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¹ Register: The CPUs scratchpad





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MELTDOWN: READING FORBIDDEN DATA



Meltdown basically works like this:

- READ secret from forbidden address
 - 1 Check that program may read from address
 - Store the read value in register
- Stash away secret
 - Magic
- Retrieve secret (later)

μOPs: 1 2 1