Allow the PICmicro™ to Control Its Oscillator Frequency
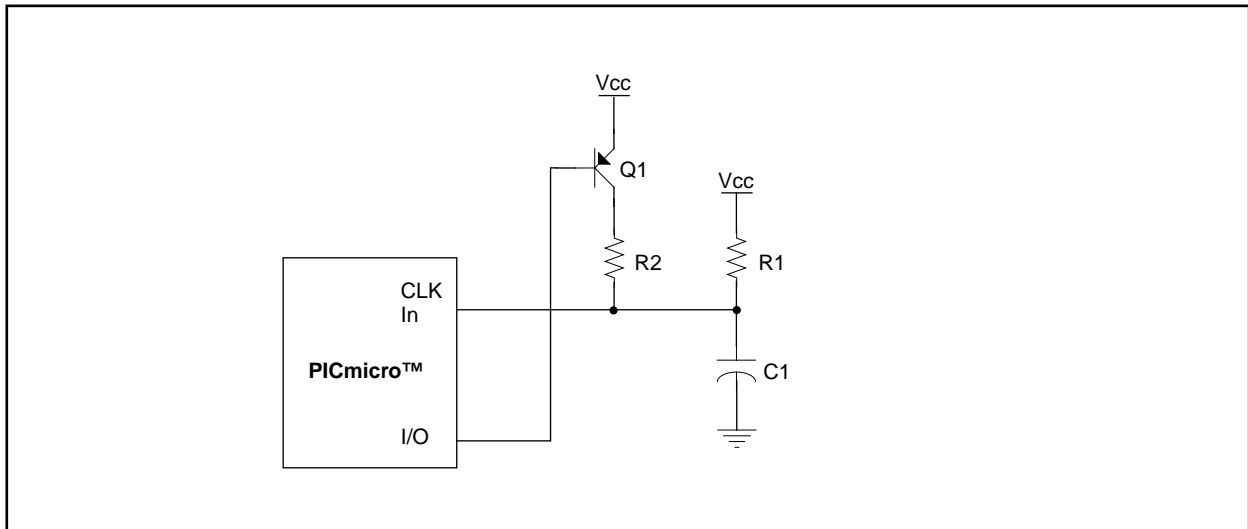
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INTRODUCTION

This application allows the processor to run at low frequency (using less power), but it can increase its oscillator frequency for more intensive operations.

Using a controller with an external RC oscillator, the PICmicro™ can change its oscillator speed by setting the I/O pin to low, which turns on Q1 and effectively puts R2 in parallel with R1.

SCHEMATIC

Simple Circuit

NOTES: