

# Sprite Graphics

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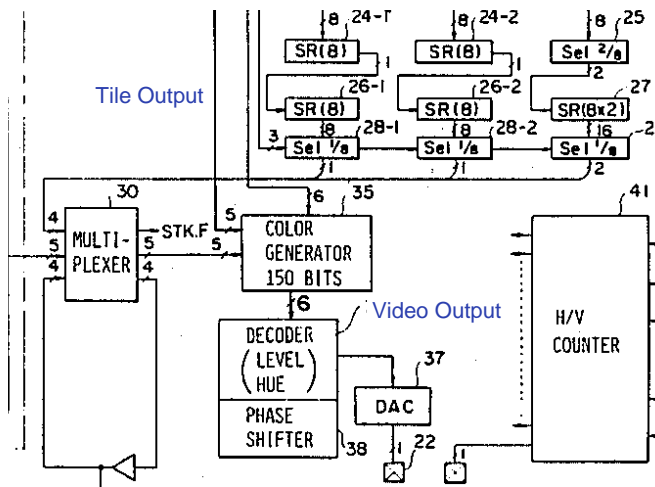
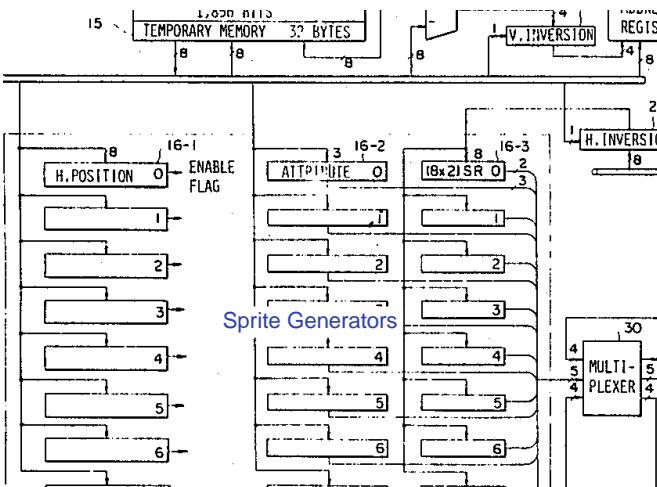
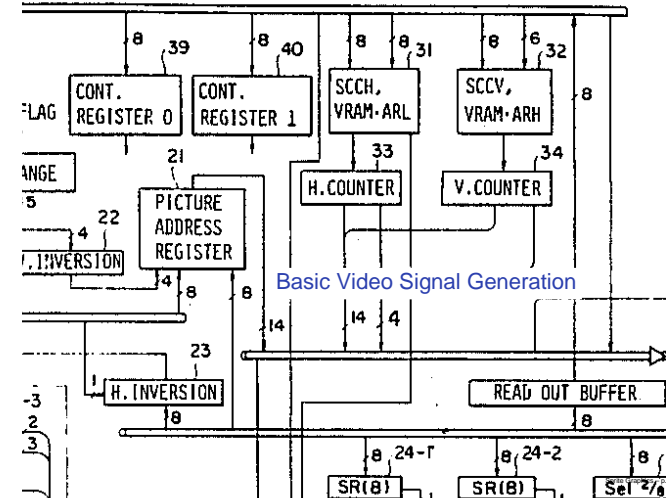
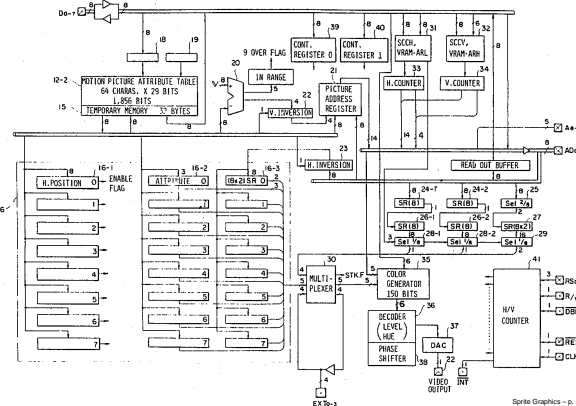
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## Nintendo NES/Famicom



## Basic Operation

For each line,

- Fetch color palette
- Fetch tiles
- Fetch tile bitmaps
- Read sprite location data for 64 sprites
- Save and prioritize up to 8 visible sprites

## Simplified Memory Map

Pattern Table: bitmaps for tiles & sprites
Name Table: Tile numbers
Attribute Table: Extra tile color information
Sprite Palette: 16 colors
Tile Palette: 16 colors
Sprite Information

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## Sprite Information

7							0	
Y coordinate								
Tile (bitmap) number								
Vertical Flip	Horizontal Flip	Priority	0	0	0	b3	b2	b1
color bits								
X coordinate								

Tiles are  $2 \times 8$  bytes each. First 8 are bitmaps of LSB color value, next 8 are next color bit.

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