

Example:

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}
m_iData = iData;
```

The current implementation waits the last iData++ store operation

References

A Load-Hit-Store can happen in code, even when it looks like it shouldn't.

```
void foo(int &count)
{
    count = 0;
    for (int i=0;i<100;++i) {
        if (Test(i)) {
            ++count;
        }
    }
}
```

→ memory bound

That code generates a Load-Hit-Store. How?

The variable "count" is memory bound. All writes to it, and in many cases reads, go through memory. Anytime a variable is memory bound and in a tight loop, it can cause Load-Hit-Stores. A way of fixing this is similar to the previous code example.

```
void foo(int &output)
{
    int count = 0;
    for (int i=0;i<100;++i) {
        if (Test(i)) {
            ++count;
        }
    }
    output = count; // Write the result
}
```

→ to local register

Eliminate int → float conversions

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```
for( DWORD i = 0; i<dwRingSegments; i++)
{
    FLOAT fAngle = (FLOAT)i * fAngleDelta;
```

```
    FLOAT fi = 0.0f; // Added a copy of i as a float
    for( DWORD i = 0; i<dwRingSegments; i++, fi+=1.0f ) // Inc fi
    {
        FLOAT fAngle = fi * fAngleDelta; // NO int to float conversion
```

*floating point compares
has their own issues*

VectorLoad-Hit-Store

The previous examples demonstrated how easy it is to cause Load-Hit-Store stalls with floating-point and integer transactions. The VMX register sets suffer from the same problem. It's common that some math operations could be done more efficiently in a VMX operation, but what if it involves non-vector data?

On the Xbox 360, the VMX register intrinsic `__vector4` is mapped onto a structure. Run-time accessing of the elements of the structure should be discouraged for the reason below.

```
XMVECTOR Radius = CalcBounds();
pOut->fRadius = Radius.x;
```

The second line creates a Load-Hit-Store because the VMX register is used as a structure. As a result, the compiler has to write the contents of the entire register to local memory; then the first element is read with a floating-point register, and only then is the value written into `pOut->fRadius`.

Here is a way to write the same code without incurring the hidden Load-Hit-Store:

```
XMVECTOR Radius = CalcBounds();
__stvevx(&pout->fRadius, __vspltw(Radius,0),0);
```

VMX has the ability to write any specific entry as a single float. The `vspltw()` operation will copy the requested entry into a temp vector register and the `stvevx()` operation will handle the writing the float. Using the compiler's feature of accessing the value isn't recommended.

CANNOT UNDERSTAND FOR NOW

Use `_restrict` or `unique_ptr` to avoid LHS

```
int slow( int * a, int * b)
{
    *a = 5;
    *b = 7;
    return *a + *b; // Stall! The compiler doesn't know whether
                    // a==b, so it has to reload both
                    // before the add
}

int fast( int *__restrict a, int *__restrict b)
{
    *a = 5;
    *b = 7;        // Restrict promises that a!=b
    return *a + *b; // No stall, a & b are in registers
}
```