



COMP110: Principles of Computing
3: Data Types



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Converting to binary

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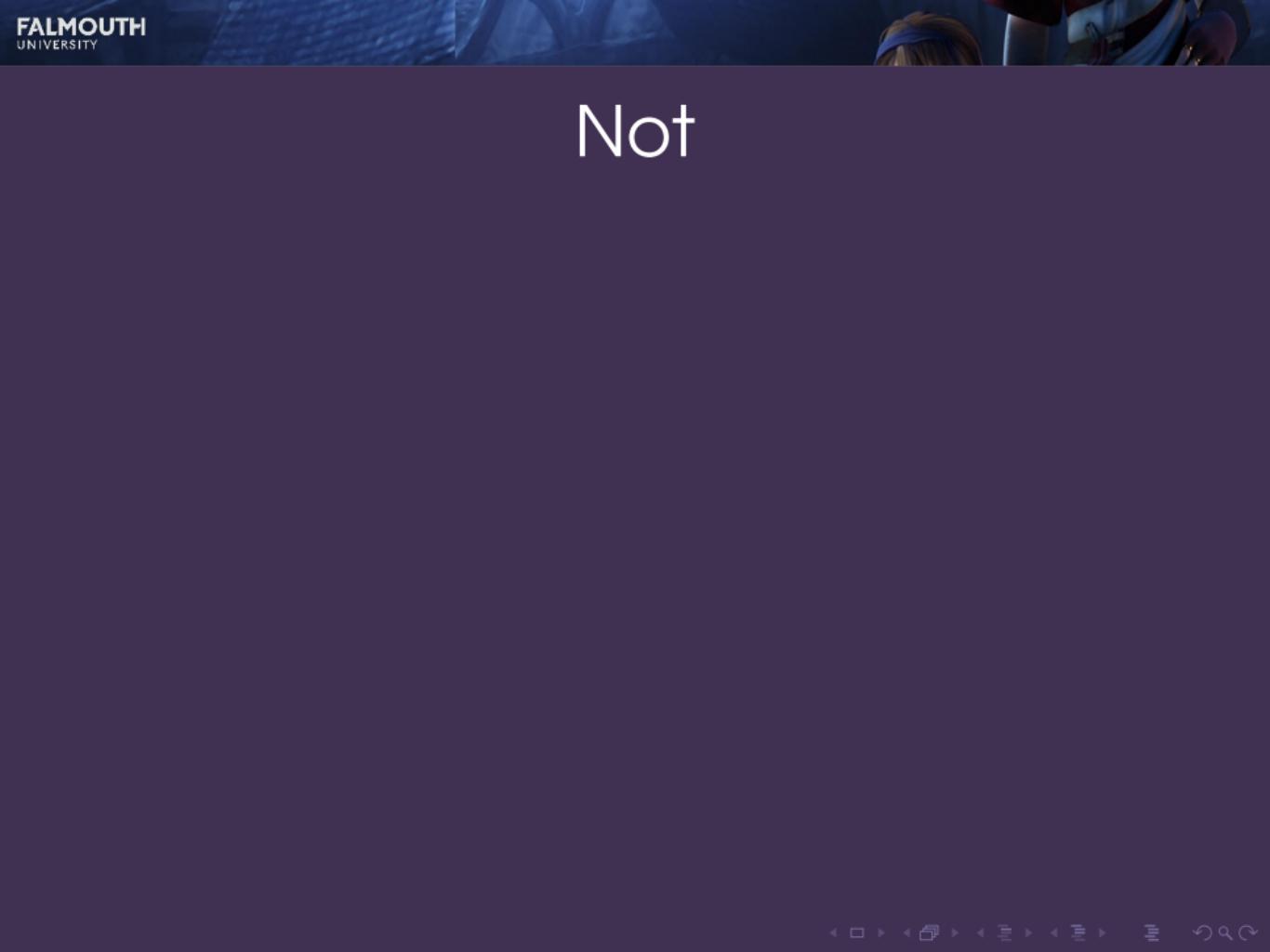
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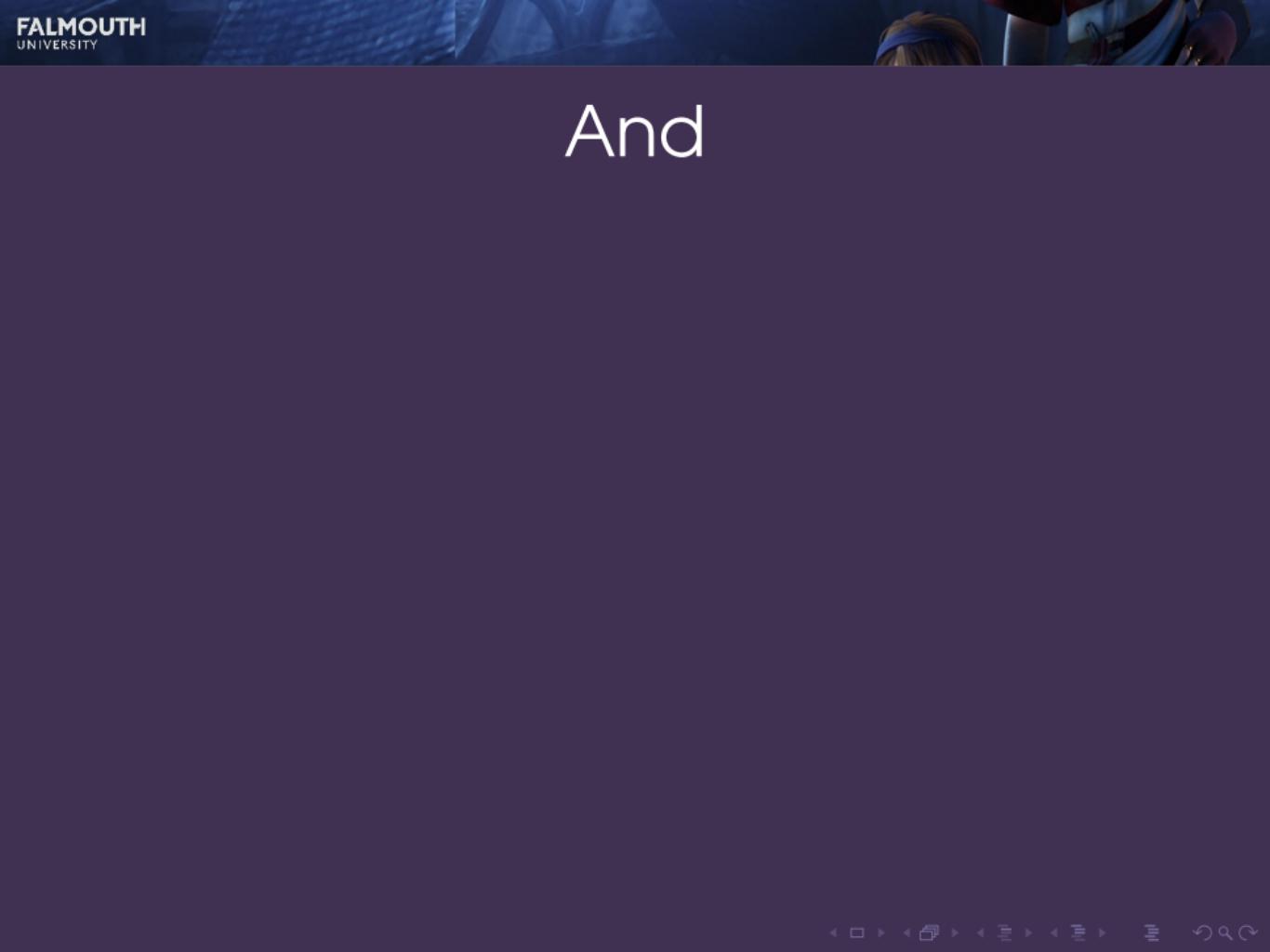
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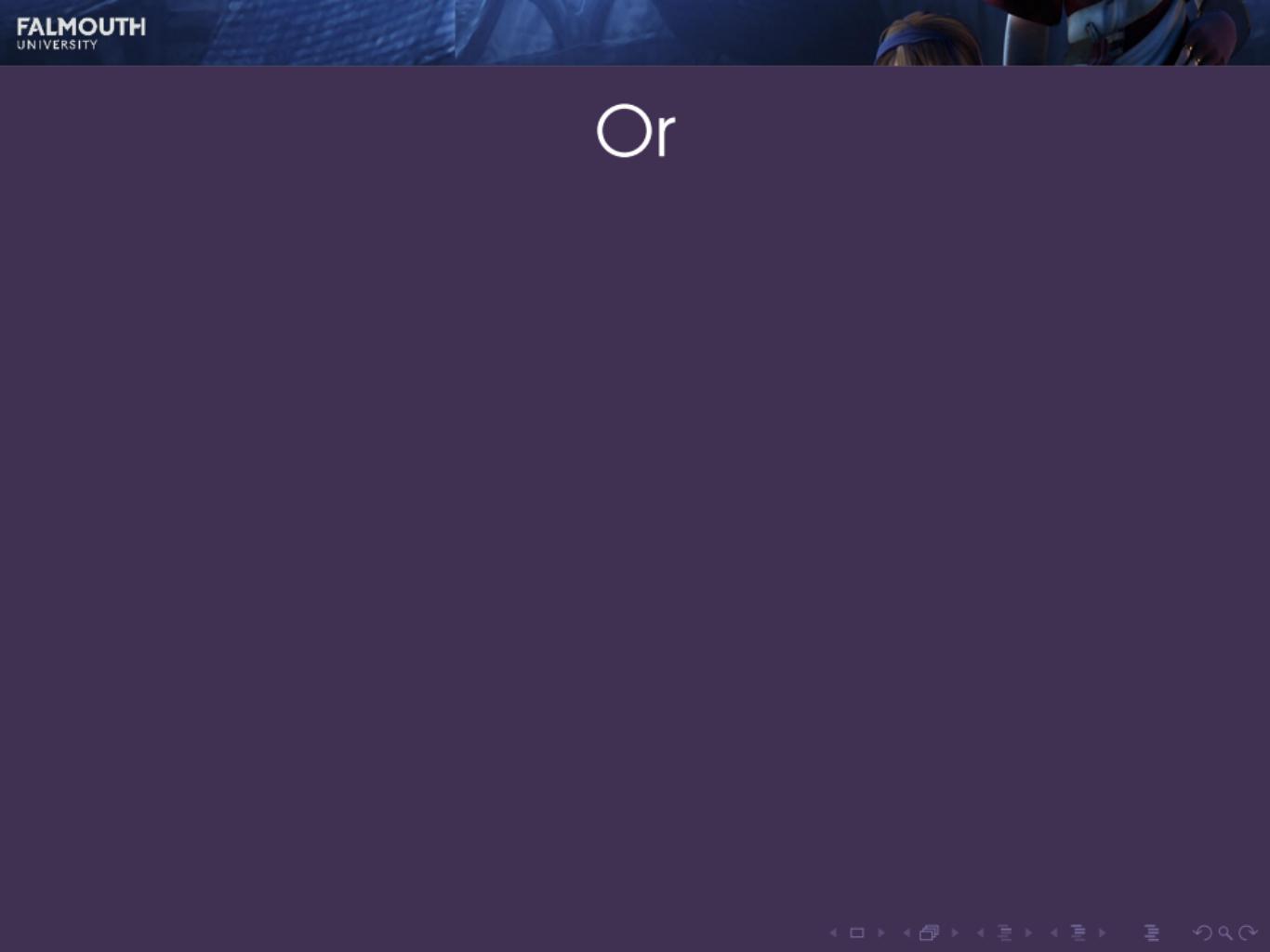
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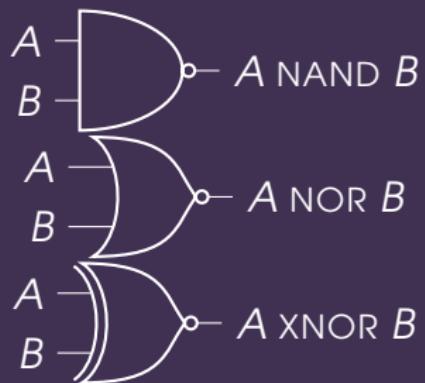
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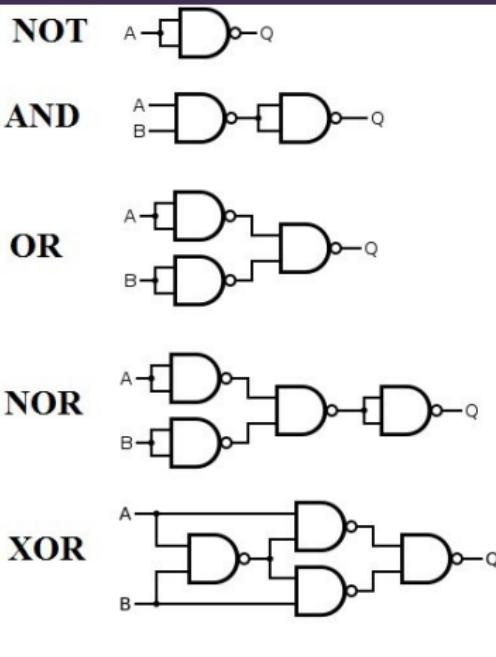
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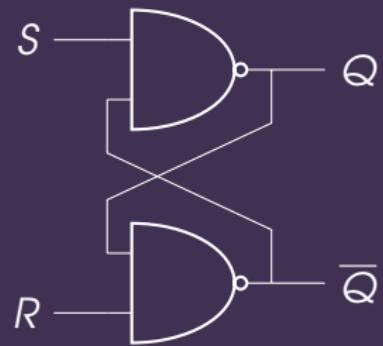
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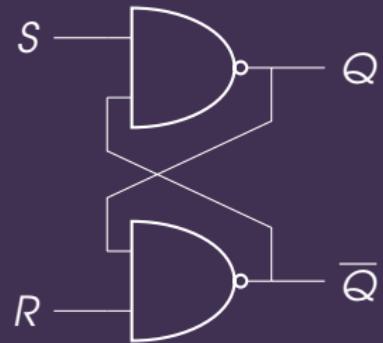
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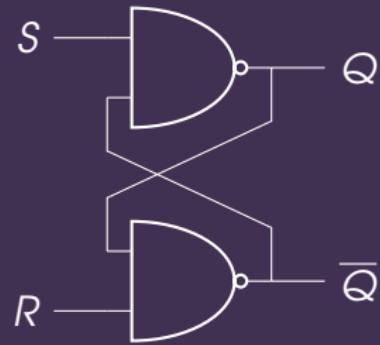


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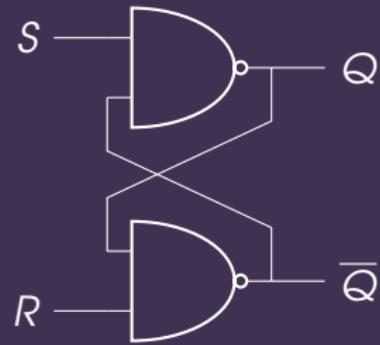
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Workshop activity

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- ▶ We'll reconvene and see how far everyone got!