

**Boolean Algebra  
Digital Logic  
Computer Org. & Arch.  
Computer Operating  
Systems**

# Objectives

In this lecture, you will learn basic concepts about

- Boolean algebra
- Digital logic gates
- Digital logic circuits
- Computer organization & architecture
- Computer operating systems

# Boolean Algebra

# Boolean Algebra

- Introduced by George Boole (1815-1864), British mathematician and philosopher
- In general, an algebra over finite sets of discrete values
- Variables can have values of either 0 (false) or 1 (true).
- Fundamental in today's digital computing.

# Boolean Variables/Values

- A Boolean variable can be either 1 (true) or 0 (false).
- Boolean algebra is operating over these Boolean values.

# Boolean Operators

- Relational operators ( $<$ ,  $\leq$ ,  $=$ ,  $>$ ,  $\geq$ , and  $\neq$ ),
- Logic AND, OR, NOT

- Notations used for AND is a period (.) or nothing like

$xy$

$x + y$

- Notations used for OR is a plus sign (+) like
- Notations for NOT like  $x'$ ,  $\bar{x}$ ,  $\neg x$

# Operator Precedence

- Dictate which operation will perform first

<b>NOT</b>	<i>logical not</i>
<b>&lt; &lt;=</b>	<i>less than, less than or equal to</i>
<b>&gt;, &gt;=</b>	<i>greater, greater than or equal to</i>
<b>=, !=</b>	<i>equal to, not equal to</i>
<b>AND</b>	<i>logical and</i>
<b>OR</b>	<i>logical or</i>

Precedence  
Order  
Decreases  


# Boolean Expression

A Boolean expression can be the following

- A Boolean variable,
- A relational expression, or
- Any combination of Boolean variables, relational expressions, and Boolean expressions with logical operators AND, OR, NOT, and parentheses.

# Boolean Functions

- A Boolean function maps a set of Boolean variables to a Boolean value.
- Consider  $f(A, B) = A + B$
- Boolean variables A, and B can only hold 0 or 1. The operator “+” denotes an OR.
- So, the Boolean function represents logical OR.

$$f(0,0) = 0$$

$$f(0,1) = 1 \quad f(1,0) = 1 \quad f(1,1) = 1$$

# Truth Table

- A visual representation of a Boolean function.
- Input variables to the left, and an output to the rightmost
- All possible input values (combinations) are listed.
- Normalizing order.

A	B	$f(A,B)$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

# Laws of Boolean Algebra

- Like regular algebra, there are laws in the Boolean algebra that ease the computation, or simplify Boolean expressions.
- Some of the laws from regular algebra may NOT apply to Boolean algebra.
- Examples:

- Distribution law

$$x + (yz) \equiv (x + y)(x + z)$$

$$x + \bar{x} = \text{true}$$

- Inverse law

$$xx = \text{false}$$

$$x + y = y + x$$

- Commutative law

# Laws of Boolean Algebra

- More example laws:

- Associative law

$$x + y + z = (x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$$

$$xyz = (xy)z = x(yz)$$

- False law

$$0 + x = x$$

$$0x = 0$$

- True law

$$1 + x = 1$$

$$1x = x$$

- De Morgan's law

$$\neg(xy) = \neg x + \neg y$$

$$\neg(x + y) = \neg x \neg y$$

- Identity law

$$xx = x$$

$$x + xy = x$$

- Redundance law

# Boolean Expression Simplification

- Consider  $A+AB$
- Actually,  $A+AB=A$
- Consider  $\overline{ABC} + \overline{ABC}$
- Actually  $\overline{ABC} + \overline{ABC} = \overline{AC}$
- We can apply Boolean Algebra laws to simplify expressions.
  - Key to design efficient digital circuits

# Digital Logic Gates

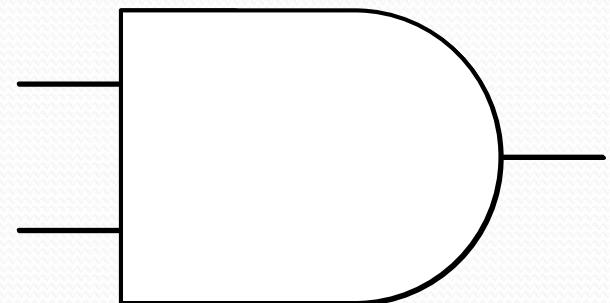
# Boolean Functions

A	B	$f(A,B)$
0	0	?
0	1	?
1	0	?
1	1	?

# AND

- Boolean function  $f(A, B)$  is true only if both  $A$  and  $B$  are true.  $f(A, B) = AB$

<b><math>A</math></b>	<b><math>B</math></b>	<b><math>f(A, B)</math></b>
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1



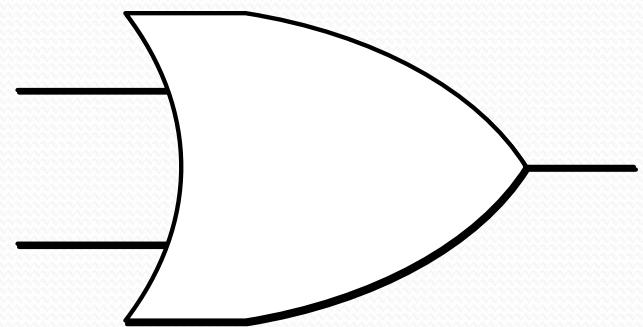
**and**

- AND function is also called Boolean product.

# OR

- Boolean function  $f(A, B)$  is false only if both  $A$  and  $B$  are false.  $f(A, B) = A + B$

$A$	$B$	$f(A, B)$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1



or

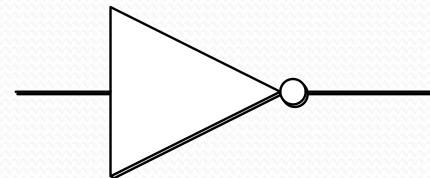
- OR function is also called Boolean sum.

# NOT

- Boolean function  $f(A)$  is true only if  $A$  is false.

$$f(A) = \bar{A}$$

$A$	$f(A)$
0	1
1	0



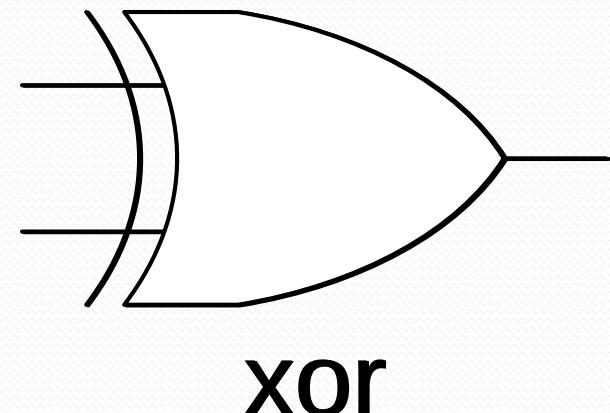
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- NOT function is also called Boolean inverse.

# Exclusive OR (XOR)

- Boolean function  $f(A, B)$  is true only if one of  $A$  and  $B$  is true, ~~not both~~  
 $f(A, B) = A \oplus B$

$A$	$B$	$f(A, B)$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

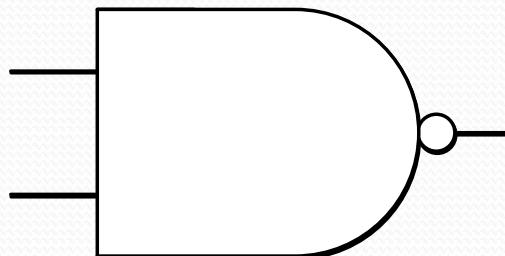


# NAND

- Not AND

$$f(A, B) = \overline{AB}$$

A	B	$f(A, B)$
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0



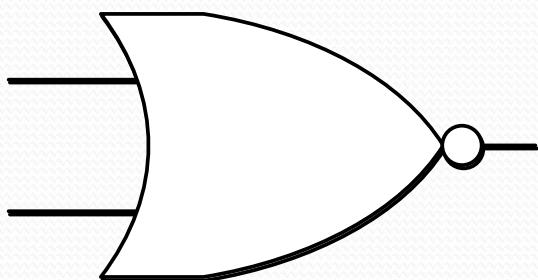
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# NOR

- Not OR

$$f(A, B) = \overline{A + B}$$

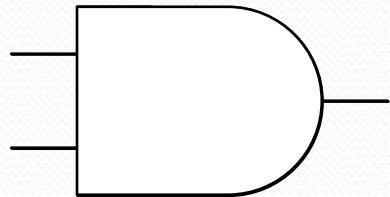
<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b><math>f(A, B)</math></b>
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	0



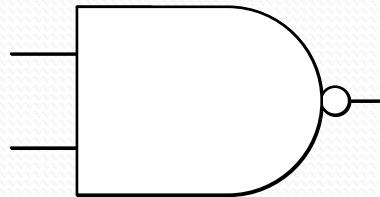
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# Gate Symbols

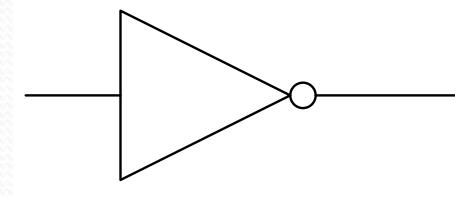
- Symbols that represent electronic circuits for gates



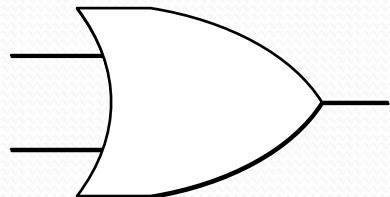
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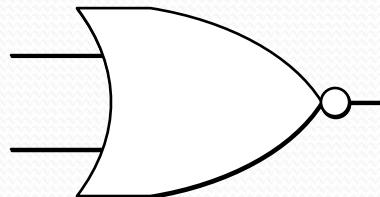
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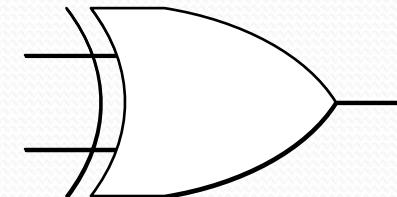
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or



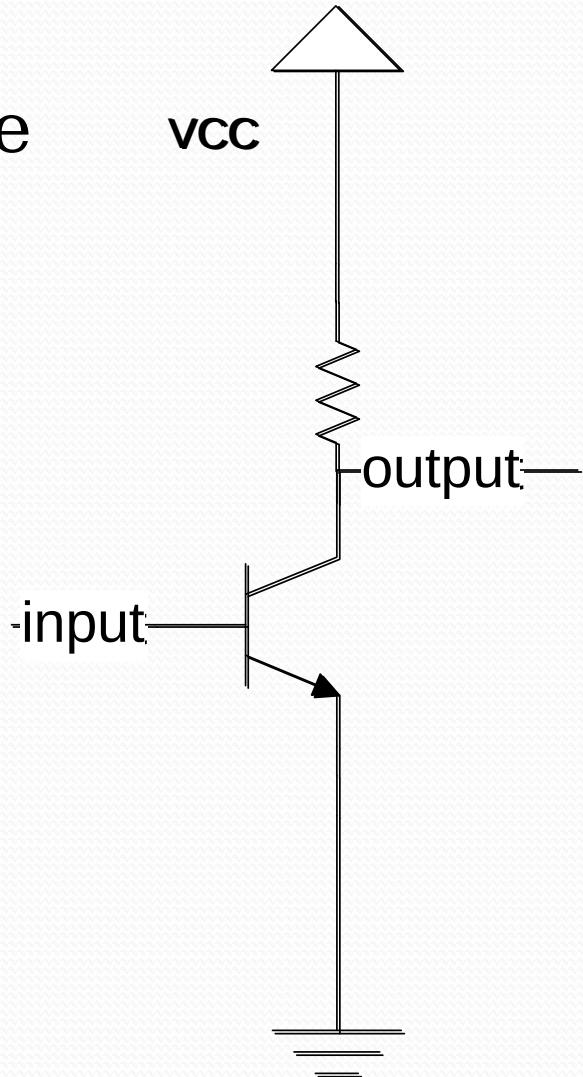
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xor

# Implementation

- Transistors are used to implement logic gates.
- E.g., NOT gate

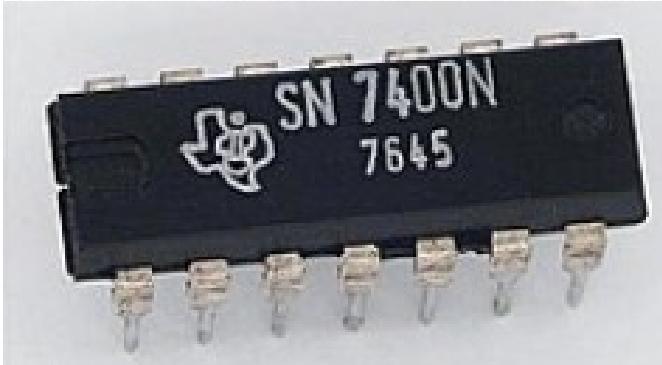
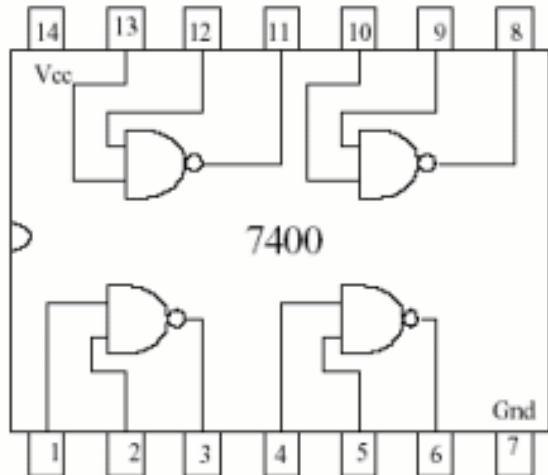


# Characteristics of Gates

- Outputs are subject to inputs only.
- Switching time from on to off, or off back to on, takes a few nanoseconds in transistors.
- Propagation delay from inputs to outputs refers to the time between the inputs change and the new reflected outputs.
- Gate delay refers to the propagation delay for a gate.

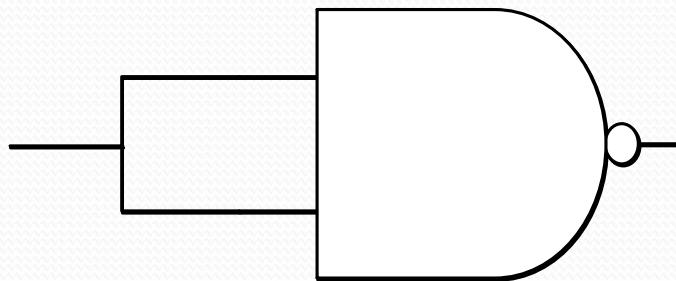
# Computational Completeness

- Any Boolean function can be computed using one type of computationally complete gates.
- NOR and NAND are computationally complete gates.
- They are easily to be manufactured than others.
- Normally, you have a pack of NANDs in an IC. You can use them as many as possible to save space.

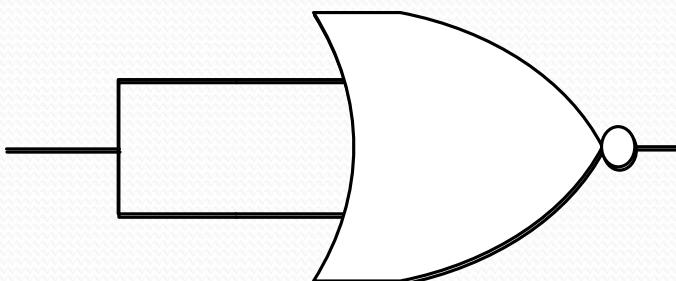


# Equivalent NOT

$$\overline{\overline{A}} = \overline{A + A} = \overline{AA}$$



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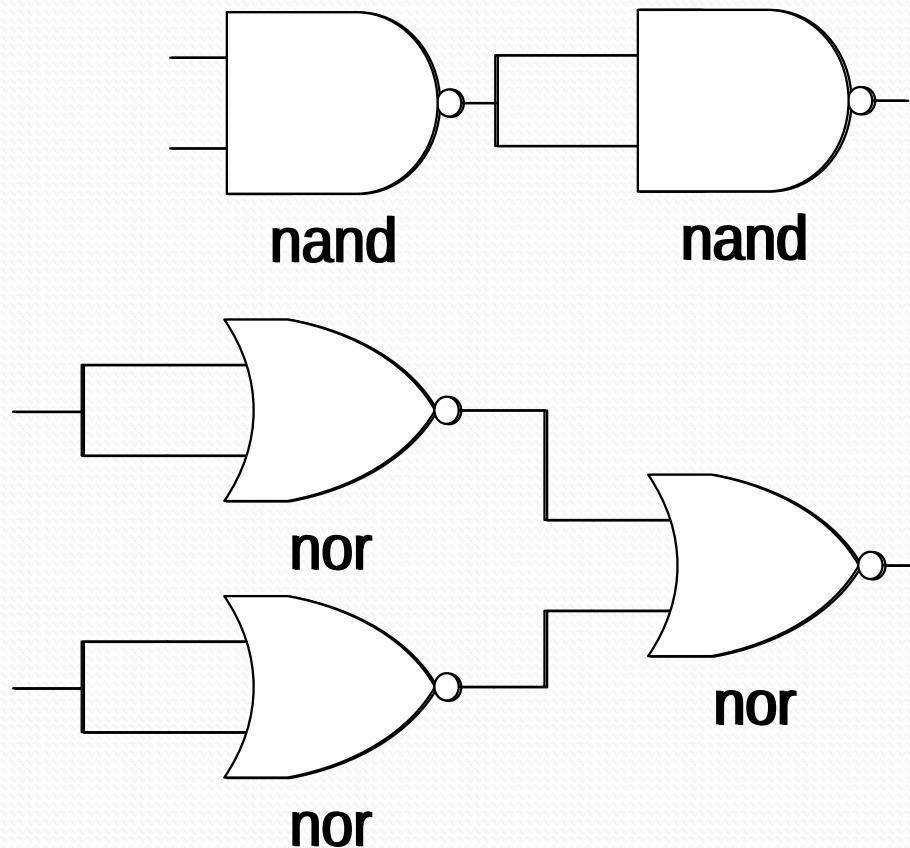


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# Equivalent AND

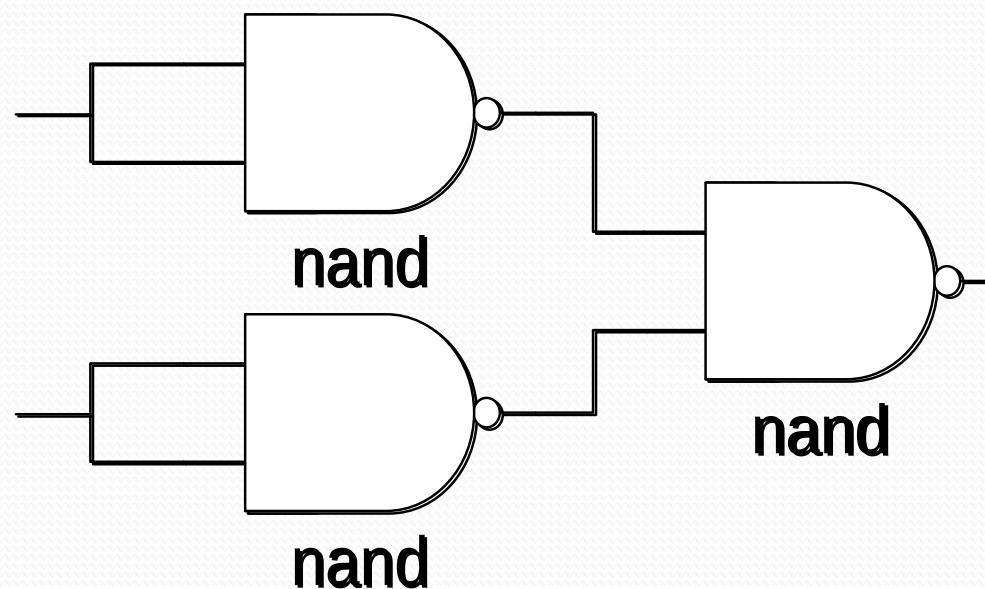
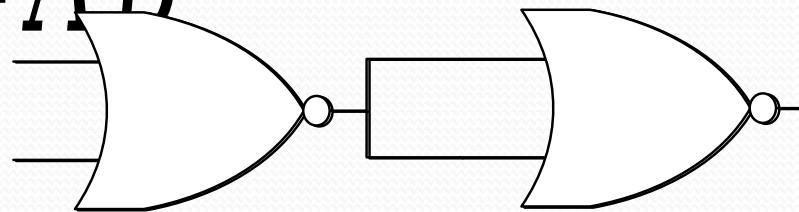
$$AB = \overline{\overline{AB}}$$

$$AB = \overline{\overline{AB}} = \overline{\overline{A} + \overline{B}}$$



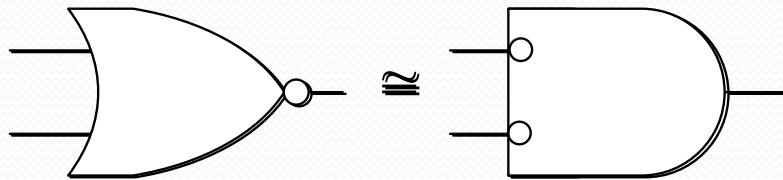
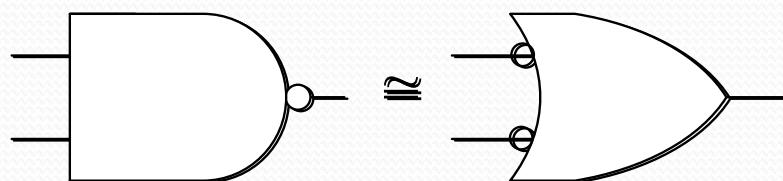
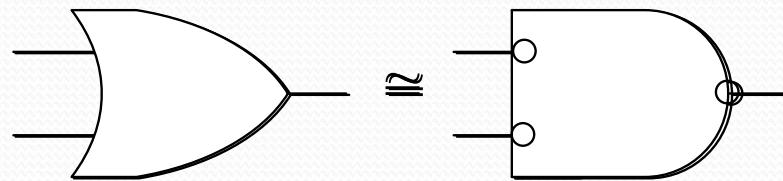
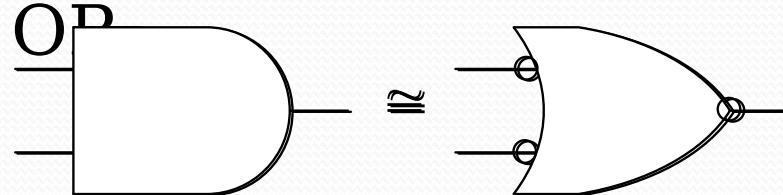
# Equivalent OR

$$A+B = A+B = \overline{\overline{AB}}$$



# Logic Gate Equivalence

- Invert the inputs
- Exchange AND and OR
- Invert the output



# Digital Logic Circuits

# Digital Computation

- Boolean algebra deals with operations over binary digits and generates binary results.
- Arithmetic operations can be described by truth tables.
- Truth tables can be converted to Boolean expressions.
- Digital circuits can be built based on Boolean expressions (sum or product).

# Combinational Logic

- The output of a logic circuit depends only on its inputs.
- E.g., the full adder
- It is called combinational logic, combinational circuit, or combinatorial logic.
- Combinational logic does not remember its previous state.

# Design

- Find out what are inputs and what are outputs
- Build truth tables
- Derive Boolean functions
- Simplify Boolean functions
- Create the circuit

# Example: Half Adder

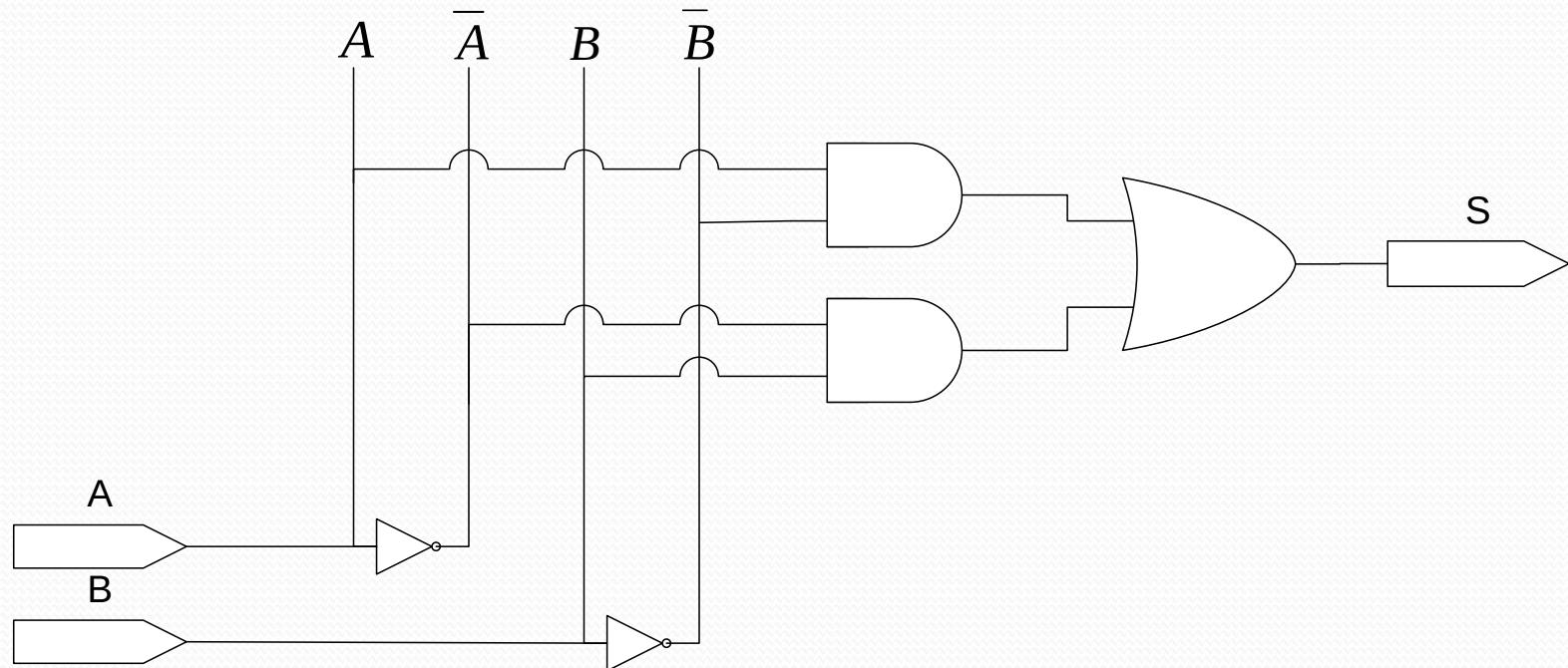
- Truth table and Boolean function

A	B	S
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

$$S = \overline{AB} + \overline{A}\overline{B}$$

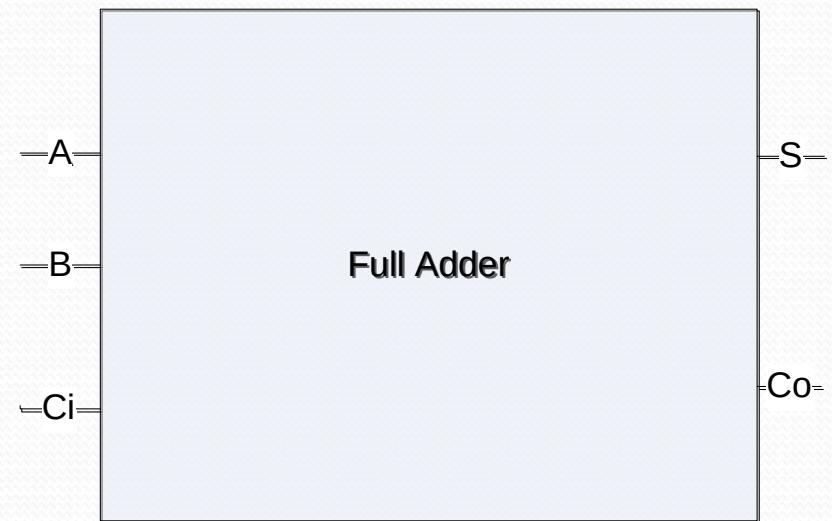
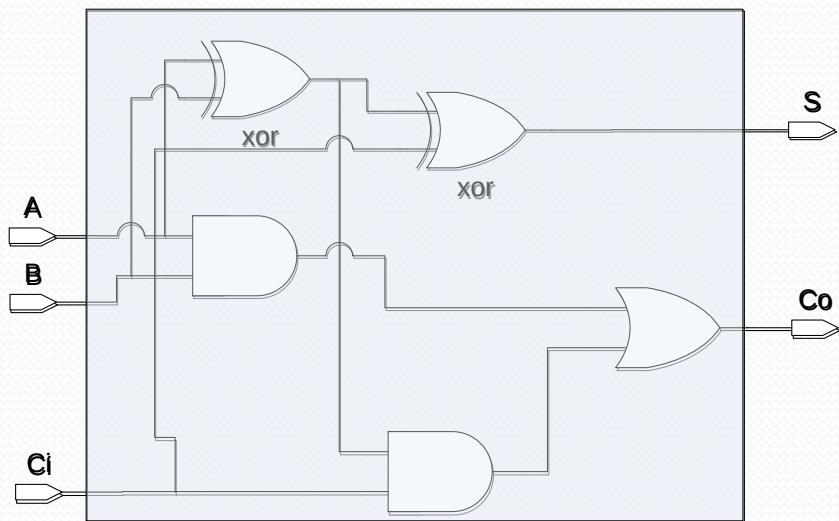
# Example: Half Adder

- Logic circuit

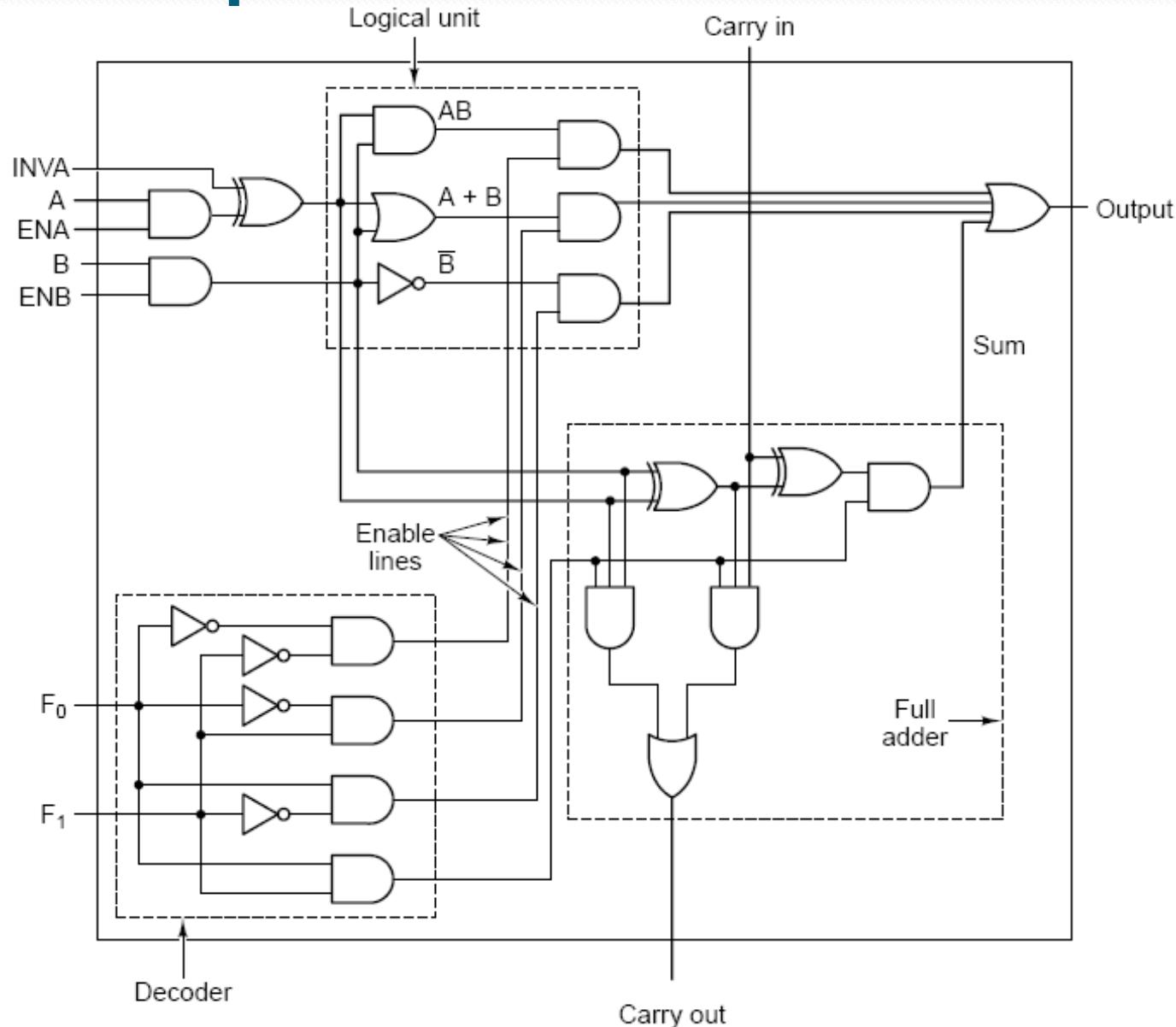


$$S = \overline{\bar{A}B + A\bar{B}}$$

# Example: Full Adder



# Example: 1-Bit ALU

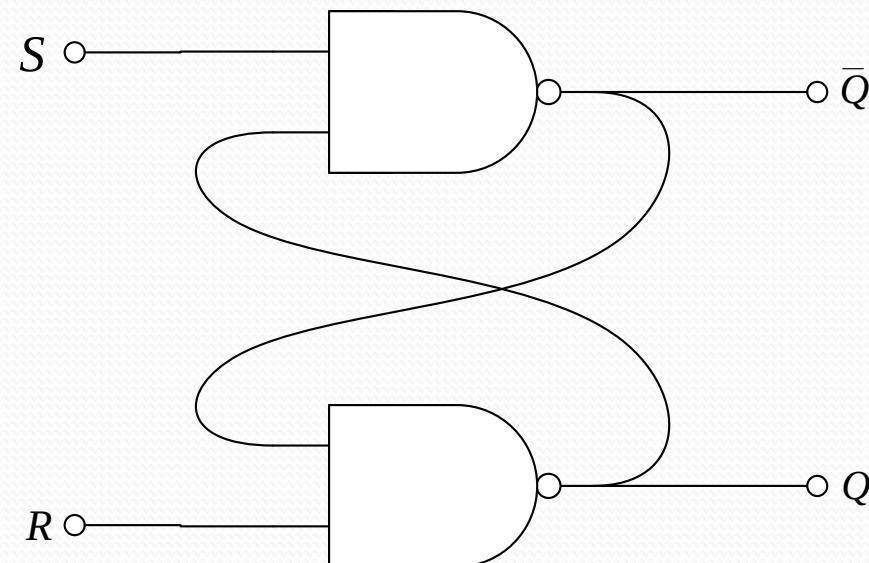
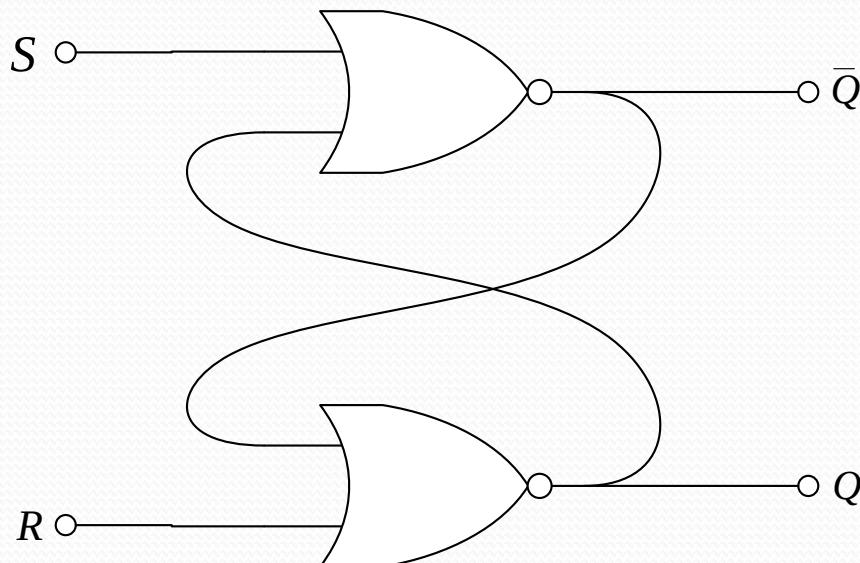


# Sequential Logic

- Outputs of sequential logic are based on inputs and its current internal state.
- Usually, sequential logic circuit involves clock, which triggers state transition.
- Sequential logic: Latch, Flip-Flop, Registers, Memory, etc.

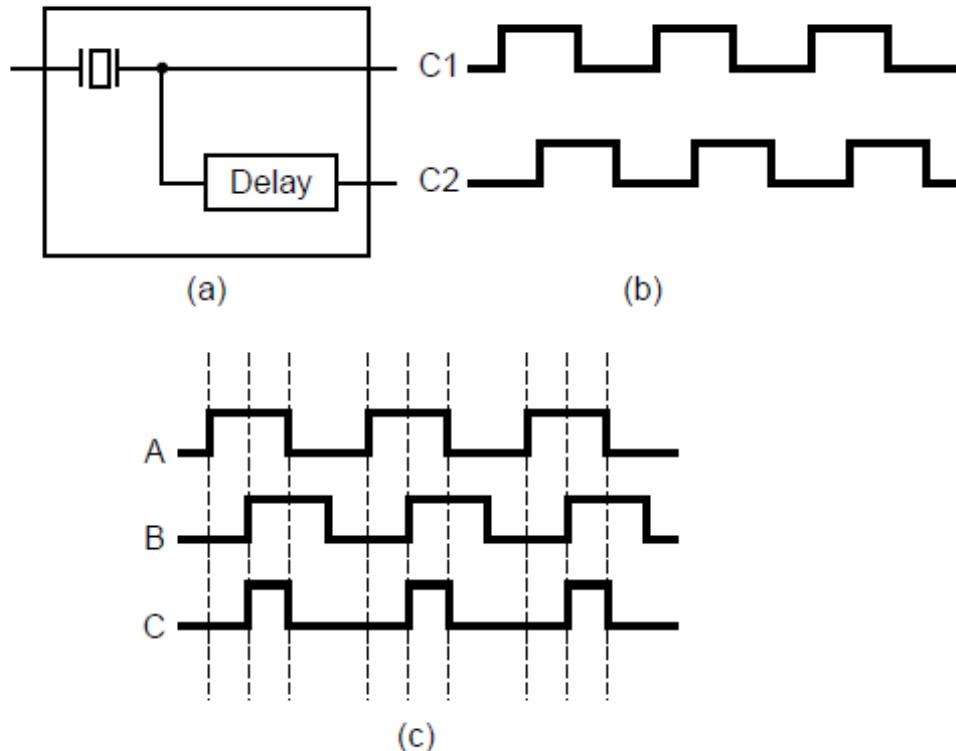
# Example: Latch

- The most basic sequential logic
- Can keep (or, remember) one bit of information
- No clock involved



# Clocks

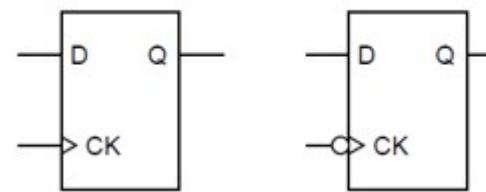
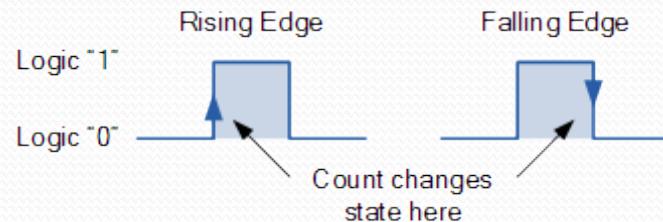
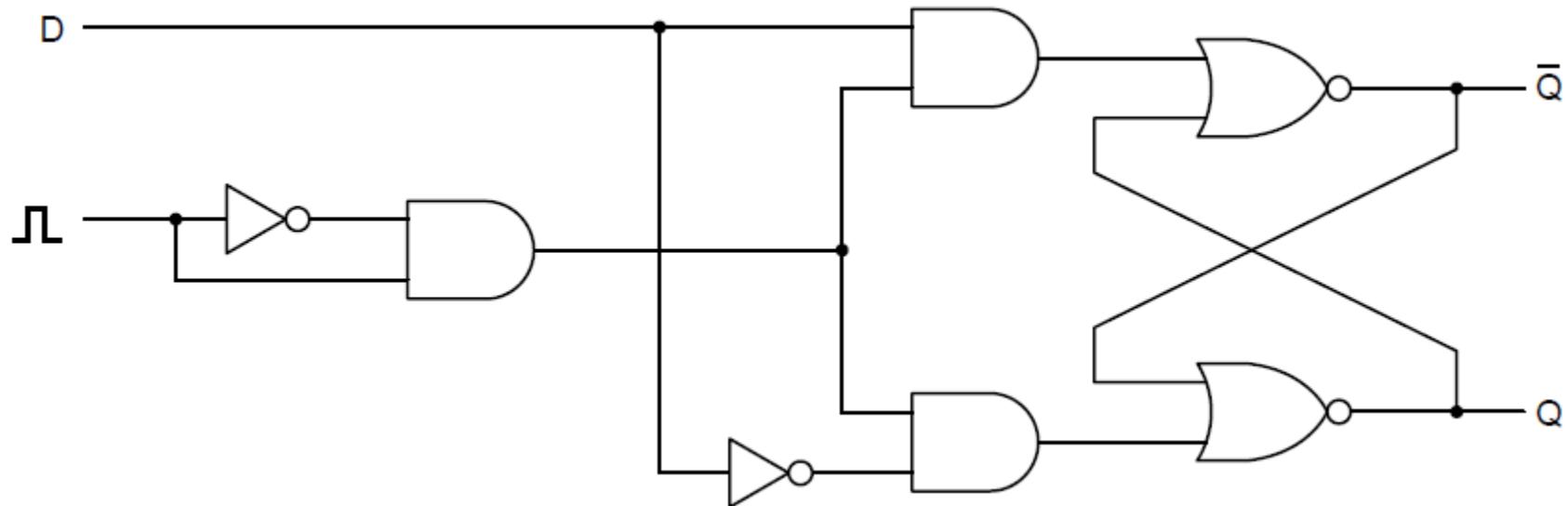
- Every computer contains at least one clock that:
  - Regulates how quickly instructions can be executed
  - Synchronizes the activities of its components.
- A fixed number of clock cycles are required to carry out each data movement or computational operation.



(a) A clock. (b) The timing diagram for the clock.  
(c) Generation of an asymmetric clock.

# Example: D Flip-Flop

- A flip-flop is a latch triggered by a rising edge or a falling edge of the clock.

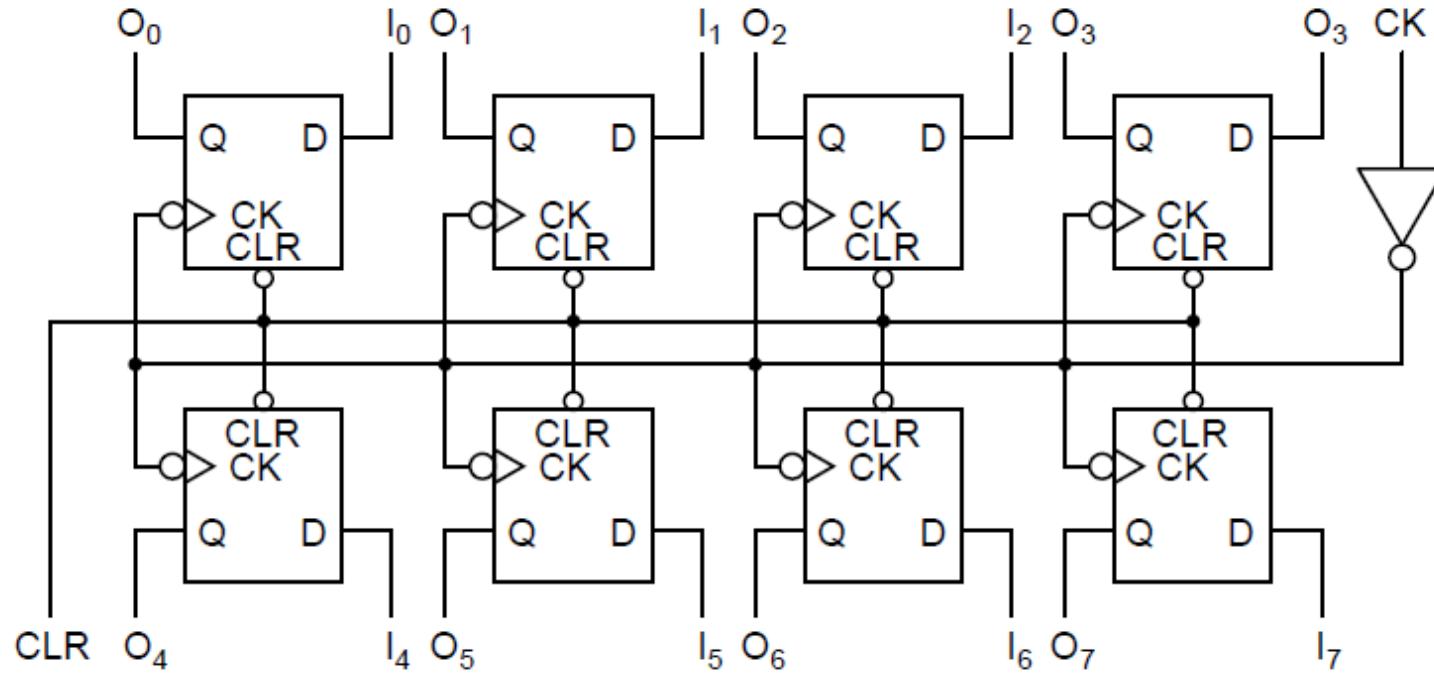


Symbols for D flip-flops

# Example: Registers

- Registers are groups of flip-flops, where each flip-flop is capable of storing one bit of information.
- Normally, 8-bit/16-bit/32-bit/64-bit registers
- Store data in CPU for computation
- Can also be used to build memories

# Example: Registers



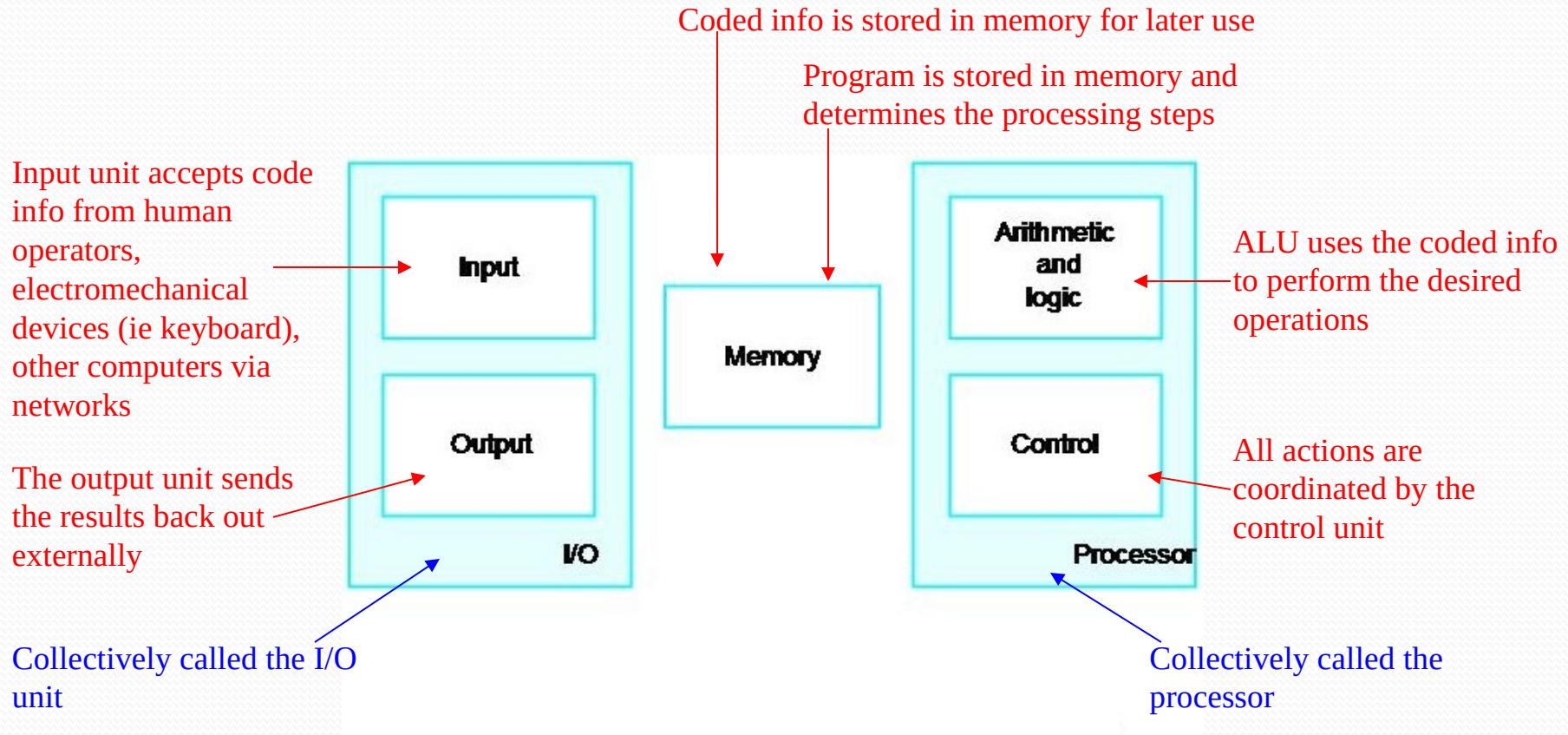
An 8-bit register constructed from single-bit flip-flops

# Circuit

- SSI
  - Small-scale integration packages gates
  - Dozens of gates per chip
- MSI
  - Medium-scale integration packages functions, *e.g.* *adders, multiplexors*
  - Hundreds of gates per chip
- LSI
  - Large-scale integration packages complete units, *e.g.* a calculator chip
  - Thousands of gates per chip
- VLSI
  - Very large-scale integration packages complex units with millions of transistors.

# Computer Organization & Architecture

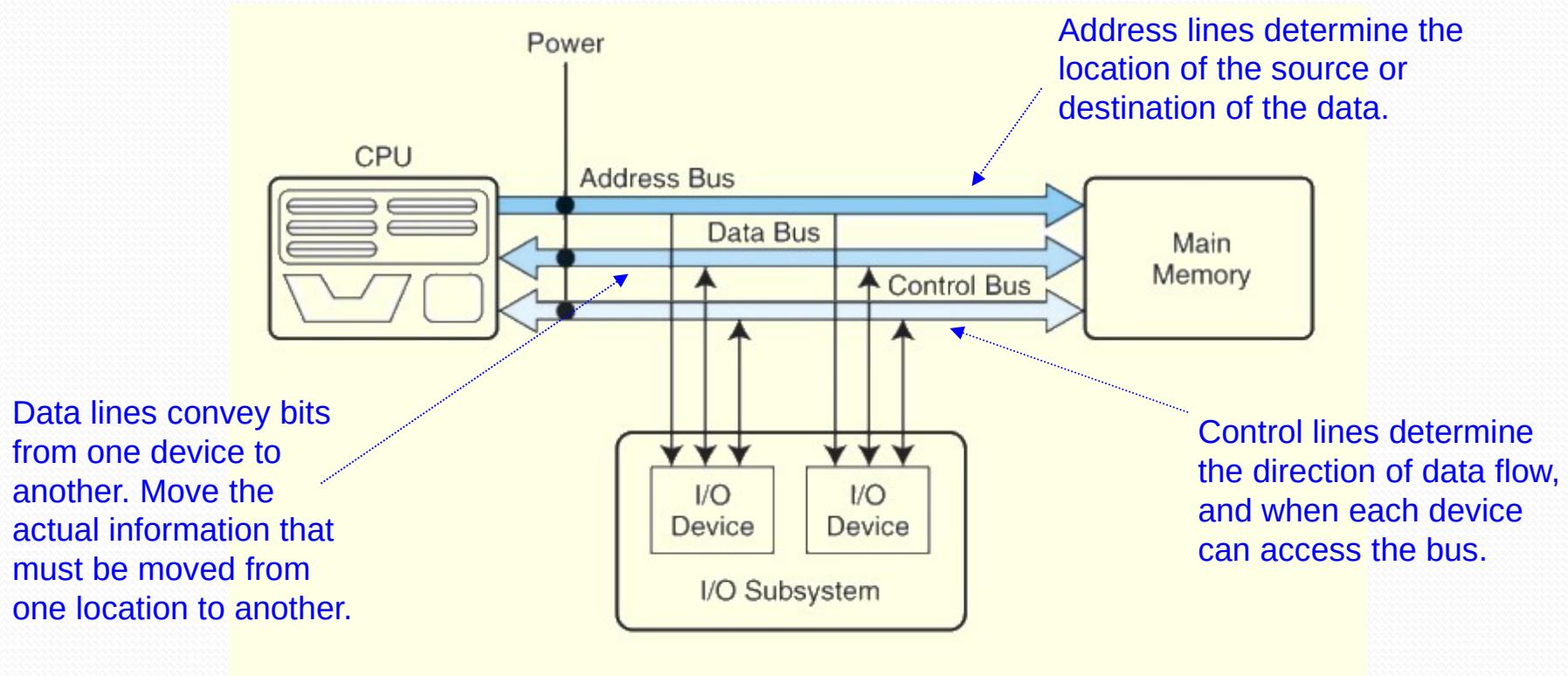
# Basic Structure of Computers



## The von Neumann Architecture

# The Bus

- Buses consist of data lines, control lines, and address lines.

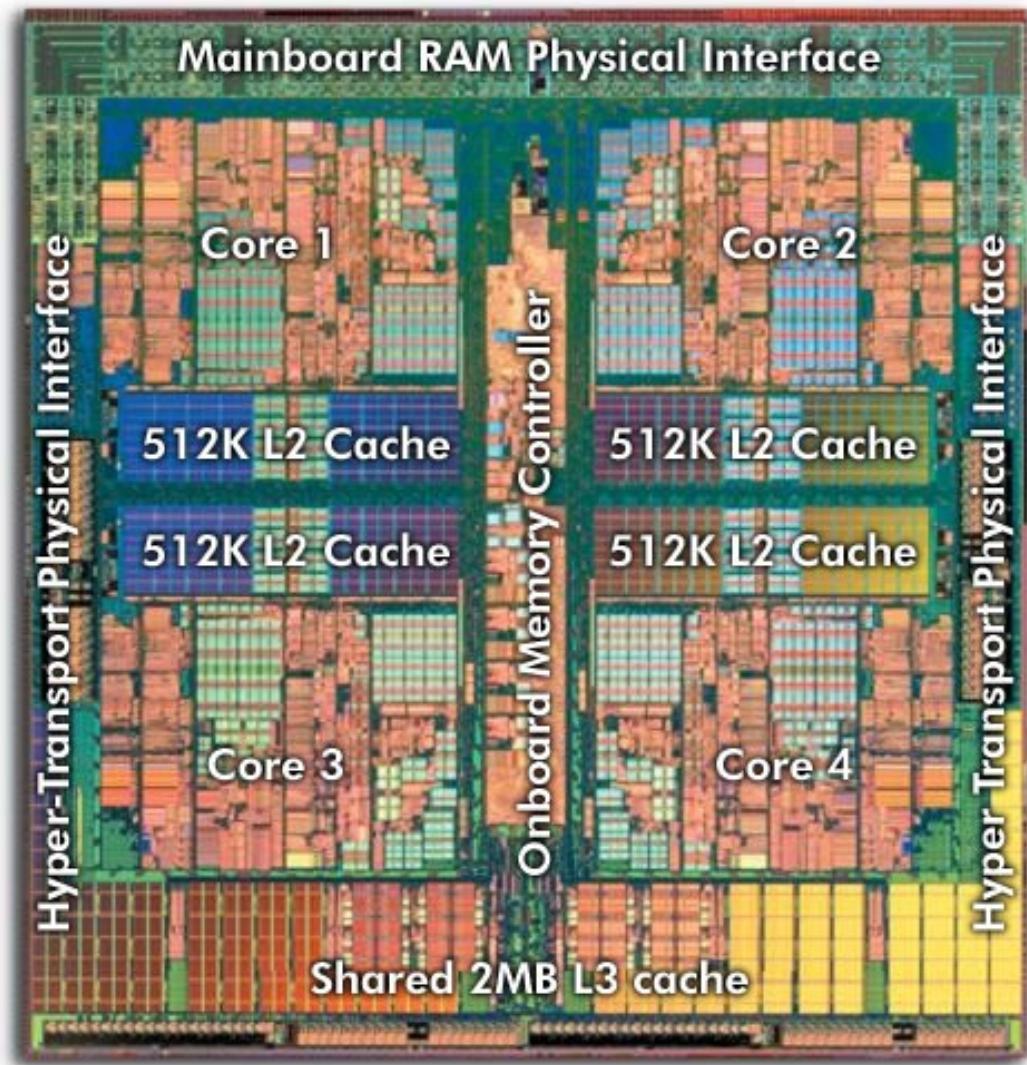


# CPU

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Appearance  
(Top & Bottom)

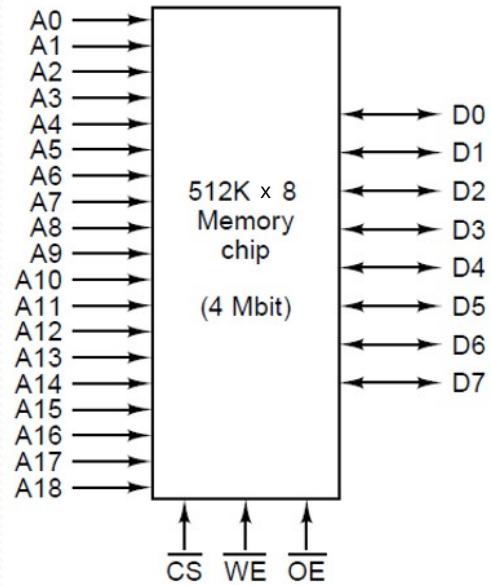
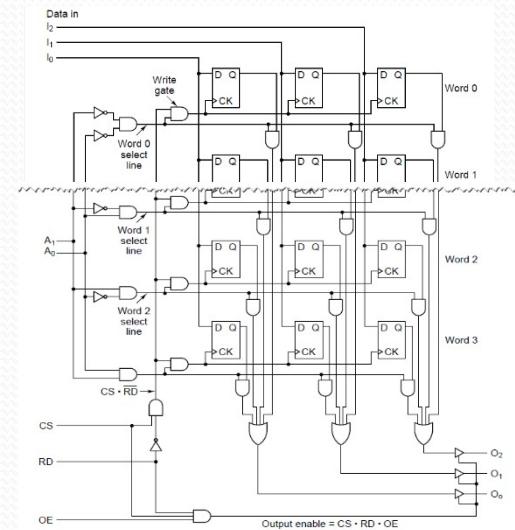
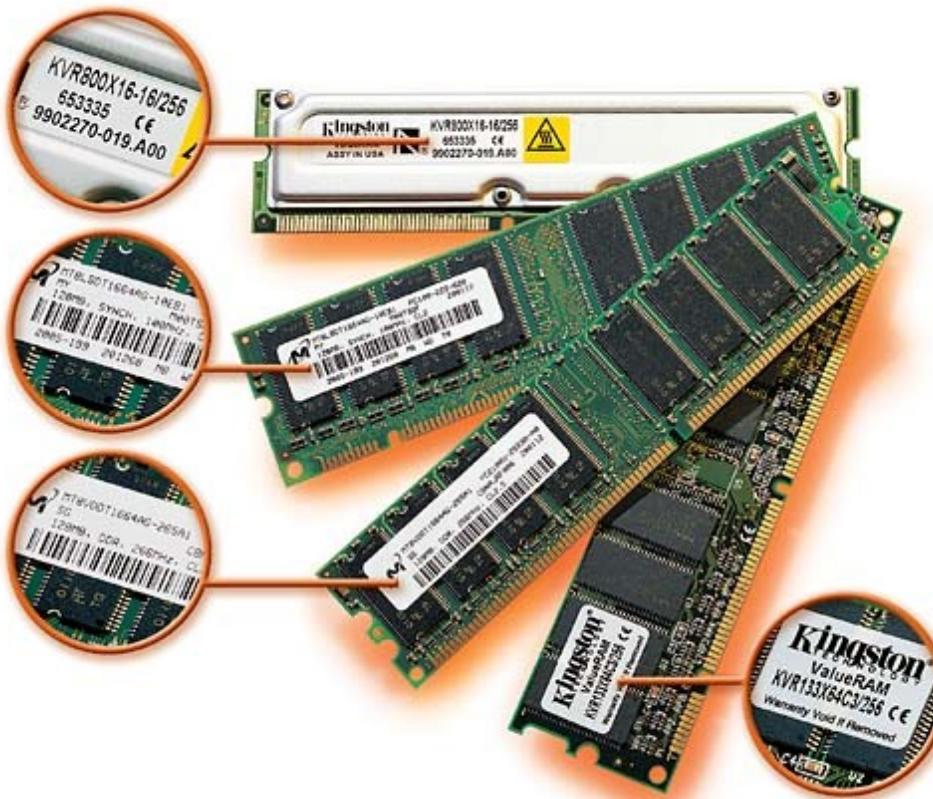


Inside CPU

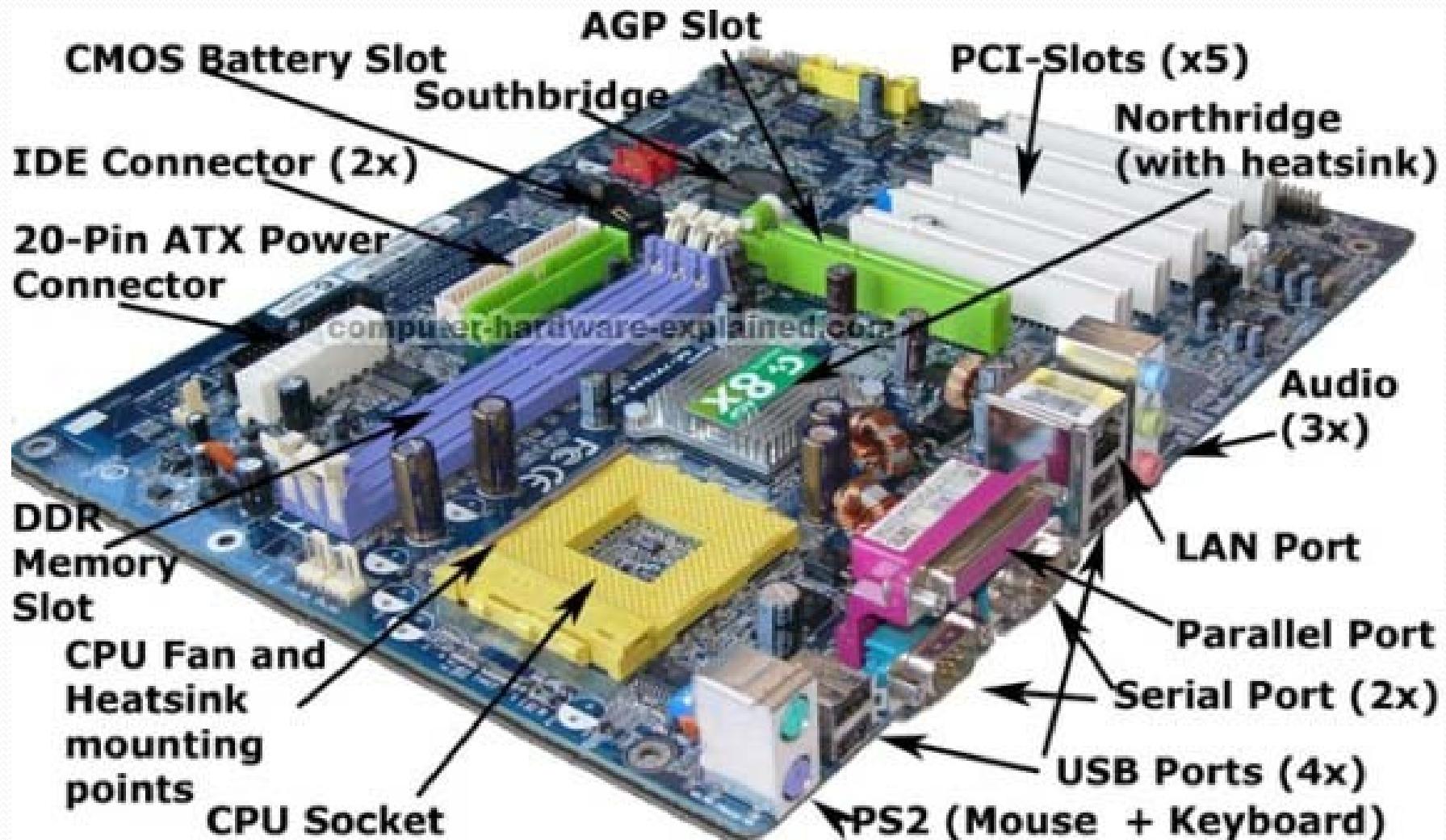


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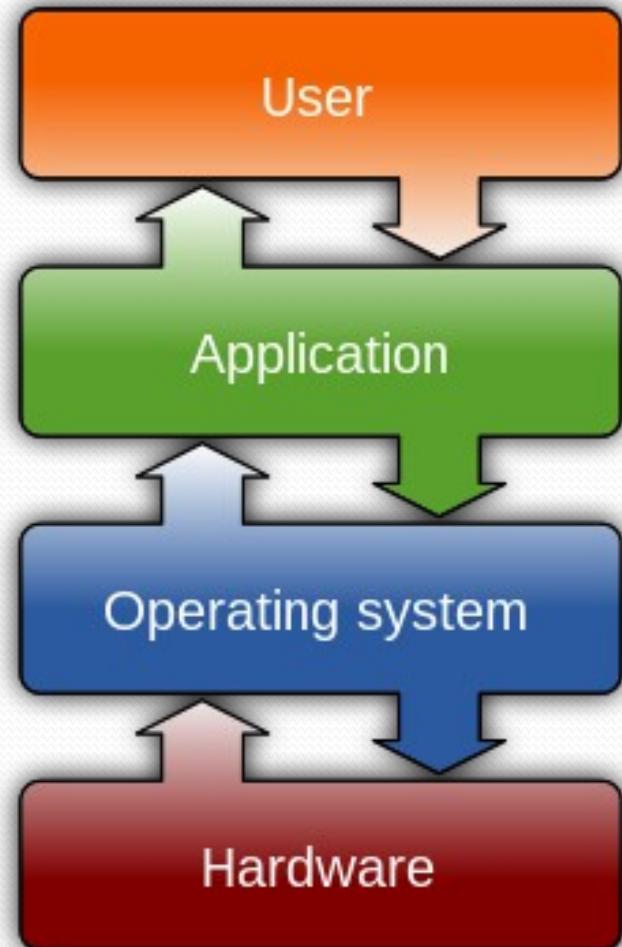
# Motherboard



# Computer Operating Systems

# Definition

- An Operating System (OS) is low-level system software that
  - manages computer hardware and software resources;
  - provides common services for computer programs to interact with computer hardware and other programs.



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# OS Services

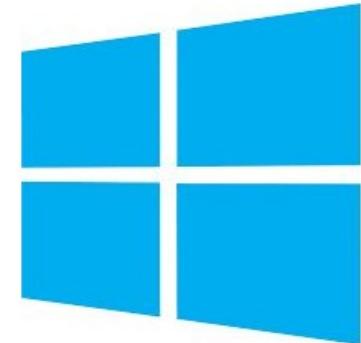
- Program execution
  - OS provides an environment where a user can run programs without having to worry about memory allocation or CPU scheduling.
- I/O operations
  - OS helps a user/program utilize input/output devices without knowing hardware details of the I/O devices.
- File system manipulation
  - OS provides an interface for a user/program to access and manage files and directories.
- Communication
  - OS facilitates communication between processes to exchange information, whether the processes are running on the same computer or on different computers.

# OS Services

- Error detection
  - OS constantly checks for errors in CPU, I/O, memory, etc., and takes actions to ensure correct and consistent computing.
- Resource allocation
  - OS manages resources (memory, CPU, file storage, etc.) using schedulers for multi-user or multi-tasking environments.
- Protection
  - OS ensures that all access to system resources is controlled and authenticated.

# Common Operating Systems

- Linux
- Microsoft Windows
- Apple macOS
- Google Android
- Apple iOS



iOS

# Summary

- Boolean algebra
  - Boolean variable, operators, function, truth table
- Digital logic gates
  - Six basic gates, symbols, and truth tables
- Digital logic circuits
  - Combinational logic, sequential logic
- Computer Organization & Architecture
  - The von Neumann architecture
- Computer Operating Systems
  - Functions, services



# Thank You!