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Accessing the Cache



The Tag Array



Increasing Line Size



Associativity





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- 64 KB 16-way set-associative data cache array with 64 byte line sizes, assume a 40-bit address
- How many sets? 64
- How many index bits (6), offset bits (6), tag bits (28)?
- How large is the tag array (28 Kb)?

- 8 KB fully-associative data cache array with 64 byte line sizes, assume a 40-bit address
- How many sets? How many ways?
- How many index bits, offset bits, tag bits?
- How large is the tag array?

- 8 KB fully-associative data cache array with 64 byte line sizes, assume a 40-bit address
- How many sets (1)? How many ways (128)?
- How many index bits (0), offset bits (6), tag bits (34) ?
- How large is the tag array (544 bytes)?

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