

CS 240 Spring 2020 Foundations of Computer Systems Ben Wood



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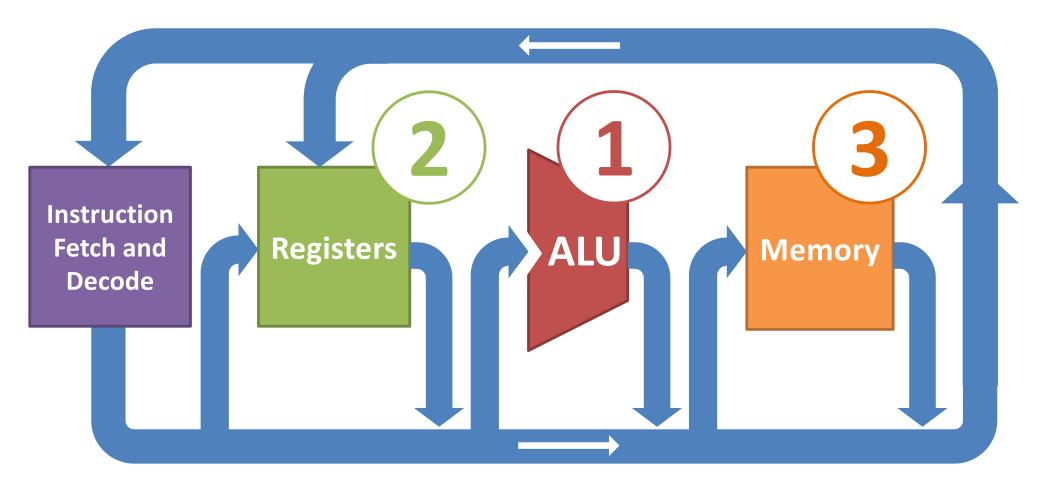


Sequential Logic and State

Output depends on inputs and stored values. (vs. combinational logic: output depends only on inputs)

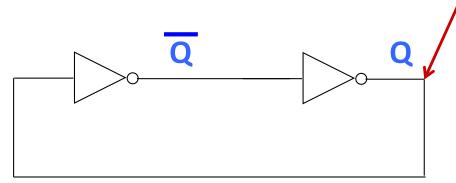
Elements to store values: latches, flip-flops, registers, memory

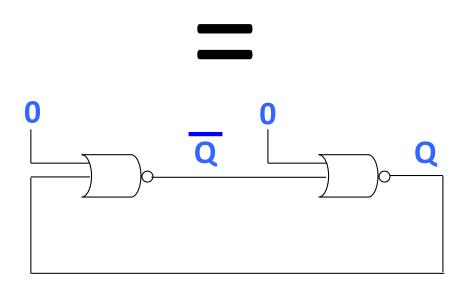
Processor: Data Path Components



Bistable latches

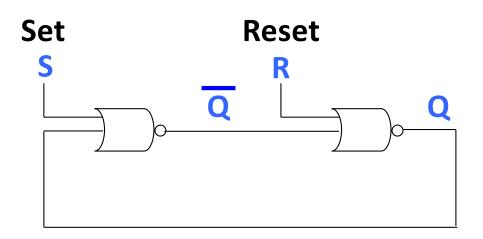
Suppose we somehow get a 1 (or a 0?) on here.

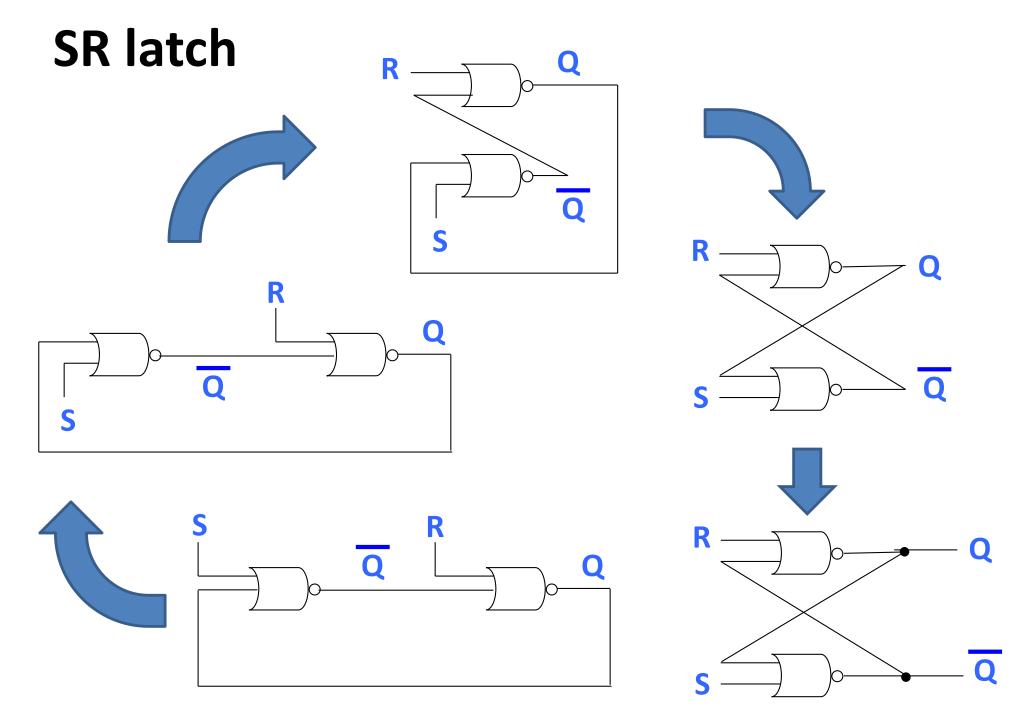




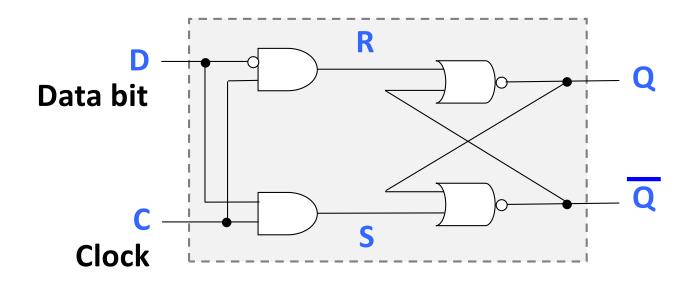
SR latch

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





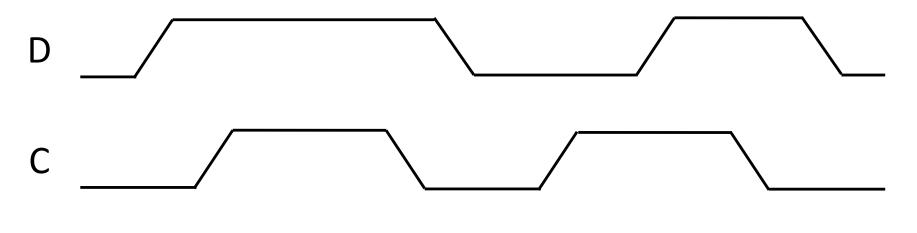
D latch



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





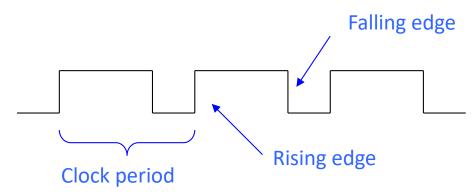


Q

Assume Q has an initial state of 0

Clocks

Clock: free-running signal with fixed cycle time = clock period = T. Clock frequency = 1 / clock period

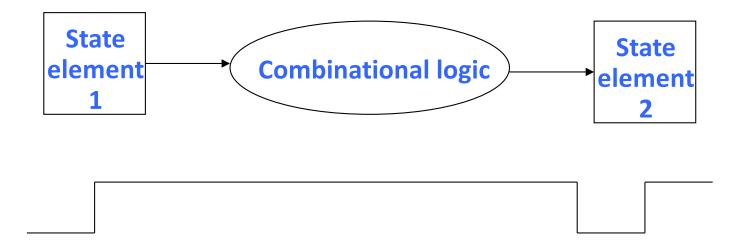


A clock controls when to update a sequential logic element's state.

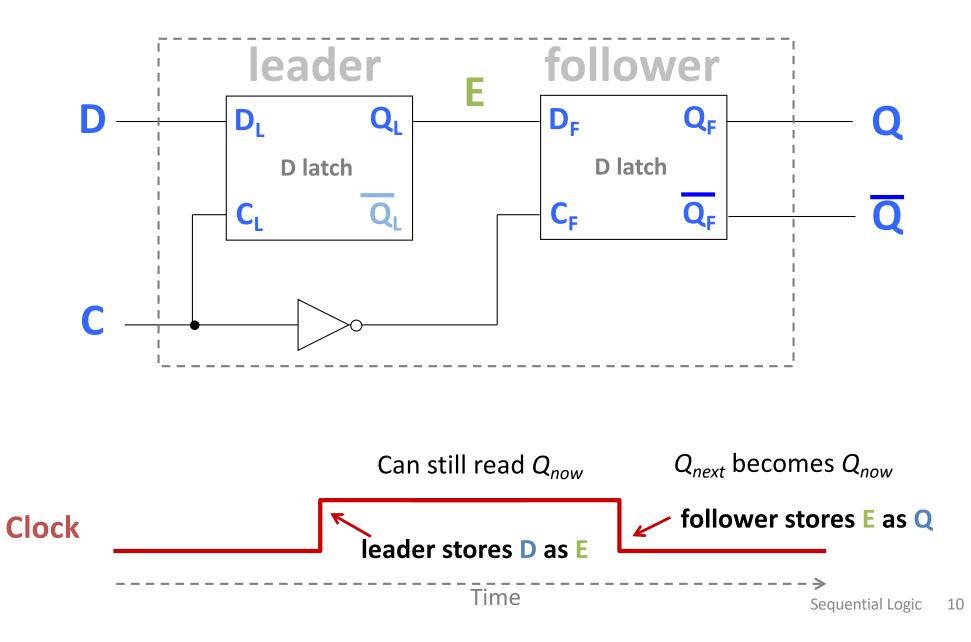


Synchronous systems

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

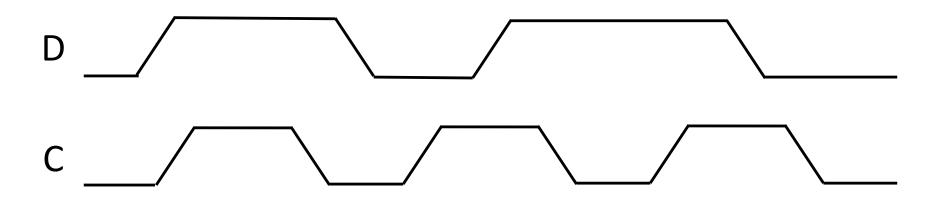


D flip-flop with falling-edge trigger



Time matters!



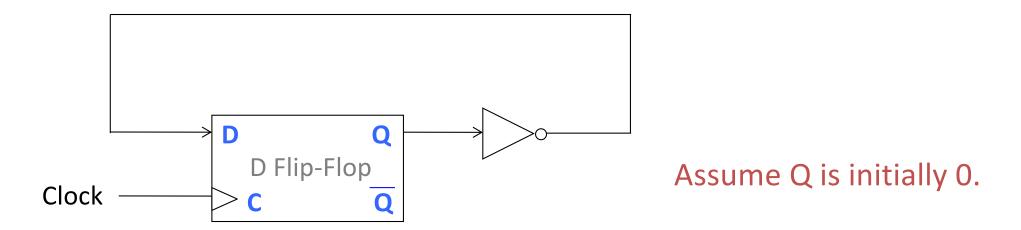


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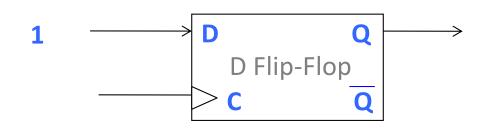
Q

Assume Q and E have an initial state of 0

Reading and writing in the same cycle



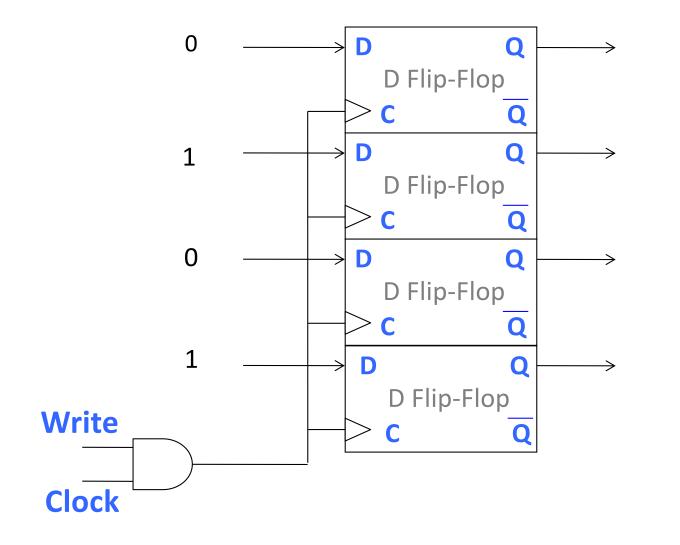
D flip-flop = one bit of storage



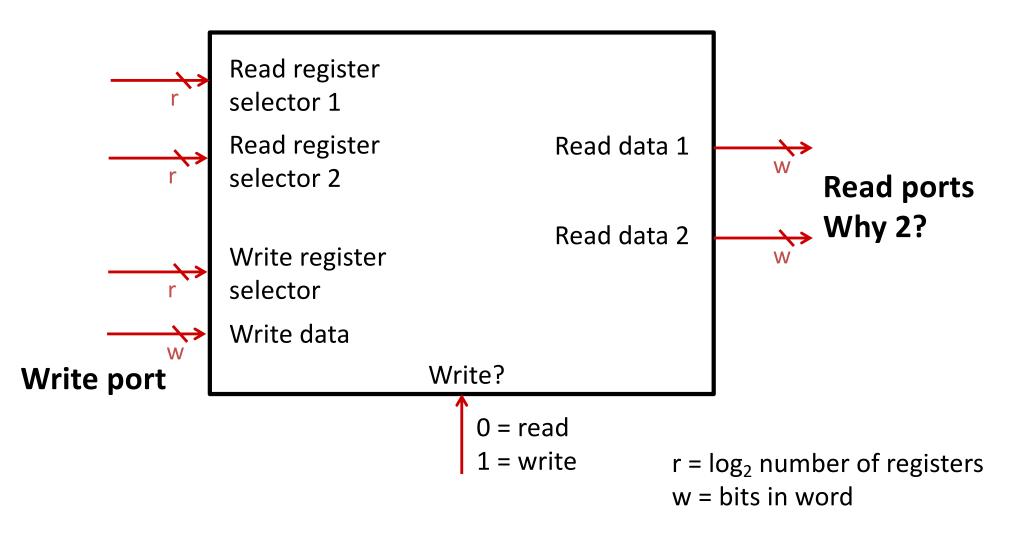


A 1-nybble* register

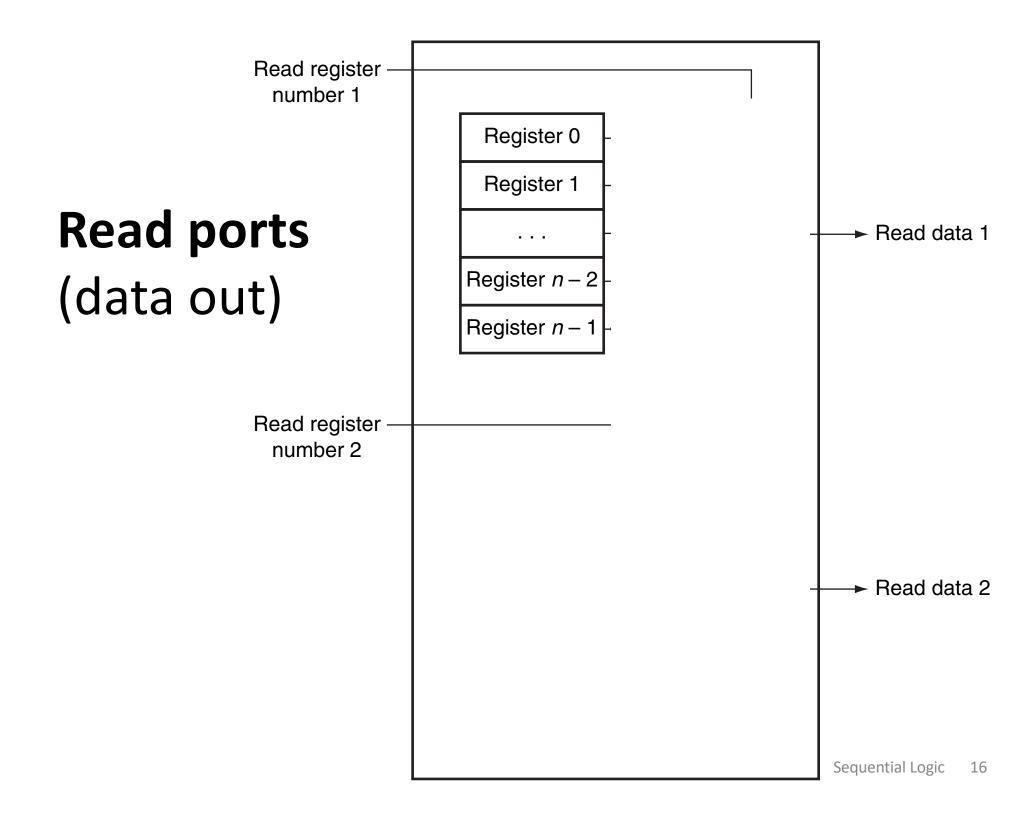
(a 4-bit hardware storage cell)



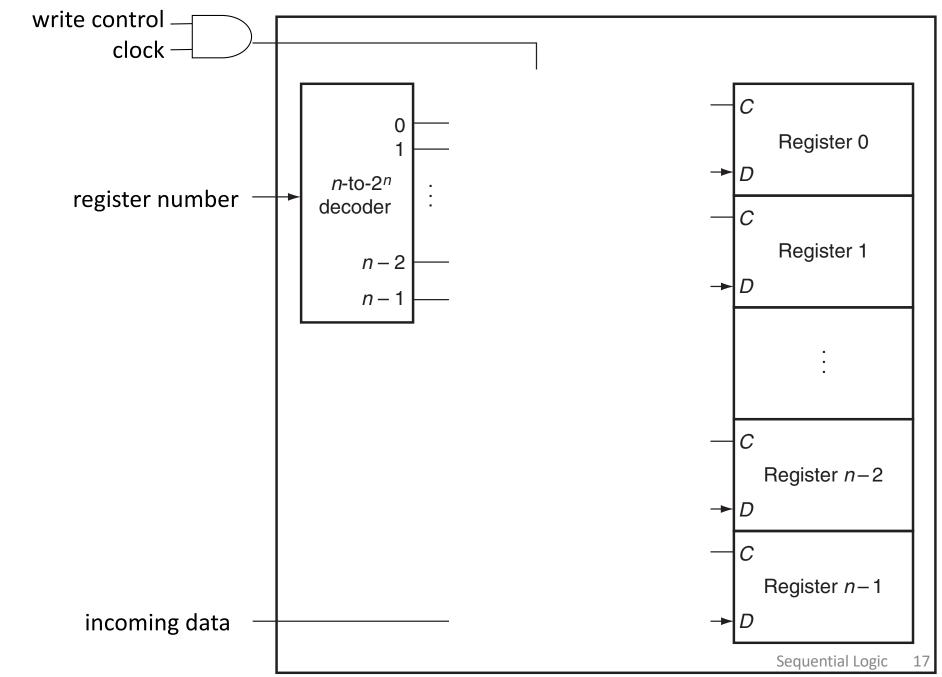
Register file



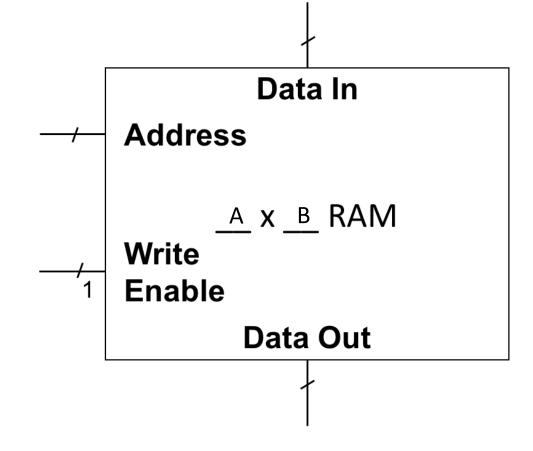
Array of registers, with register selectors, write/read control, input port for writing data, output ports for reading data.



Write port (data in)



RAM (Random Access Memory)



Similar to register file, except...

16 x 4 RAM

