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Lecture 31 – Caches II
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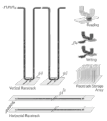
Hi to Yi Luo from Seattle, WA !

IBM'S "RACETRACK MEMORY"

In this week's *Science*, IBM researchers describe a new class of data storage, called racetrack memory, combining the data storage density of disk with the ruggedness and speed of flash memory (no moving parts). They store bits as magnetic fields on nanowires. They don't have a prototype, and say commercialization is about 7 years away. But, this could be something big!



www.technologyreview.com/Infotech/20553/

Direct-Mapped Cache Terminology

- All fields are read as unsigned integers.
- Index
  - specifies the cache index (or "row"/block)
- Tag
  - distinguishes betw the addresses that map to the same location
- Offset
  - specifies which byte within the block we want

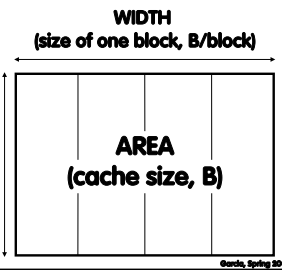
tttttttttttttttt	iiiiiiiiii	oooo
tag to check if have correct block	index to select block	byte offset within block

TIO Dan's great cache mnemonic

AREA (cache size, B)
= HEIGHT (# of blocks)
* WIDTH (size of one block, B/block)

$2^{(H+W)} = 2^H * 2^W$

Tag	Index	Offset



Caching Terminology

- When reading memory, 3 things can happen:
  - cache hit:
    cache block is valid and contains proper address, so read desired word
  - cache miss:
    nothing in cache in appropriate block, so fetch from memory
  - cache miss, block replacement:
    wrong data is in cache at appropriate block, so discard it and fetch desired data from memory (cache always copy)

Accessing data in a direct mapped cache

- Ex.: 16KB of data, direct-mapped, 4 word blocks
  - Can you work out height, width, area?
- Read 4 addresses
  1. 0x00000014
  2. 0x0000001C
  3. 0x00000034
  4. 0x00008014
- Memory vals here:

Memory

Address (hex)	Value of Word
...	...
00000010	a
00000014	b
00000018	c
0000001C	d
...	...
00000030	e
00000034	f
00000038	g
0000003C	h
...	...
00008010	i
00008014	j
00008018	k
0000801C	l
...	...

Accessing data in a direct mapped cache

- 4 Addresses:
  - 0x00000014, 0x0000001C,
    0x00000034, 0x00008014
- 4 Addresses divided (for convenience) into Tag, Index, Byte Offset fields

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00000000000000000000 0000000001 0100
00000000000000000000 0000000001 1100
00000000000000000000 0000000011 0100
00000000000000000010 0000000001 0100
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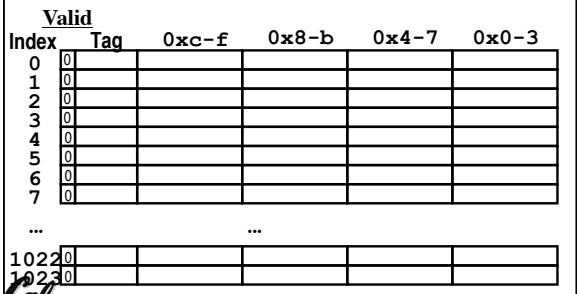
Tag Index Offset

16 KB Direct Mapped Cache, 16B blocks

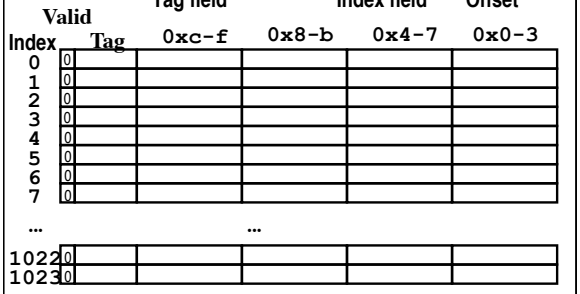
- Valid bit: determines whether anything is stored in that row (when computer initially turned on, all entries invalid)



1. Read 0x00000014

- 00000000000000000000 0000000001 0100

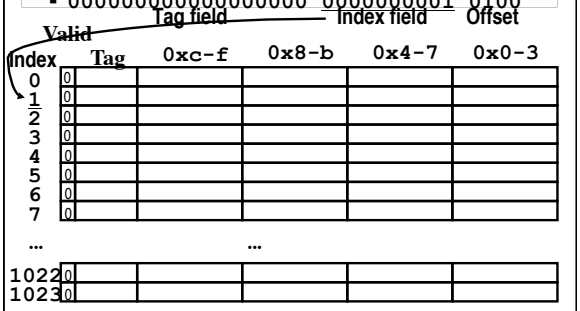
Tag field Index field Offset



So we read block 1 (0000000001)

- 00000000000000000000 0000000001 0100

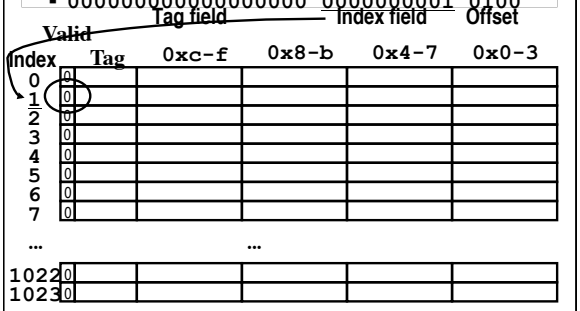
Tag field Index field Offset



No valid data

- 00000000000000000000 0000000001 0100

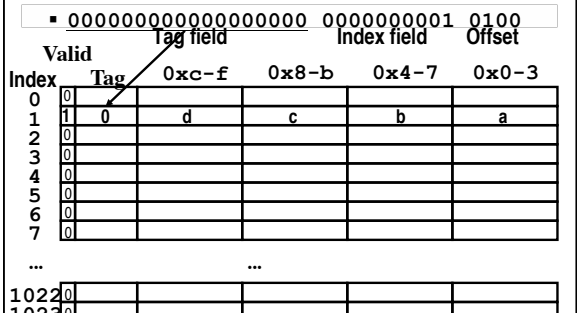
Tag field Index field Offset



So load that data into cache, setting tag, valid

- 00000000000000000000 0000000001 0100

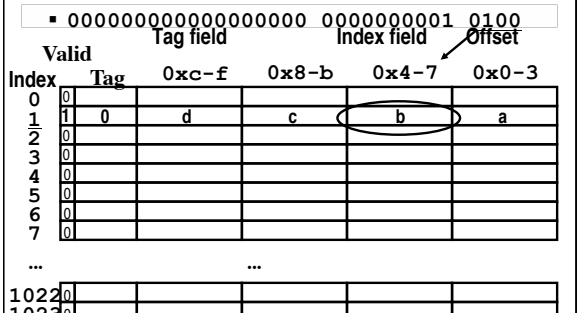
Tag field Index field Offset



Read from cache at offset, return word b

- 00000000000000000000 0000000001 0100

Tag field Index field Offset



2. Read 0x0000001C = 0…00 0..001 1100

- 00000000000000000000 0000000001 1100

Tag field | Index field | Offset

Index	Valid	Tag	0xc-f	0x8-b	0x4-7	0x0-3
0	0					
1	1	0	d	c	b	a
2	0					
3	0					
4	0					
5	0					
6	0					
7	0					
…				…		
1022	0					
1023	0					

Index is Valid

- 00000000000000000000 0000000001 1100

Tag field | Index field | Offset

Index	Valid	Tag	0xc-f	0x8-b	0x4-7	0x0-3
0	0					
1	1	0	d	c	b	a
2	0					
3	0					
4	0					
5	0					
6	0					
7	0					
…				…		
1022	0					
1023	0					

Index valid, Tag Matches

- 00000000000000000000 0000000001 1100

Tag field | Index field | Offset

Index	Valid	Tag	0xc-f	0x8-b	0x4-7	0x0-3
0	0					
1	1	0	d	c	b	a
2	0					
3	0					
4	0					
5	0					
6	0					
7	0					
…				…		
1022	0					
1023	0					

Index Valid, Tag Matches, return d

- 00000000000000000000 0000000001 1100

Tag field | Index field | Offset

Index	Valid	Tag	0xc-f	0x8-b	0x4-7	0x0-3
0	0					
1	1	0	d	c	b	a
2	0					
3	0					
4	0					
5	0					
6	0					
7	0					
…				…		
1022	0					
1023	0					

3. Read 0x00000034 = 0…00 0..011 0100

- 00000000000000000000 0000000011 0100

Tag field | Index field | Offset

Index	Valid	Tag	0xc-f	0x8-b	0x4-7	0x0-3
0	0					
1	1	0	d	c	b	a
2	0					
3	0					
4	0					
5	0					
6	0					
7	0					
…				…		
1022	0					
1023	0					

So read block 3

- 00000000000000000000 0000000011 0100

Tag field | Index field | Offset

Index	Valid	Tag	0xc-f	0x8-b	0x4-7	0x0-3
0	0					
1	1	0	d	c	b	a
2	0					
3	0					
4	0					
5	0					
6	0					
7	0					
…				…		
1022	0					
1023	0					

No valid data

- 00000000000000000000 0000000011 0100

Tag field | Index field | Offset

Index	Valid	Tag	0xc-f	0x8-b	0x4-7	0x0-3
0	0					
1	1	0	d	c	b	a
2	0					
3	0					
4	0					
5	0					
6	0					
7	0					
...				...		
1022	0					
1023	0					

Load that cache block, return word f

- 00000000000000000000 0000000011 0100

Tag field | Index field | Offset

Index	Valid	Tag	0xc-f	0x8-b	0x4-7	0x0-3
0	0					
1	1	0	d	c	b	a
2	0					
3	1	0	h	g	f	e
4	0					
5	0					
6	0					
7	0					
...				...		
1022	0					
1023	0					

4. Read 0x00008014 = 0…10 0..001 0100

- 00000000000000000010 0000000001 0100

Tag field | Index field | Offset

Index	Valid	Tag	0xc-f	0x8-b	0x4-7	0x0-3
0	0					
1	1	0	d	c	b	a
2	0					
3	1	0	h	g	f	e
4	0					
5	0					
6	0					
7	0					
...				...		
1022	0					
1023	0					

So read Cache Block 1, Data is Valid

- 00000000000000000010 0000000001 0100

Tag field | Index field | Offset

Index	Valid	Tag	0xc-f	0x8-b	0x4-7	0x0-3
0	0					
1	1	0	d	c	b	a
2	0					
3	1	0	h	g	f	e
4	0					
5	0					
6	0					
7	0					
...				...		
1022	0					
1023	0					

Cache Block 1 Tag does not match (0 != 2)

- 00000000000000000010 0000000001 0100

Tag field | Index field | Offset

Index	Valid	Tag	0xc-f	0x8-b	0x4-7	0x0-3
0	0					
1	1	0	d	c	b	a
2	0					
3	1	0	h	g	f	e
4	0					
5	0					
6	0					
7	0					
...				...		
1022	0					
1023	0					

Miss, so replace block 1 with new data & tag

- 00000000000000000010 0000000001 0100

Tag field | Index field | Offset

Index	Valid	Tag	0xc-f	0x8-b	0x4-7	0x0-3
0	0					
1	1	2	l	k	j	i
2	0					
3	1	0	h	g	f	e
4	0					
5	0					
6	0					
7	0					
...				...		
1022	0					
1023	0					

And return word J

- 00000000000000010 0000000001 0100

Tag field | Index field | Offset

Index	Valid	Tag	0xc-f	0x8-b	0x4-7	0x0-3
0	0					
1	1	2	l	k	j	i
2	0					
3	1	0	h	g	f	e
4	0					
5	0					
6	0					
7	0					
...				...		
1022	0					
1023	0					

Do an example yourself. What happens?

- Chose from: Cache: Hit, Miss, Miss w. replace
  Values returned: a ,b, c, d, e, ..., k, l
- Read address 0x00000030 ?
  00000000000000000 0000000011 0000
- Read address 0x0000001c ?
  00000000000000000 0000000001 1100

Cache Index	Valid	Tag	0x0-3	0x4-7	0x8-b	0xc-f
0	0					
1	1	2	l	k	j	i
2	0					
3	1	0	h	g	f	e
4	0					
5	0					
6	0					
7	0					
			...			

Answers

- 0x00000030 a hit
  Index = 3, Tag matches, Offset = 0, value = e
- 0x0000001c a miss
  Index = 1, Tag mismatch, so replace from memory, Offset = 0xc, value = d
- Since reads, values must = memory values whether or not cached:
  - 0x00000030 = e
  - 0x0000001c = d

Memory

Address (hex)	Value of Word
...	...
00000010	a
00000014	b
00000018	c
0000001C	d
...	...
00000030	e
00000034	f
00000038	g
0000003C	h
...	...
00008010	i
00008014	j
00008018	k
0000801C	l
...	...

Peer Instruction

A. Mem hierarchies were invented before 1950. (UNIVAC I wasn't delivered 'til 1951)

B. If you know your computer's cache size, you can often make your code run faster.

C. Memory hierarchies take advantage of spatial locality by keeping the most recent data items closer to the processor.

	ABC
0:	FFF
1:	FFT
2:	FTF
3:	FTT
4:	TFF
5:	TFT
6:	TTF
7:	TTT

Peer Instruction

1. All caches take advantage of spatial locality.
2. All caches take advantage of temporal locality.
3. On a read, the return value will depend on what is in the cache.

	ABC
0:	FFF
1:	FFT
2:	FTF
3:	FTT
4:	TFF
5:	TFT
6:	TTF
7:	TTT

And in Conclusion…

- Mechanism for transparent movement of data among levels of a storage hierarchy
  - set of address/value bindings
  - address ⇒ index to set of candidates
  - compare desired address with tag
  - service hit or miss
    - load new block and binding on miss

address: tag | index | offset

00000000000000000 0000000001 1100

	Valid	Tag	0xc-f	0x8-b	0x4-7	0x0-3
0						
1	1	0	d	c	b	a
2						
3						
...						