



# Machine-Level Programming III: Procedures

**15-213/18-213/14-513/15-513/18-613**: Introduction to Computer Systems  
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# Today

- **Overflow from lecture 6**
  - **Switch Statements and Jump Tables**
- **Procedures**
  - **Mechanisms**
  - **Stack Structure**
  - **Calling Conventions**
    - **Passing control**
    - **Passing data**
    - **Managing local data**
  - **Illustration of Recursion**

# If you're struggling with assembly

## ■ Chapter 3 of the textbook is your friend

- More detailed explanations of everything in these lectures
- Work through the practice problems
- Ask for help with the practice problems
- Today's lecture will take us to the end of 3.7

## ■ Lots of tips, tricks, and guides have been posted on Piazza

## ■ Talk it out with a friend

- “Help me understand what `jmp *.L32(, %rdx, 8)` does in general” is an OK discussion to have; not an AIV
- “Help me understand what `jmp *.L32(, %rdx, 8)` does *in phase 8 of this binary bomb*”, on the other hand, *is* an AIV
- If you haven't got a friend handy, try a rubber duck. Really!

```
long my_switch
(long x, long y, long z)
{
    long w = 1;
    switch(x) {
    case 1:
        w = y*z;
        break;
    case 2:
        w = y/z;
        /* Fall Through */
    case 3:
        w += z;
        break;
    case 5:
    case 6:
        w -= z;
        break;
    default:
        w = 2;
    }
    return w;
}
```

# Switch Statement Example

Multiple case labels

Here: 5 & 6

Fall through cases

Here: 2

Missing cases

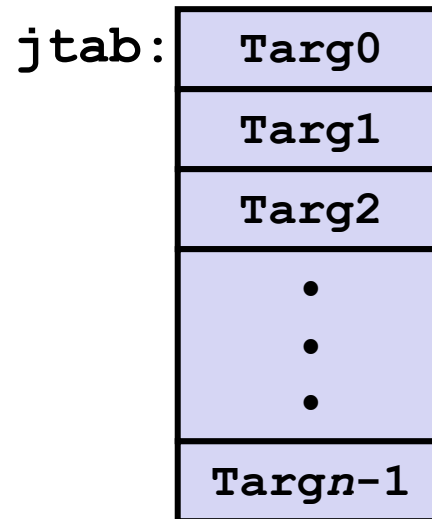
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# Switch Implemented with Jump Table

## Switch Form

```
switch(x) {
  case val_0:
    Block 0
  case val_1:
    Block 1
    . . .
  case val_n-1:
    Block n-1
}
```

## Jump Table



## Jump Targets

Targ0:

Code Block  
0

Targ1:

Code Block  
1

Targ2:

Code Block  
2•  
•  
•

Targn-1:

Code Block  
n-1

## Translation (Extended C)

```
goto *JTab[x];
```

# Switch Statement Example

```

long my_switch
(long x, long y, long z)
{
    long w = 1;
    switch(x) {
    case 1:
.L3:      w = y*z;
           break;
    case 2:
.L5:      w = y/z;
           /* Fall Through */
    case 3:
.L9:      w += z;
           break;
    case 5:
    case 6:
.L7:      w -= z;
           break;
    default:
.L8:      w = 2;
    }
    return w;
}

```

```

my_switch:
    cmpq    $6, %rdi    # x:6
    ja     .L8        # if x > 6 jump
                                # to default
    jmp    *.L4(, %rdi, 8)

```

```

.section    .rodata
    .align 8
.L4:
    .quad   .L8      # x = 0
    .quad   .L3      # x = 1
    .quad   .L5      # x = 2
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    .quad   .L8      # x = 4
    .quad   .L7      # x = 5
    .quad   .L7      # x = 6

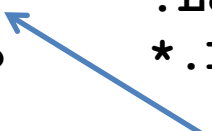
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# Switch Statement Example

```
long my_switch(long x, long y, long z)
{
    long w = 1;
    switch(x) {
        . . .
    }
    return w;
}
```

## Setup

```
my_switch:
    movq    %rdx, %rcx
    cmpq   $6, %rdi    # x:6
    ja     .L8
    jmp    *.L4(, %rdi, 8)
```



What range of values  
takes default?

Register	Use(s)
%rdi	Argument <b>x</b>
%rsi	Argument <b>y</b>
%rdx	Argument <b>z</b>
%rax	Return value

Note that **w** not  
initialized here



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        . . .
    }
    return w;
}
```

## Setup

```
my_switch:
    movq    %rdx, %rcx
    cmpq   $6, %rdi    # x:6
    ja     .L8         # use default
    jmp    *.L4(,%rdi,8) # goto *Jtab[x]
```

*Indirect  
jump*



## Jump table

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    .quad .L7 # x = 5
    .quad .L7 # x = 6
```

# Assembly Setup Explanation

## ■ Table Structure

- Each target requires 8 bytes
- Base address at `.L4`

## ■ Jumping

- **Direct:** `jmp .L8`
- Jump target is denoted by label `.L8`
- **Indirect:** `jmp *.L4(, %rdi, 8)`
- Start of jump table: `.L4`
- Must scale by factor of 8 (addresses are 8 bytes)
- Fetch target from effective Address `.L4 + x*8`
  - Only for  $0 \leq x \leq 6$

## Jump table

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    w += z;
    break;
case 5:
case 6:      // .L7
    w -= z;
    break;
default:    // .L8
    w = 2;
}
  
```

# Code Blocks (x == 1)

```

switch(x) {
case 1:      // .L3
    w = y*z;
    break;
    . . .
}

```

```

.L3:
    movq    %rsi, %rax # y
    imulq   %rdx, %rax # y*z
    ret

```

Register	Use(s)
%rdi	Argument <b>x</b>
%rsi	Argument <b>y</b>
%rdx	Argument <b>z</b>
%rax	Return value

# Handling Fall-Through

```
long w = 1;
. . .
switch(x) {
. . .
case 2:
    w = y/z;
    /* Fall Through */
case 3:
    w += z;
    break;
. . .
}
```

```
case 2:
    w = y/z;
    goto merge;
```

```
case 3:
    w = 1;
merge:
    w += z;
```

# Code Blocks (x == 2, x == 3)

```

long w = 1;
. . .
switch(x) {
. . .
case 2:
    w = y/z;
    /* Fall Through */
case 3:
    w += z;
    break;
. . .
}

```

```

.L5:                                # Case 2
    movq    %rsi, %rax
    cqto                                # sign extend
                                           # rax to rdx:rax
    idivq   %rcx                        # y/z
    jmp     .L6                          # goto merge
.L9:                                # Case 3
    movl    $1, %eax                    # w = 1
.L6:                                # merge:
    addq    %rcx, %rax                  # w += z
    ret

```

Register	Use(s)
<b>%rdi</b>	Argument <b>x</b>
<b>%rsi</b>	Argument <b>y</b>
<b>%rcx</b>	<b>z</b>
<b>%rax</b>	Return value

# Code Blocks (x == 5, x == 6, default)

```

switch(x) {
    . . .
    case 5: // .L7
    case 6: // .L7
        w -= z;
        break;
    default: // .L8
        w = 2;
}

```

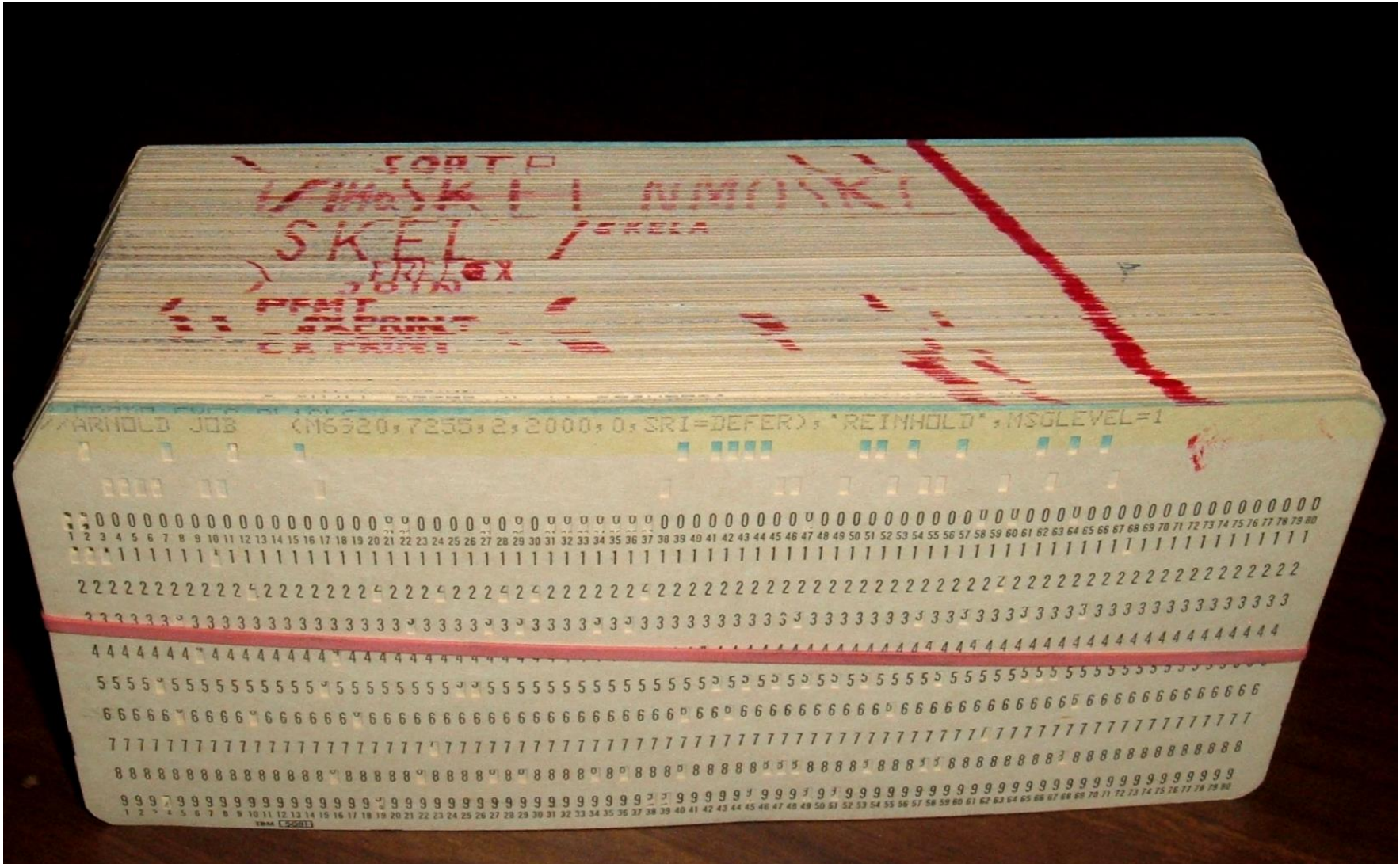
```

.L7:                # Case 5,6
    movl    $1, %eax  # w = 1
    subq    %rdx, %rax # w -= z
    ret
.L8:                # Default:
    movl    $2, %eax  # 2
    ret

```

Register	Use(s)
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<code>%rsi</code>	Argument <code>y</code>
<code>%rdx</code>	Argument <code>z</code>
<code>%rax</code>	Return value

# Procedures





# Mechanisms in Procedures

## ■ Passing control

- To beginning of procedure code
- Back to return point

## ■ Passing data

- Procedure arguments
- Return value

## ■ Memory management

- Allocate during procedure execution
- Deallocate upon return

## ■ Mechanisms all implemented with machine instructions

## ■ x86-64 implementation of a procedure uses only those mechanisms required

```
P (...) {  
    •  
    •  
    y = Q(x);  
    print(y)  
    •  
}
```

```
int Q(int i)  
{  
    int t = 3*i;  
    int v[10];  
    •  
    •  
    return v[t];  
}
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    •  
    •  
    return v[t];  
}
```

# Mechanisms in Procedures

```
P (...) {
```

Machine instructions implement the mechanisms, but the choices are determined by designers. These choices make up the **Application Binary Interface (ABI)**.

- Deallocate upon return
- **Mechanisms all implemented with machine instructions**
- **x86-64 implementation of a procedure uses only those mechanisms required**

```
int v[10];  
·  
·  
return v[t];  
}
```

# Today

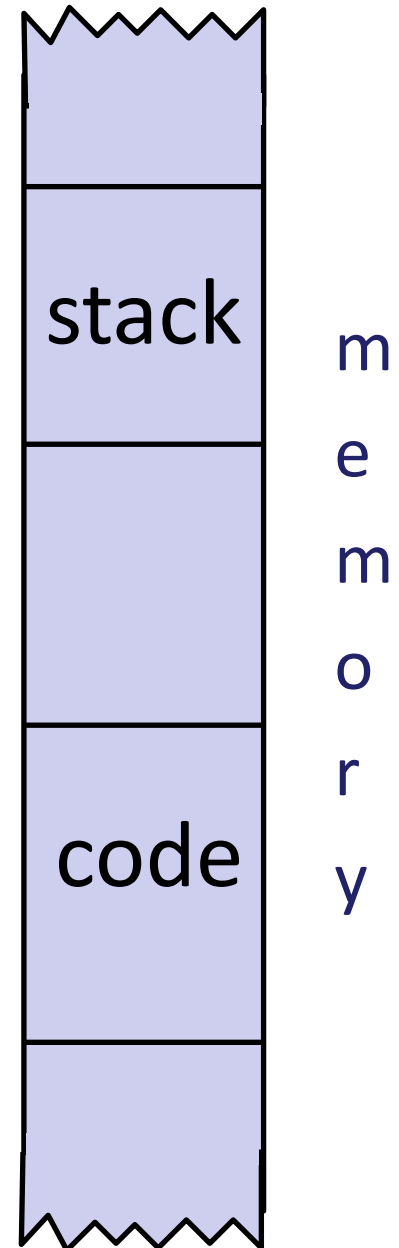
## ■ Procedures

- Mechanisms
- **Stack Structure**
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- Illustration of Recursion

# x86-64 Stack

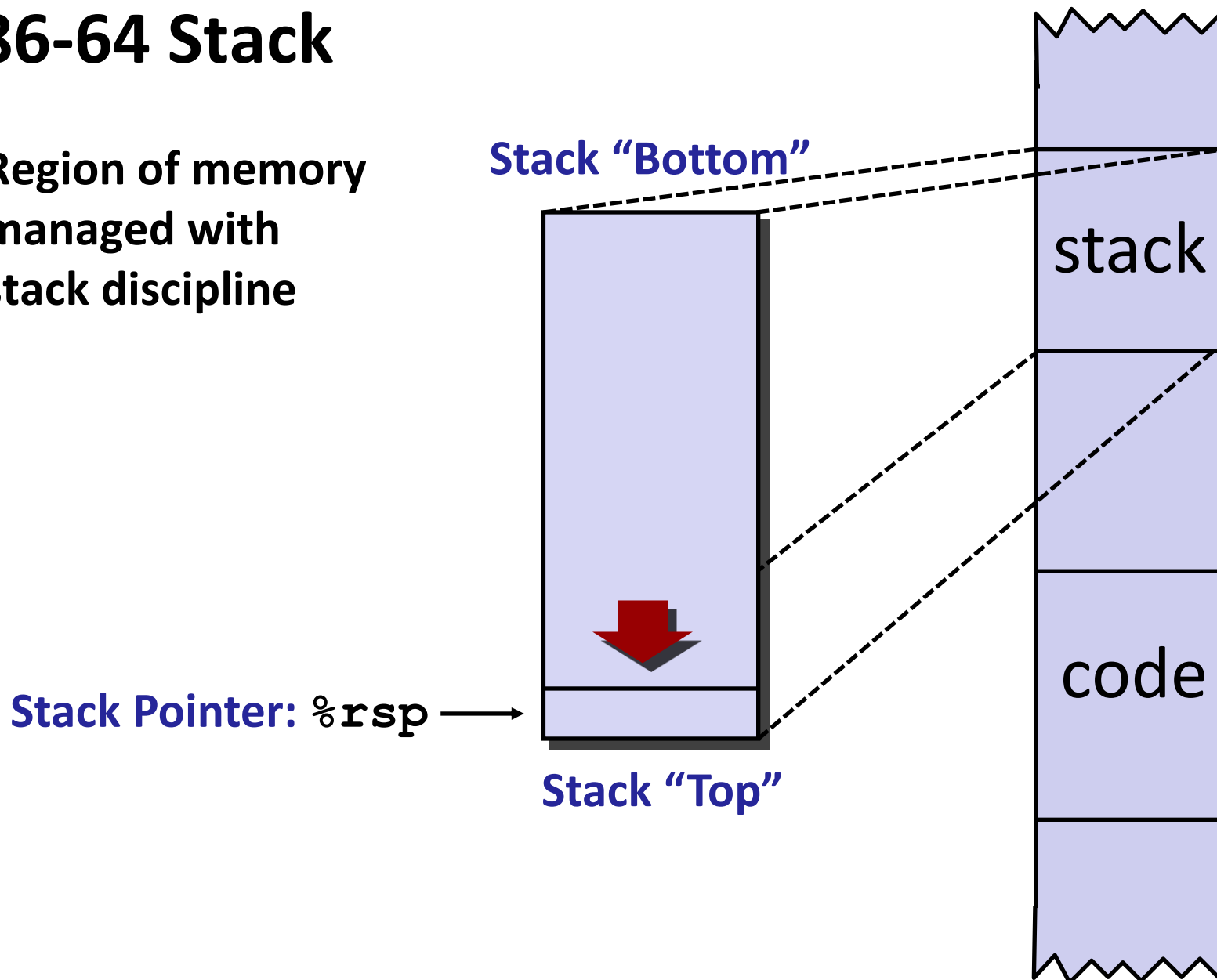
## ■ Region of memory managed with stack discipline

- Memory viewed as array of bytes.
- Different regions have different purposes.
- (Like ABI, a policy decision)



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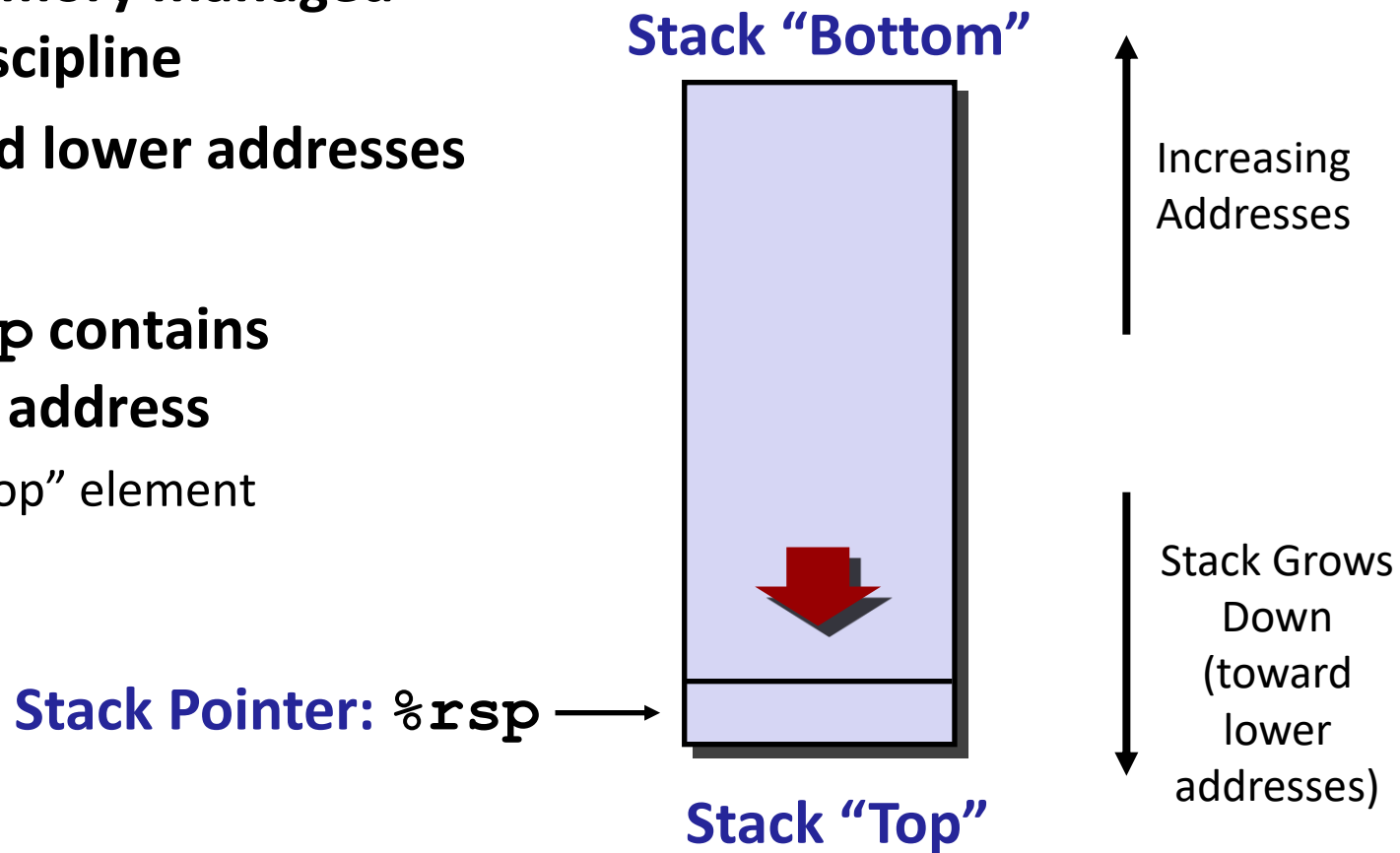
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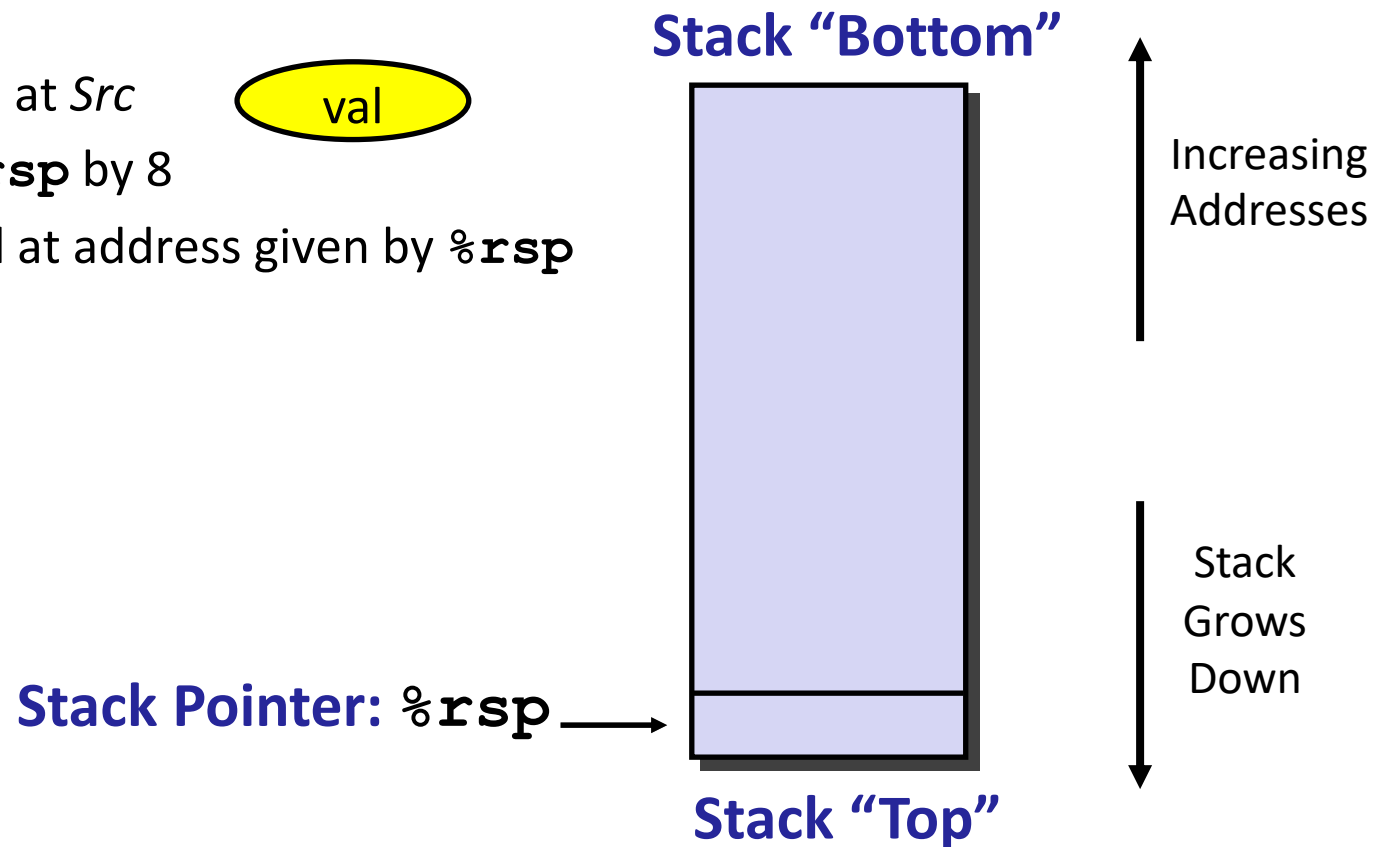
- Region of memory managed with stack discipline
- Grows toward lower addresses
- Register `%rsp` contains lowest stack address
  - address of “top” element



# x86-64 Stack: Push

## ■ `pushq Src`

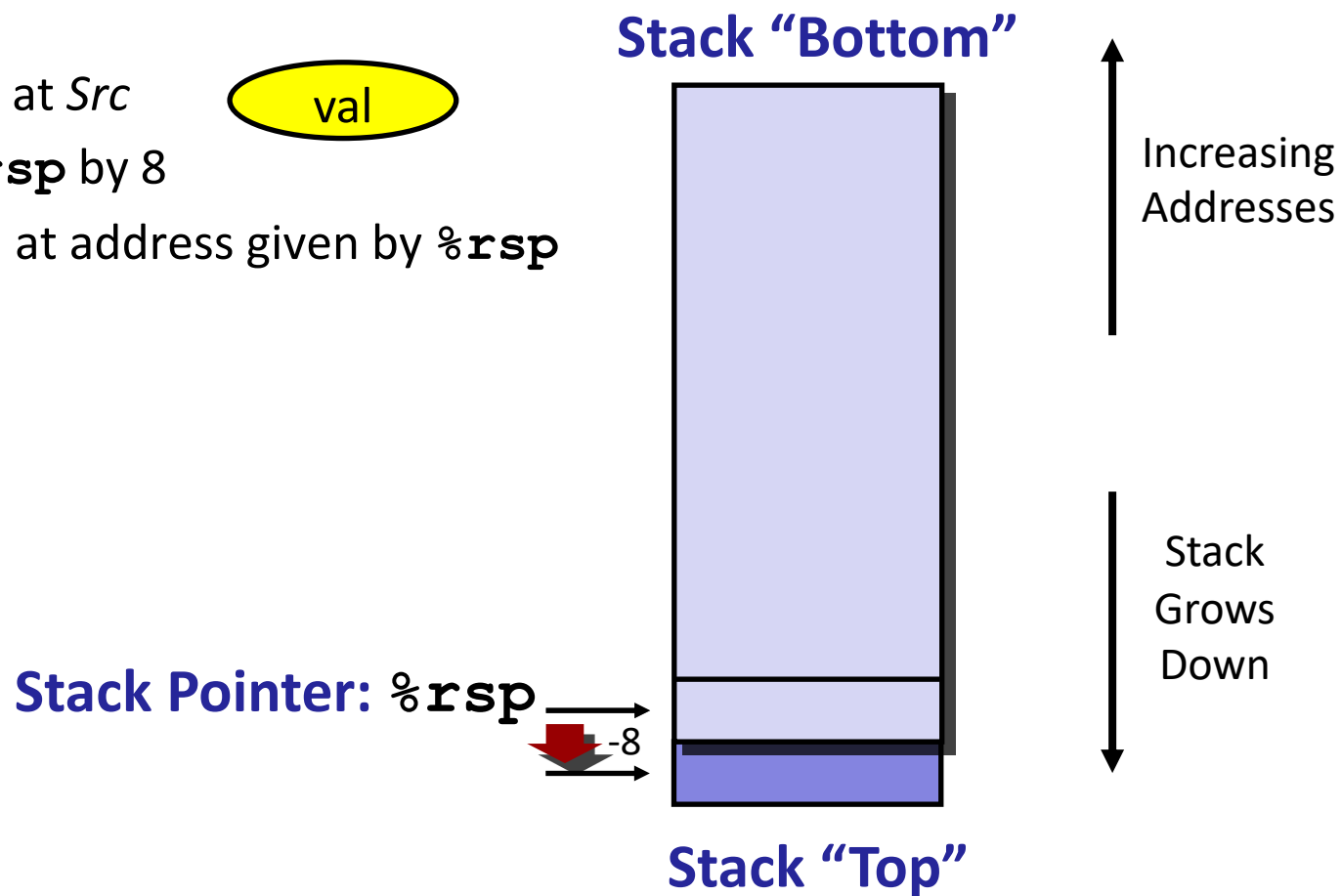
- Fetch operand at *Src* val
- Decrement `%rsp` by 8
- Write operand at address given by `%rsp`



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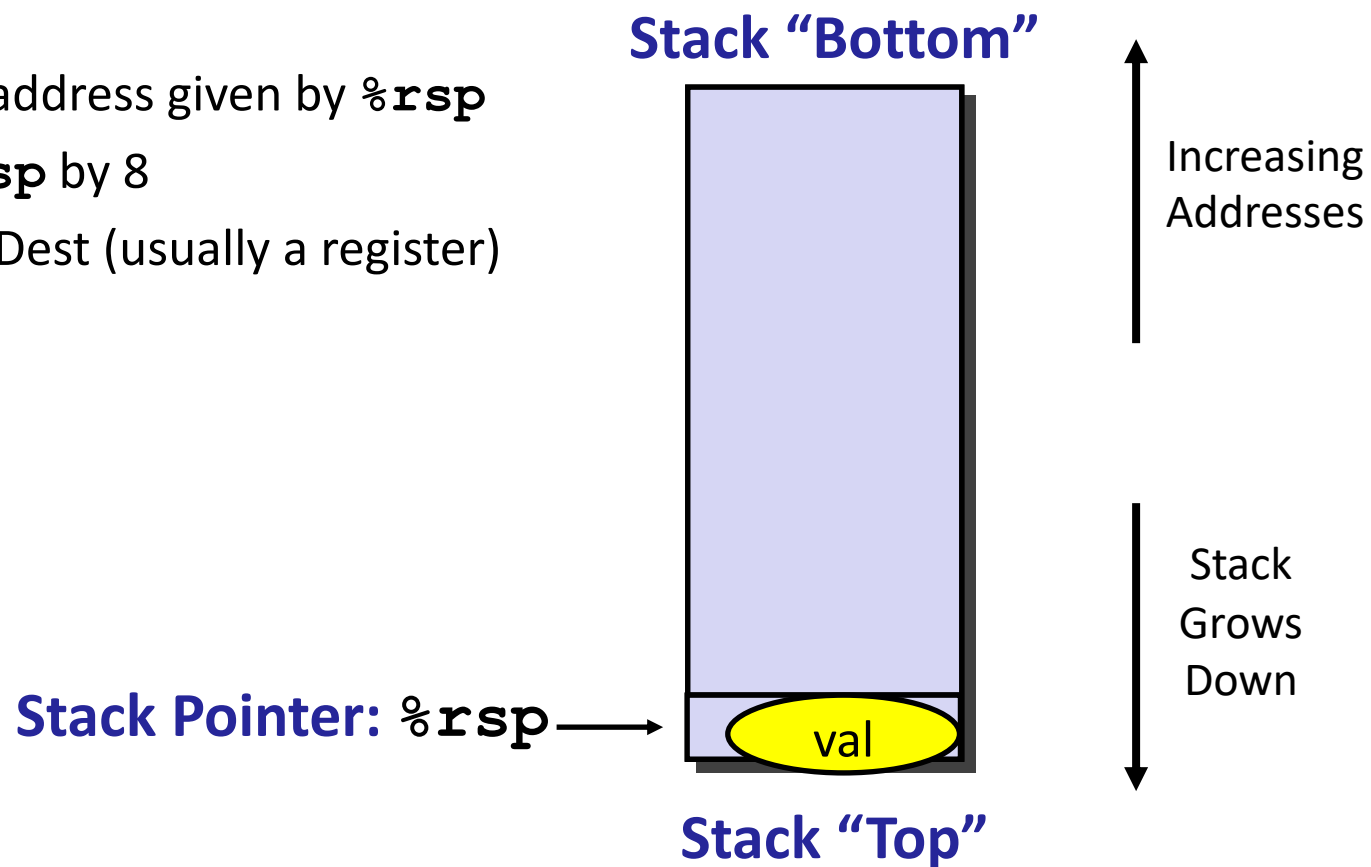
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# x86-64 Stack: Pop

## ■ `popq Dest`

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- Store value at `Dest` (usually a register)



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val

Stack Pointer: `%rsp`



Stack "Top"

Stack "Bottom"

Increasing  
Addresses

Stack  
Grows  
Down

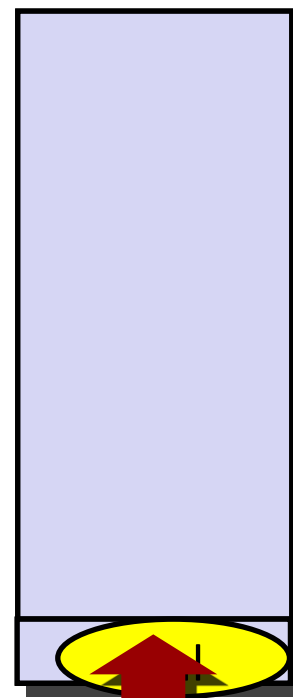
# x86-64 Stack: Pop

## ■ `popq Dest`

- Read value at address given by `%rsp`
- Increment `%rsp` by 8
- Store value at `Dest` (usually a register)

Stack Pointer: `%rsp` →

Stack "Bottom"



Increasing  
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Stack "Top"

(The memory doesn't change,  
only the value of `%rsp`)

# Today

## ■ Procedures

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# Code Examples

```
void multstore(long x, long y, long *dest)
{
    long t = mult2(x, y);
    *dest = t;
}
```

```
0000000000400540 <multstore>:
 400540: push    %rbx          # Save %rbx
 400541: mov     %rdx,%rbx     # Save dest
 400544: callq  400550 <mult2> # mult2(x,y)
 400549: mov     %rax,(%rbx)   # Save at dest
 40054c: pop     %rbx          # Restore %rbx
 40054d: retq                               # Return
```

```
long mult2(long a, long b)
{
    long s = a * b;
    return s;
}
```

```
0000000000400550 <mult2>:
 400550: mov     %rdi,%rax     # a
 400553: imul   %rsi,%rax     # a * b
 400557: retq                               # Return
```



# Procedure Control Flow

- Use stack to support procedure call and return
- **Procedure call:** `call label`
  - Push return address on stack
  - Jump to *label*
- **Return address:**
  - Address of the next instruction right after call
  - Example from disassembly
- **Procedure return:** `ret`
  - Pop address from stack
  - Jump to address

# Control Flow Example #1

```

0000000000400540 <multstore>:
.
.
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400549: mov   %rax, (%rbx)
.
.

```

```

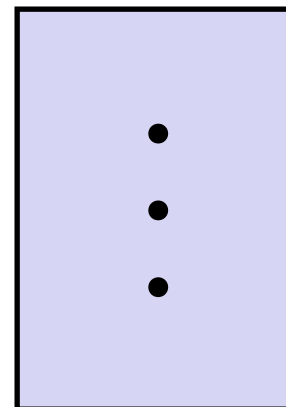
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```

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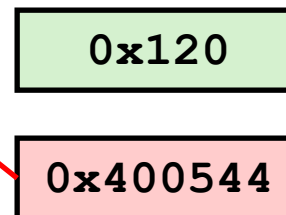


%rsp

0x120

%rip

0x400544



# Control Flow Example #2

```

0000000000400540 <multstore>:
.
.
400544: callq   400550 <mult2>
400549: mov    %rax, (%rbx) ←
.
.

```

```

0000000000400550 <mult2>:
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.
400557: retq

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%rip

0x400550



# Control Flow Example #3

```

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

```

```

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.
400557: retq

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0x118

0x400557



# Control Flow Example #4

```

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.
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400549: mov    %rax, (%rbx)
.
.

```

```

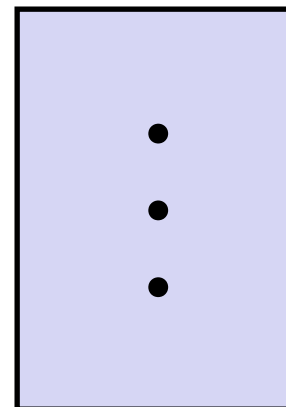
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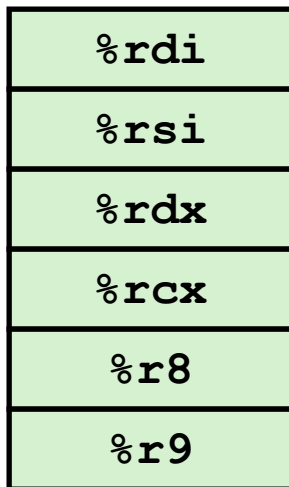
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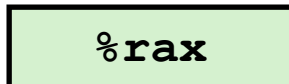
# Procedure Data Flow

## Registers

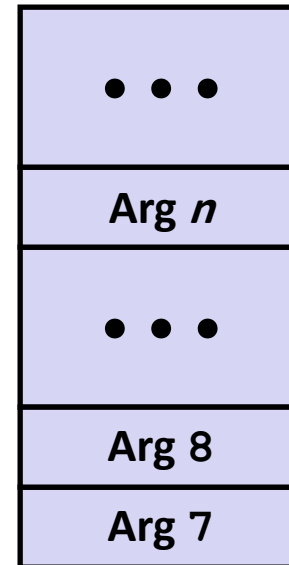
- First 6 integer arguments



- Return value



## Stack



- Only allocate stack space when needed

# Data Flow Examples

```
void multstore
(long x, long y, long *dest)
{
    long t = mult2(x, y);
    *dest = t;
}
```

```
0000000000400540 <multstore>:
    # x in %rdi, y in %rsi, dest in %rdx
    ...
400541: mov     %rdx,%rbx        # Save dest
400544: callq  400550 <mult2>    # mult2(x,y)
    # t in %rax
400549: mov     %rax,(%rbx)      # Save at dest
    ...
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}
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    # s in %rax
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# Stack-Based Languages

## ■ Languages that support recursion

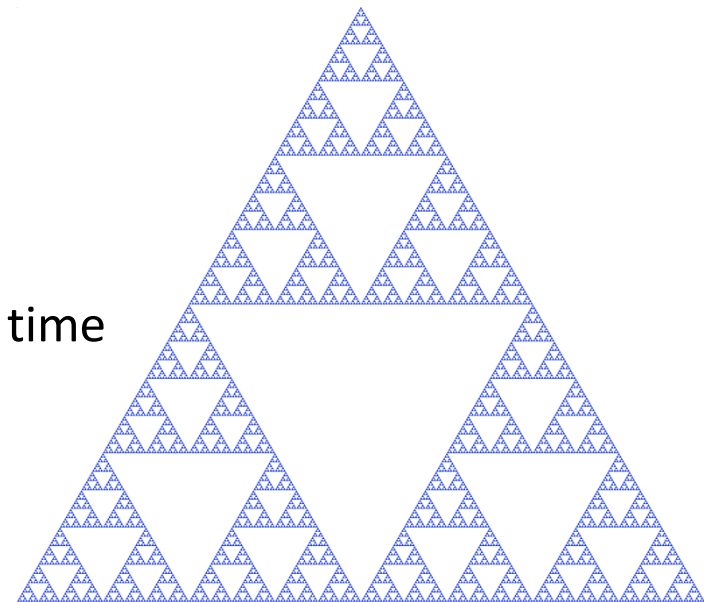
- e.g., C, Pascal, Java
- Code must be “*Reentrant*”
  - Multiple simultaneous instantiations of single procedure
- Need some place to store state of each instantiation
  - Arguments
  - Local variables
  - Return address

## ■ Stack discipline

- State for given procedure needed for limited time
  - From when called to when return
- Callee returns before caller does

## ■ Stack allocated in *Frames*

- state for single procedure instantiation



# Call Chain Example

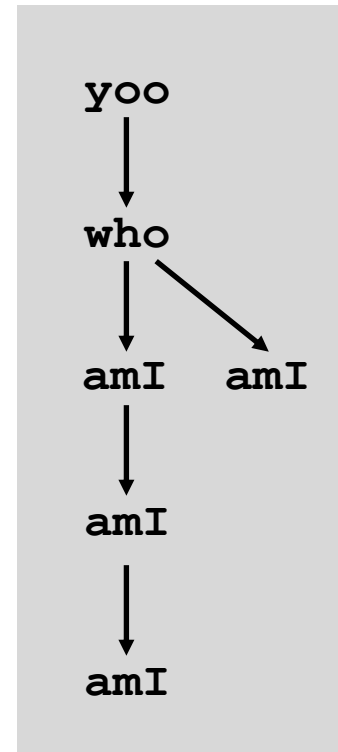
```
yoo (...)
{
  .
  .
  who ();
  .
  .
}
```

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

```
amI (...)
{
  .
  .
  amI ();
  .
  .
}
```

**Procedure amI () is recursive**

## Example Call Chain



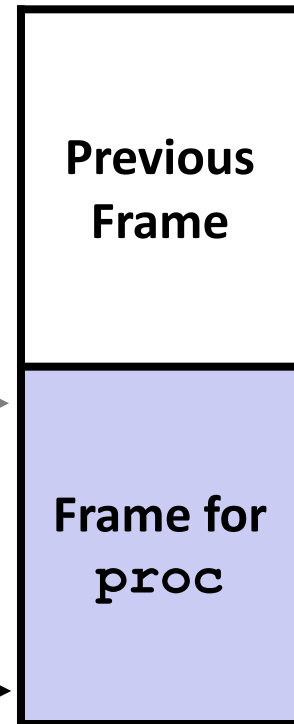
# Stack Frames

## ■ Contents

- Return information
- Local storage (if needed)
- Temporary space (if needed)

Frame Pointer: `%rbp`  
(Optional)

Stack Pointer: `%rsp`




Stack "Top"

## ■ Management

- Space allocated when enter procedure
  - "Set-up" code
  - Includes push by `call` instruction
- Deallocated when return
  - "Tear-down" code
  - Includes pop by `ret` instruction

# Example



```

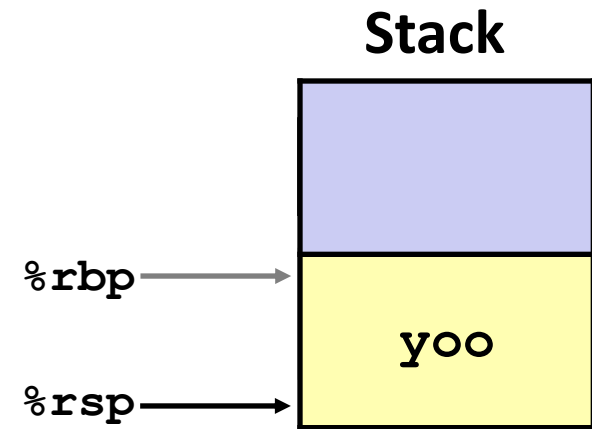
yoo (...)
{
    .
    .
    who ();
    .
    .
}

```

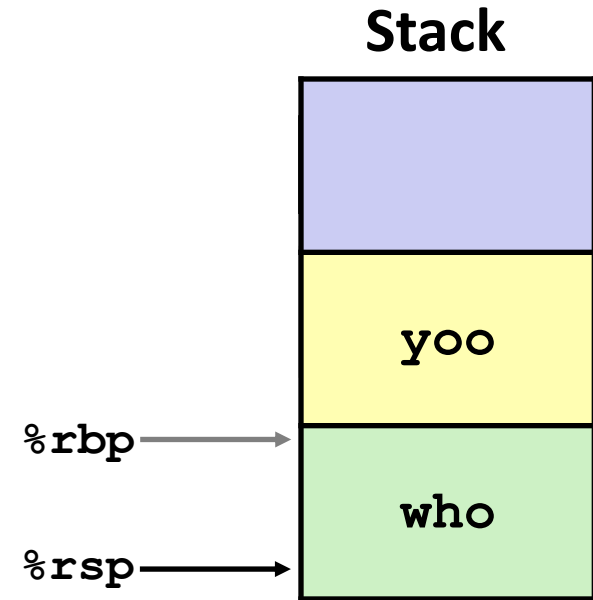
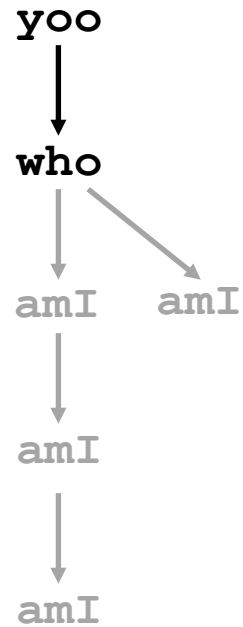
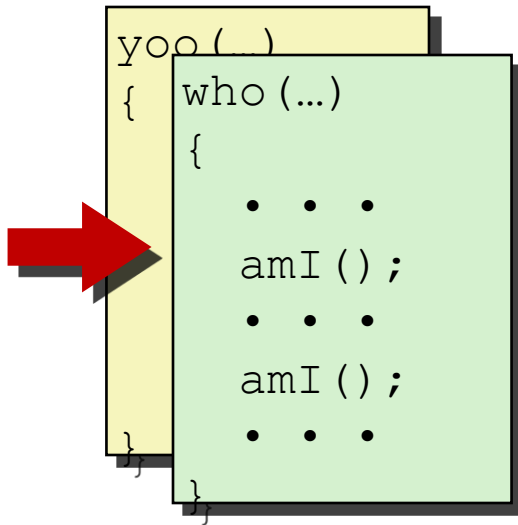
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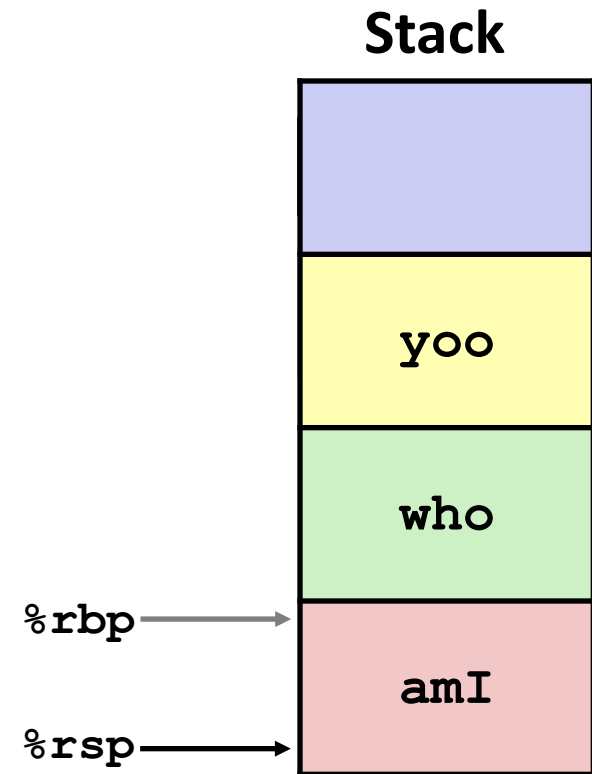
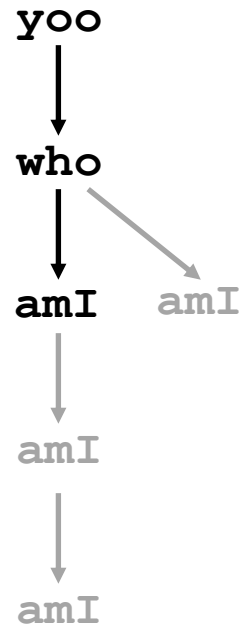
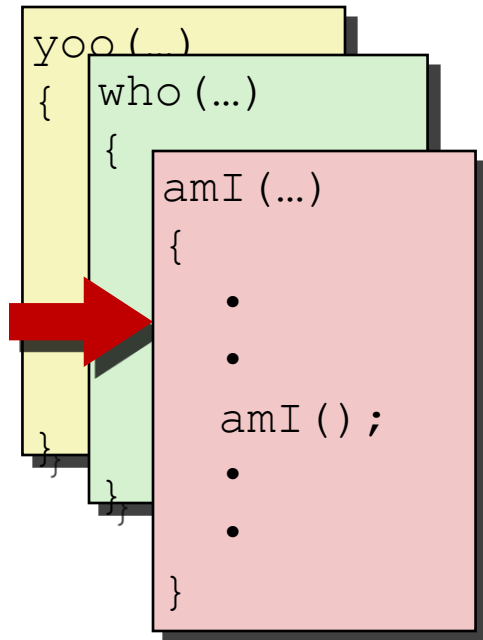
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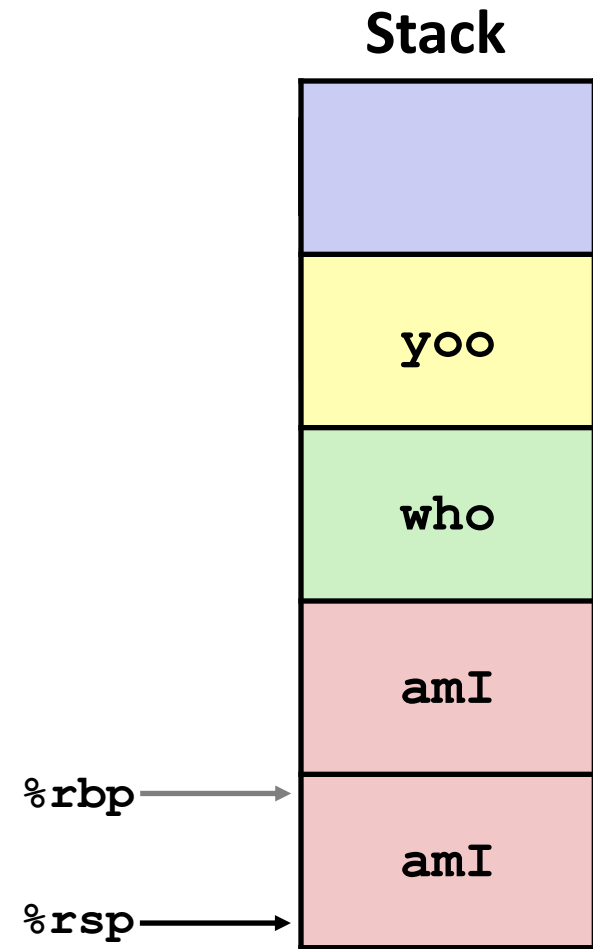
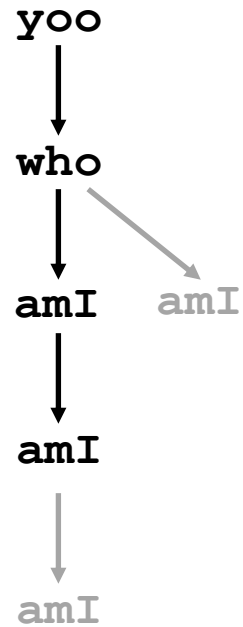
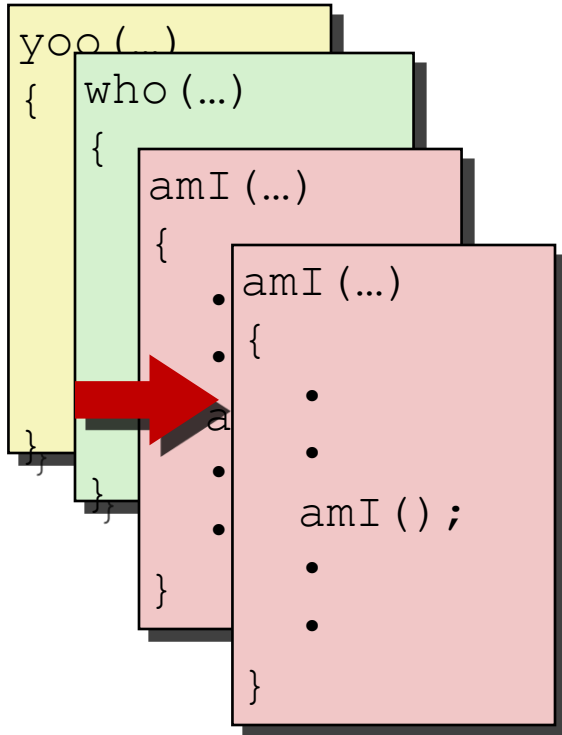
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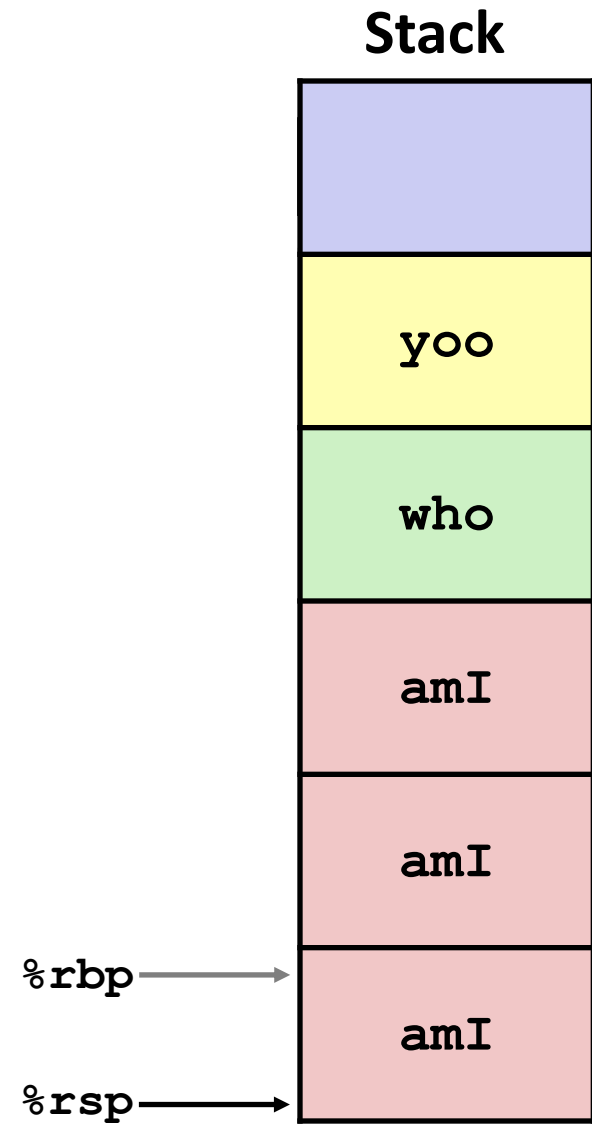
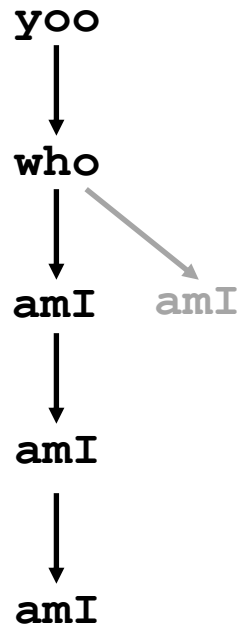
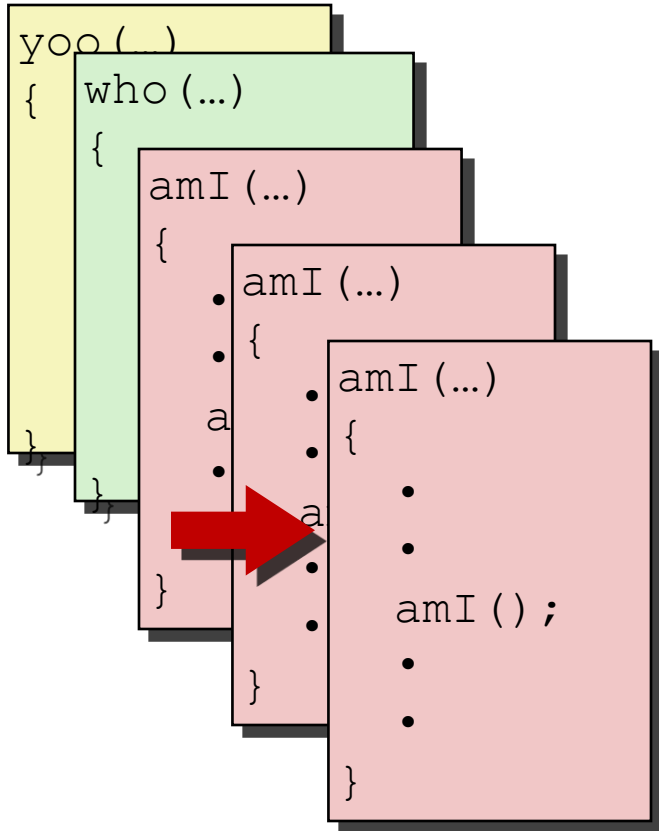


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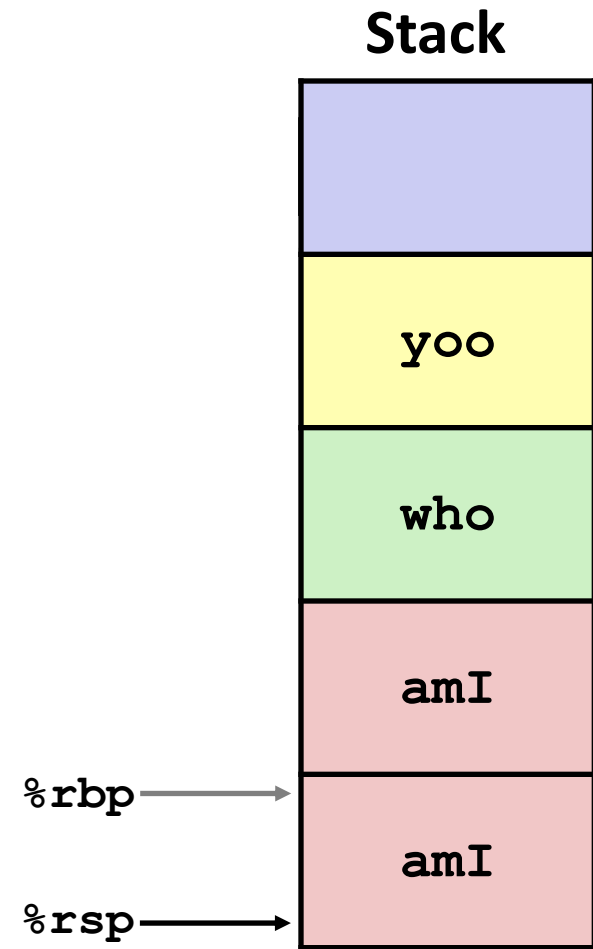
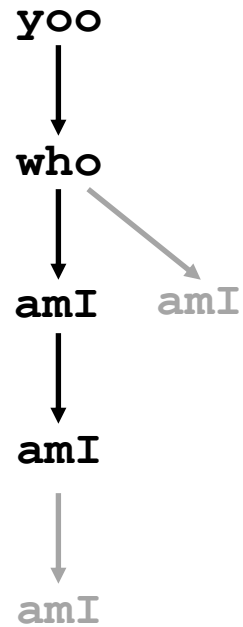
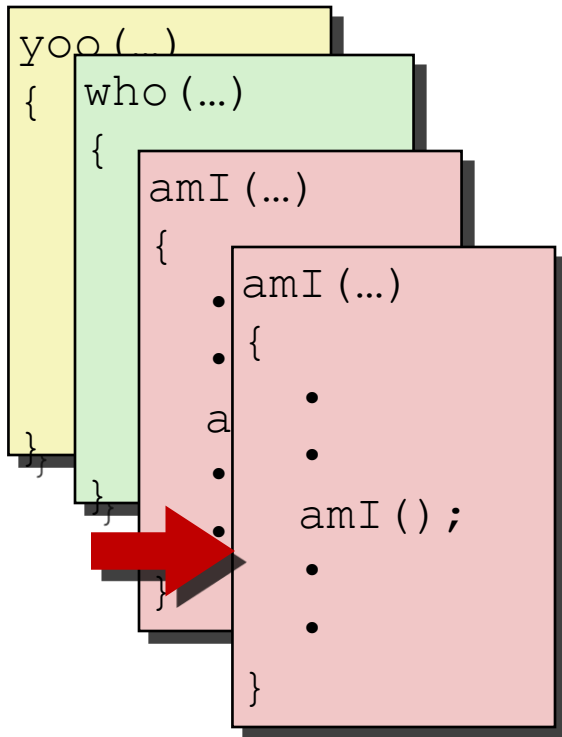




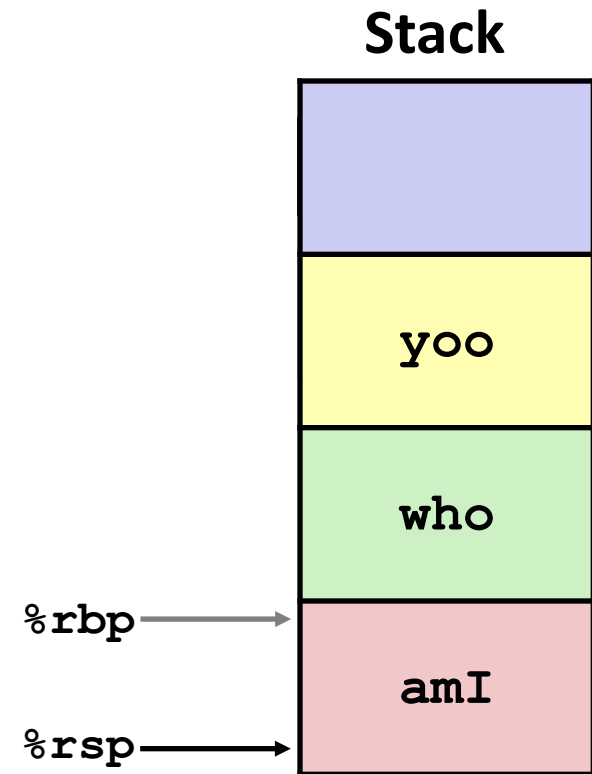
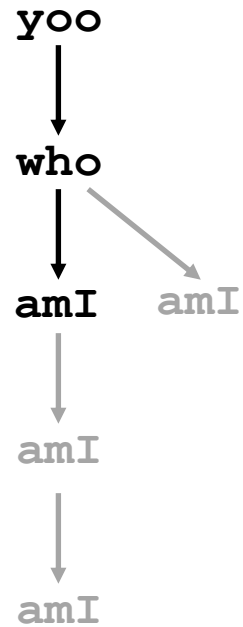
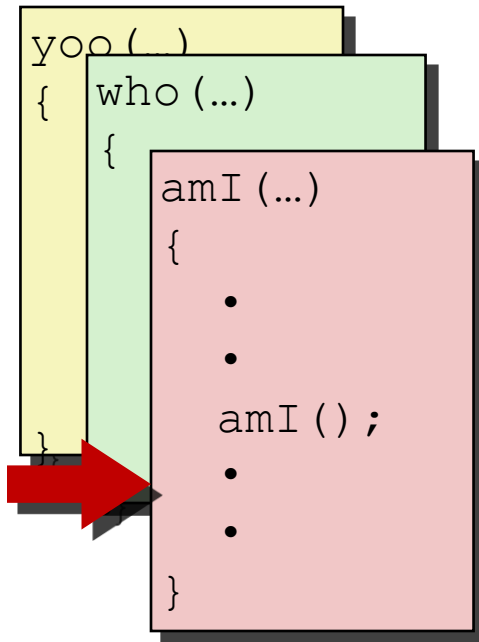
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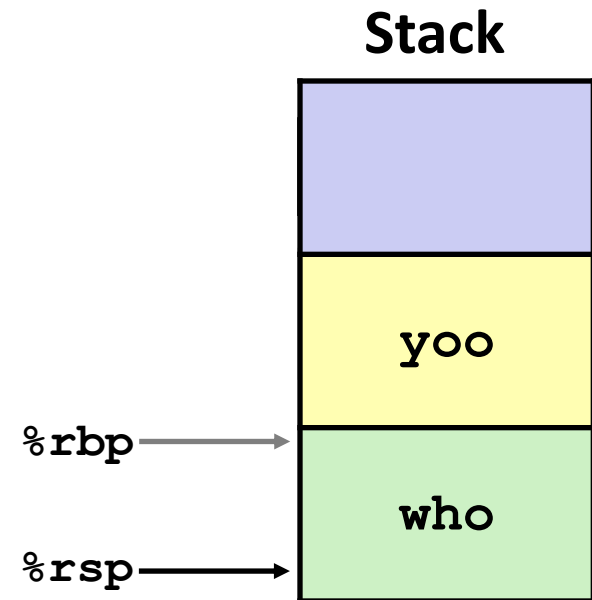
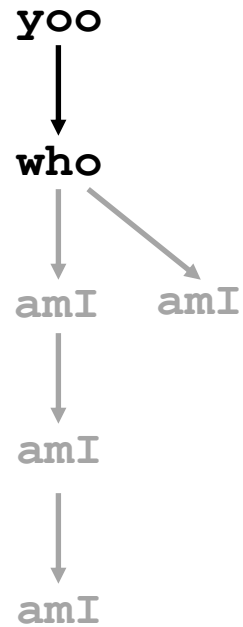
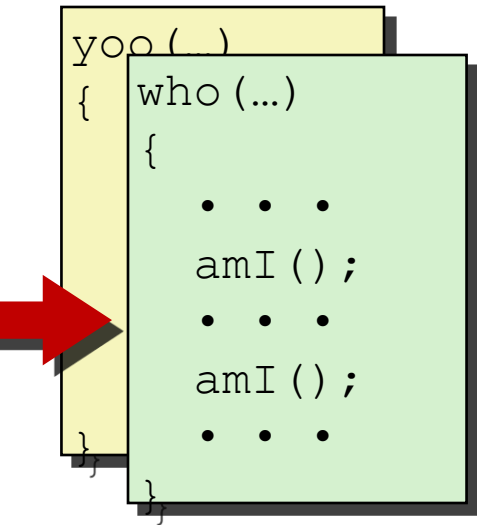
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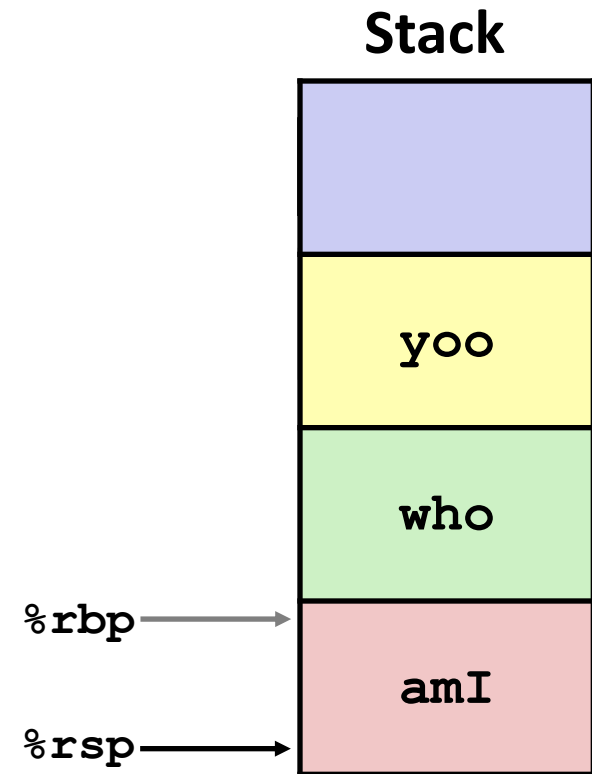
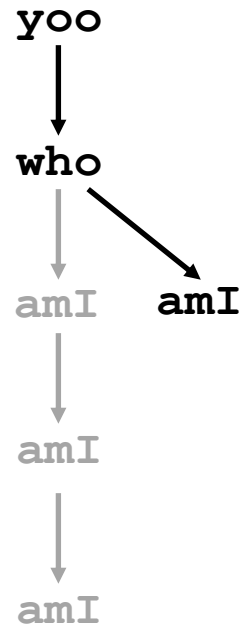
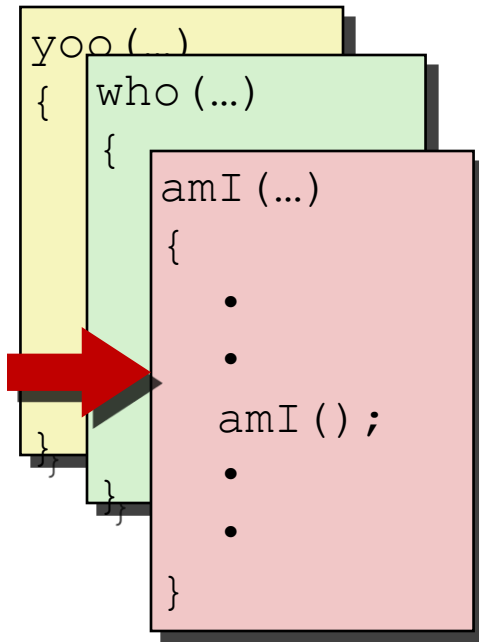
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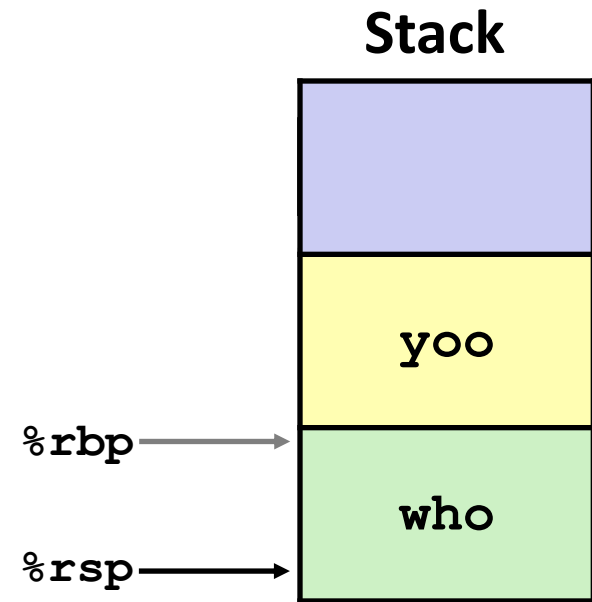
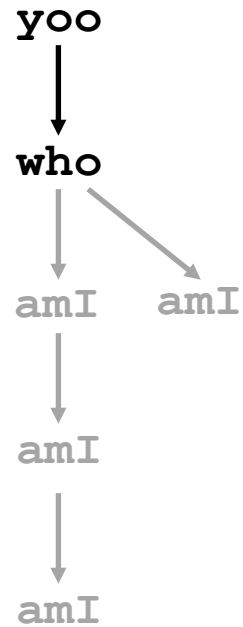
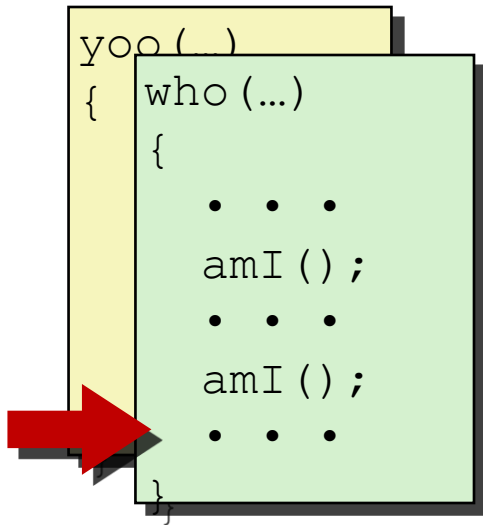
# Example



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# Example

```

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

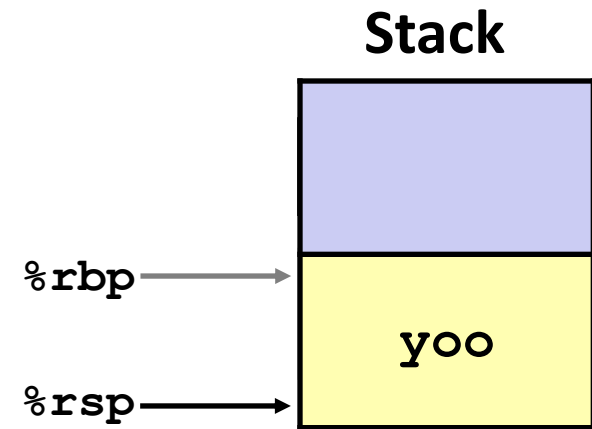
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```

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  ↓
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  ↓
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```



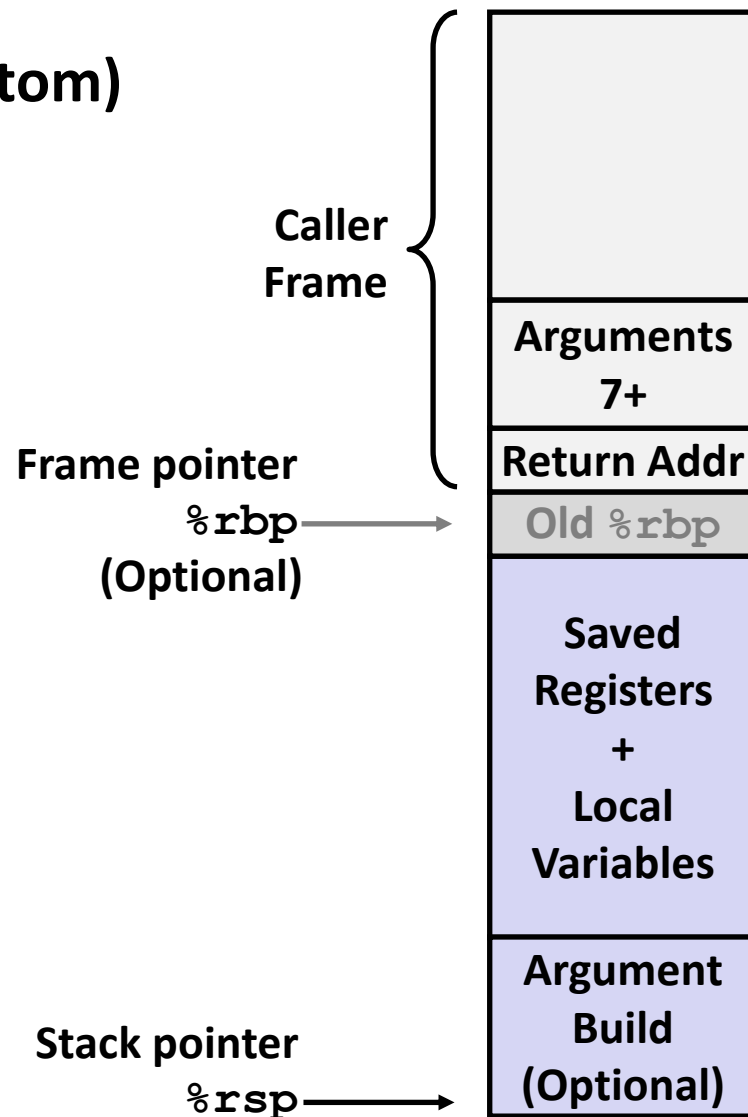
# x86-64/Linux Stack Frame

## ■ Current Stack Frame (“Top” to Bottom)

- “Argument build:”  
Parameters for function about to call
- Local variables  
If can’t keep in registers
- Saved register context
- Old frame pointer (optional)

## ■ Caller Stack Frame

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





# Example: `incr`

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

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

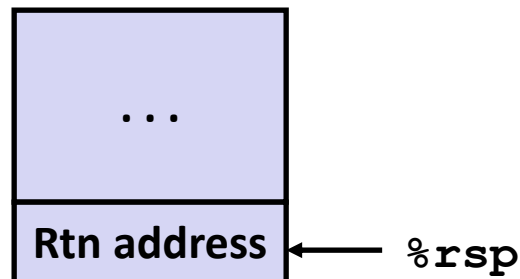
Register	Use(s)
<code>%rdi</code>	Argument <code>p</code>
<code>%rsi</code>	Argument <code>val</code> , <code>y</code>
<code>%rax</code>	<code>x</code> , Return value

# Example: Calling `incr` #1

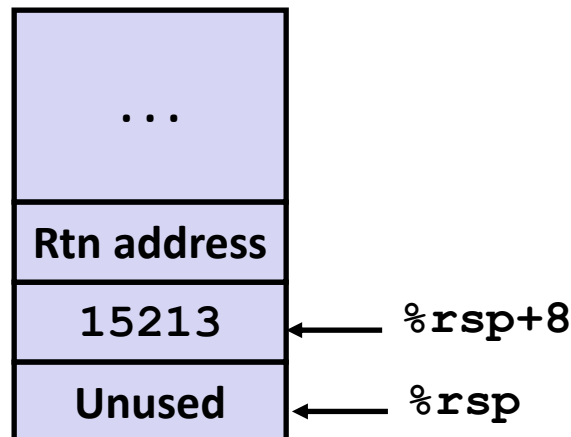
```
long call_incr() {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return v1+v2;
}
```

```
call_incr:
    subq    $16, %rsp
    movq    $15213, 8(%rsp)
    movl    $3000, %esi
    leaq   8(%rsp), %rdi
    call   incr
    addq   8(%rsp), %rax
    addq   $16, %rsp
    ret
```

## Initial Stack Structure



## Resulting Stack Structure

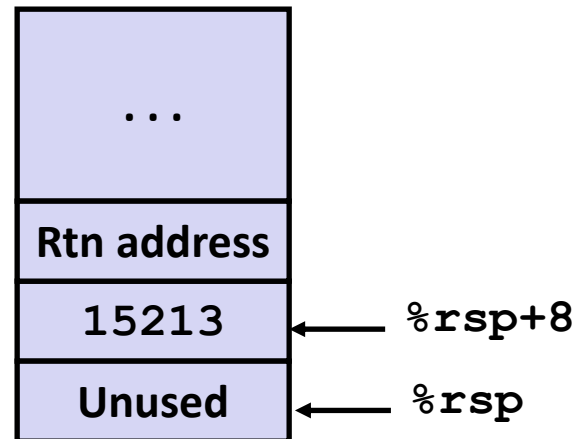


# Example: Calling `incr` #2

```
long call_incr() {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return v1+v2;
}
```

```
call_incr:
    subq    $16, %rsp
    movq    $15213, 8(%rsp)
    movl    $3000, %esi
    leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
    call    incr
    addq    8(%rsp), %rax
    addq    $16, %rsp
    ret
```

## Stack Structure

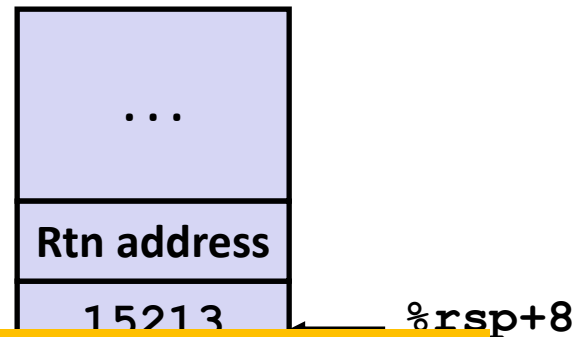


Register	Use(s)
%rdi	&v1
%rsi	3000

# Example: Calling `incr` #2

```
long call_incr() {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return v1+v2;
}
```

## Stack Structure



Aside 1: `movl $3000, %esi`

- Note: `movl` -> `%exx` zeros out high order 32 bits.
- Why use `movl` instead of `movq`? 1 byte shorter.

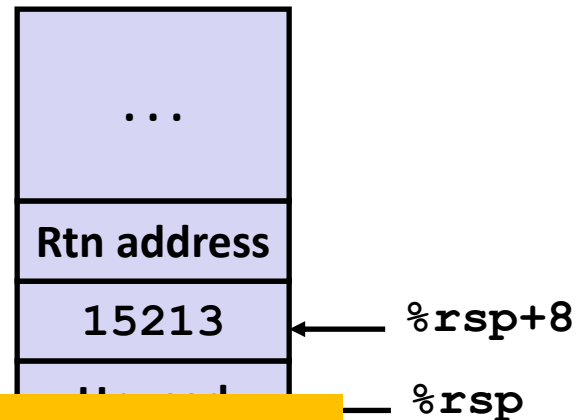
```
call_incr:
    subq    $8, %rsp
    movl    $3000, %esi
    leaq   8(%rsp), %rdi
    call   incr
    addq   8(%rsp), %rax
    addq   $16, %rsp
    ret
```

<code>%rdi</code>	<code>&amp;v1</code>
<code>%rsi</code>	3000

# Example: Calling `incr` #2

```
long call_incr() {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return v1+v2;
}
```

## Stack Structure



Aside 2: `leaq 8(%rsp), %rdi`

- Computes `%rsp+8`
- Actually, used for what it is meant!

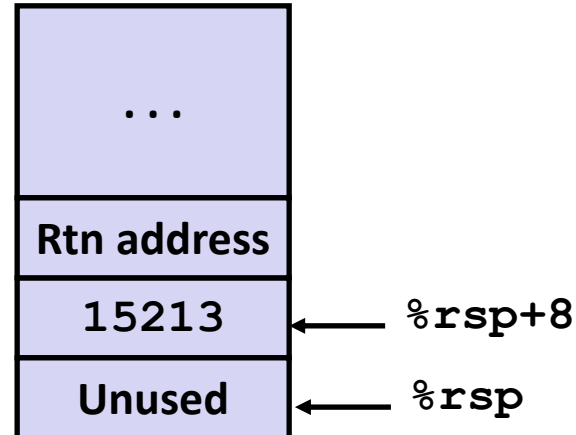
```
leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
call    incr
addq    8(%rsp), %rax
addq    $16, %rsp
ret
```

	use(s)
<code>%rdi</code>	<code>v1</code>
<code>%rsi</code>	3000

# Example: Calling `incr` #2

## Stack Structure

```
long call_incr() {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return v1+v2;
}
```



```
call_incr:
    subq    $16, %rsp
    movq    $15213, 8(%rsp)
    movl    $3000, %esi
    leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
    call    incr
    addq    8(%rsp), %rax
    addq    $16, %rsp
    ret
```

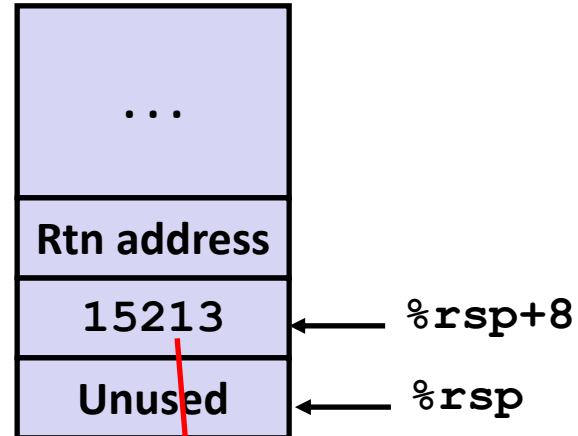
Register	Use(s)
%rdi	&v1
%rsi	3000

# Example: Calling `incr` #3a

## Stack Structure

```
long call_incr() {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return v1+v2;
}
```

```
call_incr:
    subq    $16, %rsp
    movq    $15213, 8(%rsp)
    movl    $3000, %esi
    leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
    call   incr
    addq    8(%rsp), %rax
    addq    $16, %rsp
    ret
```



Register	Use(s)
%rdi	&v1
%rsi	3000

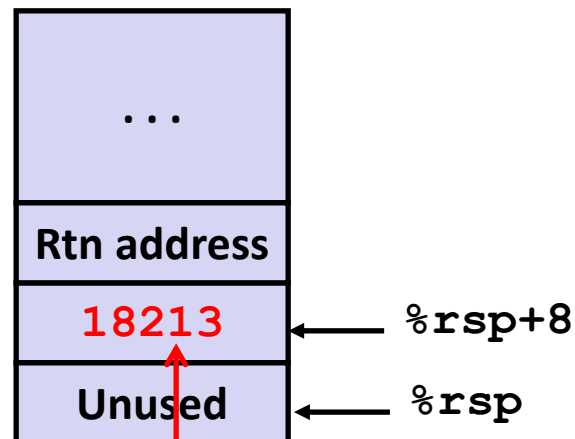
```
long incr(long *p, long val) {
    long x = *p;
    long y = x + val;
    *p = y;
    return x;
}
```

# Example: Calling `incr` #3b

## Stack Structure

```
long call_incr() {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return v1+v2;
}
```

```
call_incr:
    subq    $16, %rsp
    movq    $15213, 8(%rsp)
    movl    $3000, %esi
    leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
    call   incr
    addq    8(%rsp), %rax
    addq    $16, %rsp
    ret
```



Register	Use(s)
%rdi	&v1
%rsi	3000

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

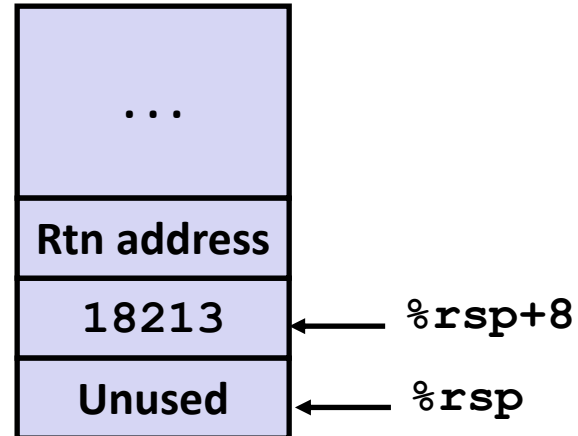


# Example: Calling `incr` #4

```
long call_incr() {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return v1+v2;
}
```

```
call_incr:
    subq    $16, %rsp
    movq    $15213, 8(%rsp)
    movl    $3000, %esi
    leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
    call    incr
    addq    8(%rsp), %rax
    addq    $16, %rsp
    ret
```

## Stack Structure



Register	Use(s)
<code>%rax</code>	Return value, 15213

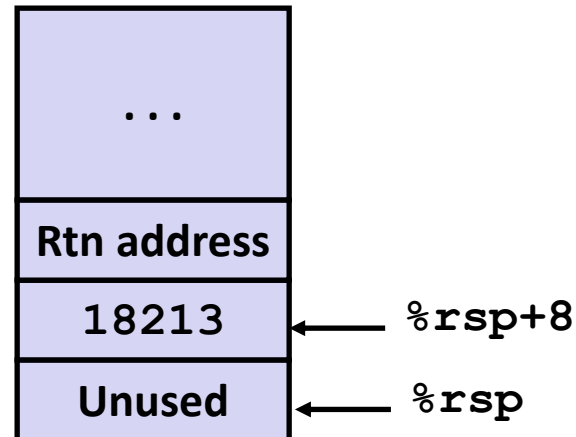
```
long incr(long *p, long val) {
    long x = *p;
    long y = x + val;
    *p = y;
    return x;
}
```

# Example: Calling `incr` #5a

```
long call_incr() {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return v1+v2;
}
```

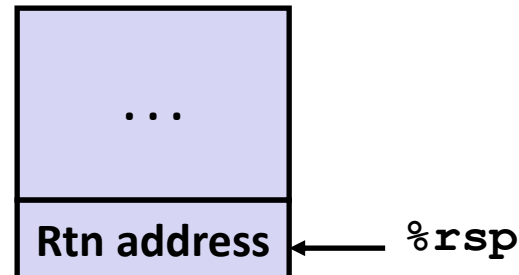
```
call_incr:
    subq    $16, %rsp
    movq    $15213, 8(%rsp)
    movl    $3000, %esi
    leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
    call    incr
    addq    8(%rsp), %rax
    addq    $16, %rsp
    ret
```

## Stack Structure



Register	Use(s)
<code>%rax</code>	Return value

## Updated Stack Structure

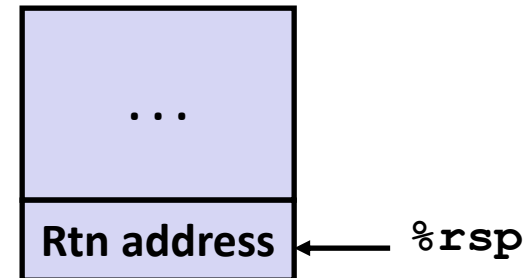


# Example: Calling `incr` #5b

```
long call_incr() {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return v1+v2;
}
```

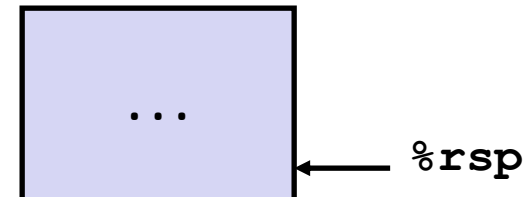
```
call_incr:
    subq    $16, %rsp
    movq    $15213, 8(%rsp)
    movl    $3000, %esi
    leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
    call    incr
    addq    8(%rsp), %rax
    addq    $16, %rsp
    ret
```

## Updated Stack Structure



Register	Use(s)
<code>%rax</code>	Return value

## Final Stack Structure



# Register Saving Conventions

- When procedure `yoo` calls `who`:
  - `yoo` is the *caller*
  - `who` is the *callee*
- Can a register be used for temporary storage?

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

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

- Contents of register `%rdx` overwritten by `who`
- If a callee *clobbers* your register, its value is lost!
  - Need coordination between caller/callee

# Register Saving Conventions

- When procedure *yoo* calls *who*:
  - *yoo* is the *caller*
  - *who* is the *callee*
- Can register be used for temporary storage?
- Conventions
  - *“Caller Saved”*
    - Caller must save values in its stack frame before call
  - *“Callee Saved”*
    - Callee saves values in its frame before using
    - Callee restores values before returning

# x86-64 Linux Register Usage #1

## ■ `%rax`

- Return value
- Also caller-saved
- Can be modified by procedure

## ■ `%rdi, ..., %r9`

- Integer arguments
- Also caller-saved
- Can be modified by procedure

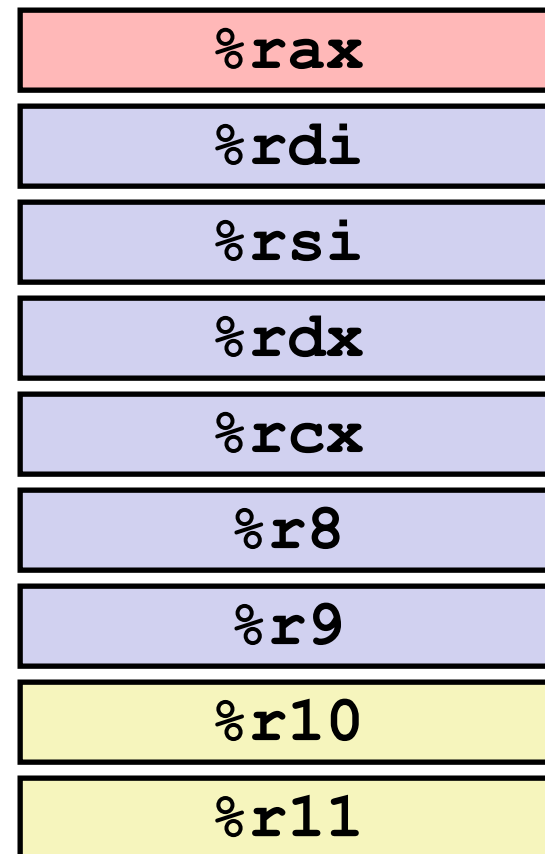
## ■ `%r10, %r11`

- Caller-saved
- Can be modified by procedure

Caller-saved  
Return value

Caller-saved  
Arguments

Caller-saved  
Temporaries



# x86-64 Linux Register Usage #2

## ■ `%rbx`, `%r12`, `%r13`, `%r14`

- Callee-saved
- Callee must save & restore

## ■ `%rbp`

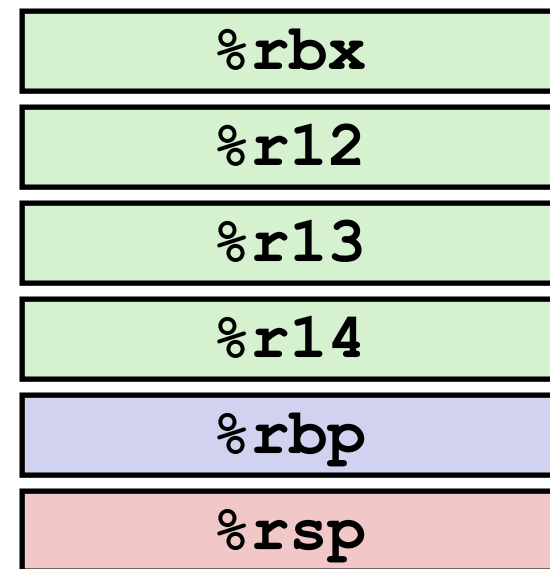
- Callee-saved
- Callee must save & restore
- May be used as frame pointer
- Compiler decides use of `rbp`

## ■ `%rsp`

- Special form of callee save
- Restored to original value upon exit from procedure

Callee-saved  
Temporaries

Special



# Quiz Time!

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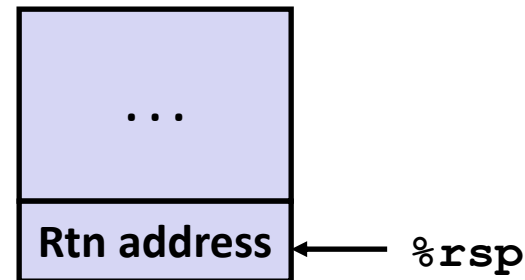
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# Callee-Saved Example #1

```
long call_incr2(long x) {  
    long v1 = 15213;  
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);  
    return x+v2;  
}
```

Initial Stack Structure



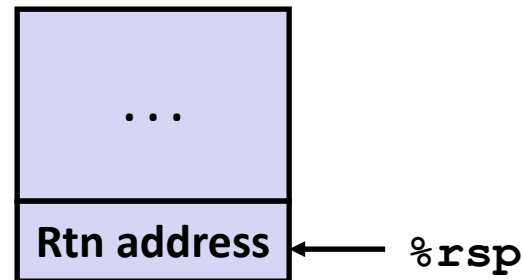
- **x** comes in register **%rdi**.
- We need **%rdi** for the call to **incr**.
- Where should be put **x**, so we can use it after the call to **incr**?

# Callee-Saved Example #2

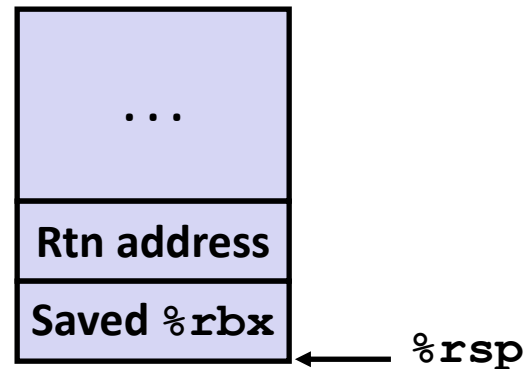
```
long call_incr2(long x) {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return x+v2;
}
```

```
call_incr2:
    pushq    %rbx
    subq    $16, %rsp
    movq    %rdi, %rbx
    movq    $15213, 8(%rsp)
    movl    $3000, %esi
    leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
    call    incr
    addq    %rbx, %rax
    addq    $16, %rsp
    popq    %rbx
    ret
```

## Initial Stack Structure



## Resulting Stack Structure

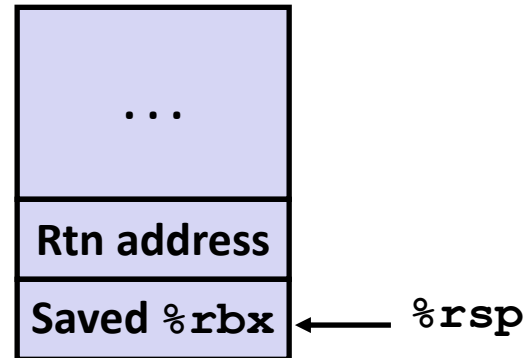


# Callee-Saved Example #3

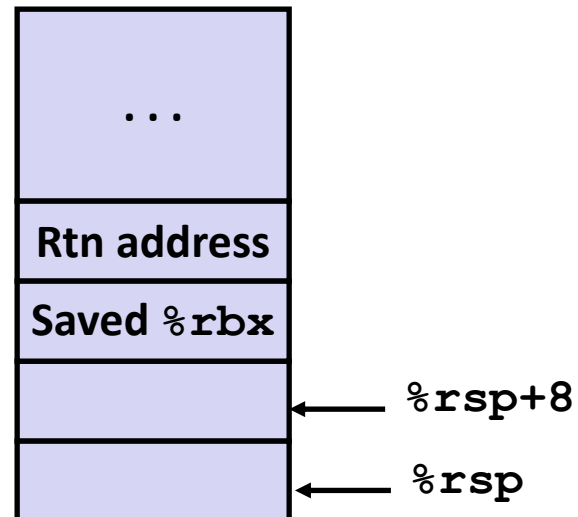
```
long call_incr2(long x) {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return x+v2;
}
```

```
call_incr2:
    pushq    %rbx
    subq    $16, %rsp
    movq    %rdi, %rbx
    movq    $15213, 8(%rsp)
    movl    $3000, %esi
    leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
    call    incr
    addq    %rbx, %rax
    addq    $16, %rsp
    popq    %rbx
    ret
```

## Initial Stack Structure



## Resulting Stack Structure

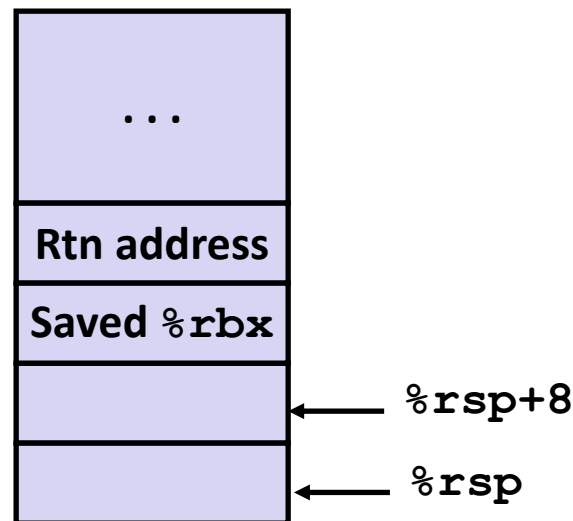


# Callee-Saved Example #4

```
long call_incr2(long x) {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return x+v2;
}
```

```
call_incr2:
    pushq    %rbx
    subq    $16, %rsp
    movq    %rdi, %rbx
    movq    $15213, 8(%rsp)
    movl    $3000, %esi
    leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
    call    incr
    addq    %rbx, %rax
    addq    $16, %rsp
    popq    %rbx
    ret
```

## Stack Structure



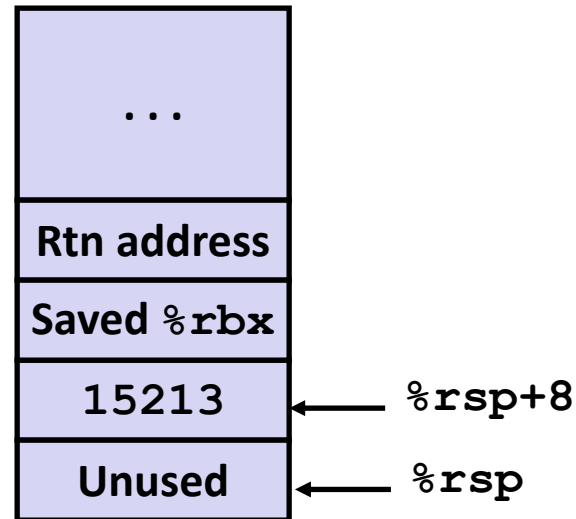
- **x** is saved in **%rbx**,  
a callee saved register

# Callee-Saved Example #5

```
long call_incr2(long x) {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return x+v2;
}
```

```
call_incr2:
    pushq    %rbx
    subq    $16, %rsp
    movq    %rdi, %rbx
    movq    $15213, 8(%rsp)
    movl    $3000, %esi
    leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
    call    incr
    addq    %rbx, %rax
    addq    $16, %rsp
    popq    %rbx
    ret
```

## Stack Structure



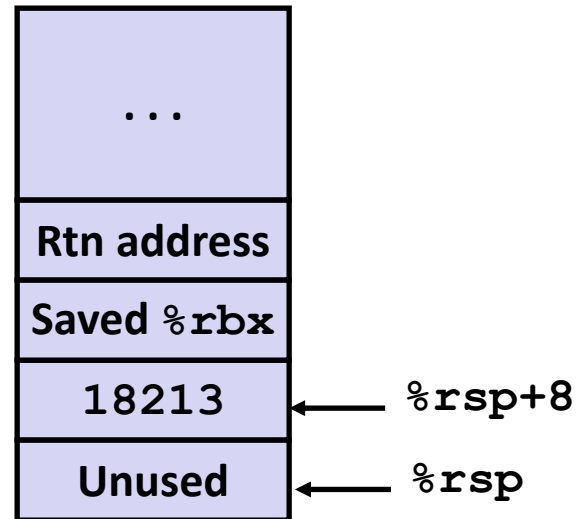
- **x** is saved in **%rbx**,  
a callee saved register

# Callee-Saved Example #6

```
long call_incr2(long x) {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return x+v2;
}
```

```
call_incr2:
    pushq    %rbx
    subq    $16, %rsp
    movq    %rdi, %rbx
    movq    $15213, 8(%rsp)
    movl    $3000, %esi
    leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
    call    incr
    addq    %rbx, %rax
    addq    $16, %rsp
    popq    %rbx
    ret
```

## Stack Structure



Upon return from `incr`:

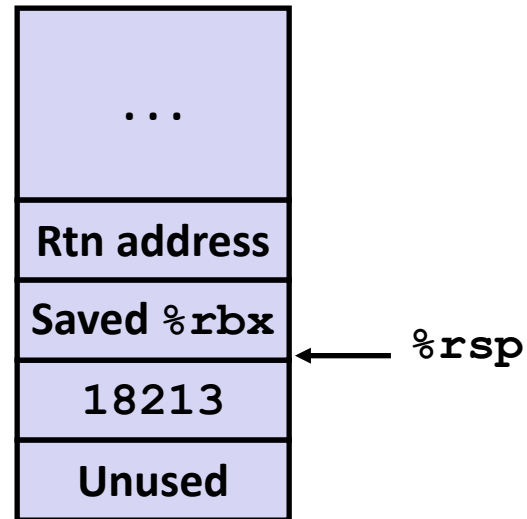
- `x` safe in `%rbx`
- Return val `v2` in `%rax`
- Compute `x+v2`:  
`addq %rbx, %rax`

# Callee-Saved Example #7

```
long call_incr2(long x) {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return x+v2;
}
```

```
call_incr2:
    pushq    %rbx
    subq    $16, %rsp
    movq    %rdi, %rbx
    movq    $15213, 8(%rsp)
    movl    $3000, %esi
    leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
    call    incr
    addq    %rbx, %rax
    addq    $16, %rsp
    popq    %rbx
    ret
```

## Stack Structure



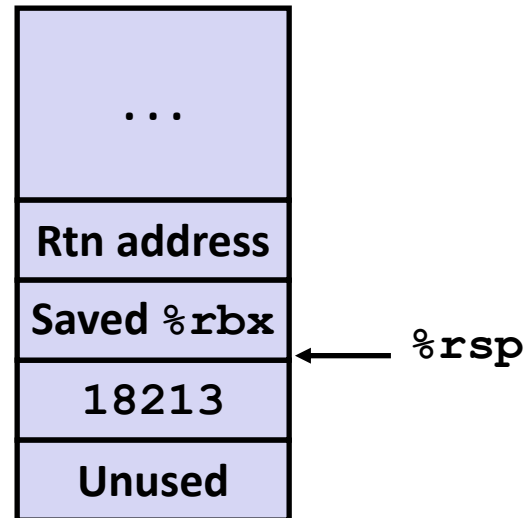
- Return result in `%rax`

# Callee-Saved Example #8

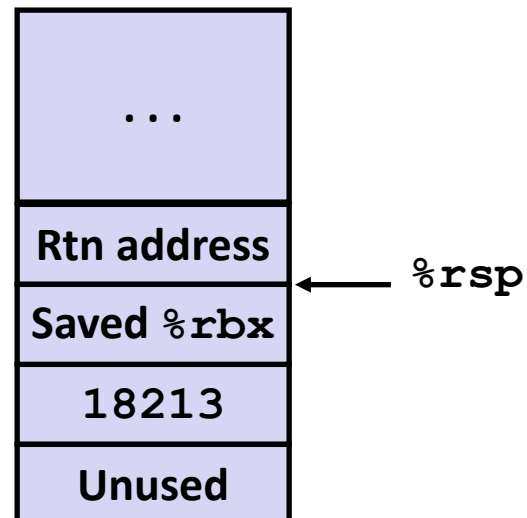
```
long call_incr2(long x) {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return x+v2;
}
```

```
call_incr2:
    pushq    %rbx
    subq    $16, %rsp
    movq    %rdi, %rbx
    movq    $15213, 8(%rsp)
    movl    $3000, %esi
    leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
    call    incr
    addq    %rbx, %rax
    addq    $16, %rsp
    popq    %rbx
    ret
```

## Initial Stack Structure



## final Stack Structure





# Today

## ■ Procedures

- Mechanisms
- Stack Structure
- Calling Conventions
  - Passing control
  - Passing data
  - Managing local data
- **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);  
}
```

```
pcount_r:  
    movl    $0, %eax  
    testq   %rdi, %rdi  
    je     .L6  
    pushq  %rbx  
    movq   %rdi, %rbx  
    andl   $1, %ebx  
    shrq   %rdi  
    call   pcount_r  
    addq   %rbx, %rax  
    popq   %rbx  
.L6:  
    rep; ret
```

# Recursive Function Terminal Case

```

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

```

```

pcount_r:
    movl    $0, %eax
    testq   %rdi, %rdi
    je     .L6
    pushq   %rbx
    movq    %rdi, %rbx
    andl    $1, %ebx
    shrq    %rdi
    call    pcount_r
    addq    %rbx, %rax
    popq    %rbx
.L6:
    rep; ret

```

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

# Recursive Function Register Save

```

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

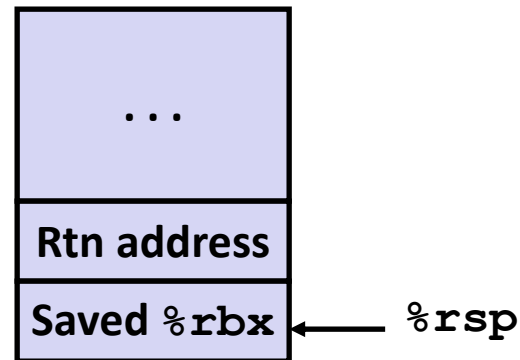
```

```

pcount_r:
    movl    $0, %eax
    testq   %rdi, %rdi
    je      .L6
    pushq   %rbx
    movq    %rdi, %rbx
    andl    $1, %ebx
    shrq    %rdi
    call    pcount_r
    addq    %rbx, %rax
    popq    %rbx
.L6:
    rep; ret

```

Register	Use(s)	Type
%rdi	x	Argument



# 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);
}

```

```

pcount_r:
    movl    $0, %eax
    testq  %rdi, %rdi
    je     .L6
    pushq  %rbx
    movq   %rdi, %rbx
    andl   $1, %ebx
    shrq   %rdi
    call   pcount_r
    addq   %rbx, %rax
    popq   %rbx
.L6:
    rep; ret

```

Register	Use(s)	Type
%rdi	x >> 1	Recursive argument
%rbx	x & 1	Callee-saved

# Recursive Function Call

```

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

```

```

pcount_r:
    movl    $0, %eax
    testq   %rdi, %rdi
    je      .L6
    pushq   %rbx
    movq    %rdi, %rbx
    andl    $1, %ebx
    shrq    %rdi
    call    pcount_r
    addq    %rbx, %rax
    popq    %rbx
.L6:
    rep; ret

```

Register	Use(s)	Type
%rbx	x & 1	Callee-saved
%rax	Recursive call return value	

# Recursive Function Result

```

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

```

```

pcount_r:
    movl    $0, %eax
    testq   %rdi, %rdi
    je     .L6
    pushq   %rbx
    movq    %rdi, %rbx
    andl    $1, %ebx
    shrq    %rdi
    call    pcount_r
    addq    %rbx, %rax
    popq    %rbx
.L6:
    rep; ret

```

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

# Recursive Function Completion

```

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

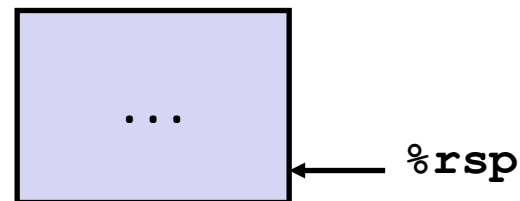
```

```

pcount_r:
    movl    $0, %eax
    testq   %rdi, %rdi
    je      .L6
    pushq   %rbx
    movq    %rdi, %rbx
    andl    $1, %ebx
    shrq    %rdi
    call    pcount_r
    addq    %rbx, %rax
    popq    %rbx
.L6:
    rep; ret

```

Register	Use(s)	Type
%rax	Return value	Return value





# Observations About Recursion

## ■ Handled Without Special Consideration

- Stack frames mean that each function call has private storage
  - Saved registers & local variables
  - Saved return pointer
- Register saving conventions prevent one function call from corrupting another's data
  - Unless the C code explicitly does so (e.g., buffer overflow in Lecture 9)
- Stack discipline follows call / return pattern
  - If P calls Q, then Q returns before P
  - Last-In, First-Out

## ■ Also works for mutual recursion

- P calls Q; Q calls P

# x86-64 Procedure Summary

## ■ Important Points

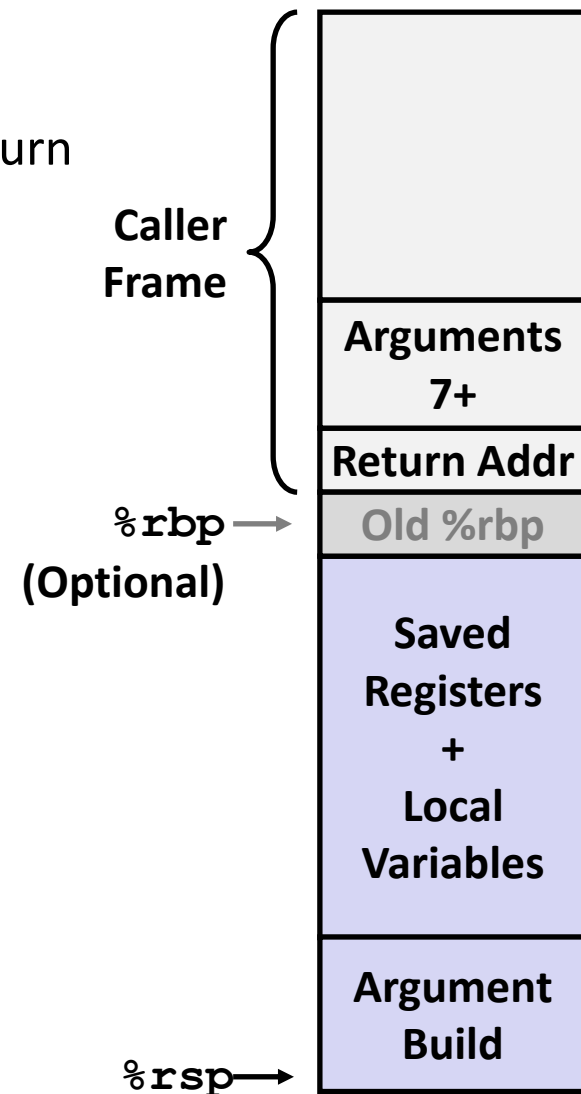
- Stack is the right data structure for procedure call/return
  - If P calls Q, then Q returns before P

## ■ Recursion (& mutual recursion) handled by normal calling conventions

- Can safely store values in local stack frame and in callee-saved registers
- Put function arguments 7+ at top of stack
- Result return in `%rax`

## ■ Pointers are addresses of values

- On stack or global



# Small Exercise

```

long add5(long b0, long b1, long b2, long b3, long b4) {
    return b0+b1+b2+b3+b4;
}

long add10(long a0, long a1, long a2, long a3, long a4, long a5,
           long a6, long a7, long a8, long a9) {
    return add5(a0, a1, a2, a3, a4)+
           add5(a5, a6, a7, a8, a9);
}

```

- Where are a0,..., a9 passed?  
rdi, rsi, rdx, rcx, r8, r9, stack
- Where are b0,..., b4 passed?  
rdi, rsi, rdx, rcx, r8
- Which registers do we need to save?  
Ill-posed question. Need assembly.

