Overview
The use of high-resolution PWMs is becoming more common in today’s applications, most notably in LED lighting and color mixing, motor control and switch mode power supplies. In the past, designers turned to devices with higher pin counts and more memory to support their design requirements. Now, however, they have a different option. The PIC16F157X family of MCUs combines 16-bit PWM drive, closed loop control and communication capabilities into a small form factor, enabling increased precision for drive and control in cost-sensitive applications.

Core Independent Pulse Drive
The integrated 16-bit PWMs bring advanced capabilities beyond those found in typical PWM modules. These multi-function peripherals offer the flexibility to be used in many applications. The 16-bit PWMs can be optimized for precision, efficiency and EMI performance or they can be configured as general purpose timers, providing four additional 16-bit timers. Once configured, the 16-bit PWM peripherals run completely independent of the core, which allows the core to perform other tasks. Any of the 16-bit PWMs can be used with the Complementary Waveform Generator (CWG), which enables automated complementary output control with control of key parameters such as dead-band and auto-shutdown.

Flexibility
PIC16F157X microcontrollers are well suited for a variety of applications where high PWM resolution is needed, including many general purpose, LED lighting, motor control and power supply applications. The Core Independent Peripherals and EUSART enable closed-loop feedback and communication for use in multiple market segments with non-volatile data storage via High-Endurance Flash (HEF). These products feature Microchip’s eXtreme Low Power (XLP) technology, offering operating currents as low as 30 μA/MHz and sleep currents as low as 20 nA, which is ideal for lower-power applications. The product family is available in several pin counts and packages, including a 3 × 3 μDFN, a leadless option with a footprint that is 30% the size of our standard packaging*. The Peripheral Pin Select (PPS) functionality allows for I/O pin remapping of the digital peripherals for increased flexibility, ease of PCB layout, and improved utilization through accessing multiple peripherals on the same I/O port.

Communication
The PIC16F157X devices offer an Enhanced Universal Synchronous Asynchronous Receiver Transceiver (EUSART) to enable serial communication, including LIN for automotive and industrial applications as well as DMX for lighting applications. This allows for intelligent applications where remote devices communicate with a host or master device.

*The 8-pin standard package option is SOIC.

Microchip’s 16-bit PWM Features
- Additional PWM modes
  - Center-aligned mode to improve EMI
  - Set/toggle on register match to add flexibility
- Independent timers to drive separate power stages or motors and improve configurability
- Multiple internal compare modes

Additional Information
- PIC16F157X Family Page: www.microchip.com/pic16f157x
- PIC12(L)1571/2 Datasheet, DS40001723
- PIC16(L)1574/5/8/9 Datasheet, DS40001782
- High-Resolution RGB LED Color Mixing Application Note (AN1562)
- 8-bit PIC® Microcontroller Solutions Brochure, DS30009630
- Intelligent Lighting and Control Brochure, DS00001036
- Focus Product Selector Guide, DS00001308

Links
- Online Sampling: www.sample.microchip.com
- Core Independent Peripherals Information: www.microchip.com/cip
- Intelligent Analog Information: www.microchip.com/intelligentanalog
PIC16F157X Microcontrollers

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***For more information about the Complementary Waveform Generator (CWG), go to www.microchip.com/CWG

Development Tools from Microchip
- PICkit™ 3 In-Circuit Debugger (PG164130)
- MPLAB® ICD 3 In-Circuit Debugger (DV164035)
- Curiosity Development Board (DM164137)
- MPLAB Code Configurator

Reference Design Link
RGB Badge Demonstration Platform: www.microchip.com/rgbbadge