

Roadmap

```

C:
car *c = malloc(sizeof(car));
c->miles = 100;
c->gals = 17;
float mpg = get_mpg(c);
free(c);

Java:
Car c = new Car();
c.setMiles(100);
c.setGals(17);
float mpg =
    c.getMPG();
    
```

Memory & data
 Integers & floats
 Machine code & C
 x86 assembly
Procedures & stacks
 Arrays & structs
 Memory & caches
 Processes
 Virtual memory
 Memory allocation
 Java vs. C

Assembly language:

```

get_mpg:
    pushq   %rbp
    movq    %rsp, %rbp
    ...
    popq   %rbp
    ret
    
```

Machine code:

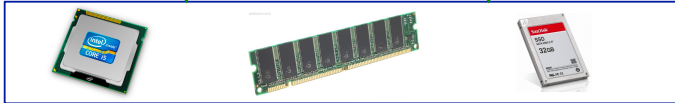
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100011010000010000000010
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```

OS:



Computer system:

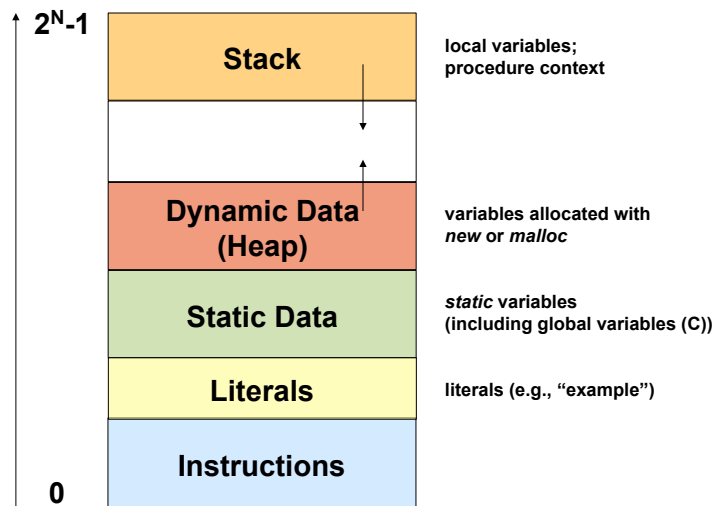


Procedures and Call Stacks

- How do I pass arguments to a procedure?
- How do I get a return value from a procedure?
- Where do I put local variables?
- When a function returns, how does it know where to return?

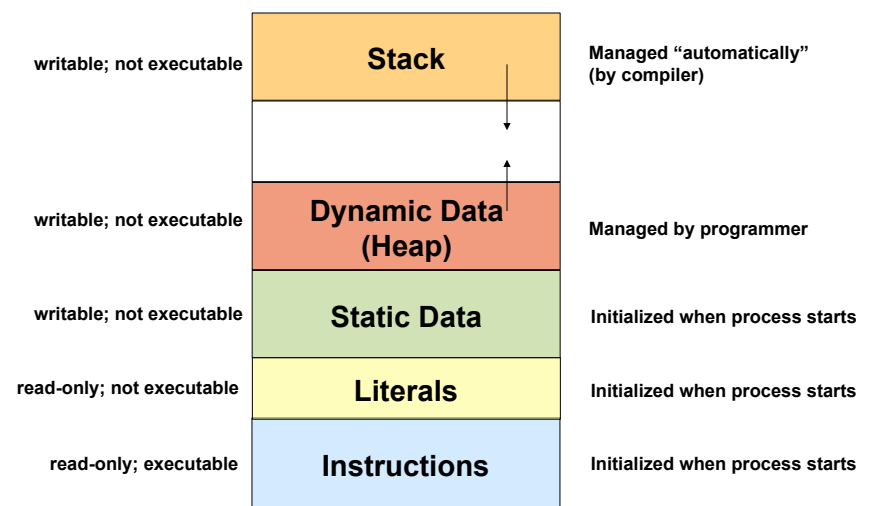
- To answer these questions, we need a *call stack* ...

Memory Layout



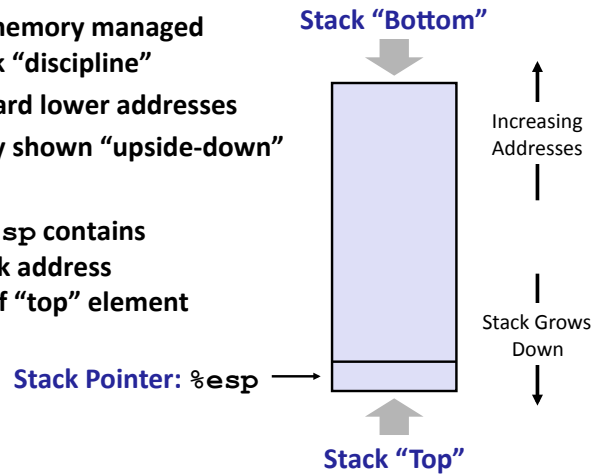
Memory Layout

segmentation faults?



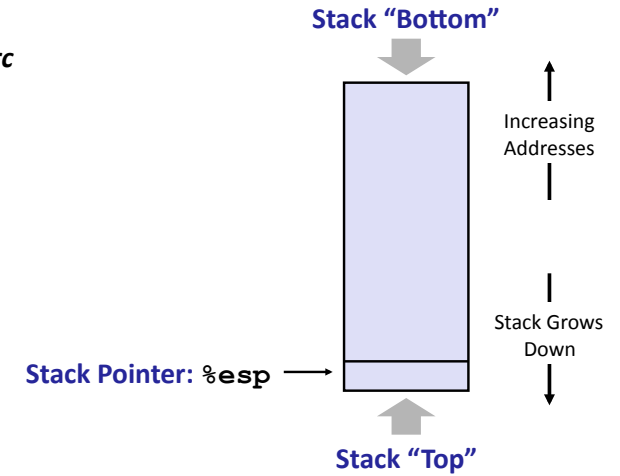
IA32 Call Stack

- Region of memory managed with a stack “discipline”
- Grows toward lower addresses
- Customarily shown “upside-down”
- Register `%esp` contains lowest stack address = address of “top” element



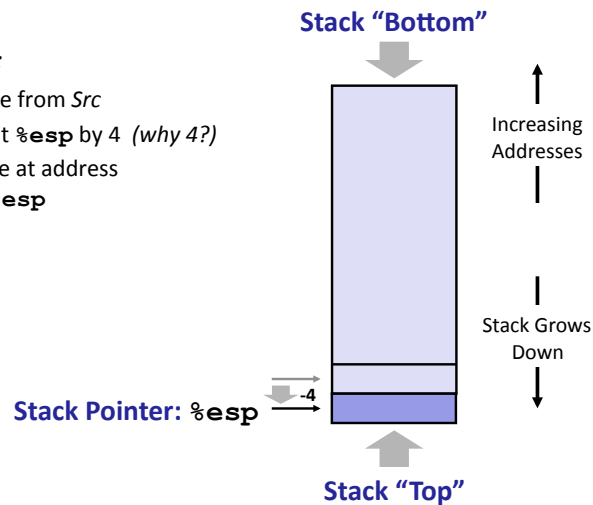
IA32 Call Stack: Push

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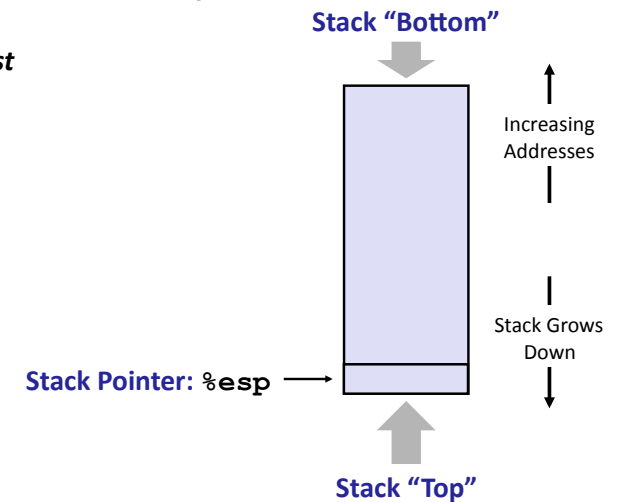
IA32 Call Stack: Push

- `pushl Src`
 - Fetch value from `Src`
 - Decrement `%esp` by 4 (*why 4?*)
 - Store value at address given by `%esp`



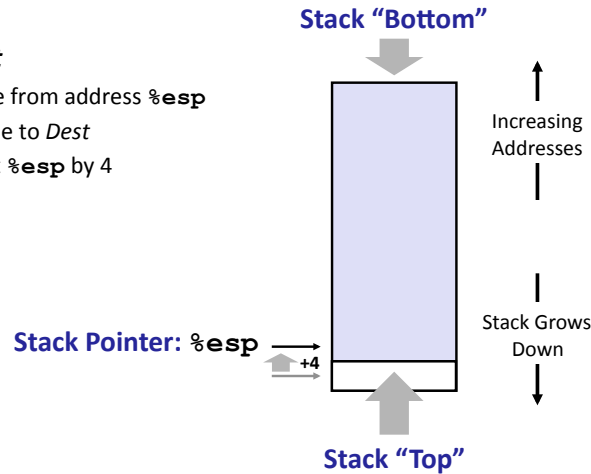
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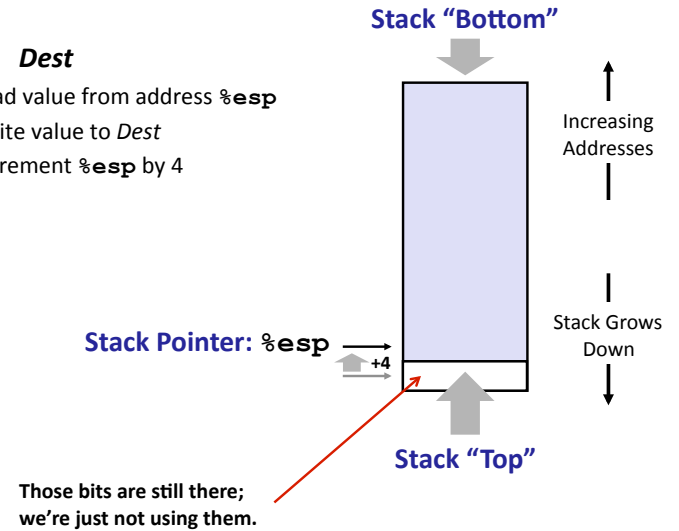
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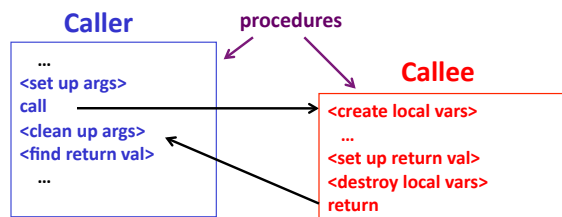


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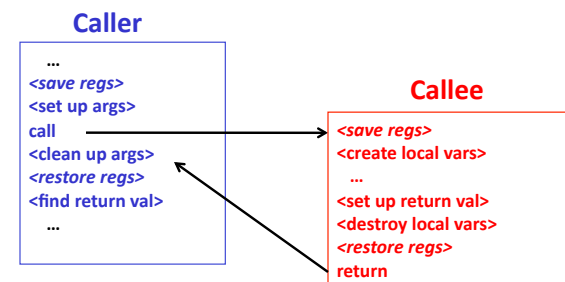


Procedure Call Overview



- **Callee** must know where to find args
- **Callee** must know where to find "return address"
- **Caller** must know where to find return val
- **Caller** and **Callee** run on same CPU → use the same registers
 - So how do we deal with register reuse?

Procedure Call Overview



- The convention of where to leave/find things is called the **calling convention** (or **procedure call linkage**).
 - Details vary between systems
 - We will see the convention for IA32/Linux in detail
 - What could happen if our program didn't follow these conventions?

Procedure Control Flow

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 - Push return address on stack (*why?, and which exact address?*)
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- **Return address:**
 - Address of instruction after `call`
 - Example from disassembly:

```
804854e: e8 3d 06 00 00  call  8048b90 <main>
8048553: 50                pushl %eax
```

- Return address = `0x8048553`

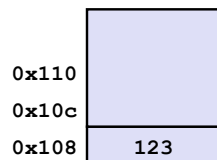
- **Procedure return:** `ret`
 - Pop return address from stack
 - Jump to address

next instruction
just happens to be a push
could be anything

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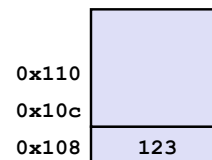
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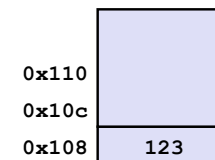
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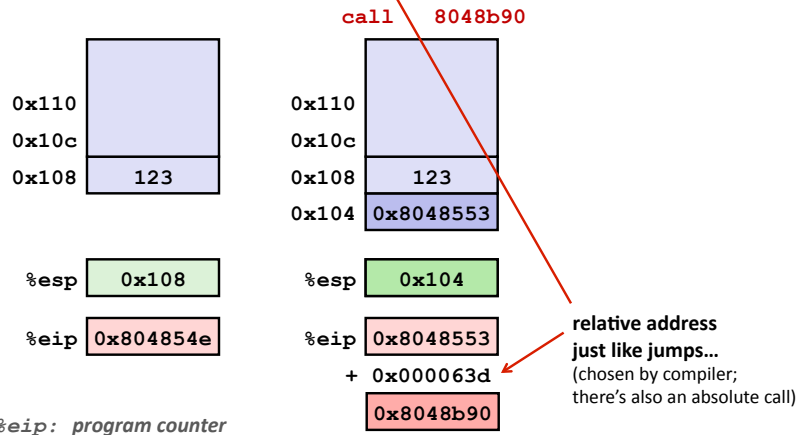


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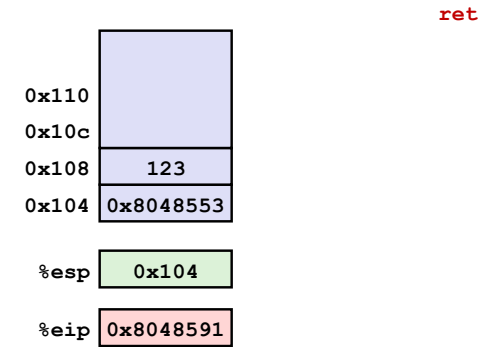
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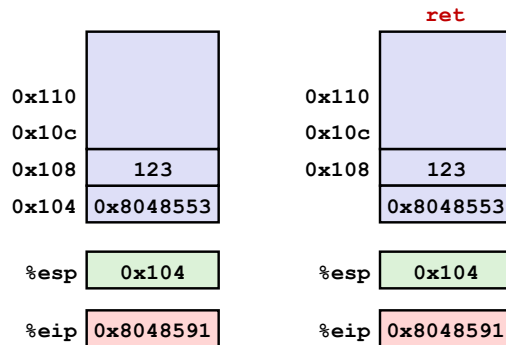
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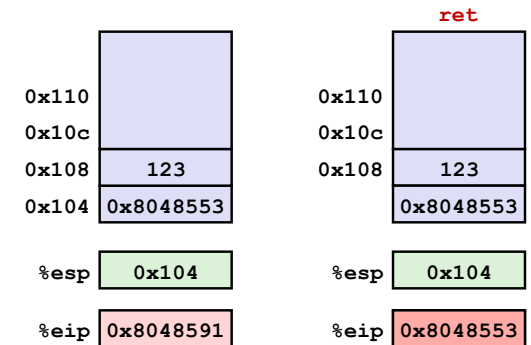
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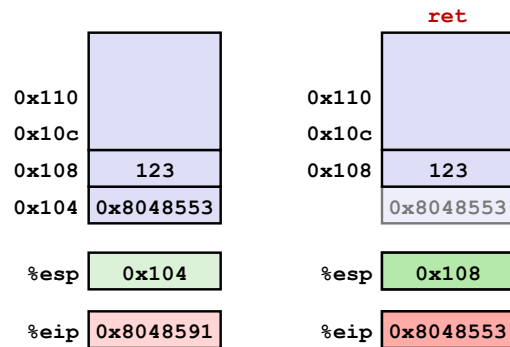
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%eip: program counter

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Procedures and Stacks

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Stack-Based Languages

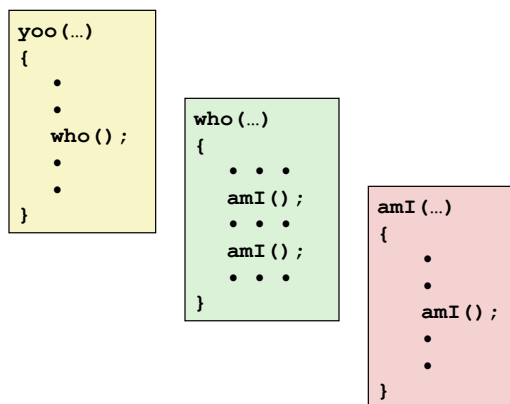
- Languages that support recursion
 - e.g., C, Java, most modern languages
 - Code must be *re-entrant*
 - Multiple simultaneous instantiations of single procedure
 - Need some place to store state of each instantiation
 - Arguments
 - Local variables
 - Return pointer
- Stack discipline
 - State for a given procedure needed for a limited time
 - Starting from when it is called to when it returns
 - Callee always returns before caller does
- Stack allocated in *frames*
 - State for a single procedure instantiation

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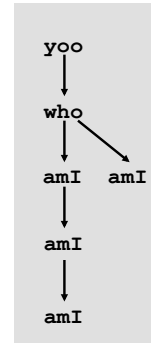
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Call Chain Example



Procedure `amI` is recursive
(calls itself)

Example
Call Chain



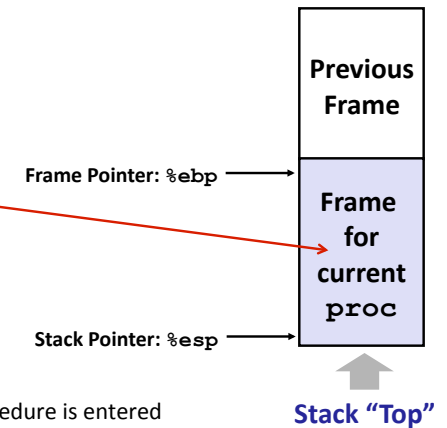
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Stack Frames

- Contents
 - Local variables
 - Function arguments
 - Return information
 - Temporary space
- Management
 - Space allocated when procedure is entered
 - "Set-up" code
 - Space deallocated upon return
 - "Finish" code



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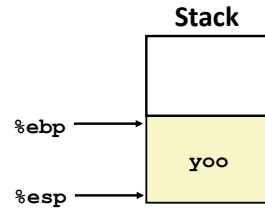
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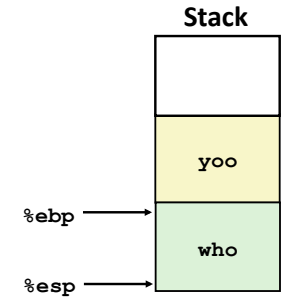
yoo (...)
{
  .
  .
  .
  who ();
  .
  .
}
    
```



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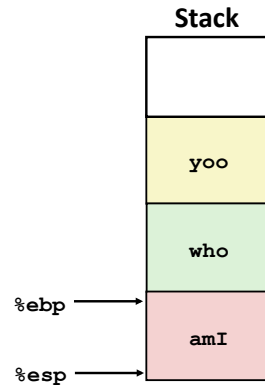
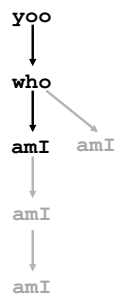
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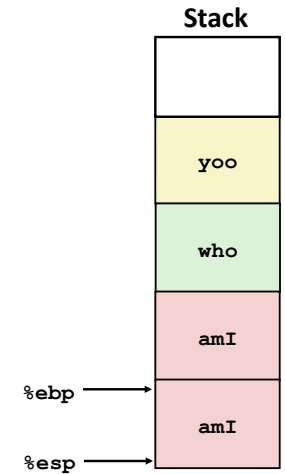
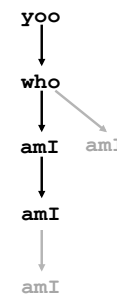
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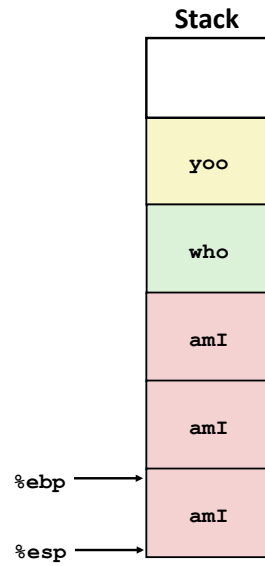
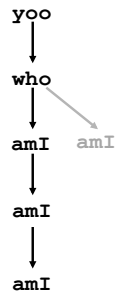
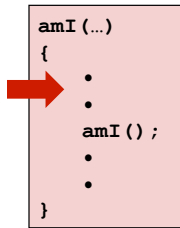
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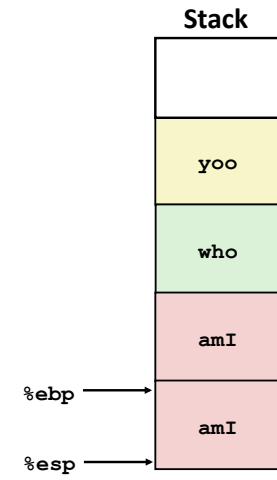
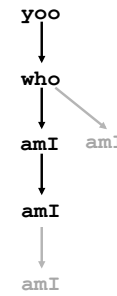
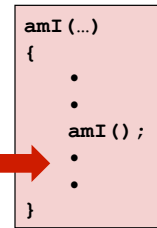
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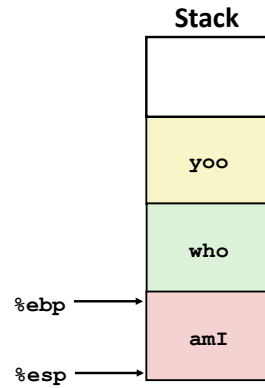
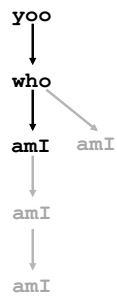
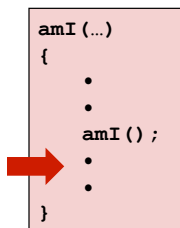
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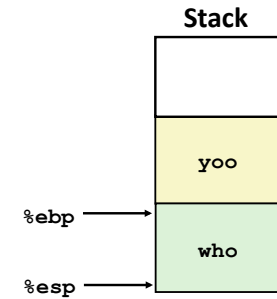
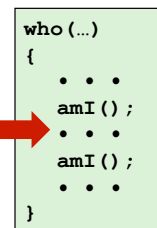
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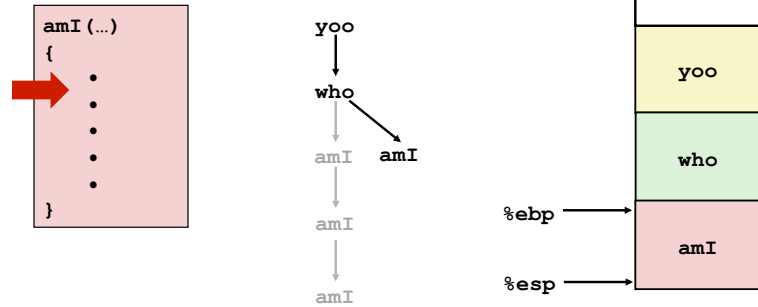
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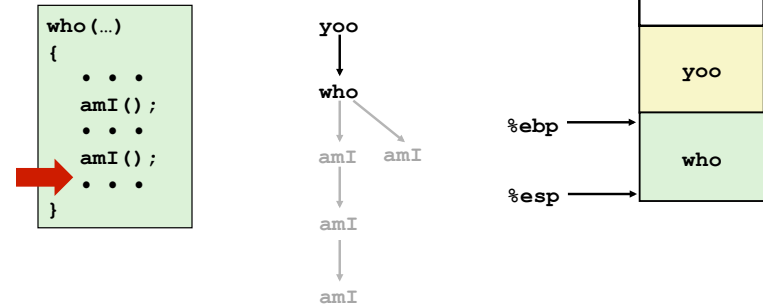
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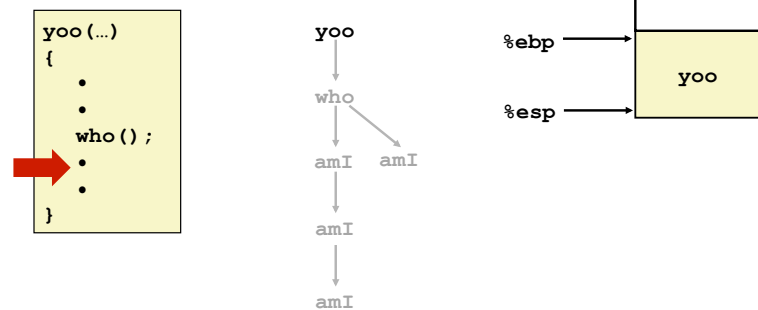
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How did we remember where to point `%ebp` when returning?

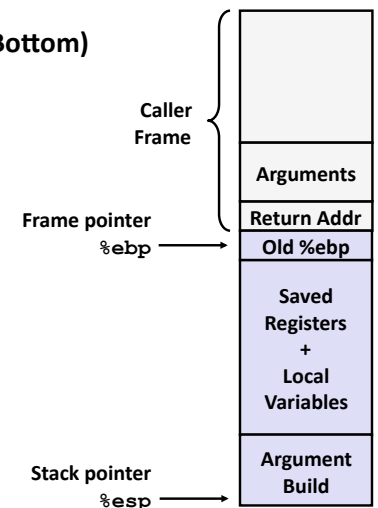
IA32/Linux Stack Frame

■ Current Stack Frame ("Top" to Bottom)

- "Argument build" area (parameters for function about to be called)
- Local variables (if can't be kept in registers)
- Saved register context (when reusing registers)
- Old frame pointer (for caller)

■ Caller's Stack Frame

- Return address
 - Pushed by `call` instruction
- Arguments for this call



Revisiting swap

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    pushl $zip2 # Global Var
    pushl $zip1 # Global Var
    call swap
    . . .
```

we know the address

not Global Var!

Revisiting swap

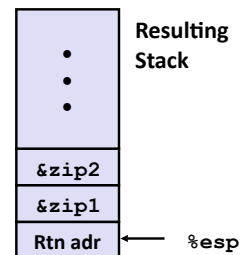
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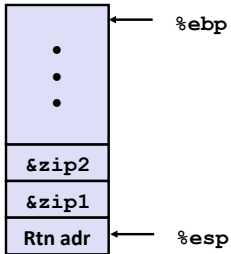
pushl %ebp
movl %esp, %ebp
pushl %ebx
} Set Up

movl 12(%ebp), %ecx
movl 8(%ebp), %edx
movl (%ecx), %eax
movl (%edx), %ebx
movl %eax, (%edx)
movl %ebx, (%ecx)
} Body

movl -4(%ebp), %ebx
movl %ebp, %esp
popl %ebp
ret
} Finish
  
```

swap Setup #1

Entering Stack

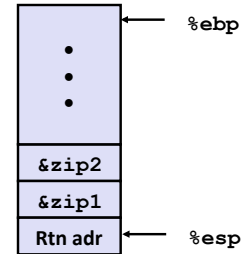


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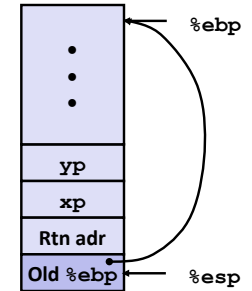
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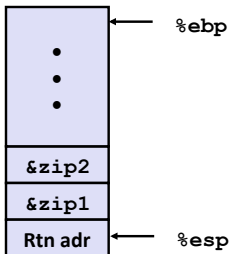
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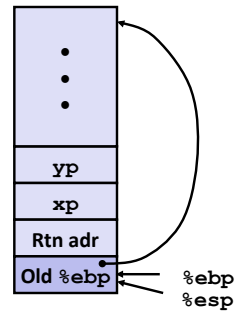
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swap Setup #2

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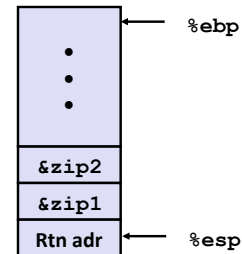
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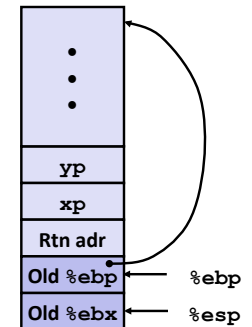
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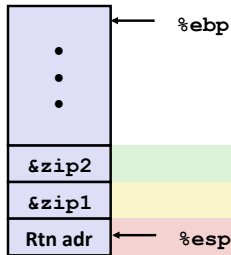
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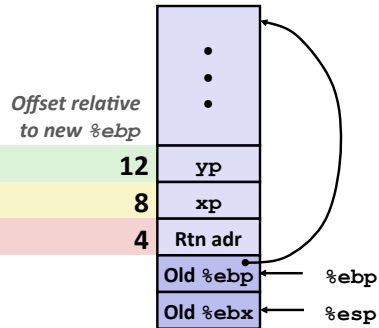
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swap Body

Entering Stack



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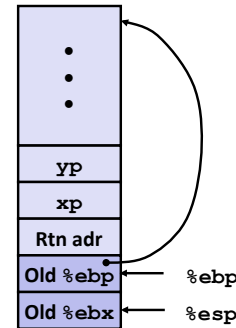


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swap Finish #1

Finishing Stack



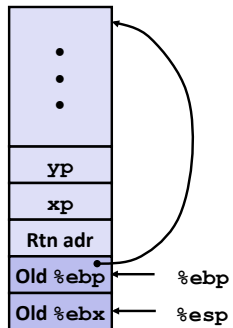
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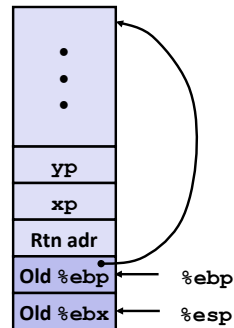
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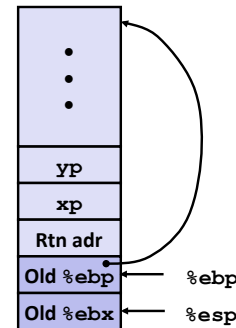
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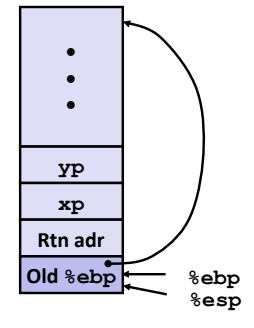
Observation: Saved and restored register %ebx

swap Finish #2

Finishing Stack



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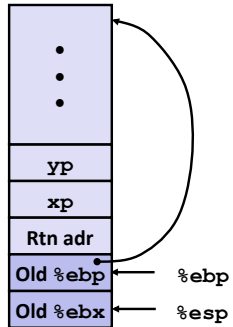


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swap Finish #3

Finishing Stack



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ret

```

} Finish

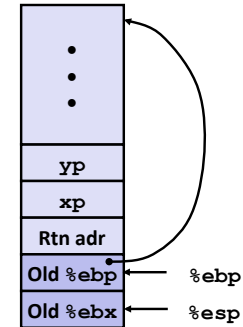
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swap Finish #4

Finishing Stack



```

movl -4(%ebp), %ebx
movl %ebp, %esp
popl %ebp
ret

```

} Finish

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Disassembled swap

```

080483a4 <swap>:
80483a4: 55      push   %ebp
80483a5: 89 e5   mov    %esp,%ebp
80483a7: 53      push   %ebx
80483a8: 8b 55 08 mov    0x8(%ebp),%edx
80483ab: 8b 4d 0c mov    0xc(%ebp),%ecx
80483ae: 8b 1a   mov    (%edx),%ebx
80483b0: 8b 01   mov    (%ecx),%eax
80483b2: 89 02   mov    %eax,(%edx)
80483b4: 89 19   mov    %ebx,(%ecx)
80483b6: 5b     pop    %ebx
80483b7: c9     leave
80483b8: c3     ret

```

→ `mov %ebp, %esp`
`pop %ebp`

Calling Code

```

8048409: e8 96 ff ff ff call 80483a4 <swap>
804840e: 8b 45 f8   mov 0xffffffff8(%ebp),%eax

```

relative address (little endian)

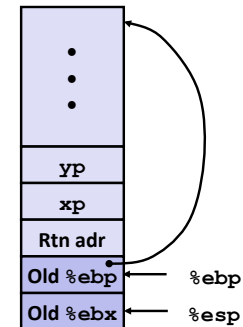
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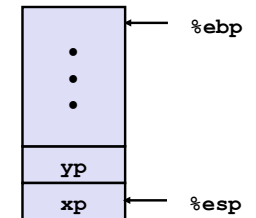
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Resulting Stack



Observation

- Saved & restored register `%ebx`
- but not `%eax`, `%ecx`, or `%edx`

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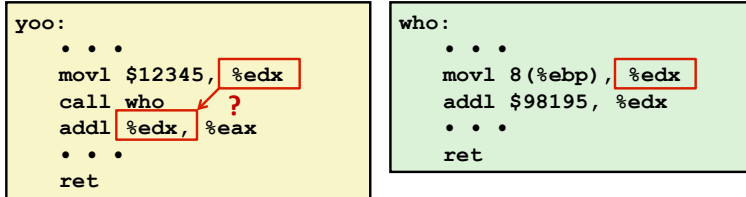
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Register Saving Conventions

■ When procedure `yoo` calls `who`:

- `yoo` is the *caller*
- `who` is the *callee*

■ Can a register be used for temporary storage?



- Contents of register `%edx` overwritten by `who`

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■ Conventions

- “*Caller Save*”
 - Caller saves temporary values in its frame before calling
- “*Callee Save*”
 - Callee saves temporary values in its frame before using

IA32/Linux Register Usage

■ `%eax`, `%edx`, `%ecx`

- Caller saves prior to call if values are used later

■ `%eax`

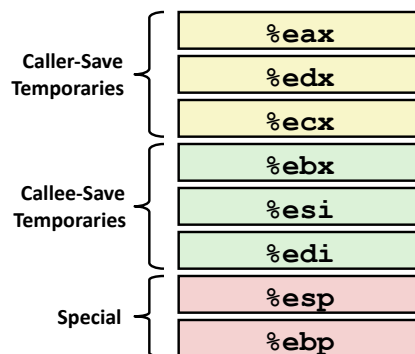
- also used to return integer value

■ `%ebx`, `%esi`, `%edi`

- Callee saves if wants to use them

■ `%esp`, `%ebp`

- special form of callee save – restored to original values upon exit from procedure



Example: Pointers to Local Variables

Top-Level Call

```

int sfact(int x)
{
  int val = 1;
  s_helper(x, &val);
  return val;
}
  
```

`sfact(3)`

Recursive Procedure

```

void s_helper
(int x, int *accum)
{
  if (x <= 1)
    return;
  else {
    int z = *accum * x;
    *accum = z;
    s_helper (x-1, accum);
  }
}
  
```

Pass pointer to update location

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s_helper(2, &val)
```

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s_helper(2, &val)  val = 6
s_helper(1, &val)  .
```

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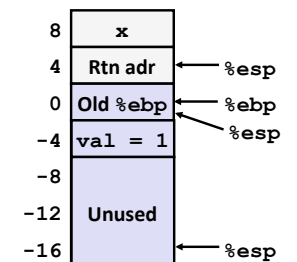
Creating & Initializing Pointer

```
int sfact(int x)
{
    int val = 1;
    s_helper(x, &val);
    return val;
}
```

- Variable `val` must be stored on stack
 - Because: Need to create pointer to it
- Compute pointer as `-4(%ebp)`
- Push on stack as second argument

Initial part of `sfact`

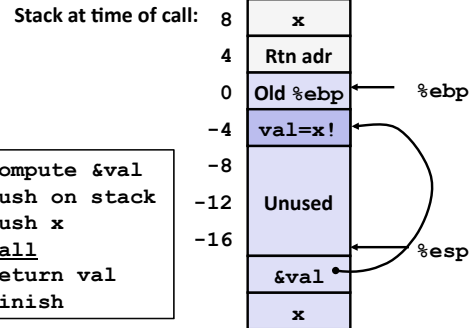
```
_sfact:
    pushl %ebp          # Save %ebp
    movl %esp,%ebp     # Set %ebp
    subl $16,%esp      # Add 16 bytes
    movl 8(%ebp),%edx   # edx = x
    movl $1,-4(%ebp)   # val = 1
```



Passing Pointer

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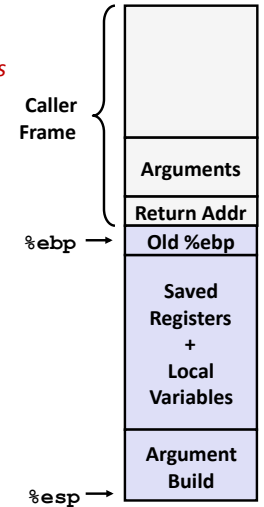


Calling `s_helper` from `sfact`

```
leal -4(%ebp),%eax # Compute &val
pushl %eax         # Push on stack
pushl %edx         # Push x
call s_helper      # call
movl -4(%ebp),%eax # Return val
...               # Finish
```

IA 32 Procedure Summary

- Important points:
 - IA32 procedures are a *combination of instructions and conventions*
 - Conventions prevent functions from disrupting each other
 - Stack is the right data structure for procedure call / return
 - If P calls Q, then Q returns before P
- Recursion handled by normal calling conventions
 - Can safely store values in local stack frame and in callee-saved registers
 - Put function arguments at top of stack
 - Result returned in `%eax`



x86-64 Procedure Calling Convention

- Doubling of registers makes us less dependent on stack
 - Store argument in registers
 - Store temporary variables in registers
- What do we do if we have too many arguments or too many temporary variables?

x86-64 64-bit Registers: Usage Conventions

| | | | |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|
| <code>%rax</code> | Return value | <code>%r8</code> | Argument #5 |
| <code>%rbx</code> | Callee saved | <code>%r9</code> | Argument #6 |
| <code>%rcx</code> | Argument #4 | <code>%r10</code> | Caller saved |
| <code>%rdx</code> | Argument #3 | <code>%r11</code> | Caller Saved |
| <code>%rsi</code> | Argument #2 | <code>%r12</code> | Callee saved |
| <code>%rdi</code> | Argument #1 | <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 |

Revisiting swap, IA32 vs. x86-64 versions

| | | |
|---|--|--|
| <pre>swap: pushl %ebp movl %esp, %ebp pushl %ebx movl 12(%ebp), %ecx movl 8(%ebp), %edx movl (%ecx), %eax movl (%edx), %ebx movl %eax, (%edx) movl %ebx, (%ecx) movl -4(%ebp), %ebx movl %ebp, %esp popl %ebp ret</pre> | <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="font-size: 2em; margin-right: 5px;">}</div> <div>Set Up</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="font-size: 2em; margin-right: 5px;">}</div> <div>Body</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="font-size: 2em; margin-right: 5px;">}</div> <div>Finish</div> </div> | <pre>swap (64-bit long ints): movq (%rdi), %rdx movq (%rsi), %rax movq %rax, (%rdi) movq %rdx, (%rsi) ret</pre> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Arguments passed in registers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ First (xp) in <code>%rdi</code>, second (yp) in <code>%rsi</code> ▪ 64-bit pointers ■ No stack operations required (except <code>ret</code>) ■ Avoiding stack <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Can hold all local information in registers |
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X86-64 procedure call highlights

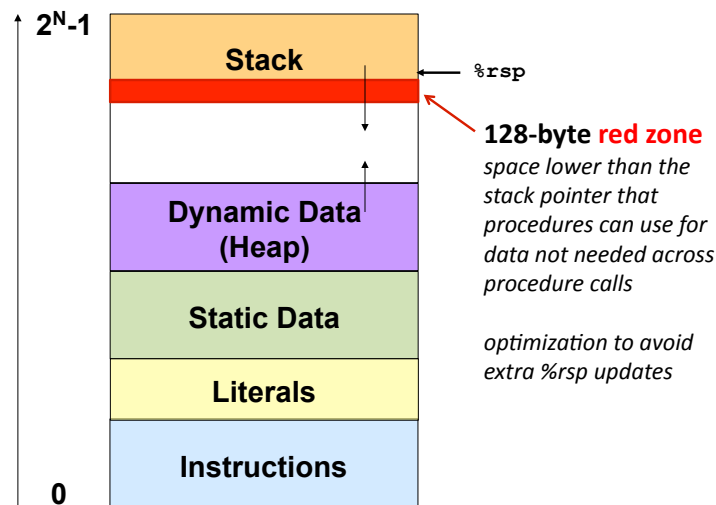
- **Arguments (up to first 6) in registers**
 - Faster to get these values from registers than from stack in memory
- **Local variables also in registers (if there is room)**
- **Registers still designated “caller-saved” or “callee-saved”**
- **`callq` instruction stores 64-bit return address on stack**
 - Address pushed onto stack, decrementing `%rsp` by 8
- **No frame pointer**
 - All references to stack frame made relative to `%rsp`; eliminates need to update `%ebp/%rbp`, which is now available for general-purpose use
- **Functions can access memory up to 128 bytes beyond `%rsp`: the “red zone”**
 - Can store some temps on stack without altering `%rsp`

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x86-64 Memory Layout



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x86-64 Stack Frames

- **Often (ideally), x86-64 functions need no stack frame at all**
 - Just a return address is pushed onto the stack when a function call is made
- **A function *does* need a stack frame when it:**
 - Has too many local variables to hold in registers
 - Has local variables that are arrays or structs
 - Uses the address-of operator (`&`) to compute the address of a local variable
 - Calls another function that takes more than six arguments
 - Needs to save the state of caller-save registers before calling a procedure
 - Needs to save the state of callee-save registers before modifying them

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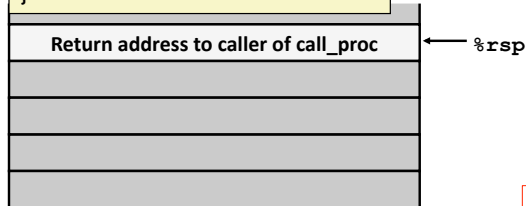
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Example

```
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
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    movw $3,28(%rsp)
    movb $4,31(%rsp)
    . . .
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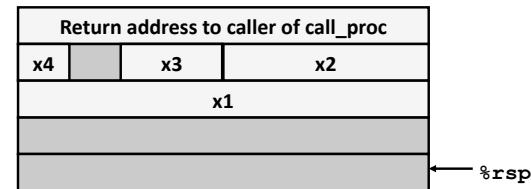


NB: Details may vary depending on compiler.

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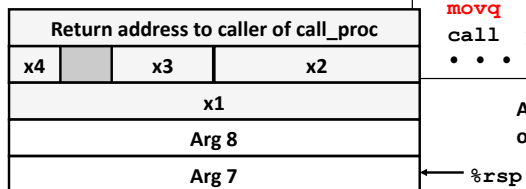
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    leaq 31(%rsp),%rax
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    movl $4,(%rsp)
    leaq 28(%rsp),%r9
    movl $3,%r8d
    movl $2,%edx
    movq $1,%rdi
    call proc
    . . .
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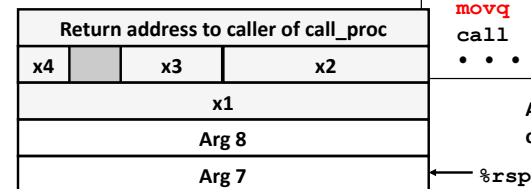


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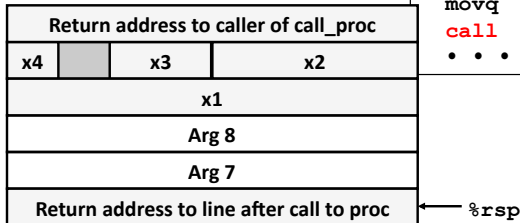


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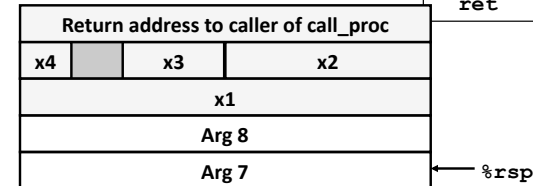


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sign extension!

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    subl %edx,%eax
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    addq $32,%rsp
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```



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x86-64 Procedure Summary

- **Heavy use of registers (faster than using stack in memory)**
 - Parameter passing
 - More temporaries since more registers
- **Minimal use of stack**
 - Sometimes none
 - When needed, allocate/deallocate entire frame at once
 - No more frame pointer: address relative to stack pointer
- **More room for compiler optimizations**
 - Prefer to store data in registers rather than memory
 - Minimize modifications to stack pointer