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In principle, virtually any combinational logic circuit could be thought of as some kind of "decoder".


Here's a generic decoder.

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$B C D$ to 7 segment conversion is a good example of the use of a decoder.


Here's a BCD to 7 segment decoder, shown with a 7 segment display.


Operation for the input number 0


Operation for the input number 1


Operation for the input number 2


Operation for the input number 3


Operation for the input number 4


Operation for the input number 5


Operation for the input number 6


Operation for the input number 7


Operation for the input number 8


Operation for the input number 9

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There may be additional inputs on a decoder such as this to do things like turn all of the segments on or off for testing purposes.

