

Cache hit / miss

Cache Hit কী?

 যখন requested data cache-এই পাওয়া যায়

→ DB-তে যেতে হয় না

Flow (Hit)

Client → Server → Cache  → Response

Benefits

- Very low latency
- DB load zero
- Fast user experience

Interview line:

“A cache hit means the data is served directly from cache with minimal latency.”

Cache Miss কী?

 যখন cache-এ data নাই বা expire হয়ে গেছে

→ DB-তে যেতে হয়

Flow (Miss)

Client → Server → Cache ❌

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Database

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Cache store

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Response

❌ Problems

- Slower response
- DB load increases

📌 Interview line:

“On a cache miss, the system falls back to the database and populates the cache.”

Hit vs Miss (Quick Compare)

Topic	Cache Hit	Cache Miss
Speed	⚡ Fast	🐢 Slow
DB Access	❌	✅
Latency	Low	High
Cost	Cheap	Expensive

Cache Hit Ratio (VERY IMPORTANT)

Formula

Hit Ratio = Cache Hits / Total Requests

Example:

900 hits / 1000 requests = 90% hit ratio

FAANG rule of thumb:

Higher hit ratio = better performance

How to Improve Cache Hit?

- Cache frequently used data
- Proper TTL
- Right cache key design
- Avoid over-invalidation

Cache Miss Types (Interview Bonus)

1. Cold Start Miss

- Cache just started
- No data yet

2. Capacity Miss

- Cache memory full
- Data evicted

3. Invalidation Miss

- Data expired or removed

FAANG Cheat Sentences

- “We aim for a high cache hit ratio to reduce database load.”
- “Cache miss triggers a fallback to the database.”
- “Cache hit improves latency significantly.”

One-Line Memory Hook

Hit = Happy path

Miss = DB path