

Fundamentals of Computer Systems

Sequential Logic

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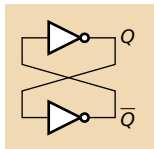
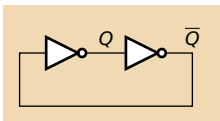
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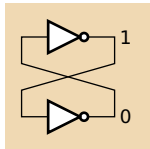
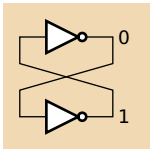
State-Holding Elements

Bistable Elements

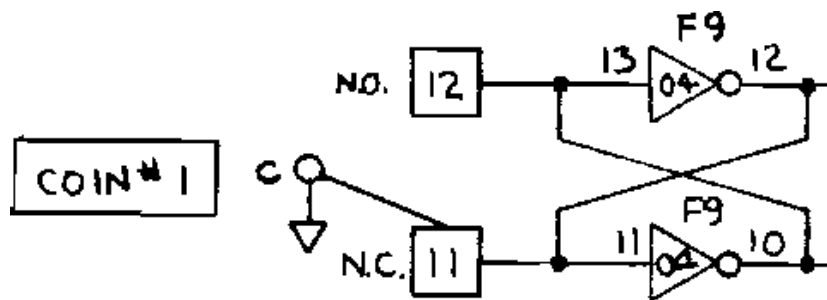


Equivalent circuits; right is more traditional.

Two stable states:



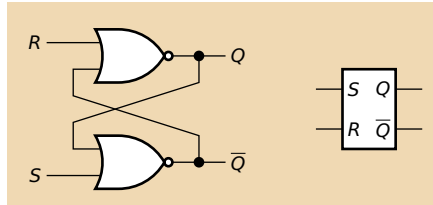
A Bistable in the Wild



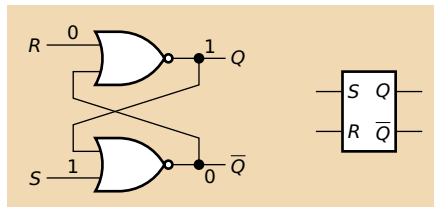
This "debounces" the coin switch.

Breakout, Atari 1976.

SR Latch

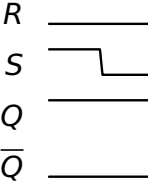
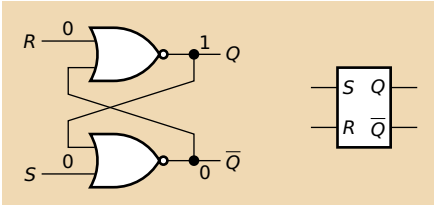


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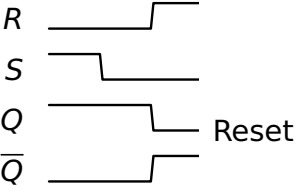
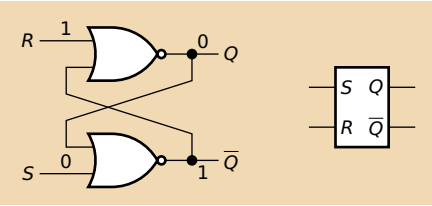
R —
 S —
 Q — Set
 \bar{Q} —

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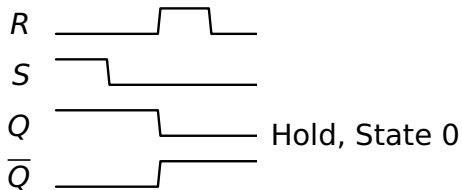
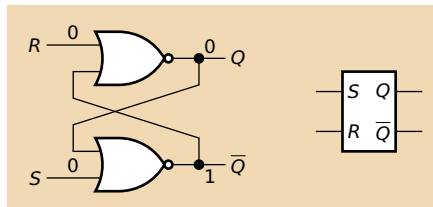


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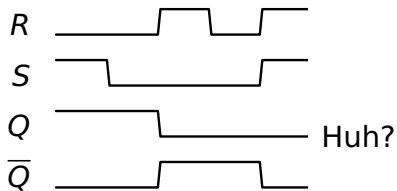
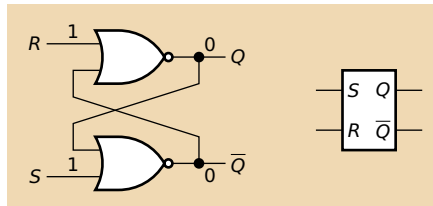
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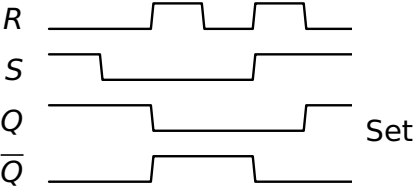
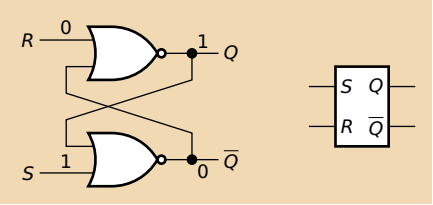
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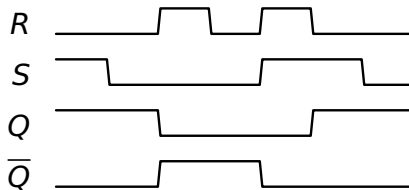
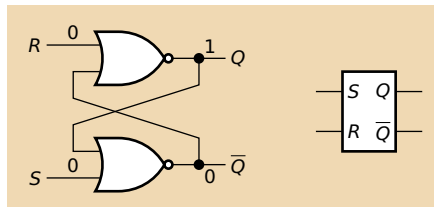
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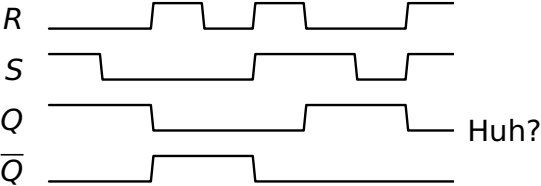
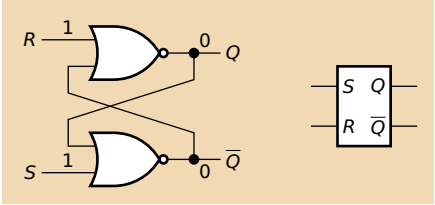


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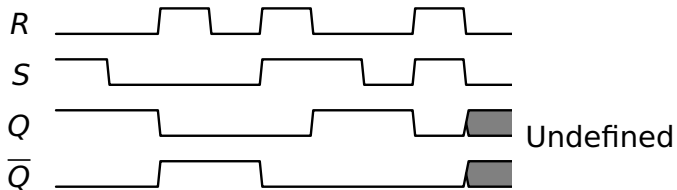
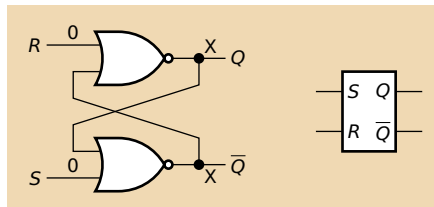


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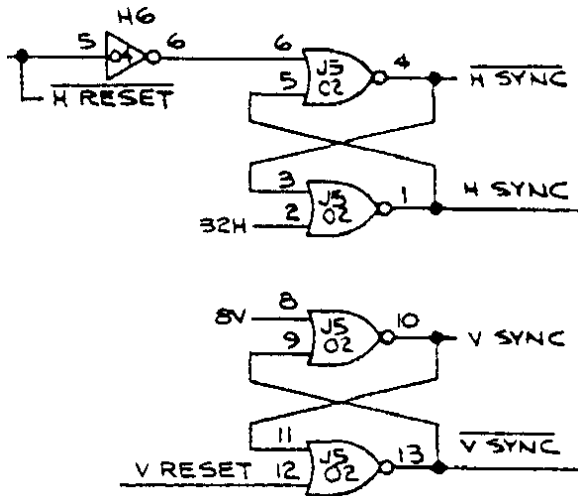
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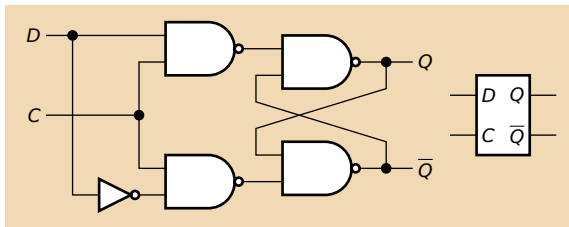
SR Latches in the Wild



Generates horizontal and vertical synchronization waveforms from counter bits.

Stunt Cycle, Atari 1976.

D Latch

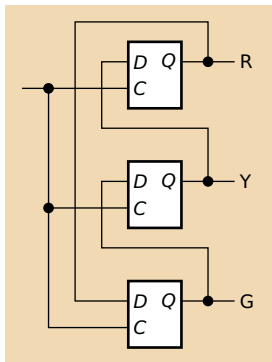


inputs		outputs	
C	D	Q	\bar{Q}
0	X	Q	\bar{Q}
1	0	0	1
1	1	1	0

A Challenge

A simple traffic light controller.

Want the lights to cycle green-yellow-red.



Does this work?





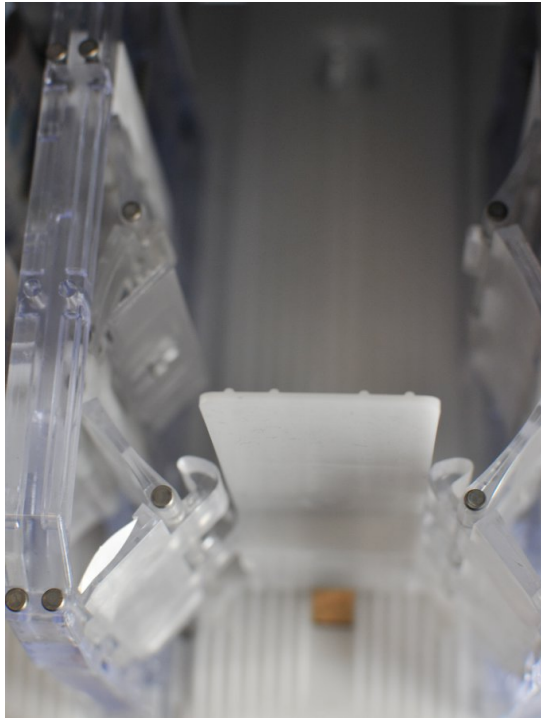


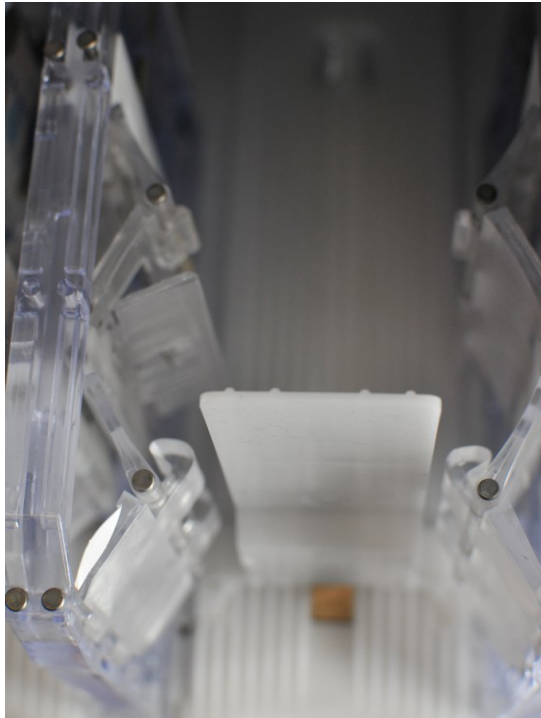


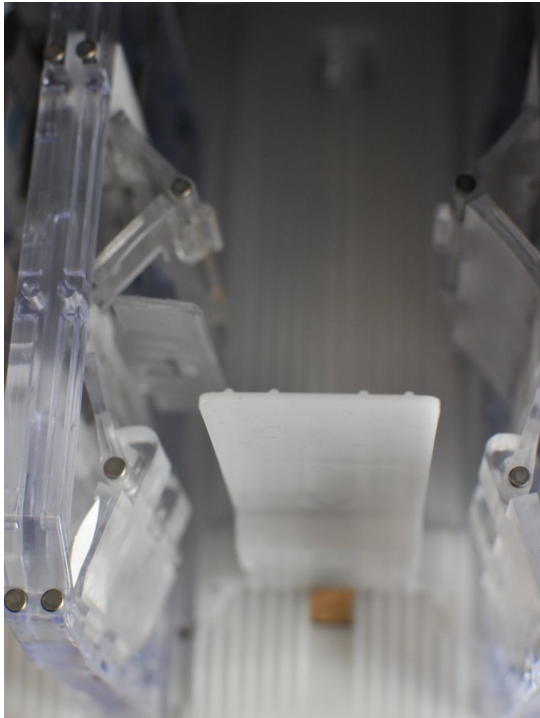


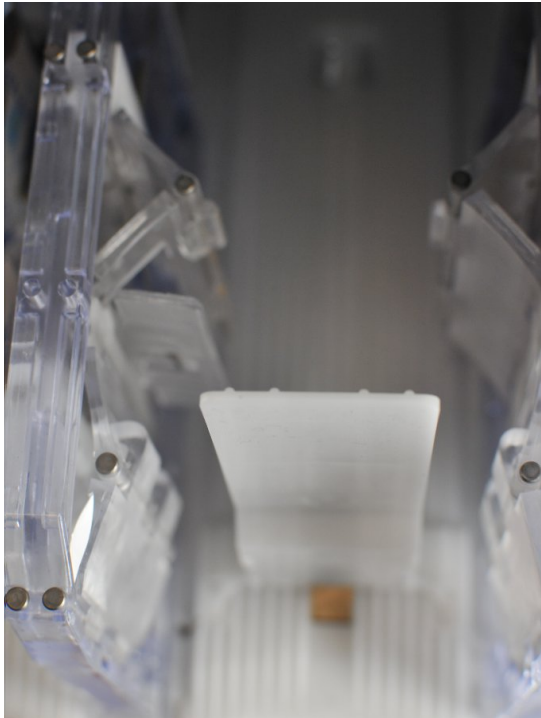


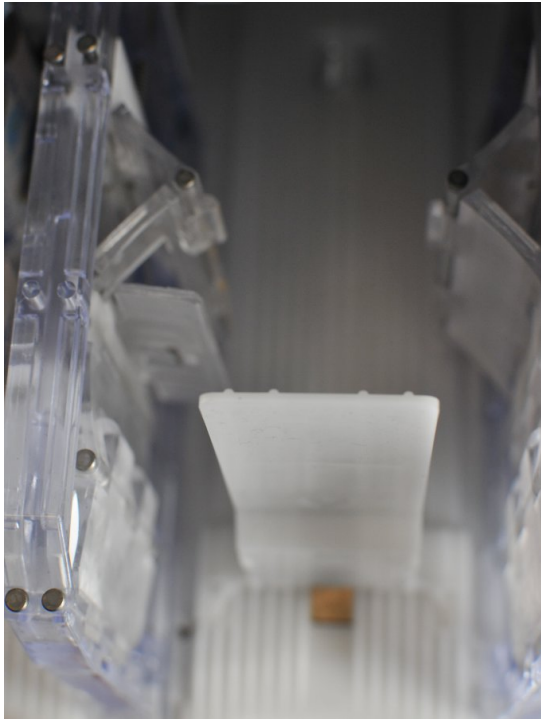




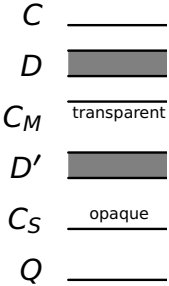
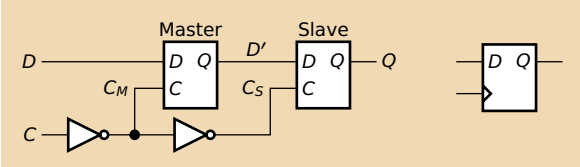




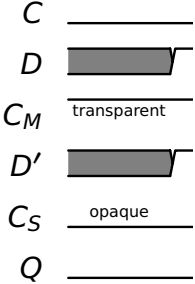
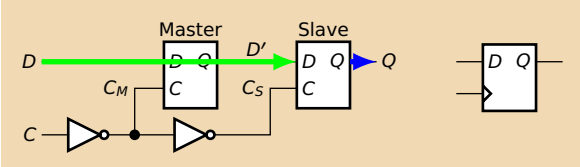




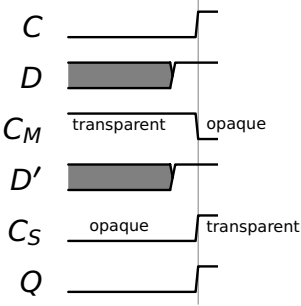
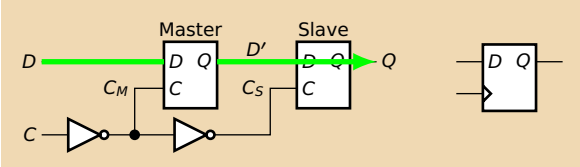
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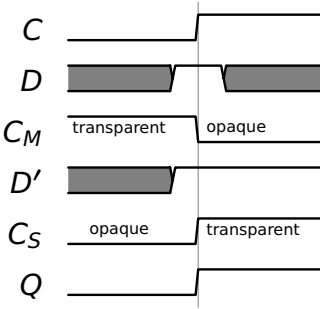
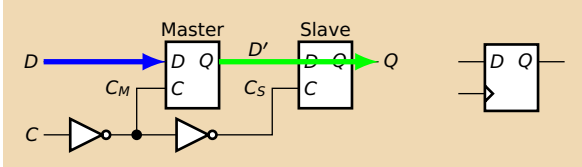
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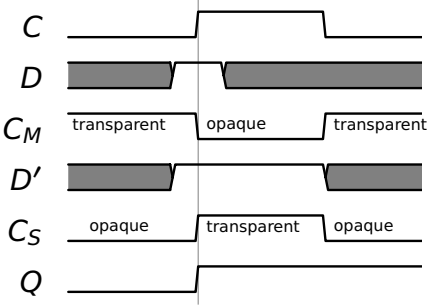
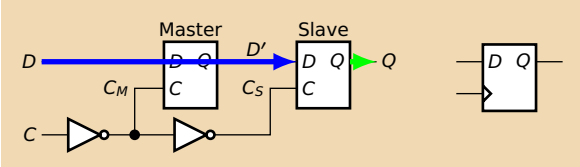
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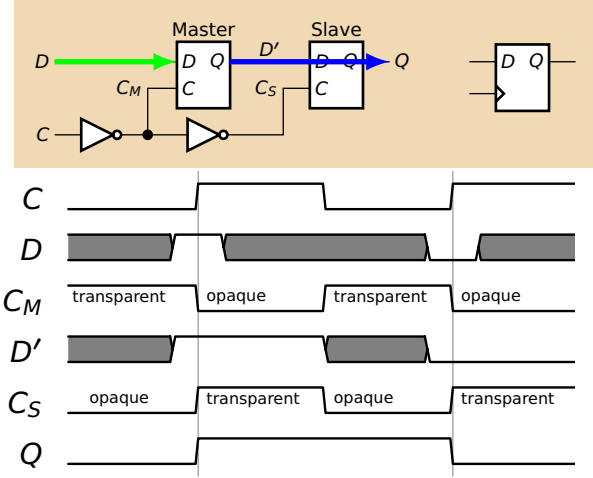
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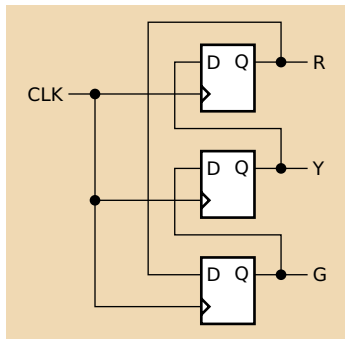


Positive-Edge-Triggered D Flip-Flop



The Traffic Light Controller: A second try

Let's try this again with D flip-flops.



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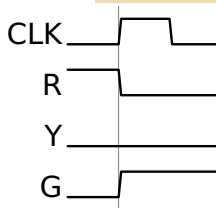
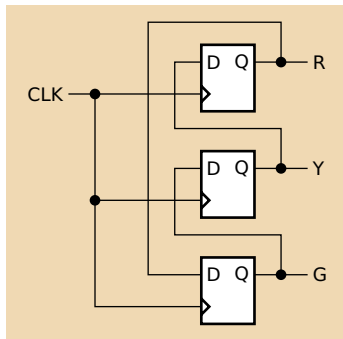
R _____

Y _____

G _____

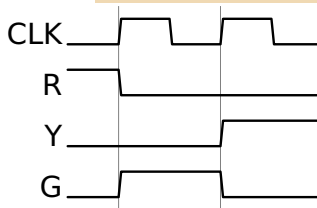
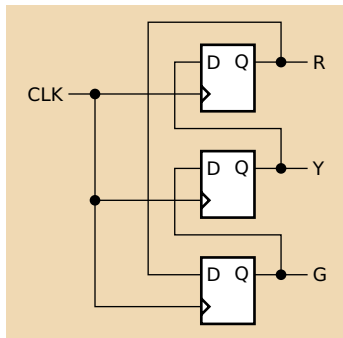
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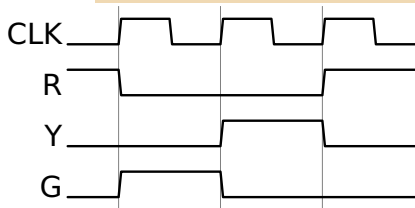
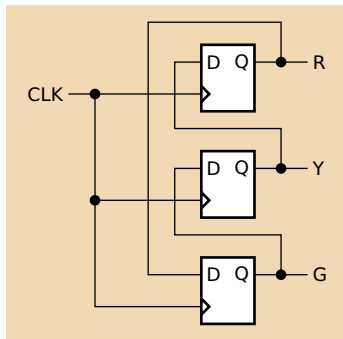
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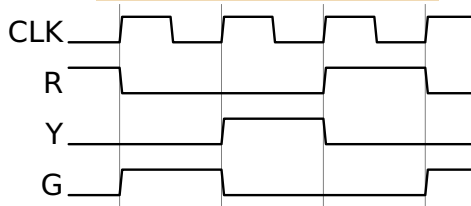
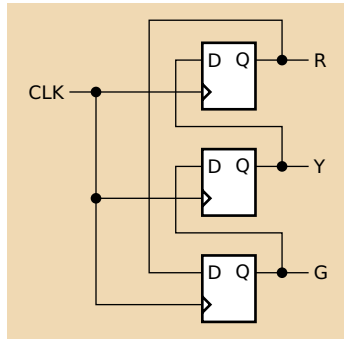
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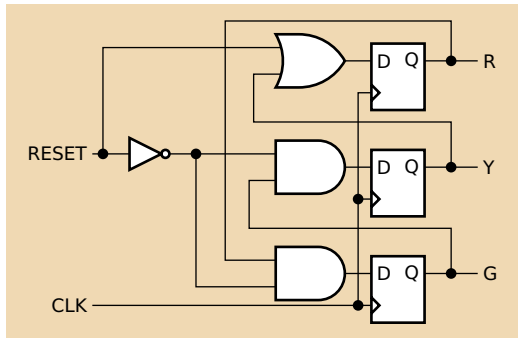


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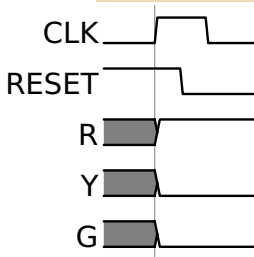
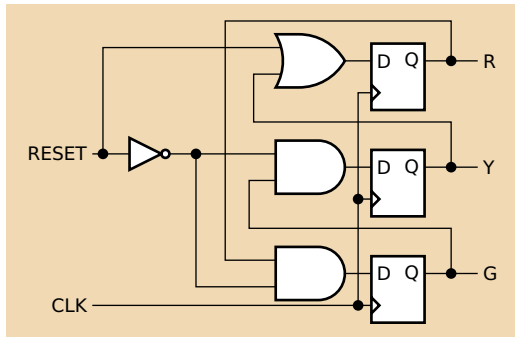


The Traffic Light Controller with Reset

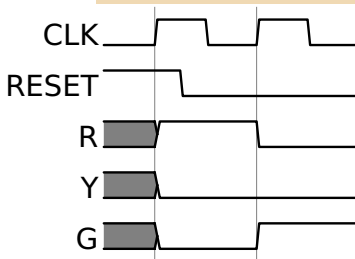
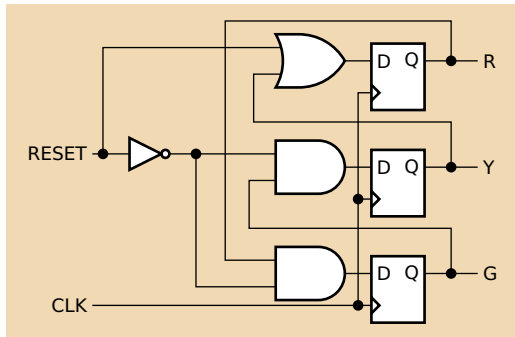


CLK _____
RESET _____
R
Y
G

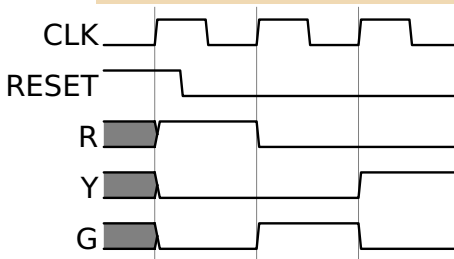
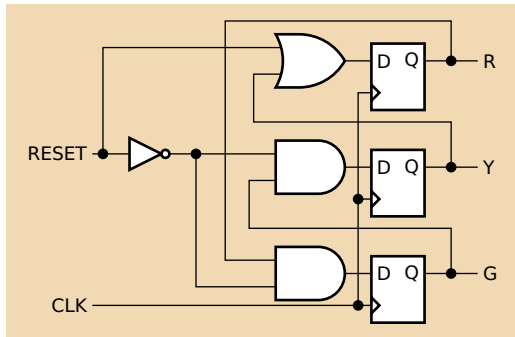
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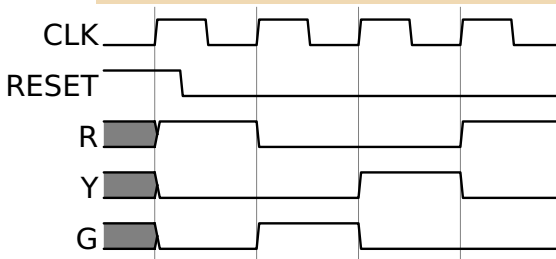
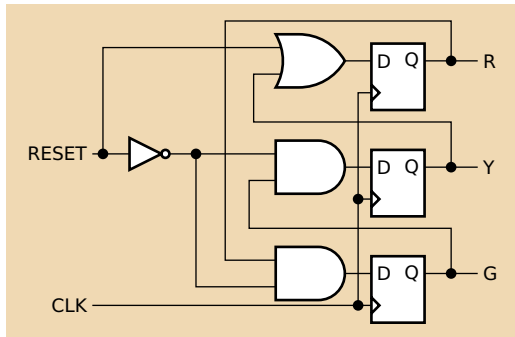
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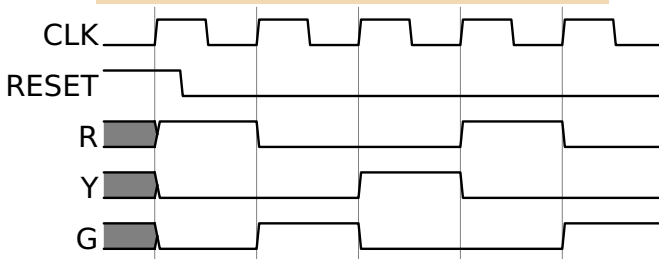
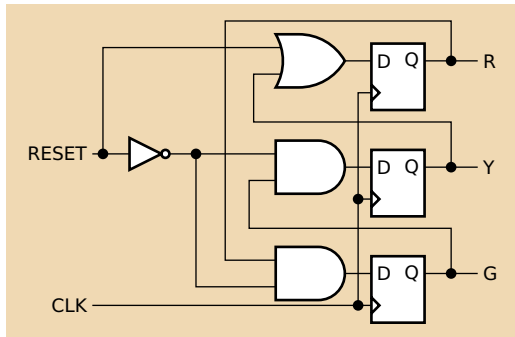
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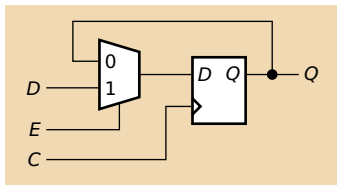
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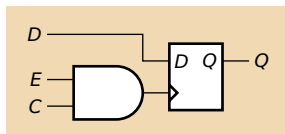
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D Flip-Flop with Enable

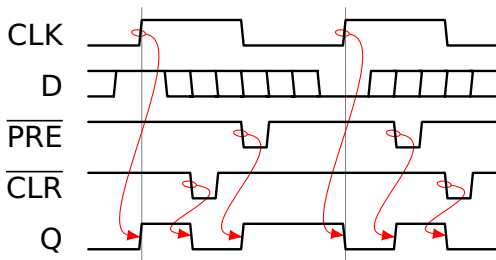
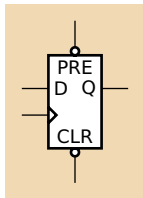


C	E	D	Q
↑	0	X	Q
↑	1	0	0
↑	1	1	1
0	X	X	Q
1	X	X	Q

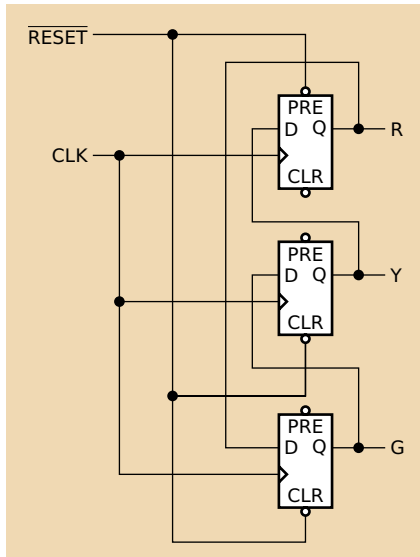


What's wrong with this solution?

Asynchronous Preset/Clear



The Traffic Light Controller w/ Async. Reset

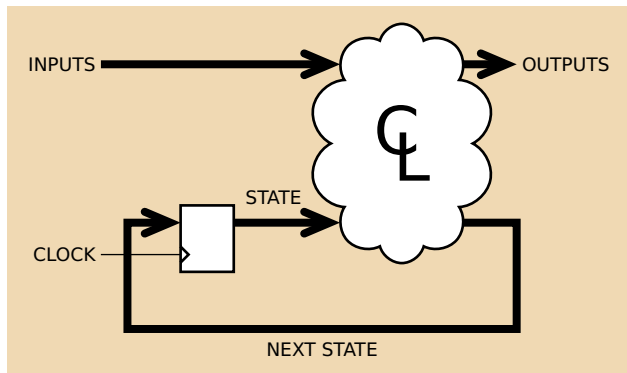


The Synchronous Digital Logic Paradigm

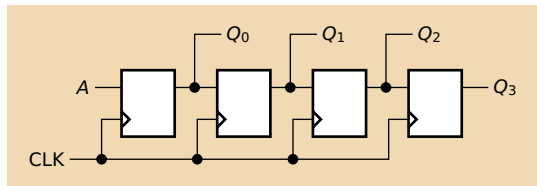
Gates and D
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Each flip-flop
driven by the
same clock

Every cyclic
path contains
at least one
flip-flop

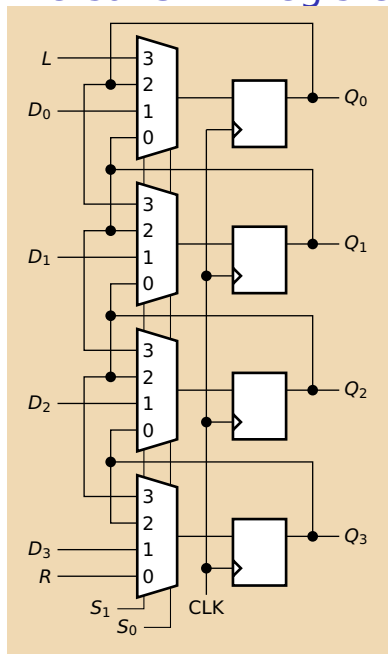


Cool Sequential Circuits: Shift Registers



A	Q_0	Q_1	Q_2	Q_3
0	X	X	X	X
1	0	X	X	X
1	1	0	X	X
0	1	1	0	X
1	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	1	1
0	0	1	0	1
0	0	0	1	0
1	0	0	0	1
0	1	0	0	0

Universal Shift Register

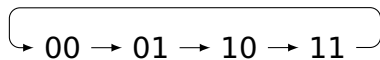


S_1	S_0	Q_3	Q_2	Q_1	Q_0
0	0	R	Q_3	Q_2	Q_1
0	1	D_3	D_2	D_1	D_0
1	0	Q_3	Q_2	Q_1	Q_0
1	1	Q_2	Q_1	Q_0	L

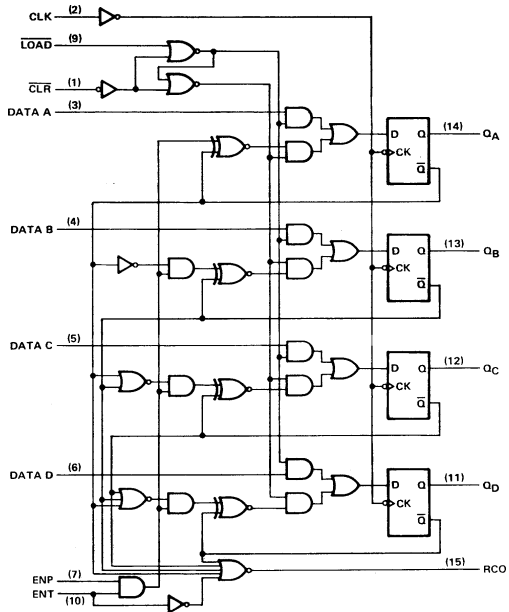
S_1	S_0	Operation
0	0	Shift right
0	1	Load
1	0	Hold
1	1	Shift left

Cool Sequential Circuits: Counters

Cycle through sequences of numbers, e.g.,

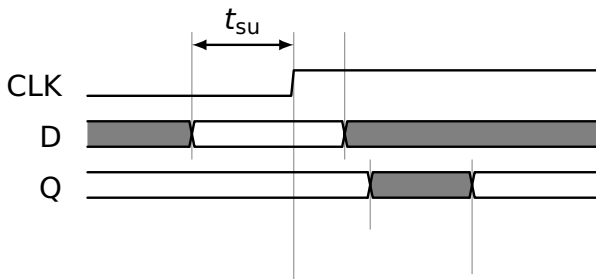


The 74LS163 Synchronous Binary Counter



Flip-Flop Timing

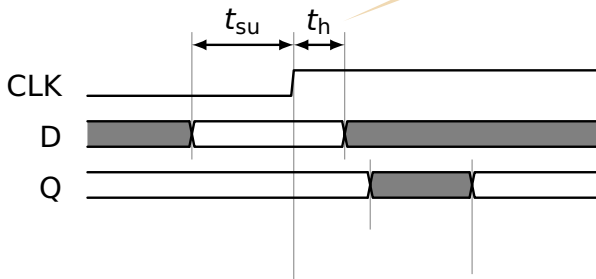
Setup Time: Time before the clock edge after which the data may not change



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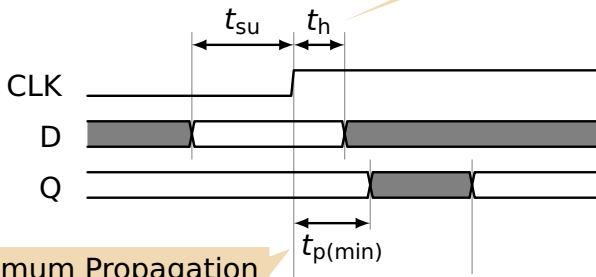
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Flip-Flop Timing

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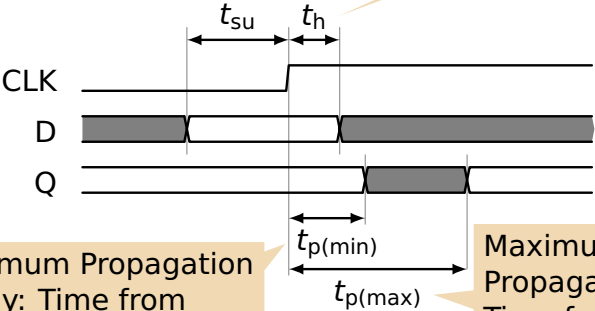


Minimum Propagation Delay: Time from clock edge to when Q might start changing

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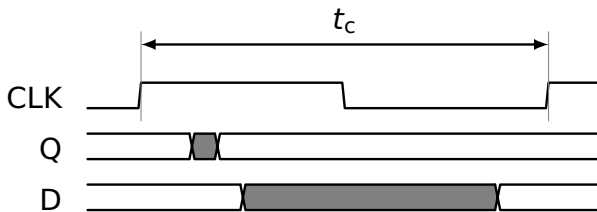
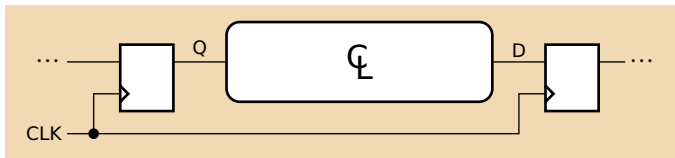
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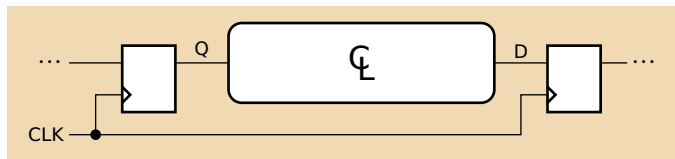
Maximum Propagation Delay: Time from clock edge to when Q guaranteed stable

Timing in Synchronous Circuits

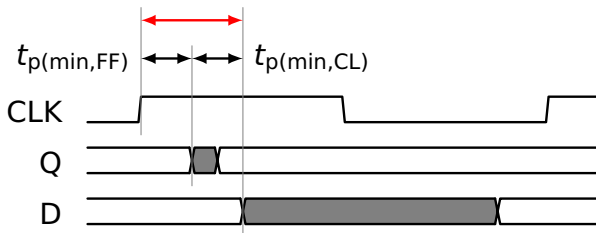


t_c : Clock period. E.g., 10 ns for a 100 MHz clock

Timing in Synchronous Circuits

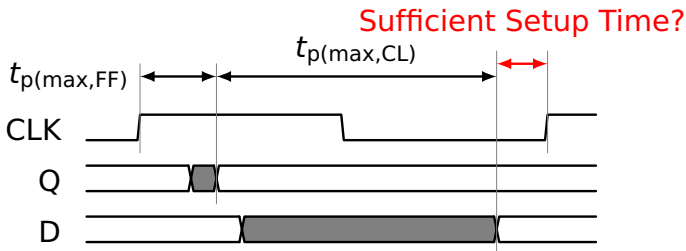
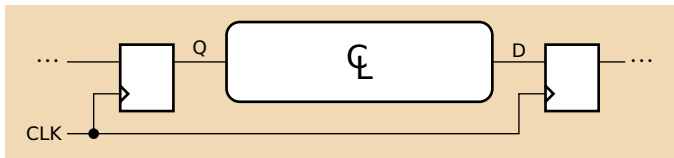


Sufficient Hold Time?



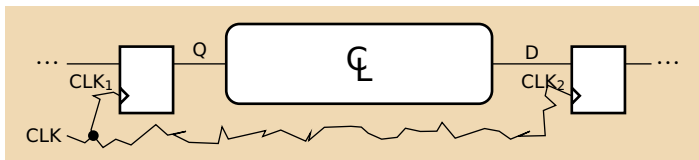
Hold time constraint: how soon after the clock edge can D start changing? Min. FF delay + min. logic delay

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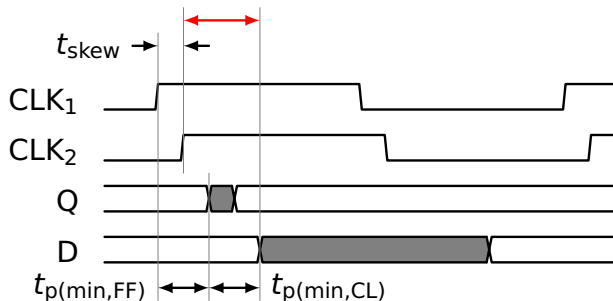


Setup time constraint: when before the clock edge is D guaranteed stable? Max. FF delay + max. logic delay

Clock Skew: What Really Happens

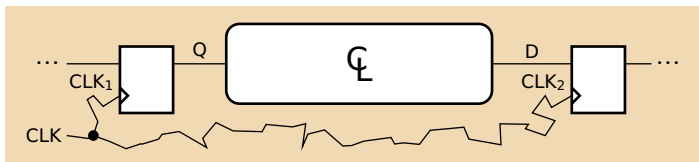


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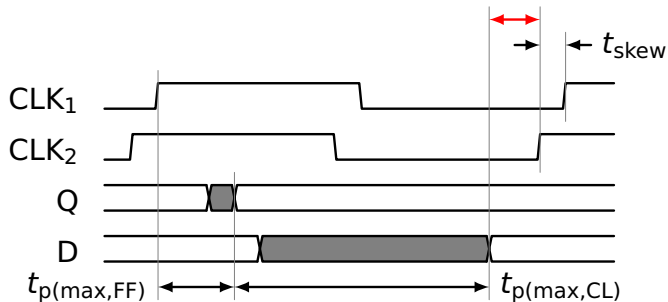


CLK_2 arrives late: clock skew reduces hold time

Clock Skew: What Really Happens



Sufficient Setup Time?



CLK_1 arrives early: clock skew reduces setup time