

<Ch6. Double Fault Exception>.

Case: stack overflow (the guard page is hit).

a special mem page at the bottom of a stack.  
↑ (to detect stack overflow)  
accessing it will cause a Page fault.

- ① CPU looks up the page fault handler (in IDT),  
tries to push the interrupt stack frame  
↓ onto the stack.
- ② current rsp still points to guard page  
⇒ a second page fault (double)
- ③ ... (recursively)

Sol: switching stacks (x86-64).

when an exception occurs (hardware level)  
switch to a predet'd, known-good stack.

Interrupt Stack Table (IST) : 7 pointers to  
each exception handler  
↑ (each)  
IDT entry → 'stack pointer' field.

(此 double fault 对应 IST 中 #1. stack ptr.

在 CPU 异常时, 自动切换为该栈.

该切换会在所有入栈操作之前进行 ⇒ 避免 triple fault).

Hardware (for switching stacks).

used by CPU when privilege level changes.

① Task State Segment (TSS) { Privilege stack table ([00000004; 00000007])  
Interrupt stack table ([00000008; 0000000F]).  
I/O Map Base Address

② Global Descriptor Table (GDT) { Switching between user & kernel  
Loading a TSS structure.

- contains the segments of the program (before paging)

(Recall: "Three Easy Pieces")