

Project Report on Last Level Cache Simulator

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Introduction:

A cache is a hardware or software mechanism that stores data, enabling quicker access to frequently requested information. This data may originate from prior computations or be a duplicate of data stored elsewhere. When the needed data is found in the cache, it is termed a cache hit; if it is unavailable, it is called a cache miss. A higher cache hit rate enhances system performance, as retrieving data from the cache is significantly faster than recalculating it or accessing slower storage mediums.

Design Specifications:

The following specifications are used to implement the Last Level Cache:

Cache byte Line: 64 - byte
Total capacity: 16MB
Associativity: 16 - way
Coherence Protocol: MESI

Page Replacement Policy: Pseudo-LRUWrite decision policy: Write back

• Write Miss Decision policy: Write allocate

The following specifications are considered for the implementation of Higher level cache:

• Cache Byte Line: 64 - byte

• Write decision policy: Write through(once),

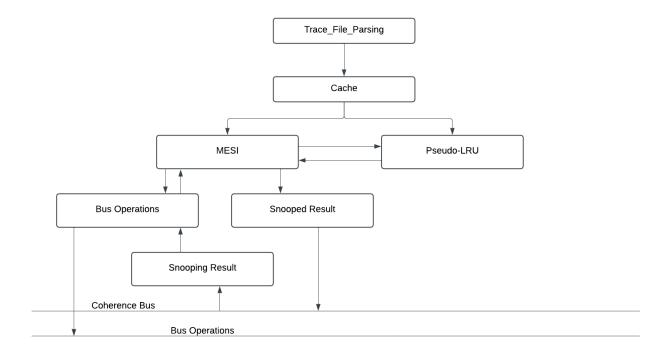
Write back

• Associativity: 4 - way

Assumptions:

- Single Byte addressable mode is used for write and read references.
- The CPU address is 32 bit wide

Design Architecture:



Source code modules:

The following files are used in our project:

cache_define.sv: The package file where all the variables are parameterized and have global scope.

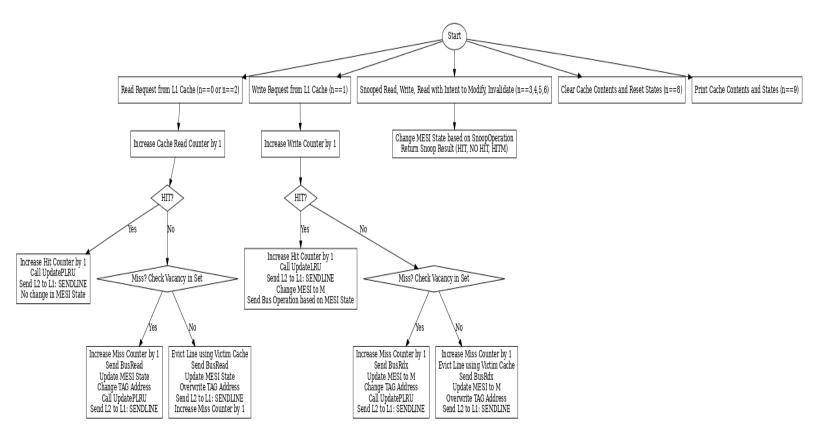
cache_design.sv: The main design file which performs all the operations read from the trace file.

Applications:

Caches are utilized in several ways:

- In GPUs and DSPs, caches are organized hierarchically to optimize performance.
- For translating virtual memory addresses to physical memory addresses, a specialized memory cache known as the Translation Lookaside Buffer (TLB) is used.
- Browsers maintain a cache to store data from previous browsing sessions, allowing faster access during future visits.

Execution Flow Chart



CACHE READ/WRITES

0 OBADBADO 1 1BADBAD0 0 2BADBAD0 1 3BADBAD0 0 4BADBAD0 1 5BADBAD0 0 6BADBAD0 1 7BADBAD0 0 8BADBAD0 1 9BADBAD0 0 ABADBAD0 1 BBADBAD0 0 CBADBAD0 1 DBADBAD0 0 EBADBAD0 1 FBADBAD0 1 1BADBAD0 0 DBADBAD0 0 EBADBAD0 18BADBAD0

Generated Output: # RUNNING IN SILENT MODE # Using specified file: test.txt # Valid Lines in LLC: # # MESI | TAG | SET | WAY | # S | Oba | 14059 | 0 | # M | 1ba | 14059 | 1 | # S | 2ba | 14059 | 2 | # M | 3ba | 14059 | 3 | # S | 4ba | 14059 | 4 | # M | 5ba | 14059 | 5 | # S | 6ba | 14059 | 6 | # -----# M | 7ba | 14059 | 7 |

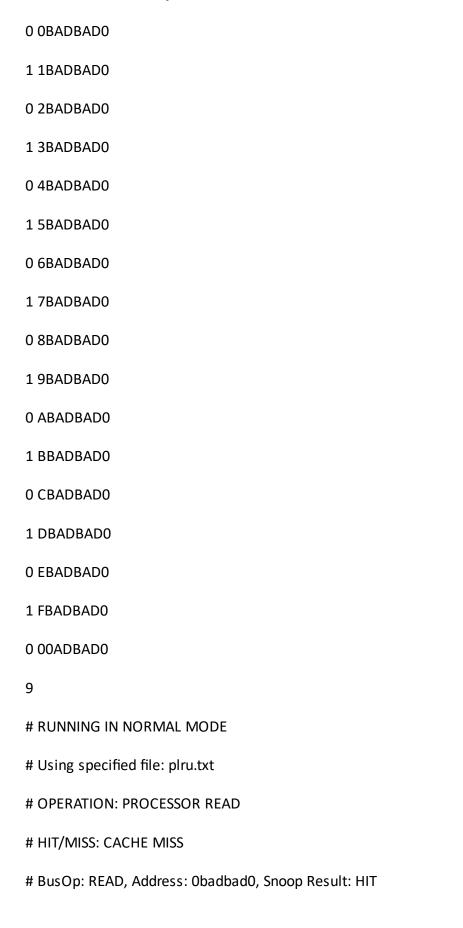
```
# M | 8ba | 14059 | 8 |
# M | 9ba | 14059 | 9 |
# S | aba | 14059 | 10 |
# M | bba | 14059 | 11 |
# S | cba | 14059 | 12 |
# M | dba | 14059 | 13 |
# S | eba | 14059 | 14 |
# M | fba | 14059 |
                      15 |
     PLRU of SET 14059 is 011011111010001
# CacheReads = 10
# CacheWrites = 10
# CacheHits=4
# CacheMisses=16
# Hit Ratio:0.20
```

PLRU

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Update PLRU BITS
0 OBADBADO
0 1BADBAD0
9
Output should be 00000010000000
# RUNNING IN NORMAL MODE
# Using specified file: plru.txt
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR READ
# HIT/MISS: CACHE MISS
# BusOp: READ, Address: ObadbadO, Snoop Result: HIT
#
# MESI State:S, TAG:0ba
# PLRU = 000000000000000
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR READ
# HIT/MISS: CACHE MISS
# BusOp: READ, Address: 1badbad0, Snoop Result: HIT
#
# MESI State:S, TAG:1ba
# PLRU = 00000010000000
```

```
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
#
# Valid Lines in LLC:
#
# MESI | TAG | SET | WAY |
# S | Oba | 14059 | 0 |
# S | 1ba | 14059 | 1 |
# *********************
    PLRU of SET 14059 is 000000010000000
# CacheReads = 2
# CacheWrites = 0
# CacheHits=0
# CacheMisses=2
# Hit Ratio:0.00
```

EVICTION to 0th Way since it is LRU and check the PLRU bits



```
# MESI State:S, TAG:0ba
# PLRU = 000000000000000
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
#
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR WRITE
# HIT/MISS: CACHE MISS
# BusOp: RWIM, Address: 1badbad0, Snoop Result: HITM
#
# MESI State:M, TAG:1ba
# PLRU = 00000010000000
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR READ
# HIT/MISS: CACHE MISS
# BusOp: READ, Address: 2badbad0, Snoop Result: HITM
#
# MESI State:S, TAG:2ba
# PLRU = 00000010001000
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
#
```

OPERATION: PROCESSOR WRITE

```
# HIT/MISS: CACHE MISS
# BusOp: RWIM, Address: 3badbad0, Snoop Result: HITM
#
# MESI State:M, TAG:3ba
# PLRU = 000000110001000
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
#
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR READ
# HIT/MISS: CACHE MISS
# BusOp: READ, Address: 4badbad0, Snoop Result: HITM
# MESI State:S, TAG:4ba
# PLRU = 000000110001010
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
#
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR WRITE
# HIT/MISS: CACHE MISS
# BusOp: RWIM, Address: 5badbad0, Snoop Result: HITM
#
# MESI State:M, TAG:5ba
# PLRU = 000001110001010
```

Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE

```
#
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR READ
# HIT/MISS: CACHE MISS
# BusOp: READ, Address: 6badbad0, Snoop Result: HITM
#
# MESI State:S, TAG:6ba
# PLRU = 000001110011010
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR WRITE
# HIT/MISS: CACHE MISS
# BusOp: RWIM, Address: 7badbad0, Snoop Result: HITM
#
# MESI State:M, TAG:7ba
# PLRU = 000011110011010
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
#
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR READ
# HIT/MISS: CACHE MISS
# BusOp: READ, Address: 8badbad0, Snoop Result: HITM
#
```

MESI State:S, TAG:8ba

```
# PLRU = 000011110011011
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR WRITE
# HIT/MISS: CACHE MISS
# BusOp: RWIM, Address: 9badbad0, Snoop Result: HITM
#
# MESI State:M, TAG:9ba
# PLRU = 000111110011011
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
#
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR READ
# HIT/MISS: CACHE MISS
# BusOp: READ, Address: abadbad0, Snoop Result: HITM
#
# MESI State:S, TAG:aba
# PLRU = 000111110111011
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR WRITE
```

HIT/MISS: CACHE MISS

```
# BusOp: RWIM, Address: bbadbadO, Snoop Result: HITM
#
# MESI State:M, TAG:bba
# PLRU = 001111110111011
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
#
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR READ
# HIT/MISS: CACHE MISS
# BusOp: READ, Address: cbadbad0, Snoop Result: HITM
#
# MESI State:S, TAG:cba
# PLRU = 001111110111111
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
#
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR WRITE
# HIT/MISS: CACHE MISS
# BusOp: RWIM, Address: dbadbad0, Snoop Result: HITM
#
# MESI State:M, TAG:dba
# PLRU = 011111110111111
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
```

```
#
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR READ
# HIT/MISS: CACHE MISS
# BusOp: READ, Address: ebadbad0, Snoop Result: HITM
#
# MESI State:S, TAG:eba
# PLRU = 011111111111111
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
#
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR WRITE
# HIT/MISS: CACHE MISS
# BusOp: RWIM, Address: fbadbad0, Snoop Result: HITM
#
# MESI State:M, TAG:fba
# PLRU = 111111111111111
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
#
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR READ
# HIT/MISS: CACHE MISS
# Message to Higher Level Cache: EVICTLINE
# BusOp: READ, Address: 00adbad0, Snoop Result: HITM
```

```
# MESI State:S, TAG:00a
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
# Valid Lines in LLC:
#
# MESI | TAG | SET | WAY |
# S | 00a | 14059 | 0 |
# M | 1ba | 14059 | 1 |
# S | 2ba | 14059 | 2 |
# -----
# M | 3ba | 14059 | 3 |
# S | 4ba | 14059 | 4 |
# M | 5ba | 14059 | 5 |
# S | 6ba | 14059 | 6 |
# -----
# M | 7ba | 14059 | 7 |
```

```
# S | 8ba | 14059 | 8 |
# M | 9ba | 14059 | 9 |
# S | aba | 14059 | 10 |
# M | bba | 14059 |
                      11 |
# S | cba | 14059 | 12 |
# M | dba | 14059 | 13 |
# S | eba | 14059 | 14 |
# M | fba | 14059 | 15 |
     PLRU of SET 14059 is 111111101110100
# CacheReads = 9
# CacheWrites = 8
# CacheHits=0
# CacheMisses=17
# Hit Ratio:0.00
```

PROCESSOR OPERATIONS

INVALIDATE STATE

0 0BADBAD0
0 1BADBAD3
5 OBADBADO
1 0BADBAD0
9
RUNNING IN NORMAL MODE
Using specified file: test.txt
OPERATION: PROCESSOR READ
HIT/MISS: CACHE MISS
BusOp: READ, Address: 0badbad0, Snoop Result: HIT
#
MESI State:S, TAG:0ba
PLRU = 0000000000000
Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
+++++
#
OPERATION: PROCESSOR READ
HIT/MISS: CACHE MISS
BusOp: READ, Address: 1badbad3, Snoop Result: NOHIT

```
# MESI State:E, TAG:1ba
# PLRU = 00000010000000
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
#
# Operation: SNOOPED READ WITH INTENT TO MODIFY
# SnoopResult: Address ObadbadO, SnoopResult: HITM
#
# Message to Higher Level Cache: INVALIDATELINE
# MESI:I
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR WRITE
# HIT/MISS: CACHE MISS
# BusOp: RWIM, Address: ObadbadO, Snoop Result: NOHIT
#
# MESI State:M, TAG:0ba
# PLRU = 000000000000000
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
#
# Valid Lines in LLC:
# MESI | TAG |
                 SET |
                         WAY |
```

Hit Ratio:0.00

SHARED STATE

```
0 OBADBADO
0 0BADBAD0
1 OBADBADO
3 OBADBADO
9
# RUNNING IN NORMAL MODE
# Using specified file: test.txt
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR READ
# HIT/MISS: CACHE MISS
# BusOp: READ, Address: ObadbadO, Snoop Result: HIT
#
# MESI State:S, TAG:0ba
# PLRU = 000000000000000
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
#
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR READ
# HIT/MISS: CACHE HIT
# MESI State:S, TAG:0ba
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
# PLRU = 000000000000000
```

```
#
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR WRITE
# HIT/MISS: CACHE HIT
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
# BusOp: INVALIDATE, Address: ObadbadO, Snoop Result: HIT
#
# MESI State:M, TAG:0ba
# PLRU = 000000000000000
#
# Operation: SNOOPED READ
# SnoopResult: Address ObadbadO, SnoopResult: HITM
#
# MESI:S
# Valid Lines in LLC:
#
# MESI | TAG | SET | WAY |
# S | Oba | 14059 | 0 |
# *****************
```

- # CacheReads = 2
- # CacheWrites = 1
- # CacheHits=2
- # CacheMisses=1
- # Hit Ratio:0.67

MODIFIED STATE

```
1 OBADBADO
0 OBADBADO
1 OBADBADO
9
# RUNNING IN NORMAL MODE
# Using specified file: test.txt
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR WRITE
# HIT/MISS: CACHE MISS
# BusOp: RWIM, Address: ObadbadO, Snoop Result: HIT
#
# MESI State:M, TAG:0ba
# PLRU = 000000000000000
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR READ
# HIT/MISS: CACHE HIT
# MESI State:M, TAG:0ba
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
# PLRU = 000000000000000
```

```
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR WRITE
# HIT/MISS: CACHE HIT
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
# MESI State:M, TAG:0ba
# PLRU = 000000000000000
#
# Valid Lines in LLC:
#
# MESI | TAG | SET | WAY |
# M | Oba | 14059 | 0 |
# **********************************
     # CacheReads = 1
# CacheWrites = 2
# CacheHits=2
# CacheMisses=1
```

#

Hit Ratio:0.67

EXCLUSIVE STATE

```
0 OBADBAD3
0 OBADBAD3
1 OBADBAD3
9
# RUNNING IN NORMAL MODE
# Using specified file: test.txt
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR READ
# HIT/MISS: CACHE MISS
# BusOp: READ, Address: Obadbad3, Snoop Result: NOHIT
#
# MESI State:E, TAG:0ba
# PLRU = 000000000000000
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR READ
# HIT/MISS: CACHE HIT
# MESI State:E, TAG:0ba
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
# PLRU = 000000000000000
```

```
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR WRITE
# HIT/MISS: CACHE HIT
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
# MESI State:M, TAG:0ba
# PLRU = 000000000000000
#
# Valid Lines in LLC:
#
# MESI | TAG | SET | WAY |
# M | Oba | 14059 | 0 |
# **********************************
     # CacheReads = 2
# CacheWrites = 1
# CacheHits=2
# CacheMisses=1
```

#

Hit Ratio:0.67

BUS OPERATIONS (SNOOPING)

INVALIDATE STATE

3 0BADBAD0
4 0BADBAD0
5 OBADBADO
6 OBADBADO
9
RUNNING IN NORMAL MODE
Using specified file: test.txt
Operation: SNOOPED READ
SnoopResult: Address ObadbadO, SnoopResult: NOHIT
#
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Operation: SNOOPED READ WITH INTENT TO MODIFY
SnoopResult: Address ObadbadO, SnoopResult: NOHIT
#
+++++
Operation: SNOOPED INVALIDATE
SnoopResult: Address ObadbadO, SnoopResult: NOHIT
#
+++++
Valid Lines in LLC:

```
# MESI | TAG | SET | WAY |

# No Valid Lines in LLC

# CacheReads = 0

# CacheWrites = 0

# CacheHits=0

# CacheMisses=0

# Hit Ratio:** Error (suppressible): (vsim-8604) cache_design.sv(156): NaN (not a number) resulted from a division operation.
```

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SHARED STATE

0 0BADBAD0
3 0BADBAD0
4 0BADBAD0
5 0BADBAD0
0 0BADBAD0
6 0BADBAD0
0 0BADBAD0
3 1BADBAD0
4 1BADBAD0
5 1BADBAD0
6 1BADBAD0
9
Output
RUNNING IN NORMAL MODE
Using specified file: test.txt
OPERATION: PROCESSOR READ
HIT/MISS: CACHE MISS
BusOp: READ, Address: ObadbadO, Snoop Result: HIT
#
MESI State:S, TAG:0ba
PLRU = 00000000000000
Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE

```
#
# Operation: SNOOPED READ
# SnoopResult: Address ObadbadO, SnoopResult: HIT
#
# MESI:S
# Operation: SNOOPED READ WITH INTENT TO MODIFY
# SnoopResult: Address ObadbadO, SnoopResult: HIT
#
# Message to Higher Level Cache: INVALIDATELINE
# MESI:I
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR READ
# HIT/MISS: CACHE MISS
# BusOp: READ, Address: ObadbadO, Snoop Result: HIT
#
# MESI State:S, TAG:0ba
# PLRU = 000000000000000
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
#
# Operation: SNOOPED INVALIDATE
```

SnoopResult: Address ObadbadO, SnoopResult: HIT

```
#
# Message to Higher Level Cache: INVALIDATELINE
# MESI:I
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR READ
# HIT/MISS: CACHE MISS
# BusOp: READ, Address: ObadbadO, Snoop Result: HIT
#
# MESI State:S, TAG:0ba
# PLRU = 000000000000000
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
#
# Operation: SNOOPED READ
# SnoopResult: Address 1badbad0, SnoopResult: NOHIT
#
# Operation: SNOOPED READ WITH INTENT TO MODIFY
# SnoopResult: Address 1badbad0, SnoopResult: NOHIT
#
# Operation: SNOOPED INVALIDATE
# SnoopResult: Address 1badbad0, SnoopResult: NOHIT
```

Hit Ratio:0.00

MODIFIED STATE

1 OBADBADO
3 0BADBAD0
1 0BADBAD0
4 0BADBAD0
1 0BADBAD0
5 0BADBAD0
1 0BADBAD0
3 1BADBAD0
1 0BADBAD0
4 1BADBAD0
1 0BADBAD0
5 1BADBAD0
1 0BADBAD0
6 1BADBAD0
9
RUNNING IN NORMAL MODE
Using specified file: test.txt
OPERATION: PROCESSOR WRITE
HIT/MISS: CACHE MISS
BusOp: RWIM, Address: ObadbadO, Snoop Result: HIT

```
# MESI State:M, TAG:0ba
# PLRU = 000000000000000
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
#
# Operation: SNOOPED READ
# SnoopResult: Address ObadbadO, SnoopResult: HITM
#
# MESI:S
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR WRITE
# HIT/MISS: CACHE HIT
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
# BusOp: INVALIDATE, Address: ObadbadO, Snoop Result: HIT
#
# MESI State:M, TAG:0ba
# PLRU = 000000000000000
#
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR WRITE
# HIT/MISS: CACHE HIT
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
# MESI State:M, TAG:0ba
```

PLRU = 000000000000000

```
#
# Operation: SNOOPED READ WITH INTENT TO MODIFY
# SnoopResult: Address ObadbadO, SnoopResult: HITM
#
# Message to Higher Level Cache: GETLINE
# Message to Higher Level Cache: INVALIDATELINE
# MESI:I
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR WRITE
# HIT/MISS: CACHE MISS
# BusOp: RWIM, Address: ObadbadO, Snoop Result: HIT
#
# MESI State:M, TAG:0ba
# PLRU = 000000000000000
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
#
# Operation: SNOOPED READ
# SnoopResult: Address 1badbad0, SnoopResult: NOHIT
#
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR WRITE
```

HIT/MISS: CACHE HIT

```
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
# MESI State:M, TAG:0ba
# PLRU = 000000000000000
#
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR WRITE
# HIT/MISS: CACHE HIT
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
# MESI State:M, TAG:0ba
# PLRU = 000000000000000
# Operation: SNOOPED READ WITH INTENT TO MODIFY
# SnoopResult: Address 1badbad0, SnoopResult: NOHIT
#
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR WRITE
# HIT/MISS: CACHE HIT
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
# MESI State:M, TAG:0ba
# PLRU = 000000000000000
#
```

Operation: SNOOPED INVALIDATE

```
# SnoopResult: Address 1badbad0, SnoopResult: NOHIT
#
# Valid Lines in LLC:
#
# MESI | TAG | SET | WAY |
# M | Oba | 14059 | 0 |
#
             000000000000000
# CacheReads = 0
# CacheWrites = 7
# CacheHits=5
# CacheMisses=2
# Hit Ratio:0.71
```

EXCLUSIVE STATE

0 0BADBAD3
3 0BADBAD3
5 0BADBAD3
0 0BADBAD3
5 OBADBAD3
0 0BADBAD3
9
RUNNING IN NORMAL MODE
Using specified file: test.txt
OPERATION: PROCESSOR READ
HIT/MISS: CACHE MISS
BusOp: READ, Address: Obadbad3, Snoop Result: NOHIT
#
MESI State:E, TAG:0ba
PLRU = 0000000000000
Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
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#
Operation: SNOOPED READ
SnoopResult: Address Obadbad3, SnoopResult: HIT

```
# MESI:S
# Operation: SNOOPED READ WITH INTENT TO MODIFY
# SnoopResult: Address Obadbad3, SnoopResult: HIT
#
# Message to Higher Level Cache: INVALIDATELINE
# MESI:I
# OPERATION: PROCESSOR READ
# HIT/MISS: CACHE MISS
# BusOp: READ, Address: Obadbad3, Snoop Result: NOHIT
# MESI State:E, TAG:0ba
# PLRU = 000000000000000
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
#
# Operation: SNOOPED READ WITH INTENT TO MODIFY
# SnoopResult: Address Obadbad3, SnoopResult: HIT
#
# Message to Higher Level Cache: INVALIDATELINE
# MESI:I
```

OPERATION: PROCESSOR READ

```
# HIT/MISS: CACHE MISS
# BusOp: READ, Address: Obadbad3, Snoop Result: NOHIT
#
# MESI State:E, TAG:0ba
# PLRU = 000000000000000
# Message to Higher Level Cache: SENDLINE
#
# Valid Lines in LLC:
#
# MESI | TAG | SET | WAY |
# E | Oba |
             14059 | 0 |
#
# CacheReads = 3
# CacheWrites = 0
# CacheHits=0
# CacheMisses=3
# Hit Ratio:0.00
```