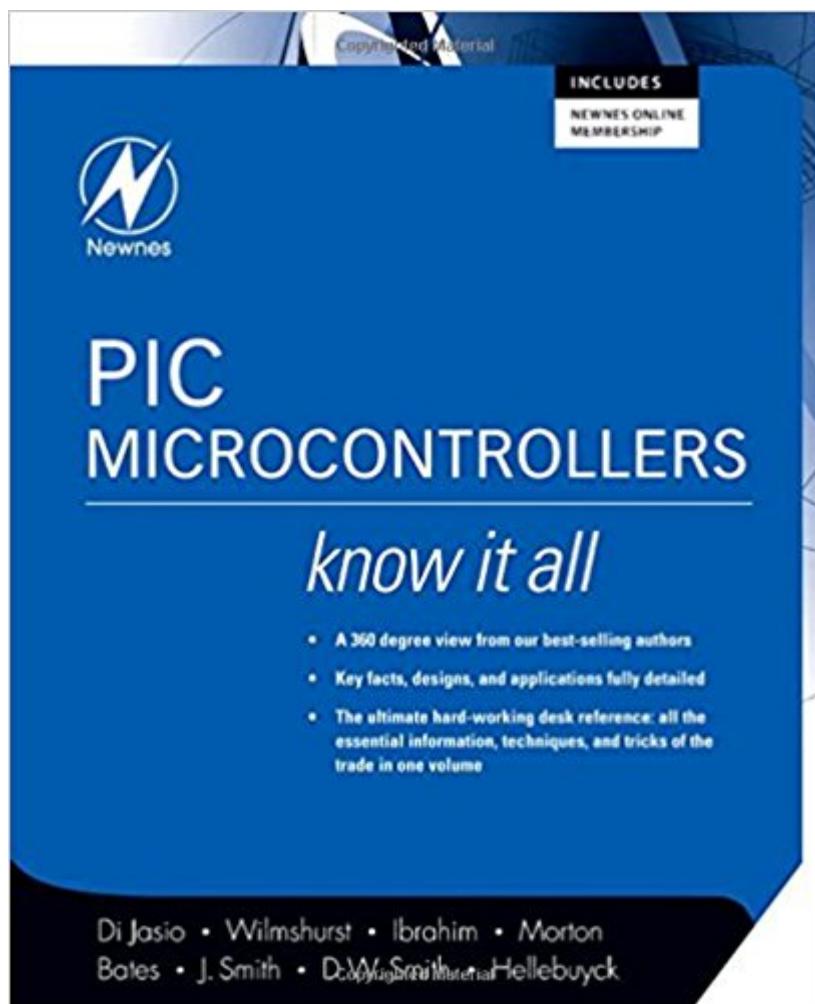


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# **PIC Microcontrollers: Know It All (Newnes Know It All)**



## Synopsis

The Newnes Know It All Series takes the best of what our authors have written over the past few years and creates a one-stop reference for engineers involved in markets from communications to embedded systems and everywhere in between. PIC design and development a natural fit for this reference series as it is one of the most popular microcontrollers in the world and we have several superbly authored books on the subject. This material ranges from the basics to more advanced topics. There is also a very strong project basis to this learning. The average embedded engineer working with this microcontroller will be able to have any question answered by this compilation. He/she will also be able to work through real-life problems via the projects contained in the book. The Newnes Know It All Series presentation of theory, hard fact, and project-based direction will be a continual aid in helping the engineer to innovate in the workplace.

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South Bank University, London, Principal Research Engineer at GEC Hirst Research Centre, and is now a hardware and software systems consultant to London's Traffic Control Systems Unit. Martin Bates is one of the leading authors specializing in introductory level texts on PIC microcontrollers for the academic, professional and hobby markets, with 20 years' experience of teaching microprocessor systems. David Smith has had 30 years experience in the Electronics Industry. Before arriving at MMU he worked as an Electronics Design Engineer for ICL and Marconi. His teaching interests are focused on enabling Design and Technology students to implement microcontroller designs into their projects. Founder and president of elproducts, Inc., a firm specializing in devices and project kits based on the PIC microcontroller. He writes a monthly column on the PIC microcontroller for 'Nuts and Volts' magazine.

I have mixed feelings about the book. I thought that the author did well in showing how to use MPLAB and various tools like Watch windows, Variable windows, Stimulus etc. However it's written for MPLAB not the latest MPLABX. In the newer MPLABX the layout is very different. Some of the tools have new names and new locations. So if you plan on working in MPLABX then you will spend a decent amount of time translating to the newer MPLABX. Some of the programs are old also there are some annoying things like he programs in absolute. I found this out because I spent several days trying to figure out why my user variables were not showing up in the Variables window. That may not mean much to you right now, but when you're a novice and trying to follow the book exercises and it doesn't work, it's extremely frustrating. I found errors in some of the code also. All in all I think he explained the PIC very well I just wish the programs were a little tighter and up to date.

So often when purchasing technical books I am disappointed by their contents. This book does not fall into that category. It provides a solid overview of using PIC micro-controllers. Examples are given with the usual assortment of stepper motors and temperature sensors. It provides an introduction to programming with a variety of tools, including my personal favorites for the PIC, assembler and MELabs' PIC BASIC. I do wish the coverage of assembler were more in depth, but that is my personal bias. Another reviewer felt that this book was not for beginners. Perhaps thirty years of doing this stuff has skewed my perspective, but I do not think that this book is a bad place for a serious beginner to start. Yes, it is a handy reference for the pro's, but if you have a talent for this sort of stuff, I think this book can get you started (with some effort) and continue to serve as a useful reference going forward. No one book is likely to solve all of your questions, but this will one give you an overview of what your options are with the PIC. If you are a beginner, and not a pro, I

will offer you a suggestion that virtually no one else will agree with. Learn an assembler language first. Once you overcome the initial learning curve of all the mnemonics, registers, and the odd ways we do math, you will understand what is going on under the hood as few do. And, like me, you may find that it is actually fun to program in assembler. I'd rather write in assembler than C any day. If, on the other hand, you need a little instant gratification (and we all do from time to time) try PIC BASIC, or even a BASIC STAMP. But I digress. This is an excellent book in spite of lacking depth in some areas. I am glad I spent the money for it, and most of you will be as well.

PIC Microcontrollers, Know it All is exactly what the cover describes it as; the ultimate hard-working desk reference. I bought this book with the hopes that it would help me learn the language necessary to write successful programs for the Microchip® PIC Microcontroller; and it did just that, help. It is not an all-inclusive study guide or teaching aide. The text provides knowledge necessary to build a base knowledge of the inner workings of microcontrollers, and explores some various languages available to help you begin writing programs. It will help you understand how information moves within the microcontrollers, explores memory and architecture types, introduces you to the microcontroller instruction set, and more. With this text, and supplemental information from the internet, I was successful in learning assembly language programming, having had no previous knowledge or experience in about a month's time. I would like to point out, that I felt this book's layout was a bit unorganized. There were sections and chapters that felt out of place, and sometimes left me confused. As an example, the book begins explaining how to accomplish tasks using certain lines of instructions prior to introducing you to any instructions at all, let alone the instructions the text references. I found myself constantly flipping around the book, sometimes hundreds of pages at a time, to find information I needed to read a chapter in the beginning of the book. Despite the book's minor flaws, it still proved to be an invaluable resource, and it will find a permanent home on my book shelf at the side of my desk. Again, as the book's cover says, it is undoubtedly the ultimate hard-working desk reference, and a worth-while investment.

This rating is based on the fact that this book is merely a compilation of snippets from other Newnes books- many of which I already have. This should be made clear in the description.

While the material in the book is fair, I think the authors and publisher were just trying to make a big book with a lot of pages. A free Newnes Online Membership is advertised on the cover which is supposed to give you "four free downloadable selections from leading experts on the cutting edge",

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Very good basic information.... very thorough on the subject. Get's into hows and whys and details of implementation. All information viable for newer series of chips although this particular edition does tend to focus on older chips.... Overall very satisfied. Hoping for an updated version covering newer peripherals and chips....

Very happy with my purchase!! Deliver was faster than expected. Water mark they described was barely noticeable and didn't go past page five. Better quality than expected!!

The book was clear and gave detail of individual PIC chips, however apart from the price the book did feel like it did tend to skip slight details that might not be picked up by new comers.

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