

# MULTIPLEXERS AND DEMULTIPLEXERS

The **multiplexer** is a special combinational circuit that is one of the most widely used standard circuits in digital design. The multiplexer (or data selector) is a combinational logic circuit that accepts one out of several inputs & provides single output. The input selected is controlled by a set of select inputs. i.e. multiplexer is a logic circuit in which there is a number of inputs but only one output hence it is also called a "multi into one" or "many into one". Multiplexers can handle two types of data i.e., analog and digital. For analog application, the multiplexer is built using relays and transistor switches. For digital application, they are built from standard logic gates.

Multiplexers come in multiple variations - 2: 1 multiplexer, 4 : 1 multiplexer, 16 : 1 multiplexer, 32 : 1 multiplexer

Selection Lines		Output
$S_1$	$S_0$	$Y$
0	0	$I_0$
0	1	$I_1$
1	0	$I_2$
1	1	$I_3$

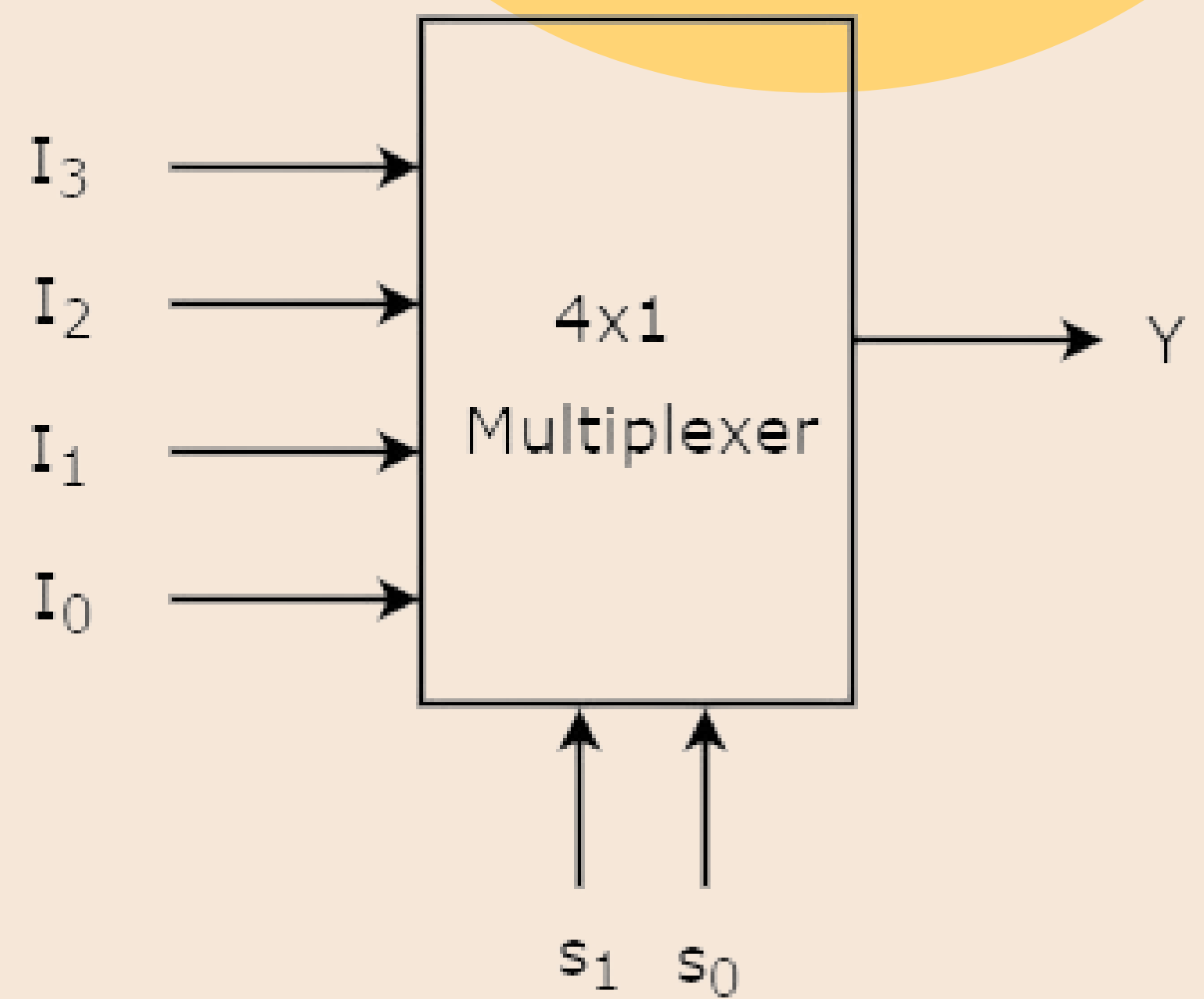
Truth table of 4x1 Multiplexer.

The **demultiplexer** performs the reverse operation of a multiplexer. It accepts a single input and distributes it over several outputs, figure gives the block diagram of a demultiplexer, the select input code determines to which output the data input will be transmitted.

Demultiplexers are classified into four types- 1-2 demultiplexer, 1-4 demultiplexer, 1-8 demultiplexer, 1-16 demultiplexer.

Selection Inputs		Outputs			
$S_1$	$S_0$	$Y_3$	$Y_2$	$Y_1$	$Y_0$
0	0	0	0	0	1
0	1	0	0	1	0
1	0	0	1	0	0
1	1	1	0	0	0

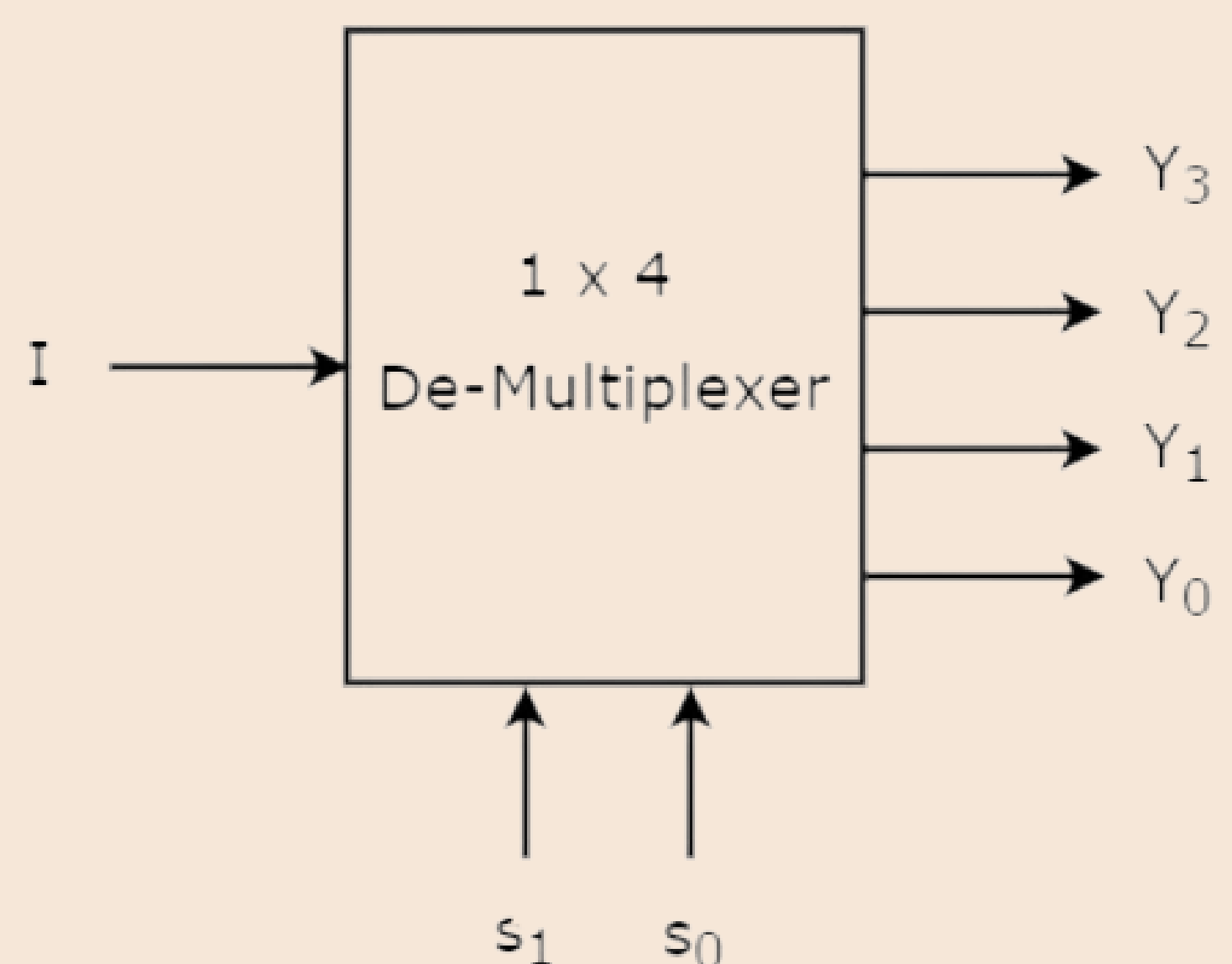
Truth table of 1x4 De-Multiplexer



## Applications of Multiplexer

The multiplexer is used in various fields where multiple data need to be transmitted using a single line. Following are some of the applications of multiplexers –

1. Communication System.
2. Telephone Network.
3. Computer Memory.
4. Transmission from the Computer System of a Satellite.



## Applications of Demultiplexer

1. Communication System
2. ALU (Arithmetic Logic Unit)
3. Serial to Parallel Converter

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