

## 2. Circuits and Logic

Every INPUT and OUTPUT of a computer is a type of information which can be represented as 1's and 0s or ON and OFF

### Simple Circuits

#### NOT Gate



A	Q
0	1
1	0

In this diagram, if we send **no** electrical signal (**A**) into the **NOT** gate, then **Q** equals **1** meaning it is **ON**.

If we turn **A** is **ON** then **Q** is **OFF**.

**IF A = 1 THEN Q = 0**

**IF A = 0 THEN Q = 1**

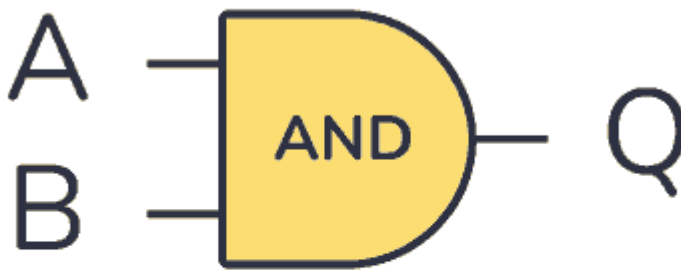
Whatever **A** goes into the **NOT** logic gate becomes the opposite of the value **A**. In mathematical terms, **Q** is the conjugate of **A**.

Here's what it looks like in python:

```
not True # Returns False
not False # Returns True
```

```
jush@ranedeer:~/Mr-Ranedeer-v3 $ python
Python 3.9.2 (default, Mar 12 2021, 04:06:34)
[GCC 10.2.1 20210110] on linux
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license()"
>>> not True
False
>>> not False
True
>>> |
```

### AND Gate



A	B	Q
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

In this simplest form,  $Q = 1$  if  $A=1$  and  $B=1$ , otherwise, if either  $A$  or  $B$  are  $0$  then  $Q$  is equal to  $0$ .

Here's what it looks like in Python:

```
>>> False and False # 0 AND 0
False
>>> True and False # 1 AND 0
False
>>> False and True # 0 AND 1
False
>>> True and True # 1 AND 1
True
>>> |
```

### Other circuits

Other simple circuits will be covered later in the weeks, but notably...

*Complex circuits with multiple logic gates can form complex calculations*

For example, you can create a circuit that takes 2 bits together creating an ADDER to calculate the sum of two bits. You can put circuits side-by-side to add together much larger numbers, this can also apply for subtraction and multiplication functions too with the right sequence of logic gates.

Source: [\(21\) How Computers Work: Circuits & Logic - YouTube](#)

See Also:

[3. CPU, Memory, Input & Output](#)

[6. Computer Hardware](#)