Autonomous Sentry System

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Motivation

Original plan: Demonstration of autonomous camera-controlled robot with FPGA

- Use image recognition (originally neural network) to identify target on camera output
- 2. Aim and Fire Nerf gun at target using servomotors

Project Overview: Components



Nexys 4 DDR FPGA

Servo Motor Controller



Pmod Camera

Servo Motors



Project Overview: Functionality



FPGA calculates the location of the target(s) in camera's vision (with neural network)



Motors are actuated to point to certain direction



Camera capture the target image and pass to FPGA



FPGA actuates motors through controller



Gun eliminates target



However,

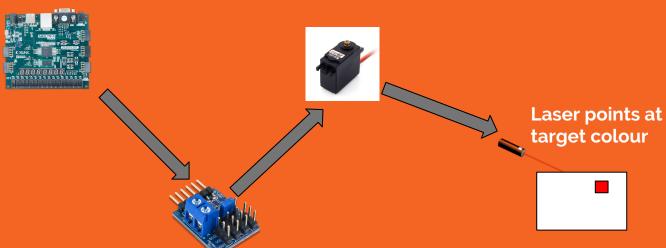
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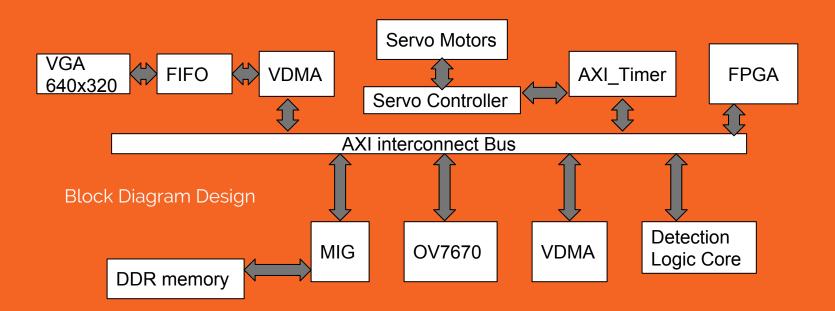
Project Overview: Functionality (con't)

Instead, team used white target paper with distinguishable colour as bullseye

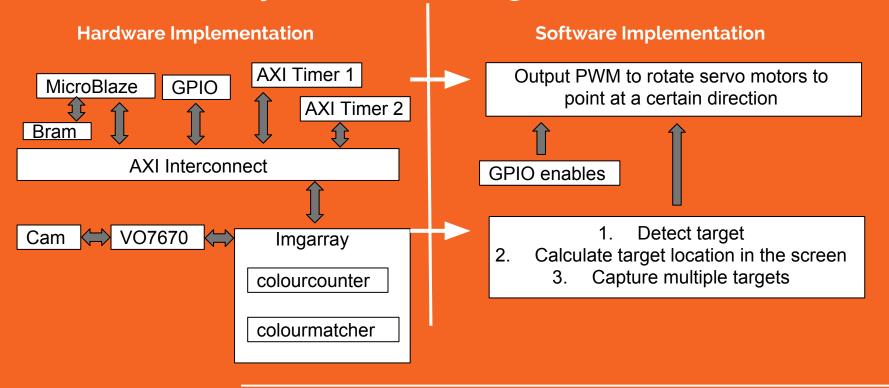




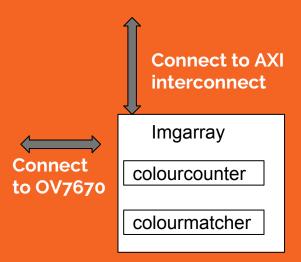
System Block Diagram: Initial Plan



System Block Diagram: Final Plan



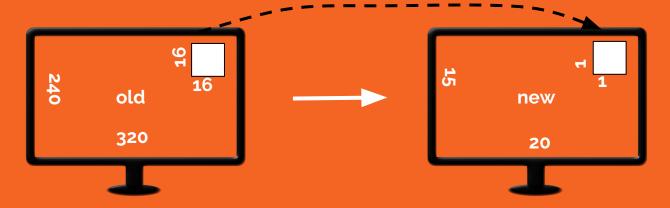
System Block Diagram: Imgarray block



Purpose of this block:

- Handle pixel data input from OV7670 block which intakes camera signal (RGB444)
- 2. Resolution modification from 320x240 to 20x15
- 3. Colour averaging within each modified resolution unit

System Block Diagram: Imgarray block (con't)



- Each new resolution unit contains 16x16 old resolution pixels
- Colour averaging in new resolution unit is based on associated 16x16 block of pixels

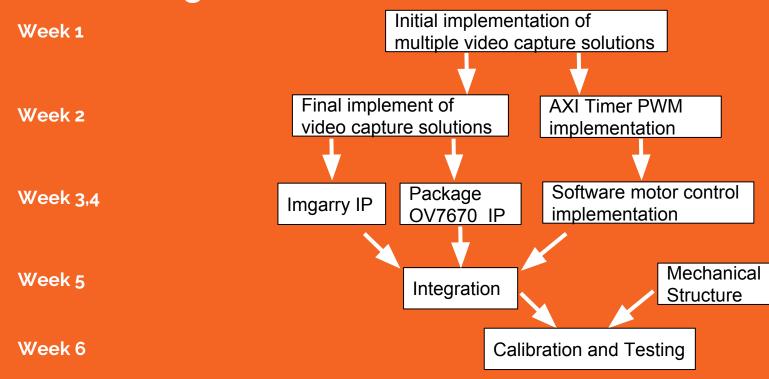
System Block Diagram: OV7670

- Packaged into an IP
- Take in 12 bits of pixel data as it is in RGB444
- Act as AXI slave, to communicate with imgarray

System Block Diagram: Timer

- Genuine AXI timer is used to output PWM signal to control servo motors
- Two timers are configured in PWM mode for vertical and horizontal movement of two servo motors

Design Process



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1: Electrical

- Corrupted image from camera
- Motor connection issues
- Timer low-level driver

2: Mechanical

- Calibrating the sentry gun to point at objects in camera
- Assembling the chassis and connecting components together

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