



x86: Procedures and the Call Stack

The call stack discipline
x86 procedure call and return instructions
x86 calling conventions
x86 register-saving conventions

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Outline

1. Motivation
 - a. What we have seen so far
 - b. Why we can't implement procedure calls with jumps alone
2. High-level call stack example
3. Procedure control flow instructions: call and ret
4. Procedure call example (in depth!)
5. *(Finish with video)* Caller vs/callee example
6. *(Covered in lab, video)* Recursion example

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Why procedures?

Why functions? Why methods?

```
int contains_char(char* haystack, char needle) {
    while (*haystack != '\0') {
        if (*haystack == needle) return 1;
        haystack++;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Answer: procedural abstraction

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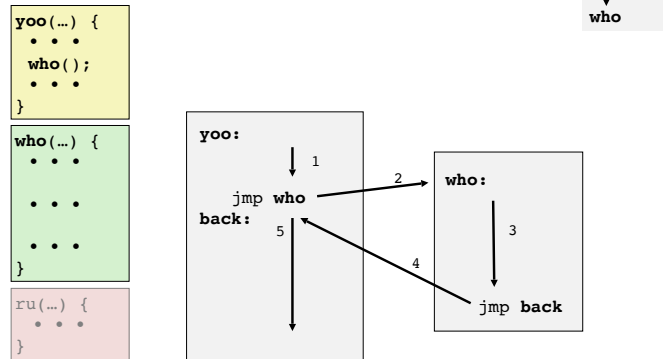
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(what code to execute next when done)? ??
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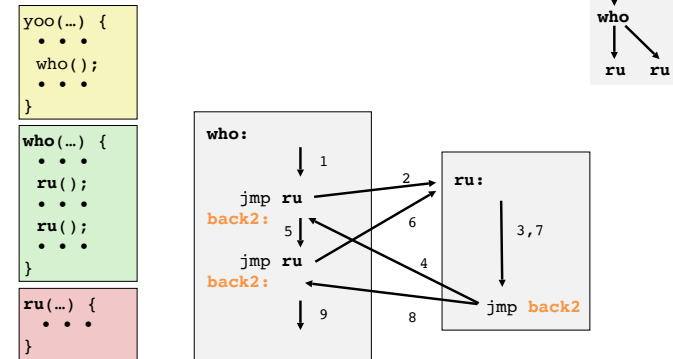
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Broken: needs to track context.

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requires **separate storage *per call!***
(not just per procedure)

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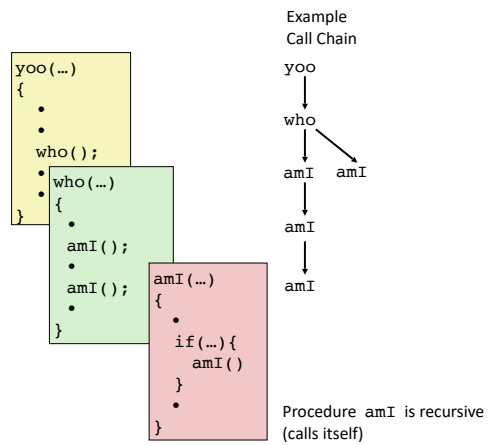
Memory Layout

reminder

Addr	Perm	Contents	Managed by	Initialized
2^N-1	RW	Procedure context	Compiler	Run-time
	RW	Dynamic data structures	Programmer, malloc/free, new/GC	Run-time
	RW	Global variables/ static data structures	Compiler/ Assembler/Linker	Startup
	R	String literals	Compiler/ Assembler/Linker	Startup
	X	Instructions	Compiler/ Assembler/Linker	Startup
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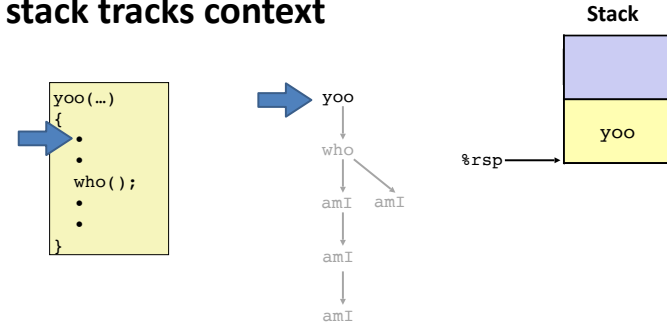
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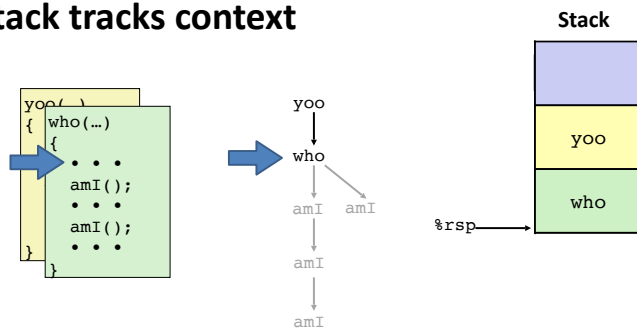
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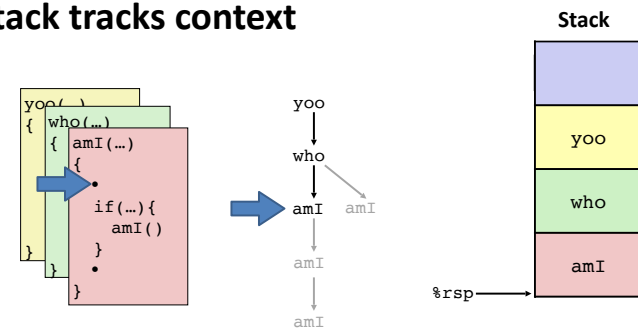
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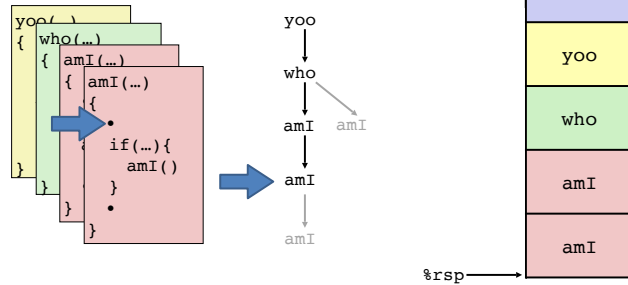
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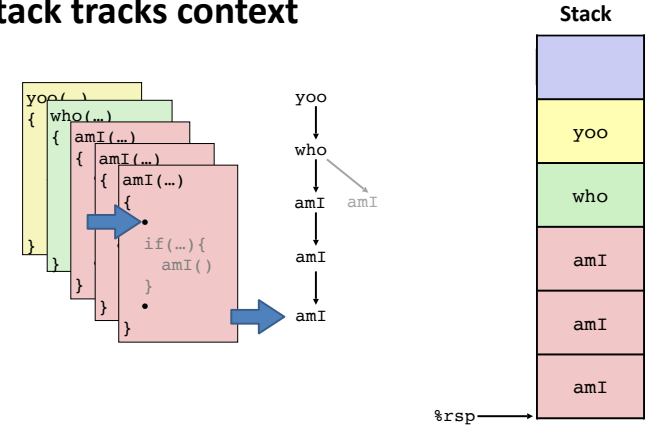
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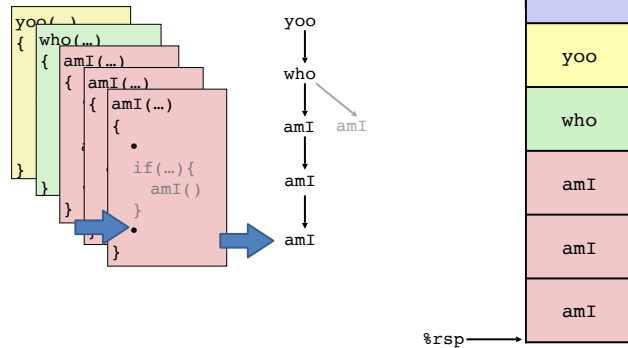
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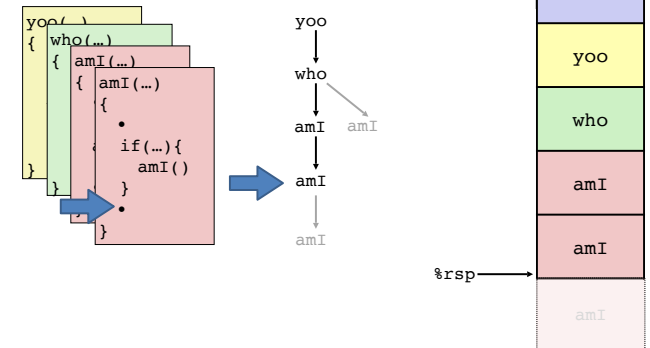
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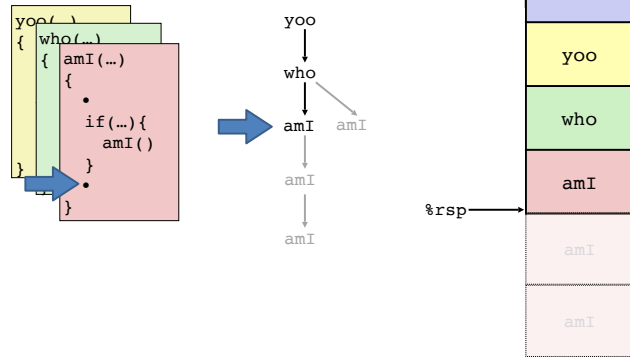
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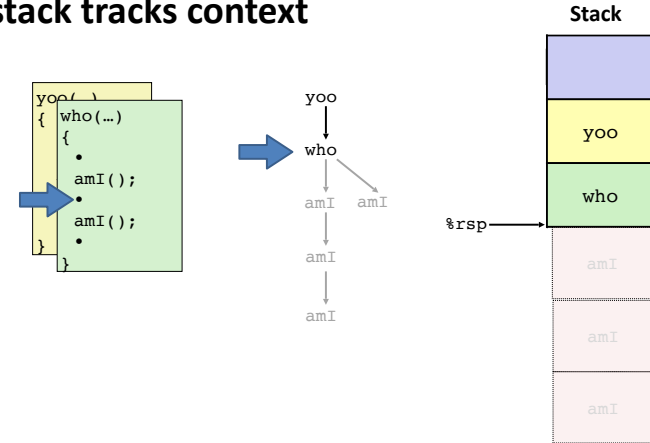
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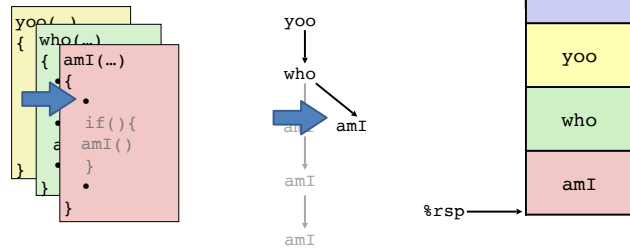
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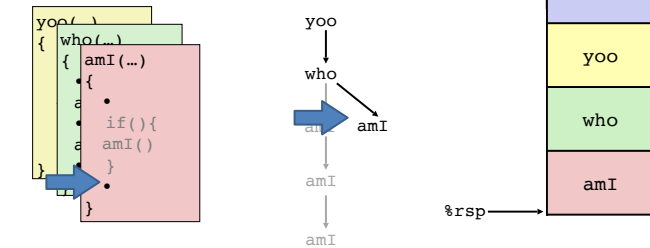
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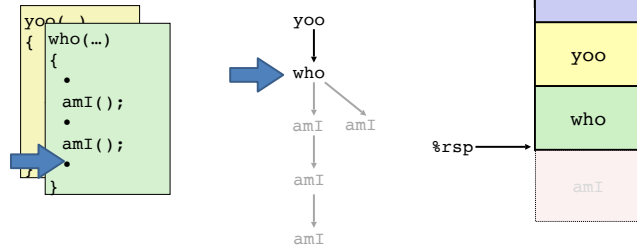
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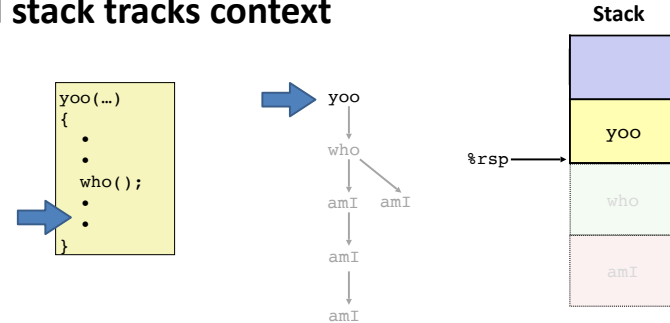
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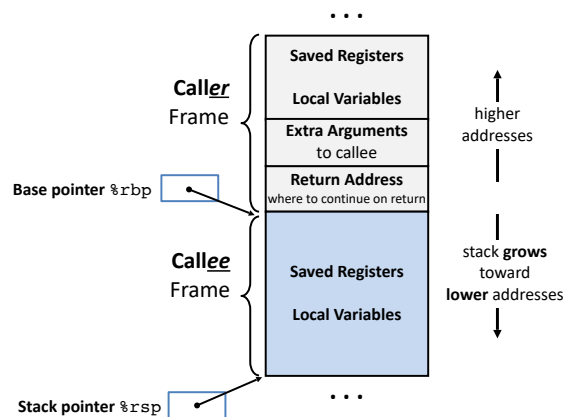
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The call stack supports procedures

Stack frame: section of stack used by one procedure *call* to store context while running.

Procedure code manages stack frames explicitly.

- **Setup:** allocate space at start of procedure.
- **Cleanup:** deallocate space before return.



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Procedure control flow instructions

Procedure call: **callq target**

1. Push return address on stack
2. Jump to *target*

Return address: Address of instruction after call.

```

400544: callq 400550 <mult2>
400549: movq %rax, (%rbx)
    
```

Procedure return: **retq**

1. Pop return address from stack
2. Jump to return address

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Call example



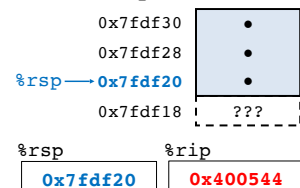
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.
.
400544: callq 400550 <mult2>
400549: mov  %rax, (%rbx)
.
.
```

```
0000000000400550 <mult2>:
400550: mov  %rdi, %rax
.
.
400557: retq
```

callq target

1. Push return address on stack
2. Jump to target

Before callq



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Call example



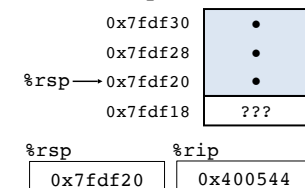
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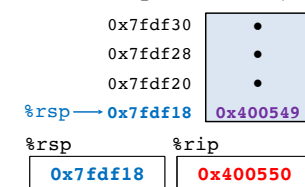
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After callq



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Return example



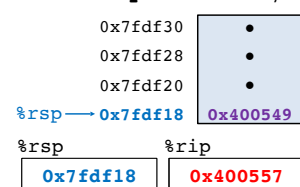
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Before retq



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Return example

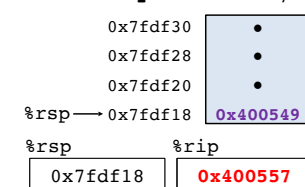
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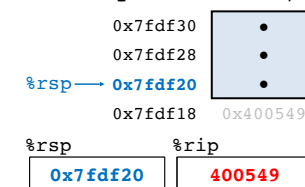
retq

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2. Jump to return address

Before retq



After retq



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Procedure data flow conventions

Recall:

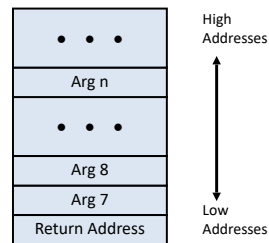
First 6 arguments: passed in registers

Arg 1	%rdi	<i>Diane's</i>
Arg 2	%rsi	<i>Silk</i>
Arg 3	%rdx	<i>Dress</i>
Arg 4	%rcx	<i>Costs</i>
Arg 5	%r8	<i>\$89</i>
Arg 6	%r9	

Return value: passed in %rax

%rax

Remaining arguments:
passed on stack (in memory)



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Procedure call / stack frame example

```

step_up:
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40052a: retq
    
```

```

increment:
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4004d6: retq
    
```

```

long step_up() {
    long v1 = 240;
    long v2 = increment(&v1, 61);
    return v1+v2;
}
    
```

Passes address of local variable (in stack).

Uses memory through pointer.

```

long increment(long* p, long val) {
    long x = *p;
    long y = x + val;
    *p = y;
    return x;
}
    
```

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Procedure call example (step 0)

main called step_up

```

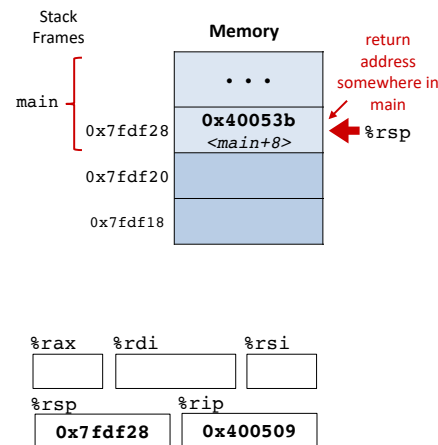
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red line shows %rip

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Procedure call example (step 1)

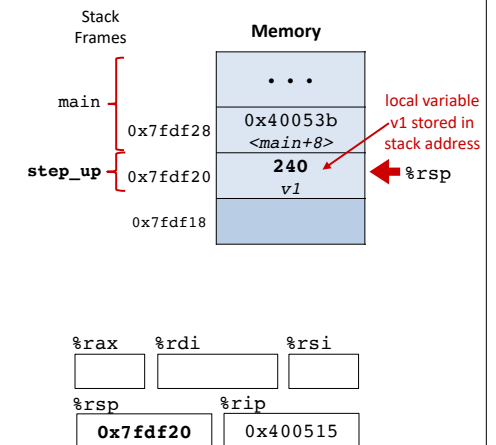
Allocate space for local vars

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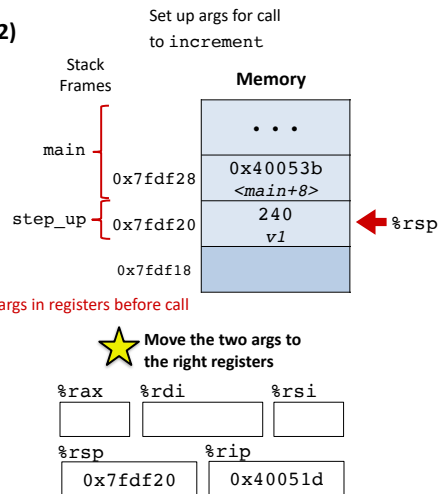
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Procedure call example (step 2)

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    return v1+v2;
}
```

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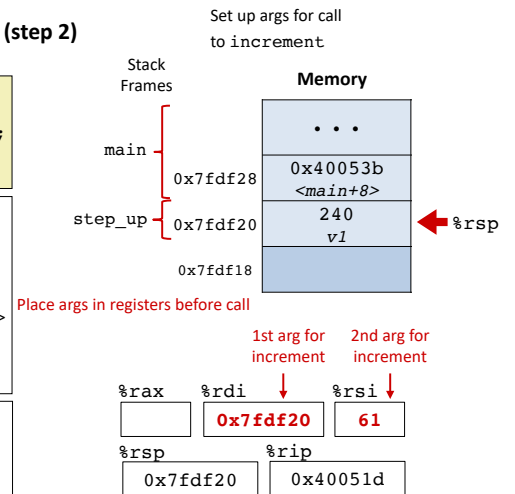
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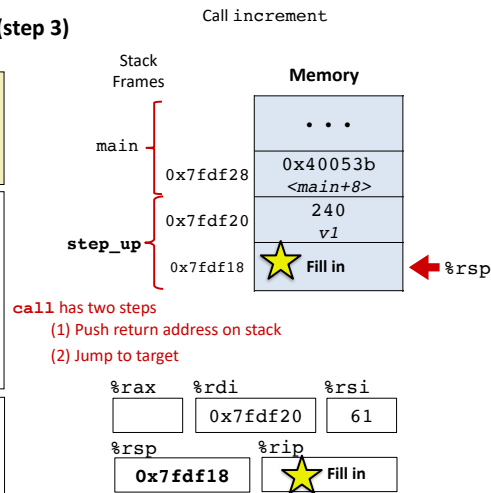
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Procedure call example (step 3)

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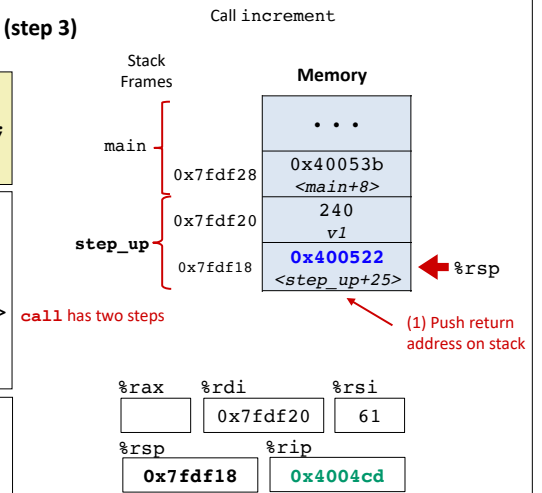
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Procedure call example (step 4)

Run increment

```

long increment(long* p, long val) {
    long x = *p;
    long y = x + val;
    *p = y;
    return x;
}
    
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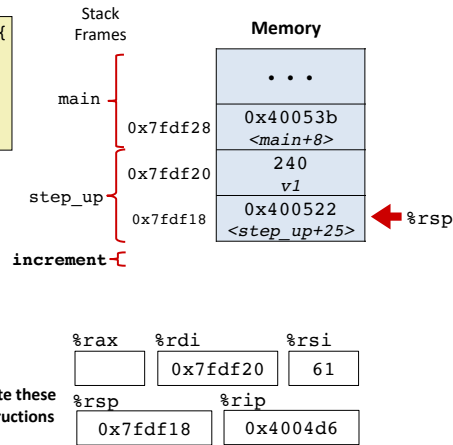
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Execute these 3 instructions



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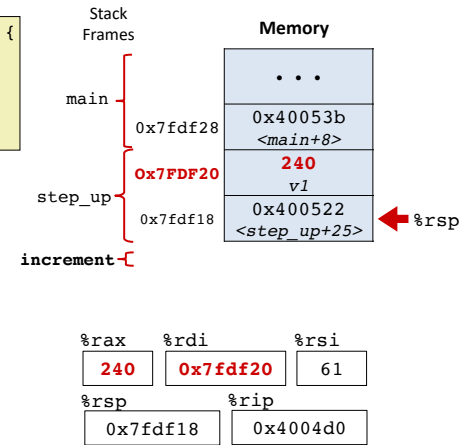
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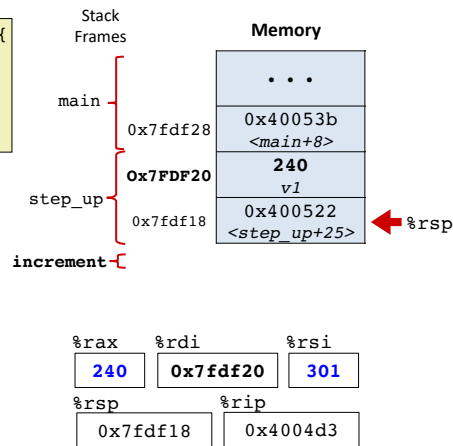
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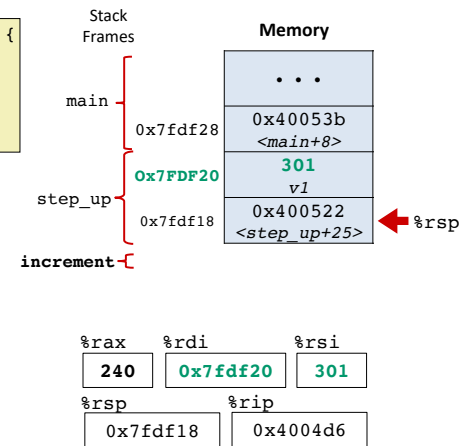
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Procedure call example (step 5a)

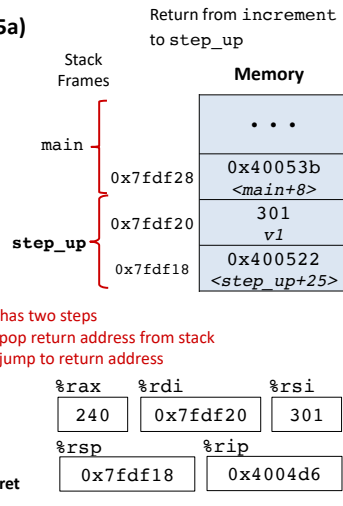
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ret has two steps
(1) pop return address from stack
(2) jump to return address

★ Execute ret



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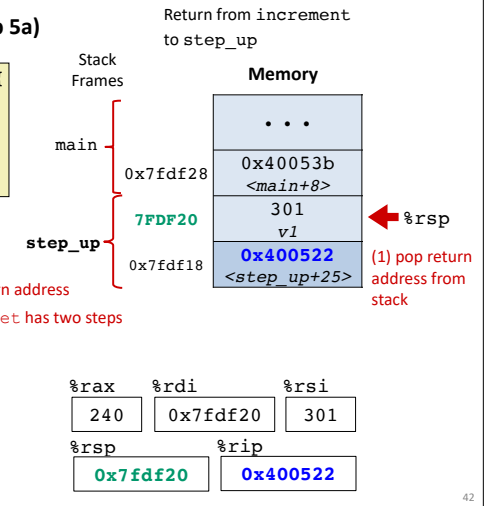
Procedure call example (step 5a)

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(2) jump to return address
ret has two steps



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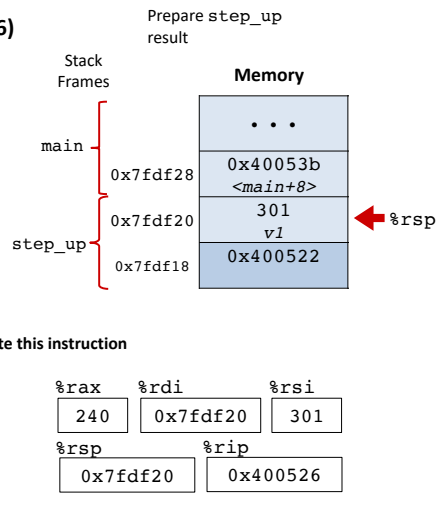
Procedure call example (step 6)

```
long step_up() {
    long v1 = 240;
    long v2 = increment(&v1, 61);
    return v1+v2;
}
```

```
step_up:
400509: subq $8, %rsp
40050d: movq $240, (%rsp)
400515: movq %rsp, %rdi
400518: movl $61, %esi
40051d: callq 4004cd <increment>
400522: addq (%rsp), %rax
400526: addq $8, %rsp
40052a: retq
```

```
increment:
4004cd: movq (%rdi), %rax
4004d0: addq %rax, %rsi
4004d3: movq %rsi, (%rdi)
4004d6: retq
```

★ Execute this instruction



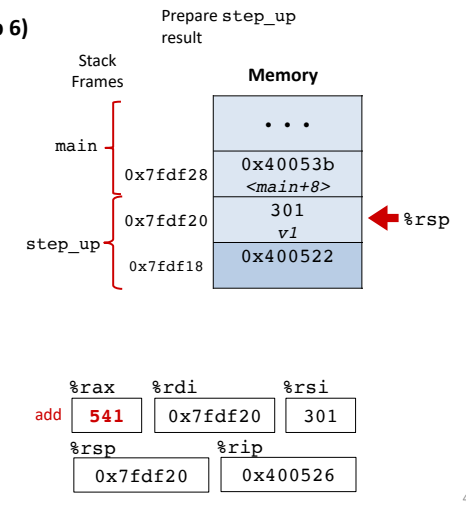
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Procedure call example (step 6)

```
long step_up() {
    long v1 = 240;
    long v2 = increment(&v1, 61);
    return v1+v2;
}
```

```
step_up:
400509: subq $8, %rsp
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400515: movq %rsp, %rdi
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40051d: callq 4004cd <increment>
400522: addq (%rsp), %rax
400526: addq $8, %rsp
40052a: retq
```

```
increment:
4004cd: movq (%rdi), %rax
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4004d3: movq %rsi, (%rdi)
4004d6: retq
```



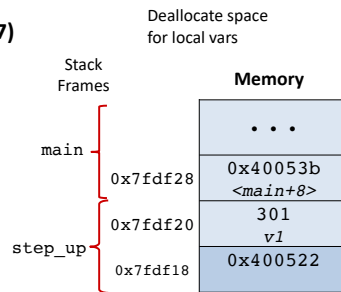
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Procedure call example (step 7)

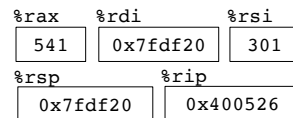
```
long step_up() {
    long v1 = 240;
    long v2 = increment(&v1, 61);
    return v1+v2;
}
```

```
step_up:
400509: subq $8, %rsp
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400518: movl $61, %esi
40051d: callq 4004cd <increment>
400522: addq (%rsp), %rax
400526: addq $8, %rsp
40052a: retq
```

```
increment:
4004cd: movq (%rdi), %rax
4004d0: addq %rax, %rsi
4004d3: movq %rsi, (%rdi)
4004d6: retq
```



★ Execute this instruction



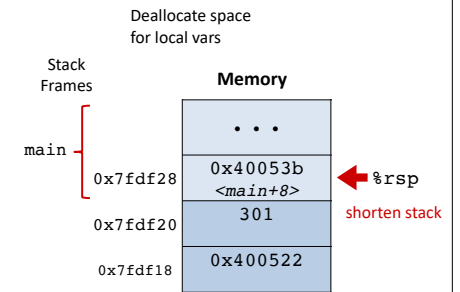
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Procedure call example (step 7)

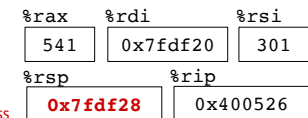
```
long step_up() {
    long v1 = 240;
    long v2 = increment(&v1, 61);
    return v1+v2;
}
```

```
step_up:
400509: subq $8, %rsp
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40051d: callq 4004cd <increment>
400522: addq (%rsp), %rax
400526: addq $8, %rsp
40052a: retq
```

```
increment:
4004cd: movq (%rdi), %rax
4004d0: addq %rax, %rsi
4004d3: movq %rsi, (%rdi)
4004d6: retq
```



higher address



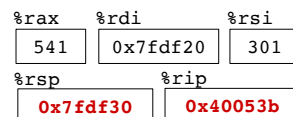
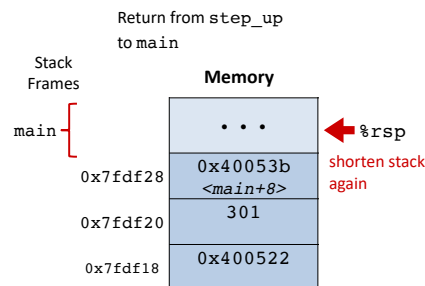
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Procedure call example (step 8)

```
long step_up() {
    long v1 = 240;
    long v2 = increment(&v1, 61);
    return v1+v2;
}
```

```
step_up:
400509: subq $8, %rsp
40050d: movq $240, (%rsp)
400515: movq %rsp, %rdi
400518: movl $61, %esi
40051d: callq 4004cd <increment>
400522: addq (%rsp), %rax
400526: addq $8, %rsp
40052a: retq
```

```
increment:
4004cd: movq (%rdi), %rax
4004d0: addq %rax, %rsi
4004d3: movq %rsi, (%rdi)
4004d6: retq
```



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Implementing procedures

Have we now seen how this is done?

1. How does a caller pass arguments to a procedure? ✓
2. How does a caller receive a return value from a procedure? ✓
3. How does a procedure know where to return (what code to execute next when done)? ✓
4. Where does a procedure store local variables? ✓
5. How do procedures share limited registers and memory? ??

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Register saving conventions

yoo calls who:
Caller *Callee*

```
yoo(...) {
    . . .
    who();
    . . .
}
```

Will register contents still be there after a procedure call?

```
yoo:
    . . .
    movq $12345, %rbx
    call who
    addq %rbx, %rax
    . . .
    ret
```

```
who:
    . . .
    addq %rdi, %rbx
    . . .
    ret
```

Conventions:

Caller Save

Callee Save

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x86-64 register conventions

%rax	Return value – Caller saved	%r8	Argument #5 – Caller saved
%rbx	Callee saved	%r9	Argument #6 – Caller saved
%rcx	Argument #4 – Caller saved	%r10	Caller saved
%rdx	Argument #3 – Caller saved	%r11	Caller Saved
%rsi	Argument #2 – Caller saved	%r12	Callee saved
%rdi	Argument #1 – Caller saved	%r13	Callee saved
%rsp	Stack pointer	%r14	Callee saved
%rbp	Callee saved	%r15	Callee saved

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Callee-save example (step 0)

Similar function, but now takes an arg for the local variable

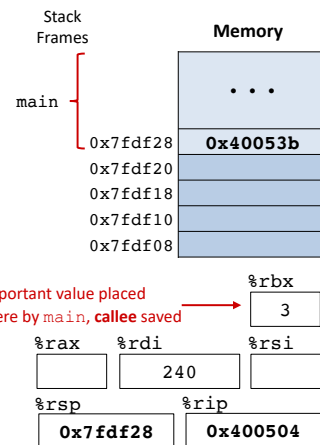
```
long step_by(long x) {
    long v1 = x;
    long v2 = increment(&v1, 61);
    return x + v2;
}
```

```
step_by:
400504: pushq %rbx
400506: movq %rdi, %rbx
400509: subq $16, %rsp
40050d: movq %rdi, (%rsp)
400515: movq %rsp, %rdi
400518: movl $61, %esi
40051d: callq 4004cd <increment>
400522: addq %rbx, %rax
400525: addq $16, %rsp
400529: popq %rbx
40052b: retq
```

caller saved: %rax, %rdi, %rsi

callee saved: %rbx

main called step_by(240)



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Callee-save example (step 1)

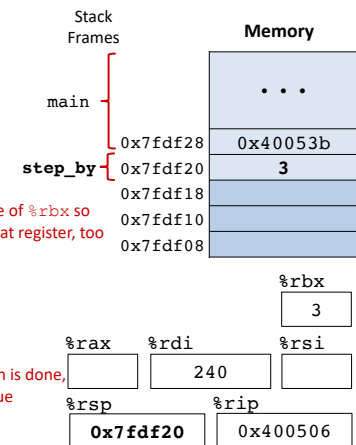
Save register %rbx

```
long step_by(long x) {
    long v1 = x;
    long v2 = increment(&v1, 61);
    return x + v2;
}
```

```
step_by:
400504: pushq %rbx
400506: movq %rdi, %rbx
400509: subq $16, %rsp
40050d: movq %rdi, (%rsp)
400515: movq %rsp, %rdi
400518: movl $61, %esi
40051d: callq 4004cd <increment>
400522: addq %rbx, %rax
400525: addq $16, %rsp
400529: popq %rbx
40052b: retq
```

caller saved: %rax, %rdi, %rsi

callee saved: %rbx



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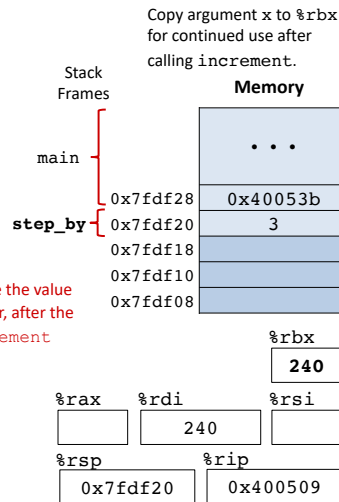
Callee-save example (step 2)

```
long step_by(long x) {
    long v1 = x;
    long v2 = increment(&v1, 61);
    return x + v2;
}
```

```
step_by:
400504: pushq %rbx
400506: movq %rdi, %rbx
400509: subq $16, %rsp
40050d: movq %rdi, (%rsp)
400515: movq %rsp, %rdi
400518: movl $61, %esi
40051d: callq 4004cd <increment>
400522: addq %rbx, %rax
400525: addq $16, %rsp
400529: popq %rbx
40052b: retq
```

caller saved: %rax, %rdi, %rsi

callee saved: %rbx



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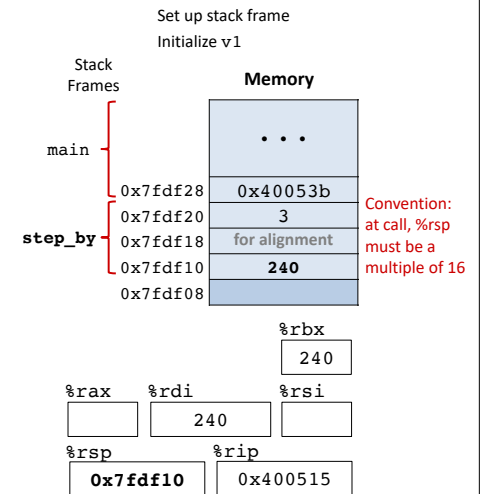
Callee-save example (step 3)

```
long step_by(long x) {
    long v1 = x;
    long v2 = increment(&v1, 61);
    return x + v2;
}
```

```
step_by:
400504: pushq %rbx
400506: movq %rdi, %rbx
400509: subq $16, %rsp
40050d: movq %rdi, (%rsp)
400515: movq %rsp, %rdi
400518: movl $61, %esi
40051d: callq 4004cd <increment>
400522: addq %rbx, %rax
400525: addq $16, %rsp
400529: popq %rbx
40052b: retq
```

caller saved: %rax, %rdi, %rsi

callee saved: %rbx



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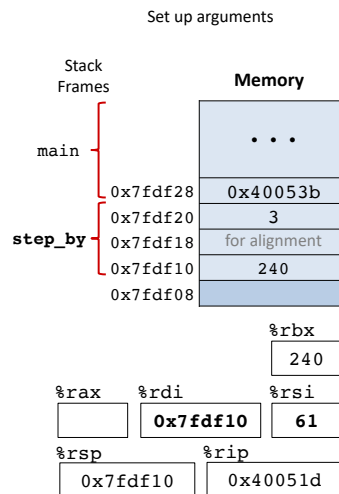
Callee-save example (step 4)

```
long step_by(long x) {
    long v1 = x;
    long v2 = increment(&v1, 61);
    return x + v2;
}
```

```
step_by:
400504: pushq %rbx
400506: movq %rdi, %rbx
400509: subq $16, %rsp
40050d: movq %rdi, (%rsp)
400515: movq %rsp, %rdi
400518: movl $61, %esi
40051d: callq 4004cd <increment>
400522: addq %rbx, %rax
400525: addq $16, %rsp
400529: popq %rbx
40052b: retq
```

caller saved: %rax, %rdi, %rsi

callee saved: %rbx



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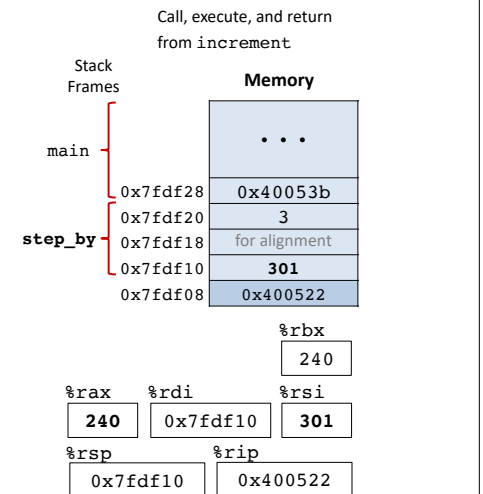
Callee-save example (step 5)

```
long step_by(long x) {
    long v1 = x;
    long v2 = increment(&v1, 61);
    return x + v2;
}
```

```
step_by:
400504: pushq %rbx
400506: movq %rdi, %rbx
400509: subq $16, %rsp
40050d: movq %rdi, (%rsp)
400515: movq %rsp, %rdi
400518: movl $61, %esi
40051d: callq 4004cd <increment>
400522: addq %rbx, %rax
400525: addq $16, %rsp
400529: popq %rbx
40052b: retq
```

caller saved: %rax, %rdi, %rsi

callee saved: %rbx



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Callee-save example (step 6)

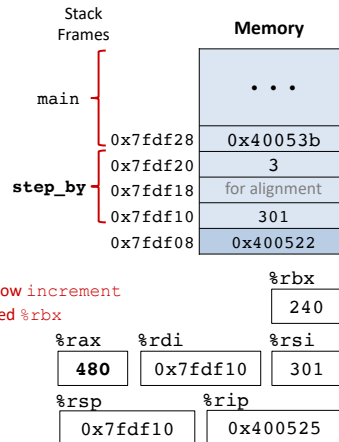
Prepare return value

```
long step_by(long x) {
    long v1 = x;
    long v2 = increment(&v1, 61);
    return x + v2;
}
```

```
step_by:
400504: pushq %rbx
400506: movq %rdi, %rbx
400509: subq $16, %rsp
40050d: movq %rdi, (%rsp)
400515: movq %rsp, %rdi
400518: movl $61, %esi
40051d: callq 4004cd <increment>
400522: addq %rbx, %rax ← We know increment
400525: addq $16, %rsp    restored %rbx
400529: popq %rbx
40052b: retq
```

caller saved: %rax, %rdi, %rsi

callee saved: %rbx



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Callee-save example (step 7)

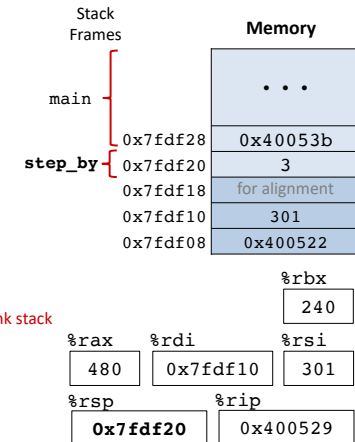
Clean up stack frame

```
long step_by(long x) {
    long v1 = x;
    long v2 = increment(&v1, 61);
    return x + v2;
}
```

```
step_by:
400504: pushq %rbx
400506: movq %rdi, %rbx
400509: subq $16, %rsp
40050d: movq %rdi, (%rsp)
400515: movq %rsp, %rdi
400518: movl $61, %esi
40051d: callq 4004cd <increment>
400522: addq %rbx, %rax ← Shrink stack
400525: addq $16, %rsp
400529: popq %rbx
40052b: retq
```

caller saved: %rax, %rdi, %rsi

callee saved: %rbx



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Callee-save example (step 8)

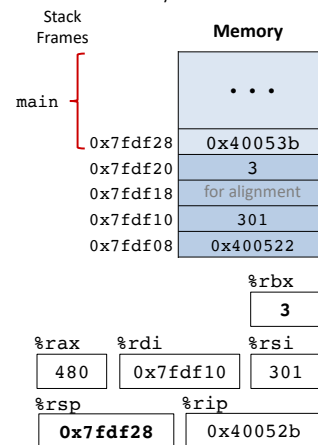
Restore register %rbx
Ready to return

```
long step_by(long x) {
    long v1 = x;
    long v2 = increment(&v1, 61);
    return x + v2;
}
```

```
step_by:
400504: pushq %rbx
400506: movq %rdi, %rbx
400509: subq $16, %rsp
40050d: movq %rdi, (%rsp)
400515: movq %rsp, %rdi
400518: movl $61, %esi
40051d: callq 4004cd <increment>
400522: addq %rbx, %rax
400525: addq $16, %rsp
400529: popq %rbx ← Restore %rbx
40052b: retq    for main
```

caller saved: %rax, %rdi, %rsi

callee saved: %rbx



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Recursion example: code

```
long pcount(unsigned long x) {
    if (x == 0) {
        return 0;
    } else {
        return (x & 1) + pcount(x >> 1);
    }
}
```

```
pcount:
4005dd: movl $0, %eax ← base case/condition
4005e2: testq %rdi, %rdi
4005e5: je 4005fa <.L6>
4005e7: pushq %rbx ← recursive case
4005e8: movq %rdi, %rbx
4005eb: andl $1, %ebx ← x&1 in %rbx
4005ee: shrq %rdi ← across call
4005f1: callq pcount
4005f6: addq %rbx, %rax ← save/restore
4005f9: popq %rbx ← %rbx (callee-save)
.L6:
4005fa: rep
4005fb: retq
```

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Recursion Example: pcount(2)

```
long pcount(unsigned long x) {
    if (x == 0) {
        return 0;
    } else {
        return (x & 1) + pcount(x >> 1);
    }
}
```

pcount:

```
4005dd: movl $0, %eax
4005e2: testq %rdi, %rdi
4005e5: je 4005fa <.L6>
4005e7: pushq %rbx
4005e8: movq %rdi, %rbx
4005eb: andl $1, %ebx
4005ee: shrq %rdi
4005f1: callq pcount
4005f6: addq %rbx, %rax
4005f9: popq %rbx
.L6:
4005fa: rep
4005fb: retq
```

Stack Frames		Memory
main	0x7fdf38	0x4006ed
	0x7fdf30	
	0x7fdf28	
	0x7fdf20	
	0x7fdf18	
	0x7fdf10	
	0x7fdf08	

%rax	%rdi	%rbx
?	2	42
%rsp	%rip	
0x7fdf38	0x4005dd	

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Recursion Example: pcount(2)

```
long pcount(unsigned long x) {
    if (x == 0) {
        return 0;
    } else {
        return (x & 1) + pcount(x >> 1);
    }
}
```

pcount:

```
4005dd: movl $0, %eax
4005e2: testq %rdi, %rdi
4005e5: je 4005fa <.L6>
4005e7: pushq %rbx
4005e8: movq %rdi, %rbx
4005eb: andl $1, %ebx
4005ee: shrq %rdi
4005f1: callq pcount
4005f6: addq %rbx, %rax
4005f9: popq %rbx
.L6:
4005fa: rep
4005fb: retq
```

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	0x7fdf20	
	0x7fdf18	
	0x7fdf10	
	0x7fdf08	

%rax	%rdi	%rbx
0	2	42
%rsp	%rip	
0x7fdf38	0x4005e7	

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Recursion Example: pcount(2)

```
long pcount(unsigned long x) {
    if (x == 0) {
        return 0;
    } else {
        return (x & 1) + pcount(x >> 1);
    }
}
```

pcount:

```
4005dd: movl $0, %eax
4005e2: testq %rdi, %rdi
4005e5: je 4005fa <.L6>
4005e7: pushq %rbx
4005e8: movq %rdi, %rbx
4005eb: andl $1, %ebx
4005ee: shrq %rdi
4005f1: callq pcount
4005f6: addq %rbx, %rax
4005f9: popq %rbx
.L6:
4005fa: rep
4005fb: retq
```

Stack Frames		Memory
main	0x7fdf38	0x4006ed
	0x7fdf30	42
	0x7fdf28	
	0x7fdf20	
	0x7fdf18	
	0x7fdf10	
	0x7fdf08	

%rax	%rdi	%rbx
0	2	2
%rsp	%rip	
0x7fdf30	0x4005eb	

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Recursion Example: pcount(2)

```
long pcount(unsigned long x) {
    if (x == 0) {
        return 0;
    } else {
        return (x & 1) + pcount(x >> 1);
    }
}
```

pcount:

```
4005dd: movl $0, %eax
4005e2: testq %rdi, %rdi
4005e5: je 4005fa <.L6>
4005e7: pushq %rbx
4005e8: movq %rdi, %rbx
4005eb: andl $1, %ebx
4005ee: shrq %rdi
4005f1: callq pcount
4005f6: addq %rbx, %rax
4005f9: popq %rbx
.L6:
4005fa: rep
4005fb: retq
```

Stack Frames		Memory
main	0x7fdf38	0x4006ed
	0x7fdf30	42
	0x7fdf28	
	0x7fdf20	
	0x7fdf18	
	0x7fdf10	
	0x7fdf08	

%rax	%rdi	%rbx
0	1	0
%rsp	%rip	
0x7fdf30	0x4005f1	

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Recursion Example: pcount(2) → pcount(1)

```
long pcount(unsigned long x) {
    if (x == 0) {
        return 0;
    } else {
        return (x & 1) + pcount(x >> 1);
    }
}
```

pcount:

```
4005dd: movl $0, %eax
4005e2: testq %rdi, %rdi
4005e5: je 4005fa<.L6>
4005e7: pushq %rbx
4005e8: movq %rdi, %rbx
4005eb: andl $1, %ebx
4005ee: shrq %rdi
4005f1: callq pcount
4005f6: addq %rbx, %rax
4005f9: popq %rbx
.L6:
4005fa: rep
4005fb: retq
```

Stack Frames		Memory
main	0x7fdf38	0x4006ed
pc(2)	0x7fdf30	42
	0x7fdf28	0x4005f6
	0x7fdf20	
	0x7fdf18	
	0x7fdf10	
	0x7fdf08	

%rax	%rdi	%rbx
0	1	0
%rsp	%rip	
0x7fdf28	0x4005dd	

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Recursion Example: pcount(2) → pcount(1)

```
1 long pcount(unsigned long x) {
    if (x == 0) {
        return 0;
    } else {
        return (x & 1) + pcount(x >> 1);
    }
}
```

pcount:

```
4005dd: movl $0, %eax
4005e2: testq %rdi, %rdi
4005e5: je 4005fa<.L6>
4005e7: pushq %rbx
4005e8: movq %rdi, %rbx
4005eb: andl $1, %ebx
4005ee: shrq %rdi
4005f1: callq pcount
4005f6: addq %rbx, %rax
4005f9: popq %rbx
.L6:
4005fa: rep
4005fb: retq
```

Stack Frames		Memory
main	0x7fdf38	0x4006ed
pc(2)	0x7fdf30	42
	0x7fdf28	0x4005f6
	0x7fdf20	
	0x7fdf18	
	0x7fdf10	
	0x7fdf08	

%rax	%rdi	%rbx
0	1	0
%rsp	%rip	
0x7fdf28	0x4005e7	

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Recursion Example: pcount(2) → pcount(1)

```
1 long pcount(unsigned long x) {
    if (x == 0) {
        return 0;
    } else {
        return (x & 1) + pcount(x >> 1);
    }
}
```

pcount:

```
4005dd: movl $0, %eax
4005e2: testq %rdi, %rdi
4005e5: je 4005fa<.L6>
4005e7: pushq %rbx
4005e8: movq %rdi, %rbx
4005eb: andl $1, %ebx
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%rax	%rdi	%rbx
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Recursion Example: pcount(2) → pcount(1)

```
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}
```

pcount:

```
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0	0	1
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Recursion Example: pcount(2) → pcount(1) → pcount(0)

```

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0	0	1
%rsp	%rip	
0x7fdf18	0x4005dd	

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Recursion Example: pcount(2) → pcount(1) → pcount(0)

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	0x7fdf08		

%rax	%rdi	%rbx
1	0	42
%rsp	%rip	
0x7fdf38	0x4005f9	

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4005fb: retq
```

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	0x7fdf20	0	
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	0x7fdf10		
	0x7fdf08		

%rax	%rdi	%rbx
1	0	42
%rsp	%rip	
0x7fdf40	0x4006ed	

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Stack storage example (1)

optional

```
long int call_proc()
{
    long x1 = 1;
    int x2 = 2;
    short x3 = 3;
    char x4 = 4;
    proc(x1, &x1, x2, &x2,
        x3, &x3, x4, &x4);
    return (x1+x2)*(x3-x4);
}
```

```
call_proc:
    subq $32, %rsp
    movq $1, 16(%rsp) # x1
    movl $2, 24(%rsp) # x2
    movw $3, 28(%rsp) # x3
    movb $4, 31(%rsp) # x4
    . . .
```

Return address to caller of call_proc	← %rsp

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Stack storage example (2) Allocate local vars

optional

```
long int call_proc()
{
    long x1 = 1;
    int x2 = 2;
    short x3 = 3;
    char x4 = 4;
    proc(x1, &x1, x2, &x2,
        x3, &x3, x4, &x4);
    return (x1+x2)*(x3-x4);
}
```

```
call_proc:
    subq $32,%rsp
    movq $1,16(%rsp) # x1
    movl $2,24(%rsp) # x2
    movw $3,28(%rsp) # x3
    movb $4,31(%rsp) # x4
    . . .
```

Return address to caller of call_proc			
x4	x3	x2	24
x1			16
			8
			←%rsp

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Stack storage example (3) setup args to proc

optional

```
long int call_proc()
{
    long x1 = 1;
    int x2 = 2;
    short x3 = 3;
    char x4 = 4;
    proc(x1, &x1, x2, &x2,
        x3, &x3, x4, &x4);
    return (x1+x2)*(x3-x4);
}
```

```
call_proc:
    . . .
    leaq 24(%rsp),%rcx # &x2
    leaq 16(%rsp),%rsi # &x1
    leaq 31(%rsp),%rax # &x4
    movq %rax,8(%rsp) # ...
    movl $4,(%rsp) # 4
    leaq 28(%rsp),%r9 # &x3
    movl $3,%r8d # 3
    movl $2,%edx # 2
    movq $1,%rdi # 1
    call proc
    . . .
```

Return address to caller of call_proc			
x4	x3	x2	24
x1			16
Arg 8			8
Arg 7			←%rsp

Arguments passed in (in order):
%rdi, %rsi, %rdx, %rcx, %r8, %r9

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Stack storage example (4) after call to proc

optional

```
long int call_proc()
{
    long x1 = 1;
    int x2 = 2;
    short x3 = 3;
    char x4 = 4;
    proc(x1, &x1, x2, &x2,
        x3, &x3, x4, &x4);
    return (x1+x2)*(x3-x4);
}
```

```
call_proc:
    . . .
    movswl 28(%rsp),%eax # x3
    movsbl 31(%rsp),%edx # x4
    subl %edx,%eax # x3-x4
    cltq # sign-extend %eax->%rax
    movslq 24(%rsp),%rdx # x2
    addq 16(%rsp),%rdx # x1+x2
    imulq %rdx,%rax # *
    addq $32,%rsp
    ret
```

Return address to caller of call_proc			
x4	x3	x2	24
x1			16
Arg 8			8
Arg 7			←%rsp

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Stack storage example (5) deallocate local vars

optional

```
long int call_proc()
{
    long x1 = 1;
    int x2 = 2;
    short x3 = 3;
    char x4 = 4;
    proc(x1, &x1, x2, &x2,
        x3, &x3, x4, &x4);
    return (x1+x2)*(x3-x4);
}
```

```
call_proc:
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    subl %edx,%eax
    cltq
    movslq 24(%rsp),%rdx
    addq 16(%rsp),%rdx
    imulq %rdx,%rax
    addq $32,%rsp
    ret
```

Return address to caller of call_proc			
			←%rsp

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Procedure Summary

call, ret, push, pop
Stack discipline fits procedure call / return.*
If P calls Q: Q (and calls by Q) returns before P
Conventions support arbitrary function calls.
Register-save conventions.
Stack frame saves extra args or local variables. Result returned in %rax

%rax	Return value – Caller saved	%r8	Argument #5 – Caller saved
%rbx	Callee saved	%r9	Argument #6 – Caller saved
%rcx	Argument #4 – Caller saved	%r10	Caller saved
%rdx	Argument #3 – Caller saved	%r11	Caller Saved
%rsi	Argument #2 – Caller saved	%r12	Callee saved
%rdi	Argument #1 – Caller saved	%r13	Callee saved
%rsp	Stack pointer	%r14	Callee saved
%rbp	Callee saved	%r15	Callee saved

