# Logic Gates



## What are logic gates?

- In the binary lesson, we discussed the switches inside a computer
- Logic gates are the switches that turn ON or OFF depending on what the user is doing!
- They are the building blocks for how computers work.



## What are logic gates?

- Logic gates turn ON when a certain condition is true, and OFF when the condition is false
  - They check whether or not the information they get follows a certain rule
- They either spit out the answer true (ON) or false (OFF)
- Remember:
  - True= ON = 1
  - False = OFF=0



## Let's do an example!

- Let's say a certain logic gate needs to determine if two numbers are equal
- The rule would be "is equal"
- If the two input numbers are equal, it will go into its ON position, indicating true
- If they are not equal, it will go into its OFF position, indicating false



## Let's do an example!

- But we learned before that computers only think of things in terms of ON and OFF, which to them is 1 and 0
- So a computer wouldn't take an input of 5 or 6 – all of the information need to be 0s and 1s
- *Reminder*: Input refers to the information you give the logic gate, and output refers to what it spits out!
- Let's try this example again, keeping this rule in mind!





## Types of Logic Gates!

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- Major logic gates: NOT, AND, OR, and XOR
- There are also other ones, such as NAND, NOR, and XNOR that we're not going to cover.
- This is called Boolean logic
- In a circuit schematic each logic gate is represented by a

## NOT

- NOT is the most simple logic gate.
- All it does is take in an input that is either ON or OFF and spits out the opposite.
- So for a 1 it will give a 0, and for a 0 it will give a 1.
- Another name for a NOT gate is inverter, because it inverts (makes opposite) the input



### AND

- Unlike NOT, AND needs two inputs
- It only turns on when both inputs are ON
- If only one input is on, it spits out OFF
- If both inputs are off, it spits out OFF



## AND Truth Table

- A convenient way to visualize the outputs for the logic gates is through a truth table
- The truth table depicts the gate's response to each possible set of inputs

### Input 1



#### Input 2

Output

### OR

- OR also needs two inputs
- OR needs one input to be ON for it to spit out ON
- It is also ON when both inputs are ON
- It is OFF when both inputs are OFF



### OR Truth Table

#### Input 1

	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	1

#### Input 2

Output

### XOR

- XOR is the short way to say "Exclusive OR"
- Like OR, XOR also only needs one input to be ON for it to spit out ON
- But unlike OR, when both inputs are ON, XOR spits out OFF
- It is also OFF when both inputs are OFF



### **XOR Truth Table**

#### Input 1

	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0

#### Input 2

Output

## Stacking Logic Gates!

- An output of one logic gate can be an input to another logic gate.
- This creates trees of gates that depend on each other.







### Example 3!



#### Logic gates actually look like weird bugs in real life!



However, the diagrams we use are easier to understand Any Questions??