HISTORY OF VIDEO GAMES

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In the beginning, there was...

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SG-1000 (Mark I/I)

Computer Video Game

- Released July 15, 1983 (same day as the Famicom launch)
- Z80 CPU at 3.58 MHz
- 1KB RAM, 2KB VRAM
- 256x192 resolution
- 32 sprites, 16 colors
- 3 channel square wave generator with 10 bit frequency resolution and 4 frequency white noise

SCORE BOD TOP 1300









MKIII / Master System

SEGA MASTER SYSTEM/Power Base

WIII CARD INPUT

- Release years: 1985 (JP)
 1986 (US)
 1987 (EU)
 1989 (BR)
- Z80 CPU at 3.58 MHz
- 8KB System RAM, 32KB VRAM
- 16 sprite colors, 16 background colors from a palette of 64
- 64 sprites (8 per line)
- Same sound chip as SG-1000 (unless you lived in Japan)







Mega Drive/Genesis

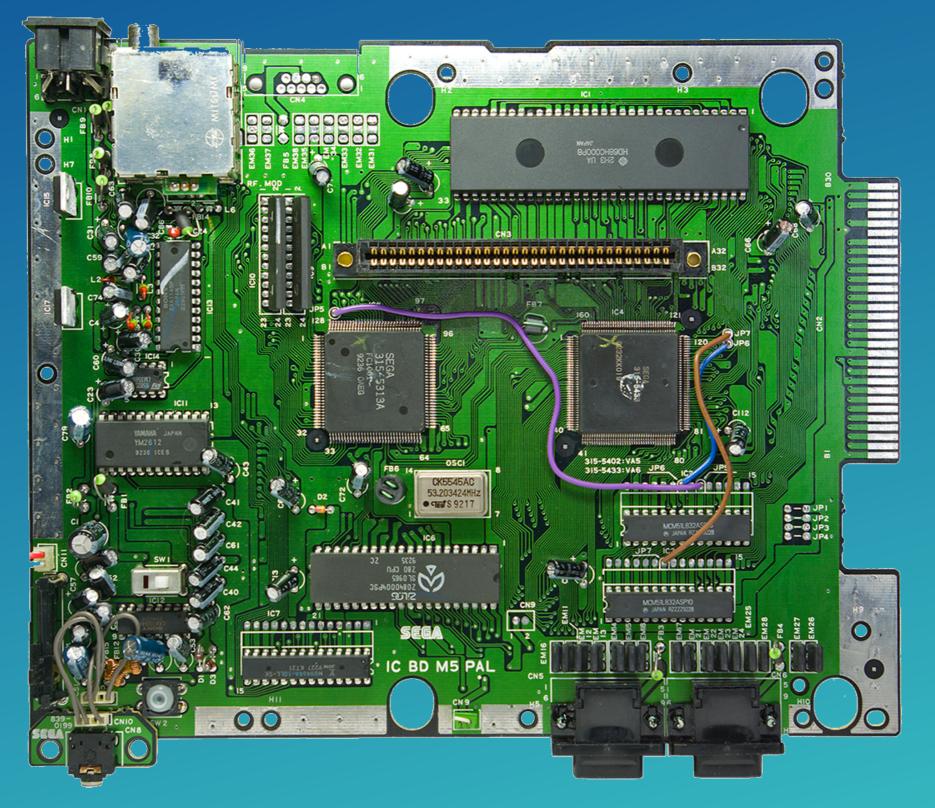
<u>SENESIE</u>

16-BI

 Released: Oct 29, 1988 (JP) Aug 14, 1989 (US) Nov 30, 1990 (EU) Dec ?, 1990 (BR)

- Motorola 68000 CPU at 7.67MHz
- 64KB system RAM, 64KB VRAM
- 3 Planes: 1 sprite, 2 backgroupd (foreground)
- YM2612 FM Synthesizer
- Up to 320x224 progressive or 320x448 interlaced resolution
- Vertical and horizontal interrupts
- 80 sprites, 20 per scanline, 8x8-32x32 pixels, 16 colors
- 512 color palette (4 16 color sub-palettes on screen)
- Shadow and highlight modes for extra color
- Also, there's an entire Master System shoved in there (all MS hardware accessible in MD mode)

What's Inside?



• Per-line scrolling



- Additional layers of parallax
- Really cool synthesized guitars

• Realtime sprite scaling



Background-plane tilting



Mega CD/Sega CD

16-BIT

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SEGA

READY

- Release dates: Dec 12, 1991 (JP) Oct 15, 1992 (US) Apr, 1993 (EU) Unknown: (Brazil) (Seriously, no one seems to know when this thing came out in Brazil)
- Motorola 68000 CPU at 12.5MHz
- 768KB system RAM, 64KB PCM sample RAM, 16KB CD buffer RAM, 8KB battery backed SRAM for game saving
- Custom ASIC with bitmap scaling and rotation capabilities
- 8 channel PCM sample playback system

Soulstar





- Released: November, 1994 (US) December, 1994 (JP, EU)
- 2 Hitachi SH2 CPUs at 23MHz
- 512KB system RAM, 256KB VRAM
- 2 software controlled framebuffers
- Software-controlled stereo PWM audio output



The Aftermath

(AKA "why is Sega a joke of a company")

Meanwhile, in Brazil



Any questions?