FPG-8: A Chip-8/S-Chip implementation in Verilog

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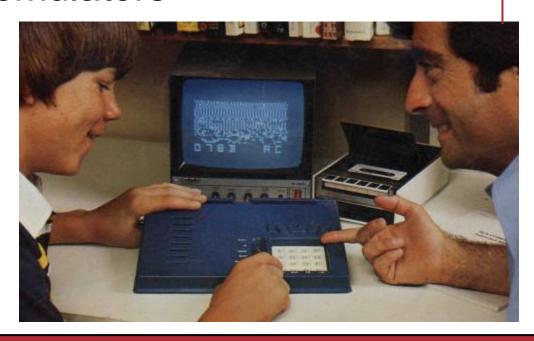


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Chip-8

- Simple interpreted language
- Created in the mid-1970's for the <u>COSMAC</u>
 VIP and Telmac 1800
- Focused on the creation of simple games
- "Hello world" of emulators



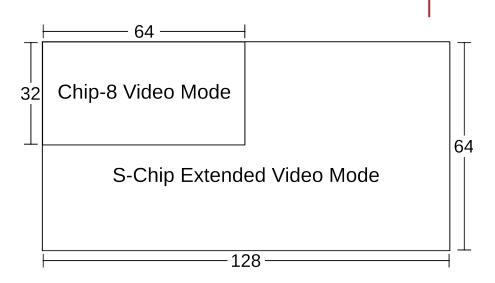
Chip-8 Specifications

- 4kB of RAM
- 16 general purpose registers (V0-VF)
- Stack for function calls
- 60Hz Timers
 - Delay timer
 - Sound timer
- Hexadecimal keyboard
- 64x32 monochromatic display
- Sprites
 - 8 pixels wide
 - 1 to 10 pixels tall
- 35 opcodes

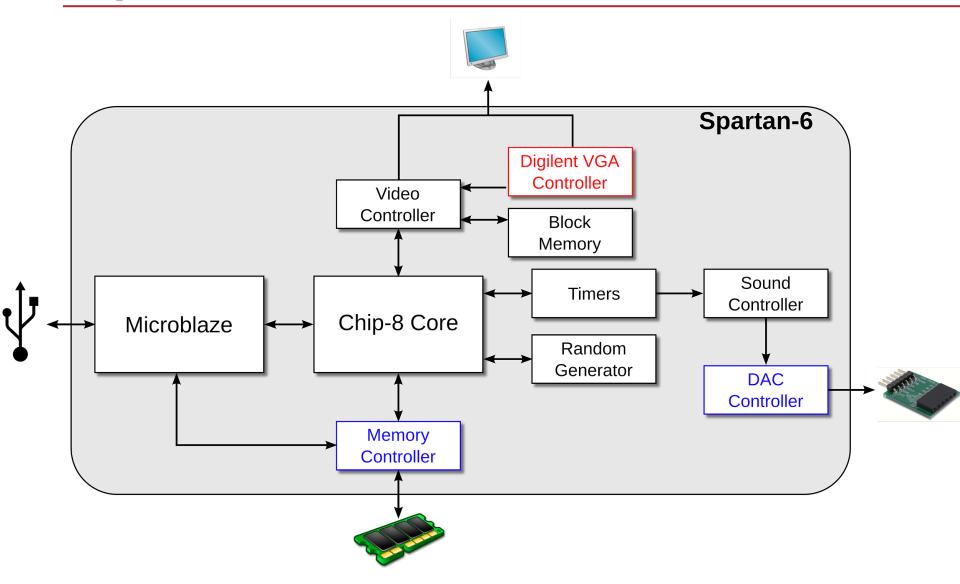
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S-Chip Extension

- 128x64 video mode
- 16x16 sprites
- 10 new opcodes
 - Screen manipulation (scroll up, left and right)
 - Switch between video modes
 - Interaction with HP-48 (not implemented)
 - Exit



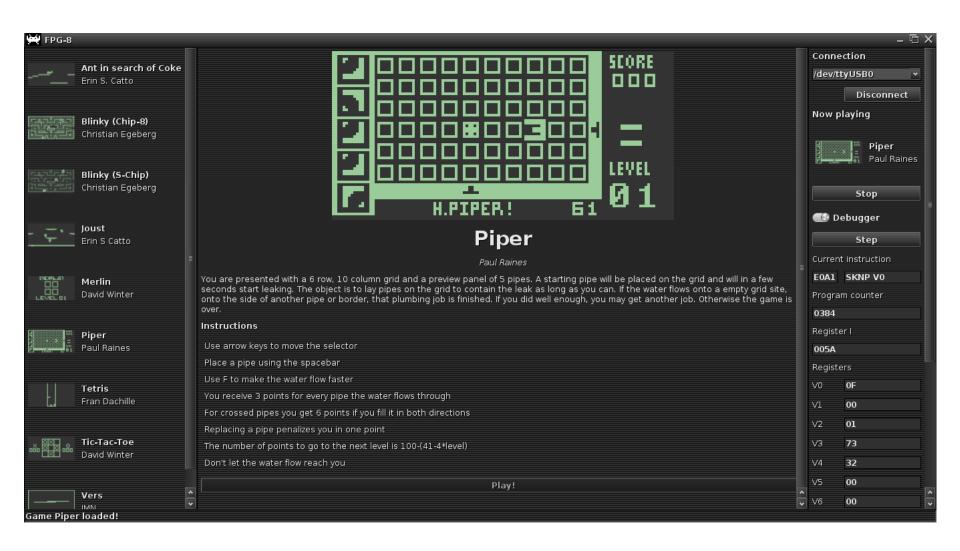
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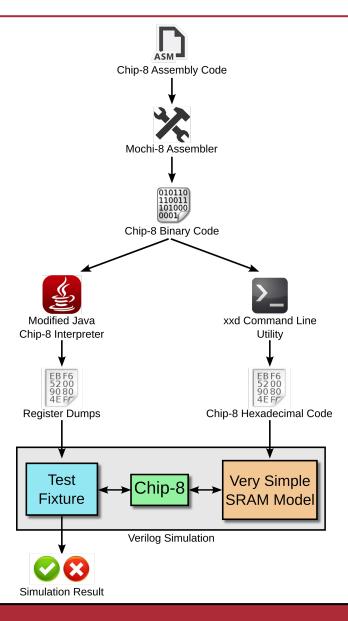
Serial Interface Protocol

- Load a game into the SRAM
- Start/stop the processor
- Debug mode
 - Enable/disable debug mode
 - Step to the next instruction
 - Read registers
- Provide input
 - Key pressed/key released commands
 - Very inconvenient

Java Application



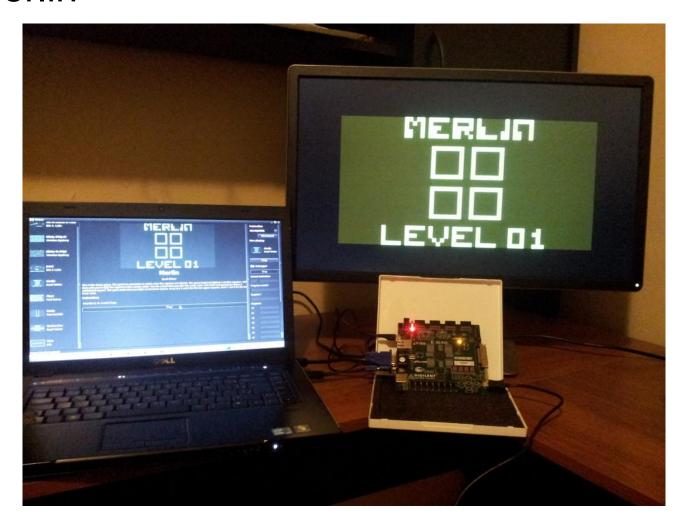
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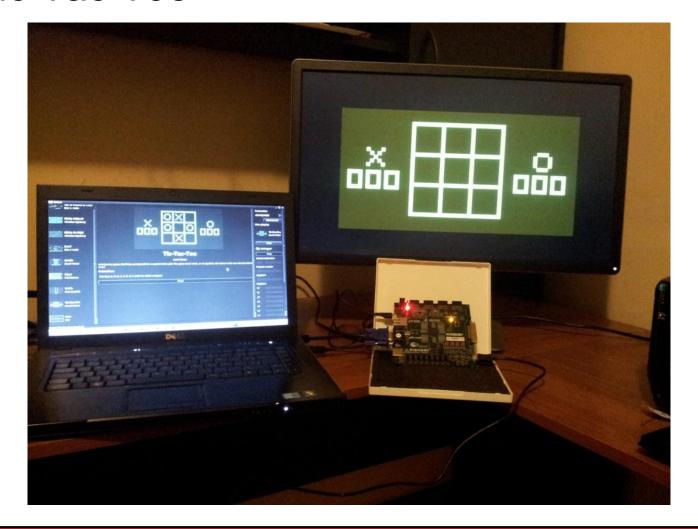
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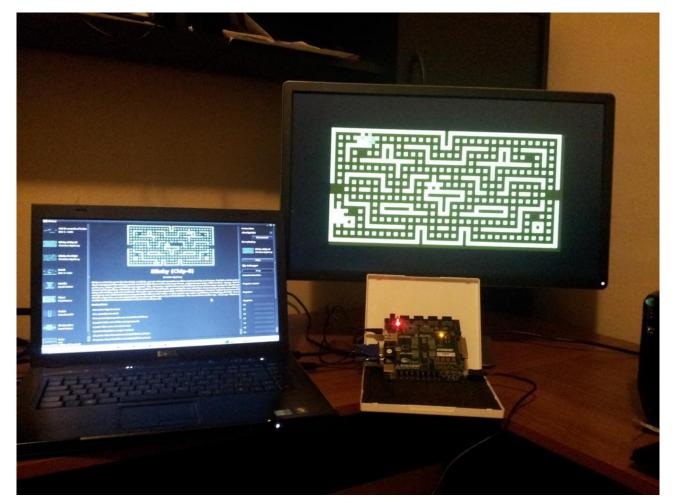
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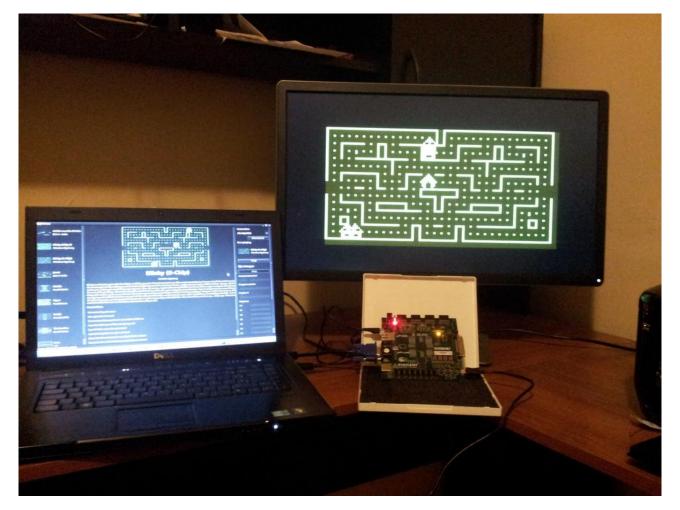
Tic-Tac-Toe



Blinky (Chip-8)



Blinky (S-Chip)



Status

Project is finished

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Questions?

