

Notation guide:

Parameter	Variable Name	Units
Block size	K (B in book)	bytes
Cache size	C	bytes (C) or blocks (C/K)
Associativity	E	none (“ways”)
Address width	m	bits
Tag field width	t	bits
Index field width	s	bits
Offset field width	k (b in book)	bits
Number of sets	S	none

Address translation:

Looking at the original address:

Most-significant bit →

Tag bits	Set index bits	Block offset bits
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 ←Least-significant bit

Things to think about:

block offset bits: If we have block size X , how many bits do we need to describe X things?

set index bits: If we have X sets, how many bits do we need to describe X things?

Formulas to remember:

Average Memory Access Time (AMAT) = Hit Time + Miss Rate \times Miss Penalty

General cache organization:

