Direct Mapped Cache w/ 4-word blocks

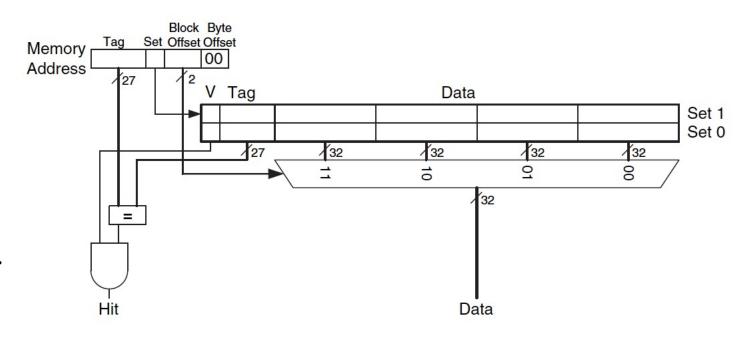
MUX to select the word within the block.

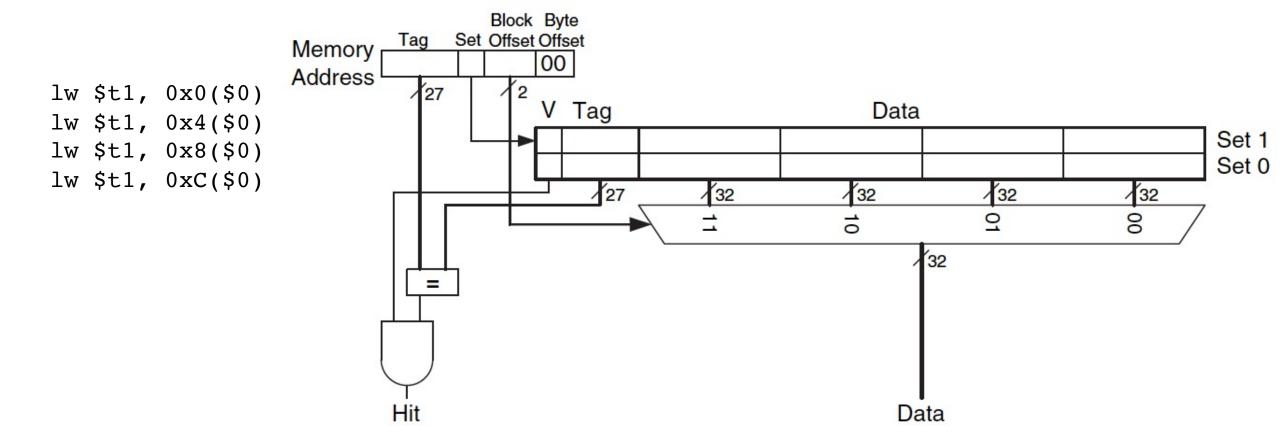
MSB 27 bits form the tag.

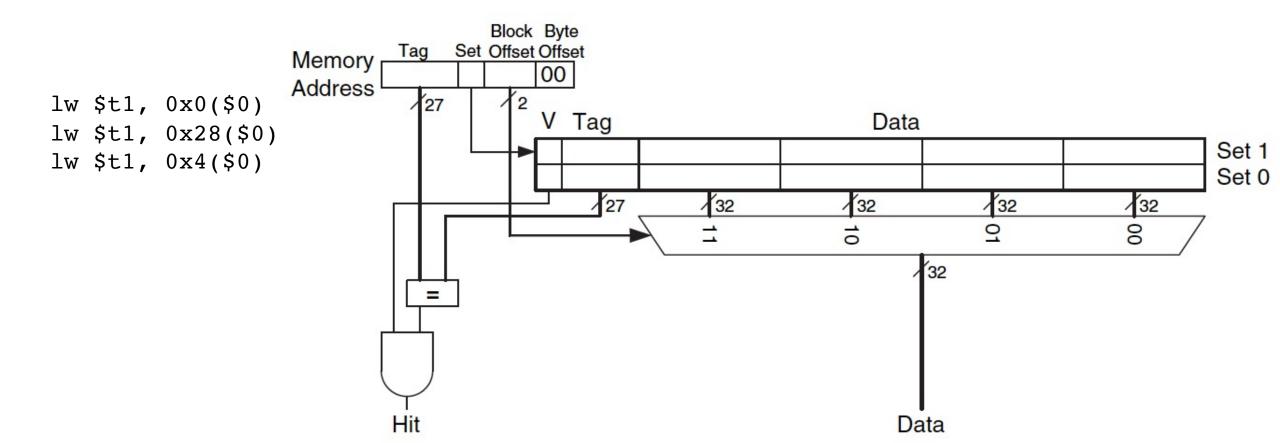
Only one tag needed since the words in the block are at consecutive addresses.

Remaining 27 bits are the tag.

Note the order of the set bit and the block offset bits – set bit is on the left (more significant) side

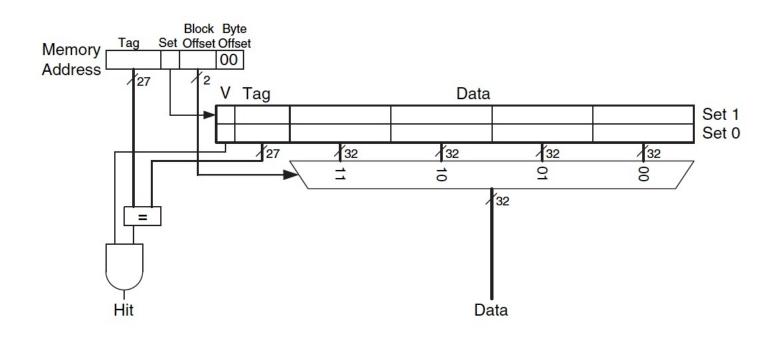






Grabbing a Block

The address requested is not necessarily the first address in the block!



Grabbing a Block

• Assume we have a block size of 16 bytes (4 words)

• When address 0x000000A4 is requested, what memory addresses are pulled into the cache?