Classic gaming porn: the Game Boy

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Purpose of this project

- Explore how the Game Boy actually works
- Learn about emulation and low-level details
- Discover hardware
- Nostalgia

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A quick history of the Game Boy

- First release: 1989 (until 2005)
- Code name: DMG-01
- About 118 M sales
- ~1500 Games

Different types of Game Boy

Original series:

- Game Boy (DMG-01): 1989
- Game Boy Pocket (MGB-001): 1996
- Game Boy Light (MGB-101): 1998
- Game Boy Color (CGB-001): 1998

Arm CPU based Game Boy (backwards compatible) :

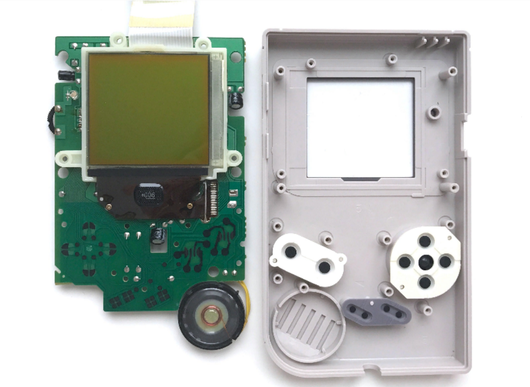
- Game Boy Advance (AGB-001): 2001
- Game Boy Advance SP (AGS-001): 2003
- Game Boy Advance SP (AGB-101): 2005

Specifications

- CPU: 1Mhz - 8 bits
- RAM: 8KB
- VRAM: 8KB
- Resolution: 160 x 144
- 4 colors (shades of “gray”)
- 10 sprites per line

Probably the last used 8 bit system for video games.

Interior



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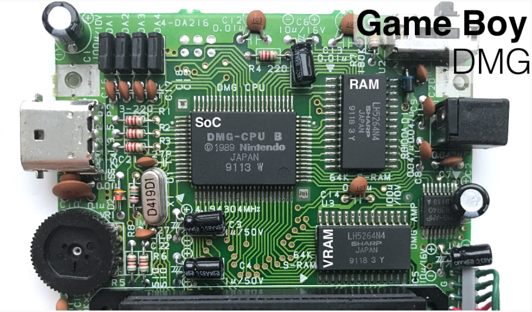
Game Boy
DMG
SoC
DMG-CPU B
©1989 Nintendo
JAPAN
9113 W
RAM
VRAM
LH5264N4
SHARP
JAPAN
9118 3 Y
4.194304MHz

The DMG chip

- CPU core
- Interrupt controller
- Timer
- Memory management unit
- Boot ROM
- Joypad input
- Serial data transfer (not implemented)
- Sound controller (not implemented)
- Pixel processing unit

The CPU: Sharp LR35902

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A f****** mess!

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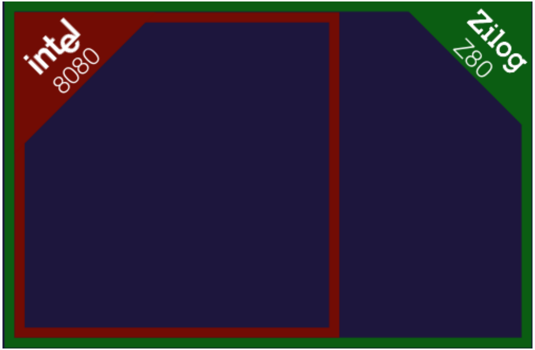

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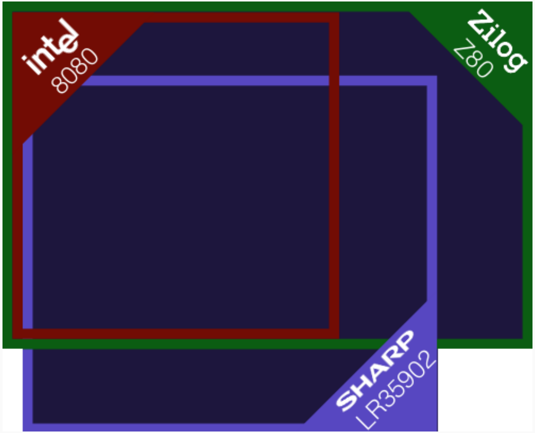


Registers

8 bit registers:

A	F
B	C
D	E
H	L

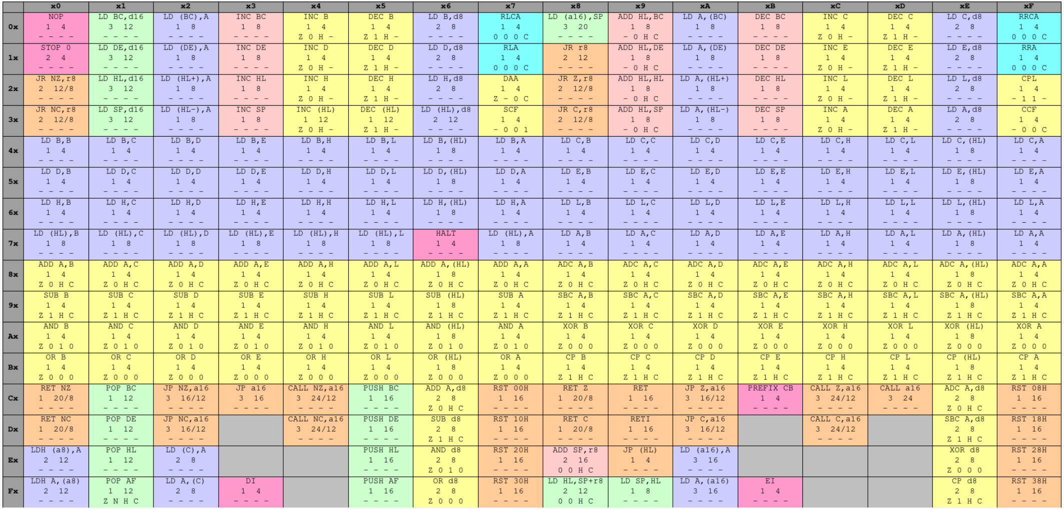
16 bit registers:

SP
PC

Flag register:

| Z | N | H | C | - | - | - | - |

Instructions



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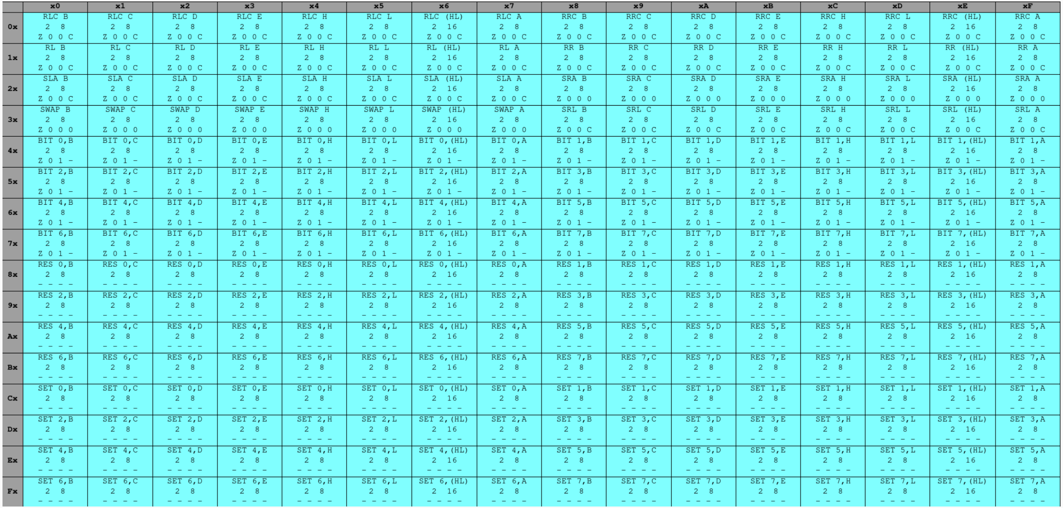
CB-prefix



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Interrupt model

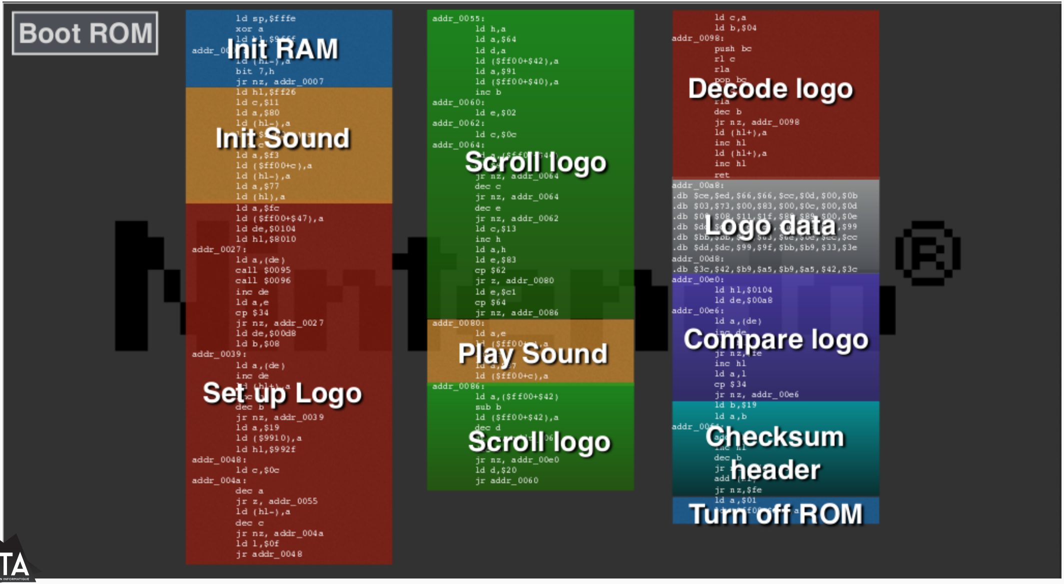
- Jumps to fixed location in RAM
- You jump there by using special instructions

System clocks

CPU	4 MHz
RAM	1 MHz
PPU	4 MHz
VRAM	2 MHz

1 machine cycle @ 1MHz

The bootup sequence



Boot ROM

Init RAM

```
        ld sp,$fffe
        xor a
        ld hl,$9fff
addr_0007:
        ld (hl-),a
        bit 7,h
        jr nz, addr_0007
```

Init Sound

```
        ld hl,$ff26
        ld c,$11
        ld a,$80
        ld (hl-),a
        ld ($ff00+c),a
        inc c
        ld a,$f3
        ld ($ff00+c),a
        ld (hl-),a
        ld a,$77
        ld (hl),a
```

Set up Logo

```
        ld a,$fc
        ld ($ff00+$47),a
        ld de,$0104
        ld hl,$8010
addr_0027:
        ld a,(de)
        call $0095
        call $0096
        inc de
        ld a,e
        cp $34
        jr nz, addr_0027
        ld de,$00d8
        ld b,$08
addr_0039:
        ld a,(de)
        inc de
        ld (hl+),a
        inc hl
        dec b
        jr nz, addr_0039
        ld a,$19
        ld ($9910),a
        ld hl,$992f
addr_0048:
        ld c,$0c
addr_004a:
        dec a
        jr z, addr_0055
        ld (hl-),a
        dec c
        jr nz, addr_004a
        ld l,$0f
        jr addr_0048
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```
addr_0055:
        ld h,a
        ld a,$64
        ld d,a
        ld ($ff00+$42),a
        ld a,$91
        ld ($ff00+$40),a
        inc b
addr_0060:
        ld e,$02
addr_0062:
        ld c,$0c
addr_0064:
        ld a,($ff00+$44)
        cp $90
        jr nz, addr_0064
        dec c
        jr nz, addr_0064
        dec e
        jr nz, addr_0062
        ld c,$13
        inc h
        ld a,h
        ld e,$83
        cp $62
        jr z, addr_0080
        ld e,$c1
        cp $64
        jr nz, addr_0086
```

Play Sound

```
addr_0080:
        ld a,e
        ld ($ff00+c),a
        inc c
        ld a,$87
        ld ($ff00+c),a
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```
addr_0086:
        ld a,($ff00+$42)
        sub b
        ld ($ff00+$42),a
        dec d
        jr nz, addr_0060
        dec b
        jr nz, addr_00e0
        ld d,$20
        jr addr_0060
```

Decode logo

```
        ld c,a
        ld b,$04
addr_0098:
        push bc
        rl c
        rla
        pop bc
        rl c
        rla
        dec b
        jr nz, addr_0098
        ld (hl+),a
        inc hl
        ld (hl+),a
        inc hl
        ret
```

Logo data

```
addr_00a8:
.db $ce,$ed,$66,$66,$cc,$0d,$00,$0b
.db $03,$73,$00,$83,$00,$0c,$00,$0d
.db $00,$08,$11,$1f,$88,$89,$00,$0e
.db $dc,$cc,$6e,$e6,$dd,$dd,$d9,$99
.db $bb,$bb,$67,$63,$6e,$0e,$ec,$cc
.db $dd,$dc,$99,$9f,$bb,$b9,$33,$3e
addr_00d8:
.db $3c,$42,$b9,$a5,$b9,$a5,$42,$3c
```

Compare logo

```
addr_00e0:
        ld hl,$0104
        ld de,$00a8
addr_00e6:
        ld a,(de)
        inc de
        cp (hl)
        jr nz,$fe
        inc hl
        ld a,l
        cp $34
        jr nz, addr_00e6
```

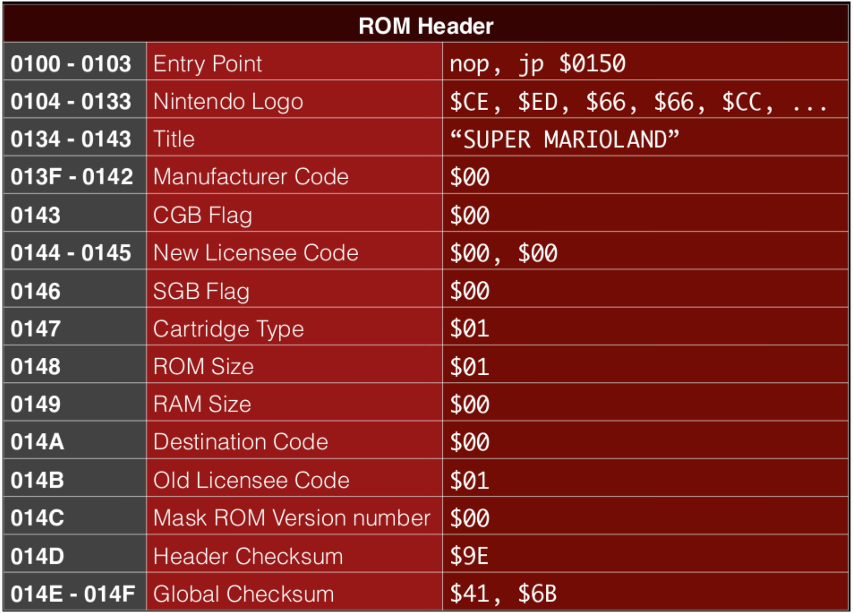
Checksum header

```
        ld b,$19
        ld a,b
addr_00f4:
        add (hl)
        inc hl
        dec b
        jr nz, addr_00f4
        add (hl)
        jr nz,$fe
```

Turn off ROM

```
        ld a,$01
        ld ($ff00+$50),a
```

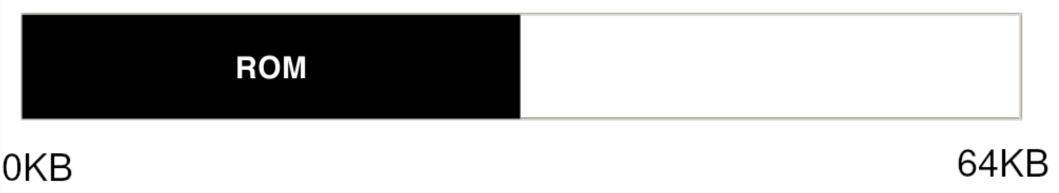
Header



ROM Header		
0100 - 0103	Entry Point	`nop, jp $0150`
0104 - 0133	Nintendo Logo	`$CE, $ED, $66, $66, $CC, ...`
0134 - 0143	Title	`“SUPER MARIOLAND”`
013F - 0142	Manufacturer Code	`$00`
0143	CGB Flag	`$00`
0144 - 0145	New Licensee Code	`$00, $00`
0146	SGB Flag	`$00`
0147	Cartridge Type	`$01`
0148	ROM Size	`$01`
0149	RAM Size	`$00`
014A	Destination Code	`$00`
014B	Old Licensee Code	`$01`
014C	Mask ROM Version number	`$00`
014D	Header Checksum	`$9E`
014E - 014F	Global Checksum	`$41, $6B`

Memory map

Memory map



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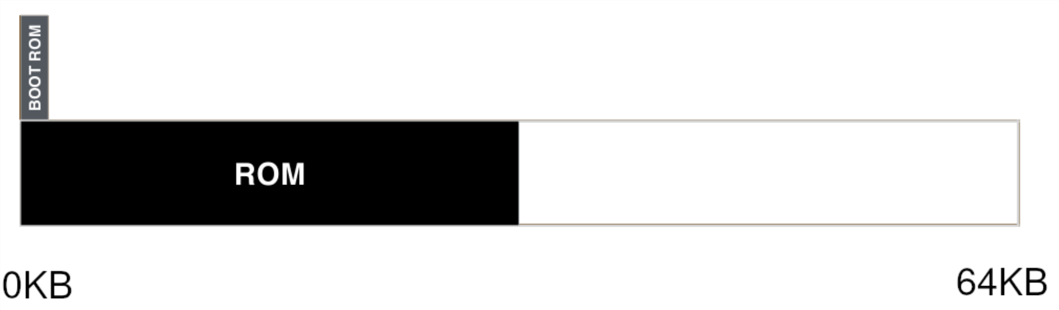

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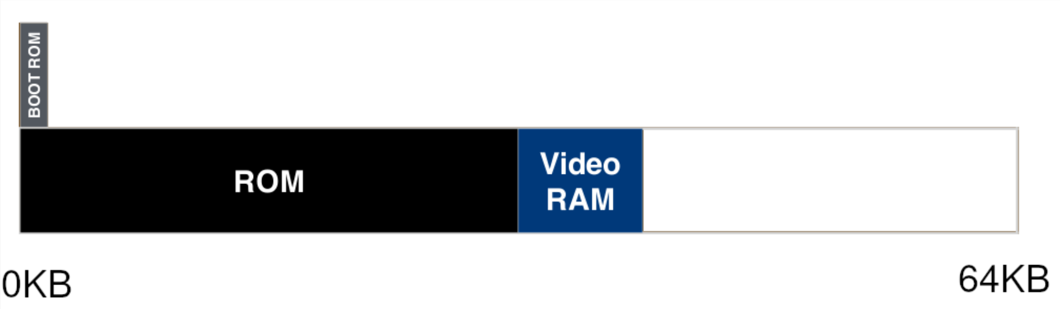

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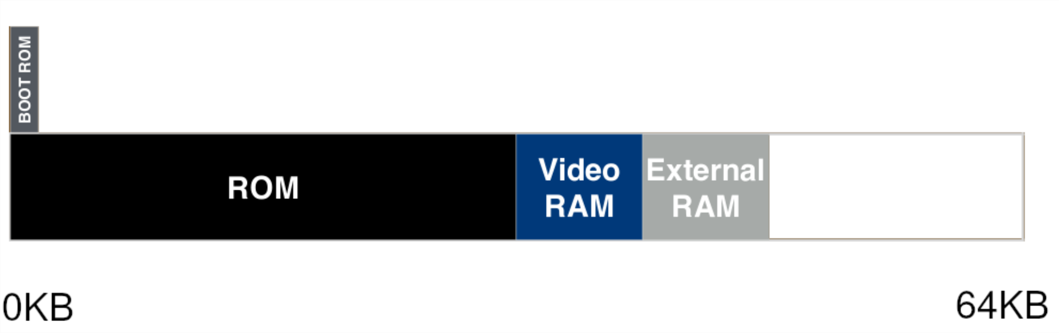

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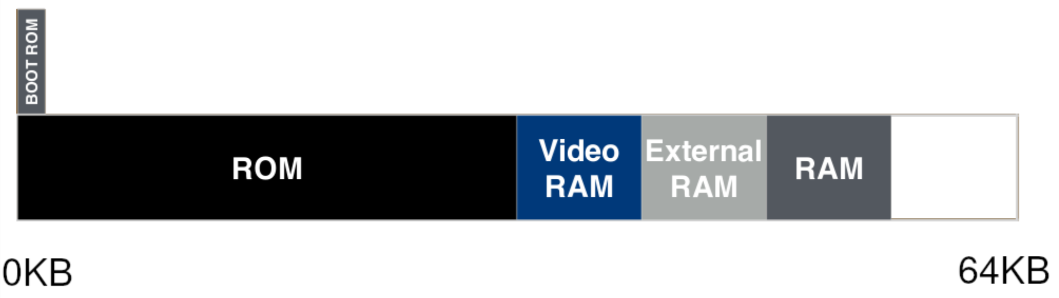

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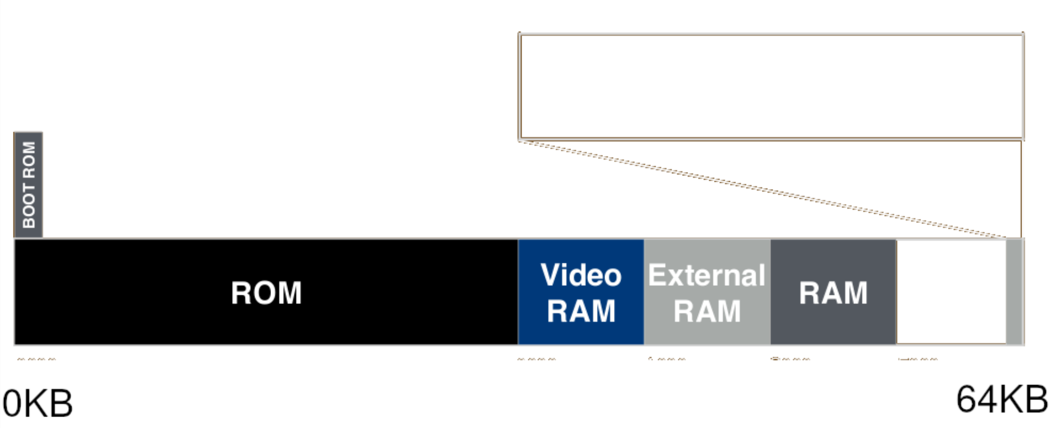

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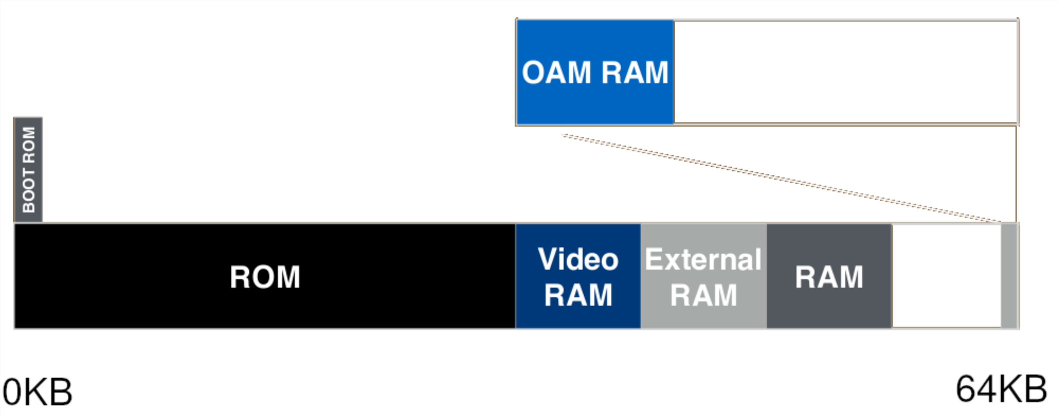

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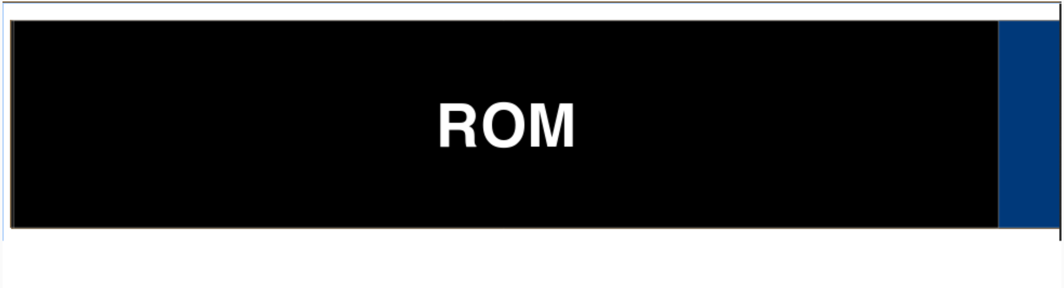

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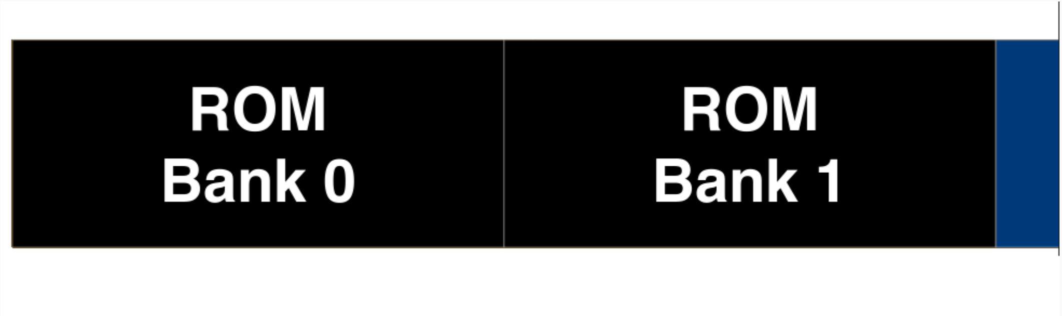
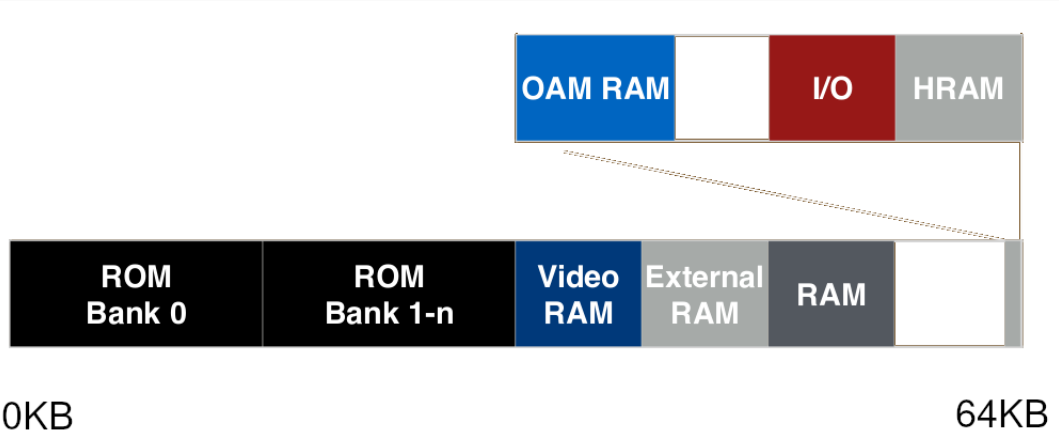


ROM
Bank 0

ROM
Bank 1

Memory map


OAM RAM
I/O
HRAM
ROM Bank 0
ROM Bank 1-n
Video RAM
External RAM
RAM
0KB
64KB

Pixel processing unit

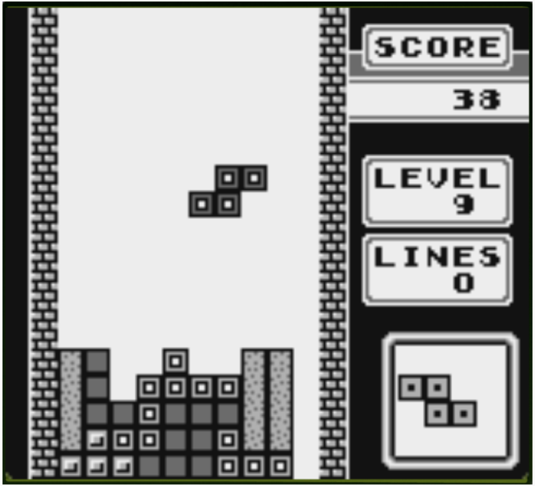
- 160x144 pixels
- 4 shades of “gray”
- 8x8 tiles
- 20x18 tiles
- 40 sprites (10 per line)
- 8 KB VRAM

Pixel processing unit

3 grounds in graphics:

- Background
- Window
- Sprites (Nintendo calls them objects)

Pixel processing unit



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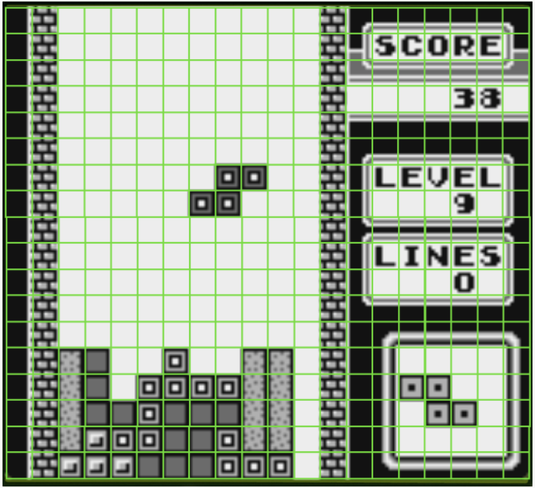

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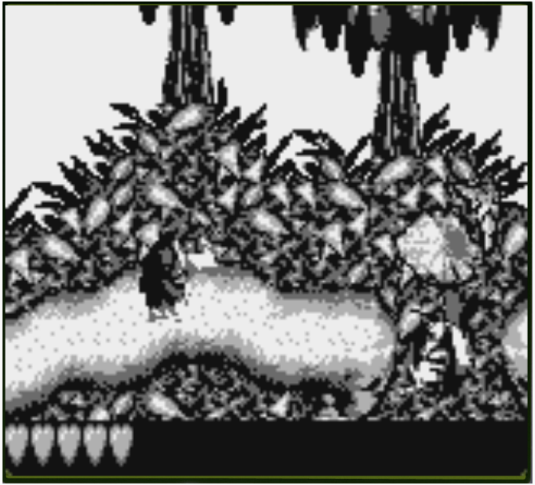

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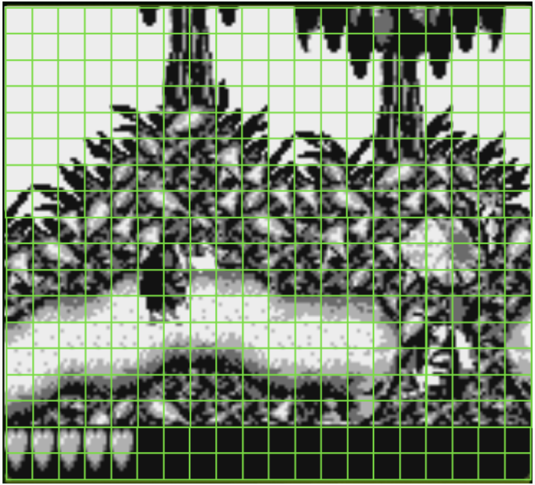

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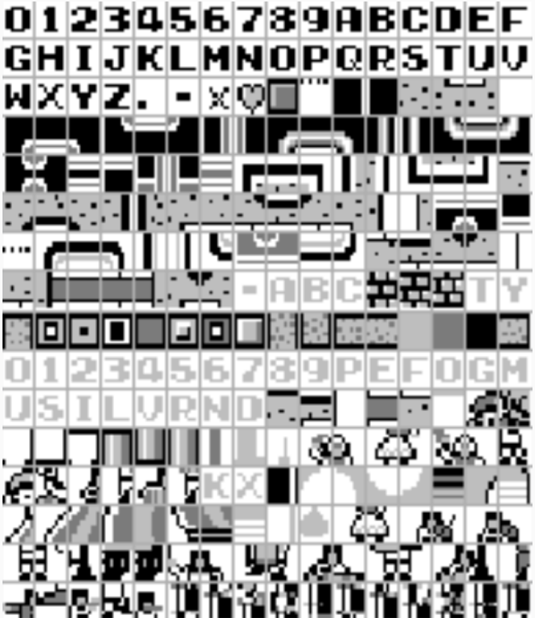

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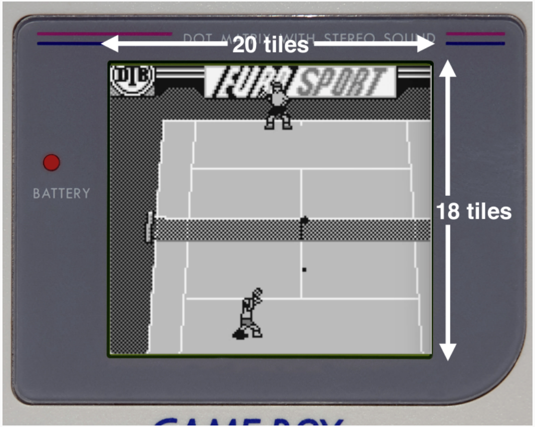

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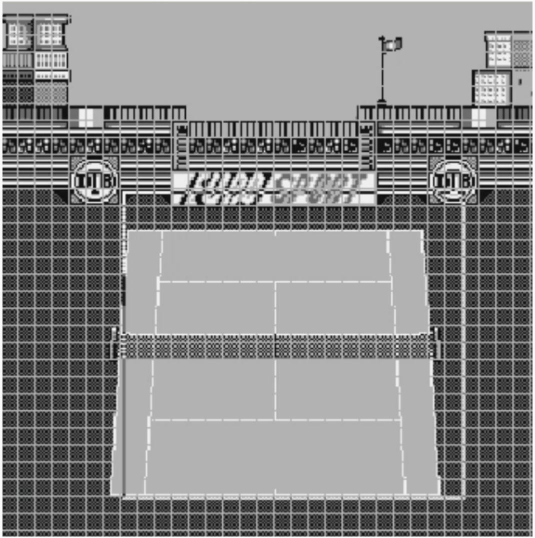
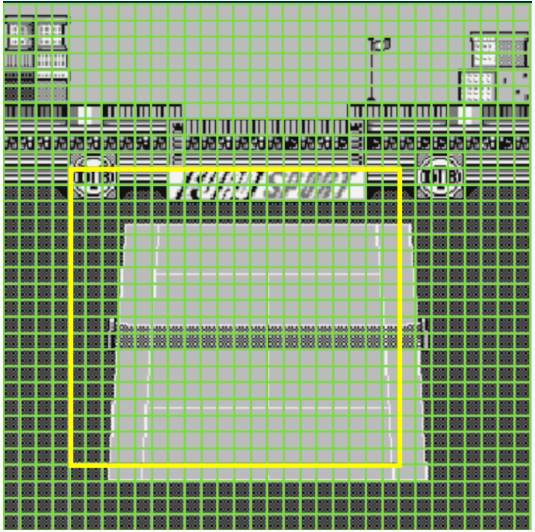


Pixel processing unit

Actually the background is just a view of a bigger surface which is 32x32 tiles.



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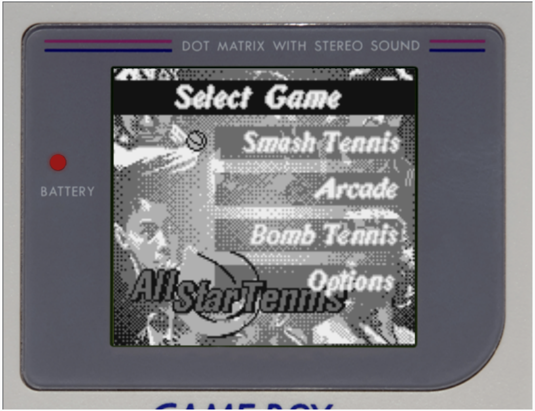

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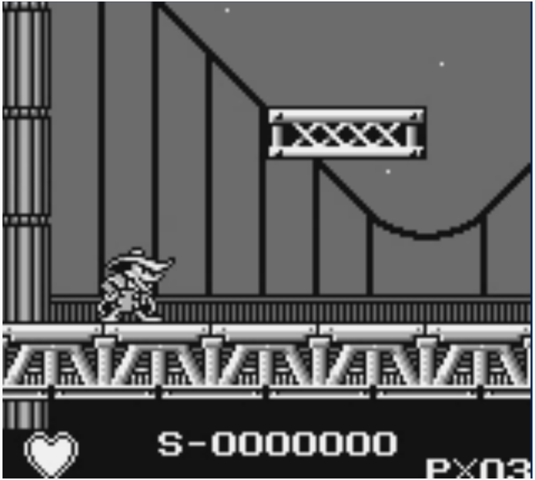

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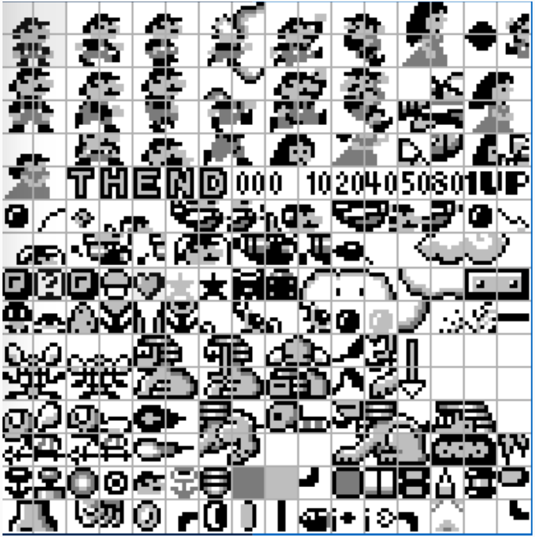

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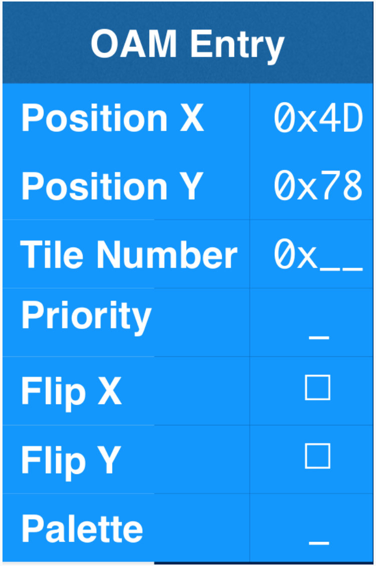
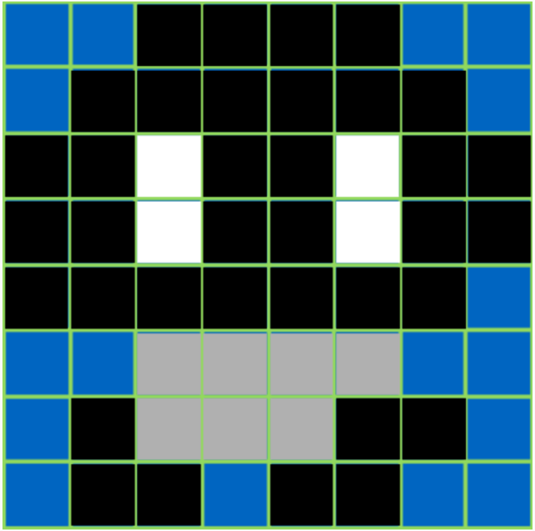


OAM Entry	
Position X	0x4D
Position Y	0x78
Tile Number	0x__
Priority	_
Flip X	□
Flip Y	□
Palette	_

Pixel processing unit



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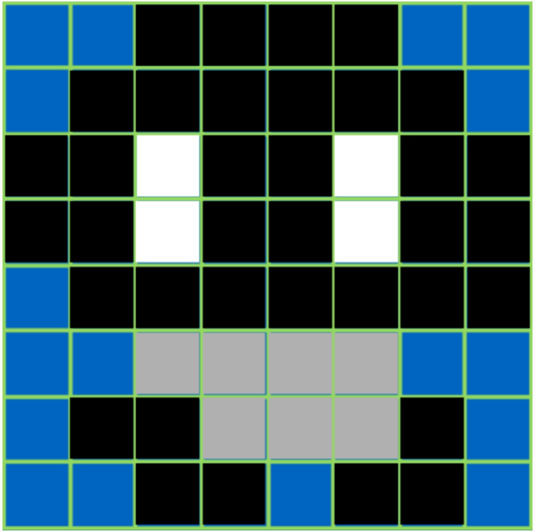

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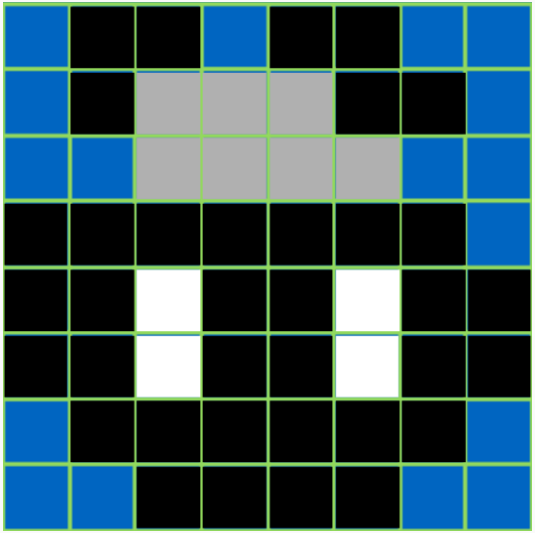

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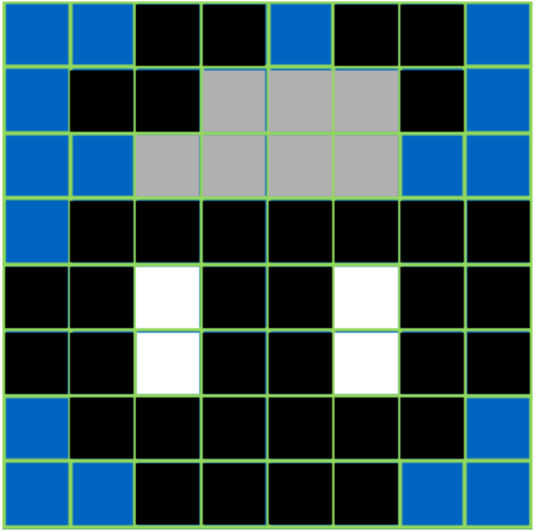

It’s meme time

Just for the lulz

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Source code

If you want to check the code out:

https://git.zuh0.com/boi

You can send patches by mail!

It is **commented**.

Resources:

https://github.com/gbdev/awesome-gbdev

http://marc.rawer.de/Gameboy/Docs/GBCPUman.pdf

https://gbdev.gg8.se/files/roms/blargg-gb-tests/