

Limitations:

This trainer is suitable for instructional purposes. The following

'real world' parameters are ignored:

- fan-out - a typical TTL gate output can only drive three to five

other TTL inputs. In this version, gate outputs can be

connected to an unlimited number of inputs.

- LEDs can be assumed to have an internal resistor which limits

the maximum current flow through them. In this simulation,

you can connect an LED directly to the +5 volt input. If a

current limiting resistor were not used, excessive current

would damage (fry/smoke) the LED.

- Timing diagrams can be used for a relative comparison of

signals. Changes in dip switches, for example, are centered

within the clock pulse where they occurred. No real-time

information is provided. The timing diagrams are an accurate

first approximation. Parameters such as propagation delay,

and set up times are ignored in this version of MacBreadboard.

- Feedback loops (ie tying a gates output to one of it's inputs)

is generally allowed, but only relative timing information can

be provided for asynchronous gates.