EECS 42 Introduction to Digital Electronics  
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Lecture # 10 Prof. King: Basic Digital Blocks  

- **20 Min Quiz**  
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- Logic Functions, Truth Tables  
- Circuit Symbols, Logic from Circuit  

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