



8086- Architecture: Features

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- *It is a 16-bit μ p.*
- *8086 has a 20 bit address bus can access up to 2^{20} memory locations (1 MB).*
- *It can support up to 64K I/O ports.*
- *It provides 14, 16 -bit registers.*
- *Word size is 16 bits and double word size is 4 bytes.*
- *It has multiplexed address and data bus AD0- AD15 and A16 – A19.*
- *It requires single phase clock with 33% duty cycle to provide internal timing.*

- ***8086 is designed to operate in two modes, Minimum and Maximum.***
- ***It can prefetches up to 6 instruction bytes from memory and queues them in order to speed up instruction execution.***
- ***It requires +5V power supply.***
- ***A 40 pin dual in line package.***
- ***Address ranges from 00000H to FFFFFFFH***
- ***Memory is byte addressable - Every byte has a separate address.***

Intel 8086 Internal Architecture

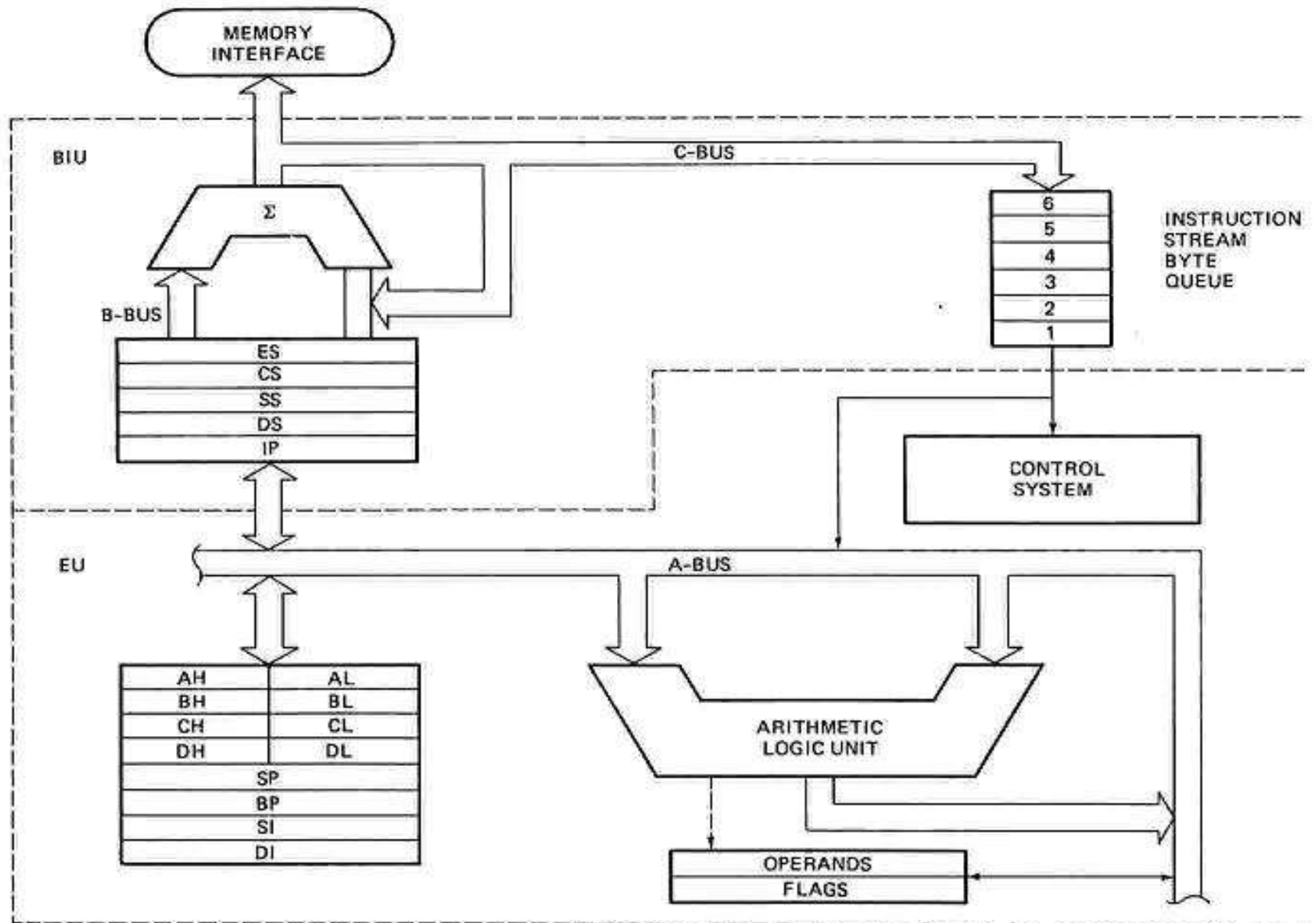


FIGURE 8086 internal block diagram. (Intel Corp.)

Internal architecture of 8086

- 8086 has two blocks **BIU** and **EU**.
- The BIU handles all transactions of data and addresses on the buses for EU.
- The BIU performs all bus operations such as instruction fetching, reading and writing operands for memory and calculating the addresses of the memory operands. The instruction bytes are transferred to the instruction queue.
- EU executes instructions from the instruction system byte queue.

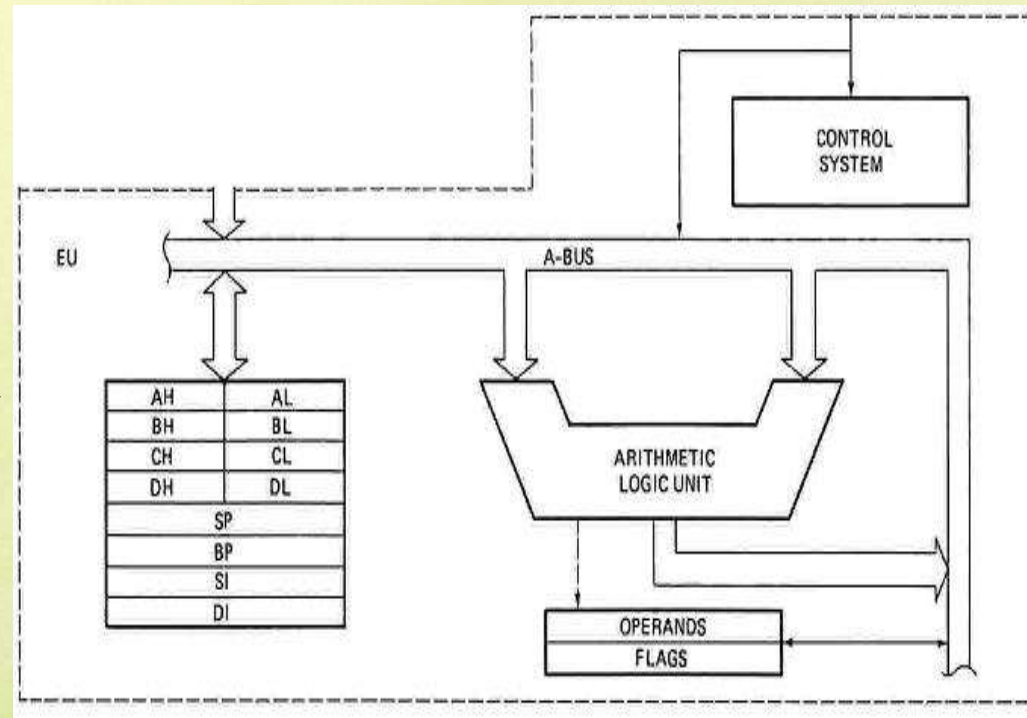
- Both units operate **asynchronously** to give the 8086 an overlapping instruction fetch and execution mechanism which is called as **Pipelining**. This results in efficient use of the system bus and system performance.
- BIU contains Instruction queue, Segment registers, Instruction pointer, Address adder.
- EU contains Control circuitry, Instruction decoder, ALU, Pointer and Index register, Flag register.

EXECUTION UNIT

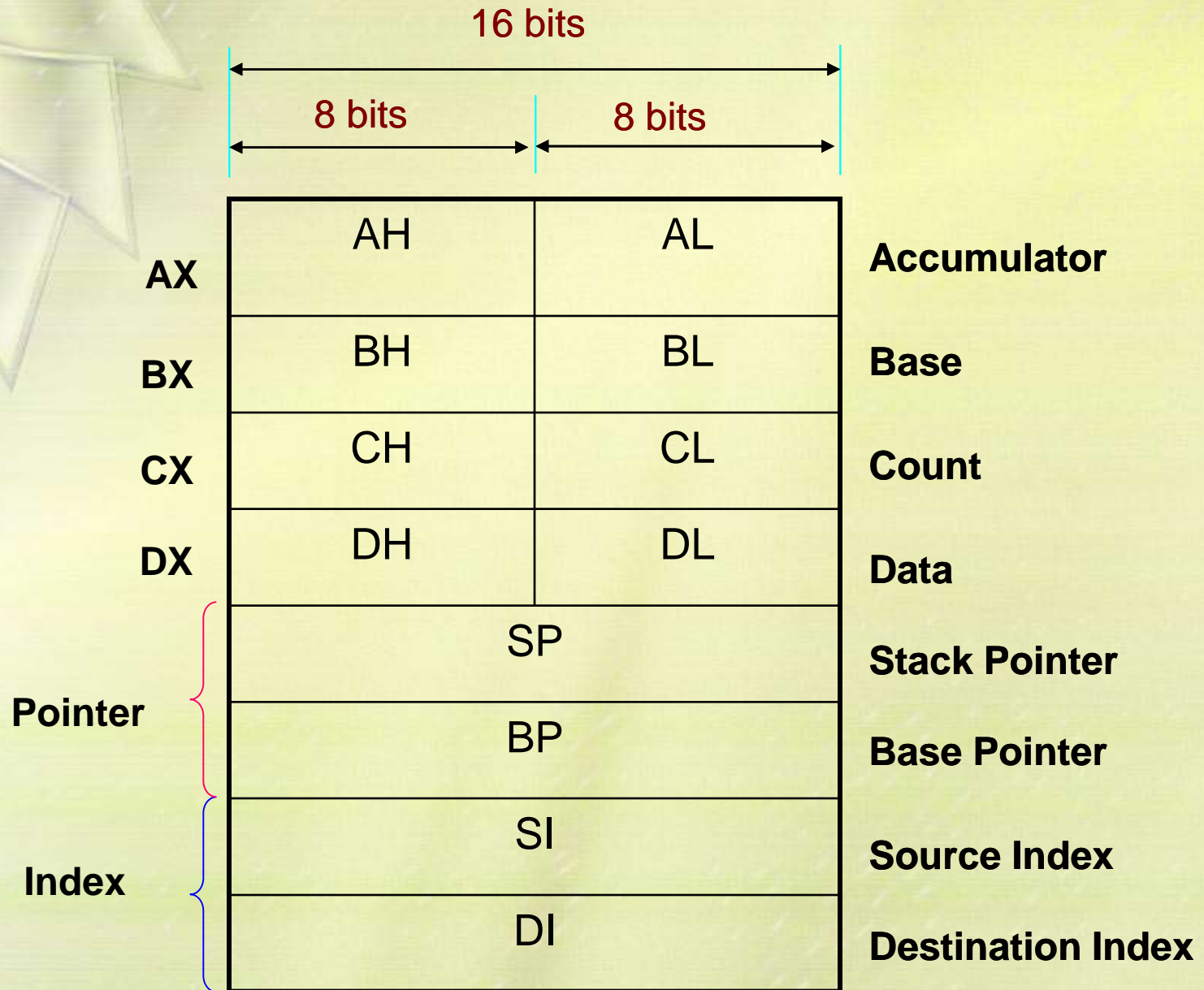
- Decodes instructions fetched by the BIU
- Generate control signals,
- Executes instructions.

The main parts are:

- Control Circuitry
- Instruction decoder
- ALU



EXECUTION UNIT – General Purpose Registers



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Register	Purpose
AX	Word multiply, word divide, word I /O
AL	Byte multiply, byte divide, byte I/O, decimal arithmetic
AH	Byte multiply, byte divide
BX	Store address information
CX	String operation, loops
CL	Variable shift and rotate
DX	Word multiply, word divide, indirect I/O (Used to hold I/O address during I/O instructions. If the result is more than 16-bits, the lower order 16-bits are stored in accumulator and higher order 16-bits are stored in DX register)

Pointer And Index Registers

- used to **keep offset addresses**.
- Used in various forms of memory addressing.
- In the case of SP and BP the default reference to form a physical address is the Stack Segment (SS- will be discussed under the BIU)
- The index registers (SI & DI) and the BX generally default to the Data segment register (DS).

SP: Stack pointer

- Used with SS to access the stack segment

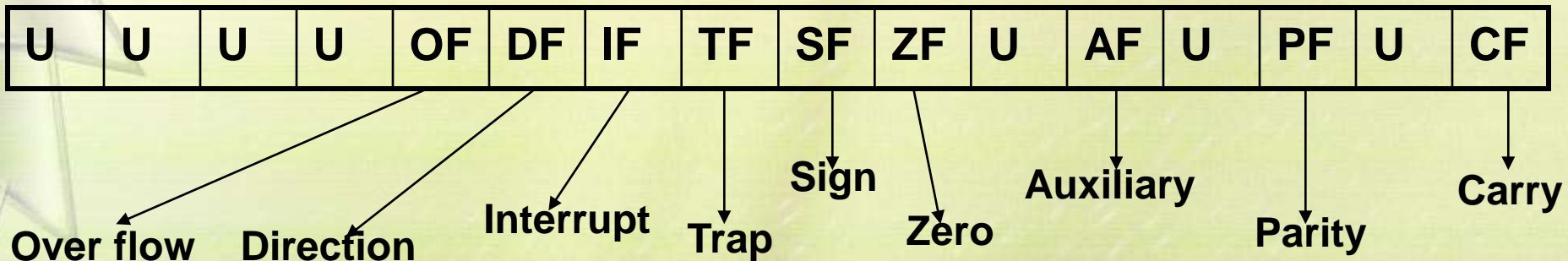
BP: Base Pointer

- Primarily used to access data on the stack
- Can be used to access data in other segments

- **SI: Source Index register**
 - is required for some string operations
 - When string operations are performed, the SI register points to memory locations in the data segment which is addressed by the DS register. Thus, SI is associated with the DS in string operations.
- **DI: Destination Index register**
 - is also required for some string operations.
 - When string operations are performed, the DI register points to memory locations in the data segment which is addressed by the ES register. Thus, DI is associated with the ES in string operations.
- The SI and the DI registers may also be used to access data stored in arrays

EXECUTION UNIT – Flag Register

- A flag is a **flip flop** which **indicates some conditions** produced by the execution of an instruction or **controls certain operations** of the EU .
- In 8086 The EU contains
 - a 16 bit flag register
 - 9 of the 16 are active flags and remaining 7 are undefined.
 - 6 flags indicates some conditions- status flags
 - 3 flags –control Flags



U - Unused

EXECUTION UNIT – Flag Register

Flag	Purpose
Carry (CF)	Holds the carry after addition or the borrow after subtraction. Also indicates some error conditions, as dictated by some programs and procedures .
Parity (PF)	PF=0;odd parity, PF=1;even parity.
Auxiliary (AF)	Holds the carry (half – carry) after addition or borrow after subtraction between bit positions 3 and 4 of the result (for example, in BCD addition or subtraction.)
Zero (ZF)	Shows the result of the arithmetic or logic operation. Z=1; result is zero. Z=0; The result is 0
Sign (SF)	Holds the sign of the result after an arithmetic/logic instruction execution. S=1; negative, S=0

Flag

Purpose

Trap (TF)	<p>A control flag.</p> <p>Enables the trapping through an on-chip debugging feature.</p>
Interrupt (IF)	<p>A control flag.</p> <p>Controls the operation of the INTR (interrupt request) I=0; INTR pin disabled. I=1; INTR pin enabled.</p>
Direction (DF)	<p>A control flag.</p> <p>It selects either the increment or decrement mode for DI and /or SI registers during the string instructions.</p>
Overflow (OF)	<p>Overflow occurs when signed numbers are added or subtracted. An overflow indicates the result has exceeded the capacity of the Machine</p>

Execution unit – Flag Register

- **Six** of the flags are **status indicators** reflecting properties of the last arithmetic or logical instruction.
- For example, if register AL = 7Fh and the instruction ADD AL,1 is executed then the following happen

AL = 80h

CF = 0; there is no carry out of bit 7

PF = 0; 80h has an odd number of ones

AF = 1; there is a carry out of bit 3 into bit 4

ZF = 0; the result is not zero

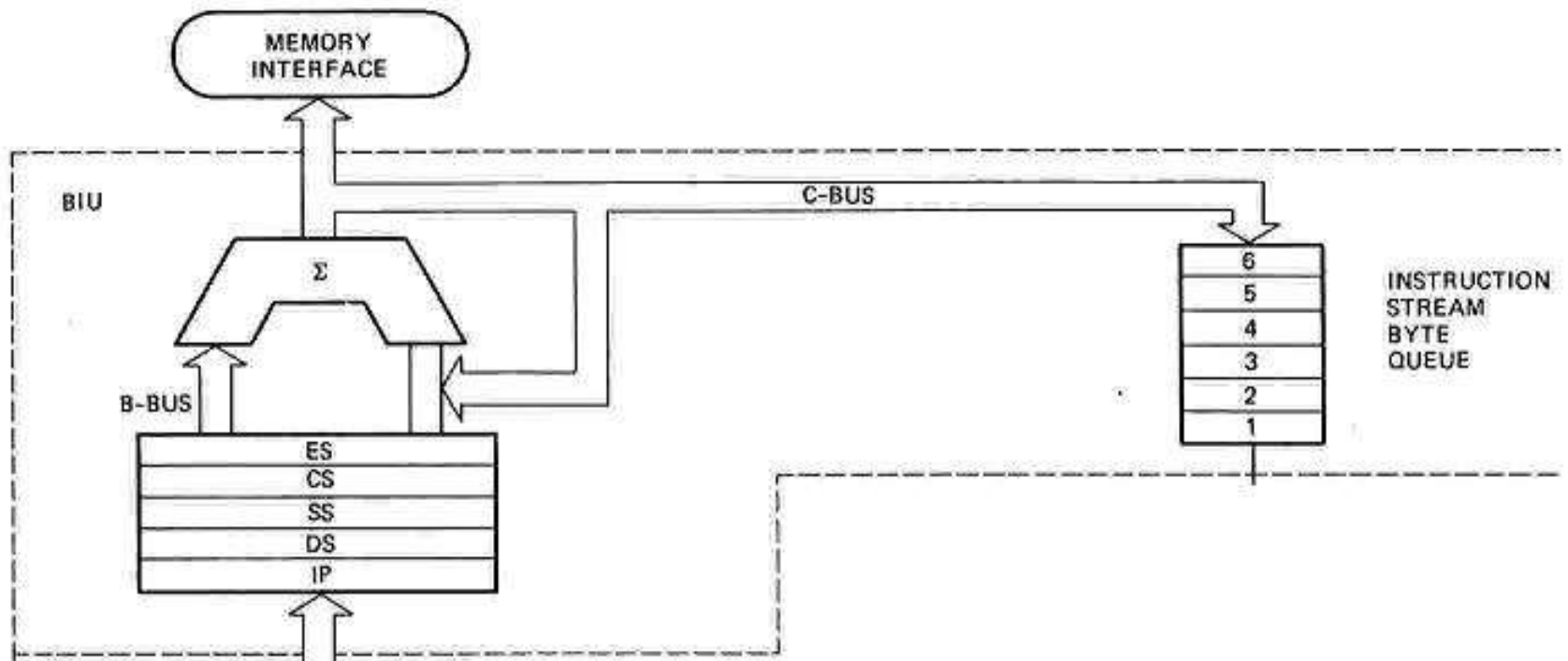
SF = 1; bit seven is one

OF = 1; the sign bit has changed

BUS INTERFACE UNIT (BIU)

Contains

- 6-byte Instruction Queue (Q)
- The Segment Registers (CS, DS, ES, SS).
- The Instruction Pointer (IP).
- The Address Summing block (Σ)

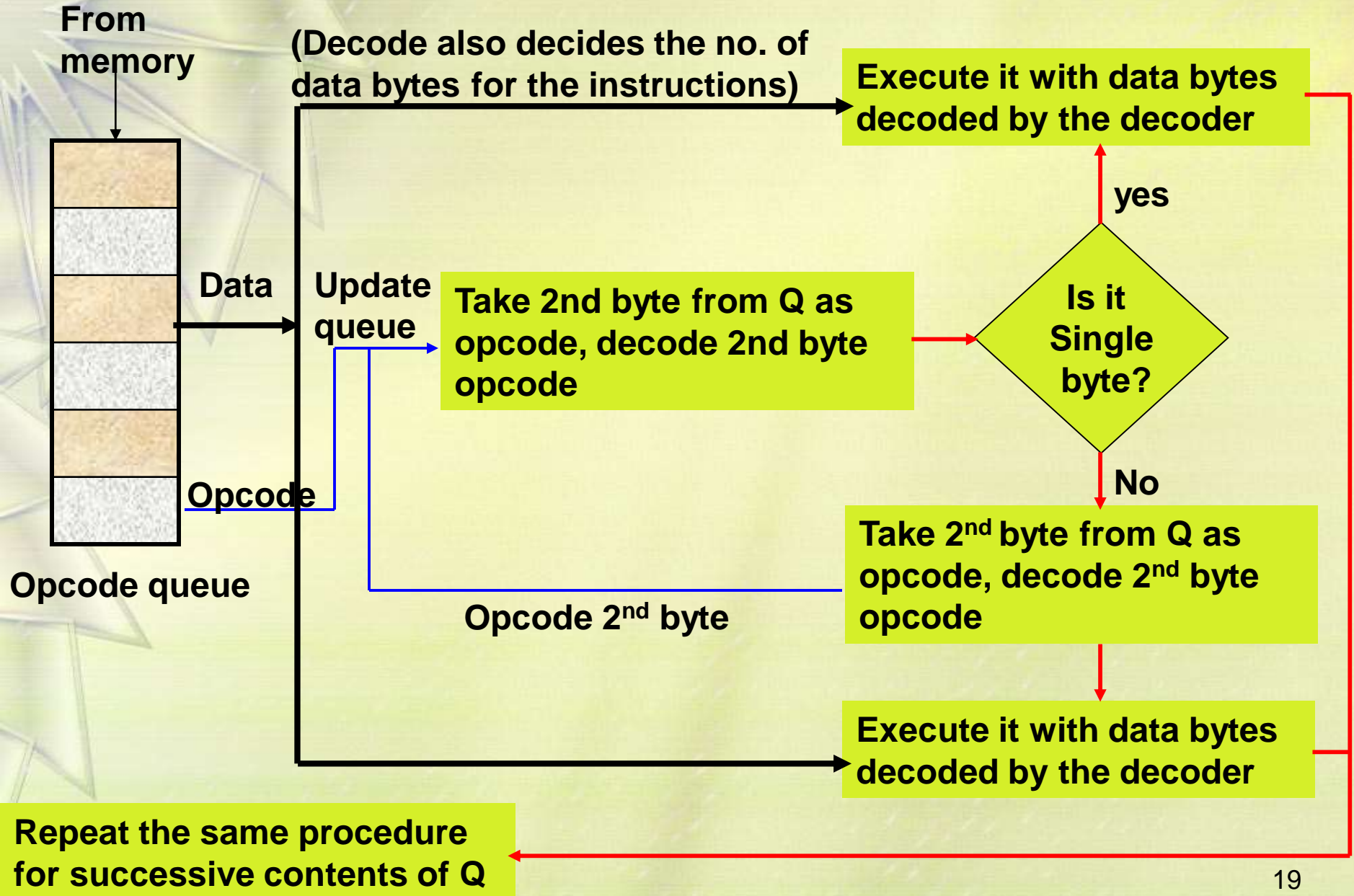


THE QUEUE (Q)

- The BIU uses a mechanism known as an **instruction stream queue** to implement a ***pipeline architecture***.
- This queue permits pre-fetch of up to **6 bytes** of instruction code. Whenever the queue of the BIU is not full, it has room for at least two more bytes and at the same time the EU is not requesting it to read or write operands from memory, the BIU is free to look ahead in the program by pre-fetching the next sequential instruction.

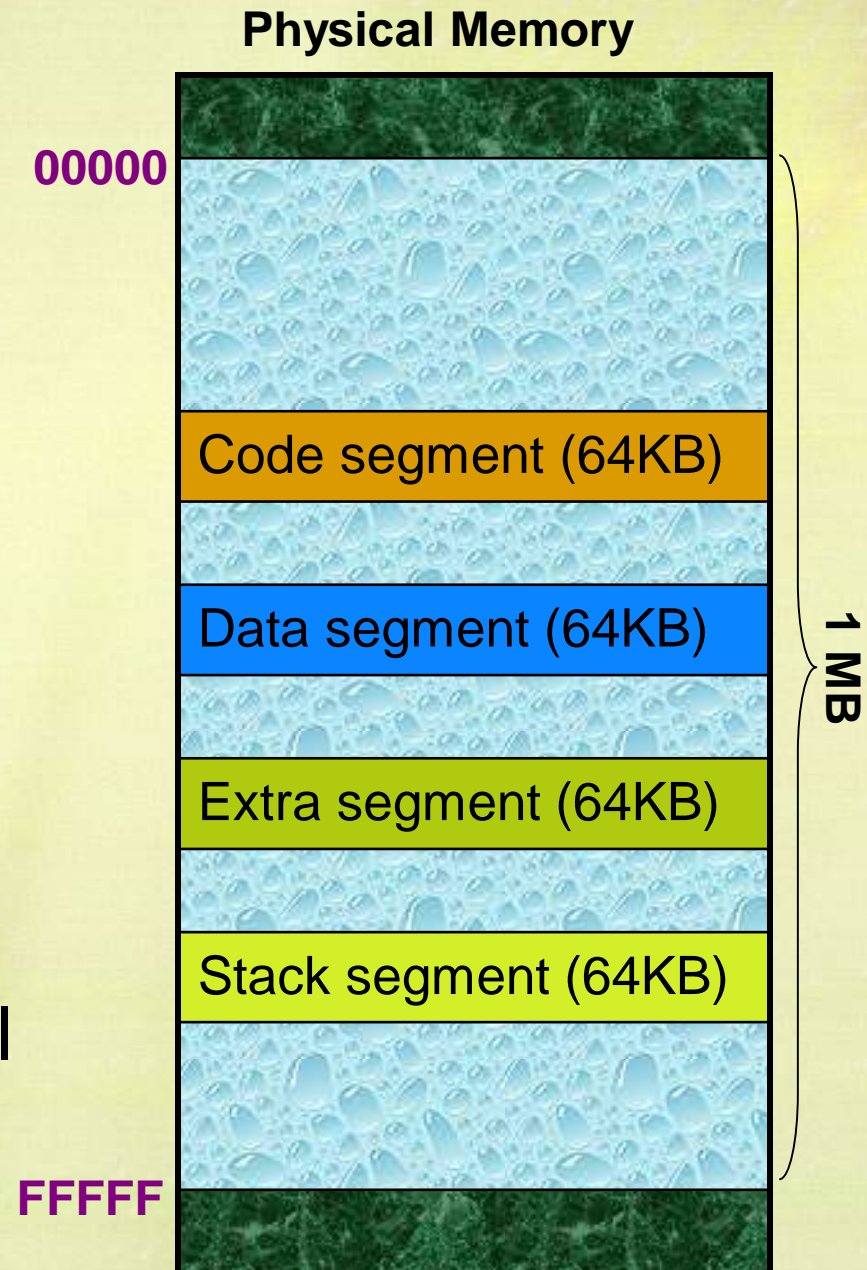
- These pre-fetching instructions are held in its **FIFO queue**. With its **16** bit data bus, the BIU fetches two instruction bytes in a single memory cycle.
- After a byte is loaded at the input end of the queue, it automatically shifts up through the **FIFO** to the empty location nearest the output.
- The **EU accesses the queue from the output end**. It reads one instruction byte after the other from the output of the queue.
- The intervals of no bus activity, which may occur between bus cycles are known as **idle state**.

The Queue Operation



Segmented Memory

- The memory in an 8086/88 based system is organized as segmented memory.
- The CPU 8086 is able to address 1Mbyte of memory.
- The Complete physically available memory may be divided into a number of logical segments.



- The size of each segment is 64 KB
 - A segment is an area that begins at any location which is divisible by 16.
 - A segment may be located any where in the memory
 - Each of these segments can be used for a specific function.
 - Code segment is used for storing the instructions.
 - The stack segment is used as a stack and it is used to store the return addresses.
 - The data and extra segments are used for storing data byte.
- * In the assembly language programming, more than one data/ code/ stack segments can be defined. But only one segment of each type can be accessed at any time.**

- The 4 segments are Code, Data, Extra and Stack segments.
- A Segment is a 64kbyte block of memory.
- The 16 bit contents of the segment registers in the BIU actually point to the starting location of a particular segment.
- **Segments may be overlapped or non-overlapped**

Advantages of Segmented memory Scheme

- Allows the memory capacity to be 1Mb although the actual addresses to be handled are of 16 bit size.
- Allows the placing of code, data and stack portions of the same program in different parts (segments) of the m/y, for data and code protection.
- Permits a program and/or its data to be put into different areas of memory each time program is executed, i.e. provision for relocation may be done .
- The segment registers are used to allow the instruction, data or stack portion of a program to be more than 64Kbytes long. The above can be achieved by using more than one code, data or stack segments.

Segment registers

- In 8086/88 the processors have 4 segments registers
- Code Segment register (CS), Data Segment register (DS), Extra Segment register (ES) and Stack Segment (SS) register.
- All are 16 bit registers.
- Each of the Segment registers store the upper 16 bit address of the starting address of the corresponding segments.

CS Register

This register contains the initial address of the code segment. This address plus the offset value contained in the instruction pointer (IP) indicates the address of an instruction to be fetched for execution.

SS Register

The stack segment register contains the initial address of the stack segment. This address plus the value contained in the stack pointer (SP) is used for stack operations.

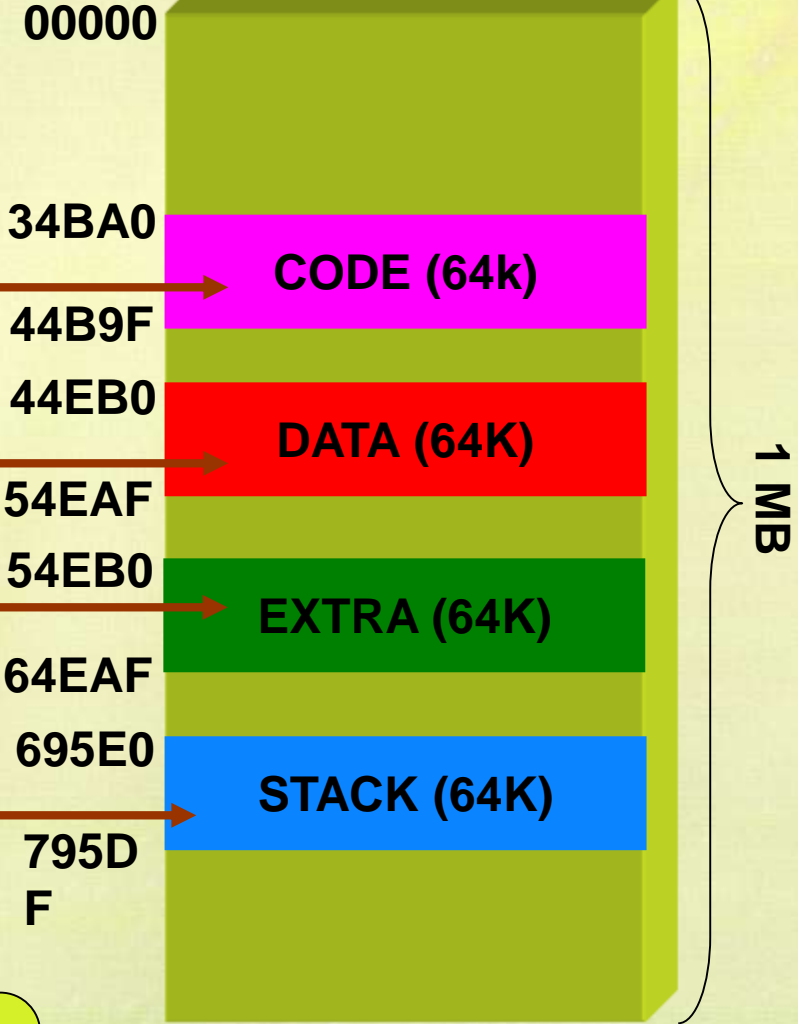
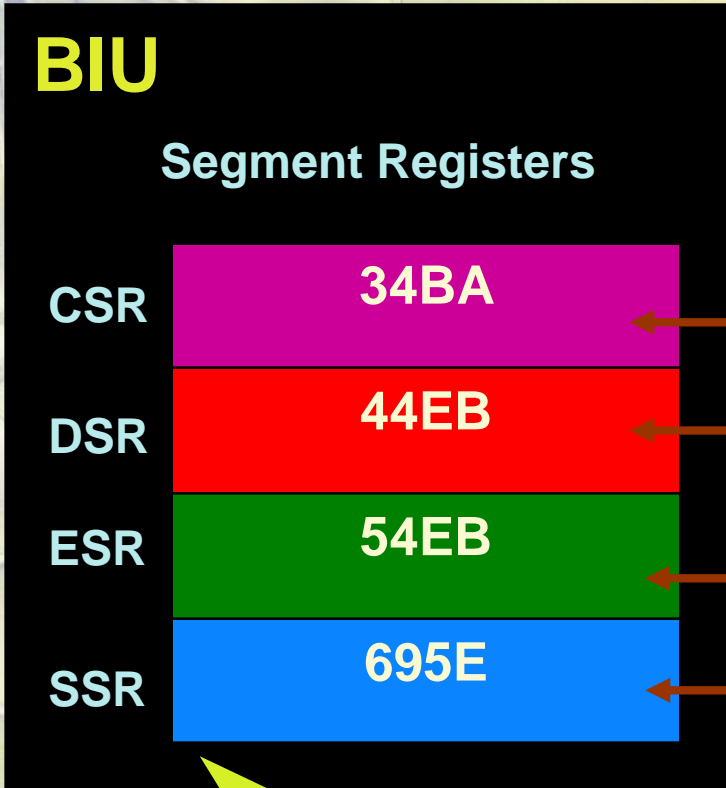
DS Register

The Data segment register contains the initial address of the current data segment. This address plus the offset value in instruction causes a reference to a specific location in the data segment.

ES Register

Extra segment is used by some string operations. The Extra segment register contains the initial address of the extra segment. String instructions always use the ES and DI registers to calculate the physical address for the destination.

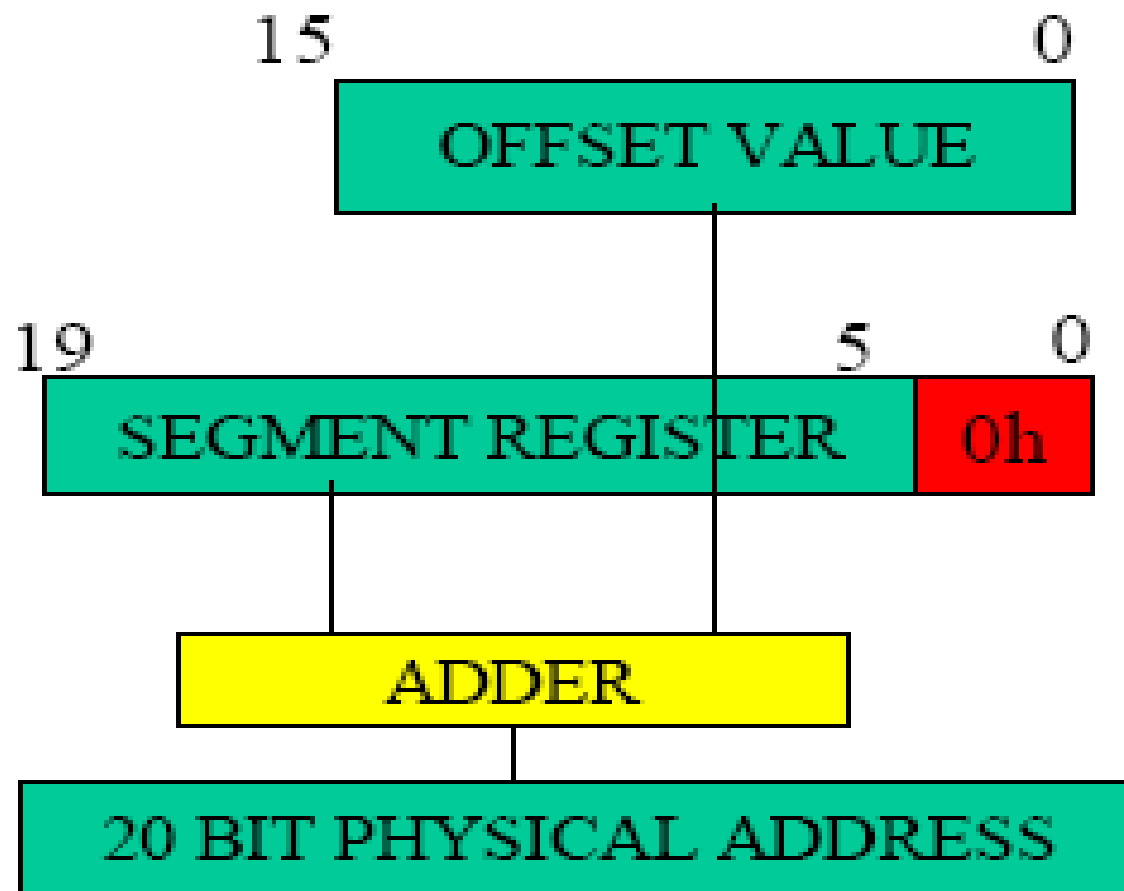
MEMORY



Each segment register store the upper 16 bit of the starting address of the segments

Instruction pointer & summing block

- The instruction pointer register contains a 16-bit offset address of instruction that is to be executed next.
- The IP always references the Code segment register (CS).
- The value contained in the instruction pointer is called as an **offset** because this value must be added to the base address of the **code segment**, which is available in the CS register to find the **20-bit physical address**.
- The value of the instruction pointer is incremented after executing every instruction.
- To form a 20bit address of the next instruction, the 16 bit address of the IP is added (by the address summing block) to the address contained in the CS , which has been shifted four bits to the left.



- The following examples shows the CS:IP scheme of address formation:

CS **34BA**

IP **8AB4**

Code segment

Inserting a hexadecimal 0H (0000B)
with the CSR or shifting the CSR
four binary digits left

3 4 B A 0 (C S) +
8 A B 4 (I P)

3 D 6 5 4 (next address)

34BA0

8AB4 (offset)

3D645

44B9F

- **Example For Address Calculation (segment: offset)**
- If the data segment starts at location 1000h and a data reference contains the address 29h where is the actual data?

Offset

0000 0000 0010 1001

Segment Address

0001 0000 0000 0000

0000

Required Address

0001 0000 0000 0010 1001

Segment and Address register combination

- **CS:IP**
- **SS:SP SS:BP**
- **DS:BX DS:SI**
- **DS:DI (for other than string operations)**
- **ES:DI (for string operations)**

Summary of Registers & Pipeline of 8086 μ P

