

Comp 411 Computer Organization
Spring 2010

Problem Set #8 (last one)

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Homework Information: Some of the problems are probably too long to be attempted the night before the due date, so plan accordingly. Late homework will not be accepted. Feel free to get help from others, but the work you hand in should be your own.

A certain 32-bit, byte-addressable processor supports 128 Kbyte virtual memory page size. All page-table entries are stored in main memory. The results of these translations are cached in a 4-way set-associative translation look-aside buffer (TLB) with a total of 64 entries. On TLB misses a LRU replacement strategy is used. The next 5 questions refer to this processor.

1. Given a computer system with 2^{28} bytes of physical memory, how many bits of each page-table entry are needed to specify the physical page number?
2. Assuming that each page-table entry occupies 4 bytes, how many memory pages does the page table occupy?
3. What is the maximum size of a process' working set that can achieve a 100% TLB hit rate? (that is after the initial compulsory misses)
4. Which of the virtual address bits would most likely be used to index a candidate set in the TLB cache?
5. How many bits are required for tag field of each TLB entry?