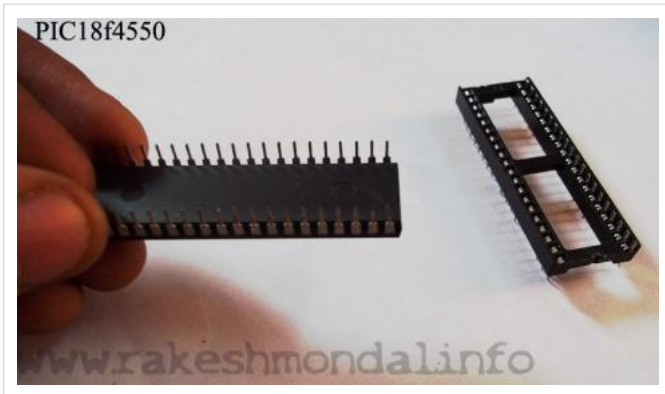


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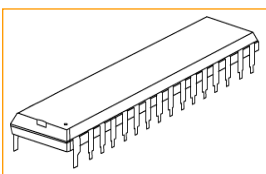
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PIC18F4550 belongs to pic18f family of microcontrollers. PIC18F4550 is one among the advanced Microcontrollers from the microchip technology. It is popular among hobbyists and learners due to its functionalities and features such as ADC and [USB](#) Integration. A typical PIC18F4550 comes in various packages. The package can be selected according to the project requirement.



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PIC18F4550 is an 8 bit microcontroller. PIC18F4550 has been implemented with **Nano WATT** technology hence it requires less power.

PIC18F4550 has **16 bit Instruction Set Architecture**, (ISA) which provides a degree of freedom to programmers with various data types , register addressing modes, interrupt and IO operations. PIC18F4550 also has an **Extended Instruction Set** as a special feature; it's an optional extension.

Memory Specifications: A PIC18F4550 has 256 bytes of EEPROM (Electrically Erasable and Programmable Read Only Memory), 2KB of SRAM (Static Random Access Memory) provides another degree of freedom to programmers.

Communication Protocol: PIC18F4550 is remarked as advanced, as it uses well sophisticated protocols for communications. The modern protocols like I2C, SPI, UART, etc. are integrated with PIC18F4550. These technologies integrate with **Nano Watt Technology** (as mentioned before) to produce PIC18F4550, a well equipped, low power microcontroller.

A Dedicated ICD/ICSP Port allows the programmers to code and debug easily.

- Enhanced flash program and the 1KB Dual Access RAM for USB are used for buffering.
- PIC18F4550 consists of up to 13 channels for analog to digital converter. The converter accuracy amounts to 10-bit to convert analog signals.
- PIC18F4550 is compatible to work with different internal and external clock sources. It comes with four built-in timers or an external clock source.
- The frequency limit for a PIC18F4550 is from 31 KHz to 48 MHz respectively.
- The microcontroller PIC18F4550 comes with ADC comparators and other such peripherals as an in-built feature.

A very good description and in detailed features of PIC18F4550 microcontroller can be found in its respective datasheet. A copy of that [PIC18F4550 Datasheet](#) is available on microchip's [website](#).

USB SPEEDS AND USB REGISTERS IN PIC18F4550

PIC18F4550 supports USB functionality that it comes with a USB2.0 hardware inbuilt which can operate in two USB standard speeds.

USB Speed supported by pic18f4550

- Full speed 12 MBit per second
- Low speed 1.2 MBit per second

The entire USB configuration is handled with UCFG register (USB CONFIGURATION REGISTER) which helps in defining the mode, or in which US

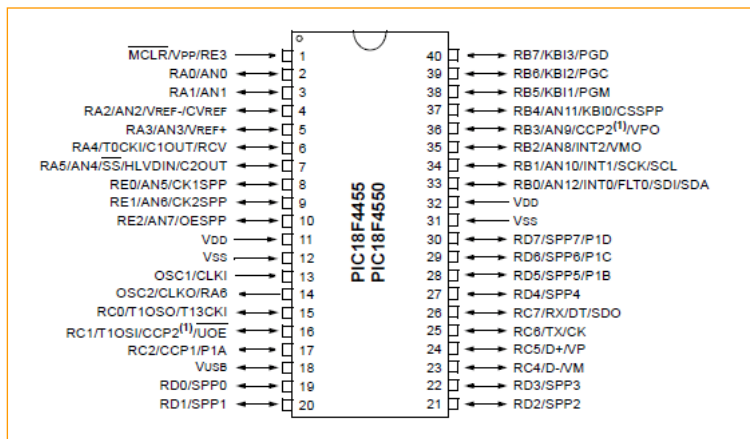
can find more details about various USB Operation registers in PIC18F4550 like **UCON**, **UCFG**, **USTAT**, **UADDR** etc. from [PIC18F4550 datasheet](#).

PINOUT DIAGRAM / PACKAGE

This PIC18F4550 microcontroller comes in varieties of pinout package, making it more usable for its users. The most commonly used package structure (two rows of pins on either ends 20 left- 20 right).

40 PIN Package DIP ([Dual Inline package](#))

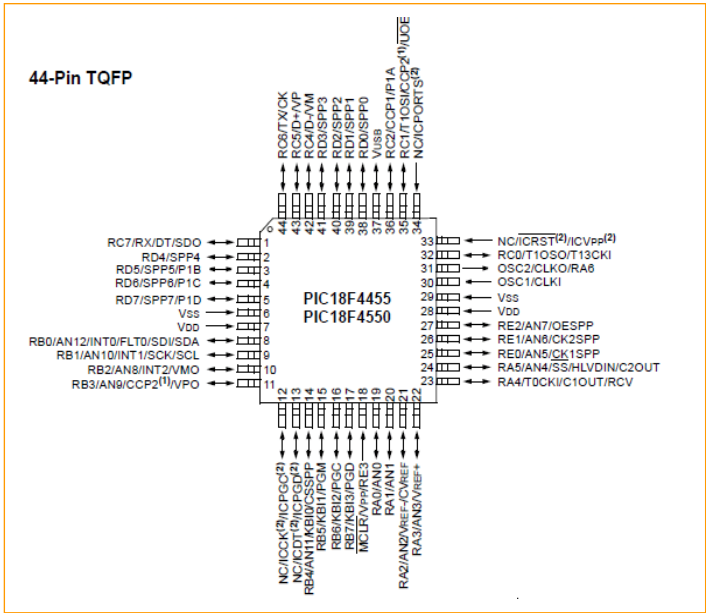
PIC18F4550's 40 pin DIP (Dual inline package) has got its special reputation in between hobbyist, it's also easily available in any nothing but a typical microcontroller with two rows of pins on either side. A 40 pin DIP PIC18F4550 has 20 pin on each row.



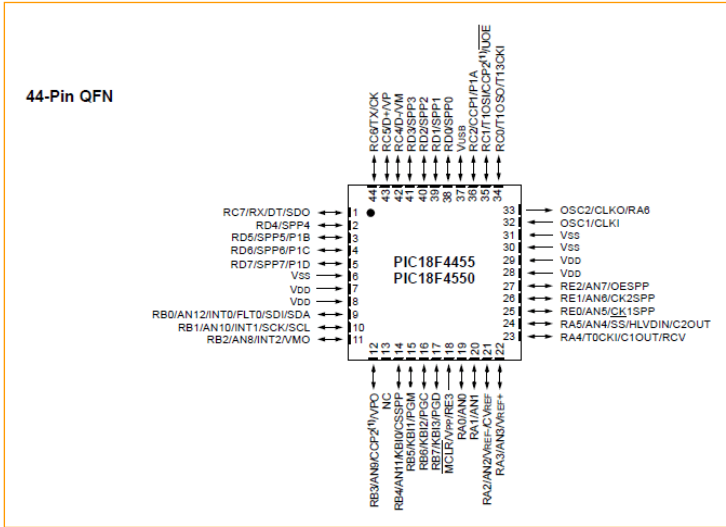
44 Pin packages for PIC18F4550

44 pin packages are mostly focused on for production level devices, for other industries who wish to use them in their devices.

44-Pin QFP ([Quad Flat Package](#)) Pinout



44-Pin QFN (quad-flat no-leads) Pin out



PORTS

40 pins of PIC18F4550 are divided into 5 ports. Out of which, 35 pins are Input-Output pins which can be configured for general Input-Output. Please Refer the Pinout diagram above for a clear idea about location of these pins on the microcontroller.

Ports	Number of pins	Pin Name
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PORTA	7	RA0-RA6
PORTB	8	RB0-RB7
PORTC	7	RC0-RC2, RC4-RC7 (Check t
PORTD	7	RD0-RD7
PORTE	4	RE0-RE3

REGISTERS ASSOCIATED WITH PORTS IN PIC18F4550

Each port in pic18f4450 is associated with three 8 bit registers for IO operations.

1. **TRISx** (8 bit)
2. **LATx** (8 bit)
3. **PORTx** (8 bit)

TRISx : where **x** is the name of the ports either of A, B, C, D, E. For example TRISA, TRISB etc. This register assigns the direction of I/O pins. If a pin is set to 1, it is configured as an output pin. If a pin is set to 0, it is configured as an input pin. For example, if we write 0xF0 to TRISB, it will set all the pins in port B to Output.

LATx: The latch registers reads and modifies the write operation on the value of I/O pin and stores the output data that is to be passed on to the pins.

PORTx: Reads the device level, stores the Input level of the pins and reads and registers the input signal from the external device if the pin is configured as an input.

DATASHEET

Microchip is very well known for its extremely good and detailed documentation. Please download a copy PIC18F4550 Data sheet from their official website.

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PROGRAMMING MICROCONTROLLER

A C18 compiler with Mplab ide or Mplab X with XC8 Compiler must be good to getting started with programming a PIC18F4550. A free version downloaded from microchip's website for getting started with pic18f4550. However other IDE software's such as MikroC can also be used for programming. A series of tutorials can help you learn to program a pic18f4550 microcontroller.

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