Flash Lab is a PC104 style PIC microcontroller development system consisting of a main microcontroller board with RS232 connectivity and stackable prototyping boards. Included is the Mecanique Microcode Loader software and bootloader firmware in the on board PIC. This means that no hardware programmer is needed to programme the PIC, only a serial connection to a PC and a standard *.hex file produced by virtually any compiler or assembler.

Features include:
- Bootloader programming (no hardware programmer required)
- 16F877A, 18F452 or 18F4455 PIC (** other pics available on request)
- RS232 connector for boot-loading and serial comms
- DTR, RX and TX separately available
- On board 5V regulator
- Socketed 20MHz crystal
- 40 pin PC104 stackthrough gold plated connections
- Microcode Loader software/firmware and all documentation on CD

All I/O lines, PIC functions, 5V supply and reset line connect to the PC104 connector and thus are passed through to stacked prototype boards. Prototyping boards connect by stacking and picking up the PC104 connections. Spacers, nuts and screws are included to enable a compact and solid assembly to be constructed which can be used as a finished project if so required. Prototype circuits can be saved intact to be used again, thus saving repetitive wiring work for future projects, the same mainboard being used to develop many projects.

The RS232 connection not only allows boot loading but also integration with a PC based system further enhancing design possibilities.

The Flash Lab mainboard is assembled utilising quality components including an optional 40 pin PIC chip with bootloader, requiring only the end user’s programme and custom circuitry constructed on a stackable proto board. Ideal for development, it can also be utilised as part of a finished system and is also an ideal low-cost replacement for PLC modules.

All software and documentation is provided on CD.
Direct RS232 port access

Stackthrough PC104 40way

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Flash Lab main board

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