

Emulating a Game Boy

In .NET 6

Code!

<https://github.com/wcabus/gb-net6>

Reference sessions

- The Ultimate Game Boy Talk by Michael Steil
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HyzD8pNlpwl>
- Building a Gameboy Emulator by David Whitney
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pP4lumdqXY>

Hardware information

- Technical documentation by the community
 - <https://gbdev.io/pandocs/>
- SM83 opcodes
 - <https://gbdev.io/gb-opcodes/optables/>
- Architecture of the Game Boy:
 - <https://www.copetti.org/writings/consoles/game-boy/>

Emulation

- Debug emulator:
 - <https://bgb.bircd.org/#downloads>
- Game Boy cartridge reader/writer, flash carts (not sponsored):
 - <https://shop.insidegadgets.com/>

Nintendo®

Hello there

I'm a Coding Architect at Xpirit.

I try not to spend too much money on
retro gaming consoles.

I love tinkering with technology and finding out
how stuff works.



Credits



BUILDING A GAMEBOY EMULATOR

.NET Core all the things!

Session by David Whitney

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Michael Steil

**The Ultimate
Game Boy Talk**

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<http://www.pagetable.com/>

Session by Michael Steil

Ooh, that sounds like a fun
project to ~~waste~~ spend my free
time on!

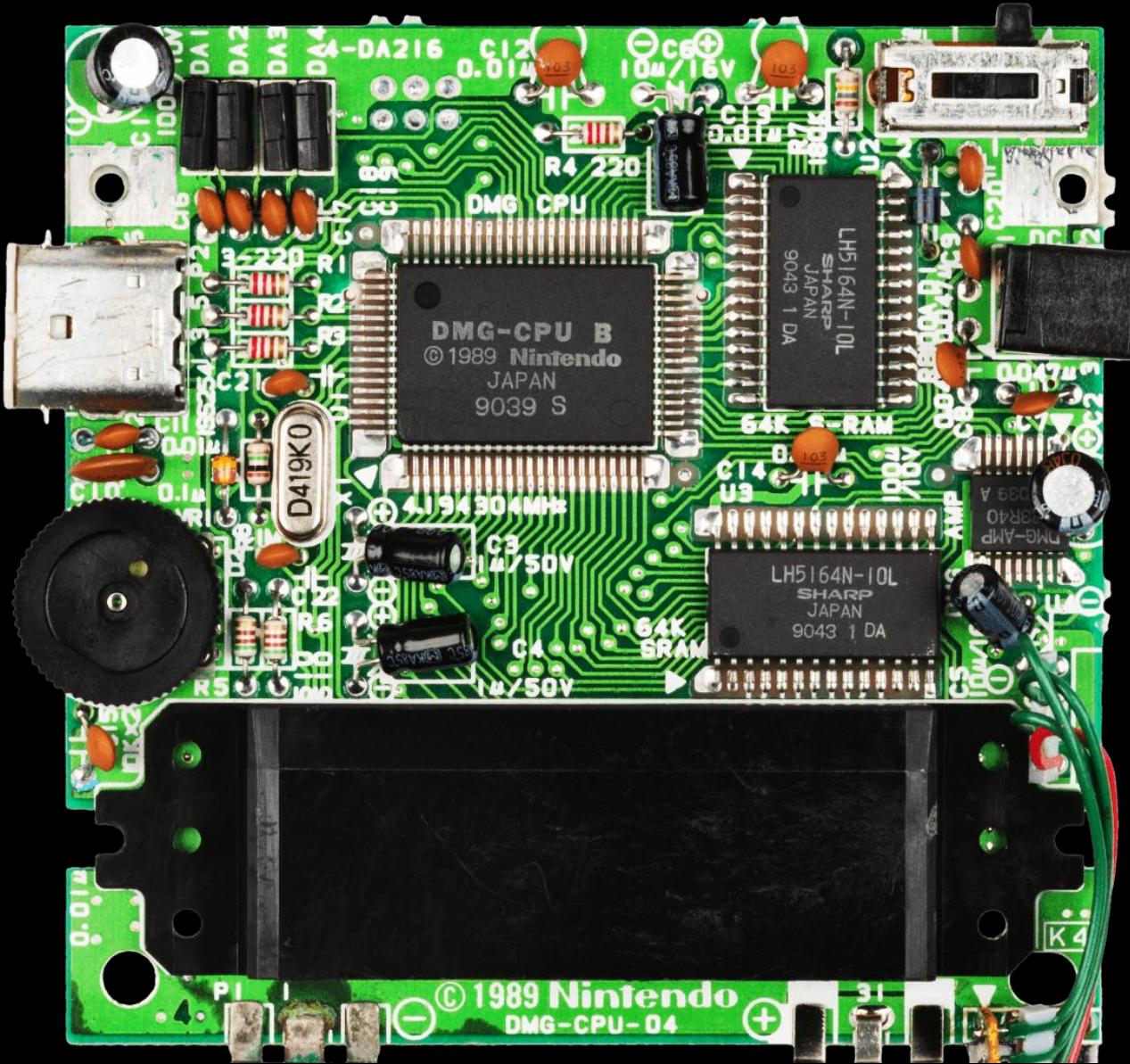
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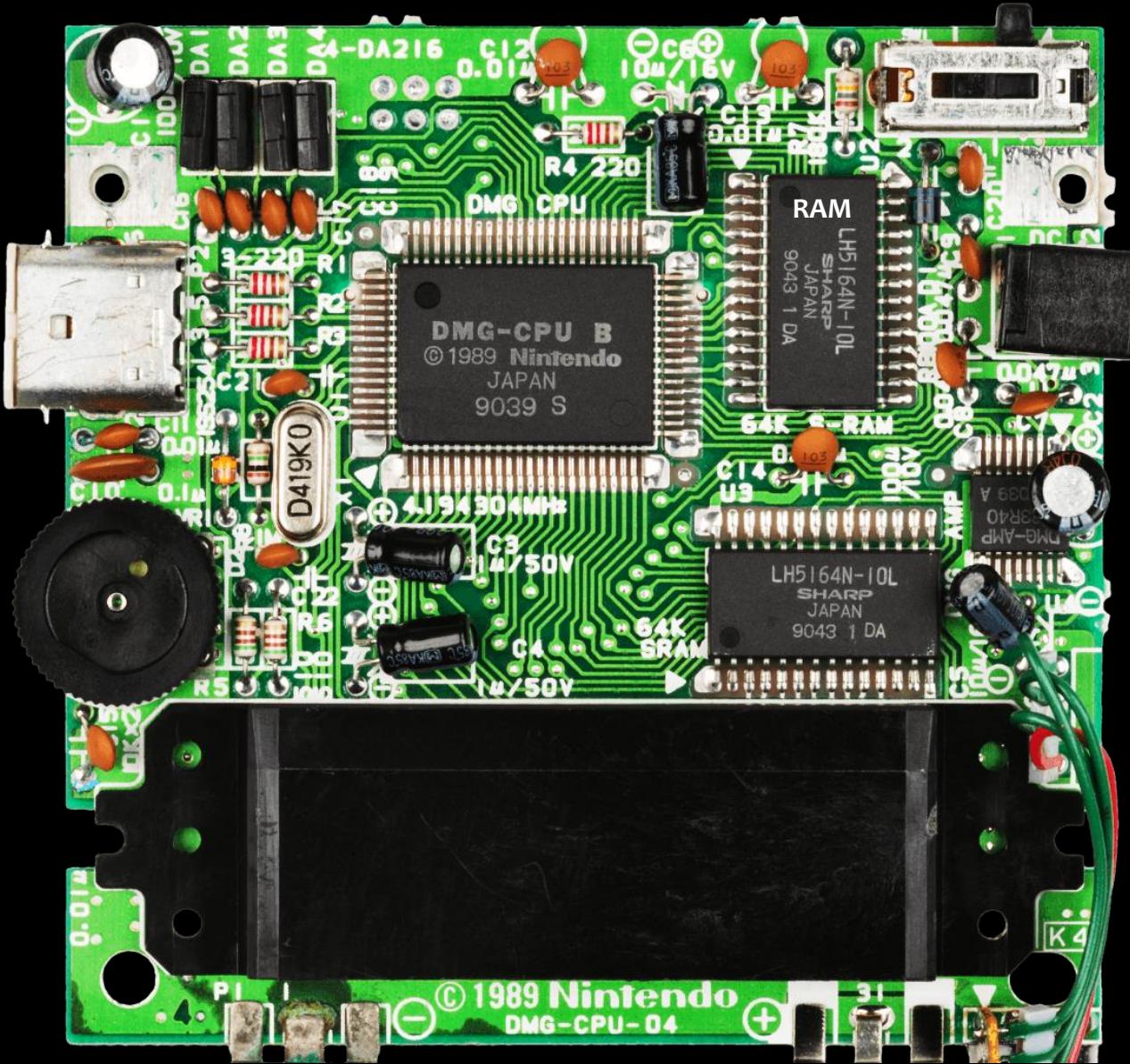
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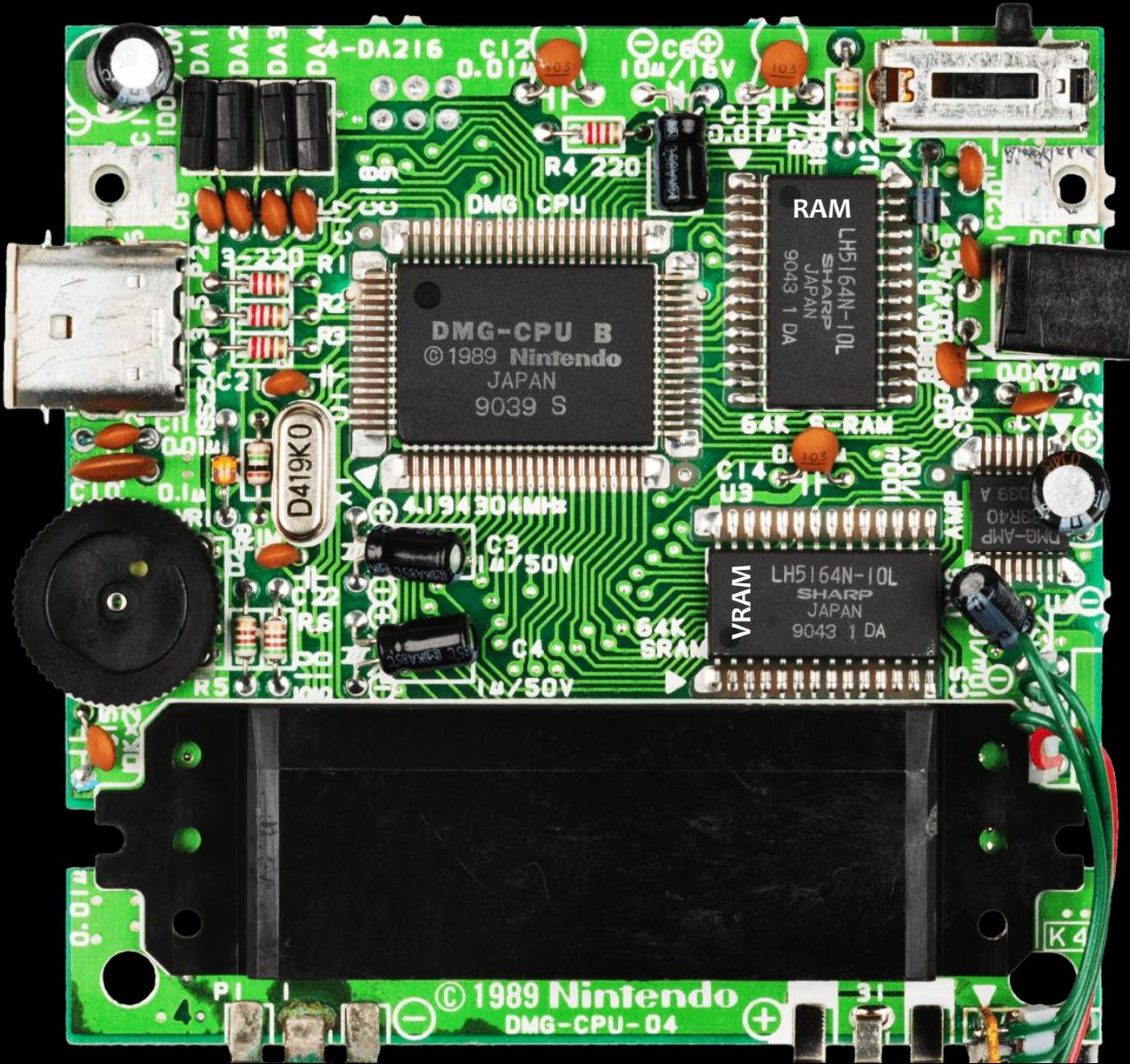
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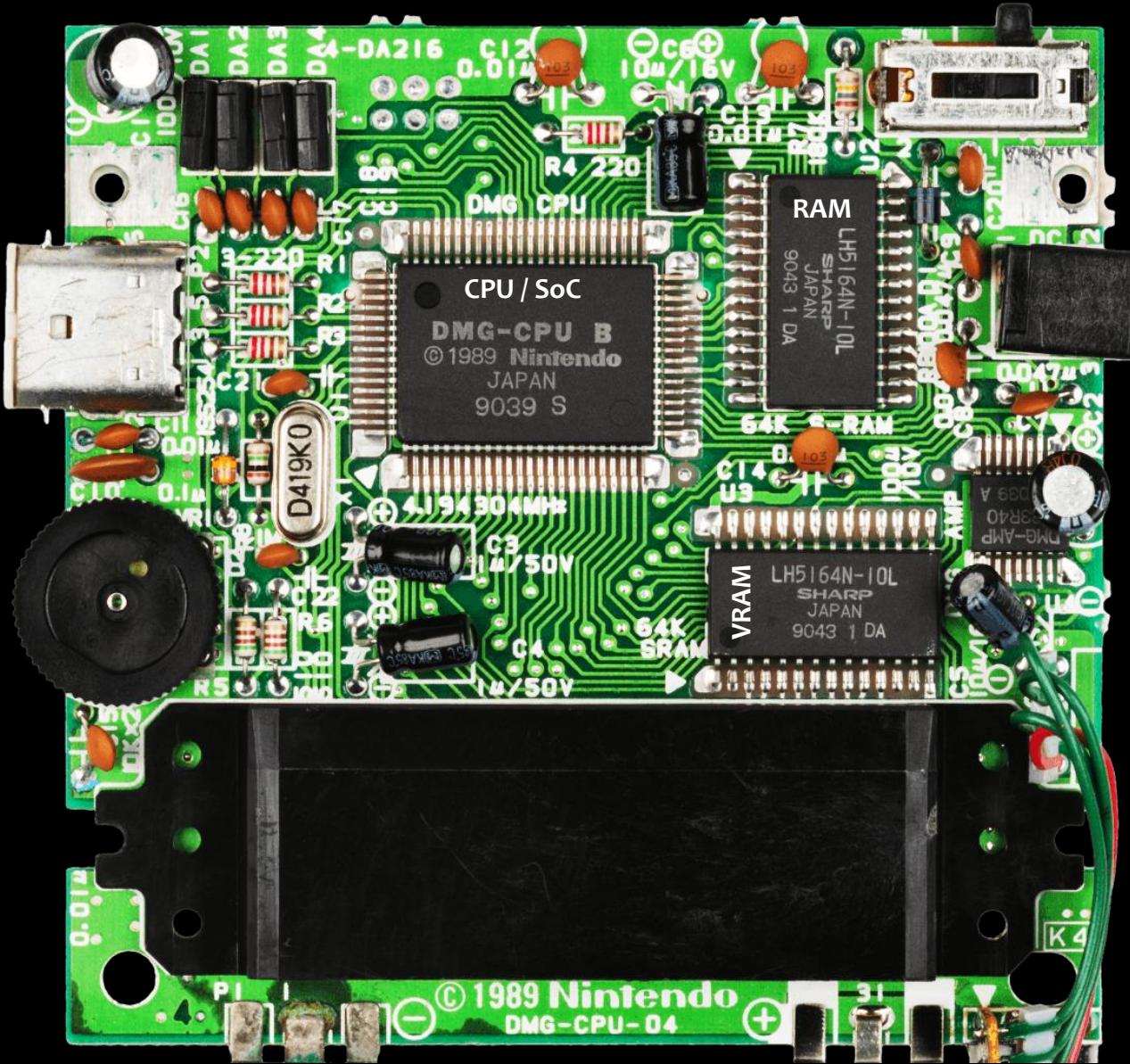


- CPU: 8-bit Sharp SM83
4.19 MHz (but not really)
- 8 KiB work RAM
- 8 KiB video RAM
- 256 bytes boot ROM
- 2.6" LCD with 4 “colors” and a resolution of 160 x 144 pixels
- 2 pulse wave channels
1 noise channel
1 wave sample channel

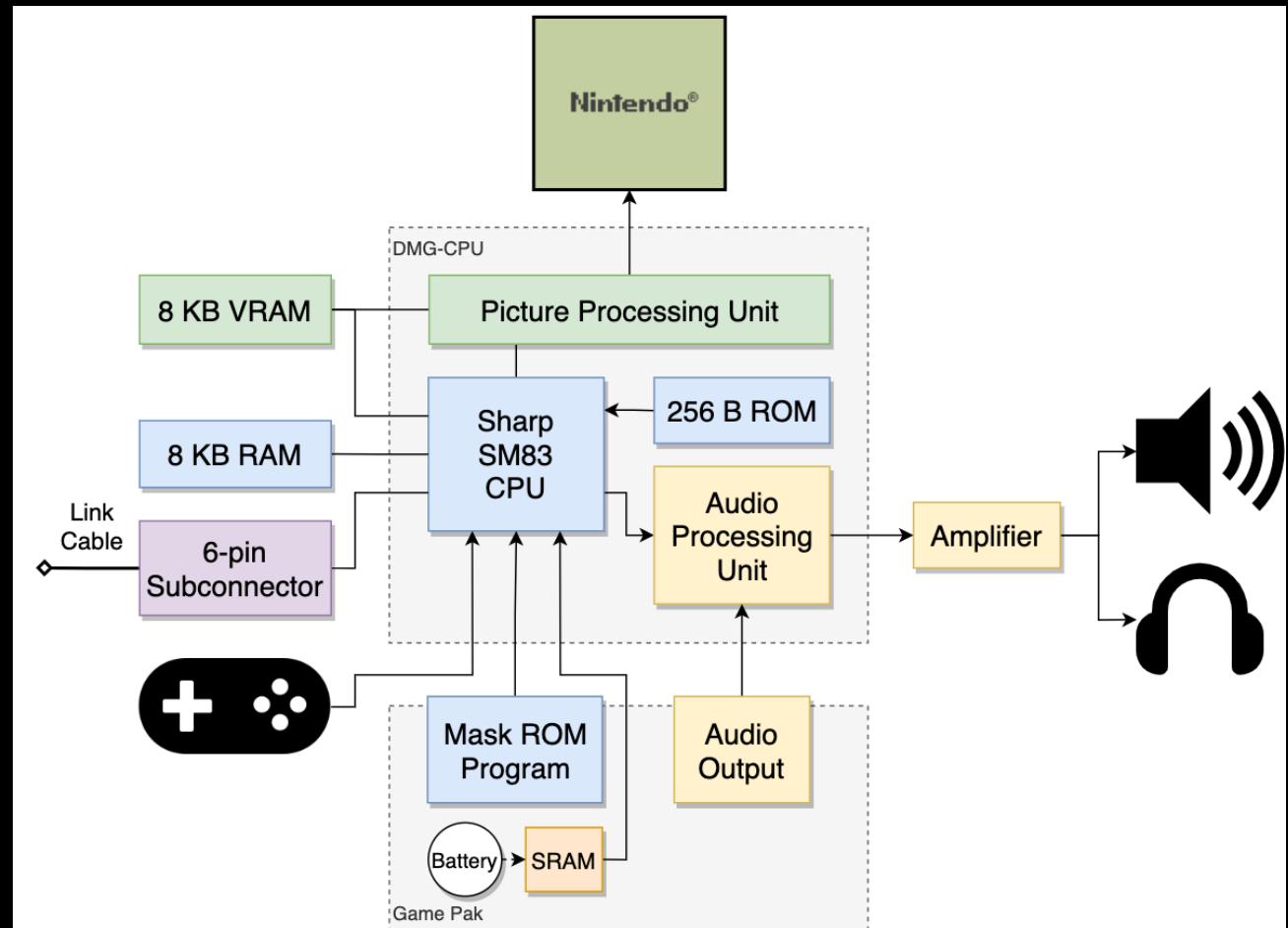








The DMG-CPU / SoC



The hardware specs - Game Pak



- Different ROM sizes:
 - 32 / 64 / 128 / 256 / 512 KiB
 - 1 / 2 / 4 / 8 MiB
- Only 32 KiB can be addressed by the Game Boy
 - First 16 KiB is usually fixed
 - Second 16 KiB can be switched
- Different MBC types
 - Some support adding RAM as well, backed by a battery for save games

The SM83

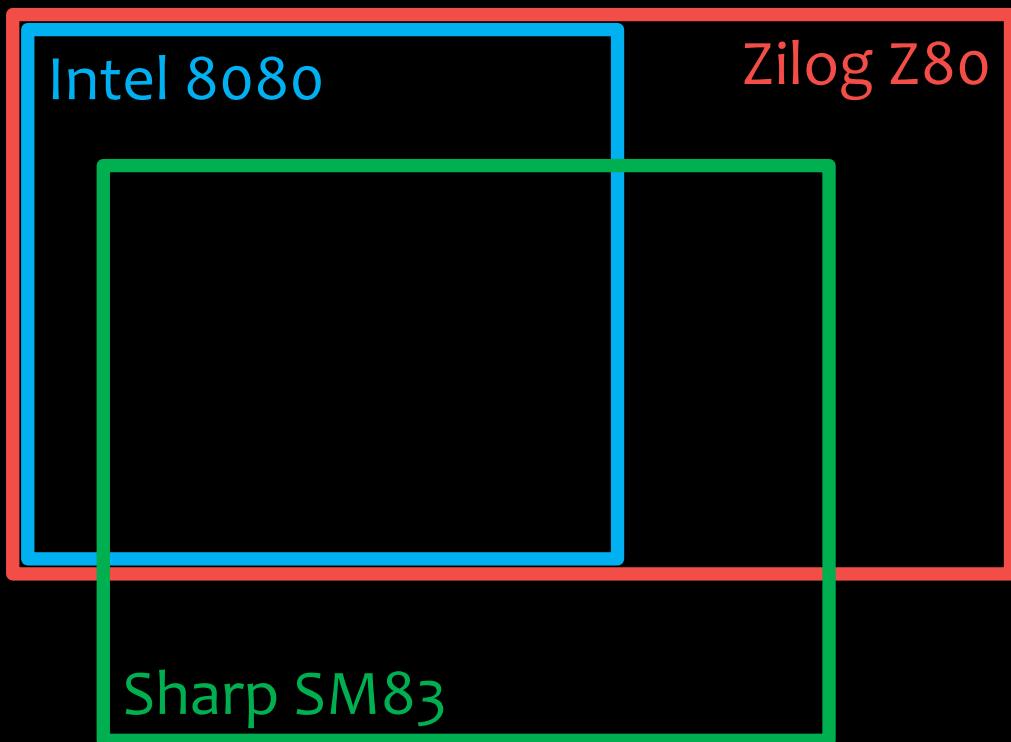
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The SM83

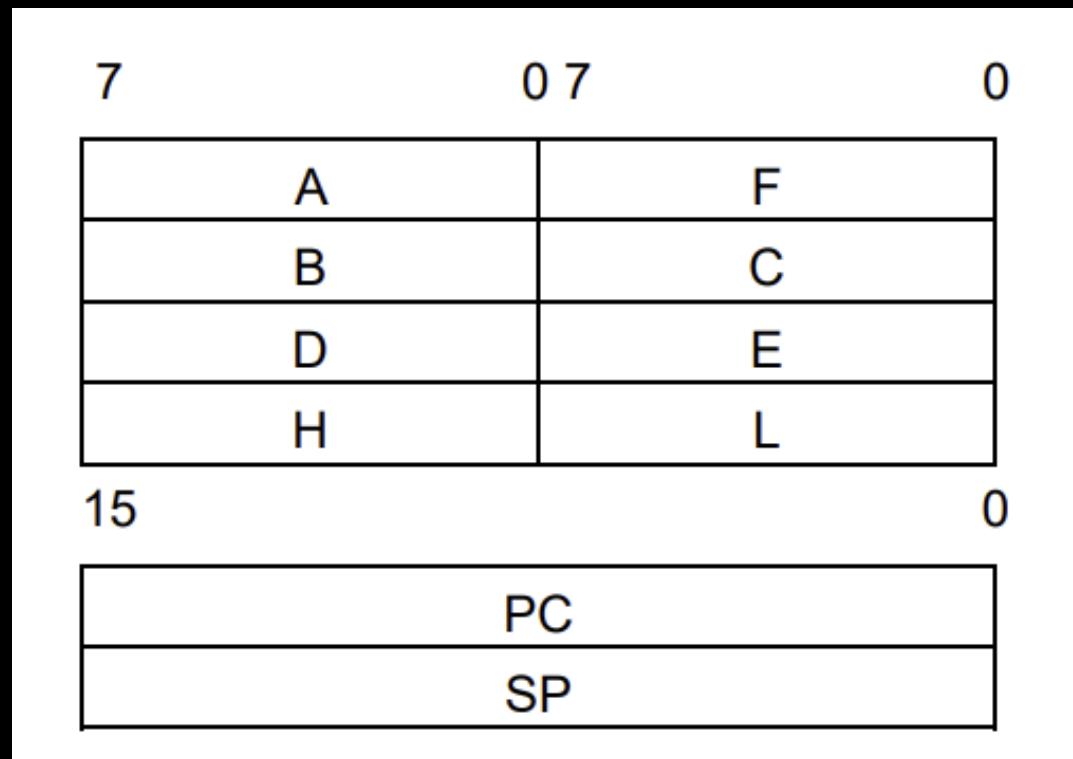
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Zilog Z80

The SM83



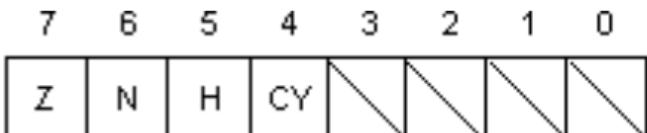
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The SM83

- Flag Register: F

Consists of 4 flags that are set and reset according to the results of instruction execution.
Flags CY and Z are tested by various conditional branch instructions.



Z: Set to 1 when the result of an operation is 0; otherwise reset.

N: Set to 1 following execution of the subtraction instruction, regardless of the result.

H: Set to 1 when an operation results in carrying from or borrowing to bit 3.

CY: Set to 1 when an operation results in carrying from or borrowing to bit 7.

The PPU - Picture Processing Unit



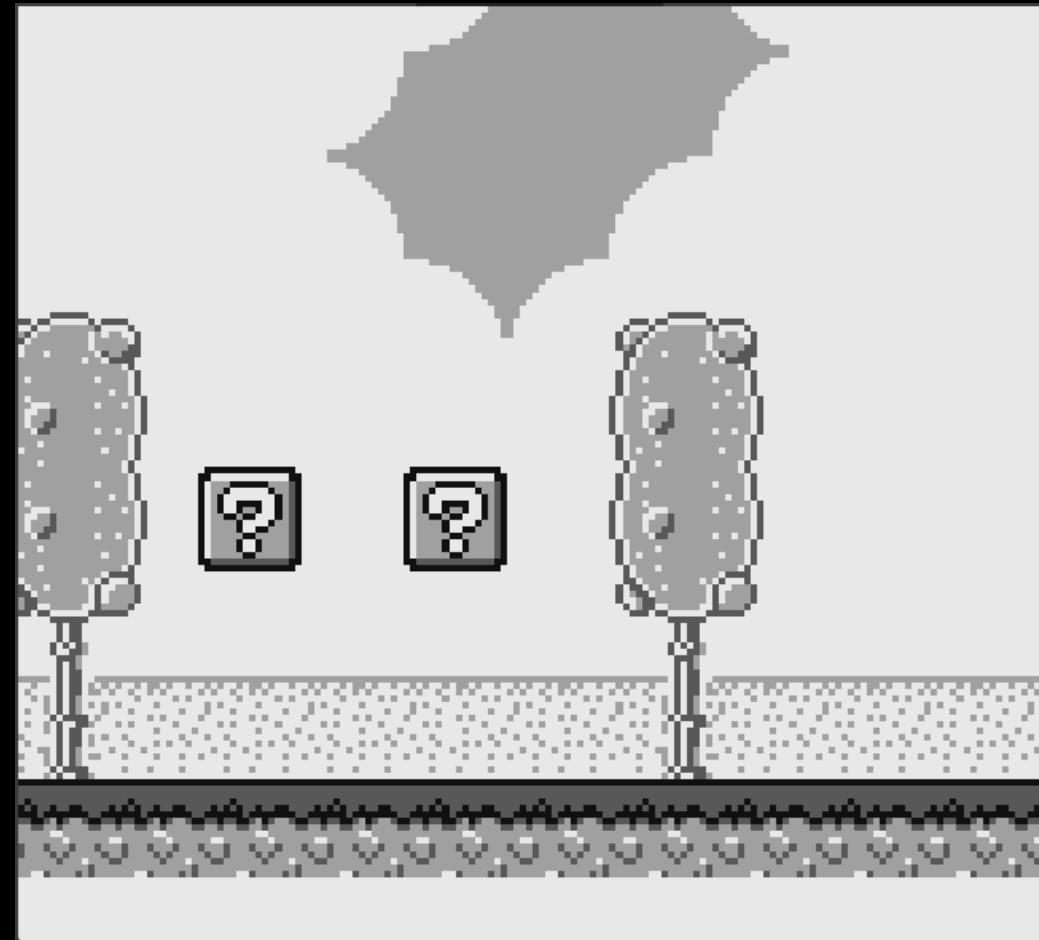
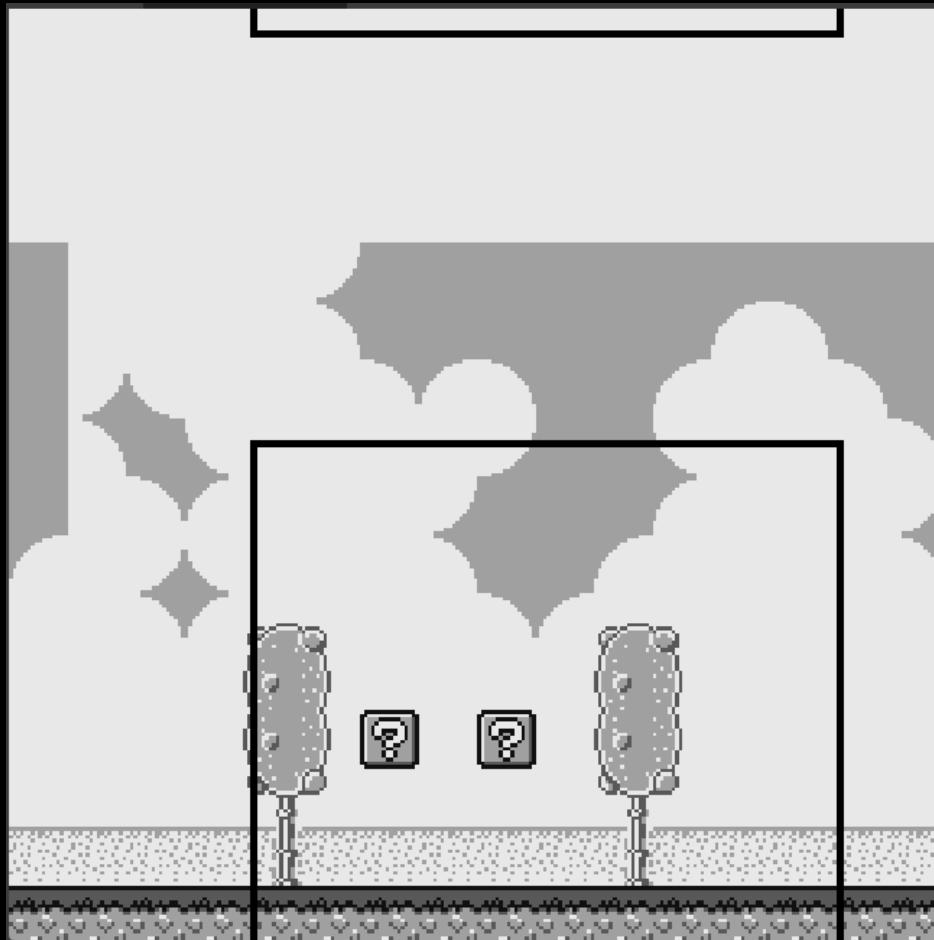
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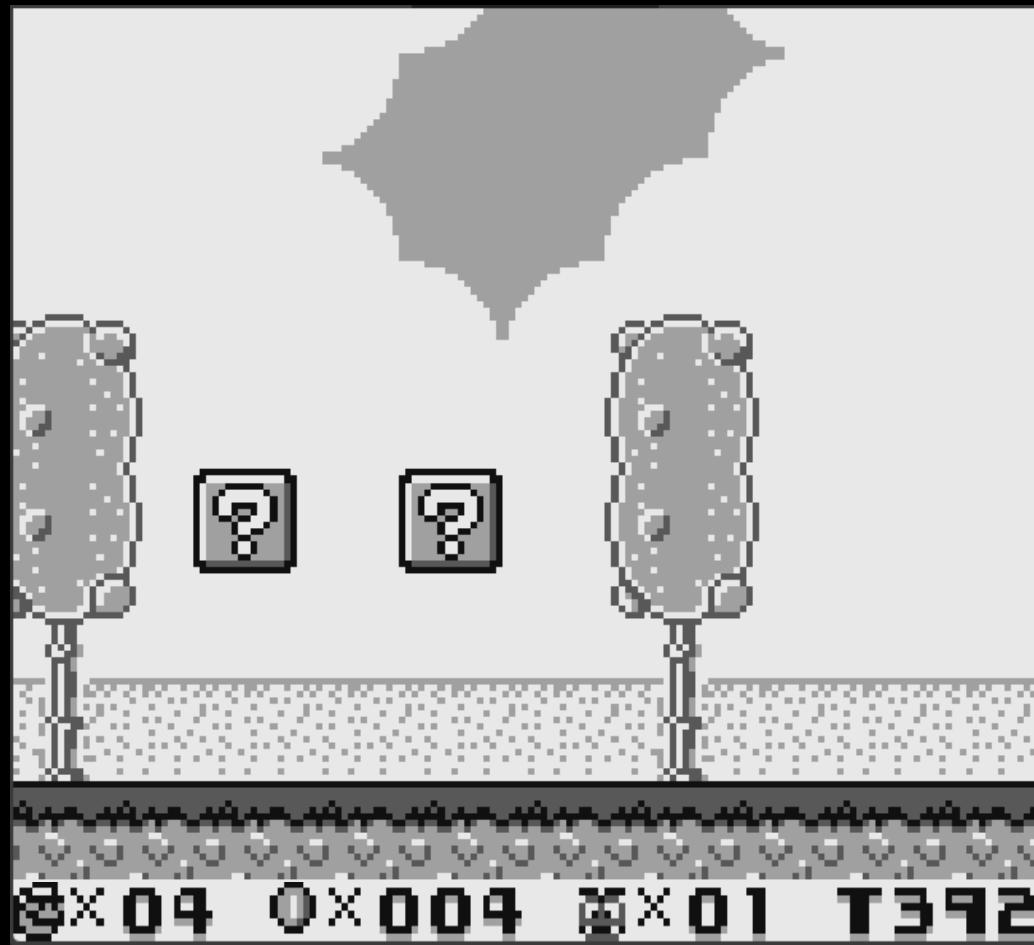
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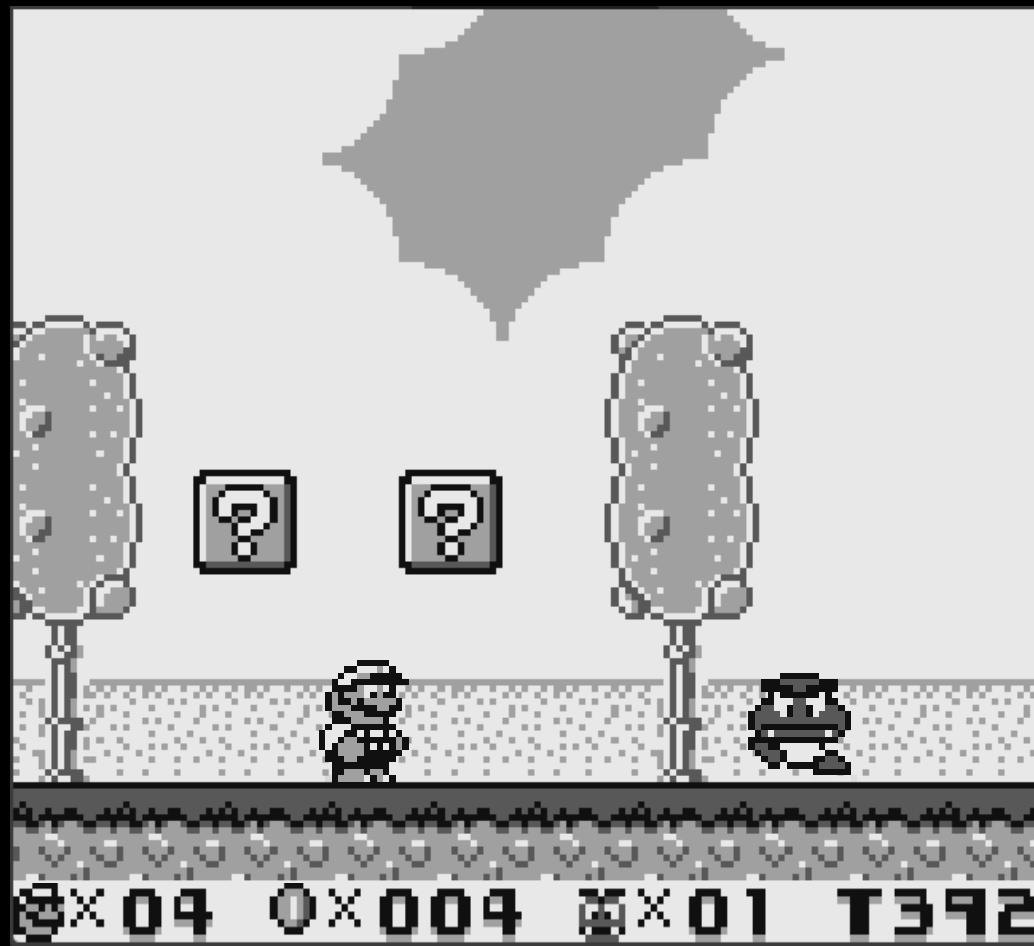
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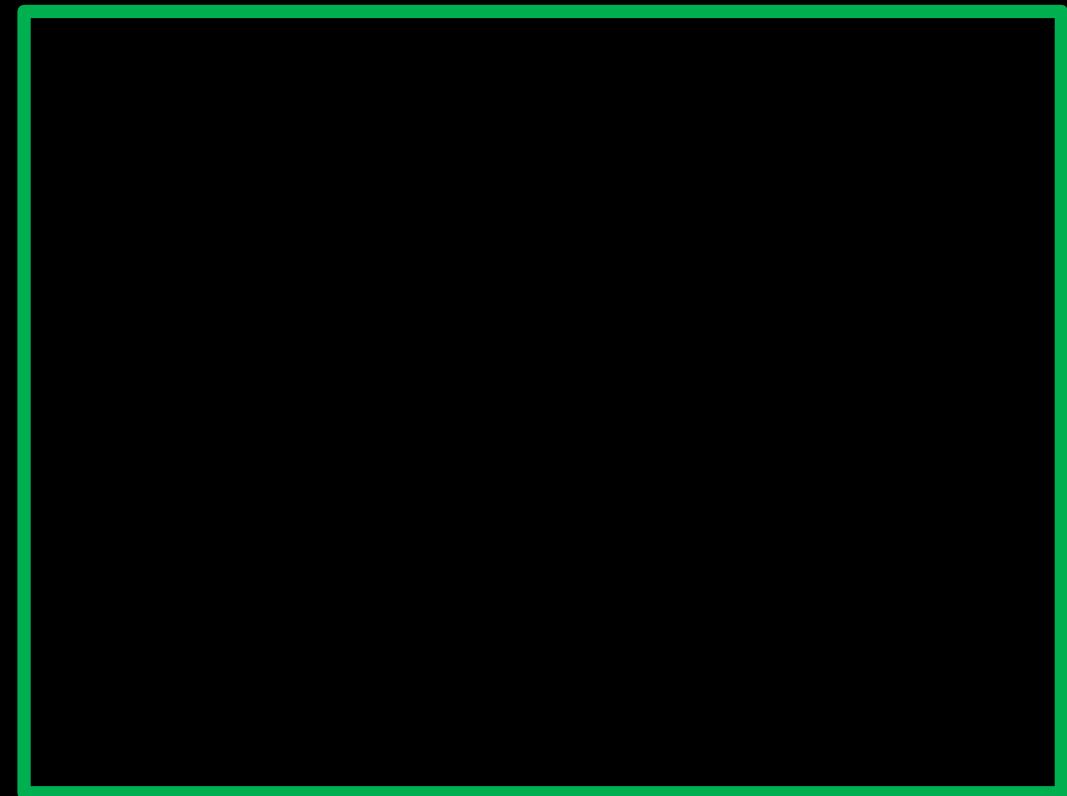
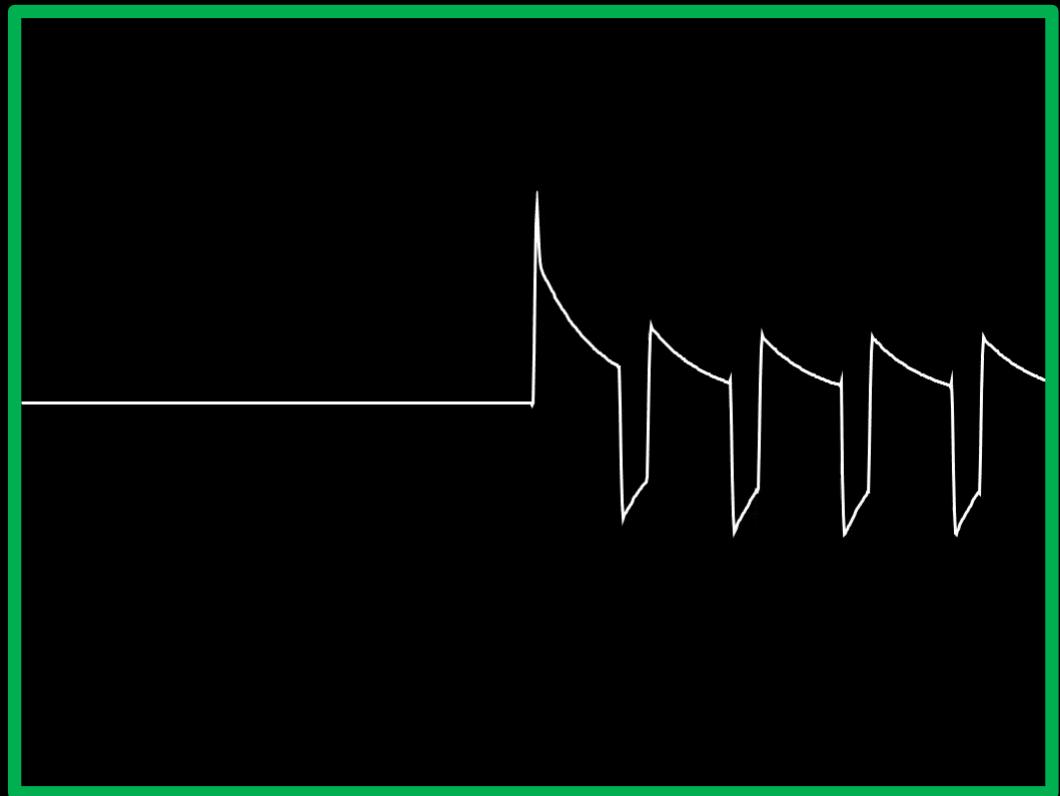
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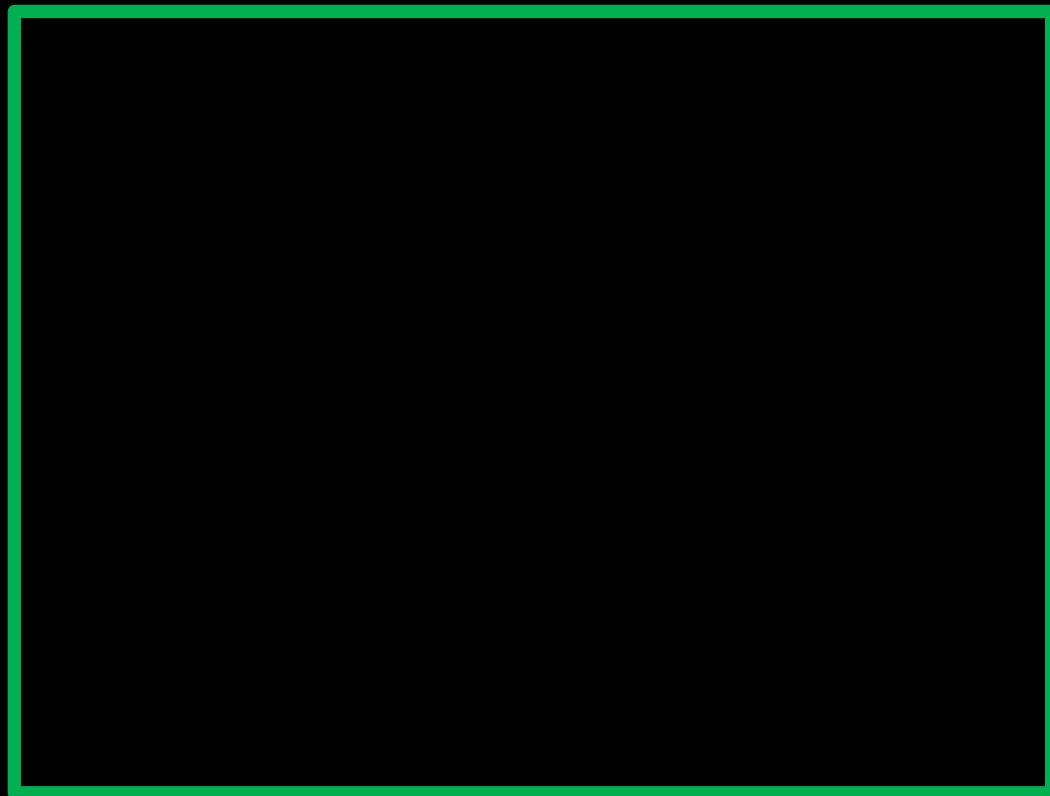
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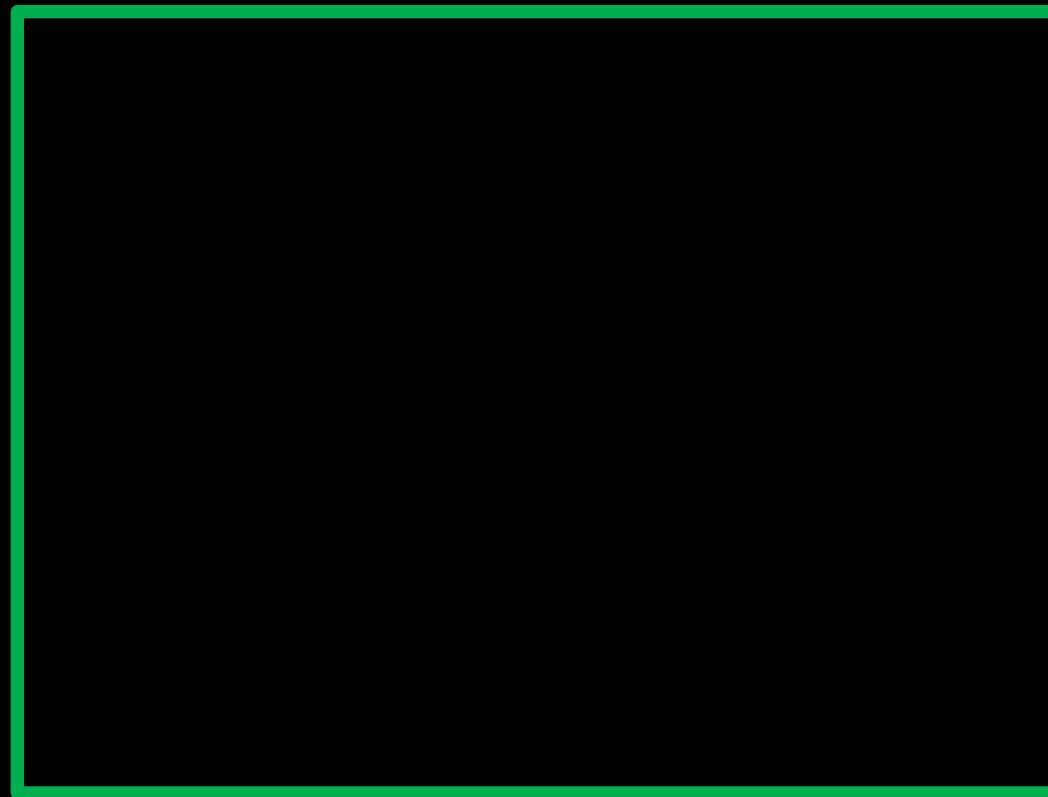
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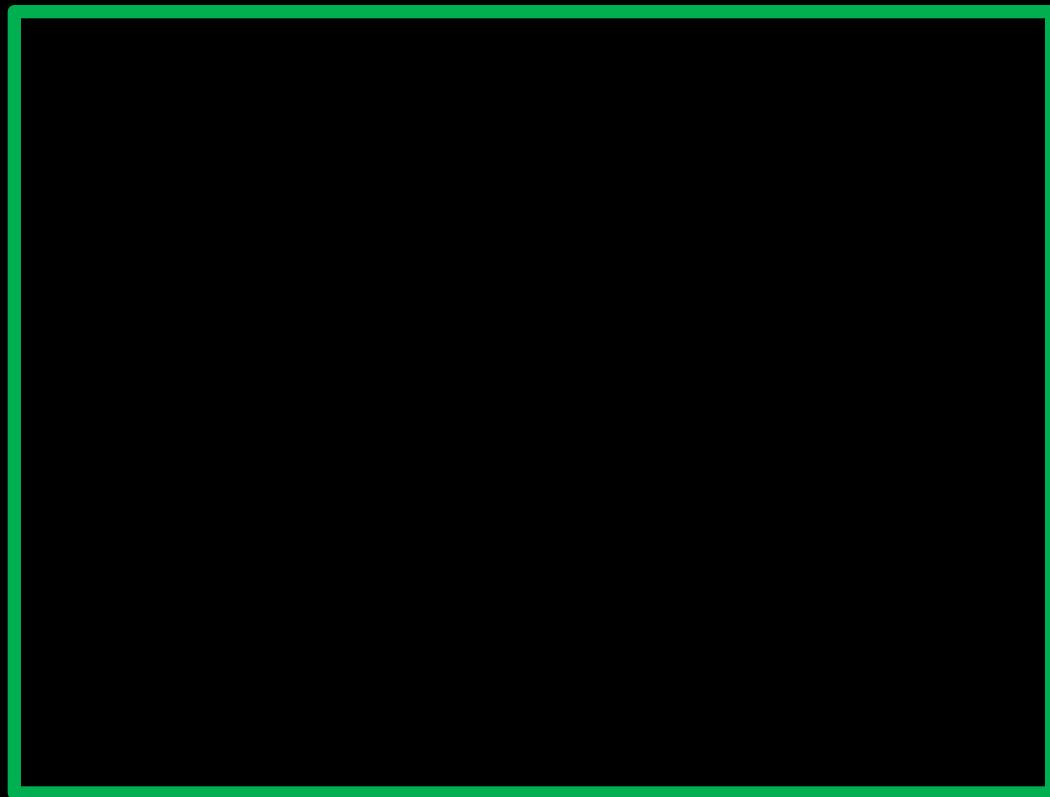
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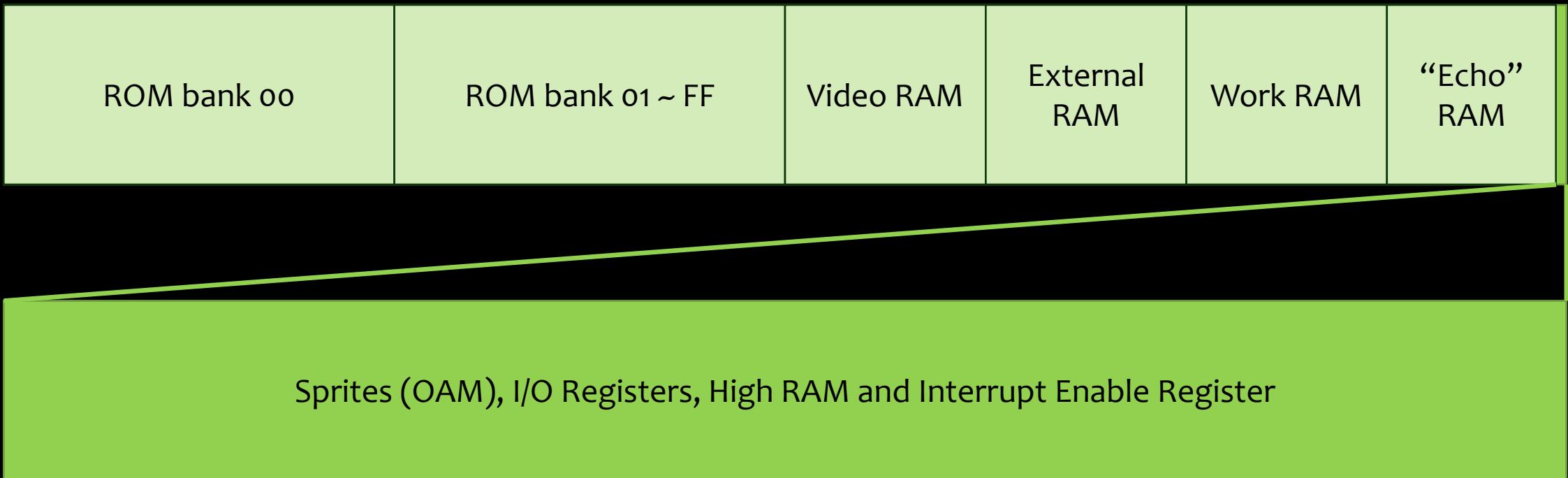
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Memory layout



Booting a game

```
LD SP,$ffff
XOR A
LD HL,$ffff
Addr_0007:
LD (HL),A
BIT 7,H
JR NZ, Addr_0007

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

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

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_0062
DEC E
JR NZ, Addr_0064
DEC C
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 $64
JR NZ, Addr_0086
Addr_0080:
LD A,E
LD ($FF00+C),A
INC C
LD A,$87
LD ($FF00+C),A
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

Addr_0098:
LD C,A
LD B,$04
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
Addr_00A8:
;Nintendo Logo
.DB $CE,$ED,$66,$66,$CC,$0D,$00,$0B,$03,$73,$00,$83,$00,$0C,$00,$0D
.DB $00,$08,$11,$1F,$88,$89,$00,$0E,$DC,$CC,$6E,$E6,$DD,$DD,$D9,$99
.DB $BB,$BB,$67,$63,$6E,$0E,$EC,$CC,$DD,$DC,$99,$9F,$BB,$B9,$33,$3E

Addr_00D8:
;More video data
.DB $3C,$42,$B9,$A5,$B9,$A5,$42,$3C
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
LD B,$19
LD A,B
Addr_00F4:
ADD (HL)
INC HL
DEC B
JR NZ, Addr_00F4
ADD (HL)
JR NZ,$fe
LD A,$01
LD ($FF00+$50),A
```

Booting a game

```

LD SP,$ffff
XOR A
LD HL,$ffff
LD (HL),A
BIT 7,H
JR NZ, Addr_0007

RAM initializer
```

```

LD HL,$ff26
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INC C
LD A,$f3
LD ($FF00+C),A
LD (HL),A
LD A,$77
LD (HL),A
LD A,$fc
LD ($FF00+$47),A

LD DE,$0104
LD HL,$8010
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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
```

```

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
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

Addr_0080:
LD A,E
LD ($FF00+C),A
INC C
LD A,$87
LD ($FF00+C),A

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

Addr_0098:
LD C,A
LD B,$04
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

Addr_00A8:
;Nintendo Logo
.DB $CE,$ED,$66,$66,$CC,$0D,$00,$0B,$03,$73,$00,$83,$00,$0C,$00,$0D
.DB $00,$08,$11,$1F,$88,$89,$00,$0E,$DC,$CC,$6E,$E6,$DD,$DD,$D9,$99
.DB $BB,$BB,$67,$63,$6E,$0E,$EC,$CC,$DD,$DC,$99,$9F,$BB,$B9,$33,$3E

Addr_00D8:
;More video data
.DB $3C,$42,$B9,$A5,$B9,$A5,$42,$3C

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
LD B,$19
LD A,B

Addr_00F4:
ADD (HL)
INC HL
DEC B
JR NZ, Addr_00F4
ADD (HL)
JR NZ,$fe
LD A,$01
LD ($FF00+$50),A
```

Booting a game

```

LD SP,$ffff
XOR A
LD HL,$ffff
LD (HL),A
BIT 7,H
JR NZ, Addr_0007

RAM initializer

LD HL,$ff26
LD C,$11
LD A,$80
LD (HL),A
LD ($FF00+C),A
LD A,$f3
LD ($FF00+C),A
LD (HL),A
LD A,$77
LD (HL),A

Sound initializer

```

```

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
DEC A
JR Z, Addr_0055
LD (HL),A
DEC C
JR NZ, Addr_004A
LD L,$0f
JR Addr_0048

```

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:

Addr_0062:

Addr_0064:

```

LD E,$02
LD C,$0c
LD A,($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

```

Addr_0080:

```

LD A,E
LD ($FF00+C),A
INC C
LD A,$87
LD ($FF00+C),A

```

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

```

Addr_0098:

```

LD C,A
LD B,$04
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

```

Addr_00A8:

Nintendo Logo

```

.DB $CE,$ED,$66,$66,$CC,$0D,$00,$0B,$03,$73,$00,$83,$00,$0C,$00,$0D
.DB $00,$08,$11,$1F,$88,$89,$00,$0E,$DC,$CC,$6E,$E6,$DD,$DD,$D9,$99
.DB $BB,$BB,$67,$63,$6E,$0E,$EC,$CC,$DD,$DC,$99,$9F,$BB,$B9,$33,$3E

```

Addr_00D8:

More video data

```

.DB $3C,$42,$B9,$A5,$B9,$A5,$42,$3C

```

Addr_00E0:

Addr_00E6:

```

LD HL,$0104
LD DE,$00a8
LD A,(DE)
INC DE
CP (HL)
JR NZ,$fe
INC HL
LD A,L
CP $34
JR NZ, Addr_00E6
LD B,$19
LD A,B

```

Addr_00F4:

```

ADD (HL)
INC HL
DEC B
JR NZ, Addr_00F4
ADD (HL)
JR NZ,$fe
LD A,$01
LD ($FF00+$50),A

```

Booting a game

	LD SP,\$fff XOR A LD HL,\$99FF LD [HL],A BIT 7,H JR NZ, Addr_0007
Addr_0007:	RAM initializer
Addr_0027:	Sound initializer
Addr_0039:	Set up (DE) Nintend logo
Addr_0048:	LD DE,\$0104 LD HL,\$8010
Addr_004A:	LD A,(DE) CALL \$0095 CALL \$0096 INC DE LD A,E CP \$34 JR NZ, Addr_0027
	LD DE,\$00d8 LD B,\$08
	LD A,\$19 LD (\$9910),A LD HL,\$992F
	LD C,\$0c
	DEC A JR Z, Addr_0055 LD [HL],A DEC C JR NZ, Addr_004A LD L,\$0f JR Addr_0048

Booting a game

```
LD SP,$ffff
XOR A
LD HL,$ffff
LD (HL),A
BIT 7,H
JR NZ, Addr_0007

RAM initializer
Addr_0007:
LD HL,$ff26
LD C,$11
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LD (HL),A
LD ($FF00+C),A
LD A,$f3
LD ($FF00+C),A
LD (HL),A
LD A,$77
LD (HL),A

LD A,$fc
LD ($FF00+$47),A

LD DE,$0104
LD HL,$8010

Sound initializer
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

Set up (DE)
INC DE
LD (HL),A
DEC B
JR NZ, Addr_0039

Nintendo logo
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
```

```
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

Addr_0080:
LD A,E
LD ($FF00+C),A
INC C
LD A,$87
LD ($FF00+C),A

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
```

```
Addr_0098:
LD C,A
LD B,$04
PUSH BC
RL C
RLA
POP BC
RL C
DEC E
JR NZ, Addr_0098
LD (HL),A
INC HL
LD (HL),A
INC HL
RET

Decode Nintendo logo
Addr_00A8:
;Nintendo Logo
.DB $CE,$ED,$66,$66,$CC,$0D,$00,$0B,$03,$73,$00,$83,$00,$0C,$00,$0D
.DB $00,$08,$11,$1F,$88,$89,$00,$0E,$DC,$CC,$6E,$E6,$DD,$DD,$D9,$99
.DB $BB,$BB,$67,$63,$6E,$0E,$EC,$CC,$DD,$DC,$99,$9F,$BB,$B9,$33,$3E

More video data
.DB $3C,$42,$B9,$A5,$B9,$A5,$42,$3C

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
LD B,$19
LD A,B

Addr_00F4:
ADD (HL)
INC HL
DEC B
JR NZ, Addr_00F4
ADD (HL)
JR NZ,$fe
LD A,$01
LD ($FF00+$50),A
```

Booting a game

```
LD SP,$ffff  
XOR A  
LD HL,$ffff  
LD (HL),A  
BIT 7,H  
JR NZ, Addr_0007
```

```
RAM initializer  
Addr_0007:  
LD HL,$ff26  
LD C,$11  
LD A,$80  
LD (HL),A  
LD A,(FF00+C),A  
LD A,$f3  
LD (FF00+C),A  
LD (HL),A  
LD A,$77  
LD (HL),A
```

```
Sound initializer  
Addr_0027:  
LD A,$fc  
LD (FF00+$47),A  
LD DE,$0104  
LD HL,$8010
```

```
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: Set up (DE)  
INC DE  
LD (HL),A  
DEC B  
JR NZ, Addr_0039
```

```
LD A,$19  
LD ($9910),A  
LD HL,$992F
```

```
Addr_0048:  
LD C,$0c  
DEC A  
JR Z, Addr_0055  
LD (HL),A  
DEC C  
JR NZ, Addr_004A  
LD L,$0F  
JR Addr_0048
```

```
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)  
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
```

```
Addr_0080:  
LD A,E  
LD ($FF00+C),A  
INC C  
LD A,$87  
LD ($FF00+C),A  
Addr_0086:  
LD A,($FF00+$42)  
SUB B  
LD ($FF00+$42),A  
DEC D  
JR NZ, Addr_0060  
LD D,$20  
JR Addr_0060
```

```
Addr_0098:  
LD C,A  
LD B,$04  
PUSH BC  
RL C  
RLA  
POP BC  
RL C  
Deco  
JR NZ, Addr_0098  
LD (HL),A  
INC HL  
LD (HL),A  
INC HL  
RET
```

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Addr_00A8:  
;Nintendo Logo  
.DB $CE,$ED,$66,$66,$CC,$0D,$00,$0B,$03,$73,$00,$83,$00,$0C,$00,$0D  
.DB $00,$08,$11,$1F,$88,$89,$00,$0E,$DC,$CC,$6E,$E6,$DD,$DD,$D9,$99  
.DB $BB,$BB,$67,$63,$6E,$0E,$EC,$CC,$DD,$DC,$99,$9F,$BB,$B9,$33,$3E
```

```
Addr_00D8:  
;More video data  
.DB $3C,$42,$B9,$A5,$B9,$A5,$42,$3C
```

```
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  
LD B,$19  
LD A,B  
Addr_00F4:  
ADD (HL)  
INC HL  
DEC B  
JR NZ, Addr_00F4  
ADD (HL)  
JR NZ,$fe  
LD A,$01  
LD ($FF00+$50),A
```

Booting a game

RAM initializer

```
LD SP,$ffff
XOR A
LD HL,$ffff
LD (HL),A
BIT 7,H
JR NZ, Addr_0007
```

Sound initializer

```
LD HL,$ff26
LD C,$11
LD A,$80
LD (HL),A
LD A,(FF00+C),A
LD A,$f3
LD (FF00+C),A
LD (HL),A
LD A,$77
LD (HL),A
```

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: **Set up (DE)**

```
INC DE
LD (HL),A
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)
JR NZ, Addr_0064
DEC C
JR NZ, Addr_0064
DEC E
JR NZ, Addr_0062
```

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```
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
```

Addr_0080:

```
LD A,E
LD ($FF00+C),A
LD A,$87
LD ($FF00+C),A
```

Play sound

```
Addr_0086:
LD A,($FF00+$42)
SUB B
LD ($FF00+$42),A
DEC D
```

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```
LD A,($FF00+$42)
JR NZ, Addr_00E0
LD D,$20
JR Addr_0060
```

Decode Nintendo logo

```
Addr_0098:
LD C,A
LD B,$04
PUSH BC
RL C
RLA
POP BC
RL C
DEC C
JR NZ, Addr_0098
LD (HL),A
INC HL
LD (HL),A
INC HL
RET
```

Addr_00A8: **Nintendo Logo**

```
.DB $CE,$ED,$66,$66,$CC,$0D,$00,$0B,$03,$73,$00,$83,$00,$0C,$00,$0D
.DB $00,$08,$11,$1F,$88,$89,$00,$0E,$DC,$CC,$6E,$E6,$DD,$DD,$D9,$99
.DB $BB,$BB,$67,$63,$6E,$0E,$EC,$CC,$DD,$DC,$99,$9F,$BB,$B9,$33,$3E
```

Addr_00D8: **More video data**

```
.DB $3C,$42,$B9,$A5,$B9,$A5,$42,$3C
```

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
LD B,$19
LD A,B
```

Addr_00F4:

```
ADD (HL)
INC HL
DEC B
JR NZ, Addr_00F4
ADD (HL)
JR NZ,$fe
LD A,$01
LD ($FF00+$50),A
```

Booting a game

```
LD SP,$fff  
XOR A  
LD HL,$ffff  
LD (HL),A  
BIT 7,H  
JR NZ, Addr_0007
```

```
Sound initializer
LD A, $F3
LD ($FF00+C), A
LD (HL), A
LD A, $77
LD (HL), A
```

LD DE,\$00d8
LD B,\$08
INC DE
DEC B
JR NZ, Addr_0027

Addr_0039: Set up (DE)
INC DE
DEC B
JR NZ, Addr_0039

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) JR NZ, Addr_0064
<h1>Scroll logo</h1>	
	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
Addr_0080:	LD A,E LD (\$FF00+C),A
<h1>Play sound</h1>	
	LD A,\$87 LD (\$FF00+C),A
Addr_0086:	LD A,(\$FF00+\$42) SUB B LD (\$FF00+\$42),A DEC D JR NZ, Addr_00E0
	LD E,\$20 JR Addr_0060
<h1>Scroll logo</h1>	

Booting a game

RAM initializer

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LD (HL),A
LD A,$77
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```

LD A,\$fc
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INC DE
LD A,E
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JR NZ, Addr_0027
```

LD DE,\$00d8
LD B,\$08

Addr_0039: **Set up (DE)**

```
INC DE
LD (HL),E
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
```

LD E,\$02

LD C,\$0c

LD A,(\$FF00+\$44)
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

LD A,E
LD (\$FF00+C),A
LD A,\$87
LD (\$FF00+C),A

LD A,(\$FF00+\$42)
SUB B
LD (\$FF00+\$42),A
DEC D

LD A,(\$FF00+\$42)
JR NZ, Addr_0060
LD D,\$20
JR Addr_0060

Decode Nintendo logo

```
Addr_0098:
LD C,A
LD B,$04
PUSH BC
RL C
RLA
POP BC
RL C
DEC C
JR NZ, Addr_0098
LD (HL),A
INC HL
LD (HL),A
INC HL
RFT
```

Nintendo logo data

```
Addr_00A8:
;Nintendo Logo
.DB $CE,$ED,$66,$66,$CC,$0D,$00,$0B,$03,$73,$00,$83,$00,$0C,$00,$0D
.DB $00,$08,$11,$1F,$88,$89,$00,$0E,$DC,$CC,$6E,$E6,$DD,$DD,$D9,$99
.DB $BB,$BB,$$E2,$E5,$0F,$42,$C1,$D0,$99,$00,$0B,$B9,$33,$3E
```

Compare logo

```
Addr_00D8:
;More video data
.DB $3C,$42,$B9,$A5,$B9,$A5,$42,$3C
```

LD HL,\$0104
LD DE,\$00a8

LD A,(DE)
INC DE
JR NZ,\$fe
INC HL
LD A,L
CP \$34
JR NZ, Addr_00E6
LD B,\$19
LD A,B

ADD (HL)
DEC B
JR NZ, Addr_00F4
ADD (HL)
JR NZ,\$fe
LD A,\$1

Checksum calculation

```
Addr_00E0:
```

Disable boot ROM

Emulating the Game Boy

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🔗 Game Boy CPU (SM83) instruction set (JSON)																	
	x0	x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6	x7	x8	x9	xA	xB	xC	xD	xE	xF	
0x	NOP 1 4 -----	LD BC, d16 3 12 -----	LD (BC), A 1 8 -----	INC BC 1 4 Z0 H -	INC B 1 4 Z0 H -	DEC B 1 4 Z1 H -	LD B, d8 2 8 -----	RLCA 1 4 0 0 C	LD (a16), SP 3 20 -----	ADD HL, BC 1 8 -0 H C	LD A, (BC) 1 8 -----	DEC BC 1 8 -----	INC C 1 4 Z0 H -	DEC C 1 4 Z1 H -	LD C, d8 2 8 -----	RRCA 1 4 0 0 C	
1x	STOP d8 2 4 -----	LD DE, d16 3 12 -----	LD (DE), A 1 8 -----	INC DE 1 8 Z0 H -	INC D 1 4 Z0 H -	DEC D 1 4 Z1 H -	LD D, d8 2 8 -----	RLA 1 4 0 0 C	JR r8 2 12 -----	ADD HL, DE 1 8 -0 H C	LD A, (DE) 1 8 -----	DEC DE 1 8 -----	INC E 1 4 Z0 H -	DEC E 1 4 Z1 H -	LD E, d8 2 8 -----	RRA 1 4 0 0 C	
2x	JR NZ, r8 2 12/8 -----	LD HL, d16 3 12 -----	LD (HL), A 1 8 -----	INC HL 1 8 Z0 H -	INC H 1 4 Z0 H -	DEC H 1 4 Z1 H -	LD H, d8 2 8 -----	DAA 1 4 Z - 0 C	JR Z, r8 2 12/8 -----	ADD HL, HL 1 8 -0 H C	LD A, (HL) 1 8 -----	DEC HL 1 8 -----	INC L 1 4 Z0 H -	DEC L 1 4 Z1 H -	LD L, d8 2 8 -----	CPL 1 4 -11-	
3x	JR NC, r8 2 12/8 -----	LD SP, d16 3 12 -----	LD (HL), A 1 8 -----	INC SP 1 8 Z0 H -	INC (HL) 1 12 Z0 H -	DEC (HL) 1 12 Z1 H -	LD (HL), d8 2 12 -----	SCF 1 4 -0 0 1	JR C, r8 2 12/8 -----	ADD HL, SP 1 8 -0 H C	LD A, (HL) 1 8 -----	DEC SP 1 8 -----	INC A 1 4 Z0 H -	DEC A 1 4 Z1 H -	LD A, d8 2 8 -----	CCF 1 4 -0 0 C	
4x	LD B, B 1 4 -----	LD B, C 1 4 -----	LD B, D 1 4 -----	LD B, E 1 4 -----	LD B, H 1 4 -----	LD B, L 1 4 -----	LD B, (HL) 1 8 -----	LD B, A 1 4 -----	LD C, B 1 4 -----	LD C, C 1 4 -----	LD C, D 1 4 -----	LD C, E 1 4 -----	LD C, H 1 4 -----	LD C, L 1 4 -----	LD C, (HL) 1 8 -----	LD C, A 1 4 -----	
5x	LD D, B 1 4 -----	LD D, C 1 4 -----	LD D, D 1 4 -----	LD D, E 1 4 -----	LD D, H 1 4 -----	LD D, L 1 4 -----	LD D, (HL) 1 8 -----	LD D, A 1 4 -----	LD E, B 1 4 -----	LD E, C 1 4 -----	LD E, D 1 4 -----	LD E, E 1 4 -----	LD E, H 1 4 -----	LD E, L 1 4 -----	LD E, (HL) 1 8 -----	LD E, A 1 4 -----	
6x	LD H, B 1 4 -----	LD H, C 1 4 -----	LD H, D 1 4 -----	LD H, E 1 4 -----	LD H, H 1 4 -----	LD H, L 1 4 -----	LD H, (HL) 1 8 -----	LD H, A 1 4 -----	LD L, B 1 4 -----	LD L, C 1 4 -----	LD L, D 1 4 -----	LD L, E 1 4 -----	LD L, H 1 4 -----	LD L, L 1 4 -----	LD L, (HL) 1 8 -----	LD L, A 1 4 -----	
7x	LD (HL), B 1 8 -----	LD (HL), C 1 8 -----	LD (HL), D 1 8 -----	LD (HL), E 1 8 -----	LD (HL), H 1 8 -----	HALT 1 4 -----	LD (HL), L 1 8 -----	LD (HL), A 1 8 -----	LD A, B 1 4 -----	LD A, C 1 4 -----	LD A, D 1 4 -----	LD A, E 1 4 -----	LD A, H 1 4 -----	LD A, L 1 4 -----	LD A, (HL) 1 8 -----	LD A, A 1 4 -----	
8x	ADD A, B 1 4 Z0 H C	ADD A, C 1 4 Z0 H C	ADD A, D 1 4 Z0 H C	ADD A, E 1 4 Z0 H C	ADD A, H 1 4 Z0 H C	ADD A, L 1 4 Z0 H C	ADD A, (HL) 1 8 Z0 H C	ADD A, A 1 4 Z0 H C	ADC A, B 1 4 Z0 H C	ADC A, C 1 4 Z0 H C	ADC A, D 1 4 Z0 H C	ADC A, E 1 4 Z0 H C	ADC A, H 1 4 Z0 H C	ADC A, L 1 4 Z0 H C	ADC A, (HL) 1 4 Z0 H C	ADC A, A 1 4 Z0 H C	
9x	SUB B 1 4 Z1 H C	SUB C 1 4 Z1 H C	SUB D 1 4 Z1 H C	SUB E 1 4 Z1 H C	SUB H 1 4 Z1 H C	SUB L 1 4 Z1 H C	SUB (HL) 1 8 Z1 H C	SUB A 1 4 Z1 H C	SBC A, B 1 4 Z1 H C	SBC A, C 1 4 Z1 H C	SBC A, D 1 4 Z1 H C	SBC A, E 1 4 Z1 H C	SBC A, H 1 4 Z1 H C	SBC A, L 1 4 Z1 H C	SBC A, (HL) 1 4 Z1 H C	SBC A, A 1 4 Z1 H C	
Ax	AND B 1 4 Z0 10	AND C 1 4 Z0 10	AND D 1 4 Z0 10	AND E 1 4 Z0 10	AND H 1 4 Z0 10	AND L 1 4 Z0 10	AND (HL) 1 8 Z0 10	AND A 1 4 Z0 10	XOR B 1 4 Z0 00	XOR C 1 4 Z0 00	XOR D 1 4 Z0 00	XOR E 1 4 Z0 00	XOR H 1 4 Z0 00	XOR L 1 4 Z0 00	XOR (HL) 1 8 Z0 00	XOR A 1 4 Z0 00	
Bx	OR B 1 4 Z0 00	OR C 1 4 Z0 00	OR D 1 4 Z0 00	OR E 1 4 Z0 00	OR H 1 4 Z0 00	OR L 1 4 Z0 00	OR (HL) 1 8 Z0 00	ORA 1 4 Z0 00	CP B 1 4 Z1 H C	CP C 1 4 Z1 H C	CP D 1 4 Z1 H C	CP E 1 4 Z1 H C	CP H 1 4 Z1 H C	CP L 1 4 Z1 H C	CP (HL) 1 8 Z1 H C	CP A 1 4 1100	
Cx	RET NZ 1 20/8	POP BC 1 12	JP NZ, a16 3 16/12	JP a16 3 16	CALL NZ, a16 3 24/12	PUSH BC 1 16	ADD A, d8 2 8 Z0 H C	ADD A, (HL) 1 8 Z0 H C	RST 00H 1 16	RET Z 1 16	RET 1 16	JP Z, a16 3 16/12	PREFIX 1 4	CALL Z, a16 3 24/12	CALL a16 3 24	ADC A, d8 2 8 Z0 H C	RST 08H 1 16
Dx	RET NC 1 20/8	POP DE 1 12	JP NC, a16 3 16/12	—	CALL NC, a16 3 24/12	PUSH DE 1 16	SUB d8 2 8 Z1 H C	RST 10H 1 16	RET C 1 20/8	RETI 1 16	JP C, a16 3 16/12	—	CALL C, a16 3 24/12	—	SBC A, d8 2 8 Z1 H C	RST 18H 1 16	
Ex	LDH (a8), A 2 12	POP HL 1 12	LD (C), A 1 8	—	—	PUSH HL 1 16	AND d8 2 8 Z0 10	RST 20H 1 16	ADD SP, r8 2 16 0 0 H C	JP HL 1 4	LD (a16), A 3 16	—	—	—	XOR d8 2 8 Z0 00	RST 28H 1 16	
Fx	LDH A, (a8) 2 12	POP AF 1 12	LD A, (C) 1 8	DI 1 4	—	PUSH AF 1 16	OR d8 2 8 Z0 00	RST 30H 1 16	LD HL, SP + r8 2 12 0 0 H C	LD SP, HL 1 8	LD A, (a16) 3 16	EI 1 4	—	CP d8 2 8 Z1 H C	RST 38H 1 16		

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Action set (JSON)

x7	x8	x9	xA	xB	
RLCA 1 4 0 0 0 C	LD (a16), SP 3 20 ----	ADD HL, BC 1 8 - 0 H C	LD A, (BC) 1 8 ----	DEC BC 1 8 ----	
RLA 1 4 0 0 0 C	JR r8 2 12 ----	ADD HL, DE 1 8 - 0 H C	LD A, (DE) 1 8 ----	DEC DE 1 8 ----	
DAA 1 4 Z - 0 C	JR Z, r8 2 12/8 ----	ADD HL, HL 1 8 - 0 H C	LD A, (HL+) 1 8 ----	DEC HL 1 8 ----	
SCF 1 4 - 0 0 1	JR C, r8 2 12/8 ----	ADD HL, SP 1 8 - 0 H C	LD A, (HL-) 1 8 ----	DEC SP 1 8 ----	
LD B, A 1 4 ----	LD C, B 1 4 ----	LD C, C 1 4 ----	LD C, D 1 4 ----	LD C, E 1 4 ----	

Emulating the Game Boy

```
[  
  // ...  
  "0x10": {  
    "mnemonic": "STOP", // Hammertime!  
    "bytes": 2,  
    "cycles": [  
      4  
    ],  
    "operands": [  
      {  
        "name": "d8",  
        "bytes": 1,  
        "immediate": true  
      }  
    ],  
    "immediate": true,  
    "flags": {  
      "Z": "-",  
      "N": "-",  
      "H": "-",  
      "C": "-"  
    }  
  },  
  // ...  
]
```

```
public void Run(CancellationToken cancellationToken)
{
    Registers.PC = 0x0000;
    _cycles = 0;
    var reduceTicksBy = 0;

    var lastTimer = DateTimeOffset.UtcNow.Ticks;
    var now = lastTimer;

    for(;)
    {
        var opCode = OpCode.Get((Prefix << 8) + Memory.Read(Registers.PC));
        opCode.Execute(this);

        _cycles += opCode.Cycles(); // Number of cycles can depend on the execution of the action

        // check for interrupts, draw, i/o, ...
        if (_cycles ≥ DividerRegisterTicks)
        {
            // todo: if stop mode, do nothing
            Memory.IncreaseDividerRegister();
            reduceTicksBy = DividerRegisterTicks;
        }

        if (reduceTicksBy > 0)
        {
            _cycles -= reduceTicksBy;
            reduceTicksBy = 0;
        }

        if (cancellationToken.IsCancellationRequested)
        {
            break;
        }
    }
}
```

```
public void Execute(Cpu cpu)
{
    if (_opCode == 0xCB)
    {
        cpu.Prefix = 0xCB;
        cpu.Registers.PC += _bytes;
        return;
    }

#if DEBUG
    Console.WriteLine(ToString());
#endif

    var bytes = _bytes;
    if (cpu.Prefix == 0xCB)
    {
        bytes--;
        _reduceCyclesByFour = true;
    }
    cpu.Prefix = 0x00;

    switch (_mnemonic)
    {
        case "NOP": // No operation
            break;
        case "STOP": // Stop CPU
            // cpu.Stopped = true;
            break;
        case "HALT": // Halt CPU
            // cpu.Halted = true;
            break;
        case "DI": // Disable interrupts
            // cpu.InterruptsEnabled = false;
            break;
        case "EI": // Enable interrupts
            // cpu.InterruptsEnabled = true;
            break;
    }
}
```

```
case "LD":  
case "LDH":  
    Load(cpu);  
    break;  
case "ADC": // Add with carry two registers, memory to register, direct to memory, ...  
    Add(cpu, true);  
    break;  
case "ADD": // Add two registers, memory to register, direct to memory, ...  
    Add(cpu, false);  
    break;  
case "AND": // AND two registers, memory to register, direct to memory, ...  
    And(cpu);  
    break;  
case "CP": // Compare two registers, memory to register, direct to memory, ...  
    Compare(cpu);  
    break;  
case "OR": // OR two registers, memory to register, direct to memory, ...  
    Or(cpu);  
    break;  
case "SBC": // Subtract with carry two registers, memory to register, direct to memory, ...  
    Subtract(cpu, true);  
    break;  
case "SUB": // Subtract two registers, memory to register, direct to memory, ...  
    Subtract(cpu, false);  
    break;  
case "XOR": // XOR two registers, memory to register, direct to memory, ...  
    Xor(cpu);  
    break;  
// Stack  
case "PUSH":  
    Push(cpu);  
    break;
```

```
/// <summary>
/// LD target, source
/// LDH target, source
/// LDHL target, source
/// Where source or target can be:
/// * an 8 or 16-bit register
/// * an indirect address (register points to memory location)
/// * a direct address
/// * indexed address (I/O range FF00 + direct offset / register offset)
/// </summary>
/// <param name="cpu"></param>
[MethodImpl(MethodImplOptions.AggressiveInlining)]
1 reference | Wesley Cabus, 205 days ago | 1 author, 1 change
private void Load(Cpu cpu)
{
    var source = _operands[1];
    var sourceData = ReadSource(source, cpu);

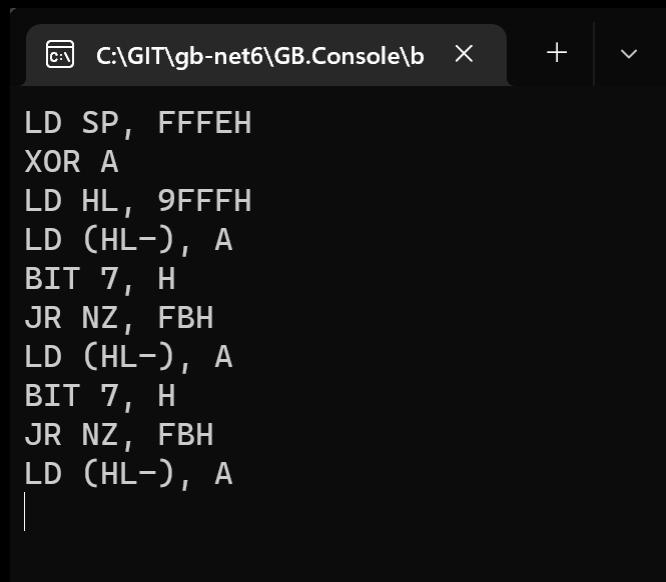
    if (_operands.Length == 3) // LDHL SP,n
    {
        var sourceData2 = (sbyte)ReadSource(_operands[2], cpu);
        sourceData += sourceData2;
    }

    var target = _operands[0];
    WriteTarget(target, sourceData, cpu);

    if (_opCode == 0x00F8)
    {
        UpdateFlags(cpu, false, false, (sourceData & 0x10) != 0, (sourceData & 0x100) != 0);
    }
}
```

Did it work?

Did it work?



A screenshot of a terminal window with a dark background and light-colored text. The window title bar reads "C:\GIT\gb-net6\GB.Console\b". The terminal displays the following assembly code:

```
LD SP, FFFEH
XOR A
LD HL, 9FFFH
LD (HL-), A
BIT 7, H
JR NZ, FBH
LD (HL-), A
BIT 7, H
JR NZ, FBH
LD (HL-), A
```



```
C:\GIT\gb-net6\GB.Console\b X + ▾  
LD SP, FFFEH  
XOR A  
LD HL, 9FFFH  
LD (HL-), A  
BIT 7, H  
JR NZ, FBH  
LD (HL-), A  
BIT 7, H  
JR NZ, FBH  
LD (HL-), A  
|
```

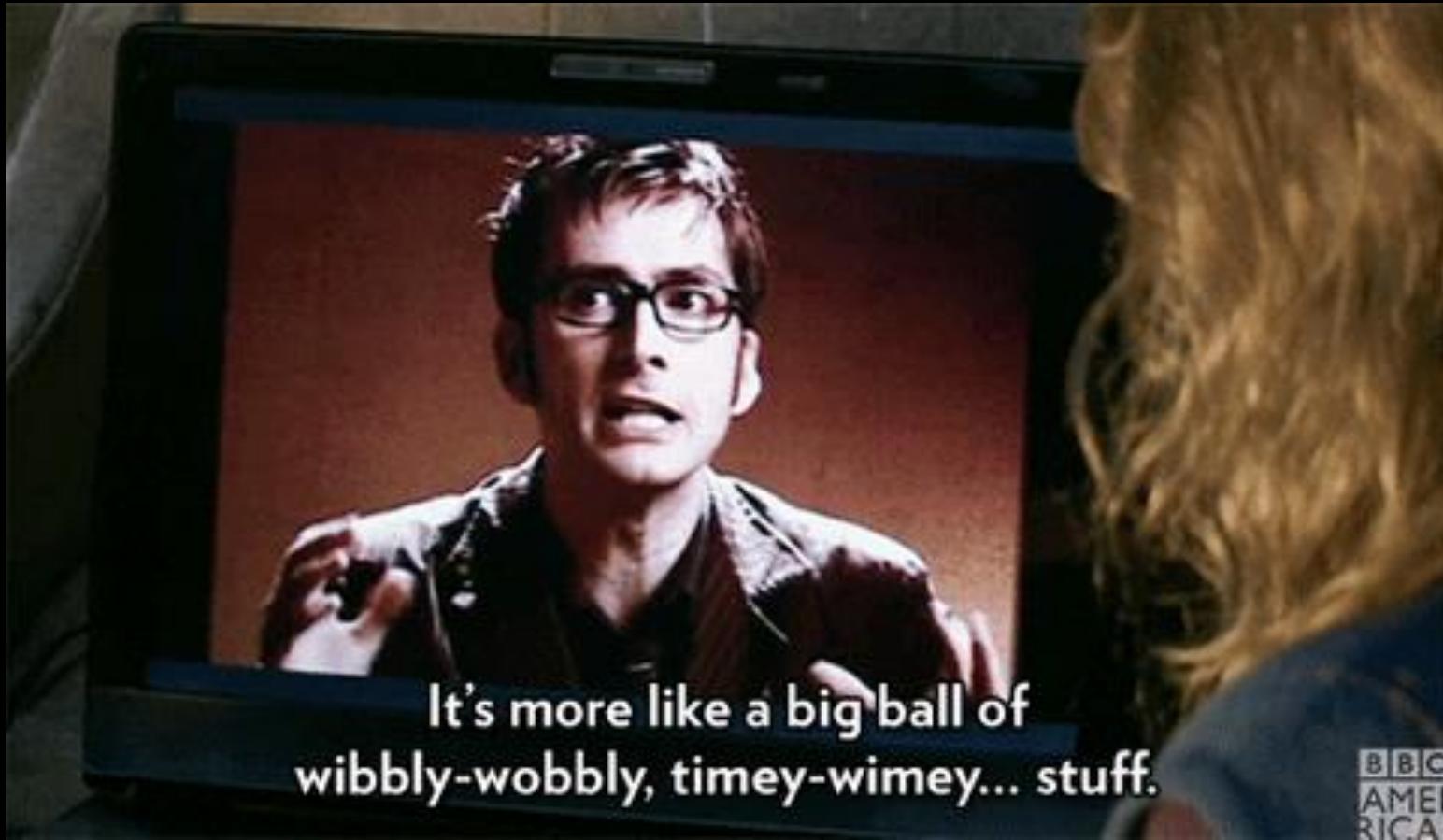
LD SP,\$ffff
XOR A
LD HL,\$9fff
Addr_0007:
LD (HL-),A
BIT 7,H
JR NZ, Addr_0007

Next: graphics

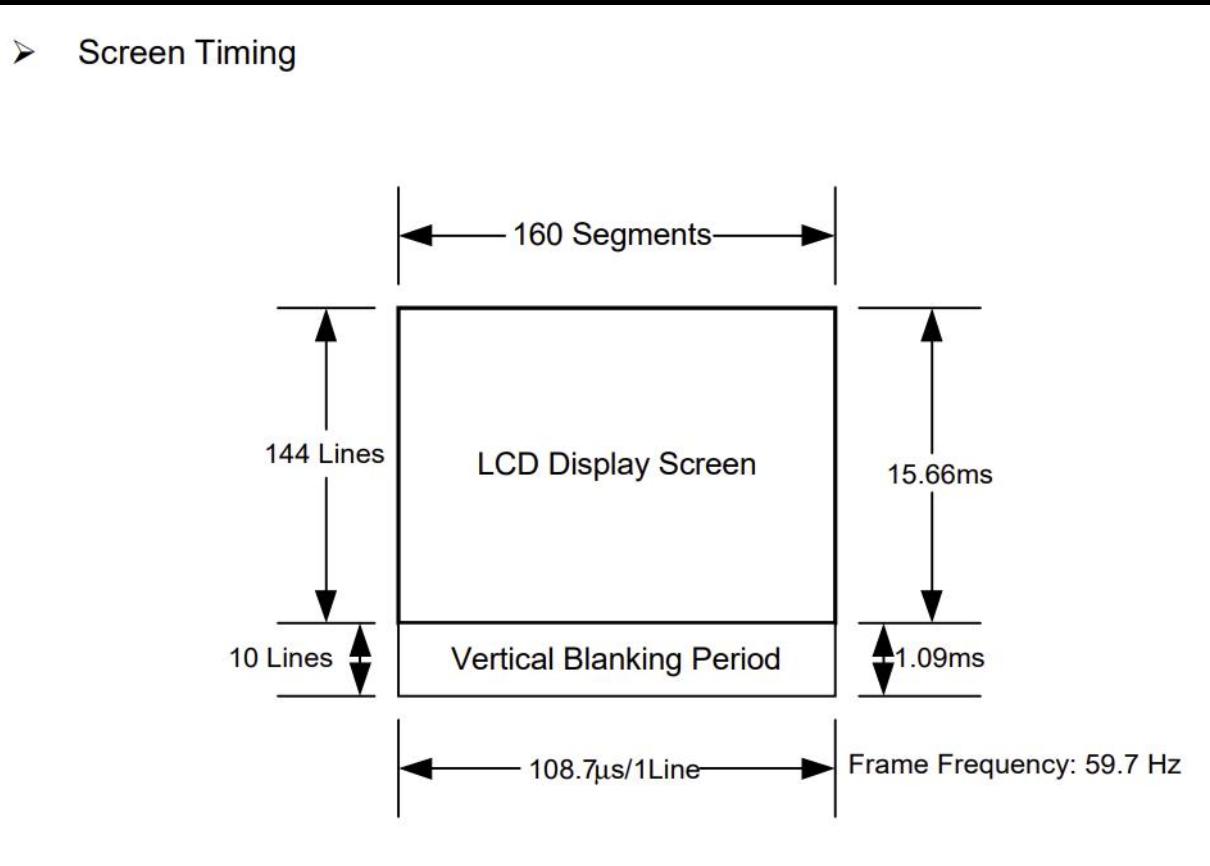
Next: graphics



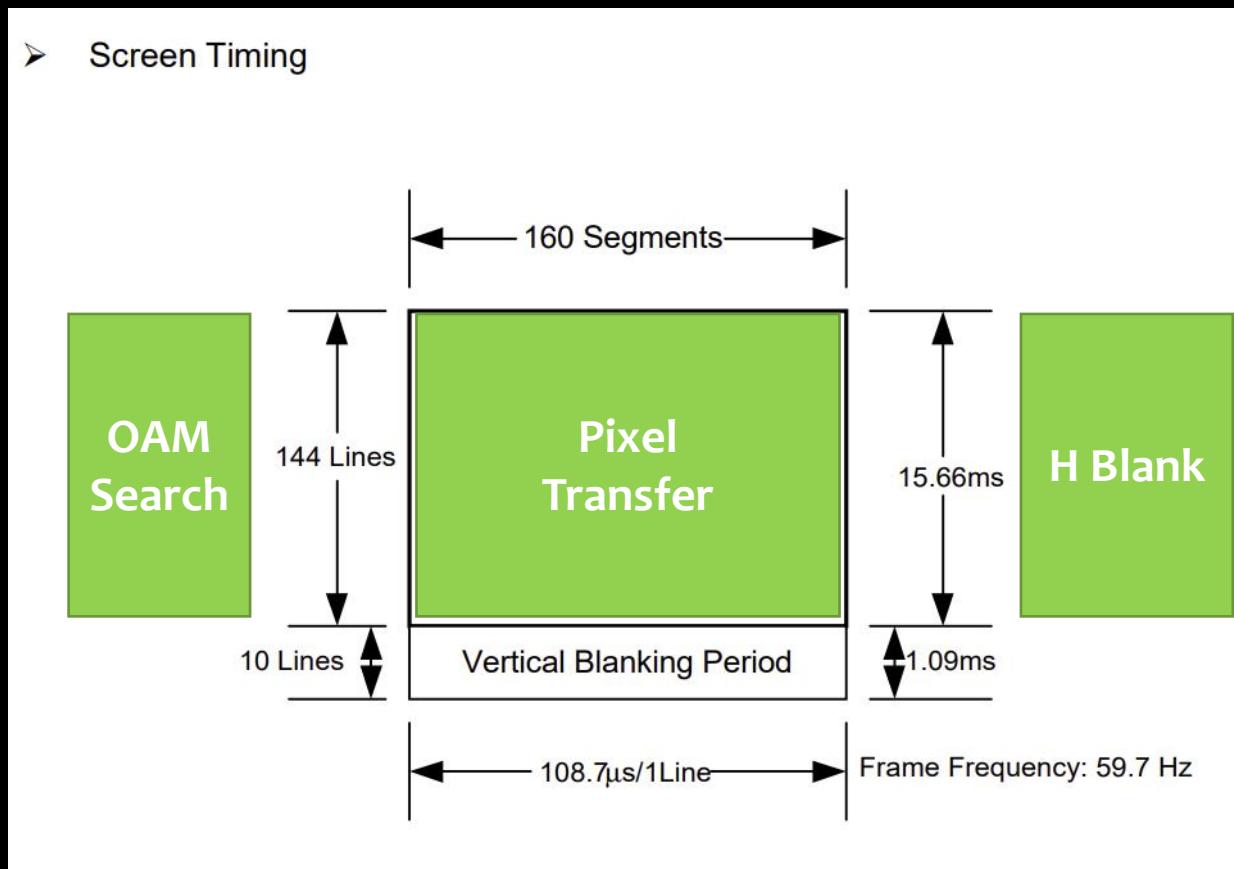
Next: ~~graphics~~ timing



Next: graphics & timing



Next: graphics & timing

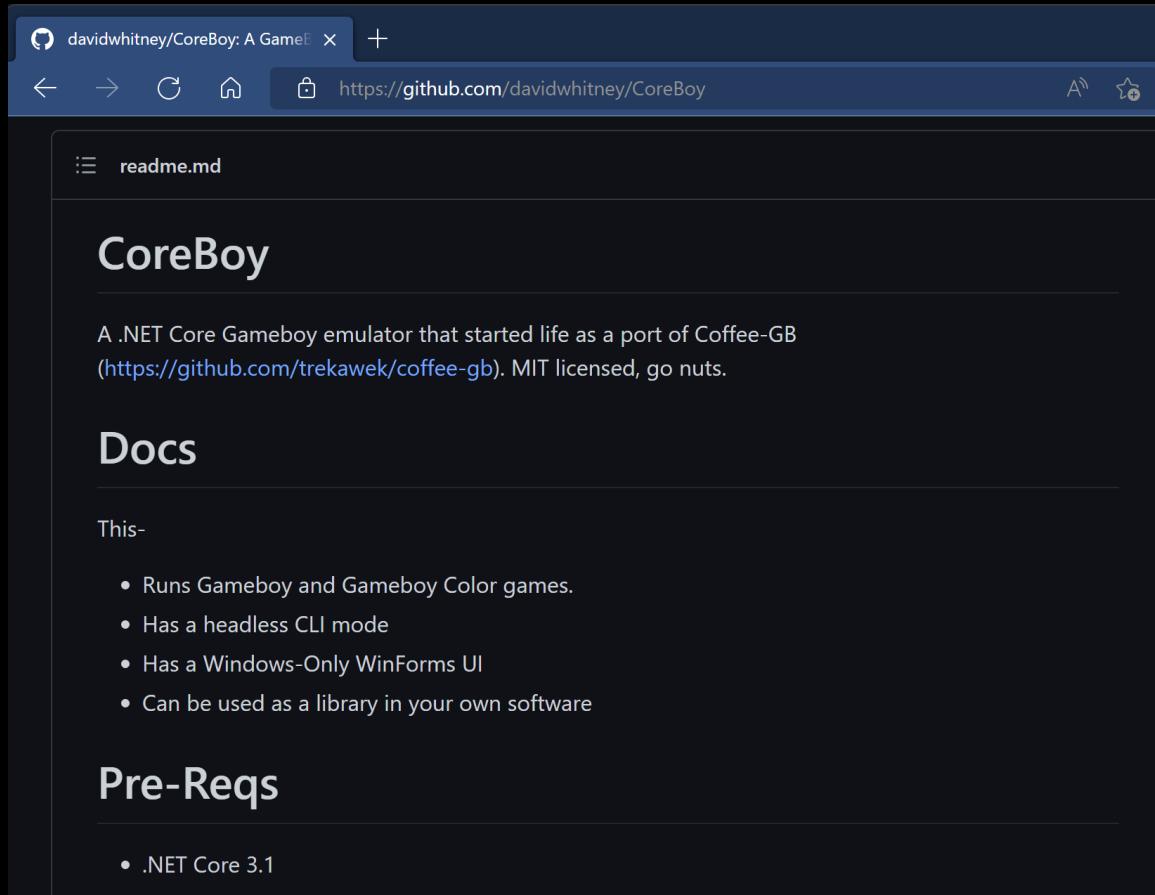




Time to look for a
solution

And no, it wasn't found on Stack Overflow

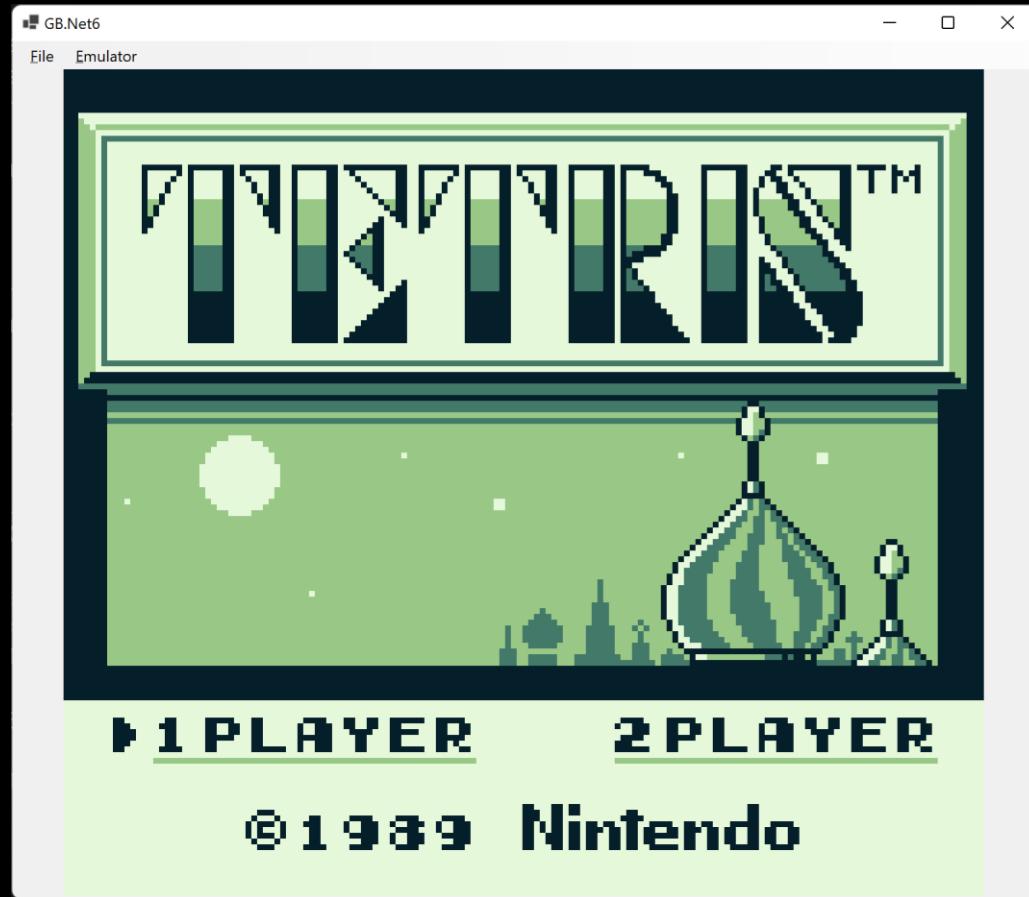
David Whitney to the rescue!



Upgrades

- .NET Core 3.1 => .NET 6
- Added sound support
- Fixed some sound channels
- Added custom UI control

Time to play some games!



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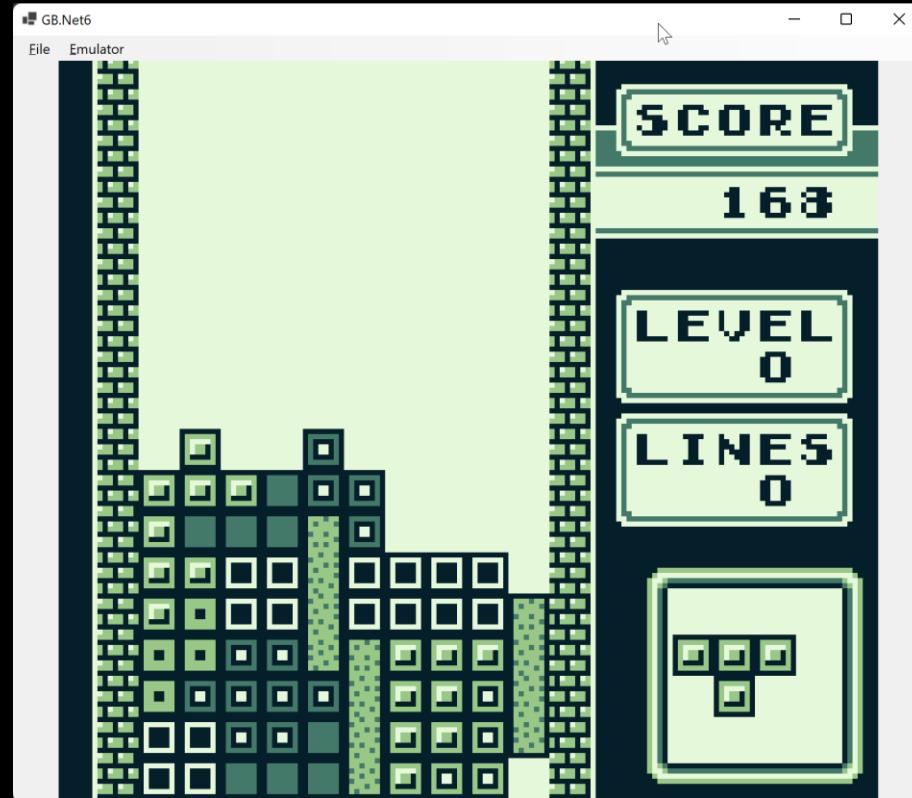
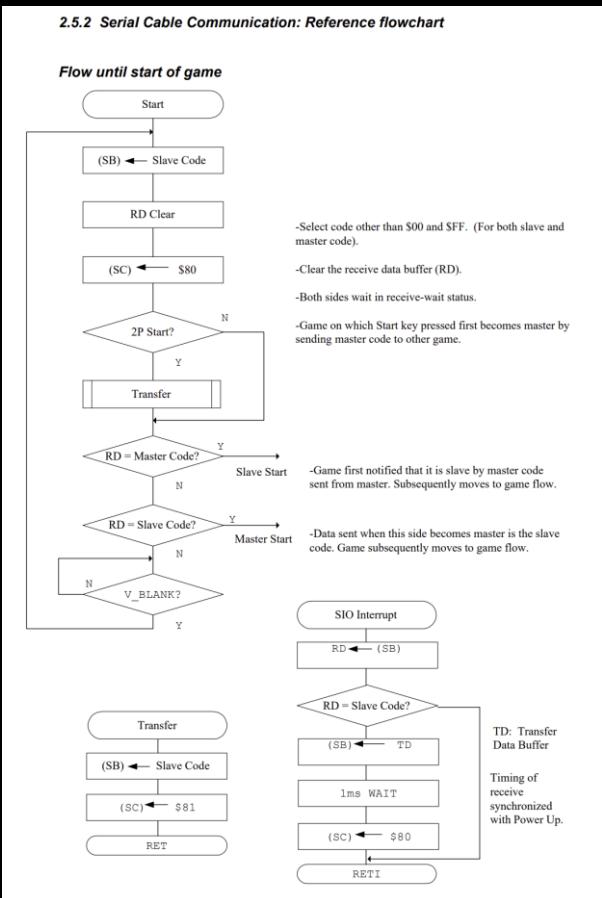
But wait, I know this game!



Eureka!



Tetris works!



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- Game Boy Color support
 - Including running Game Boy games in GBC mode
- Making sure all test ROMs run successfully
 - Yes, there are “unit tests” for the Game Boy 😊
 - <https://github.com/Gekkio/mooneye-gb>
 - <https://github.com/retrio/gb-test-roms>

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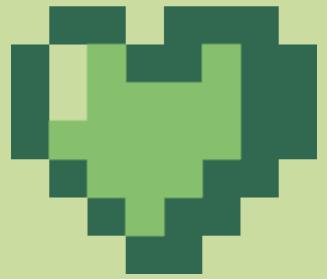


Time to look at the
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GAME OVER

