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•VGA display

Refs:

Cyclone II device Handbook, Altera corp.

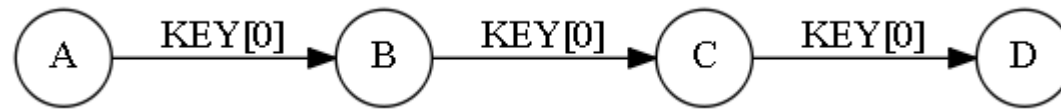
Quartus II Handbook , Altera corp.

DE2 documentation

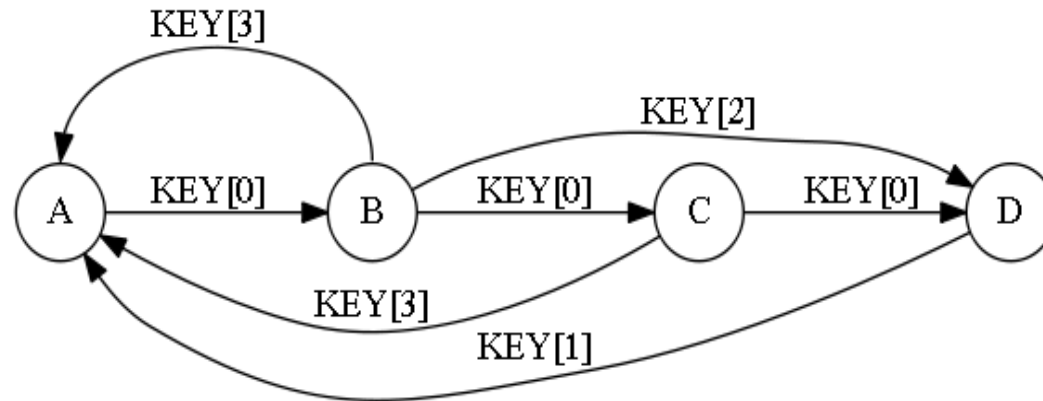
Verilog HDL, S. Palnitkar, Prentice Hall

State Machines

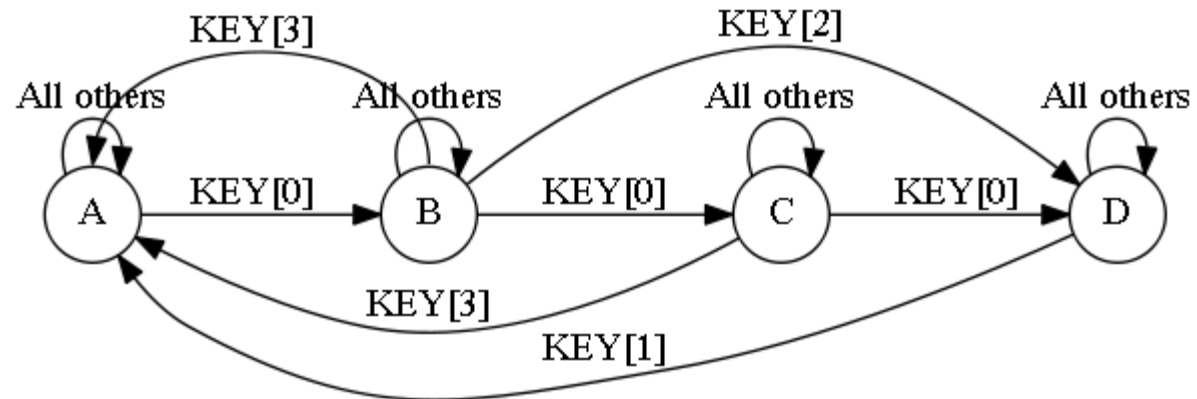
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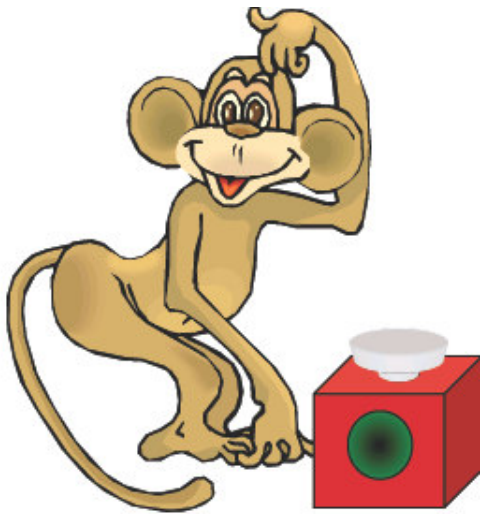


Which clock



For completeness!



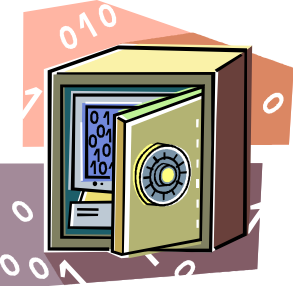


On/off button: final answer

```
module onoff_sync(input clk, reset, button_in,
                  output reg light);
    // synchronizer
    reg button, btemp;
    always @(posedge clk)
        {button, btemp} <= {btemp, button_in};

    // debounce push button
    wire bpressed;
    debounce db1(.clock(clk), .reset(reset),
                .noisy(button), .clean(bpressed));

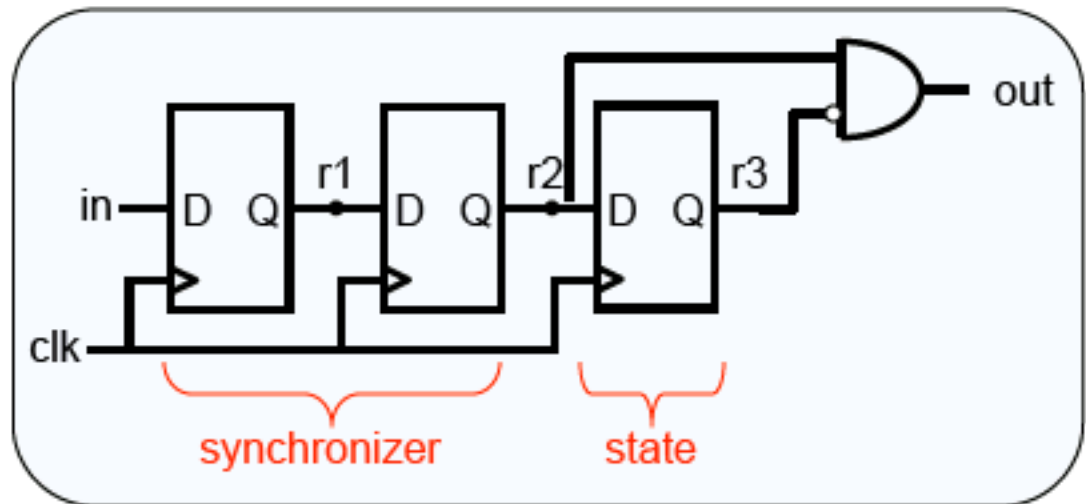
    reg old_bpressed; // state last clk cycle
    always @ (posedge clk) begin
        if (reset)
            begin light <= 0; old_bpressed <= 0; end
        else if (old_bpressed==0 && bpressed==1)
            // button changed from 0 to 1
            light <= ~light;
            old_bpressed <= bpressed;
        end
    endmodule
```



Step 2A: Synchronize buttons


// button
// push button synchronizer and level-to-pulse converter
// OUT goes high for one cycle of CLK whenever IN makes a
// low-to-high transition.

```
module button(  
    input clk,in,  
    output out  
);  
    reg r1,r2,r3;  
    always @(posedge clk)  
    begin  
        r1 <= in;    // first reg in synchronizer  
        r2 <= r1;    // second reg in synchronizer, output is in sync!  
        r3 <= r2;    // remembers previous state of button  
    end
```



```
    // rising edge = old value is 0, new value is 1  
    assign out = ~r3 & r2;  
endmodule
```


The 4th lab



The VGA test screen

(It is not a picture!!)

Remember to split the program in blocks!!
(Will be usefull for your next project)

Applications of Flat-Panel Displays

SMALL FORMAT



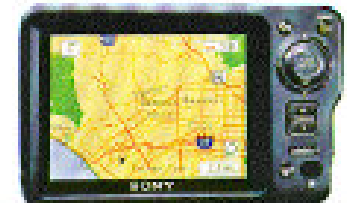
Medical Defibrillator



MP3 Player



Personal Digital Assistant



Car Navigation & Entertainment

Courtesy of PixTech

LARGE FORMAT



Desktop Monitor (color)



Electronic Book



Large Screen Television (color)

Some Display Terminologies

Term	Definition
Pixel	Picture element—The smallest unit that can be addressed to give color and intensity
Pixel Matrix	Number of Rows by the Number of Columns of pixels that make up the display
Aspect Ratio	Ratio of display width to display height; for example 4:3, 16:9
Resolution (ppi)	Number of pixels per unit length (ppi=pixels per inch)
Frame Rate (Hz)	Number of Frames displayed per second
Viewing Angle (°)	Angular range over which images from the display could be viewed without distortion
Diagonal Size	Length of display diagonal
Contrast Ratio	Ratio of the highest luminance (brightest) to the lowest luminance (darkest)

Classifications of Displays by Technology

- Displays could be classified into two broad categories
 - Light Generation (**Emissive Displays**)
 - Light Modulation (**Light Valve Displays**)
- **Emissive Displays** generate photons from electrical excitation of the picture element (pixels)
 - Cathode Ray Tubes (CRTs), Organic Light Emitting Displays (OLEDs), Plasma Displays (PDs)
- **Light Valve Displays** spatially and temporally modulate the intensity pattern of the picture elements (pixels)
 - Liquid Crystal Displays (LCDs), Digital Light Processors (DLPs), Electrophoretic Displays (EPDs)

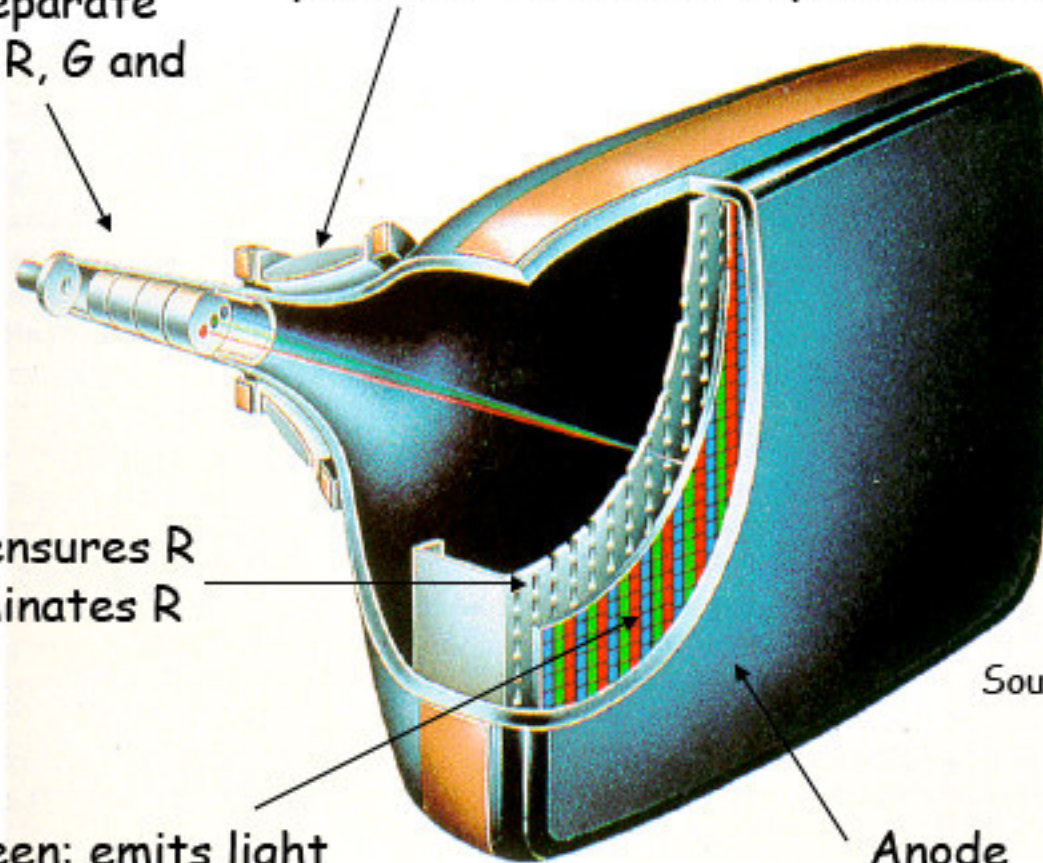
Background: Cathode Ray Tubes

Deflection coil (aka yoke): magnetically steers beam in a left-to-right top-to-bottom pattern. There are separate H and V coils.

Cathode: separate beams for R, G and B

Shadow mask: ensures R beam only illuminates R pixels, etc.

Phosphor Screen: emits light when excited by electron beam, intensity of beam determines brightness

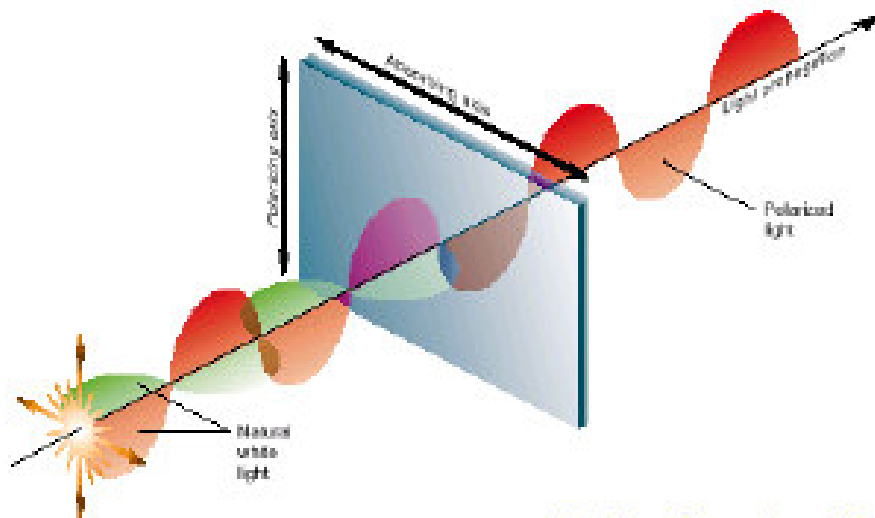
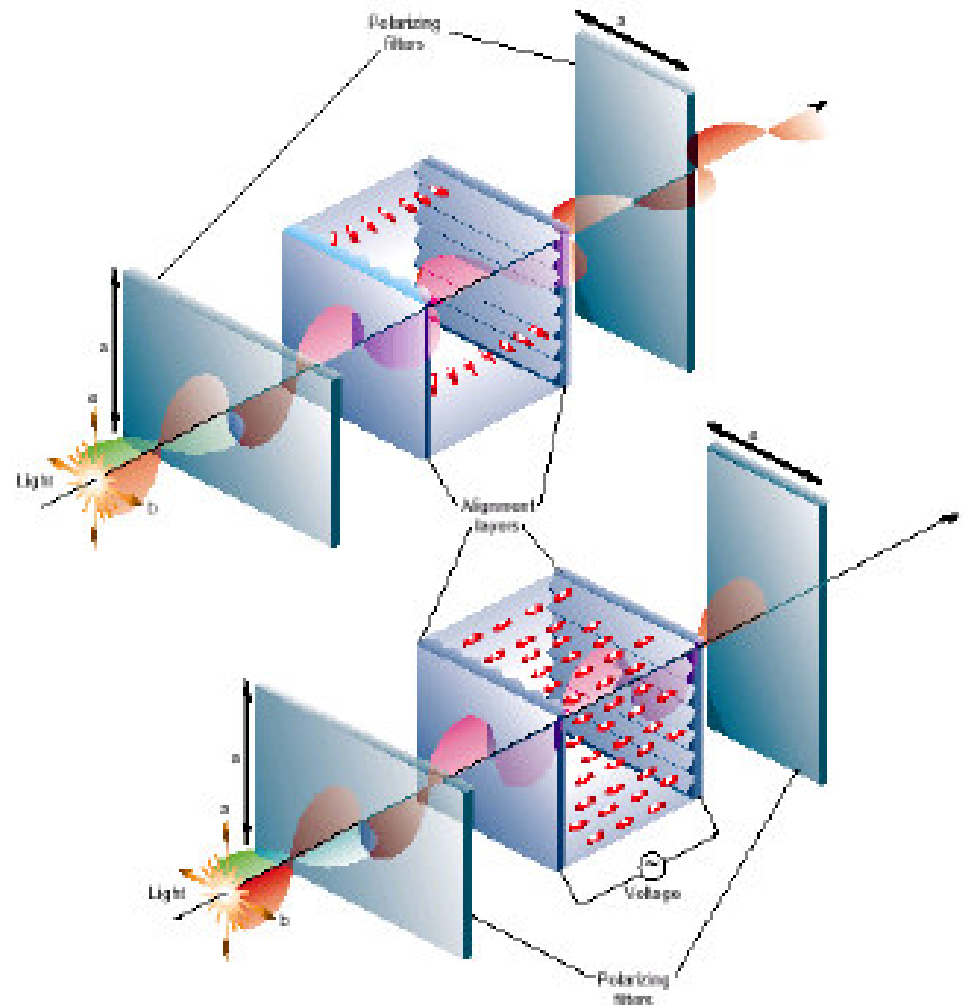
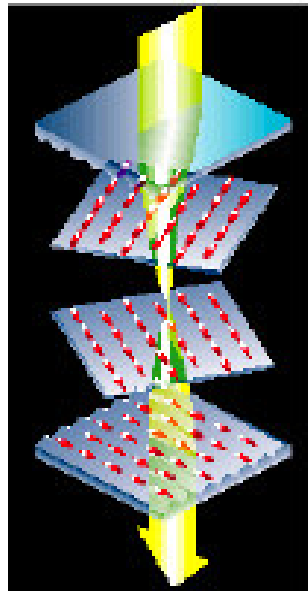


Source: PixTech

Anode

Liquid Crystal Displays

Liquid Crystals rotate the plane of polarization of light when a voltage is applied across the cell

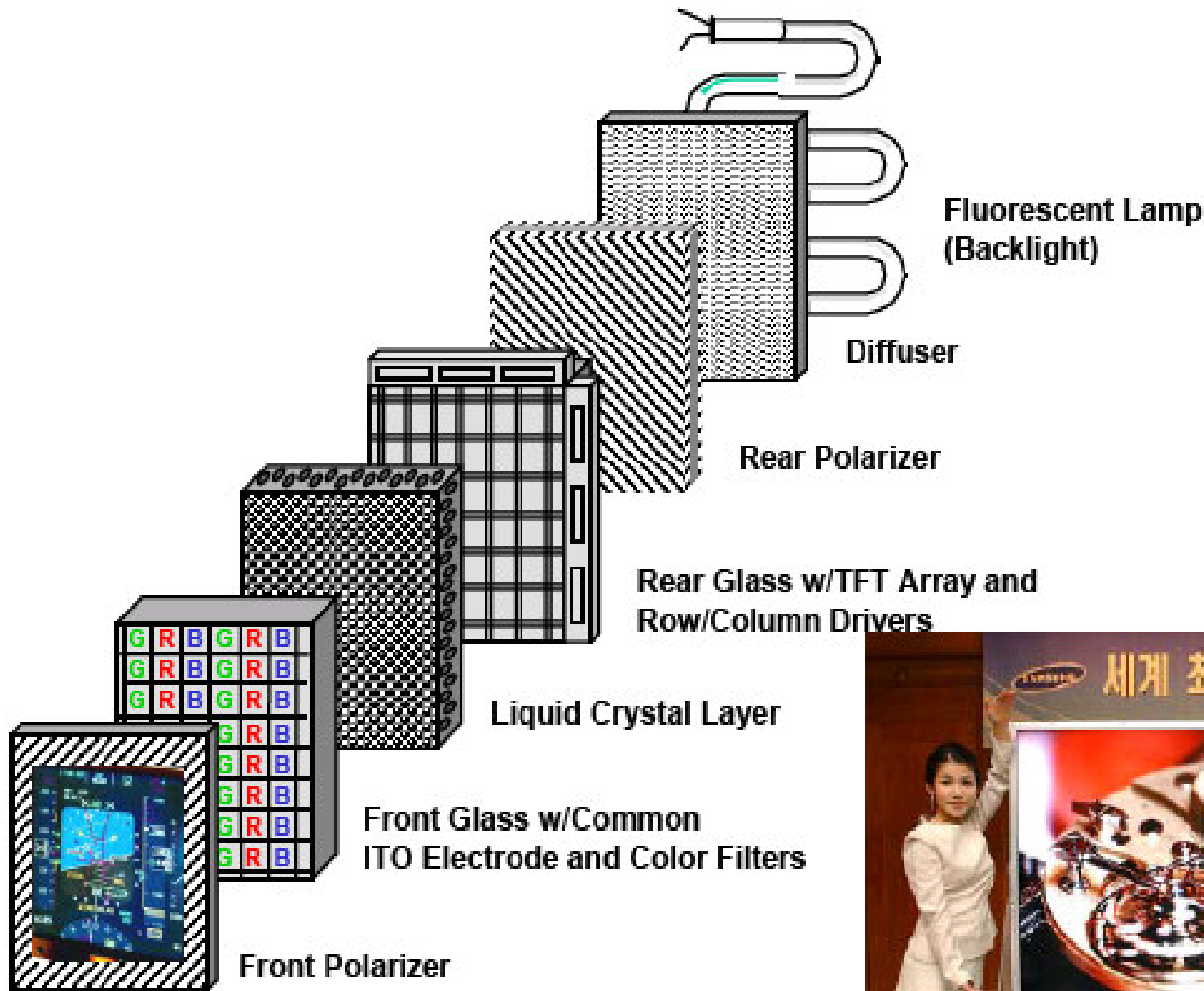


Polarization Rotator

Courtesy of Silicon Graphics

TFT AMLCD

Active Matrix LCD



82" TFT AMLCD



K. Sarma

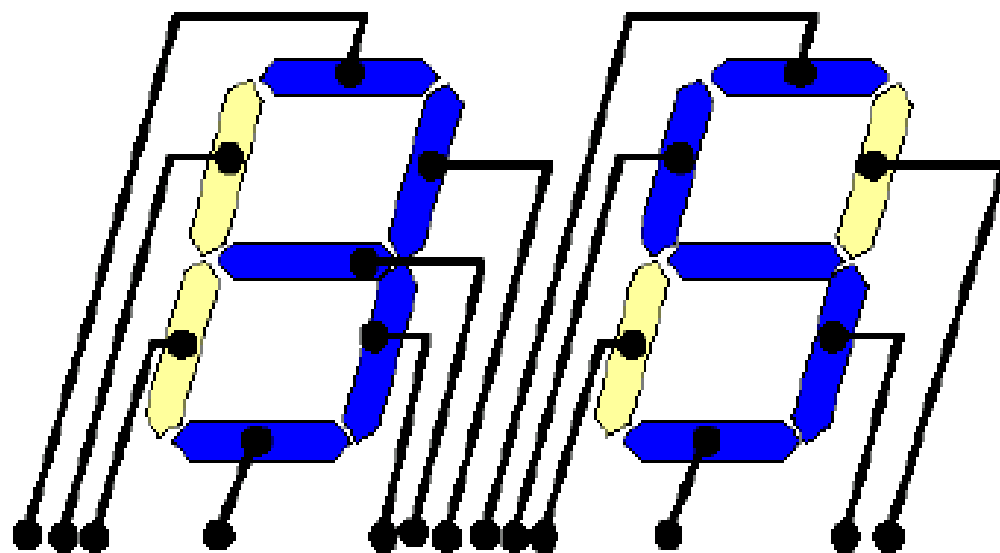
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Standard Display Addressing Modes

- Sequential Addressing (pixel at a time)
 - CRT, Laser Projection Display
- Matrix Addressing (line at a time)
 - Row scanning, PM LCD, AMLCD, FED, PDPs, OLEDs
- Direct Addressing
 - 7-segment LCD
- Random Addressing
 - Stroke-mode CRT

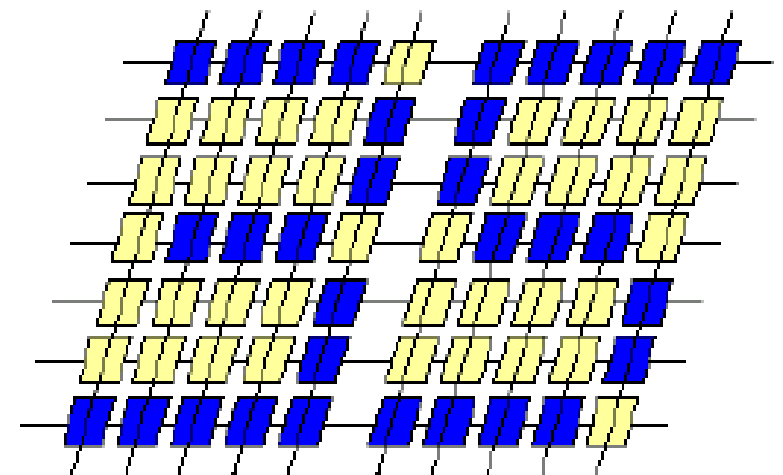
Direct vs. Matrix Addressing

Direct Driving



Segment Display
(7-segment)

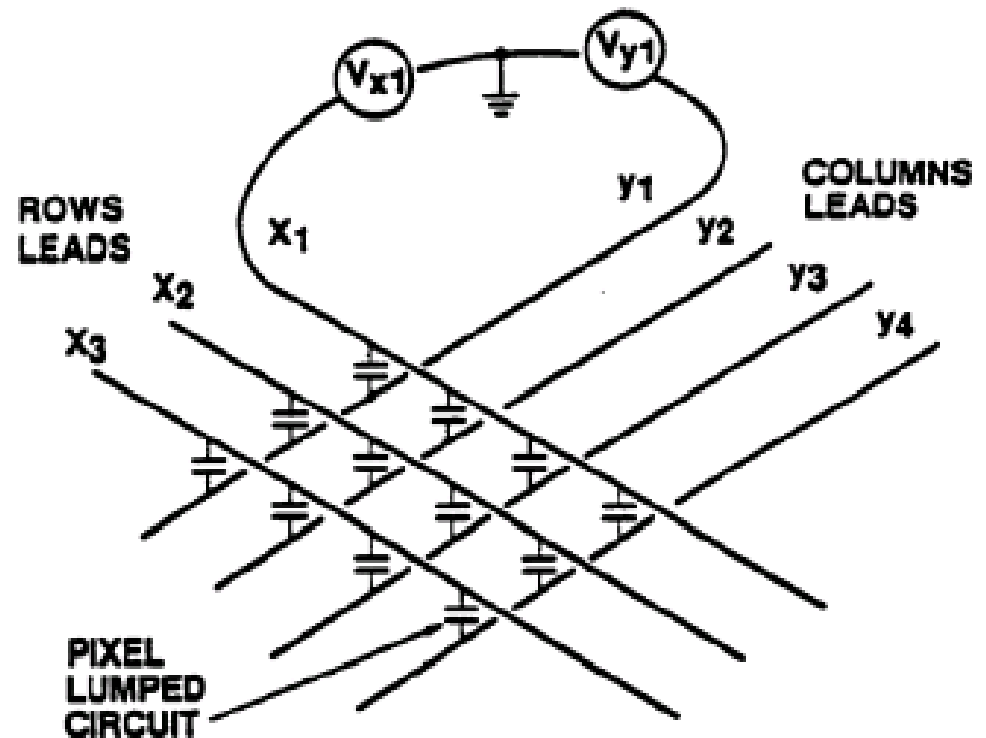
Multiplex Driving



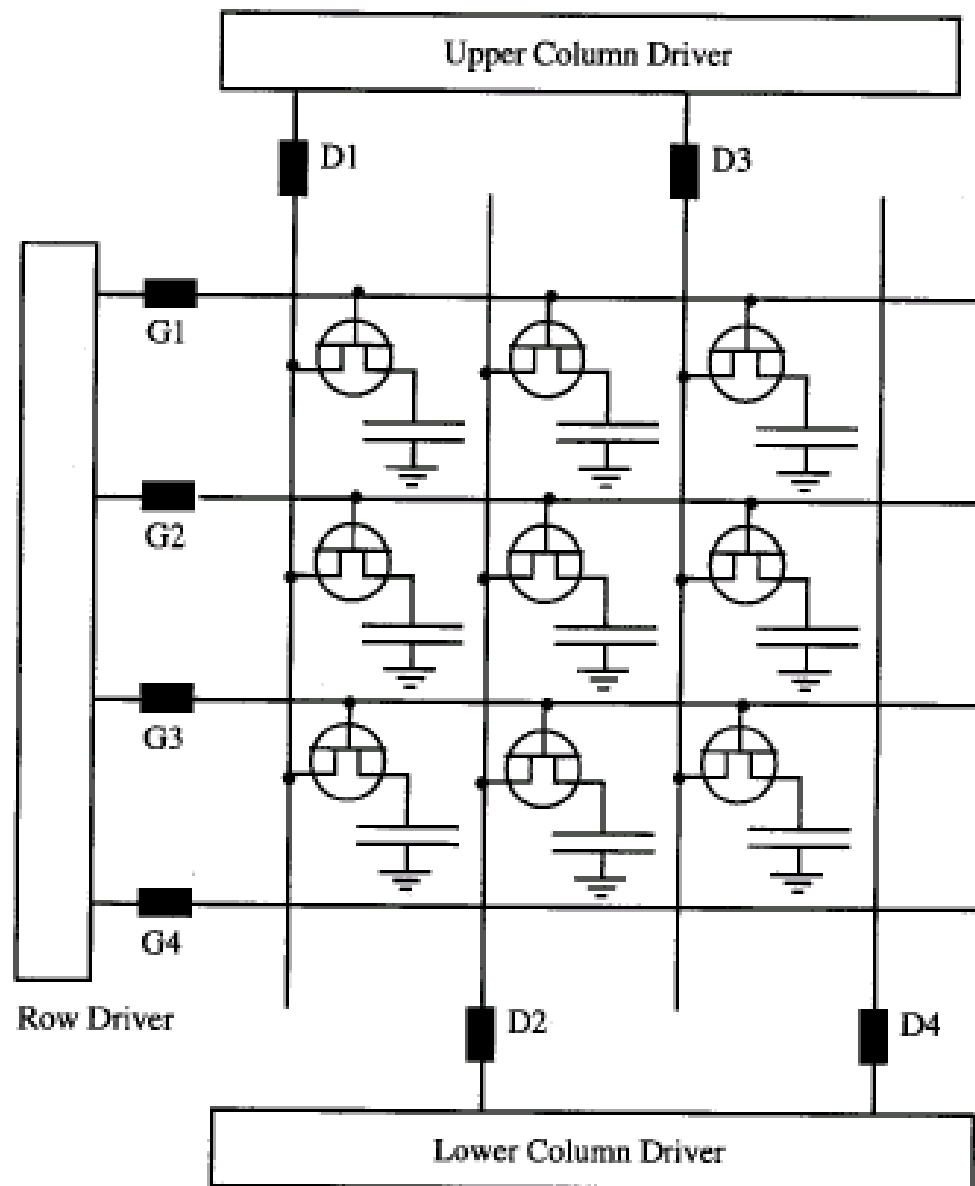
Matrix Display
(dot-matrix)

Matrix Addressing

- Time multiplexed
- Row at a time scanning
 - A column displayed during the time assigned to a row
- For a N rows by M columns display
 - $M + N$ electrodes are required
- Row scanning rate scales with number of rows
- Data rate scales with number of pixels
- Duty cycle scales with number of rows



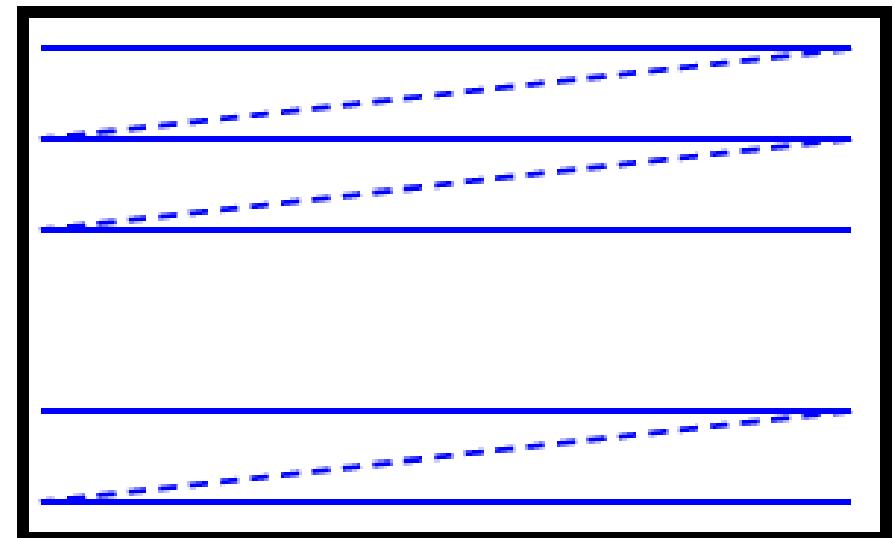
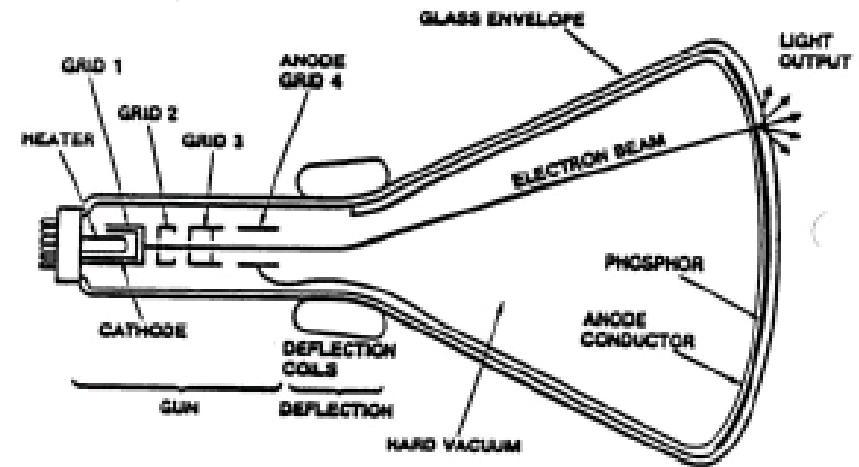
Active Matrix Addressing



- Introduce non linear device that improves the selection.
- Storage of data values on capacitor so that pixel duty cycle is 100%
- Improve brightness of display by a factor of N (# of rows) over passive matrix drive
- Display element could be LC, EL, OLED, FED etc

Sequential Addressing (Raster Scan)

- Time is multiplexed
 - Signal exists in a time cell
- A pixel is displayed at a time
 - Single data line
- Rigid time sequence and relative spatial location of signal
 - Raster scan
- Data rate scales with number of pixels
- Duty cycle scales with number of pixels
- Horizontal sync coordinates lines
- Vertical sync coordinates frames
- Blanking signals (vertical & horizontal) so that retraces are invisible



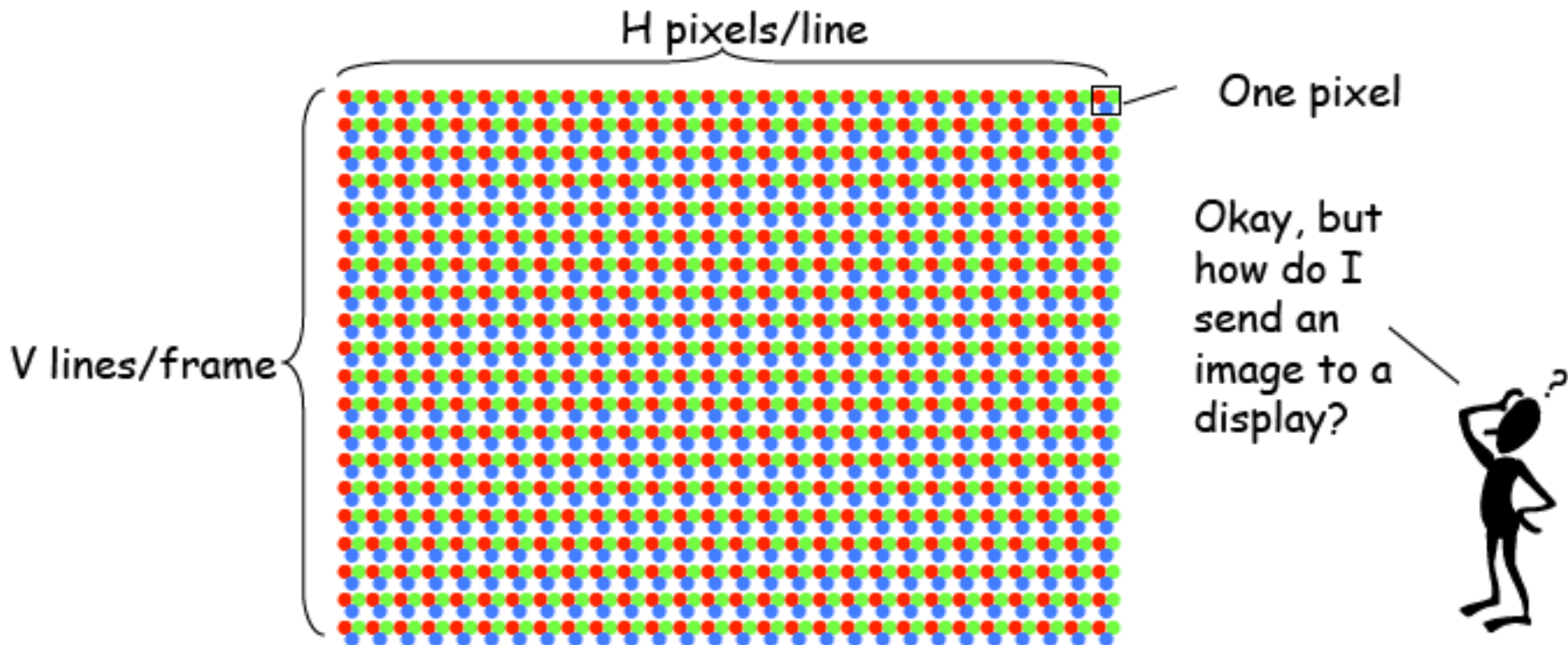
————— Scan Lines
----- Retrace Lines

Video(analog signals)

Means DAC

The CRT: Generalized Video Display

Think of a color video display as a 2D grid of picture elements (pixels). Each pixel is made up of red, green and blue (RGB) emitters. The relative intensities of RGB determine the apparent color of a particular pixel.



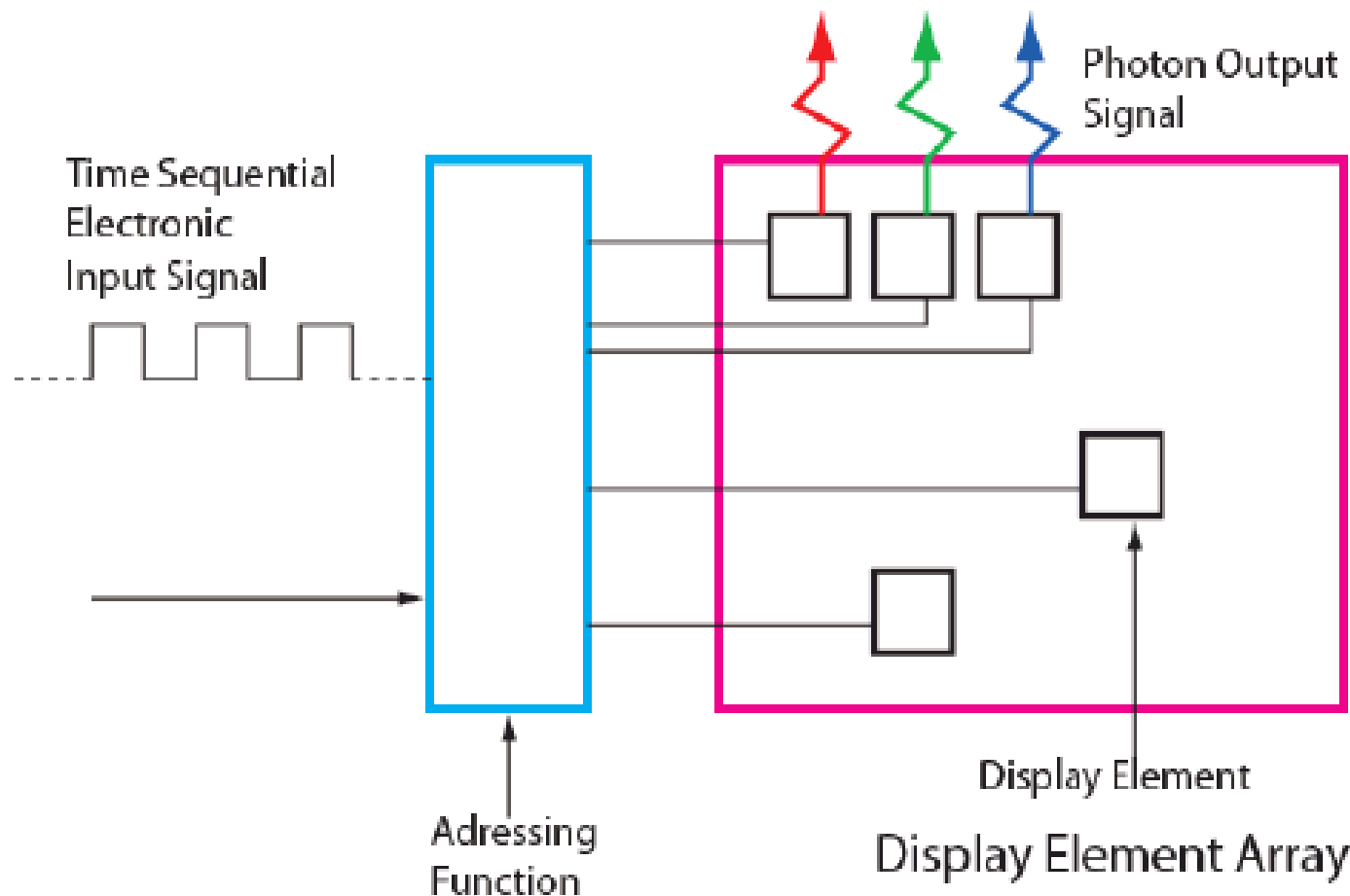
Traditionally $H/V = 4/3$ or with the advent of high-def $16/9$.
Lots of choices for H, V and display technologies (CRT, LCD, ...)

Information Capacity of Displays

(Pixel Count)

Resolution	Pixel	Ratio
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How Do Displays Work?

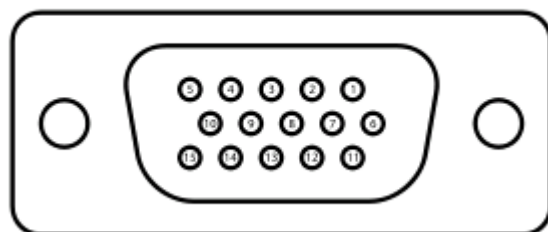


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- “**Time Sequential Electrical Signals**” converted into **images**.
 - Signals routed to the display elements (**similar to memory addressing**)
 - Pixels convert the electrical signal into light of color and intensity (**inverse of image capture**)



Pin out



The image and table detail the 15-pin VESA DDC2/E-DDC connector; the diagram's pin numbering is that of a female connector functioning as the [graphics adapter](#) output. In the male connector, this pin numbering corresponds with the [mirror image](#) of the cable's wire-and-solder side.

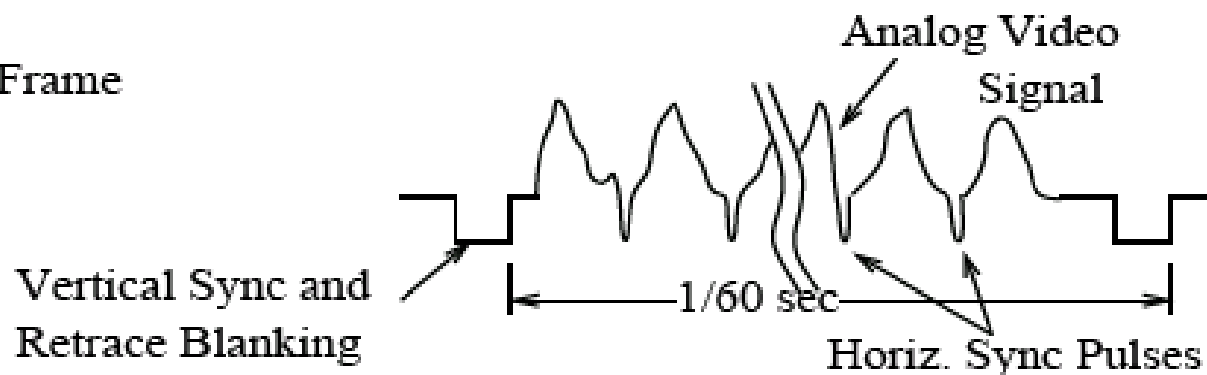
A female DE15 socket (videocard side).

Pin 1	RED	Red video
Pin 2	GREEN	Green video
Pin 3	BLUE	Blue video
Pin 4	ID2/RES	formerly Monitor ID bit 2, reserved since E-DDC
Pin 5	GND	Ground (HSync)
Pin 6	RED_RTN	Red return
Pin 7	GREEN_RTN	Green return
Pin 8	BLUE_RTN	Blue return
Pin 9	KEY/PWR	formerly key, now +5V DC
Pin 10	GND	Ground (VSync, DDC)
Pin 11	ID0/RES	formerly Monitor ID bit 0, reserved since E-DDC
Pin 12	ID1/SDA	formerly Monitor ID bit 1, I²C data since DDC2
Pin 13	HSync	Horizontal sync
Pin 14	VSync	Vertical sync
Pin 15	ID3/SCL	formerly Monitor ID bit 3, I²C clock since DDC2

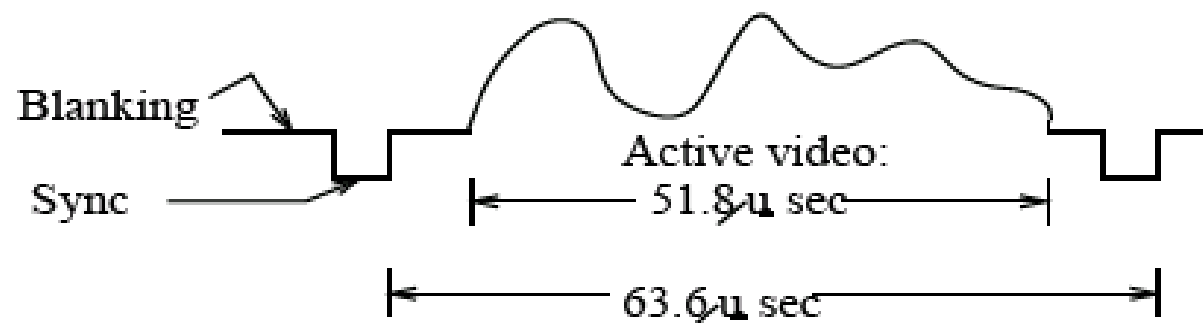
Composite Frames

- The 'frame' is a single picture (snapshot).
 - It is made up of many lines.
 - Each frame has a synchronizing pulse (vertical sync).
 - Each line has a synchronizing pulse (horizontal sync).
 - Brightness is represented by a positive voltage.
 - Horizontal and Vertical intervals both have blanking so that retraces are not seen (invisible).

Composite Frame

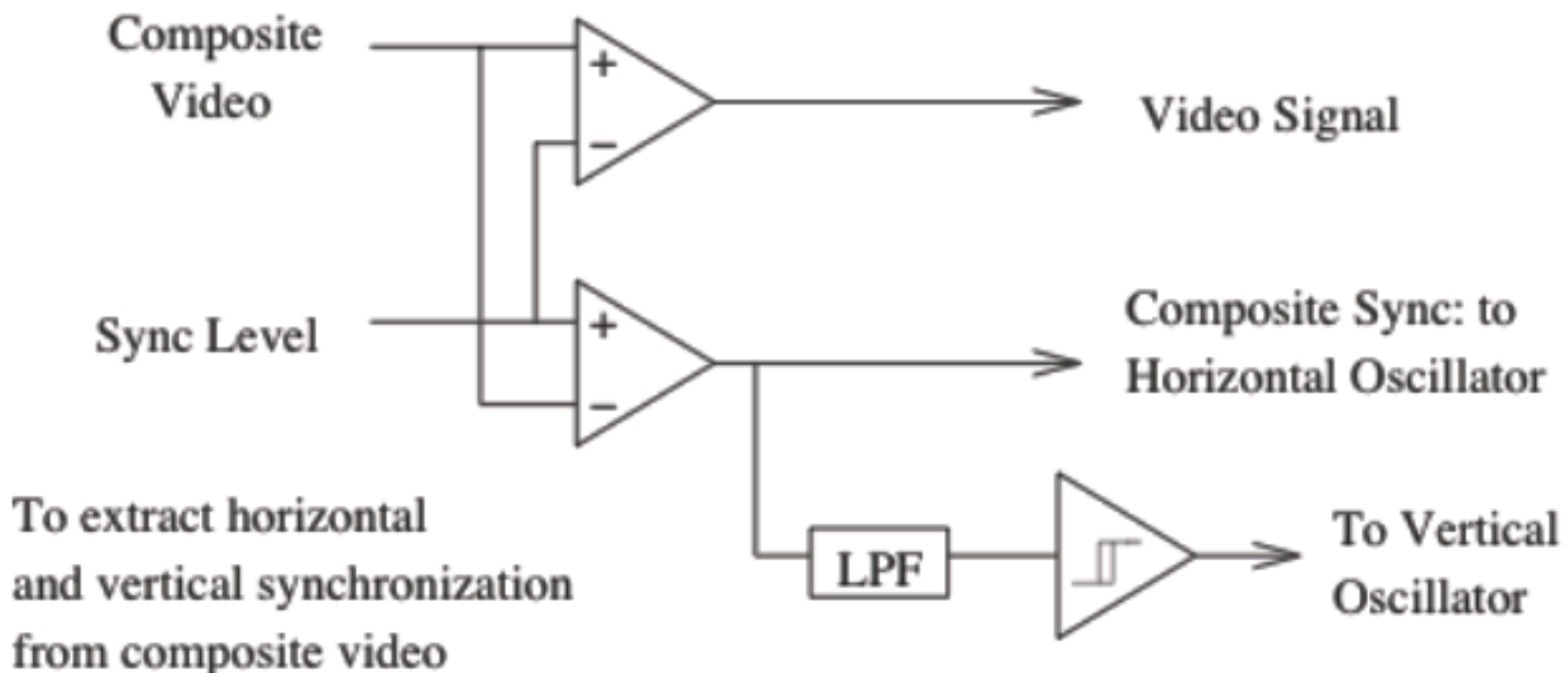


Horizontal Line





Video Capture: Signal Recovery

- Composite video has picture data and both syncs.
 - Picture data (video) is above the sync level.
 - Simple comparators extract video and composite sync.
- Composite sync is fed directly to the horizontal oscillator.
- A low-pass filter is used to separate the vertical sync.
 - The edges of the low-passed vertical sync are squared up by a Schmidt trigger.



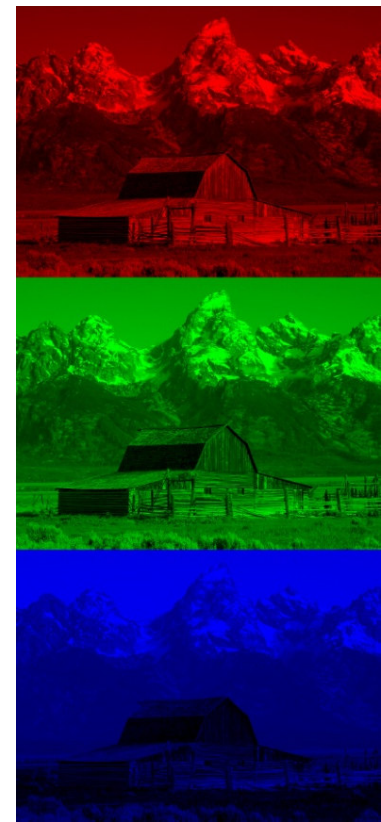
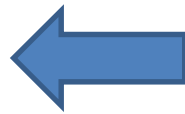
Video Feature Extraction

- A common technique for finding features in a real-time video stream is to locate the center-of-mass for pixels of a given color
 - Using RGB can be a pain since a color (eg, red) will be represented by a wide range of RGB values depending on the type and intensity of light used to illuminate the scene. Tedious and finicky calibration process required.
- Consider using a HSL/HSV color space
 - H = hue (see diagram)
 - S = saturation, the degree by which color differs from neutral gray (0% to 100%)

 - L = lightness, illumination of the color (0% to 100%)

- Filter pixels by hue!



YCrCb to RGB (for display)

- 8-bit data
 - $R = 1.164(Y - 16) + 1.596(Cr - 128)$
 - $G = 1.164(Y - 16) - 0.813(Cr - 128) - 0.392(Cb - 128)$
 - $B = 1.164(Y - 16) + 2.017(Cb - 128)$
- 10-bit data
 - $R = 1.164(Y - 64) + 1.596(Cr - 512)$
 - $G = 1.164(Y - 64) - 0.813(Cr - 512) - 0.392(Cb - 512)$
 - $B = 1.164(Y - 64) + 2.017(Cb - 512)$
- Implement using
 - Integer arithmetic operators (scale constants/answer by 2^{11})
 - 5 BRAMs (1024x16) as lookup tables for multiplications



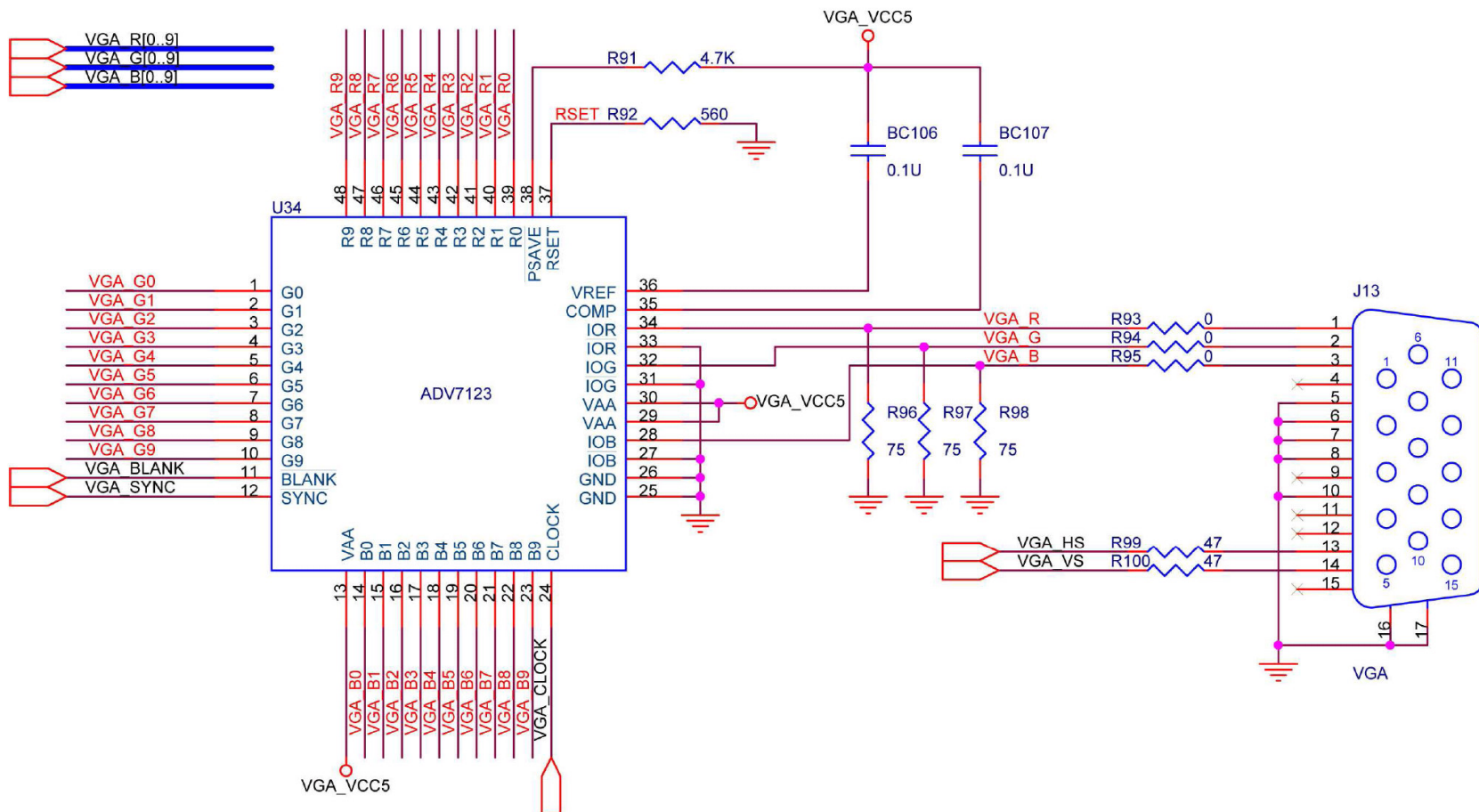
luminance (luminosity)
two chrominance (color) components

How does DE2 FPGA controls
VGA?

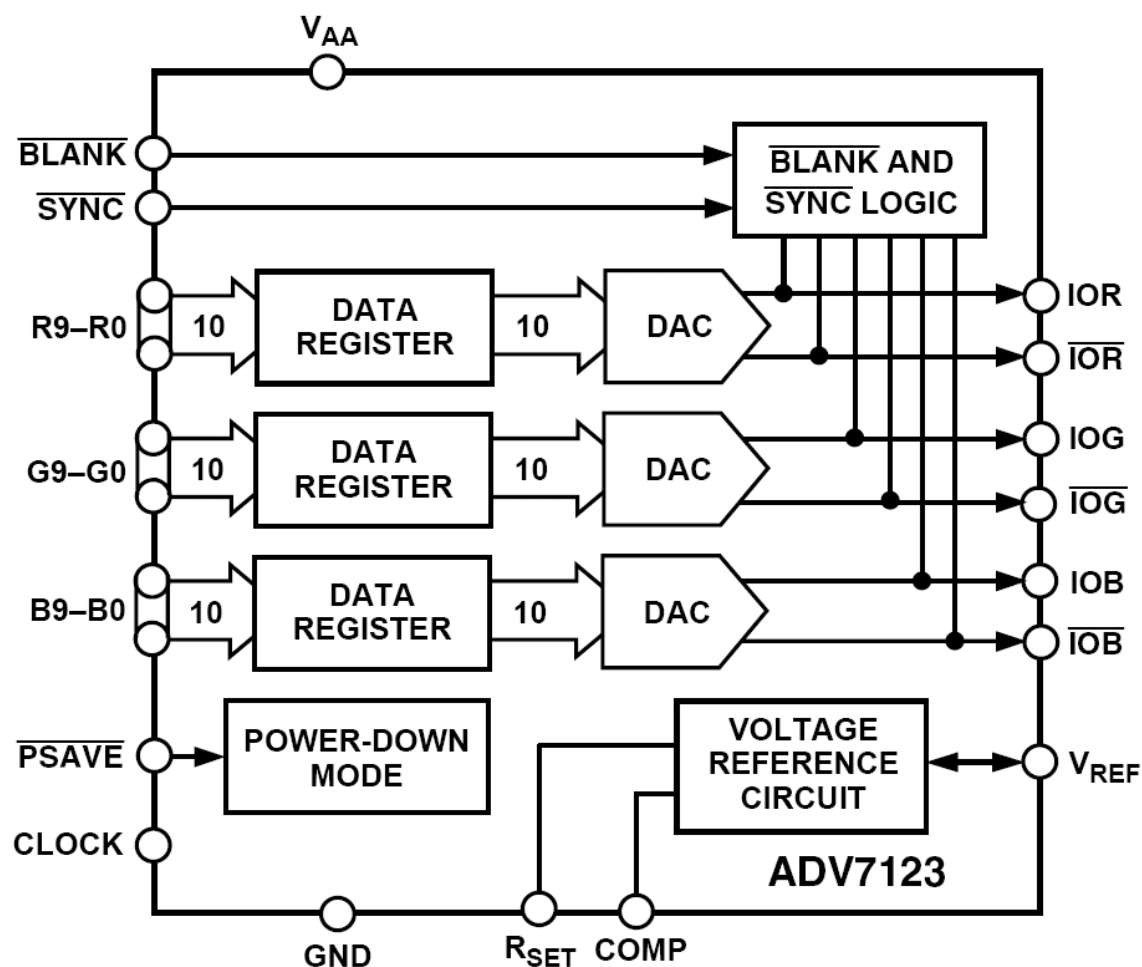
DE2 User manual: page 37: 4.7 Using VGA

VGA output

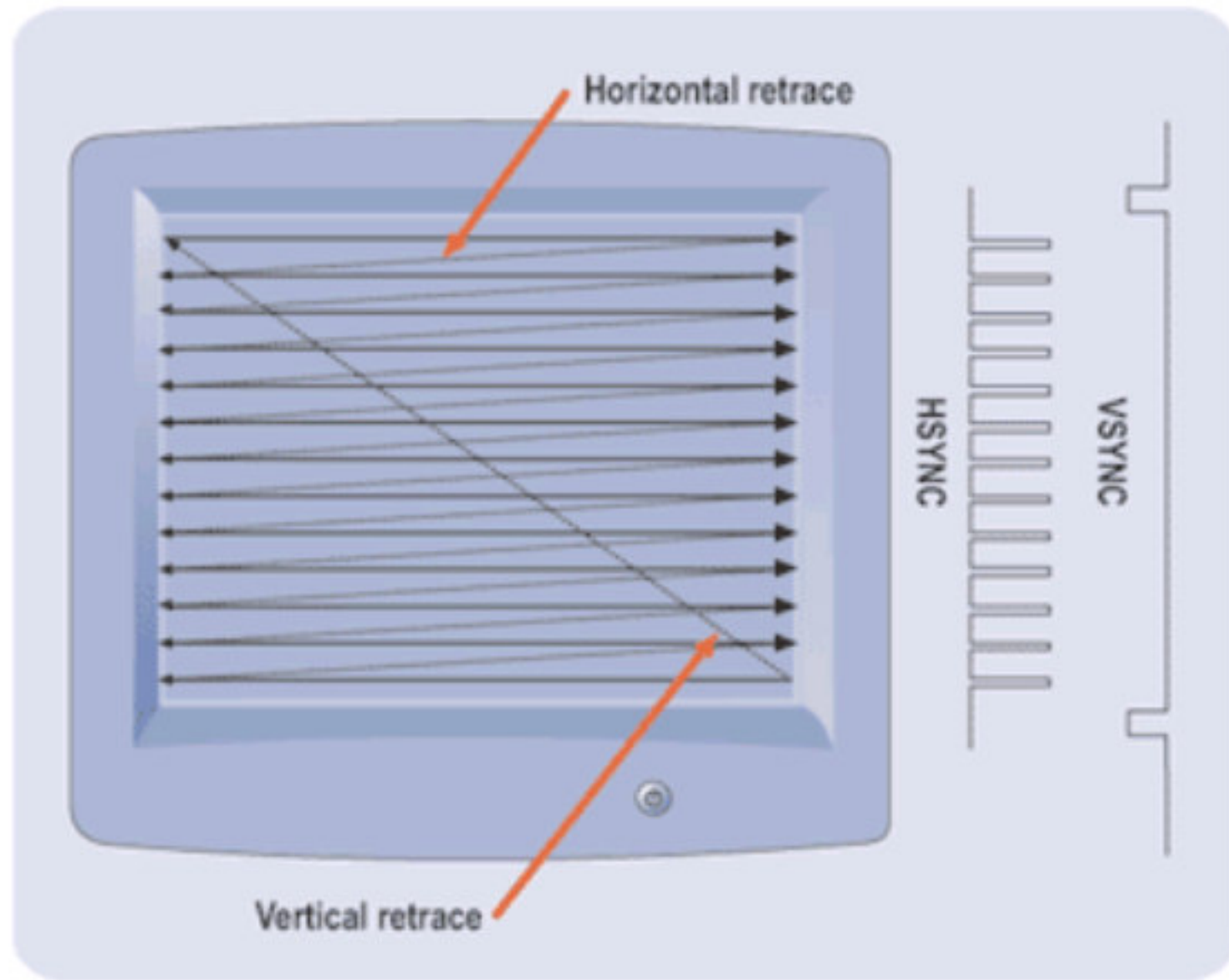
- Uses the ADV7123 240-MHz triple 10-bit high-speed video DAC
- With 15-pin high-density D-sub connector
- Supports up to 1600 x 1200 at 100-Hz refresh rate
- Can be used with the Cyclone II FPGA to implement a high-performance TV Encoder



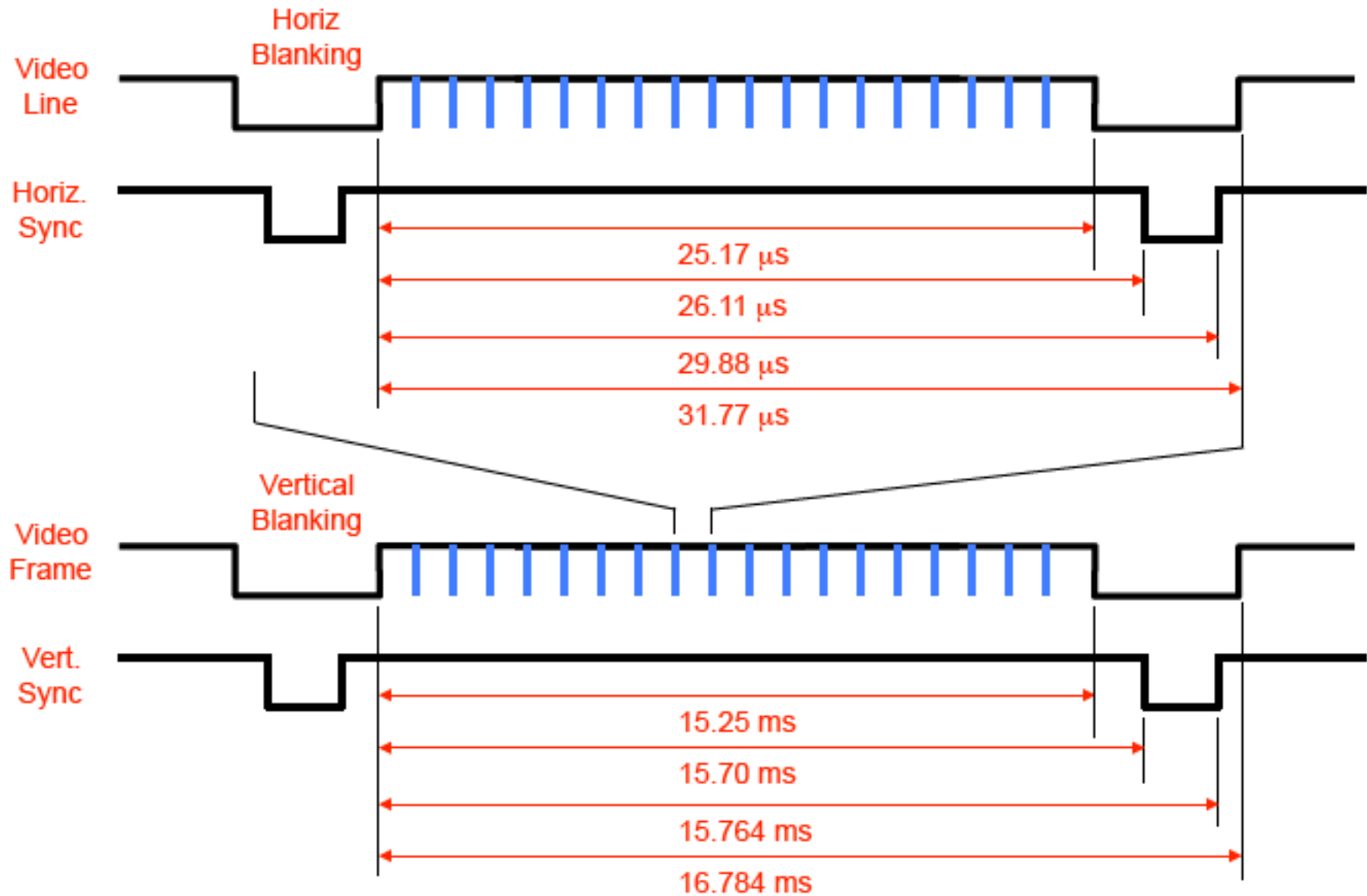
FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM



Sync Signals (HS and VS)



VGA (640x480) Video



What kind of clock do you
need?

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e.g. 1024x768 @ 60Hz

In each period of refresh rate we need to scan ALL pixels

How many pixels?

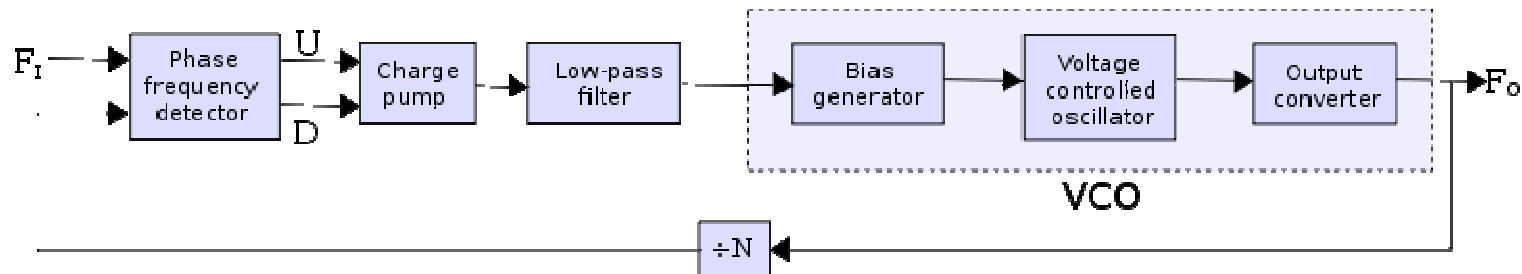
Scanline part	Pixels
Visible area	1024
Front porch	24
Sync pulse	136
Back porch	160
Whole line	1344

Frame part	Lines
Visible area	768
Front porch	3
Sync pulse	6
Back porch	29
Whole frame	806

Total Number of pixels: $1344 \times 806 = 1083264$

To Have a full scan in 60 HZ we need a clock w/
 $f = 60 \times 1083264 = 64995840 = \mathbf{65\ MHz}$

The Phase Locked Loop (PLL)



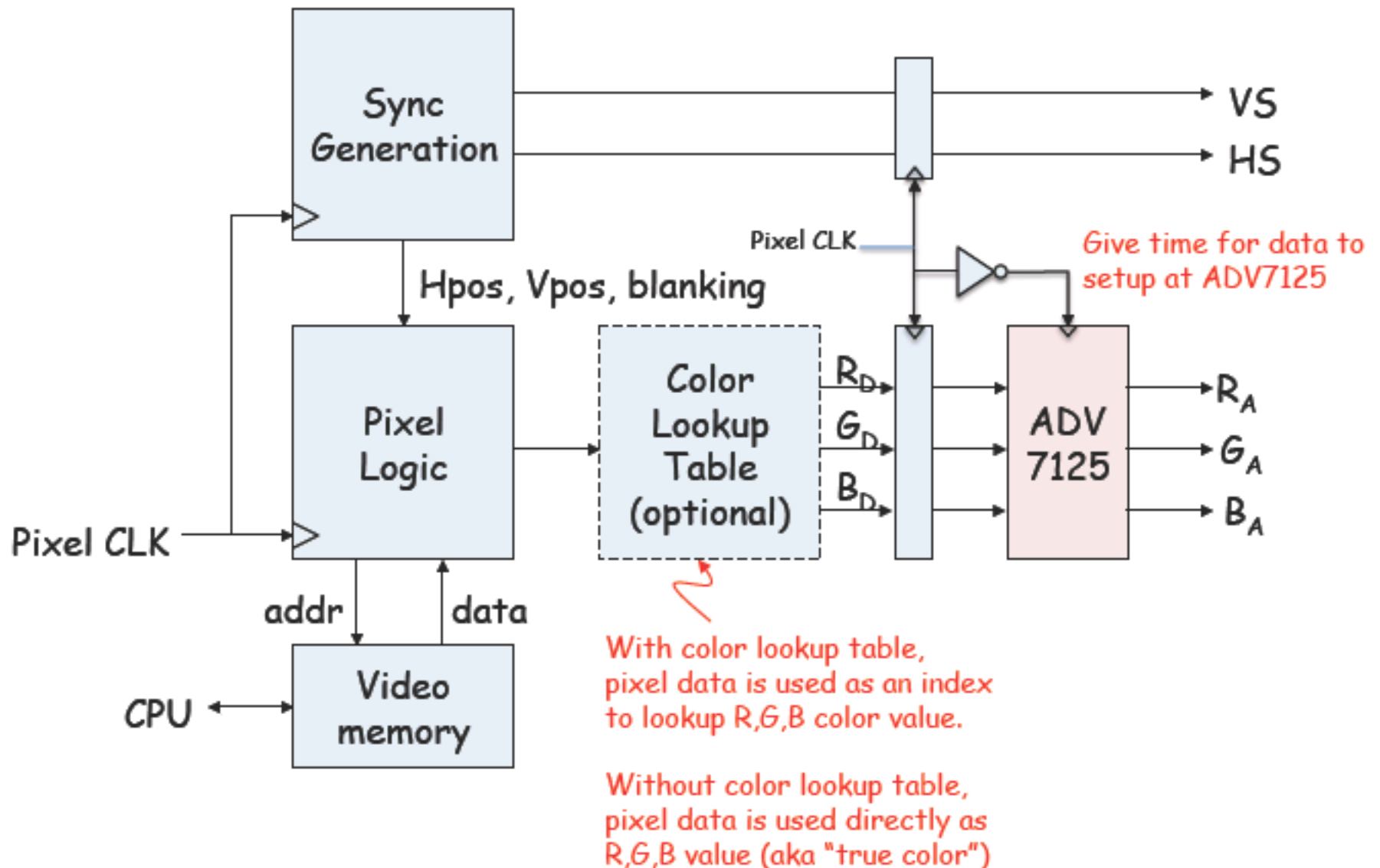
A feature available in Cyclone II devices that employs a phase-locked loop (PLL). The Cyclone II PLL provides advanced multiplication, programmable duty cycle, phase shifting, programmable bandwidth, manual clock switchover, clock outputs driving all networks, and a source synchronous mode.

You can take advantage of the Cyclone II PLL with the [altpll megafunction](#).

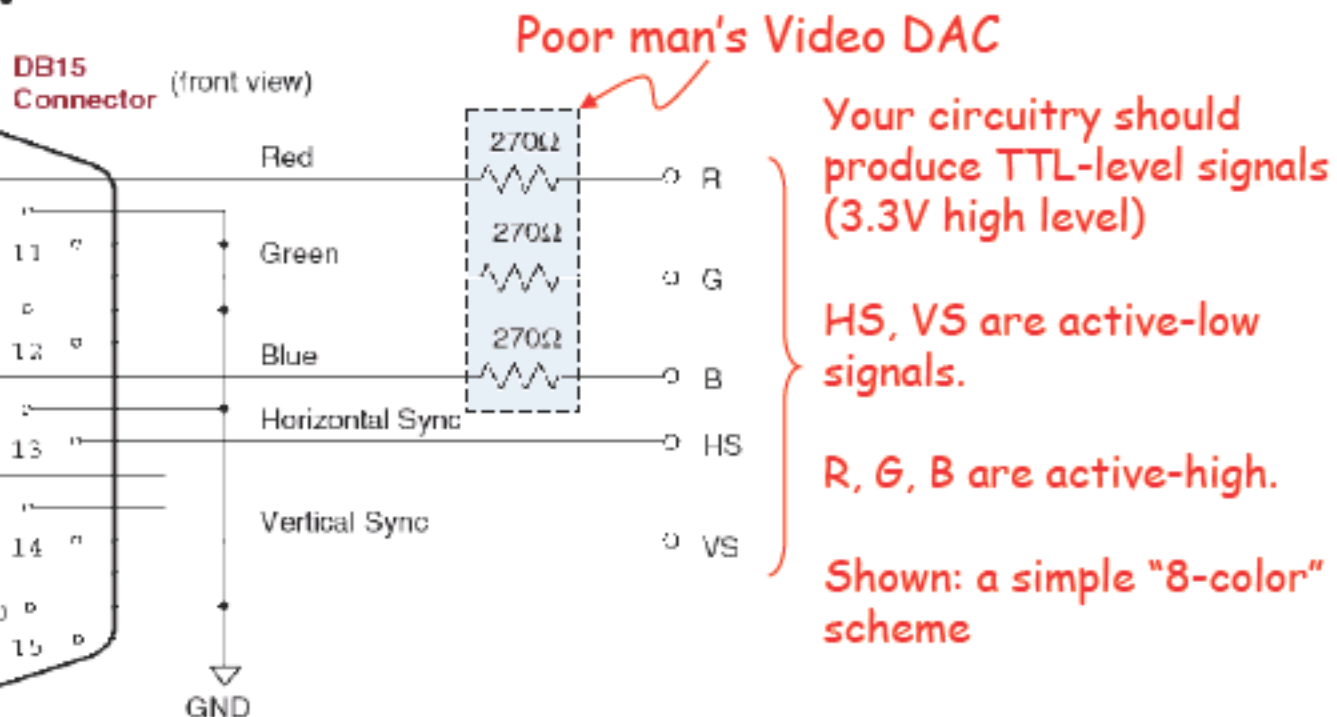
Phase-Locked Loops (ALTPLL)

Megafunction User Guide

Generating VGA-style Video



Simple VGA Interface for FPGA



The R, G and B signals are terminated with 75 Ohms to ground inside of the VGA monitor. So when you drive your 3.3V signal through the 270 Ohm series resistor, it shows up at the monitor as 0.7V - exactly what the VGA spec calls for.

$$0.7V = \left(\frac{75}{75 + 270}\right)(3.3V)$$

Verilog: XVGA Display (1024x768)

```
module xvga(clk,hcount,vcount,hsync,vsync);
    input clk;                // 64.8 Mhz
    output [10:0] hcount;
    output [9:0] vcount;
    output hsync, vsync;
    output [2:0] rgb;

    reg hsync,vsync,hblank,vblank,blank;
    reg [10:0] hcount;        // pixel number on current line
    reg [9:0] vcount;        // line number

    wire hsyncon,hsyncoff,hreset,hblankon; // next slide for generation
    wire vsyncon,vsyncoff,vreset,vblankon; // of timing signals

    wire next_hb = hreset ? 0 : hblankon ? 1 : hblank; // sync & blank
    wire next_vb = vreset ? 0 : vblankon ? 1 : vblank;

    always @(posedge clk) begin
        hcount <= hreset ? 0 : hcount + 1;
        hblank <= next_hb;
        hsync <= hsyncon ? 0 : hsyncoff ? 1 : hsync;    // active low

        vcount <= hreset ? (vreset ? 0 : vcount + 1) : vcount;
        vblank <= next_vb;
        vsync <= vsyncon ? 0 : vsyncoff ? 1 : vsync;    // active low
    end
end
```


XVGA (1024x768) Sync Timing

```
// assume 65 Mhz pixel clock

// horizontal: 1344 pixels total
// display 1024 pixels per line
assign hblankon = (hcount == 1023); // turn on blanking
assign hsyncon = (hcount == 1047); // turn on sync pulse
assign hsyncoff = (hcount == 1183); // turn off sync pulse
assign hreset = (hcount == 1343); // end of line (reset counter)

// vertical: 806 lines total
// display 768 lines
assign vblankon = hreset & (vcount == 767); // turn on blanking
assign vsyncon = hreset & (vcount == 776); // turn on sync pulse
assign vsyncoff = hreset & (vcount == 782); // turn off sync pulse
assign vreset = hreset & (vcount == 805); // end of frame
```

Video Test Patterns

- Big white rectangle (good for "auto adjust" on monitor)

```
always @(posedge clk) begin
    if (vblank | (hblank & ~hreset)) rgb <= 0;
    else
        rgb <= 7;
end
```

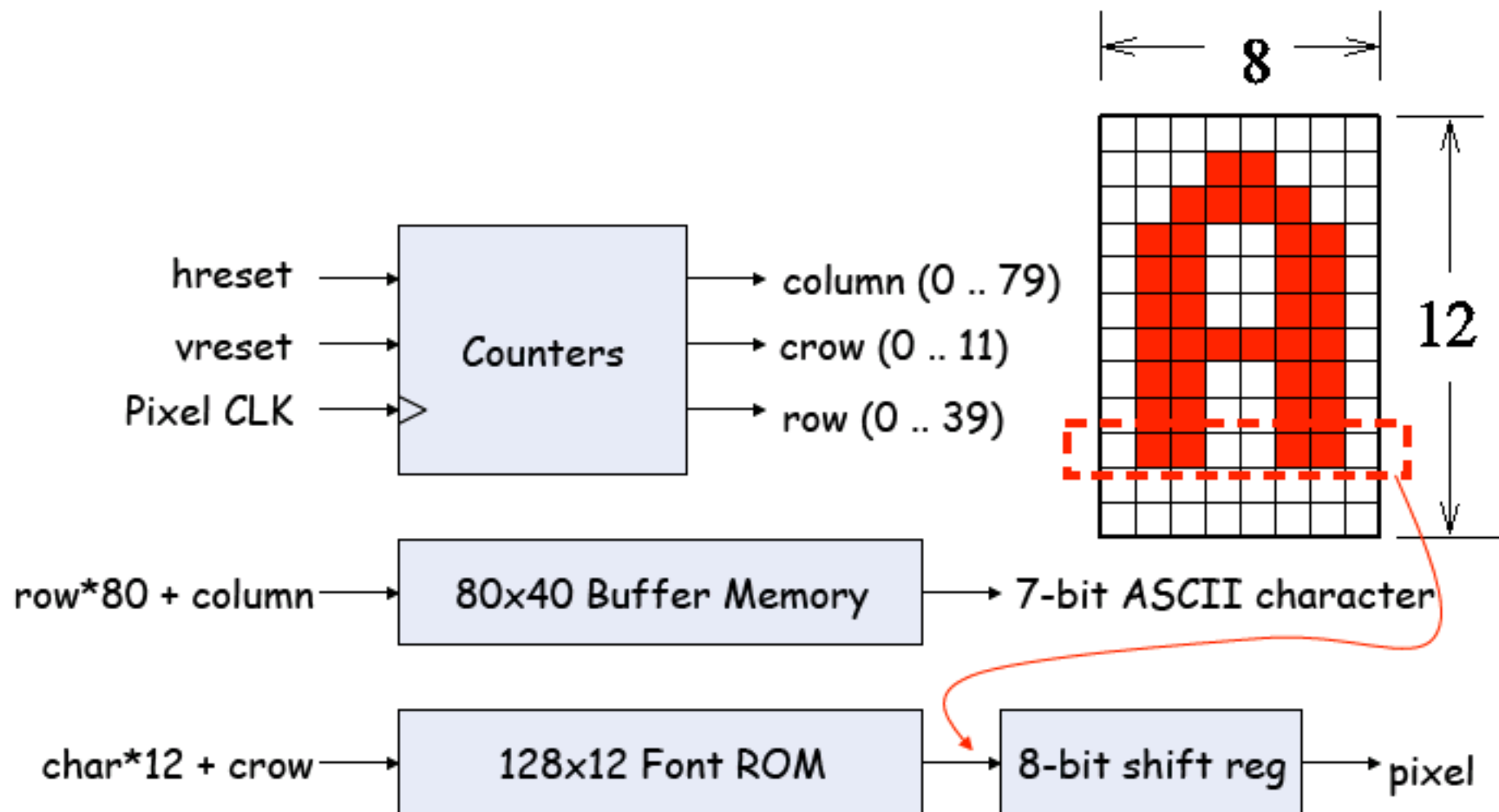
- Color bars

```
always @(posedge clk) begin
    if (vblank | (hblank & ~hreset)) rgb <= 0;
    else
        rgb <= hcount[8:6];
end
```

<i>RGB</i>	<i>Color</i>
000	black
001	blue
010	green
011	cyan
100	red
101	magenta
110	yellow
111	white

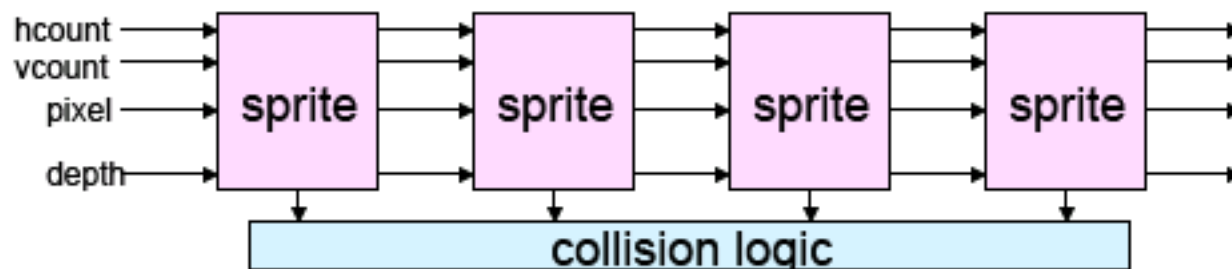
Character Display

(80 columns x 40 rows, 8x12 glyph)

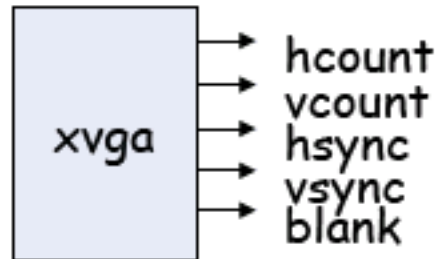


Game Graphics using Sprites

- Sprite = game object occupying a rectangular region of the screen (it's bounding box).
 - Usually it contains both opaque and transparent pixels.
 - Given (H,V), sprite returns pixel (0=transparent) and depth
 - Pseudo 3D: look at current pixel from all sprites, display the opaque one that's in front (min depth): see sprite pipeline below
 - Collision detection: look for opaque pixels from other sprites
 - Motion: smoothly change coords of upper left-hand corner
- Pixels can be generated by logic or fetched from a bitmap (memory holding array of pixels).
 - Bitmap may have multiple images that can be displayed in rapid succession to achieve animation.
 - Mirroring and 90° rotation by fooling with bitmap address, crude scaling by pixel replication, or resizing filter.

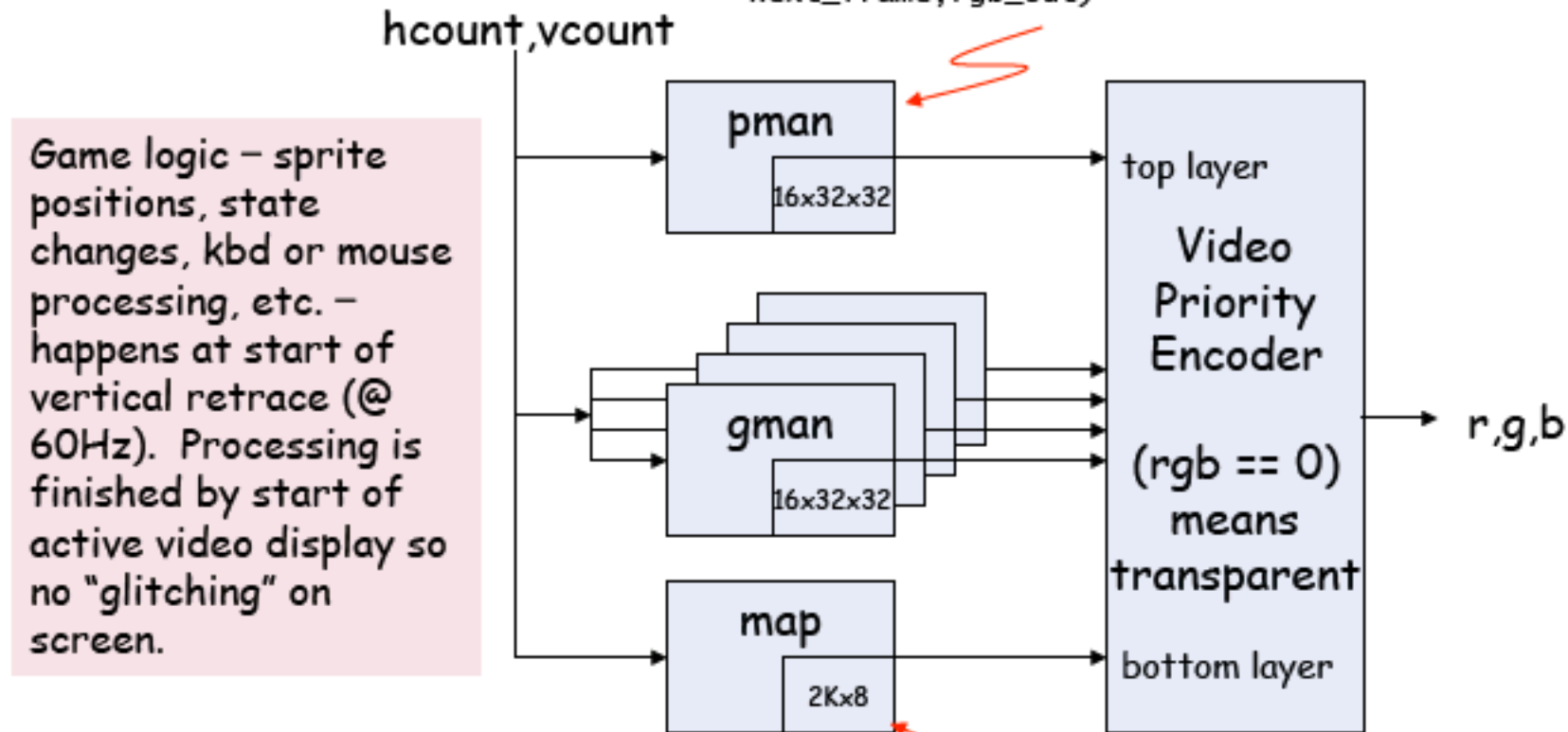


Pacman



Sprite: rectangular region of pixels, position and color set by game logic. 32x32 pixel mono image from BRAM, up to 16 frames displayed in loop for animation:

`sprite(clk, reset, hcount, vcount, xpos, ypos, color, next_frame, rgb_out)`



4 board maps, each 512x8
 each map is 16x24 tiles (376 tiles)
 Each tile has 8 bits: 4 for move direction (==0 for a wall), pills

Memories

Memories

Memories in Verilog

- `reg bit; // a single register`
 - `reg [31:0] word; // a 32-bit register`
 - `reg [31:0] array[15:0]; // 16 32-bit regs`
-
- ```
wire [31:0] read_data, write_data;
wire [3:0] index;

// combinational (asynch) read
assign read_data = array[index];

// clocked (synchronous) write
always @(posedge clock)
 array[index] <= write_data;
```

# Multi-port Memories (aka regfiles)

```
reg [31:0] regfile[30:0]; // 31 32-bit words

// Beta register file: 2 read ports, 1 write
wire [4:0] ra1,ra2,wa; <----- Address
wire [31:0] rd1,rd2,wd; <----- Data

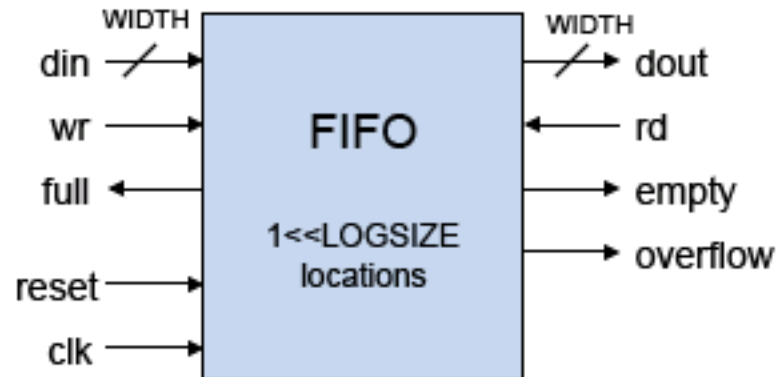
assign ra1 = inst[20:16];
assign ra2 = ra2sel ? inst[25:21] : inst[15:11];
assign wa = wasel ? 5'd30 : inst[25:21];

// read ports
assign rd1 = (ra1 == 5'd31) ? 32'd0 : regfile[ra1];
assign rd2 = (ra2 == 5'd31) ? 32'd0 : regfile[ra2];
// write port
always @(posedge clk)
 if (werf) regfile[wa] <= wd;

assign z = ~| rd1; // used in BEQ/BNE instructions
```

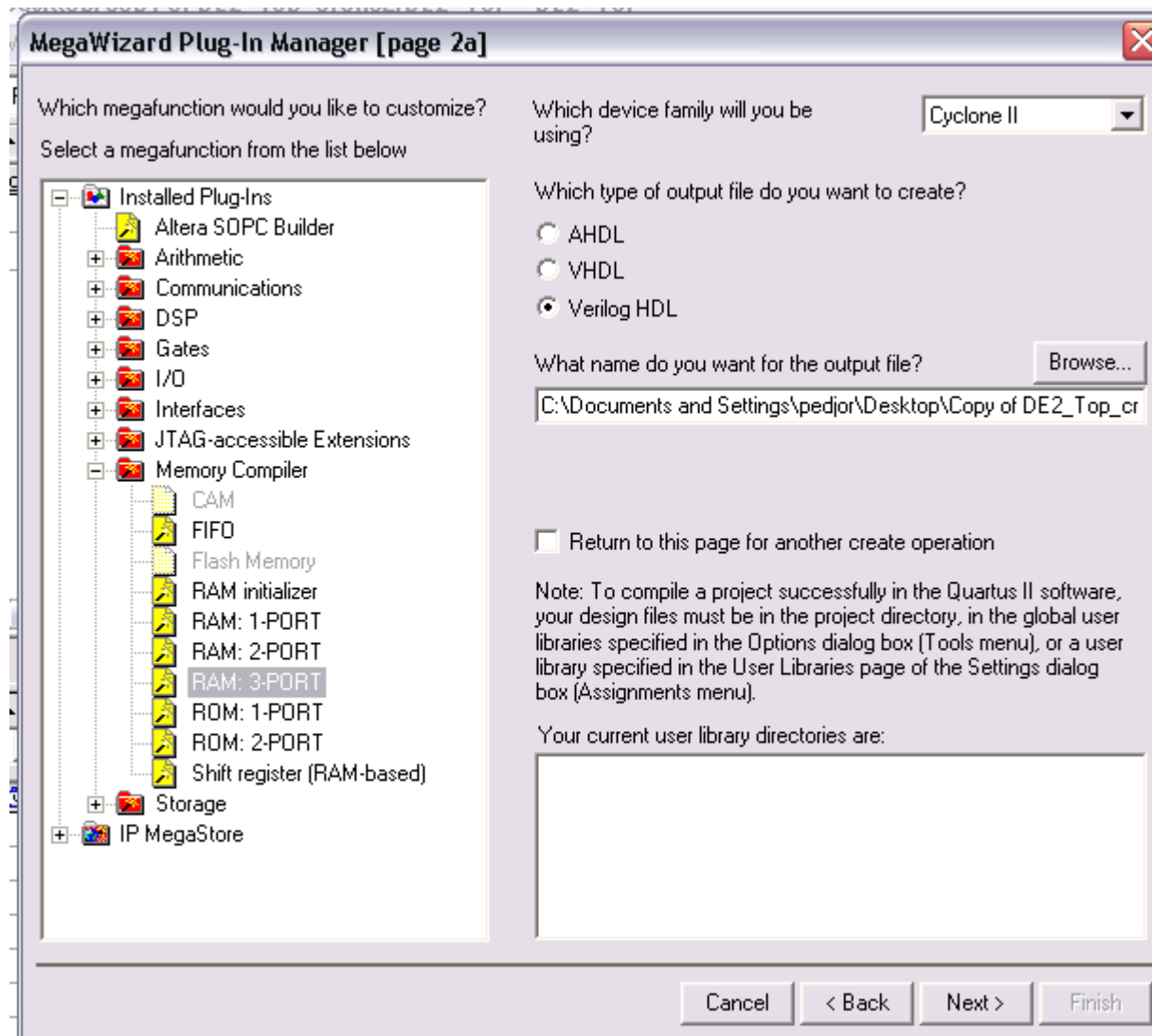


# FIFOs

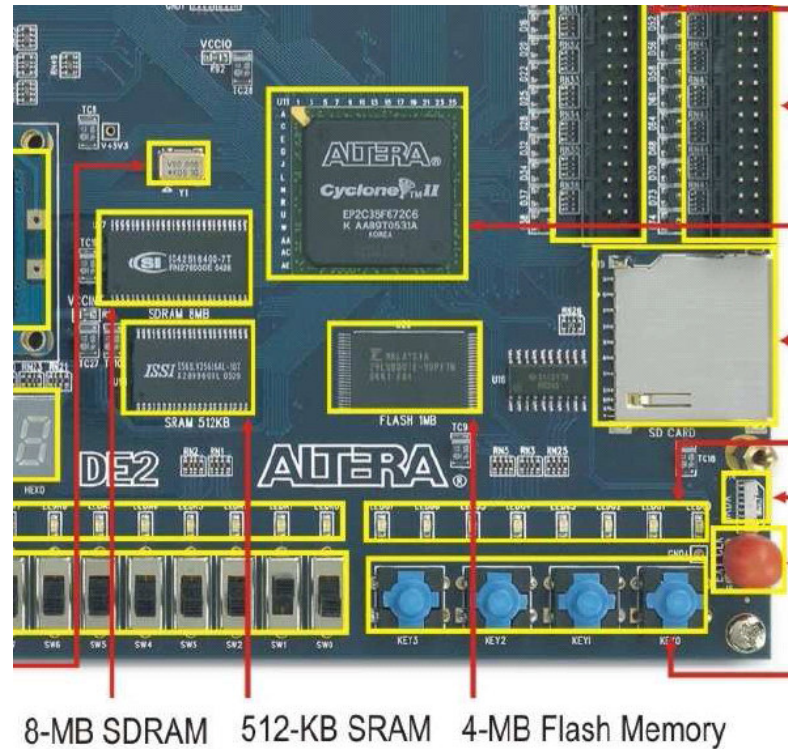


```
// a simple synchronous FIFO (first-in first-out) buffer
// Parameters:
// LOGSIZE (parameter) FIFO has 1<<LOGSIZE elements
// WIDTH (parameter) each element has WIDTH bits
// Ports:
// clk (input) all actions triggered on rising edge
// reset (input) synchronously empties fifo
// din (input, WIDTH bits) data to be stored
// wr (input) when asserted, store new data
// full (output) asserted when FIFO is full
// dout (output, WIDTH bits) data read from FIFO
// rd (input) when asserted, removes first element
// empty (output) asserted when fifo is empty
// overflow (output) asserted when WR but no room, cleared on next RD
module fifo #(parameter LOGSIZE = 2, // default size is 4 elements
 WIDTH = 4) // default width is 4 bits
 (input clk,reset,wr,rd, input [WIDTH-1:0] din,
 output full,empty,overflow, output [WIDTH-1:0] dout);
```

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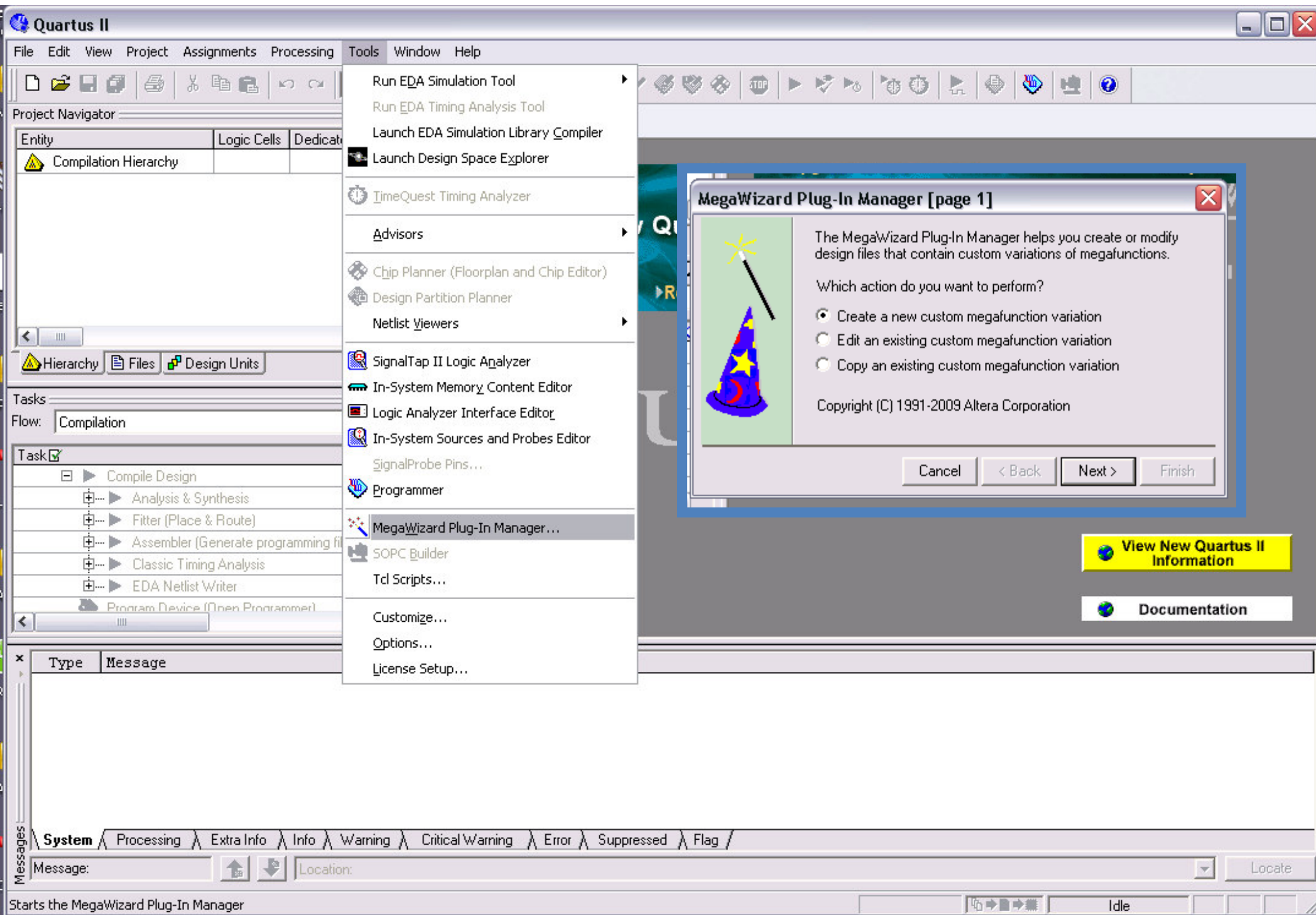
# Memories external to the FPGA

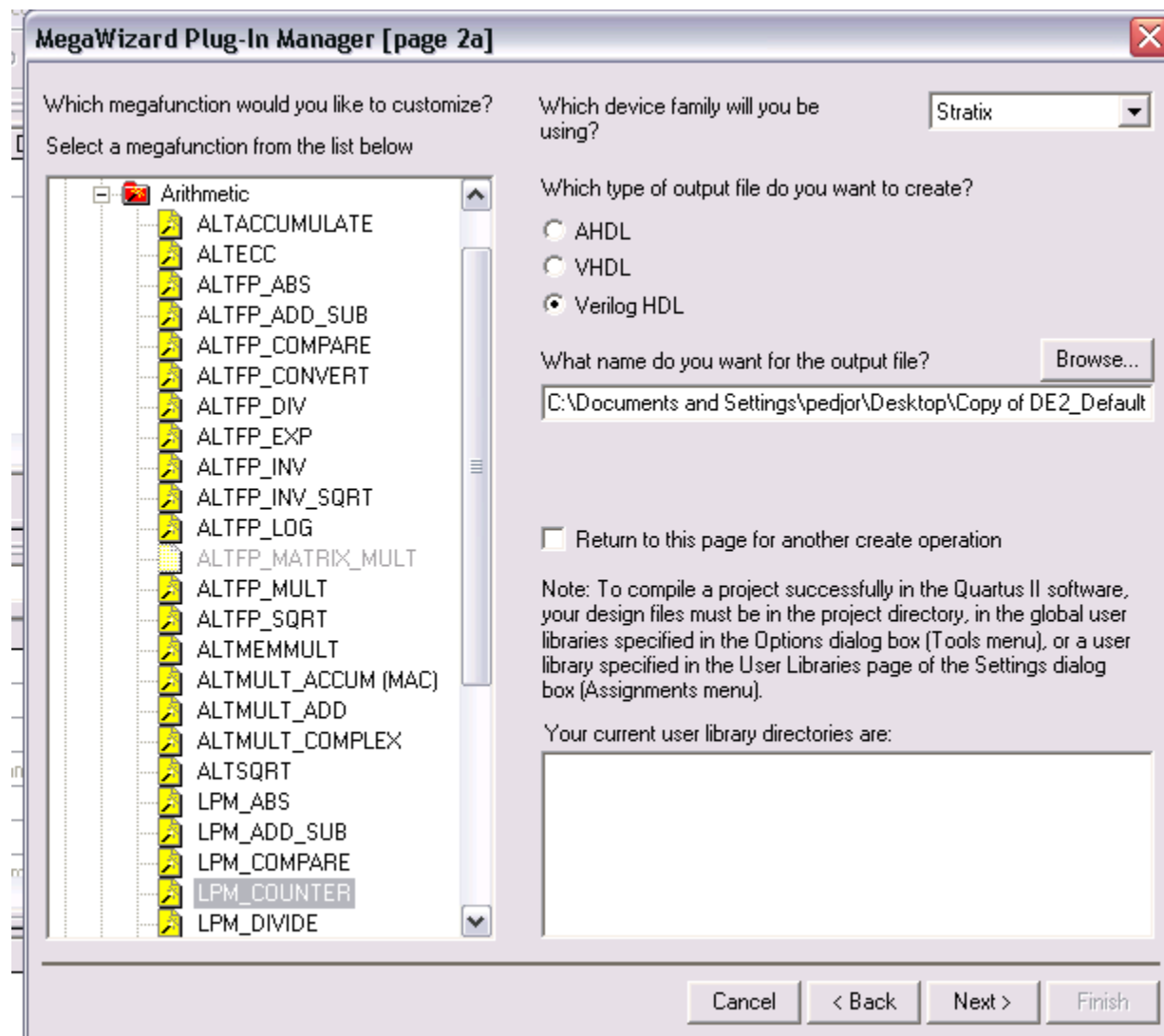


When interfacing external memories you should look at the datasheet!  
Need to understand the exact protocol, addressing, timing, etc.  
Some tools may build you the interface to external memories

# TOOLS

# Tools – Mega Wizard





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## LPM\_COUNTER

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TEST COUNT

clock up counter q[7..0]

Currently selected device family: Stratix

☒ Match project/default

How wide should the 'q' output bus be? 8 bits

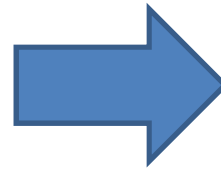
What should the counter direction be?

☒ Up only  
☐ Down only  
☐ Create an 'updown' input port to allow me to do both (1 counts up; 0 counts down)

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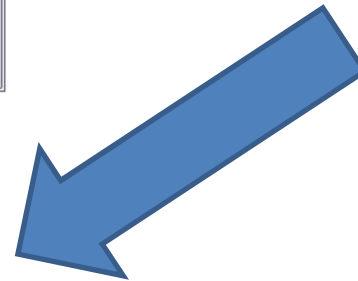
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Which type of counter do you want?

☒ Plain binary  
☐ Modulus, with a count modulus of

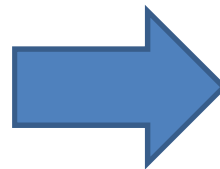
Do you want any optional additional ports?

☐ Clock Enable ☐ Carry-in  
☐ Count Enable ☐ Carry-out

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Do you want any optional inputs?

Synchronous inputs

☐ Clear  
☐ Load  
☐ Set  
☒ Set to all 1's  
☐ Set to 0

Asynchronous inputs

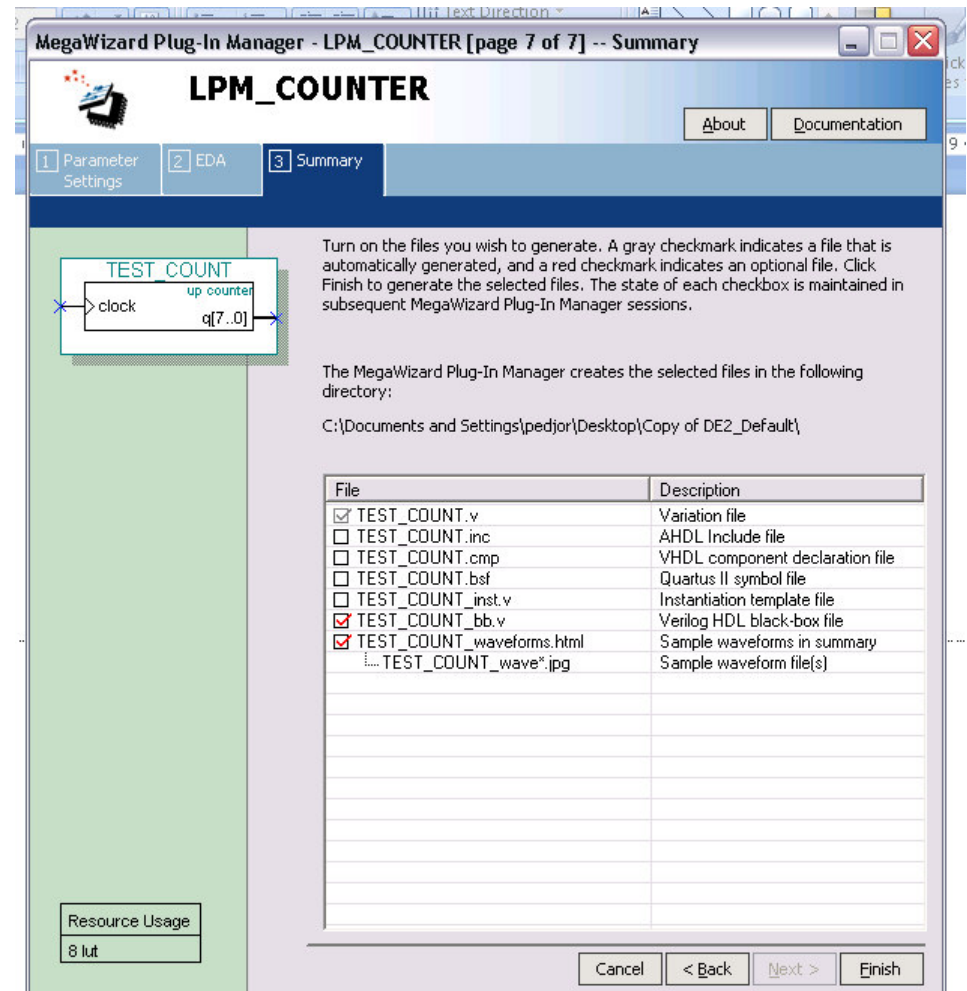
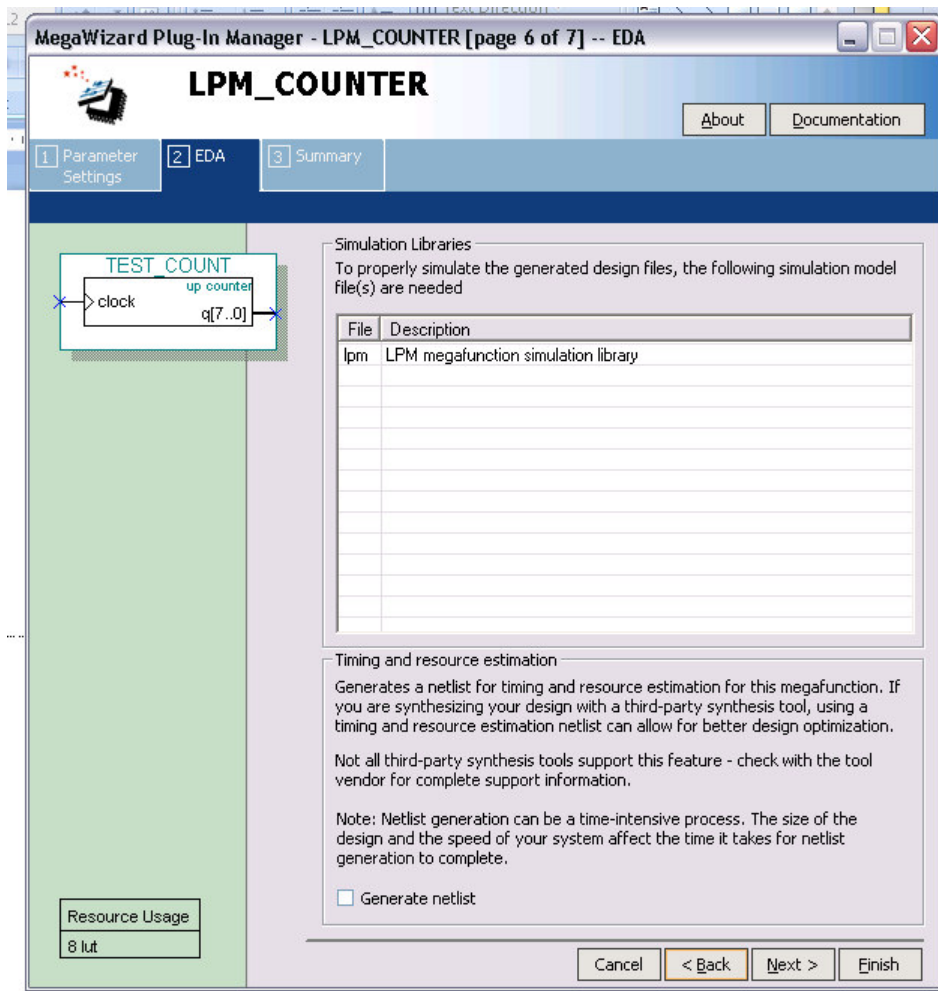
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☐ Load  
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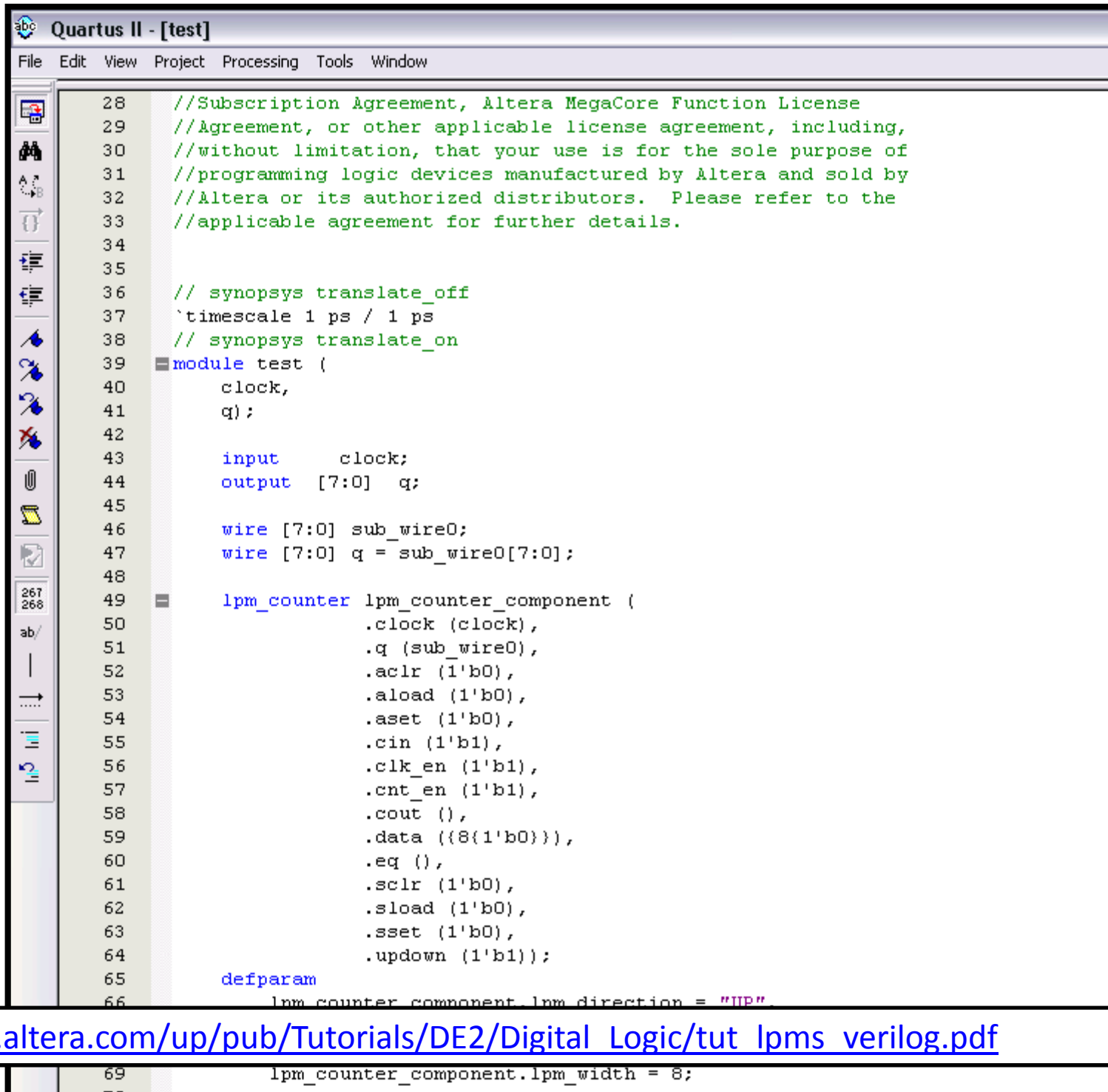
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# Mega Wizard – What you get



```
Quartus II - [test]
File Edit View Project Processing Tools Window

28 //Subscription Agreement, Altera MegaCore Function License
29 //Agreement, or other applicable license agreement, including,
30 //without limitation, that your use is for the sole purpose of
31 //programming logic devices manufactured by Altera and sold by
32 //Altera or its authorized distributors. Please refer to the
33 //applicable agreement for further details.
34
35
36 // synopsys translate_off
37 `timescale 1 ps / 1 ps
38 // synopsys translate_on
39 module test (
40 clock,
41 q);
42
43 input clock;
44 output [7:0] q;
45
46 wire [7:0] sub_wire0;
47 wire [7:0] q = sub_wire0[7:0];
48
49 lpm_counter lpm_counter_component (
50 .clock (clock),
51 .q (sub_wire0),
52 .aclr (1'b0),
53 .aload (1'b0),
54 .aset (1'b0),
55 .cin (1'b1),
56 .clk_en (1'b1),
57 .cnt_en (1'b1),
58 .cout (),
59 .data ({8(1'b0)}),
60 .eq (),
61 .sclr (1'b0),
62 .sload (1'b0),
63 .sset (1'b0),
64 .updown (1'b1));
65 defparam
66 lpm_counter_component.lpm_direction = "UP";
67
68
69 lpm_counter_component.lpm_width = 8;
```

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