



x86: Procedures and the Call Stack

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

Why procedures?

Why functions? Why methods?

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

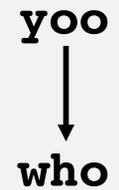
Procedural Abstraction

Implementing procedures

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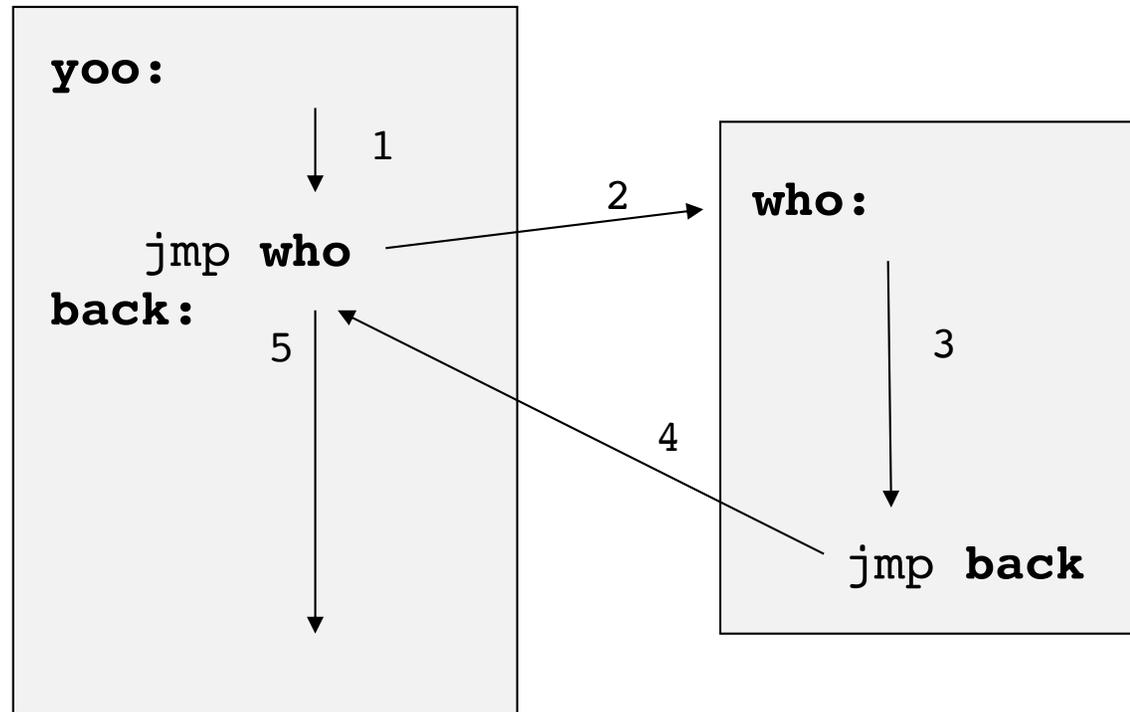
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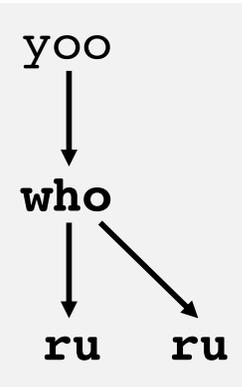
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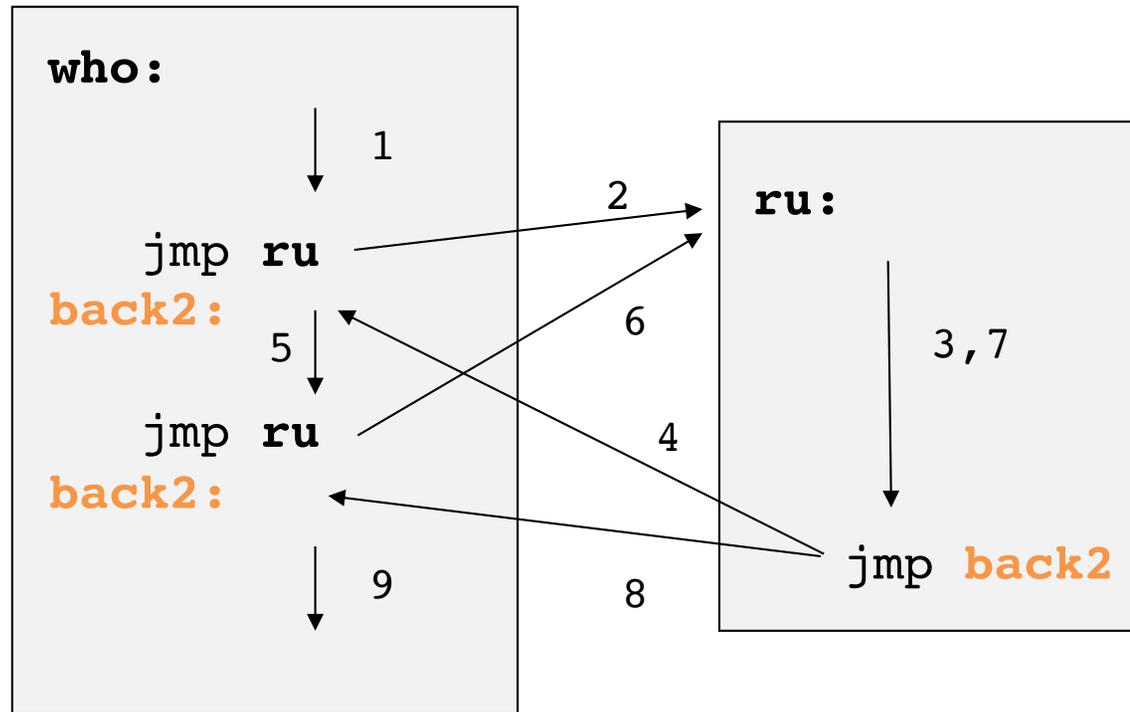
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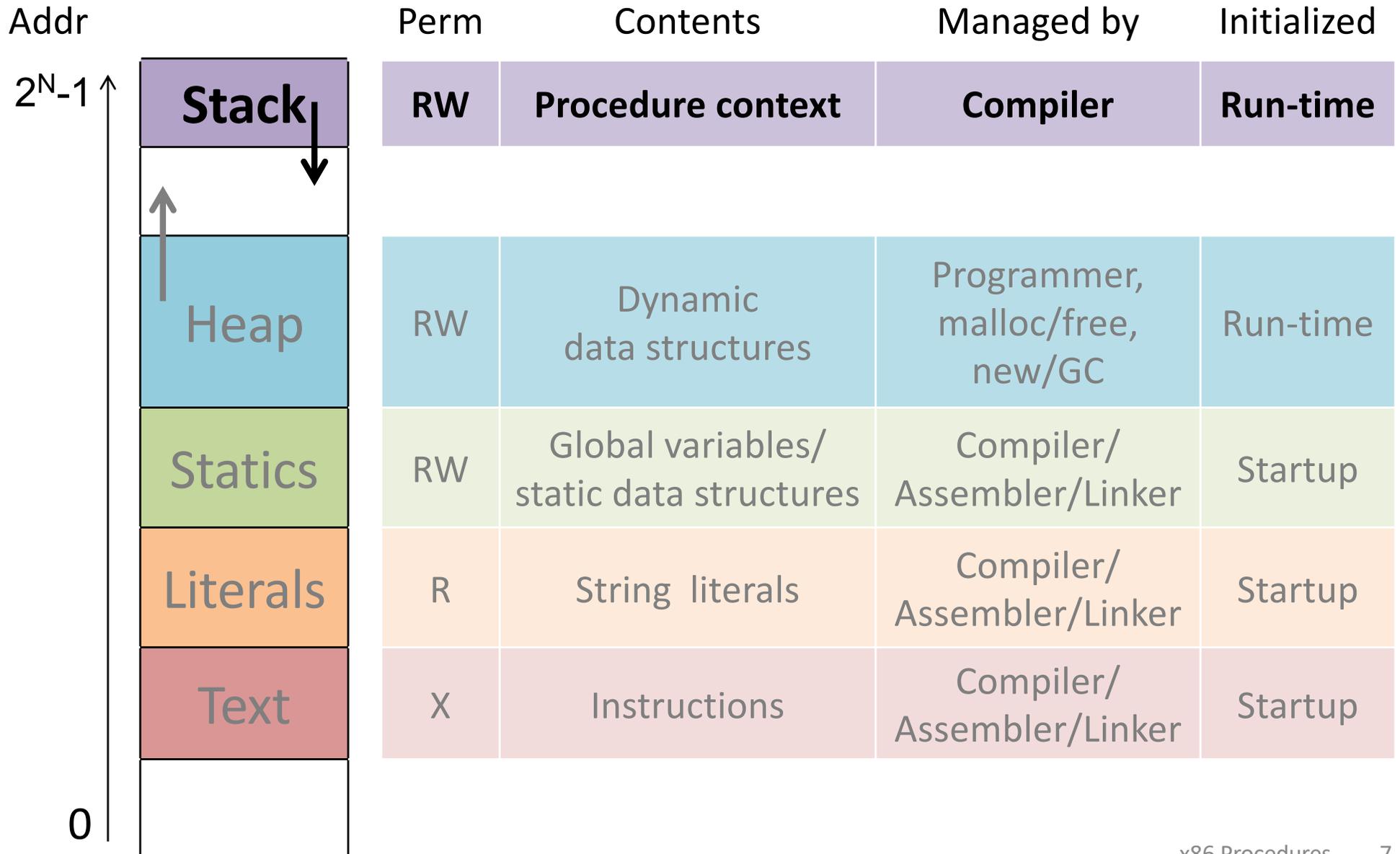
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Implementing procedures

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

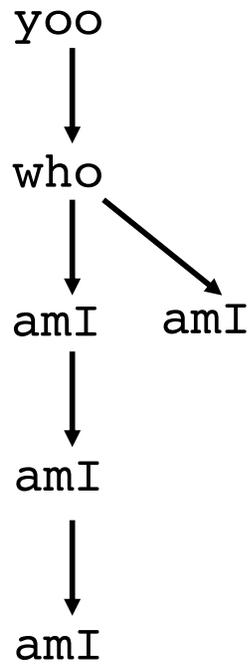
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Memory Layout

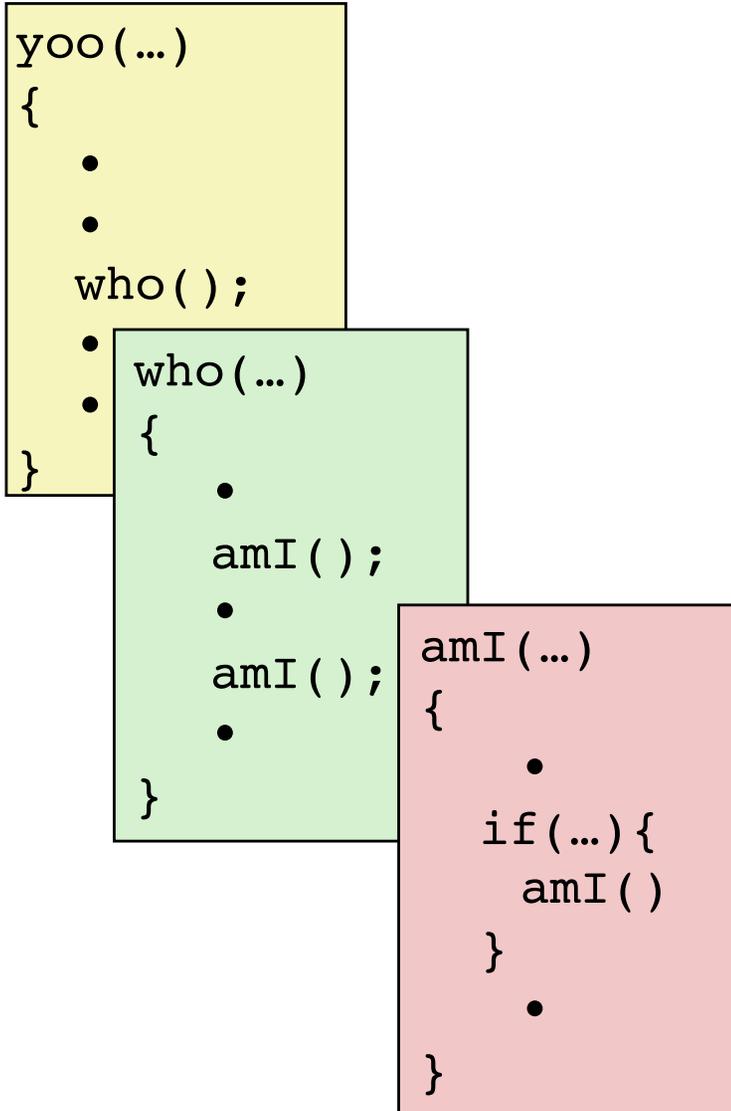


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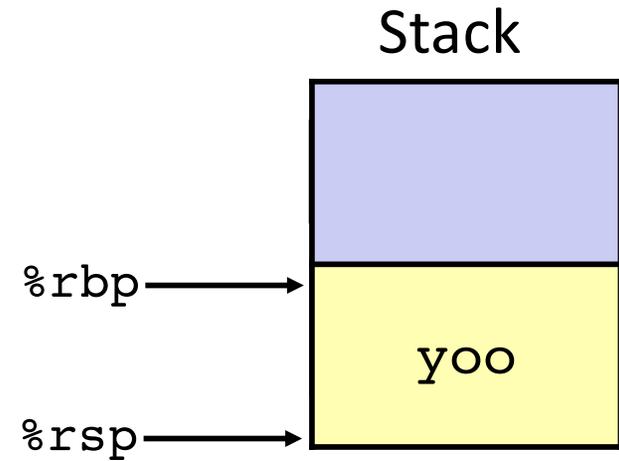
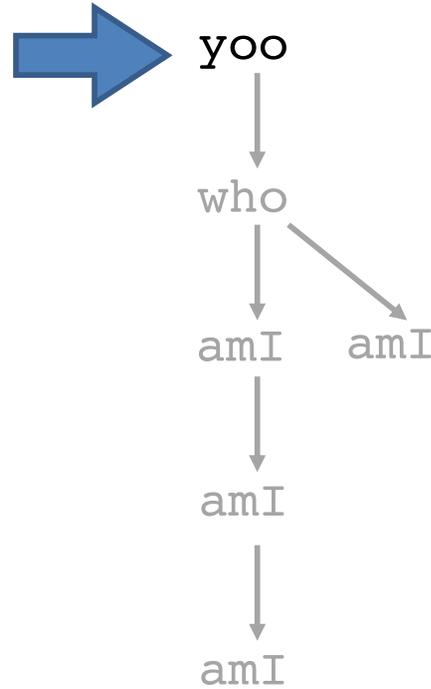
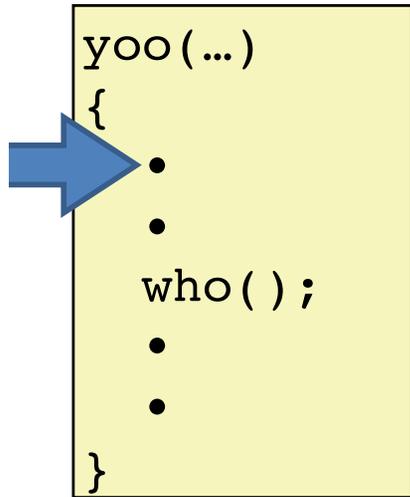
Example
Call Chain



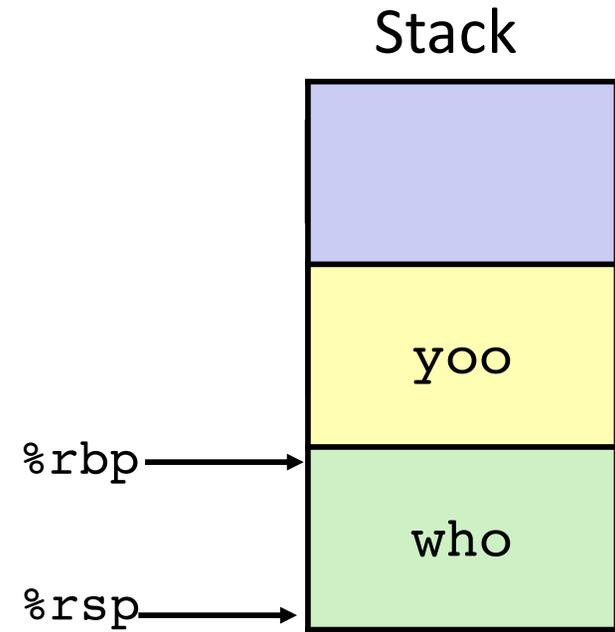
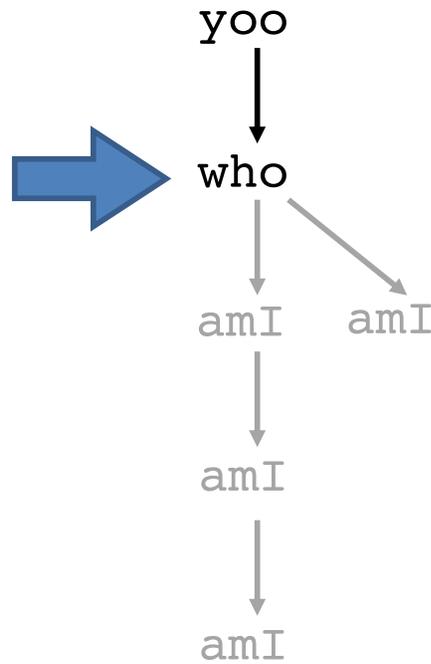
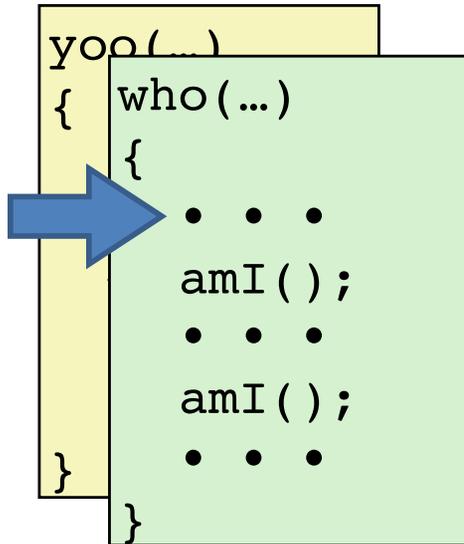
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(calls itself)



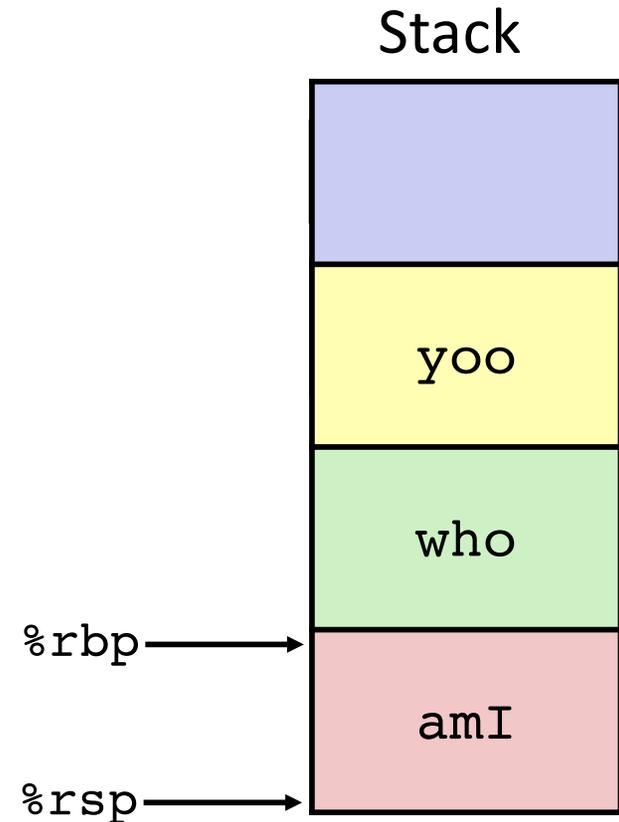
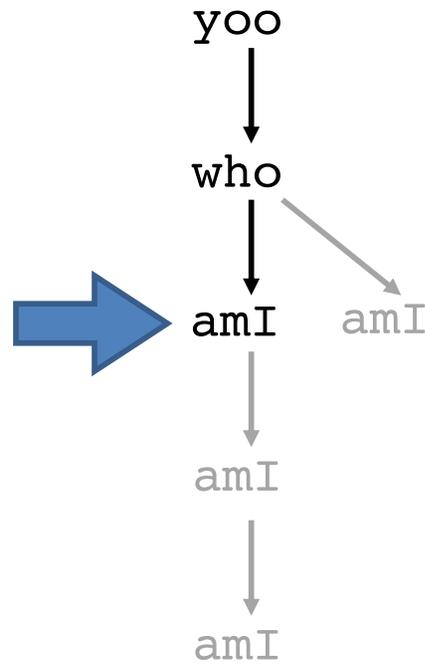
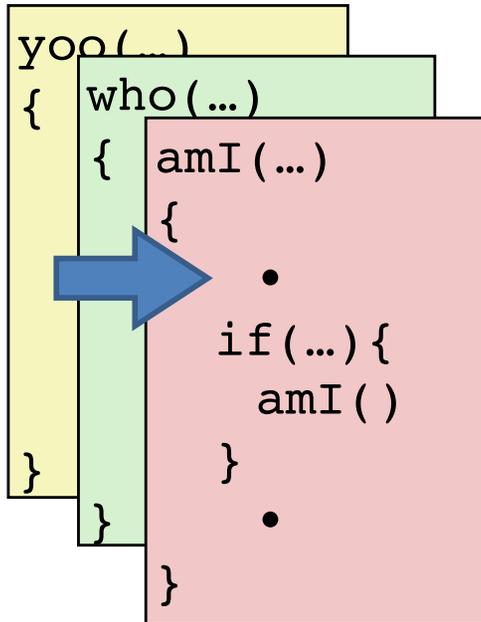
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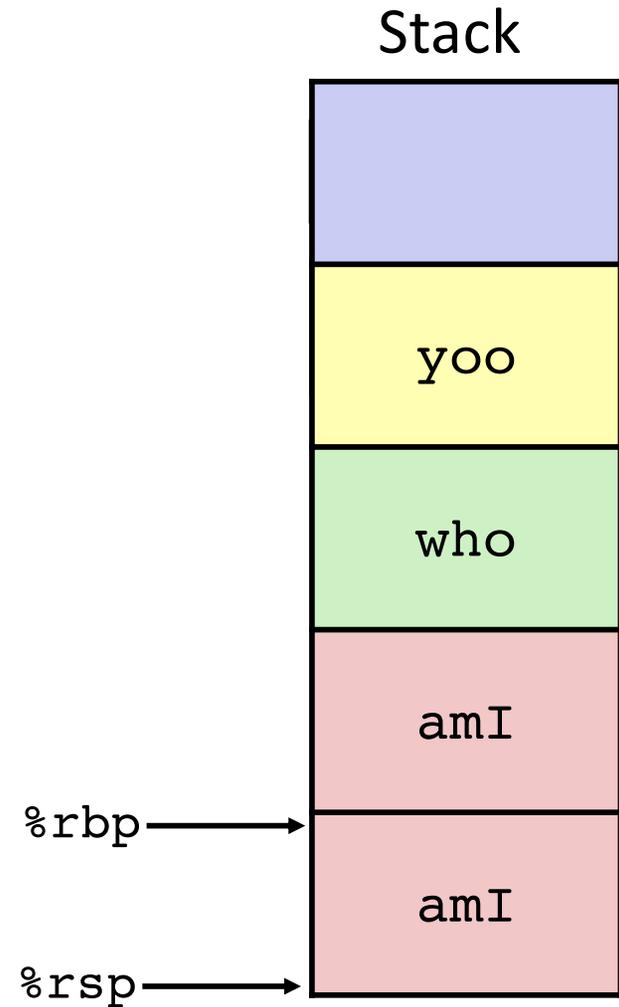
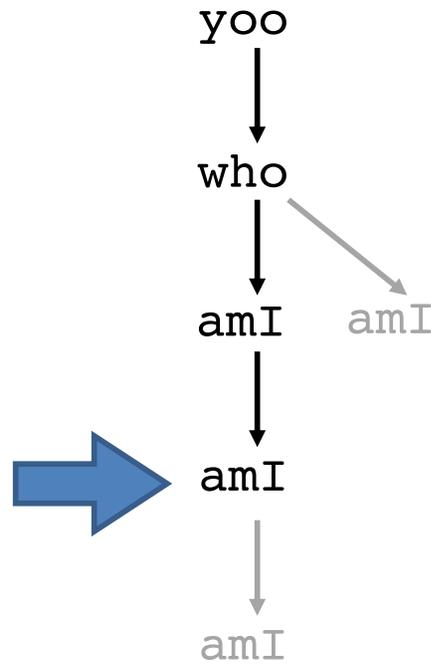
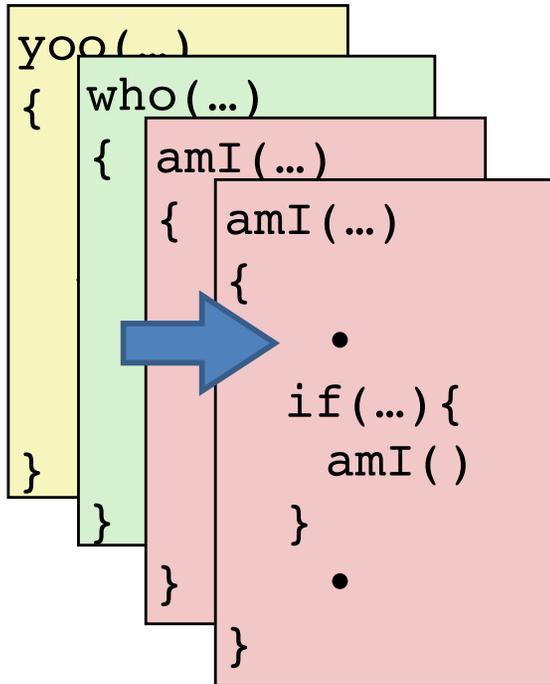
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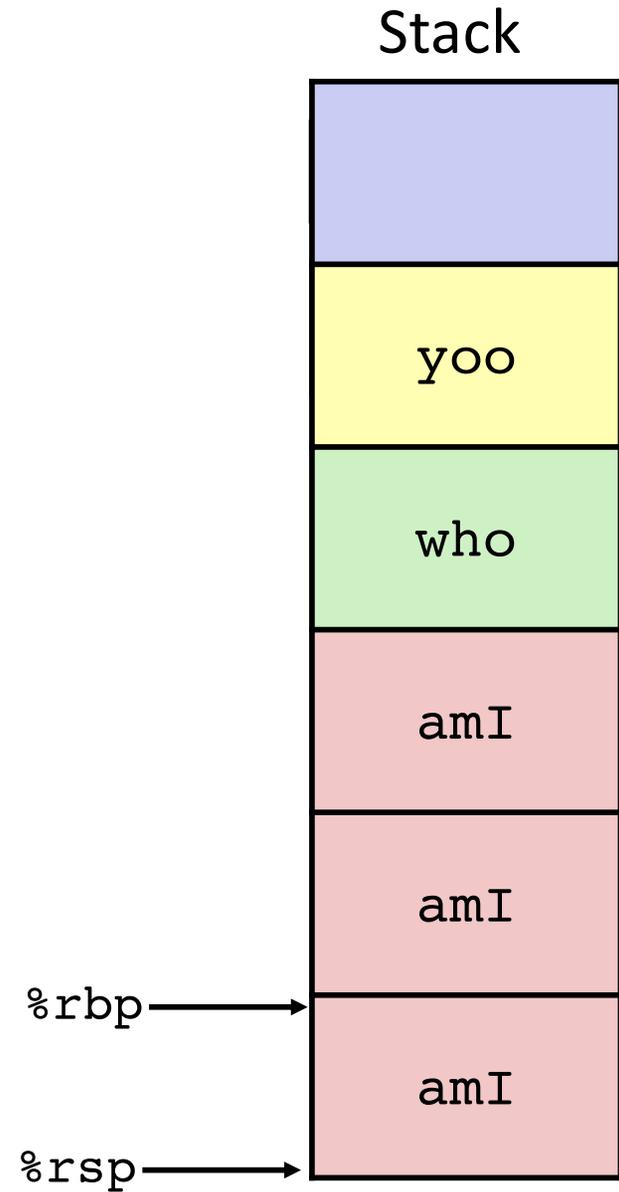
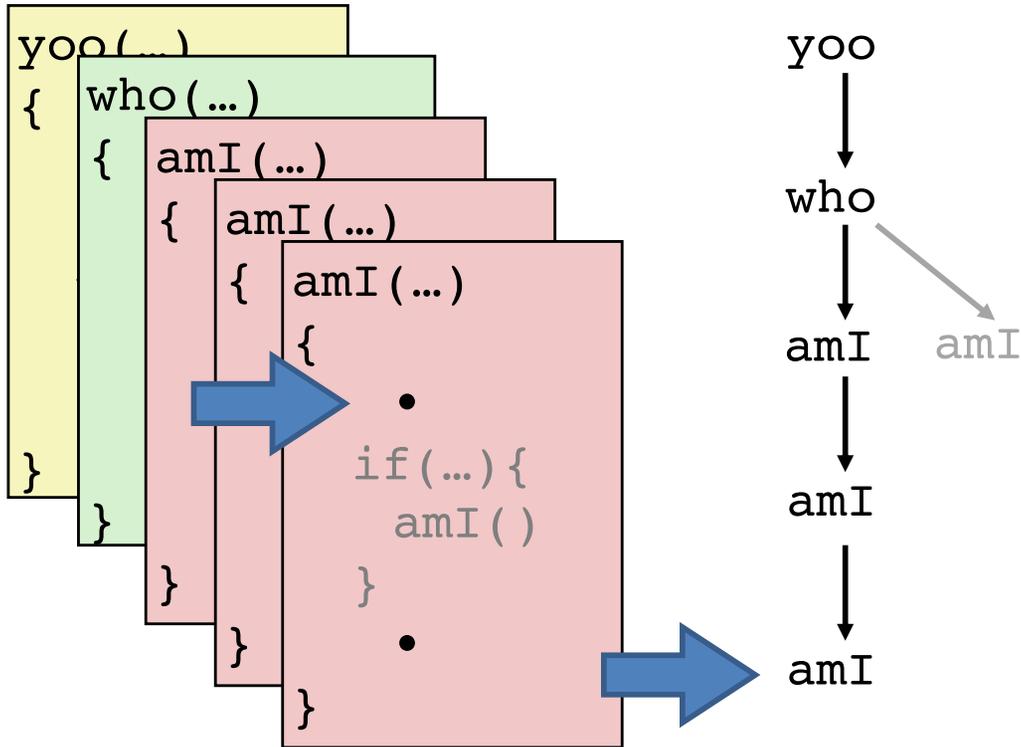
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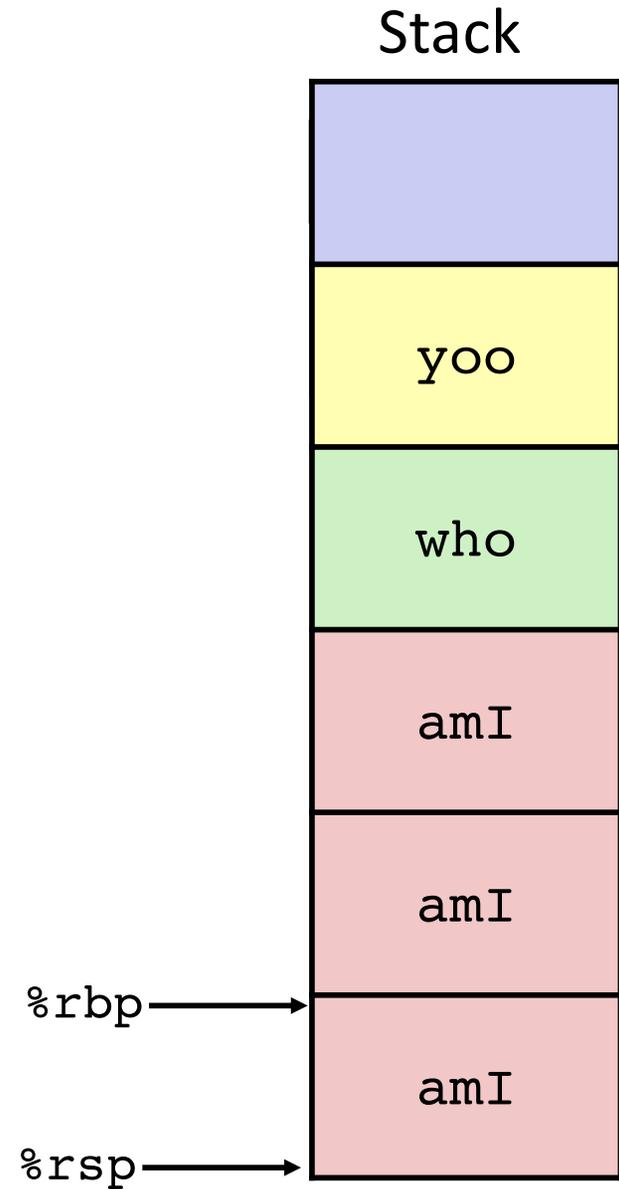
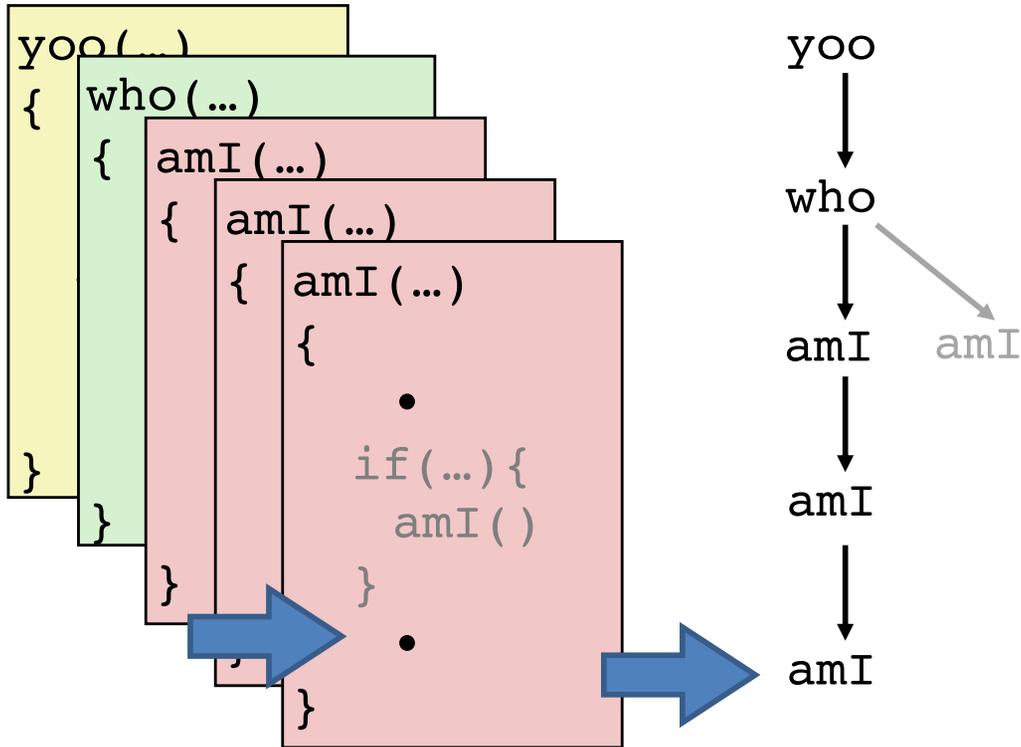
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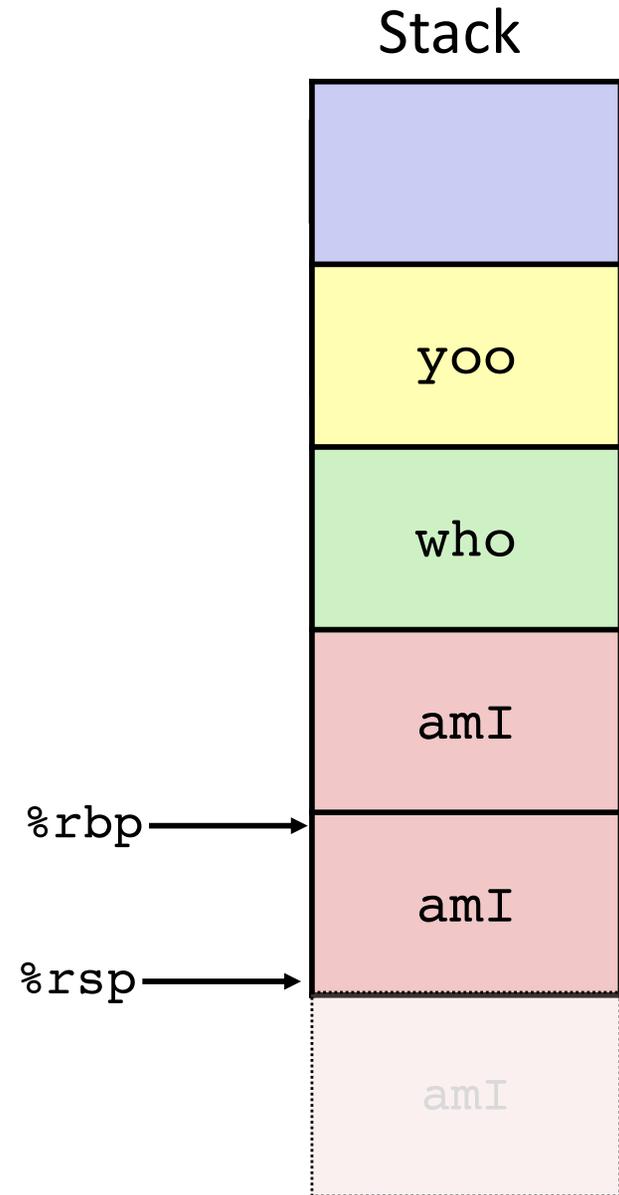
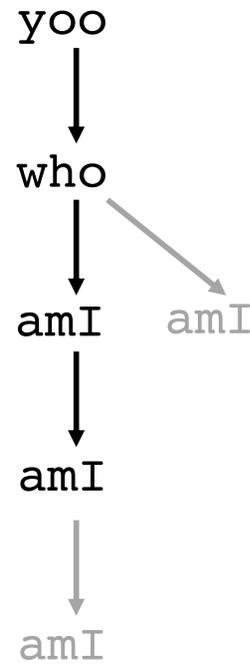
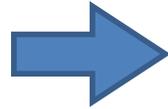
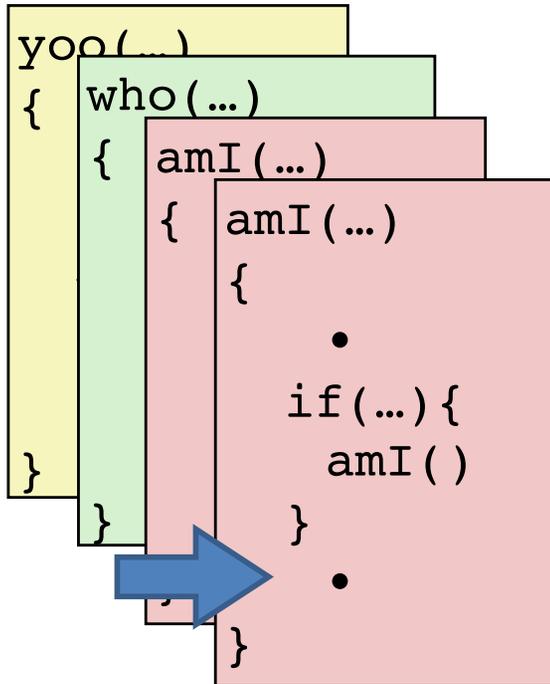
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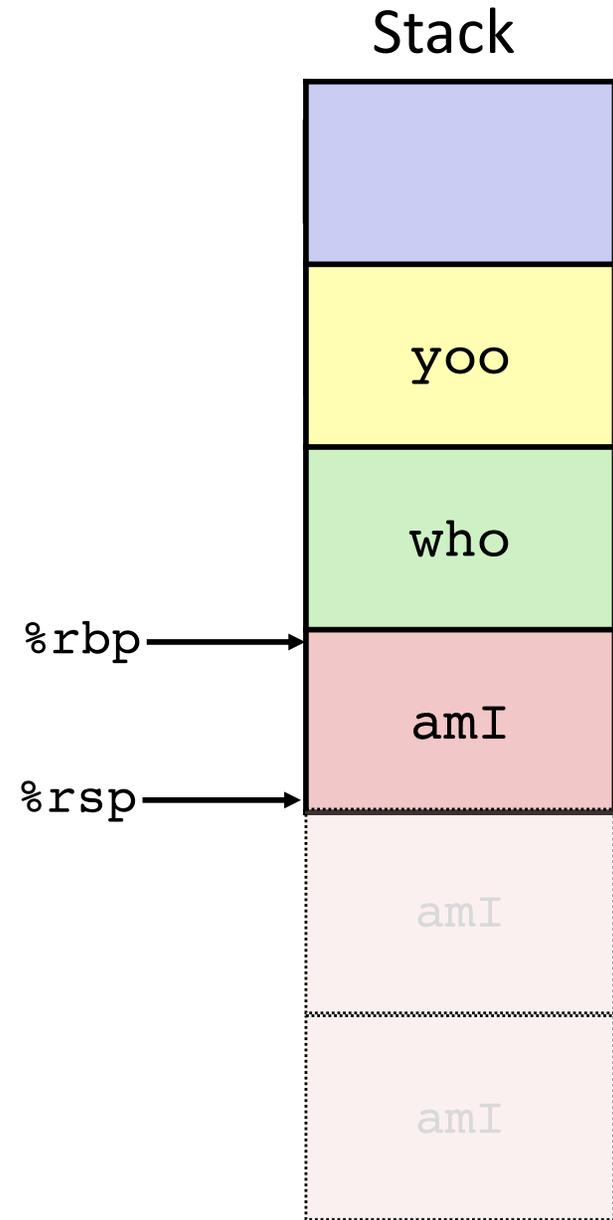
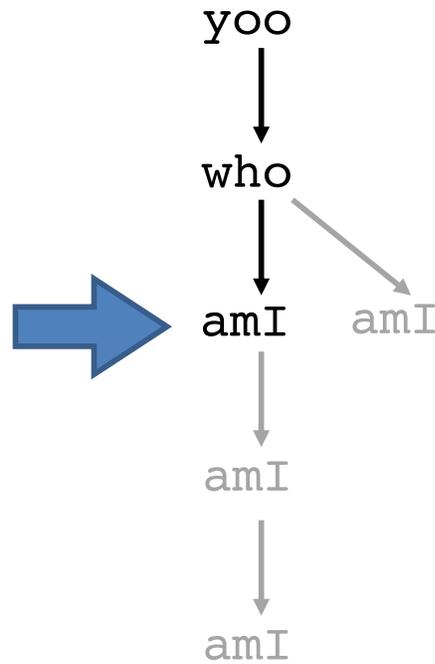
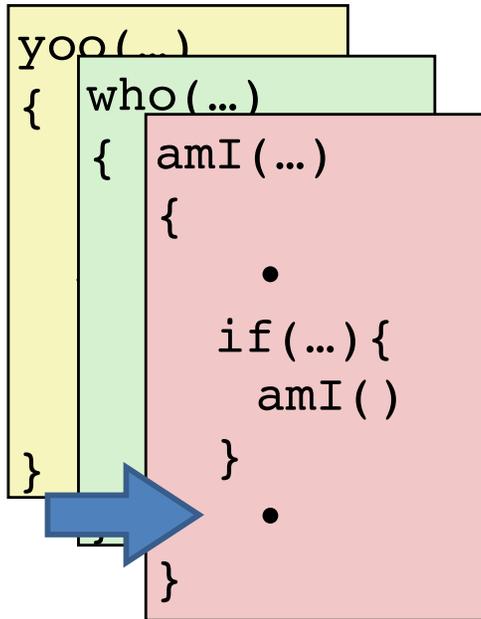
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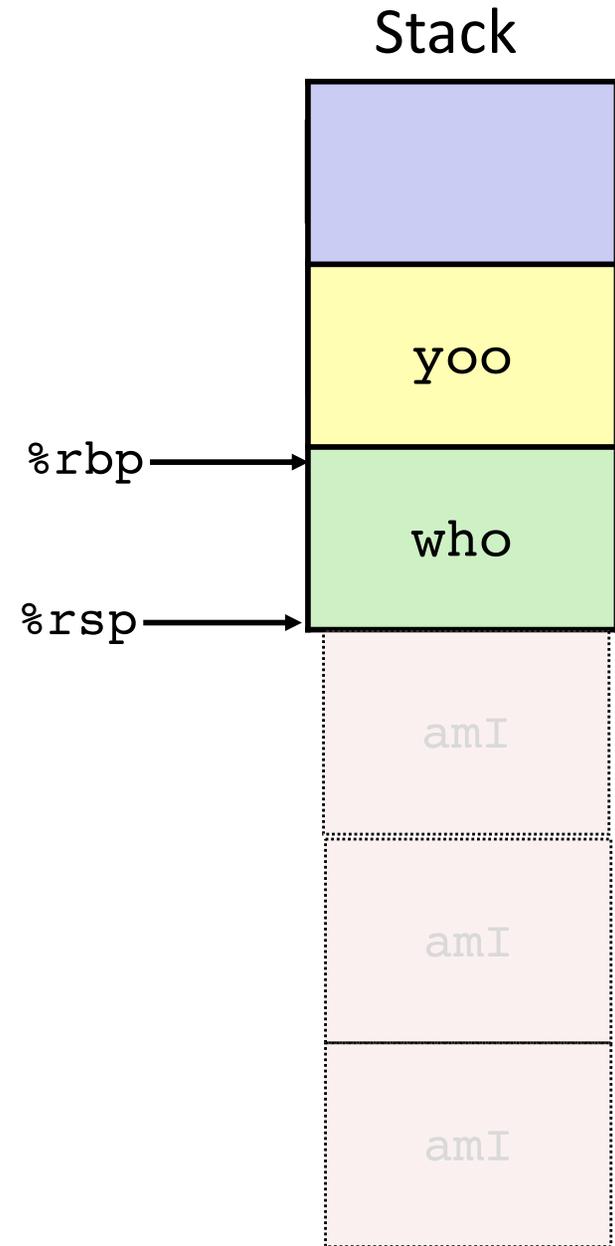
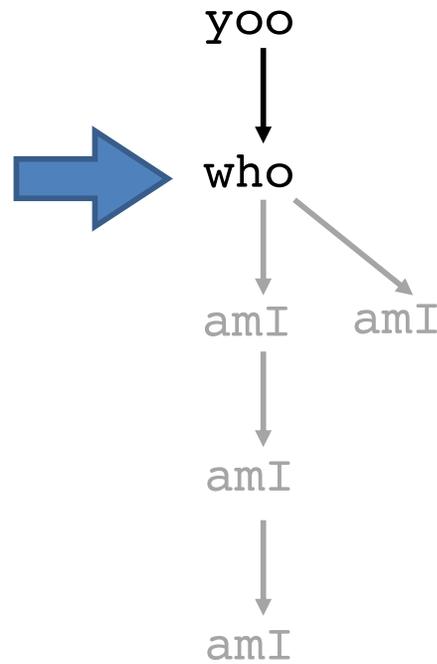
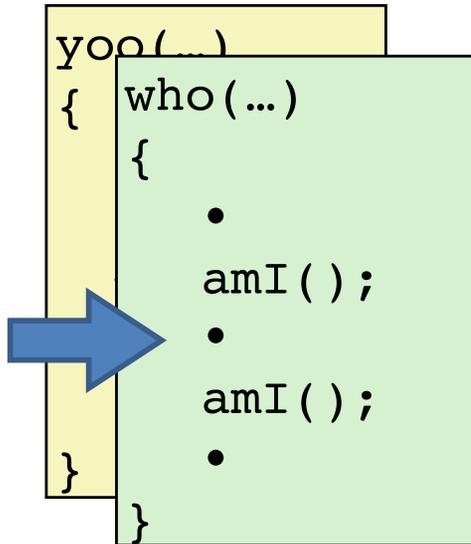
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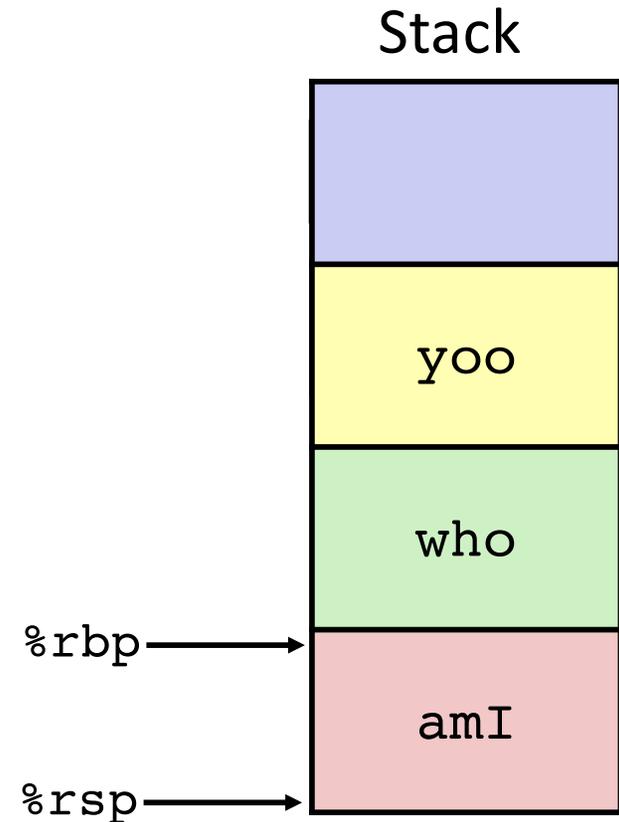
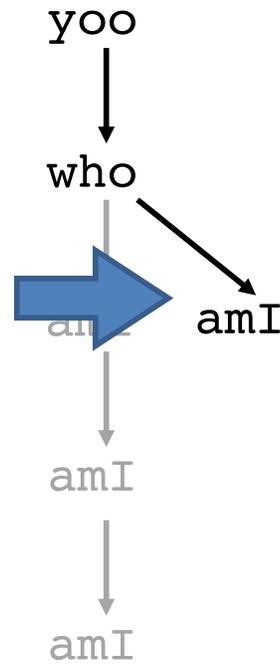
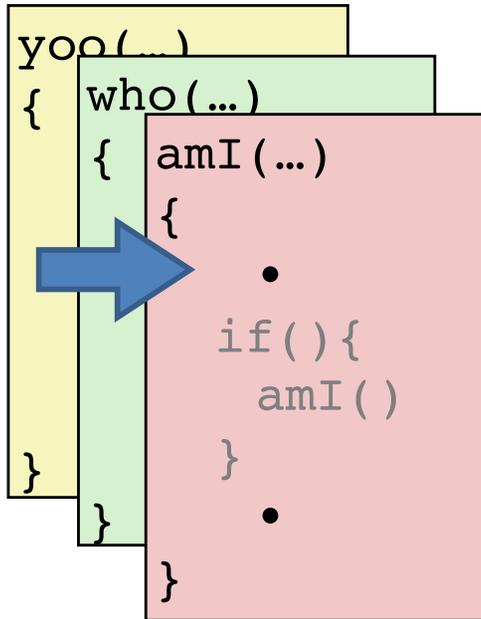
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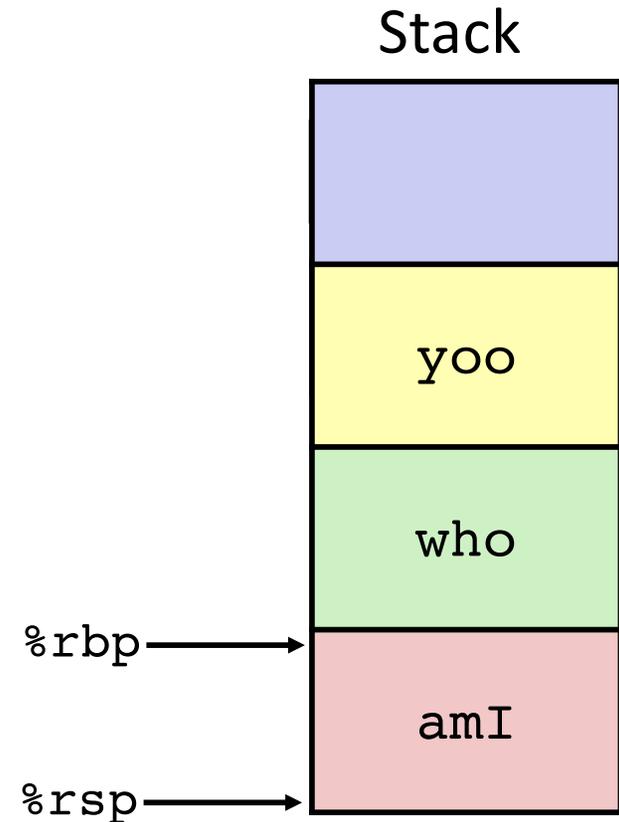
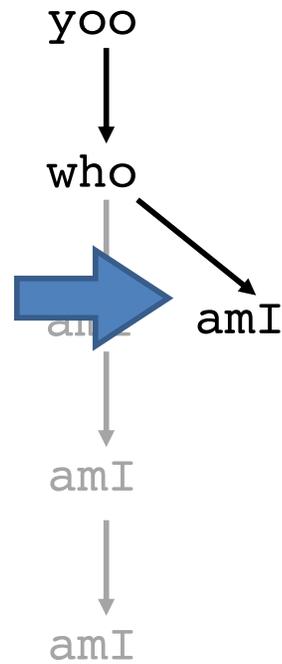
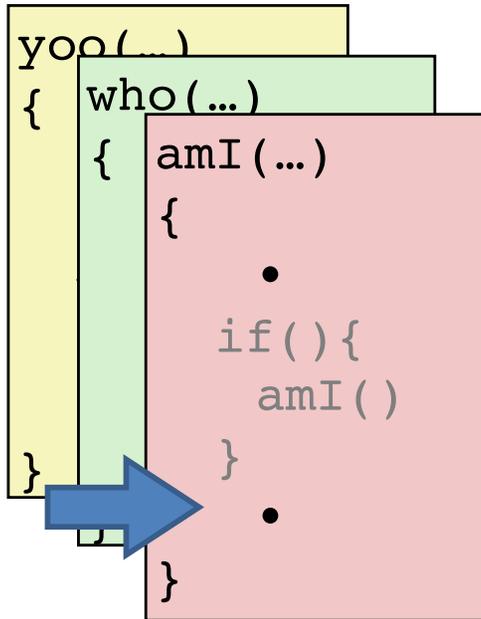
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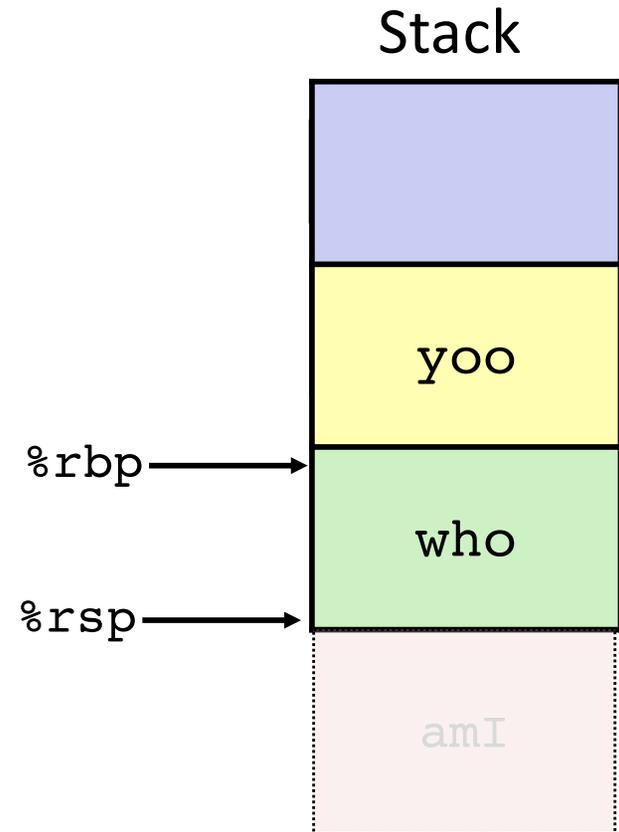
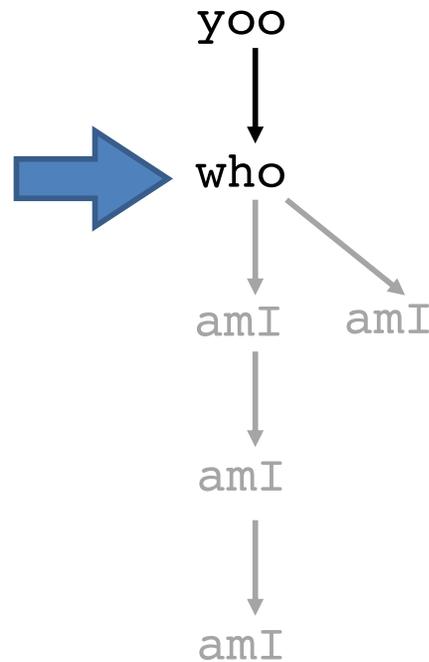
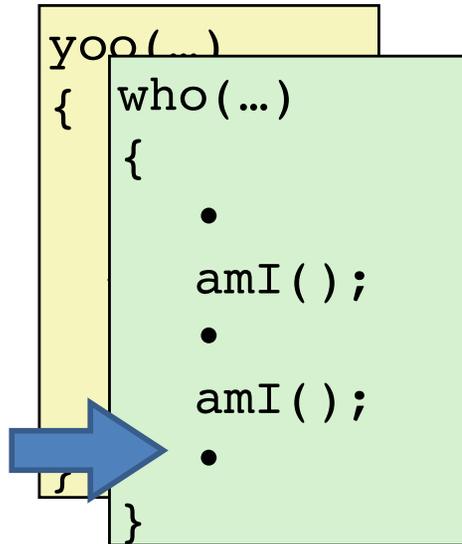
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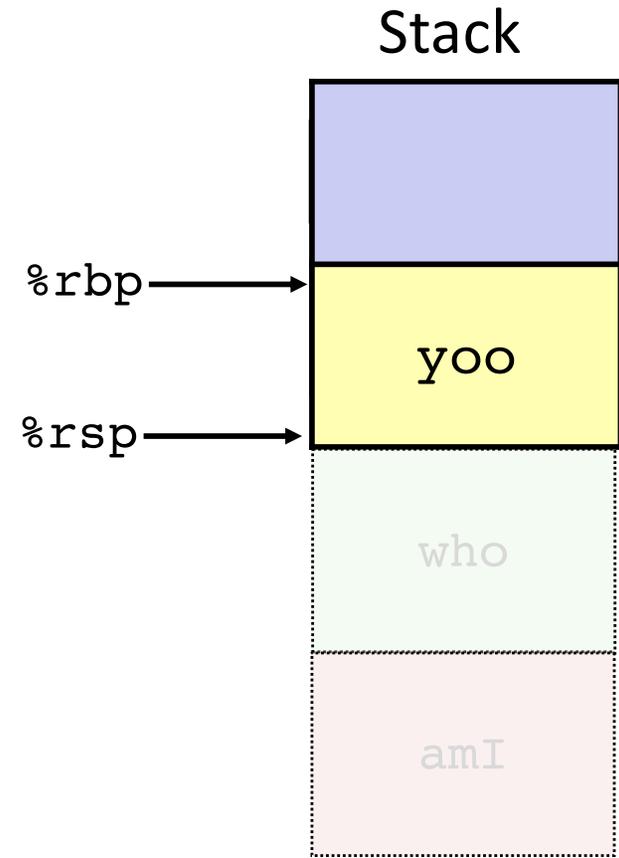
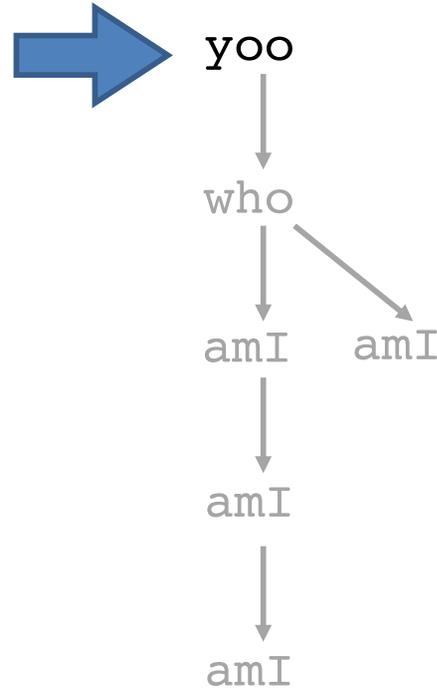
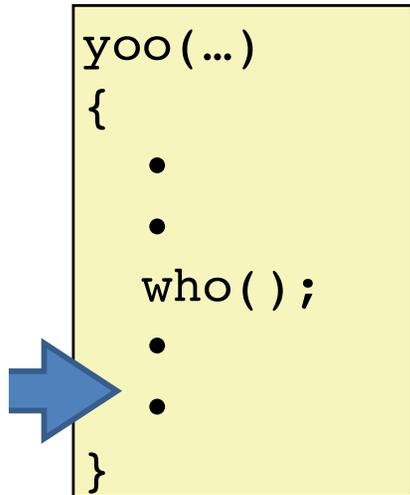
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The call stack supports procedures

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.

Base pointer `%rbp`

Stack pointer `%rsp`

Caller
Frame

Callee
Frame

...

Saved Registers
Local Variables
Extra Arguments to callee
Return Address where to continue on return

...

Saved Registers
Local Variables

...

↑
higher addresses
|
|
stack grows toward
lower addresses
↓

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

Call example

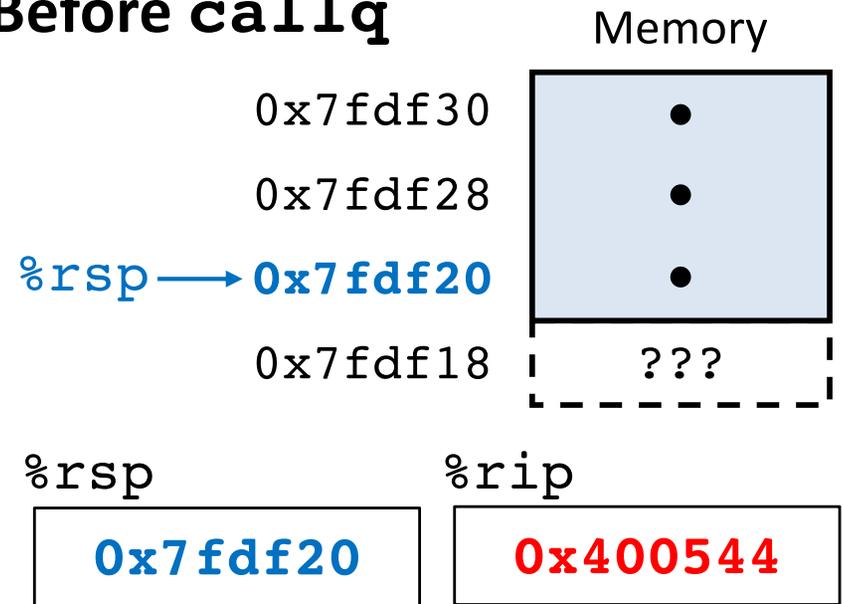
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Before callq



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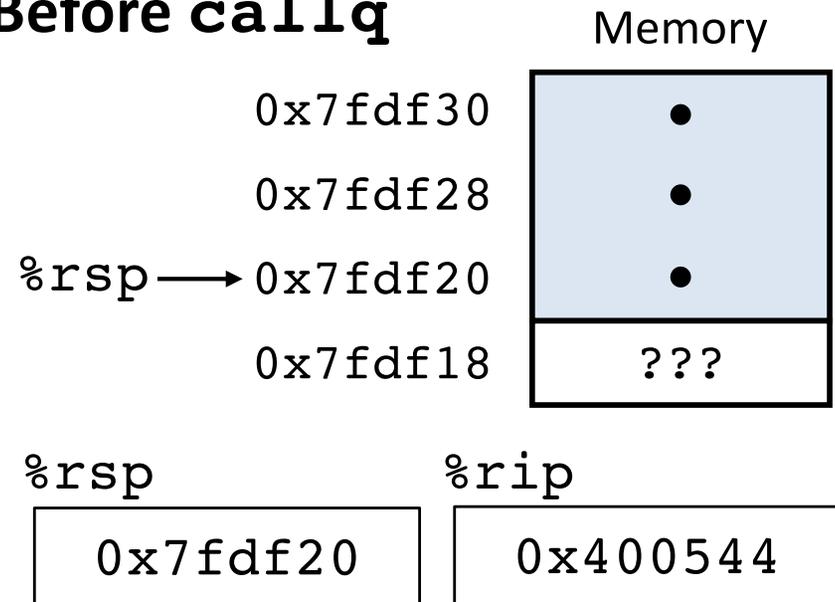
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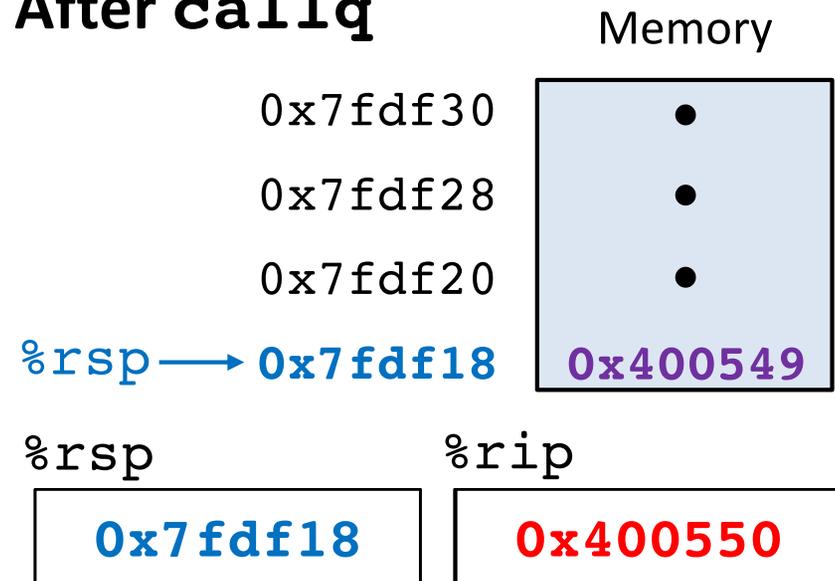
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Before callq



After callq

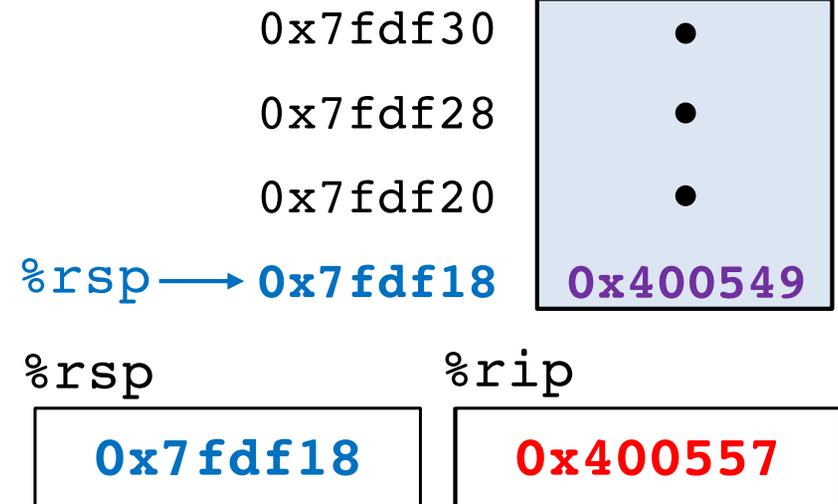


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Before `retq`



`retq`

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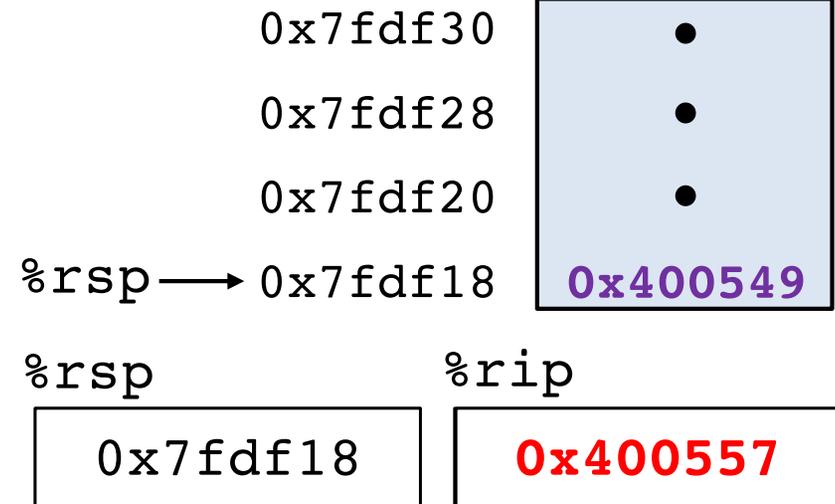
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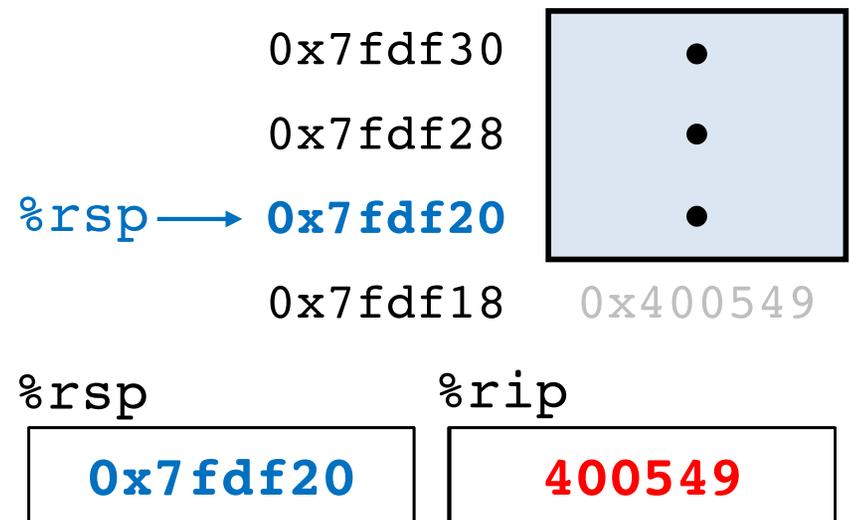
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Before **retq**



After **retq**



callq puzzle

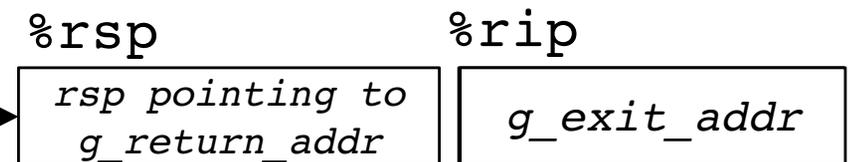
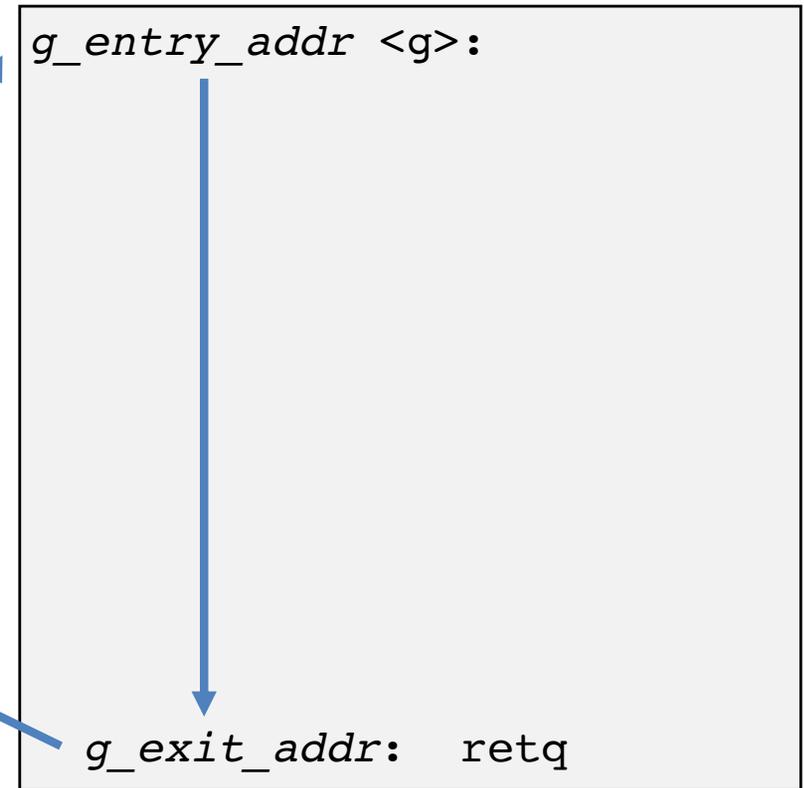
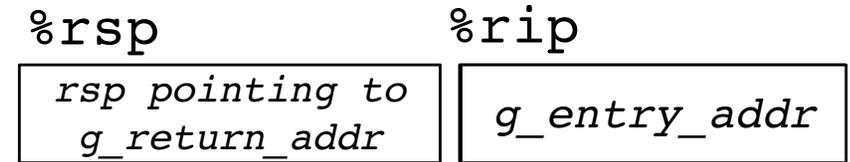
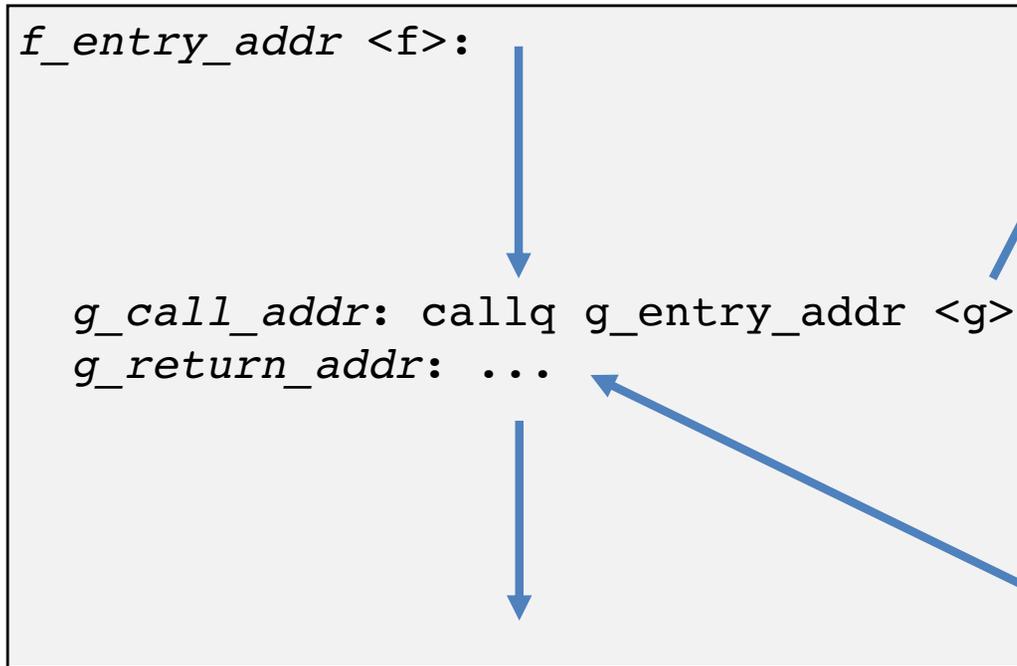
```
    callq next
next:
    popq  %rax
```

What gets stored into %rax?

Why is there no `ret` instruction corresponding to the `call`?

What does this code do? (Hint: unusual use of `call`.)

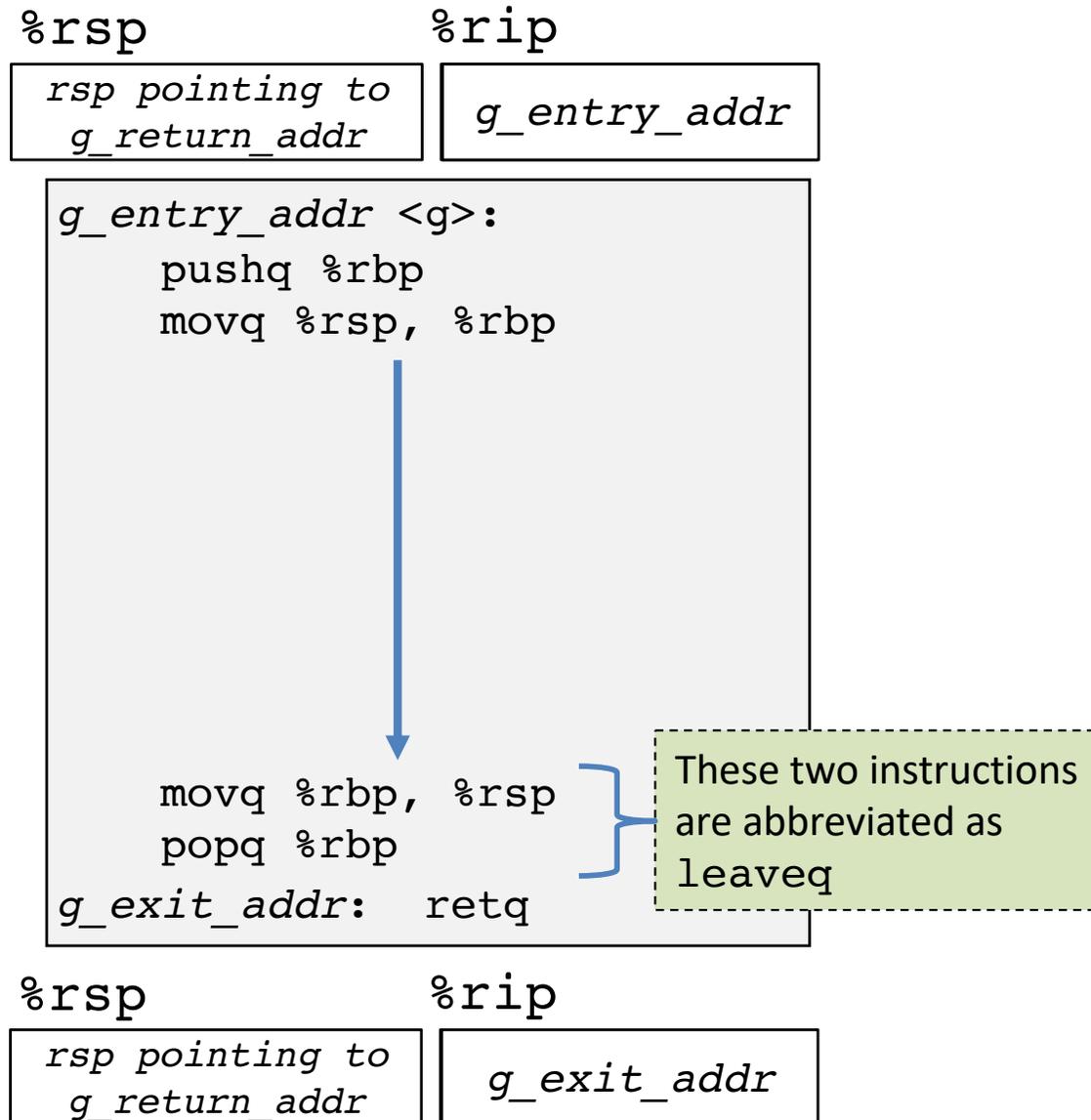
Call/Return flow



Key Invariant:

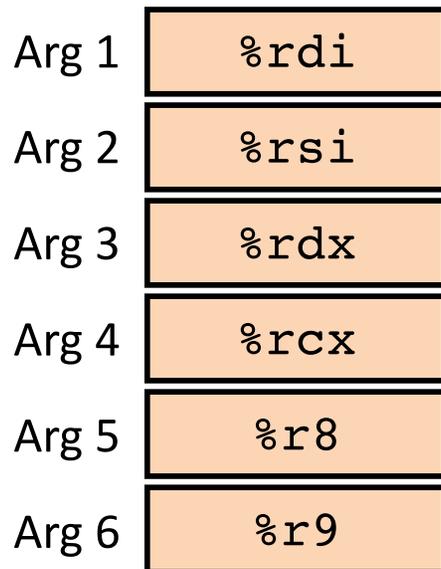
Need to guarantee that `%rsp` at `g_exit_addr` is the same as `%rsp` at `g_entry_addr`!

`%rbp` prolog/epilog is easy way to guarantee `%rsp` invariant



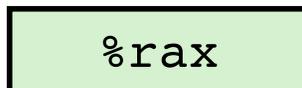
Procedure data flow conventions

First 6 arguments:
passed in **registers**

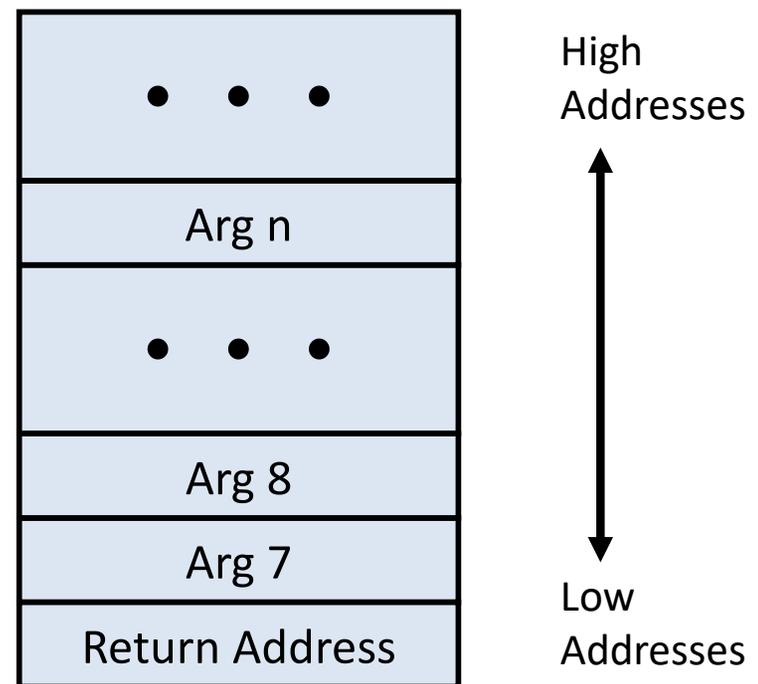


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Return value:
passed in `%rax`



Remaining arguments:
passed on **stack** (in memory)



Allocate stack space for arguments
only when needed.

Procedure data flow puzzle

C function body:

```

_____ huh( _____ _' _____ _' _____ _' _____ _ ) {
    *p = d;
    return x - c;
}

```

Translated to x86 assembly:

```

huh:
    movsbl  %dl,    %edx
    movl    %edx,  (%rsi)
    movswl  %di,    %edi
    subl    %edi,  %ecx
    movl    %ecx,  %eax
    retq

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Procedure call / stack frame example

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
```

```
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.

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 step_up

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

Stack
Frames

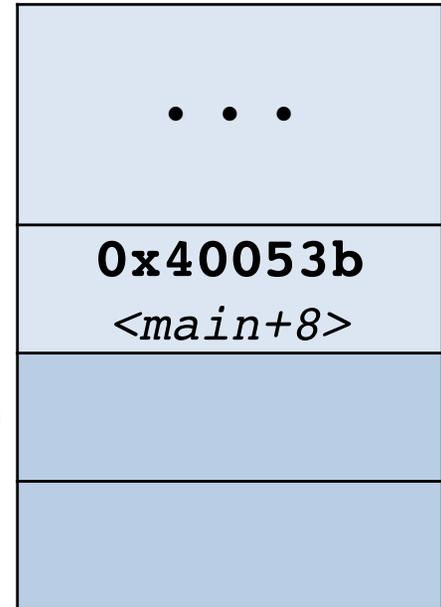
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0x7fdf28

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Memory



%rax

%rdi

%rsi



%rsp

%rip

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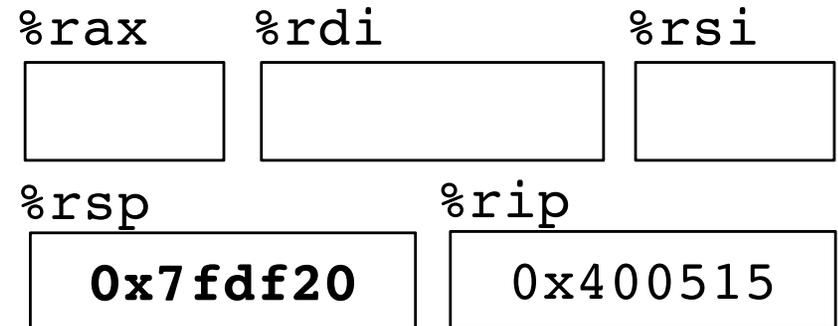
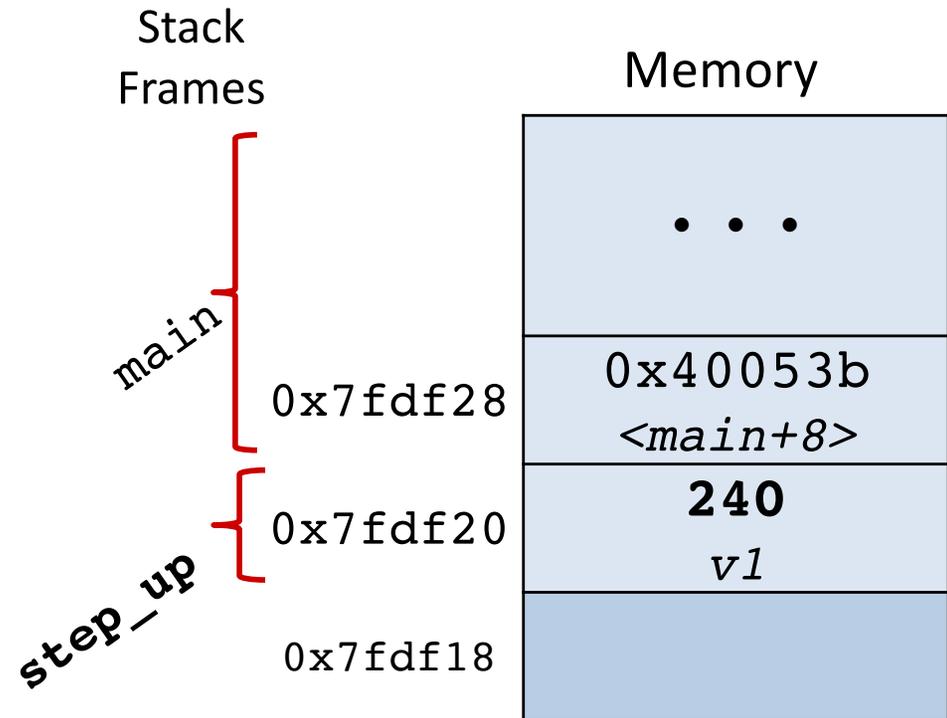
Procedure call example (step 1)

Allocate space for local vars

```
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
```



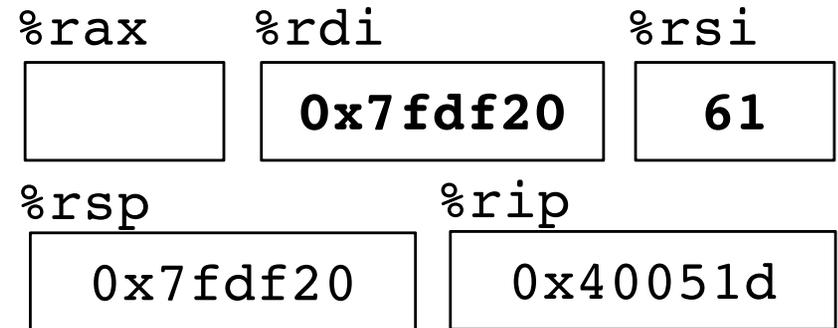
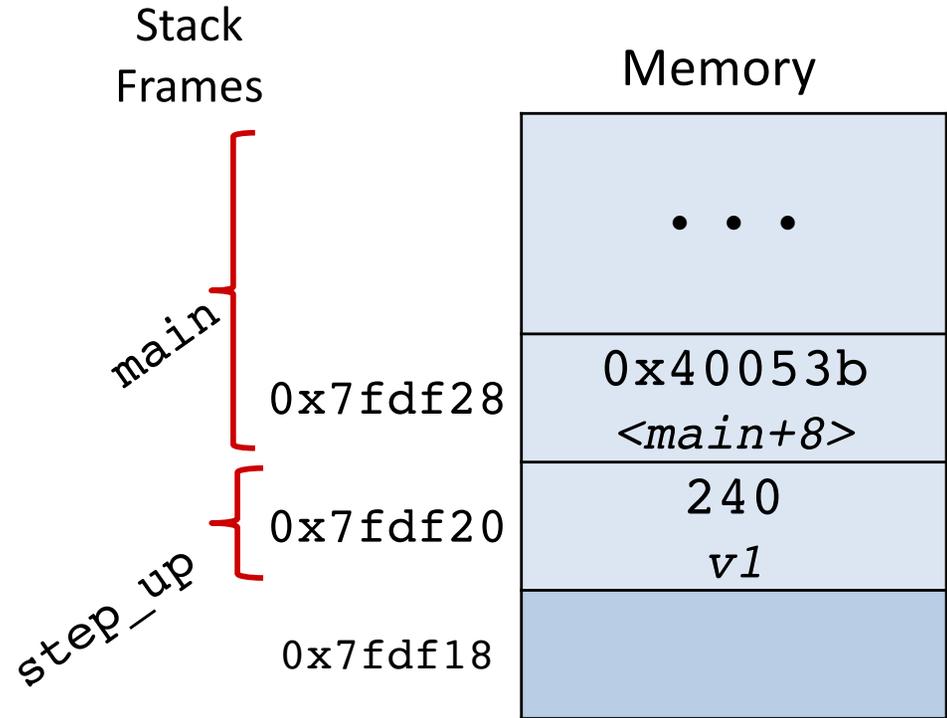
Procedure call example (step 2)

Set up args for call to increment

```
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
```



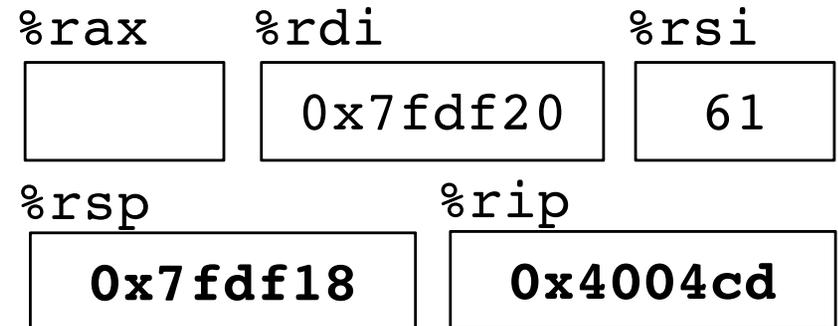
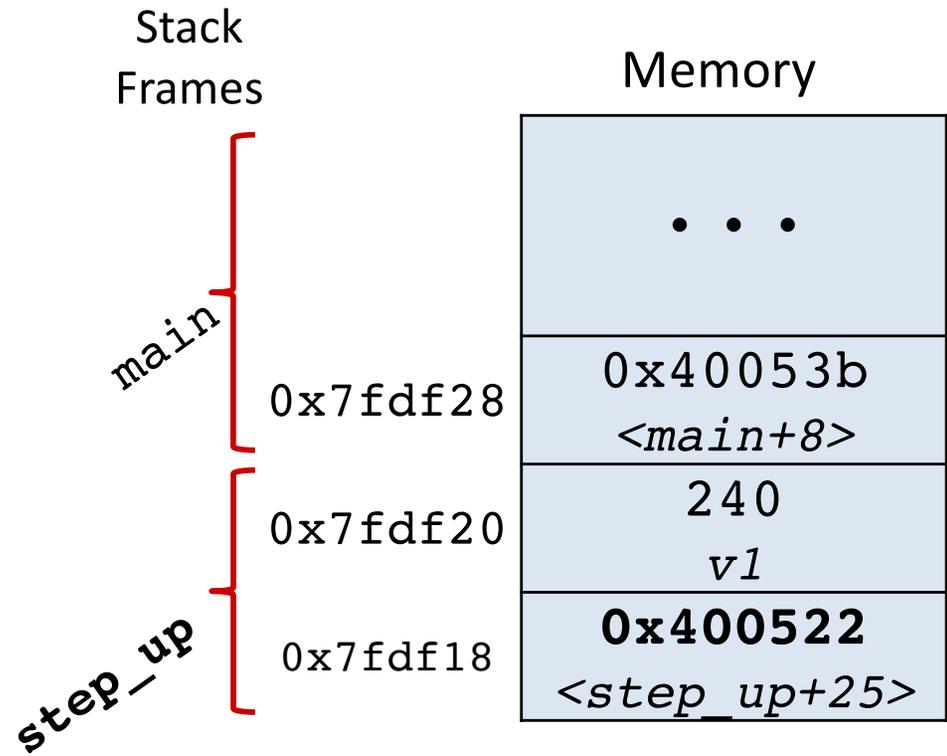
Procedure call example (step 3)

Call increment

```
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
```



Procedure call example (step 4)

Run increment

```

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

```

```

step_up:
400509:  subq  $0, %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

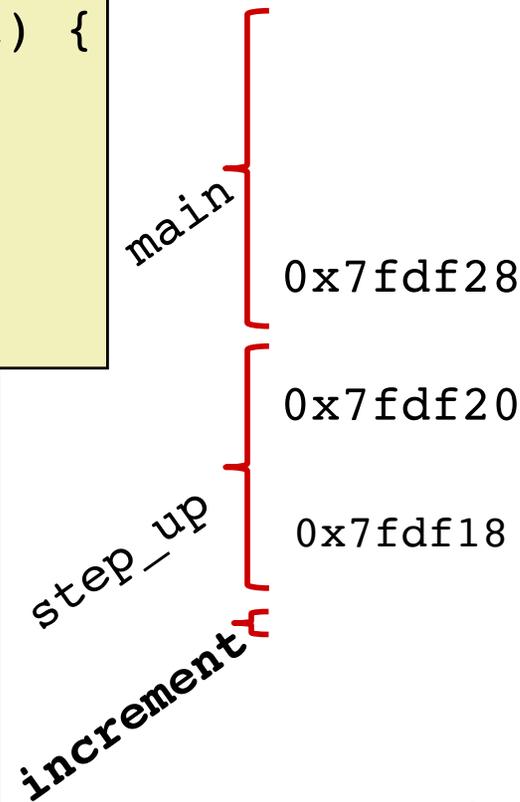
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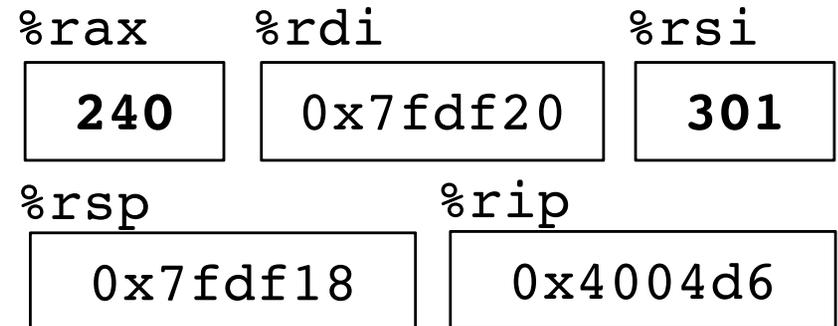
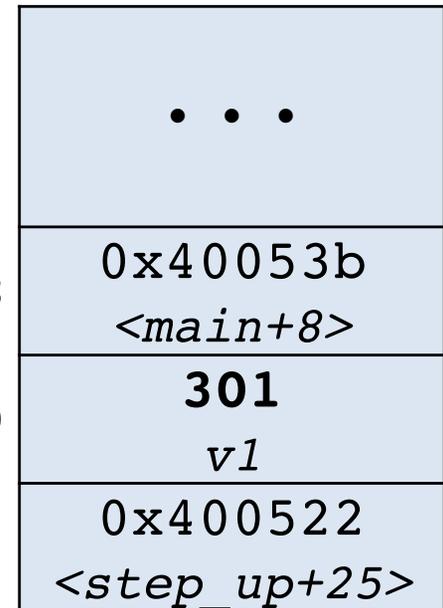
increment:
4004cd:  movq  (%rdi), %rax
4004d0:  addq  %rax, %rsi
4004d3:  movq  %rsi, (%rdi)
4004d6:  retq

```

Stack
Frames



Memory



Procedure call example (step 5a) Return from increment to step_up

```

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

```

```

400509:  subq  $0, %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

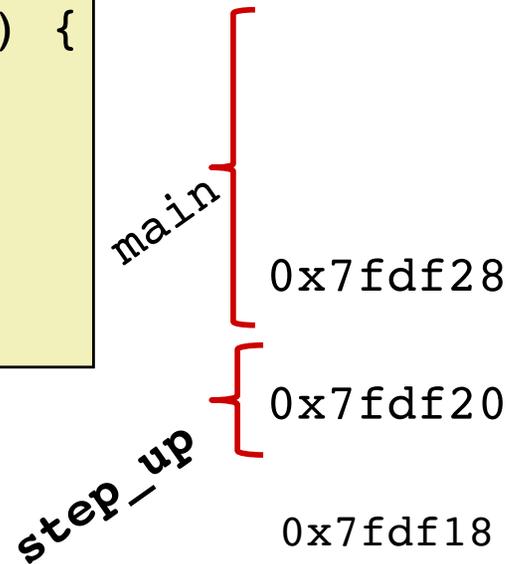
```

```

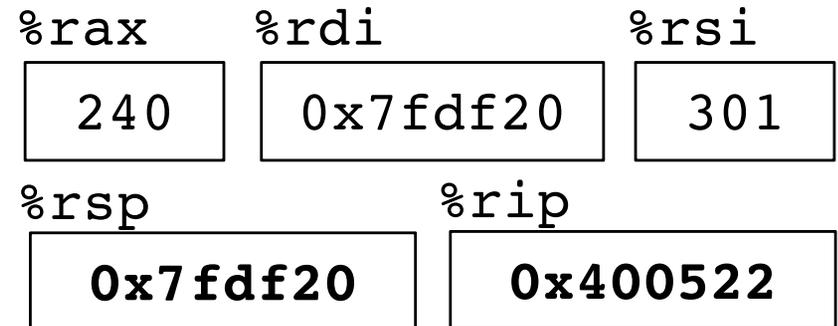
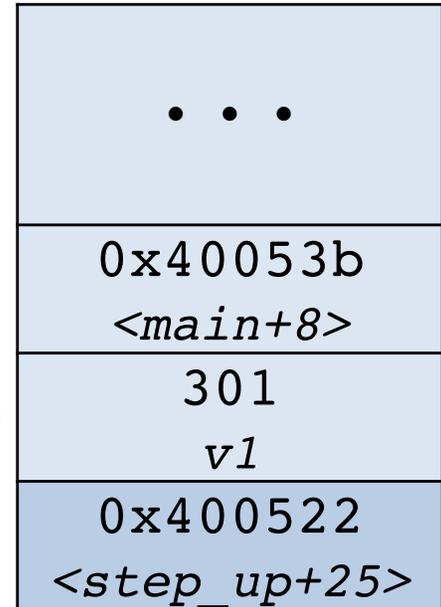
increment:
4004cd:  movq  (%rdi), %rax
4004d0:  addq  %rax, %rsi
4004d3:  movq  %rsi, (%rdi)
4004d6:  retq

```

Stack
Frames



Memory

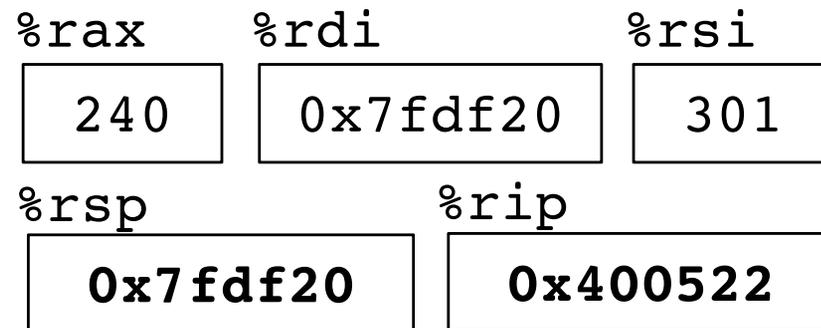
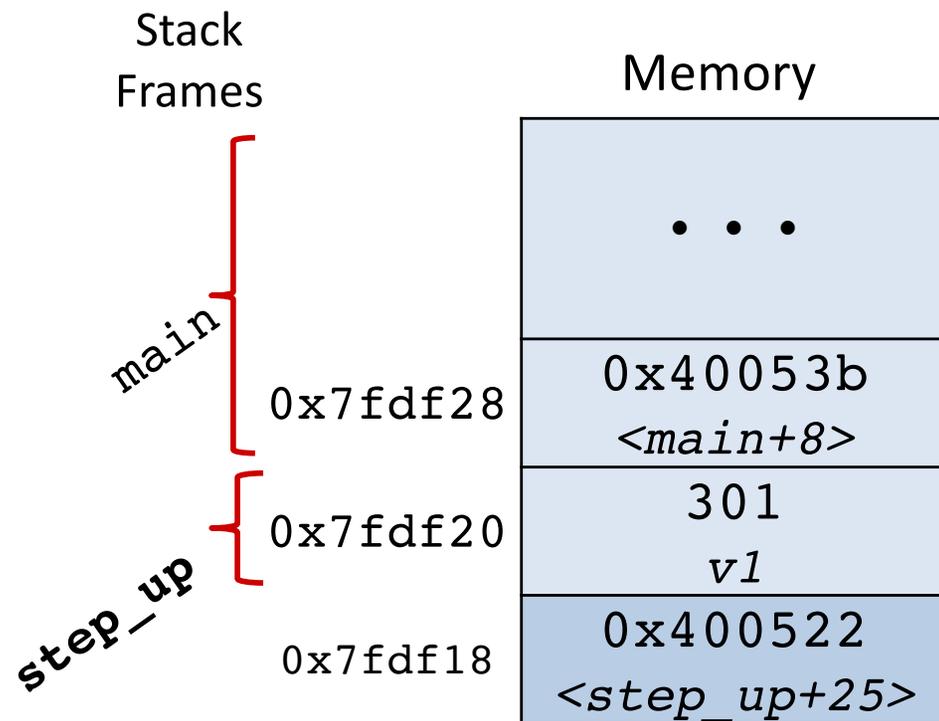


Procedure call example (step 5b) Return from increment to step_up

```
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
```



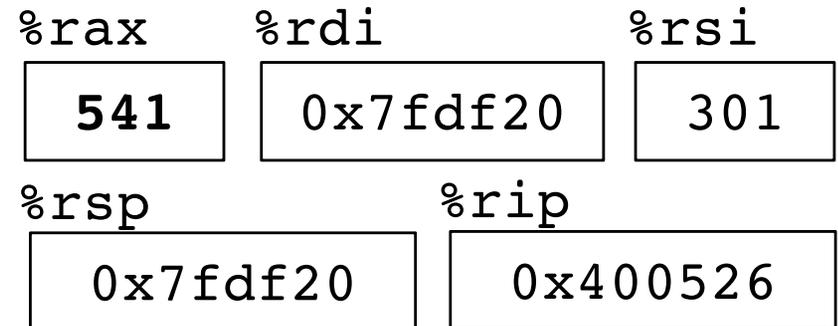
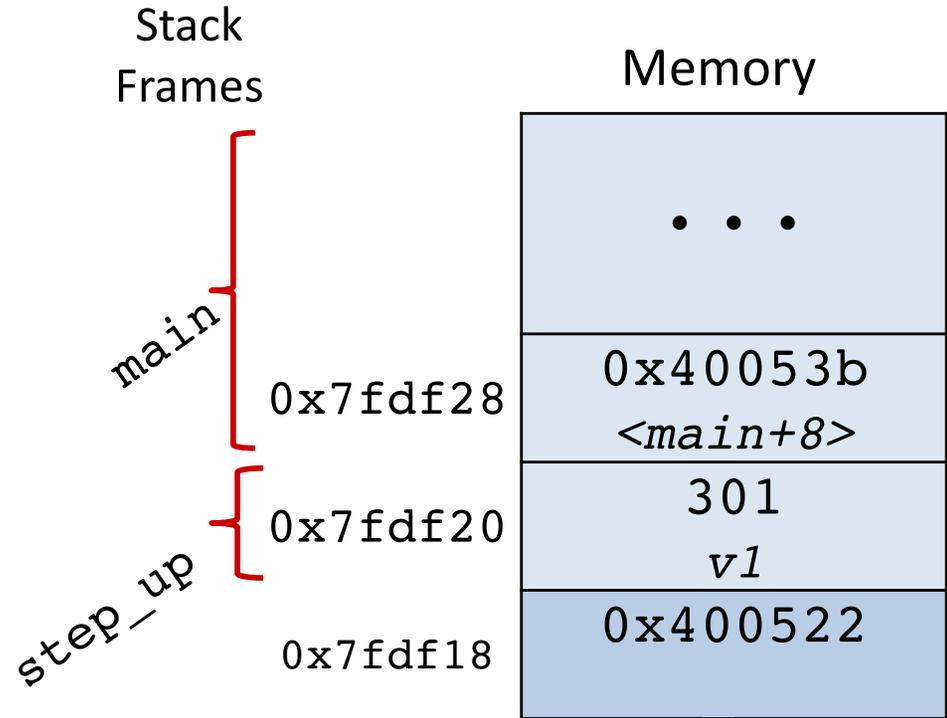
Procedure call example (step 6)

Prepare step_up result

```
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
```



Procedure call example (step 7)

Deallocate space
for local vars

```
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
```

Stack
Frames

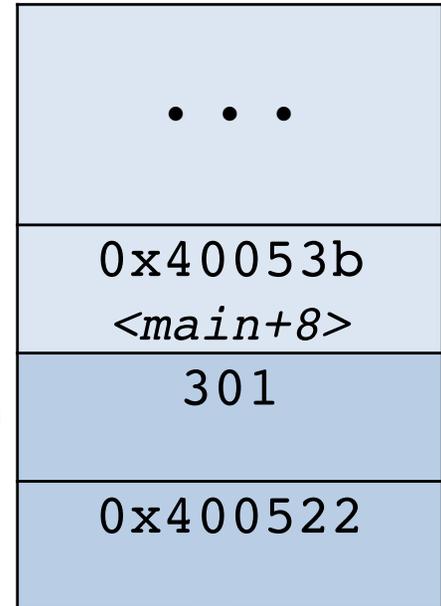
main

0x7fdf28

0x7fdf20

0x7fdf18

Memory



%rax

541

%rdi

0x7fdf20

%rsi

301

%rsp

0x7fdf28

%rip

0x400526

Procedure call example (step 8)

Return from step_up to main

```
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
```

Stack
Frames

main

0x7fdf28

0x7fdf20

0x7fdf18

Memory

...

0x40053b
<main+8>

301

0x400522

%rax

541

%rdi

0x7fdf20

%rsi

301

%rsp

0x7fdf30

%rip

0x40053b

Implementing procedures

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? ✓
1. How do procedures share limited registers and memory? ??

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 register conventions

<code>%rax</code>	Return value – Caller saved
<code>%rbx</code>	Callee saved
<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>	Callee saved

<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>	Callee saved
<code>%r13</code>	Callee saved
<code>%r14</code>	Callee saved
<code>%r15</code>	Callee saved

Callee-save example (step 0)

main called step_by(240)

```
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
```

Stack
Frames

main

0x7fdf28
0x7fdf20
0x7fdf18
0x7fdf10
0x7fdf08

Memory

...

0x40053b

%rbx

3

%rax

%rdi

%rsi

240

%rsp

%rip

0x7fdf28

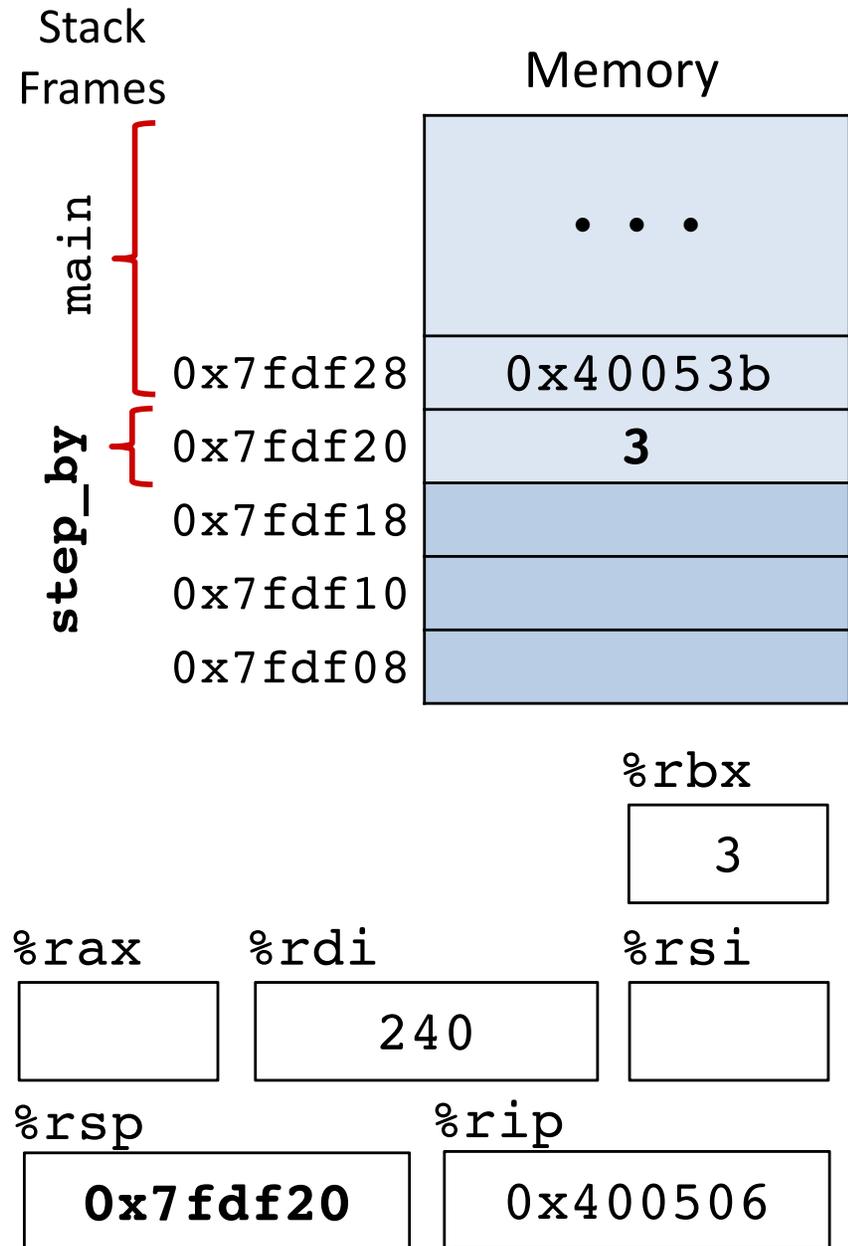
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Callee-save example (step 1)

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
```



Callee-save example (step 2)

Copy argument x to %rbx for continued use after calling increment.

```
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
```

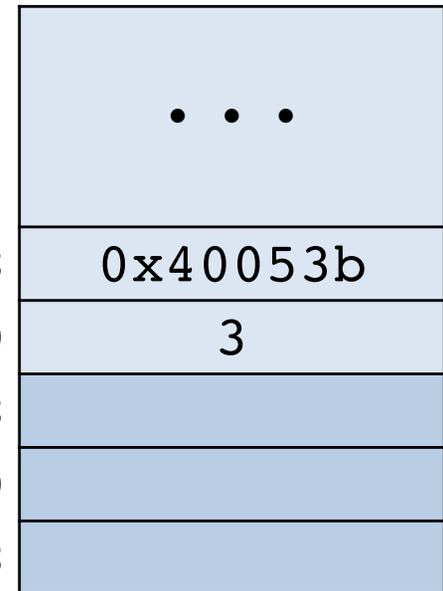
Stack
Frames

main

step_by

0x7fdf28
0x7fdf20
0x7fdf18
0x7fdf10
0x7fdf08

Memory



%rbx

240

%rax

%rdi

%rsi

240

%rsp

%rip

0x7fdf20

0x400509

Callee-save example (step 3)

Set up stack frame
Initialize v1

```
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
```

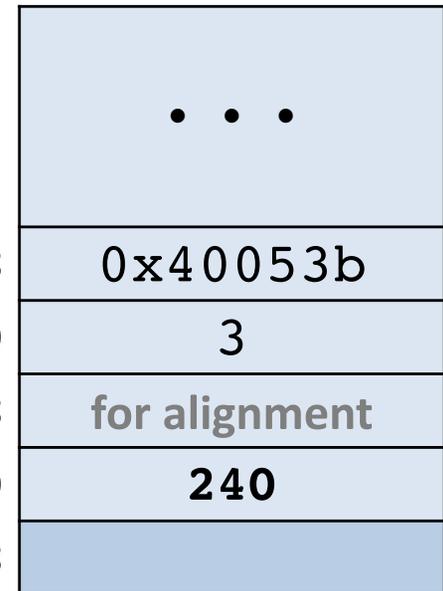
Stack
Frames

main

step_by

0x7fdf28
0x7fdf20
0x7fdf18
0x7fdf10
0x7fdf08

Memory



%rbx

240

%rax

%rdi

240

%rsi

%rsp

0x7fdf10

%rip

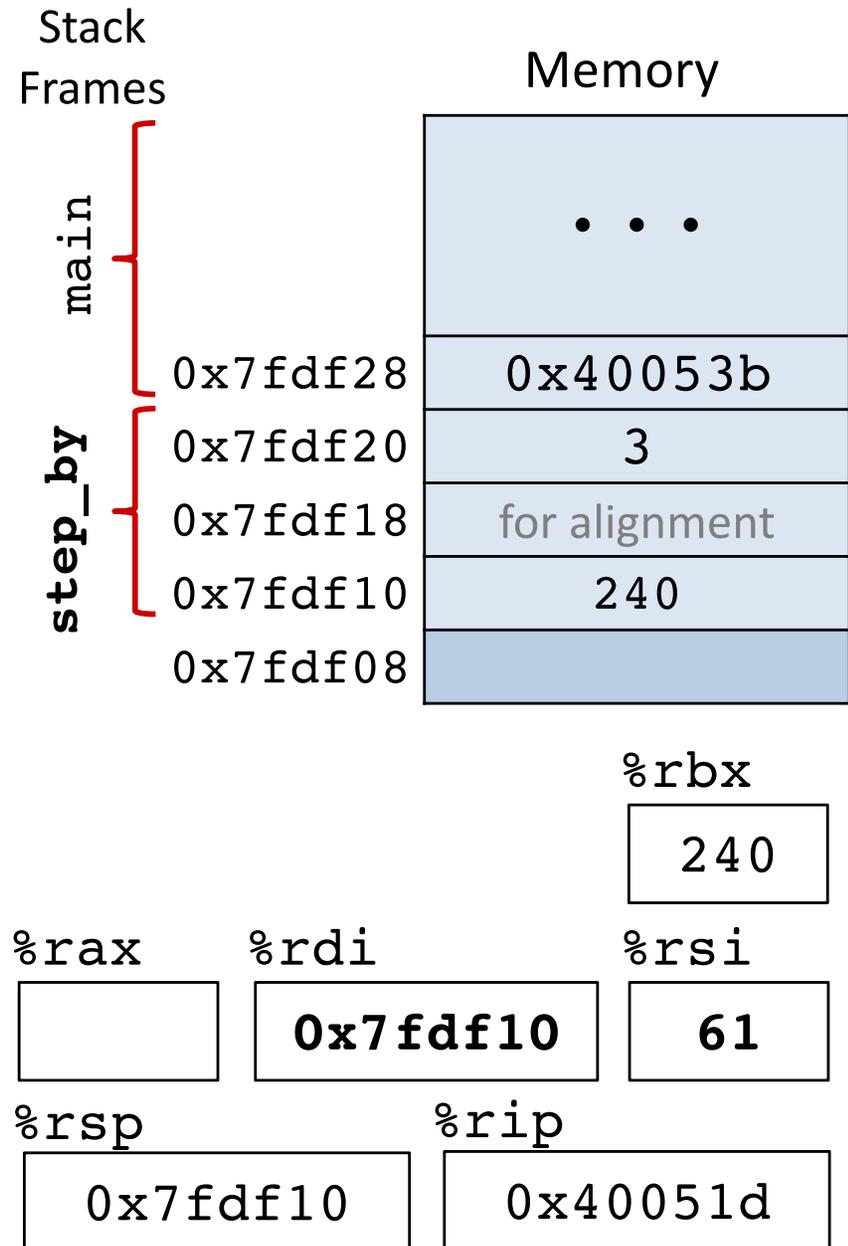
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Callee-save example (step 4)

Set up arguments

```
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
```

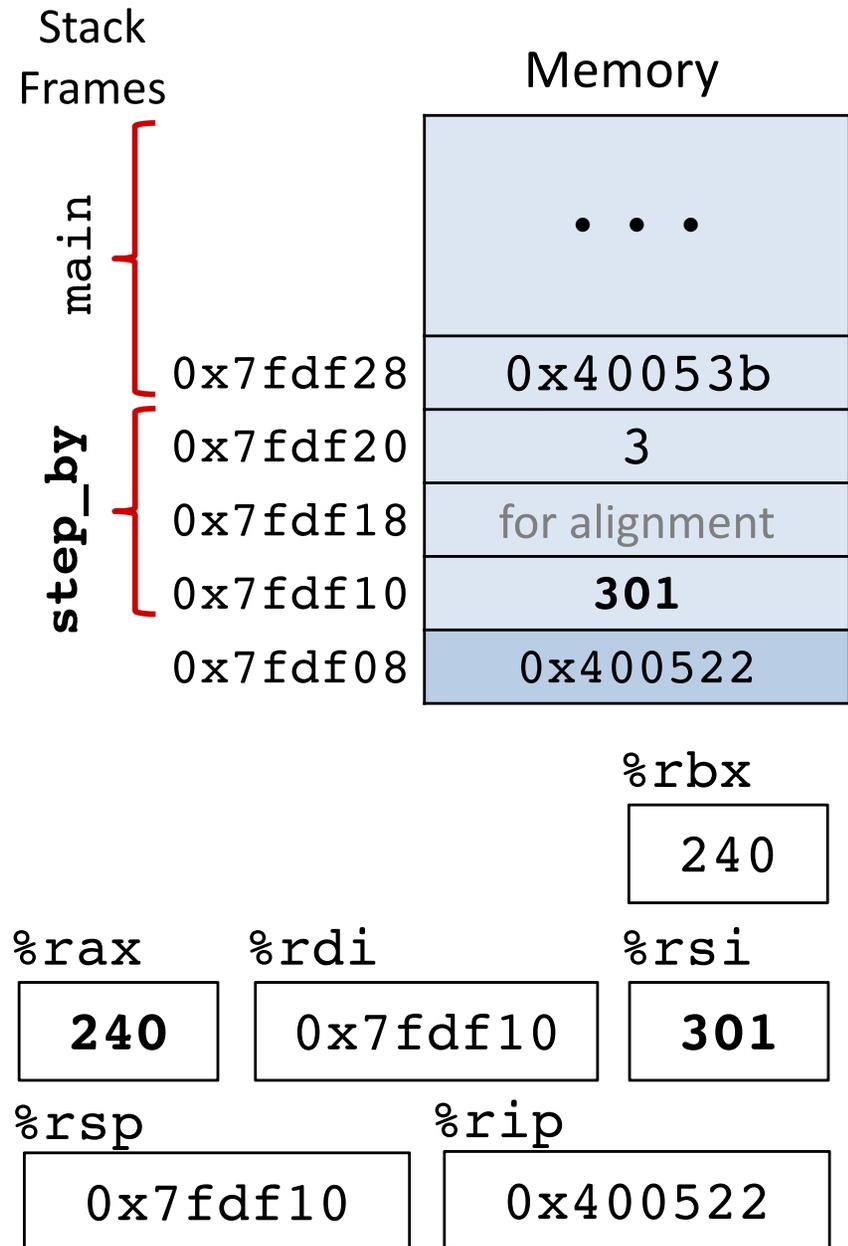


Callee-save example (step 5)

Call, execute, and return from increment

```
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
```

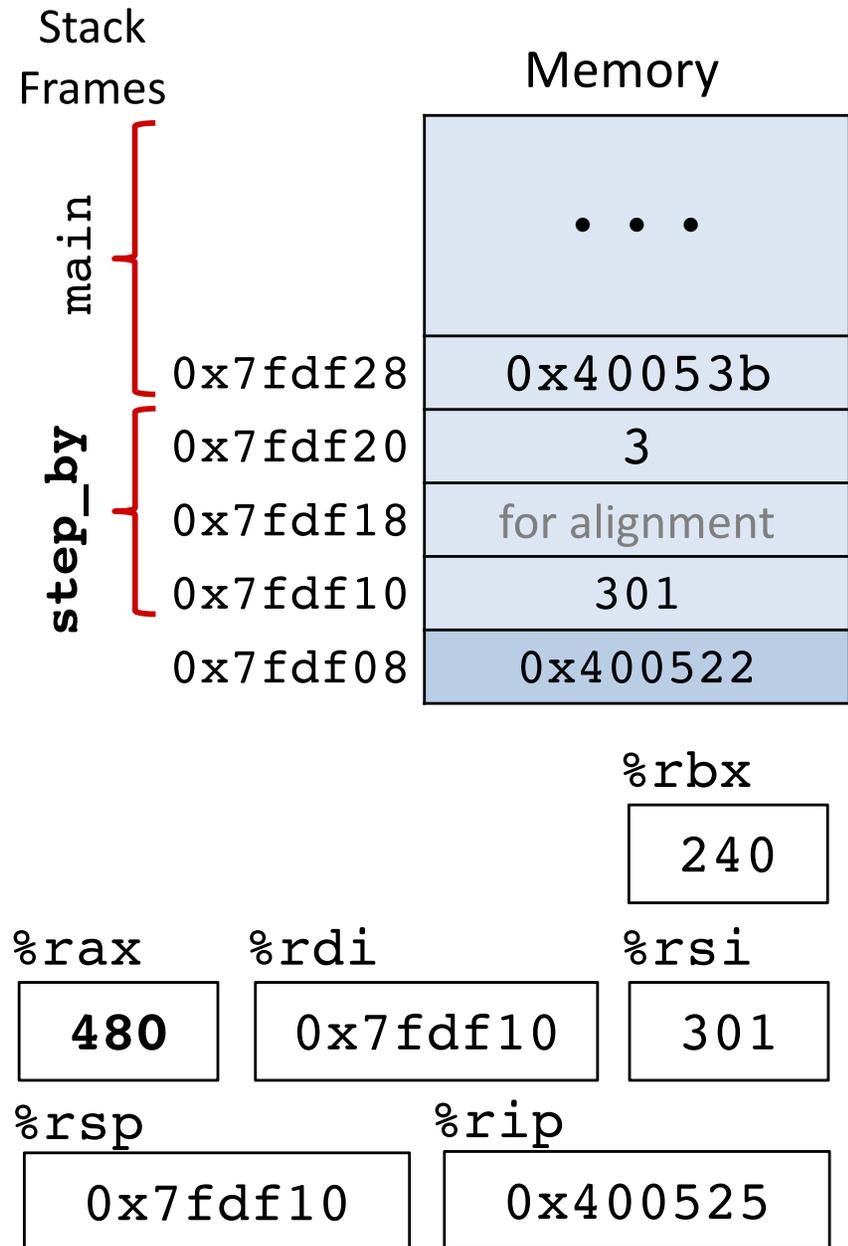


Callee-save example (step 6)

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
400525:  addq   $16, %rsp
400529:  popq   %rbx
40052b:  retq
```

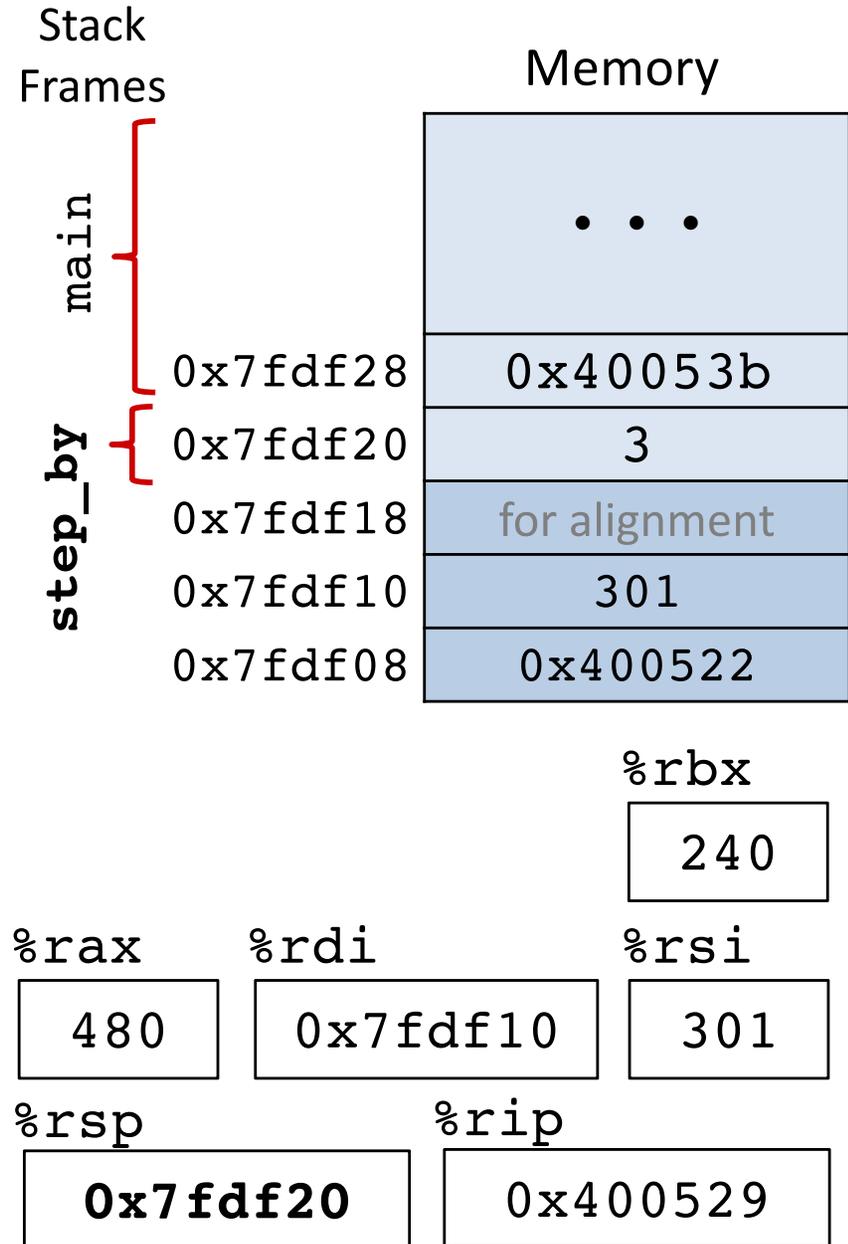


Callee-save example (step 7)

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
400525:  addq   $16, %rsp
400529:  popq   %rbx
40052b:  retq
```

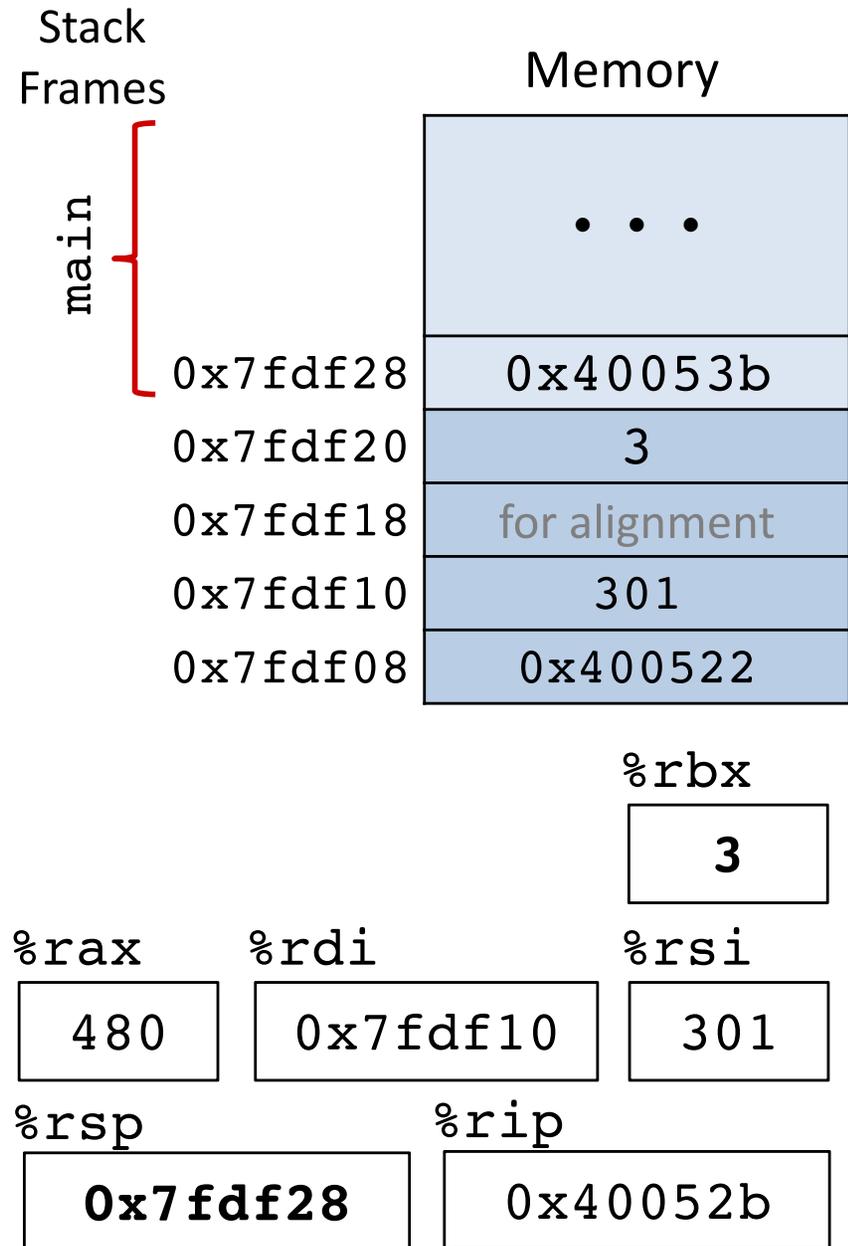


Callee-save example (step 8)

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  
40052b: retq
```



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

recursive
case

x&1 in %ebx
across call

save/restore
%rbx (callee-save)

Recursion Example: pcount(2)

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

pcount:

```
4005dd: movl $0, %eax  
4005e2: testq %rdi, %rdi  
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4005e7: pushq %rbx  
4005e8: movq %rdi, %rbx  
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4005f1: callq pcount  
4005f6: addq %rbx, %rax  
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.L6:  
4005fa: rep  
4005fb: retq
```

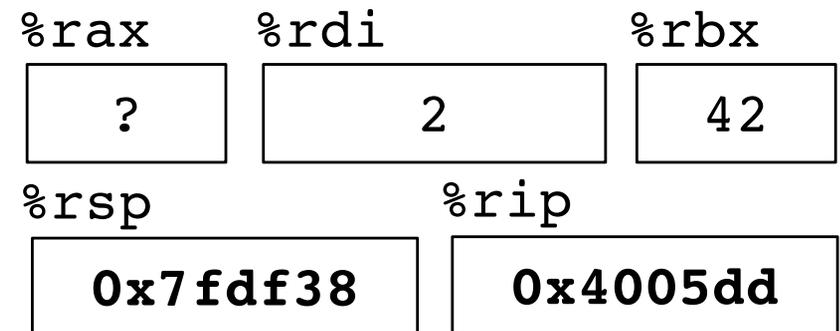
Stack
Frames

main {

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

Memory

0x4006ed



Recursion Example: pcount(2)

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    if (x == 0) {  
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}
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```

Stack
Frames

main {
pc(2) {
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0x7fdf30
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0x7fdf08

Memory

0x4006ed

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

Recursion Example: pcount(2)

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    if (x == 0) {
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```

pcount:

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```

Stack
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Memory

0x4006ed
42

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

Recursion Example: pcount(2)

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Stack
Frames

main {
pc(2) {
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0x7fdf30
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0x7fdf20
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0x7fdf10
0x7fdf08

Memory

0x4006ed
42

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

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

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

pcount:

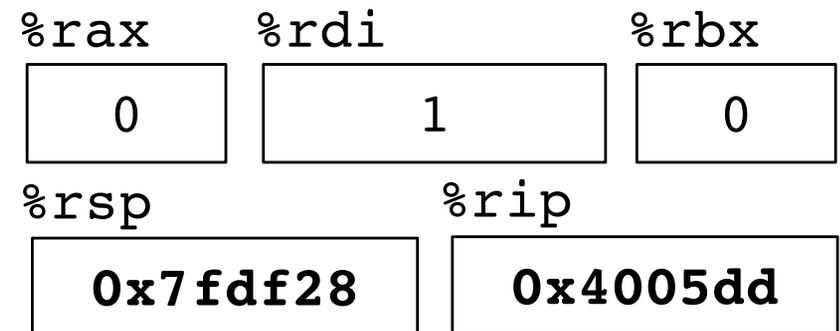
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4005dd: movl $0, %eax
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```

Stack
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		0x7fdf08

Memory

0x4006ed
42
0x4005f6



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

```

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

```

`pcount:`

```

4005dd:  movl  $0, %eax
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```

Stack
Frames

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	0x7fdf08

Memory

0x4006ed
42
0x4005f6

<code>%rax</code>	<code>%rdi</code>	<code>%rbx</code>
0	1	0
<code>%rsp</code>	<code>%rip</code>	
0x7fdf28	0x4005e7	

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

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

`pcount:`

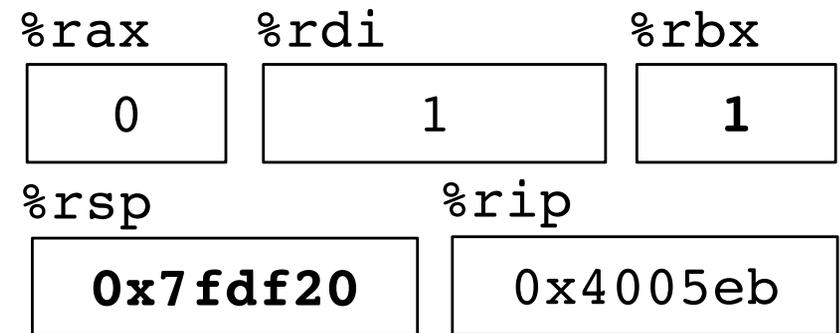
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4005dd: movl $0, %eax
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Stack
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Memory

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

```

long pcount(unsigned long x) {
    if (x == 0) {
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}

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pcount:

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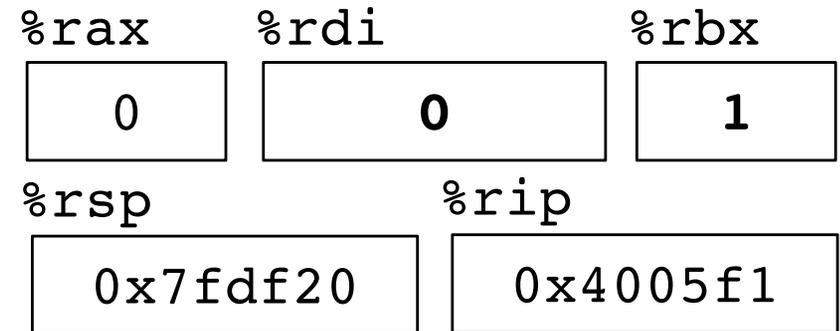
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Stack
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Memory

0x4006ed
42
0x4005f6
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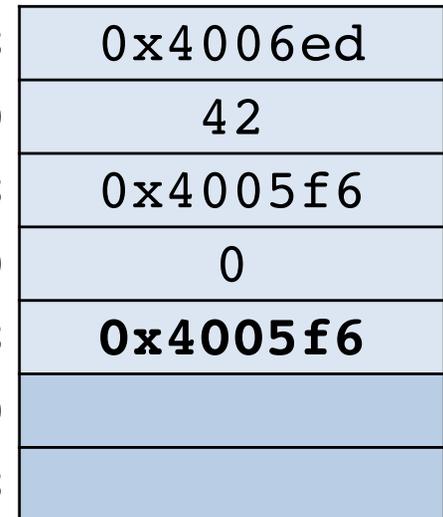
Recursion Example: `pcount(2) → pcount(1) → pcount(0)`

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

Stack
Frames

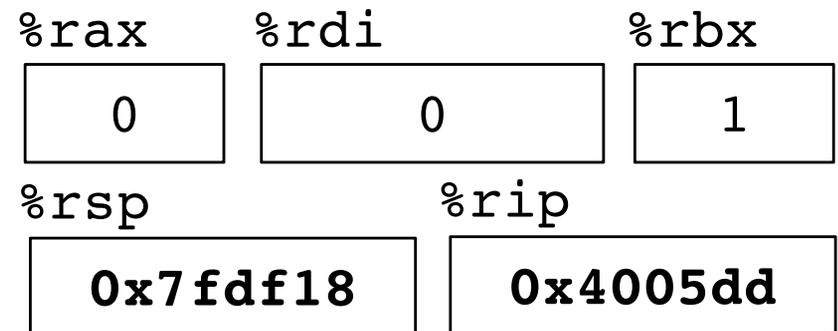


Memory



pcount:

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

```

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

```

`pcount:`

```

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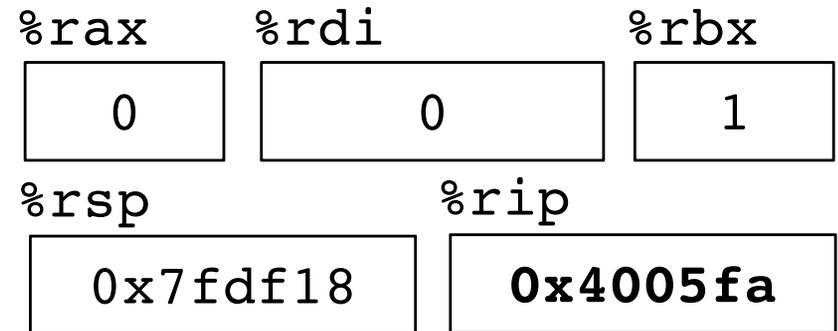
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Memory

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

```

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

`pcount:`

```

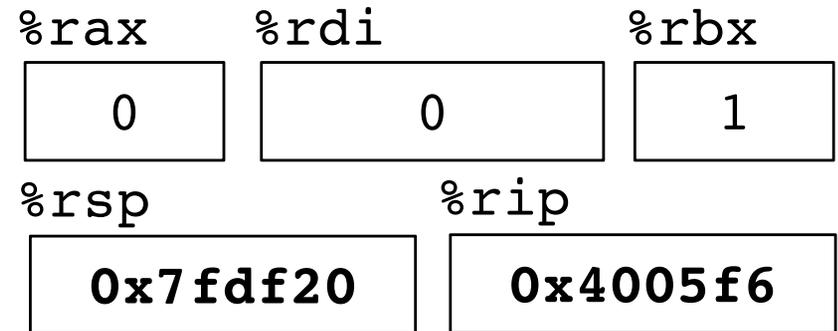
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Memory

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

```

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

```

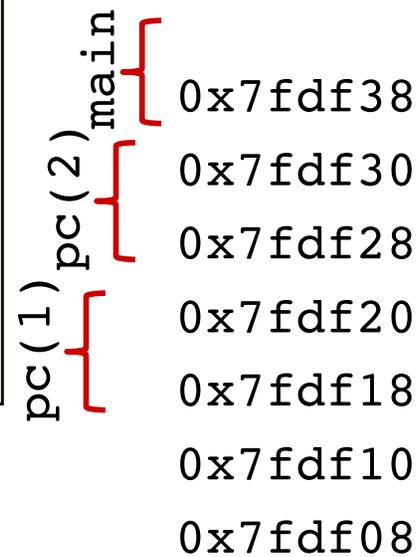
`pcount:`

```

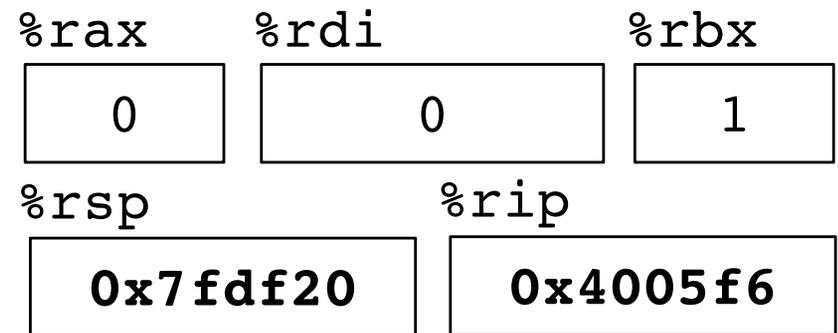
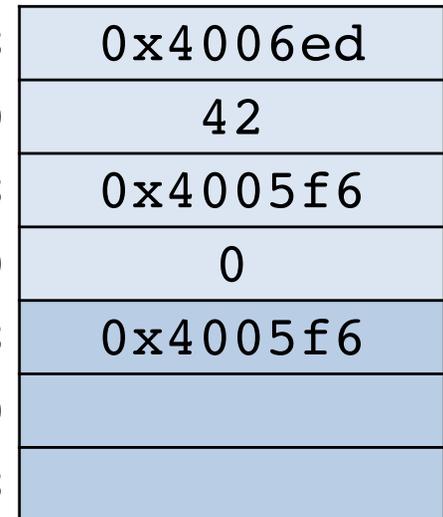
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```

Stack
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Memory



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

```

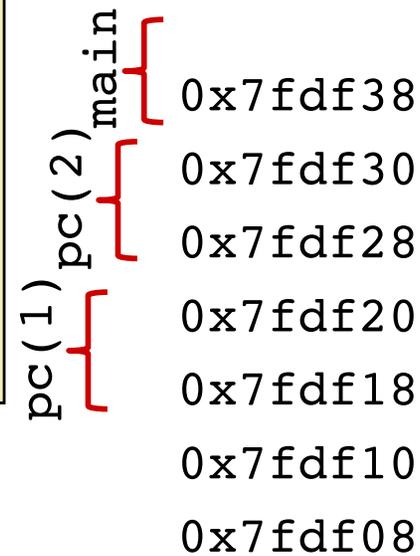
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    if (x == 0) {
        return 0;
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        return (x & 1) + pcount(x >> 1);
    }
}
    
```

`pcount:`

```

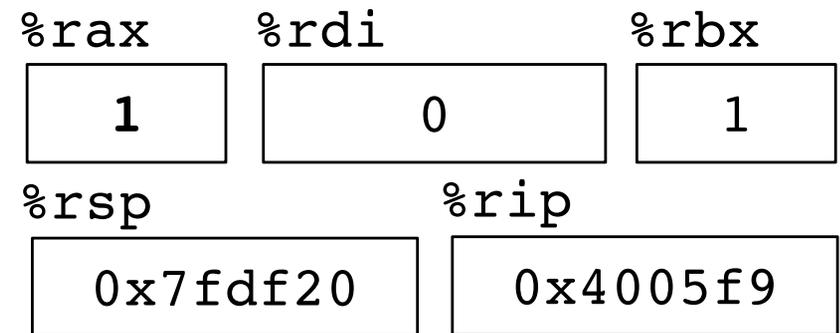
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Stack
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Memory

0x4006ed
42
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Recursion Example: `pcount(2)` → `pcount(1)` → `pcount(0)`

```

long pcount(unsigned long x) {
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    }
}
    
```

`pcount:`

```

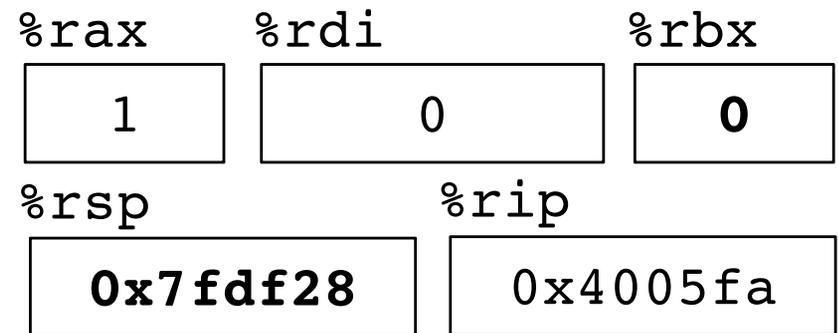
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Recursion Example: `pcount(2)` → `pcount(1)` → `pcount(0)`

```

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    if (x == 0) {
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`pcount:`

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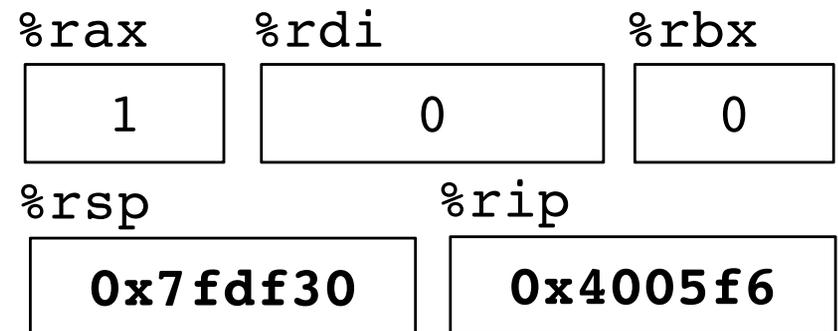
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Memory

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

```
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        return (x & 1) + pcount(x >> 1);
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}
```

`pcount:`

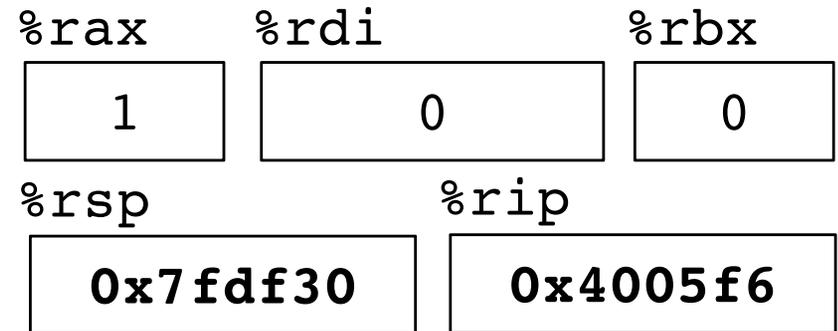
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Recursion Example: `pcount(2)` → `pcount(1)` → `pcount(0)`

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    if (x == 0) {
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}

```

`pcount:`

```

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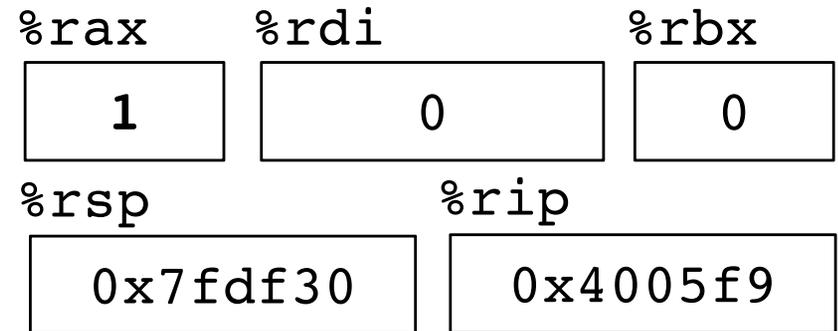
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4005e5: je 4005fa <.L6>
4005e7: pushq %rbx
4005e8: movq %rdi, %rbx
4005eb: andl $1, %ebx
4005ee: shrq %rdi
4005f1: callq pcount
4005f6: addq %rbx, %rax
4005f9: popq %rbx
.L6:
4005fa: rep
4005fb: retq

```

Stack
Frames

main {

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

Memory

0x4006ed
42
0x4005f6
0
0x4005f6

`%rax`

1

`%rdi`

0

`%rbx`

42

`%rsp`

0x7fdf38

`%rip`

0x4005f9

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

```

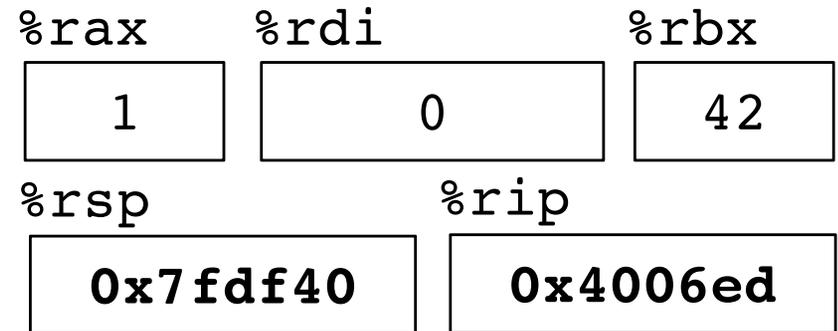
Stack
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`main` ↖

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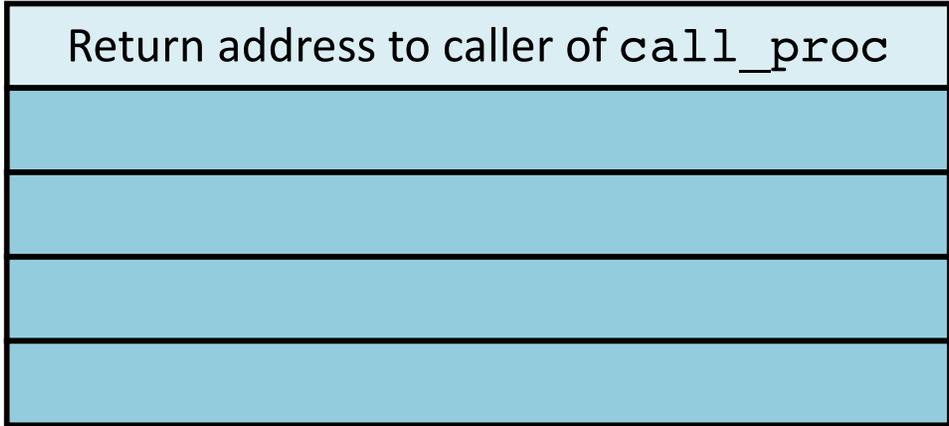
Stack storage example

optional

(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
    . . .
```



←%rsp

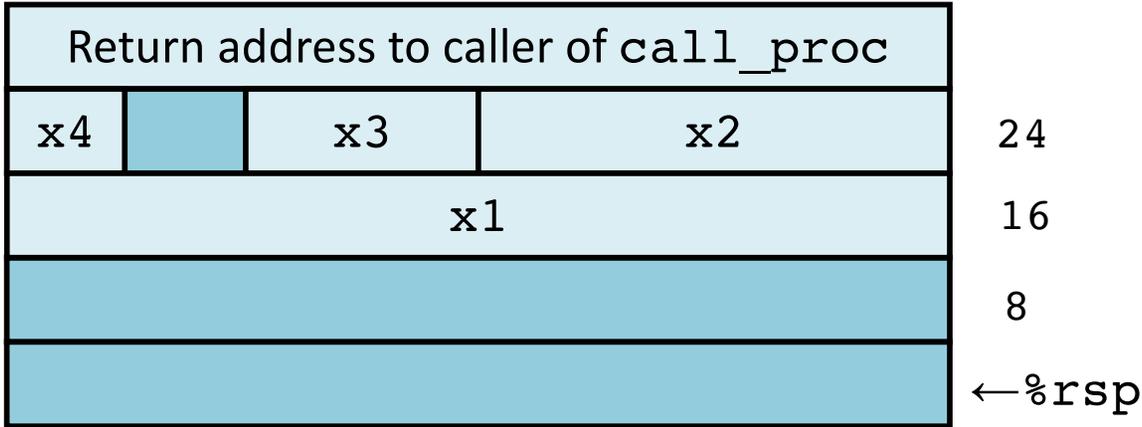
Stack storage example

(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
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    movb   $4,31(%rsp) # x4
    . . .
```



Stack storage example

(3) setup args to proc

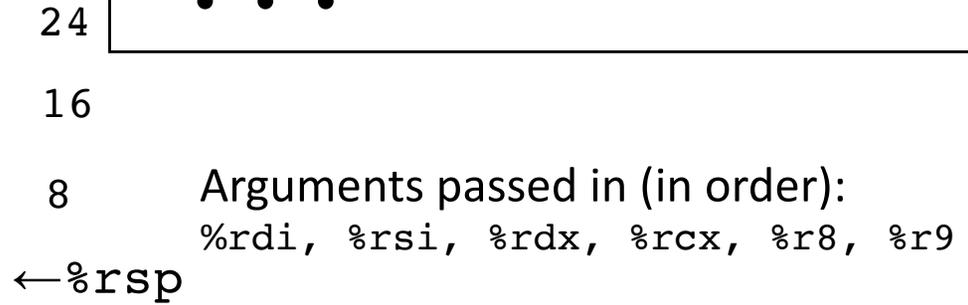
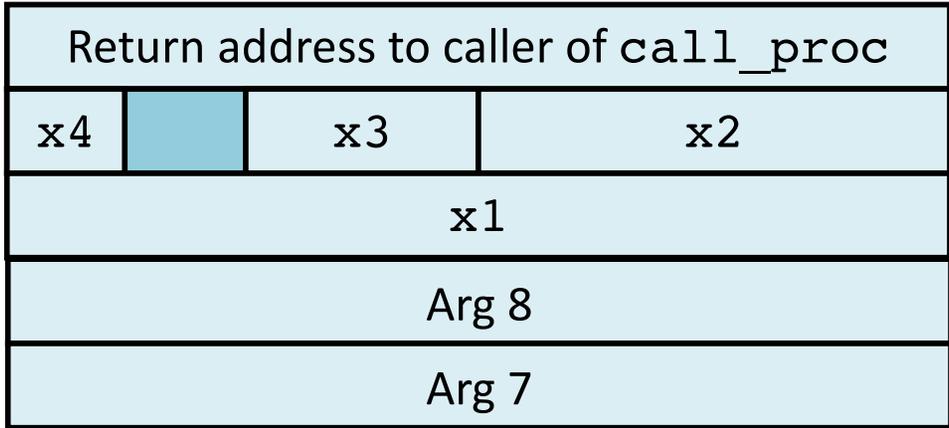
optional

```

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
    . . .
    
```

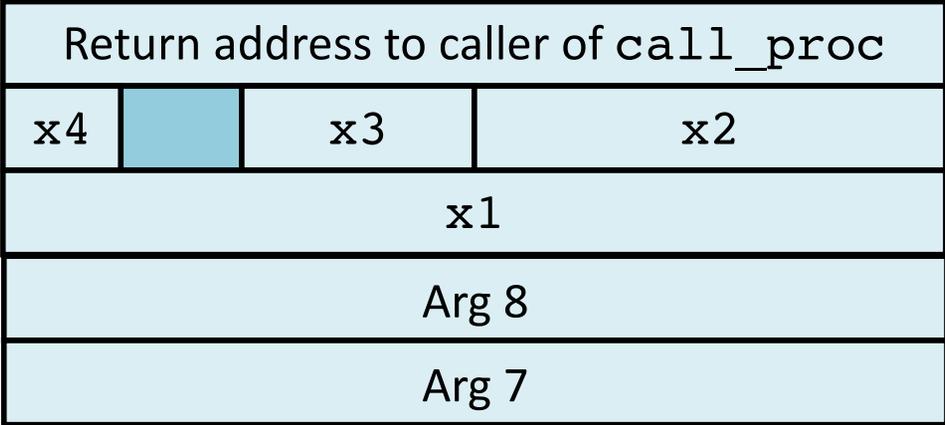


Stack storage example (4) after call to proc

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
```



24
16
8
←%rsp

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:
    • • •
    movswl 28(%rsp),%eax
    movsbl 31(%rsp),%edx
    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`

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

