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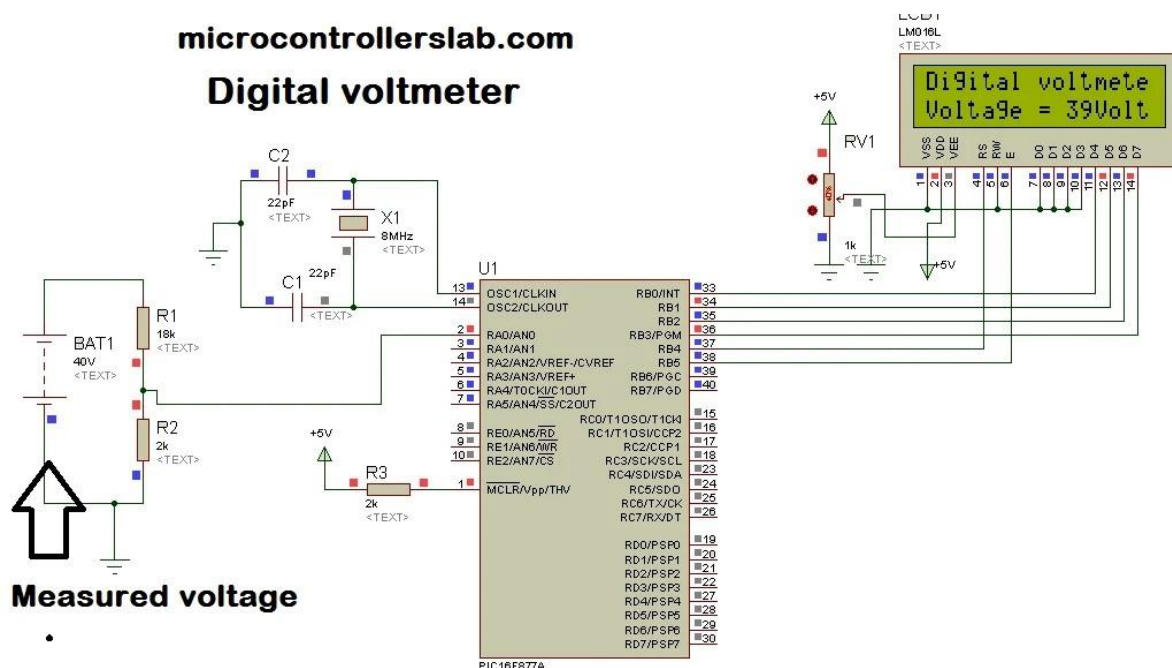
DC Voltmeter Introduction

Digital DC voltmeter is designed to measure DC voltage using the PIC16F877A microcontroller. A voltage divider circuit is used to divide voltage into two parts. To prevent more than 5 volts appearing across the pic microcontroller. Because the microcontroller can not read voltage more than 5 volts directly.

In this project, we used two types of displays namely 16×2 LCD and 4-digit seven-segment display. In the first first section, we will see how to display a value on LCD and in the second section, we will see how to display measured voltage value on a 4-digit seven-segment display.

Digital Voltmeter with LCD display Circuit Diagram

Circuit diagram of digital voltmeter using pic microcontroller and 16×2 LCD is given below. A 40-volt battery is used as a voltage source whose voltage you want to measure. PIC16F877A microcontroller can not directly read 40 volts. The voltage divider circuit using a resistor is used to **step down dc voltage** appearing across analog to digital converter pin of PIC16F877A microcontroller.



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To measure 0 to 100V DC using a microcontroller like the ESP32, you can use a voltage divider circuit to step down the voltage to a range that the microcontroller's ADC (Analog-to-Digital Converter) can handle. The ESP32's ADC typically operates at a maximum input voltage of 3.3V.

Here's a step-by-step guide on how to do this:

1. Design the Voltage Divider:

- A voltage divider uses two resistors to scale down the input voltage to a lower voltage. The voltage divider formula is: $V_{out} = V_{in} \times \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$
- For example, to scale down 100V to 3.3V: $3.3V = 100V \times \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$ Solving for R_2 : $R_2 = \frac{3.3}{0.033} (R_1 + R_2) - R_1$

2. Choose Resistor Values:

- Let's choose $R_2 = 3.3k\Omega$. Then, $3.3k\Omega \times \frac{R_1}{R_1 + 3.3k\Omega} = 0.033 \times (R_1 + 3.3k\Omega)$ Solving for R_1 : $R_1 = \frac{3.3k\Omega \times 0.033}{0.033 - 0.033} = 96.7k\Omega$
- You can choose standard resistor values close to these calculated values. For instance, $R_1 = 100k\Omega$ and $R_2 = 3.3k\Omega$.

3. Connect the Voltage Divider:

- Connect the high voltage (0 to 100V) to the input of the voltage divider.
- Connect the junction of the two resistors to an ADC pin of the ESP32.
- Ensure that the ground of the high voltage source is common with the ESP32 ground.

4. Protect the Microcontroller:

- To protect the ADC pin from over-voltage, you can add a Zener diode (e.g., 3.3V) across the ADC input and ground.
- You can also add a small capacitor (e.g., 100nF) across the ADC input to filter out noise.

5. Measure and Calculate the Voltage:

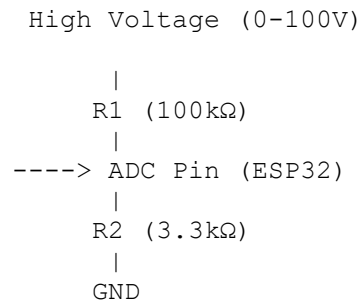
- In your ESP32 code, read the ADC value and convert it back to the original voltage:

```
cpp
int adcValue = analogRead(ADC_PIN);
float voltage = (adcValue / 4095.0) * 3.3; // Assuming 12-bit ADC resolution
float inputVoltage = voltage * ((R1 + R2) / R2);
```

- Adjust the calculation if your resistor values are different.

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Here's a schematic representation:



Note:

- Ensure resistors have a high enough power rating to handle the voltage and current.
- Safety is crucial when working with high voltages. Make sure to take necessary precautions and follow best practices.

This method will allow you to safely measure a high voltage range using your microcontroller.

implement same using pic controller

Implementing the voltage measurement using a PIC microcontroller involves similar steps to those outlined for the ESP32. Here's how you can adapt the process:

Step-by-Step Implementation for PIC Microcontroller:

- 1. Choose a PIC Microcontroller:**
 - Select a PIC microcontroller with an ADC module. For example, PIC16F877A.
- 2. Design the Voltage Divider:**
 - Follow the same calculation for the voltage divider as before:
 - Choose $R1=100k\Omega$ and $R2=3.3k\Omega$.
- 3. Connect the Voltage Divider:**
 - Connect the high voltage (0 to 100V) to the input of the voltage divider.
 - Connect the junction of the two resistors to an ADC pin of the PIC.
 - Ensure the ground of the high voltage source is common with the PIC ground.
- 4. Protect the Microcontroller:**
 - Use a Zener diode (e.g., 3.3V) across the ADC input and ground to protect against over-voltage.
 - Add a small capacitor (e.g., 100nF) across the ADC input to filter out noise.
- 5. Write the Code:**

Here is an example code snippet for measuring the voltage using the PIC16F877A in MPLAB X IDE with XC8 compiler:

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C program

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#include <xc.h>
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void ADC_Init(){
    ADCON0 = 0x41; // Turn ON ADC and select Fosc/8 as the
conversion clock
    ADCON1 = 0x80; // Configure ADC voltage reference and result format
(right justified)
}

unsigned int ADC_Read(unsigned char channel){
    if(channel > 7) return 0; // ADC has 8 channels, 0-7
    ADCON0 &= 0xC5; // Clear existing channel selection bits
    ADCON0 |= channel << 3; // Set new channel
    __delay_ms(2); // Acquisition time to charge the hold capacitor
    GO_nDONE = 1; // Start ADC conversion
    while(GO_nDONE); // Wait for conversion to complete
    return ((ADRESH << 8) + ADRESL); // Return result
}

void main(){
    unsigned int adc_value;
    float voltage, input_voltage;

    TRISA = 0xFF; // Configure PORTA as input
    ADC_Init(); // Initialize ADC

    while(1){
        adc_value = ADC_Read(0); // Read ADC value from channel 0
        voltage = (adc_value * 5.0) / 1023.0; // Assuming Vref+ is
5V and 10-bit ADC resolution
        input_voltage = voltage * ((100.0 + 3.3) / 3.3); // Convert
to input voltage

        // Now you can use input_voltage as needed
        __delay_ms(500); // Delay for a while
    }
}
```

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Explanation of the Code:

1. Initialization:

- `ADC_Init()`: Initializes the ADC module.
 - `ADCON0`: Configures `ADCON0` register to turn on the ADC and set the conversion clock.
 - `ADCON1`: Configures ADC voltage reference and result format.

2. Reading ADC Value:

- `ADC_Read()`: Reads the ADC value from the specified channel.
 - `ADCON0` configuration ensures correct channel selection.
 - `GO_nDONE`: Starts ADC conversion and waits for completion.

3. Voltage Calculation:

- Convert the ADC value to voltage (`voltage`).
- Calculate the actual input voltage using the voltage divider ratio (`input_voltage`).

4. Loop:

- Continuously read and calculate the voltage in the `while` loop.

Schematic Representation:

```
scss
High Voltage (0-100V)
  |
  R1 (100kΩ)
  |
  ----> ADC Pin (PIC)
  |
  R2 (3.3kΩ)
  |
  GND
```

Note:

- Adjust the code and configurations according to the specific PIC microcontroller and your application requirements.
- Ensure resistors have an adequate power rating and follow all safety protocols when working with high voltages.

This implementation will allow you to measure 0 to 100V DC using a PIC microcontroller.

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