

Networked Air Hockey Video Game



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OVERVIEW



- **Game Play**
 - Two players
 - Paddle control using mouse
 - First player to 8 points wins!
- **Players on separate terminals**
 - Communication through Ethernet directly connected network

OBJECTIVES



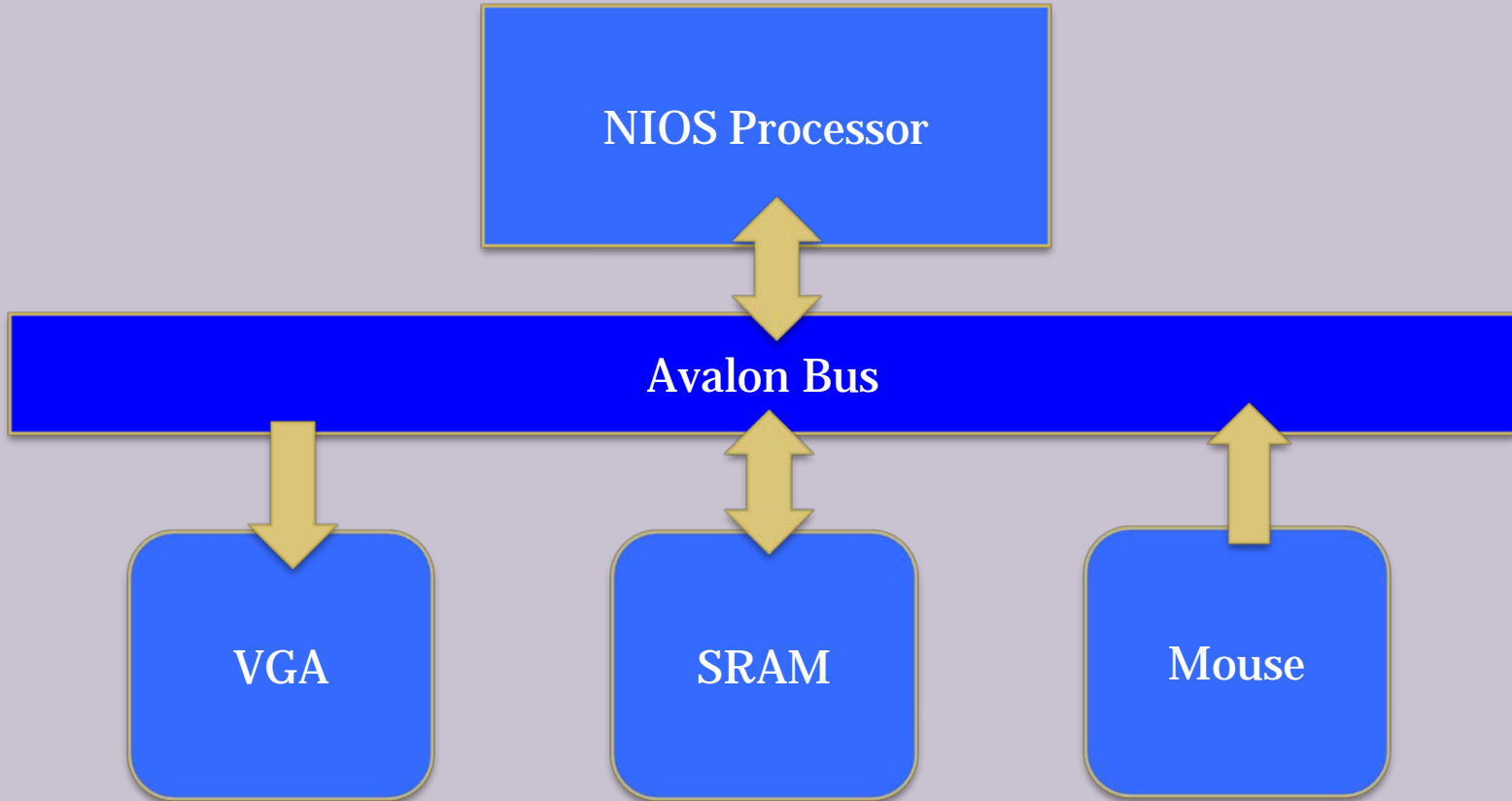
- **Build the game from scratch that features:**
 - Fully integrated system (hardware and software)
 - Clean, intuitive design
 - Fun game play

DESIGN ARCHITECTURE

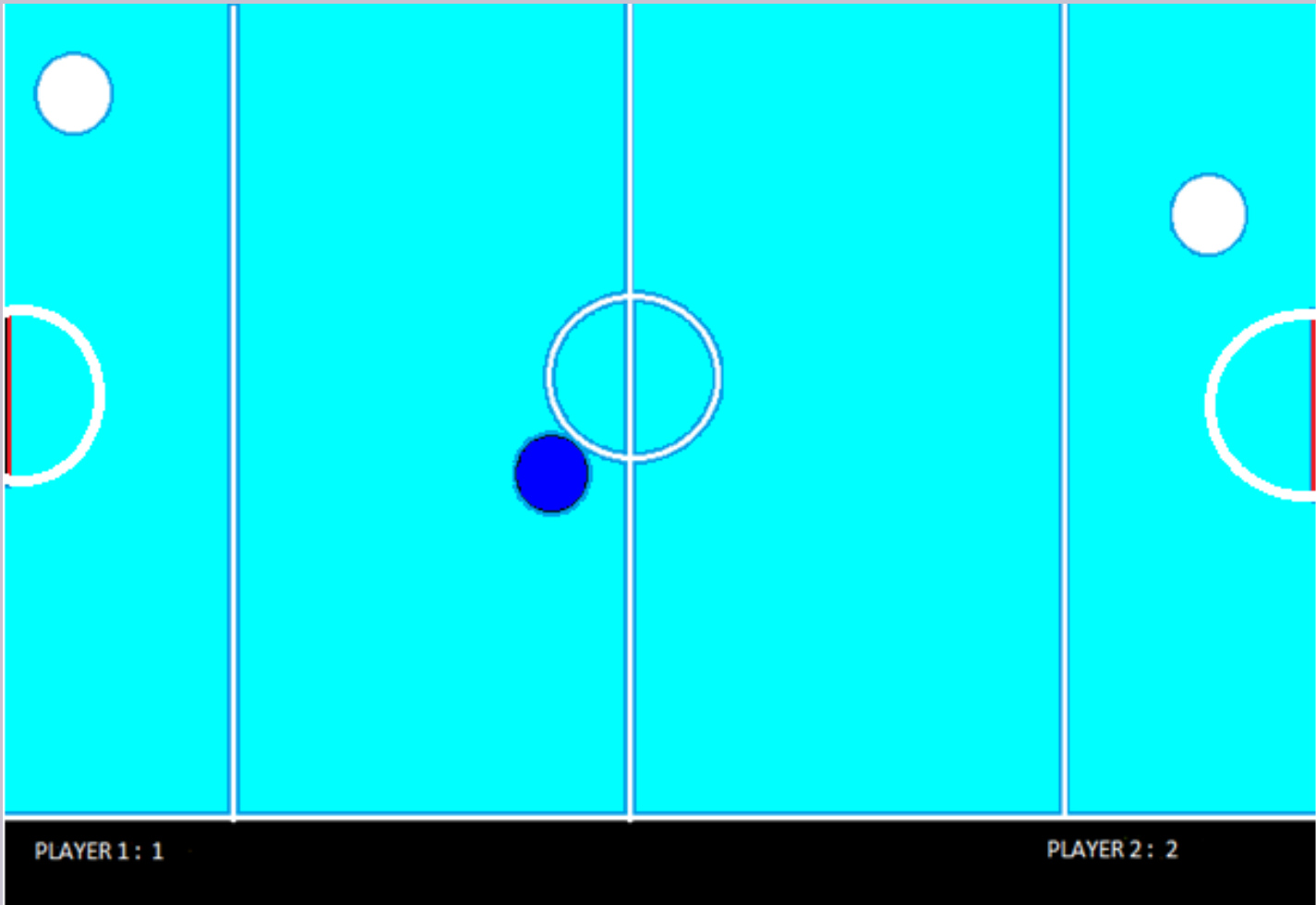


- **Altera Cyclone II FPGA**
- **NIOS processor**
 - CPU
 - SRAM
- **Peripherals**
 - VGA
 - Mouse
 - Ethernet

BLOCK DIAGRAM



VIDEO DISPLAY



CIRCLE GENERATION ALGO



- Drawing circles require computing the square of the x,y coordinates as well as the radius
- Multiplication is toxic!
- It is possible to generate circles using only lookups and addition:
 - Created array which contains pre-computed squares
 - Lookup into the array to get the square based on the index
 - Use these values as constant for computing the equation of a square

NETWORKING!



- Point to point ethernet connection established between the players.
- Master – Slave configuration.
- IP packets transmitted.
- Paddle coordinates from slave to master and vice versa transmitted over the ethernet.
- Puck coordinates transmitted only from master to slave.

PS2 MOUSE INTERFACE

	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0
Byte 1	Y overflow	X overflow	Y sign bit	X sign bit	Always 1	Middle Btn	Right Btn	Left Btn
Byte 2	X movement							
Byte 3	Y movement							

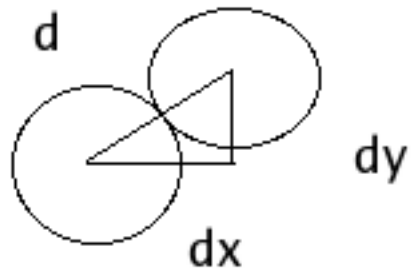
- 3 byte serial transmission from the PS2 mouse.
- Data captured continuously from the data register
- Used Altera `alt_up_ps2_port.c` functions to capture the mouse data
- Created `ps2_mouse.c` file from scratch! to handle the directions and positions of the paddles.

SCORE KEEPING



- Bit maps created for PLAYER: 1 ,2.
- Bit maps created for score from 0 -8.
- Every time a goal is scored by a player, the appropriate bit map location is chosen based on the new score and displayed on the VGA.
- Scores are also transmitted over the ethernet to the other player's display.

Physics simulation



PROJECT EXPERIENCE



- Worked in parallel
- Lots of collaboration
- Learned to work in distracting environment

SUMMARY



- **Lessons Learned**

- Important to understand the details of each component
- Make use each member's individual strengths
- Always leave space for adjustments or additions