

# VGA

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# VGA

- VGA = Video Graphics Array
- Introduced by IBM in 1987, and still used today
- Transmitting analog signal



Cathode-Ray Tube  
Monitor



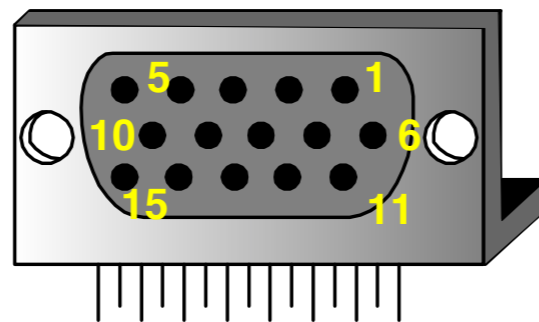
Video Graphics Array  
DE-15 female and male connector



LED Monitor

# VGA Video Signal

- A VGA video signal contains 5 active signals (RGBHV)
  - horizontal sync (HS): used for video synchronization in the horizontal direction
  - vertical sync (VS): used for video synchronization in the vertical direction
  - red (R): used to control the red color, 0v (fully off) ~ 0.7v (fully on)
  - green (G): used to control the green color, 0v (fully off) ~ 0.7v (fully on)
  - blue (B): used to control the blue color, 0v (fully off) ~ 0.7v (fully on)

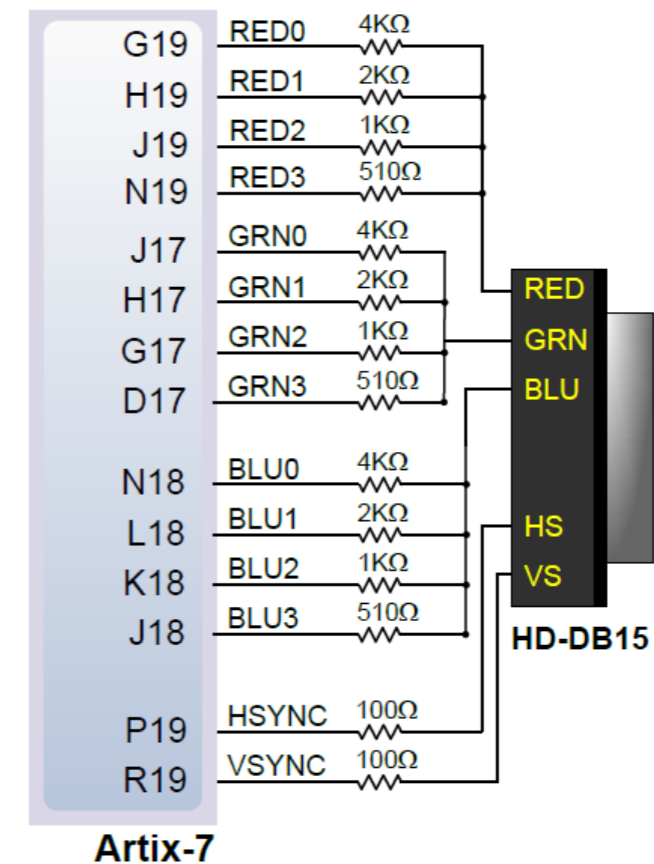


Pin 1: Red	Pin 5: GND
Pin 2: Grn	Pin 6: Red GND
Pin 3: Blue	Pin 7: Grn GND
Pin 13: HS	Pin 8: Blu GND
Pin 14: VS	Pin 10: Sync GND

# Basys 3 Control Signals for VGA

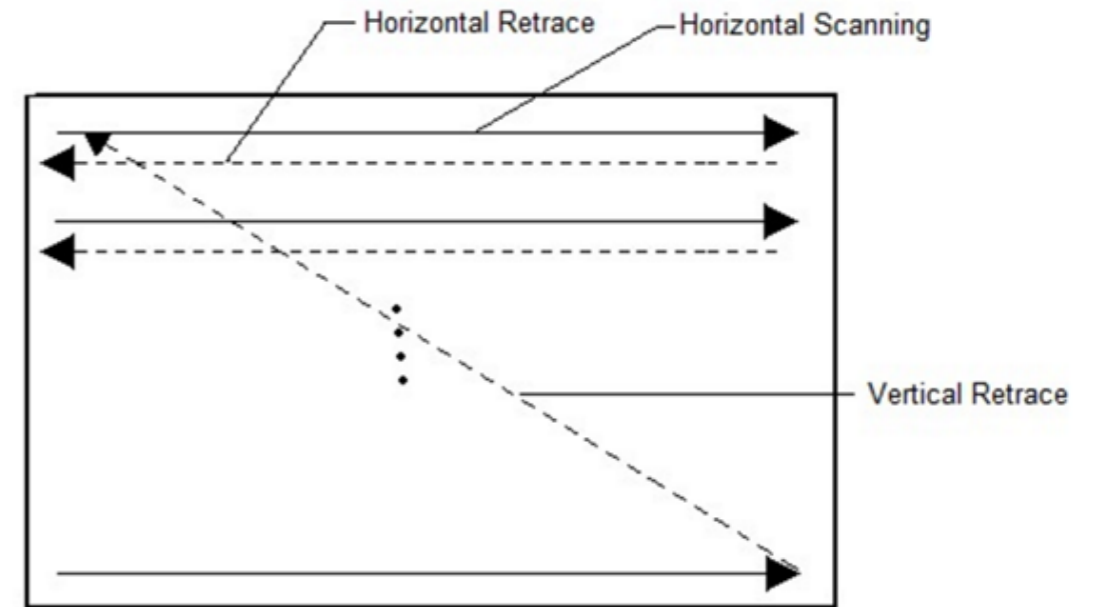
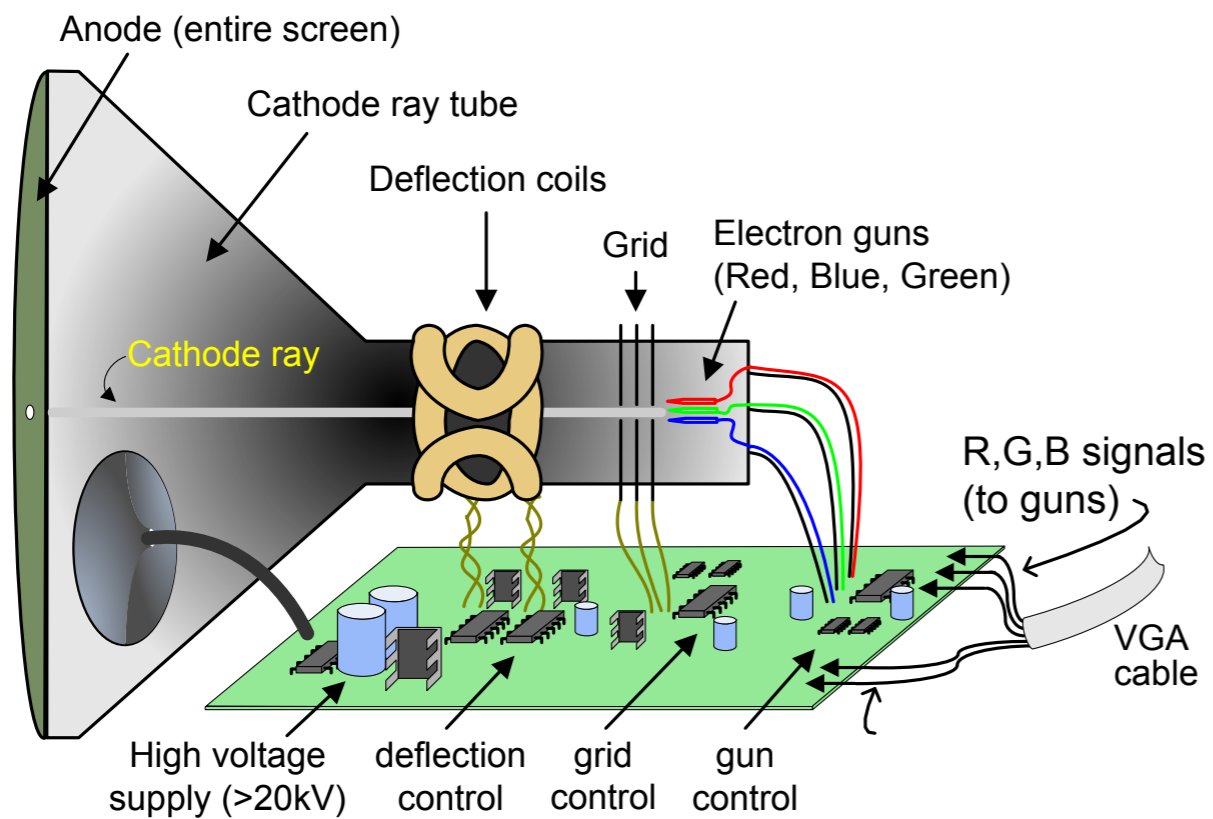
- 14 FPGA pins
  - 4-bits per color (R, G, B)
  - 2 standard sync signals (HS, VS)

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##VGA Connector
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set_property IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 [get_ports {vgaRed[0]}]
set_property PACKAGE_PIN H19 [get_ports {vgaRed[1]}]
set_property IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 [get_ports {vgaRed[1]}]
set_property PACKAGE_PIN J19 [get_ports {vgaRed[2]}]
set_property IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 [get_ports {vgaRed[2]}]
set_property PACKAGE_PIN N19 [get_ports {vgaRed[3]}]
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set_property IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 [get_ports {vgaBlue[1]}]
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set_property IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 [get_ports {vgaBlue[2]}]
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set_property PACKAGE_PIN P19 [get_ports {hsync}]
set_property IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 [get_ports {hsync}]
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set_property IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 [get_ports {vsync}]
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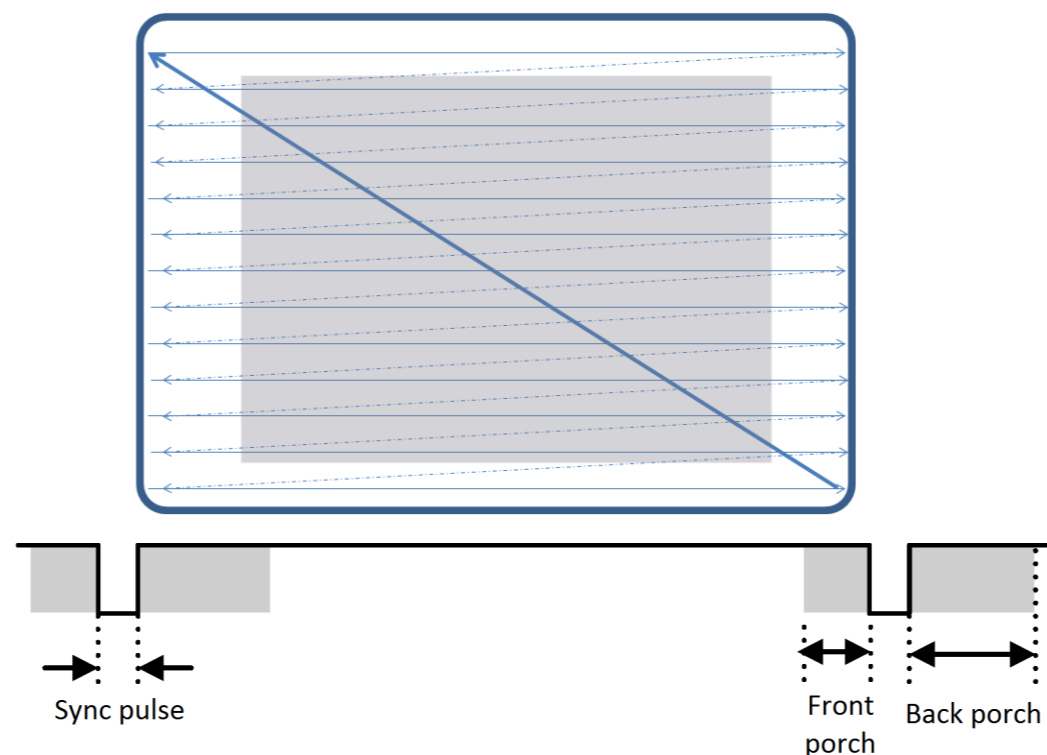
# CRT

- Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) is a vacuum tube containing one or more electron guns, and a phosphorescent screen is used to view images.



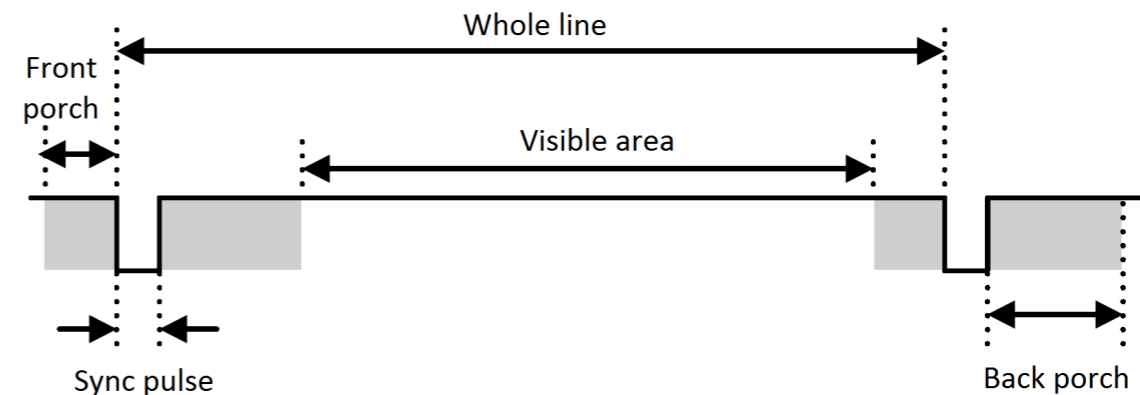
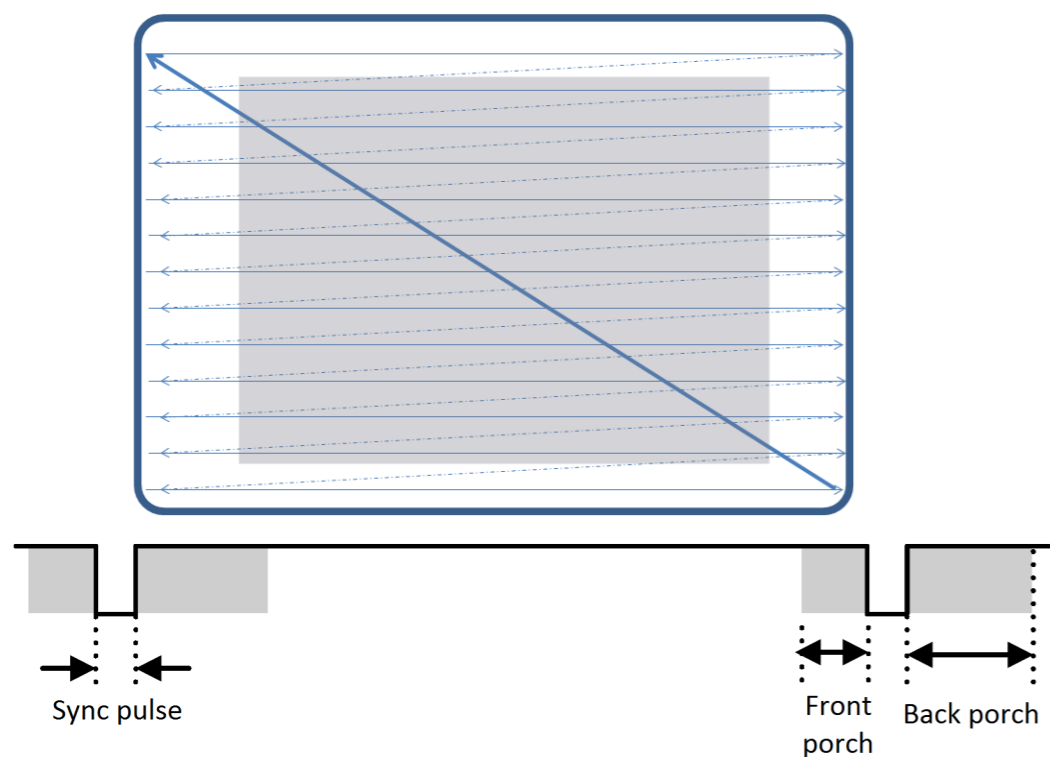
# VGA System Timing (1/3)

- Whether the information is displayed
  - Displayed: beam moving forward (left to right and top to bottom)
  - Not displayed: the time the beam is reset back to the left or top edge of the display. (Blanking period)
- Display resolution is determined by
  - the size of the beams
  - the frequency at which the beam can be traced across the display
  - the frequency at which the electron beam can be modulated



# VGA System Timing (3/3)

- Signal timing for a 640-pixel by 480 rows display using a 25MHz pixel clock



Parameter	Ver. Sync		Hor. Sync	
	Lines	Time(ms)	Pixels	Time( $\mu$ s)
Visible area	480	15.3	640	25
Front porch	10	0.3	16	0.64
Sync pulse	2	0.064	96	3.8
Back porch	33	1.05	48	1.9
Whole line	525	16.7	800	32



# Pixel Clock

- The pixel clock defines the time available to display one pixel of information.
- Example: Suppose we want to display an image with 480 rows and 640 columns, and its refresh rate is 60Hz. The pixel clock which will be delivered to VGA screen must be

$$800 * 525 * 60(\text{frame/sec}) = 25\text{M (pixel/sec)}$$

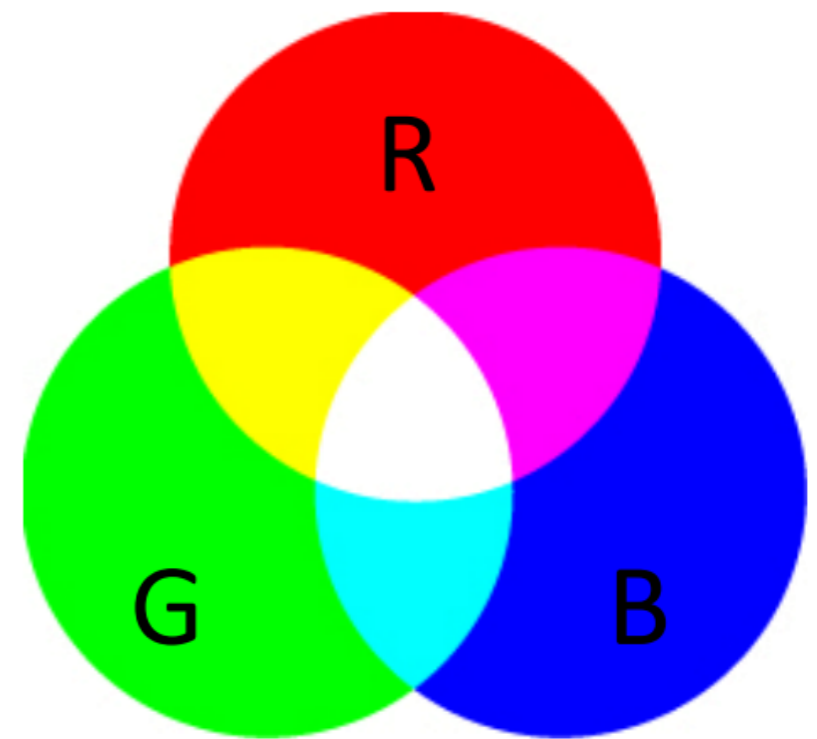
# RGB Bitmap

- A digital color image is composed by a lot of pixels.
- Each pixel contains three R, G, B values to represent the intensity of these three primary colors.



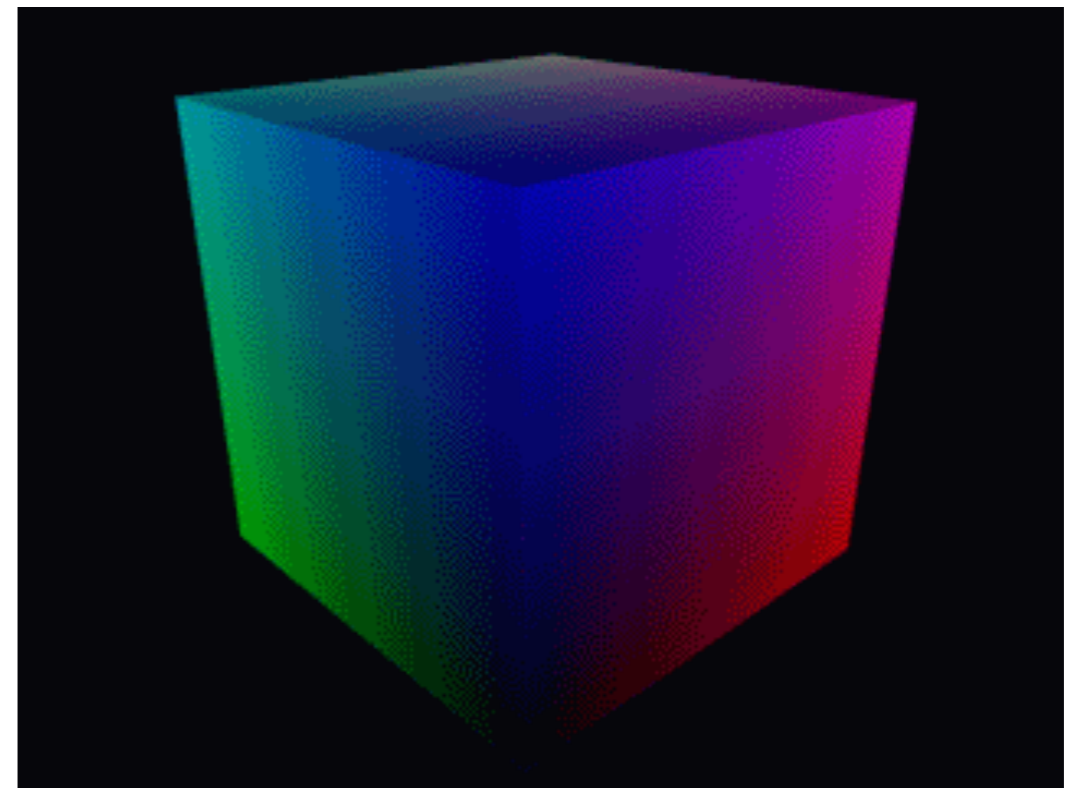
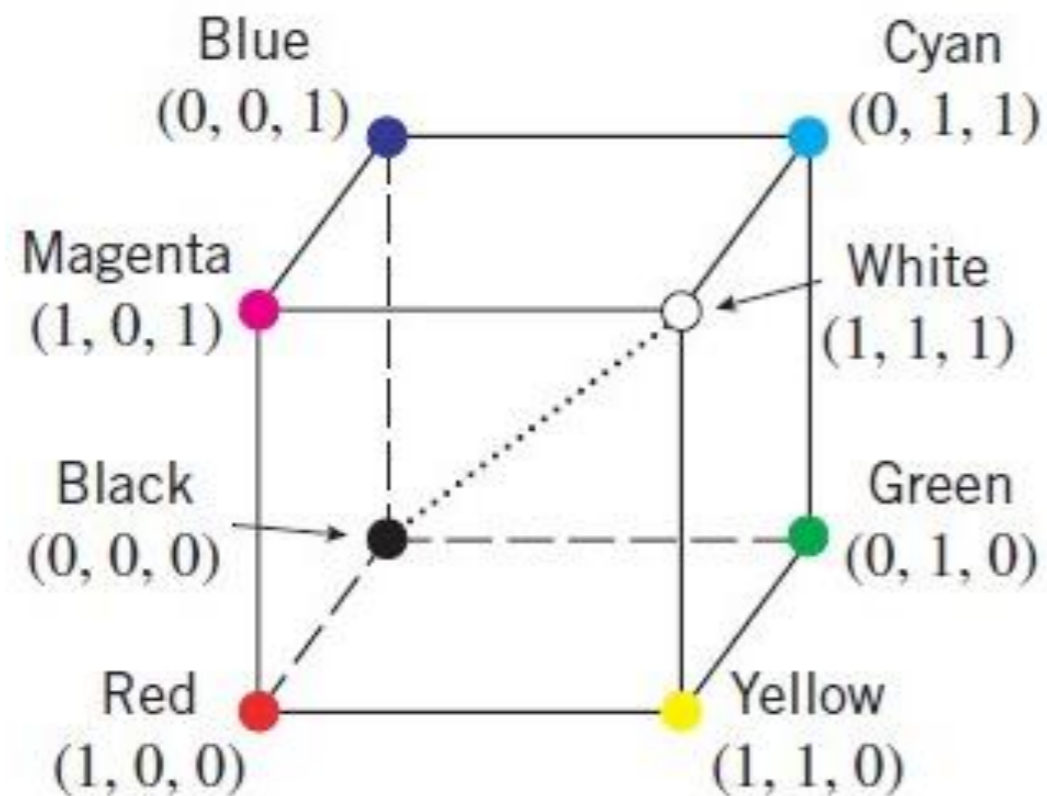
# RGB Color Mode

- Three primary colors
  - **Red**
  - **Green**
  - **Blue**
- No one of them can be created as the other two.
- Any other color is a combination of



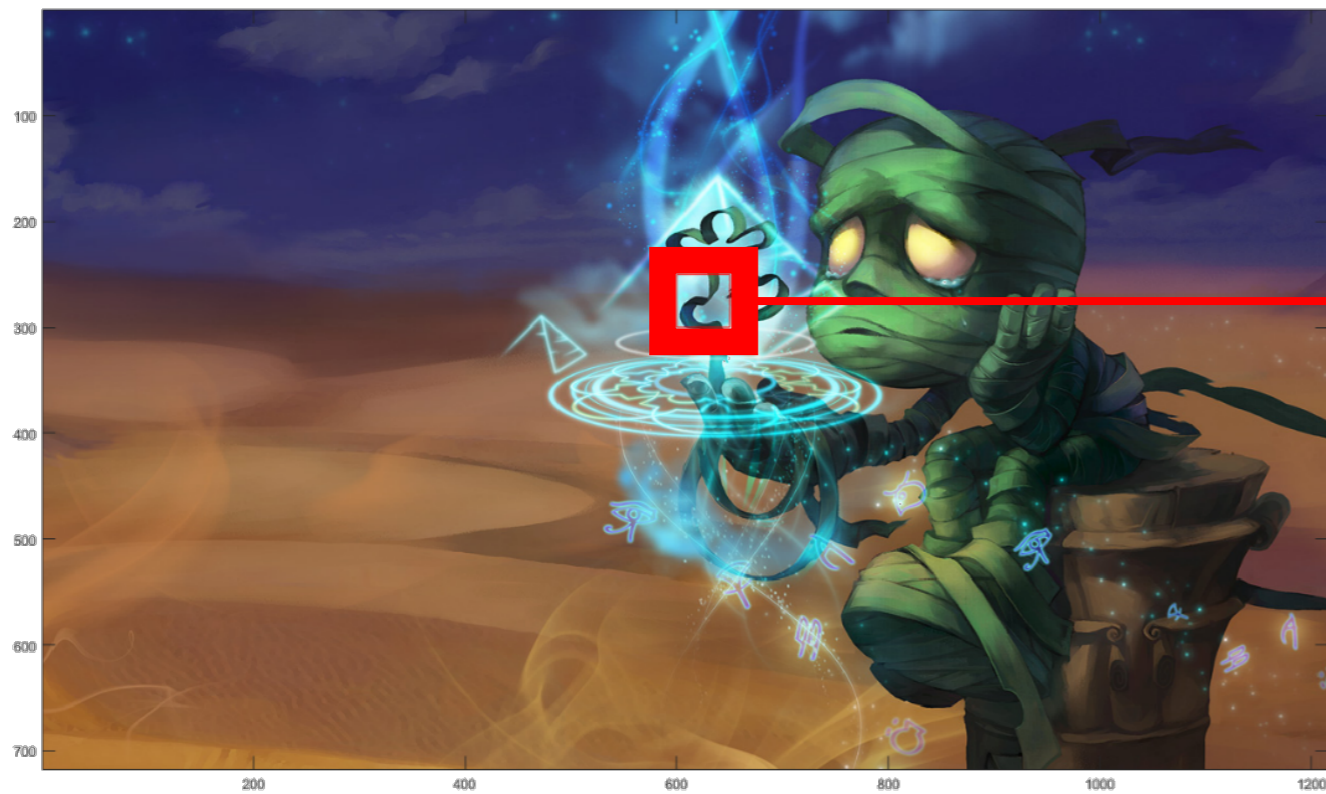
# RGB Color Cube

- R, G, and B correspond to three axes in 3D space.
- Normalize the relative amounts of R, G and B so that each value varies between 0 and 1.

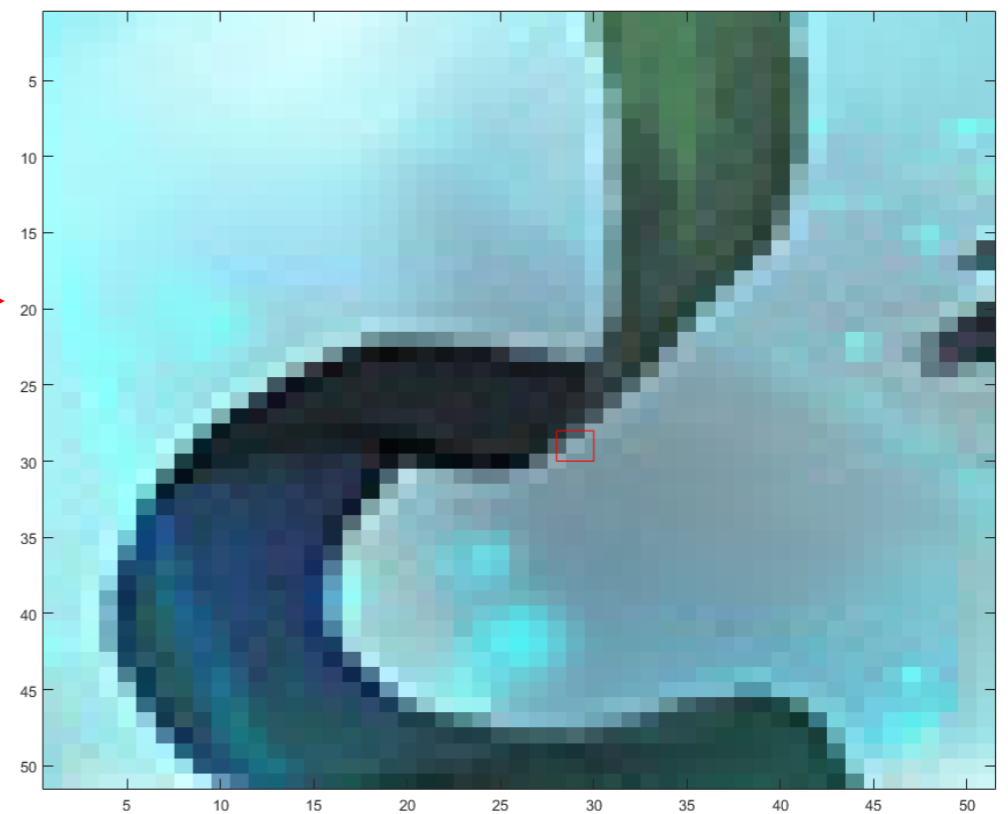


# RGB Bitmap Example (1/2)

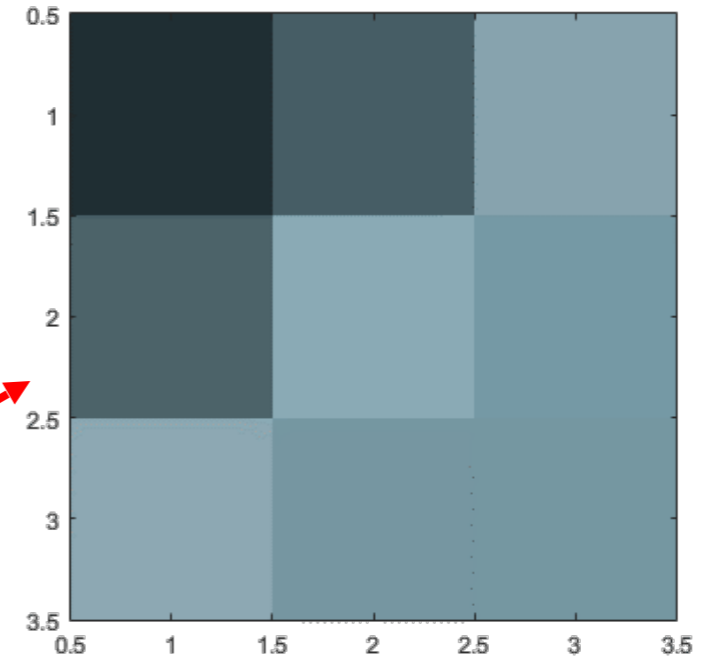
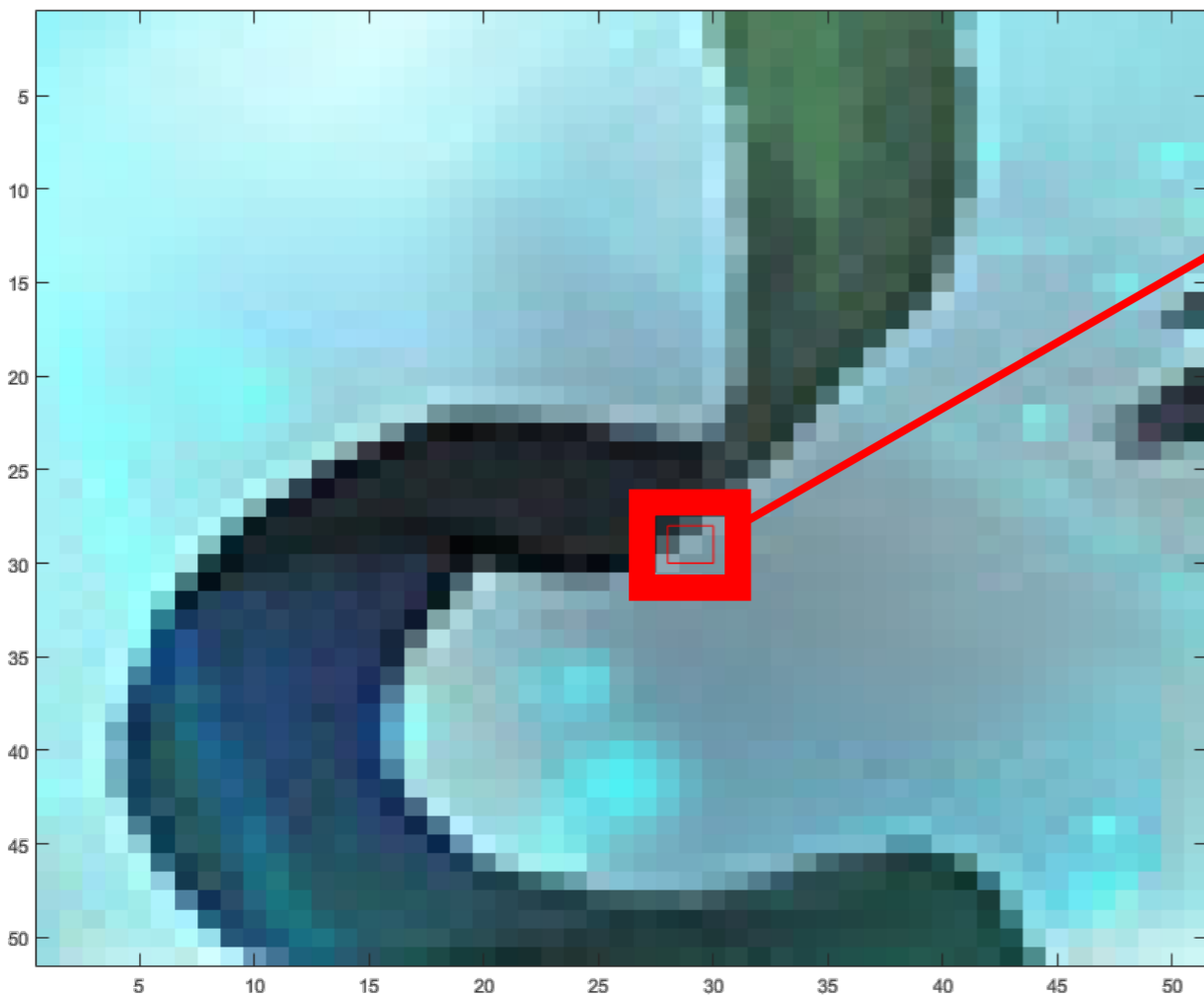
Size: 1215\*717



Size: 51\*51



# RGB Bitmap Example (2/2)

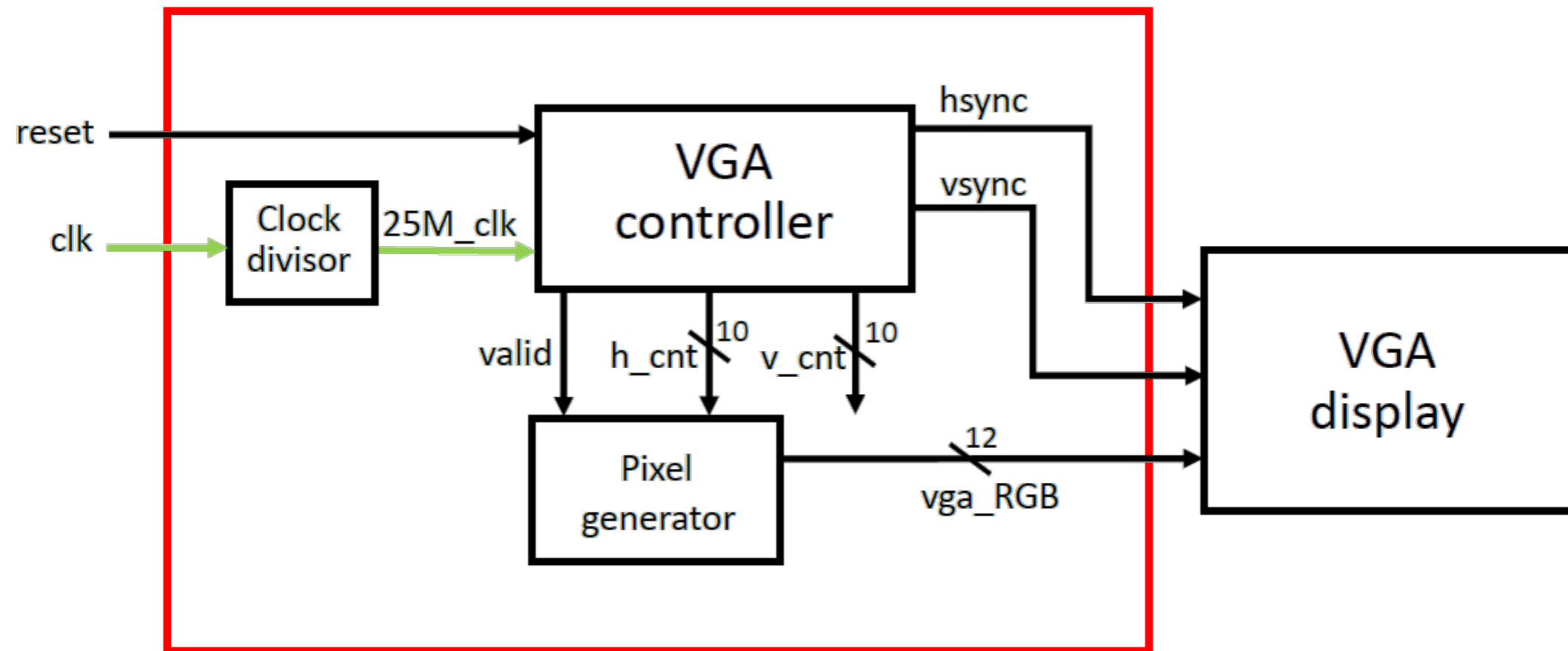


(R,G,B) : range from 0 to 255

(31,46,51)	(70,93,101)	(135,163,174)
(76,99,105)	(138,170,181)	(117,153,165)
(141,168,179)	(118,150,161)	(117,151,161)

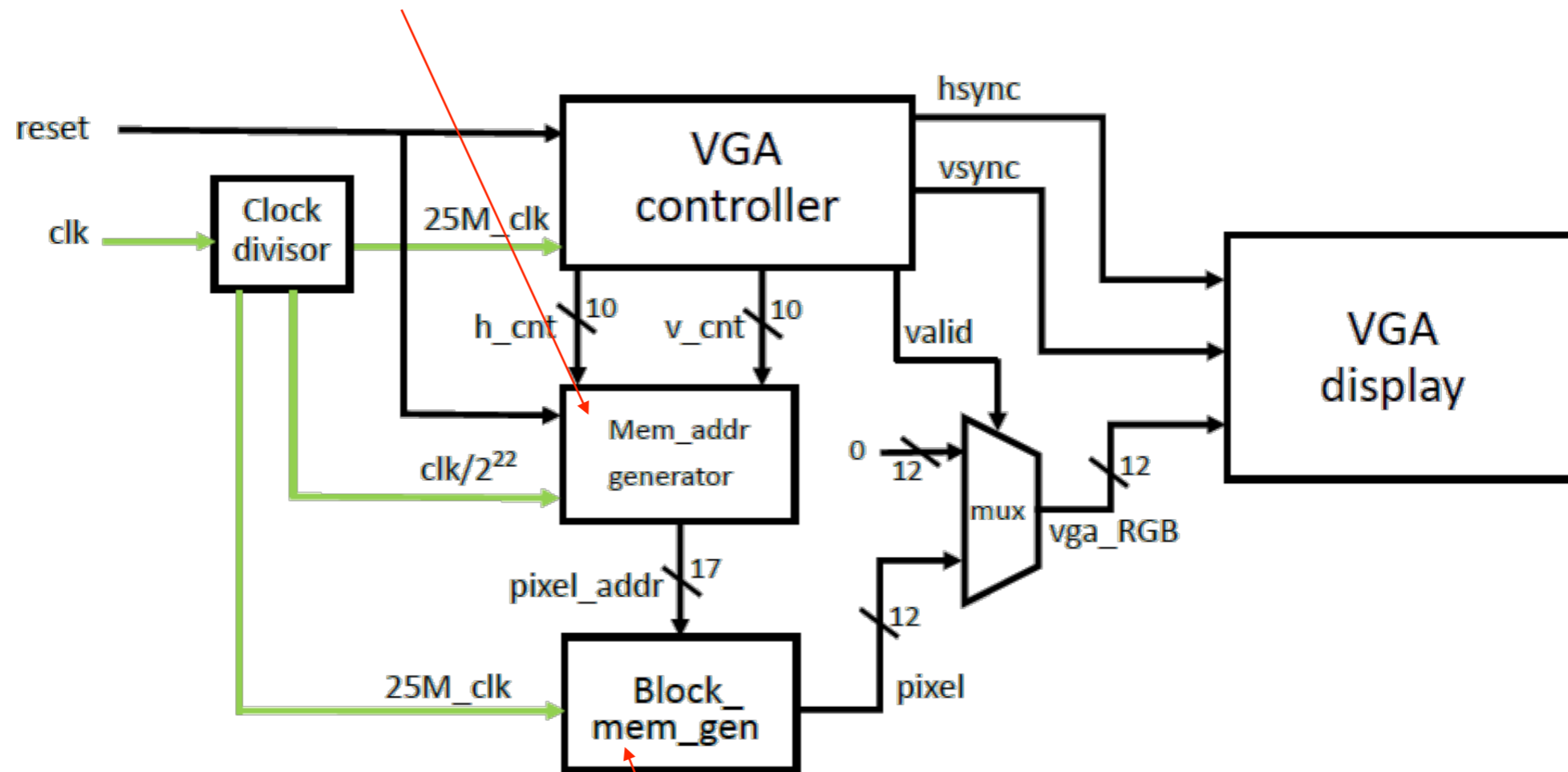
# Demo 1: Block Diagram

Top



# Demo 2: Block Diagram

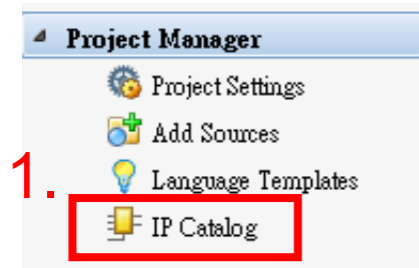
reduce the resolution from 640x480 to 320x240



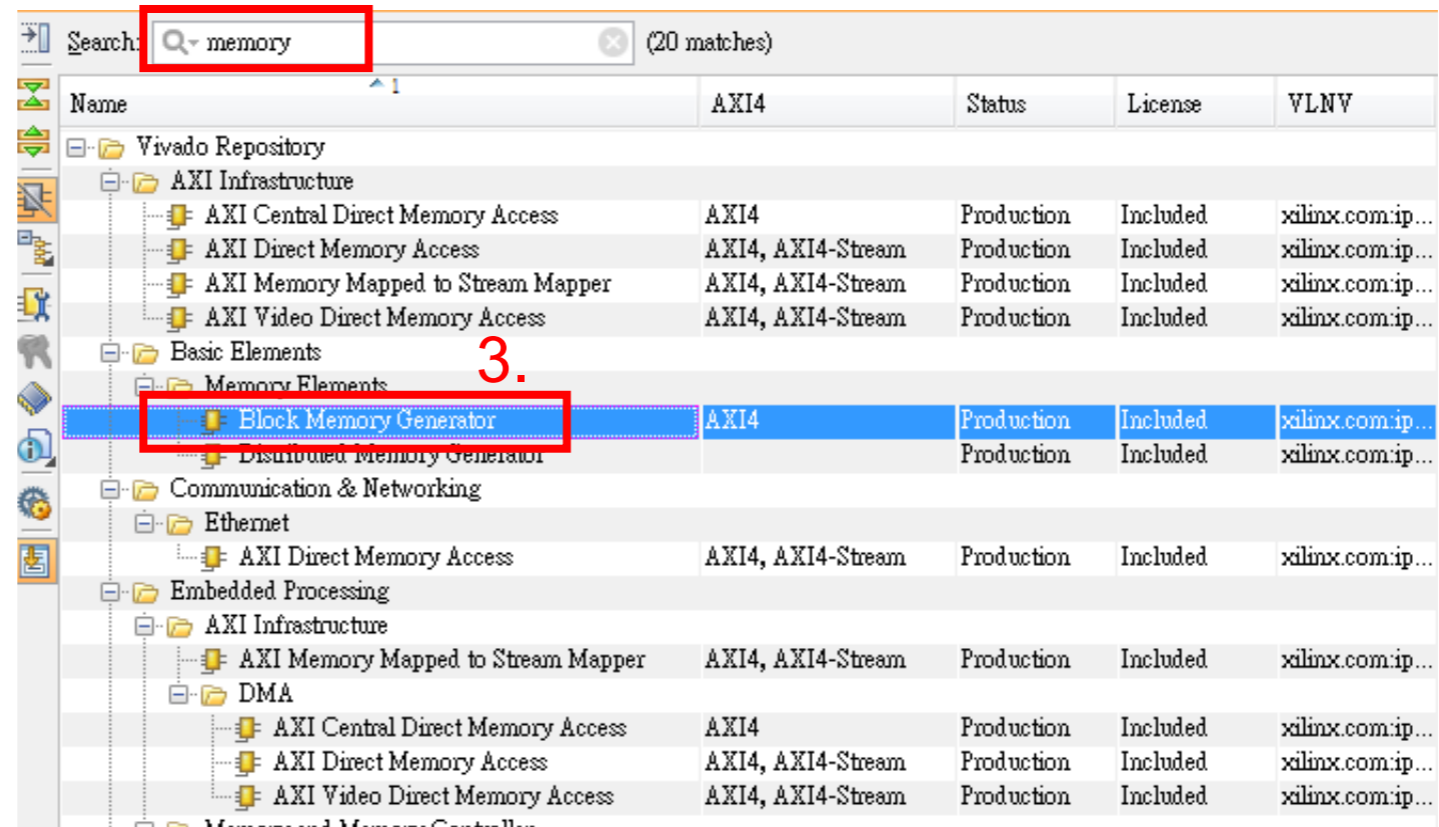
Saved Picture Access



# Memory IP (1/5)



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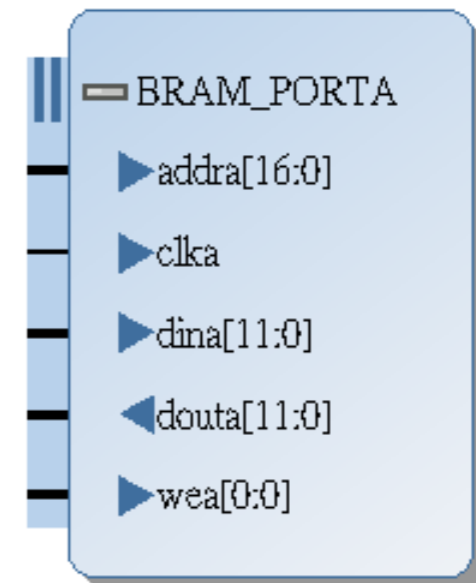
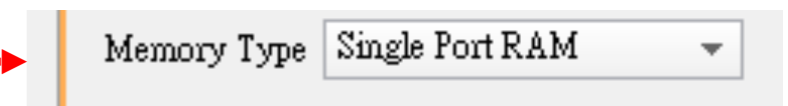
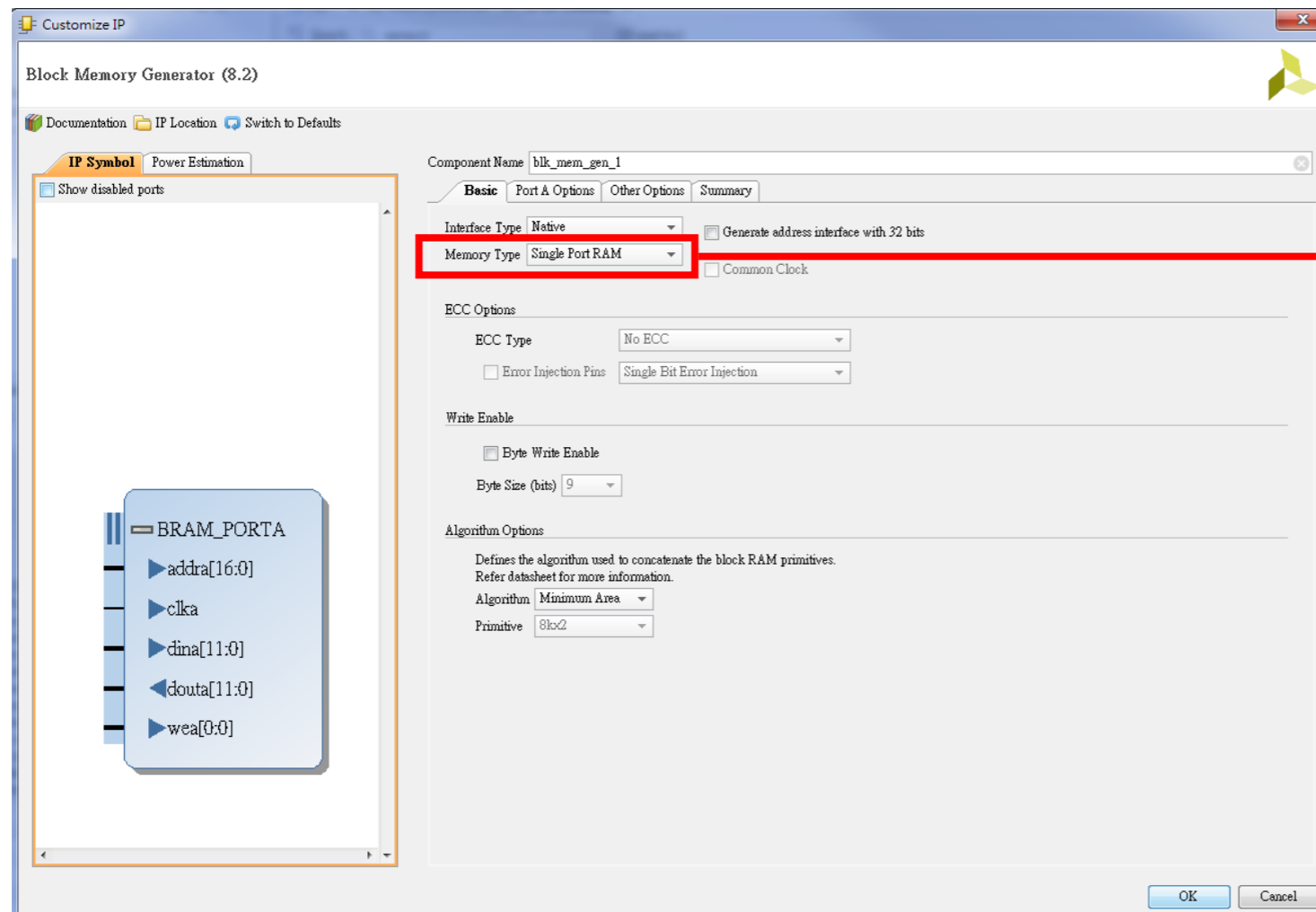


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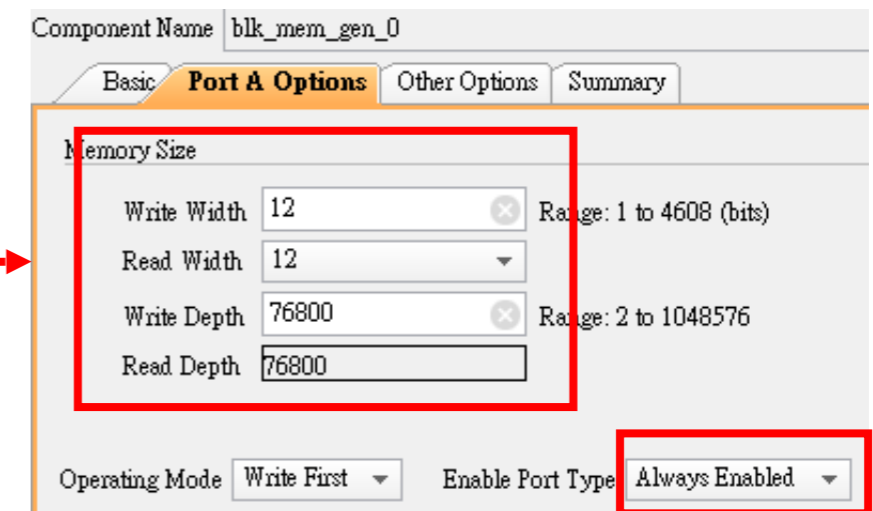
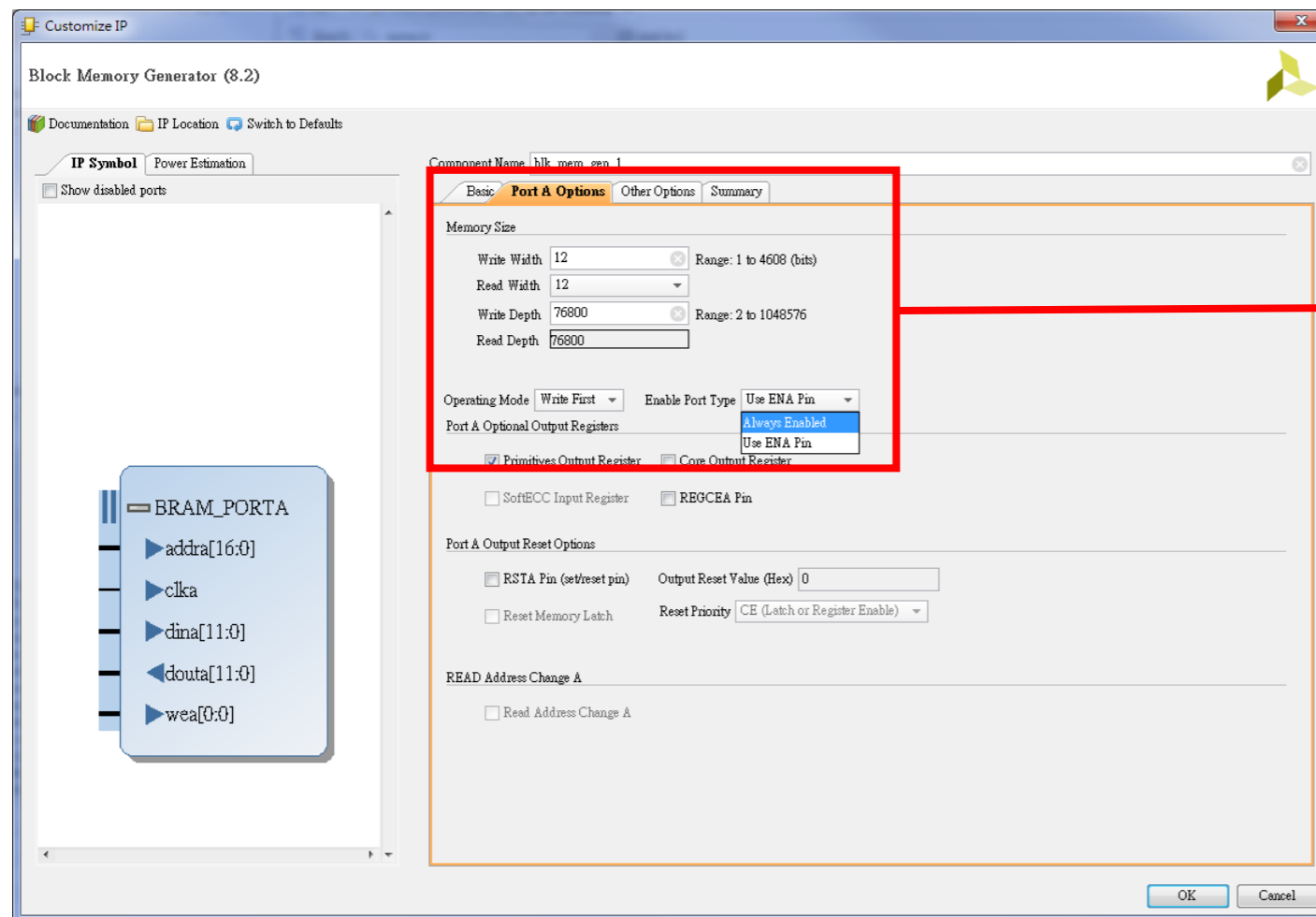
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# Memory IP (2/5)



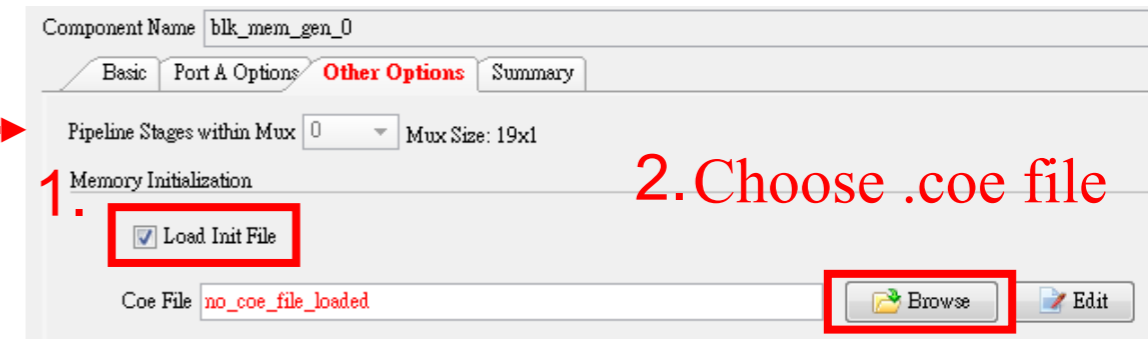
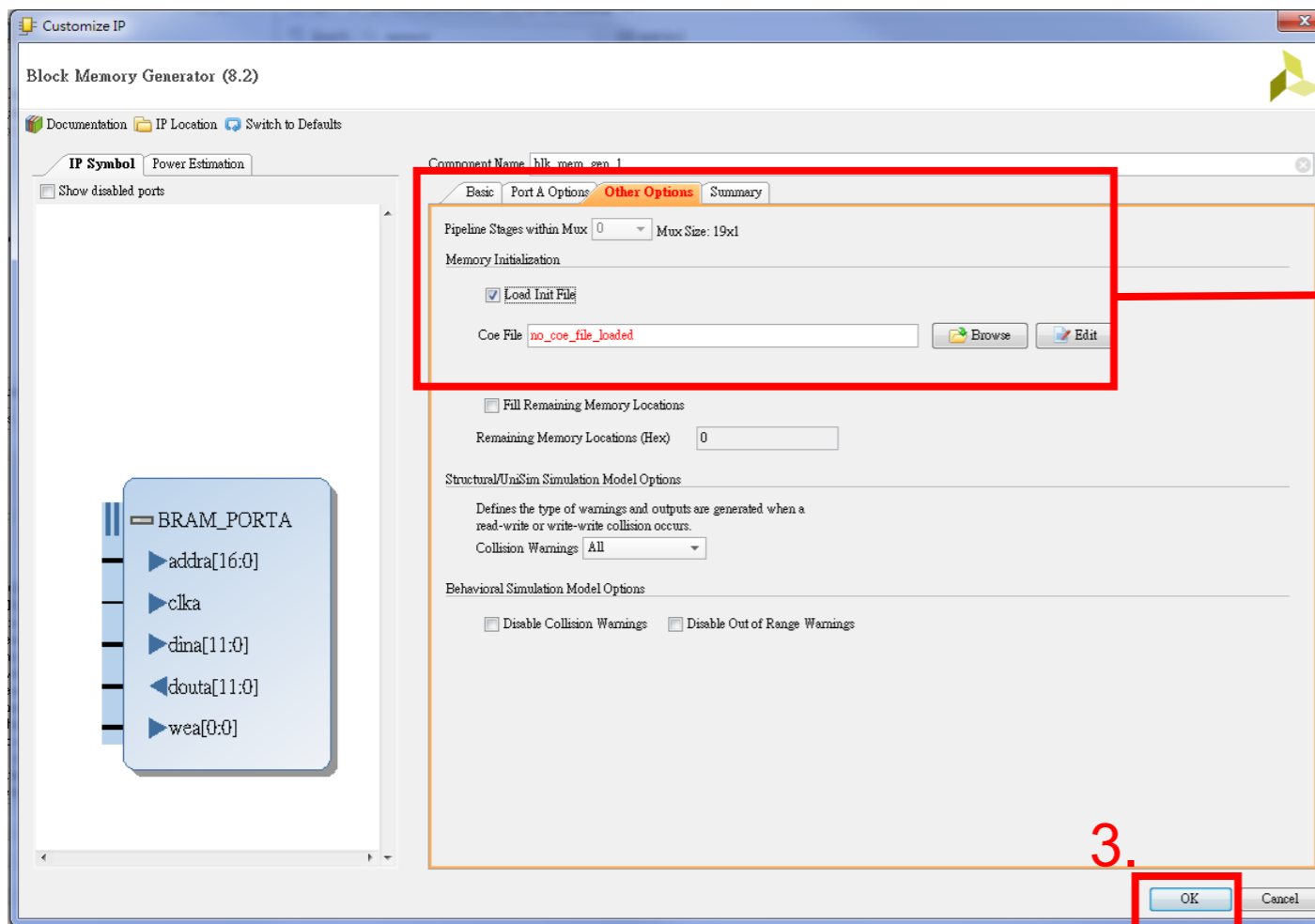
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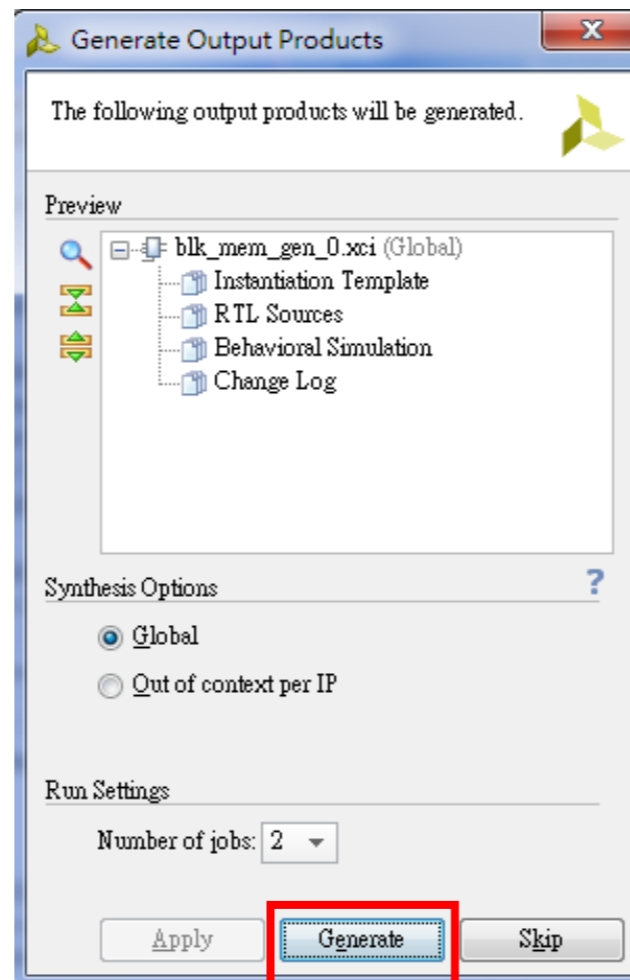
RGB : 12 bits  
320x240 : 76800

1800kbits of fast block RAM in FPGA

# Memory IP (4/5)



# Memory IP (5/5)



# Picture Format Translation (1/2)

amumu.jpg



PicTrans.exe

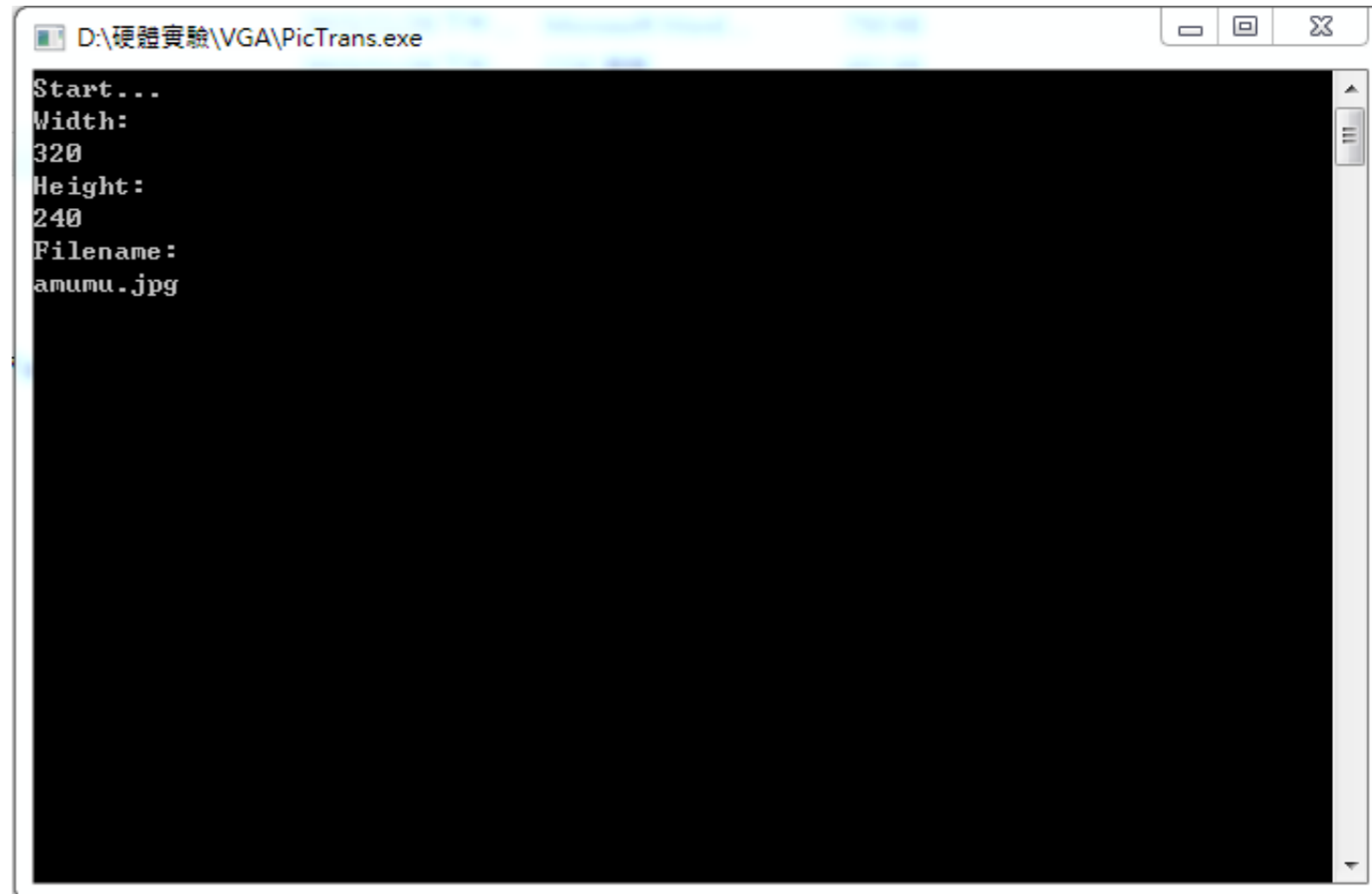


out.coe

```
out.coe x
1 memory_initialization_radix=16;
2 memory_initialization_vector=
3 115,
4 115,
5 115,
6 115,
7 115,
8 115,
9 115,
10 115,
11 115,
12 115,
...
76797 743,
76798 743,
76799 743,
76800 743,
76801 743,
76802 743;
76803
```

# Picture Format Translation (2/2)

- **PicTrans.exe:**
  - Convert a \*.jpg file to a bit map file
- **Input:**
  - image (\*.jpg)
  - the width of the output file
  - the height of the output file
- **Output:**
  - out.coe



```
D:\硬體實驗\VGA\PicTrans.exe
Start...
Width:
320
Height:
240
Filename:
amumu.jpg
```

# Lab 11: VGA Display



# Action Item (1/2)

Modify the Verilog code introduced in class to design a circuit for controlling the VGA display.

- **input ports:**

```
input clk;
```

```
input reset;
```

```
input en;
```

- **output ports:**

```
output [3:0]vgaRed;
```

```
output [3:0]vgaGreen;
```

```
output [3:0]vgaBlue;
```

```
output hsync;
```

```
output vsync;
```

## Action Item (2/2)

- At the beginning or when pressing the **reset** button, the VGA display will show the image (e.g., amumu.jpg) at the origin position. It will stay still until the **en** button is pressed.
- The image will start/resume scrolling down row by row under the frequency of  $\text{clk}$  divided by  $2^{22}$  (i.e.,  $\text{clk}/2^{22}$ ), or pause, depending on whether the number of the **en** button pressed is odd or even.

# Example (1/6)

at the beginning or pressing **reset**

(0 row scrolled down)



## Example (2/6)

press **en** → start to scroll down

(100 rows scrolled down)



# Example (3/6)

(200 rows scrolled down)



# Example (4/6)

(300 rows scrolled down)



# Example (5/6)

(400 rows scrolled down)



# Example (6/6)

press **en** → pause

(400 rows scrolled down)

