Procedures II

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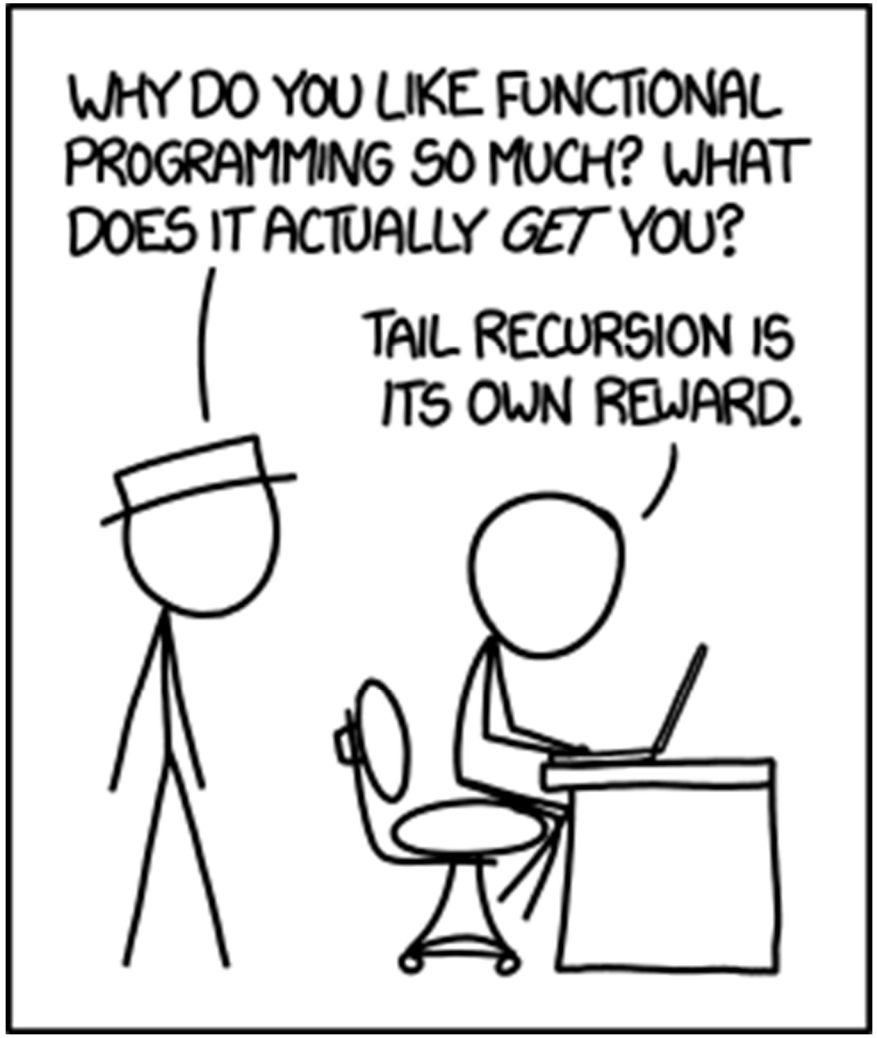

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Administrivia

- Lab 2 due Friday (10/30)
  - Since you are submitting a text file (`defuser.txt`), there won't be any Gradescope autograder output this time
  - Extra credit (bonus) needs to be submitted to the extra credit assignment
- Midterm (take home, 10/31–11/2)
  - Find groups of 5 for the group stage
    - Automatic assignment will happen at the end of Thursday (10/29)
  - Make notes and use the midterm reference sheet
  - Form study groups and look at past exams!

Reading Review

- Terminology:
  - Stack frame: return address, saved registers, local variables, argument build
  - Register saving conventions: callee-saved and caller-saved
- Questions from the Reading?

Polling Question

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- Answer the following questions about when `main()` is run (assume `x` and `y` stored on the Stack):

```
int main() {
    int i, x = 0;
    for(i=0;i<3;i++)
        x = randSum(x);
    printf("x = %d\n",x);
    return 0;
}
```

```
int randSum(int n) {
    int y = rand()%20;
    return n+y;
}
```

- *Higher/larger address*: `x` or `y`?
- How many total stack frames are *created*?
- What is the maximum *depth* (# of frames) of the Stack?

A. 1 B. 2 C. 3 D. 4

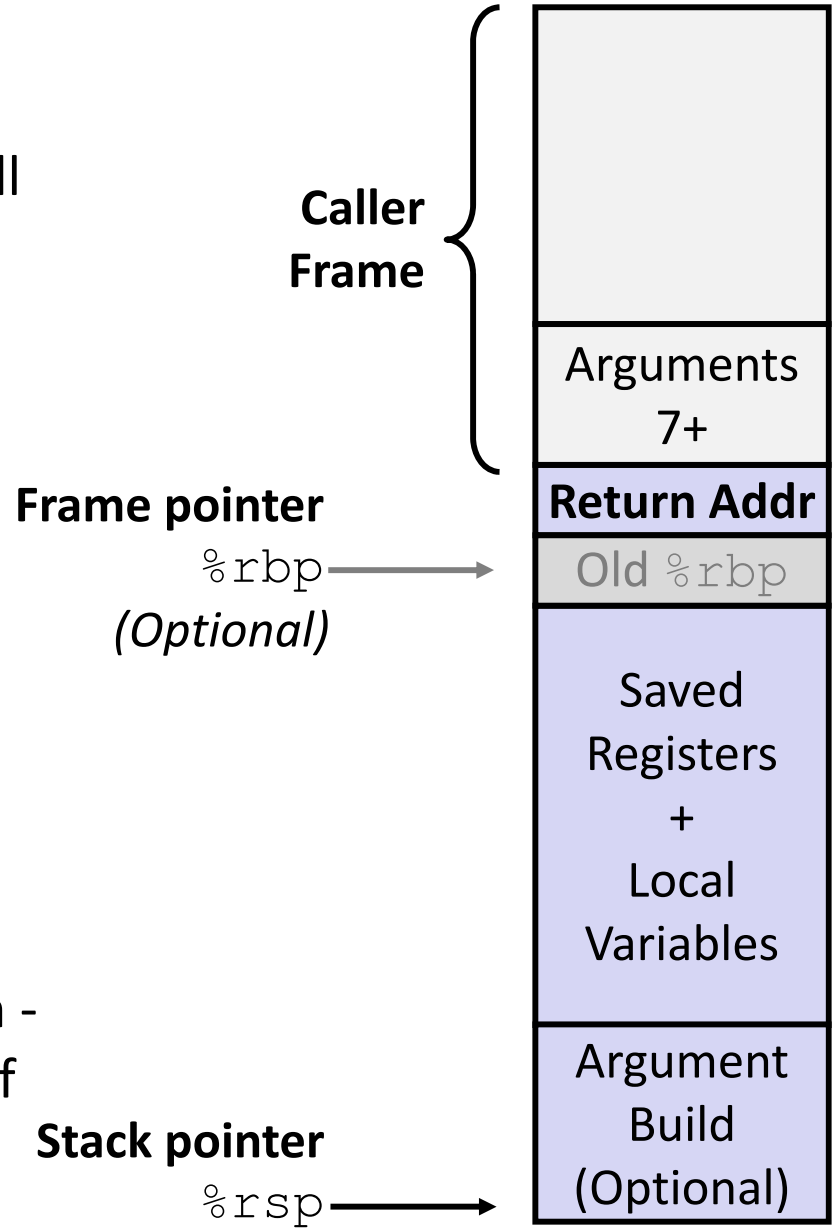
Review Question

- In the following function, which instruction(s) pertain to the **local variables** and **saved registers** portions of its stack frame?

```
 call_incr2:
 1  pushq   %rbx
 2  subq    $16, %rsp
 3  movq    %rdi, %rbx
 4  movq    $351, 8(%rsp)
 5  movl    $100, %esi
 6  leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
 7  call    increment
 8  addq    %rbx, %rax
 9  addq    $16, %rsp
10  popq    %rbx
11  ret
```

x86-64/Linux Stack Frame

- Caller's Stack Frame
  - Extra arguments (if > 6 args) for this call
- Current/Callee Stack Frame
  - Return address
    - Pushed by `call` instruction
  - Old frame pointer (optional)
  - Saved register context (when reusing registers)
  - Local variables (If can't be kept in registers)
  - "Argument build" area (If callee needs to call another function - parameters for function about to call, if needed)



Example: `increment`

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

```
increment:
  movq    (%rdi), %rax
  addq    %rax, %rsi
  movq    %rsi, (%rdi)
  ret
```

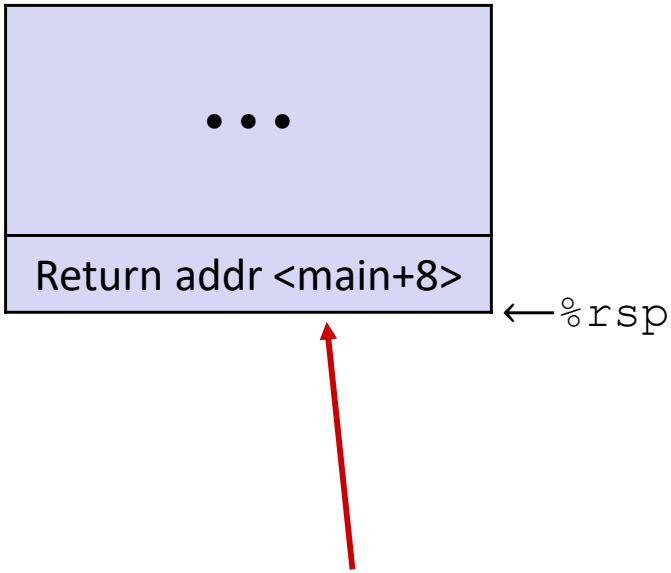
Register	Use(s)
%rdi	1st arg (p)
%rsi	2nd arg (val), y
%rax	x, return value

Procedure Call Example (initial state)

```
long call_incr() {
    long v1 = 351;
    long v2 = increment(&v1, 100);
    return v1 + v2;
}
```

```
call_incr:
  subq    $16, %rsp
  movq    $351, 8(%rsp)
  movl    $100, %esi
  leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
  call    increment
  addq    8(%rsp), %rax
  addq    $16, %rsp
  ret
```

Initial Stack Structure



- Return address on stack is the address of instruction immediately *following* the call to "`call_incr`"
  - Shown here as `main`, but could be anything)
  - Pushed onto stack by `call call_incr`

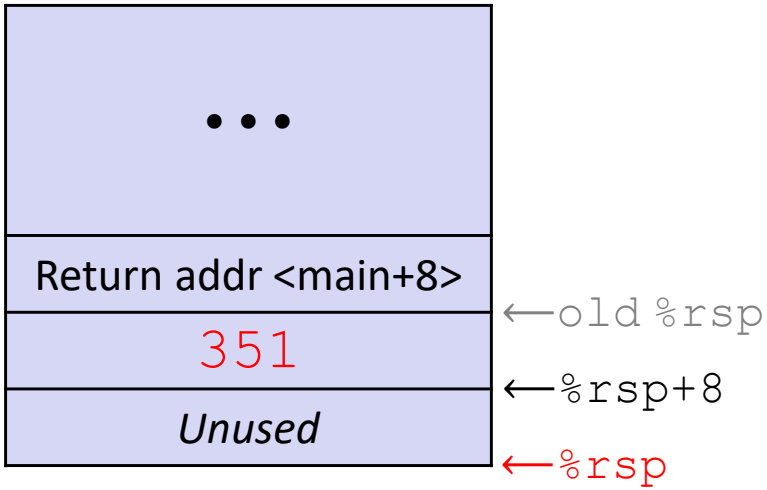
Procedure Call Example (step 1)

```
long call_incr() {
    long v1 = 351;
    long v2 = increment(&v1, 100);
    return v1 + v2;
}
```

```
call_incr:
  subq    $16, %rsp
  movq    $351, 8(%rsp)
  movl    $100, %esi
  leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
  call    increment
  addq    8(%rsp), %rax
  addq    $16, %rsp
  ret
```

Allocate space for local vars

Stack Structure



- Setup space for local variables
  - Only `v1` needs space on the stack
- Compiler allocated extra space
  - Often does this for a variety of reasons, including alignment

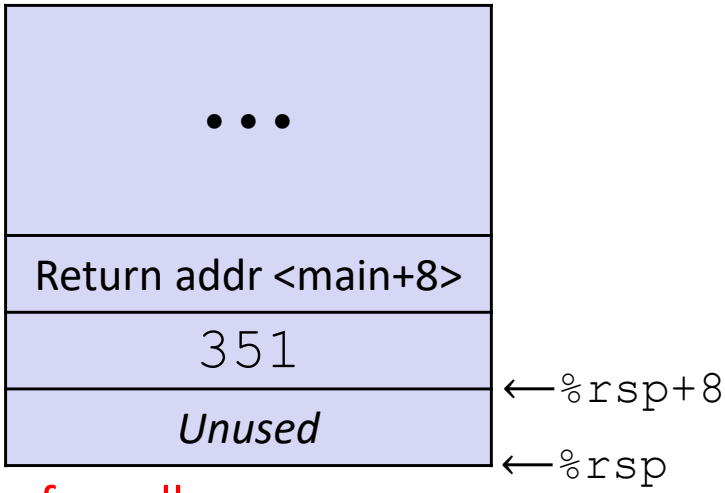
Procedure Call Example (step 2)

```
long call_incr() {
    long v1 = 351;
    long v2 = increment(&v1, 100);
    return v1 + v2;
}
```

```
call_incr:
  subq    $16, %rsp
  movq    $351, 8(%rsp)
  movl    $100, %esi
  leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
  call    increment
  addq    8(%rsp), %rax
  addq    $16, %rsp
  ret
```

Set up parameters for call to `increment`

Stack Structure



Register	Use(s)
%rdi	&v1
%rsi	100

Aside: `movl` is used because 100 is a small positive value that fits in 32 bits. High order bits of `rsi` get set to zero automatically. It takes *one less byte* to encode a `movl` than a `movq`.

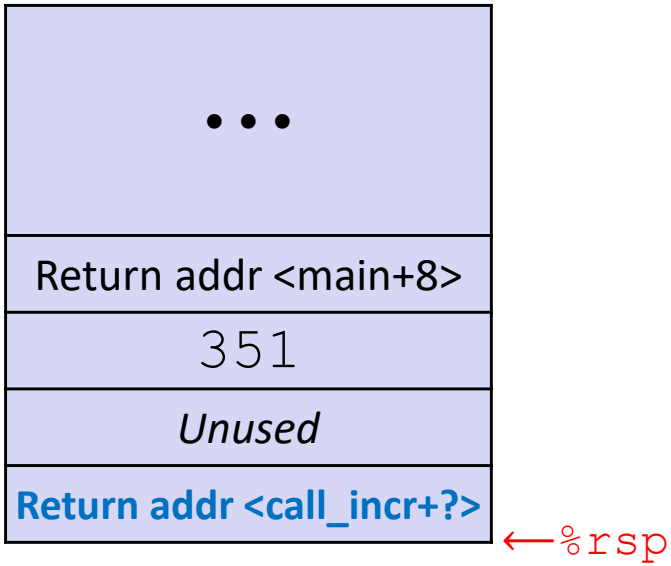
Procedure Call Example (step 3)

```
long call_incr() {
    long v1 = 351;
    long v2 = increment(&v1, 100);
    return v1 + v2;
}
```

```
call_incr:
  subq    $16, %rsp
  movq    $351, 8(%rsp)
  movl    $100, %esi
  leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
  call    increment
  addq    8(%rsp), %rax
  addq    $16, %rsp
  ret
```

```
increment:
  movq    (%rdi), %rax
  addq    %rax, %rsi
  movq    %rsi, (%rdi)
  ret
```

Stack Structure



- State while inside `increment`
  - **Return address** on top of stack is address of the `addq` instruction immediately following call to `increment`

Register	Use(s)
%rdi	&v1
%rsi	100
%rax	

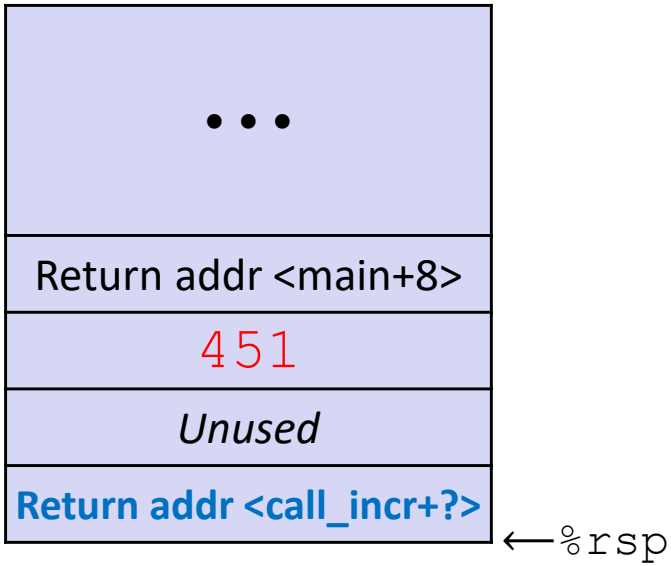
Procedure Call Example (step 4)

```
long call_incr() {
    long v1 = 351;
    long v2 = increment(&v1, 100);
    return v1 + v2;
}
```

```
call_incr:
  subq    $16, %rsp
  movq    $351, 8(%rsp)
  movl    $100, %esi
  leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
  call    increment
  addq    8(%rsp), %rax
  addq    $16, %rsp
  ret
```

```
increment:
  movq    (%rdi), %rax # x = *p
  addq    %rax, %rsi   # y = x + 100
  movq    %rsi, (%rdi) # *p = y
  ret
```

Stack Structure



- State while inside `increment`
  - *After* code in body has been executed

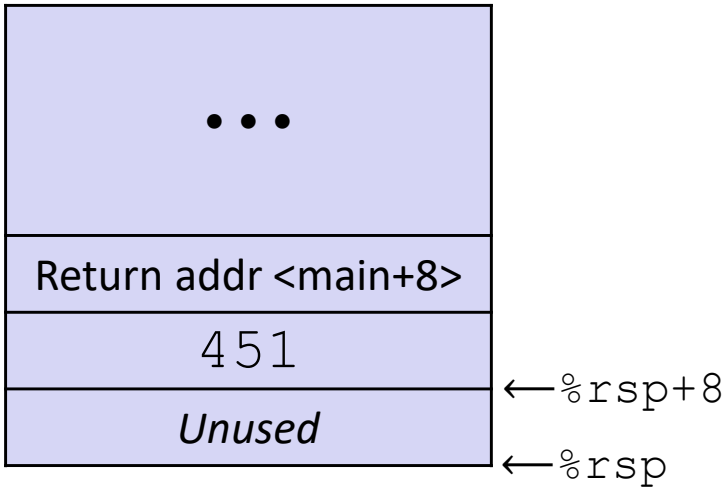
Register	Use(s)
%rdi	&v1
%rsi	451
%rax	351

Procedure Call Example (step 5)

```
long call_incr() {
    long v1 = 351;
    long v2 = increment(&v1, 100);
    return v1 + v2;
}
```

```
call_incr:
  subq    $16, %rsp
  movq    $351, 8(%rsp)
  movl    $100, %esi
  leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
  call    increment
  addq    8(%rsp), %rax
  addq    $16, %rsp
  ret
```

Stack Structure



- After returning from call to `increment`
  - Registers and memory have been modified and return address has been popped off stack

Register	Use(s)
%rdi	&v1
%rsi	451
%rax	351

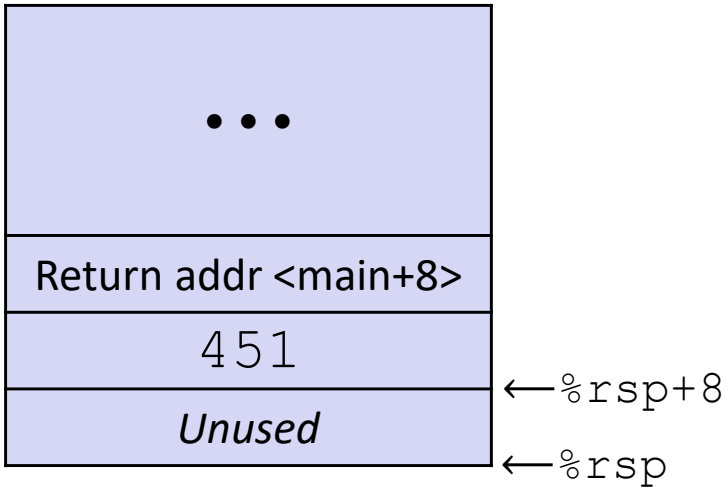
Procedure Call Example (step 6)

```
long call_incr() {
    long v1 = 351;
    long v2 = increment(&v1, 100);
    return v1 + v2;
}
```

```
call_incr:
  subq    $16, %rsp
  movq    $351, 8(%rsp)
  movl    $100, %esi
  leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
  call    increment
  addq    8(%rsp), %rax
  addq    $16, %rsp
  ret
```

← Update %rax to contain v1+v2

Stack Structure



Register	Use(s)
%rdi	&v1
%rsi	451
%rax	451+351

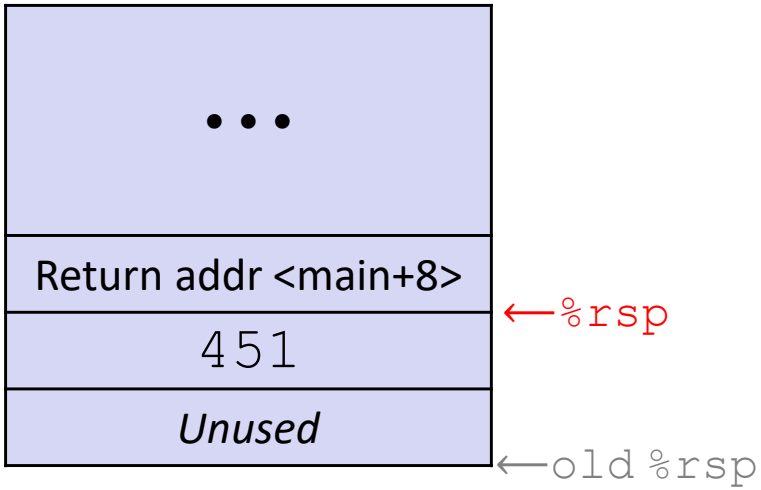
Procedure Call Example (step 7)

```
long call_incr() {
    long v1 = 351;
    long v2 = increment(&v1, 100);
    return v1 + v2;
}
```

```
call_incr:
  subq    $16, %rsp
  movq    $351, 8(%rsp)
  movl    $100, %esi
  leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
  call    increment
  addq    8(%rsp), %rax
  addq    $16, %rsp
  ret
```

← De-allocate space for local vars

Stack Structure



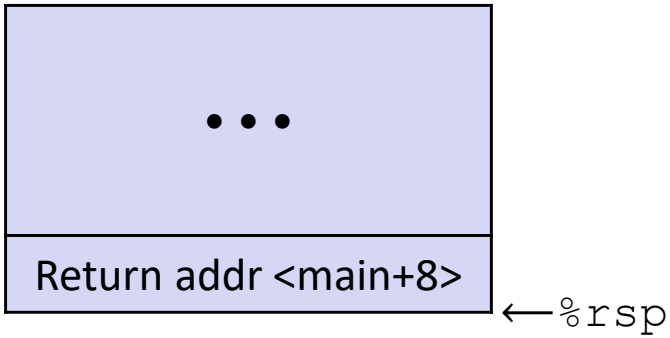
Register	Use(s)
%rdi	&v1
%rsi	451
%rax	802

Procedure Call Example (step 8)

```
long call_incr() {
    long v1 = 351;
    long v2 = increment(&v1, 100);
    return v1 + v2;
}
```

```
call_incr:
  subq    $16, %rsp
  movq    $351, 8(%rsp)
  movl    $100, %esi
  leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
  call    increment
  addq    8(%rsp), %rax
  addq    $16, %rsp
  ret
```

Stack Structure



- State *just before* returning from call to `call_incr`

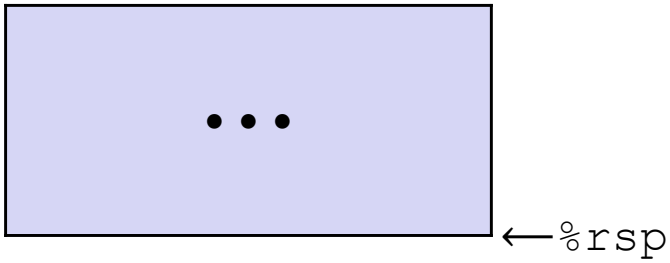
Register	Use(s)
%rdi	&v1
%rsi	451
%rax	802

Procedure Call Example (step 9)

```
long call_incr() {
    long v1 = 351;
    long v2 = increment(&v1, 100);
    return v1 + v2;
}
```

```
call_incr:
  subq    $16, %rsp
  movq    $351, 8(%rsp)
  movl    $100, %esi
  leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
  call    increment
  addq    8(%rsp), %rax
  addq    $16, %rsp
  ret
```

Final Stack Structure



- State immediately *after* returning from call to `call_incr`
  - Return addr has been popped off stack
  - Control has returned to the instruction immediately following the call to `call_incr` (not shown here)

Register	Use(s)
%rdi	&v1
%rsi	451
%rax	802

Procedures

- Stack Structure
- Calling Conventions
  - Passing control
  - Passing data
  - Managing local data
- **Register Saving Conventions**
- Illustration of Recursion

Register Saving Conventions

- When procedure `whoa` calls `who`:
  - `whoa` is the ***caller***
  - `who` is the ***callee***
- Can registers be used for temporary storage?

```
whoa:
    . . .
    movq $15213, %rdx
    call who
    addq %rdx, %rax
    . . .
    ret
```

```
who:
    . . .
    subq $18213, %rdx
    . . .
    ret
```

  - No! Contents of register `%rdx` overwritten by `who`!
  - This could be trouble – something should be done. Either:
    - ***Caller*** should save `%rdx` before the call (and restore it after the call)
    - ***Callee*** should save `%rdx` before using it (and restore it before returning)

Register Saving Conventions

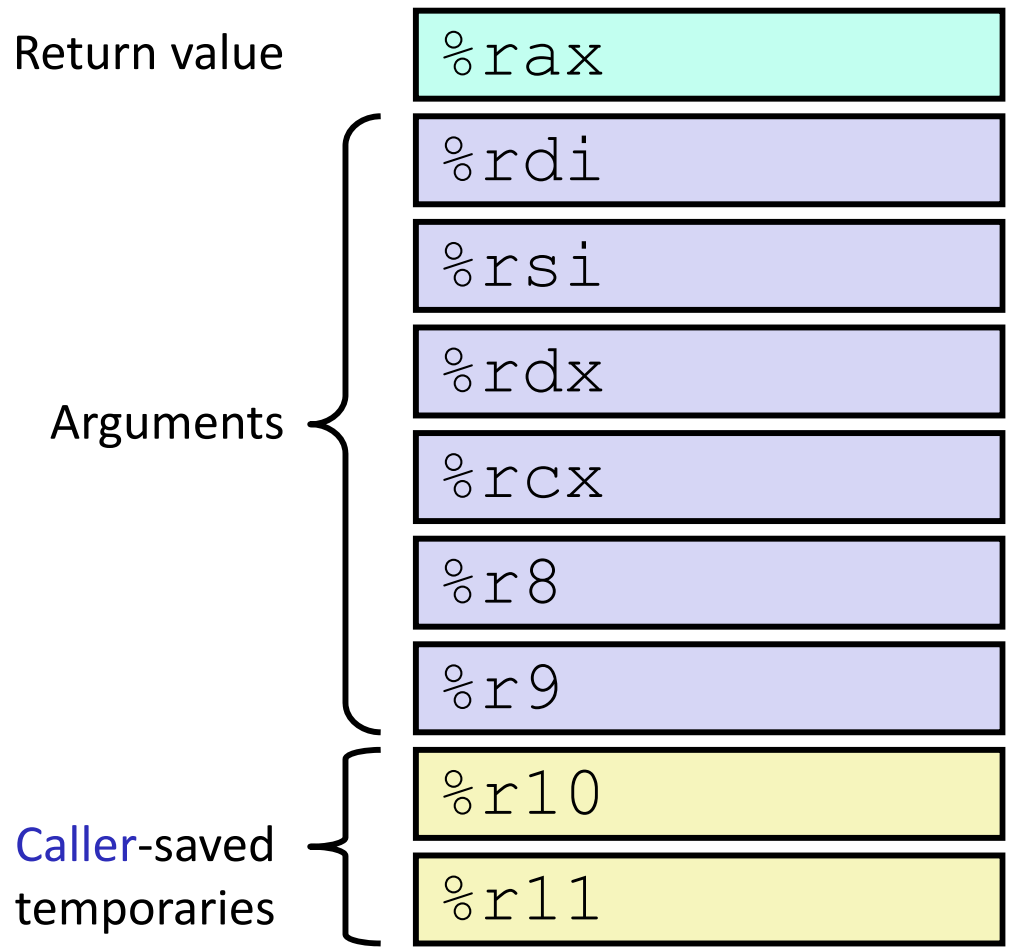
- ***"Caller-saved" registers***
  - It is the **caller**'s responsibility to save any important data in these registers before calling another procedure (*i.e.*, the **callee** can freely change data in these registers)
  - **Caller** saves values in its stack frame before calling **Callee**, then restores values after the call
- ***"Callee-saved" registers***
  - It is the callee's responsibility to save any data in these registers before using the registers (*i.e.*, the **caller** assumes the data will be the same across the **callee** procedure call)
  - **Callee** saves values in its stack frame before using, then restores them before returning to **caller**

Silly Register Convention Analogy

1) Parents (***caller***) leave for the weekend and give the keys to the house to their child (***callee***)
   - Being suspicious, they put away/hid the valuables (***caller***-*saved*) before leaving
   - Warn child to leave the bedrooms untouched: "These rooms better look the same when we return!"
2) Child decides to throw a wild party (*computation*), spanning the entire house
   - To avoid being disowned, child moves all of the stuff from the bedrooms to the backyard shed (***callee***-*saved*) before the guests trash the house
   - Child cleans up house after the party and moves stuff back to bedrooms
3) Parents return home and are satisfied with the state of the house
   - Move valuables back and continue with their lives

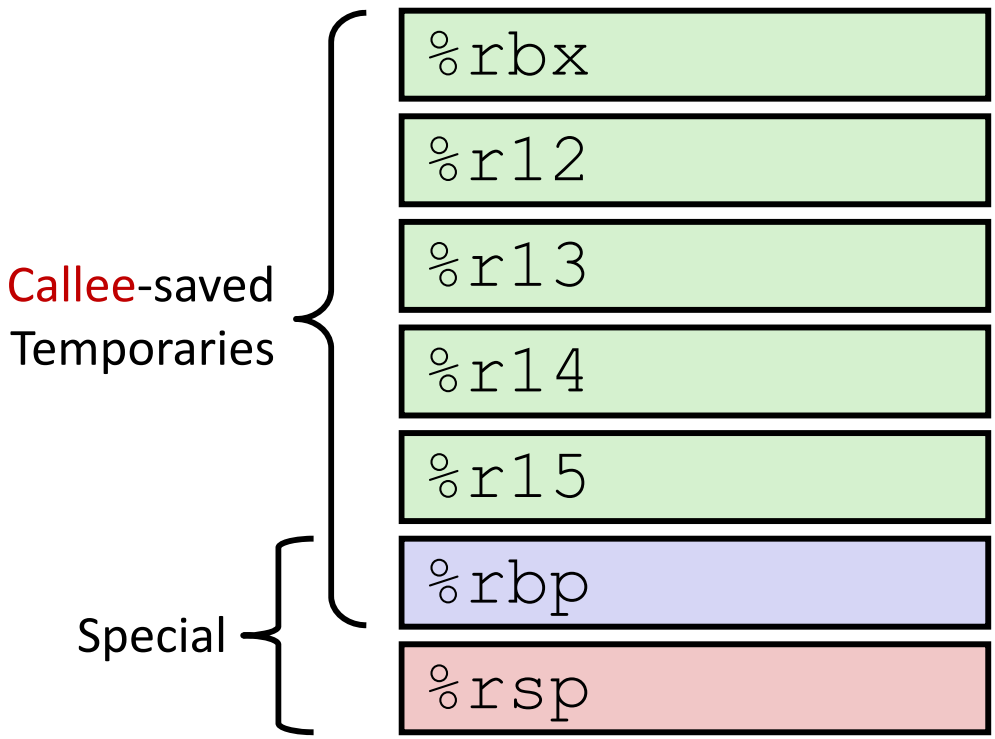
x86-64 Linux Register Usage, part 1

- **`%rax`**
  - Return value
  - Also **caller**-saved & restored
  - Can be modified by procedure
- **`%rdi, ..., %r9`**
  - Arguments
  - Also **caller**-saved & restored
  - Can be modified by procedure
- **`%r10, %r11`**
  - **Caller**-saved & restored
  - Can be modified by procedure



x86-64 Linux Register Usage, part 2

- **`%rbx, %r12, %r13, %r14`**
  - **Callee**-saved
  - **Callee** must save & restore
- **`%rbp`**
  - **Callee**-saved
  - **Callee** must save & restore
  - May be used as frame pointer
  - Can mix & match
- **`%rsp`**
  - Special form of **callee** save
  - Restored to original value upon exit from procedure



x86-64 64-bit Registers: Usage Conventions

%rax	Return value - Caller saved
%rbx	Callee saved
%rcx	Argument #4 - Caller saved
%rdx	Argument #3 - Caller saved
%rsi	Argument #2 - Caller saved
%rdi	Argument #1 - Caller saved
%rsp	Stack pointer
%rbp	Callee saved

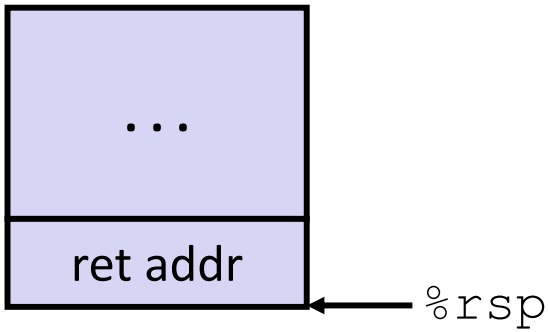
%r8	Argument #5 - Caller saved
%r9	Argument #6 - Caller saved
%r10	Caller saved
%r11	Caller Saved
%r12	Callee saved
%r13	Callee saved
%r14	Callee saved
%r15	Callee saved

Callee-Saved Example (step 1)

```
long call_incr2(long x) {
    long v1 = 351;
    long v2 = increment(&v1, 100);
    return x + v2;
}
```

```
call_incr2:
  pushq   %rbx
  subq    $16, %rsp
  movq    %rdi, %rbx
  movq    $351, 8(%rsp)
  movl    $100, %esi
  leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
  call    increment
  addq    %rbx, %rax
  addq    $16, %rsp
  popq    %rbx
  ret
```

Initial Stack Structure



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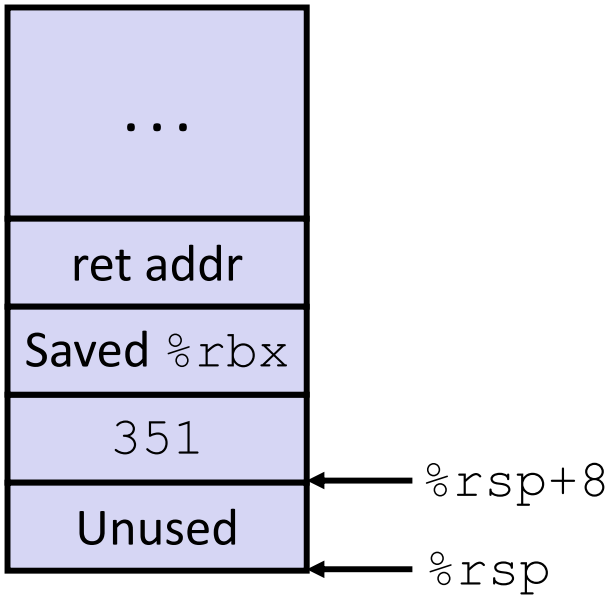
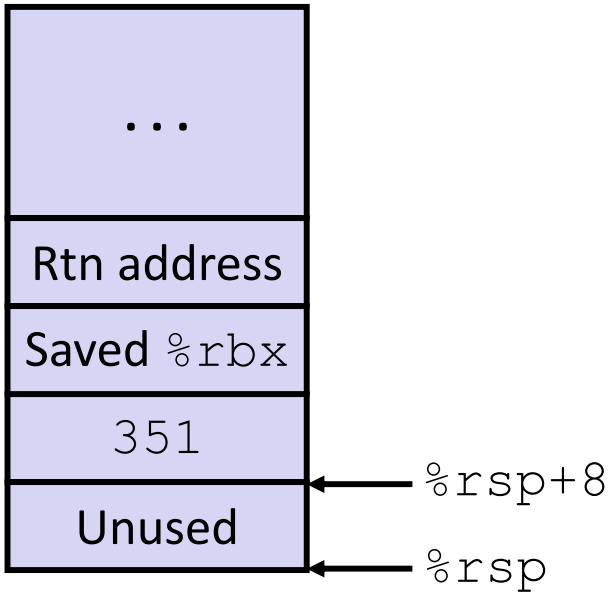


Callee-Saved Example (step 2)

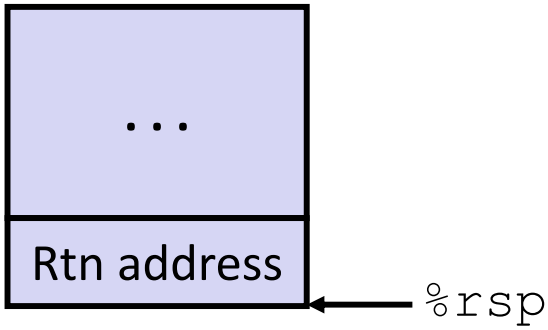
```
long call_incr2(long x) {
    long v1 = 351;
    long v2 = increment(&v1, 100);
    return x + v2;
}
```

```
call_incr2:
  pushq   %rbx
  subq    $16, %rsp
  movq    %rdi, %rbx
  movq    $351, 8(%rsp)
  movl    $100, %esi
  leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
  call    increment
  addq    %rbx, %rax
  addq    $16, %rsp
  popq    %rbx
  ret
```

Stack Structure



Pre-return Stack Structure



Why Caller *and* Callee Saved?

- We want *one* calling convention to simply separate implementation details between caller and callee

- In general, neither caller-save nor callee-save is "best":
  - If caller isn't using a register, caller-save is better
  - If callee doesn't need a register, callee-save is better
  - If "do need to save", callee-save generally makes smaller programs
    - Functions are called from multiple places

- So… "some of each" and compiler tries to "pick registers" that minimize amount of saving/restoring

Register Conventions Summary

- **Caller**-saved register values need to be pushed onto the stack before making a procedure call *only if the Caller needs that value later*
  - **Callee** may change those register values
- **Callee**-saved register values need to be pushed onto the stack *only if the Callee intends to use those registers*
  - **Caller** expects unchanged values in those registers

- Don't forget to restore/pop the values later!

Procedures

- Stack Structure
- Calling Conventions
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  - Managing local data
- Register Saving Conventions
- **Illustration of Recursion**

Recursive Function

```
/* Recursive popcount */
long pcount_r(unsigned long x) {
  if (x == 0)
    return 0;
  else
    return (x & 1) + pcount_r(x >> 1);
}
```

Compiler Explorer:
https://godbolt.org/z/naP4ax

- Compiled with `-O1` for brevity instead of `-Og`
- Try `-O2` instead!

```
pcount_r:
  movl    $0, %eax
  testq   %rdi, %rdi
  jne     .L8
  rep ret
.L8:
  pushq   %rbx
  movq    %rdi, %rbx
  shrq    %rdi
  call    pcount_r
  andl    $1, %ebx
  addq    %rbx, %rax
  popq    %rbx
  ret
```

Recursive Function: Base Case

```
/* Recursive popcount */
long pcount_r(unsigned long x) {
  if (x == 0)
    return 0;
  else
    return (x & 1) + pcount_r(x >> 1);
}
```

Register	Use(s)	Type
%rdi	x	Argument
%rax	Return value	Return value

```
pcount_r:
  movl    $0, %eax
  testq   %rdi, %rdi
  jne     .L8
  rep ret
.L8:
  pushq   %rbx
  movq    %rdi, %rbx
  shrq    %rdi
  call    pcount_r
  andl    $1, %ebx
  addq    %rbx, %rax
  popq    %rbx
  ret
```

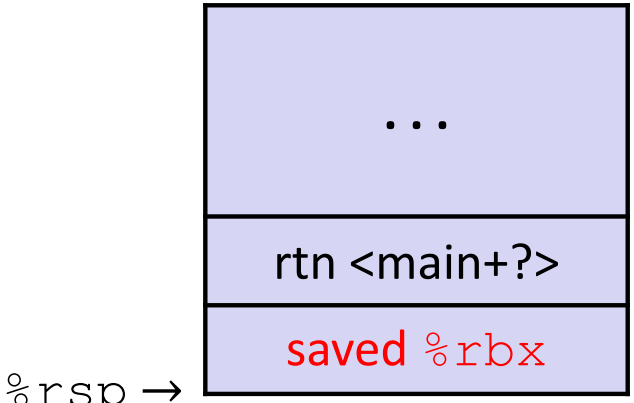
Trick because some AMD hardware doesn't like jumping to `ret`

Recursive Function: Callee Register Save

```
/* Recursive popcount */
long pcount_r(unsigned long x) {
  if (x == 0)
    return 0;
  else
    return (x & 1) + pcount_r(x >> 1);
}
```

Register	Use(s)	Type
%rdi	x	Argument

The Stack



Need original value of x *after* recursive call to pcount_r.

"Save" by putting in %rbx (**callee** saved), but need to save old value of %rbx before you change it.

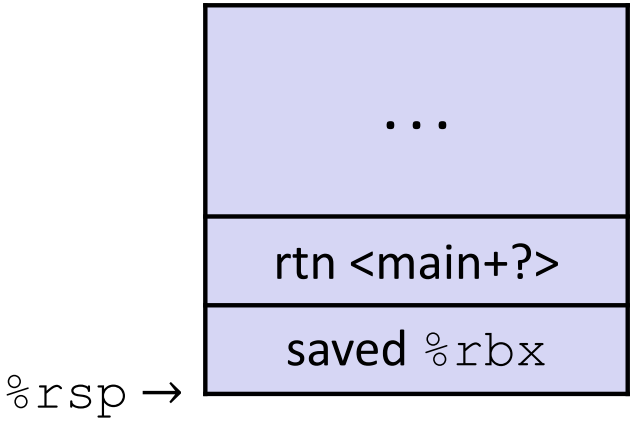
```
pcount_r:
  movl    $0, %eax
  testq   %rdi, %rdi
  jne     .L8
  rep ret
.L8:
  pushq   %rbx
  movq    %rdi, %rbx
  shrq    %rdi
  call    pcount_r
  andl    $1, %ebx
  addq    %rbx, %rax
  popq    %rbx
  ret
```

Recursive Function: Call Setup

```
/* Recursive popcount */
long pcount_r(unsigned long x) {
  if (x == 0)
    return 0;
  else
    return (x & 1) + pcount_r(x >> 1);
}
```

Register	Use(s)	Type
%rdi	x (new)	Argument
%rbx	x (old)	Callee saved

The Stack

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  ret
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Recursive Function: Call

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}
```

Register	Use(s)	Type
%rax	Recursive call return value	Return value
%rbx	x (old)	Callee saved

```
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  testq   %rdi, %rdi
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  rep ret
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  pushq   %rbx
  movq    %rdi, %rbx
  shrq    %rdi
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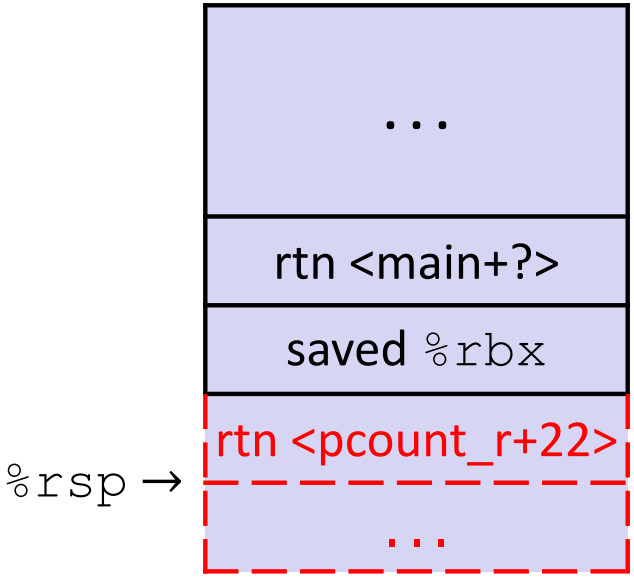
  andl    $1, %ebx
  addq    %rbx, %rax
  popq    %rbx
  ret
```

The Stack



Recursive Function: Result

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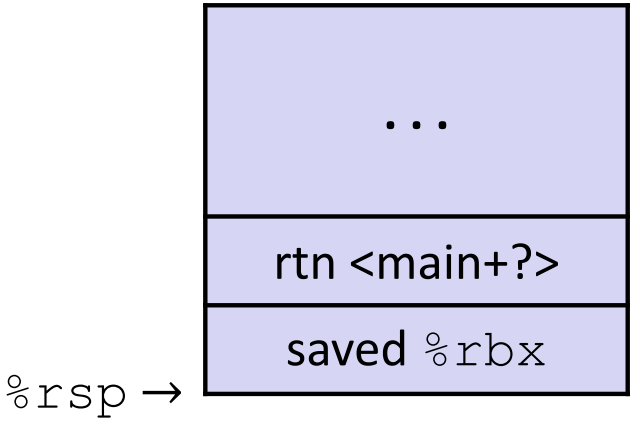
    return 0;
  else
    return (x & 1) + pcount_r(x >> 1);
}
```

Register	Use(s)	Type
%rax	Return value	Return value
%rbx	x&1	Callee saved

The Stack

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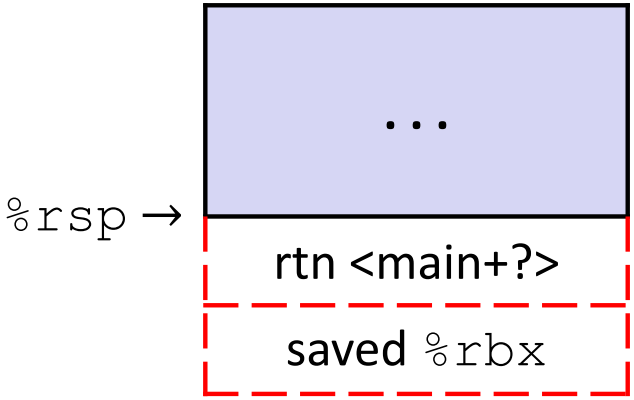
  call    pcount_r
  andl    $1, %ebx
  addq    %rbx, %rax
  popq    %rbx
  ret
```

Recursive Function: Completion

```
/* Recursive popcount */
long pcount_r(unsigned long x) {
  if (x == 0)
    return 0;
  else
    return (x & 1) + pcount_r(x >> 1);
}
```

Register	Use(s)	Type
%rax	Return value	Return value
%rbx	Previous %rbx value	Callee restored

The Stack

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  addq    %rbx, %rax
  popq    %rbx
  ret
```

GDB Demo

- Let's examine the pcount_r stack frames on a real machine!
  - Using `pcount.c` from the course website
- You will need to use GDB to get through the Midterm
  - Useful debugger in this class and beyond!
- Pay attention to:
  - Checking the current stack frames (`backtrace`)
  - Getting stack frame information (`info frame <#>`)
  - Examining memory (`x`)

Observations About Recursion

- Works without any special consideration
  - Stack frames mean that each function call has private storage
    - Saved registers & local variables
    - Saved return address
  - Register saving conventions prevent one function call from corrupting another's data
    - Unless the code explicitly does so (*e.g.* buffer overflow)
  - Stack discipline follows call / return pattern
    - If P calls Q, then Q returns before P
    - Last-In, First-Out (LIFO)
- Also works for mutual recursion (P calls Q; Q calls P)

x86-64 Stack Frames

- Many x86-64 procedures have a minimal stack frame
  - Only return address is pushed onto the stack when procedure is called

- A procedure *needs* to grow its stack frame when it:
  - Has too many local variables to hold in **caller**-saved registers
  - Has local variables that are arrays or structs
  - Uses & to compute the address of a local variable
  - Calls another function that takes more than six arguments
  - Is using **caller**-saved registers and then calls a procedure
  - Modifies/uses **callee**-saved registers

x86-64 Procedure Summary

- Important Points
  - 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
- Heavy use of registers
  - Faster than using memory
  - Use limited by data size and conventions
- Minimize use of the Stack