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"Bonj" <benjtaylor at hotpop d0t com> wrote:

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> Surely XOR requires binary, which was only invented in the 1940s or

> something?

> Why would people before the age of computers understand binary?

Are you serious??? Number bases are a part of mathematics. They have been used for thousands of years. The Mayans are supposed to have used base 60. Any society with an inclination towards mathematics probably played with base 2.

George Boole (for which "Boolean" is named) wrote a book called "The Laws Of Thought" in 1854. This book introduced what we now know as "Boolean logic", including rigorous definitions of NEGATION, AND, OR, and XOR.

No, despite the arrogance of most of us in the industry, and contrary to what the patent office would lead you to believe, the essential truth is that NOTHING about computers is new.

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