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This document wouldn't be possible without many contributions from the DTV community. A certain familiarity with (not expert knowledge of) 65xx assembly language is assumed.

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Segment Mapper, Part 1

The Segment Mapper is used to map memory blocks, including those with addresses greater than 64K, into a location usable by the 65xx processor. The base 64K addressing space (\$0000-\$FFFF, all that the processor can 'see') is split into four 16K banks, each of which can be mapped separately.

65xx addressing space: \$0000-\$FFFF 0-65535

DTV total memory: \$000000-\$1FFFFF 0-2097151 (2 megabytes)

Layout of Segment Banks:

Bank #	65xx addr	reg #
Bank0	\$0000-\$3FFF	REG 12
Bank1	\$4000-\$7FFF	REG 13
Bank2	\$8000-\$BFFF	REG 14
Bank3	\$C000-\$FFFF	REG 15

Altering the value of a *Segment Bank* register (Column 3), effectively "remaps" a *different* block of memory into the associated 65xx addressing space (Column 2).

There are 128 possible segment mappings per register, each 16K, counting from zero.

Important Note:

All memory accesses use the base 65xx \$0000-\$FFFF 16-bit addressing space. (There are exceptions, such as DMA or blitter. But they don't use the 65xx addressing modes.)

Each of the *segment banks* can be 'filled' with the image of RAM (or ROM) that lie anywhere within the larger addressing scheme. The processor doesn't go UP to access that memory (it can't) --the segment mapper brings the high memory DOWN, 'mapping' it into the standard addressing space.

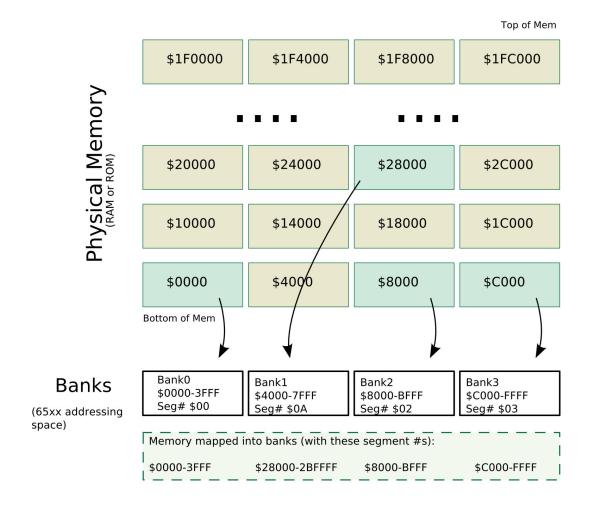
Segment Banks are a separate concept from segments--banks are fixed, always in the same location in base 65xx memory. Segments (the memory itself) are swapped in-and-out of those banks. Both are 16K in size, as the bank is designed to hold the segment. When the Segment Mapper is set correctly, high memory simply 'appears' (remapped) in one of the four 16K banks. For the duration of the remap, that lower memory IS the high memory.

Think of the *banks* as 'virtual ports', and the *segments* as 'virtual cartridges' of RAM or ROM.

The banks are always set to a segment: the default mapping is \$00, \$01, \$10 & \$11-- or Bank0 = \$0000, Bank1= \$4000, Bank2= \$8000, etc.... In theory, you could map the same 16K segment into all four banks. Not that you ever would.

All the standard opcodes for the 65xx will work within the remapped segments. Code couldn't execute in high memory unless it were remapped low—the addressing modes of the 65xx couldn't handle the 24 bit addresses. Without the *Segment Mapper*, the processor essentially couldn't 'touch' that memory.

As noted, the DMA or blitter could access that memory—but they are 'outside' of the functional 65xx processor.



Illus 1.1) An image of the **Segment Banks**, all banks set to default except Bank1, mapped to segment #\$0A, the memory segment @ \$28000.

With this mapping, a PEEK at \$4000 would PEEK the memory at \$28000. POKEing \$4001 would POKE \$28001.

The Register File

Before using the *Segment Mapper*, the *Register File* concept and operation must first be understood.

The Register File is a set of extended registers which are accessed using special DTV-only opcodes. The 'file' designation tends to trip people up—it's just a set of registers, called a 'file' because each register must be 'loaded'. It's just a name.

Keeping with the 65xx paradigm, all the registers in the *Register File* are one byte in length (8 bits.)

Register File list:

Name	Reg#	Function
A register	0	65xx ACC (accumulator)
Y register	1	65xx Y register
X register	2	65xx X register
	3	reserved
	4	reserved
	5	reserved
	6	reserved
	7	reserved
Access mode	8	RAM or ROM for banks
CPU control	9	Special CPU modes (burst, skip cycles)
Base Page	10	Remap Zero Page
Stack Base	11	Remap Stack Page
Bank0	12	Segment Bank @ \$0000
Bank1	13	Segment Bank @ \$4000
Bank2	14	Segment Bank @ \$8000
Bank3	15	Segment Bank @ \$C000

Important Note:

All the extended registers of the DTV use the available 65xx resources and modes. The 65DTV02 was designed to emulate a 65xx FIRST, and extended modes are an addition.

The beauty of this approach lies in the fact that the emulated 65xx processor is still operating as a 65xx--once you step away from that, there is no going back. Everything, registers, addressing modes, ALU, etc., etc. would have need to be redesigned for extended (24 bit?) addressing.

To access the extra registers, however, some additional opcodes were added. Those codes which control the *Register File* access (and that only):

Mnemonic	Description	Opcode
SAC SIR	Set Accumulator mapping Set Index Register mapping	\$32 \$42

Usage (of SAC):

SAC #\$DD

Usage (of SIR):

SIR #\$1D

O.K.—how does this work, and what is happening? Let's examine the SAC and SIR instructions.

SAC

First, the SAC instruction: SAC, mnemonic for "Set ACcumulator mapping," is the opcode for assigning which register is *mapped into* the A register (65xx accumulator.)

To put it simply: the SAC instruction transforms the A register into any of the registers in the Register File.

SAC accepts one operand-- a byte in immediate mode, which represents:

The high nibble is the destination, the low nibble the source. For general use, set both to the same register.

Example 1.1:

- 1 SAC #\$DD 2 LDA #\$04 3 SAC #\$00
 - Line1 Sets the accumulator destination and source to the 13th (\$D) register (bank1 of the *Segment Mapper*.)
 - Line2 loads the number 4 into A register, and since A = REG 13, sets the *Segment Mapper* (Bank1) to 4.
 - Line3 resets the A register to REG 0, or back to the 65xx accumulator.

SIR

The SIR instruction, short for "Set Index Register mapping," is the opcode for assigning which registers are *mapped into* the X and Y registers.

The SIR instruction transforms both the X and the Y registers into any of the registers in the *Register File*.

SIR accepts one operand-- a byte in immediate mode, which represents:

The high nibble represents the Y register, the low nibble the X register. Both can be remapped in a single instruction. Or one register at a time can be remapped by retaining the default mapping for the other.

Example 1.2:

- 1 SIR #\$1D 2 LDX #\$04
- 3 SIR #\$12
 - Line1 sets the X register to the Segment Mapper (Bank1), REG 13. Y register retains default mapping of Y (REG 1).
 - Line2 loads #4 into the X register, which is mapped as REG 13, and the Segment Mapper (Bank1) to 4.
 - Line3 resets Y and X registers to normal Y & X mapping (1 & 2).

These two examples (1.1 & 1.2) **do exactly the same thing**. They set the *Segment Mapper* (REG # 13) to remap \$010000 into *Bank1* (\$4000-\$7FFF.)

Once the registers are remapped, the special registers can utilize all the features (ALU, memory address modes, etc.) of the 65xx register they are mapped into. Example 1.1 illustrates a simple immediate load to the ACC, but any of the other modes are usable.

Although computation with the ALU (arithmetic logic unit—add, subtract, bitwise, etc. operations) in the ACC (and Y & X) is possible while remapped, general practice is to set a *Register File* register to a value, quickly restore the register mapping, use the remapped segment it for a time and reset afterwards. However, ALU use with a remapped register could be very handy—accessing the memory slices in a 'bit-plane' style bitmap, for instance.

Important Note:

The Register File is always 'in play,' since the first three register entries (0, 1 & 2) are the standard 65xx registers: ACC, Y and X.

These base registers (0, 1 & 2) are no different than the other more exotic members of the Register File. In fact, ACC, Y and X only behave as ACC, Y, and X because they are mapped by default to Register File registers 0, 1 & 2. ACC, Y and X are essentially virtual registers, and must be mapped to the correct entries in the Register File, even to function as 'normal' 65xx registers.

If it's not already plain, let's recap:

- SAC will remap one of the special (*Register File*) registers into the ACC (accumulator.)
- SIR will remap special registers into both the Y and X registers.
- SAC is the more powerful instruction (or rather the ACC itself is more powerful,) as it can set the ACC to have separate destination and source registers.

Like most ML instruction, SAC and SIR have a very simple job.

Segment Mapper, Part 2

So clearly the *Register File* is tightly integrated with all DTV functions--but back to the *Segment Mapper*.

As stated, there are four separate *Segment Banks* (0-3) which together constitute the *Segment Mapper*. These banks, *Register File* registers 12, 13, 14 & 15, control memory mapping in 16K blocks.

So let's look at a Segment Mapper register in detail.

The least-confusing *Segment Bank* to modify is *Bank1* (REG 13), which controls memory in the \$4000-\$7FFF segment. This bank is easiest because it's not overlaid with any ROM images, like BASIC, Kernal or Character ROM.

The default value for Bank1 is \$01, in bit form [00000001]. The default mapping for Bank1 is \$4000 (the mapped RAM value is the base address space itself.) So if a value of 1 = the second 16K segment, then a value of 0 = \$0000, or the first 16K segment. As expected, the minimum resolution of the Segment Mapper is 16K.

With 256 possible values of 16K, the highest possible segment is 3FC000 - 3FFFFF. But 3FFFFF indicates 4 Megs of memory, yet the DTV has only 2 Megs.

Why the extra bit of resolution? It could be simply ignored by the mapper, but it isn't. Only 21 lines are needed for a 2 Meg addressing, but the total address bus on DTV is 22 bit, theoretically capable of 4 Megs total. The 22nd line (A21—we count from zero) IS documented on the schematic. At this writing, no one has used it, however.

Without that unused high bit, the total number of segments is 128.

Segment Mapper register layout (any one of four):

The entire register represents bits 22-14 of the address bus:

However, this can also be thought of as the high 6 bits represent bits 22 - 16; I.E., they control 'major' banking blocks (of 64K), while bits 1 & 0 control 'minor' banking – 16K blocks.

Of course, if the 6 high bits are set to a value other than 0, the *minor* blocks will lie in memory above \$FFFF.

Simple example:

Remapping memory with the Segment Mapper

For a simple illustration, let's reexamine example 1.1:

```
1 SAC #$DD
```

- 2 LDA #\$04
- 3 SAC #\$00

Line1-- Remaps A register (dest & src) to REG 13 (\$D), or Segment Mapper, Bank1.

Line2-- Setting the Bank:

#\$04 in bit form is [00000100]

Translated into the full 22-bit address (seg mapper bits in **bold**):

Address byte: hi mid low [xx**000001**] [**00**0000000] [00000000] or \$10000

\$10000 = the very start of high memory (65536). So a value of 4 remaps the memory at \$10000-13FFF *into* the \$4000-7FFF block. (The red bit is unused in a 2-Meg DTV.)

Line3-- Remaps A register (dest & src) back to REG 0, the A register. Generally, we want to do this. Otherwise, anytime we use the accumulator, the remapped segment will change!

When the SAC instruction returns the ACC to the default mapping, the *Segment Mapper* retains the last set value, and the altered memory mapping remains until it's explicitly changed, or the unit is reset.

While mentioned in section (i), it's important to reiterate what 'remapped' mean in this context—the high memory blocks are 'moved' into the low block, where they can be acted upon by all the standard 65xx opcodes and addressing modes. *All memory accesses happen in the base 64K of memory addressing space* (excluding, as noted, special cases such as DMA, blitter, ROM mapping, etc.)

A more advanced example:

Using one Segment Bank to access 64K (four 16K blocks)

Each of the 4 *Segment Mapper* registers can remap 16K of RAM. But it's often not practical to remap all 4 banks—messing with zero page and stack memory is usually a bad idea (although both are handled by other Register File registers, and can be remapped themselves.) Plus any executing code needs to remain in 65xx addressing space, although *that* memory can be remapped from higher address RAM, too.

Accessing all the memory in a full-screen 8bpp image requires 64K of memory, the total available addressing space of a 65xx processor. "Eight-bits-per-pixel," or one byte = one pixel, is a graphics mode available on the DTV, but not the C64. A full sized image in 8bpp totals 320x200 pixels.

But this is an apparent paradox—how can all that graphics memory be accessed when memory is needed to run the program which creates the screen itself?

Two salient points:

- 1) All of the 4 available banks can be remapped very quickly, and any bank can access any 16K segment of memory. No need to use four separate banks for our four 16K blocks (64K)—just use one or two banks, and change the segments as needed.
- When memory is remapped with the *Segment Mapper*, the original memory is totally unchanged. It's not difficult to switch code in-and-out, so long as concerns such as interrupt routines are accommodated. After extended memory access is complete, the default memory map is easily restored.

NOTE:

For the sake of clarity, not all the code is present to run this example; functions such as creating the 8bpp screen, multiplication routines, etc. are not shown. The code can be found at the DTVhacking forum at petscii.com

http://jledger.proboards19.com/index.cgi?board=dtvhacking

Code listing: The PLOT routine

```
PLOT
sec1
       LDA line_y
                  ; y coord * 320: Y in ACC
       JSR MULT320
                    ; add X coord
       CLC
       LDA MUL RES
       ADC line_x
       STA MUL_RES
       LDA MUL_RES+1
       ADC line_x+1
       STA MUL_RES+1
sec2
       ROL
       ROL
                    ; get/set bank 15:14 bits from hibyte of xy math
       ROL
      ORA #$08
AND #$0B
                    ; bank $20000
                    ; keep only the 2-0 bits
                    ; bank (ACC) now (reg 13) to $020000 + (1 of 4 segs)
                    ; set the segment mapper
sec3
       ORA #$40
       STA MUL RES+1
sec4
       LDA COL_A ; load color
       STA (MUL_RES), Y ; write to scrn. Y already 0 (in MULT320)
       RTS
```

The PLOT routine simply plots a pixel of a color value (COL_A) on an 8bpp screen located at \$20000, utilizing the *segment mapper*.

Breakdown

- Sec1 figures the memory address of the pixel from the X,Y input.
- Sec2 sets the Segment Mapper
- Sec3 alters the pixel location so it fits within the single bank
- Sec4 sets the pixel to COL_A

Basically, this maps the four 16K segments starting at \$20000 (\$20000-\$2FFFF) into *Bank1* (\$4000-\$7FFF). It steals the 2 hi bits (15:14) from the pixel address and uses them to set the current *segment*.

Once the *segment mapper* is set, bit 15 is cleared and bit 14 is set of the pixel address--so the pixel writes always fall between \$4000 and \$7FFF. Then the routine can safely store the pixel data in the remapped memory segment.

Breakdown, in detail:

Sec1

This is easy: the pixel address = Y * 320 + X

The result is in MUL_RES (two byte result), and the MSB of that address is in the accumulator.

Sec2 (red)

Our pixel address spans 64K, but we want to use one 16K bank. So we grab the two high bits, which represent 16K of memory addressing (if our banks were 32K in size, we would need only one.)

To set the current segment, we want bits (15:14) of the pixel address, and we want them where they are useful--in the lowest two bits of the *segment mapper* register. The quickest way to achieve this is simply to ROLL the high bits into the low bits (remember, the high byte of the pixel address is already in the ACC):

ROL ROL

The ROL opcode rolls the contents of the ACC left, though the Carry Bit (hence three ROLs.) Now what was in the [15:14] bits is in the [1:0] bits. These are now the low bits [xxxxxx11] of the segment mapping.

That takes care of the 'minor' part of the address (the 16K offset), but not the location of the screen itself. The 'major' portion (high 6 bits) of the address of an 8bpp screen at \$20000 is [000010xx], or \$08. The 4th bit is set by:

ORA #\$08 ; bank \$20000

To remove any remains from the original pixel address, any unwanted bits are cleared:

AND #\$0B ; keep only the needed bits

Which uses the mask [00001011] to discard the rest.

Now, to actually set the Segment Mapper:

TAX ; set the segment mapper

Huhhh? What good does that do?

Well, in order to speedup multiple plots, before PLOT is called the *segment mapper* for *Bank1* is mapped into the X register (this code is not included in PLOT; it's called separately):

For the duration of the PLOTs, the X register is functioning as the *Segment Mapper* Register #13 (reg for *bank1*.) The interrupts are disabled, since any use of the X reg by the IRQ routines would change the mapping for *bank1*.

So *Bank1* is set to a different segment simply by transferring the contents of the ACC into X reg. This means, of course, 'hands off' normal use of the X register for the duration of the PLOTs.

After all the PLOTs are done, the register (and the bank1 segment) is restored:

```
LDX #$01 ; reset seg mapper reg 13 to default val SIR #$12 ; reset X (& Y) registers
```

Sec3 (blue)

The segment bank is now set correctly for the pixel address. But the original address is for a pixel located in a 64K block of memory, not 16K. The high bits are not only unnecessary, they are now incorrect. Since the correct 16K segment is now mapped into Bank1, *the pixel address is reset so all pixels fall within Bank1*. This is important--both to set the correct pixel and to prevent any pixel writes from falling outside the bank, overwriting other memory.

How can this work? Remember, the two high bits have already chosen into which of the 4 segments the pixel will be written. The lesser part of the address hold the correct memory location in any 16K segment. So the MSB of the pixel address is loaded in the ACC:

```
LDA MUL_RES+1 ; bitmap location
```

For Bank1, the two high bits must represent the start of the bank, or \$40 [01xxxxxx] (MSB of \$4000.) First the 8th bit is cleared (the AND op), then the 7th bit is set (OR op.)

```
AND #$7F ; clear bit ORA #$40 ; set bit
```

And the modified address is stored.

```
STA MUL_RES+1
```

Sec4

Also easy—

Load the current foreground color (COL_A), and store it in the modified pixel address, thereby setting the pixel. Return.

That's it.

To wrap things up, think of the two hi bits moved to the *segment mapper* as a destination offset--choosing in which of the (4) 16K segments (@\$20000) the pixel is stored.

Once the responsibility of the two highest bits is moved to the *segment mapper*, those bits don't have any significance anymore (as address bits.) As noted above, they must be replaced with bits that ensure the pixels are written within *Bank1*. The bank itself now handles the high addressing, by holding the correct segment.

More on the Register File

In addition to the *Segment Mapper* registers, the *Register File* also includes other important registers (some beyond the scope of this article.)

One that does concern us is the *Bank Access Control* (REG 8.) This register controls if a segment is remapped from RAM or ROM (like the original C64, both exist in the same addressing space.)

Bank Access Control register:

```
[ 00 00 00 00 ]
To set Bank3 Bank2 Bank1 Bank0
```

For each pair of bits:

```
00 = ROM, 01 = RAM
('10' & '11' are reserved and undefined.)
```

The default value is \$55, or [01 01 01 01].

As for any *Register File* entry, use SAC or SIR to remap the registers, then set with normal 65xx opcodes:

To set the *Access Control* to RAM, except for Bank1 (ROM):

SAC #\$88 ; set ACC to REG 8 LDA #%01010001 ; set Access Control

SAC #\$00 ; restore ACC

Appendix A
List of segments in a DTV V2/V3 (2 Meg)

	Segment #		Mei	Memory Address		
dec	hex	binary	hex		dec	
0	\$00	0000000		0000	0	
1	\$01	00000001		1000	16384	
2	\$02	00000010		3000	32768	
3	\$03	00000011		0000	49152	
4	\$04	00000100		0000	65536	
5	\$05	00000101		1000	81920	
6	\$06	00000110		3000	98304	
7	\$07	00000111		0000	114688	
8	\$08	00001000		0000	131072	
9	\$09	00001001		1000	147456	
10	\$0A	00001010		3000	163840	
11	\$0B	00001011		0000	180224	
12	\$0C	00001100		0000	196608	
13	\$0D	00001101		1000	212992	
14	\$0E	00001110		3000	229376	
15	\$0F	00001111		0000	245760	
16	\$10	00010000		0000	262144	
17	\$11	00010001		1000	278528	
18	\$12	00010010		3000	294912	
19	\$13	00010011		0000	311296	
20	\$14	00010100		0000	327680	
21	\$15	00010101		1000	344064	
22	\$16	00010110		3000	360448	
23	\$17	00010111		0000	376832	
24	\$18	00011000		0000	393216	
25	\$19	00011001		1000	409600	
26	\$1A	00011010		3000	425984	
27	\$1B	00011011		0000	442368	
28	\$1C	00011100		0000	458752	
29	\$1D	00011101	· ·	1000	475136	
30	\$1E	00011110		3000	491520	
31	\$1F	00011111		0000	507904	
32	\$20	00100000		0000	524288	
33	\$21	00100001		1000	540672	
34	\$22	00100010		3000	557056	
35	\$23	00100011		2000	573440	
36	\$24	00100100		0000	589824	
37	\$25	00100101		1000	606208	
38	\$26	00100110		3000	622592	
39 40	\$27	00100111		2000	638976	
40	\$28	00101000	\$ A(0000	655360	

73 \$49 01001001 \$124000 1196032 74 \$4A 01001010 \$128000 1212416	75 \$4B 01001011 \$120000 1228800 76 \$4C 01001100 \$130000 1245184 77 \$4D 01001101 \$134000 1261568 78 \$4E 01001110 \$138000 1277952 79 \$4F 01001111 \$13C000 1294336 80 \$50 01010000 \$140000 1310720 81 \$51 01010001 \$144000 1327104 82 \$52 01010010 \$148000 1343488 83 \$53 01010011 \$14C000 1359872	74	\$4A	01001010	\$128000	1212416
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88	\$58	01011000	\$160000	1441792
89	\$59	01011001	\$164000	1458176
90	\$5A	01011010	\$168000	1474560
91	\$5B	01011011	\$16C000	1490944
92	\$5C	01011100	\$170000	1507328
93	\$5D	01011101	\$174000	1523712
94	\$5E	01011110	\$178000	1540096
95	\$5F	01011111	\$17C000	1556480
96	\$60	01100000	\$180000	1572864
97	\$61	01100001	\$184000	1589248
98	\$62	01100010	\$188000	1605632
99	\$63	01100011	\$18C000	1622016
100	\$64	01100100	\$190000	1638400
101	\$65	01100101	\$194000	1654784
102	\$66	01100110	\$198000	1671168
103	\$67	01100111	\$19C000	1687552
104	\$68	01101000	\$1A0000	1703936
105	\$69	01101001	\$1A4000	1720320
106	\$6A	01101010	\$1A8000	1736704
107	\$6B	01101011	\$1AC000	1753088
108	\$6C	01101100	\$1B0000	1769472
109	\$6D	01101101	\$1B4000	1785856
110	\$6E	01101110	\$1B8000	1802240
111	\$6F	01101111	\$1BC000	1818624
112	\$70	01110000	\$1C0000	1835008
113	\$71	01110001	\$1C4000	1851392
114	\$72	01110010	\$1C8000	1867776
115	\$73	01110011	\$1CC000	1884160
116	\$74	01110100	\$1D0000	1900544
117	\$75	01110101	\$1D4000	1916928
118	\$76	01110110	\$1D8000	1933312
119	\$77	01110111	\$1DC000	1949696
120	\$78	01111000	\$1E0000	1966080
121	\$79	01111001	\$1E4000	1982464
122	\$7A	01111010	\$1E8000	1998848
123	\$7В	01111011	\$1EC000	2015232
124	\$7C	01111100	\$1F0000	2031616
125	\$7D	01111101	\$1F4000	2048000
126	\$7E	01111110	\$1F8000	2064384
127	\$7F	01111111	\$1FC000	2080768

(Segment numbers >= 128 would access memory in the 3-4 Meg block. That memory currently doesn't exist. But the ability to map it does.)