the 2 commands to drive LED TP TP RTB.4 command for assign to RB4 as output and set logic 1 to RB4 pin in the next line. See the listing A1-2

```
' File : a0102.bas
' Description : Drive LED at RB4 by basic method
@ DEVICE PIC16F877,HS_OSC      ' Use PIC16F877 and HS Oscilator
DEFINE OSC 20                  ' Use Oscillator 20 MHz

OUTPUT PORTB.4                 ' RB4 --> OUTPUT
PORTB.4 = 1                     ' Set LED at RB4 --> ON
LOOP: GOTO LOOP                ' Still Here
```

### Listing A1-2 Control LED at RB4 port by simple technique. Set the port to output and send logic “1” to that port.

A1.1.3 Change the output data bit data. See the listing 1-3. It assign the bit data to port B for select direction bit **RISB** command

To set output direction write 0

To set input direction write 1

or assign the data, can write the data direct to port B

A1.1.4 Write the listing A1-3. Compile and download the code to RBX-877 board. Observe the operation.

*E at RB3 RB4 and RB5 on and off similar 3-channels running light*

```

' File : a0103.bas
' Description : Basic 3-dots running light
@ DEVICE PIC16F877,HS_OSC      ' Use PIC16F877 and HS Oscilator
DEFINE OSC 20                  ' Use Oscillator 20 MHz
TRISB = %11000111             ' RB3,RB4,RB5 --> OUTPUT
LOOP:PORTB = %00001000         ' LED at RB3 --> ON
    PAUSE 500                  ' Delay Time 0.5 Sec
    PORTB = %00010000          ' LED at RB4 --> ON
    PAUSE 500                  ' Delay Time 0.5 Sec
    PORTB = %00100000          ' LED at RB5 --> ON
    PAUSE 500                  ' Delay Time 0.5 Sec
GOTO LOOP

```

### Listing A1-3 Make running light by byte data

## Acti it 1-2 Reading digital data ia switch

See the figure A1-2, it shows schematic of the switch input board ZX-01. If switch not pressed, ATA point as logic 1 from pull-up resistor 10k. If switch pressed, ATA point will connect to ground. It cause ATA point is logic 0. LE lights following switch pressed.

### Reading switch input programming

The easiest wa to checking thw switch pressed in BASIC program of PICBASIC PR compiler is looping and check with I ...THE command. If switch pressed, the program will jump following the condition.

In writing the program, must select the port that interface the switch before. After that assign that port to digital input b wirte the data to setting into A C 1 register.

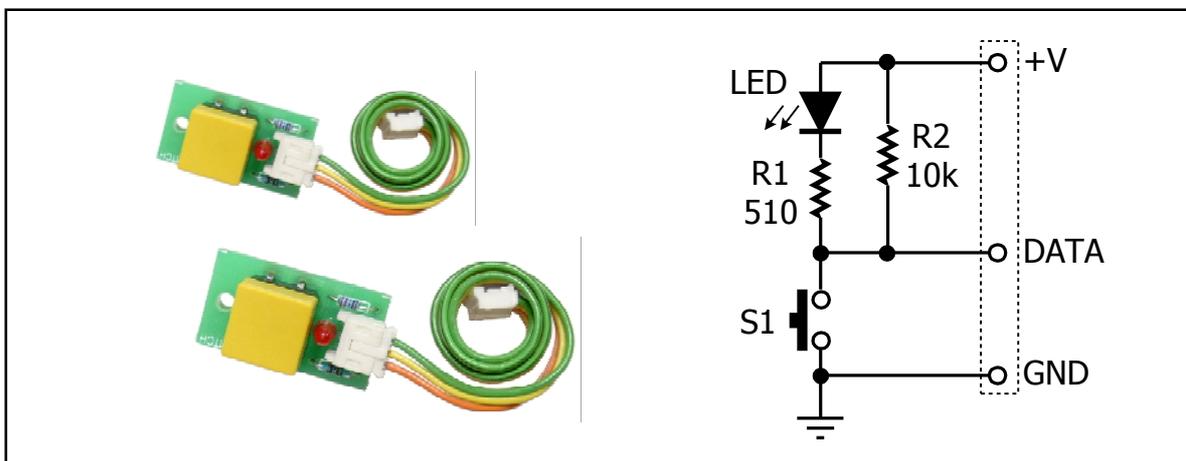


Figure A1-2 Switch input board schematic

## Testing

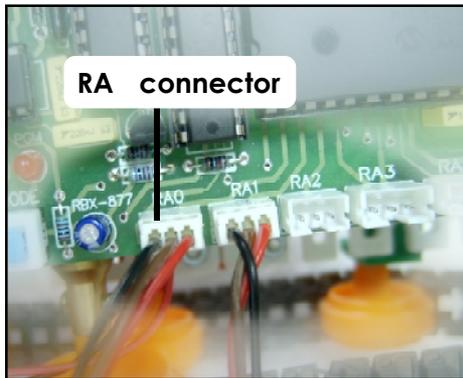
A1.2.1 Connect the switch input board ZX-01 to RA0 connector on RBX-877 board following the figure A1-3

A1.2.2 Write the listing A1-4. Compile and download the code to RBX-877 board.

A1.2.3 Press the switch and observe the operation.

*Listen so sound from the piezo speaker following the switch pressing*

**In this activity use port A normally as analog port. When access to A C 1 register for set the operation to digital input instead. The written value is 7**



**Figure A1-3** Shows the position of RA0 connector on RBX-877 board that connects the ZX-01 switch input board for reading digital value.

```
' File : a0104.bas
' Description : Reading digital input via switch board

@ DEVICE PIC16F877,HS_OSC           ' Use PIC16F877 and HS Oscillator
DEFINE OSC 20                       ' Use Oscillator 20 MHz
ADCON1 = $07                        ' Set PORTA & PORTE --> Digital I/O
LOOP:IF PORTA.0 = 0 THEN            ' Test Switch at RA0 Press ?
    FREQOUT PORTA.4,300,1000        ' Show Sound on Piezo 0.3 Sec
    ENDIF
GOTO LOOP                           ' Test Again
```

**Listing A1-4** The BASIC program of reading digital value from the switch input board to control driving sound to piezo speaker. The operation is similar to the door chime.

## Activity 1-3 Show message on LCD module

The RBX-877 board provides the connector to interface LCD module. The schematic diagram shows in the figure A1-4. User must use this information to define in the BASIC program for PICBASIC PR compiler knows the port pin that use in this interface.

Interfacing use 6 port pins include RB4-RB7 for data pin 4-7 in mode 4-bit interface, RC0 to RC5 pin and RC5 to E pulse pin. RB pin of LCD is connected to ground for only writing all data to LCD only.

### LCD port definition of RBX-877 board for PICBASIC PR compiler

```

1: DEFINE LCD_DREG PORTD ' Set LCD Data port
2: DEFINE LCD_DBIT 4      ' Set starting Data bit (0 or 4) if 4-
bit bus
3: DEFINE LCD_RSREG PORTC ' Set LCD Register Select port
4: DEFINE LCD_RSBIT 0     ' Set LCD Register Select bit
5: DEFINE LCD_EREG PORTC  ' Set LCD Enable port
6: DEFINE LCD_EBIT 5      ' Set LCD Enable bit
7: DEFINE LCD_BITS 4      ' Set LCD bus size (4 or 8 bits)
8: DEFINE LCD_LINES 2     ' Set number of lines on LCD
9: DEFINE LCD_COMMANDUS 2000 ' Set command delay time in microsecond
10:DEFINE LCD_DATAUS 50   ' Set data delay time in microsecond
    
```

**Efficient LCD command must put in the header of program always before use LCD command.**

*Command is used to send message to LCD as LCD*

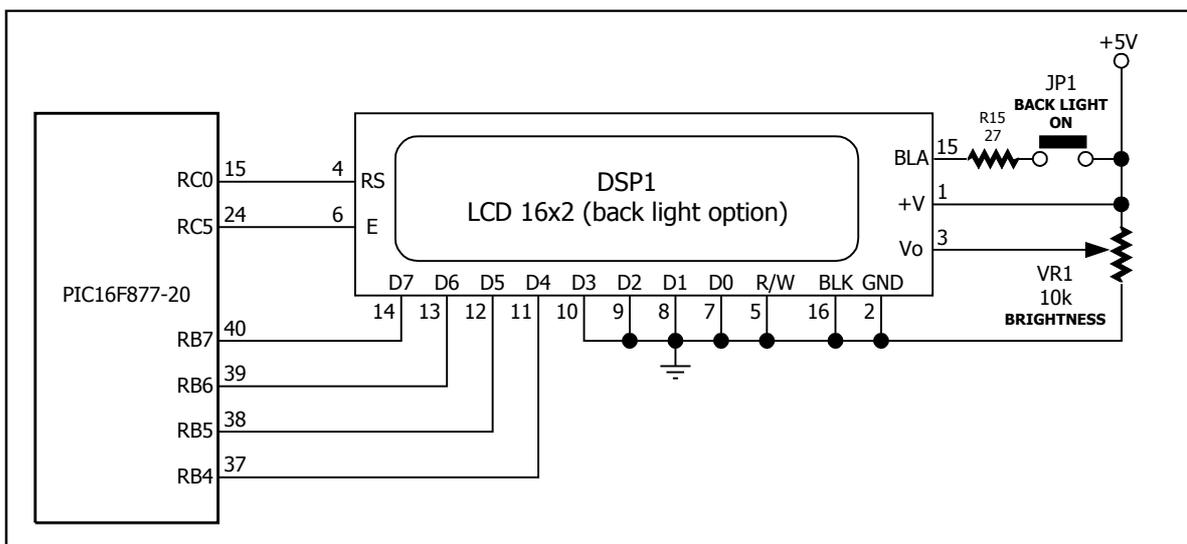


Figure A1-4 LCD interface schematic of RBX-877 board

To control LC must send command and data

*In writing command* Begins with write **FE** code to inform compiler to the next data as command. or example, Clear screen command is **E** and data for clearing screen command is **01**. Show this example program in the listing A1-5.

## Listing

A1.3.1 Connect LC module onto 16-pin LC connector on RBX-877 board. If need to use the back -light, put jumper at LC backlight position.

A1.3.2 Write the listing A1-5 Compile and download the code to RBX-877 board. observe the operation.

At C mode show message **Innovative** on the upper line and **Experiment** on the lower line

```
' File : a0105.bas
' Description : Show message on LCD module

@ DEVICE PIC16F877,HS_OSC           ' Use PIC16F877 and HS Oscillator
DEFINE OSC 20                       ' Use Oscillator 20 MHz

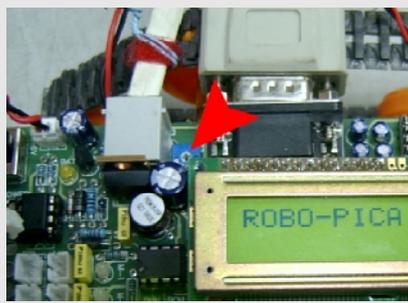
DEFINE LCD_DREG PORTD              ' Set LCD Data port
DEFINE LCD_DBIT 4                  ' Set starting Data bit (0 or 4) if 4-bit bus
DEFINE LCD_RSREG PORTC             ' Set LCD Register Select port
DEFINE LCD_RSBIT 0                 ' Set LCD Register Select bit
DEFINE LCD_EREG PORTC              ' Set LCD Enable port
DEFINE LCD_EBIT 5                  ' Set LCD Enable bit
DEFINE LCD_BITS 4                  ' Set LCD bus size (4 or 8 bits)
DEFINE LCD_LINES 2                 ' Set number of lines on LCD
DEFINE LCD_COMMANDUS 2000          ' Set command delay time in us
DEFINE LCD_DATAUS 50               ' Set data delay time in us
Main: LCDOUT $FE,$01                ' Send Command To Clear Screen
      LCDOUT "Innovative"           ' Show Text on Line 1
      LCDOUT $FE,$C0                ' Set Cursor on Line 2
      LCDOUT "Experiment"           ' Show Text on Line 2

END
```

**Listing A1-5** Program for displaying message on LCD module of RBX-877 board



**Figure A1-5** Show the operationn of the listing A1-5 at LCD module on RBX-877 board



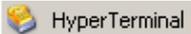
If cannot see the character on C screen may be need to adj st the brightness at variable resistor in Brightness position on RBX-877 board by a small Philips screw driver

## Acti it 1-4 he serial data communication with computer

The schematic of RS-232 serial port interfacing of RBX-877 board is shown in the figure A1-6. However in computer serial port interface, need some software tool as

### A per terminal

Hyper Terminal is the populated terminal program. It is installed with Windows together. It can be selected from menu Accessories Communications Hyper Terminal. Its icon is  . Hyper Terminal has the setting step see the figure A1-7

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### (B) Serial communication Window in Microcode Studio

In the Microcode Studio, it provides the terminal window for serial port communication. It is called Serial communication window. It can be entered to menu View Serial Communication window in Microcode Studio window or press F4 button or click at  icon on the main window of Microcode Studio. The figure A1-7 shows the Serial communication window of Microcode Studio. It can be changed and set an value directly.

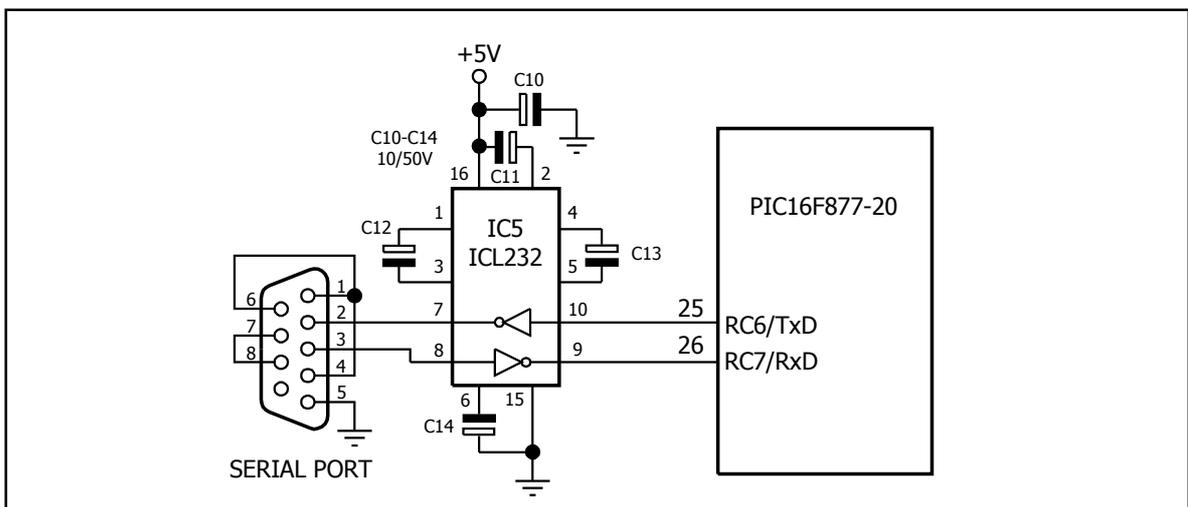
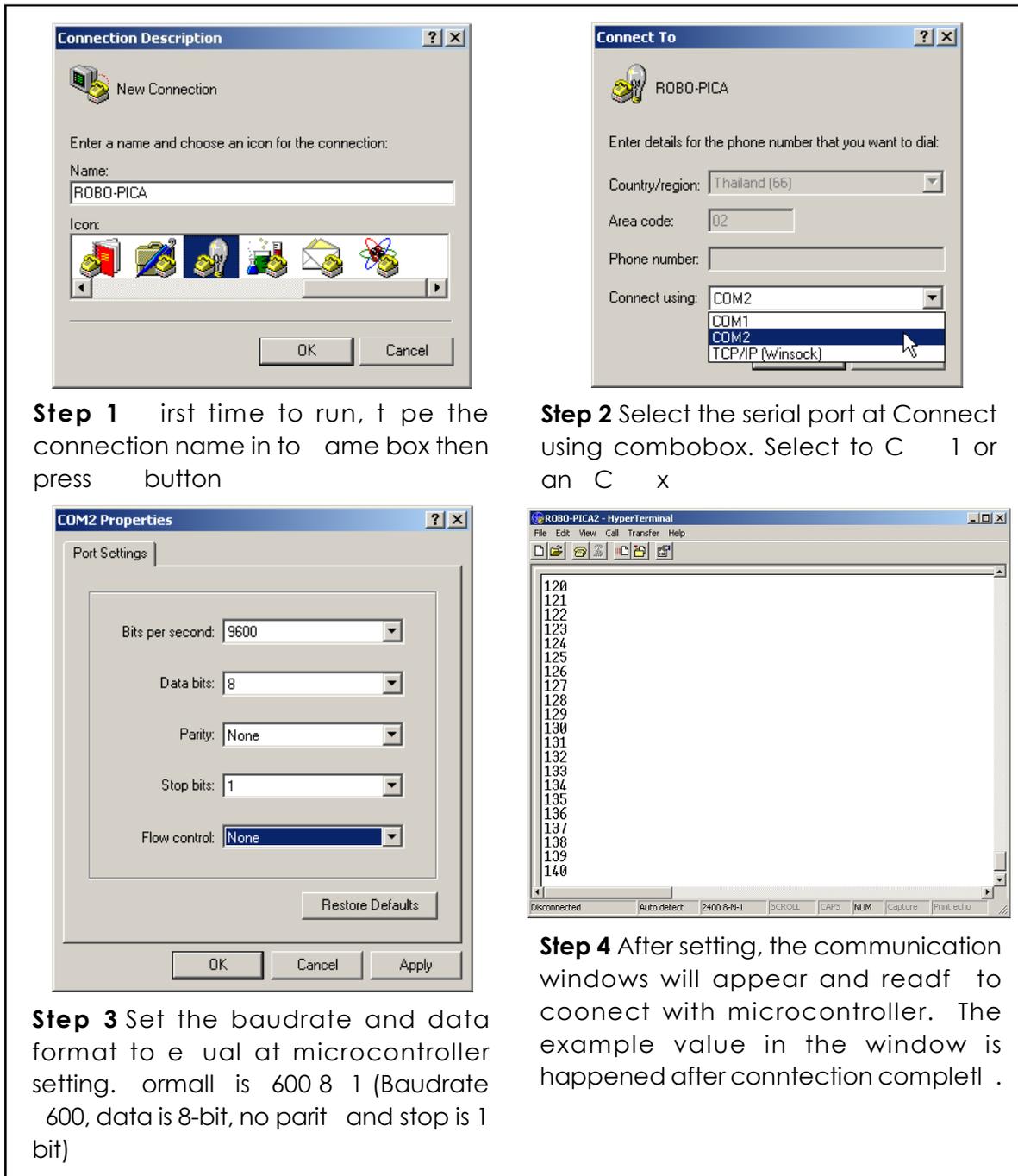
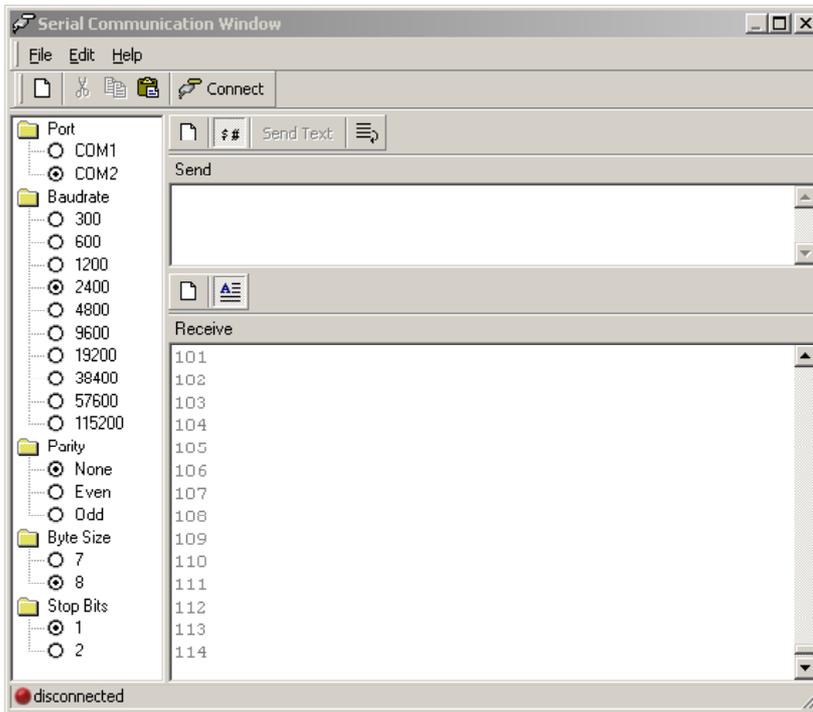


Figure A1-6 RS-232 Serial port interface schematic of RBX-877 board



**Figure A1-7** Setting method of Hyper Terminal program



**Figure A1-8** Shows the Serial Communication Window of Microcode Studio

### Writing program for serial data communication of PICBASIC PR compiler

PICBASIC PR compiler provides many commands for serial data communication as

```
SEROUT
SEROUT2
HSEROUT
SERIN
SERIN2
HSERIN
```

#### SER

```
SEROUT Pin,Mode,[Item {,Item...}]
```

**Pin** Transmit port

**Mode** Set the baudrate and data format for communication. Such as 0 means setting baudrate to 2,400 bps or 2 means setting baudrate to 1,600 bps

**Item** Transmit data

**Limitation of SER command** is the data format fixed to 8 bits cannot change and send only ASCII code

```
' File : a0106.bas
' Description : Send serial data to computer by SEROUT command
@ DEVICE PIC16F877,HS_OSC          ' Use PIC16F877 and HS Oscilator
DEFINE OSC 20                      ' Use Oscillator 20 MHz
A VAR BYTE
A = 0                               ' Start A with 0
MAIN: SEROUT PORTC.6,2,[A]         ' Send A
    PAUSE 10                       ' Delay 10 Millisecond
    A = A+1                         ' Increment A
    GOTO MAIN                       ' Again
```

**Listing A1-6** The demonstration program of SEROUT command operation. This program send ASCII ocde of A variable to computer

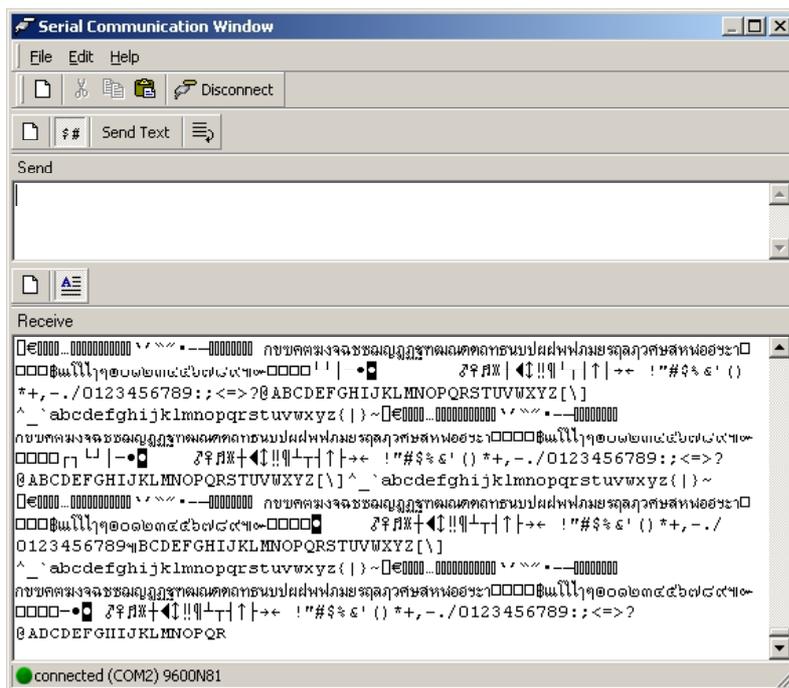
A1.4.1 write the listing A1-6. Compile and download the code to RBX-877 board.

A1.4.2 Connect RBX-877 board with computer s RS-232 serial port with serial cable.

A1.4.3 open H per Terminal program or Serial Communication window in microcode Studio. Select the baudrate to ,600 bit per second. ata format is 8 1

A1.4.4 Run program. observe the operation of H per Terminal or Serial Communication window in microcode Studio

*The Hyper Terminal shows the operation below*



**SER 2**

**SEROUT2** *DataPin*{\FlowPin},Mode,{Pace,} {Timeout,Label,}[Item...]

**A API** Transmit port

**E** value to setting baudrate and format data. Such as

If select 9,600bps and data format to 8 1. mode value is 84

If select 2,400bps and data format to 8 1. mode value is 3 6

**Item** Transmit data

The different between SER T and SER T2 command is SER T2 can set the parameter more than SER T command such as data format, transmit format and baudrate. In the listing A1-7 shows the setting data format in decimal ( DEC) and binary ( BIN ) and shift the cursor to front of line and carriage return by sending ASCII code 0D and 0A.

A1.4.5 Write the listing A1-7. Compile and download the code to RBX-877 board.

A1.4.6 Connect RBX-877 board with computer's RS-232 serial port with serial cable.

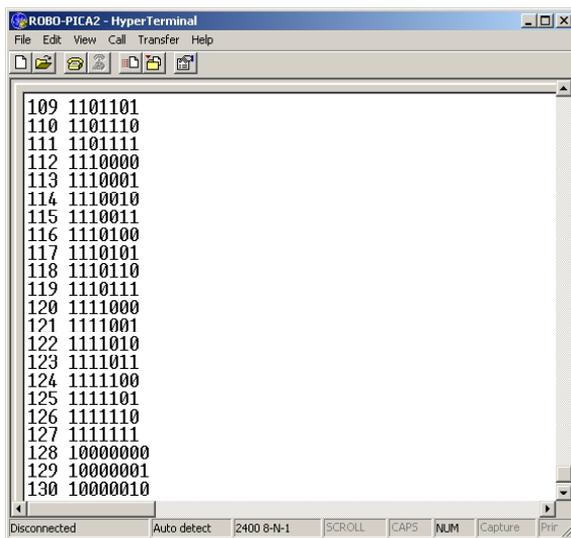
A1.4.7 Open Hyper Terminal program or Serial Communication window in Microcode Studio. Select the baudrate to 2,400 bit per second. data format is 8 1

```
' File : a0107.bas
' Description : Send serial data to computer by SEROUT2 command
@ DEVICE PIC16F877,HS_OSC           ' Use PIC16F877 and HS Oscillator
DEFINE OSC 20                       ' Use Oscillator 20 MHz
A   VAR   BYTE
A = 0                                ' Start A with 0
MAIN: SEROUT2 PORTC.6,396,[DEC A," ",BIN A,$0D,$0A]
                                     ' Show A in Decimal Mode
      PAUSE 10                        ' Delay
      A = A+1                          ' Increment A
      GOTO MAIN
```

**Listing A1-7** The demonstration program of SEROUT2 command to sending data to computer

A1.4.8 Run program. Observe the operation of Hyper Terminal or Serial Communication window in Microcode Studio.

The Hyper Terminal shows the operation below



## SER

**HSEROUT** [Item {, Item...}]

**Item** : Transmit data

HSEROUT is transmit the serial data command that use UART or SART module within microcontroller. Before using must set the value to setting the SART module via DEFINE command as

```

DEFINE HSER_RCSTA 90h    \ Enable receive data
DEFINE HSER_TXSTA 20h    \ Enable transmit data
DEFINE HSER_BAUD 2400    \ Set baudrate by direct
DEFINE HSER_SPBRG 25     \ Set baudrate via SPBR register
    
```

The different between HSER T with SER T2 is HSER T command must use with the microcontroller that contains UART or SART module only and cannot change pin to transmit and receive data. About SER T2 command supports all 14-bit PIC microcontroller (PIC12 6xx, PIC16 6xx 7x 8x 8xx) although a chip do not contain UART or SART module. However HSER T use the memory space less than SER T2 command

**Summary use SER command in PIC microcontroller that support UART or SART module. Because save the code size more.**

```

' File : a0108.bas
' Description : Send serial data to computer by HSEROUT command

@ DEVICE PIC16F877,HS_OSC      ' Use PIC16F877 and HS Oscilator
DEFINE OSC 20                  ' Use Oscillator 20 MHz
DEFINE HSER_RCSTA 90h          ' Set receive register to receiver enabled
DEFINE HSER_TXSTA 20h          ' Set transmit register to transmitter enabled
DEFINE HSER_BAUD 2400          ' Set baud rate
A   VAR      BYTE
A = 0                          ' Start A with 0
Main:   HSEROUT ["Innovative "] ' Show Text in String
        HSEROUT ["Experiment ",DEC A,$0D,$0A] ' Show String and Decimal
Number
        A = A+1                  ' increment A
        GOTO MAIN

```

**Listing A1-8** The demonstration program of HSEROUT command to sending data to computer

A1.4. write the listing A1-8. Compile and download the code to RBX-877 board.

A1.4.10 open Hyper Terminal program or Serial Communication window in Microcode Studio. Select the baudrate to 2,400 bit per second. Data format is 8 N 1

A1.4.11 Run program. Observe the operation of Hyper Terminal or Serial Communication window in Microcode Studio.

*The Hyper Terminal shows the operation below*

```

ROBO-PICAZ - HyperTerminal
File Edit View Call Transfer Help
Innovative Experiment 10
Innovative Experiment 11
Innovative Experiment 12
Innovative Experiment 13
Innovative Experiment 14
Innovative Experiment 15
Innovative Experiment 16
Innovative Experiment 17
Innovative Experiment 18
Innovative Experiment 19
Innovative Experiment 20
Innovative Experiment 21
Innovative Experiment 22
Innovative Experiment 23
Innovative Experiment 24
Innovative Experiment 25
Innovative Experiment 26
Innovative Experiment 27
Innovative Experiment 28
Innovative Experiment 29
Innovative Experiment 30
Innovative Experiment 31
Connected 0:16:22 Auto detect 2400 8-N-1 SCROLL CAPS NUM Capture Print

```

**SERI**

**SERIN** *Pin, Mode, {Timeout, Label, } {[Qual...], } {Item...}*

**Pin** Receive port. or RBX-877 board set to RC7 (P RTC.7)

**ode** Set the baudrate and data format for communication. Such as 0 means setting baudrate to 2,400 bps or 2 means setting baudrate to ,600 bps

**imeout** Waiting receive time in millisecond unit. If time over, CP will jump to the destination that define b **Label**

**ual** Comparison data. If receive data match with this data, load next data into **Item variable**

**SERI command is easiest of receive data from computer via serial port. This command cannot check an communication status. It checks only the waiting time.**

A1.4.12 Write the listing A1- . Compile and download the code to RBX-877 board.

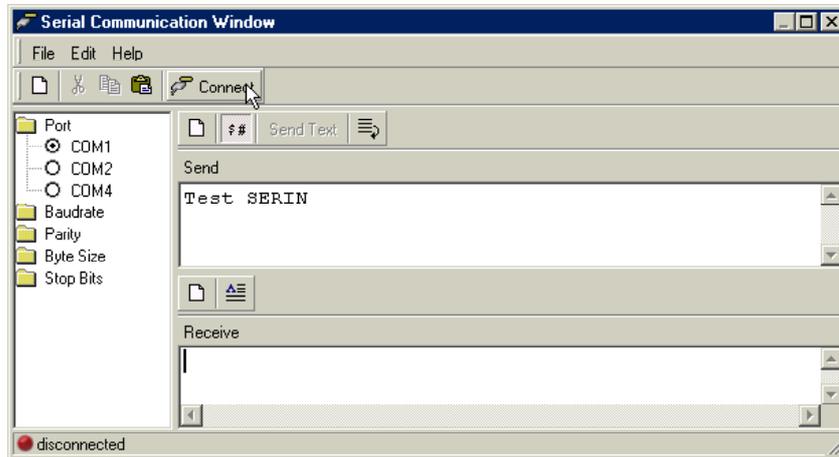
```
' File : a0109.bas
' Description : Receive serial data from computer by SERIN command
@ DEVICE PIC16F877,HS_OSC          ' Use PIC16F877 and HS Oscillator
DEFINE OSC 20                     ' Use Oscillator 20 MHz
DEFINE LCD_DREG PORTD             ' Set LCD Data port
DEFINE LCD_DBIT 4                 ' Set starting Data bit (0 or 4) if 4-bit
bus
DEFINE LCD_RSREG PORTC           ' Set LCD Register Select port
DEFINE LCD_RSBIT 0               ' Set LCD Register Select bit
DEFINE LCD_EREG PORTC           ' Set LCD Enable port
DEFINE LCD_EBIT 5                ' Set LCD Enable bit
DEFINE LCD_BITS 4                ' Set LCD bus size (4 or 8 bits)
DEFINE LCD_LINES 2              ' Set number of lines on LCD
DEFINE LCD_COMMANDUS 2000       ' Set command delay time in us
DEFINE LCD_DATAUS 50            ' Set data delay time in us
A VAR BYTE
LOOP: SERIN PORTC.7,0,["R"],A
LCDOUT $FE,$01,A
GOTO LOOP
```

**Listing A1-9** The demonstration program of SERIN command to receive the serial data from computer and show at LCD module on RBX-877 board

A1.4.13 Open HyperTerminal program or Serial Communication window in Microcode Studio. Select the baudrate to 2,400 bit per second. Data format is 8 N 1. However for getting the best result from this experiment should be use Serial Communication window in Microcode Studio better. Because this window can show the transmit data from computer.

A1.4.14 Run program. Press keyboard to send data to RBX-877 via serial port by using Send box in Serial Communication window of Microcode Studio. Then click Connect button. Observe the LCD module operation compare with the result at Serial Communication window of Microcode Studio

The Serial Communication of Microcode Studio shows the operation below



## SERI 2

SERI 2 command is developed from SERI command. This command can select many data format and check the receiving data. Its syntax is

```
SERIN2 DataPin{\FlowPin},Mode,{ParityLabel},{Timeout,Label},{Item...}
```

**DataPin** Receive port. or RBX-877 board set to RC7 (PORTC.7)

**Mode** value to setting baudrate and format data. Such as

If select 9,600bps and data format to 8 N 1. Mode value is 84

If select 2,400bps and data format to 8 N 1. Mode value is 3 6

**Parity Label** Position to jump if found the parity checking error. Enable by setting bit 13 of Mode parameter

**Timeout** waiting receive time in millisecond unit. If time over, CPU will jump to the destination that define by **Label**

**Item** It means a variable or more for saving data that received from DataPin and can set variable type to array for storing data many bytes.

```

' File : a0110.bas
' Description : Receive serial data from computer by SERIN2 command
@ DEVICE PIC16F877,HS_OSC ' Use PIC16F877 and HS Oscillator
DEFINE OSC 20 ' Use Oscillator 20 MHz
DEFINE LCD_DREG PORTD ' Set LCD Data port
DEFINE LCD_DBIT 4 ' Set data bit start at bit4 in 4-bit mode
DEFINE LCD_RSREG PORTC ' Set LCD Register Select port
DEFINE LCD_RSBIT 0 ' Set LCD Register Select bit
DEFINE LCD_EREG PORTC ' Set LCD Enable port
DEFINE LCD_EBIT 5 ' Set LCD Enable bit
DEFINE LCD_BITS 4 ' Set LCD bus size (4 or 8 bits)
DEFINE LCD_LINES 2 ' Set number of lines on LCD
DEFINE LCD_COMMANDUS 2000 ' Set command delay time in us
DEFINE LCD_DATAUS 50 ' Set data delay time in us
DAT VAR BYTE[9]
LOOP: SERIN2 PORTC.7,396,3000,OUT,[str DAT\9 ]
' Recieve Data 9 bytes save to DAT
LCDOUT $FE,$01,STR DAT\9 ' Show data on LCD Module
GOTO LOOP ' Again
OUT: FREQOUT PORTA.4,100,2000 ' If Timeout, generate sound
GOTO LOOP

```

**Listing A1-10** The demonstration program of SERIN2 command to receive the serial data from computer and show at LCD module on RBX-877 board

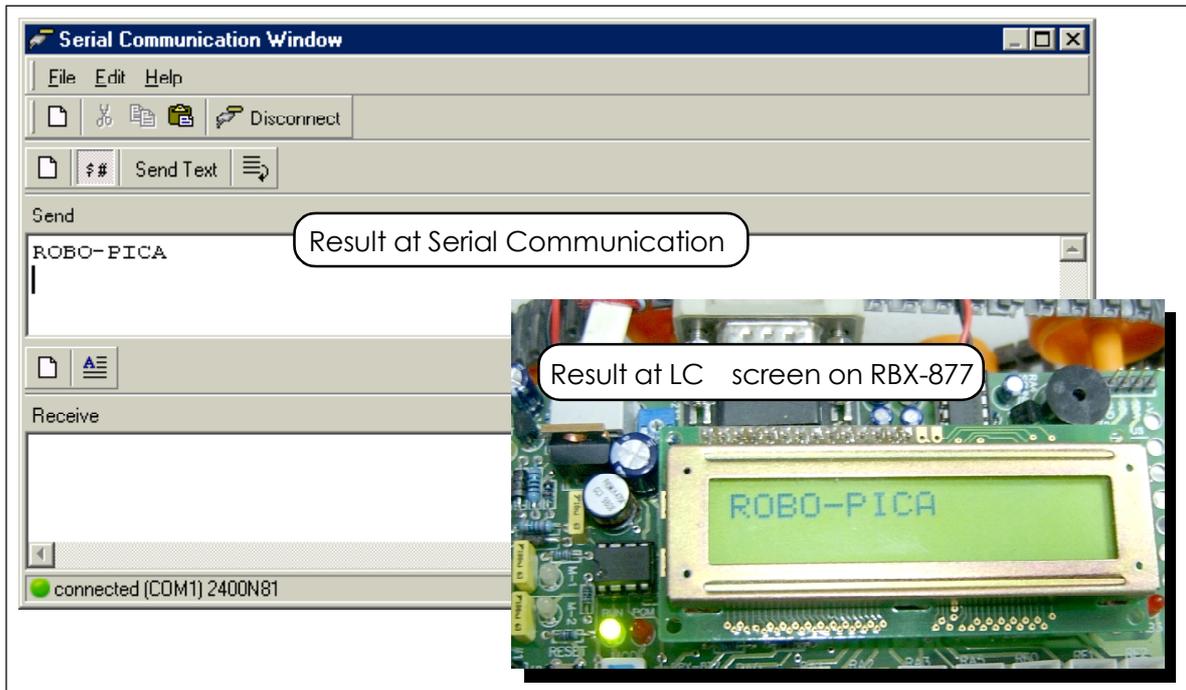
A1.4.15 Write the listing A1-10. Compile and download the code to RBX-877 board.

A1.4.16 Connect RBX-877 board with computer's RS-232 serial port with serial cable.

A1.4.17 Open HyperTerminal program or Serial Communication window in Microcode Studio. Select the baudrate to 2,400 bit per second. Data format is 8-N-1. However for getting the best result from this experiment should be use Serial Communication window in Microcode Studio better. Because this window can show the transmit data from computer.

A1.4.18 Run program. Press keyboard to send data to RBX-877 via serial port by using Send box in Serial Communication window of Microcode Studio. Then click Connect button. Observe the LCD module operation compare with the result at Serial Communication window of Microcode Studio

*The Serial Communication of Microcode Studio shows the operation in figure A1-11 and see the result at Computer screen*



**Figure A1-9** Shows the result of the listing A-10 operation at Serial communication window of Microcode Studio and LCD module on RBX-877 board

## SERI

HSEROUT is receive the serial data command that use ART or SART module within microcontroller . Before using must set the value to setting the SART module via DEFINE command as

```

DEFINE HSER_RCSTA 90h    \ Enable receive data
DEFINE HSER_TXSTA 20h    \ Enable transmit data
DEFINE HSER_BAUD 2400    \ Set baudrate b direct
DEFINE HSER_SPBRG 25     \ Set baudrate via SPBR register
    
```

Receiver port pin is fixed to RxD pin of UART module. For PIC16F877 microcontroller is RC7. The syntax of this command as :

```
HSERIN {ParityLabel,}{Timeout,Label,}[Item{,...}]
```

**Parit Label** Position to jump if found the parit checking error.

**imeout** waiting receive time in millisecond unit. If time over, CP will jump to the destination that define b **Label**

**Item** It means a variable or more for saving data that received from RC7 pin and can set variable t pe to arra for storing data man b tes.

The different between HSERIN with SERIN2 is HSERIN command must use with the microcontroller that contains ART or SART module only and cannot change pin to transmit and receive data. About SERIN2 command supports all 14-bit PIC microcontroller (PIC12 6xx, PIC16 6xx 7x 8x 8xx) although a chip do not contain ART or SART module. However HSERIN use the memory space less than SERIN2 command

**Summary use SERIN command in PIC microcontroller that support ART or SART module. Because save the code size more.**

A1.4.1 Write the listing A1-11. Compile and download the code to RBX-877 board.

A1.4.20 Connect RBX-877 board with computer's RS-232 serial port with serial cable.

A1.4.21 Open Hyper Terminal program or Serial Communication window in Microcode Studio. Select the baudrate to 2,400 bit per second. Data format is 8 N 1. However for getting the best result from this experiment should be use Serial Communication window in Microcode Studio better. Because this window can show the transmit data from computer.

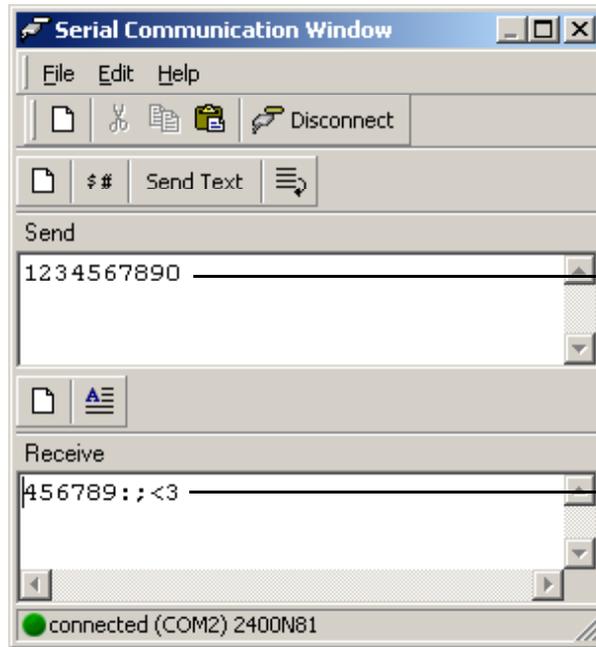
```
' File : a0111.bas
' Description : Receive serial data from computer by HSERIN command
@ DEVICE PIC16F877,HS_OSC      ' Use PIC16F877 and HS Oscillator
DEFINE OSC 20                  ' Use Oscillator 20 MHz
DEFINE HSER_RCSTA 90h         ' Set receive register to receiver enabled
DEFINE HSER_TXSTA 20h        ' Set transmit register to transmitter enabled
DEFINE HSER_BAUD 2400         ' Set baud rate
DAT VAR      BYTE

LOOP: HSERIN [DAT]             ' Recieve Data 9 Byte Save To DAT
      DAT = DAT + 3
      HSEROUT [DAT]           ' Send Back To Serial
      GOTO LOOP               ' Again
```

**Listing A1-11** The demonstration program of HSERIN command to receive the serial data from computer and modify with math routine then send back to computer for display on the Serial Communication window of Microcode Studio

A1.4.22 Run program. Press keyboard to send data to RBX-877 via serial port b using Send box in Serial Communication window of Microcode Studio. Then click Connect button. Observe the result at Serial Communication window of Microcode Studio.

The Serial Communication of Microcode Studio shows the operation below :



Transmit data

Receive data It's equal value of transmit data 3. or example. transmit ASCII code of number 1 (0x21). The receive data will be 0x24. It means ASCII code of number 4



# Chapter 3

## Building Robo-PICA kit

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This chapter describes about how to building the Robo-PICA robot kit. The robot in this chapter is install the basic sensor, ZX-03 Infrared reflector. The features of Robo-PICA robot kit are :

- Driving with DC motor gearboxes and Track wheel
- Controlled by PIC16F877 microcontroller
- 8KWords program memory
- Re-programmable at least 10,000 times for flash program memory
- Support many types of sensor and detectors such as

**ZX-01** Switch input board for attacking detection,

**ZX-03** Infrared Reflector for line tracking and area,

**ZX-05** Infrared receiver module for remote controlling,

**ZX-08** Infrared Objecter for contactless object avoiding,

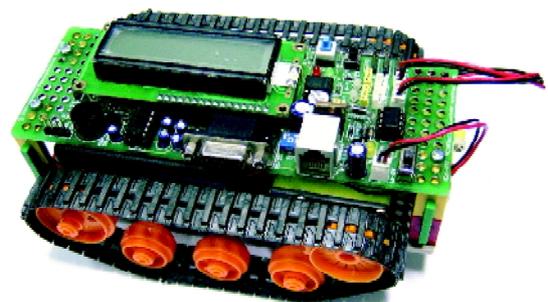
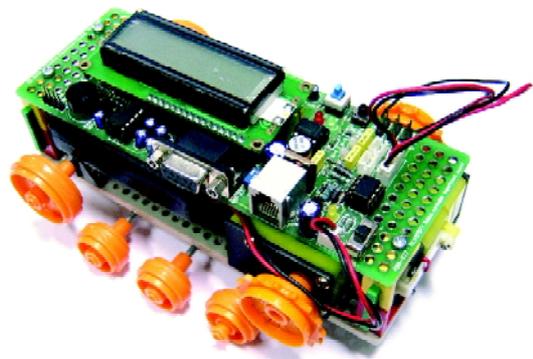
**GP2D120** Infrared distance sensor,

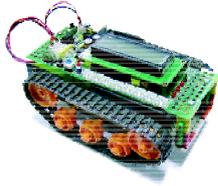
**SRF05** Ultrasonic sensor,

**CMPS03** Digital compass,

**Memsic2125** Accelerometer sensor and more...

- Provides Character LCD moduel 16x2 and LED status for displaying thre robot operation.





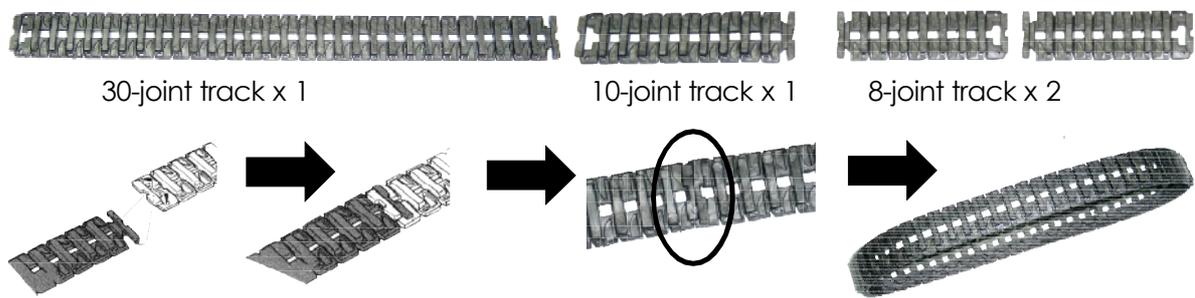
# Activity 2

## Make the Robo-PICA

Main sprocket wheel x 2	Large support wheel x 2	Hub x 8	
Medium support wheel x 6	3x6 mm. Screw x 3	Track wheel set (4 of 8-joint, 4 of 10-joint and 2 of 30-joint)	Plastic spacer (4 pieces of 3mm., 10mm., 15 mm. and 25 mm.)
2 mm. Wood screw x 2	3x10 mm. Screw x 16	DC motor gearbox with mounting x 2	
Metal axel x 4	3x25 mm. Screw x 3	3 mm. Nut x 20	
RBX-877 PIC16F877 Robot Experiment board x 1	Plastic joiner (Right angle, Strength, Obtuse) x 60	Universal Plate x 1	
4-AA size Battery holder with power cable (Battery not included. 1700mAH Rechargeable battery recommended)	Short angled shaft base x 2	16-Characters 2-Lines LCD module with connector x1	
	Long angled shaft base x 2	ZX-03 Infrared reflector with cable x 2	

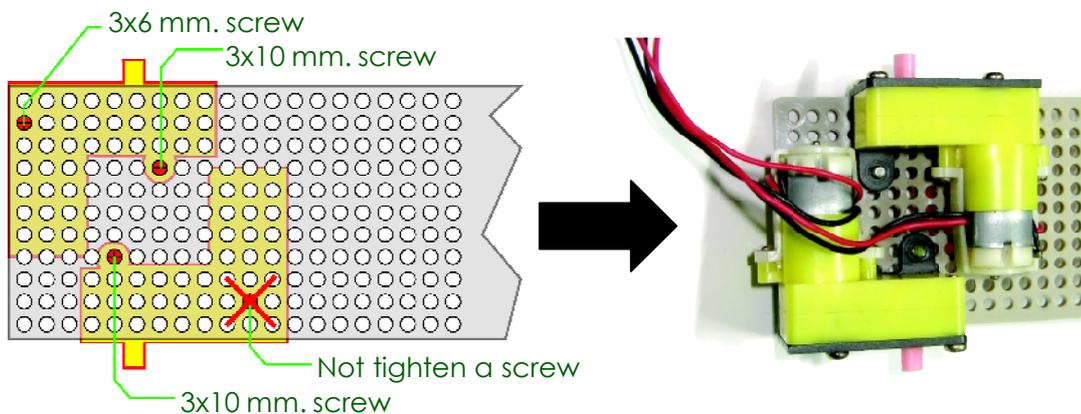
**Figure A2-1** Shows all parts of Robo-PICA robot kit

A2.1 Create two track belts by putting the different size tracks together. One track would consist of the following: One 30-joint track, one 10-joint track, and two 8-joint track. Connect the 10-joint track to the end of the 30-joint track. Next connect the two 8-joint tracks together. Take one end and connect it to the other end of the 10-joint track. Then take the other end of the 8-joint track and connect it to the remaining end of the 30-joint track to form one complete loop. Repeat the steps to make two track sets. If the track is too tight or loose, you can either adjust the length of the track or adjust the position of the short angled shaft base until the track has a good fit.

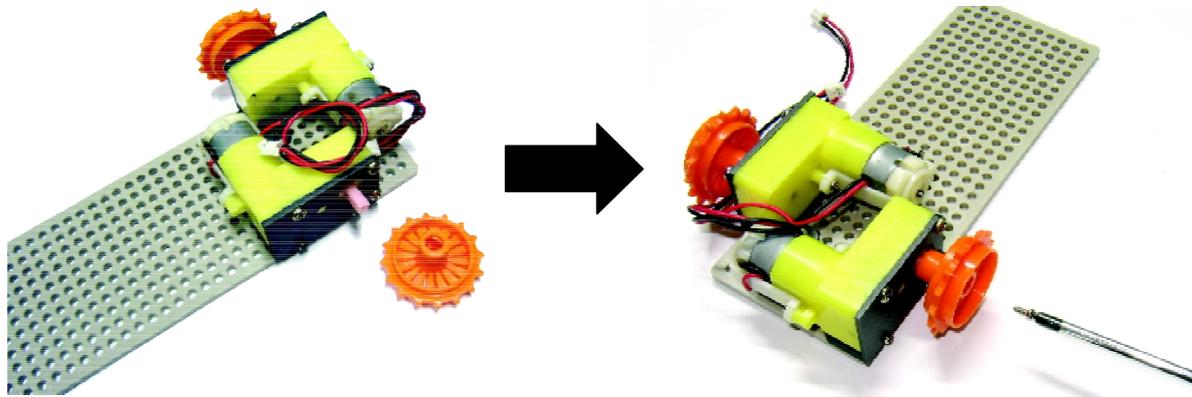


**Building the track wheel from many tracks connection has purpose to builders can change the length of wheel by their own and the robot does not necessary same size from example.**

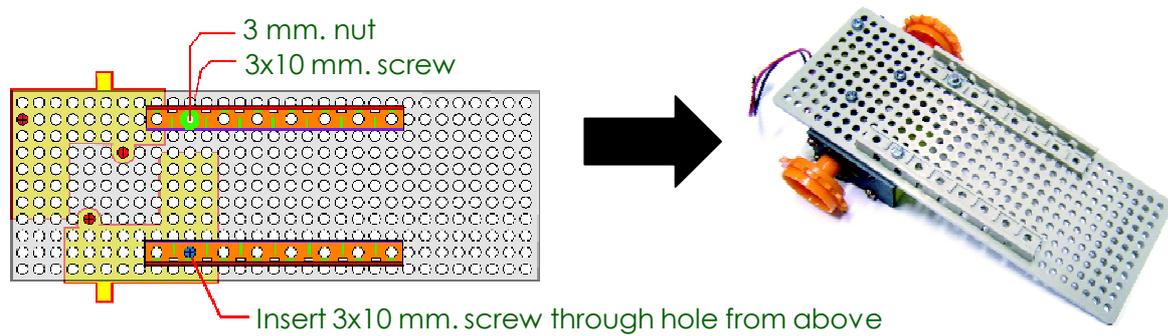
A2.2 Attach the motor gearbox sets to the universal plate using a 3 x 6 mm. and 3 x 10 mm. screw. Position the Motor Gearbox sets as shown in the picture below. Attach only 3 points because 1 point remainder will be use for attach a Long angled shaft base.



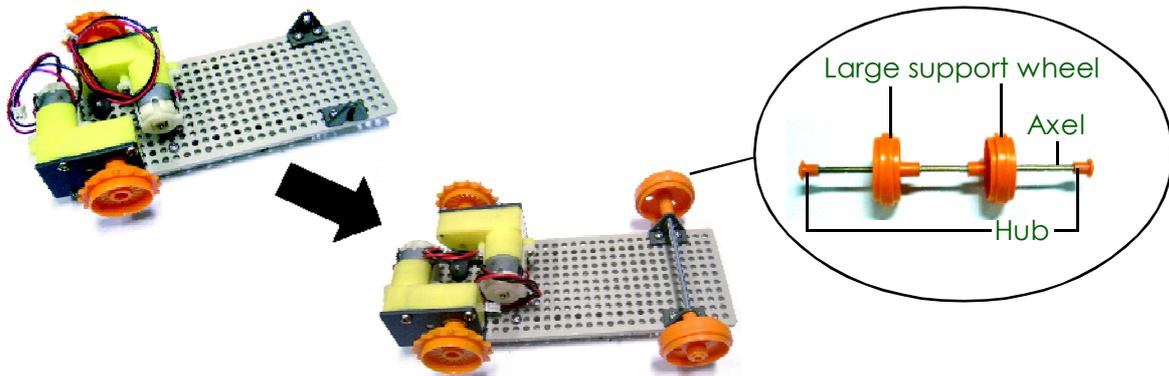
A2.3 Insert the Main Sprocket Wheel into the motor gearbox and screw it in tightly with a 2 mm. Wood screw.



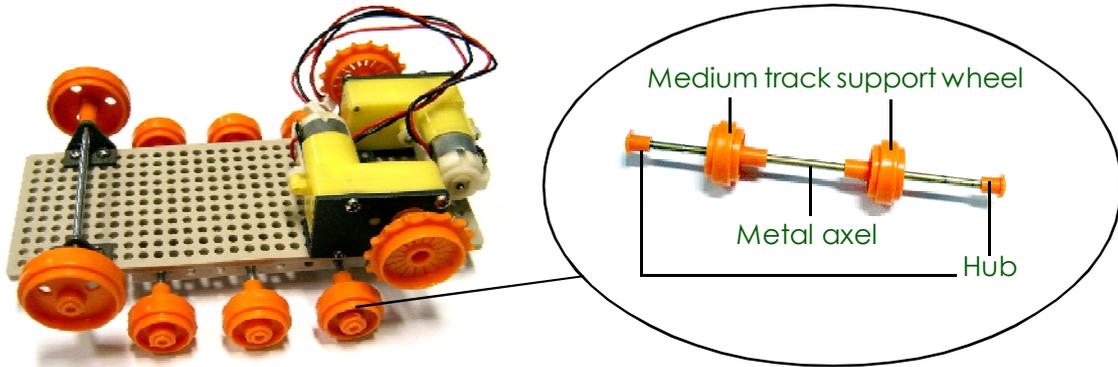
A2.4 Attach the Long angled shaft base with the plate by 3x10 mm. Screw. One position tighten a screw into the remainder hole from step A2.2. Another end, insert 3x10 mm. Screw from above through the plate's hole and tighten by 3 mm. Nut. Attach another Long angled shaft base in same method.



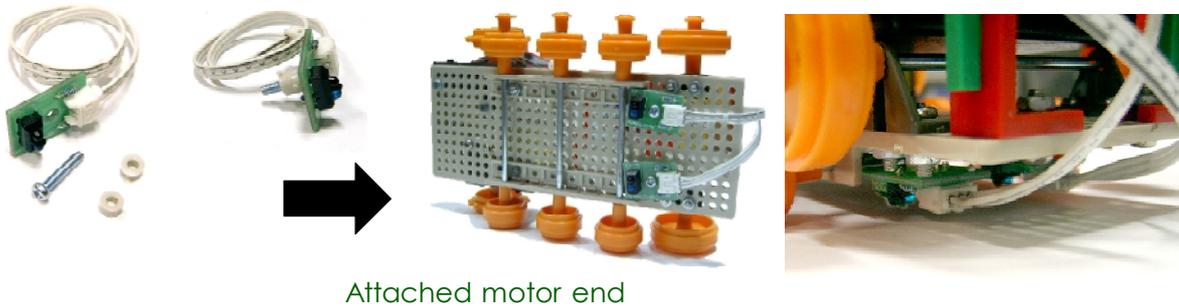
A2.5 Attach the short angled shaft base at the end of the plate (opposite the motor attached end) as shown in the picture by counting the hole from the end 4 holes. Use 3x10 mm. Screw and 3 mm. Nut to tighten the short angled shaft base. Make them both side. Next, insert the metal axel through the hole of the short angled shaft base. Insert two Large support wheels to both end of axel and close by Hubs



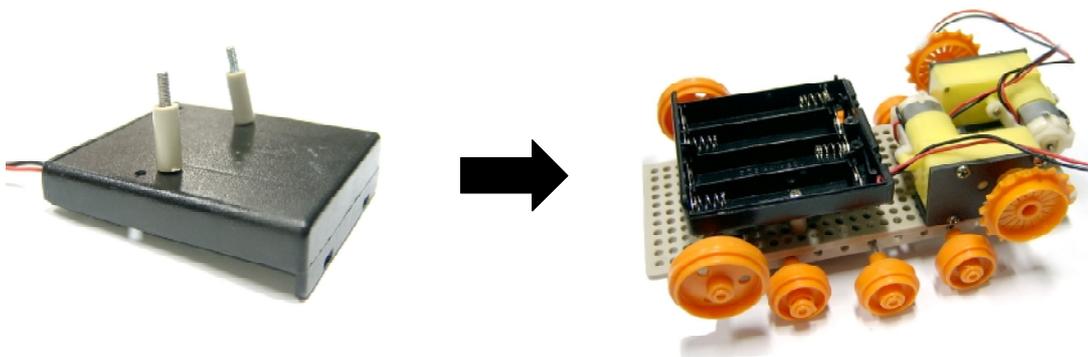
A2.6 Insert the metal axel into the holes of the long angled shaft in the hole positions of 1, 4, and 7 (Counting from any side). Place the Medium track support wheels over the metal axel as shown in the pictures. Insert the hubs over the wheels so that the wheels and the axels are connected tightly.



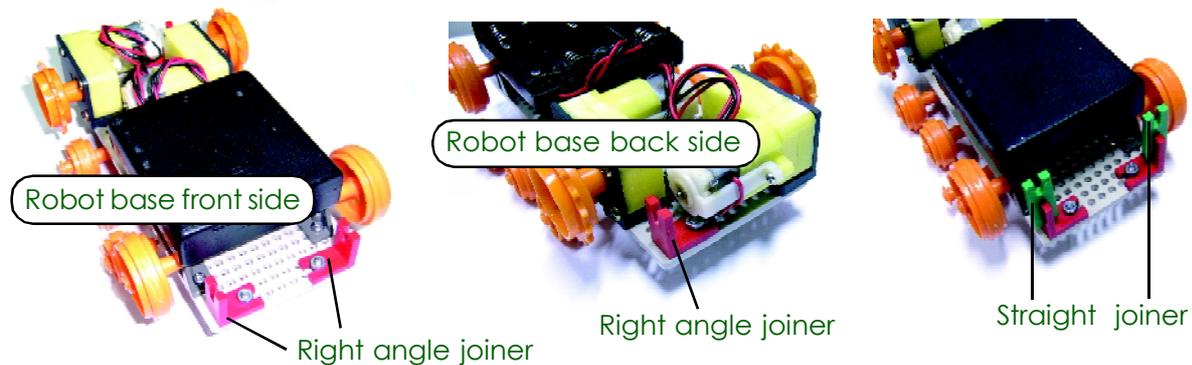
A2.7 Insert 3x15 mm. Screw through the ZX-03 Infrared reflector and 2 of 3 mm. Plastic spacer. Make 2 sets. Next, attach both sensors with the front of bottom base (opposite the attached motor end). Distance between both sensor is about 3 to 4 cm. Tighten with 3 mm. Nuts. The sensor will far from the floor about 5 mm.



A2.8 Open the cover of Battery holder. Insert 2 of 3x25 mm. Screws through the Battert holder and insert 15 mm. Plastic spacer via both screws. Attach the Battery holder with the Robot base. Turn the cable end in same direction with motor. Brecause the motor output connector abd battery is near. Tighten by 3 mm. Nuts.



A2.9 Attach 2 of Right angle joiner at front position of robot base with 3x10 mm. Screws and 3 mm. Nuts. Tighten all together. At the back end, attach a Right angle joiner at the corner of Robot base. All 3-position of Right angle joiner will relate with the attachment holes of RBX-877 board. Connect the Straight joiner at the end of 3 Right angle joiner for support the RBX-877 board attachment.



A2.10 Attache 3 of Right angle joiners into the ERBX-877 board at the straight position from the Right angle joiner attachment from step A2.9 by 3x10 mm. Screws and 3 mm. Nuts.

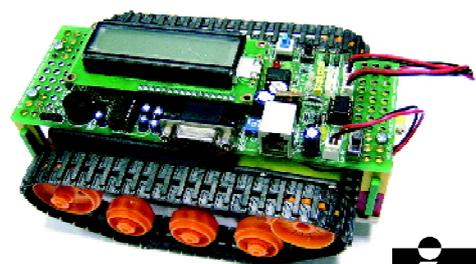
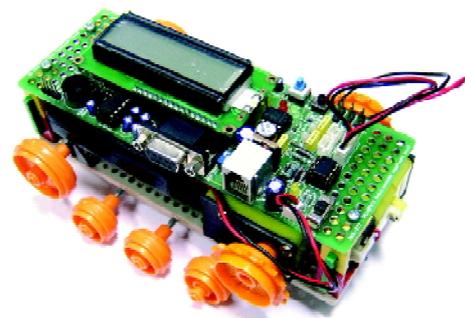
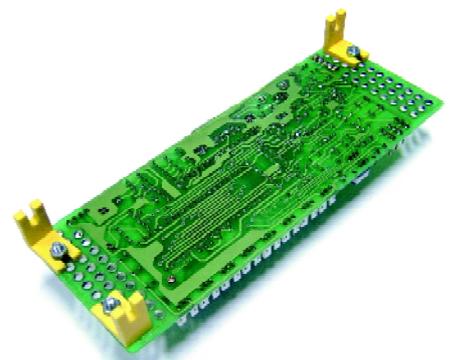
A2.11 Load 4 of AA size batteries into the Battery holder and close the cover. Coonect the RBX-877 board that attached Right angle joiners with the Robot base from step A2.9. With this technique, builders can remove the board for changing the batteries easier.

A2.12 Plug the motor cable to M-1 and M-2 connector on RBX-877 board. The connection can change for adjust the motor direction to correct in the movement activity. Plug power cable from the Battery holder to Battery connector on RBX-877 board. Keep all cables be neat and tidy.

A2.13 Attach the tracks to the supporting wheels of the robot.

A2.14 Plug ZX-03 Infrared Reflector's cable to RA0 and RA1 of RBX-877 board.

**Now..Robo-PICA ready to program and Run it.**



# Chapter 4

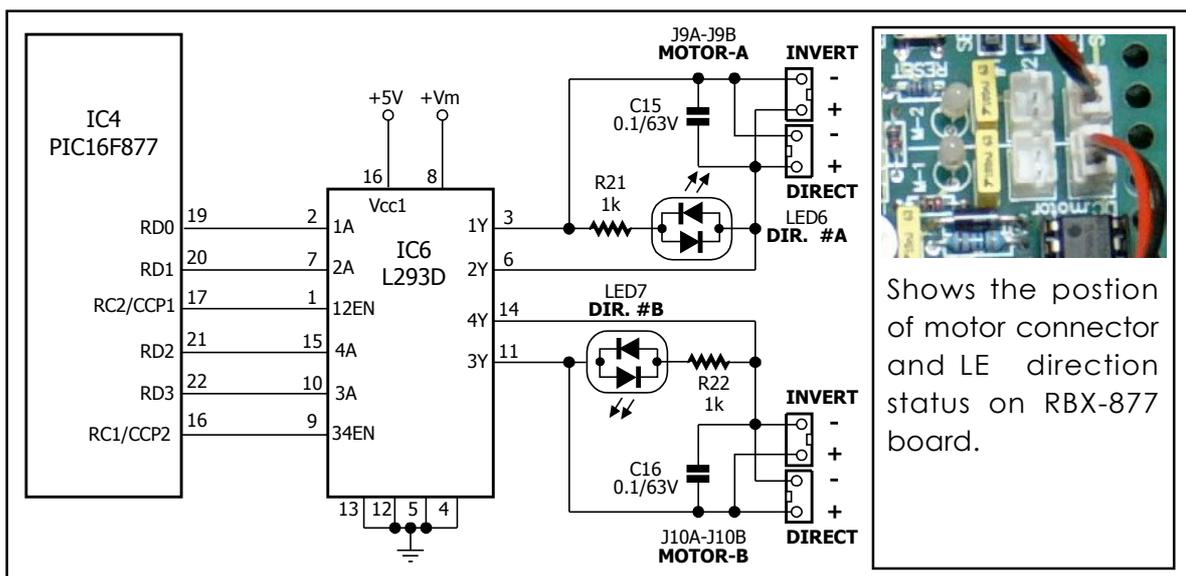
## Simple robot's programming control

The first thing to control robot is movement control. The heart of movement is DC motor circuit. In Robo-PICA use DC motor gearbox in driving. The figure 4-1 shows the DC motor circuit. PIC16F877 assigns 6 port pins to connect the DC motor driver circuit for driving 2 motors.

Motor driver format has 4 types as

- (1) Clockwise motor driving
- (2) Anti-clockwise motor driving
- (3) Motor's shaft is free
- (4) Motor's shaft is locked or Brake

The heart of DC motor driver circuit is L293D H-Bridge driver (may be use S754410 replacement). In the table 4-1 shows all signals to control the DC motor driver circuit.



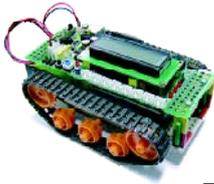
**Figure 4-1** The DC motor driver schematic of RBX-877 board

12EN 34EN pin	1A 3A pin	2A 4A pin	M t p t i n
0	X	X	Shaft free
1	0	0	Shaft locked or Brake
1	0	1	Clockwise turning
1	1	0	anti-clockwise turning
1	1	1	Shaft locked or Brake

*X means logic "0" or "1"*

**e 4-1** shows logic signal to control motor direction

L2 3 outputs connect to C motor gearbox and provides LE status for motor suppl voltage. If suppl in IRECT, LE will lights in reen. The opposite, if red LE lights, it means suppl voltage is I ERT. Buiders can use the different color for defining direction. In other same meaning, if red LE turned on, the robot will be backwards movements. If green LE turned on, the robot will be forwards movements.



# Activity 3

## Check motor rotation

A3.1 Open Microcode Studio. Write the BASIC code following the listing P3-1.

A3.2 Connect the download cable to the robot. Turn-on power. Select the Run button (red LED at P1 label lights). Click  button or press 10 key for compile and download program to Robo-PICA.

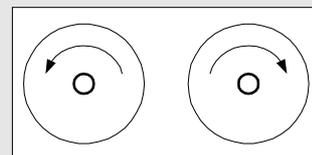
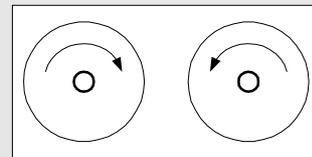
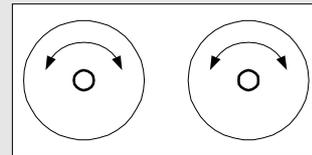
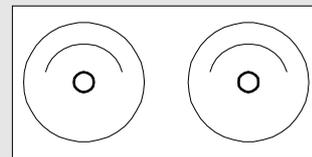
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'
' Name      : P0301.BAS
' Notes    : Test Direction of Motor
'
@ DEVICE PIC16F877,HS_OSC      used PIC16F877
DEFINE OSC 20                 Oscillator = 20 MHz
LOOP:
    Motor Free
    FREQOUT PORTA.4,200,2000    Beep
    ..... Motor A .....
    LO   PORTC.2                Disable Motor A
    LO   PORTD.0
    LO   PORTD.1
    ..... Motor B .....
    LO   PORTC.1                Disable Motor B
    LO   PORTD.2
    LO   PORTD.3
    PAUSE 5000                  Delay 5 Second

    Motor Lock
    FREQOUT PORTA.4,200,2000    Beep
    ..... Motor A .....
    HIGH PORTC.2                Enable Motor A
    ..... Motor B .....
    HIGH PORTC.1                Enable Motor B
    PAUSE 5000                  Delay 5 Second

    Motor Forward
    FREQOUT PORTA.4,200,2000    Beep
    ..... Motor A .....
    LO   PORTD.0
    HIGH PORTD.1
    ..... Motor B .....
    HIGH PORTD.2
    LO   PORTD.3
    PAUSE 5000                  Delay 5 Second

    Motor Backward
    FREQOUT PORTA.4,200,2000    Beep
    ..... Motor A .....
    HIGH PORTD.0
    LO   PORTD.1
    ..... Motor B .....
    LO   PORTD.2
    HIGH PORTD.3
    PAUSE 5000                  Delay 5 Second
    GOTO LOOP
    
```



**Listing 3-1** The driving motor demonstration program of Robo-PICA

A3.3 Select to R mode (green LED at R label lights). Observe the operation.

**First step** Define all motor control port with logic 0. No voltage applied to both motor. Motor shafts will be free.

**Second step** Enable both Cc motor driver circuits by send logic 1 to enable port pin. But motor port remain as logic 0. Motor pole receive negative voltage both. The motor shaft will be locked.

**Third step** Control motor to move forward by apply positive voltage to one of motor pole. R0 and R2 still get logic 1. Another pole apply 0 because R1 and R3 port as logic 0

**Fourth step** Change motor direction by swap the logic applied to motor pole. R0 and R2 port pin as logic 0 but R1 and R3 port pin as logic 1.

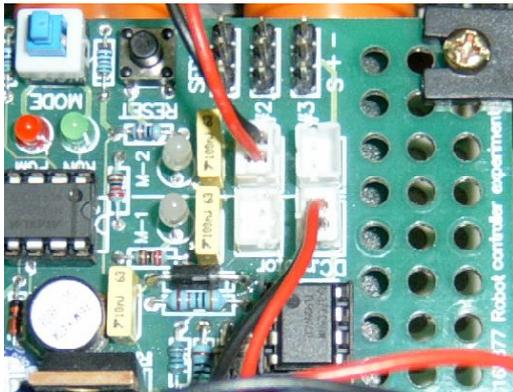
In addition in every changing step, microcontroller will drive sound 2kHz frequency 0.2 second for reporting the builders.

When running....See the robot moving and LED status operation.

**In forward movement**, both motor LED status must show green color.

**In backward**, change to red color both.

If not, must change the direction of motor cable connection to RBX-877 board. Change until the operation correct.



**Figure A3-1** Changing the motor cable connection is necessary if the movement and motor's LED status is not same.



*In low power C motor operation although apply the signal to lock the motor's shaft sometime cannot lock because internal resistance is very low*



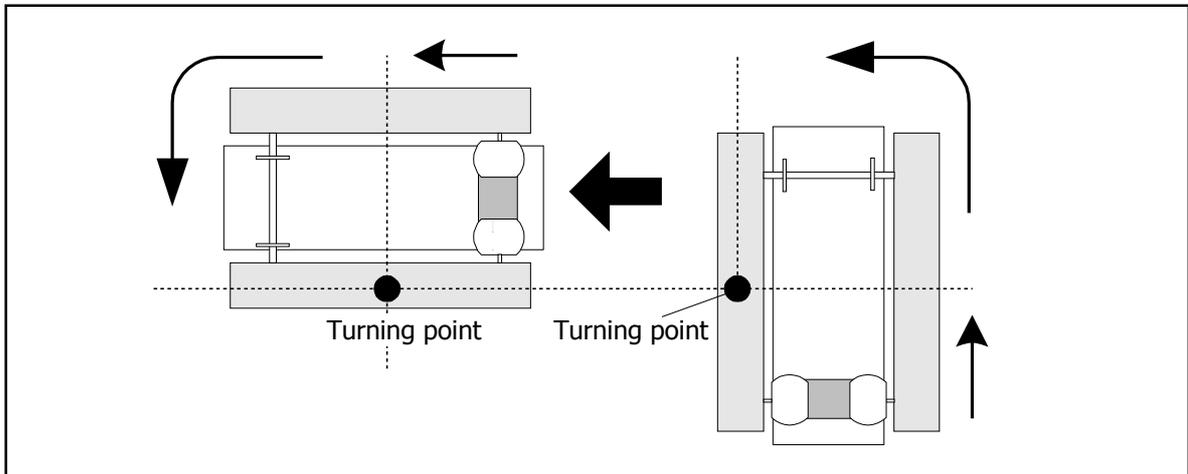


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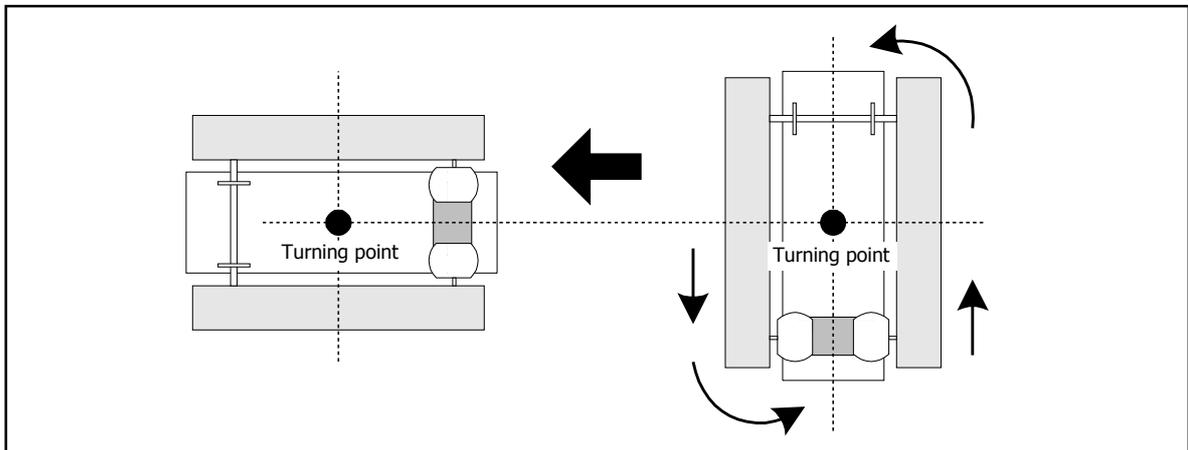
## Simple movement control of Robo-PICA

Robo-PICA moves forward or backward by driving both C motor gearbox in same direction and same time. If need to turn or rotate, this is method

1. **Stop one motor and drive another one** If stop left motor and drive right motor, the robot will turn left. In the opposite, stop right motor and drive left motor. The robot will turn right. The speed will similar forward moving but motor must take more torque because drive the track wheel at the stop motor. The turning point of this moving is start at the stop wheel. See figure A4-1



**Figure A4-1** Turning method of Robo-PICA by stop a motor and fix a wheel.



**Figure A4-2** Turning method of Robo-PICA by driving both motors in opposite direction.

2. **ri e both motors in opposite direction** If the left motor drives forward and right motor drives backward, the robot will rotate right direction. If opposite, left motor drives backward and right motor drives forward. The robot will rotate left direction instead. In this method the speed of rotation will be increase 2 times. and less fiction. The turning point is center of robot bod . See figure A4-2.

A4.1 Write the BASIC code following the listing P4-1. Connect the download cable to the robot. Turn-on power. Select E switch to program mode. Click  button or press 10 key for compile and download program to Robo-PICA.

A4.2 Select to R mode (green LED at R label lights). Observe the operation.

*The robot will turn left 5 seconds turn right 5 seconds rotate left 5 seconds and rotate right 5 seconds Speed movement in rotation will be faster than simple turning every change movement the beep sound is driven*

```

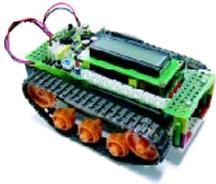
'
' Name      : P0401.BAS
' Notes    : Turn Robot And Spin Robot
'
@ DEVICE PIC16F877,HS_OSC          used PIC16F877
DEFINE OSC 20                     Oscillator = 20 MHz
HIGH PORTC.2                       Enable Motor A
HIGH PORTC.1                       Enable Motor B

LOOP:
    Motor Turn Left
    FREQOUT PORTA.4,200,2000        Beep
    LO  PORTD.0 : LO  PORTD.1      .. Motor A ....
    HIGH PORTD.2 : LO  PORTD.3     .. Motor B ....
    PAUSE 5000                     Delay 5 Second
    Motor Turn Right
    FREQOUT PORTA.4,200,2000        Beep
    LO  PORTD.0 : HIGH PORTD.1     .. Motor A ....
    LO  PORTD.2 : LO  PORTD.3     .. Motor B ....
    PAUSE 5000                     Delay 5 Second
    Motor Spin Left
    FREQOUT PORTA.4,200,2000        Beep
    HIGH PORTD.0 : LO  PORTD.1     .. Motor A ....
    HIGH PORTD.2 : LO  PORTD.3     .. Motor B ....
    PAUSE 5000                     Delay 5 Second
    Motor Spin Right
    FREQOUT PORTA.4,200,2000        Beep
    LO  PORTD.0 : HIGH PORTD.1     .. Motor A ....
    LO  PORTD.2 : HIGH PORTD.3     .. Motor B ....
    PAUSE 5000                     Delay 5 Second
GOTO LOOP

```

**Listing 4-1** The turning and rotation demonstration program for Robo-PICA





# Activity 5

## Speed control of Robo-PICA

Robo-PICA can control the speed movement by send the signal to the enable pin (E) of motor driver IC, L23. Refer the figure 4-1 (in this chapter), E pin of L23 is connected to RC2 CCP1 and RC1 CCP2 port pins of PIC16877. Both port pins are P output port. Builders can write the program to control the P output signal for adjustment motor speed.

### P operation

Normal driving motor technique is apply the voltage to motor directly. The motor works in full speed. Sometime this speed faster. Then the simple method to control motor speed is control the voltage applied to motor. The popular technique is PWM (pulse-width modulation). This technique will control the width of the positive pulse. The voltage is applied to motor as average value. Ratio of positive pulse width and total pulse width is called duty cycle. Its unit is percentage (%).

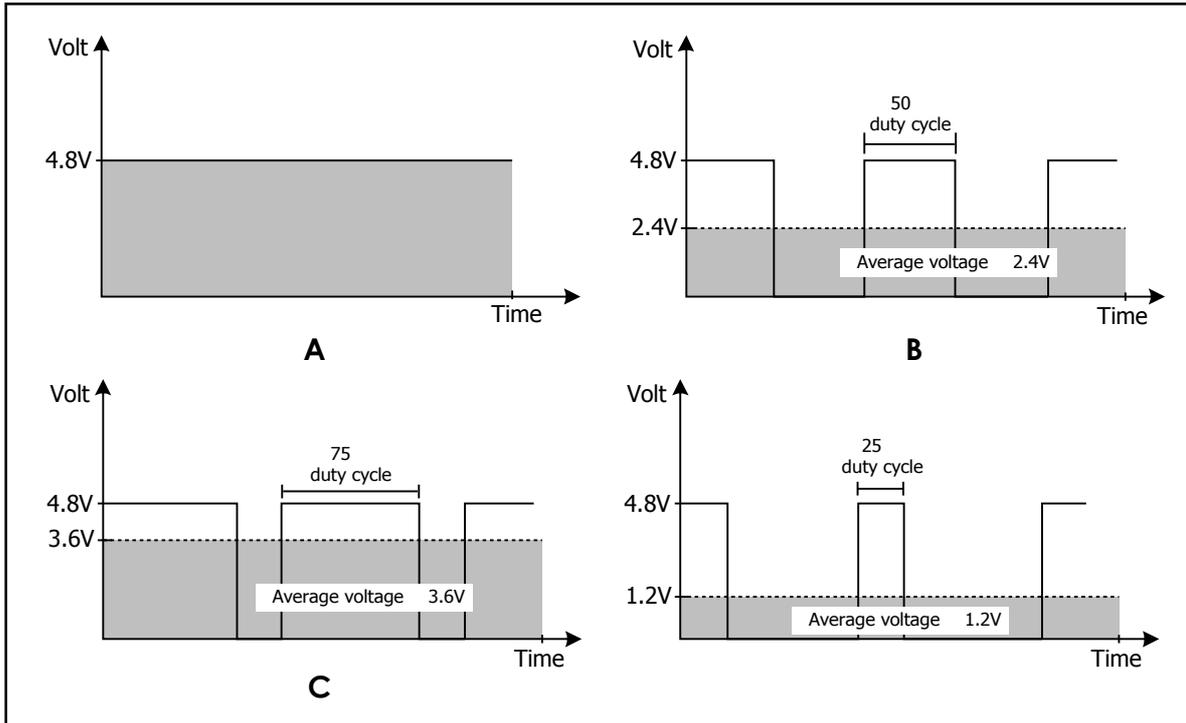


Figure A5-1 Shows average voltage output of PWM

- A Full voltage apply.
- B 50% duty cycle PWM
- C 75% duty cycle PWM
- D 25% duty cycle PWM

```

'
' Name      : P0501.BAS
' Notes    : Speed Control
'
@ DEVICE PIC16F877,HS_OSC          used PIC16F877
DEFINE  OSC 20                    Oscillator = 20 MHz
OUTPUT  PORTC.1                   RC1 = OUTPUT BEFORE USE CH 2

LOOP:
  HP M      1 , (100 255)/100,20000  Always ON
  HP M      2 , (100 255)/100,20000  Always ON
  Motor Forward
  FREQOUT   PORTA.4,200,2000        Beep
  LO        PORTD.0 : HIGH PORTD.1  ..... Motor A
  HIGH     PORTD.2 : LO  PORTD.3    ..... Motor B
  PAUSE     5000                    Delay 5 Second

  FREQOUT   PORTA.4,200,2000        Beep
  HP M      1 , (90 255)/100,20000   20kHz, Duty Cycle 90%
  HP M      2 , (90 255)/100,20000   20kHz, Duty Cycle 90%
  PAUSE     5000                    Delay 5 Second

  FREQOUT   PORTA.4,200,2000        Beep
  HP M      1 , (80 255)/100,20000   20kHz , Duty Cycle 80%
  HP M      2 , (80 255)/100,20000   20kHz , Duty Cycle 80%

  PAUSE     5000                    Delay 5 Second
  GOTO     LOOP

```

### Listing 5-1 The speed control program for Robo-PICA by using PWM technique

In generation P signal of PICBASIC PR compiler use HP command. The P signal will out from RC2 and RC1 pin. See the listing P5-1 for example program.

A5.1 Write the BASIC code following the listing P4-1. Compile and download program to Robo-PICA.

A5.2 Select to R mode. Observe the operation.

*The Robo-PICA robot will move fastest in 5 seconds and decrease speed. After that the robot will back to increase the speed again. The robot will move this routine all times.*



**The suitable P duty cycle value for driving the robot is more than 7.**  
If select the less value the robot has not time more enough for turning or rotation.

## Program operation

1. Set bit 1 of P<sub>RTC</sub> (RC1) as output. RC2 will be set as output automatic in P<sub>RTC</sub> operation.
2. Set P<sub>RTC</sub> frequency as 20kHz, duty cycle 100%.
3. Give a beep and control the robot move forward 5 seconds.
4. Give a beep again. Change the P<sub>RTC</sub> duty cycle to 50% for decreasing speed 5 seconds.
5. Give a beep and change P<sub>RTC</sub> duty cycle to 80% for decreasing speed more. Give motor 5 seconds. Then back to step 3 again.



# Activity 6

## Programmable movement control

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Movement control in each robot depends on driving system. The Robo-PICA robot uses a DC motor gearbox. It is open loop control. In controlling must select the suitable time value for each movement. However this time value must think about the motor initialize before motor start and initialize after motor stop operation.

A6.1 Write the BASIC code following the listing P6-1. Compile and download program to Robo-PICA.

A6.2 Select to Run mode. Observe the operation.

*The Robo-PICA robot move forward 2 seconds then left 90 degree move forward 2 seconds then right 90 degree move backward 2 seconds then right 90 degree and loop to first step again*

***In real world, each robot cannot rotate accurate at any angle. In activity program define the time value for turning degree at 6 millisecond. Some robot can turn and some robot cannot because the effect from some factor such as battery power level and floor friction. Hence each builder must change the suitable time value for their robot.***



*Because the robot uses battery to power source. In driving the battery level is full power and not full the speed of movement is not equal. It causes the distance from movement may be not equal. It is limitation of all robot that use open loop movement control.*

```

'
' Name      : P0601.BAS
' Notes    : Control Movement
'
@ DEVICE PIC16F877,HS_OSC          used PIC16F877

DEFINE OSC 20                      Oscillator = 20 MHz
HIGH PORTC.2                       Enable Motor A
HIGH PORTC.1                       Enable Motor B
TRISD = %11110000                 RD0-RD3 = OUTPUT
Loop:
  GOSUB FOR ARD : PAUSE 2000       Forward 2 second
  GOSUB S_LEFT90                   Turn Left 90 deg.
  GOSUB FOR ARD : PAUSE 2000       Forward 2 second
  GOSUB S_RIGHT90                  Turn Right 90 deg.
  GOSUB BAC ARD : PAUSE 2000       Backward 2 second
  GOSUB S_RIGHT90                  Turn Right 90 deg.
  GOTO Loop                        Do again

FOR ARD:  PORTD = %00000110 : RETURN      Forward routine
BAC ARD:  PORTD = %00001001 : RETURN      Backward routine
S_LEFT90: PORTD = %00000101 : PAUSE 600 : RETURN
                                                Turn left 90 deg. routine
S_RIGHT90: PORTD = %00001010 : PAUSE 600 : RETURN
                                                Turn right 90 deg. routine

```

**Listing 6-1** Time control robot movement experimental program for Robo-PICA



# Chapter 5

## Line following mission

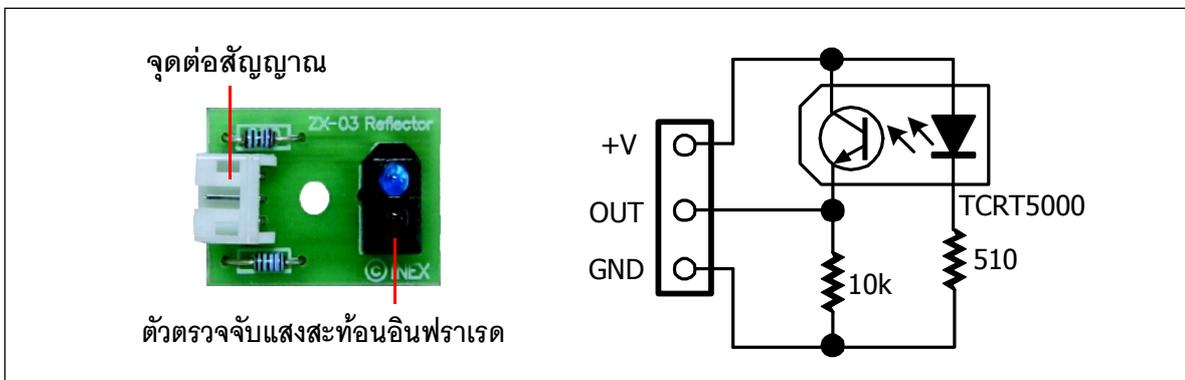
The popular activity of the educational robot is Line following or Line tracking. Purpose of this activity is learn about how to interface analog sensor. In Robo-PICA robot kit prepares a pair of Infrared reflector sensor for this activity. Add senses to the Robo-PICA so that it can detect and move following the line, by using the IR Reflector Sensor. Two IR Reflector Sensors will be installed at the bottom of the Robo-PICA so that it can detect both white and black lines.

### 5.1 ZX-03 Infrared Reflector

The heart of this sensor is TCRT5000 reflective object sensor. It is designed for close proximity infrared (IR) detection. There's an infrared diode behind its transparent blue window and an infrared transistor behind its black window. When the infrared emitted by the diode reflects off a surface and returns to the black window, it strikes the infrared transistor's base, causing it to conduct current. The more infrared incident on the transistor's base, the more current it conducts.

When used as an analog sensor, the ZX-03 can detect shades of gray on paper and distances over a short range if the light in the room remains constant.

The suitable distance from sensor to line or floor is during 3 to 8 mm. The output voltage is during 0.1 to 4.8V and digital value from 10-bit A/D converter is 20 to 1,000. Thus, ZX-03 will suitable to apply to line tracking sensor.



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## Activity 7

# Reading the Analog signal

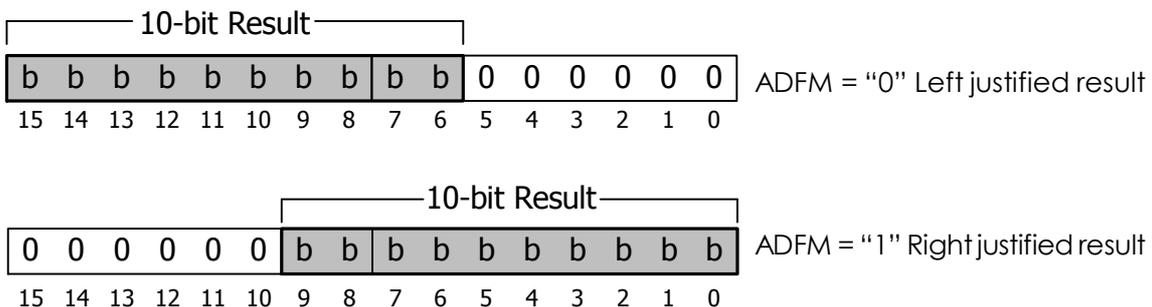
The Robo-PICA's brain is PIC16F877 microcontroller. It contains 8-channel 10-bit analog to digital converter module (ADC). All analog input ports can be configured to digital input and output. They include RA0-RA3, RA5, RE0-RE2. The important register of this module is **ADCON1 register**. The details of this register are shown below.

bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
	ADFM	-	-	-	PCFG3	PCFG2	PCFG1	PCFG0
	R/W-0				R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0

R/W-0 : readable/writable. RESET as logic"0"

If writing a program with PICBASIC PRO compiler, set the value for ADCON0 by yourself not necessary. Only use `DEFINE ADC` command to set the port function at 4-bit lower of ADCON1 (PCFG3-PCFG0). See the setting at table 5-1.

Bit 7 of ADCON1 register is ADFM bit. This bit is used for selection of the result data format. As "0", the 10-bit result will be left justified. 6 Least Significant bits of the result are read as '0'. As "1" the 10-bit result will be right justified. 6 Most Significant bits of the result are read as '0'.



**The result data format from ADFM bit selection of ADCON1 register**

PCFG3-PCFG0	AN7 (RE2)	AN6 (RE1)	AN5 (RE0)	AN4 (RA5)	AN3 (RA3)	AN2 (RA2)	AN1 (RA1)	AN0 (RA0)	Vref+	Vref -	Analog Ch. : Vref
0000	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	VDD	VSS	8:1
0001	A	A	A	A	Vref+	A	A	A	AN3	VSS	7:1
0010	D	D	D	A	A	A	A	A	VDD	VSS	5:0
0011	D	D	D	A	Vref+	A	A	A	AN3	VSS	4:1
0100	D	D	D	D	A	D	A	A	VDD	VSS	3:0
0101	D	D	D	D	Vref+	D	A	A	AN3	VSS	2:1
011X	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	-	-	0:0
1000	A	A	A	A	Vref+	Vref-	A	A	AN3	AN2	6:2
1001	D	D	A	A	A	A	A	A	VDD	VSS	6:0
1010	D	D	A	A	Vref+	A	A	A	AN3	VSS	5:1
1011	D	D	A	A	Vref+	Vref-	A	A	AN3	AN2	4:2
1100	D	D	D	A	Vref+	Vref-	A	A	AN3	AN2	3:2
1101	D	D	D	D	Vref+	Vref-	A	A	AN3	AN2	2:2
1110	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	A	VDD	VSS	1:0
1111	D	D	D	D	Vref+	Vref-	D	A	AN3	AN2	1:2

**A** : Analog input, **D** : Digital Input/Output,  
**Vref+** : Positive reference voltage input, **Vref-** : Negative reference voltage input,  
**VDD** : Reference voltage as Supply voltage, **VSS** : Reference voltage as Ground,  
**AN3** : Analog input 3 as Vref+, **AN2** : Analog input 2 as Vref-

**Table A5-1** Selection bit PCFG3-PCFG0 of ADCON1 register summary

## Interface A/D converter module in PIC16F877 with PICBASIC PRO compiler

PICBASIC PRO compiler provides ADCIN command to interface A/D Converter module. Its syntax is

```
ADCIN Channel,Var
```

as : Channel is Analog input. Select 0 to 7

Var is Variable contains the result from conversion. It is 16-bit variable.

In addition, user can use DEFINE command for adjust the operation of A/D Converter as :

**DEFINE ADC\_BITS - Select bit number reading.** Normally select 8, 10 or 12 bits depend on microcontroller. For PIC16F877 can select 8 or 10 bits. The resolution will change following bit number, 8-bit resolution is 256 numbers, 10-bit resolution is 1,024 numbers and 12-bit resolution is 4,096 numbers.

**DEFINE ADC\_CLOCK - Select A/D convert clock source.** Select 0 to 3 as :

“0” : FOSC/2

“1” : FOSC/8

“2” : FOSC/32

“3” : FRC (Internal RC clock)

**DEFINE ADC\_SAMPLEUS 50 - Select delay for conversion time.** Unit is microsecond. Insert `PAUSEUS` into delay routine during setting Channel value and start conversion.

## How to read sensor value ?

In making Robo-PICA from activity 2 both of ZX-03 Infrared reflector are installed at bottom of the robot body and connect the sensor's cable to RA0 and RA1 port pin. Next activity is writing the program to read sensor's value to display at LCD module of Robo-PICA.

A7.1 Connect LCD module on the RBX-877 board of Robo-PICA robot.

A7.2 Write the BASIC code following the listing P7-1. Connect the download cable to the robot. Turn-on power. Select `MODE` switch to program mode. Click  button or press F10 key for compile and download program to Robo-PICA.

A7.3 Select to RUN mode (green LED at RUN label lights). Observe the operation at LCD module.

*LCD module shows message `SENSOR0 = xxx` (xxx as 0 to 1023)*

A7.4 Turn-off POWER switch and unplug the download cable.

A7.5 Place Robo-PICA on the white surface. The position of ZX-03 that connect to RA0 port must above the white surface. Turn-on POWER switch. See the result at LCD screen and record it.

A7.6 Place Robo-PICA on the black surface. The position of ZX-03 that connect to RA0 port must above the black surface. Turn-on POWER switch. See the result at LCD screen and record it.




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*At the black surface or line, the digital value that get from Infrared reflector sensor (ZX-03) will be lower 200. But for the white surface or line value will be upper 600.*

```

!*****
!* Name      : P0701.BAS                               *
!* Notes     : Test Direction of Motor                 *
!*****
@ DEVICE PIC16F877,HS_OSC      ' used PIC16F877
SENSOR0  VAR                  WORD
DEFINE   OSC                   20   ' Oscillator = 20 MHz
DEFINE   ADC_BITS              10   ' Set number of bits in result
DEFINE   ADC_CLOCK             3    ' Set clock source (Internal RC = 3)
DEFINE   ADC_SAMPLEUS         50    ' Set sampling time in microseconds
DEFINE   LCD_DREG              PORTD ' Set LCD Data port
DEFINE   LCD_DBIT              4    ' Set starting Data bit (0 or 4) if 4-bit bus
DEFINE   LCD_RSREG            PORTC ' Set LCD Register Select port
DEFINE   LCD_RSBIT            0    ' Set LCD Register Select bit
DEFINE   LCD_EREG             PORTC ' Set LCD Enable port
DEFINE   LCD_EBIT             5    ' Set LCD Enable bit
DEFINE   LCD_BITS             4    ' Set LCD bus size (4 or 8 bits)
DEFINE   LCD_LINES            2    ' Set number of lines on LCD
DEFINE   LCD_COMMANDUS        2000 ' Set command delay time in us
DEFINE   LCD_DATAUS           50   ' Set data delay time in us

        ADCON1 = %10000000        ' All PORTA & PORTE is Analog

MAIN:ADCIN 0, SENSOR0            ' Read channel 2
        LCDOUT $FE,$01,"SENSOR0 = ", DEC SENSOR0
        PAUSE 500
        GOTO MAIN

```

**Listing P7-1** The program reading ZX-03 value from RA0 channel to display on LCD module

A7.7 Edit the listing P7-1 to read data from sensor at RA1 port from

```
ADCIN 0 , SENSOR0
```

to

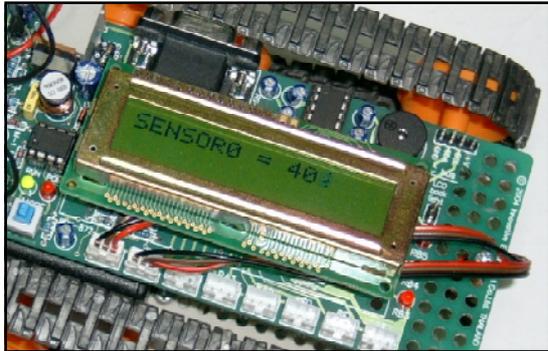
```
ADCIN 1 , SENSOR0
```

Connect the download cable to the robot. Turn-on power. Select MODE switch to program mode. Click  button or press F10 key for compile and download program to Robo-PICA again.

A7.8 Select to RUN mode. See the result at LCD module and record. Consider the result same or different from value of RA0 (in step A7.3).



*If different value between white and black surface reflection is less. Builder must adjust the distance from sensor to surface decreasing. If the sensor far from surface more, value will near zero.*



**Figure A7-1** Shows the result from reading the ZX-03 Infrared reflector sensor operation on LCD module of Robo-PICA

*From testing can conclude the result as :*

*The white surface reading is during 400 to 900*

*The black surface reading is during 0 to 150*

*Thus, the reference value for making decision is during 150 to 400. Builder can select the suitable value and make decision as :*

*If the sensor reading value more than the reference value, sensor detect **"WHITE surface"***

*If the sensor reading value less than the reference value, sensor detect **"BLACK surface"***

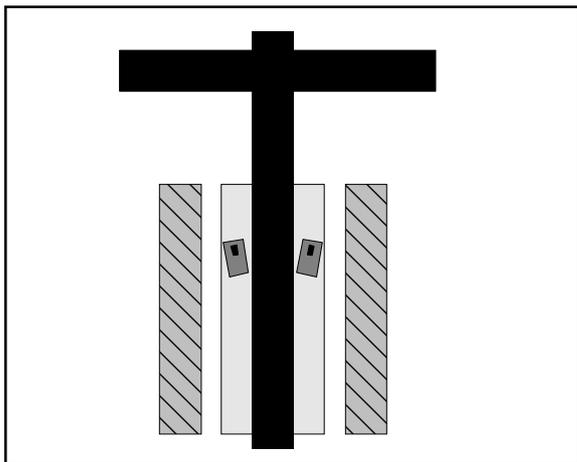




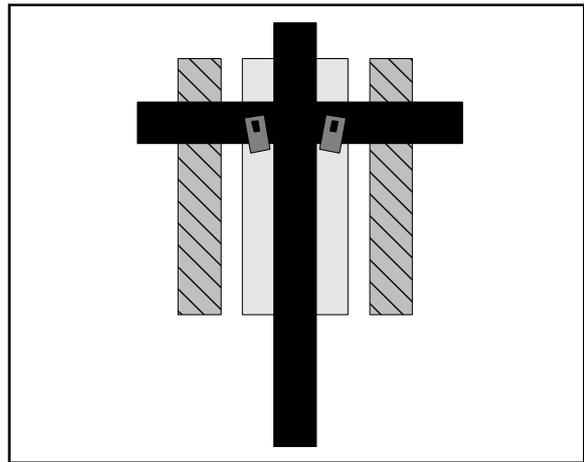
# Activity 8

## Robo-PICA moves follow the black line

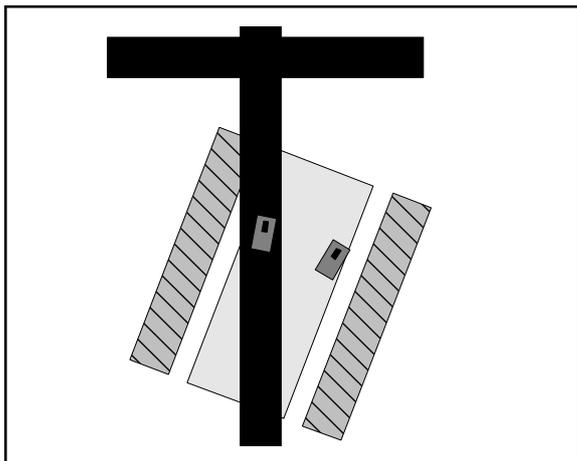
From installation ZX-03 Infrared reflector in Robo-PICA can set the line following behavior to 4 scenario. See the figure below.



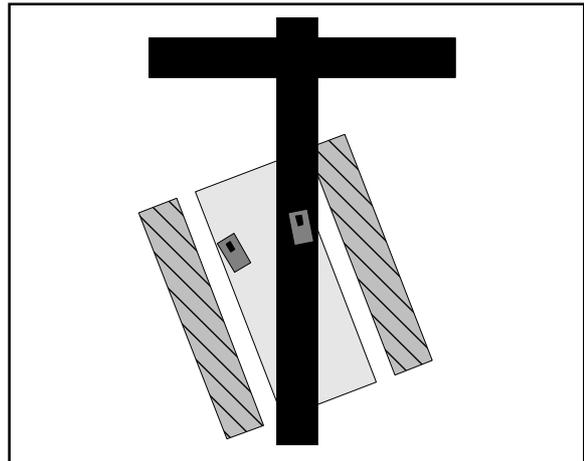
**1. Both sensor above the white surface**  
 This scenario can interpret the robot move bestride the line. The robot must be controlled so that it moves forward and delays briefly.



**2. Both sensor above the black surface**  
 This scenario can interpret the robot stay on the accross line. The robot has many options to choose from whether it is to move forward, turn left or turn right.



**3. The left sensor is above the black floor.**  
 This scenario can interpret the robot moves rightwards away of the line. The robot must be controlled so that it turns left slowly and delays briefly.



**4. The right sensor is above the black floor.**  
 This scenario can interpret the robot moves leftwards away of the line. The robot must be controlled so that it turns right slowly and delays briefly.

### How to find the reference value ?

If the sensor reading value less than the reference value, can interpret the detected surface as “**Black**”

If the sensor reading value more than the reference value, can interpret the detected surface as “**White**”

The reference value can calculate from :

*(The sensor's minimum reading value from white surface + The sensor's maximum reading value from black surface) / 2*

#### **Example**

If The sensor's minimum reading value from white surface is equal 300 and The sensor's maximum reading value from black surface is equal 100

**The reference value will be equal  $(300+100) / 2 = 200$**

From the black line following behavior can apply to make the program to control the Robo-PICA. See the listing P8-1. The sequence of program operations are

1. Set the default value to interface A/D Converter module in PIC16F877 microcontroller
2. Enable both DC motor driver circuits.
3. Get data from both sensors that connected at RA0 and RA1 port pins. Load data to SENSOR0 (store data from RA0) and SENSOR1 (store data from RA1) variable
4. **Compare readig data with the reference data.** *If SENSOR0 and SENSOR1 data are more than the reference, control the robot to move forward.*
5. *If SENSOR0 and SENSOR1 data are less than the reference, control the robot to move forward.* This condition is the robot meets an intersection and decide to move forward continue.
6. *If SENSOR0 data is less than the reference only, the robot turns left.*
7. *If SENSOR1 data is less than the reference only, the robot turns right.*

```

!*****
!* Name      : P0801.BAS                               *
!* Notes     : Track Line                             *
!*****
@ DEVICE PIC16F877,HS_OSC      ; used PIC16F877
SENSOR0  VAR  WORD
SENSOR1  VAR  WORD

DEFINE   OSC           20           ; Oscillator = 20 MHz
DEFINE   ADC_BITS      10           ; Set number of bits in result
DEFINE   ADC_CLOCK     3            ; Set clock source (Internal RC = 3)
DEFINE   ADC_SAMPLEUS  50           ; Set sampling time in microseconds

HIGH PORTC.2           ; Enable Motor A
HIGH PORTC.1           ; Enable Motor B
TRISD = %11110000      ; RDO-RD3 = OUTPUT
ADCON1 = %10000000     ; All PORTA & PORTE is Analog

MAIN:ADCIN 0,SENSOR0    ; Read channel 0
      ADCIN 1,SENSOR1    ; Read Channel 1

      IF (SENSOR0 > 200) AND (SENSOR1 > 200) THEN Forward
      IF (SENSOR0 < 200) AND (SENSOR1 < 200) THEN Forward
      IF (SENSOR0 < 200) THEN S_Left
      IF (SENSOR1 < 200) THEN S_Right
      GOTO MAIN

FORWARD:  PORTD = %00000110 : GOTO MAIN           ; Forward Routine
BACKWARD: PORTD = %00001001 : GOTO MAIN           ; Backward Routine
S_LEFT:   PORTD = %00000101 : GOTO MAIN           ; Turn Left Routine
S_RIGHT:  PORTD = %00001010 : GOTO MAIN           ; Turn Right Routine

```

### Listing P8-1 Black line following demonstration program of Robo-PICA

A8.1 Write the BASIC code following the listing P8-1. Connect the download cable to the robot. Turn-on power. Select MODE switch to program mode. Click  button or press F10 key for compile and download program to Robo-PICA.

A8.2 Turn-off POWER switch and unplug the download cable.

A8.3 Place Robo-PICA cross the black line in the demonstration paper filed (bundled in Robo-PICA robot kit).

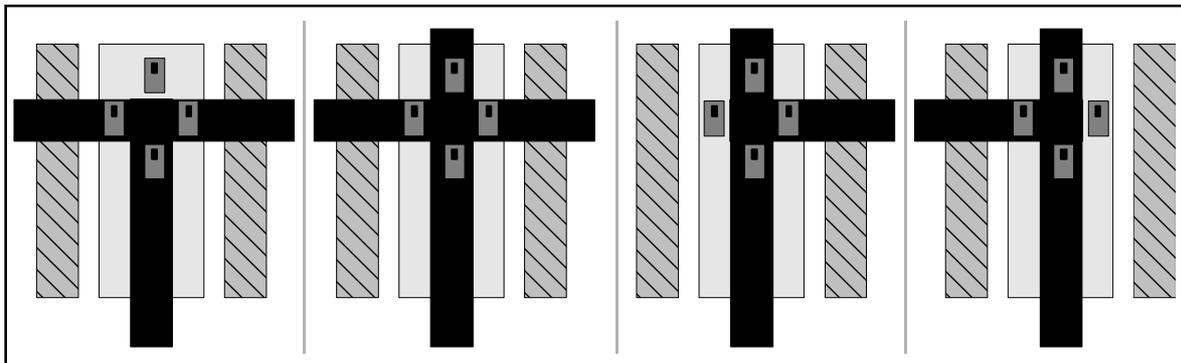
A8.4 Turn-on POWER switch and select to RUN mode. Observe the robot operation.

*The Robo-PICA will move following the black line and not detect the across line or intersection line.*

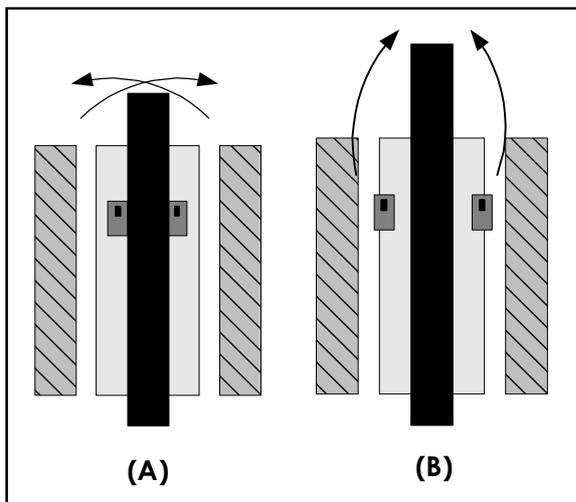
## Summary

The heart of line following robot operation are 3 factors. First, the sensor's performance. Second, sensor's installation and Third, the control software. Sometimes the robot need more sensors to detect the complex line such as 3 cross line, intersection line, etc. See the figure A8-1

About installation Infrared reflector to detect the line, the distance between both sensors is important. The suitable space is improve the detection. If the sensor is near the line more, the robot will detect the line many times. It cause the robot movement swing from left to right similar snake movement. See the figure A8-2. It means the speed of movement reduce.



**Figure A8-1** Add more line tracking sensors to detect the complex line.



**Figure A8-2** The result of installation line detector.

(A) In case install the sensor near over. It cause the robot's movement swing.

(B) Installation both sensors far from them and line. If good enough, it help the robot move and following the line better.

# Chapter 6

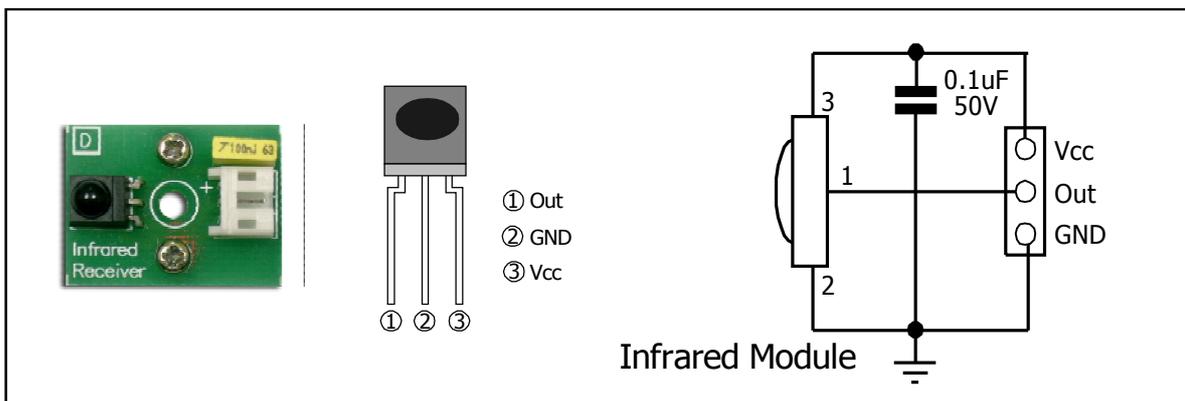
## Robot with Remote control

Another feature of automatic robots is that it can receive commands from a far distance by using infrared light. This is similar to a remote-controlled robot except that the commands received are through serial communication. Robo-PICA provides an Infrared Remote control, called ER-4. ER-4 remote control will modulate serial data with infrared light. Robo-PICA must install a 38kHz Infrared receiver module for receiving.

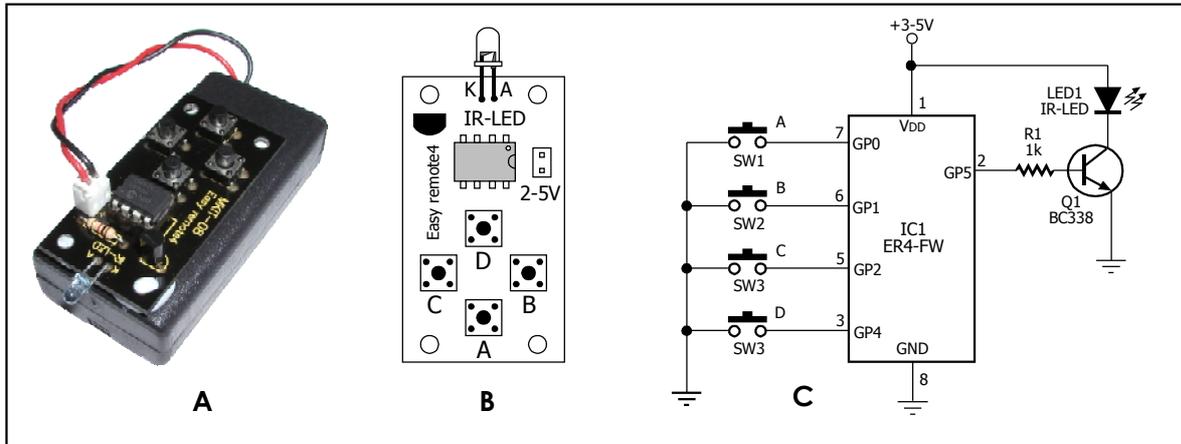
### 6.1 X- 5 Infrared Receiver module

In transmit the data modulated with infrared light for long distance about 5 to 10 metres similar to remote control. The carrier frequency is 38kHz. Thus, at receiver must demodulate 38kHz carrier frequency. After that transfer serial data to microcontroller.

If the sensor does not detect the 38kHz frequency with the infrared light, the output will be logic 1. Otherwise, if it detects the 38kHz frequency, the output logic is 0.



**Figure 6-1** Shows the photo of 38kHz Infrared Receiver module pin assignment and schematic diagram



**Figure 6-2** Shows the photo board layout and Schematic of ER-4 Easy remote control

## 6.2 ER-4 Infrared Remote control

- Operational distance is 4 to 8 meters in open space.
- The 4-channel switch operates in an on off mode
- Uses low power Automatically resumes power-save mode once data is sent
- Uses only 2.4-3.0 from two AA batteries - both regular and rechargeable.
- Transmits serial data using the RS-232 standard with 1200 bps baud rate and 8 bit data format (8 data bit, no parity, 1 stop bit)

### 6.2.1 Format of data sent by Easy Remote4

To make it easier for the receiver to read the switch value from the remote control, the ER-4 transmits serial data according to the RS-232 standard, with a baud rate of 1,200 bps and 8 bit format. Characters are transmitted according to what switch is pressed on the remote. The switch positions are displayed in figure 6-2

**Press switch A**, the large cap A, followed by small cap A (a) is sent.

**Press switch B**, the large cap B, followed by small cap B (b) is sent

**Press switch C**, the large cap C, followed by small cap C (c) is sent

**Press switch D**, the large cap D, followed by small cap D (d) is sent.

The reason that we have to alternate large cap and small cap letters is so that the receiver can differentiate if a user presses continuously or if the user represses. If a user represses, the large cap character will be sent the first time. If the user represses the same button again, the small cap character will be sent the second time. If the user presses continuously, the last character will be sent repeatedly.



# Activity

## Install 38k Infrared receiver to Robo-PICA

### Part list



3mm stainless steel washer



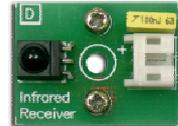
3mm Screw



Obtuse joiner



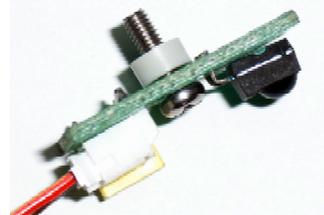
3mm Nut



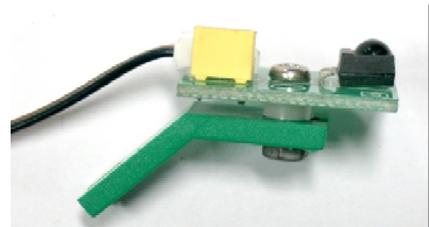
Infrared receiver module

### Construction

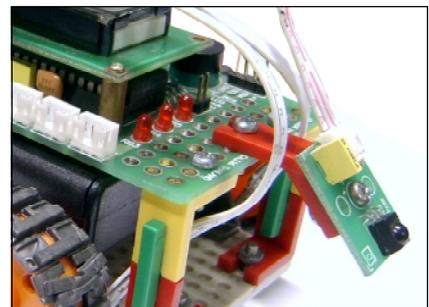
Step 1. Use a 3 x 10 mm screw and place it into the Infrared Receiver module, followed by the 3 mm



Step 2. Then place the obtuse joiner at the back of the module and used a 3 mm nut to screw it all in together tightly.

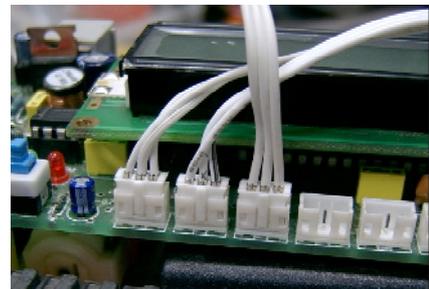


Step 3. Attach the Infrared Receiver module from step 2 in front of the robot by 3x10 mm. screw and nut.



Step 4. Plug sensor cable to RA2 port. In programming, define the PORTA.2 to digital input for reading data from 38kHz Infrared receiver module.

**From here Robo-PICA can communicate the external device via infrared in serial data.**





# Activity 1

## Reading the ER-4 Remote control data

In listing P10-1 is BASIC program for reading data from ER-4 remote control and shows on LCD screen. Addition use this data to compare the reference data for driving sound to piezo speaker by REPEAT command in PICBASIC PR compiler.

A10.1 Write the BASIC code following the listing P10-1. Compile and download program to Robo-PICA.

```
'
' Name      : P1001.BAS
' Notes     : Use SERIN2 Receive Data From Remote Control
'
@ DEVICE PIC16F877,HS_OSC          ' used PIC16F877
EY      VAR      BYTE
DEFINE  OSC      20                ' Oscillator = 20 MHz
DEFINE  LCD_DREG PORTD            ' Set LCD Data port
DEFINE  LCD_DBIT 4                ' Set starting Data bit (0 or 4)
DEFINE  LCD_RSREG PORTC          ' Set LCD Register Select port
DEFINE  LCD_RSBIT 0              ' Set LCD Register Select bit
DEFINE  LCD_EREG  PORTC          ' Set LCD Enable port
DEFINE  LCD_EBIT  5              ' Set LCD Enable bit
DEFINE  LCD_BITS  4              ' Set LCD bus size (4 or 8 bits)
DEFINE  LCD_LINES 2             ' Set number of lines on LCD
DEFINE  LCD_COMMANDUS 2000      ' Set command delay time in us
DEFINE  LCD_DATAUS  50          ' Set data delay time in us

ADCON1 = $07                      ' ALL PORTA & PORTE = Digital I/O
MAIN:
SERIN2 PORTA.2,813,2000,MAIN,[ EY] ' Receive Data From IR Module

LCDOUT $FE,$01," EY = ", EY        ' Show Data On LCD Module

IF ( EY = "A") OR ( EY = "a") THEN ' Check ey = "A" or "a" ?
  FREQOUT PORTA.4,100,2000         ' 2kHz Beep
ENDIF

IF ( EY = "B") OR ( EY = "b") THEN ' Check ey = "B" or "b" ?
  FREQOUT PORTA.4,100,2200         ' 2.2kHz Beep
ENDIF

IF ( EY = "C") OR ( EY = "c") THEN ' Check ey = "C" or "c" ?
  FREQOUT PORTA.4,100,2400         ' 2.4kHz Beep
ENDIF

IF ( EY = "D") OR ( EY = "d") THEN ' Check ey = "D" or "d" ?
  FREQOUT PORTA.4,100,2600         ' 2.6kHz Beep
ENDIF

GOTO MAIN
```

**Listing 1 -1** Reading data from ER-4 remote control demonstration program

A10.2 Select to Run mode.

A10.3 Press switch on ER-4 remote control for sending signal to 38kHz Infrared Receiver module at Robo-PICA. They direction must direct. Observe the operation at LCD module and piezo speaker.

It will show letter A B C or a b c d following press switch on ER-4 Remote control and listen the different beep sound frequency



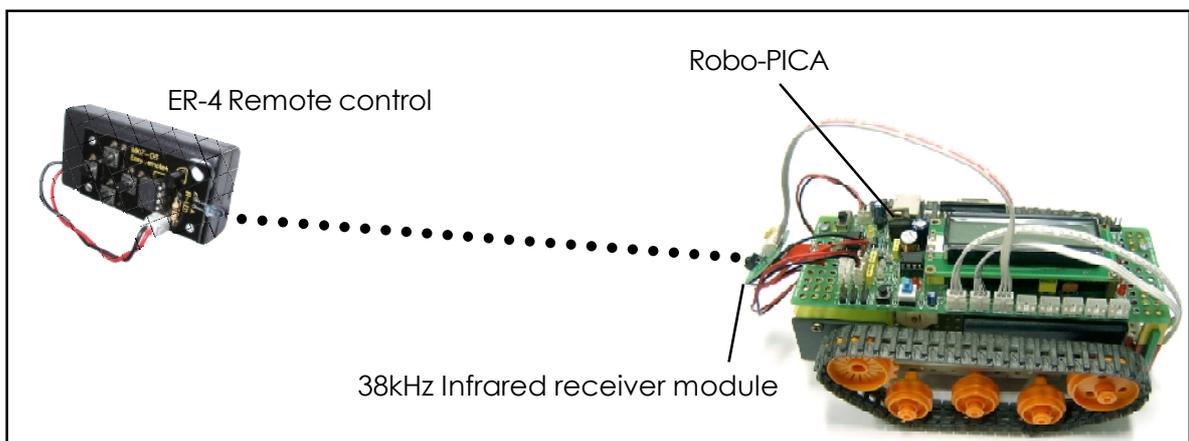
## Activity 11 IR control Robo-PICA's movement

This activity shows how to control Robo-PICA's movement via ER-4 Infrared remote control. The switch or button on ER-4 remote control will function move forward-backward-left-right.

A11.1 Write the BASIC code following the listing P11-1. Compile and download program to Robo-PICA.

A11.2 Select to Run mode.

Initially Robo-PICA will stay until pressing button on ER-4 Remote control. The direction of sending light must straight. The communication will be complete



**Figure A11-1** Shows controlling the Robo-PICA with ER-4 Infrared remote control.

```

'
' Name : P1101.BAS
' Notes : Control ROBO-PICA ith Remote Control
'
@ DEVICE PIC16F877,HS_OSC          ' used PIC16F877
EY VAR BYTE
DEFINE OSC 20                      ' Oscilator = 20 MHz
ADCON1 = $07                       ' ALL PORTA & PORTE = Digital I/O
HIGH PORTC.2                        ' Enable Motor A
HIGH PORTC.1                        ' Enable Motor B
TRISD = %11110000                  ' RD0-RD3 = OUTPUT
MAIN:
SERIN2 PORTA.2,813,100,FREE,[ EY]  ' ait Recieve Motor
                                   ' If No Data Stop Motor
IF ( EY = "A") OR ( EY = "a") THEN Backward      ' Pess A or a action
IF ( EY = "B") OR ( EY = "b") THEN S_Right      ' Press B or b action
IF ( EY = "C") OR ( EY = "c") THEN S_Left      ' Press C or c action
IF ( EY = "D") OR ( EY = "d") THEN Forward     ' Press D or d action
GOTO MAIN

FREE:      PORTD = %00000000 : GOTO Main          ' Stop motor routine
FOR ARD:   PORTD = %00000110 : goto Main         ' Forward routine
BAC ARD:   PORTD = %00001001 : Goto Main         ' Backward routine
S_LEFT:    PORTD = %00000101 : GOTO Main         ' Turn left routine
S_RIGHT:   PORTD = %00001010 : GOTO Main         ' Turn right routine

```

โปรแกรมที่ P11-1 โปรแกรมควบคุมหุ่นยนต์ Robo-PICA ให้เคลื่อนที่ด้วยข้อมูลอนุกรมที่ส่งมาจาก รีโมตคอนโทรล ER-4

### Program description

Start with define port A and E to digital i o port b A C 1 07 command. Enable C motor driver circuits to drive motor A and B in full speed. ext, read data from 38kHz Infrared receiver module at RA2 with SERI 2 command. The data stores in E variable. If not press an ke in 100 millisecond, program will jump to work at REE routine. It is stop motor routine. After reading the data from RA2, compare the switch s reference data.

- If E or d then move the robot forward
- If E C or C then rotate the robot right
- If E B or b then rotate the robot left
- If E A or a then move the robot backward



To define all port A as digital inp t o tp t port m st set val e to A C 1 register as 0x07



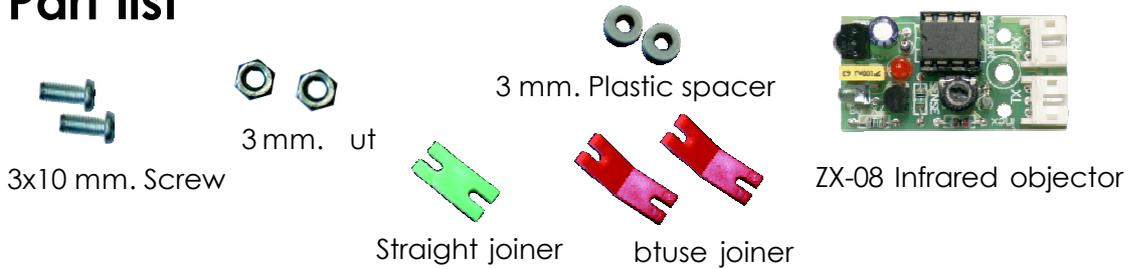


# Activity 12



## Install X- 8 Infrared object detector

### Part list

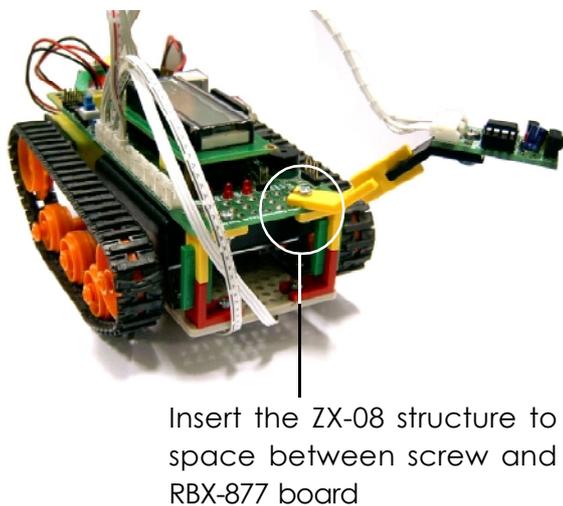
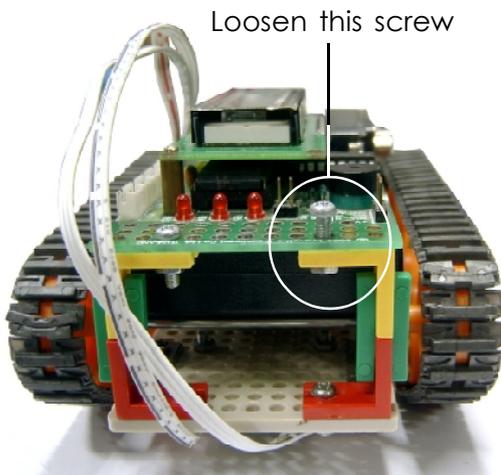


### Construction

A12.1 Make the sensor structure before. Insert 3x10 mm. screw through ZX-08 board, 3 mm. spacer and a btuse joiner. Tighten with 3 mm. nut. Connect the other end of btuse joiner with Straight joiner following another btuse joiner finally. Make this ZX-08 structure 2 sets.



A12.2 Loosen a screw that attach the RBX-877 board with Right angle joiner and insert ZX-08 structure from step A12.1 to space between screw and RBX-877 board. Tighten this screw again for locking the structure. Make same method with another ZX-08 structure.



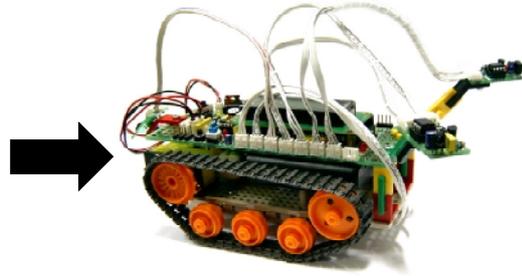
A12.3 Plug ZX-08 cable to RBX-877 as

Rx of Left ZX-08 connect to RA3 port

Rx of Right ZX-08 connect to RA5

Tx of Left ZX-08 connect to RE0 port

Tx of Right ZX-08 connect to RE1 port



## Activity 13 Testing Infrared objector

This activity demonstrates testing the operation of ZX-08 Infrared objector to get signal from sensor and display the result on LCD screen.

A13.1 Write the BASIC code following the listing P13-1. Compile and download program to Robo-PICA.

```
'
' Name      : P1301.BAS
' Notes    : Detect all Show Status ON LCD
'
@ DEVICE PIC16F877,HS_OSC      ' Use PIC16F877
DEFINE OSC 20                  ' Oscillator = 20 MHz
DEFINE LCD_DREG PORTD         ' Set LCD data port
DEFINE LCD_DBIT 4             ' Set starting Data bit
DEFINE LCD_RSREG PORTC       ' Set LCD register Select port
DEFINE LCD_RSBIT 0           ' Set LCD register Select bit
DEFINE LCD_EREG PORTC        ' Set LCD enable port
DEFINE LCD_EBIT 5            ' Set LCD enable bit
DEFINE LCD_BITS 4            ' Set LCD bus size (4 or 8 bits)
DEFINE LCD_LINES 2          ' Set number of lines on LCD
DEFINE LCD_COMMANDUS 2000    ' Set command delay time in us
DEFINE LCD_DATAUS 50         ' Set data delay time in us

ADCON1 = $07                  ' ALL PORTA & PORTE = Digital I/O
MAIN:HIGH PORTE.1             ' Infrared LED ON
HIGH PORTE.0
IF (PORTA.3 = 0) THEN         ' Check IR Module detection
    LCDOUT $FE,$01,"DETECT ALL_L"
                                ' If detect, show on LCD
ENDIF
IF (PORTA.5 = 0) THEN
    LCDOUT $FE,$01,"DETECT ALL_R"
ENDIF
PAUSE 100                     ' Delay
LCDOUT $FE,$01
GOTO MAIN                     ' Check again
```

**Listing 13-1** Infrared objector demonstration program of Robo-PICA

A13.2 Select to R mode.

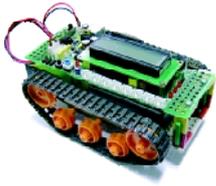
A13.3 Place the object in front of the Robo-PICA. Do not place far over 6 cm. If the red LED of ZX-08 turn-on. It means detection object read . If LED not on, adjust the variable resistor on ZX-08 until LED can light. After ZX-08 works, LCD will show message **E E** if work with Left ZX-08 and **E E** if work with Right ZX-08.

*About the detection range cannot specific It depends on material color and ambient light If object's color is dark the detection range will shorter In the other hands object's color is bright such as white or yellow the detection range will longer However ZX-08 can detect in range 3-6 cm*

However installation of both ZX-08 structure in Robo-PICA must far enough for reducing the crosstalk from another side.



**Figure A13-1** Shows testing of ZX-08 on LCD of Robo-PICA



# Activity 14

## Contactless object detection robot

A14.1 Write the BASIC code following the listing P13-1. Compile and download program to Robo-PICA. Turn-off POWER switch and unplug download cable.

A14.2 Place the robot on the floor. Turn-on POWER switch and select to RUN mode. See the robot operation.

*Robo-PICA moves forward continuously. If it detects the object, it will move backward and change to move in the opposite direction. Such as: detect object at the left - the robot will change to move in the right direction. If detect at the right - the robot will change to move in the left direction.*

```
'
' Name      : P1401.BAS
' Notes    : Detect all
'
@ DEVICE PIC16F877,HS_OSC ' used PIC16F877
DEFINE OSC 20            ' Oscillator = 20 MHz

ADCON1 = $07            ' ALL PORTA & PORTE = Digital I/O
HIGH PORTC.2           ' Enable Motor A
HIGH PORTC.1           ' Enable Motor B
TRISD = $F0            ' Set low nibble PORTD for driving motor
MAIN:
    HIGH PORTE.1       ' Infrared LED on
    HIGH PORTE.0
    IF (PORTA.3 = 1) AND (PORTA.5 = 1) THEN FORWARD ' Not detect, go
straight
    IF (PORTA.3 = 0) THEN LEFT ' Detect from left
    IF PORTA.5 = 0 THEN RIGHT ' Detect from right
    GOTO MAIN

FORWARD:  PORTD = %00000110 :GOTO MAIN
LEFT:    PORTD = %00001001 : PAUSE 1000 : PORTD = %00000101 : PAUSE 800
        GOTO MAIN
RIGHT:   PORTD = %00001001 : PAUSE 1000 : PORTD = %00001010 : PAUSE 800
        GOTO MAIN
```

**Listing 14-1** Contactless object detection robot demonstration program

