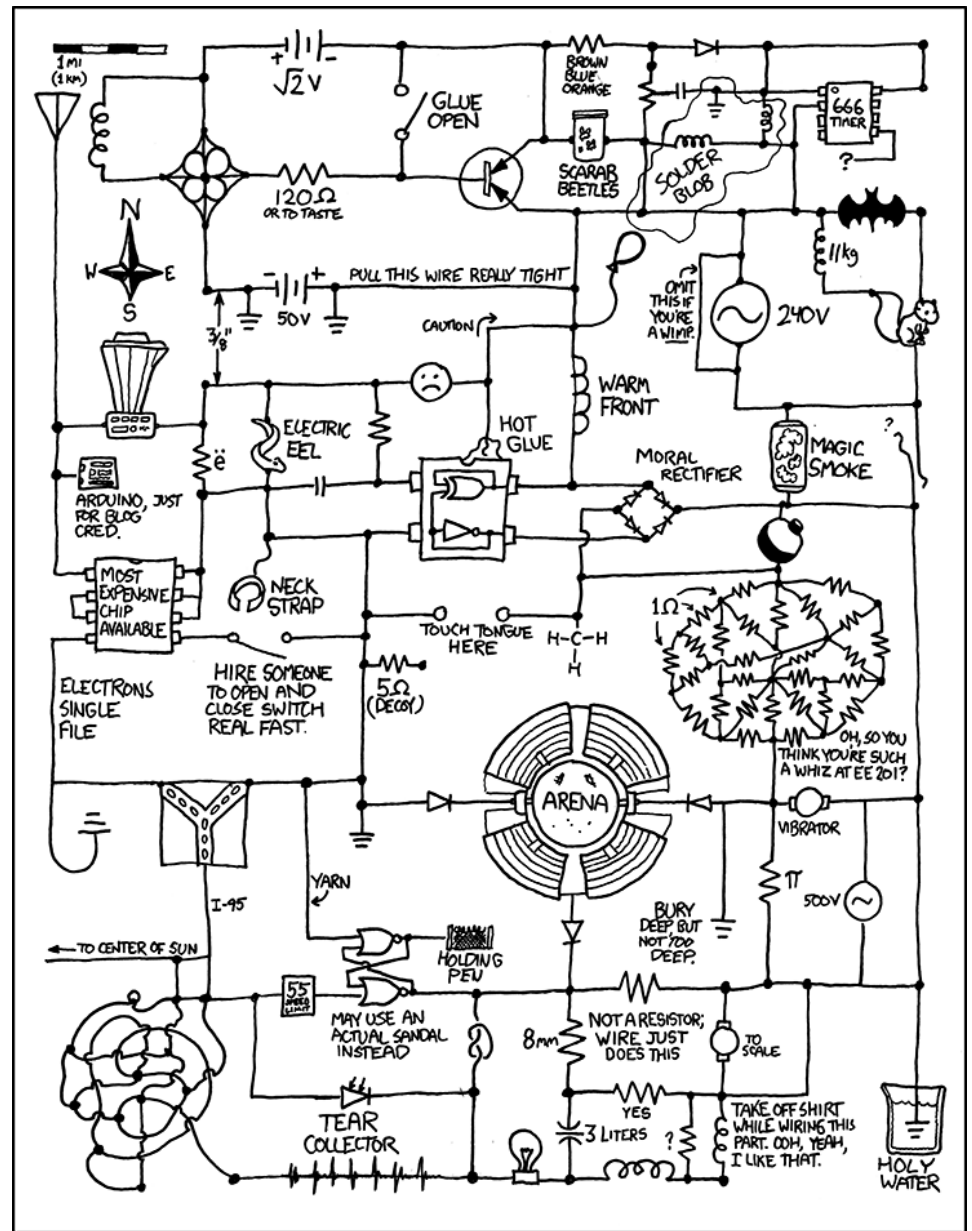


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Sequential Circuits

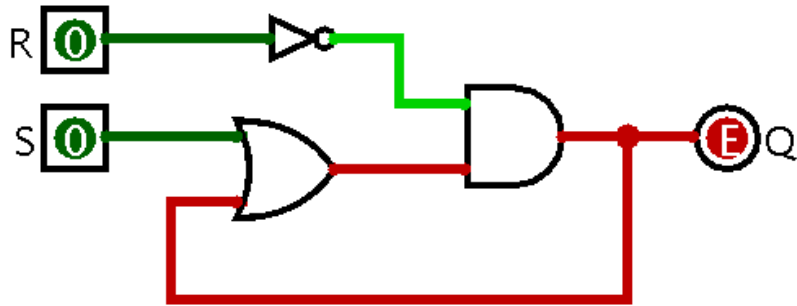
Circuits

- **Circuits** are formed by linking gates (or other circuits) together
 - Inputs and outputs
 - Link output of one gate to input of another
 - Some circuits have multiple inputs and/or outputs
 - **Combinational** circuits: outputs are a boolean function of inputs
 - Not time-dependent
 - Used for computation
 - **Sequential** circuits: output is dependent on previous outputs
 - Time-dependent
 - Used for memory

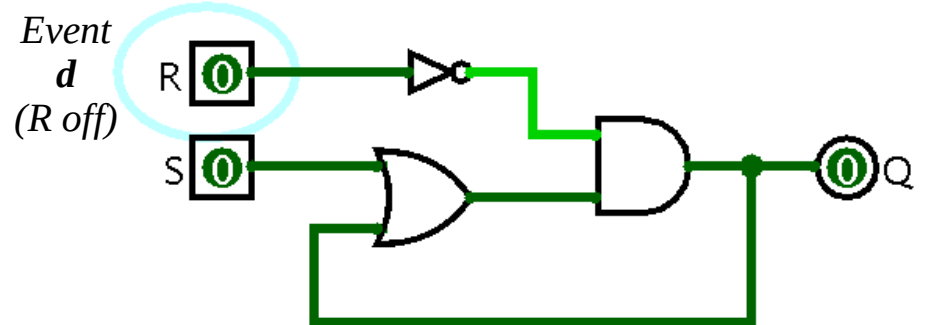
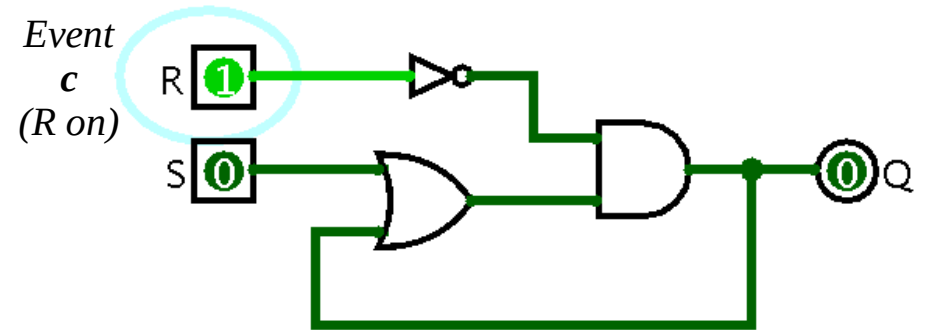
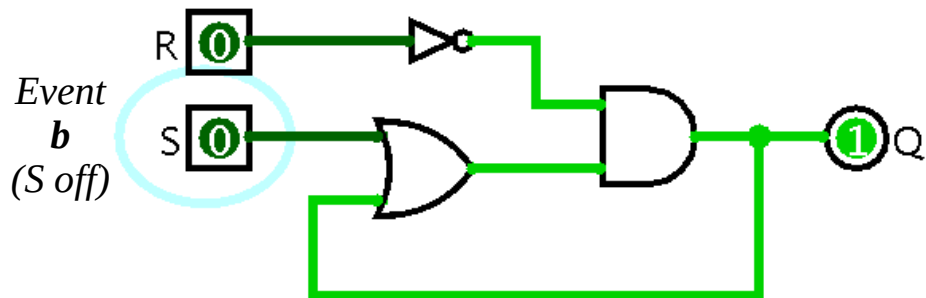
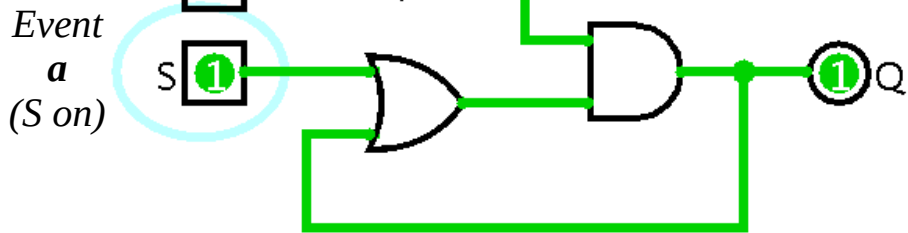
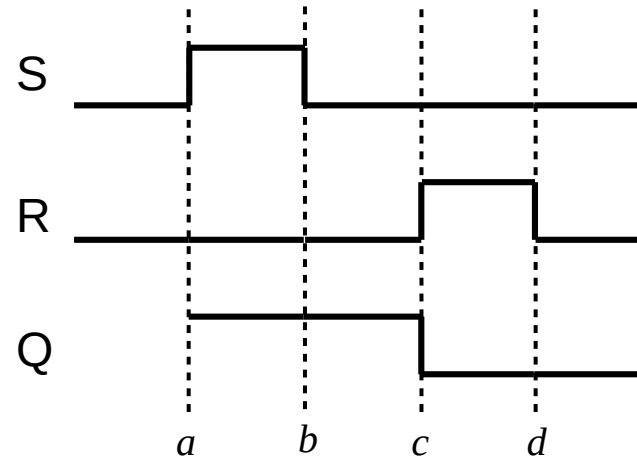
Circuit memory

- Question: How do we make a circuit “remember” something?
 - Answer: Create a feedback loop!
 - Creates a “storage” circuit, often called a **latch**
 - Truth table must include previous state
 - Alternatively, draw a **timing diagram**
 - Shows how input/output signals change with respect to time
 - Given input signals in diagram, we can determine output signals

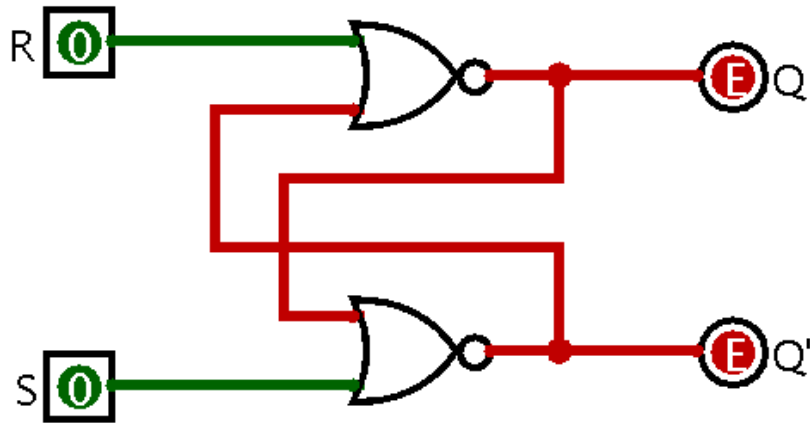
SR AND-OR latch



S = "set" R = "reset"

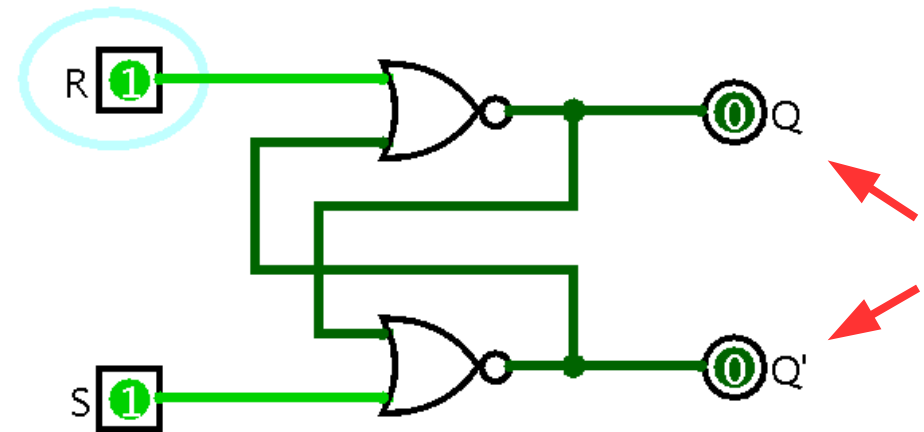
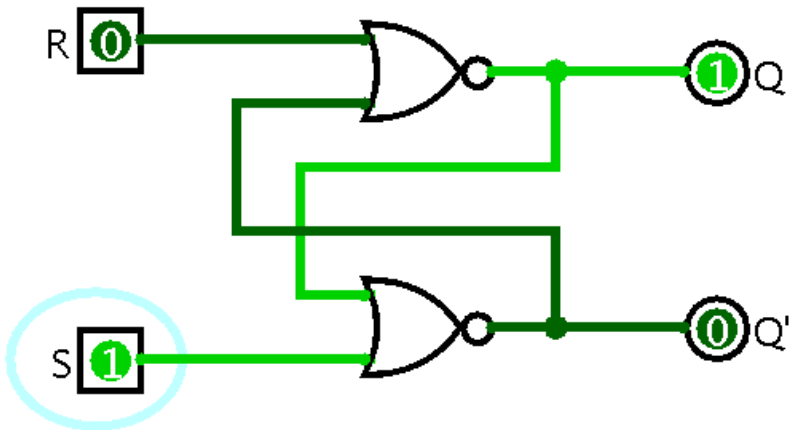


SR NOR latch



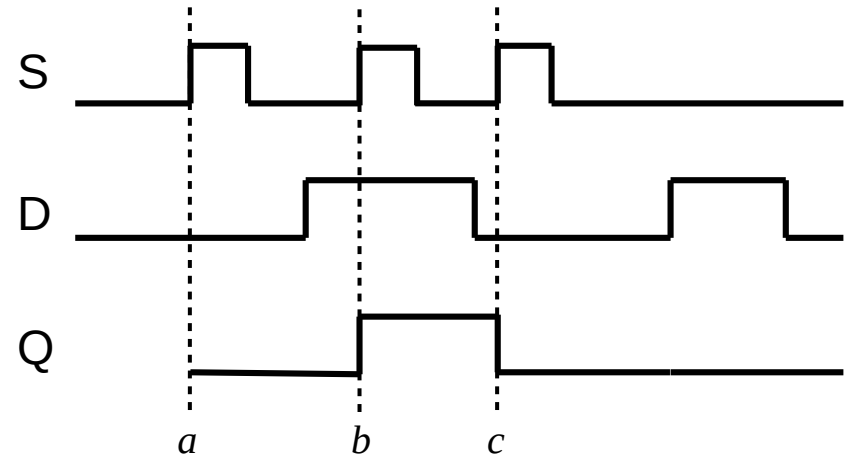
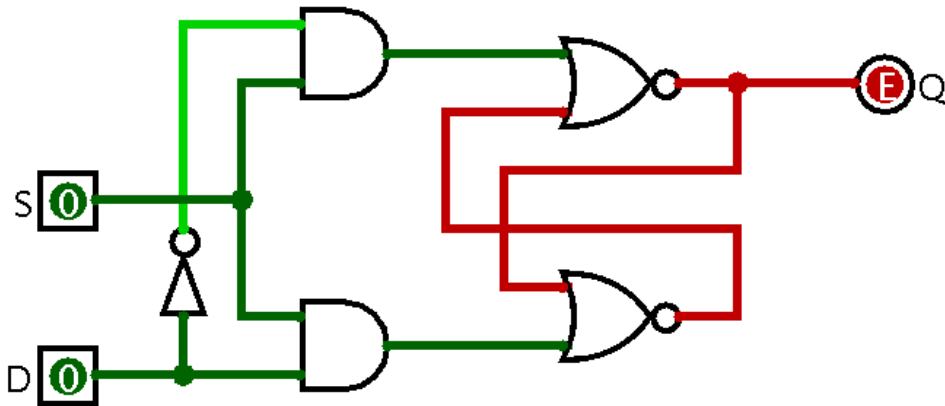
Works similarly to AND-OR, but requires one fewer gate (and it is a universal gate!)

Question: What happens if we turn both R and S on at the same time?



Disallow $S=1, R=1$ because $Q' \neq !Q$

D latch

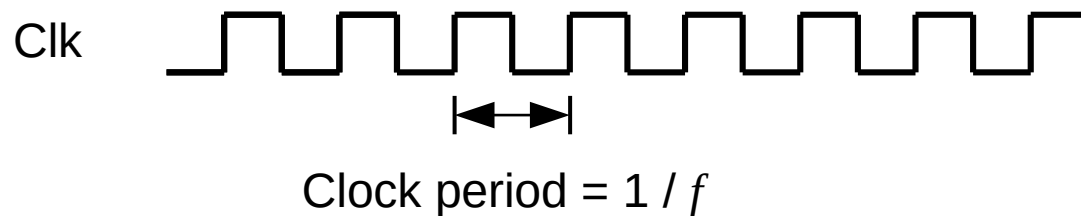


From “Code” book: S = “Save that bit!”

- As long as S is on, Q reflects the value of D.
- When S turns off, Q is "frozen" and retains its previous value.
- D can change while S is off with no change in Q

Clocks

- Provide oscillating signal
- Often used as “set” signal for latches
- Keeps computation and memory in sync
- Clocked latches are called **flip-flops**
- The clock period is the inverse of the frequency (measured in *hertz*)
- The length of a clock period determines the minimum time an instruction takes to execute

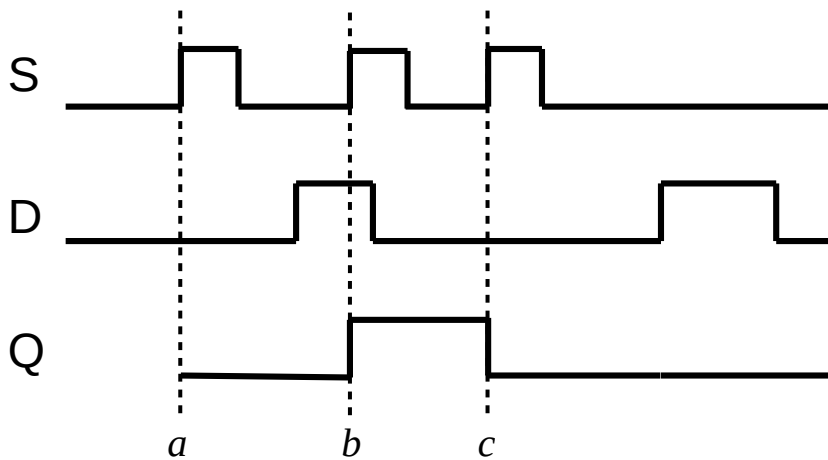


Flip-flop types

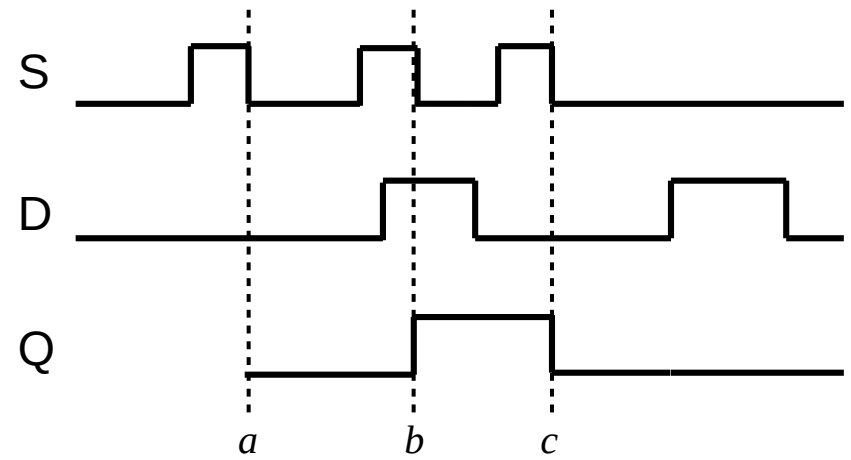
- **SR**: “set-reset”
- **D**: “data” bit + clock
- **T**: “toggle”
- **JK**: like SR + T (toggle when $S=1$, $R=1$)
 - J is S, K is R
- Any of these can be used to build the others
- Also can be built from basic logic gates in multiple ways

Signal changes

- The original D latch reflects D input on Q as long as “set” is on
- **Edge-triggered** flip-flops change Q on **rising** edge of “set” signal
- **Master-slave** flip-flops change Q on **falling** edge of “set” signal



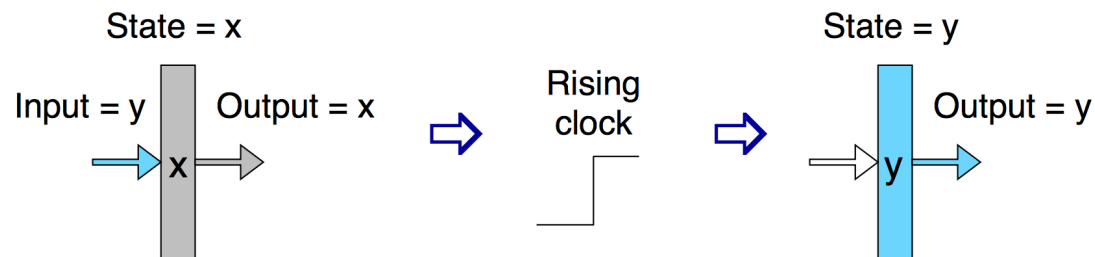
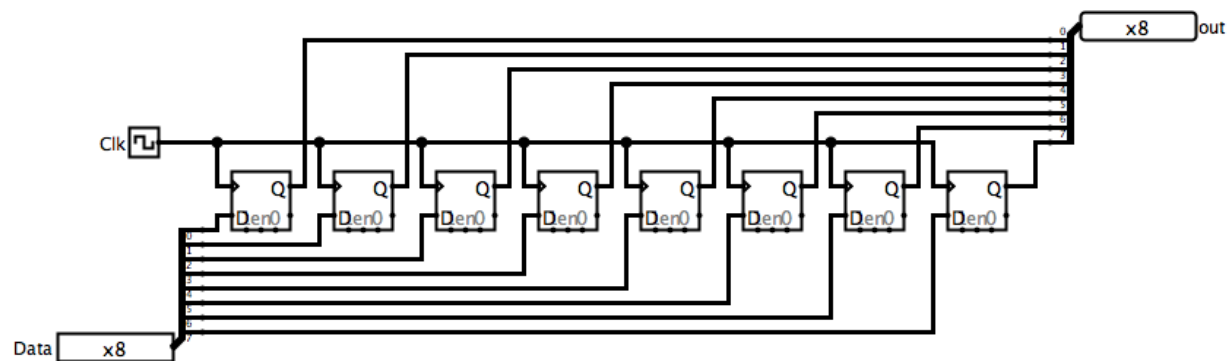
Edge-triggered D latch



Master-slave D latch

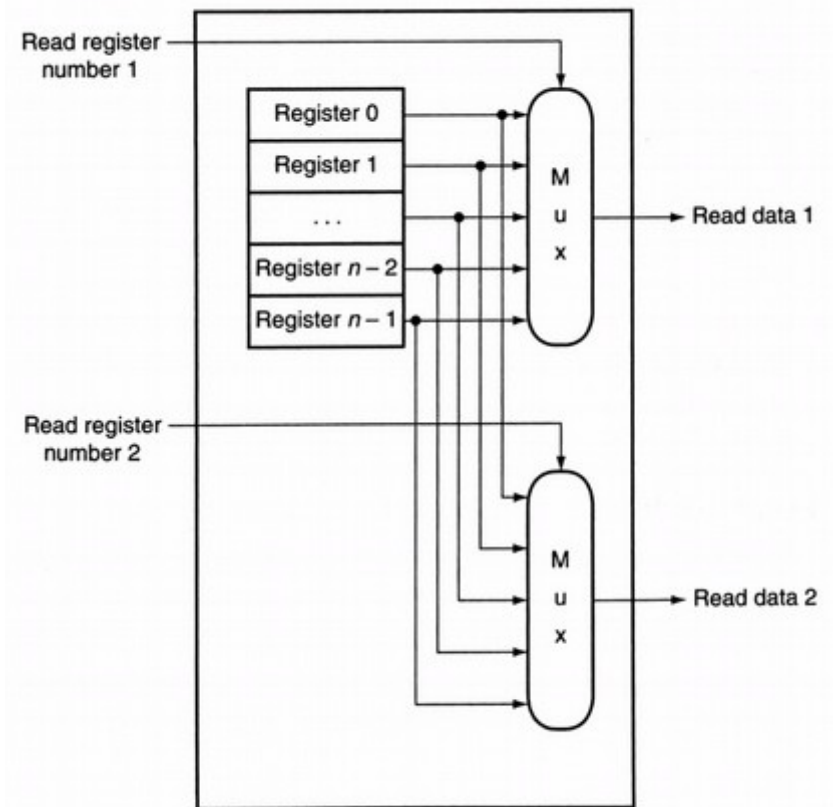
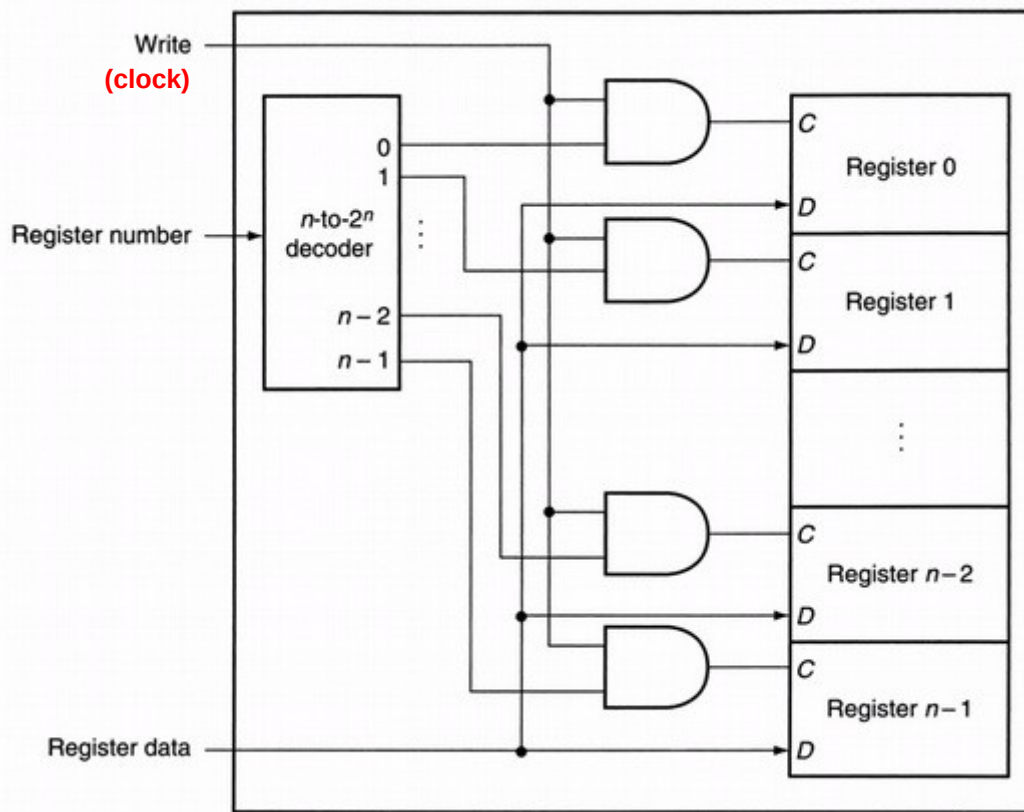
Registers

- **Registers**: arrays of flip-flops with a single set/clock input
- Connected by **buses** (groups of wires) to other components
- Edge triggering allows computation to stabilize before results are saved
- Caveat: difference between **hardware** registers and **program** registers
 - Former are physical, latter are logical (and stored in a **register file**)



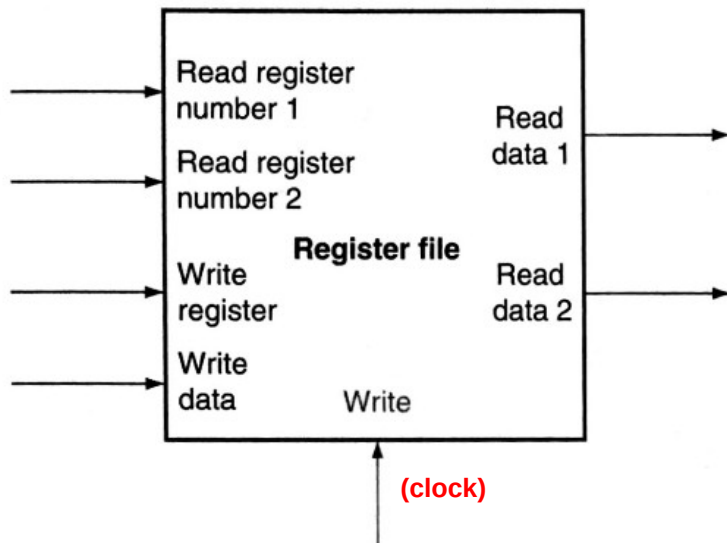
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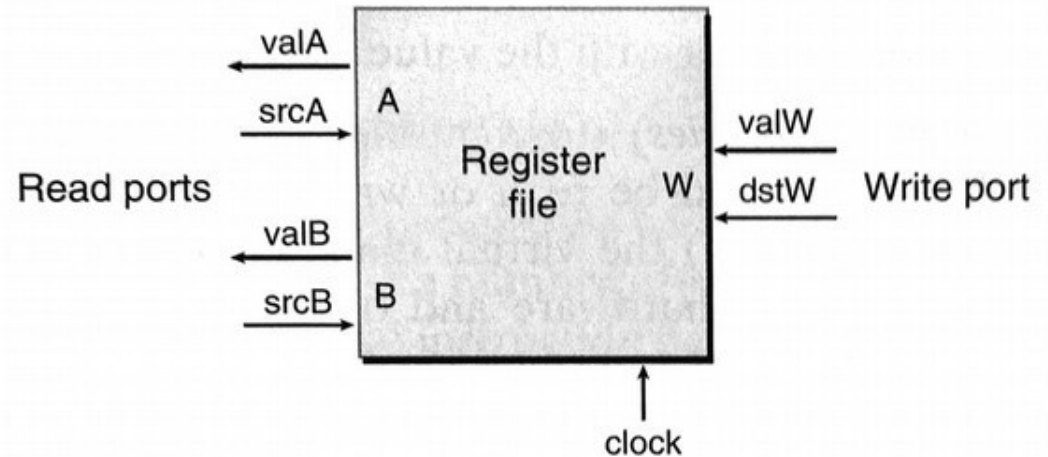


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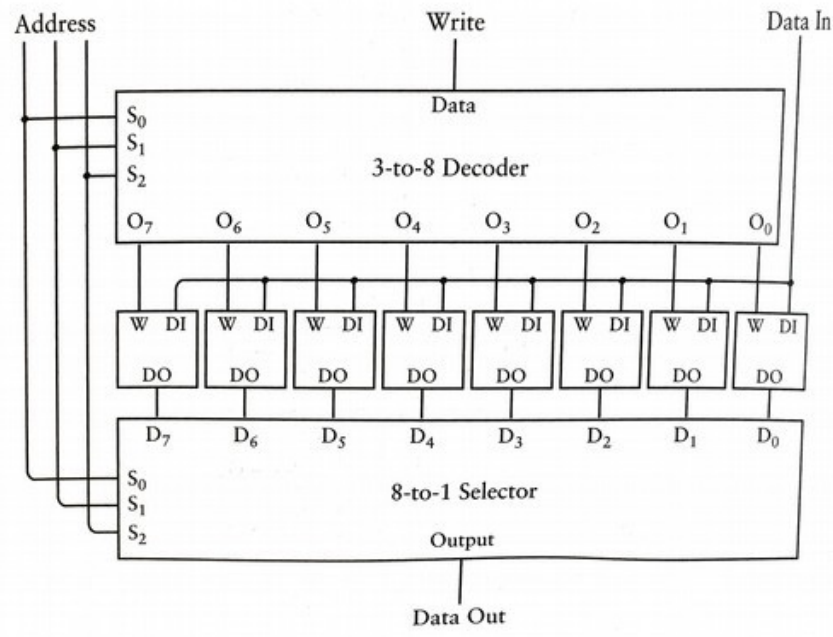
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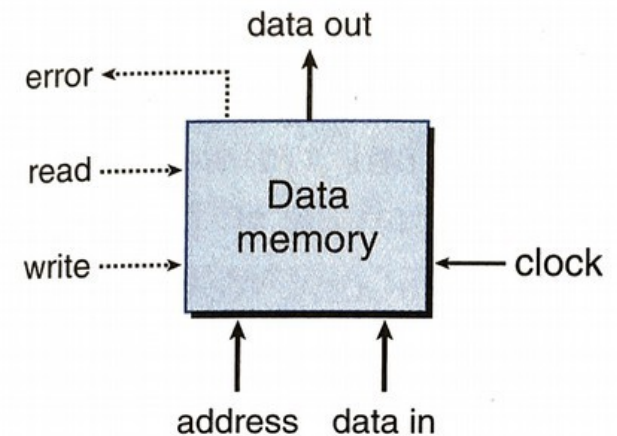
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Memory

- Memory: multiple flip-flops w/ address input
 - **Random access memory** (RAM) - can access any address at any time
 - Use decoder (translates n-bit number to 2^n “set” signals) to write data
 - Use selector (multiplexor) to read data



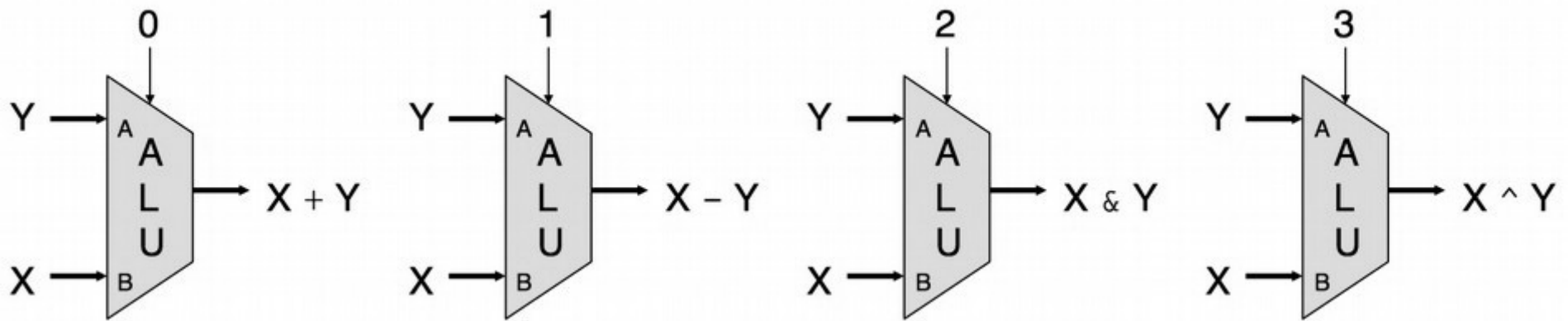
Single 8-element RAM array (3-bit addresses)



Abstraction of multiple RAM arrays

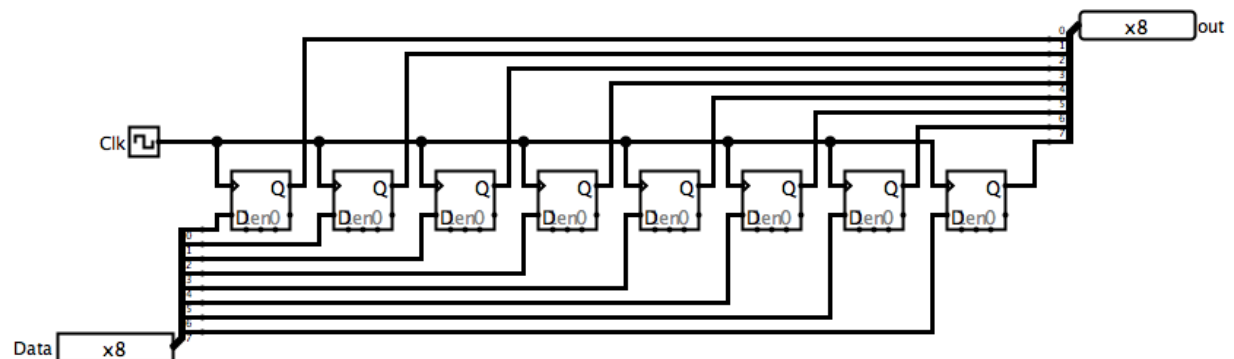
ALUs and memory

- Combine **adders** and **multiplexors** to make **arithmetic/logic units**
- Combine **flip-flops** to make **register files** and **main memory**



Basic Arithmetic Logic Unit (ALU)

8-bit Register



CPUs

- Combine **ALU** with **registers** and **memory** to make CPUs

(on Thursday!)

