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## Preface

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### INTRODUCTION

This chapter contains general information that will be useful to know before using the RN4677 PICtail ™/PICtail Plus Board. Items discussed in this chapter include:

- Document Layout
- · Conventions Used in this Guide
- · Recommended Reading
- The Microchip Web Site
- Development Systems Customer Change Notification Service
- Customer Support
- Revision History

### DOCUMENT LAYOUT

This document describes how to use the RN4677 PICtail/PICtail Plus Board as a development tool to emulate and debug firmware on a target board. The document is organized as follows:

- **Chapter 1. "Overview"** Describes the operating modes of the RN4677 PICtail/PICtail Plus Board and presents how to establish Bluetooth connection.
- Chapter 2. "Getting Started" Describes how to establish Bluetooth serial data connections using the RN4677 PICtail Board over the USB-UART MCP2200 interface.
- Appendix A. "RN4677 Module PIN Assignment" Shows the pinout for RN4677 and describes the module's pins.
- Appendix B. "Schematics"- Shows the RN4677 PICtail/PICtail Plus Board schematics.
- Appendix C. "Questions and Answers"- Lists the most common questions and answers for using the RN4677 module.

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This manual uses the following documentation conventions:

### **DOCUMENTATION CONVENTIONS**

Description	Represents	Examples
Italic characters	Referenced books	MPLAB <sup>®</sup> IDE User's Guide
	Emphasized text	is the only compiler
Initial caps	A window	the Output window
	A dialog	the Settings dialog
	A menu selection	select Enable Programmer
Quotes	A field name in a window or dialog	"Save project before build"
Underlined, italic text with right angle bracket	A menu path	<u>File &gt; Save</u>
Bold characters	A dialog button	Click <b>OK</b>
	A tab	Click the <b>Power</b> tab
Text in angle brackets < >	A key on the keyboard	Press <enter>, <f1></f1></enter>
Plain Courier New	Sample source code	#define START
	Filenames	autoexec.bat
	File paths	c:\mcc18\h
	Keywords	_asm, _endasm, static
	Command-line options	-Opa+, -Opa-
	Bit values	0, 1
	Constants	OxFF, 'A'
Italic Courier New	A variable argument	file.o, where file can be any valid filename
Square brackets [ ]	Optional arguments	mcc18 [options] <i>file</i> [options]
Curly brackets and pipe character: {   }	Choice of mutually exclusive arguments; an OR selection	errorlevel {0 1}
Ellipses	Replaces repeated text	<pre>var_name [, var_name]</pre>
	Represents code supplied by user	<pre>void main (void) { }</pre>
Notes	A Note presents information that we want to re-emphasize, either to help you avoid a common pitfall or to make you aware of operating differences between some device family members. A Note can be in a box, or when used in a table or figure, it is located at the bottom of the table or figure.	Note: This is a standard note box. CAUTION This is a caution note. Note 1: This is a note used in a table.

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This user's guide describes how to use RN4677 PICtail/PICtail Plus Board. Other useful documents are listed below. The following Microchip document(s) are recommended as supplemental reference resources:

**RN4677 Bluetooth<sup>®</sup> 4.0 Dual Mode Module Data Sheet (DS50002370A)** This document provides the technical specifications for the RN4677 module and is available for download from the Microchip website (www.microchip.com)

**RN4677 Bluetooth**<sup>®</sup> **4.0 Dual Mode Module User's Guide (DS50002377A)** This command reference user's guide describes how to configure the RN4677 Bluetooth Dual Mode module.

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## RN4677 PICtail™/PICtail PLUS BOARD USER'S GUIDE

## Chapter 1. Overview

## 1.1 INTRODUCTION

This document describes the hardware and software for the RN4677 PICtail™/PICtail Plus Board.

The RN4677 PICtail/PICtail Plus Board enables the designer to evaluate and demonstrate the capabilities of the RN4677 Dual Mode Bluetooth<sup>®</sup> RF Module. The evaluation board includes an integrated configuration and programming interface for plug-and-play capability. It also includes on-board connection and data-status LEDs enabling rapid prototyping and fast time to market.

In addition to RN4677 PICtail/PICtail Plus Board hardware, several software applications are provided to demonstrate Bluetooth data connections to the on-board RN4677 module and optionally configure the RN4677 module.

The demonstration software application consists of:

- Android<sup>™</sup> Chat Application using Serial Port Profile (SPP)
- iOS Bluetooth Terminal (BLETR)
- BT Chat Tool

The configuration software consists of:

- IS1677 Configuration Library
- IS1677 Configuration User Interface (UI) Tool
- IS1677 EEPROM Table Utility

### 1.2 RN4677 PICtail<sup>™</sup> BOARD DESCRIPTION

The RN4677 PICtail board provides rapid prototyping and developing for Bluetooth data applications for Classic SPP or Bluetooth Low Energy using the RN4677 module. It can be powered via USB host or through the Microchip PICtail Plus interface. The RN4677 PICtail board utilizes the RN4677 module, a fully certified Bluetooth 4.0 dual mode RF module supporting Bluetooth Classic SPP and Bluetooth Low Energy (BTLE), providing Bluetooth serial data connections. The RN4677 PICtail board provides a MCP2200 USB-UART converter for issuing ASCII commands to control or configure the RN4677 modules for any specific requirement based on the application. The USB-UART converter also provides the flexibility to interface to a host PC, a PC terminal utility to drive both classic SPP and BTLE data connections. The RN4677 PICtail board also provides Microchip PICtail Plus and PICtail interfaces to be able to interface with the Microchip PIC<sup>®</sup> microcontrollers (MCU) using standard Microchip development tools, see Figure 1-1.



#### FIGURE 1-1: RN4677 PICtail™/PICtail PLUS BOARD

## 1.3 BOARD FEATURES

The RN4677 PICtail board has the following features:

- Fully certified on-board Bluetooth 3.0 + EDR and Bluetooth 4.0 stack
- Class 2 transmitter, +2 dBm typical
- Transparent serial data connection over Bluetooth Classic SPP and Bluetooth Low Energy transparent serial data service
- Access to the ASCII command interface over UART available on the RN4677
- On-board Dual In-line Package (DIP) switch block to set operating modes
- PICtail Plus and PICtail interfaces to fully access RN4677 pins using PIC Explorer 8 and 16 development boards
- Embedded MCP2200 USB-UART converter to enable application mode and programming interface to update firmware and configuration settings

## 1.4 INTERFACE DESCRIPTION

The following are the description of the RN4677 PICtail board in its default configuration as represented in Figure 1-2:

- 1. Bluetooth Module, RN4677 (FP1)
- 2. Button to SW\_BTN pin (SW1); press the button down to turn ON RN4677
- 3. Wake up button to wake up the module from shutdown state (SW2)
- 4. Reset button for RN4677 Bluetooth module (SW3)
- 5. Mode Switch (SW4); see Table 1-1, Table 1-2
- 6. PICtail interface (J1)
- 7. PICtail Plus interface (J2)
- 8. Header that brings out RN4677 pins (CN2)
- 9. I<sup>2</sup>C<sup>™</sup> expansion port (CN4)
- 10. Microchip MCP2200 chip; USB/UART serial converter (U3)
- 11. Mini-B USB connector (P1)
- 12. Ground (GND) test points (JP1)
- 13. Status LED (D1)





### 1.4.1 Mode Definition

Table 1-1 and Table 1-2 show the mode definitions and the mode switch settings of the module.

TABLE 1-1: MODE DEFINITIONS

Mode	Switch Number	1	2	3
	Pin Name	P20	P24	EAN
O N	ON	Low	Low	High
123	Function	EEPROM/Test mode High = Disable/Application Low = Enable/Test mode	Flash Write High = Disable Low = Enable	Boot to Flash or ROM Application High = ROM Low = Flash

### TABLE 1-2: MODE SWITCH SETTINGS

Mode	Switch	PIN Definition
Write Flash	O N 1 2 3	1 = P20: Low 2 = P24: Low 3 = EAN: High
EEPROM/Test	O N 1 2 3	1 = P20: Low 2 = P24: High 3 = EAN: Low
Application (default)	ON 1 2 3	1 = P20: High 2 = P24: High 3 = EAN: Low

## 1.5 USB-UART SERIAL INTERFACE

The RN4677 PICtail board consists of an USB-UART converter enabling flexible interface to the host PC, a PC terminal utility and SmartPhone APPs to drive both classic SPP and BTLE data connections. The UART port on the RN4677 is exposed through an MCP2200 USB-UART serial converter for interfacing easily with a host PC.

Connecting the mini-B USB receptacle (P1) on the RN4677 PICtail board to the USB port on a PC enumerates the RN4677 PICtail board as a Composite Device Class (CDC) USB device for serial communication. After the MCP2200 enumerates, a dedicated COM port is assigned on the host PC for serial communication with the RN4677 on the RN4677 PICtail board. A PC terminal utility or application opens then the assigned COM port and connects to the UART port on RN4677 for serial data transfer or to configure and control RN4677. If the MCP2200 does *not* enumerate, ensure that the MCP2200 drivers are downloaded and manually installed from www.microchip.com/MCP2200.

## 1.6 PICtail PLUS AND PICtail INTERFACE

The PICtail Plus and PICtail interface on the RN4677 PICtail board is used to configure and transfer data to the RN4677 module over the UART using an external PIC MCU and to send and receive raw data over UART. The PICtail interface can also be used to access the UART and the GPIOs on the RN4677 module.

Section 2.5 "Using RN4677 PICtail™ Board in PICtail Interface Mode" provides more information on the PICtail Plus and PICtail interfaces.

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## **Chapter 2. Getting Started**

## 2.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter describes how to establish Bluetooth<sup>®</sup> serial data connections using the RN4677 PICtail Board over the USB-UART MCP2200 interface (P1). The purpose of the exercise is to demonstrate the basic data capabilities of the RN4677, and interoperability with other Bluetooth devices. Note that in all these demonstrations, the RN4677 is a Bluetooth slave waiting for a connection initiated by the Bluetooth master device.

This chapter discusses the following topics:

- · Hardware Requirements
- Software Requirements
- Using RN4677 PICtail™ Board in USB-UART Serial Interface Mode
- Using RN4677 PICtail™ Board in PICtail Interface Mode

### 2.2 HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

The following hardware applications are required to demonstrate the RN4677 PICtail:

- RN4677 PICtail Board, (Part# RN4677-PICTail), available for purchase on www.microchipdirect.com
- · Bluetooth-enabled Smartphone or Tablet
  - Android<sup>™</sup> device running Android 4.3 or later
  - iOS: iPhone<sup>®</sup> 4S or later, iPad<sup>®</sup>3 or later, must support Bluetooth Low Energy
- Windows<sup>®</sup> Host PC with USB port
- · Bluetooth adapter supporting 2.0+EDR or later

### 2.3 SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

The following software applications are required to demonstrate the RN4677 PICtail:

- RN4677-PICTAIL webpage: www.microchip.com/rn-4677-pictail
- Bluetooth (BT) Chat Tool, BT Chat v004.exe available for download at www.microchip.com/rn-4677-pictail
- Android BtChat APP, BtChat\_V1.0.3.apk available at www.microchip.com/rn-4677-pictail
- iOS Terminal "BLETR", available on Apple<sup>®</sup> AppStore (iOS)
- MCP2200 driver for Windows, available at www.microchip.com/MCP2200
- PC terminal emulator such TeraTerm or CoolTerm

### 2.4 USING RN4677 PICtail<sup>™</sup> BOARD IN USB-UART SERIAL INTERFACE MODE

This section discusses the following topics:

- how to exercise the RN4677 module using the USB-UART serial interface on the RN4677 PICtail Board,
- scanning for the devices and connecting to the selected device with the ASCII command over the UART interface of the RN4677 using the USB-UART serial converter on the board,
- establishing the Bluetooth Classic and Bluetooth Low Energy data connections
- transferring data on the RN4677 module through the USB-UART serial interface, which is demonstrated via PC utility and Smartphone applications.

## 2.4.1 Bluetooth Classic<sup>®</sup> (SPP) Connection to Host PC

In this demonstration, a Bluetooth (SPP) data connection is established between the RN4677 PICtail Board connected to PC via USB and local Bluetooth HOST. A terminal emulator, such as TeraTerm, is used to communicate with the RN4677 PICtail, and on the Host PC Bluetooth adapter to initiate connection to RN4677 PICtail, as illustrated in Figure 2-1.



FIGURE 2-1: COM PORT CONNECTIONS

Use the Host PC Bluetooth adapter to add the RN4677 PICtail device to it's list of managed Bluetooth devices. In this demo, an SPP connection is made to RN4677 PICtail using the HOST PC's internal Bluetooth adapter.

To connect the RN4677 PICtail to Host PC and initiate communication with the RN4677 module, use the following steps :

- 1. Ensure that the RN4677 PICtail Board is unplugged from the PICtail interface of a Microchip Explorer 16 development board.
- 2. Verify that SW4 switches are set to application mode (1: OFF, 2: OFF, 3: OFF).
- 3. Ensure that SW1 button is set in the ON position (pushed down).
- 4. Use a mini-B USB cable and connect the RN4677 PICtail Board mini-B USB receptacle (P1) to a host PC USB port to power up the RN4677 PICtail Board. See Figure 2-2. The blue connection LED1 (D1) indicates the connection state as follows:
  - **Stand-by** State: the LED1 on RN4677 PICtail Board blinks once at a time.
  - **Pairing, Connected** State: the LED1 blinks twice at a time.

FIGURE 2-2: CONNECT THE RN4677 PICtail<sup>™</sup> BOARD TO A HOST PC USB PORT



5. Ensure that the virtual COM port, COM18 in this example, is enumerated as shown in Figure 2-3.





**Note:** A virtual COM port must be created when the RN4677 PICtail Board is connected to a PC. If a virtual COM port is undetected in the Device Manager port list, install the Microchip MCP2200 driver. (www.microchip.com/MCP2200)

6. Open the virtual COM port created in Step 5, COM18 in this example, using a terminal emulator such as TeraTerm shown in Figure 2-4, with the serial port settings illustrated in Table 2-1.

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				<u>^</u>
	Tera Term: Serial port set	up	<b>—</b> ×	
		0000		
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	Baud rate:	COM10 COM18	Cancel	
	Data:	0000	Gancer	
	Stop:	1 bit *	Help	
	Elow control:	none *		
	Den courter			
	Transmit dela	iy a		
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#### FIGURE 2-4: TERMINAL EMULATOR - TERATERM

#### TABLE 2-1: SERIAL PORT SETTINGS FOR VIRTUAL COM PORT

Definition	Value
Port	Virtual COM Port
Baud Rate	115200
Data Bits	8 bits
Parity	None
Stop Bits	1
Flow Control	None

7. Type \$\$\$ in terminal emulator to enter command mode. As shown in Figure 2-5, a CMD> prompt is returned when in command. In Command mode, any data received on the RN4677 UART is interpreted as a command to access features or functions of the module.

#### FIGURE 2-5: ENTER COMMAND MODE

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<u>File Edit Setup Control Window H</u> elp	
CMD> ECHO ON CMD>	A
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- 8. [Recommended] Enable local echo by pressing + followed by the <Enter> key when interacting with RN4677 Command mode using a terminal emulator. The ECHO ON status message displays and any commands sent to UART echoes back to sender.
- 9. Type D and press <Enter>/Return key into the terminal emulator application window to get the summary of the current settings of the module as illustrated in Figure 2-6.



***Settings*** BTA=8CDE52A420AE BTName=RN4677-20AE Baudrt=115K Mode =0 Authen=2 PinCod=1234 Bonded=0 Rem=6894213A8C16,1	File Edit Setup Control Window Help		
PinCod=1234 Bonded=0 Rem=6894213A8C16,1	***Settings*** BTA=8CDE52A420AE BTName=RN4677-20AE Baudrt=115K Mode =0 Authen=2		^
	PinCod=1234 Bonded=0 Rem=6894213A8C16,1		II

 Type I and press <Enter>/Return key into the terminal emulator application to initiate an active scan for all the Bluetooth Classic devices in Discovery mode nearby. Figure 2-7 displays the scan results.



COM18:115200baud - Tera Term VT	
<u>File Edit Setup Control Window Help</u>	
Inquiry,T=8,COD=0 8CDE52B1D4DE,Dual_SPP,001F00 F82FA8EC685E,SVDC-LT-C15879,06010C 8CDE52A420D6,Dual-SPP,240404 0006669304B2,RN-IAP-8A10,000204 0006664D8A60,RN-IAP-8A60,240704 Found 5 Inquiry Done CMD>	
4	▶

In the following steps the RN4677 PICtail device is added to the HOST PC's Bluetooth Device Manager. This step enables the HOST to initiate an SPP connection from HOST PC to RN4677 PICtail just by opening a virtual COM port using a terminal emulator. In this example, the PICtail name "RN4677-20AE" is used. The Bluetooth device name may be different for the provided RN4677 PICtail.

 In the Control Panel, click on <Add a device> from Hardware and Sound category. If the HOST PC has a working Bluetooth Adapter, a device scan is initiated. Figure 2-8 shows that the "RN4677-20AE" PICtail is discovered.

indows	vill continue to look for new devices and display the	m here.
	SVDC-LT-C15227A Bluetooth Laptop computer	-
	Dual_SPP Bluetooth Other	Ξ
1	RN4677-20AE Bluetooth Other	-
	SVDC-LT-C14432 Bluetooth	

#### FIGURE 2-8: ADD A NEW DEVICE

- 12. Select the "RN4677-20AE" device and click Next button.
- 13. The HOST PC's Bluetooth device manager attempts to pair with the PICtail Device "RN4677-20AE". Figure 2-9 shows the list of pairing options. If the HOST PC supports Bluetooth 2.1+EDR or later, select "Pair without using a code". Otherwise, select "Enter the device's pairing code", and then enter "1234" when prompted for a code.

#### FIGURE 2-9: SELECT PAIRING METHOD



14. When the "RN4677-20AE" device is successfully added to the Host's Bluetooth Device Manager, a confirmation message displays. See Figure 2-10.



FIGURE 2-10: NEW DEVICE CONFIRMATION

- 15. Note that adding "RN4677-20AE" to the Host PC results in creating another virtual COM port, which is illustrated in the device manager as COM24, see Figure 2-11. Any application, such as TeraTerm, that opens COM24 initiates a Bluetooth SPP connection from HOST PC to "RN4677-20AE" device.
- FIGURE 2-11: OUTGOING PORT

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- 16. Use TeraTerm to initiate a Bluetooth SPP data connection from host PC. See Figure 2-1 for the illustration of test setup.
- 17. Open a TeraTerm connection as described in Step 7.
- From the File Menu, select <u>New Connection > Bluetooth COM port</u> (COM24 in this example). Click **OK** to start RN4677connection.
- 19. Verify that %CONNECT, XXXXXXXXXX, 0% are received on TeraTerm session connected to RN4677. The "XXXXXXXXXX" is the Media Access Control (MAC) address of the Bluetooth adapter on HOST PC.
- 20. Type any text characters in the terminal session connected to RN4677 PICtail (COM18). The characters are sent to the RN4677 on COM18, and then over Bluetooth SPP connection to the Bluetooth adapter in the HOST PC. Figure 2-1 shows the data path.
- Verify that the text characters entered into the RN4677 (COM18) display in the other TeraTerm session connected to Bluetooth COM port (COM24 in this example).
- From the TeraTerm session connected to the Bluetooth COM port (COM24 in this example), enter any text. Verify that the text is received in other TeraTerm session (COM18 in this example).
- 23. Use <ALT-I> key sequence to close COM port.
- 24. Wait until **%DISCONNECT%** message is received from the remote TeraTerm session to indicate that the Bluetooth SPP data connection is terminated. See Figure 2-12.

### FIGURE 2-12: TERMINAL (A) TO TERMINAL (B) OVER BT SPP



### 2.4.2 Bluetooth<sup>®</sup> SPP Connection to Android Smartphone/Tablet

In this demonstration, a Bluetooth SPP data connection is established between the BT Chat Tool and the Smartphone application via RN4677 PICtail Board. For the SPP demonstration, an Android 4.3 or later Smartphone or tablet is required.

As illustrated in Figure 2-13, the host PC runs a BT Chat Tool application, transferring serial data over a COM port (USB virtual COM port) to the RN4677 PICtail Board. The serial data is then transmitted over a Bluetooth connection to the remote Bluetooth device, which is the Android BtChat APP.



FIGURE 2-13: BLUETOOTH<sup>®</sup> SPP CONNECTION TO SMARTPHONE

To establish a connection, perform the following steps:

- 1. Ensure that the RN4677 PICtail Board is unplugged from the PICtail interface of a Microchip Explorer 16 development board.
- 2. Verify that SW4 switches are set to application mode (1: OFF, 2: OFF, 3: OFF).
- 3. Ensure that SW1 button is set in the ON position (pushed down).
- 4. Use a mini-B USB cable and connect the RN4677 PICtail Board mini-B USB receptacle (P1) to a host PC USB port to power up the RN4677 PICtail Board. See Figure 2-2. The blue connection LED1 (D1) indicates the connection state as follows:
  - **Stand–by** State: the LED1 on RN4677 PICtail Board blinks once at a time.
  - Pairing, Connected State: the LED1 blinks twice at a time.
- 5. Ensure that the virtual COM port (COM18 in this example) is enumerated as shown in Figure 2-3.

- 6. Run the BT Chat v004.exe file from your PC and ensure that the COM Port is connected. See Figure 2-14.
  - a. Select the COM Port assigned to the RN4677 PICtail Board
  - b. Ensure that the default Baud Rate is 115200
  - c. Click Connect button.

#### FIGURE 2-14: CONNECT TO COM PORT

COM Port:	COM1	•	BaudRate :	115200	•	Connect	
		<b>a</b>			b		
						Send	
,						1	

- The Connect button changes into a Disconnect button once Step 6 is completed. Use the "Input" field to enter characters to transmit. Click Send to transmit text to Smartphone over the RN4677 PICtail Board Bluetooth connection as shown in Figure 2-15.
  - a. Check the Burst send box to enable sending the text repeatedly from this tool.
  - b. Input a value into the "Repeat" field to set the number of times of resending the text.
  - c. Select the desired value from the Interval drop-down list to set the time interval between two successive sent attempts.
  - d. Press the Clear button to delete the text on the screen, if required.

COM Port	: COM2	7	BaudRate :	115200	💌 Di	isconnect
This is mes	sage from PC Tool	s '				
	oogo nom poo					
		b		C		
Illinout Tevt	Herel					Send

FIGURE 2-13. BI CHAI TUUL SETTING	FIGURE 2-15:	<b>BT CHAT TOOL</b>	SETTING
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- 8. Install the Android Bluetooth Chat application into the Android device by copying or downloading the BTChat\_V1.0.3.apk file. The .apk file can be copied into the Android device by using an SD Card to transfer the file, or by plugging Android device into the host PC, where the Android device mounts as an external USB drive. Note that Android Media Transfer Protocol (MTP) is required on host. Once the file is copied into the Android device, follow the instructions below:
  - a. Go to the downloaded file. Click the file to install from the Android File Manager "My Files" App. If necessary, enable the "Unknown Sources" from the Device Security settings of the phone to allow the installation. See Figure 2-16.



b. The BtChat APP displays in the Application view after successful installation, see Figure 2-17.





To pair the RN4677 PICtail Board with the Android Device, open <u>Settings > Blue-tooth</u> page on the Android device and then set to **ON** to turn ON Bluetooth, see left image in Figure 2-18. Press **Scan** to initiate the Bluetooth Device scan, find the RN4677 PICtail Board device named Dual-SPP, and then select to start the pairing process.

### FIGURE 2-16: INSTALL THE ANDROID BLUETOOTH<sup>®</sup> CHAT APPLICATION

Once paired, the Dual-SPP (RN4677 PICtail Board) device is listed in the paired device list, see right image of Figure 2-18.

S al 28%      918 PM	ON tooth Bluetooth ON My phone
DALE-S4 Only visible to paired devices.	DALE-S4 Only visible to paired devices.
● PLT_BBTGO IN INCOMPARISA	● Dual-SPP *
VOUR VEHICLE	ring PLT_BBTGO
Available devices	€ YOUR VEHICLE
Press	Scan
Scan	Scan

#### FIGURE 2-18: PAIR RN4677 PICtail™ BOARD WITH THE ANDROID DEVICE

10. Launch the BtChat APP on the Android Device to display the BTChat APP main window. See Figure 2-19. To open BtChat menu options, use the menu button of the phone. Select the Setting button to open the APP setting view. To show the received text in the APP, select the Show Rx Text option. Press the Back button of the phone to return to the main window.

BTChat APP main window	Select Setting	Enable "Show Rx Text"
🔮 🗱 😵 🔏 20% 🙆 11:25 PM BtChat monitor: true	ISSC APP v2.3.3	6:23 🔮 🖄 📚 🔏 22% 🚊 11:08 PM
bc: 0 rx: 0	bc.0 n <sup>i</sup> c.0	Echo Setting
		Show Rx Text
	٠	
	Connect a device Discover devices	
	• ×	
	Make discoverable Disconnect connection	on
Send	e 🖌 💿	
0010	Setting More	

FIGURE 2-19: SET BTCHAT APP

11. To set up a Bluetooth SPP connection to the RN4677 PICtail device, go to the BtChat APP main window. See Figure 2-20. Press the menu button of the phone to open the BtChat menu options and then select the **Connect a device** button to open the paired device list. Select the Dual-SPP device to open an SPP connection to the RN4677 PICtail Board. A status message displays in the main window when a connection is established.



### FIGURE 2-20: SET UP THE BLUETOOTH<sup>®</sup> SPP CONNECTION

- 12. To transfer data from the RN4677 to the Android Device via Bluetooth SPP connection, launch the BT Chat Tool on the host PC and set the correct COM port corresponding to the RN4677 PICtail Board as described in Figure 2-14.
  - a. Enter text into the Android BtChat APP to send it to the BT Chat Tool on the PC. Click **Send** to transmit the text entered to RN4677 that is connected to the BT Chat Tool. Text received on the BT Chat Tool window displays in red.
  - Enter text into the BT Chat Tool to send it to the RN4677 PICtail Board. Click Send to transmit text into the Android BtChat APP. Text is received in Android BtChat APP. See Figure 2-21.

uetooth Chat v004			
Chat		BtChat	* ¥ ∡( 71% ■ 6:33 F monitor:
		tx: 40	rx: 61
COMPort: COM18 v BaudRate: 115200 v	Disconnect		
%CONNECT 78F 20CA2 0% This fast factorized from BiChat on Phone This fast received from Bluetooth Chat on Host PC via RN4677			
		RN4677-20AE h	as connected.
		Phone	ceived noin blonal on
		This text receive Host PC via RN4	d from Bluetooth Chat or 677
	Send		Send
	Citrai		~ ~
Burst send Repeat times: 100 Intervat: 300 ms			

#### FIGURE 2-21: DATA TRANSFER FROM RN4677 TO ANDROID DEVICE

## 2.4.3 Bluetooth<sup>®</sup> Low Energy Data Connection to iOS Device

This demonstration shows how serial data is transmitted from RN4677 PICtail Board (via PC Chat) to an iOS device using Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) connection. This demonstration uses the ISSC BLETR APP to establish connection with the RN4677 PICtail Board. BLETR can be downloaded from APP Store and ensure to disable the "iPad only" filter as this is an iPhone APP. A key feature of the RN4677 module is the transparent serial data connection from RN4677 UART to an iOS device over Bluetooth Low Energy connection.

1. Download and install "ISSC BLETR" APP from Apple AppStore (iOS) using an iPhone 4S or later, iPad3 or later devices. See Figure 2-22.

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	Description This APP supports data transfer features as below	through Bluetooth Low Energy. Ba	e on Core Bluetooth framework,	it has	

#### FIGURE 2-22: ISSC BLETR APP

 Go to <u>Settings > General > Bluetooth</u> Page. Turn ON the Bluetooth. See Figure 2-23.

No Service	1:39 PM	<b>1</b> % 💼
Settings	Bluetooth	
Bluetooth		
DEVICES		
RN52-0003	Not Con	inected (i)
Dual-SPP		Not Paired
Now Discoveral	ble	

#### FIGURE 2-23: TURN ON BLUETOOTH

 Launch the ISSC BLETR APP to scan for the Bluetooth Low Energy (BTLE) peripheral devices. If the device is not displaying on the list, press the **Refresh** or **Scan** button to restart the BTLE peripheral scan. Find the Dual-SPP device and then select to start a connection to the RN4677 PICtail Board. See Figure 2-24.

#### FIGURE 2-24: SCAN FOR BTLE DEVICES

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	DEVICE:		Select Dual-SPP
Unknow			
Dual-SPP			
BLETR 1.7.3, Jan 28 20	14 Scanning		
Refresh	Cancel U	JID Setting	

4. BLETR displays the Dual-SPP device status as connected after a successful connection. See Figure 2-25.

FIGURE 2-25: DUAL-SPP CONNECTED

- Select the connected Dual-SPP device to display the top level view, see Figure 2-26. This view displays the following three options when connected to a RN4677 PICtail Board as shown in Figure 2-27:
  - **Transparent:** Select this view to display received data, send data, and enable features.
  - **Proprietary:** Select this view to set the Bluetooth Low Energy connection parameters.
  - **Device Info:** Select this view to display the settings for Bluetooth Low Energy Device Information Service.



#### FIGURE 2-26: ISSC BLETR APP TOP LEVEL VIEW





#### 2.4.3.1 TRANSPARENT DATA VIEW

The Transparent data view enables to display received data, send data, and enable features. Selecting the **Transparent** button opens the transparent serial data view as shown in Figure 2-28. The default mode is Raw mode (ASCII), where the received data characters are displayed in red font in the large text box.





Select the input text box to send data from BLETR iOS device to the RN4677. The soft keyboard displays as shown in Figure 2-29. Enter text in the input text box and click **Send** to transmit text to the RN4677 over BLE connection.

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< Back	issc		Cance
BLETR dat	ta sent to RI	14677 1	UART
Write with Re	Timor	Ed	ha
Rx bytes = 33, tin	ne = 0.003847		
QWE	RTY	U	0
ASD	FG	ΗJ	κL
🔹 Z X	cv	ΒN	M
.?123	space		Send

The text is received via the RN4677 UART after clicking **Send** and displayed in the BT Chat Tool window on the PC as shown in Figure 2-30.

#### FIGURE 2-30: TEXT RECEIVED VIA THE RN4677 UART

COM Port: COM103 - BandRate : 115200 -	Disconnect
BLETR data sent to RN4677 UART	
	Send
Burst send Repeat times: 100 Interval: 300 ms	Send

#### **Timer Feature**

In addition to the Raw mode (ASCII), the Transparent data view includes a Timer and Echo features, see Figure 2-28. The Timer feature enables the BLETR to send a repeated test pattern to BT Chat Tool for throughput and data transfer test. Figure 2-31 shows an example of the Timer test feature.

BLETR is configured to transmit a 100 test blocks of 20 characters in every 1000 ms. BT Chat Tool on PC receives the test pattern data and displays it in red text. The line break indicates a Bluetooth Low Energy packet break, which means that a transmitted test block is fragmented into multiple BLE packets. Clicking the **Start** button initiates the data transfer.



FIGURE 2-31: TIMER TEST FEATURE

#### Echo Feature

The Echo feature is an optional function for the Transparent data view. If Echo is enabled, any data received by BLETR is echoed back to the sender. Figure 2-32 shows text sent from BT Chat Tool (PC) being echoed to BLETR when the Echo mode is enabled.

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Back ISSC	Chat
This text from BTCHAT will be echoed back by BLETR	COM Port: COM37 v BandRate: 115200 v Disconnect
This text from BTCHAT will be echoed back by BLETR	This text from BTCHAT will be echoed back by BLETR. This text from BTCHAT will be echoed back by BLETR.
Write with Response Raw Timer Echo x bytes = 51, time = 0.006185	Burt zend Repeat times: 100 Interval: 500 ms      Clear     Clear     Weight Demo     C RAW C HEY

#### FIGURE 2-32: ECHO FEATURE

#### **TX File Feature**

Another test feature similar to the Timer feature is the TX File transfer. The TX File function transfers files, which is embedded in the BLETR APP, to the RN4677. The steps to use this feature is represented in Figure 2-33:

- a. Click the **TX File** button to open a dialog box with the list of file sizes to transmit.
- b. Select the file size to send.
- c. Observe the file received on BT Chat Tool.

### FIGURE 2-33: TX FILE FEATURE

Back ISSC	Chet
	COM Post: COM37 - BandRate: 115200 - Disconnect
Tx File	
100k.txt	0000000004
10k.txt b	00000006 000000007
1k.txt	000000000
0001.4.4	000000
200K.txt	0000000012 0000000013
500k.txt	000000014 0000000015
¢ a	000000017 000000018 ~
	Send
	□ Bunt send Repeat times: 100 Interval: 300 ms 💌 Clear
	Clear toot after transmission Weight Demo
Compare TX File Write Type Clear	GRAW CHEX

#### 2.4.3.2 PROPRIETARY DATA VIEW

The Proprietary data view demonstrates the capability to remotely change Bluetooth Low Energy connection parameters via BLETR application. These parameters only affect Bluetooth Low Energy connections.

- **Max Interval**: communication time interval (ms) between RN4677 and BLE Central device.
- **Connection Timeout**: determines the timeout (ms) between data exchanges before a connection is considered lost.
- Latency: number of peripheral (RN4677) connection events allowed to be skipped without risking disconnection.
- BLE name used to advertise Peripheral name to scan Central devices. To change device name, type new name in the text box and click Change Name to apply the change. See Figure 2-34.

Max Interval:40Connection Timeout:1000Latency:0Update	K Back	SSC	
Connection Timeout:     1000       Latency:     0       Update	Max Interval:	40	
Latency: 0 Update Change name	Connection Timeout	1000	
Update Change name	Latency:	0	
Change name	Update		
	Change name		

FIGURE 2-34: CHANGE DEVICE NAME

#### 2.4.3.3 DEVICE INFORMATION VIEW

The Device Information view displays the characteristics associated with Device Information service. The Device Information service is available to all Bluetooth 4.0 Low Energy hosts that access the RN4677 PICtail Board. It provides the identification information about the RN4677 BLE peripheral device.

#### FIGURE 2-35: DEVICE INFORMATION



### 2.5 USING RN4677 PICtail<sup>™</sup> BOARD IN PICtail INTERFACE MODE

The PICtail interface is used to access the UART and the GPIOs available on the RN4677 module. The PICtail interface configures the RN4677 over the UART using an external PIC<sup>®</sup> MCU and then sends and receives raw data over the UART. The PICtail interface is also used to access GPIOs on the RN4677 using a PIC MCU.

Using the PICtail Plus (J2) or PICtail (J1) interface, the board can be plugged into any standard Microchip development board, such as the Explorer 16 Development Board (DM240001) or the PIC18 Explorer Board (DM183032), that supports the PICtail Plus or PICtail connection interface.

The PICtail interface is used to configure the RN4677 by updating Bluetooth parameters on the internal EEPROM, updating the RN4677 firmware on the internal flash, and entering the RN4677 into application mode. In application mode, pairing procedure is performed on the RN4677 after establishing a Bluetooth connection for SPP or BLE data transfer.

Figure 2-36 and Figure 2-37 show the pin mapping for the PICtail Plus 30-pin interface and the PICtail 28-pin interface.



FIGURE 2-36: PIN MAPPING FOR THE PICtail 30-PIN INTERFACE

FIGURE 2-37: PIN MAPPING FOR THE PICtail 28-PIN INTERFACE



The RN4677 PICtail Board can be inserted into the PICtail Plus/PICtail interface header available on Microchip development tools as shown in Figure 2-38 and Figure 2-39.

**Note:** Ensure that the RN4677 module on the board is facing the PIC PIM while inserting the RN4677 PICtail Board into either of the PICtail headers.

FIGURE 2-38: RN4677 PICtail<sup>™</sup> BOARD INSERTED INTO PICtai PLUS INTERFACE



FIGURE 2-39: RN4677 PICtail<sup>™</sup> BOARD INSERTED INTO PICtail INTERFACE





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## Appendix A. RN4677 Module PIN Assignment

## A.1 RN4677 MODULE PIN ASSIGNMENT

Figure A-1 shows the pinout for RN4677 module.





Table A-1 describes the module's pins.

RN4677 Pin	RN4677U Pin	Symbol	Туре	Description
1	—	GND	Power	Ground reference
2	—	GND	Power	Ground reference
3	1	GND	Power	Ground reference
4	2	BAT_IN	Power	Battery Input. Main positive supply input. Connect to 10 $\mu F$ low ESR ceramic capacitor.
5	3	SW_BTN	DI	Software Button H: Power On / L: Power Off

RN4677 Pin	RN4677U Pin	Symbol	Туре	Description
6	4	LDO33_O	Power	Internal 3.3V LDO regulator output. Connect to 10 µF low ESR ceramic capacitor.
7	5	VDD_IO	Power	I/O positive supply input. Ensure VDD_IO and MCU I/O voltages are compatible.
8	6	LDO18_0	Power	Internal 1.8V LDO regulator output. Connect to 10 $\mu F$ low ESR ceramic capacitor.
9	7	WAKEUP	DI	Wakeup from Shutdown mode (active-low; internal pull up)
10	8	PMULDO_ O	Power	Power management unit output. Connect to 1 $\mu\text{F}$ low ESR ceramic capacitor.
11	9	P04	DO	Status Indicator 2 (STATUS_IND_2)
12	10	P15	DO	Status Indicator 1 (STATUS_IND_1)
13	11	P12/SCL	DO	I <sup>2</sup> C SCL (Do not connect)
14	12	P13/SDA	DIO	I <sup>2</sup> C SDA (Do not connect)
15	13	P17/CTS	DIO	Configurable control or indication pin or UART CTS (input)
16	14	P05	DIO	Configurable control or indication pin
17	15	P00/RTS	DIO	Configurable control or indication pin or UART RTS (output)
18	16	P20	DI	System configuration (internal pull up)
19	17	P24	DI	System configuration (internal pull up)
20	18	EAN	DI	System configuration (internal pull down)
21	19	RST_N	DI	Module Reset (active-low; internal pull up). Apply a pulse of at least 63 ns.
22	20	RXD	DI	UART data input
23	21	TXD	DO	UART data output
24	22	P31	DIO	Configurable control or indication pin (when configured as input: internal pull up)
25	23	P32	DIO	Configurable control or indication pin (when configured as input: internal pull up)
26	24	P33	DIO	Configurable control or indication pin (when configured as input: internal pull up)
27	25	P34	DIO	Configurable control or indication pin (when configured as input: internal pull up)
28	26	P36	DIO	Do not connect
29	27	P37	DIO	Configurable control or indication pin (when configured as input: internal pull up)
30	28	LED1	DO	Status LED
31	29	GND	Power	Ground reference
_	30	BT_RF	AIO	External antenna connection (50 Ohm)
32		GND	Power	Ground reference
33	_	GND	Power	Ground reference

TABLE A-1: PIN DESCRIPTION (CONTINUED)

**Note:** Pin type abbreviation: A = Analog, D = Digital, I = Input, O = Output.



## **Appendix B. Schematics**

## B.1 RN4677 PICtail™/PICtail Plus Board Schematics

Figure B-1 shows the RN4677 PICtail/PICtail Plus Board schematics.



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## **Appendix C. Questions and Answers**

## C.1 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Is the RN4677 Module Data Sheet available?

Yes. The RN4677 data sheet is available for download on www.microchip.com/RN4677.

2. When I connect the RN4677 PICtail board to the host PC, the COM port does not appear. What should I do?

Try to unplug the USB cable and plug it back to the PC. Check if the MCP2200 drivers are installed. Otherwise, download and install the MCP2200 drivers.

3. What is the maximum supported Baud Rate of RN4677 UART?

The maximum baud rate is 921600 used with 16 MHz crystal.

4. How do you change Bluetooth<sup>®</sup> parameters such as name, Device Info, COD, rate, inquiry and page scan windows?

The configuration settings are accessed using the ASCII Command interface. Enter Command mode using \$\$\$ as described in Section 2.4.1 "Bluetooth Classic® (SPP) Connection to Host PC" and issue commands to change the desired settings. For more information on the Command mode, the available commands and their description, refer to the "*RN4677 Bluetooth*<sup>®</sup> 4.0 Dual Mode Module User's Guide" (DS50002377A).

5. What is the default security mode for SPP?

Simple Secure Pairing (SSP)/"Just Works" mode.

6. Is there an Android<sup>™</sup> BTLE demonstration application?

At this time, Android support for dual-mode Bluetooth devices, such as the RN4677, is limited to Bluetooth Classic SPP data service.

7. Is the source code for iOS and Android APP available?

Contact your Microchip representative to request the source code packages for the smartphone Apps.



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