

# Procedures and the Call Stack

## Topics

- Procedures
- Call stack
- Procedure/stack instructions
- Calling conventions
- Register-saving conventions

# Implementing Procedures

How does a caller pass **arguments** to a procedure?

How does a caller receive a **return value** from a procedure?

Where does a procedure store **local variables**?

How does a procedure know **where to return**  
(what code to execute next when done)?

How do procedures **share limited registers and memory**?

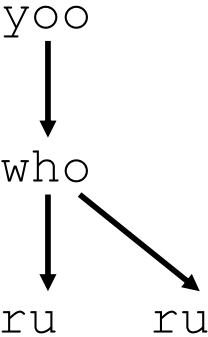
# Call Chain

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

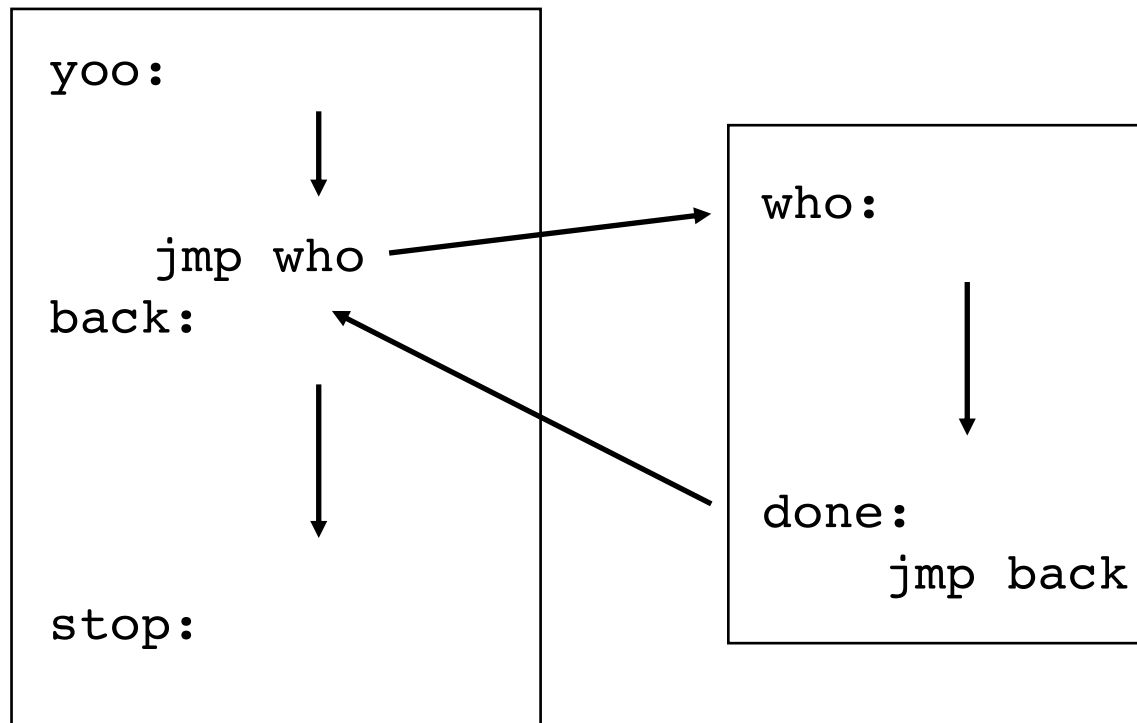
```
who (...)  
{  
  . . .  
  ru ();  
  . . .  
  ru ();  
  . . .  
}
```

```
ru (...)  
{  
  .  
  .  
  .  
}
```

## Example Call Chain

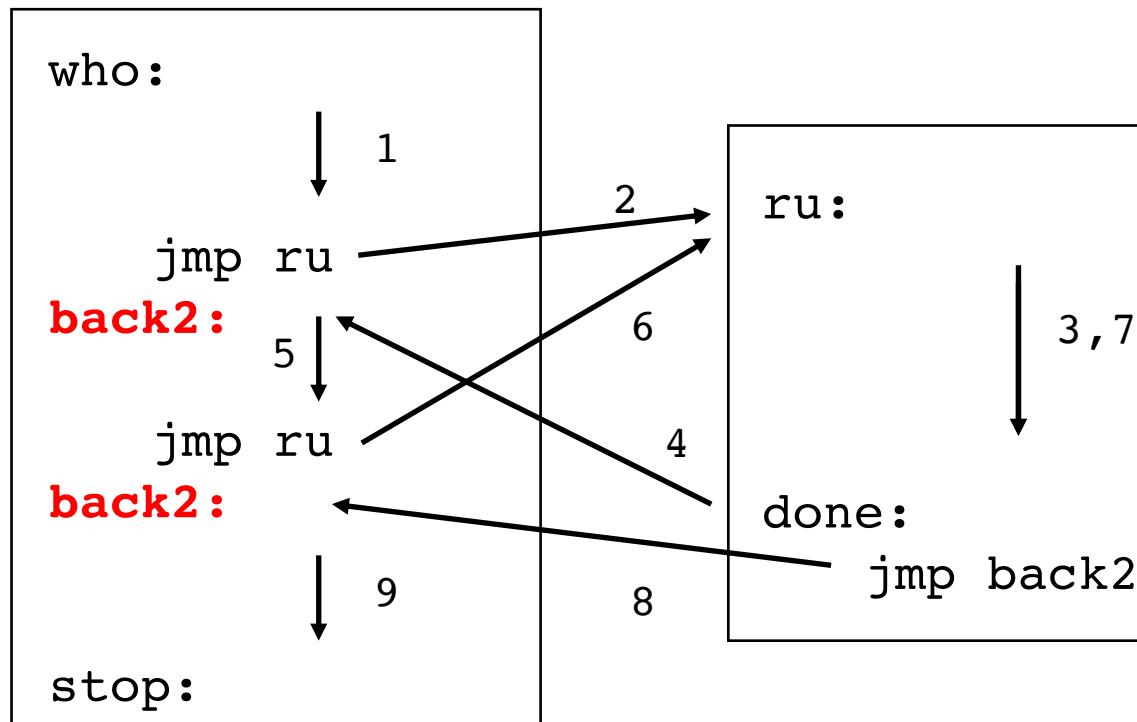


# First Try...



But what if we want to call a function from multiple places in the code?

# First Try... broken!



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All these need **separate storage *per call!***  
(not just per procedure)

# Procedure Control Flow Instructions

## Procedure call: `callq label`

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

**Return address:** Address of instruction after `call`. Example:

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

## Procedure return: `retq`

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

# Call Example

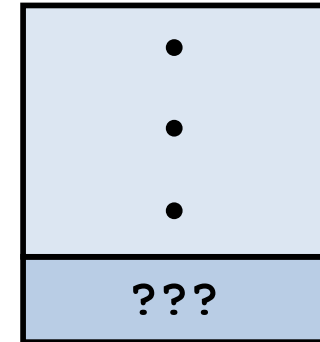
```
00000000000400540 <multstore>:  
.  
.  
400544: callq 400550 <mult2>  
400549: mov %rax, (%rbx)  
.
```

```
00000000000400550 <mult2>:  
400550: mov %rdi, %rax  
.  
.  
400557: retq
```

**Before callq**

Memory

0x7fdf30  
0x7fdf28  
0x7fdf20  
0x7fdf18



**%rsp**

**0x7fdf20**

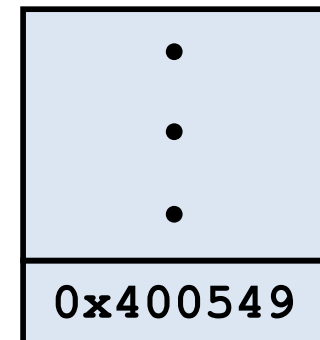
**%rip**

**0x400544**

**After callq**

Memory

0x7fdf30  
0x7fdf28  
0x7fdf20  
0x7fdf18



**%rsp**

**0x7fdf18**

**%rip**

**0x400550**





# Return Example

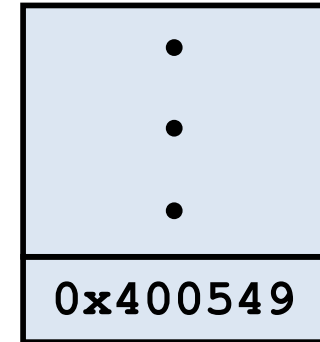
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.  
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.
```

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

**Before retq**

0x7fdf30  
0x7fdf28  
0x7fdf20  
0x7fdf18

Memory



**%rsp**

**0x7fdf18**

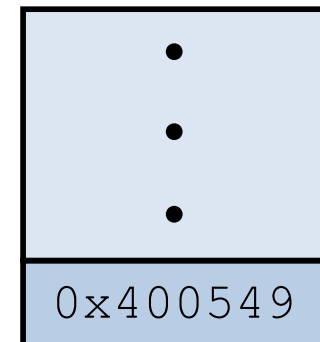
**%rip**

**0x400557**

**After retq**

0x7fdf30  
0x7fdf28  
0x7fdf20  
0x7fdf18

Memory



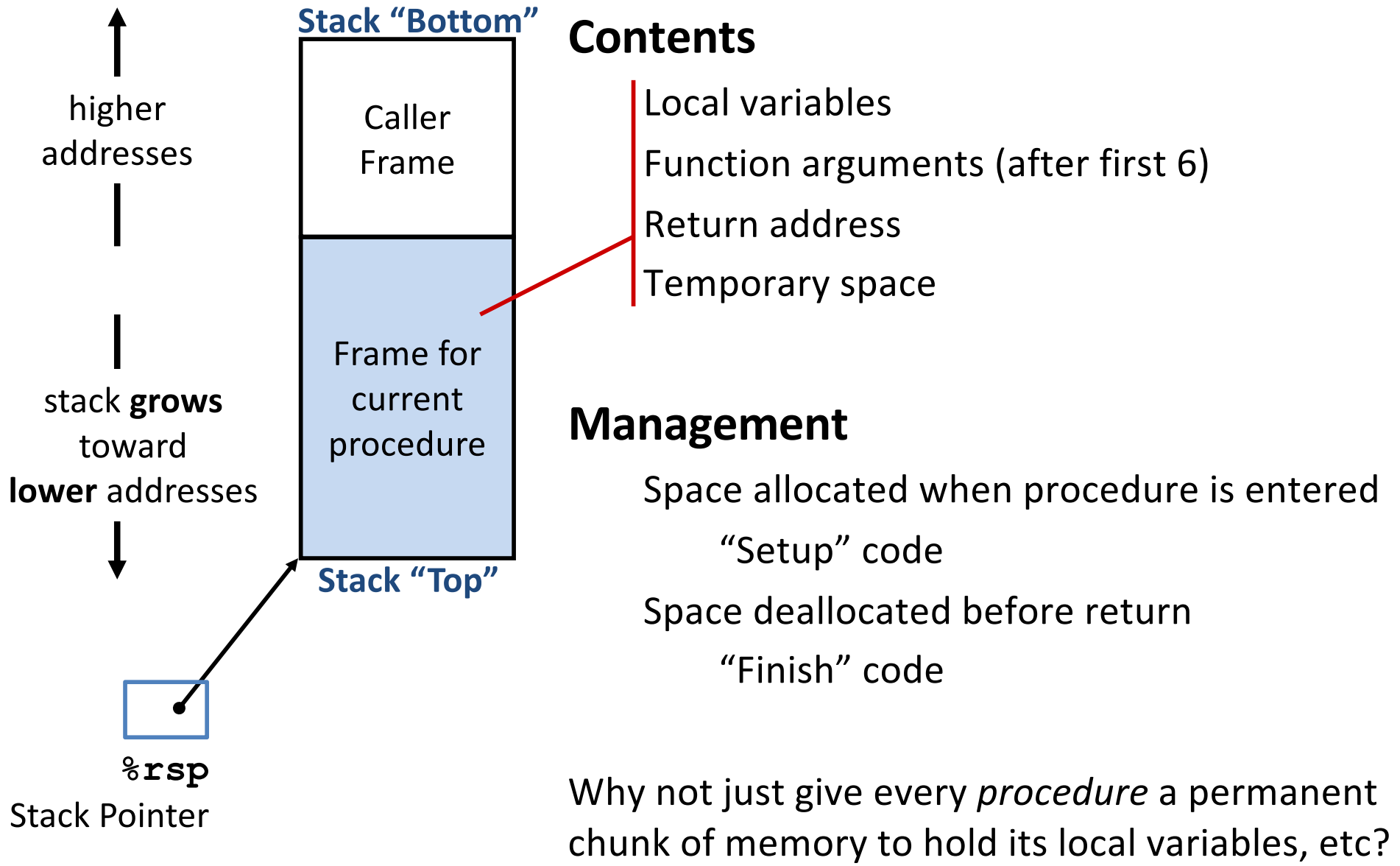
**%rsp**

**0x7fdf20**

**%rip**

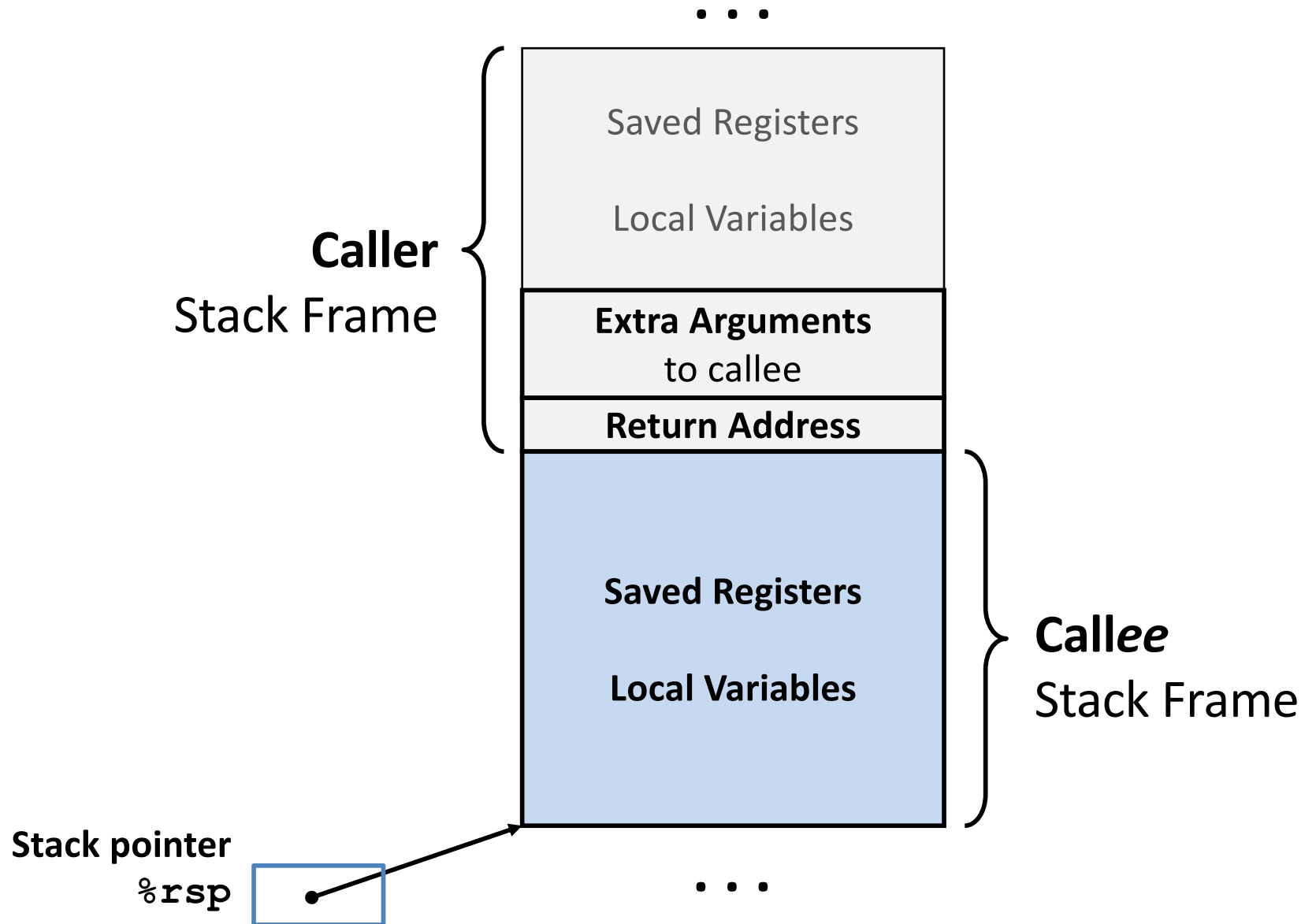
**0x400549**

# Stack frames support procedure calls.



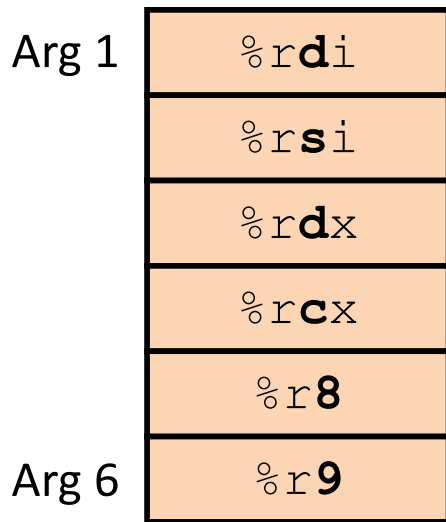
Why not just give every *procedure* a permanent chunk of memory to hold its local variables, etc?

# Stack Frames



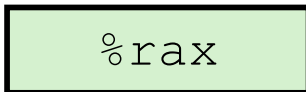
# Procedure Data Flow Conventions

First 6 arguments passed  
in registers

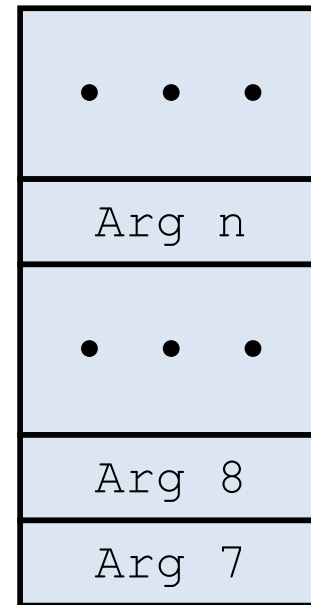


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Silk  
Dress  
Costs  
\$89*

Return value



Remaining arguments passed  
on stack (in memory)



High  
Addresses



Low  
Addresses

Allocate stack space only when needed.

# A Puzzle

## C function body:

```
*p = d;  
return x - c;
```

## assembly:

```
movsbl  %dl, %edx  
movl    %edx, (%rsi)  
movswl  %di, %edi  
subl    %edi, %ecx  
movl    %ecx, %eax
```

Write the C function header, types, and order of parameters.

movsbl = move sign-extending a byte to a long (4-byte)

movswl = move sign-extending a word (2-byte) to a long (4-byte)

# Procedure Call / Stack Frame Example

```
call_incr:
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
```

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

Passes address of local variable (in stack).

Uses memory through pointer.

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

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

# Procedure Call Example (step 0)

main called call\_incr

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

## call\_incr:

```
400509:  subq  $8, %rsp  
40050d:  movq  $240, (%rsp)  
400515:  movq  %rsp, %rdi  
400518:  movl  $61, %esi  
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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
```

Stack  
Frames

main

0x7fdf28

0x7fdf20

0x7fdf18

Memory

...

**0x40053b**

<main+8>

**%rax**

**%rdi**

**%rsi**



**%rsp**

**%rip**

**0x7fdf28**

**0x400509**

# Procedure Call Example (step 1)

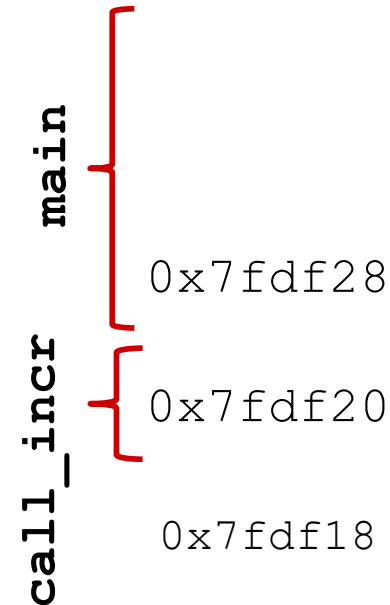
Allocate space  
for local vars

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

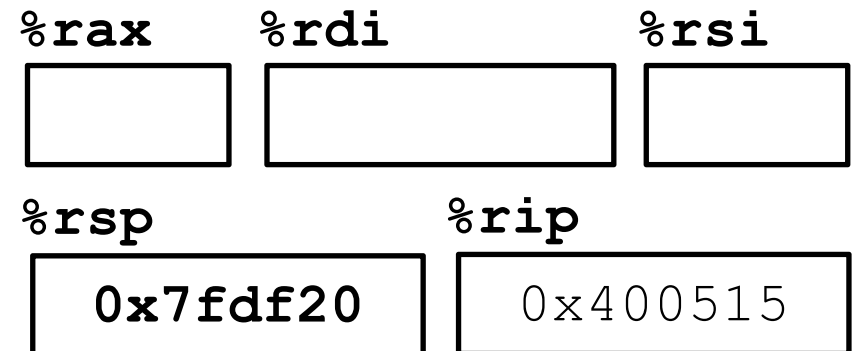
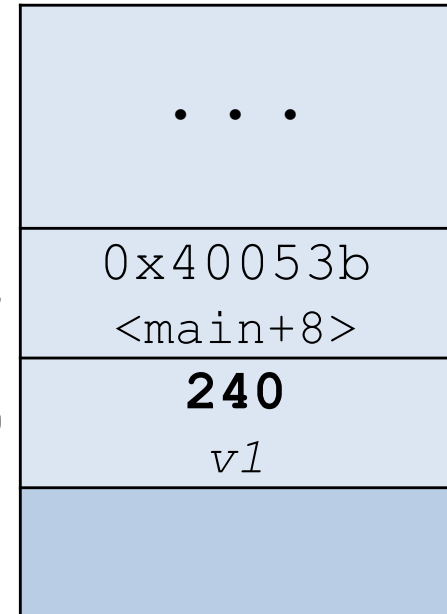
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400518:  movl  $61, %esi  
40051d:  callq 4004cd <increment>  
400522:  addq  (%rsp), %rax  
400526:  addq  $8, %rsp  
40052a:  retq
```

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

Stack  
Frames



Memory





# Procedure Call Example (step 2)

Set up args for call  
to `increment`

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

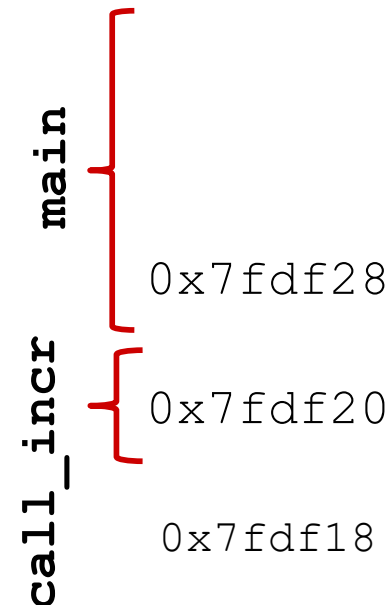
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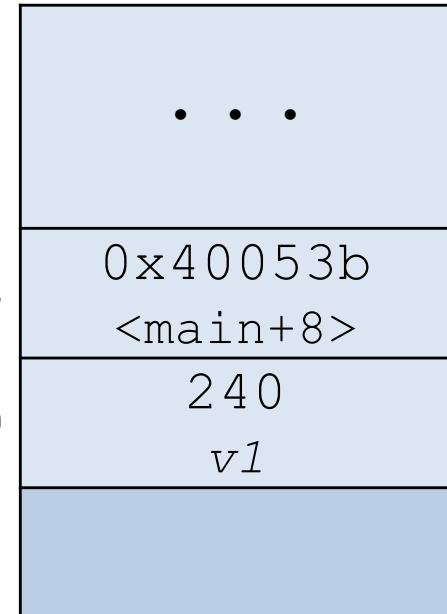
40051d:  callq 4004cd <increment>  
400522:  addq  (%rsp), %rax  
400526:  addq  $8, %rsp  
40052a:  retq
```

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

Stack  
Frames



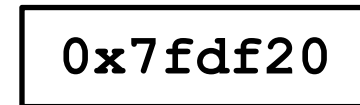
Memory



**%rax**



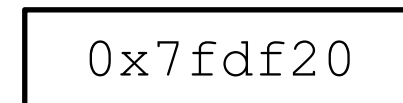
**%rdi**



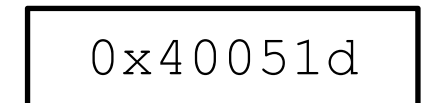
**%rsi**



**%rsp**



**%rip**



# Procedure Call Example (step 3)

Call increment

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

```
call_incr:  
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
```

Stack  
Frames

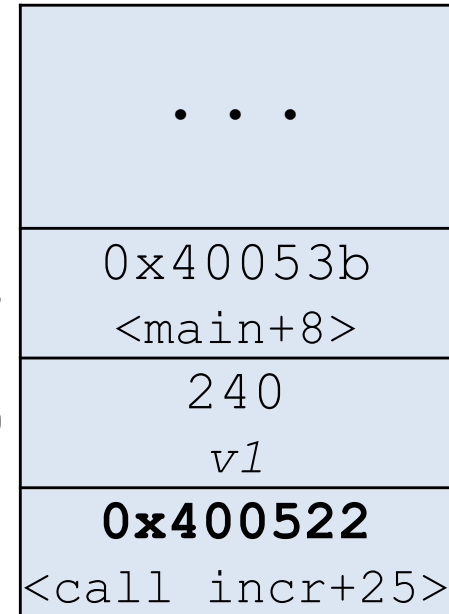
main  
call\_incr

0x7fdf28

0x7fdf20

0x7fdf18

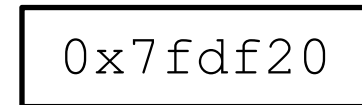
Memory



%rax



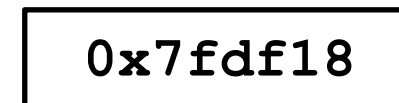
%rdi



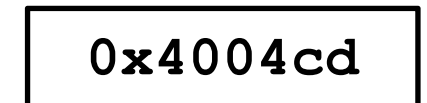
%rsi



%rsp



%rip



# Procedure Call Example (step 4)

Run increment

```

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

```

```

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

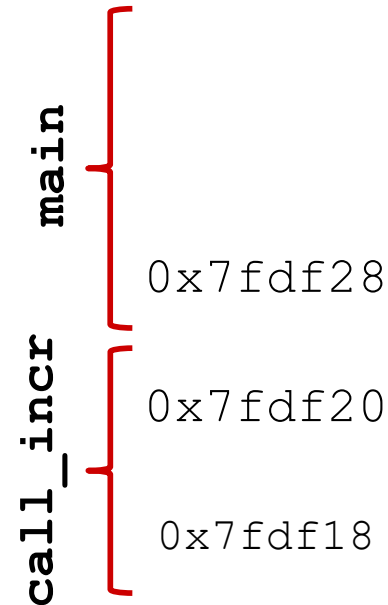
```

```

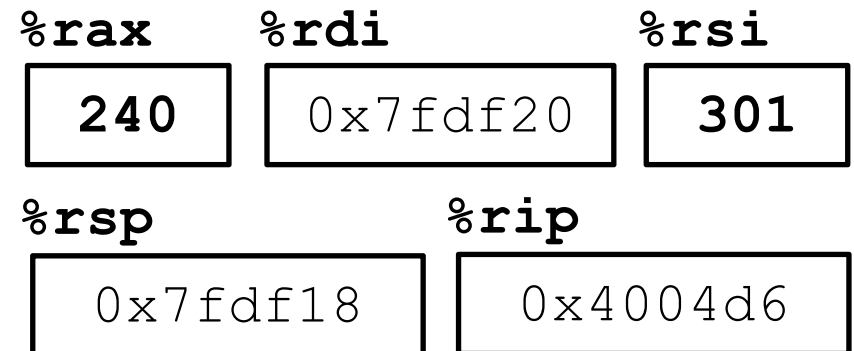
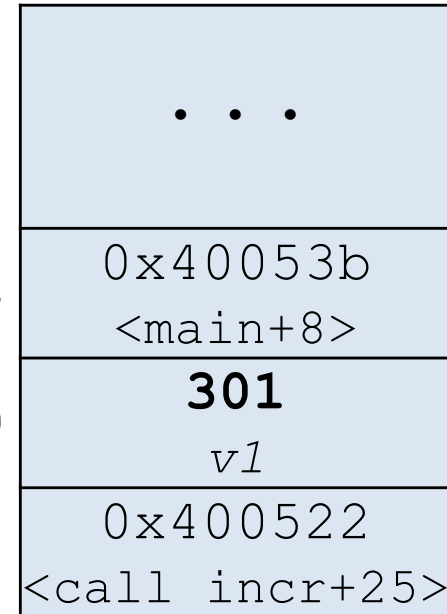
increment:
4004cd: movq (%rdi), %rax
4004d0: addq %rax, %rsi
4004d3: movq %rsi, (%rdi)
4004d6: retq

```

Stack  
Frames



Memory



# Procedure Call Example (step 5)

Return from `increment`  
to `call_incr`

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

```
call_incr:  
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
```

Stack  
Frames

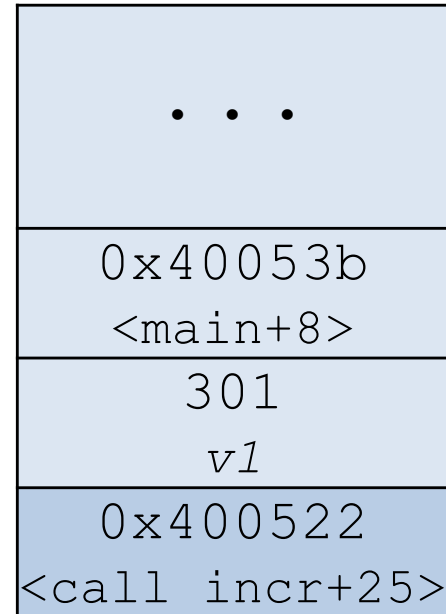
`main`  
`call_incr`

0x7fdf28

0x7fdf20

0x7fdf18

Memory



`%rax`

240

`%rdi`

0x7fdf20

`%rsi`

301

`%rsp`

0x7fdf20

`%rip`

0x400522

# Procedure Call Example (step 6)

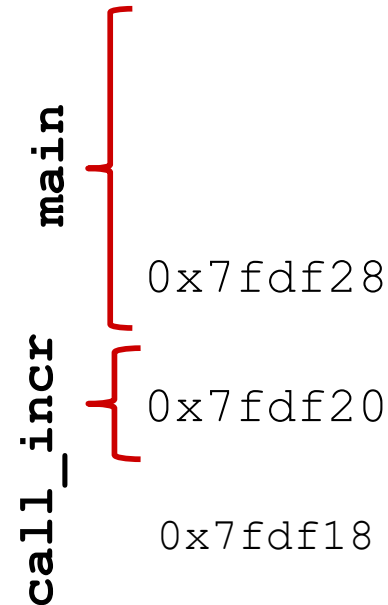
Prepare `call_incr` result

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

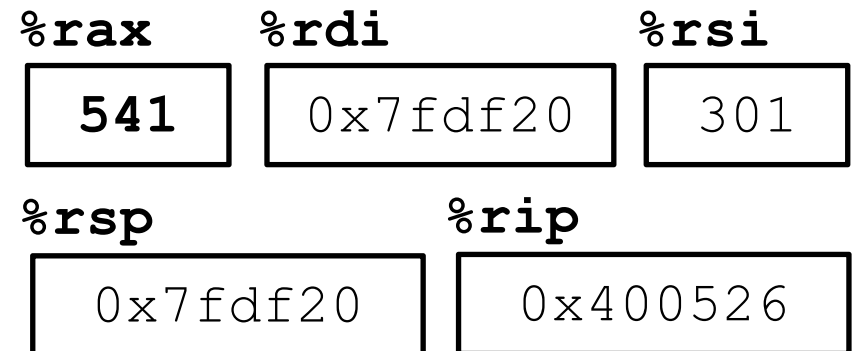
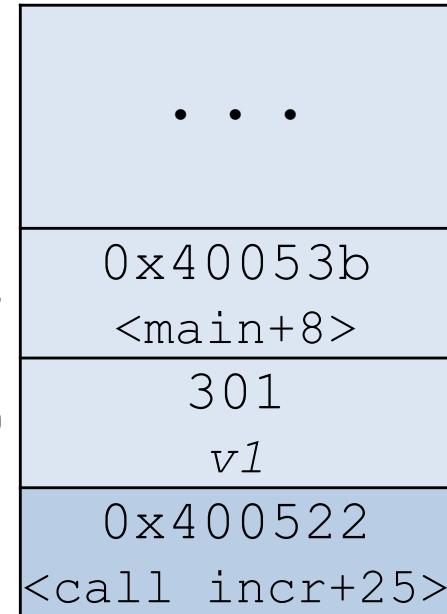
```
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40050d:  movq  $240, (%rsp)  
400515:  movq  %rsp, %rdi  
400518:  movl  $61, %esi  
40051d:  callq 4004cd <increment>  
400522:  addq  (%rsp), %rax  
400526:  addq  $8, %rsp  
40052a:  retq
```

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

Stack  
Frames



Memory



# Procedure Call Example (step 7)

Deallocate space  
for local vars

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

```
call_incr:
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
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4004d3:  movq  %rsi, (%rdi)
4004d6:  retq
```

Stack  
Frames

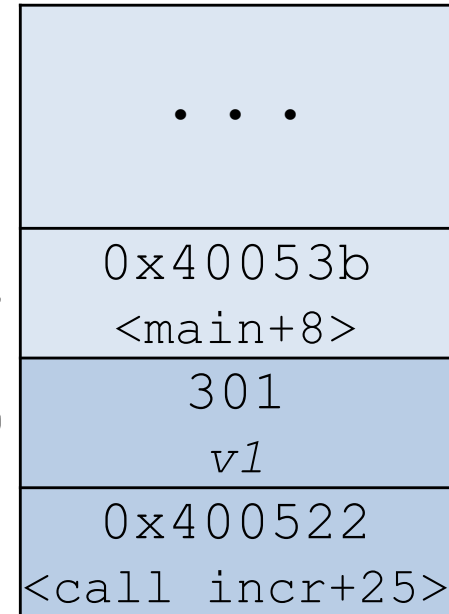
main

0x7fdf28

0x7fdf20

0x7fdf18

Memory



%rax

%rdi

%rsi

541

0x7fdf20

301

%rsp

%rip

0x7fdf28

0x400526

# Procedure Call Example (step 8)

Return from `call_incr`  
to `main`

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

```
call_incr:  
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
```

Stack  
Frames

main

0x7fdf28

0x7fdf20

0x7fdf18

Memory

...

0x40053b  
<main+8>

301  
v1

0x400522  
<call\_incr+25>

%rax

%rdi

%rsi

541

0x7fdf20

301

%rsp

%rip

0x7fdf30

0x40053b

# Register Saving Conventions

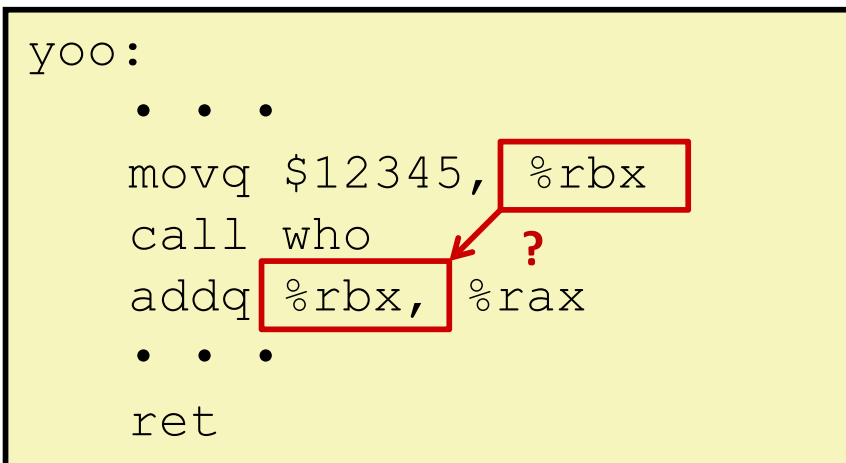
yoo calls who:

*Caller*

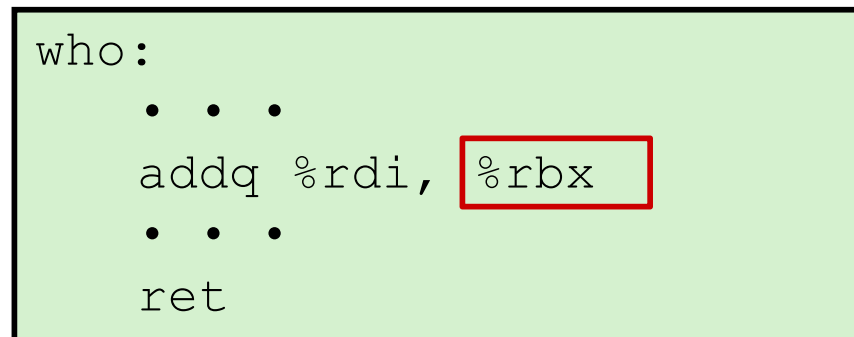
*Callee*

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*



# x86-64 64-bit Register Conventions

|                   |                             |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| <code>%rax</code> | Return value – Caller saved |
| <code>%rbx</code> | <b>Callee saved</b>         |
| <code>%rcx</code> | Argument #4 – Caller saved  |
| <code>%rdx</code> | Argument #3 – Caller saved  |
| <code>%rsi</code> | Argument #2 – Caller saved  |
| <code>%rdi</code> | Argument #1 – Caller saved  |
| <code>%rsp</code> | Stack pointer               |
| <code>%rbp</code> | <b>Callee saved</b>         |

|                   |                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| <code>%r8</code>  | Argument #5 – Caller saved |
| <code>%r9</code>  | Argument #6 – Caller saved |
| <code>%r10</code> | Caller saved               |
| <code>%r11</code> | Caller Saved               |
| <code>%r12</code> | <b>Callee saved</b>        |
| <code>%r13</code> | <b>Callee saved</b>        |
| <code>%r14</code> | <b>Callee saved</b>        |
| <code>%r15</code> | <b>Callee saved</b>        |

# Callee-Save Example (step 0)

main called call\_incr2(240)

```
long call_incr2(long x) {  
    long v1 = x;  
    long v2 = increment(&v1, 61);  
    return x + v2;  
}
```

## call\_incr2:

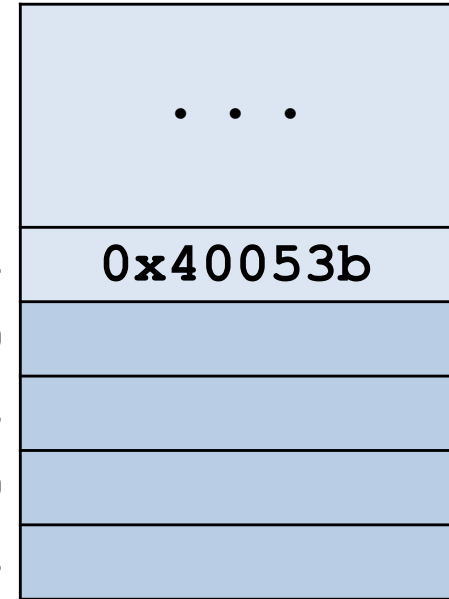
```
400504: pushq %rbx  
400506: movq %rdi, %rbx  
400509: subq $16, %rsp  
40050d: movq %rdi, (%rsp)  
400515: movq %rsp, %rdi  
400518: movl $61, %esi  
40051d: callq 4004cd <increment>  
400522: addq %rbx, %rax  
400525: addq $16, %rsp  
400529: popq %rbx  
40052b: retq
```

Stack  
Frames

main

0x7fdf28  
0x7fdf20  
0x7fdf18  
0x7fdf10  
0x7fdf08

Memory



**%rbx**

3

**%rax**

**%rdi**

**%rsi**

240

**%rsp**

**%rip**

0x7fdf28

0x400504

# Callee-Save Example (step 1)

Register save

```
long call_incr2(long x) {  
    long v1 = x;  
    long v2 = increment(&v1, 61);  
    return x + v2;  
}
```

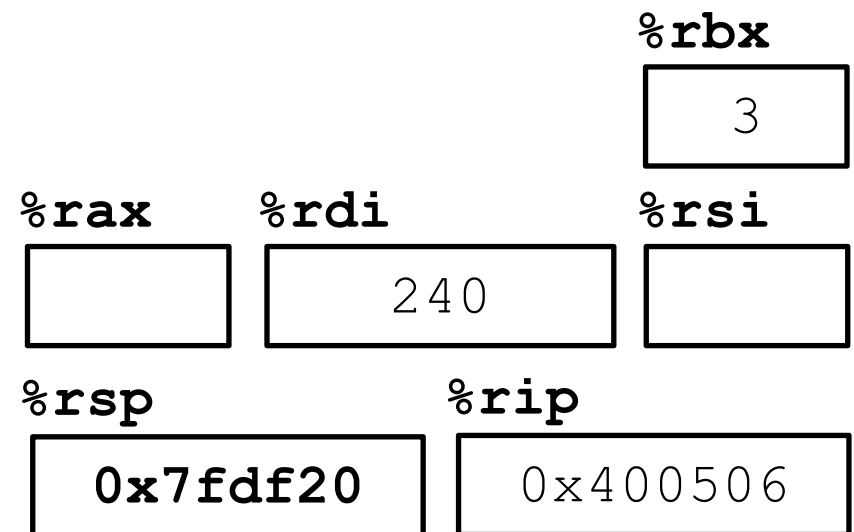
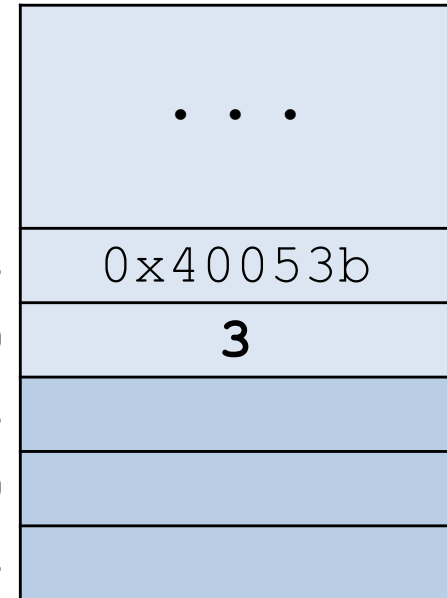
```
call_incr2:  
400504: pushq %rbx  
400506: movq %rdi, %rbx  
400509: subq $16, %rsp  
40050d: movq %rdi, (%rsp)  
400515: movq %rsp, %rdi  
400518: movl $61, %esi  
40051d: callq 4004cd <increment>  
400522: addq %rbx, %rax  
400525: addq $16, %rsp  
400529: popq %rbx  
40052b: retq
```

Stack  
Frames

main  
call\_incr2

0x7fdf28  
0x7fdf20  
0x7fdf18  
0x7fdf10  
0x7fdf08

Memory



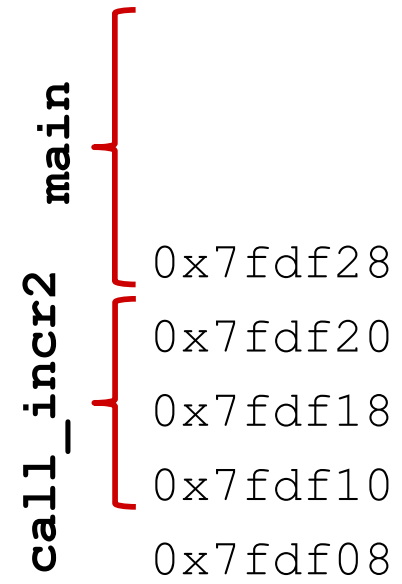
# Callee-Save Example (step 2)

Stack frame setup  
(extra slot for alignment)

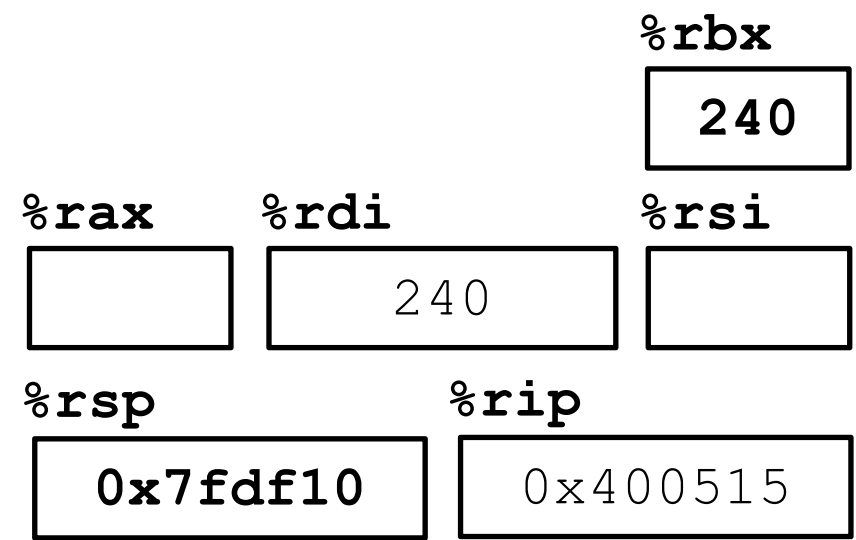
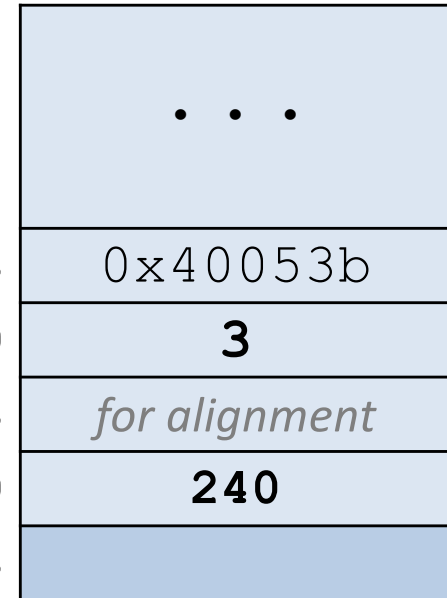
```
long call_incr2(long x) {
    long v1 = x;
    long v2 = increment(&v1, 61);
    return x + v2;
}
```

```
call_incr2:
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
```

Stack  
Frames



Memory



# Callee-Save Example (step 3)

Prepare return value and tear down stack frame

```
long call_incr2(long x) {
    long v1 = x;
    long v2 = increment(&v1, 61);
    return x + v2;
}
```

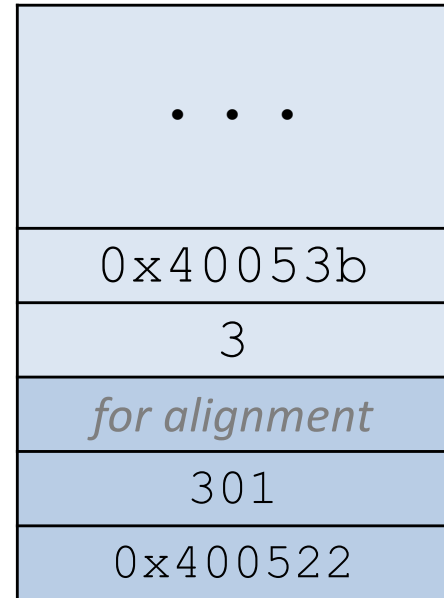
```
call_incr2:
400504:  pushq  %rbx
400506:  movq   %rdi, %rbx
400509:  subq   $16, %rsp
40050d:  movq   %rdi, (%rsp)
400515:  movq   %rsp, %rdi
400518:  movl   $61, %esi
40051d:  callq  4004cd <increment>
400522:  addq  %rbx, %rax
400525:  addq  $16, %rsp
400529:  popq   %rbx
40052b:  retq
```

Stack  
Frames

main  
call\_incr2

0x7fdf28  
0x7fdf20  
0x7fdf18  
0x7fdf10  
0x7fdf08

Memory



**%rbx**

240

**%rax**

541

**%rdi**

0x7fdf10

**%rsi**

301

**%rsp**

0x7fdf20

**%rip**

0x400529

# Callee-Save Example (step 4)

Register restore

```
long call_incr2(long x) {  
    long v1 = x;  
    long v2 = increment(&v1, 61);  
    return x + v2;  
}
```

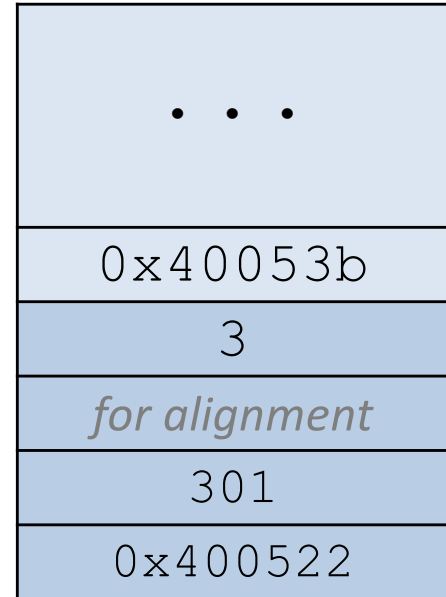
```
call_incr2:  
400504:  pushq  %rbx  
400506:  movq   %rdi, %rbx  
400509:  subq   $16, %rsp  
40050d:  movq   %rdi, (%rsp)  
400515:  movq   %rsp, %rdi  
400518:  movl   $61, %esi  
40051d:  callq  4004cd <increment>  
400522:  addq   %rbx, %rax  
400525:  addq   $16, %rsp  
400529:  popq   %rbx  
40052b:  retq
```

Stack  
Frames

main

0x7fdf28  
0x7fdf20  
0x7fdf18  
0x7fdf10  
0x7fdf08

Memory



**%rbx**

3

**%rax**

541

**%rdi**

0x7fdf10

**%rsi**

301

**%rsp**

0x7fdf28

**%rip**

0x40052b

# 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  
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
```

base case/  
condition

save/restore  
%rbx (callee-save)

x&1 in %rbx  
across call

recursive  
case

# Recursion Example: pcount (2)

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

## pcount:

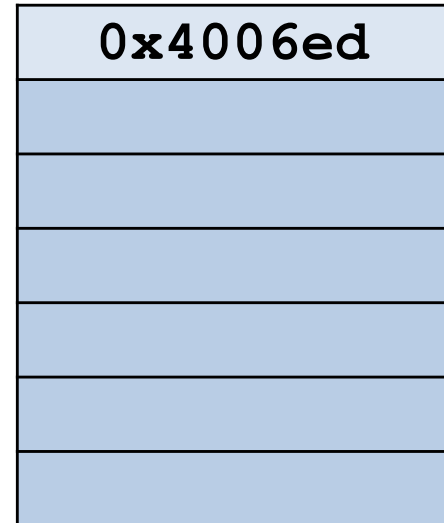
```
4005dd: movl $0, %eax  
4005e2: testq %rdi, %rdi  
4005e5: je 4005fa <.L6>  
4005e7: pushq %rbx  
4005e8: movq %rdi, %rbx  
4005eb: andl $1, %ebx  
4005ee: shrq %rdi  
4005f1: callq pcount  
4005f6: addq %rbx, %rax  
4005f9: popq %rbx  
.L6:  
4005fa: rep  
4005fb: retq
```

Stack  
Frames

main {

0x7fdf38  
0x7fdf30  
0x7fdf28  
0x7fdf20  
0x7fdf18  
0x7fdf10  
0x7fdf08

Memory



%rax

0

%rdi

2

%rbx

42

%rsp

0x7fdf38

%rip

0x4005dd



# Recursion Example: pcount (2)

```

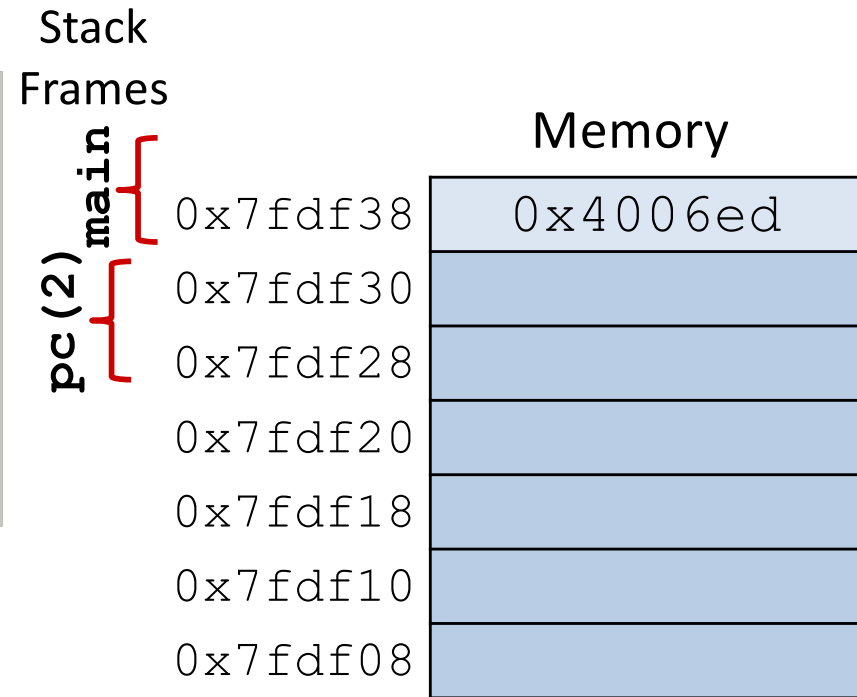
long pcount(unsigned long x) {
    if (x == 0) {
        return 0;
    } else {
        return (x & 1) + pcount(x >> 1);
    }
}

```

```

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

```



# 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

main  
pc(2)

0x7fdf38  
0x7fdf30  
0x7fdf28  
0x7fdf20  
0x7fdf18  
0x7fdf10  
0x7fdf08

Memory

|           |
|-----------|
| 0x4006ed  |
| <b>42</b> |
|           |
|           |
|           |
|           |
|           |

%rax

0

%rdi

2

%rbx

2

%rsp

0x7fdf30

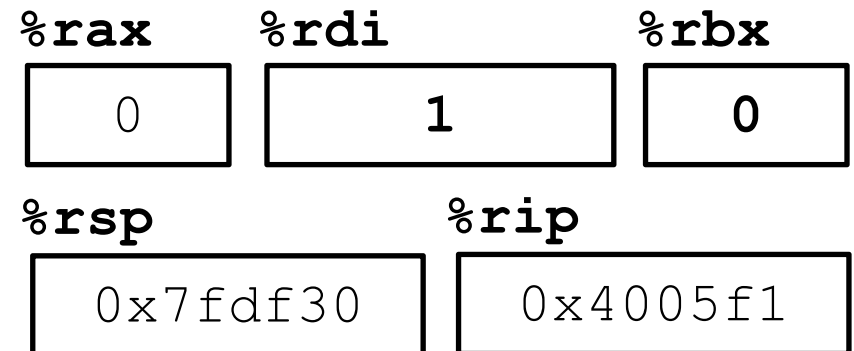
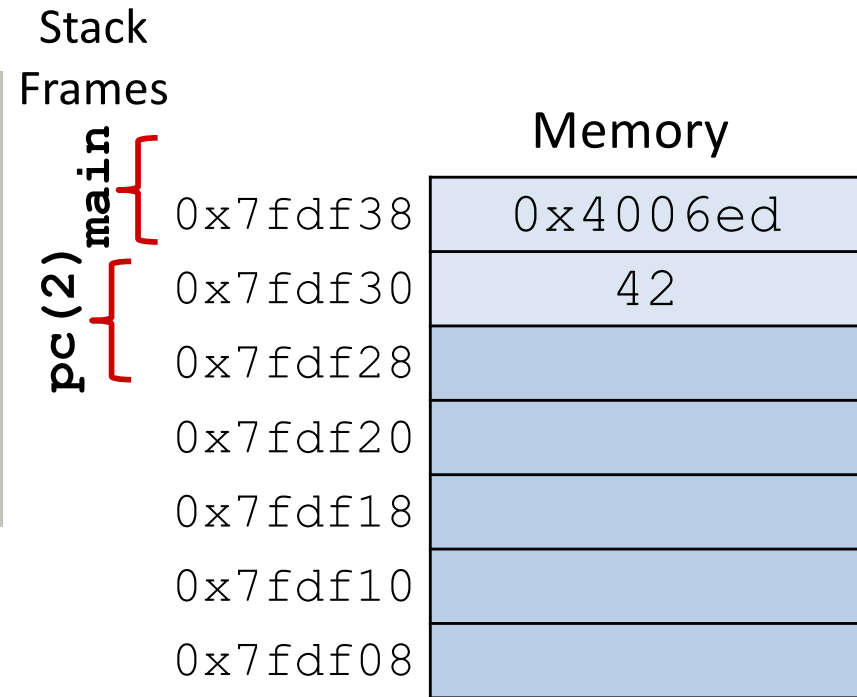
%rip

0x4005eb

# 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
```



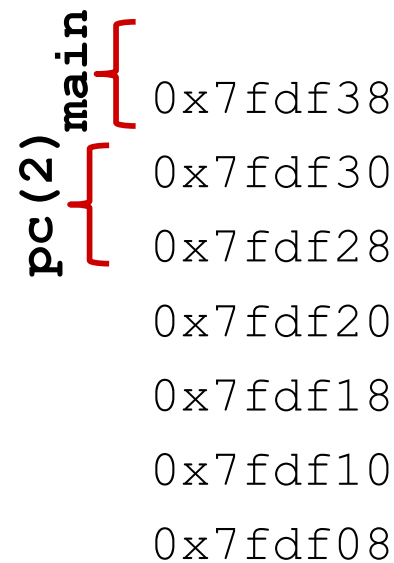
# Recursion Example: `pcount(2) → pcount(1)`

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

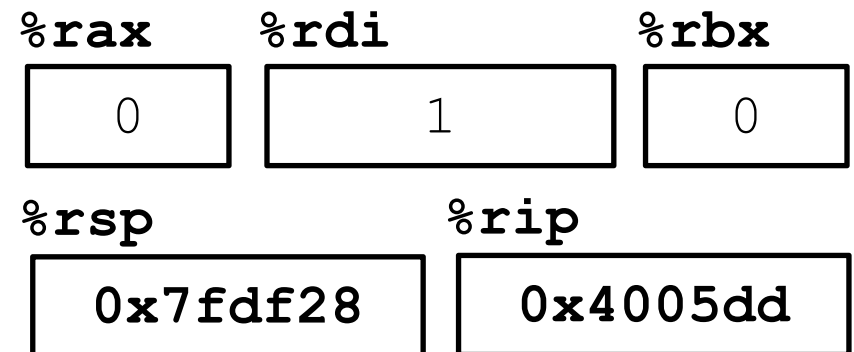
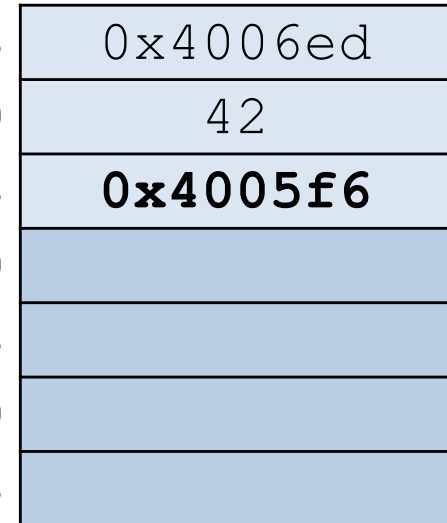
## pcount:

```
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



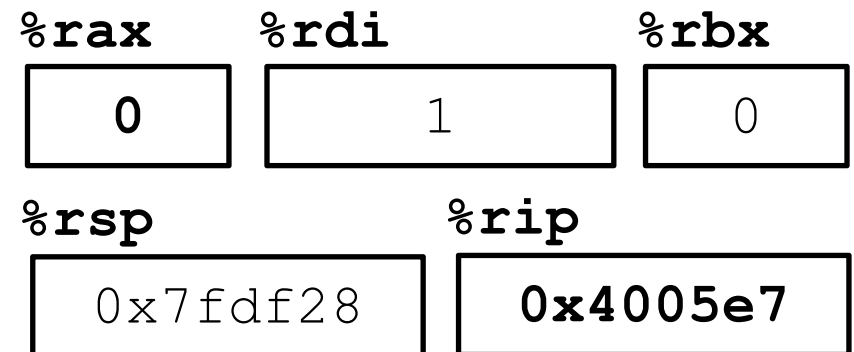
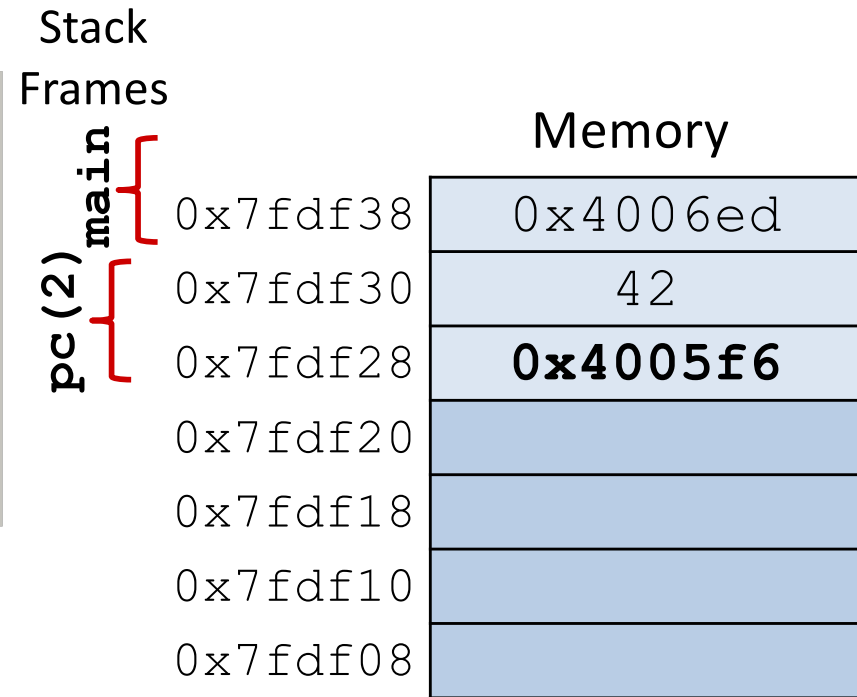
Memory



# 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
```



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

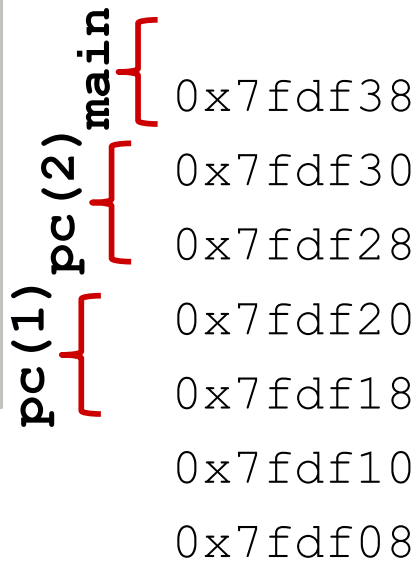
```

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

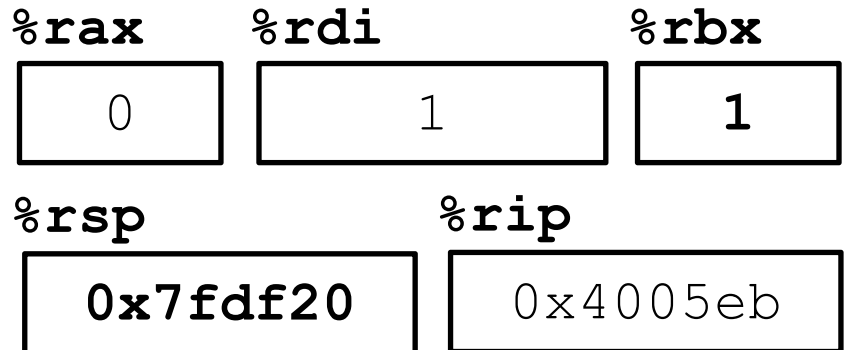
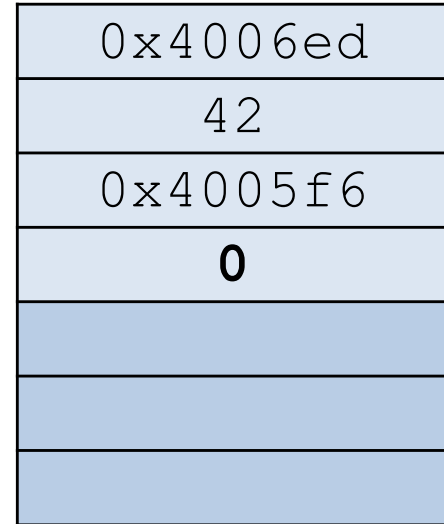
```

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



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

```

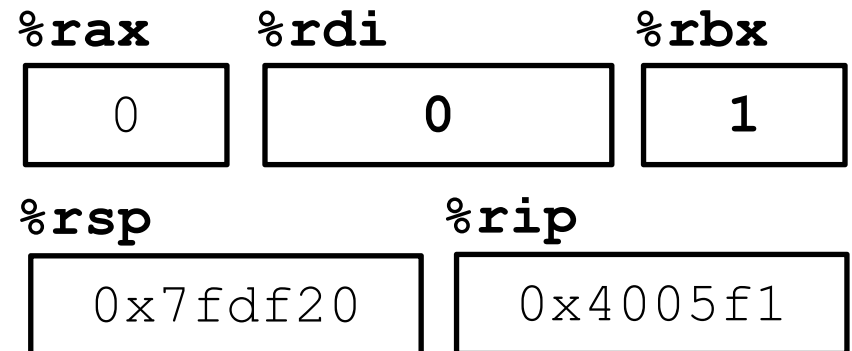
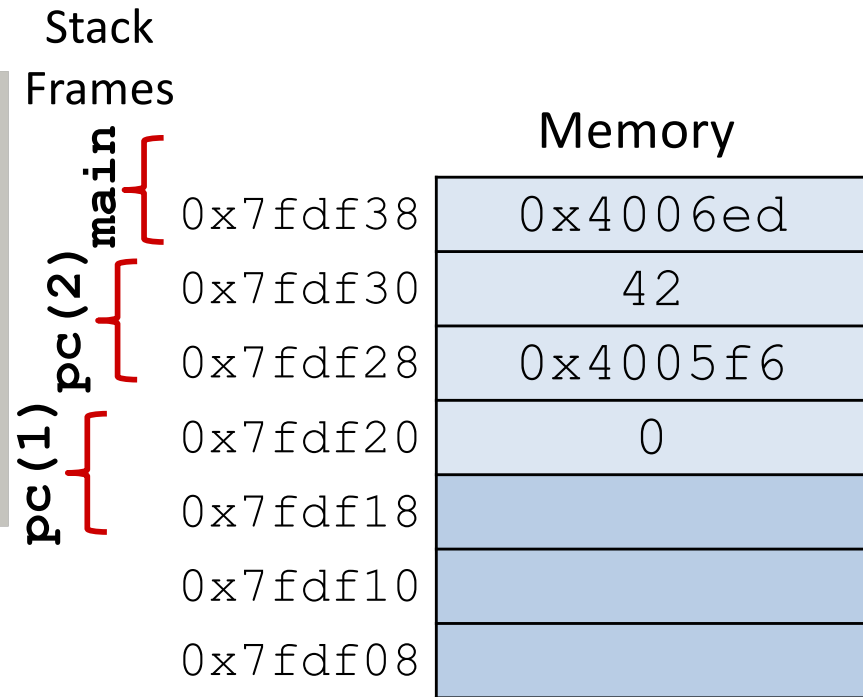
long pcount(unsigned long x) {
    if (x == 0) {
        return 0;
    } else {
        return (x & 1) + pcount(x >> 1);
    }
}

```

```

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

```



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

```

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

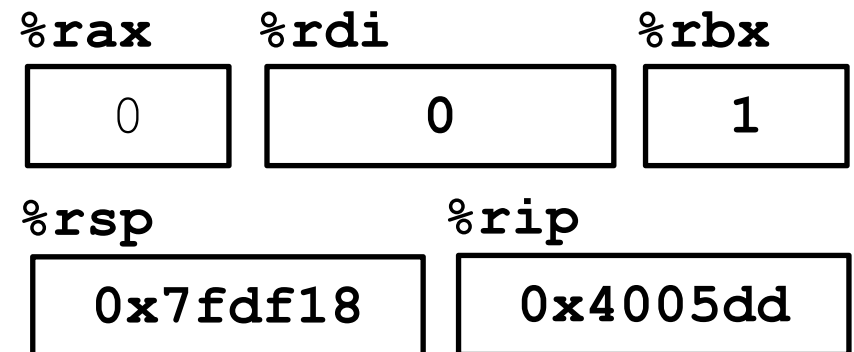
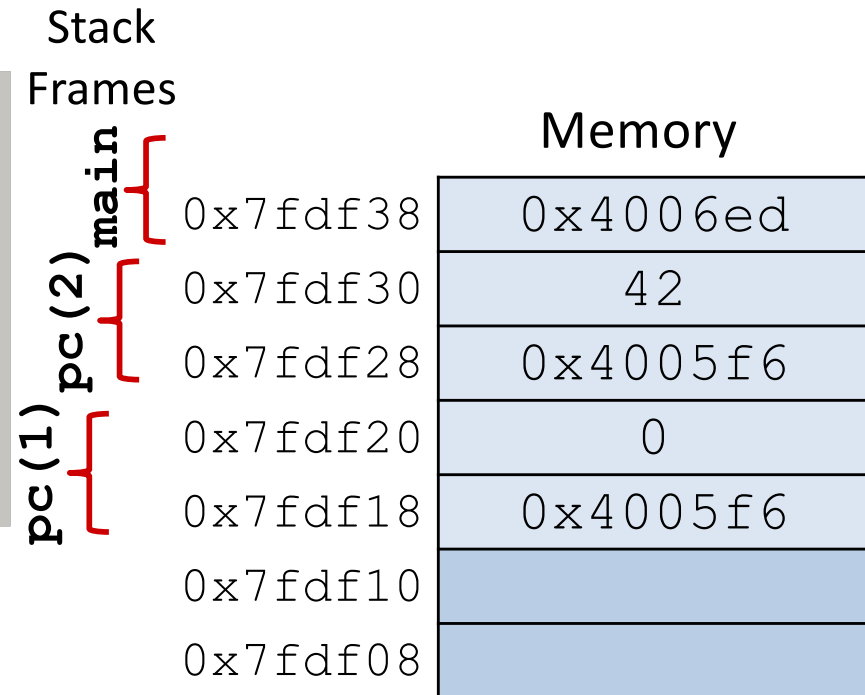
```

## 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

```





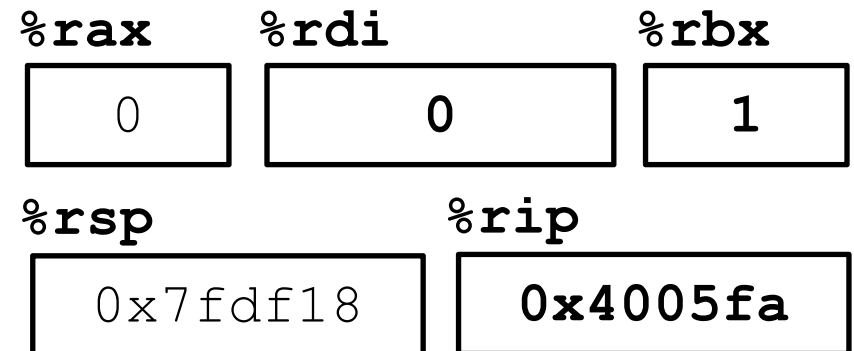
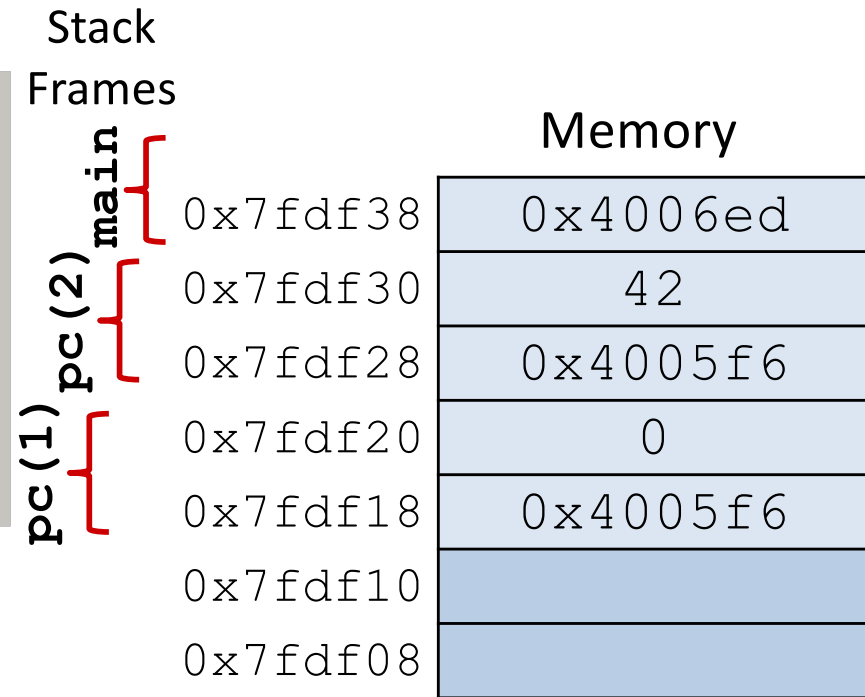
# Recursion Example: `pcount(2) → pcount(1) → pcount(0)`

```

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

```

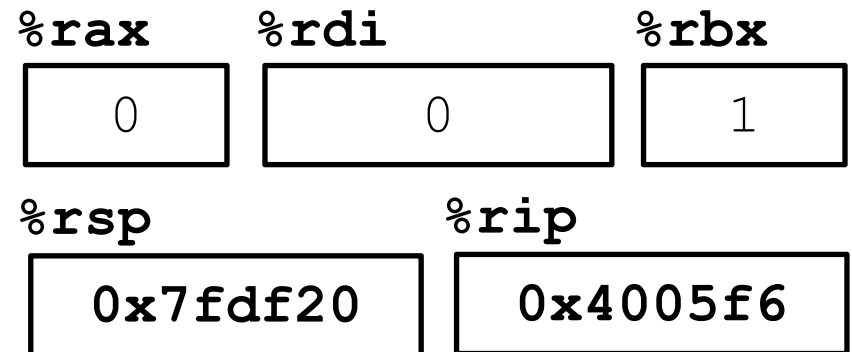
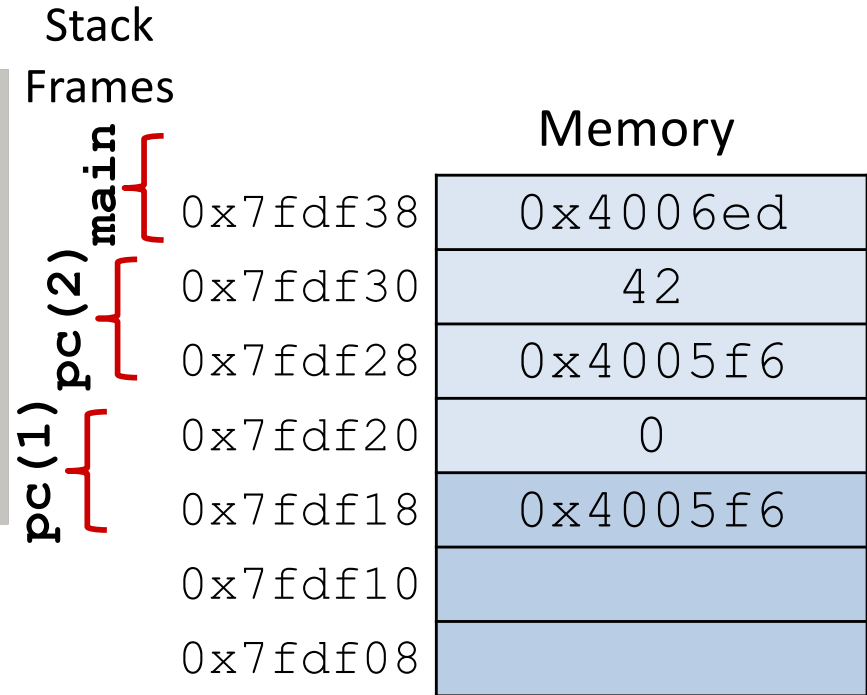
pcount:
4005dd:    movl    $0, %eax
4005e2:    testq  %rdi, %rdi
4005e5:    je     4005fa <.L6>
4005e7:    pushq  %rbx
4005e8:    movq   %rdi, %rbx
4005eb:    andl   $1, %ebx
4005ee:    shrq   %rdi
4005f1:    callq  pcount
4005f6:    addq   %rbx, %rax
4005f9:    popq   %rbx
.L6:
4005fa:    rep
4005fb: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



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

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

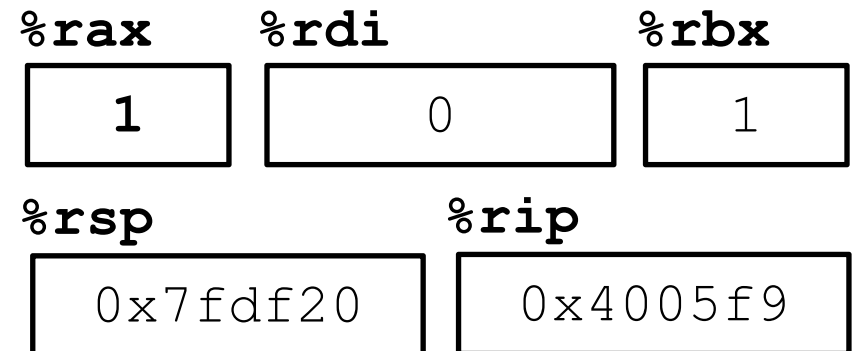
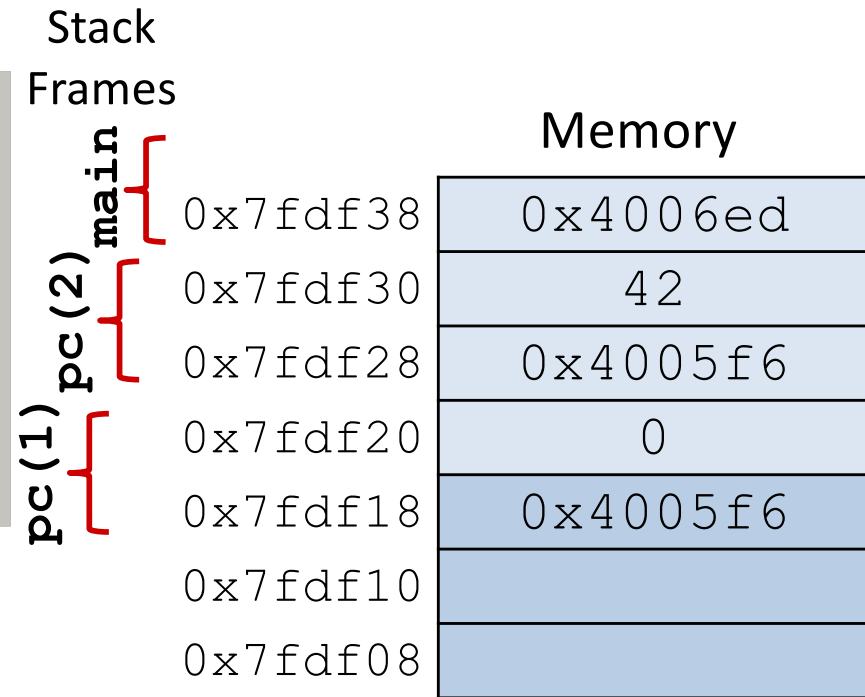
```
pcount:
4005dd:  movl  $0, %eax
4005e2:  testq %rdi, %rdi
4005e5:  je     4005fa <.L6>
4005e7:  pushq %rbx
4005e8:  movq  %rdi, %rbx
4005eb:  andl  $1, %ebx
4005ee:  shrq  %rdi
4005f1:  callq pcount
4005f6:  addq  %rbx, %rax
4005f9:  popq  %rbx
.L6:
4005fa:  rep
4005fb:  retq
```



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

```
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
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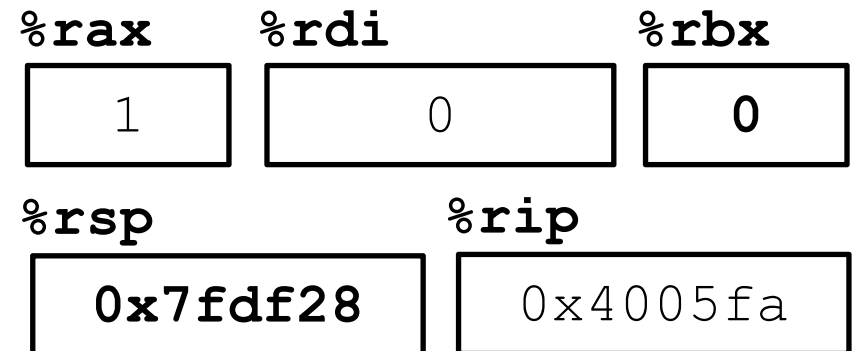
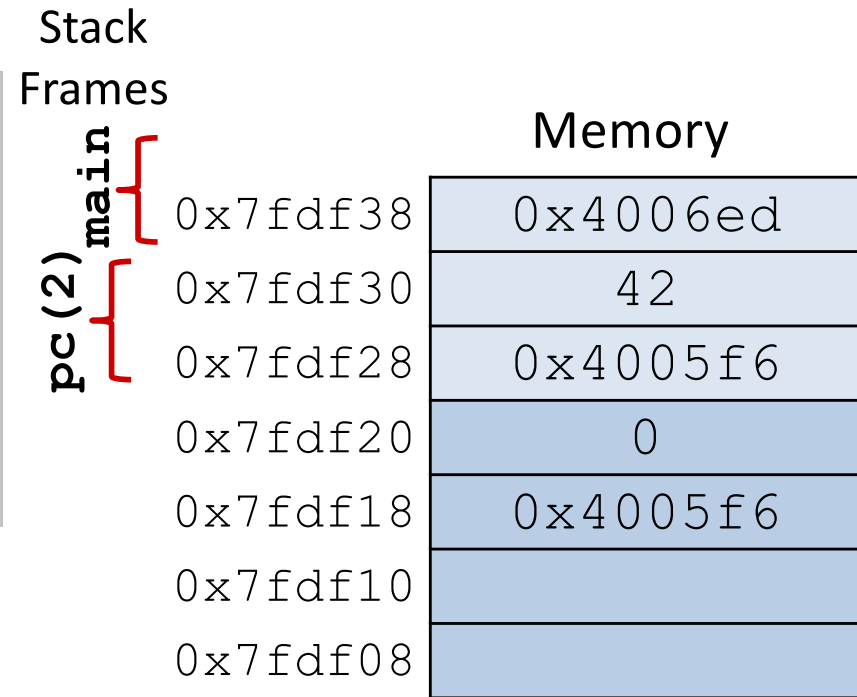
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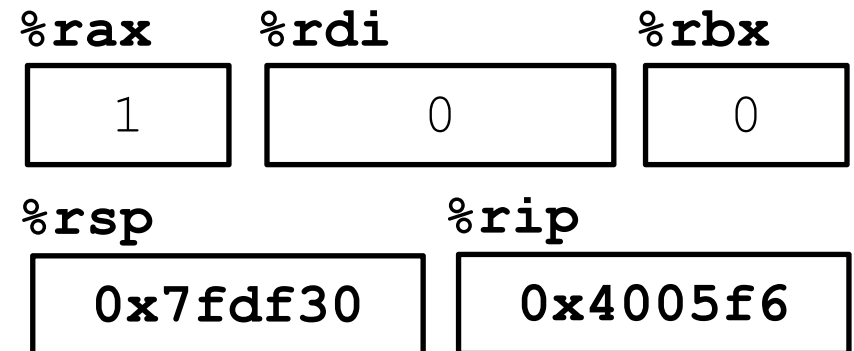
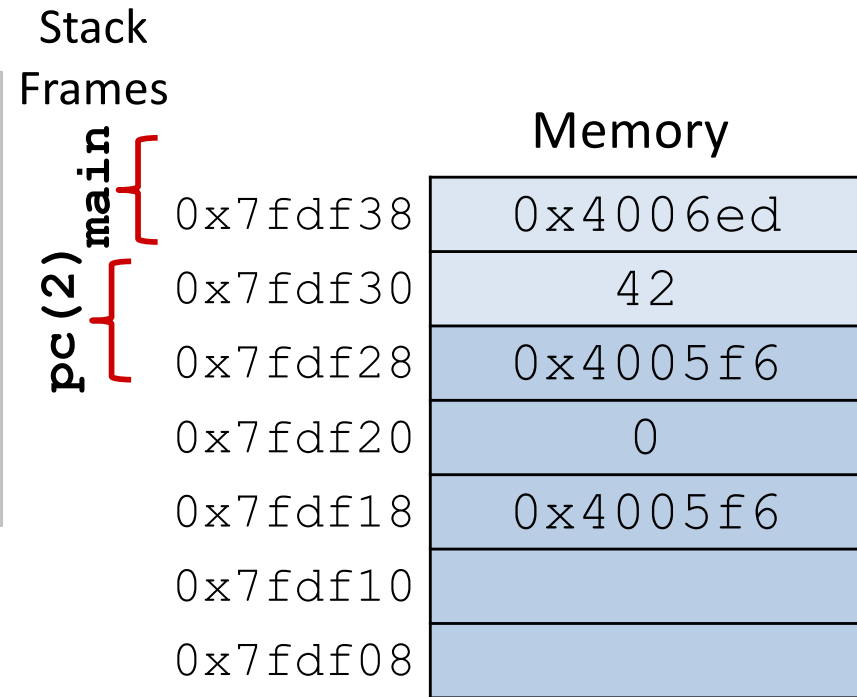
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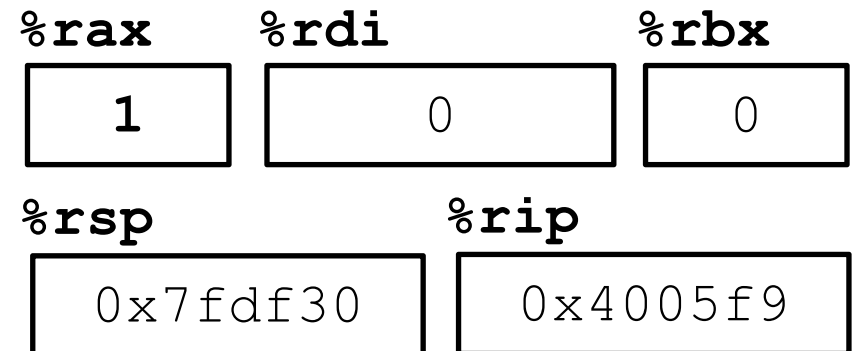
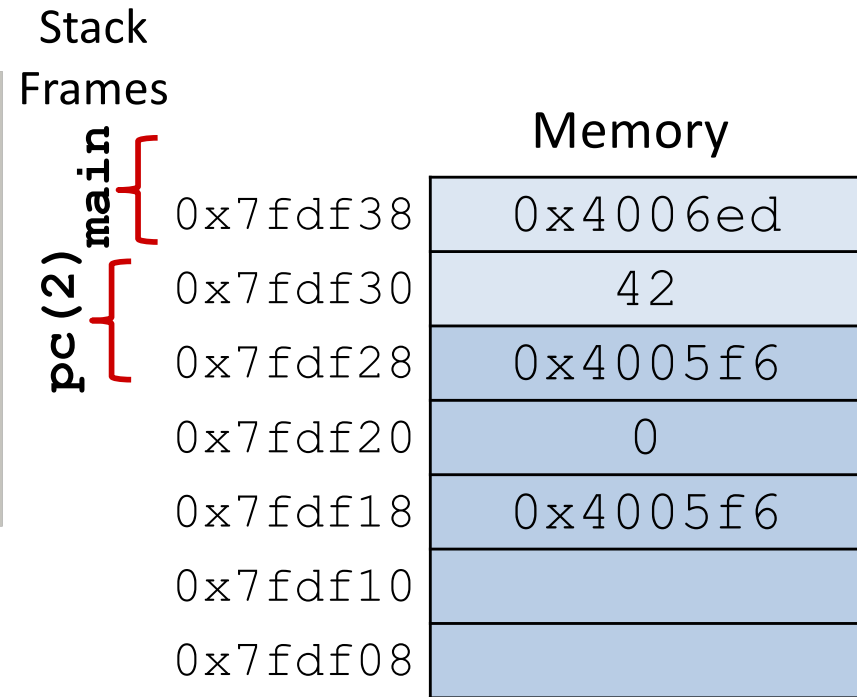
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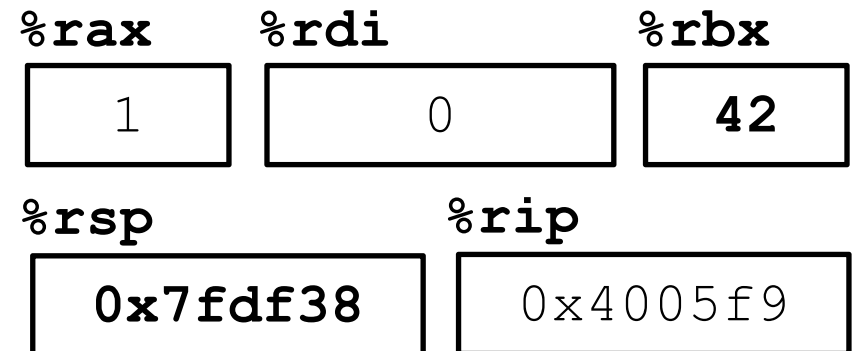
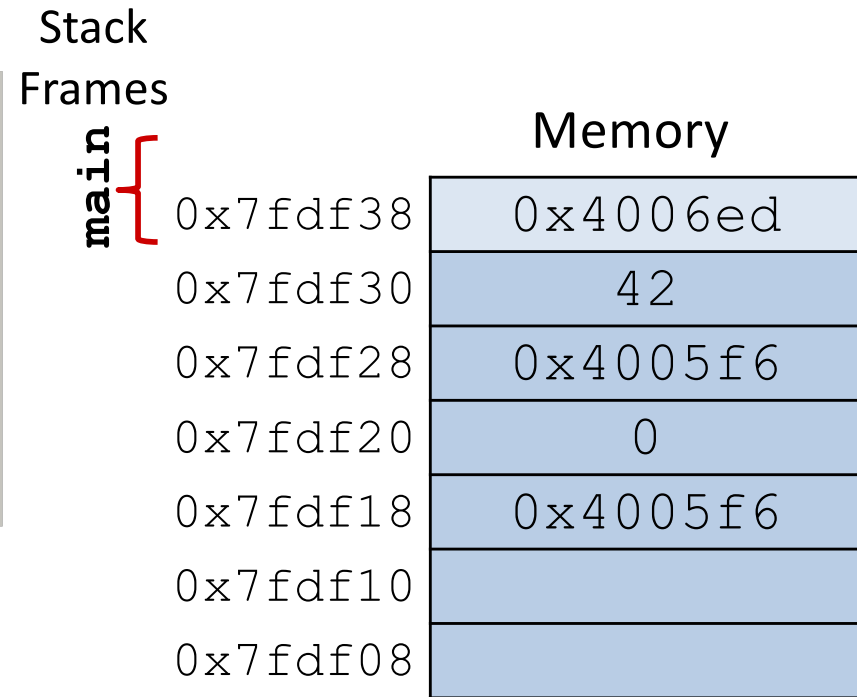
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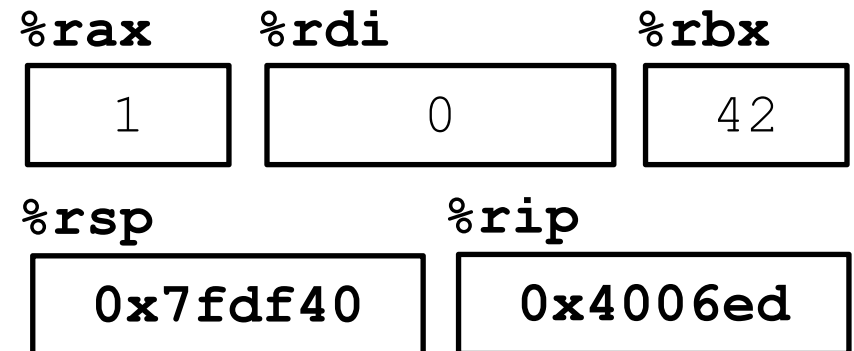
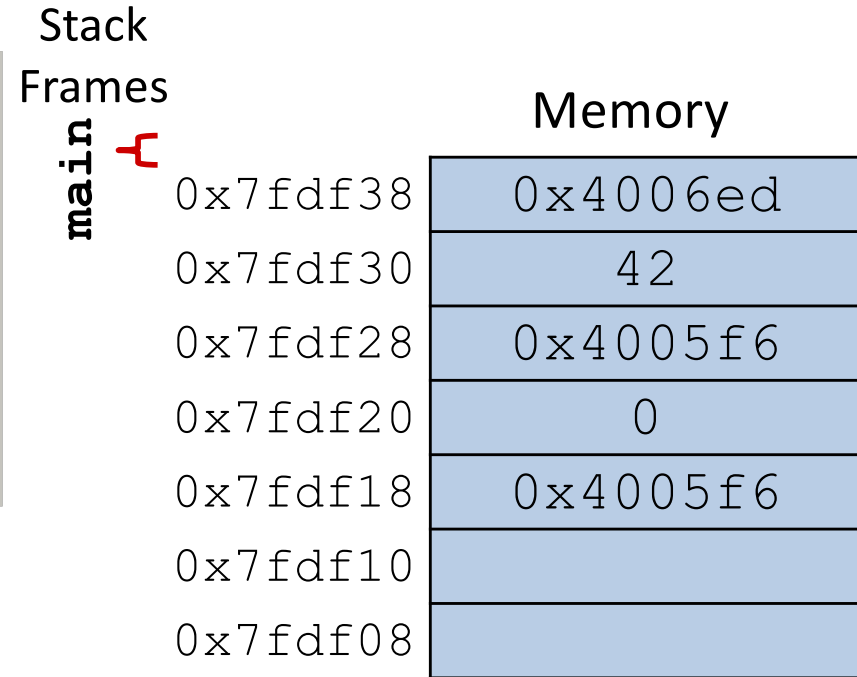
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# x86-64 stack storage example

## (1)

```
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

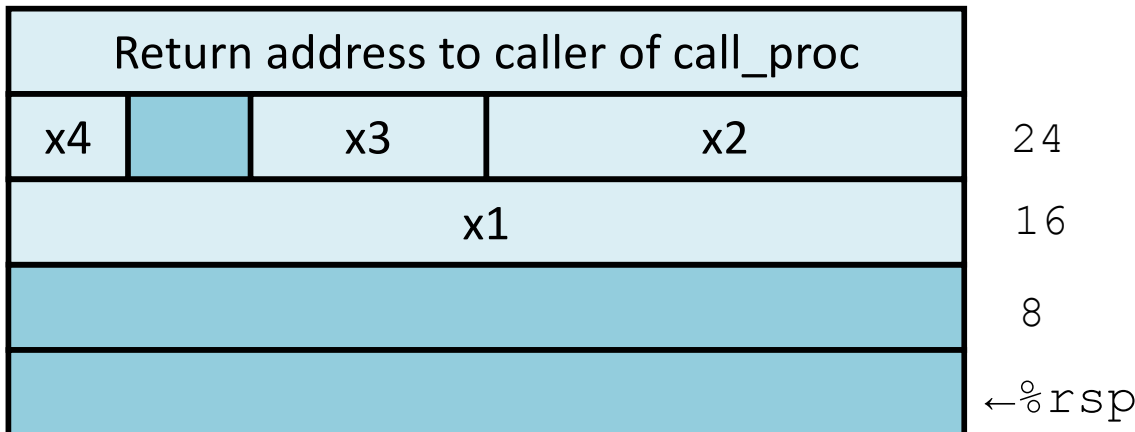
←%rsp

# x86-64 stack storage example

## (2) Allocate local vars

```
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);
}
```

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# x86-64 stack storage example

## (3) setup args to proc

```

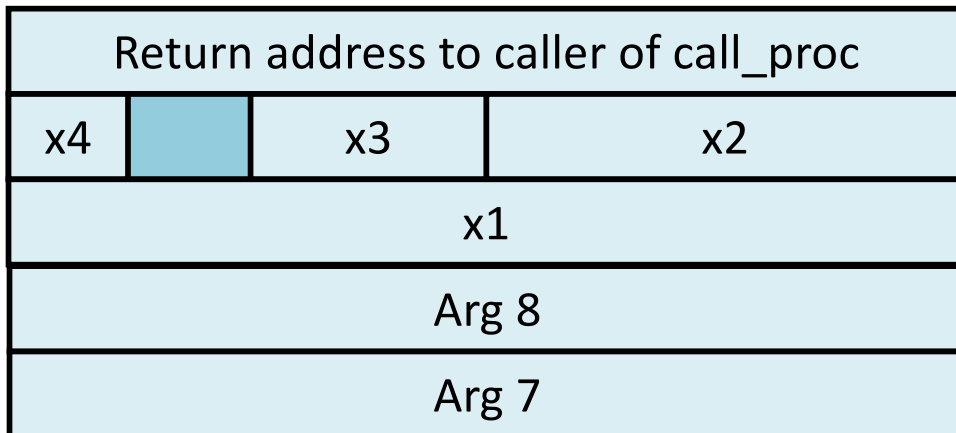
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    return (x1+x2)*(x3-x4);
}

```

```

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
    . . .

```



24

16

8

←%rsp

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

# x86-64 stack storage example

## (4) after call to proc

```

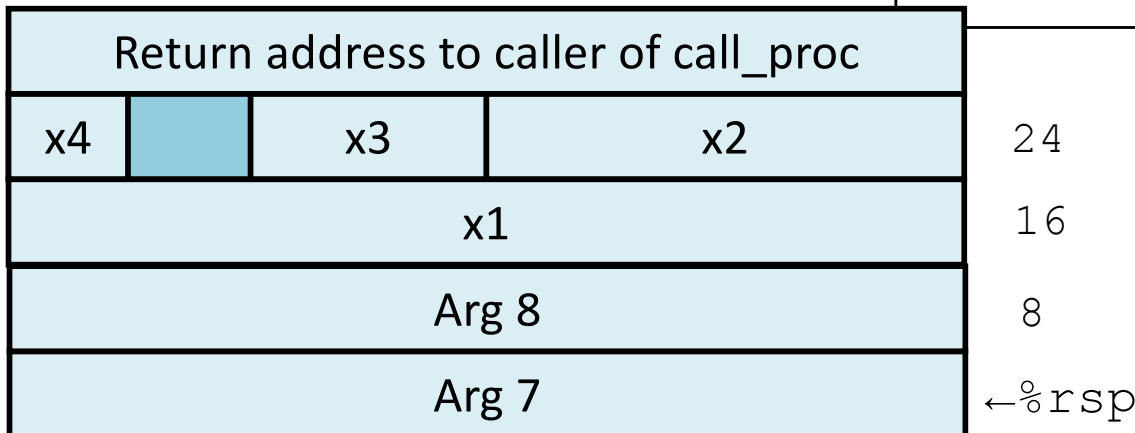
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    proc(x1, &x1, x2, &x2,
        x3, &x3, x4, &x4);
    return (x1+x2) * (x3-x4);
}

```

```

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

```



# x86-64 stack storage example

## (5) deallocate local vars

```
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
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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

# 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**

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

