

- Effective memory access time - all access times to caches and memory added together
  - Tmm = 50 ns, 10% of accesses are main memory
  - Tcache = 5 ns, 90% of accesses are cache
  - $50\text{ns} * .1 + 5\text{ns} * .9 = 5\text{ns} + 4.5\text{ns} = 9.5\text{ns} = \text{effective memory access time}$
- Direct Mapping Cache
  - Maps each block to a specific line of the cache
  - Example - 32-bit address, block size of 8 words, 1024 line cache
    - Come up with the tag, line, and word ID
    - Because block size is 8, 3 bits are needed for the word ID
    - Line # - 10 bits because 1024 lines are needed
    - Because the address is 32-bits long, there are 19 bits left over for the tag
  - Where does address 0x3534AB92 lie?
    - 0011100100110100101|||0101110010|||010
    - Tag ||| Line # ||| Word ID
  - Because the routing is fixed, the same number of bits in an address are always sent the same way
  - XOR gate - 0 = bits equal, 1 = bits different
  - If different tags share the same line number, a problem of thrashing can happen
- Fully Associative Cache
  - Only tag and word ID exist, line # goes away
  - Allows any block to be stored in any line of the cache
  - Slowest type of cache and the most expensive
  - Thrashing does not exist
- Set Associative Cache
  - Groups lines of the cache into sets, each with K lines (k-way set associative)
  - Each block of memory is assigned or can be found in exactly one set
  - A balance between Direct Mapping and Fully Associative
  - It essentially breaks up one cache into many fully associative caches
  - Cheaper than Fully Associative, but not as fast as Direct Mapping
  - Tag ||| Set # ||| Word ID
  - Example
    - 4-way set associative - each set has 4 lines
    - Still have 3 bits for the word ID
    - # of sets =  $1024 = \text{\# of ways} * \text{\# of sets}$
    - Number of sets = 8 bits
    - That means the tag becomes 21 bits
- Discarding Data from the Cache
  - Least frequently used - throw out block that has been used the least
    - Counter is needed to know which one is least used
    - Problem is something was just loaded and then discarded
  - First in First out - throw out the oldest block
    - Timer is needed to know which one has been in the longest
    - Problem - something frequently used and old is discarded
  - Least Recently Used - throw out block that has been hit in the longest time
    - Timer is required, or a flag is required
    - Likely the best performer and the easiest to implement
  - Random - throw out at random
    - Worst performer but easiest and cheapest to implement