CDA 4203 Sec 001

Spring 2022

Computer System Design

Mini-Project: Simple Digital Camera Design

Due: 11:59PM, Wednesday, 6th April 2022

Submission only by Canvas

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| Today’s Date: |  |
| Team Member Names:  Your U Numbers:  (Up to 3 members per team) |  |
| Work distribution | *Briefly explain each team member’s contribution. Grade for each member depends on their contribution to the project.* |

**Feedback:** Your feedback is extremely important to improve the mini-project for future course offerings.

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| Total number of  person hours spent: | *Estimate the number of hours spent by each team member and add the numbers.* |
| Exercise difficulty:  (Easy, Average, Hard) |  |
| Issues you ran into: | *List all problem/issues you faced while doing this project.*  *(please use bulletized list)*   * *xyz* |
| Any suggestions to improve this project: |  |
| Any other feedback: |  |

**Part A**

**Front End Interface Design**

1. **(1 pt.)** Specification Analysis: Analyze the design specification and identify all requirements. What additional features would you like to see in the camera? (Maximum 1 Page)

Design Requirements:

* Camera lens to capture the photos
* Data bus between camera lens and camera controller/memory
* Programmable Controls: Gain, frame rate, frame size
* The resolution of the image should be at-least 1,024H x 1,024V (~1 million pixels).
* Buttons to control when snapshots are taken, when memory is cleared, and when continuous photos/video are taken (iffy on this one).
* Some form of volatile memory as a buffer between memory and any successive photos taken after the first photo (SRAM ideally).
* Internal flash memory to hold multiple pictures (At least 4 GB).
* USB port to interface with PC
* Total cost < $200

Additional Features (if possible):

* External memory card
* Ability to take video

1. **(1 pt.)** Read the datasheet and analyze the sensor array features**.** Summarize the **features of the sensor array relevant to your design**. *(Maximum 1 page)*

MT9M001C12STM Key Features:

* Array Format (5:4): 1,280H x 1,024V (1,310,720 active pixels). Total (incl. dark pixels): 1,312H x 1,048V (1,374,976 pixels)
* Frame Rate: 30 fps progressive scan; programmable
* Shutter: Electronic Rolling Shutter (ERS)
* Window Size: SXGA; programmable to any smaller format (VGA, QVGA, CIF, QCIF, etc.)
* Max data rate: 48 MHz
* ADC Resolution: 10-bit on-chip
* Supply Voltage: 3.0V-3.6V; 3.3V nominal
* 325mW active use, 275mW on standby

1. **(1 pt.)** Define the port interface of the Camera controller block. Briefly describe the purpose of each port. *(Maximum 1 page)*

* GSHT\_CTL - input - Global shutter control
* Shutter - input - user shutter button
* Standby - input - activates (HIGH) standby mode, disables analog bias circuitry for power saving mode.
* Trigger - input - activates (HIGH) snapshot sequence.
* Reset - input - activates (LOW) asynchronous reset of sensor. All registers assume factory defaults
* OE - input - OE# when HIGH, places outputs DOUT[9:0], FRAME\_VALID, LINE\_VALID, PIXCLK, and STROBE into a tri-state configuration.
* EXTCLK - input - master clock into sensor (48 MHz maximum)
* SCLK - input - clock for serial interface.
* SDATA - input / output -serial data bus, requires 1.5KΩ resistor to 3.3V for pull-up.
* DOUT[9:0] - output - Data out: pixel data output bit 0, DOUT[9] (MSB), DOUT[0] (LSB).
* PIXCLK - output - Pixel clock: pixel data outputs are valid during falling edge of this clock. Frequency = (master clock).
* STROBE - output - Strobe: output is pulsed HIGH to indicate sensor reset operation of pixel array has completed.
* LINE\_VALID - output - Line valid: output is pulsed HIGH during line of selectable valid pixel data (see R0x20 for options).
* FRAME\_VAILD - output - Frame valid: output is pulsed HIGH during frame of valid pixel data.

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1. **(2.5 pts.)** Analyze and define the timing interface required between the Pixel Array and Camera Controller blocks. *(Use as many pages as needed)*

As asserting the trigger input the image sensor will collect the data required from the array of pixels and then assert the FRAME\_VAILD immediately afterwards. The LINE\_VALID signal will be asserted when data is being acquired from active columns of the pixel. If LINE\_VAILD is asserted, then every negative edge of the PIXCLK will produce 10 bits of pixel data. The pixel data needs to capture on the following rising edge of the PIXCLK. Therefore, the camera controller operates at 100Mhz, and the image sensor goes for 48 MHZ the possibility of capturing valid pixel data is quite high. If the ON/OFF signal is low then everything will be off, if the line is high then it will enter standby mode, when standby is on the only components that will work are the PIXCLK and master clk. The iteration between the camera controller and the pixel array will be primarily driven by the master clock.

Graphical user interface

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1. (**2.5 pts.)** Implement an RTL design satisfying the port and timing interfaces determined in Questions (3) and (4). For the controller, you can stop at the state diagram.

*(Use as many pages as needed)*

1. **(1 pt.)** Draw a detailed schematic of the partial design of the front-end as well as user interfaces. Identify any other components that are required (for example, crystal-controlled oscillator). Show these components as well in the schematic. *(Maximum 1 page)*
2. (**1 pt.)** Estimate: (a) how long it will take for one image capture; and (b) the approximate dollar cost to implement the front-end interface. *(Use as many pages as needed)*

**Part** B

**Memory & PC Interface Design**

1. (1 pt.) Memory Component:

Choose an off-the-shelf memory component that can be used as internal memory for the camera. List the memory components that you have researched and provide arguments for your memory choice.

1. Flash memory: Can be programmed, reprogrammed (like that of an FPGA board) and erased electronically which is important for deleting pictures from the camera, and they do not need to be removed from the camera to be erased. Specific content from the memory can be erased as opposed to a complete clear, if only specific images are to be deleted. Other memory options that were researched include RAM, SRAM, ROM, and PROM. We have chosen the MMBTFxxGWBCA-xMExx family of Samsung SD card flash memory because it is targeted for mobile applications and designed to be easily removable and reprogrammable. It also has the option for extended memory capabilities to be able to hold a large capacity of photos that would easily meet the 4GB requirement.
2. **(1 pt.) Memory Component Features:** Read the datasheet of the selected memory component and briefly summarize its features.

Samsung MMBTFxxGWBCA-xMExx Flash Memory SD Family

System Features:

• Compliant with SD Memory Card Specifications PHYSICAL LAYER SPECIFICATION Version 3.00

- Based on SD Memory Card Specification 3.0 compatible Test Device.

- Bus speed only support up to High Speed Mode (3.3V signaling, frequency up to 50MHz)

• Targeted for portable and stationary applications

• Memory capacity:

1) Standard Capacity SD Memory Card(SDSC) : Up to and including 2 GB

2) High Capacity SD Memory Card(SDHC) : More than 2GB and up to and including 32GB

3) Extended Capacity SD Memory Card(SDXC) : More than 32GB and up to and including 2TB

• Voltage range:

High Voltage SD Memory Card – Operating voltage range: 2.7-3.6 V

• Designed for read-only and read/write cards.

• Bus Speed Mode

1) Default mode: Variable clock rate 0 - 25 MHz, up to 12.5 MB/sec interface speed (using 4 parallel data lines)

2) High-Speed mode: Variable clock rate 0 - 50 MHz, up to 25 MB/sec interface speed (using 4 parallel data lines)

• Switch function command supports High-Speed, and future functions

• Correction of memory field errors

• Card removal during read operation will never harm the content

• Content Protection Mechanism - Complies with highest security of SDMI standard.

• Password Protection of cards (CMD42 - LOCK\_UNLOCK)

• Write Protect feature using mechanical switch

• Built-in write protection features (permanent and temporary)

• Card Detection (Insertion/Removal)

• Application specific commands

• Comfortable erase mechanism

• Weight: SD Card Max. 2.5g / microSD Card Max. 1g

1. **(1 pt.) Port Interface:** Define the port interface of the memory with the camera controller. Briefly describe the purpose of each port.

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Too be able to effectively communicate the camera controller to the internal memory, communication methods need to be established. This can be done with communication buses b that send different signals to the other component.

CTRLCLK: Asynchronous master clock established for the purpose of administering over the camera control sensor.

MEMCLK: Asynchronous clock attached to storage memory to assist in data writing.

SIG/REC (Signal and Receive): Handshaking signal used to communicate status between camera controller and storage memory. Storage memory will deliver ready signal to camera controller to establish readiness to receive data, and camera controller will send data to storage memory to be written.

CRDPRES (Card Present): Signal sent to camera controller to establish when SD card is present to begin the transfer of data if needed.

ON/OFF: On and off switch for user to shutdown/turn on camera.

Shutter: User button to take a photo.

1. **(1 pt.) Timing Interface:**

Analyze and define the timing interface required between the memory and the rest of the system.

In default mode, the SD card uses a 25 MHz clock. Under the assumption of a 100MHz clock frequency for the Camera Controller, it will be necessary for the controller to accept input every 4 clock cycles (100 / 25 = 4).

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1. **(2 pts) Port and Timing Interfaces:**

Extend your design (developed in Part A) to implement the port and timing interfaces determined in Questions B.3 and B.4. For the controller, you can stop at the state diagram.

1. **(1 pt.) Detailed Schematic:**

Extend the detailed schematic of your partial design (developed in Part A) to include the memory. Identify any other components that are required. Show these components as well in the schematic.

1. **(1.5 pts) PC Interface**

Choose a suitable interface (serial/parallel/wireless) between the camera and PC such as USB, Bluetooth, etc. Suggest an off-the-shelf solution to implement this interface. You can “drop in” an existing design provided by the interface vendor. **You need not extend the camera controller for this interface. However, you should include the interface cost in your final cost estimation.**

We decided to utilize the Flyfish Technologies FF32 which is a USB Interface Chip that would allow basic I/O capabilities with an external PC for data transfer.

Notable Features:

* USB 2.0 compliant
* Natively supported by various Operating Systems (Linux, Mac OS, Windows, BSD, etc.)
* 28-pin chip, 300-mil DIP body
* 18 Digital Outputs
* 18 Digital Inputs
* 6 PWM Outputs
* 12 Analog Inputs
* 4 SPI Master Buses
* 9 I2C Master Buses / 9 TWI Master Buses
* 18 1-Wire Master Buses / 18 MicroLAN Master Buses
* 3.3V or 5V Power Supply
* Hot-Pluggable
* Core current consumption at full operating load <10mA
* High-current Output Pins, rated for 25mA
* Maximum 185mA sourced and sunk by all Output Pins
* Operating temperature range -40C to +85C
* No additional USB driver needed.
* Supported up to 127 chips attached to the host
* Programmable circuit’s Vendor and Product ID strings, including serial number
* Upgradeable via embedded update feature (bootloader)
* CHIP COST: $6.99

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1. **(1.5 pt.) Estimations**

Estimate: (a) the maximum number of images we can store in the memory; (b) the time required to store/retrieve one image; and (c) the approximate dollar cost to prototype the camera (excluding costs for PCB design and manufacturing, component soldering, and testing).

a)

One image = 1024p x 1280p

1024p x 1280p = 1,310,720 pixels

1,310,720 pixels \* (24 bits / pixel) = 31,457,280 bits

31,457,280 bits \* (1 byte / 8 bits) = 3,932,160 bytes

3,932,160 bytes \* (1 MB / 1,000,000 bytes) = 3.93216 MB

3.93216 MB \* (1 GB / 1000 MB) = 0.00393216 GB (Size of one average image)

Assuming 16GB SD Storage option is chosen:

16 / 0.00393216 = ~4,096 images possible to store

b)

The flash memory component chosen for this device has a capable read performance of up to 24 MB per second and capable write performance of up to 13 MB per second. The resolution of the camera is 1.3 megapixels, therefore when compressed each photo will have a size of 0.5 MB and the memory will take about (0.5 MB / 13 MB/s) = ~38.4 ms to read/write an image.

c)

Flyfish Technologies FF32 USB Interface: $6.99

MMBTFxxGWBCA-xMExx Samsung 16 GB Flash Memory SD Family: $7.99