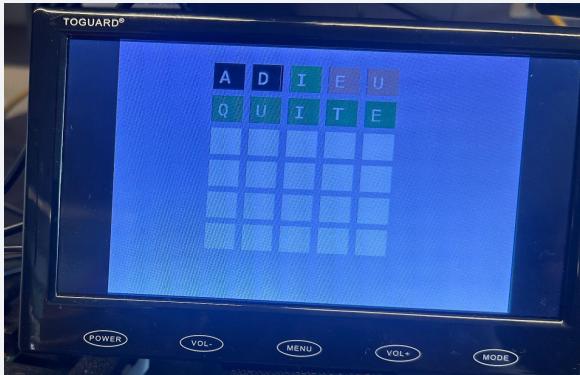


WORD GAME ENGINE!

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

What we built: a word game engine running on our 5-stage pipelined processor.
Input: PS/2 Keyboard. Output: VGA Display.



WORDLE

Guess a 5-letter word in 6 tries



WORD HUNT

Find connected words in a 4x4 grid

Wordle Implementation

1. Data Storage / Word Selection:

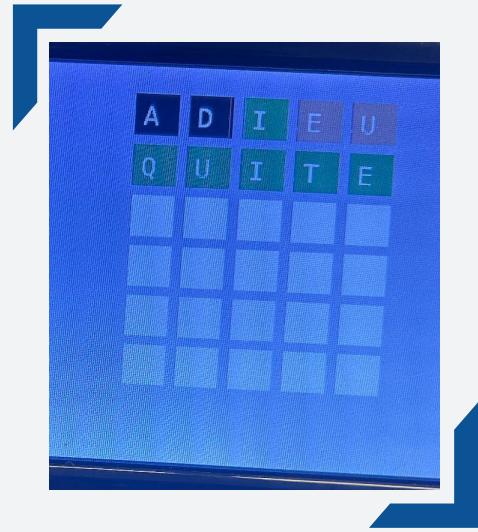
- Word list converted from .txt → .mem, loaded into RAM
- LFSR used to generate random index

2. I/O:

- Keyboard input via MMIO
- VGA reads from memory to display letters + colors

3. Features

- Capture keyboard input
- Supports backspace
- Compare input to answer (exact match → green, partial → yellow)
- Displays correct answer at the end



Word Hunt Implementation

1. Data Layout:

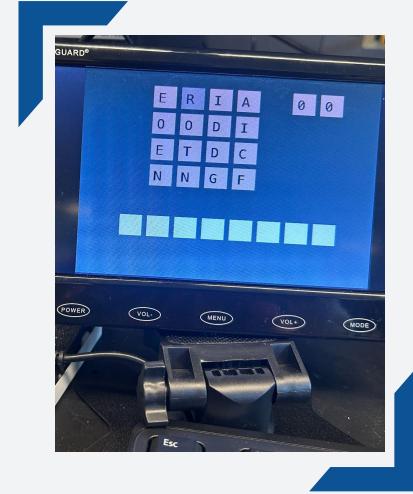
- Boards + Answer Keys stored in RAM, loaded to MMIO location
- User input MMIO

2. I/O:

- WASD: move cursor
- Spacebar: select letters
- Enter: submit word

3. Features:

- Only allow adjacent letters (check row/col difference)
- Prevent repeating cells
- Search answer list



Additional Features

1. Menu
2. Keyboard navigation between 2 games
3. Intuitive UI
4. Longer words (up to 8 letters) spanning multiple 32-bit words in RAM



Challenges

- 1. Word Encoding in Memory:**
 - Packing/unpacking English words into 32-bit words
- 2. Word Comparison Logic:**
 - Wordle: Exact matches (green) vs. partial (yellow)
 - Word Hunt: Adjacency checks and answer lookup
- 3. I/O:**
 - Keyboard: Detecting valid keypress without glitches
 - VGA: Mapping many RAM addresses to screen

Thanks!