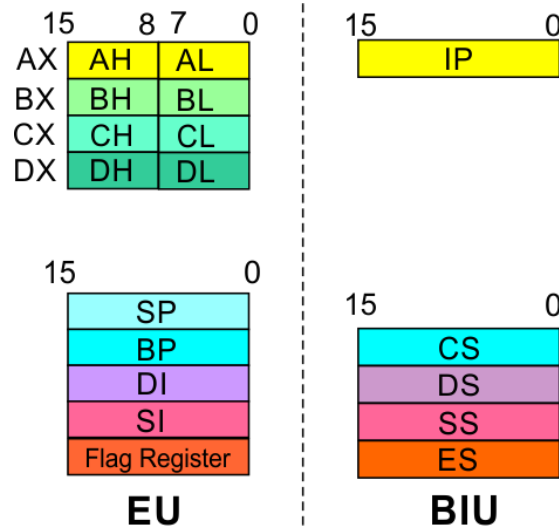


Architecture

EU Registers

Accumulator Register (AX)

- Consists of two 8-bit registers AL and AH, which can be combined together and used as a 16-bit register AX.
- AL in this case contains the low order byte of the word, and AH contains the high-order byte.
- The I/O instructions use the AX or AL for inputting / outputting 16 or 8 bit data to or from an I/O port.
- Multiplication and Division instructions also use the AX or AL.

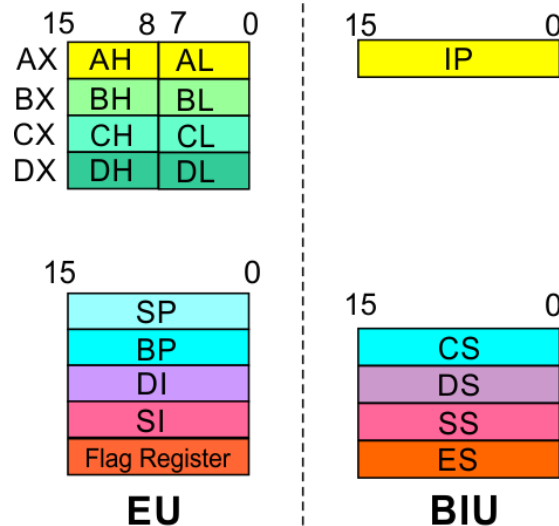


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EU Registers

Base Register (BX)

- Consists of two 8-bit registers BL and BH, which can be combined together and used as a 16-bit register BX.
- BL in this case contains the low-order byte of the word, and BH contains the high-order byte.
- This is the only general purpose register whose contents can be used for addressing the 8086 memory.
- All memory references utilizing this register content for addressing use DS as the default segment register.

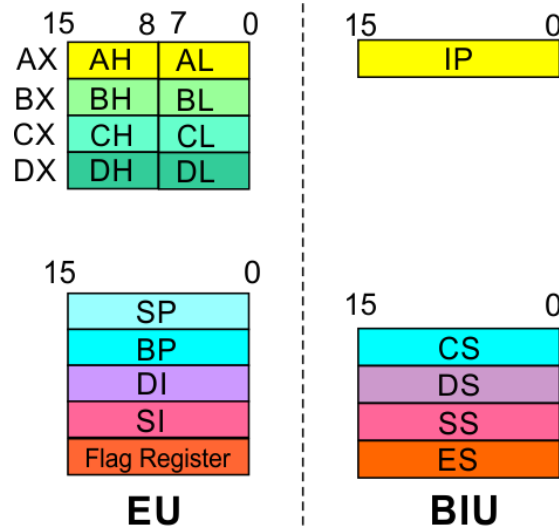


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Counter Register (CX)

- Consists of two 8-bit registers CL and CH, which can be combined together and used as a 16-bit register CX.
- When combined, CL register contains the low order byte of the word, and CH contains the high-order byte.
- Instructions such as **SHIFT**, **ROTATE** and **LOOP** use the contents of CX as a counter.



Example:

The instruction **LOOP START** automatically decrements CX by 1 without affecting flags and will check if [CX] = 0.

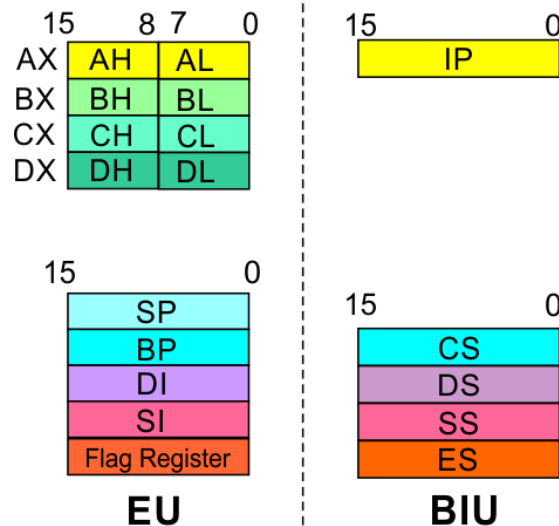
If it is zero, 8086 executes the next instruction; otherwise the 8086 branches to the label **START**.

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Data Register (DX)

- Consists of two 8-bit registers DL and DH, which can be combined together and used as a 16-bit register DX.
- When combined, DL register contains the low order byte of the word, and DH contains the high-order byte.
- Used to hold the high 16-bit result (data) in 16 X 16 multiplication or the high 16-bit dividend (data) before a $32 \div 16$ division and the 16-bit remainder after division.

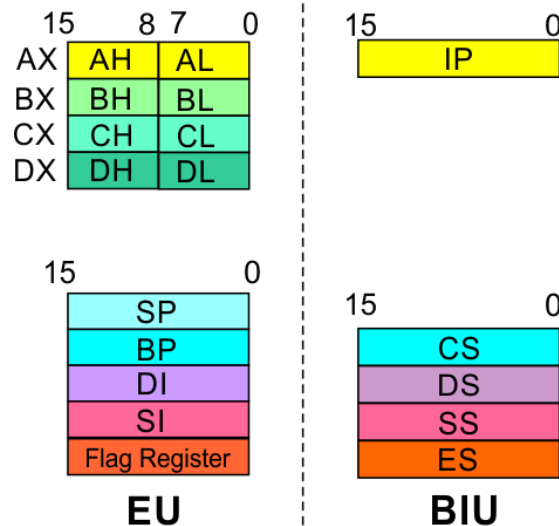


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EU Registers

Stack Pointer (SP) and Base Pointer (BP)

- SP and BP are used to access data in the stack segment.
- SP is used as an offset from the current SS during execution of instructions that involve the stack segment in the external memory.
- SP contents are automatically updated (incremented/decremented) due to execution of a POP or PUSH instruction.
- BP contains an offset address in the current SS, which is used by instructions utilizing the based addressing mode.

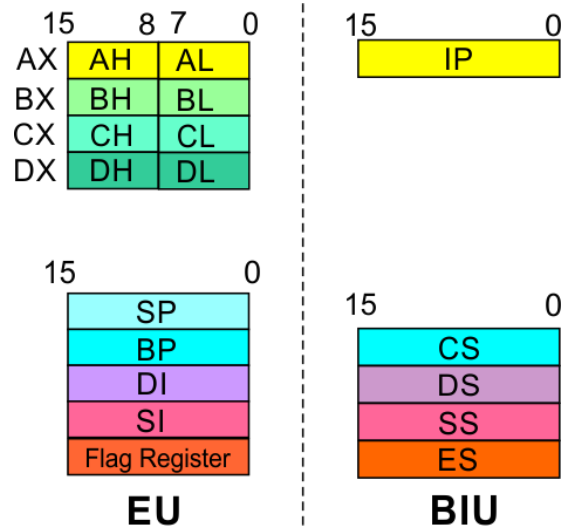


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Source Index (SI) and Destination Index (DI)

- Used in indexed addressing.
- Instructions that process data strings use the SI and DI registers together with DS and ES respectively in order to distinguish between the source and destination addresses.

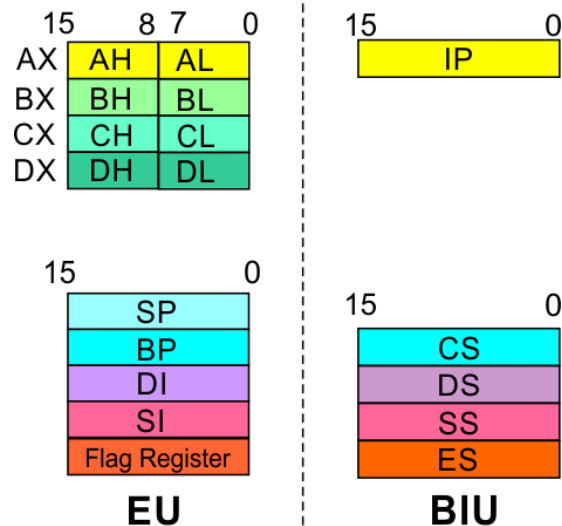


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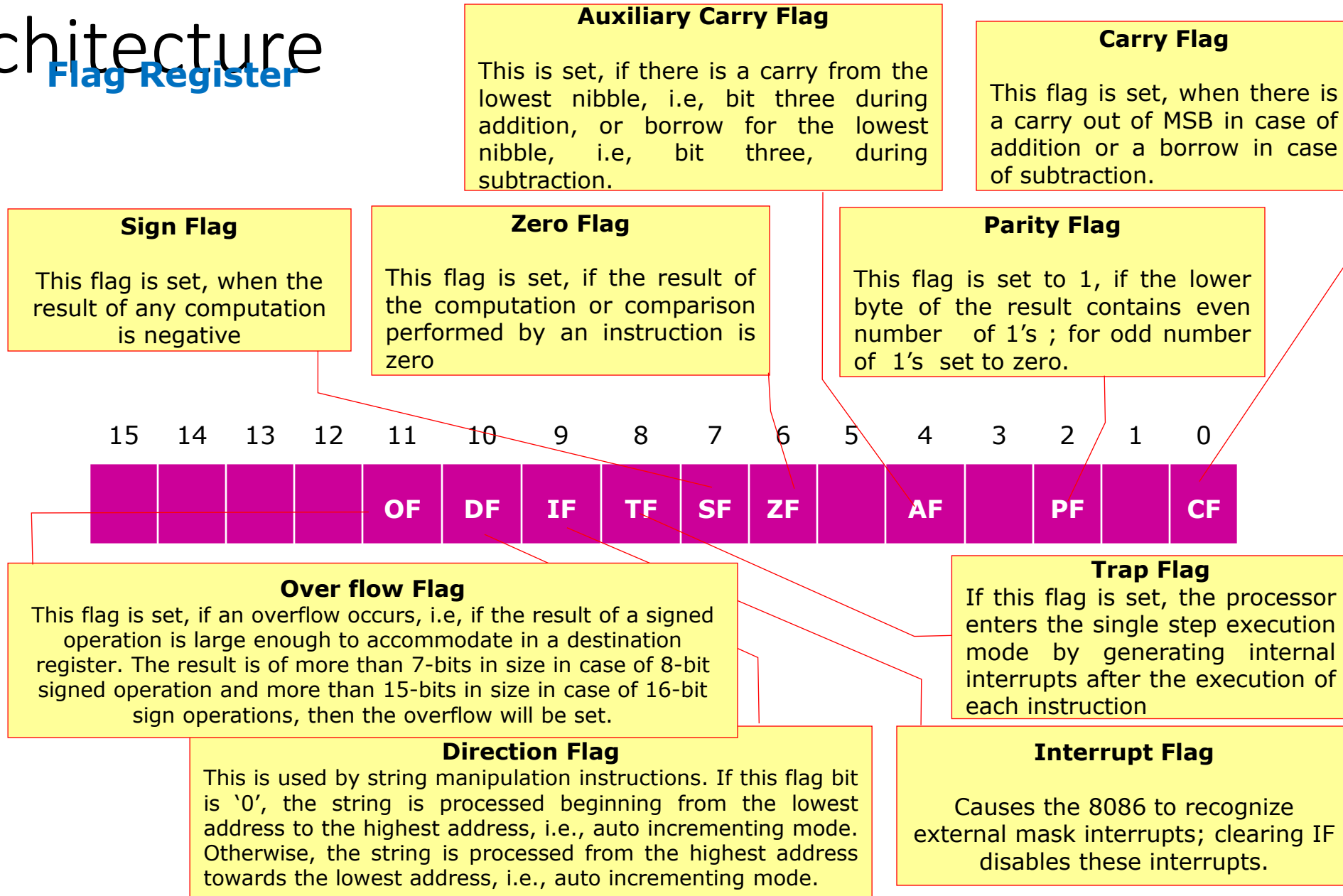
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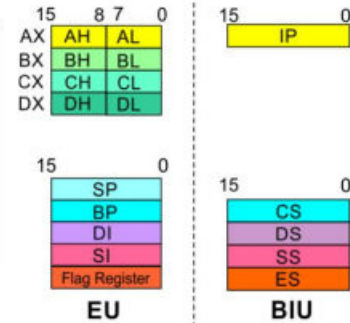


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Flag Register



**8086 registers
categorized
into 4 groups**



Sl.No.	Type	Register width	Name of register
1	General purpose register	16 bit	AX, BX, CX, DX
		8 bit	AL, AH, BL, BH, CL, CH, DL, DH
2	Pointer register	16 bit	SP, BP
3	Index register	16 bit	SI, DI
4	Instruction Pointer	16 bit	IP
5	Segment register	16 bit	CS, DS, SS, ES
6	Flag (PSW)	16 bit	Flag register

Register	Name of the Register	Special Function
AX	16-bit Accumulator	Stores the 16-bit results of arithmetic and logic operations
AL	8-bit Accumulator	Stores the 8-bit results of arithmetic and logic operations
BX	Base register	Used to hold base value in base addressing mode to access memory data
CX	Count Register	Used to hold the count value in SHIFT, ROTATE and LOOP instructions
DX	Data Register	Used to hold data for multiplication and division operations
SP	Stack Pointer	Used to hold the offset address of top stack memory
BP	Base Pointer	Used to hold the base value in base addressing using SS register to access data from stack memory
SI	Source Index	Used to hold index value of source operand (data) for string instructions
DI	Data Index	Used to hold the index value of destination operand (data) for string operations

Addressing Modes

- Every instruction of a program has to operate on a data.
- The different ways in which a source operand is denoted in an instruction are known as addressing modes.

1. Register Addressing

Group I : Addressing modes for register and immediate data

2. Immediate Addressing

3. Direct Addressing

4. Register Indirect Addressing

5. Based Addressing

Group II : Addressing modes for memory data

6. Indexed Addressing

7. Based Index Addressing

8. String Addressing

9. Direct I/O port Addressing

Group III : Addressing modes for I/O ports

10. Indirect I/O port Addressing

11. Relative Addressing

Group IV : Relative Addressing mode

12. Implied Addressing

Group V : Implied Addressing mode