CS107: Lecture 14
Assembly: Function Call and Return

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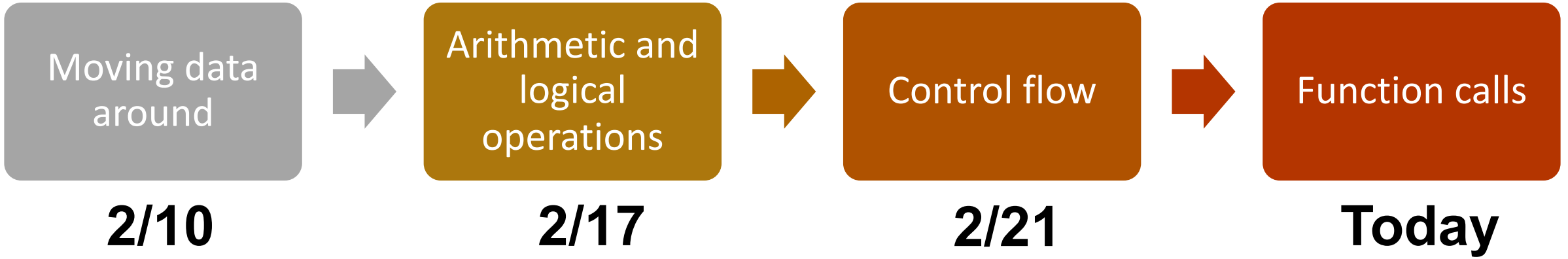
Learning Assembly



Reference Sheet: `cs107.stanford.edu/resources/x86-64-reference.pdf`
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Learning Goals

- Review what %rip represents and how it is updated.
- Learn how assembly calls functions and manages stack frames.
- Learn the rules of register use when calling functions.

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Control

- In C, we have control flow statements like **if**, **else**, **while**, **for**, etc. to write programs that are more expressive than just one instruction following another.
- This is *conditional execution of statements*: executing statements if one condition is true, executing other statements if one condition is false, etc.
- How is this represented in assembly?
  - A way to store conditions that we will check later
  - Assembly instructions whose behavior is dependent on these conditions

Condition Codes

Alongside normal registers, the CPU also has single-bit *condition code* registers. They store information about the most recent arithmetic or logical operation.

Most common condition codes:

- **CF:** Carry flag. The most recent operation generated a carry out of the most significant bit. Used to detect overflow for unsigned operations.
- **ZF:** Zero flag. The most recent operation yielded zero.
- **SF:** Sign flag. The most recent operation yielded a negative value.
- **OF:** Overflow flag. The most recent operation caused a two's-complement overflow-either negative or positive.

Condition Code-Dependent Instructions

There are three common instruction types that rely on condition codes:

- **set** instructions that conditionally set a byte to 0 or 1
- new versions of **mov** instructions that conditionally move data
- **jmp** instructions that conditionally jump to a different instruction (there is also an unconditional jump that always jumps)

Register Responsibilities

Some registers take on special responsibilities during program execution.

- **%rax** stores the return value
- **%rdi** stores the first parameter to a function
- **%rsi** stores the second parameter to a function
- **%rdx** stores the third parameter to a function
- **%rip** stores the address of the next instruction to execute
- **%rsp** stores the address of the current top element on the stack

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How does assembly interact with the stack?

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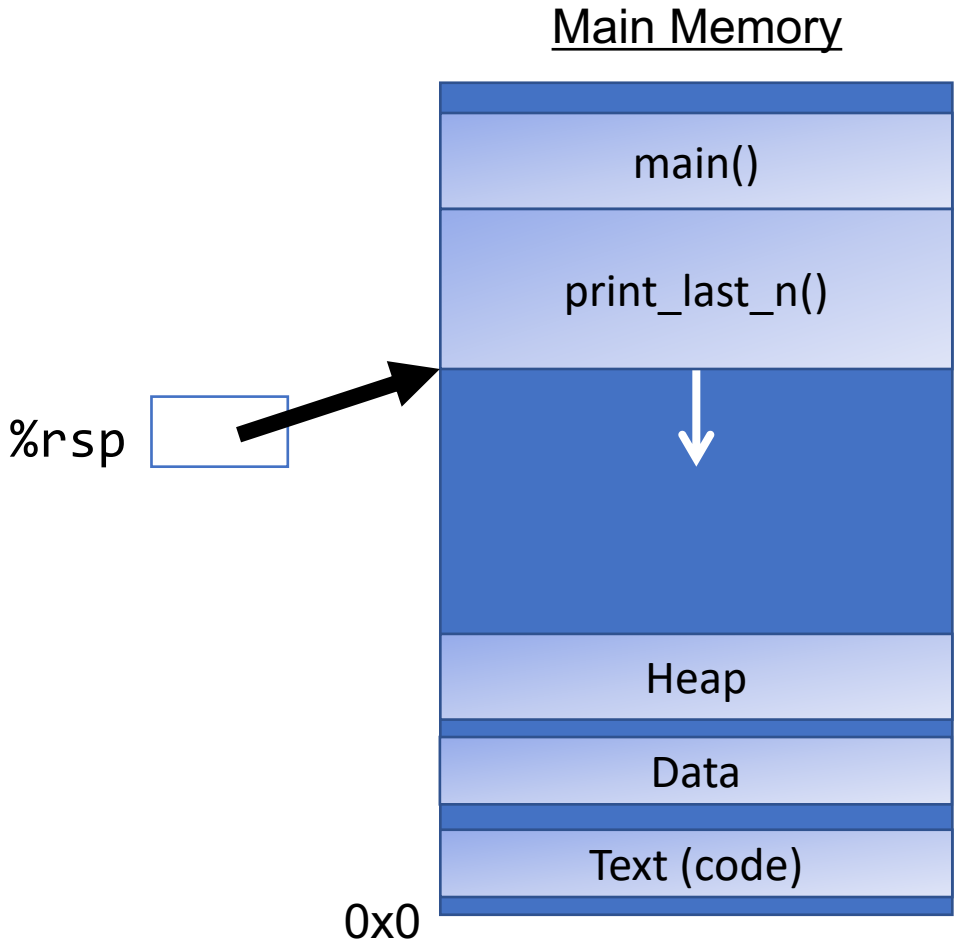

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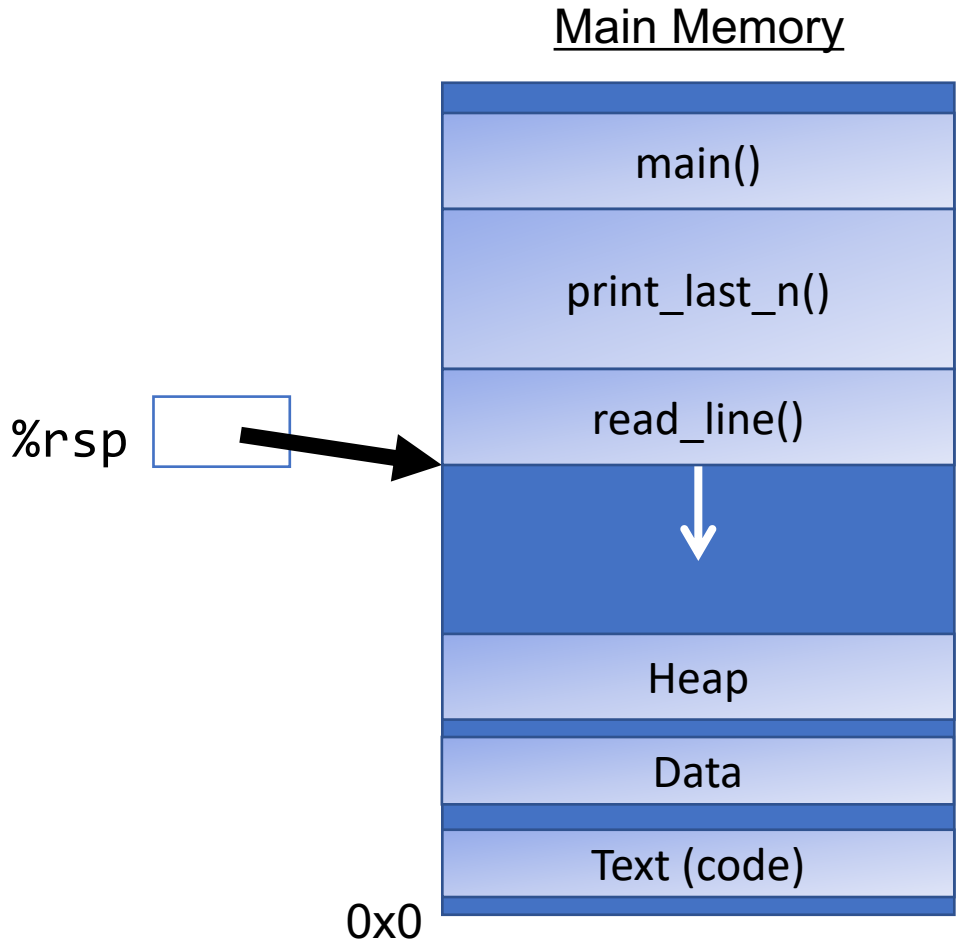

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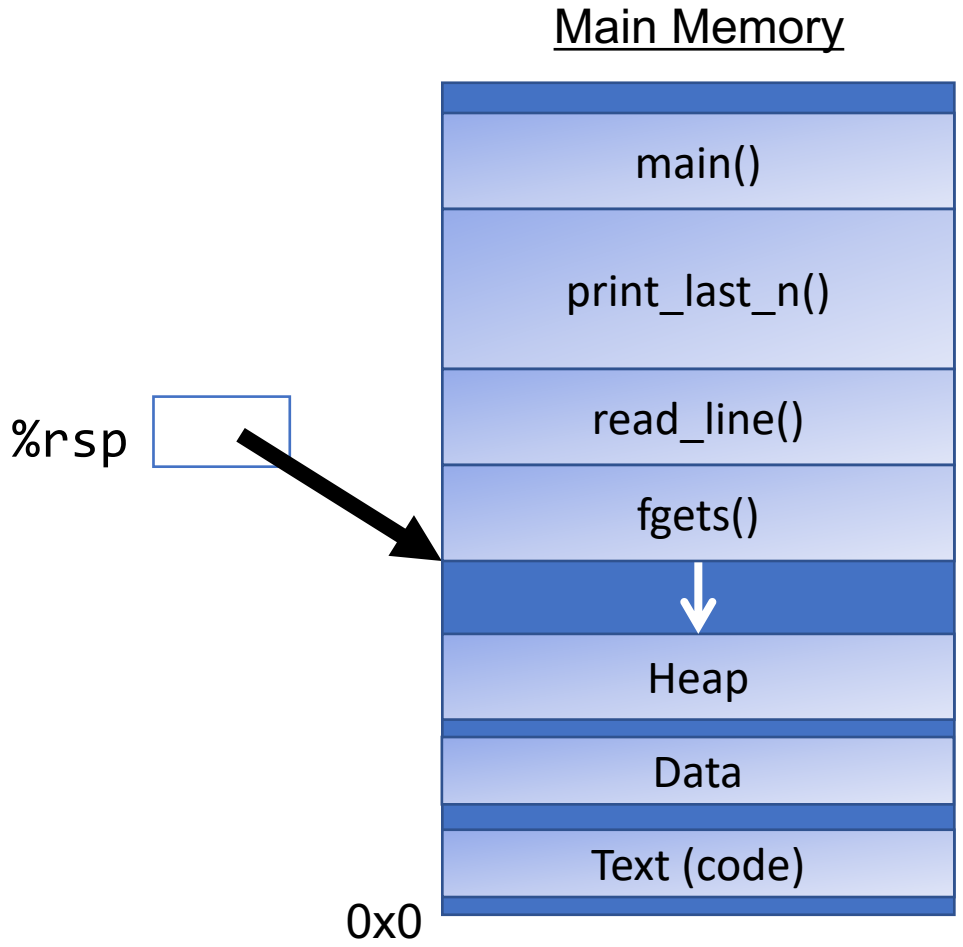

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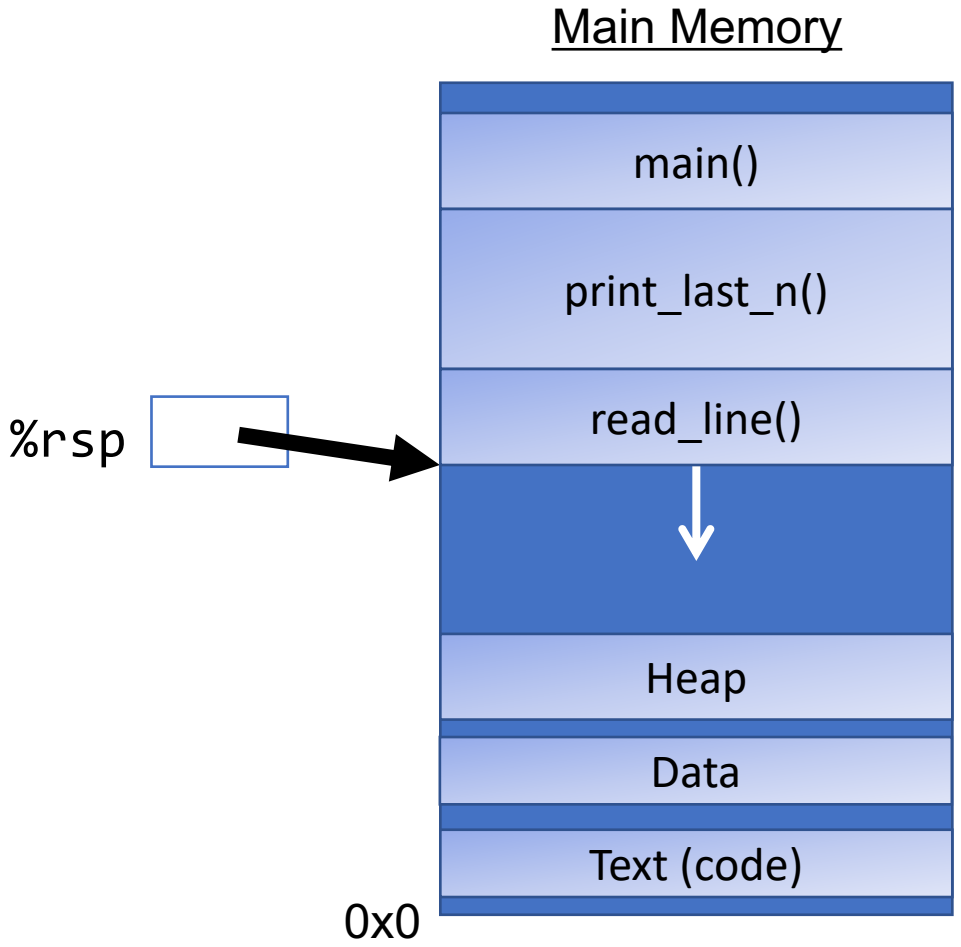

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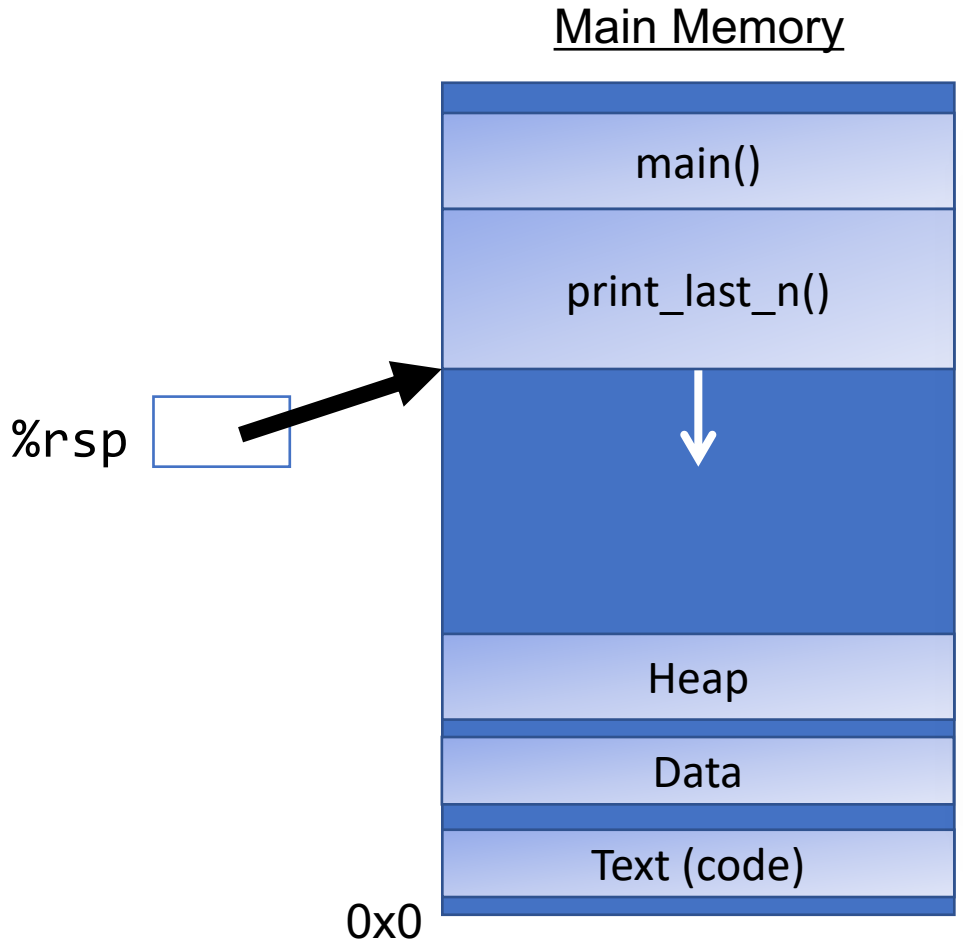

Key idea: %rsp must point to the same place before a function is called and after that function returns, since stack frames go away when a function finishes.

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- The **push** instruction pushes the data at the specified source onto the top of the stack, adjusting **%rsp** accordingly.

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movq  S, (%rsp)
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pop

- The **pop** instruction pops the topmost data from the stack and stores it in the specified destination, adjusting **%rsp** accordingly.

Instruction	Effect
`popq D`	`D ⟵ M[R[%rsp]]` `R[%rsp] ⟵ R[%rsp] + 8;`

- **Note**: this *does not* remove/clear out the data! It just increments %rsp to indicate the next push can overwrite that location.

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movq (%rsp), D
addq $8, %rsp
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Stack Example

Initially	
%rax	0x123
%rdx	0
%rsp	0x108

pushq %rax	
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%rdx	0
%rsp	0x100

popq %rdx	
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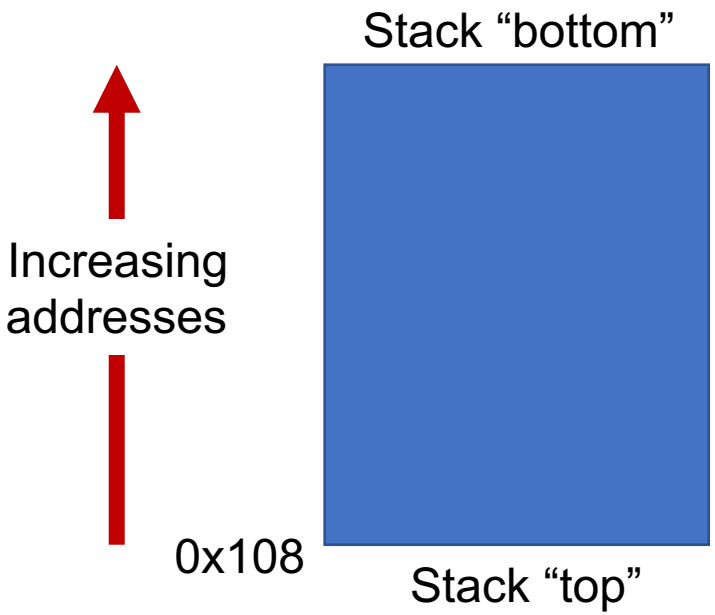

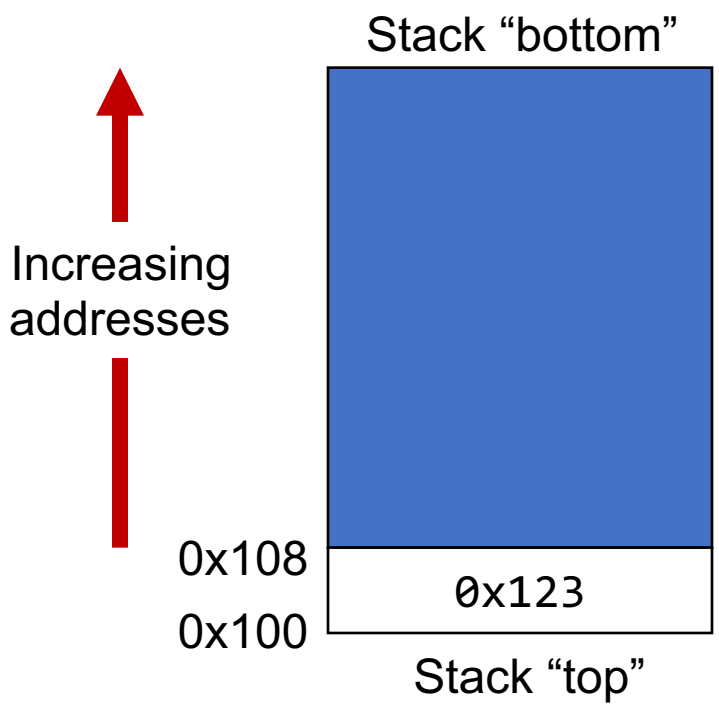

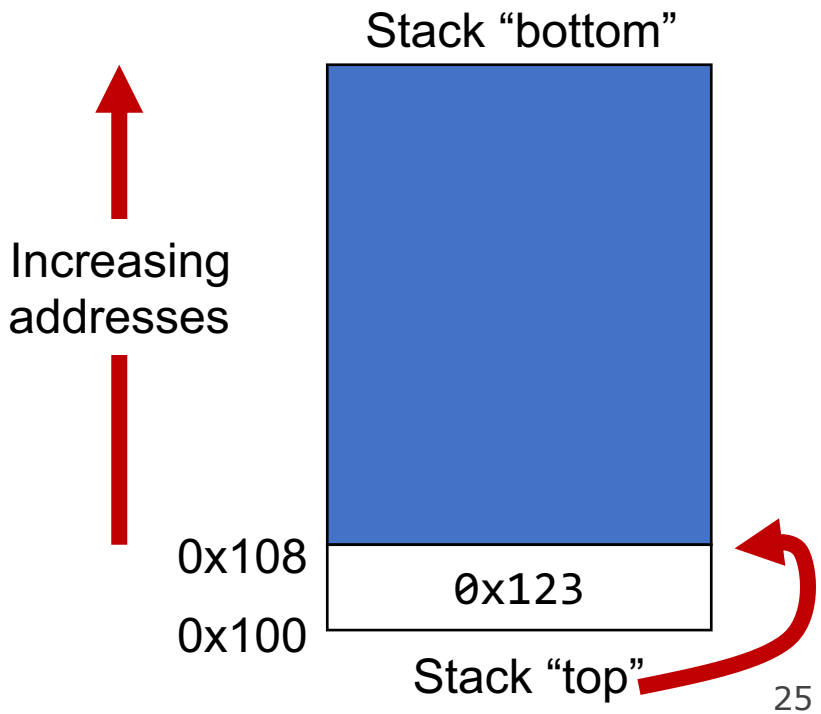

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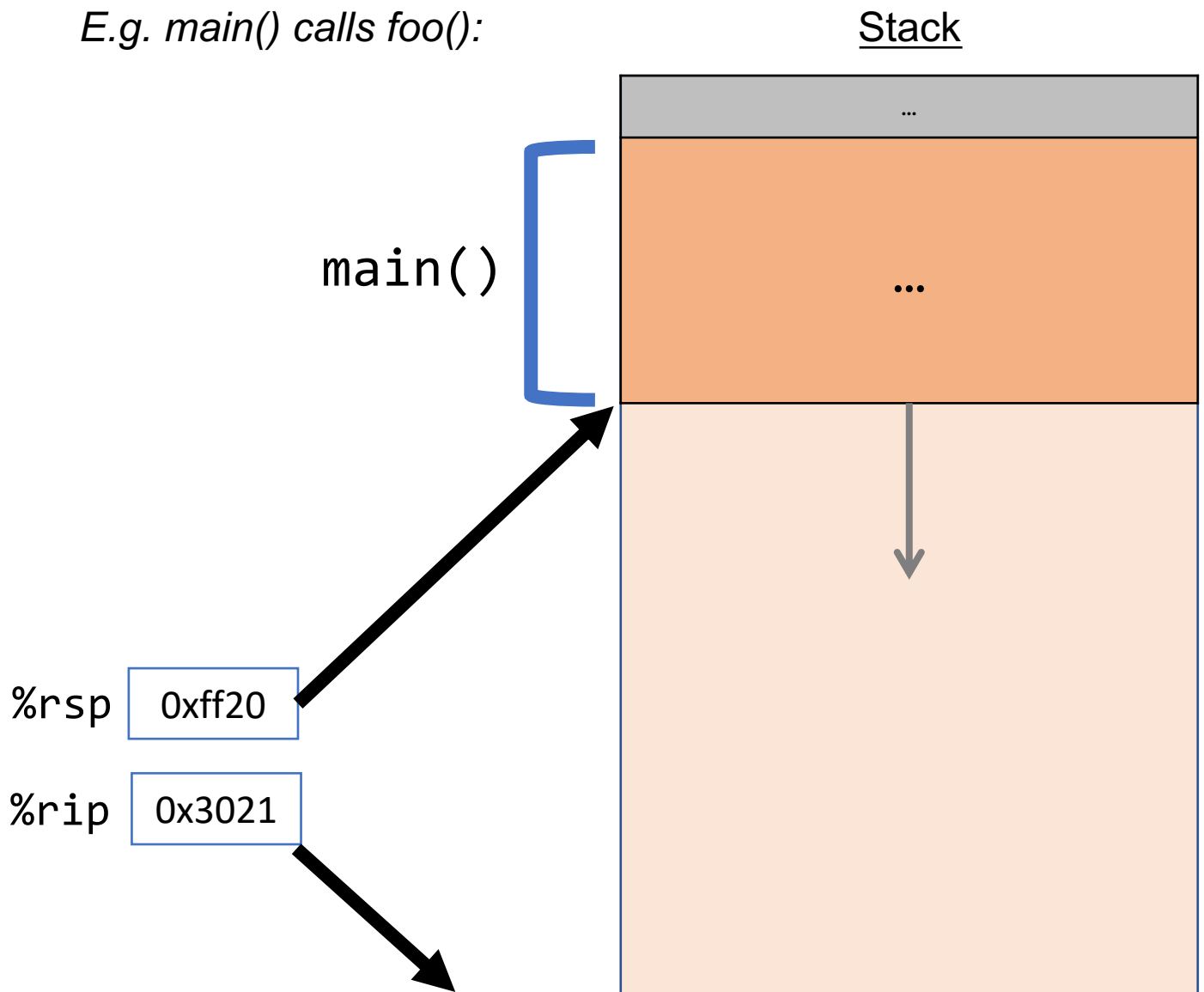

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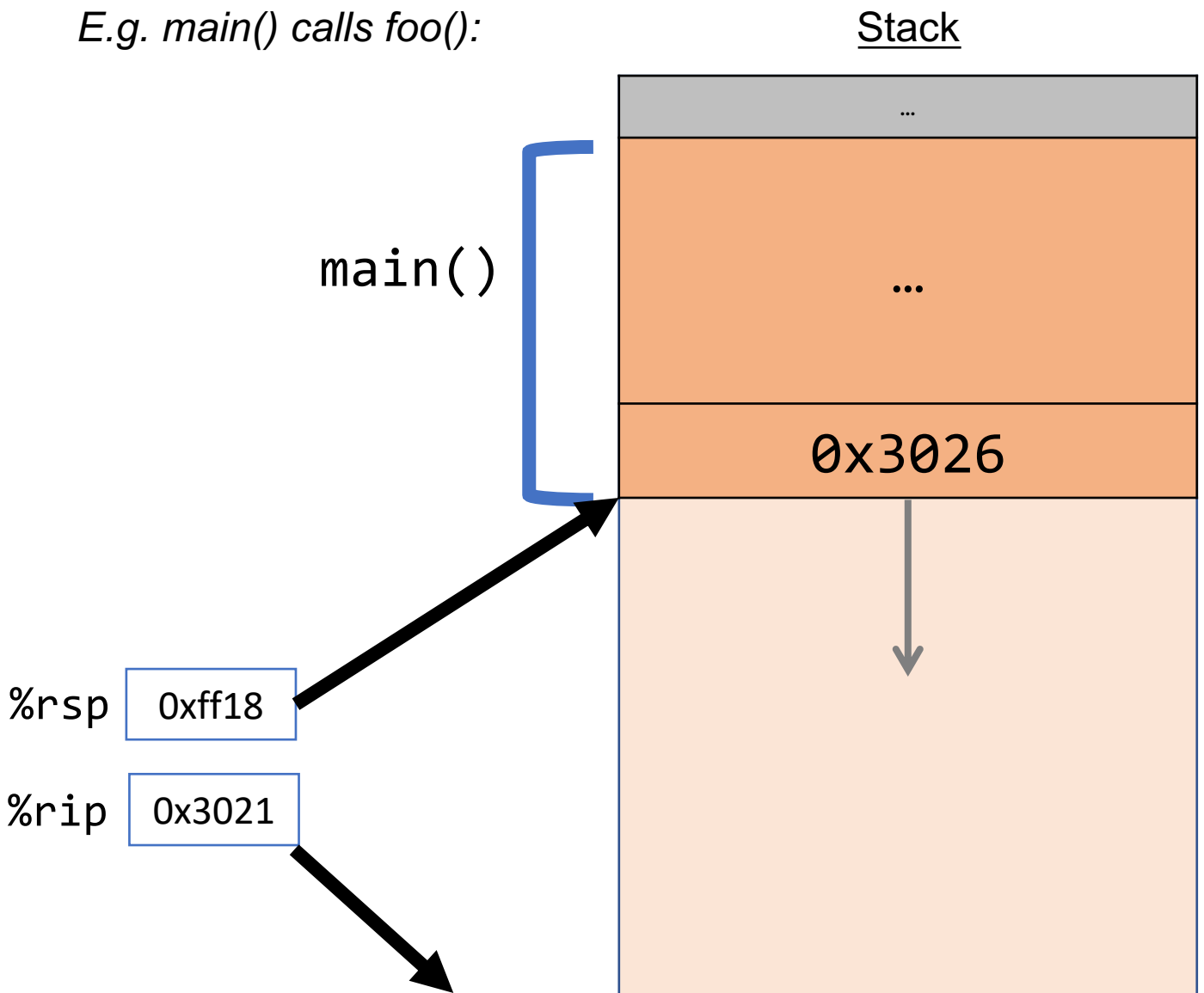

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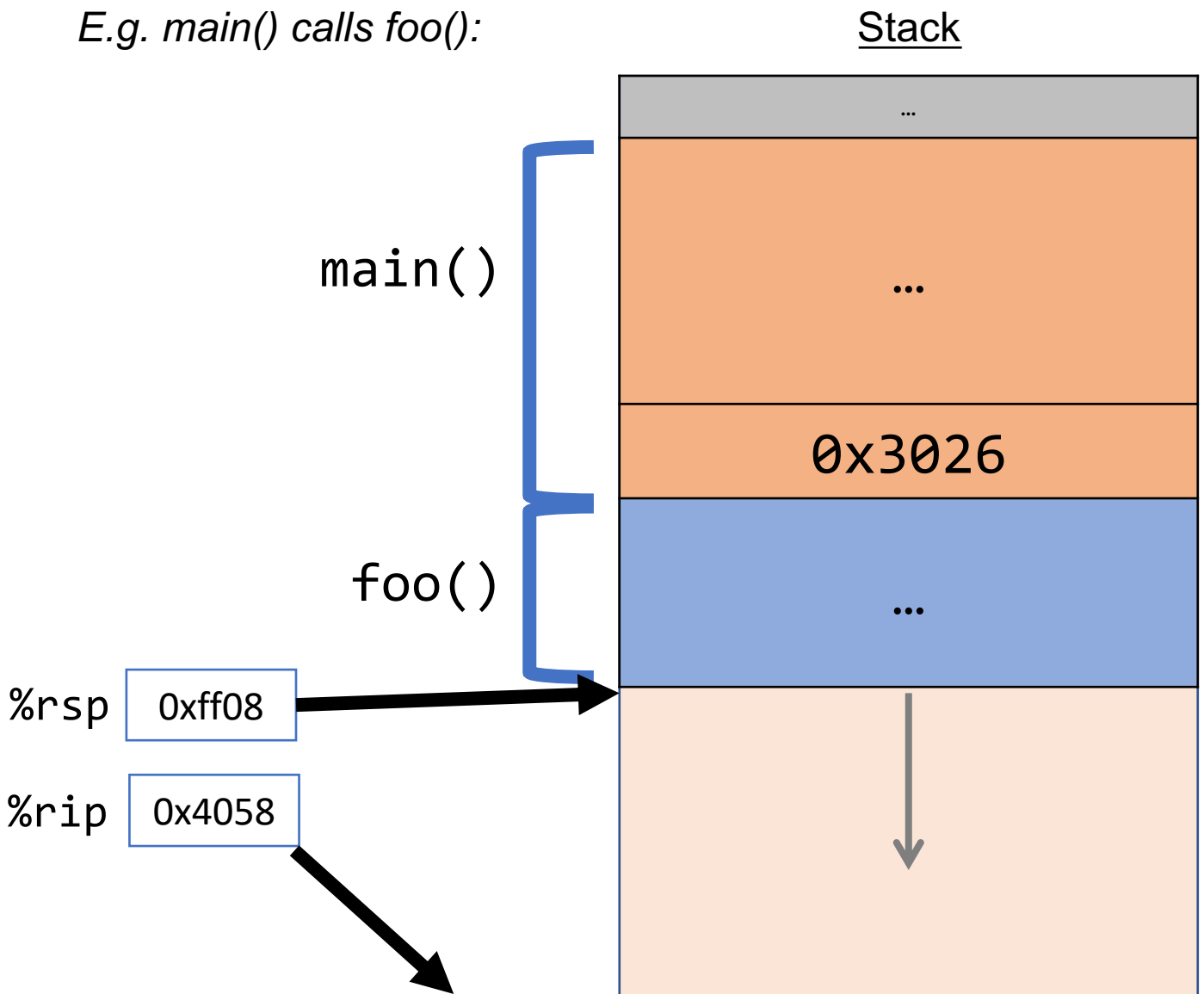

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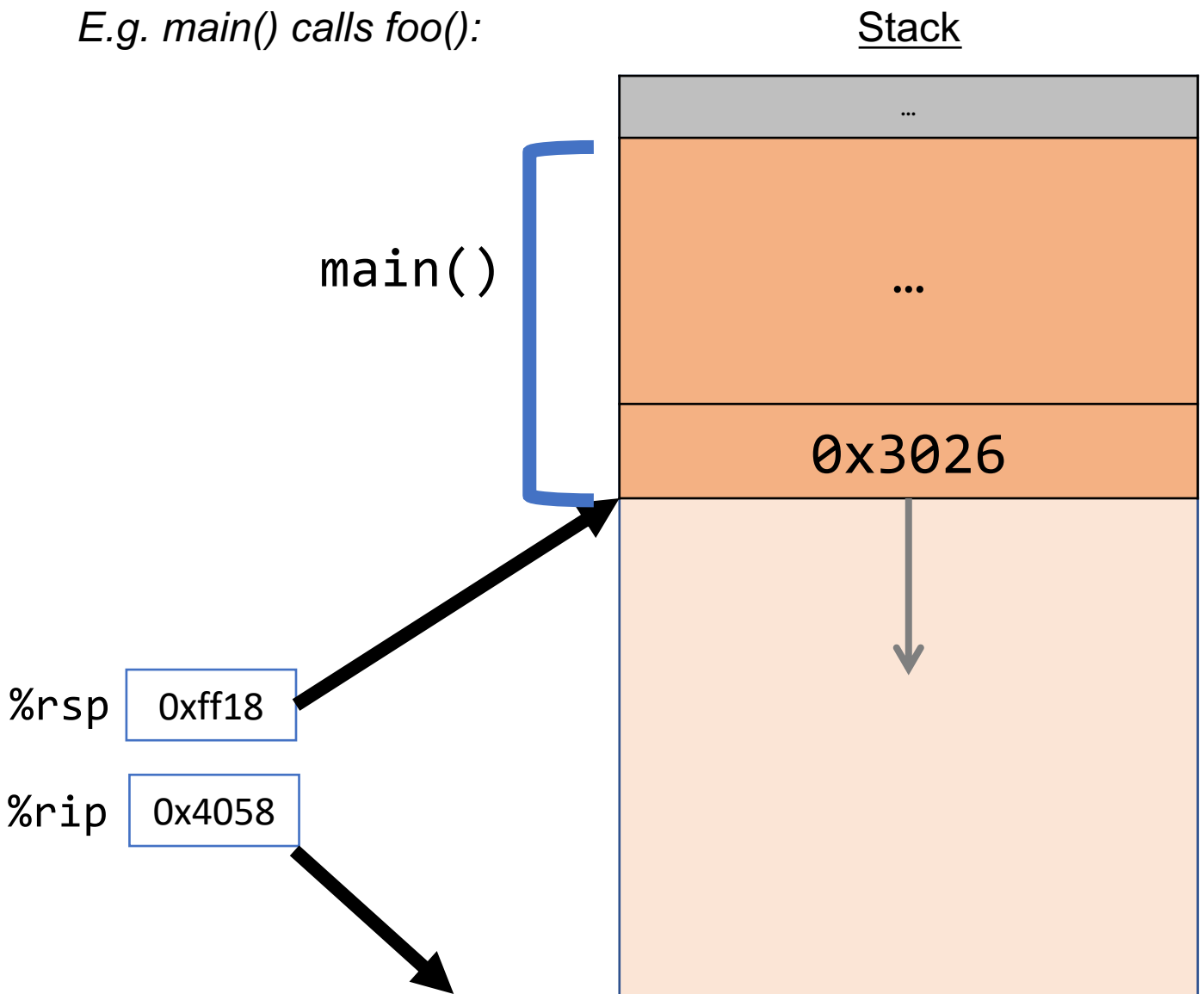

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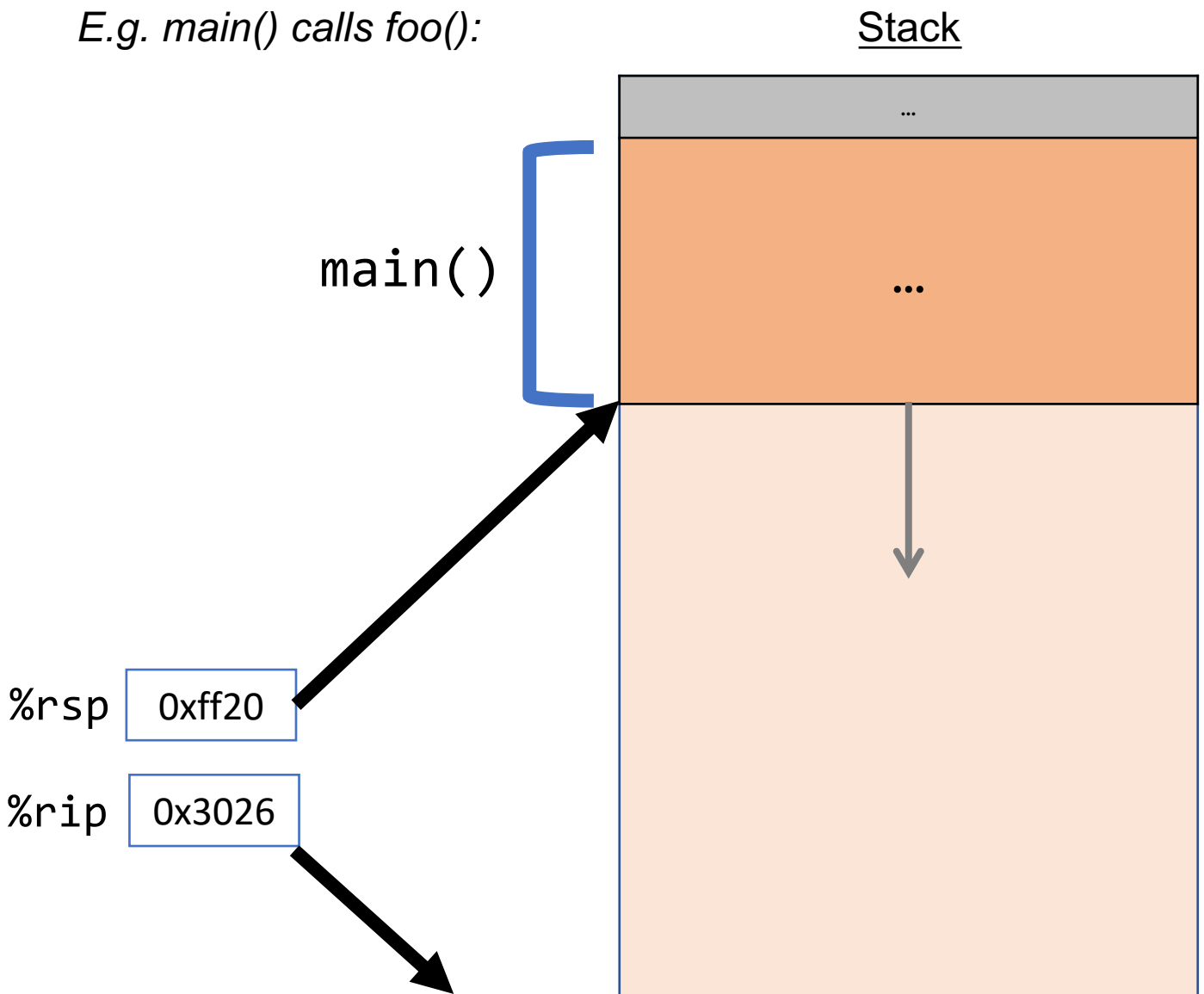

Call And Return

The **call** instruction pushes the address of the instruction immediately following the **call** instruction onto the stack and sets %rip to point to the beginning of the specified function's instructions.

```
call Label
call *Operand
```

The **ret** instruction pops this instruction address from the stack and stores it in %rip.

```
ret
```

The stored %rip value for a function is called its **return address.** It is the address of the instruction at which to resume the function's execution. (not to be confused with **return value**, which is the value returned from a function).

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Mid-Lecture Check-In

We can now answer the following questions:

1. What does %rip store?
2. How does %rip update as we execute instructions?
3. When we call a function, where do we store the instruction to resume executing at in the caller after we return?
4. When the callee is finished, %rip must be updated to the instruction to resume at in the caller. What instruction does this?

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Parameters and Return

- There are special registers that store parameters and the return value.
- To call a function, we must put any parameters we are passing into the correct registers. (%rdi, %rsi, %rdx, %rcx, %r8, %r9, in that order)
- Parameters beyond the first 6 are put on the stack.
- If the caller expects a return value, it looks in %rax after the callee completes.

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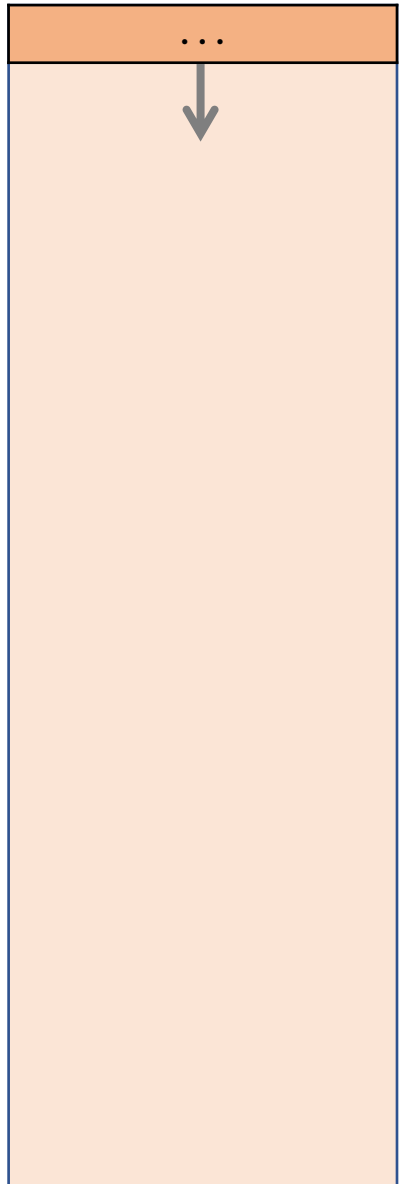

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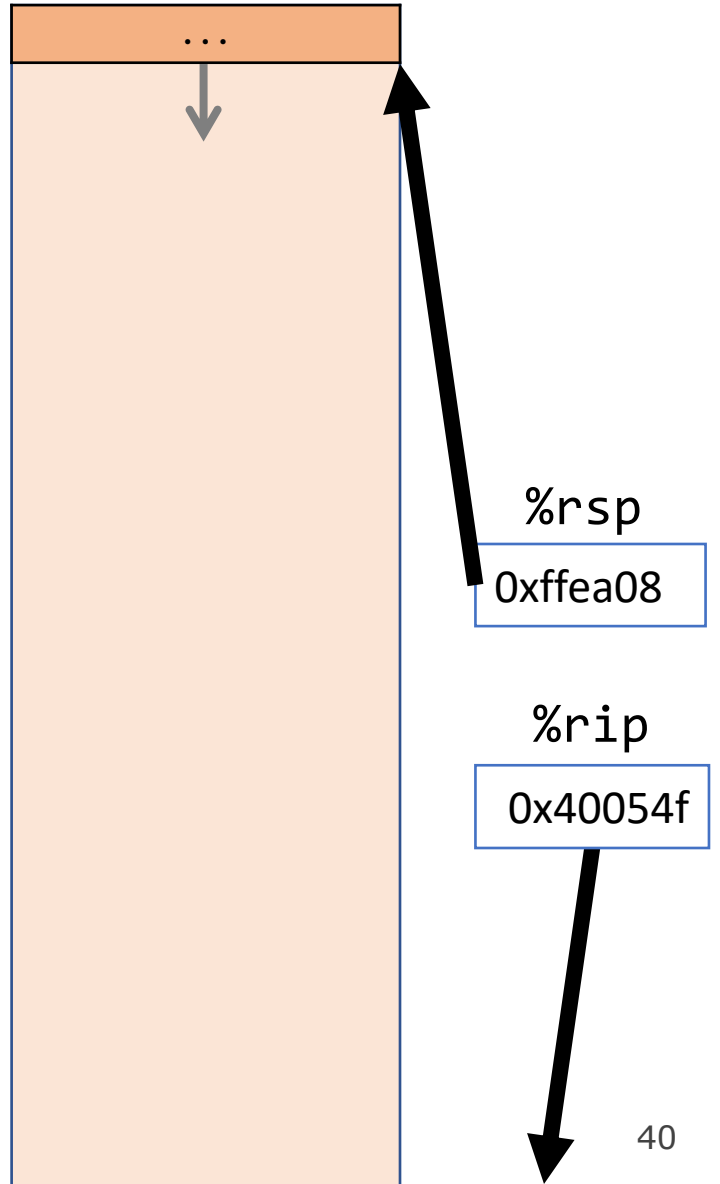

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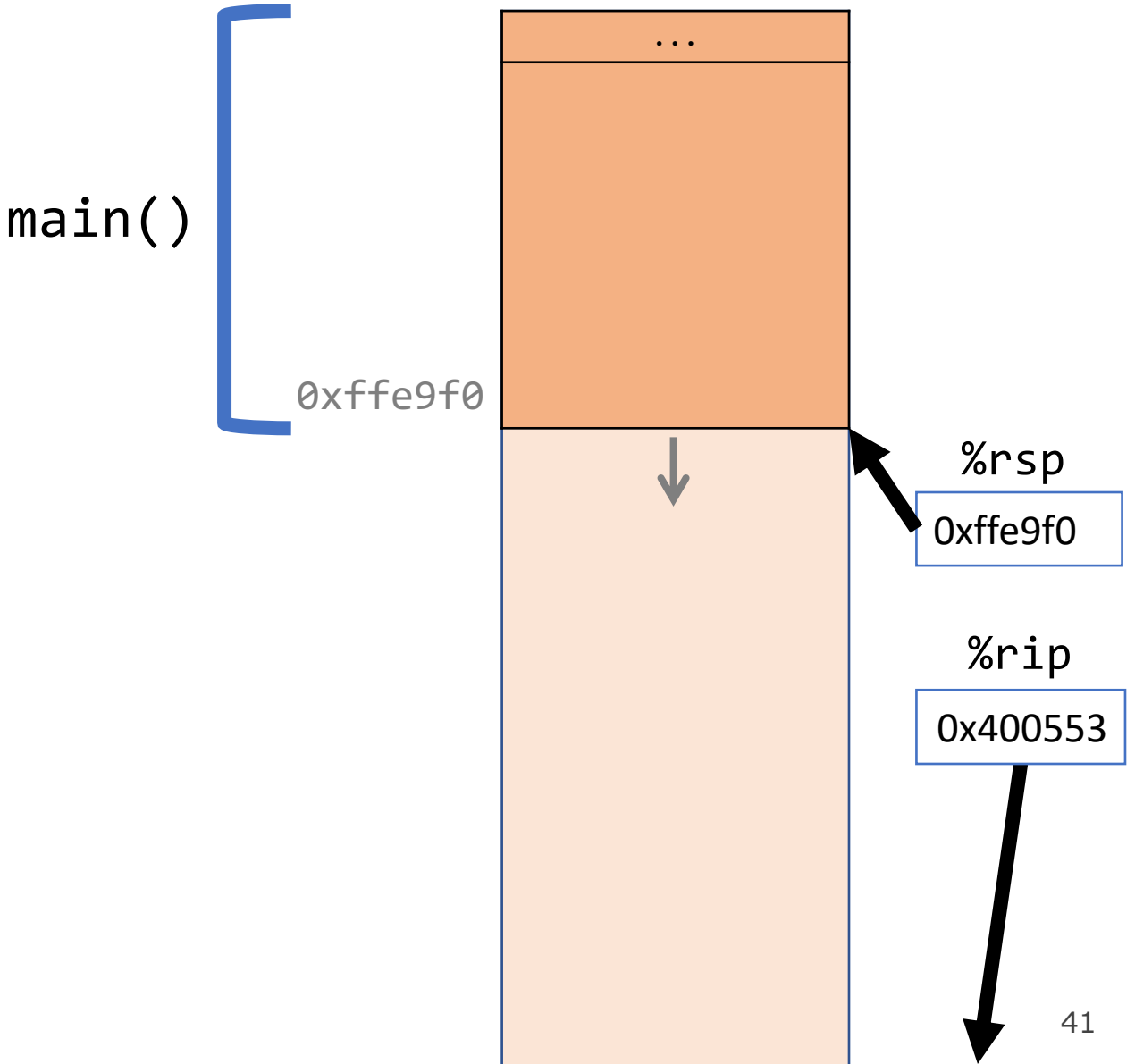

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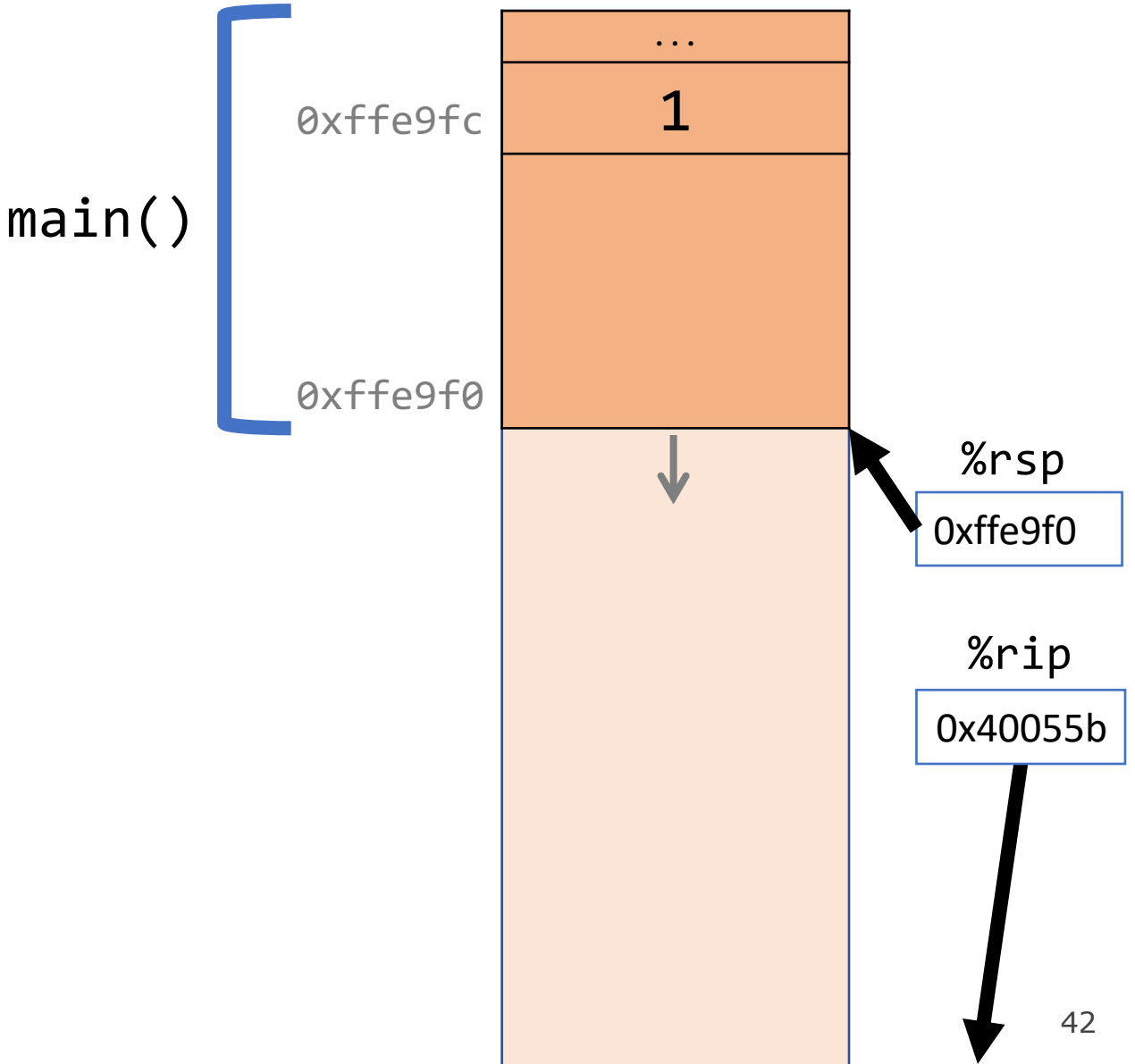

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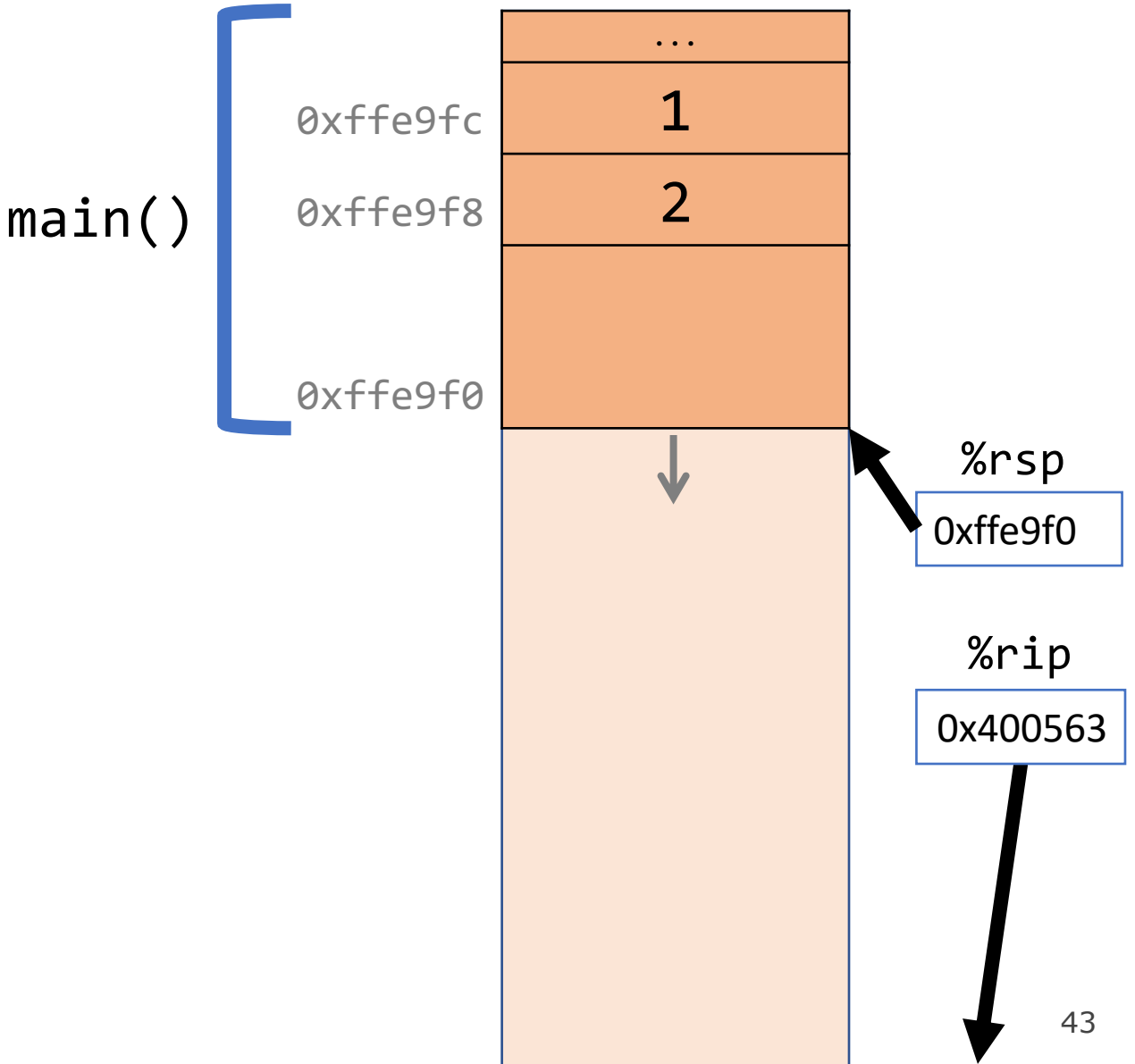

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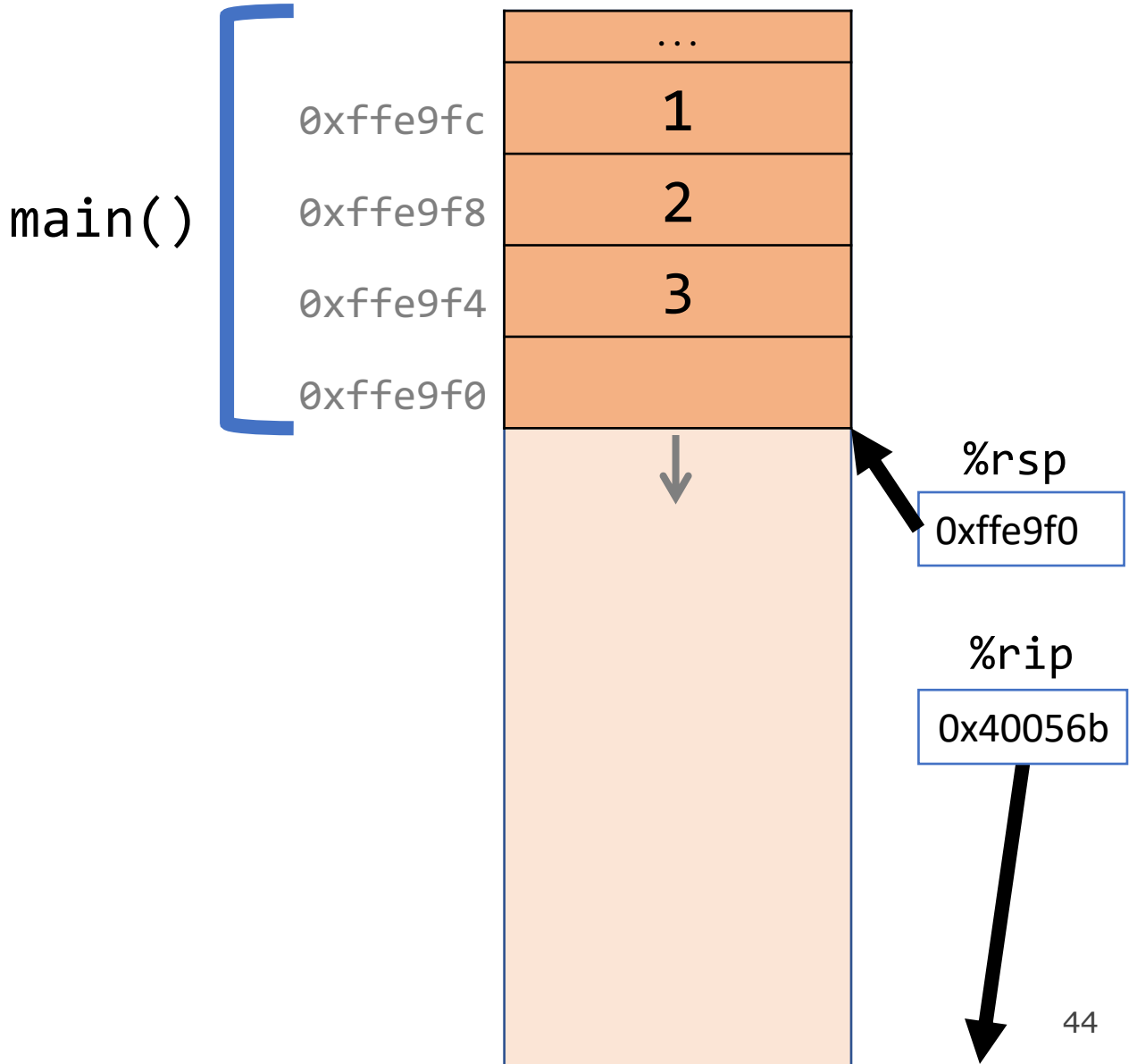

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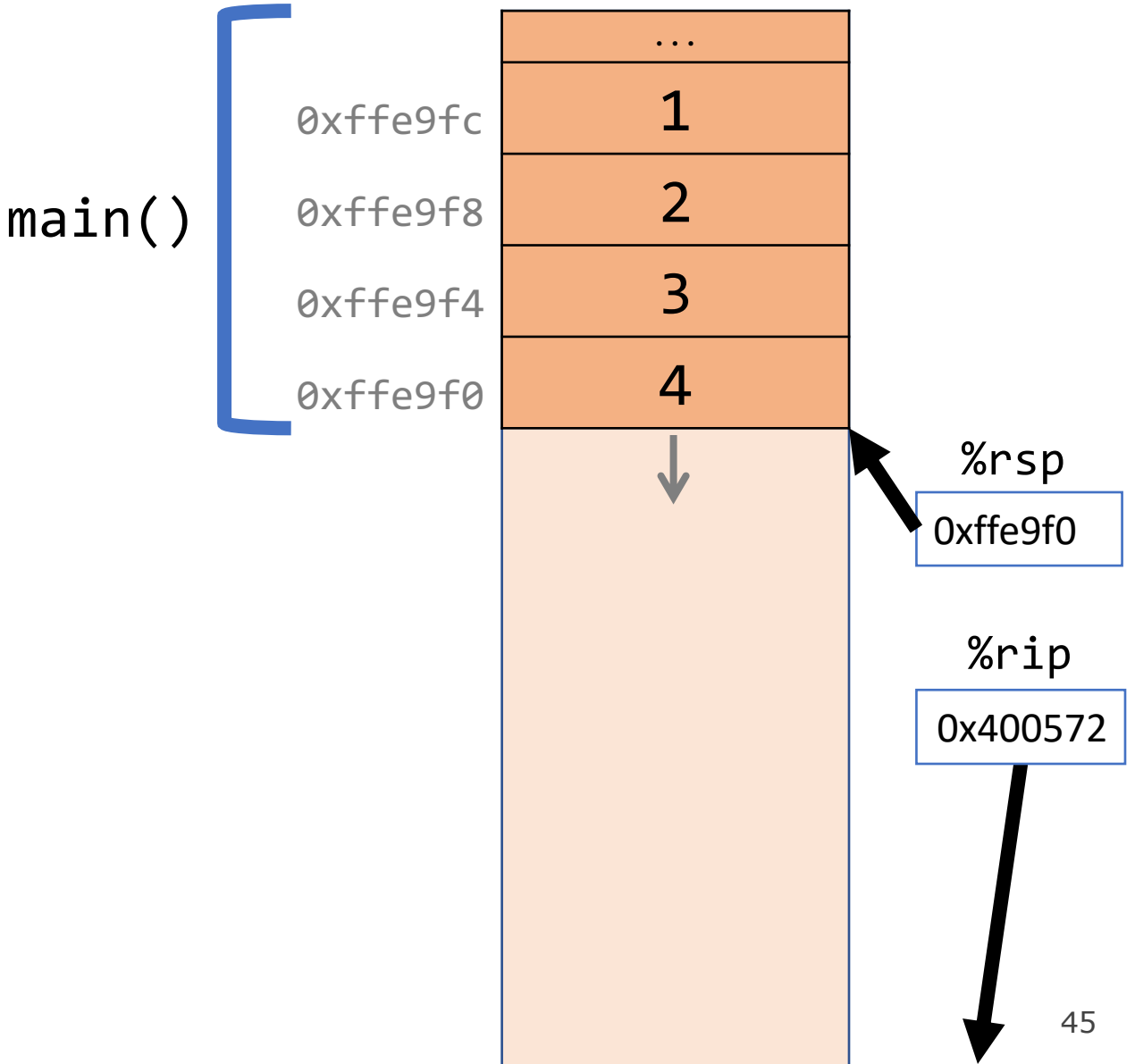

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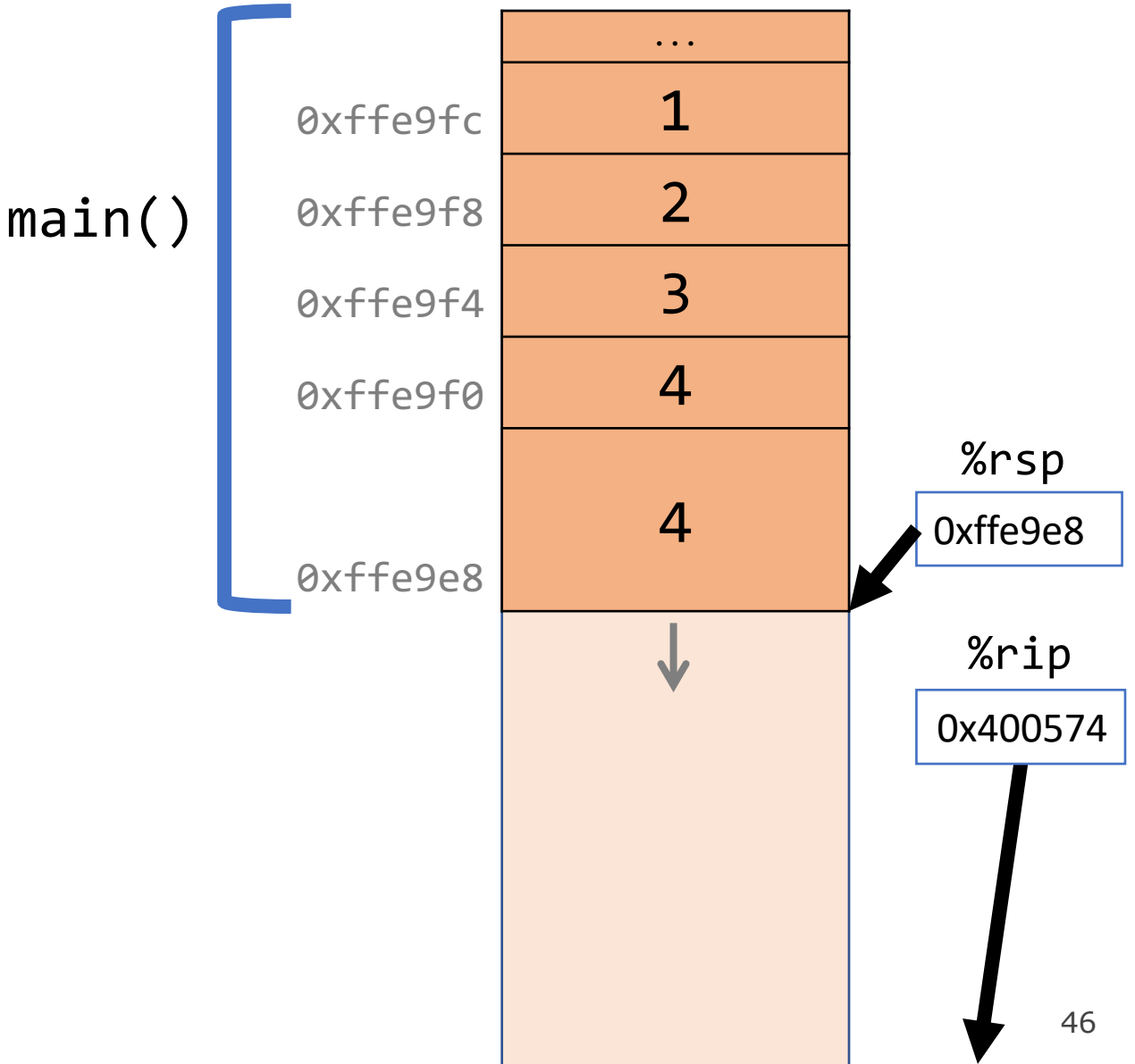

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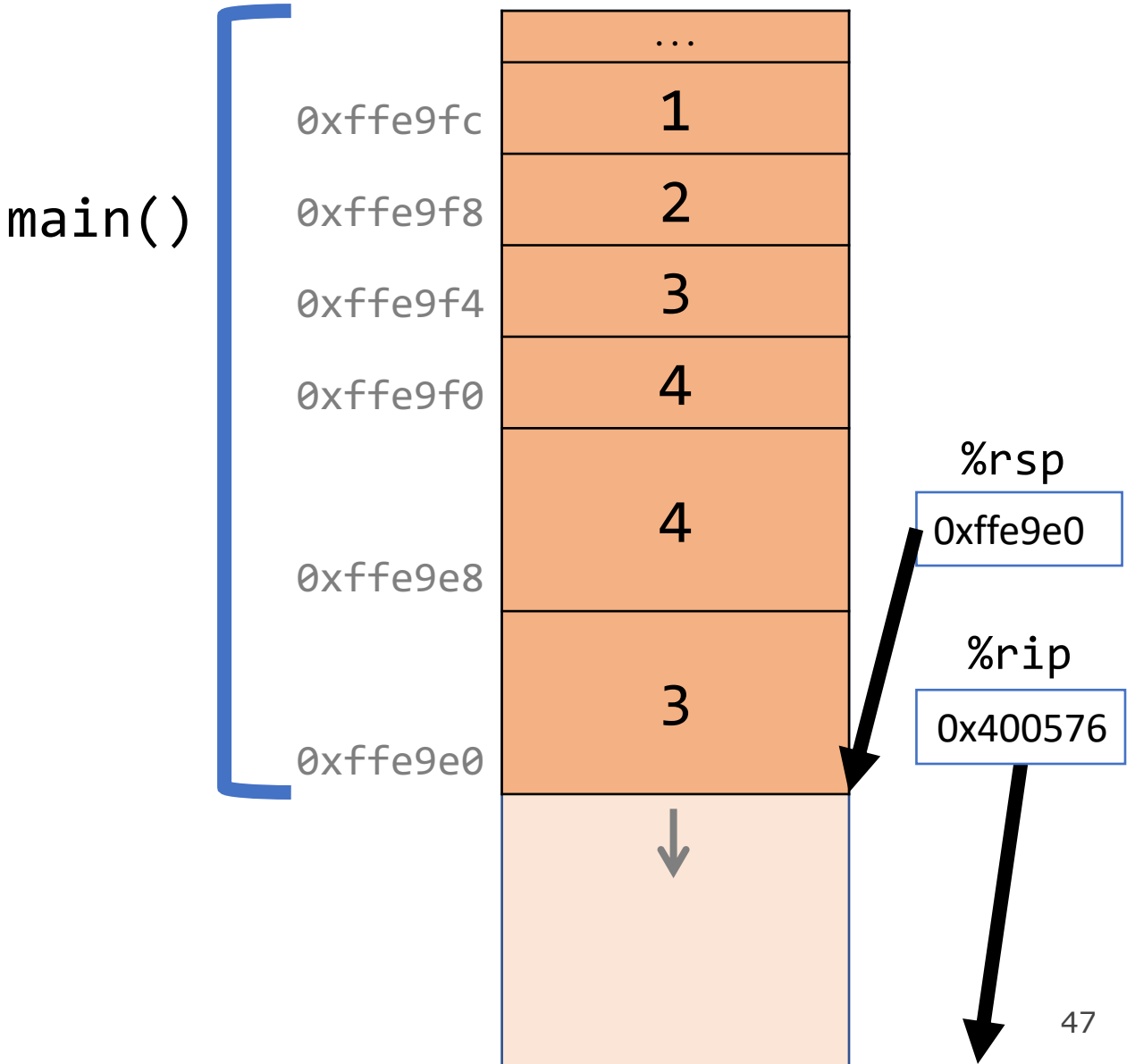

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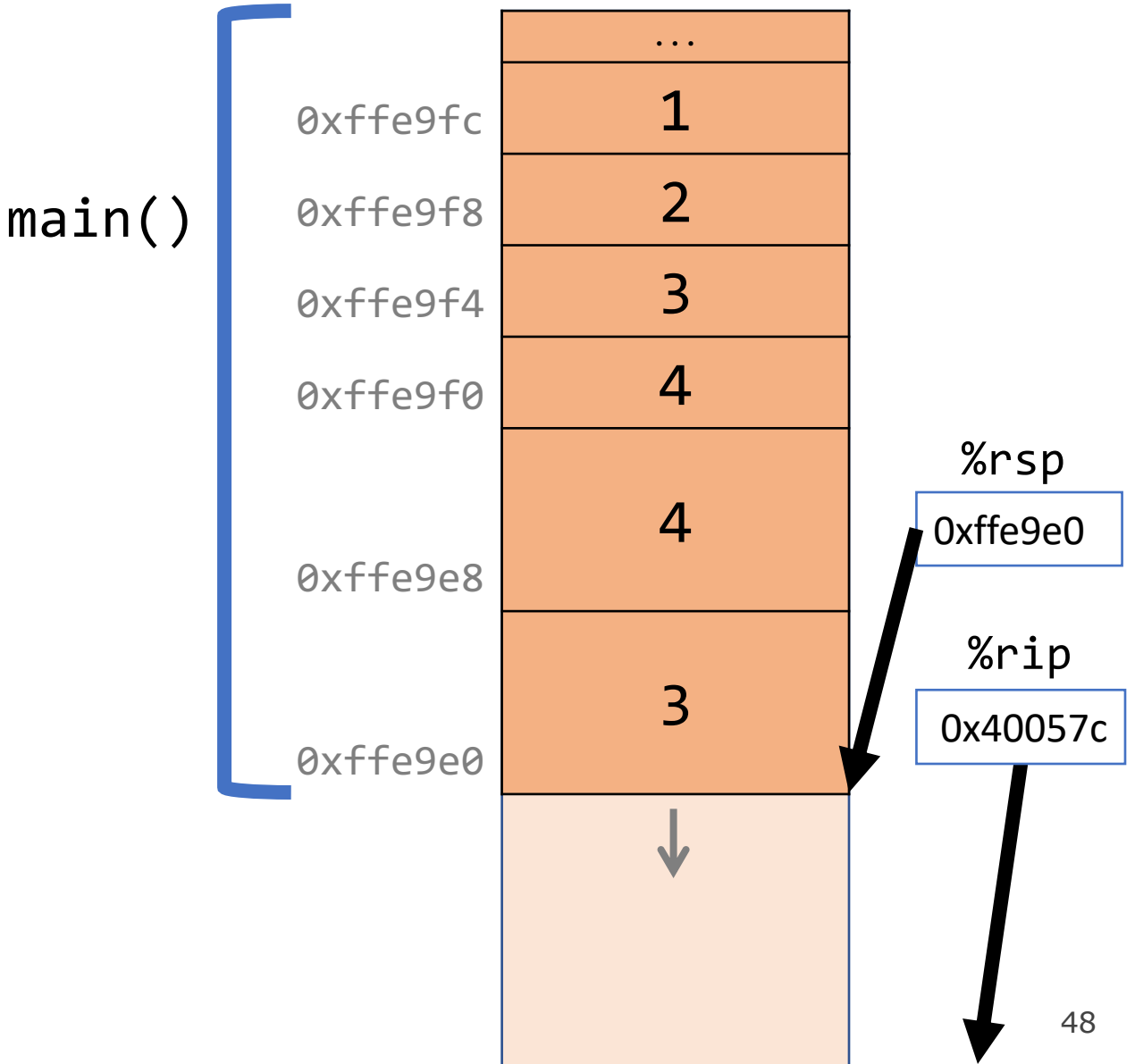

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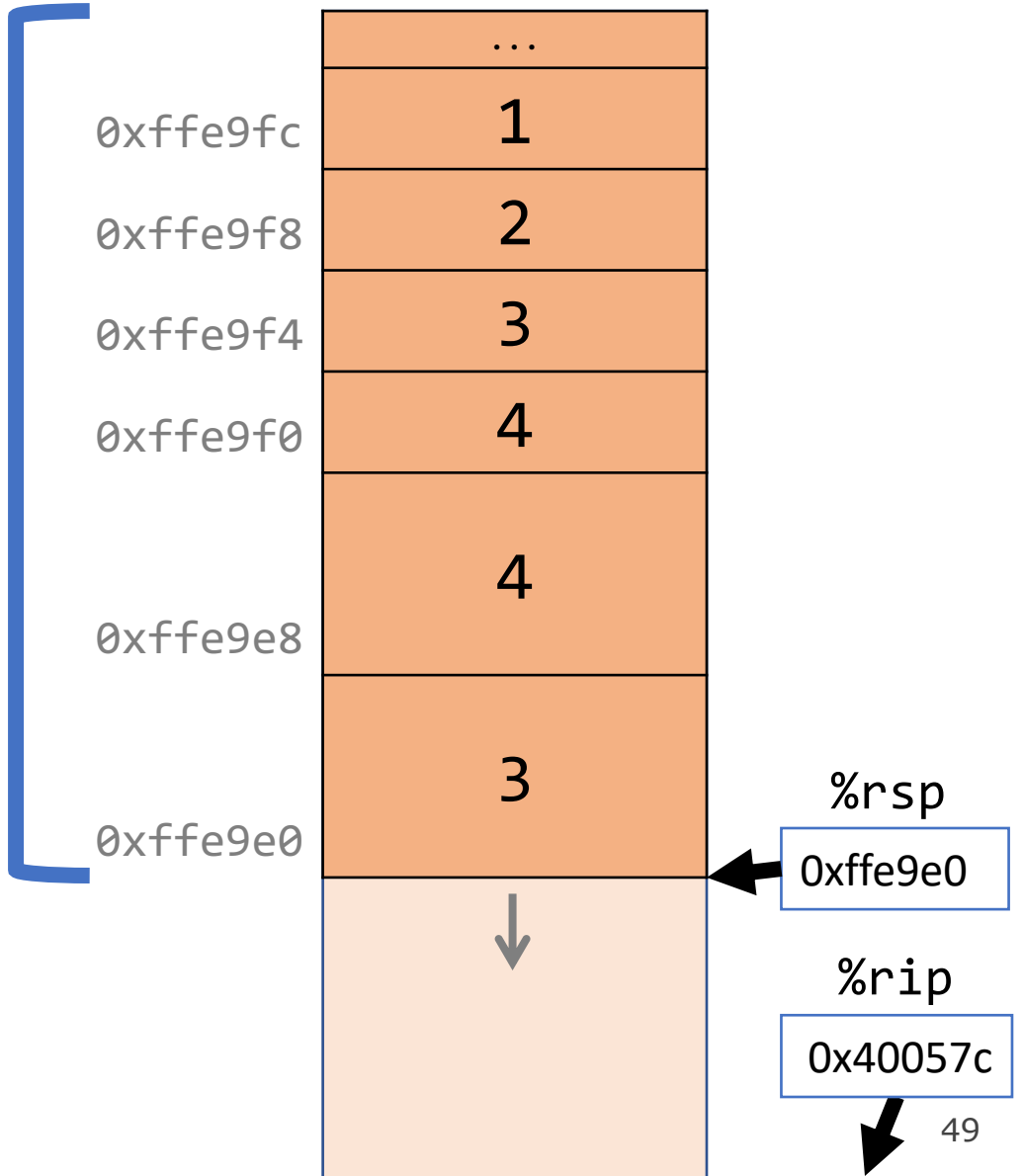

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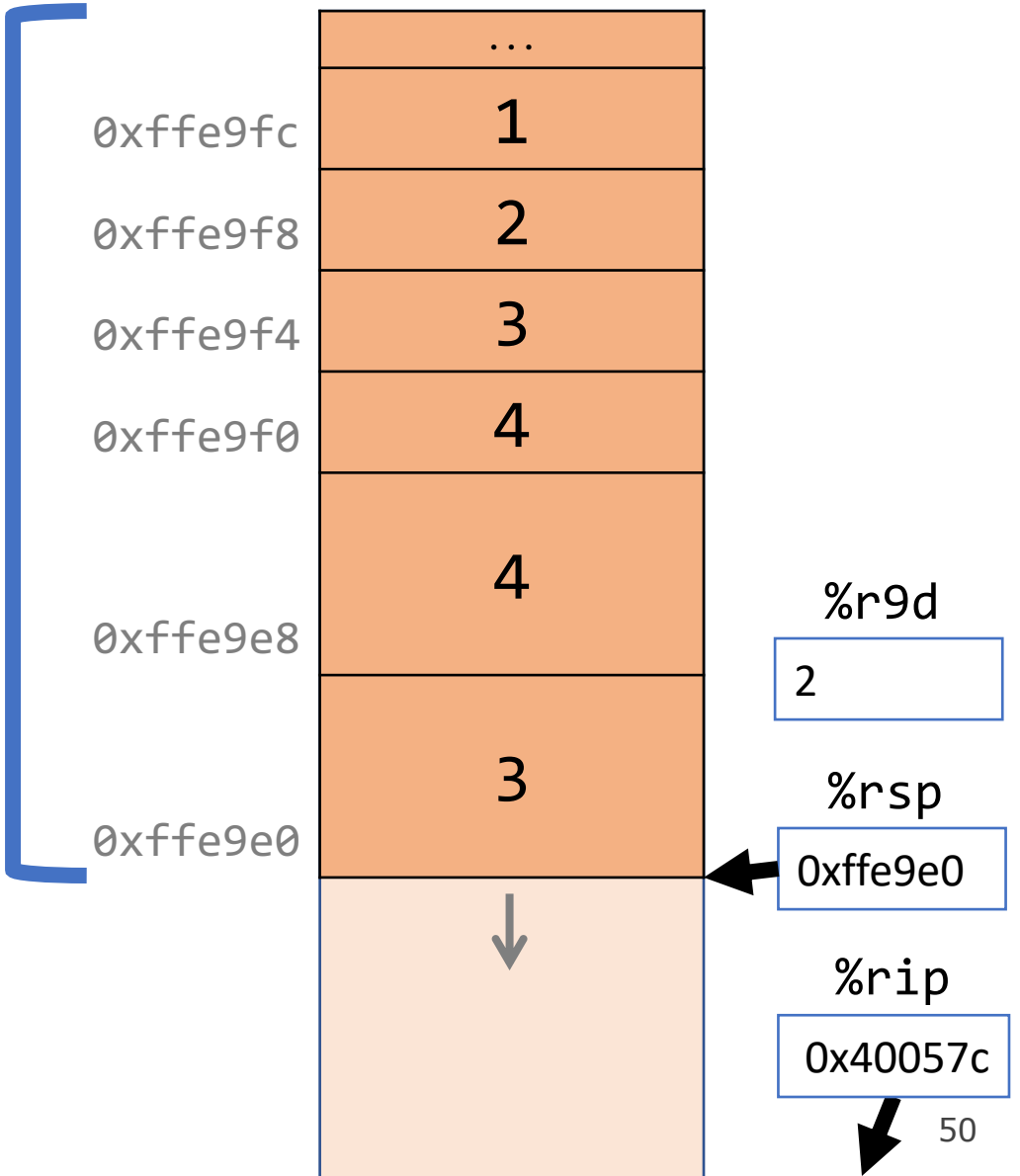

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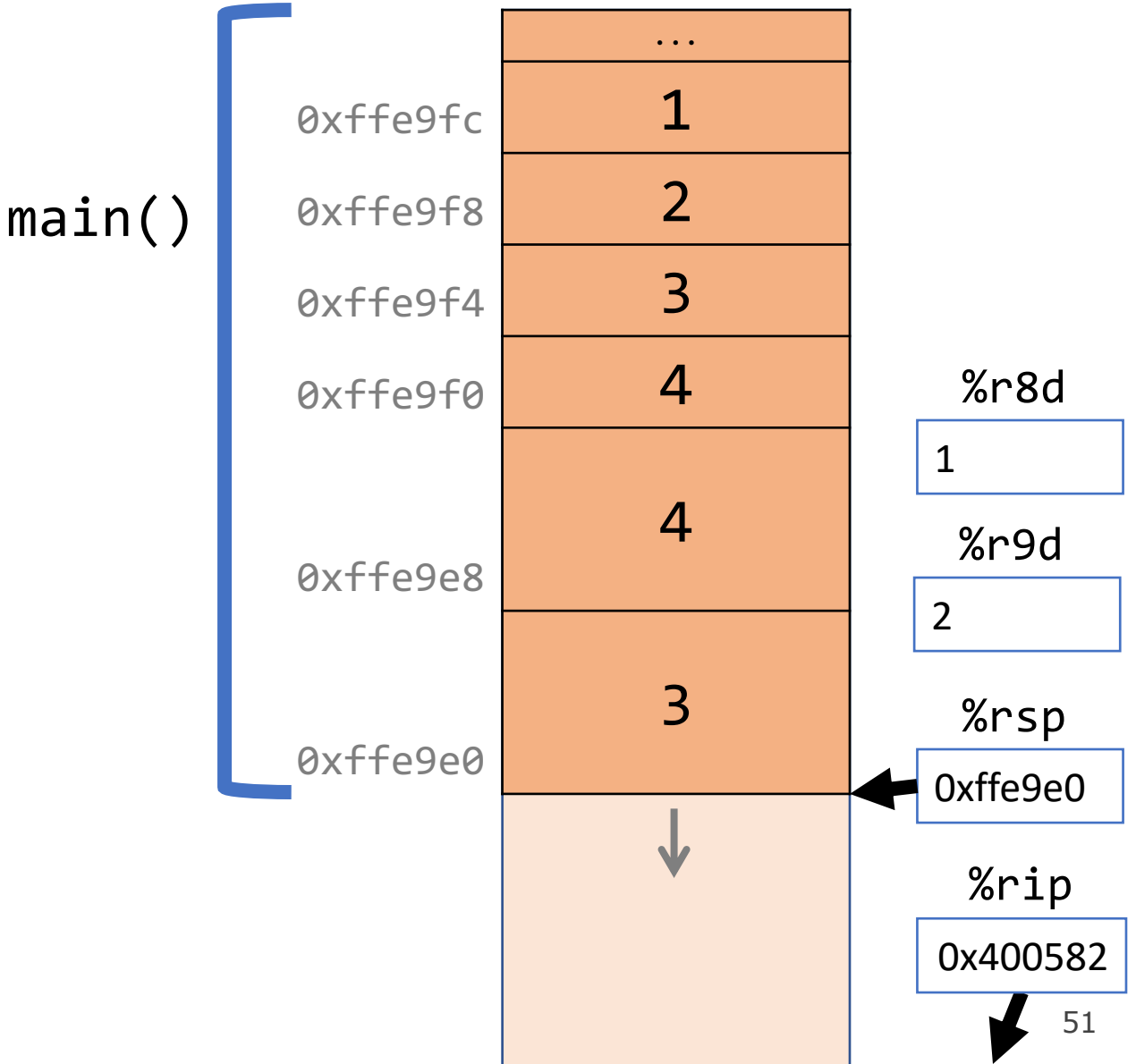

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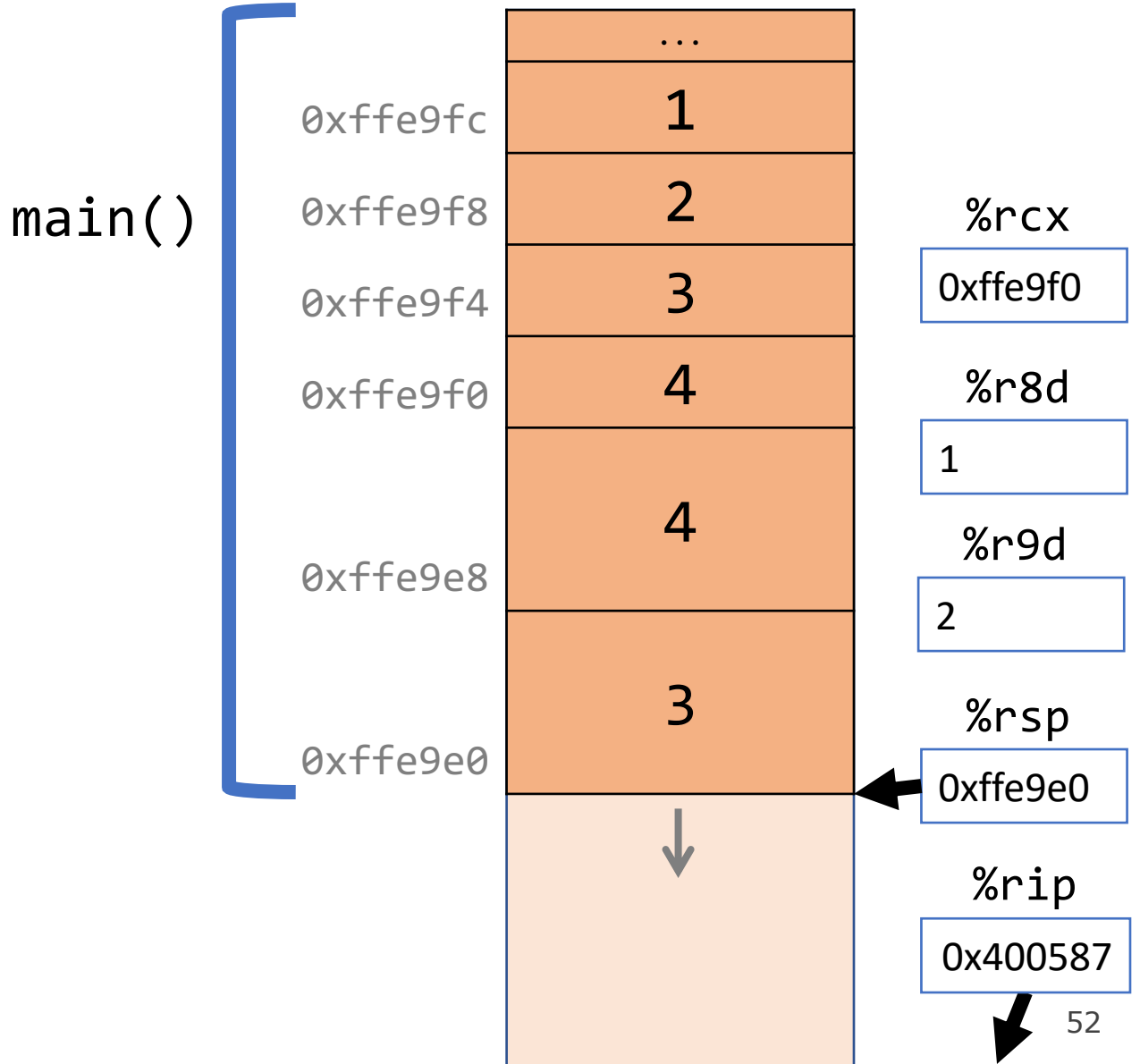

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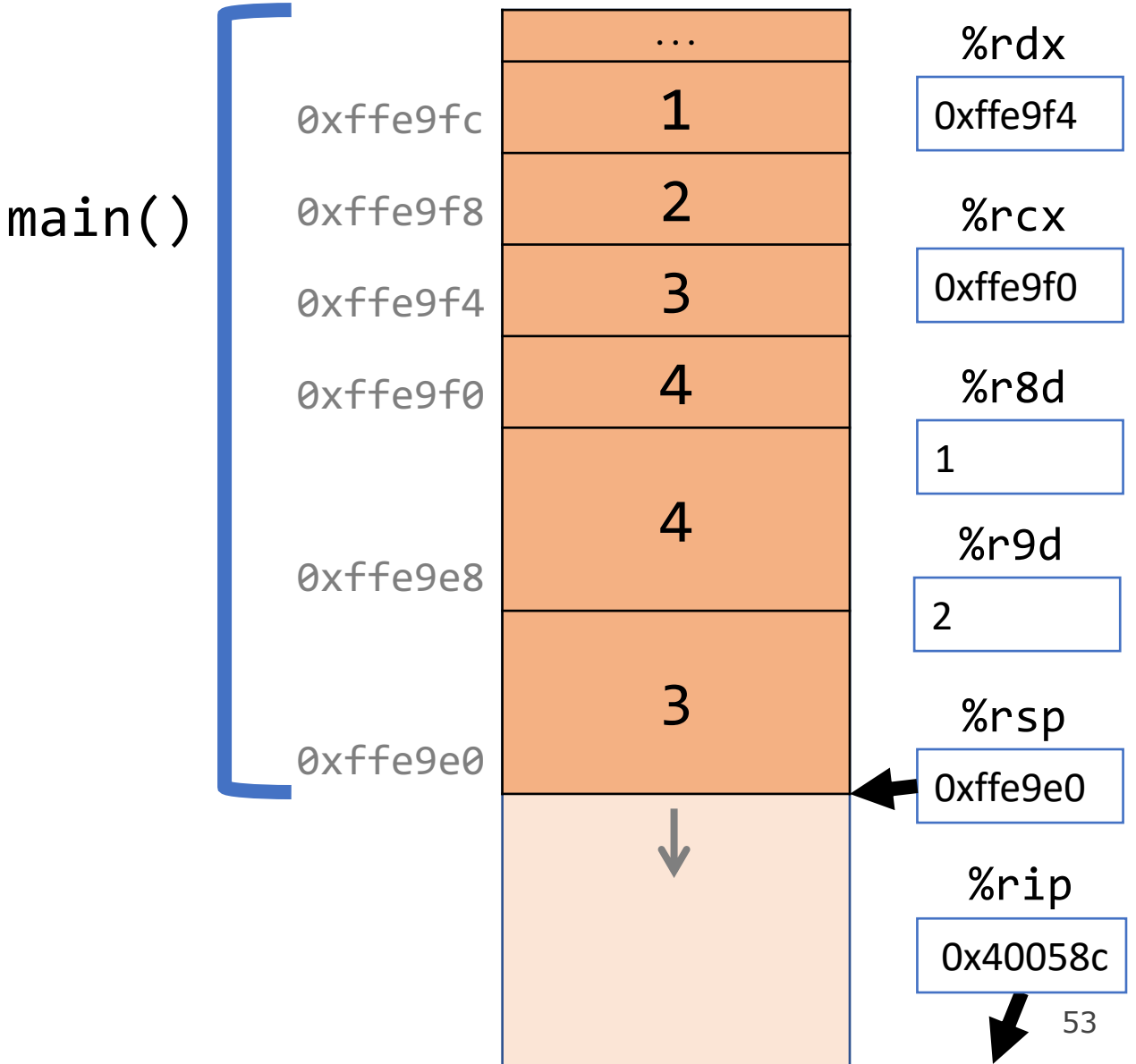

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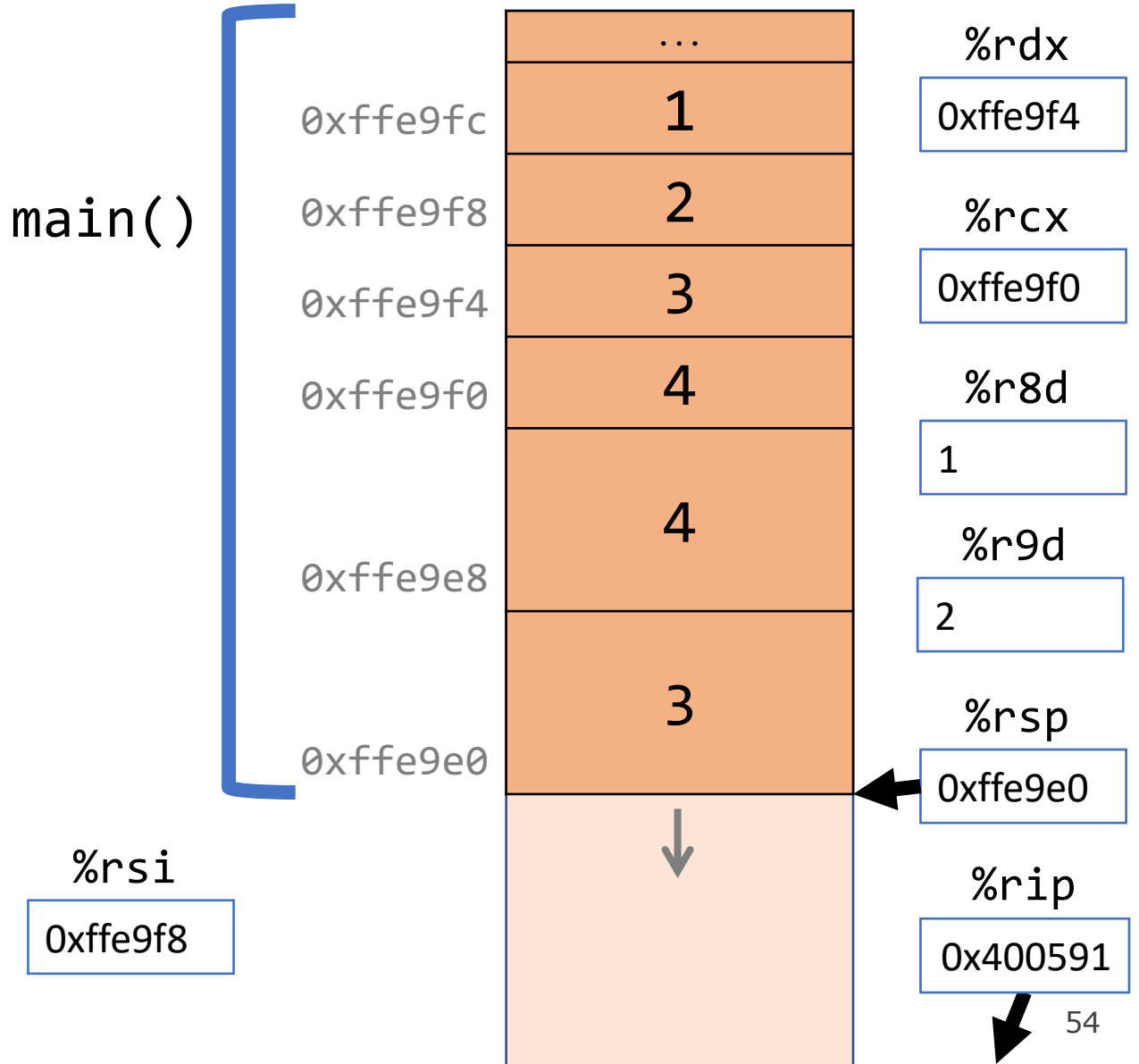

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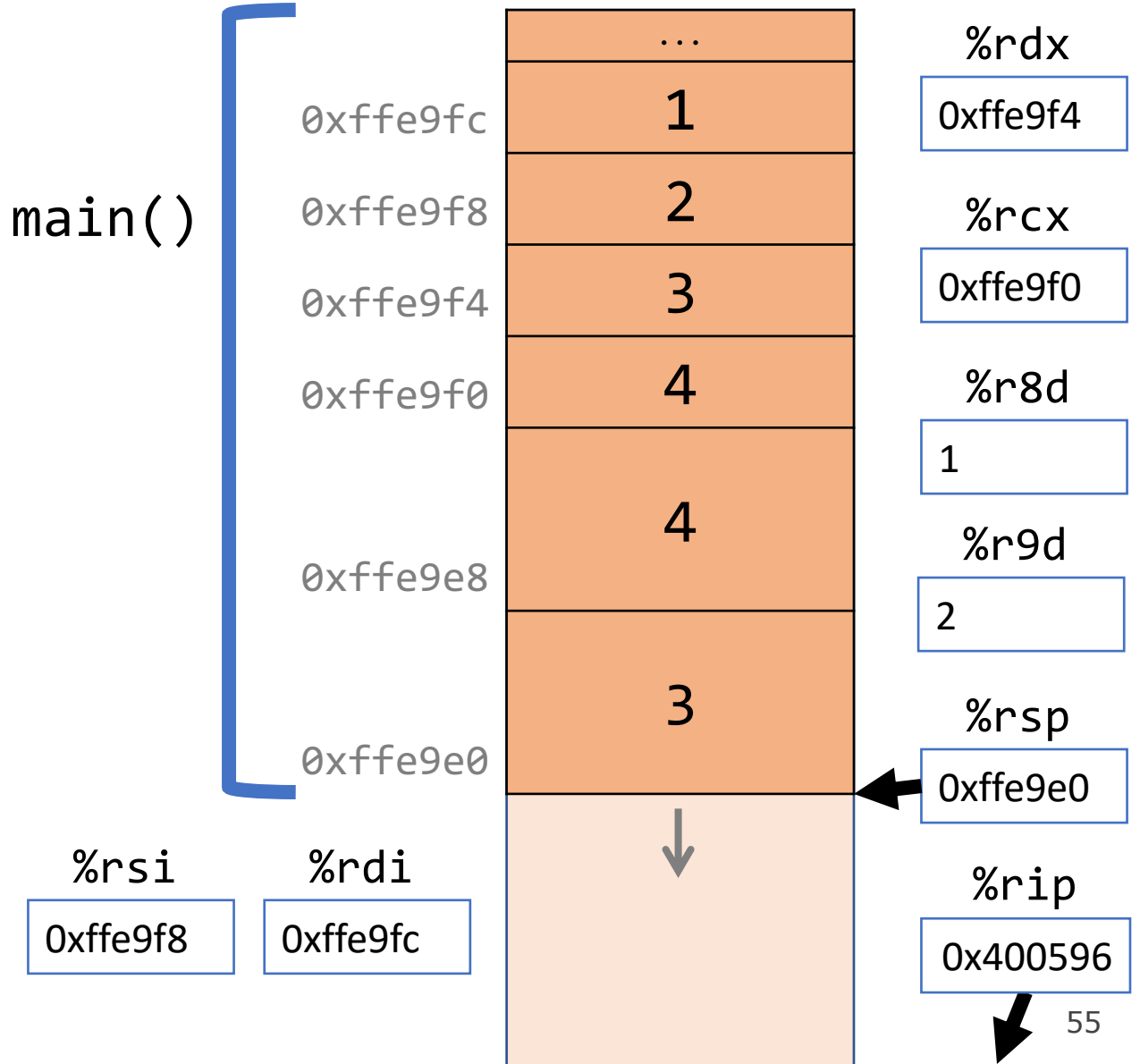

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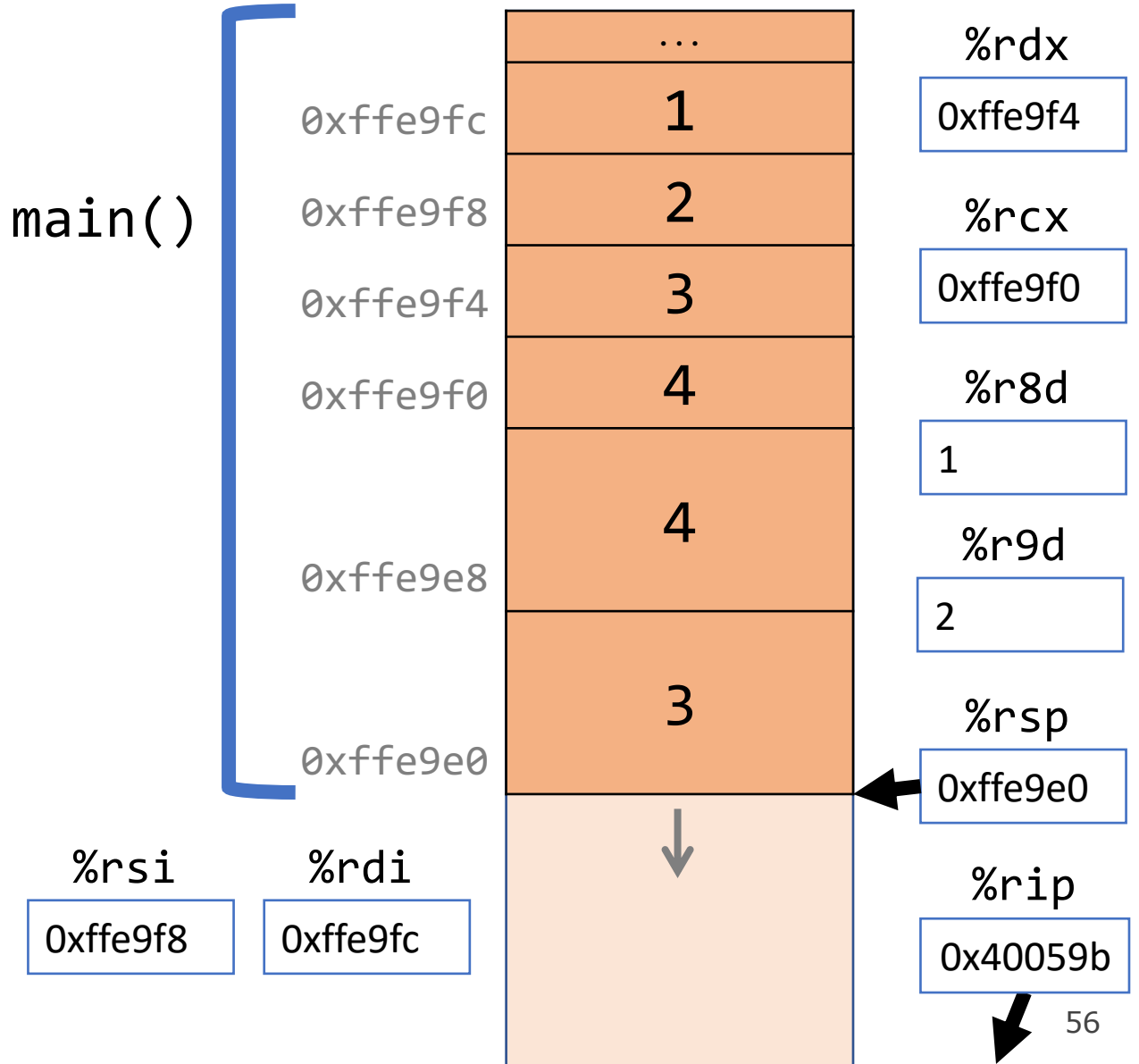

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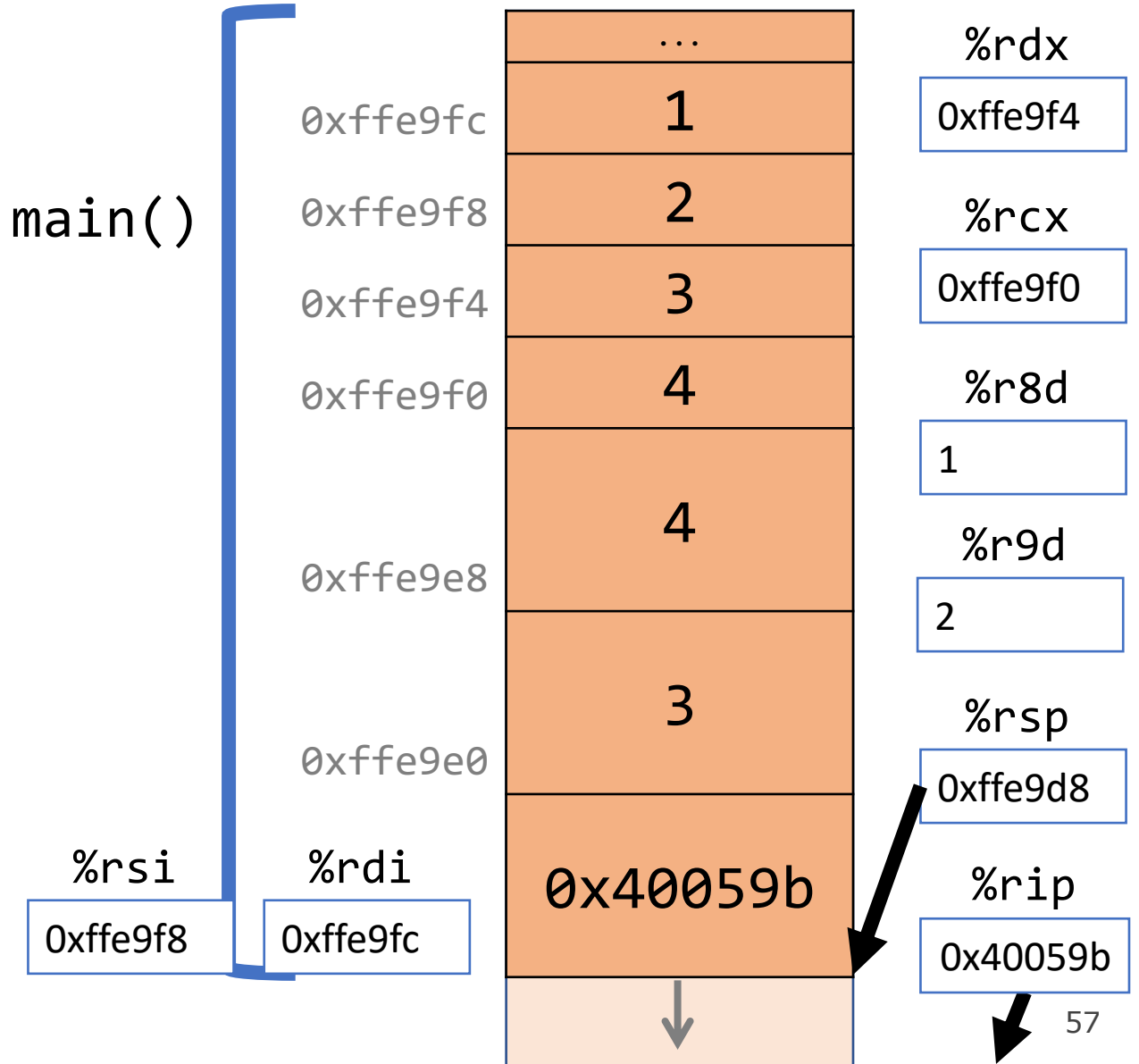

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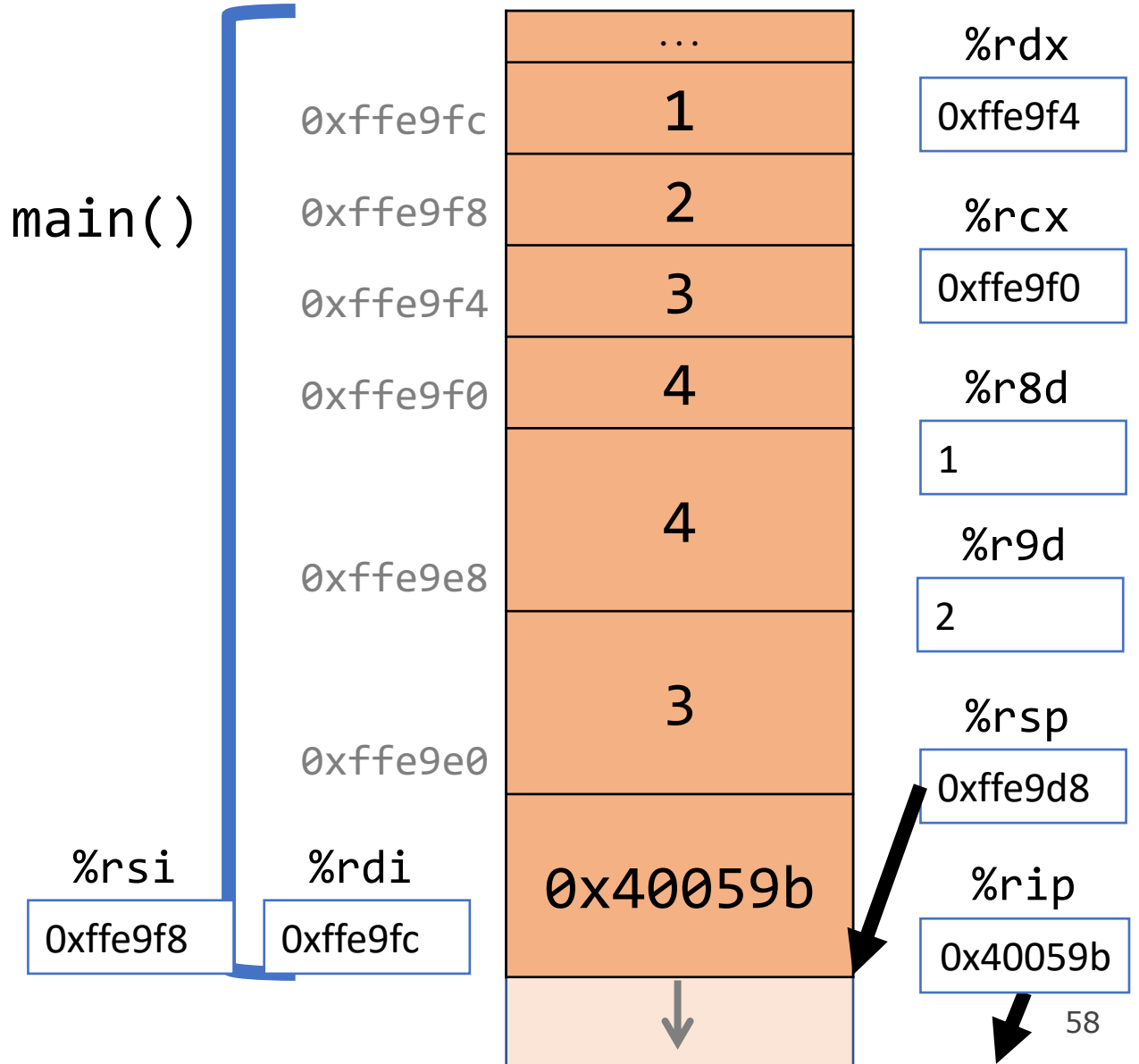

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Calling Functions In Assembly

To call a function in assembly, a few things need to happen:

- **Pass Control** – %rip must be adjusted to execute the callee's instructions, and then resume the caller's instructions afterwards as if never interrupted.
- **Pass Data** – we need to pass parameters and extract a return value.
- **Manage Memory** – we must extend the stack segment (or rather, the portion of the stack currently being used) to set aside space for local variables.

Terminology: **caller** function calls the **callee** function.

Local Storage

- So far, we've often seen local variables stored directly in registers, rather than on the stack as we'd expect. This is for optimization reasons.
- There are **three** common reasons that local data must be in memory:
  - We've run out of registers
  - The '&' operator is used on it, so we must generate an address for it
  - They are arrays or structs (need to use address arithmetic)

Local Storage

```
long caller() {
    long arg1 = 534;
    long arg2 = 1057;
    long sum = swap_add(&arg1, &arg2);
    ...
}
```

```
caller:
    subq $16, %rsp          // 16 bytes for stack frame
    movq $534, (%rsp)       // store 534 in arg1
    movq $1057, 8(%rsp)     // store 1057 in arg2
    leaq 8(%rsp), %rsi      // compute &arg2 as second arg
    movq %rsp, %rdi         // compute &arg1 as first arg
    call swap_add           // call swap_add(&arg1, &arg2)
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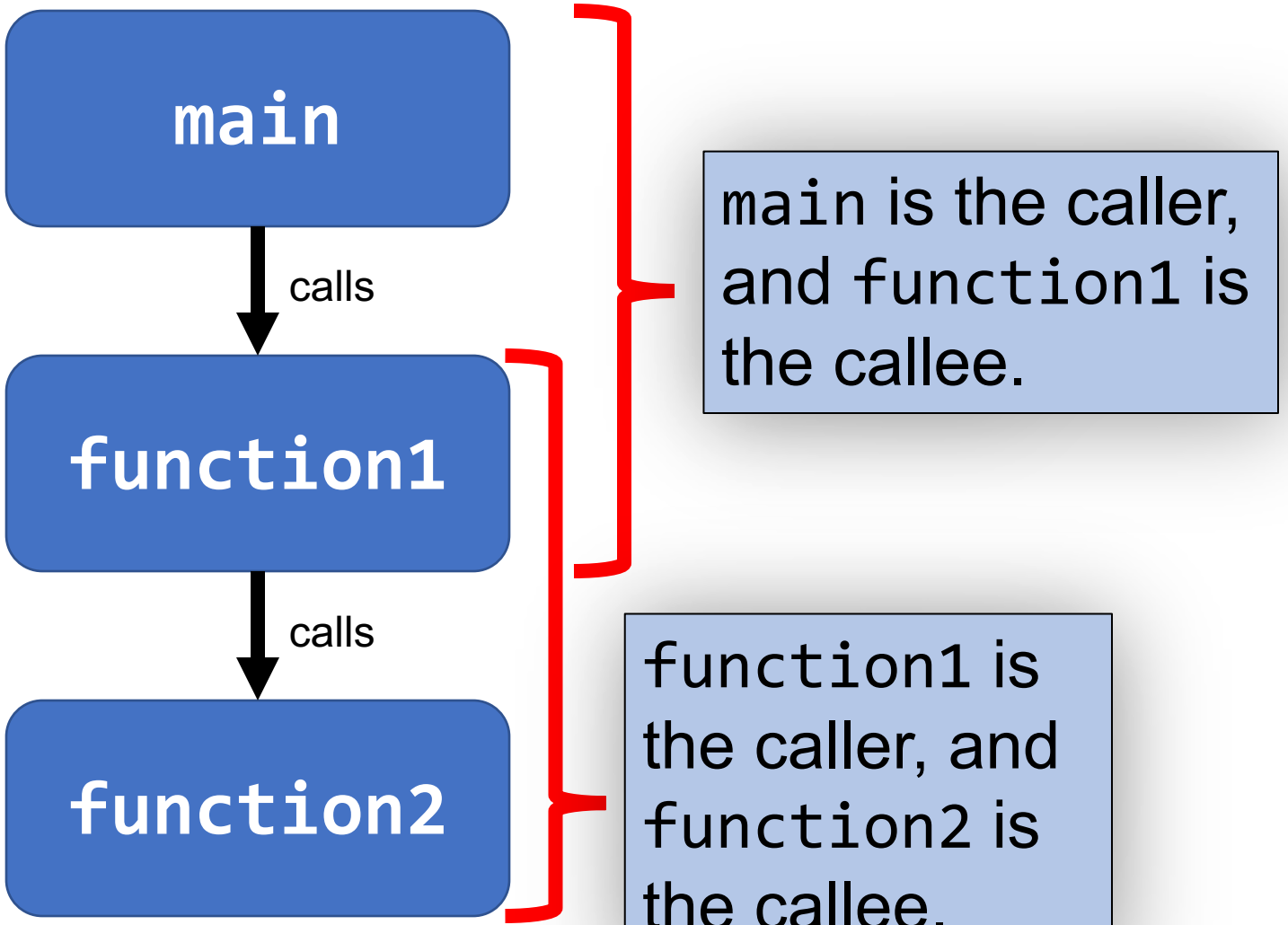
Register Restrictions

- There is only one copy of registers for all programs and instructions.
- Therefore, there are some rules that callers and callees must follow when using registers so they do not interfere with one another.
- There are two types of registers: **caller-owned** and **callee-owned**

Caller/Callee

Caller/callee is terminology that refers to a pair of functions. A single function may be both a caller and callee simultaneously (e.g. `function1` at right).



Register Restrictions

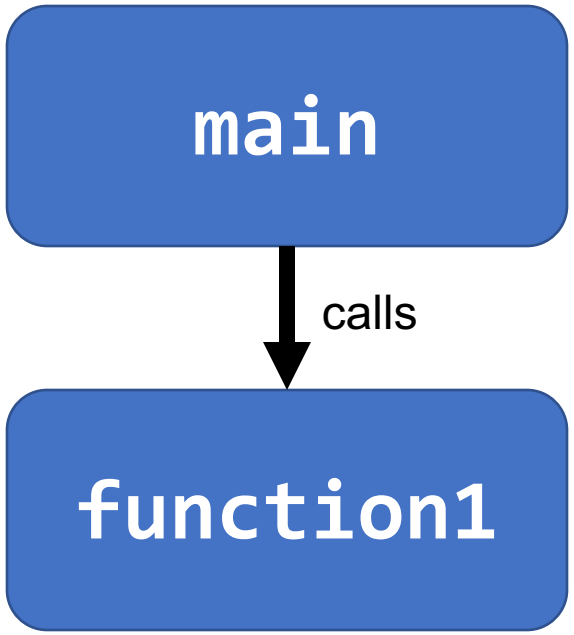
Caller-Owned

- Callee must *save* the existing value and *restore* it when done.
- Caller can store values and assume they will be preserved across function calls.

Callee-Owned

- Callee does not need to save the existing value.
- Caller's values could be overwritten by a callee! The caller may consider saving values elsewhere before calling functions.

Caller-Owned Registers



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If function1 wants to use any caller-owned registers, it must save the existing values and restore them before returning.

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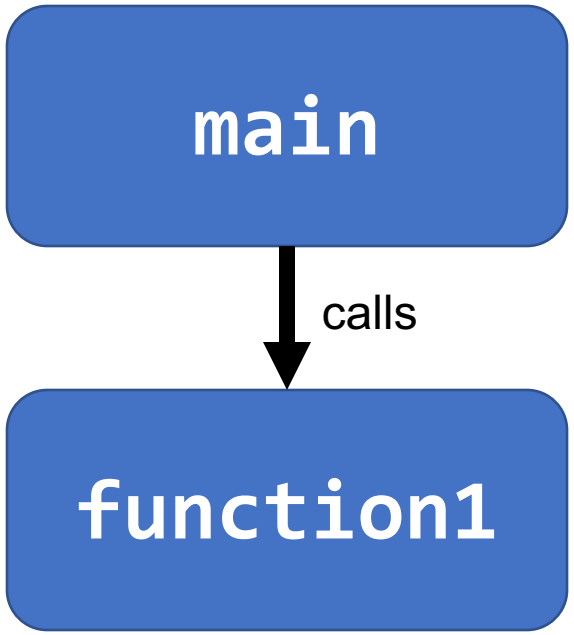


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function1:
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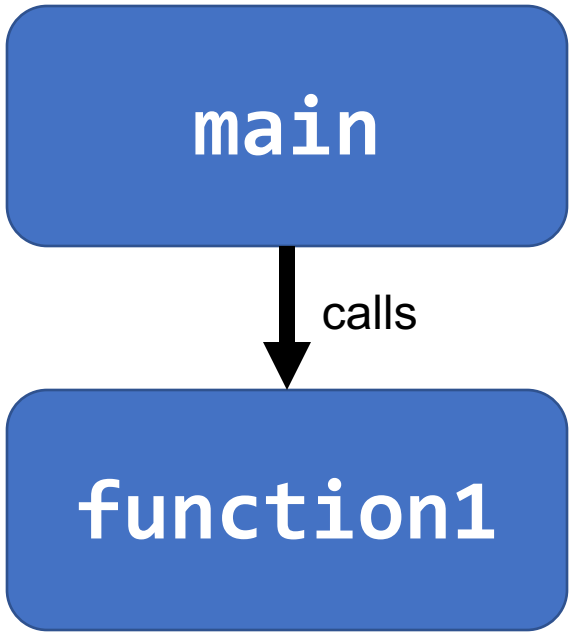
  push %rbx
  ...
  pop %rbx
  pop %rbp
  retq
```

Callee-Owned Registers



`main` can use callee-owned registers but calling `function1` may permanently modify their values.

If function1 wants to use any callee-owned registers, it can do so without saving the existing values.

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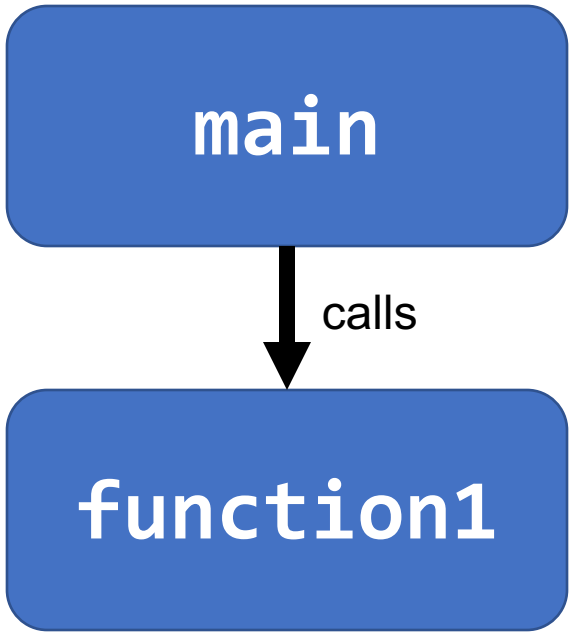


```
main:
   ...
   push %r10
   push %r11
   callq function1
   pop %r11
   pop %r10
   ...
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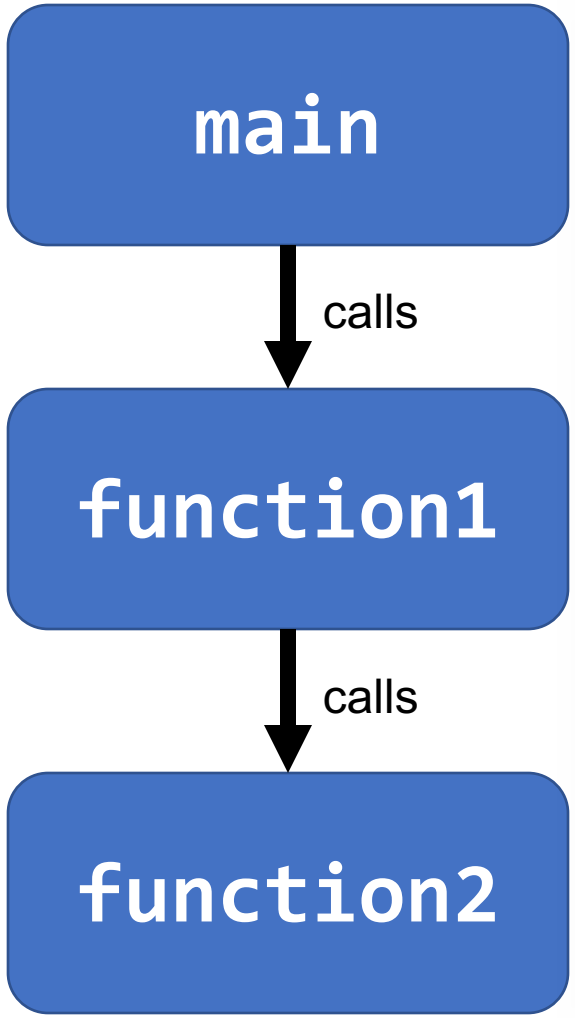
A Day In the Life of `function1`



Caller-owned registers:

- **`function1`** must save/restore existing values of any that are used by **`main`**.
- **`function1`** can assume that calling **`function2`** will not permanently change their values.

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Example: Recursion

- Let’s look at an example of recursion at the assembly level.
- We’ll use everything we’ve learned about registers, the stack, function calls, parameters, and assembly instructions!
- We’ll also see how helpful GDB can be when tracing through assembly.

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