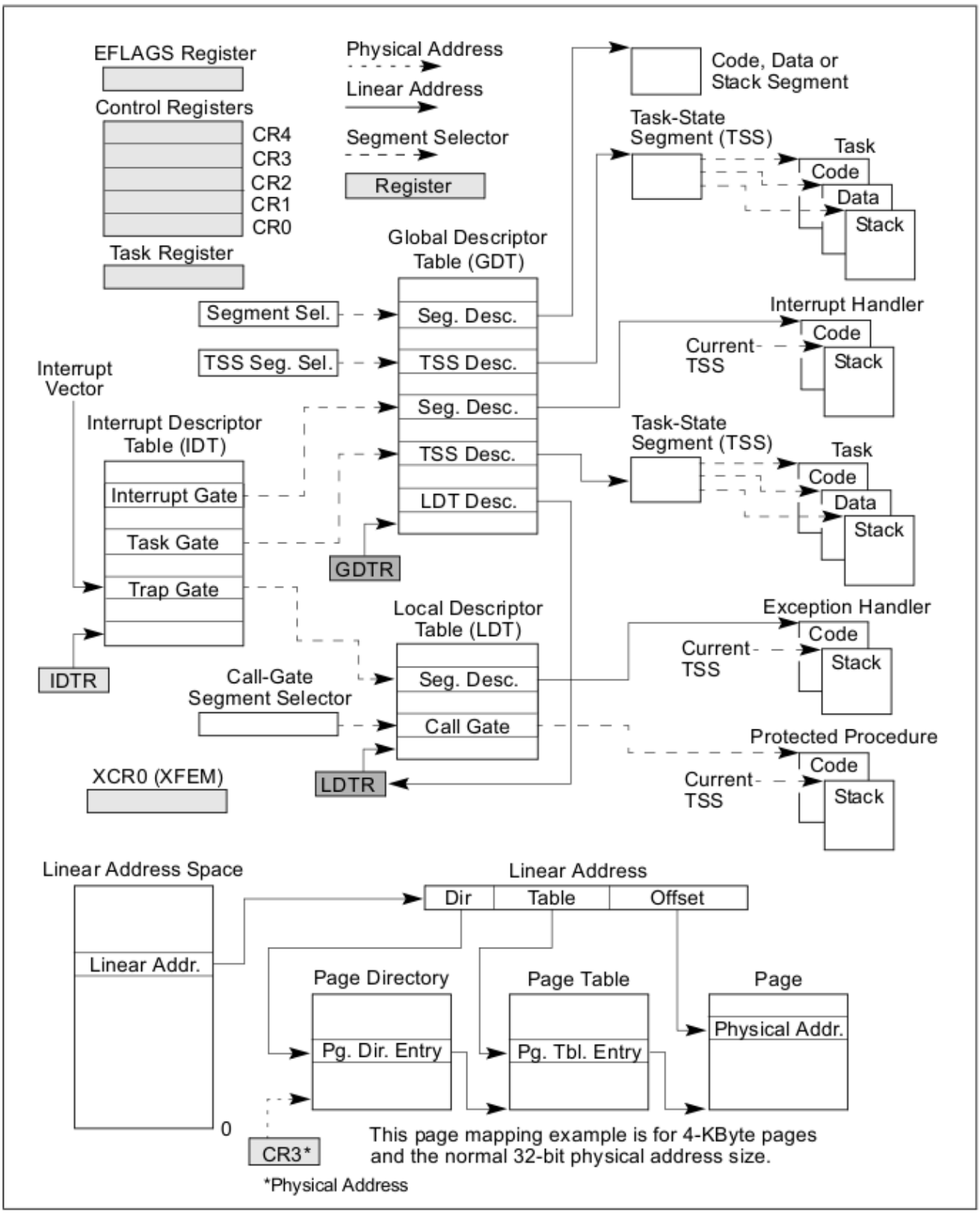


Figure 2-1. IA-32 System-Level Registers and Data Structures

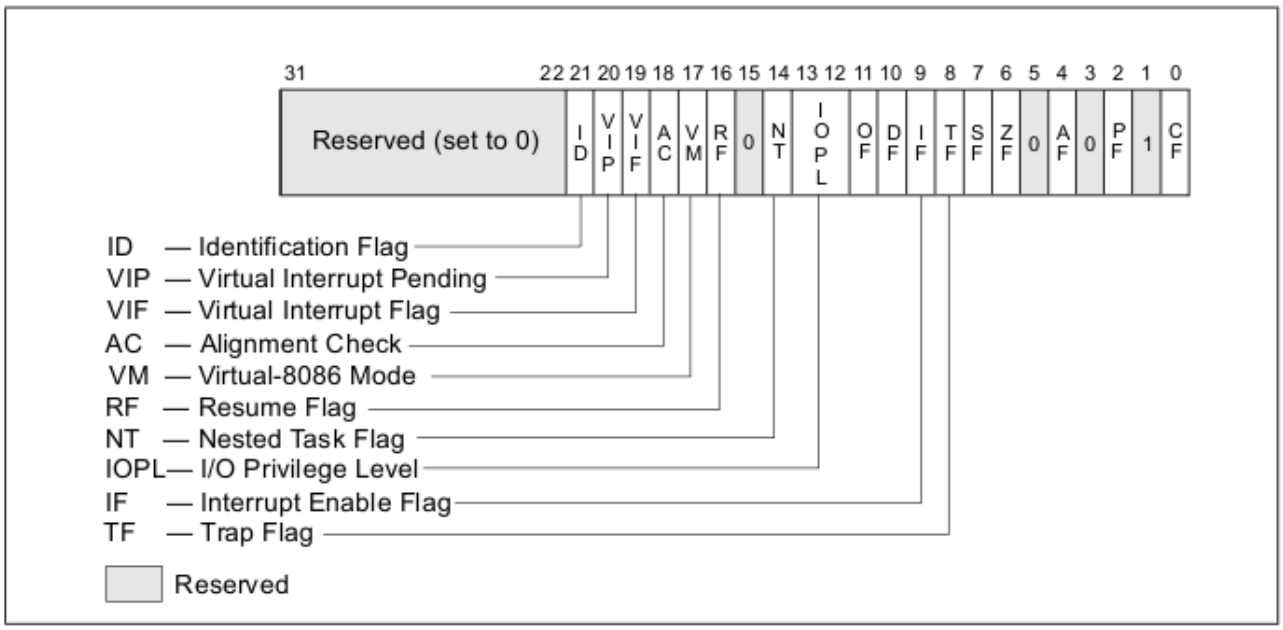


Figure 2-4. System Flags in the EFLAGS Register

IF **Interrupt enable (bit 9)** — Controls the response of the processor to maskable hardware interrupt requests (see also: Section 6.3.2, "Maskable Hardware Interrupts"). The flag is set to respond to maskable hardware interrupts; cleared to inhibit maskable hardware interrupts. The IF flag does not affect the generation of exceptions or nonmaskable interrupts (NMI interrupts). The CPL, IOPL, and the state of the VME flag in control register CR4 determine whether the IF flag can be modified by the CLI, STI, POPF, POPFD, and IRET.

IOPL **I/O privilege level field (bits 12 and 13)** — Indicates the I/O privilege level (IOPL) of the currently running program or task. The CPL of the currently running program or task must be less than or equal to the IOPL to access the I/O address space. This field can only be modified by the POPF and IRET instructions when operating at a CPL of 0.

The IOPL is also one of the mechanisms that controls the modification of the IF flag and the handling of interrupts in virtual-8086 mode when virtual mode extensions are in effect (when CR4.VME = 1). See also: Chapter 14, "Input/Output," in the *Intel® 64 and IA-32 Architectures Software Developer's Manual, Volume 1*.

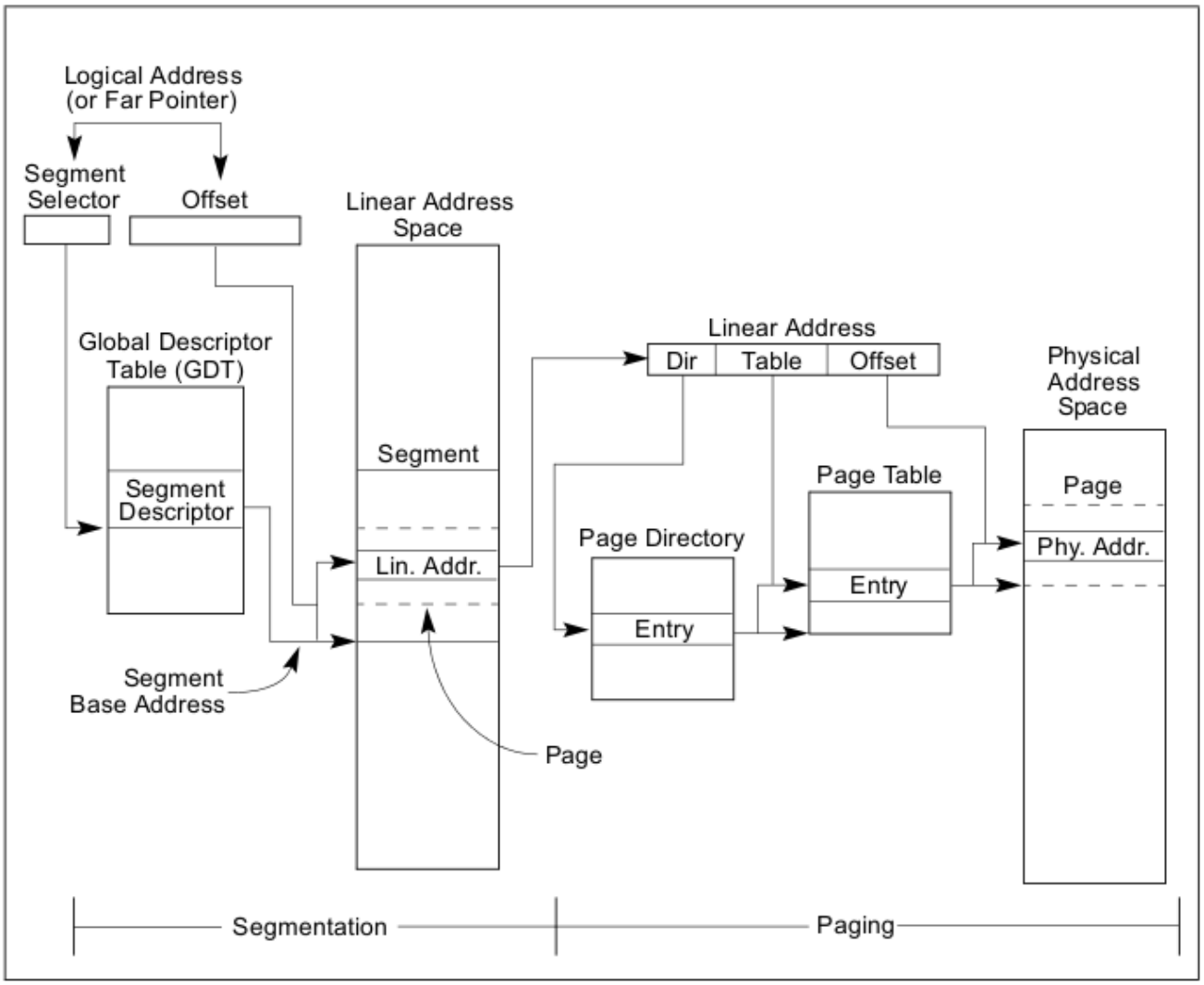


Figure 3-1. Segmentation and Paging

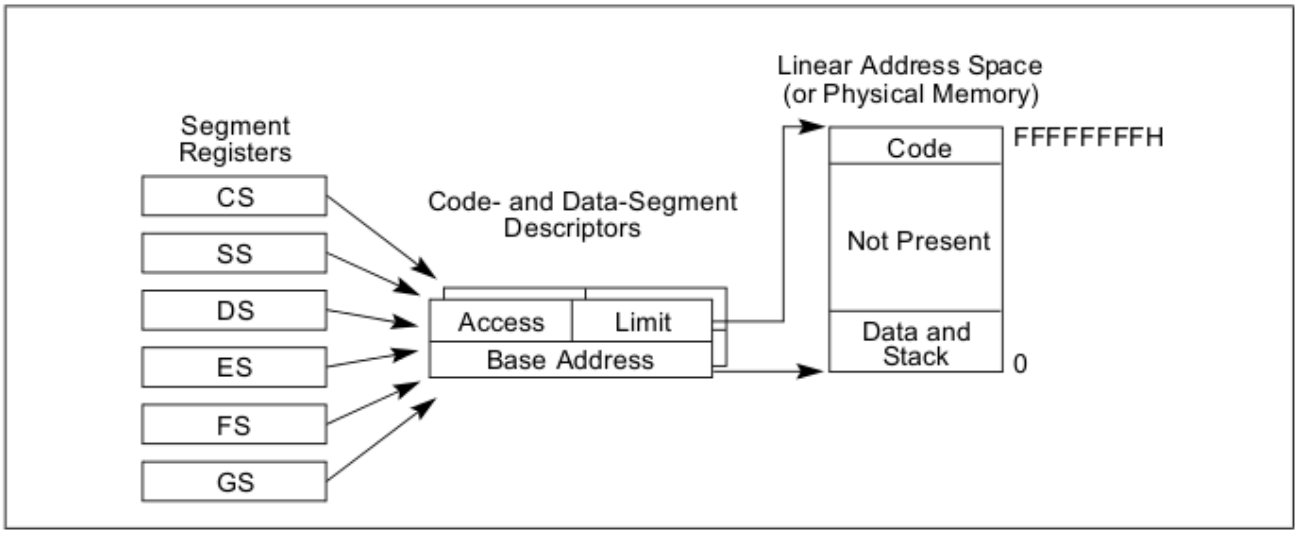


Figure 3-2. Flat Model

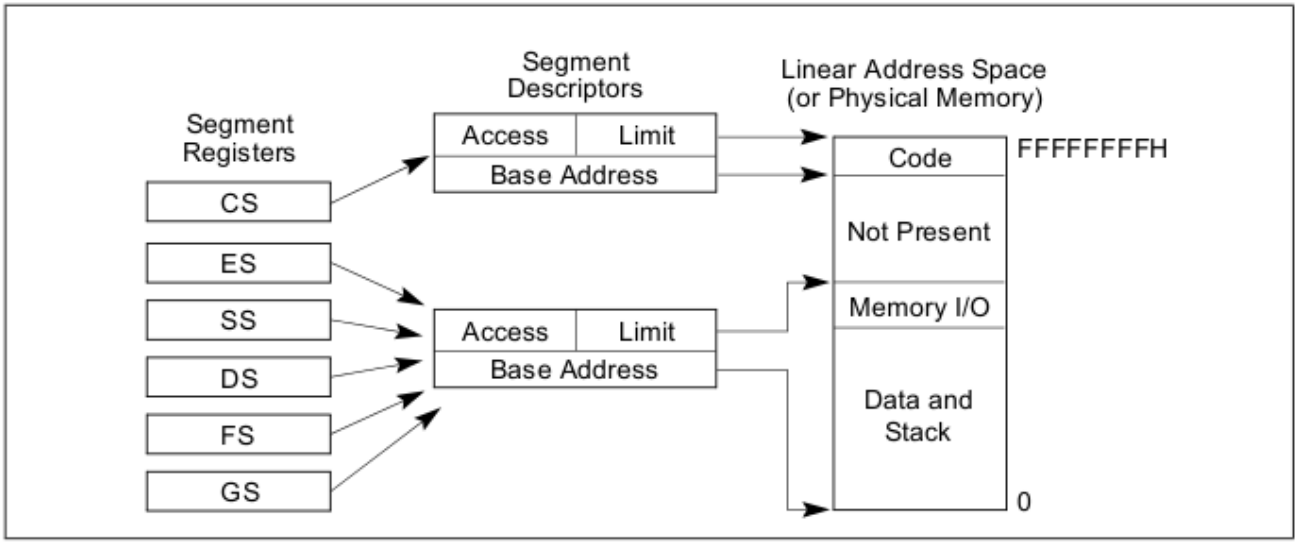
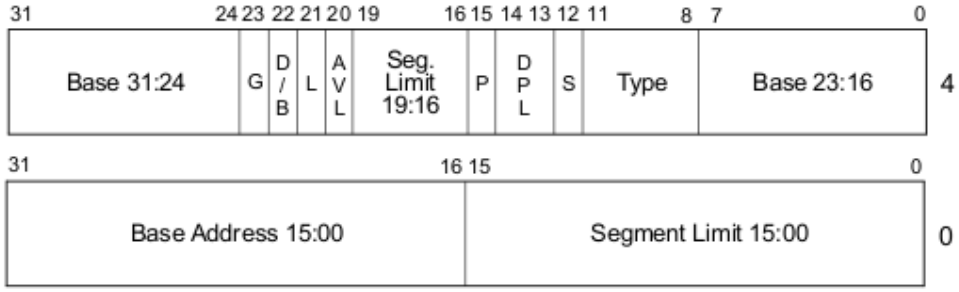


Figure 3-3. Protected Flat Model



L — 64-bit code segment (IA-32e mode only)
AVL — Available for use by system software
BASE — Segment base address
D/B — Default operation size (0 = 16-bit segment; 1 = 32-bit segment)
DPL — Descriptor privilege level
G — Granularity
LIMIT — Segment Limit
P — Segment present
S — Descriptor type (0 = system; 1 = code or data)
TYPE — Segment type

Figure 3-8. Segment Descriptor

Table 3-1. Code- and Data-Segment Types

Type Field					Descriptor Type	Description
Decimal	11	10 E	9 W	8 A		
0	0	0	0	0	Data	Read-Only
1	0	0	0	1	Data	Read-Only, accessed
2	0	0	1	0	Data	Read/Write
3	0	0	1	1	Data	Read/Write, accessed
4	0	1	0	0	Data	Read-Only, expand-down
5	0	1	0	1	Data	Read-Only, expand-down, accessed
6	0	1	1	0	Data	Read/Write, expand-down
7	0	1	1	1	Data	Read/Write, expand-down, accessed
		C	R	A		
8	1	0	0	0	Code	Execute-Only
9	1	0	0	1	Code	Execute-Only, accessed
10	1	0	1	0	Code	Execute/Read
11	1	0	1	1	Code	Execute/Read, accessed
12	1	1	0	0	Code	Execute-Only, conforming
13	1	1	0	1	Code	Execute-Only, conforming, accessed
14	1	1	1	0	Code	Execute/Read, conforming
15	1	1	1	1	Code	Execute/Read, conforming, accessed

Table 3-2. System-Segment and Gate-Descriptor Types

Type Field					Description	
Decimal	11	10	9	8	32-Bit Mode	IA-32e Mode
0	0	0	0	0	Reserved	Upper 8 byte of an 16-byte descriptor
1	0	0	0	1	16-bit TSS (Available)	Reserved
2	0	0	1	0	LDT	LDT
3	0	0	1	1	16-bit TSS (Busy)	Reserved
4	0	1	0	0	16-bit Call Gate	Reserved
5	0	1	0	1	Task Gate	Reserved
6	0	1	1	0	16-bit Interrupt Gate	Reserved
7	0	1	1	1	16-bit Trap Gate	Reserved
8	1	0	0	0	Reserved	Reserved
9	1	0	0	1	32-bit TSS (Available)	64-bit TSS (Available)
10	1	0	1	0	Reserved	Reserved
11	1	0	1	1	32-bit TSS (Busy)	64-bit TSS (Busy)
12	1	1	0	0	32-bit Call Gate	64-bit Call Gate
13	1	1	0	1	Reserved	Reserved
14	1	1	1	0	32-bit Interrupt Gate	64-bit Interrupt Gate
15	1	1	1	1	32-bit Trap Gate	64-bit Trap Gate

31–12	11–10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
Address of page directory[1]	Ignored						PCD	PWT	Ignored			CR3
Bits 31:22 of address of 2MB page frame	Reserved (must be 0)	Bits 39:32 of address[2]	PAT	Ignored	G	**1**	D	A	PCD	PWT	U/S	R/W	**1**	PDE: 4MB page
Address of page table				Ignored		**0**	Ign	A	PCD	PWT	U/S	R/W	**1**	PDE: page table
Ignored													**0**	PDE: not present
Address of 4KB page frame				Ignored	G	PAT	D	A	PCD	PWT	U/S	R/W	**1**	PTE: 4KB page
Ignored													**0**	PTE: not present

Figure 4-4. Formats of CR3 and Paging-Structure Entries with 32-Bit Paging

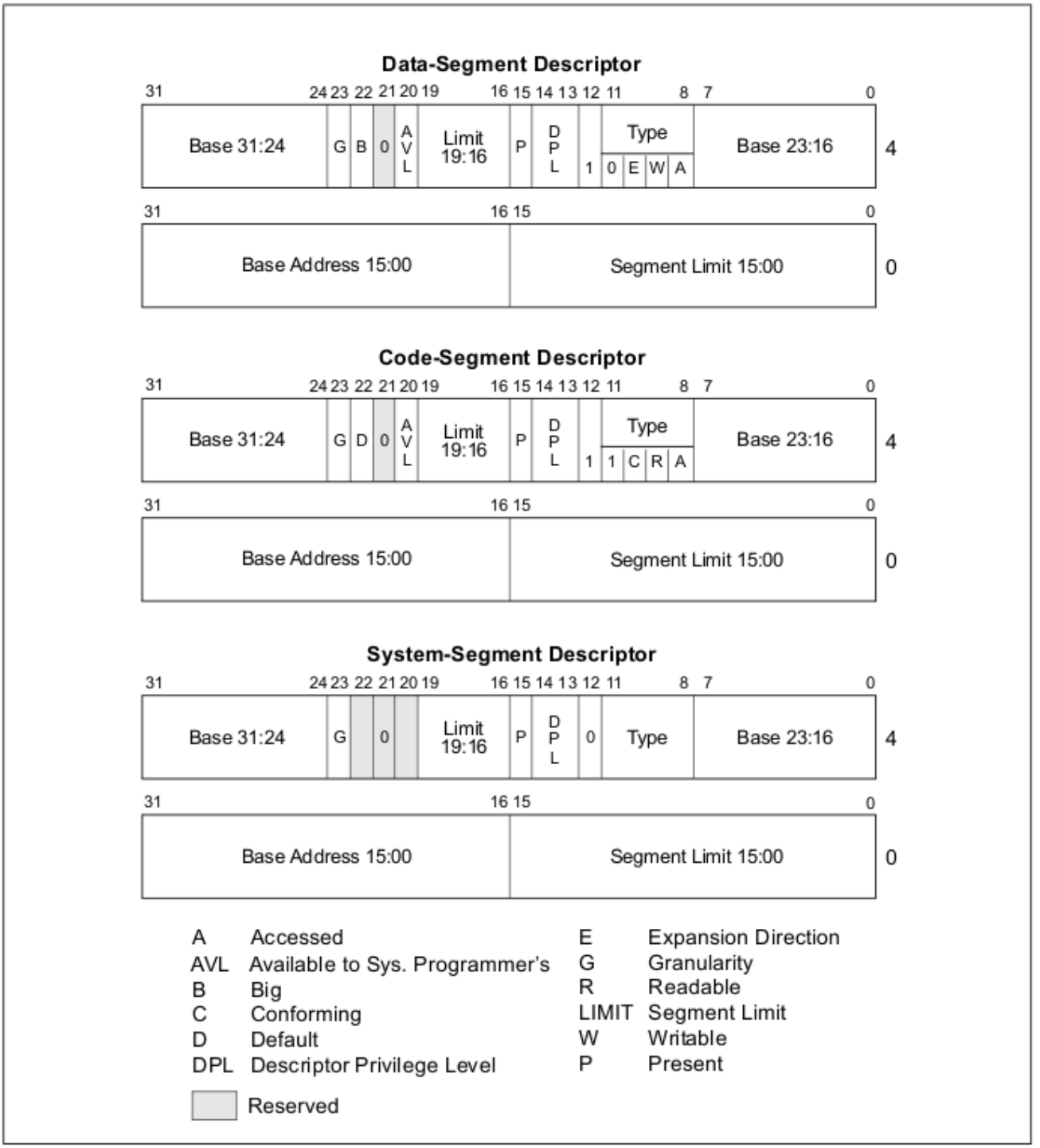


Figure 5-1. Descriptor Fields Used for Protection

5.2 FIELDS AND FLAGS USED FOR SEGMENT-LEVEL AND PAGE-LEVEL PROTECTION

The processor's protection mechanism uses the following fields and flags in the system data structures to control access to segments and pages:

- **Descriptor type (S) flag —** (Bit 12 in the second doubleword of a segment descriptor.) Determines if the segment descriptor is for a system segment or a code or data segment.
- **Type field** — (Bits 8 through 11 in the second doubleword of a segment descriptor.) Determines the type of code, data, or system segment.
- **Limit field** — (Bits 0 through 15 of the first doubleword and bits 16 through 19 of the second doubleword of a segment descriptor.) Determines the size of the segment, along with the G flag and E flag (for data segments).
- **G flag —** (Bit 23 in the second doubleword of a segment descriptor.) Determines the size of the segment, along with the limit field and E flag (for data segments).
- **E flag —** (Bit 10 in the second doubleword of a data-segment descriptor.) Determines the size of the segment, along with the limit field and G flag.
- **Descriptor privilege level (DPL) field** — (Bits 13 and 14 in the second doubleword of a segment descriptor.) Determines the privilege level of the segment.
- **Requested privilege level (RPL) field** — (Bits 0 and 1 of any segment selector.) Specifies the requested privilege level of a segment selector.
- **Current privilege level (CPL) field** — (Bits 0 and 1 of the CS segment register.) Indicates the privilege level of the currently executing program or procedure. The term current privilege level (CPL) refers to the setting of this field.
- **User/supervisor (U/S) flag** — (Bit 2 of paging-structure entries.) Determines the type of page: user or supervisor.
- **Read/write (R/W) flag** — (Bit 1 of paging-structure entries.) Determines the type of access allowed to a page: read-only or read/write.
- **Execute-disable (XD) flag** — (Bit 63 of certain paging-structure entries.) Determines the type of access allowed to a page: executable or not-executable.

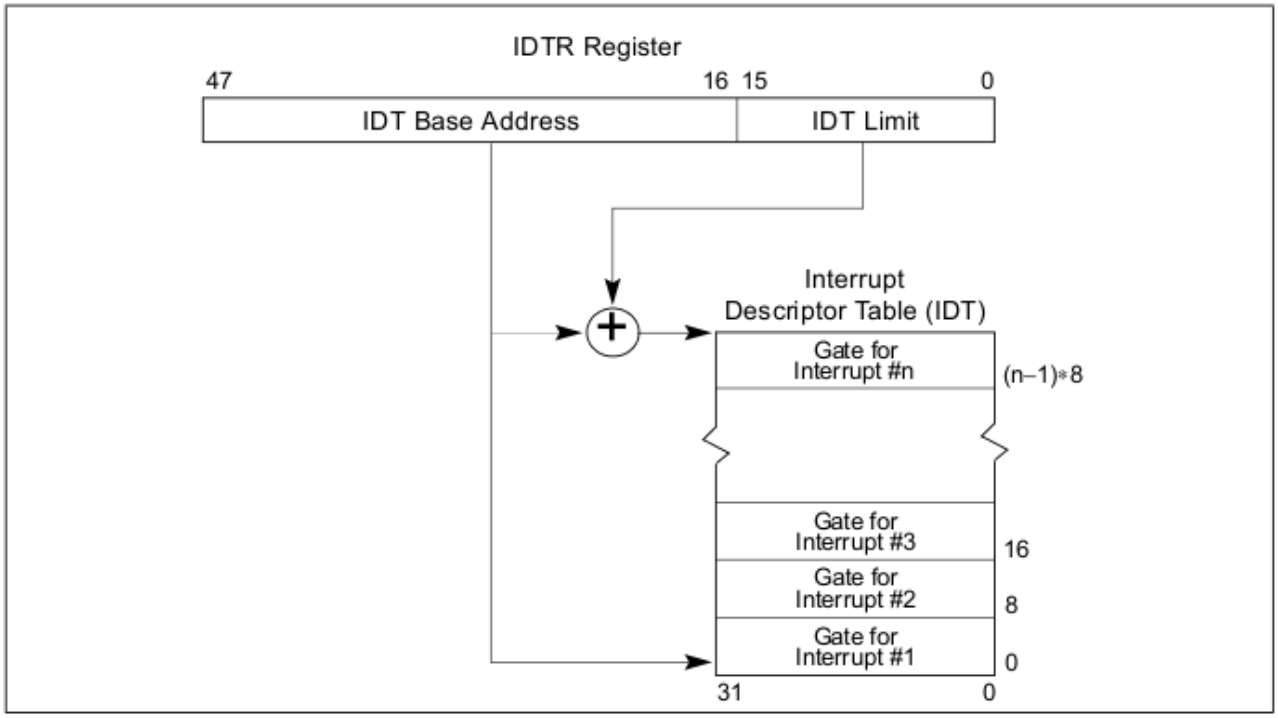


Figure 6-1. Relationship of the IDTR and IDT

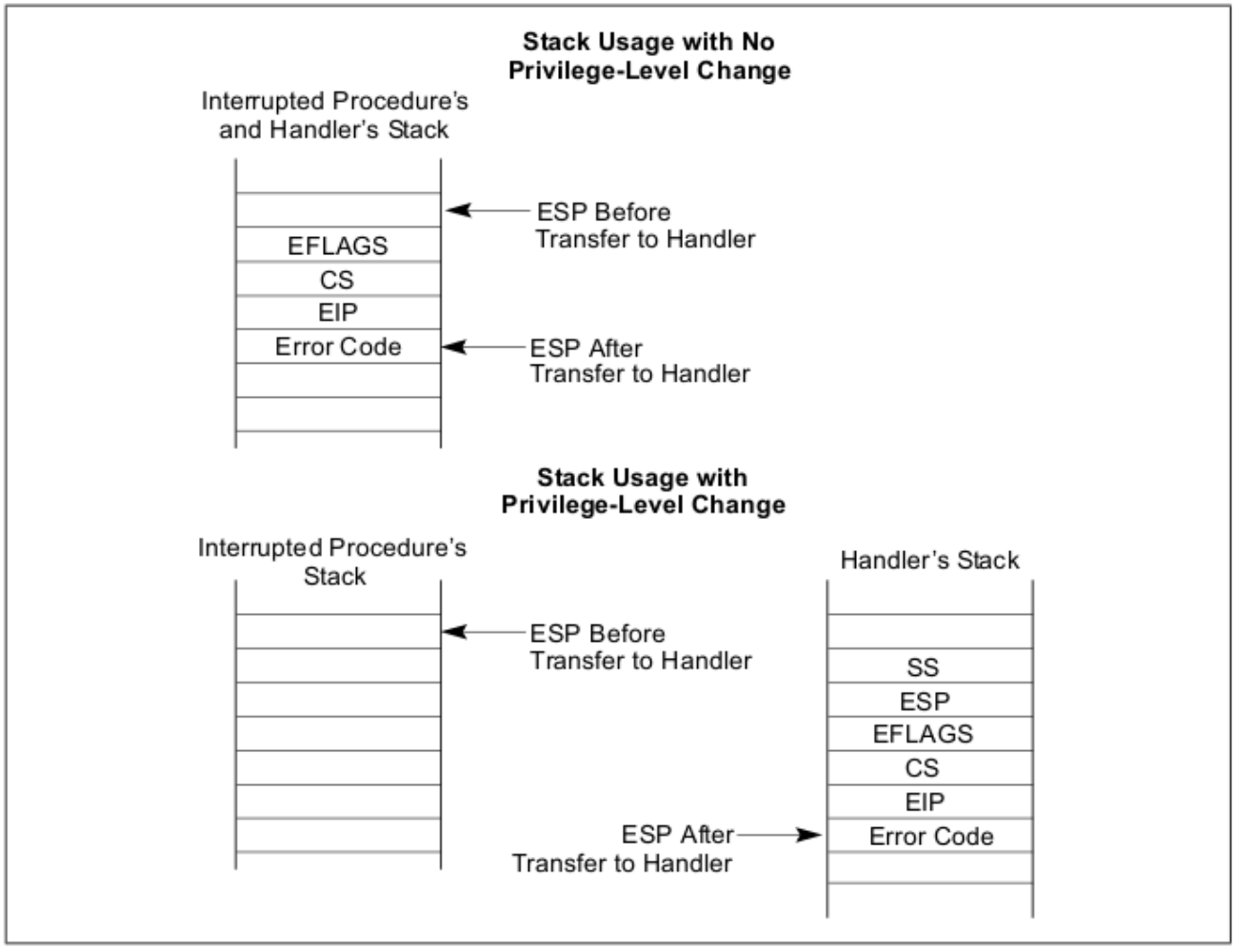


Figure 6-4. Stack Usage on Transfers to Interrupt and Exception-Handling Routines

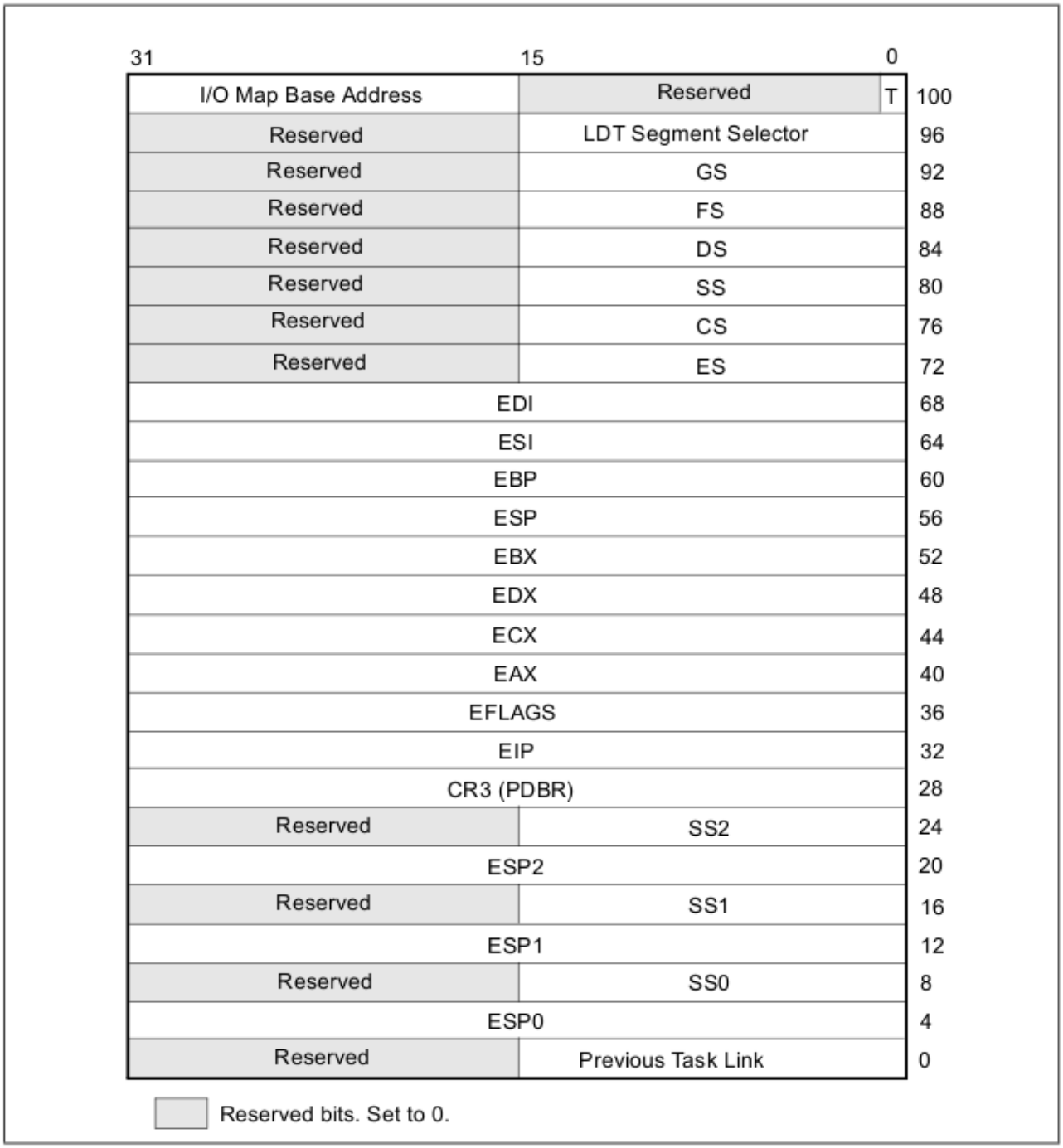


Figure 7-2. 32-Bit Task-State Segment (TSS)

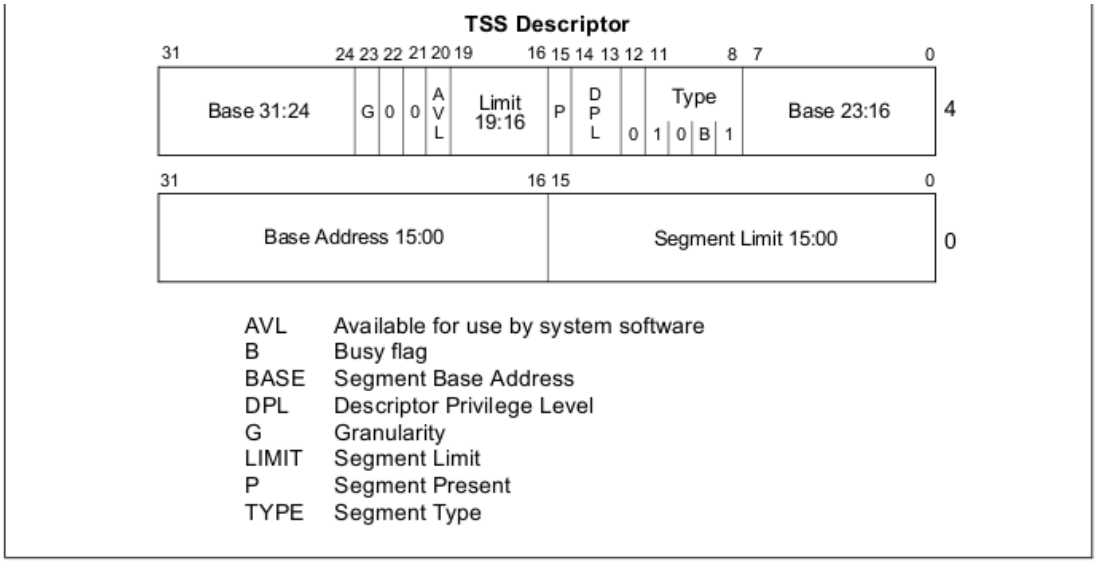


Figure 7-3. TSS Descriptor