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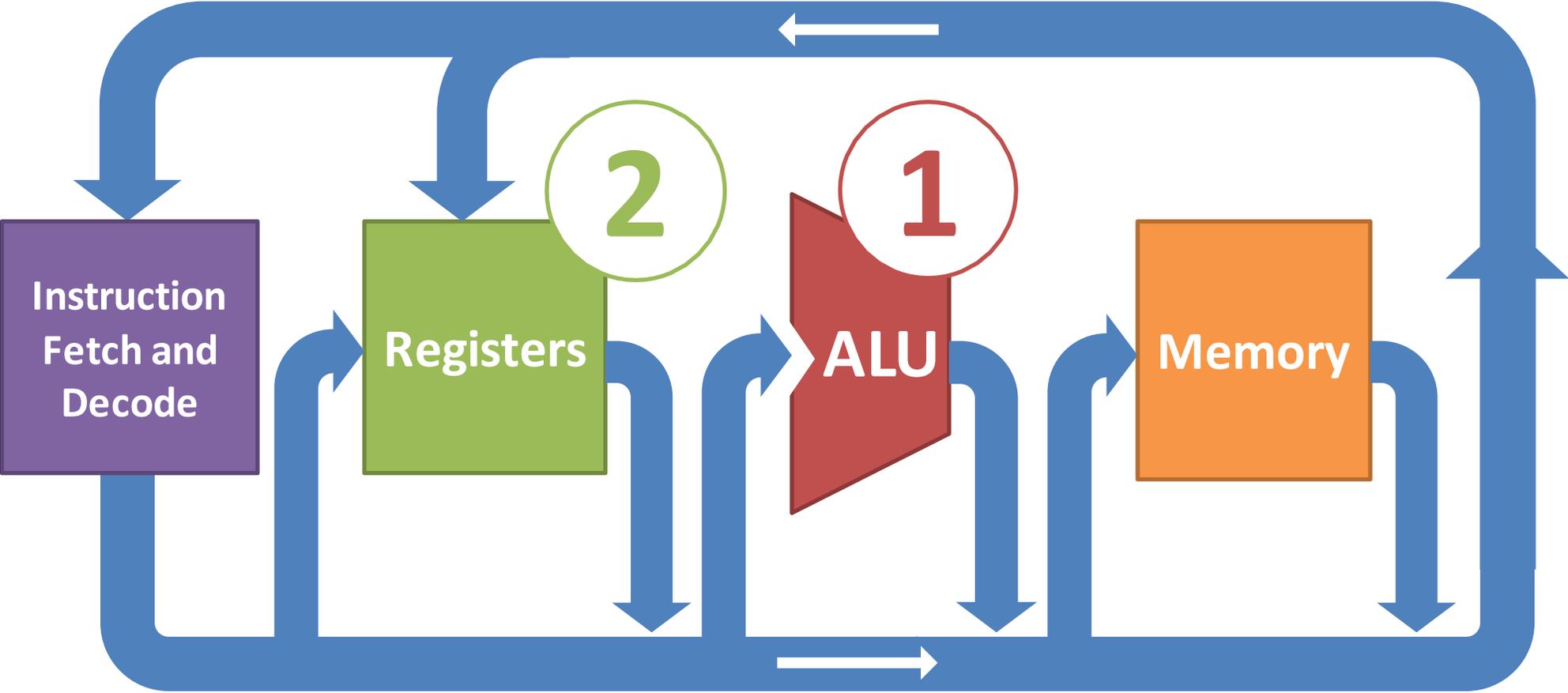
Latches, Flip-flops, and Registers

Sequential logic: fundamental elements to store values

Output depends on inputs *and stored values*.

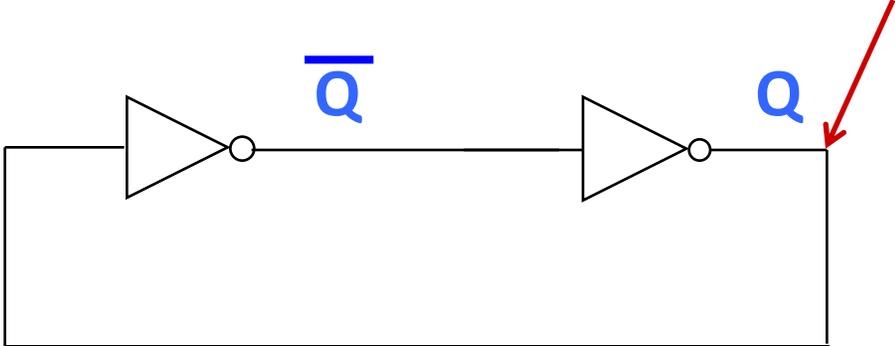
(vs. combinational logic: output depends only on inputs)

Processor: Data Path Components

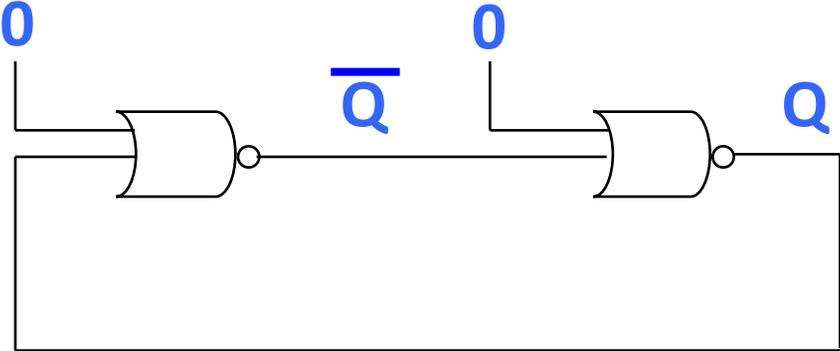


Bistable latches

Suppose we somehow get a 1 (or a 0?) on here.

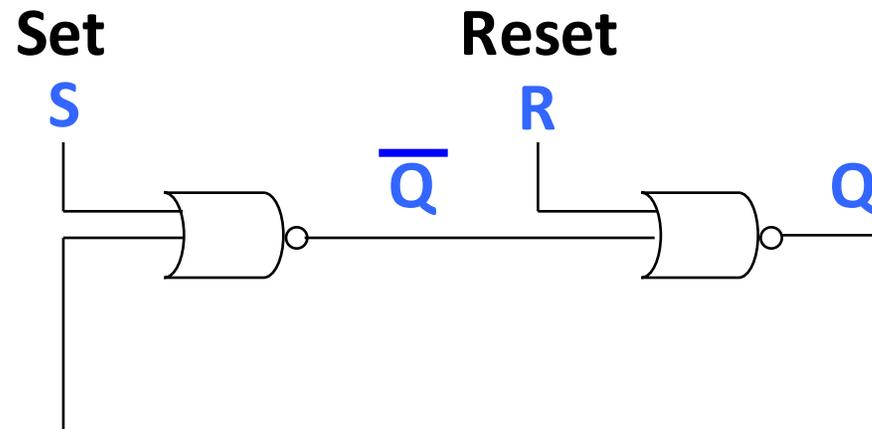


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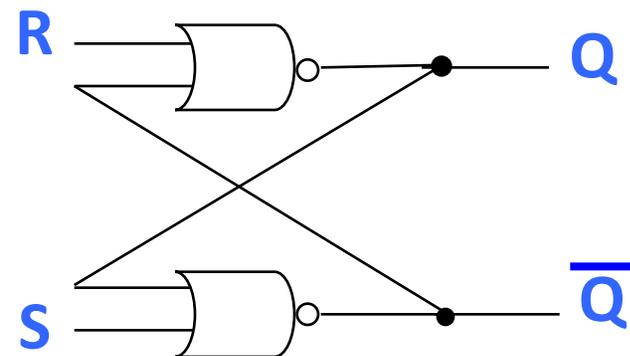
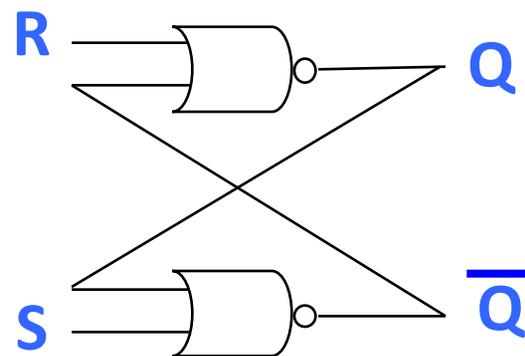
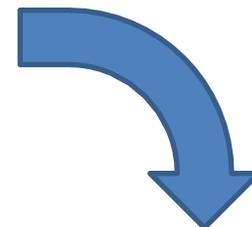
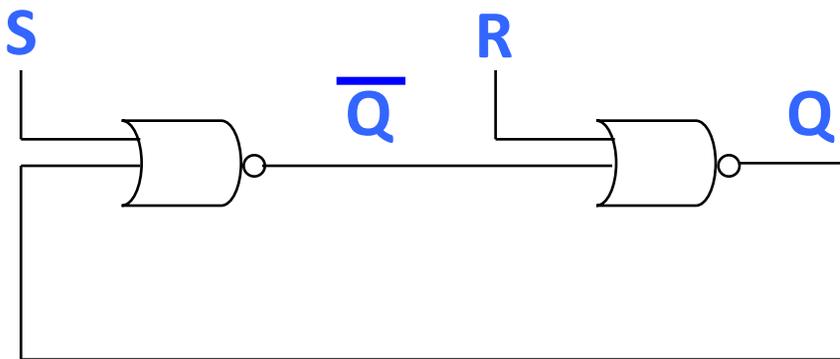
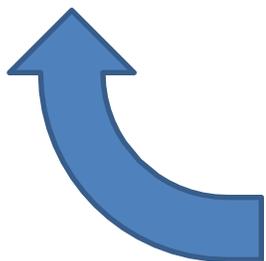
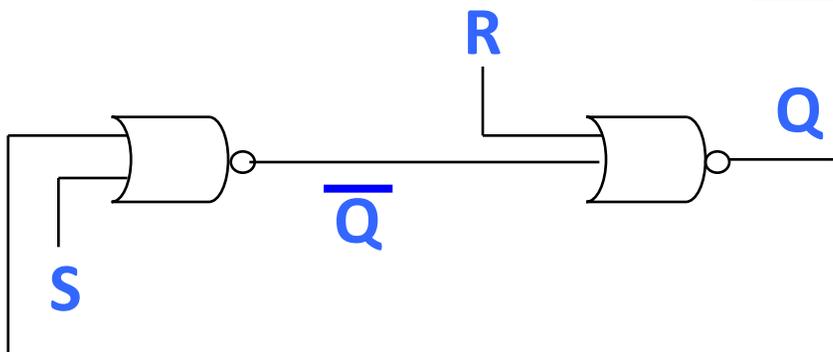
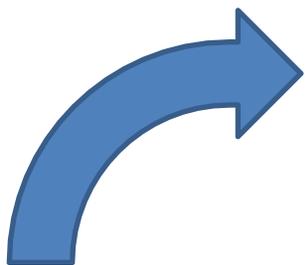
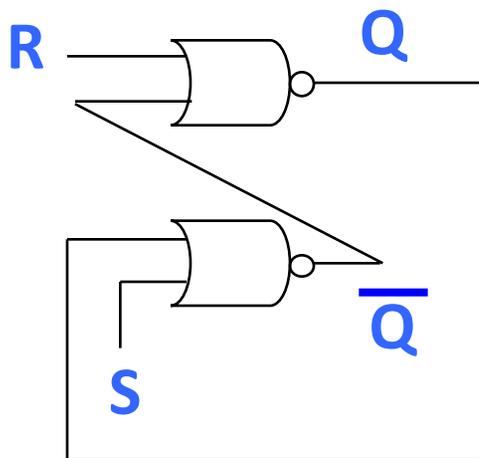


SR latch

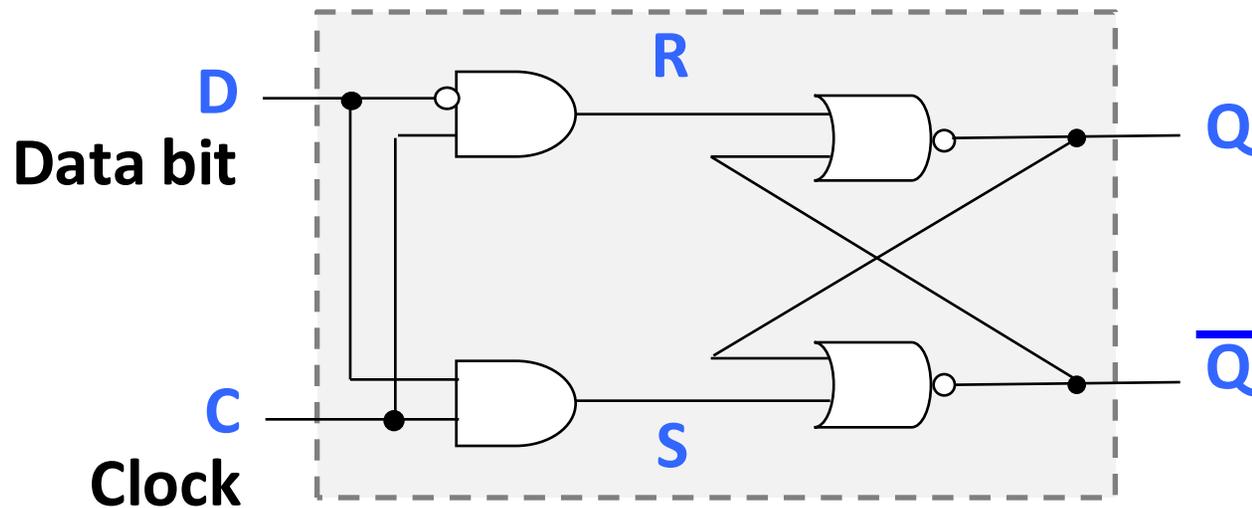
S	R	Q	Q'	Q (stable)	Q' (stable)
0	0	0	0	?	?
0	0	0	1	0	1
0	0	1	0	1	0
0	0	1	1	?	?
1	0	?	?	1	0
0	1	?	?	0	1



SR latch



D latch



if $C = 0$, then SR latch stores current value of Q.

if $C = 1$, then D flows to Q:

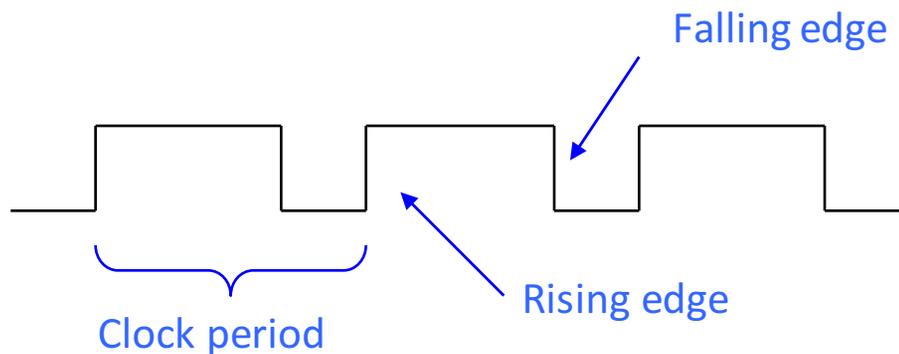
if $D = 0$, then $R = 1$ and $S = 0$, $Q = 0$

if $D = 1$, then $R = 0$ and $S = 1$, $Q = 1$

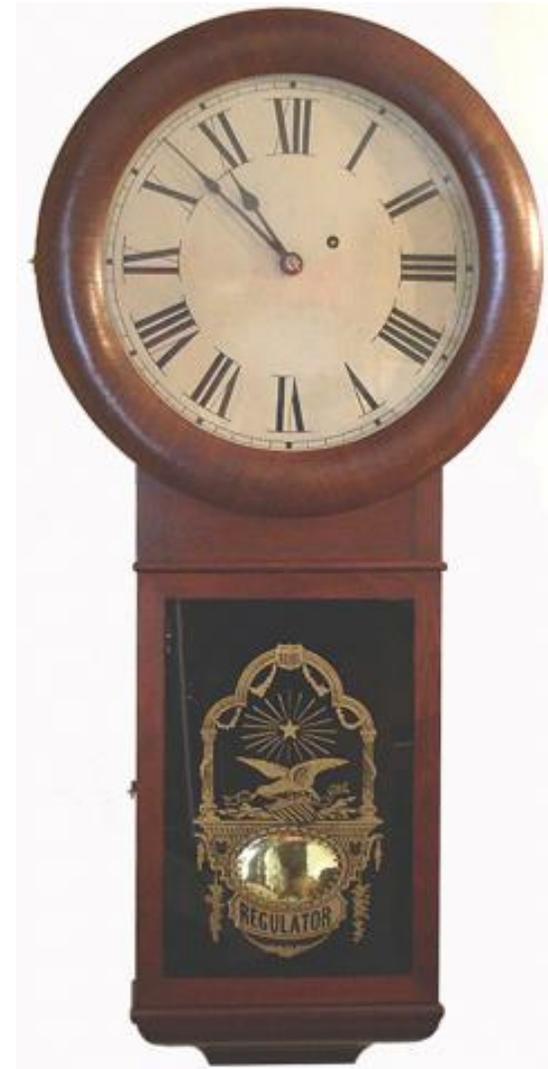
Clocks

Clock: free-running signal
with fixed **cycle** time = **clock period** = T .

Clock frequency = $1 / \text{clock period}$

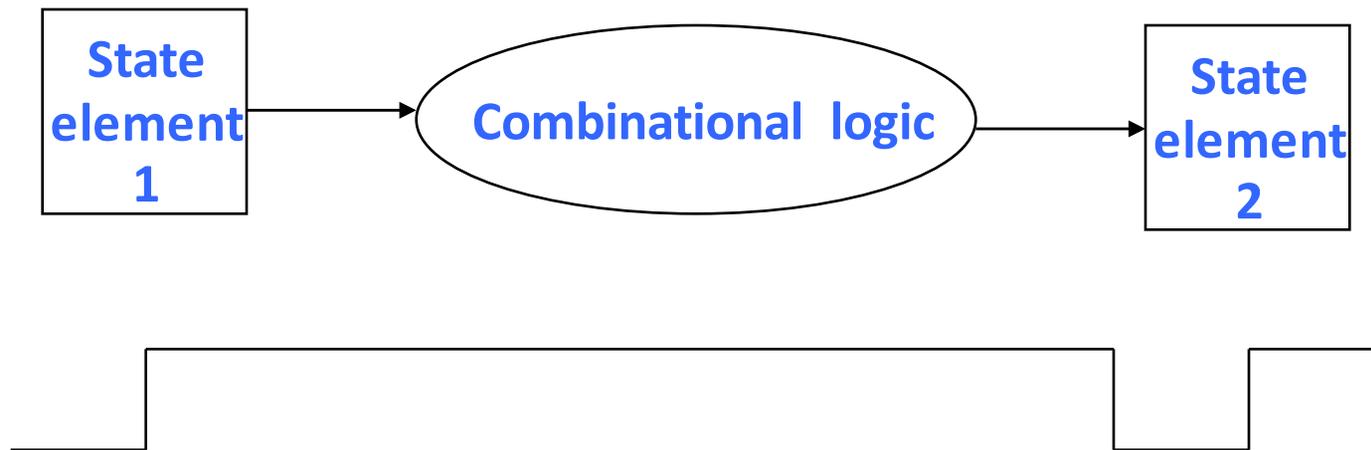


A clock controls when to update
a sequential logic element's state.

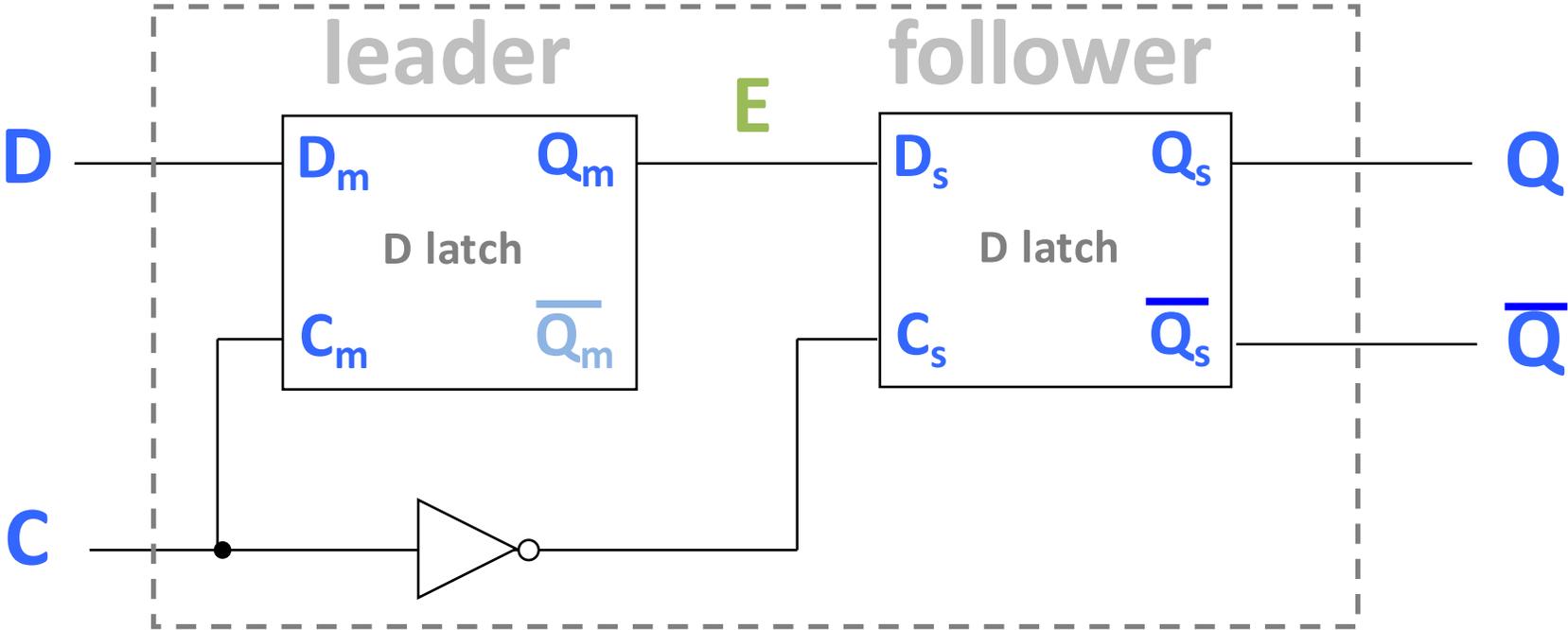


Synchronous systems

Inputs to state elements must be **valid** on active clock edge.



D flip-flop with falling-edge trigger



Can still read Q_{now}

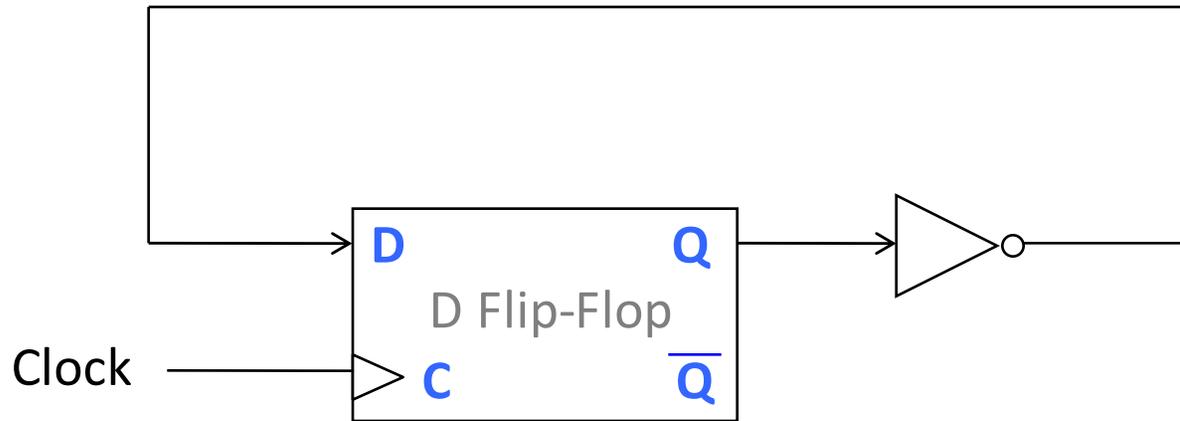
Q_{next} becomes Q_{now}

Clock



Time

Reading and writing in the same cycle



Can write Q_{next} while simultaneously reading state Q_{now}

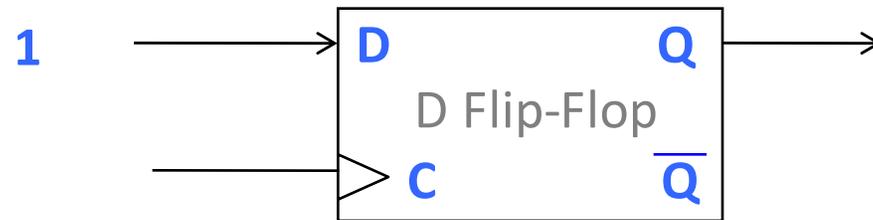
Can still read Q_{now}

Q_{next} becomes Q_{now}

Clock

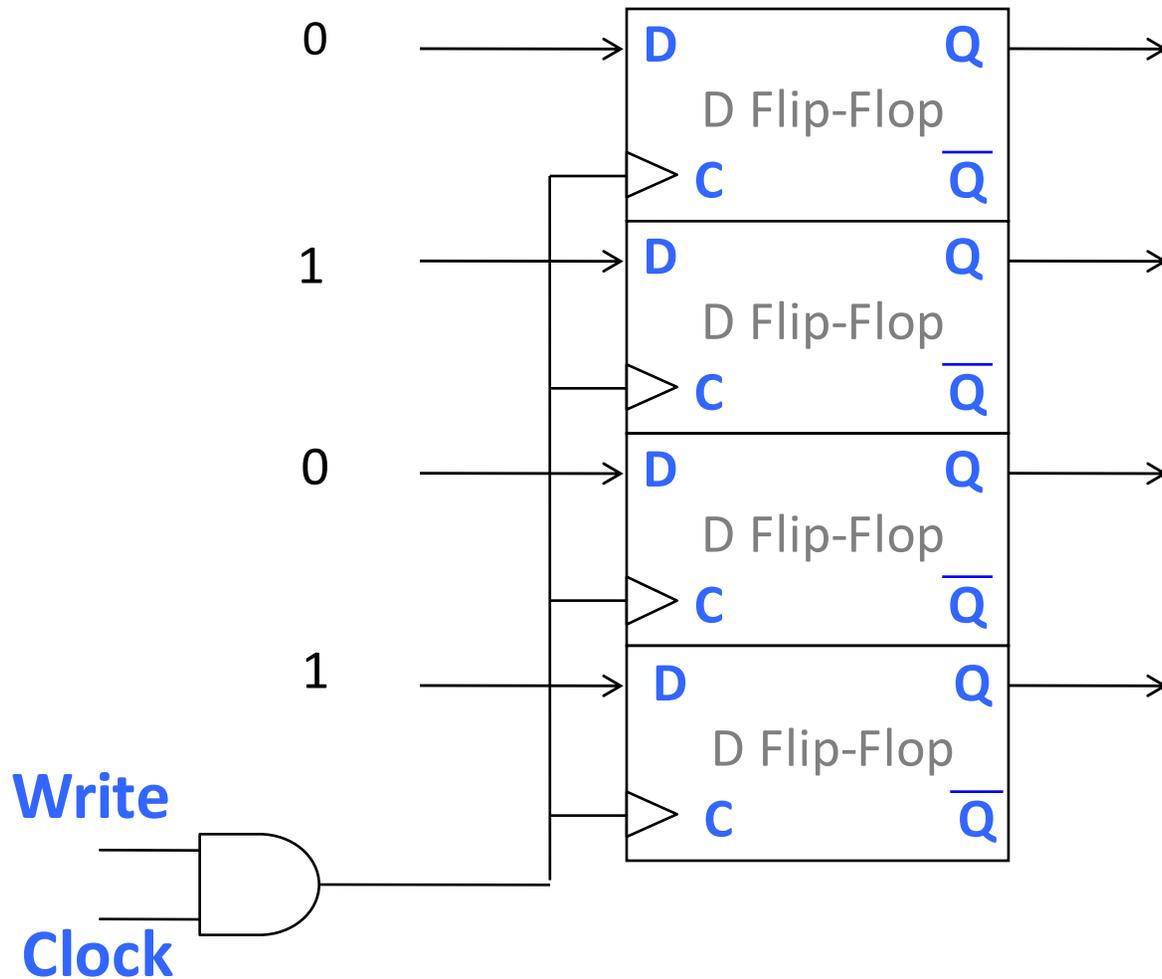


D flip-flop = one bit of storage

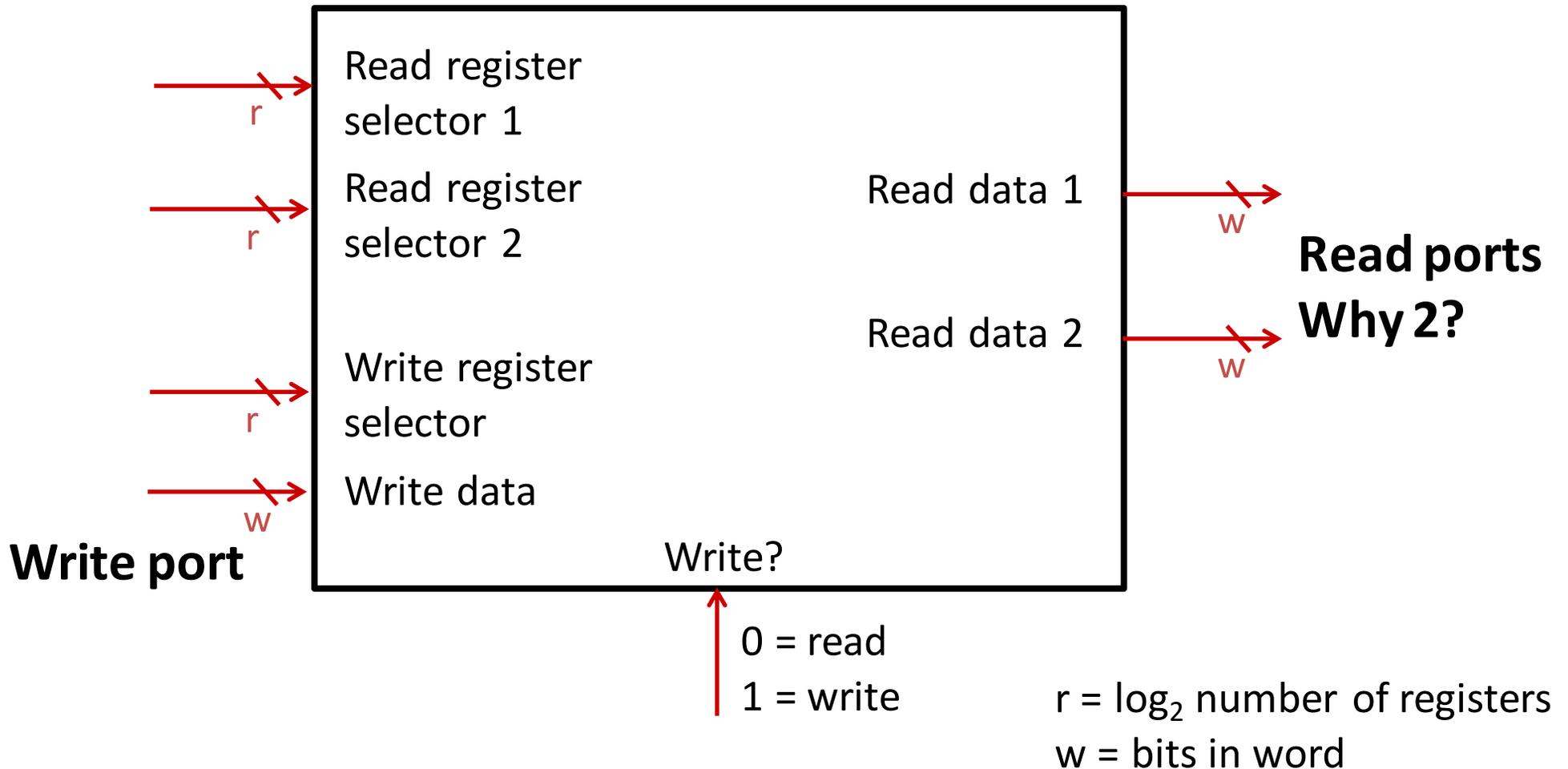


A 1-nybble* register

(a 4-bit hardware storage cell)



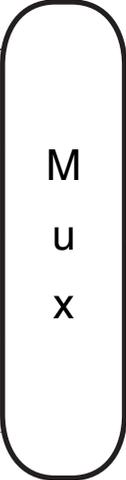
Register file



Array of registers, with register selectors, write/read control, input port for writing data, output ports for reading data.

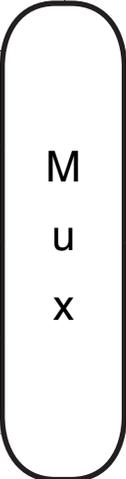
Read ports (data out)

Read register
number 1

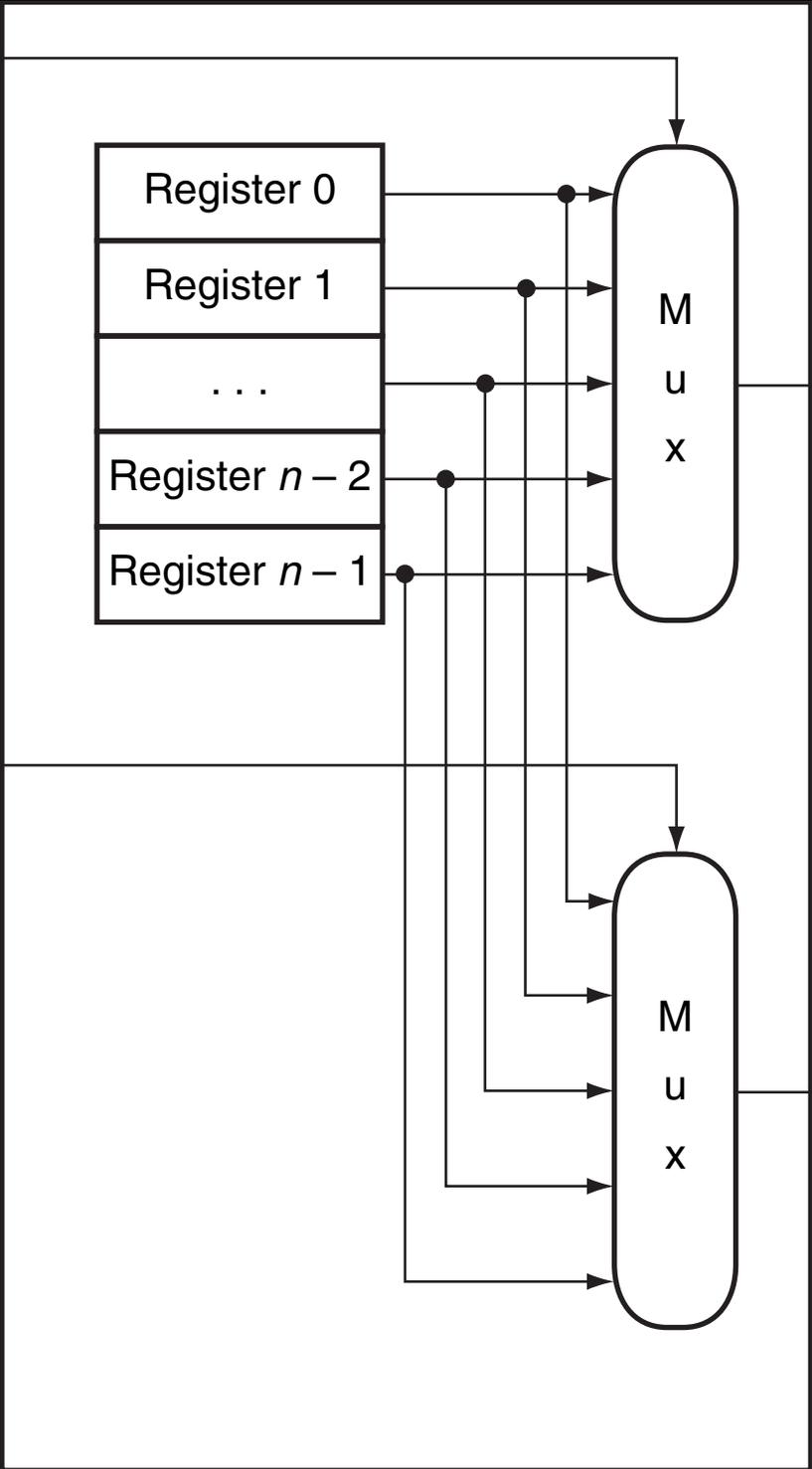


Read data 1

Read register
number 2



Read data 2



Write port (data in)

