Building D Flip Flops

- Combinational Circuit Components
 - Switches
 - Voltage inverters
- D Clocked Latch
 - Feedback to store bits
- D Flip Flop
 - Two D clocked latches



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D Clocked Latch



clock = L : Hold

clock = H : Load

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D Clocked Latch







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D Flip Flop vs. D Clocked Latch

- D flip flop
 - Triggered on positive edge of clock
 - Output Q (and state) changes only at a time instant
- D clocked latch
 - Output Q changes (with D) while clock is H
 - Output Q changes during a window of time
 - Trickier to use since lots of changes can happen during a time duration
 - Flip flops are preferred to latches in designing circuits
 - Latches are used in memory circuits, e.g., RAM





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Summary

- Combinational circuit components
 - switches and voltage inverters
- D clocked latch
 - Built from switches and voltage inverters
 - 2 configurations: load and hold
- D flip flop
 - Built from two D latches in series

