

# Admin

Tue is Democracy Day!

Assign 5 due Wed 5pm, grace til Thu 5pm

**No lab Tue eve**

Instead join Wed lab, come to OH W/Th/F, ask on Ed  
HDMI monitors lab6/assign6 avail in lab room

# Today: Graphics and framebuffers

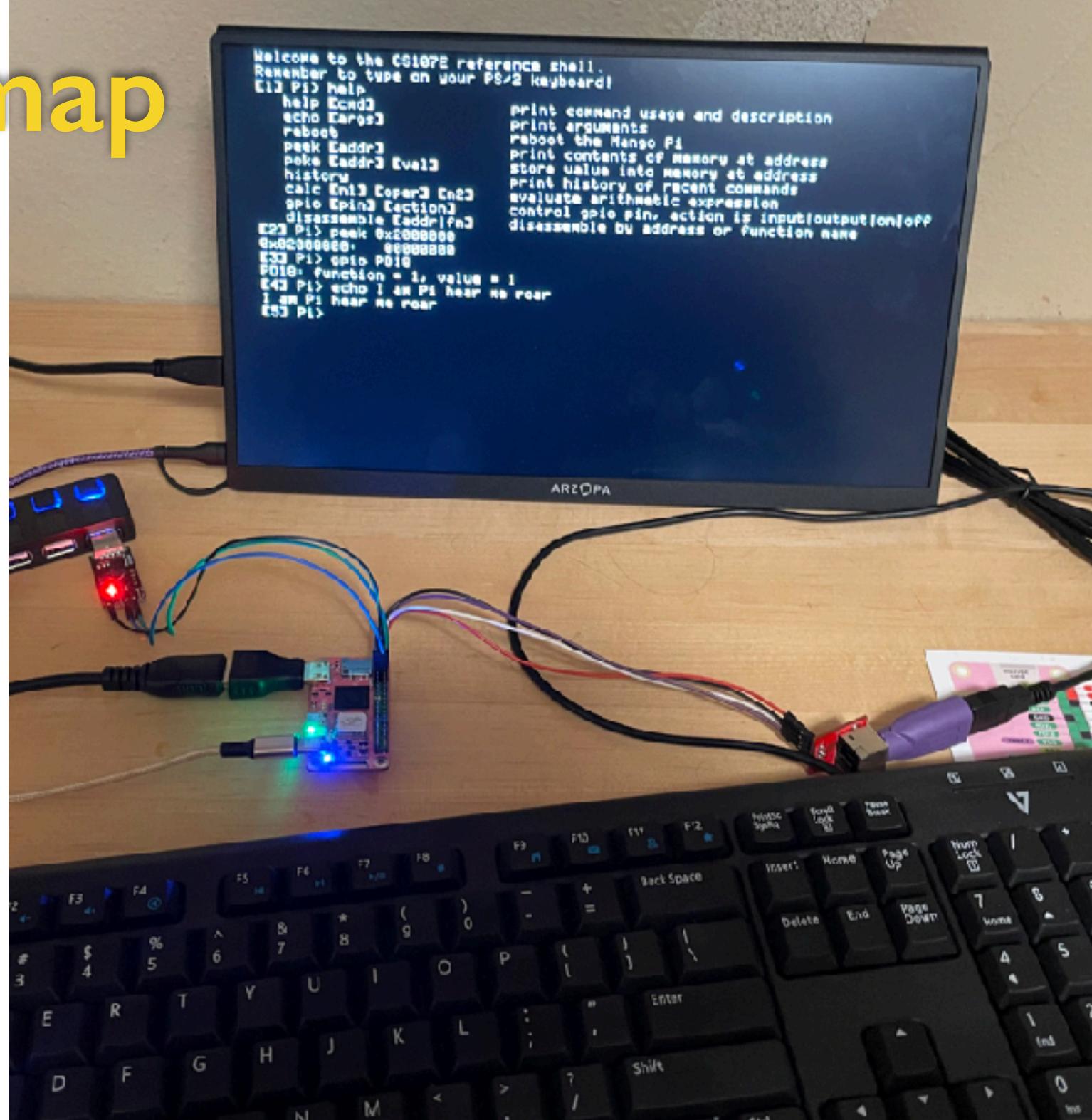
Drawing to the screen, neat!

*Honestly, though, just more practice with pointers and memory* 😊

Mango Pi Display Engine pipeline

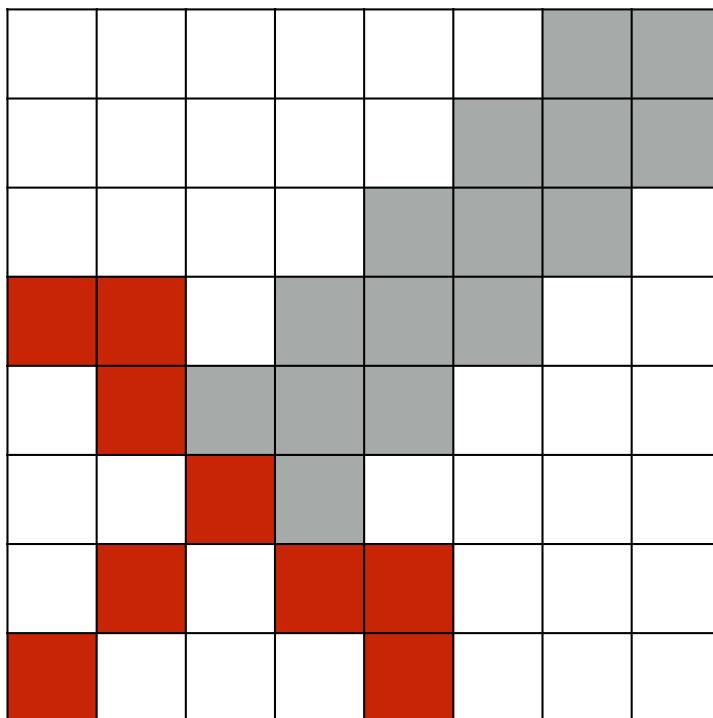
# Road map

gpio  
timer  
uart  
strings  
printf  
backtrace  
syntab  
malloc  
keyboard  
shell  
→ fb  
gl  
console

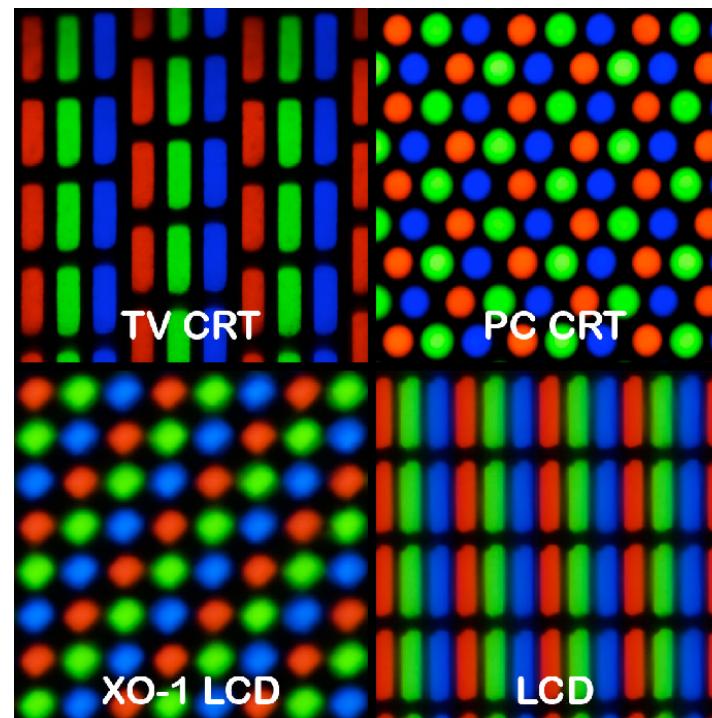


# Red-Green-Blue (RGB)

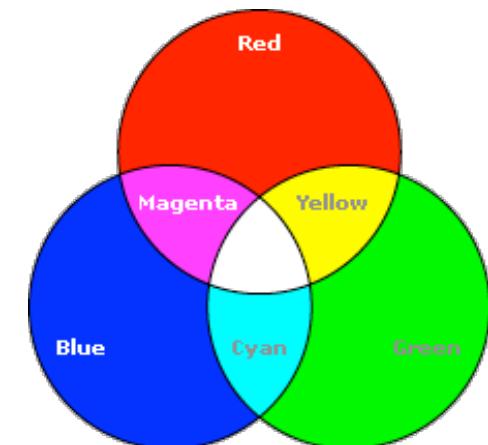
Pixels



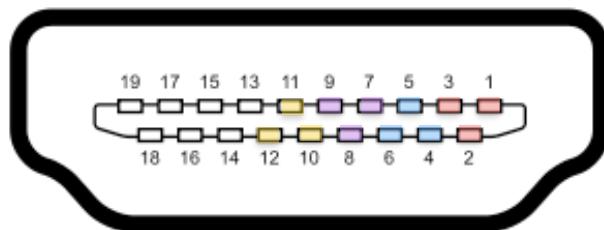
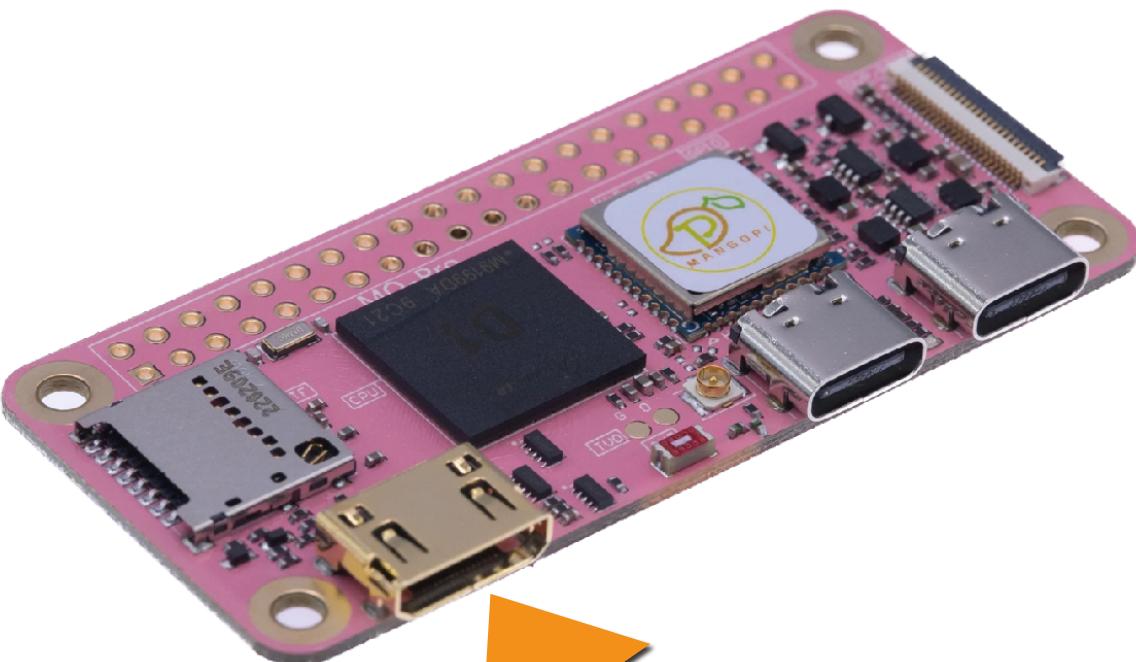
Displays



Light



# Mango Pi HDMI



**Clock**  
**Data 0**  
**Data 1**  
**Data 2**  
**Control**

Figure from  
**High-Definition Multimedia Interface**  
Specification Version 1.3a

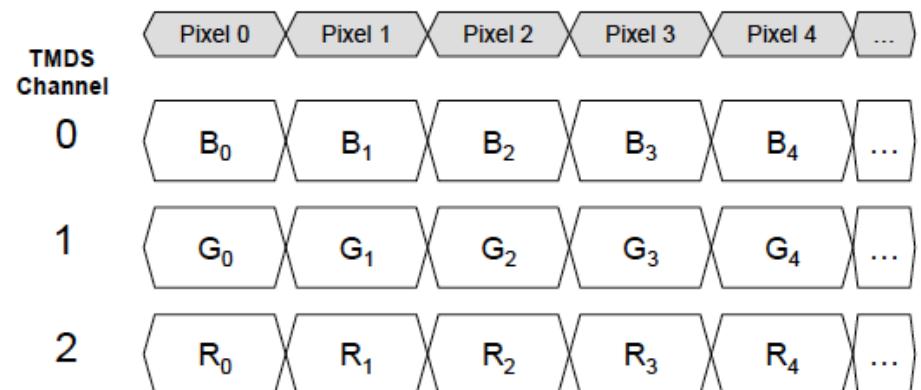
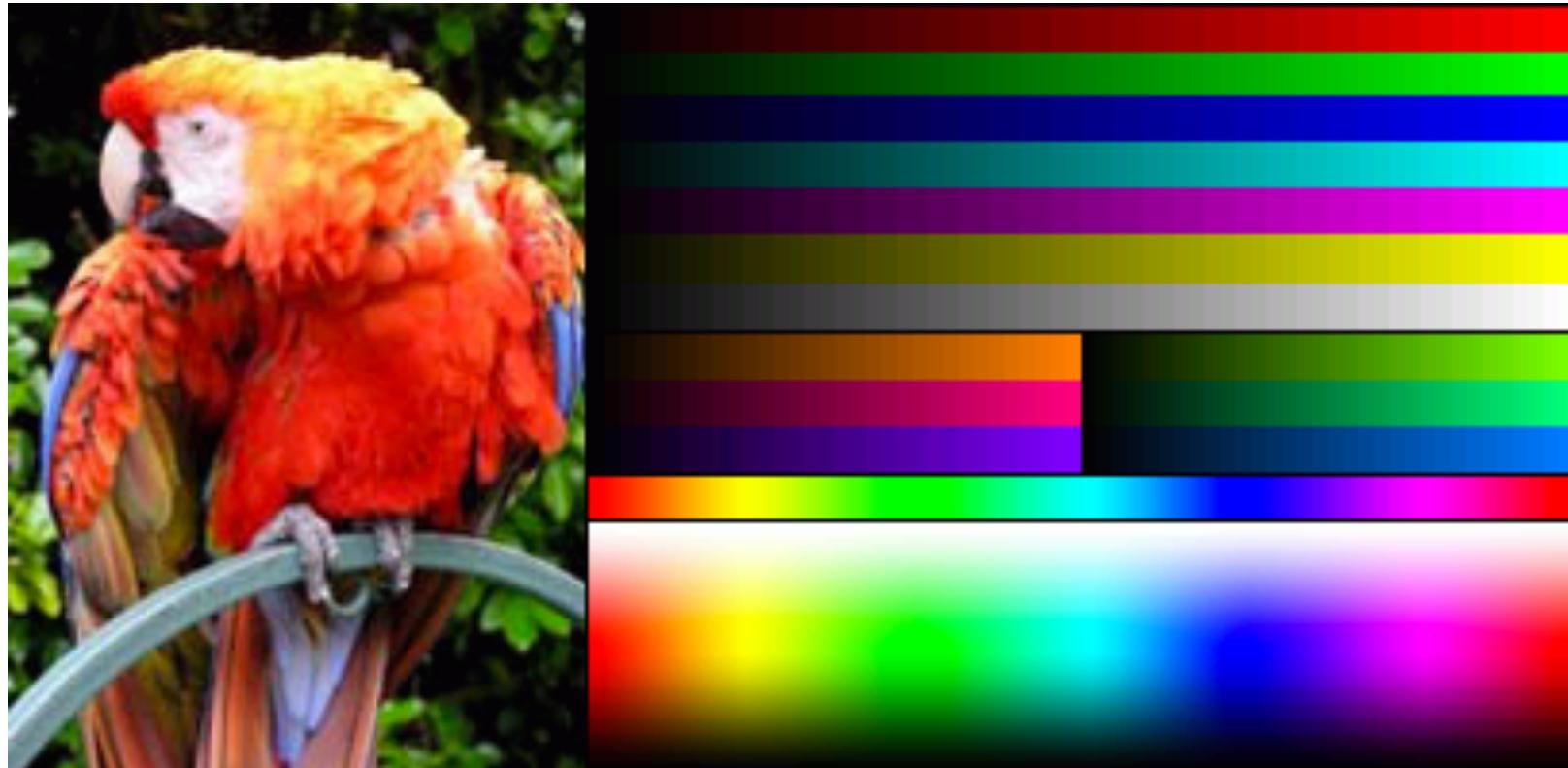


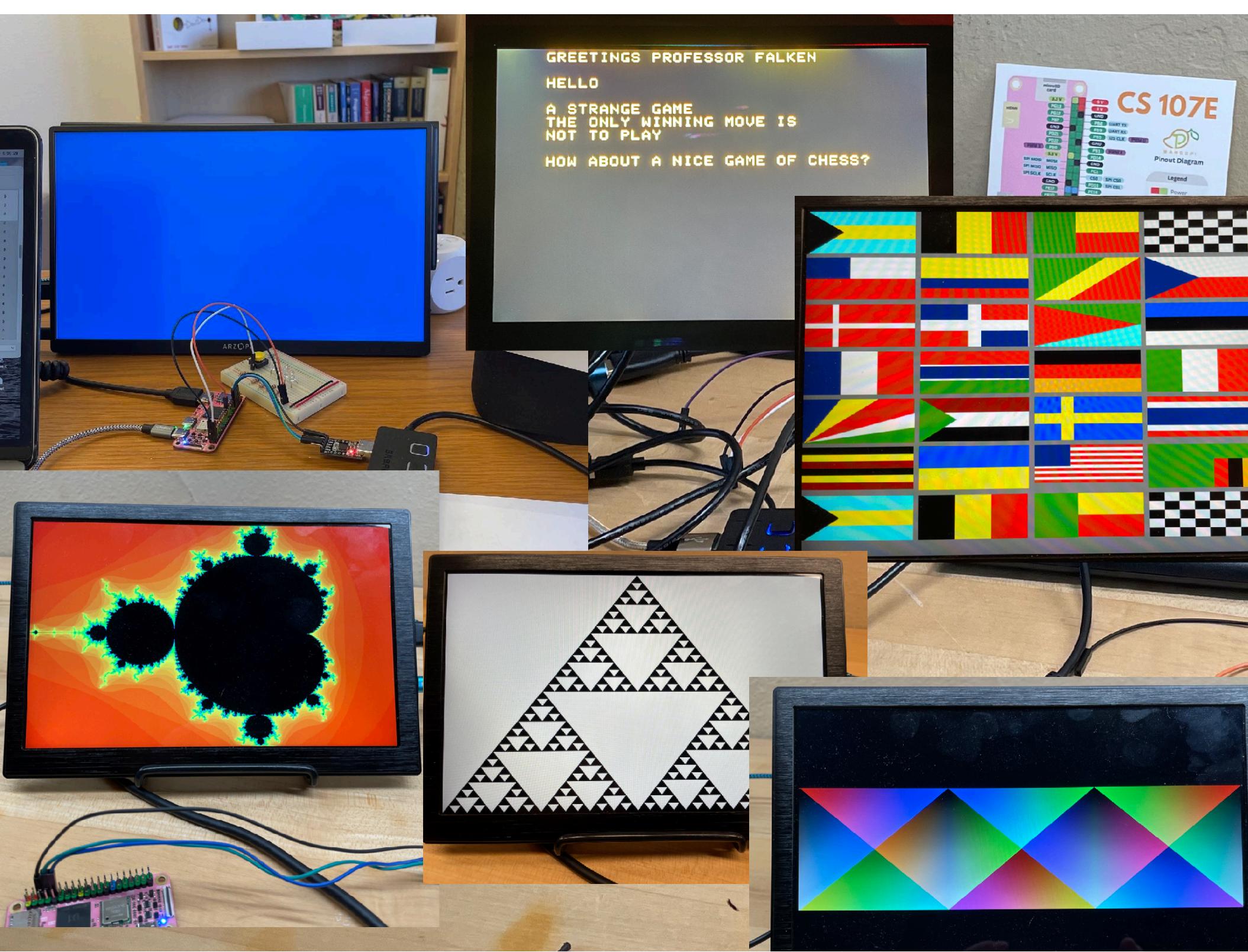
Figure 6-1 Default pixel encoding: RGB 4:4:4, 8 bits/component

# What is a frame buffer?



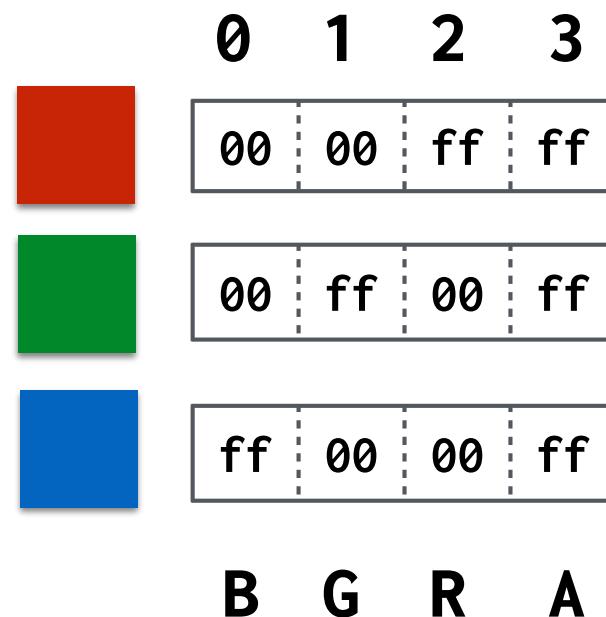
Framebuffer memory stores image  
Image is a 2-D array of pixels

RGBA pixel depth 32-bit  
8 bits each of red, green, blue, alpha



# A pixel stores a color

32-bit RGBA (BGRA) pixel is four bytes  
one byte for each component



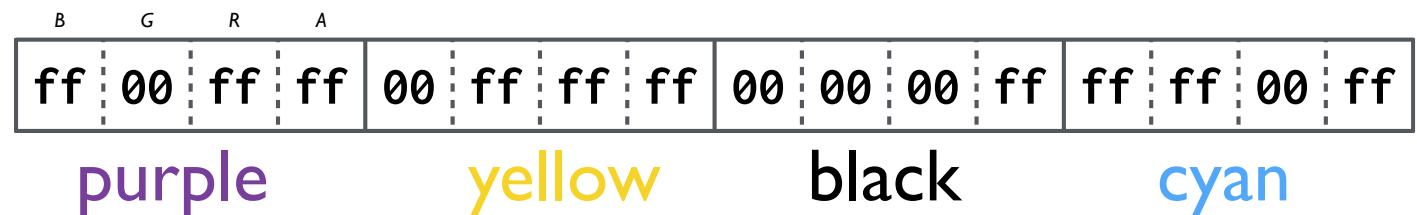
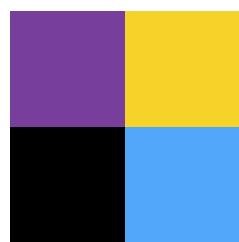
*Take note: blue is first in memory (least significant byte)*

# Framebuffer is an array

```
#define DEPTH 4  
#define WIDTH 2  
#define HEIGHT 2
```

*Allocate memory using malloc!*

```
unsigned char *fb = malloc(WIDTH*HEIGHT*DEPTH);
```



0, 0 is upper left corner of display

Order of pixels is y then x, within a pixel components are bgra

# fb module

<https://cs107e.github.io/header#fb>

Coordinates with display hardware peripheral to  
configure for display size

Allocates memory for framebuffer (malloc!)

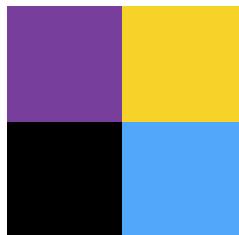
Tells hardware peripheral to display framebuffer

Review demo code: code/clear

# fb as array of unsigned char

```
unsigned char *fb = malloc(WIDTH*HEIGHT*DEPTH);
```

```
// fb[DEPTH*(WIDTH*y+x)+bgra] = component  
fb[0] = 0xff; // x=0, y=0, blue component  
fb[1] = 0x00; // x=0, y=0, green  
fb[2] = 0xff; // x=0, y=0, red  
fb[3] = 0xff; // x=0, y=0, alpha  
fb[4] = 0x00; // x=1, y=0, blue  
...  
...
```



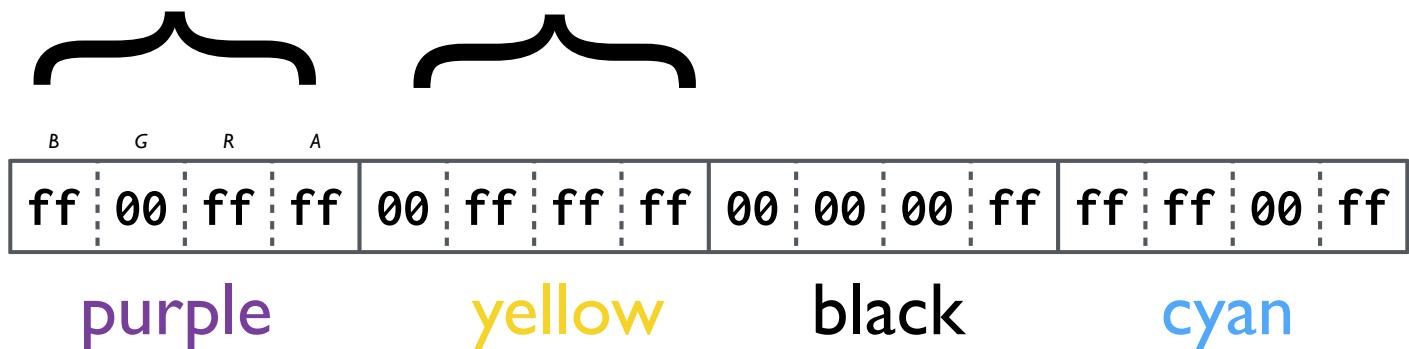
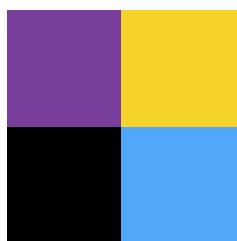
B	G	R	A	ff	00	ff	ff	00	ff	ff	ff	ff	ff	00	00	00	ff	ff	00	ff

purple      yellow      black      cyan

# fb as array of unsigned int

```
unsigned int *fb = malloc(WIDTH*HEIGHT*DEPTH);
```

```
// fb[WIDTH*y+x] = color  
fb[0] = 0xffff00ff; // x=0, y=0  
fb[1] = 0xffffffff00; // x=1, y=0  
fb[2] = 0xff000000; // x=0, y=1  
fb[3] = 0xff00ffff; // x=1, y=1
```



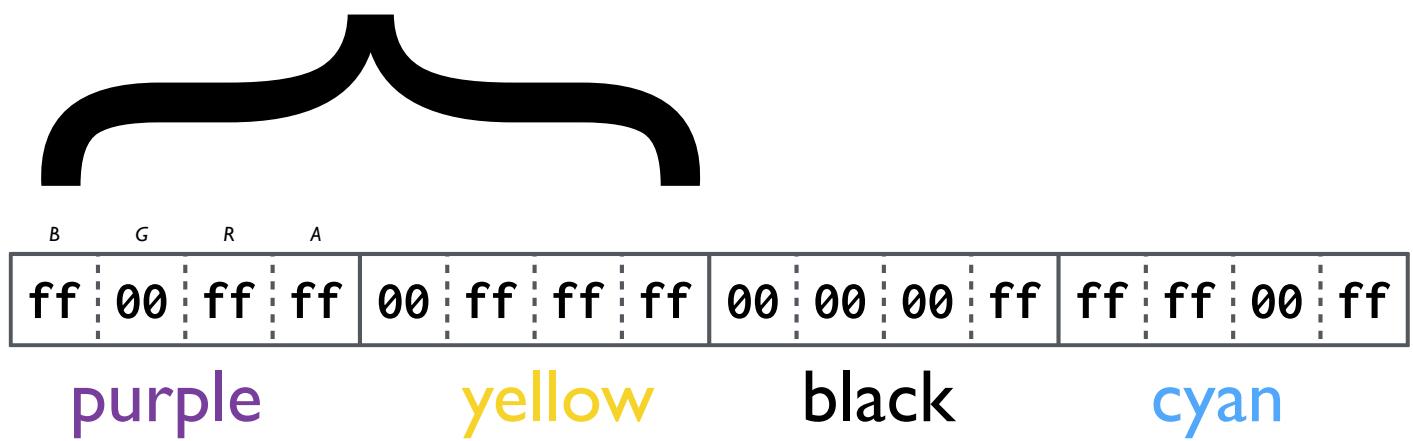
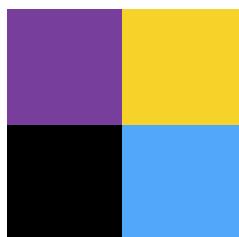
*Memory is same size, contains same bytes as previous*

# fb as 2-D array of unsigned int

**unsigned int (\*fb)[WIDTH] = malloc(WIDTH\*HEIGHT\*DEPTH);**

```
// fb[y][x] = color  
fb[0][0] = 0xffff00ff;  
fb[0][1] = 0xffffffff00;  
fb[1][0] = 0xff000000;  
fb[1][1] = 0xff00ffff;
```

<https://cdecl.org>



*Memory is same size, contains same bytes as previous*

# gl module

<https://cs107e.github.io/header#gl>

Layers on fb module, provides high-level graphics primitives

gl\_clear()

gl\_draw\_pixel()

gl\_draw\_rect()

gl\_draw\_string()

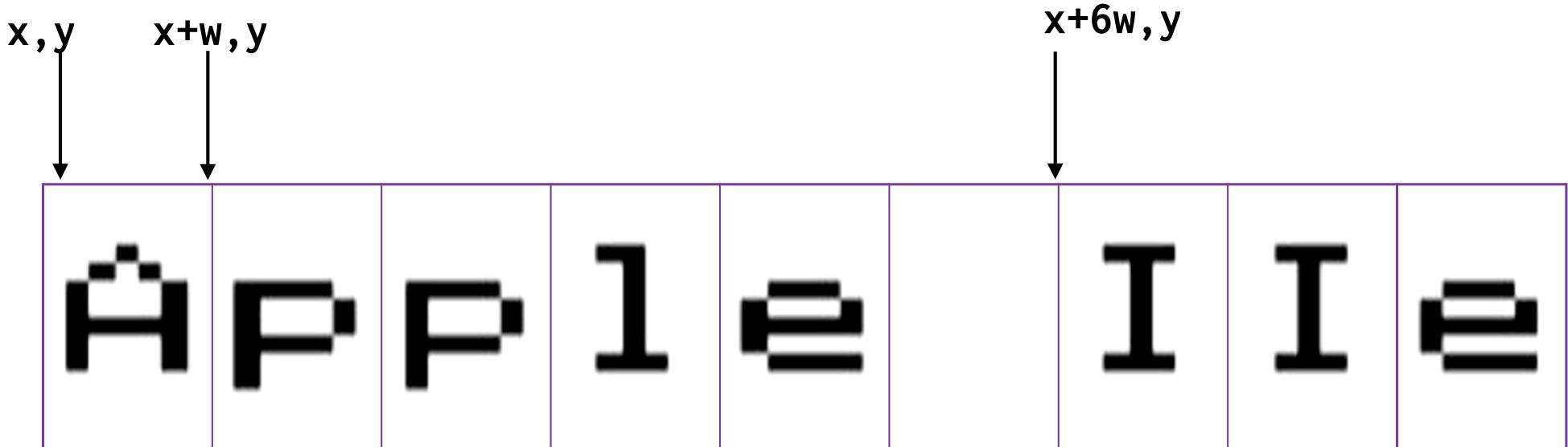
Review demo code: code/draw

# Drawing text

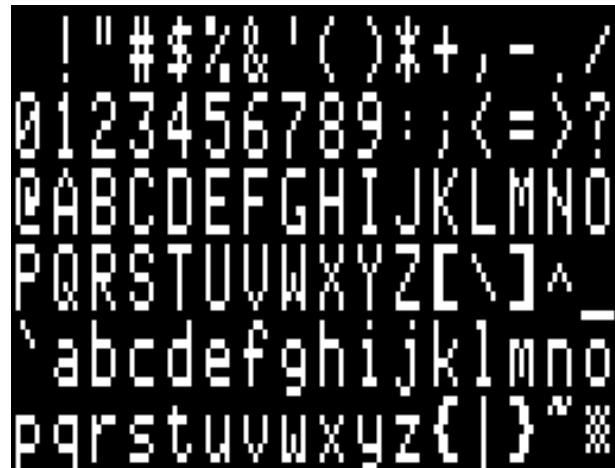
Font is a set of *glyphs*, one for each character

Our font is monospace, every glyph has same fixed width (vs proportional)

Our glyphs stored as bitmap image (vs raster/vector)



# Apple II bitmap font



! "#\$%& ' ( ) \* + , - /  
0123456789 : ; < = > ?  
@ABCDEF GHIJKLMNOP  
PQRSTUVWXYZ [ \ ] ^ \_  
' abcdefghijklmno  
pqrstuvwxyz { | } " \*

Original glyphs 7x8 pixels

Our font doubled to 14x16 pixels



= > ? @ A B C D E F

!"#\$%&'( )\*+,-./0123456789:; < = > ? @ ABCDEF GHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ [ \ ] ^ \_ ' abcdefghijklmno pqrstuvwxyz { | } " \*

All font glyphs in one long, skinny image

<https://cs107e.github.io/src#font>

# Single and Double Buffering

code/doublebuffer

# Single Buffer

Draw directly to framebuffer while data is being output to display

Changed pixels immediately update (good for debugging!)

Redraw is "live" causes screen flicker/tearing



# Double Buffer

Allocate two framebuffers: one for on-screen ("front"), other off-screen ("back")

Display front buffer

Draw updates in back buffer

Swap front and back when done with updates, frame comes on-screen in one smooth update

front back



# Display pipeline

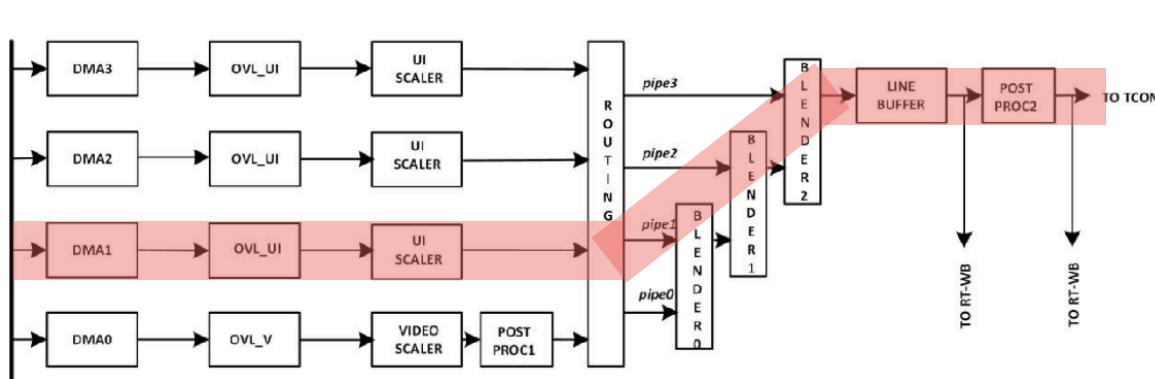
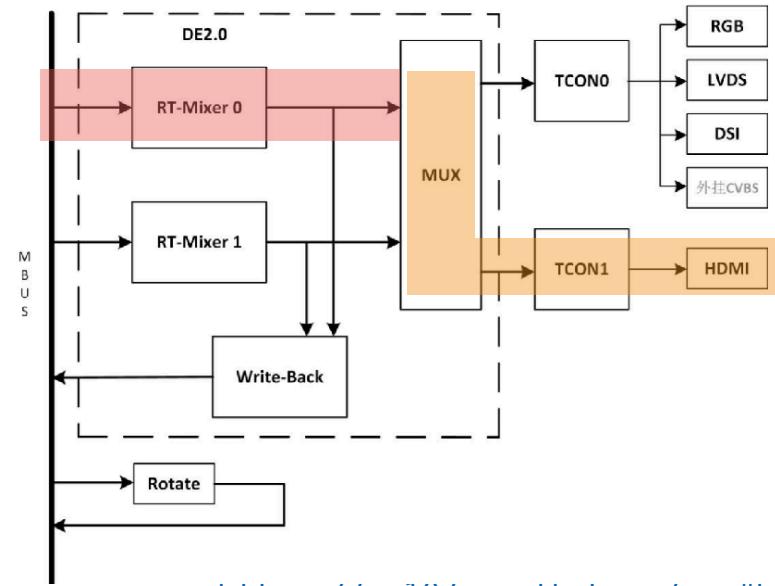


Figure 1-2. RT-MIXERO Block Diagram



<https://cs10/e.github.io/src#hdmi>

printf create formatted string in memory, pass data to uart  
-> uart peripheral outputs data, controls timing/protocol

fb/gl/de create pixel array in memory, pass data to hdmi  
-> hdmi peripheral outputs data, controls timing/protocol

# Display Engine

Mango Pi DisplayEngine peripheral

Composes frames to be displayed

Blend multiple channels, overlays, compositing

Scale up/down

Post-processing, enhancement, sharpening, contrast

Video codec

[https://cs107e.github.io/readings/Allwinner\\_DE2.0\\_Spec\\_V1.0.pdf](https://cs107e.github.io/readings/Allwinner_DE2.0_Spec_V1.0.pdf)

# Layered abstractions

