

EE 3921

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Homework 9

1 – Calculate the minimum size required for the On-Chip memory block inside the Character buffer block if we doubled the size (W and L) of the characters in pixels.(assume a 640x480 display) 50pts

Character block buffer holds **ascii** characters (1 byte each)

At 2x each character would take up 16 pixels x 16 pixels on the screen

The maximum number of characters that fit on a 640 x 480 display would be $40 \times 30 = 1200$

Each character is 1 byte (ascii)

1200 bytes

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2 – Calculate the minimum size required for the SDRAM used in our pixel buffer example from class.(assume no backbuffer support and a **8x scaler** block instead of the examples 2x scaler) (assume a 640x480 display) **50pts**

pixel buffer holds pixel information

16bits / pixel = 2bytes/pixel

The maximum number of independent pixels that fit on a 640 x 480 display with the 8x block in the design is $80 \times 60 = 4800$

2 bytes/pixel

9600 bytes

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