

CS107, Lecture 13

Control Flow: When in doubt just JMP!

Reading: B&O 3.1-3.4

Learning Goals

- Learn about how assembly stores comparison and operation results in condition codes
- Understand how assembly implements loops and control flow

Executing Instructions

What does it mean for a program to execute?

Executing Instructions

So far:

- Program values can be stored in memory or registers.
- Assembly instructions read/write values back and forth between registers (on the CPU) and memory.
- Assembly instructions are also stored in memory.

Today:

- **Who controls the instructions?**
How do we know what to do now or next?

Answer:

- The **program counter (PC)**, %rip.

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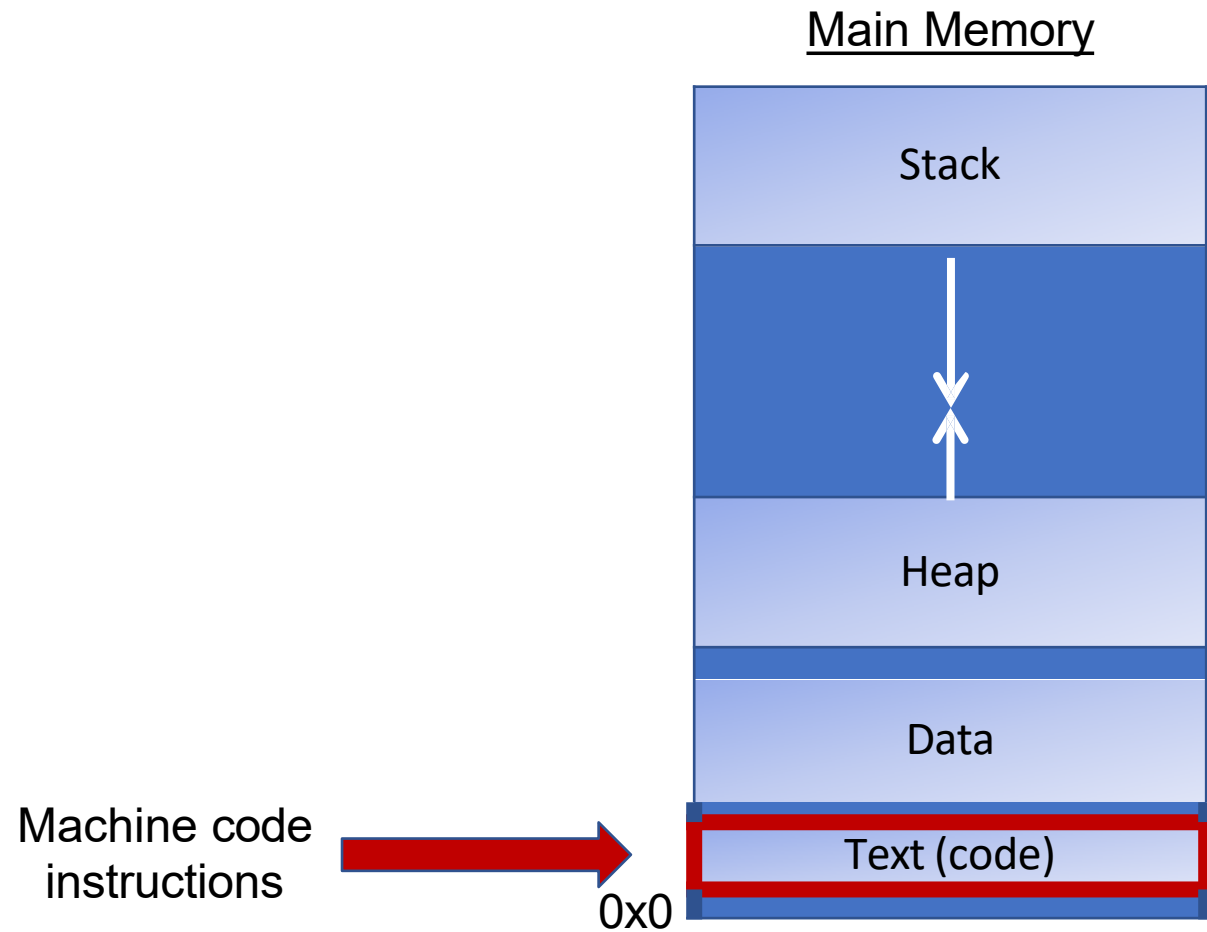
Register Responsibilities

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 of the stack

See the x86-64 Guide and Reference Sheet on the Resources webpage for more!

Instructions Are Just Bytes!



%rip

00000000004004ed <loop>:

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4004ed: 55          push    %rbp
4004ee: 48 89 e5    mov     %rsp,%rbp
4004f1: c7 45 fc 00 00 00 00  movl   $0x0,-0x4(%rbp)
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Main Memory



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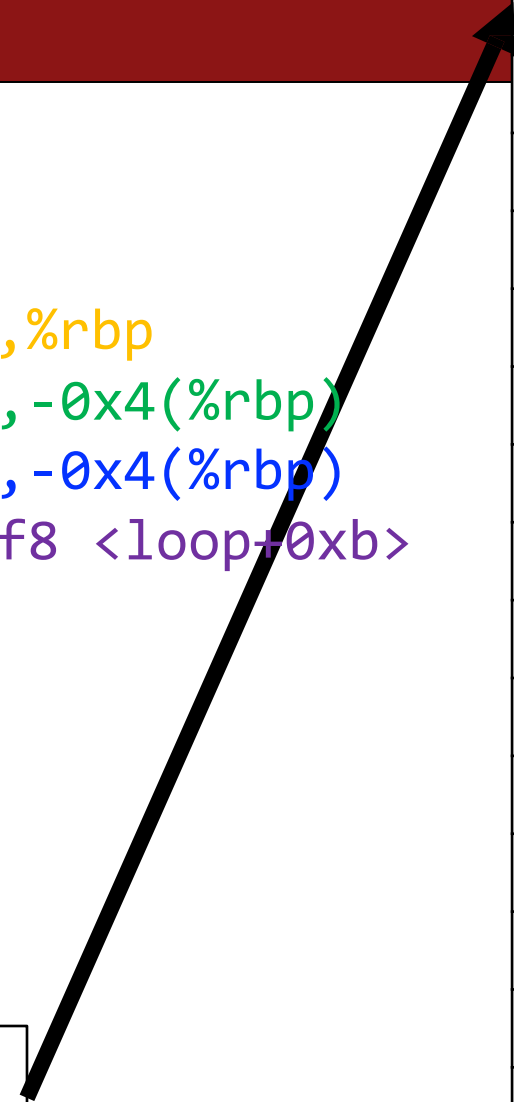
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Special hardware sets the program counter to the next instruction:

%rip += size of bytes of current instruction

0x4004fc

%rip

Going In Circles

- How can we use this representation of execution to represent e.g. a **loop**?
- **Key Idea:** we can "interfere" with `%rip` and set it back to an earlier instruction!

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This assembly represents an infinite loop in C!

```
while (true) {...}
```

0x4004fc

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jmp

The **jmp** instruction jumps to another instruction in the assembly code (“Unconditional Jump”).

jmp Label (**Direct Jump**)

jmp *Operand (**Indirect Jump**)

The destination can be hardcoded into the instruction (direct jump):

```
jmp 404f8 <loop+0xb> # jump to instruction at 0x404f8
```

The destination can also be one of the usual operand forms (indirect jump):

```
jmp *%rax            # jump to instruction at address in %rax
```

“Interfering” with %rip

1. How do we repeat instructions in a loop?

`jmp [target]`

- A 1-step unconditional jump (always jump when we execute this instruction)

What if we want a **conditional jump**?

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?

Control

```
if (x > y) {  
    // a  
}  
else {  
    // b  
}
```

In Assembly:

1. Calculate the condition result
2. Based on the result, go to a or b

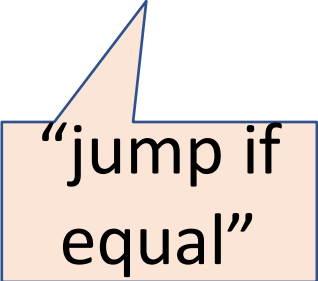
Control

- In assembly, it takes more than one instruction to do these two steps.
- Most often: 1 instruction to calculate the condition, 1 to conditionally jump

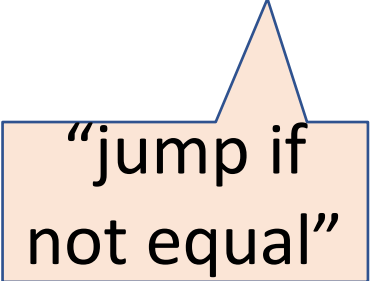
Common Pattern:

1. `cmp S1, S2` // compare two values

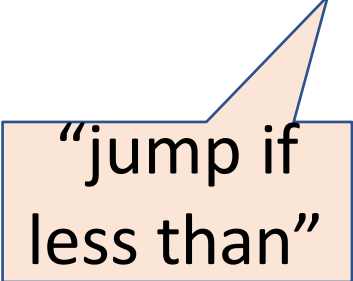
2. `je [target]` or `jne [target]` or `jl [target]` or ... // conditionally jump



“jump if
equal”



“jump if
not equal”



“jump if
less than”

Conditional Jumps

There are also variants of **jmp** that jump only if certain conditions are true (“Conditional Jump”). The jump location for these must be hardcoded into the instruction.

Instruction	Synonym	Set Condition
<i>je Label</i>	<i>jz</i>	Equal / zero
<i>jne Label</i>	<i>jnz</i>	Not equal / not zero
<i>js Label</i>		Negative
<i>jns Label</i>		Nonnegative
<i>jg Label</i>	<i>jnl</i>	Greater (signed >)
<i>jge Label</i>	<i>jnl</i>	Greater or equal (signed >=)
<i>j1 Label</i>	<i>jnge</i>	Less (signed <)
<i>jle Label</i>	<i>jng</i>	Less or equal (signed <=)
<i>ja Label</i>	<i>jnbe</i>	Above (unsigned >)
<i>jae Label</i>	<i>jnb</i>	Above or equal (unsigned >=)
<i>jb Label</i>	<i>jnae</i>	Below (unsigned <)
<i>jbe Label</i>	<i>jna</i>	Below or equal (unsigned <=)

Control

Read `cmp S1,S2` as “compare *S2* to *S1*”:

```
// Jump if %edi > 2
```

```
cmp $2, %edi
```

```
jg [target]
```

```
// Jump if %edi != 3
```

```
cmp $3, %edi
```

```
jne [target]
```

```
// Jump if %edi == 4
```

```
cmp $4, %edi
```

```
je [target]
```

```
// Jump if %edi <= 1
```

```
cmp $1, %edi
```

```
jle [target]
```

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jne [target]
```

```
// Jump if %edi <= 1
```

```
cmp $1, %edi
```

```
jle [target]
```

Wait a minute – how does the jump instruction know anything about the compared values in the earlier instruction?

Control

- The CPU has special registers called *condition codes* that are like “global variables”. They *automatically* keep track of information about the most recent arithmetic or logical operation.
 - **cmp** compares via calculation (subtraction) and info is stored in the condition codes
 - conditional jump instructions look at these condition codes to know whether to jump
- What exactly are the condition codes? How do they store this information?

Condition Codes

Alongside normal registers, the CPU also has single-bit *condition code* registers. They store the results of 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.

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Example: if we calculate $t = a + b$, condition codes are set according to:

- **CF:** Carry flag (Unsigned Overflow). $(\text{unsigned})\ t < (\text{unsigned})\ a$
- **ZF:** Zero flag (Zero). $(t == 0)$
- **SF:** Sign flag (Negative). $(t < 0)$
- **OF:** Overflow flag (Signed Overflow). $(a < 0 == b < 0) \ \&\& \ (t < 0 \neq a < 0)$

Setting Condition Codes

The **cmp** instruction is like the subtraction instruction, but it does not store the result anywhere. It just sets condition codes. (**Note** the operand order!)

`CMP S1, S2`

`S2 - S1`

Instruction	Description
<code>cmpb</code>	Compare byte
<code>cmpw</code>	Compare word
<code>cmp_l</code>	Compare double word
<code>cmp_q</code>	Compare quad word

Control

Read **cmp S1,S2** as “compare S2 to S1”. It calculates $S2 - S1$ and updates the condition codes with the result.

```
// Jump if %edi > 2
// calculates %edi - 2
cmp $2, %edi
jg [target]
```

```
// Jump if %edi != 3
// calculates %edi - 3
cmp $3, %edi
jne [target]
```

```
// Jump if %edi == 4
// calculates %edi - 4
cmp $4, %edi
je [target]
```

```
// Jump if %edi <= 1
// calculates %edi - 1
cmp $1, %edi
jle [target]
```


Conditional Jumps

Conditional jumps can look at subsets of the condition codes in order to check their condition of interest.

Instruction	Synonym	Set Condition
<i>je Label</i>	<i>jz</i>	Equal / zero (ZF = 1)
<i>jne Label</i>	<i>jnz</i>	Not equal / not zero (ZF = 0)
<i>js Label</i>		Negative (SF = 1)
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Setting Condition Codes

The **test** instruction is like **cmp**, but for AND. It does not store the & result anywhere. It just sets condition codes.

```
TEST S1, S2
```

```
S2 & S1
```

Instruction	Description
testb	Test byte
testw	Test word
testl	Test double word
testq	Test quad word

Cool trick: if we pass the same value for both operands, we can check the sign of that value using the **Sign Flag** and **Zero Flag** condition codes!

Condition Codes

- Previously-discussed arithmetic and logical instructions update these flags. **lea** does not (it was intended only for address computations).
- Logical operations (**xor**, etc.) set carry and overflow flags to zero.
- Shift operations set the carry flag to the last bit shifted out and set the overflow flag to zero.
- For more complicated reasons, **inc** and **dec** set the overflow and zero flags, but leave the carry flag unchanged.

Exercise 1: Conditional jump

`je target`

jump if ZF is 1

Let `%edi` store `0x10`. Will we jump in the following cases?

`%edi`

`0x10`

1. `cmp $0x10,%edi`
`je 40056f`
`add $0x1,%edi`

2. `test $0x10,%edi`
`je 40056f`
`add $0x1,%edi`



Exercise 1: Conditional jump

je target

jump if ZF is 1

Let %edi store 0x10. Will we jump in the following cases?

Assume they are run in order.

%edi 0x10

1. `cmp $0x10,%edi`
`je 40056f`
`add $0x1,%edi`

$S2 - S1 == 0$, so jump

2. `test $0x10,%edi`
`je 40056f`
`add $0x1,%edi`

$S2 \& S1 != 0$, so don't jump

Exercise 2: Conditional jump

```
00000000004004d6 <if_then>:
4004d6: 83 ff 06    cmp    $0x6,%edi
4004d9: 75 03      jne    4004de <if_then+0x8>
4004db: 83 c7 01    add    $0x1,%edi
4004de: 8d 04 3f    lea   (%rdi,%rdi,1),%eax
4004e1: c3        retq
```

%edi

0x5

1. What is the value of %rip after executing the jne instruction?

- A. 4004d9
- B. 4004db
- C. 4004de
- D. Other

2. What is the value of %eax when we hit the retq instruction?

- A. 4004e1
- B. 0x2
- C. 0xa
- D. 0xc
- E. Other



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00000000004004d6 <if_then>:
```

```
4004d6: 83 ff 06    cmp    $0x6,%edi
```

```
4004d9: 75 03      jne    4004de <if_then+0x8>
```

```
400rdb: 83 c7 01    add    $0x1,%edi
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4004de: 8d 04 3f    lea   (%rdi,%rdi,1),%eax
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4004e1: c3        retq
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C. 0xa

D. 0xc

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If Statements

How can we use instructions like **cmp** and *conditional jumps* to implement if statements in assembly?

Practice: Fill In The Blank

```
int if_then(int param1) { 0000000000401126 <if_then>:
    if ( _____ ) {    401126:      cmp      $0x6,%edi
        _____;      401129:      je       40112f
    }                      40112b:      lea     (%rdi,%rdi,1),%eax
                            40112e:      retq
    return _____;    40112f:      add     $0x1,%edi
}                          401132:      jmp     40112b
```



Practice: Fill In The Blank

```
int if_then(int param1) {
    if ( param1 == 6 ) {
        param1++;
    }

    return param1 * 2;
}
```

0000000000401126	<if_then>:
401126:	cmp \$0x6,%edi
401129:	je 40112f
40112b:	lea (%rdi,%rdi,1),%eax
40112e:	retq
40112f:	add \$0x1,%edi
401132:	jmp 40112b



Common If-Else Construction

If-Else In C

```
long absdiff(long x, long y) {  
    long result;  
    if (x < y) {  
        result = y - x;  
    } else {  
        result = x - y;  
    }  
  
    return result;  
}
```

If-Else In Assembly pseudocode

```
Test  
Jump to else-body if test passes  
If-body  
Jump to past else-body  
Else-body  
Past else body
```

Practice: Fill in the Blank

If-Else In C

```
long absdiff(long x, long y) {  
    long result;  
    if (_____) {  
        _____ ;  
    } else {  
        _____ ;  
    }  
    return result;  
}
```

```
401134 <+0>:  mov    %rsi,%rax  
401137 <+3>:  cmp    %rsi,%rdi  
40113a <+6>:  jge   0x401140 <absdiff+12>  
40113c <+8>:  sub    %rdi,%rax  
40113f <+11>: retq  
401140 <+12>: sub    %rsi,%rdi  
401143 <+15>: mov    %rdi,%rax  
401146 <+18>: retq
```

If-Else In Assembly pseudocode

Test

Jump to else-body if test passes

If-body

Jump to past else-body

Else-body

Past else body



Practice: Fill in the Blank

If-Else In C

```
long absdiff(long x, long y) {  
    long result;  
    if ( x < y ) {  
        result = y - x ;  
    } else {  
        result = x - y ;  
    }  
    return result;  
}
```

```
401134 <+0>:  mov    %rsi,%rax  
401137 <+3>:  cmp    %rsi,%rdi  
40113a <+6>:  jge    0x401140 <absdiff+12>  
40113c <+8>:  sub    %rdi,%rax  
40113f <+11>: retq  
401140 <+12>: sub    %rsi,%rdi  
401143 <+15>: mov    %rdi,%rax  
401146 <+18>: retq
```

If-Else In Assembly pseudocode

Test

Jump to else-body if test passes

If-body

Jump to past else-body

Else-body

Past else body

If-Else Construction Variations

C Code

```
int test(int arg) {  
    int ret;  
    if (arg > 3) {  
        ret = 10;  
    } else {  
        ret = 0;  
    }  
  
    ret++;  
    return ret;  
}
```

Assembly

```
401134 <+0>:  cmp    $0x3,%edi  
401137 <+3>:  jle    0x401142 <test+14>  
401139 <+5>:  mov    $0xa,%eax  
40113e <+10>: add    $0x1,%eax  
401141 <+13>:  retq  
401142 <+14>:  mov    $0x0,%eax  
401147 <+19>:  jmp    0x40113e <test+10>
```

Loops and Control Flow

```
void loop() {  
    int i = 0;  
    while (i < 100) {  
        i++;  
    }  
}
```

```
0x000000000040115c <+0>:    mov    $0x0,%eax  
0x0000000000401161 <+5>:    cmp    $0x63,%eax  
0x0000000000401164 <+8>:    jg    0x40116b <loop+15>  
0x0000000000401166 <+10>:   add    $0x1,%eax  
0x0000000000401169 <+13>:   jmp   0x401161 <loop+5>  
0x000000000040116b <+15>:   retq
```

Loops and Control Flow

```
void loop() {  
    int i = 0;  
    while (i < 100) {  
        i++;  
    }  
}
```

```
0x000000000040115c <+0>:    mov    $0x0,%eax  
0x0000000000401161 <+5>:    cmp    $0x63,%eax  
0x0000000000401164 <+8>:    jg     0x40116b <loop+15>  
0x0000000000401166 <+10>:   add    $0x1,%eax  
0x0000000000401169 <+13>:   jmp    0x401161 <loop+5>  
0x000000000040116b <+15>:   retq
```

Set %eax (i) to 0.

Loops and Control Flow

```
void loop() {  
    int i = 0;  
    while (i < 100) {  
        i++;  
    }  
}
```

```
0x000000000040115c <+0>:    mov    $0x0,%eax  
0x0000000000401161 <+5>:    cmp    $0x63,%eax  
0x0000000000401164 <+8>:    jg     0x40116b <loop+15>  
0x0000000000401166 <+10>:   add    $0x1,%eax  
0x0000000000401169 <+13>:   jmp    0x401161 <loop+5>  
0x000000000040116b <+15>:   retq
```

Compare %eax (i) to 0x63 (99) by calculating %eax – 0x63. This is $0 - 99 = -99$, so it sets the Sign Flag to 1.

Loops and Control Flow

```
void loop() {  
    int i = 0;  
    while (i < 100) {  
        i++;  
    }  
}
```

```
0x000000000040115c <+0>:    mov    $0x0,%eax  
0x0000000000401161 <+5>:    cmp    $0x63,%eax  
0x0000000000401164 <+8>:    jg     0x40116b <loop+15>  
0x0000000000401166 <+10>:   add    $0x1,%eax  
0x0000000000401169 <+13>:   jmp    0x401161 <loop+5>  
0x000000000040116b <+15>:   retq
```

jg means “jump if greater than”. This jumps if `%eax > 0x63`. The flags indicate this is false, so we do not jump.

Loops and Control Flow

```
void loop() {  
    int i = 0;  
    while (i < 100) {  
        i++;  
    }  
}
```

```
0x000000000040115c <+0>:    mov    $0x0,%eax  
0x0000000000401161 <+5>:    cmp    $0x63,%eax  
0x0000000000401164 <+8>:    jg     0x40116b <loop+15>  
0x0000000000401166 <+10>:   add    $0x1,%eax  
0x0000000000401169 <+13>:   jmp    0x401161 <loop+5>  
0x000000000040116b <+15>:   retq
```

Add 1 to %eax (i).

Loops and Control Flow

```
void loop() {  
    int i = 0;  
    while (i < 100) {  
        i++;  
    }  
}
```

```
0x000000000040115c <+0>:    mov    $0x0,%eax  
0x0000000000401161 <+5>:    cmp    $0x63,%eax  
0x0000000000401164 <+8>:    jg     0x40116b <loop+15>  
0x0000000000401166 <+10>:   add    $0x1,%eax  
0x0000000000401169 <+13>:   jmp    0x401161 <loop+5>  
0x000000000040116b <+15>:   retq
```

Jump to another instruction.

Loops and Control Flow

```
void loop() {  
    int i = 0;  
    while (i < 100) {  
        i++;  
    }  
}
```

```
0x000000000040115c <+0>:    mov    $0x0,%eax  
0x0000000000401161 <+5>:    cmp    $0x63,%eax  
0x0000000000401164 <+8>:    jg    0x40116b <loop+15>  
0x0000000000401166 <+10>:   add    $0x1,%eax  
0x0000000000401169 <+13>:   jmp    0x401161 <loop+5>  
0x000000000040116b <+15>:   retq
```

Compare %eax (i) to 0x63 (99) by calculating %eax – 0x63. This is $1 - 99 = -98$, so it sets the Sign Flag to 1.

Loops and Control Flow

```
void loop() {  
    int i = 0;  
    while (i < 100) {  
        i++;  
    }  
}
```

```
0x00000000040115c <+0>:    mov    $0x0,%eax  
0x000000000401161 <+5>:    cmp    $0x63,%eax  
0x000000000401164 <+8>:    jg     0x40116b <loop+15>  
0x000000000401166 <+10>:   add    $0x1,%eax  
0x000000000401169 <+13>:   jmp    0x401161 <loop+5>  
0x00000000040116b <+15>:   retq
```

We continue in this pattern until we make this conditional jump. When will that be?

Loops and Control Flow

```
void loop() {  
    int i = 0;  
    while (i < 100) {  
        i++;  
    }  
}
```

```
0x000000000040115c <+0>:    mov    $0x0,%eax  
0x0000000000401161 <+5>:    cmp    $0x63,%eax  
0x0000000000401164 <+8>:    jg    0x40116b <loop+15>  
0x0000000000401166 <+10>:   add    $0x1,%eax  
0x0000000000401169 <+13>:   jmp    0x401161 <loop+5>  
0x000000000040116b <+15>:   retq
```

We will stop looping when this comparison says that $\%eax - 0x63 > 0!$

Loops and Control Flow

```
void loop() {  
    int i = 0;  
    while (i < 100) {  
        i++;  
    }  
}
```

```
0x000000000040115c <+0>:    mov    $0x0,%eax  
0x0000000000401161 <+5>:    cmp    $0x63,%eax  
0x0000000000401164 <+8>:    jg     0x40116b <loop+15>  
0x0000000000401166 <+10>:   add    $0x1,%eax  
0x0000000000401169 <+13>:   jmp    0x401161 <loop+5>  
0x000000000040116b <+15>:   retq
```

Then, we return from the function.

GCC Common While Loop Construction

```
C  
while (test) {  
    body  
}
```

Assembly

```
Test  
Skip loop if test passes  
Body  
Jump back to test
```

From Previous Slide:

```
0x000000000040115c <+0>:   mov    $0x0,%eax  
0x0000000000401161 <+5>:   cmp    $0x63,%eax  
0x0000000000401164 <+8>:   jg     0x40116b <loop+15>  
0x0000000000401166 <+10>:  add    $0x1,%eax  
0x0000000000401169 <+13>:  jmp    0x401161 <loop+5>  
0x000000000040116b <+15>:  retq
```

GCC Other While Loop Construction

```
C  
while (test) {  
    body  
}
```

Assembly

Jump to test

Body

Test

Jump to body if test passes

From Previous Slide:

```
0x0000000000400570 <+0>:   mov     $0x0,%eax  
0x0000000000400575 <+5>:   jmp     0x40057a <loop+10>  
0x0000000000400577 <+7>:   add     $0x1,%eax  
0x000000000040057a <+10>:  cmp     $0x63,%eax  
0x000000000040057d <+13>:  jle     0x400577 <loop+7>  
0x000000000040057f <+15>:  repz   retq
```

Common For Loop Construction

C For loop

```
for (init; test; update) {  
    body  
}
```

C Equivalent While Loop

```
init  
while(test) {  
    body  
    update  
}
```

Assembly pseudocode



Init

Test

Skip loop if test passes

Body



Update

Jump back to test

For loops and while loops are treated (essentially) the same when compiled down to assembly.

Back to Our First Assembly

```
int sum_array(int arr[], int nelems) {
    int sum = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < nelems; i++) {
        sum += arr[i];
    }
    return sum;
}
```

```
000000000401136 <sum_array>:
401136 <+0>:  mov    $0x0,%eax
40113b <+5>:   mov    $0x0,%edx
401140 <+10>:  cmp    %esi,%eax
401142 <+12>:  jge    0x40114f <sum_array+25>
401144 <+14>:  movslq %eax,%rcx
401147 <+17>:  add    (%rdi,%rcx,4),%edx
40114a <+20>:  add    $0x1,%eax
40114d <+23>:  jmp    0x401140 <sum_array+10>
40114f <+25>:  mov    %edx,%eax
401151 <+27>:  retq
```

1. Which register is C code's sum?
2. Which register is C code's i?
3. Which assembly instruction is C code's `sum += arr[i]`?
4. What are the `cmp` and `jge` instructions doing?
(**jge**: signed jump greater than/equal)



Condition Code-Dependent Instructions

There are three common instruction types that use condition codes:

- **jmp** instructions conditionally jump to a different next instruction
- **set** instructions conditionally set a byte to 0 or 1
- new versions of **mov** instructions conditionally move data

set: Read condition codes

set instructions conditionally set a byte to 0 or 1.

- Reads current state of flags
- operand is a single-byte register (e.g., %al) or single-byte memory location
- Does not perturb other bytes of register
- Typically followed by movzbl to zero those bytes

```
int small(int x) {  
    return x < 16;  
}
```

```
cmp $0xf,%edi  
setle %al  
movzbl %al, %eax  
retq
```

set: Read condition codes

Instruction	Synonym	Set Condition (1 if true, 0 if false)
sete D	setz	Equal / zero
setne D	setnz	Not equal / not zero
sets D		Negative
setns D		Nonnegative
setg D	setnle	Greater (signed >)
setge D	setnl	Greater or equal (signed >=)
setl D	setnge	Less (signed <)
setle D	setng	Less or equal (signed <=)
seta D	setnbe	Above (unsigned >)
setae D	setnb	Above or equal (unsigned >=)
setb D	setnae	Below (unsigned <)
setbe D	setna	Below or equal (unsigned <=)

cmov: Conditional move

cmovx src, dst conditionally moves data in src to data in dst.

- Mov src to dst if condition x holds; no change otherwise
- src is memory address/register, dst is register
- May be more efficient than branch (i.e., jump)
- Often seen with C ternary operator: `result = test ? then: else;`

```
int max(int x, int y) {  
    return x > y ? x : y;  
}
```

```
cmp    %edi,%esi  
mov    %edi, %eax  
cmovge %esi, %eax  
retq
```

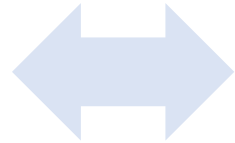

cmov: Conditional move

Instruction	Synonym	Move Condition
cmovz S,R	cmovz	Equal / zero (ZF = 1)
cmovne S,R	cmovnz	Not equal / not zero (ZF = 0)
cmovs S,R		Negative (SF = 1)
cmovns S,R		Nonnegative (SF = 0)
cmovg S,R	cmovnl	Greater (signed >) (SF = 0 and SF = OF)
cmovge S,R	cmovnl	Greater or equal (signed >=) (SF = OF)
cmovl S,R	cmovnge	Less (signed <) (SF != OF)
cmovle S,R	cmovng	Less or equal (signed <=) (ZF = 1 or SF != OF)
cmova S,R	cmovnbe	Above (unsigned >) (CF = 0 and ZF = 0)
cmovae S,R	cmovnb	Above or equal (unsigned >=) (CF = 0)
cmovb S,R	cmovnae	Below (unsigned <) (CF = 1)
cmovbe S,R	cmovna	Below or equal (unsigned <=) (CF = 1 or ZF = 1)

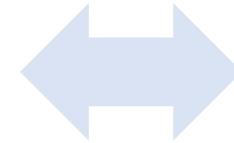
★ How to remember cmp/jmp

- `CMP S1, S2` is $S2 - S1$ (just sets condition codes). **But generally:**

`cmp S1, S2`
`jg ...`



$S2 > S1$



$S2 - S1 > 0$

- Much less important to remember exact condition codes
 - Yes, they fully explain conditional jmp...
 - ...but more important to know how to translate assembly back into C
 - If you're interested, B&O p. 206 has details

Instruction	Synonym	Jump condition	Description
<code>jmp Label</code>		1	Direct jump
<code>jmp *Operand</code>		1	Indirect jump
<code>je Label</code>	<code>jz</code>	ZF	Equal / zero
<code>jne Label</code>	<code>jnz</code>	\sim ZF	Not equal / not zero
<code>js Label</code>		SF	Negative
<code>jns Label</code>		\sim SF	Nonnegative
<code>jg Label</code>	<code>jnl</code>	\sim (SF ^ OF) & \sim ZF	Greater (signed >)
<code>jge Label</code>	<code>jnl</code>	\sim (SF ^ OF)	Greater or equal (signed >=)
<code>jl Label</code>	<code>jnge</code>	SF ^ OF	Less (signed <)
<code>jle Label</code>	<code>jng</code>	(SF ^ OF) ZF	Less or equal (signed <=)
<code>ja Label</code>	<code>jnb</code>	\sim CF & \sim ZF	Above (unsigned >)
<code>jae Label</code>	<code>jnb</code>	\sim CF	Above or equal (unsigned >=)
<code>jb Label</code>	<code>jnae</code>	CF	Below (unsigned <)
<code>jbe Label</code>	<code>jna</code>	CF ZF	Below or equal (unsigned <=)

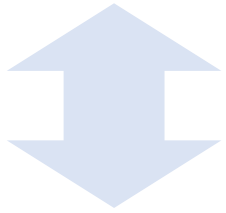
Figure 3.15 The jump instructions. These instructions jump to a labeled destination when the jump condition holds. Some instructions have "synonyms," alternate names for the same machine instruction.

★ Remember test exists

- TEST S1, S2 is S2 & S1

```
test %edi, %edi
```

```
jns ...
```



%edi & %edi is nonnegative

%edi is nonnegative

Instruction	Synonym	Jump condition	Description
jmp <i>Label</i>		1	Direct jump
jmp <i>*Operand</i>		1	Indirect jump
je <i>Label</i>	jz	ZF	Equal / zero
jne <i>Label</i>	jnz	~ZF	Not equal / not zero
js <i>Label</i>		SF	Negative
jns <i>Label</i>		~SF	Nonnegative
jg <i>Label</i>	jnle	~(SF ^ OF) & ~ZF	Greater (signed >)
jge <i>Label</i>	jnl	~(SF ^ OF)	Greater or equal (signed >=)
j< i>Label	jnge	SF ^ OF	Less (signed <)
jle <i>Label</i>	jng	(SF ^ OF) ZF	Less or equal (signed <=)
ja <i>Label</i>	jnbe	~CF & ~ZF	Above (unsigned >)
jae <i>Label</i>	jnb	~CF	Above or equal (unsigned >=)
jb <i>Label</i>	jnae	CF	Below (unsigned <)
jbe <i>Label</i>	jna	CF ZF	Below or equal (unsigned <=)

Figure 3.15 The jump instructions. These instructions jump to a labeled destination when the jump condition holds. Some instructions have “synonyms,” alternate names for the same machine instruction.

Practice: Fill in the blanks

```
long loop(long a, long b) {  
    long result = ___(1)___;  
    while (___(2)___) {  
        result = ___(3)___;  
        a = ___(4)___;  
    }  
    return result;  
}
```

```
<+0>:    mov    $0x1,%eax  
<+5>:    cmp    %rsi,%rdi  
<+8>:    jge   0x1151 <loop+24>  
<+10>:   lea   (%rdi,%rsi,1),%rdx  
<+14>:   imul  %rdx,%rax  
<+18>:   add   $0x1,%rdi  
<+22>:   jmp   0x113e <loop+5>  
<+24>:   retq
```

GCC common while loop construction:

Test

Jump past loop if fails

Body

Jump to test



Practice: Fill in the blanks

```
long loop(long a, long b) {  
    long result = ___(1)___;  
    while (___(2)___) {  
        result = ___(3)___;  
        a = ___(4)___;  
    }  
    return result;  
}
```

```
<+0>:    mov    $0x1,%eax  
<+5>:    cmp    %rsi,%rdi  
<+8>:    jge    0x1151 <loop+24>  
<+10>:   lea    (%rdi,%rsi,1),%rdx  
<+14>:   imul  %rdx,%rax  
<+18>:   add    $0x1,%rdi  
<+22>:   jmp    0x113e <loop+5>  
<+24>:   retq
```

GCC common while loop construction:

Test

Jump past loop if fails

Body

Jump to test



Practice: Fill in the blanks

```
long loop(long a, long b) {  
    long result = _____;  
    while (_____) {  
        result = _____;  
        a = _____;  
    }  
    return result;  
}
```

```
<+0>:    mov     $0x1,%eax  
<+5>:    cmp     %rsi,%rdi  
<+8>:    jge    0x1151 <loop+24>  
<+10>:   lea    (%rdi,%rsi,1),%rdx  
<+14>:   imul   %rdx,%rax  
<+18>:   add    $0x1,%rdi  
<+22>:   jmp    0x113e <loop+5>  
<+24>:   retq
```

Practice: Fill in the blanks

```
long loop(long a, long b) {  
    long result = 1;  
    while (a < b) {  
        result = result*(a+b);  
        a = a + 1;  
    }  
    return result;  
}
```

```
<+0>:    mov     $0x1,%eax  
<+5>:    cmp     %rsi,%rdi  
<+8>:    jge    0x1151 <loop+24>  
<+10>:   lea    (%rdi,%rsi,1),%rdx  
<+14>:   imul   %rdx,%rax  
<+18>:   add    $0x1,%rdi  
  
<+22>:   jmp    0x113e <loop+5>  
  
<+24>:   retq
```

Warm-up: Reverse Engineering

```
int elem_arithmetic(int nums[], int y) {  
    int z = nums[_____] * _____;  
  
    z -= _____;  
  
    return _____;  
}
```

```
-----  
// nums in %rdi, y in %esi  
elem_arithmetic:  
    movl %esi, %eax  
    imull 4(%rdi), %eax  
    movslq %esi, %rsi  
    subl (%rdi,%rsi,4), %eax  
    lea 2(%rax, %rax), %eax  
    ret
```


Warm-up: Reverse Engineering

```
int elem_arithmetic(int nums[], int y) {
    int z = nums[1] * y;

    z -= _____;

    return _____;
}
```

```
-----
// nums in %rdi, y in %esi
elem_arithmetic:
    movl %esi, %eax
    imull 4(%rdi), %eax
    movslq %esi, %rsi
    subl (%rdi,%rsi,4), %eax
    lea 2(%rax, %rax), %eax
    ret
```

```
// copy y into %eax
// multiply %eax by nums[1]
// sign-extend %esi to %rsi
```

Work through the last two blanks in groups and input your answer for the first blank on PollEv:
pollev.com/cs107 or text CS107 to 22333 once to join.

Warm-up: Reverse Engineering

```
int elem_arithmetic(int nums[], int y) {  
    int z = nums[1] * y;  
  
    z -= nums[y];  
  
    return 2 * z + 2;  
}
```

```
-----  
// nums in %rdi, y in %esi  
elem_arithmetic:  
    movl %esi, %eax           // copy y into %eax  
    imull 4(%rdi), %eax       // multiply %eax by nums[1]  
    movslq %esi, %rsi        // sign-extend %esi to %rsi  
    subl (%rdi,%rsi,4), %eax  // subtract nums[y] from %eax  
    lea 2(%rax, %rax), %eax   // multiply %rax by 2, and add 2  
    ret
```

test practice: What's the C code?

```
0x400546 <test_func> test %edi,%edi
0x400548 <test_func+2> jns 0x400550 <test_func+10>
0x40054a <test_func+4> mov $0xfed,%eax
0x40054f <test_func+9> retq
0x400550 <test_func+10> mov $0xaabbccdd,%eax
0x400555 <test_func+15> retq
```



test practice: What's the C code?

```
0x400546 <test_func> test %edi,%edi
0x400548 <test_func+2> jns 0x400550 <test_func+10>
0x40054a <test_func+4> mov $0xfeed,%eax
0x40054f <test_func+9> retq
0x400550 <test_func+10> mov $0xaabbccdd,%eax
0x400555 <test_func+15> retq
```

```
int test_func(int x) {
    if (x < 0) {
        return 0xfeed;
    }
    return 0xaabbccdd;
}
```

(or anything
like this)

Practice: "Escape Room"

```
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You don't have to reverse-engineer C code exactly!

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First param > 2 or == 1.

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- **Let's dive deeper into how %rip works, and how jumps modify it.**

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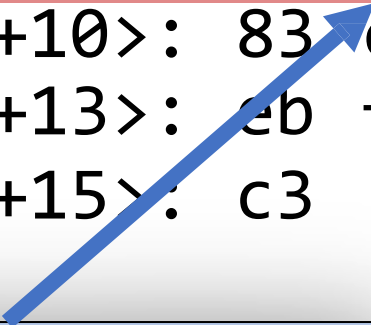
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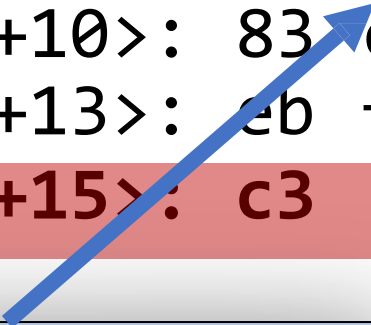


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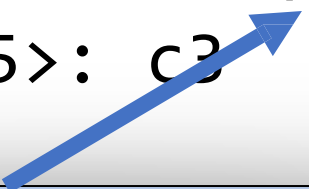
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Summary: Instruction Pointer

- Machine code instructions live in main memory, just like stack and heap data.
- `%rip` is a register that stores a number (an address) of the next instruction to execute. It marks our place in the program's instructions.
- To advance to the next instruction, special hardware adds the size of the current instruction in bytes.
- **`jmp`** instructions work by adjusting `%rip` by a specified amount.

How do we call functions in assembly?

Calling Functions In Assembly

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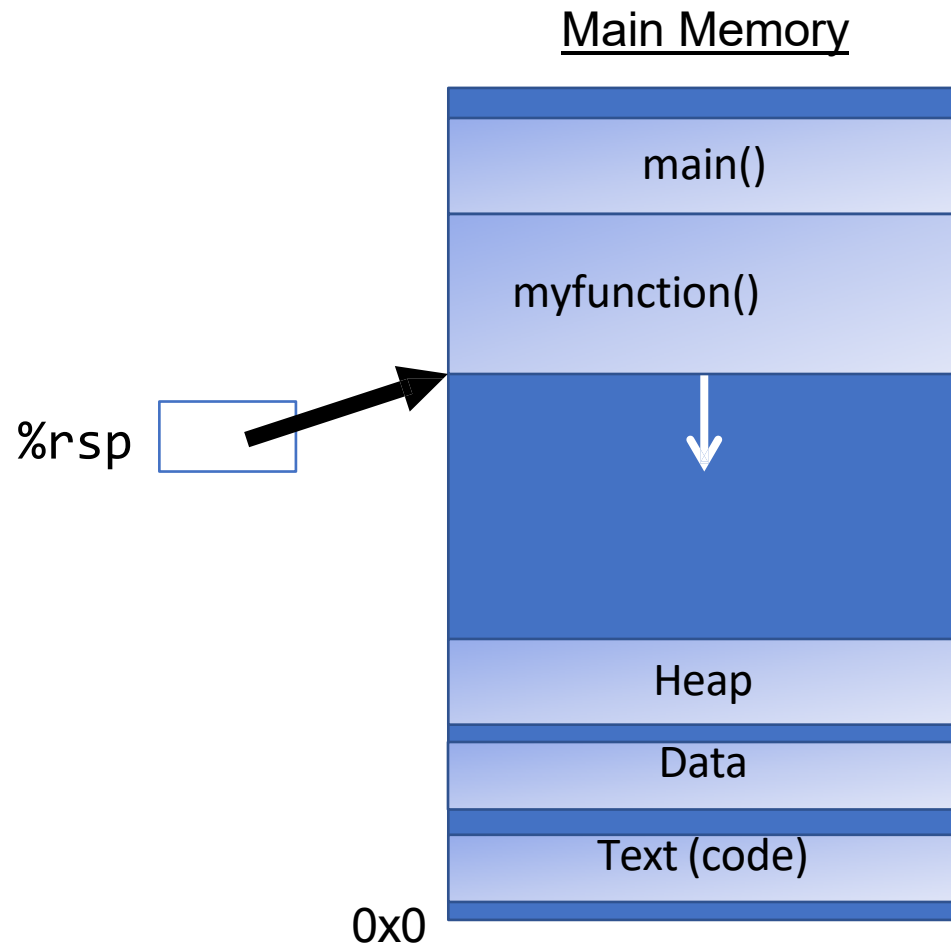
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How does assembly interact with the stack?

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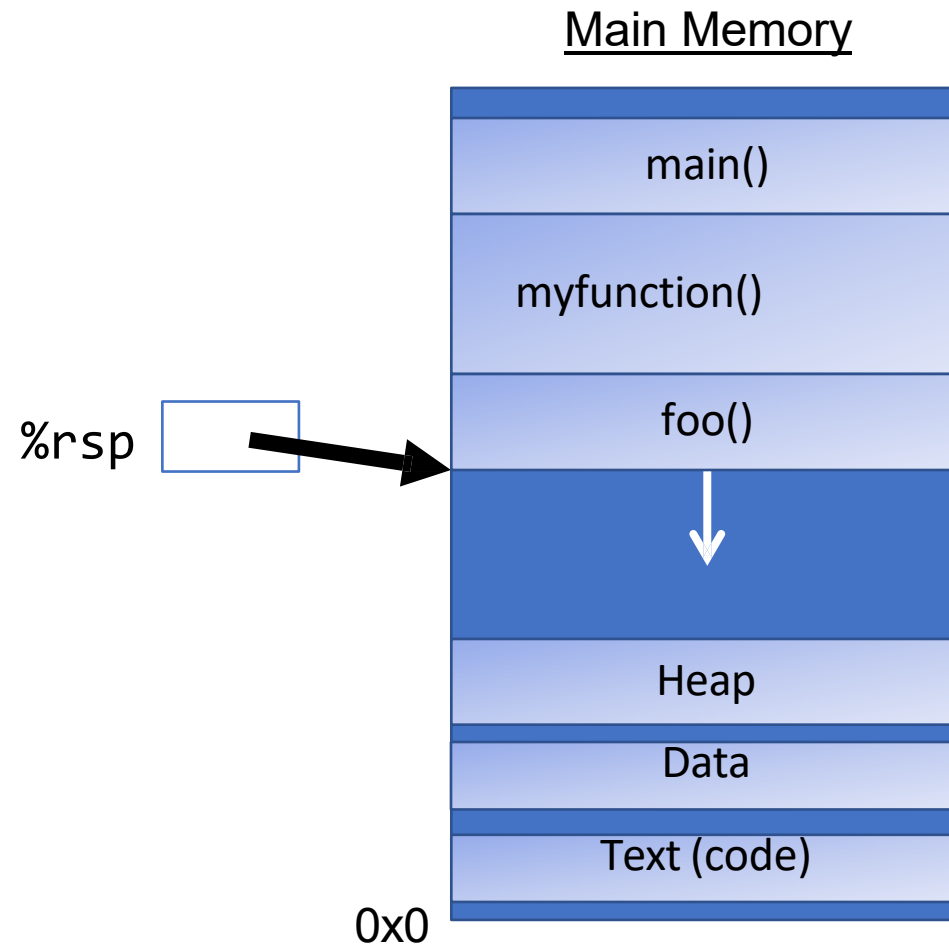
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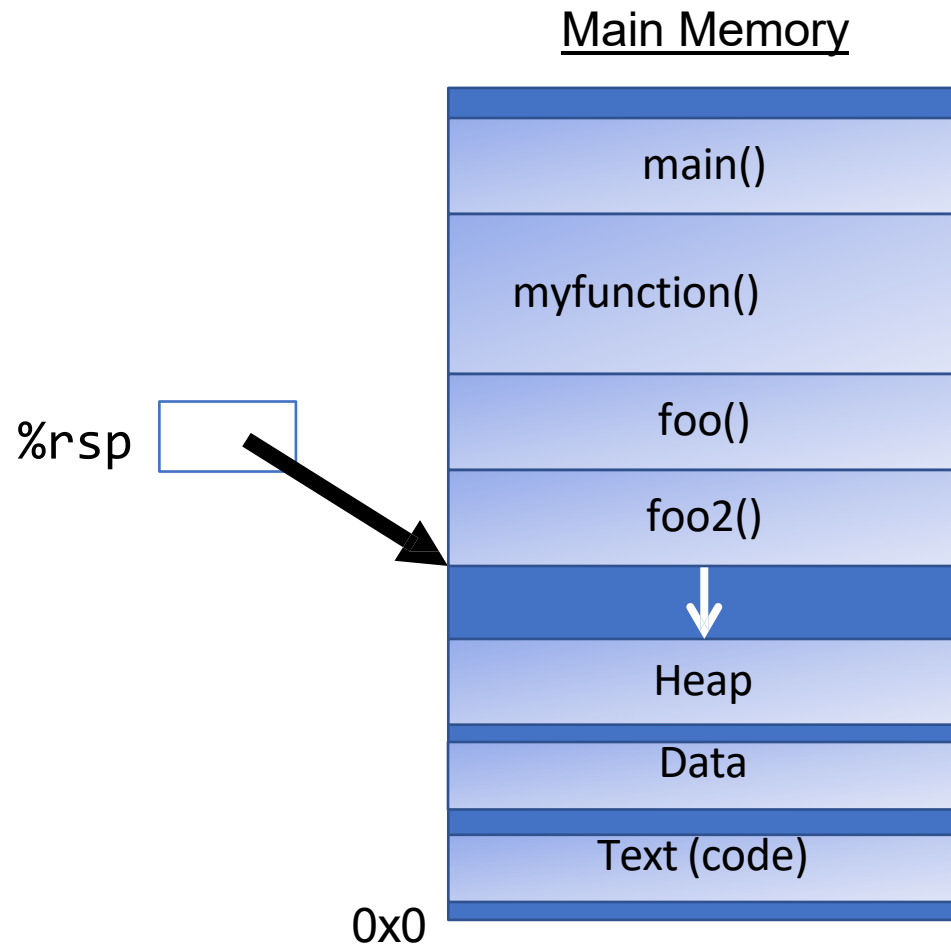
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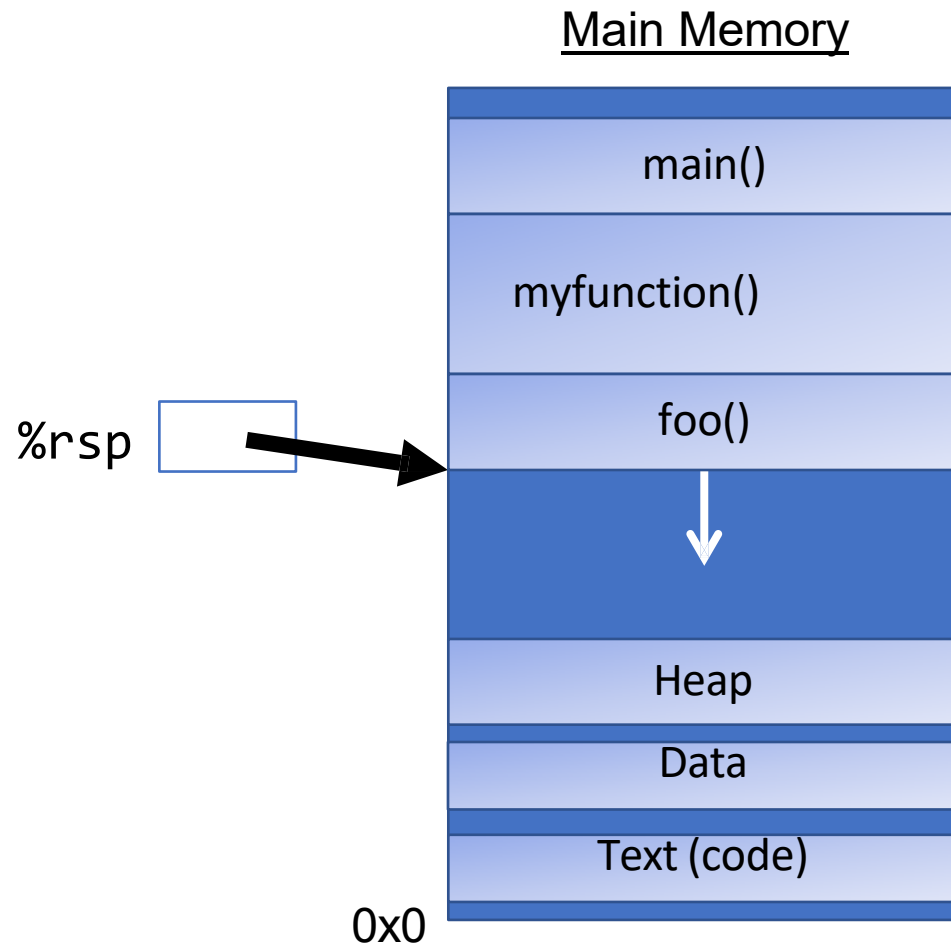
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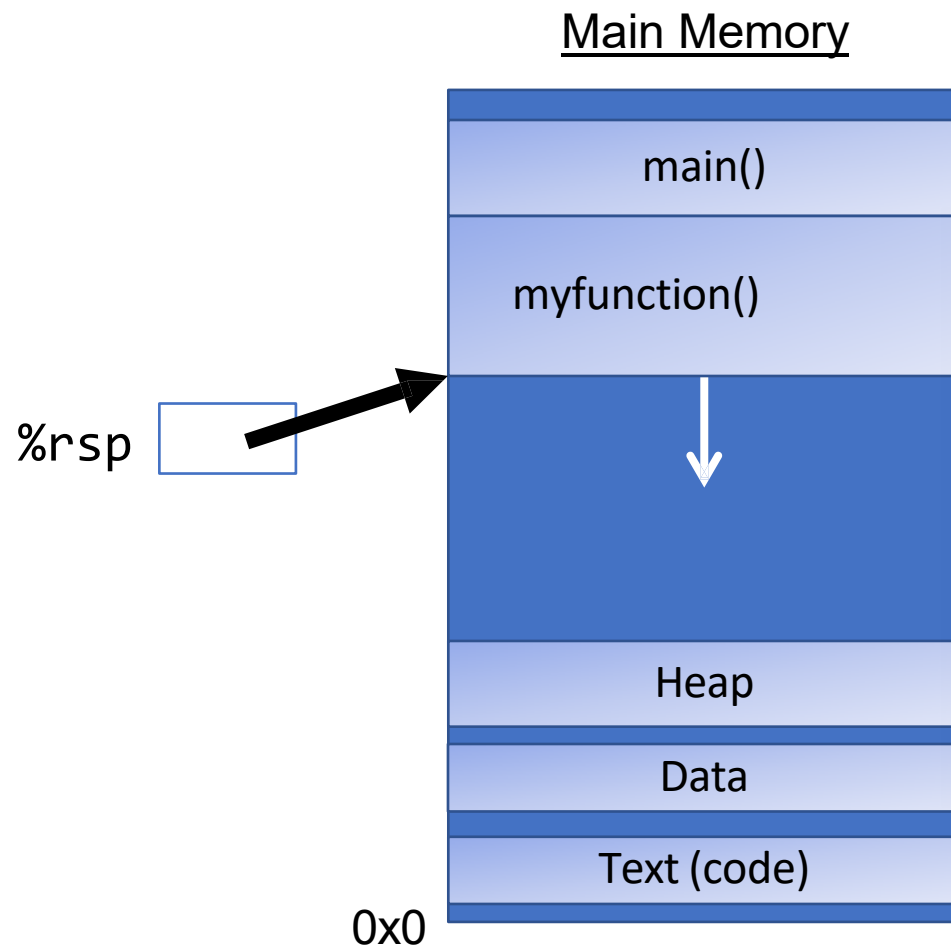
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Key idea: %rsp must point to the same place before a function is called and after that function returns, since stack frames go away when a function finishes.

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popq D	$D \leftarrow M[R[\%rsp]]$ $R[\%rsp] \leftarrow R[\%rsp] + 8;$

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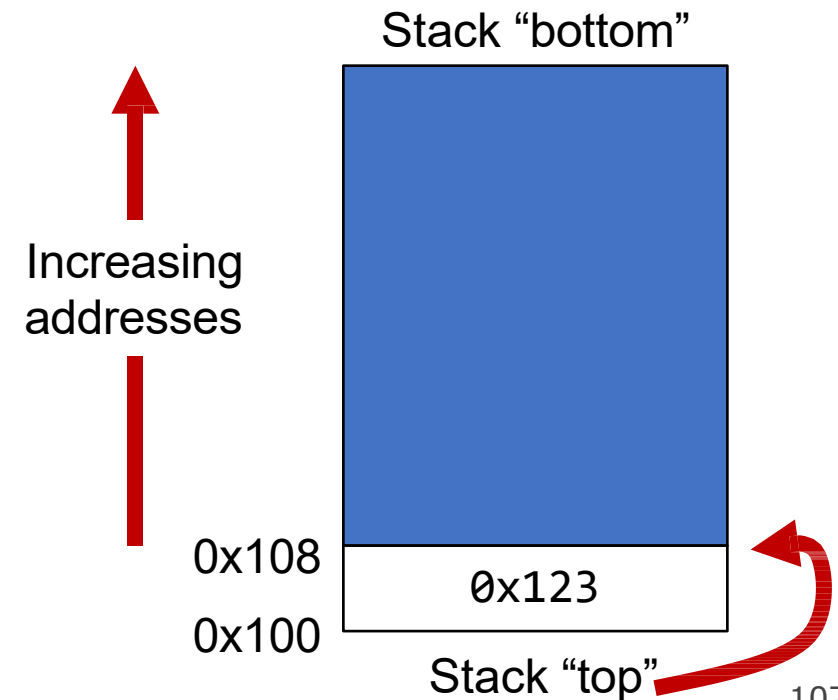
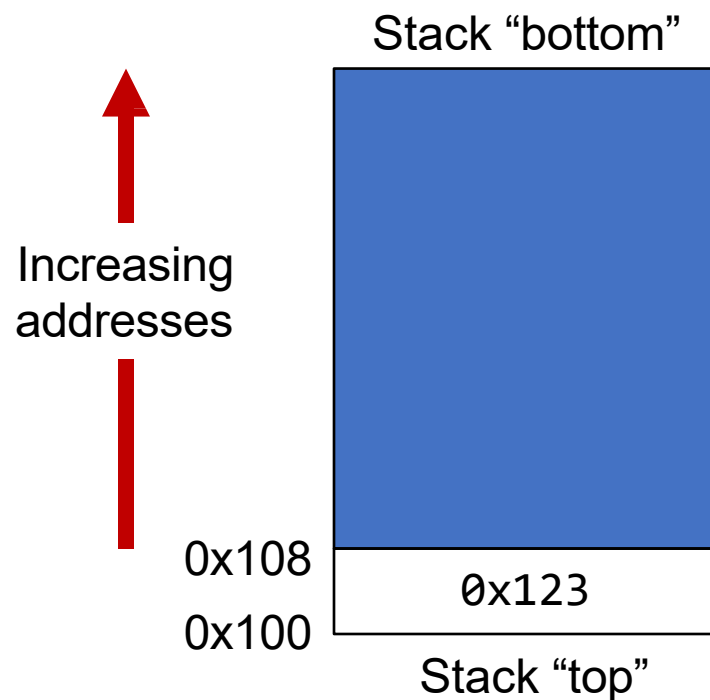
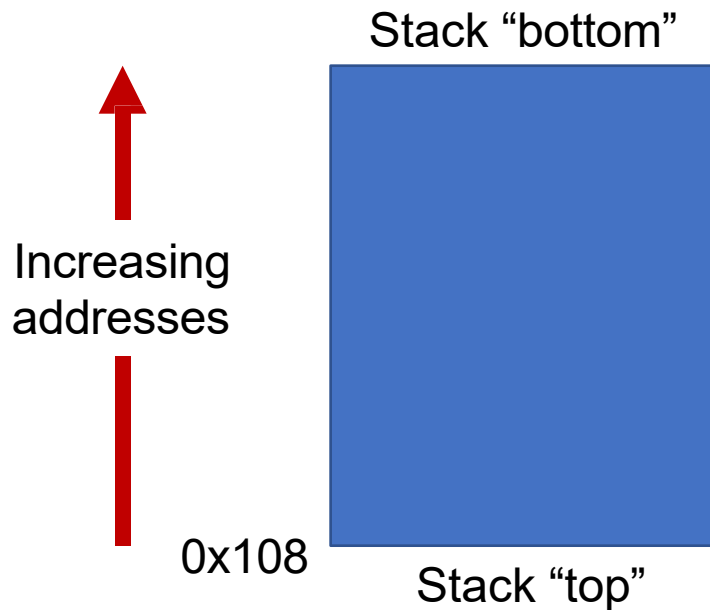
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Stack Example

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

pushq %rax	
%rax	0x123
%rdx	0
%rsp	0x100

popq %rdx	
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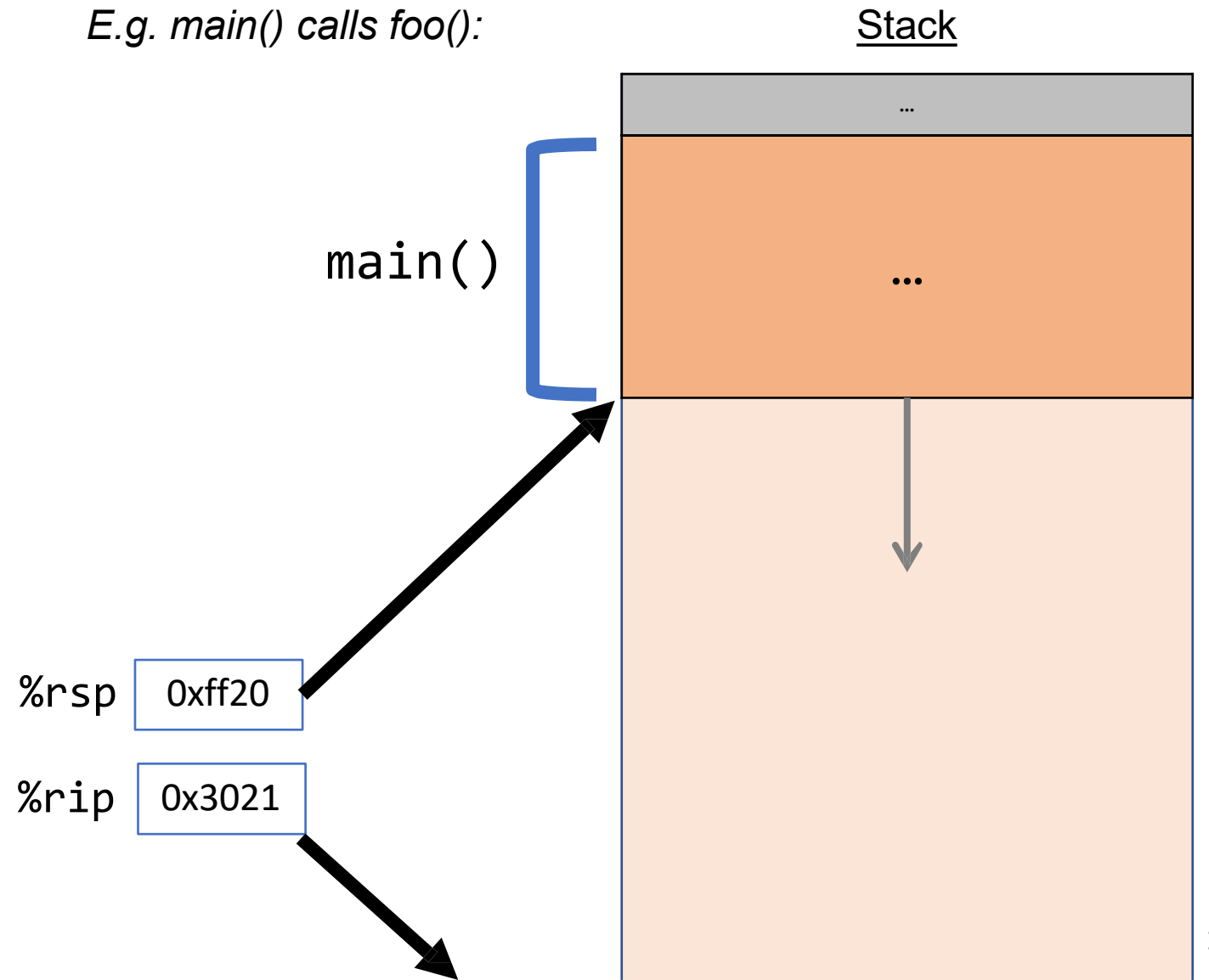
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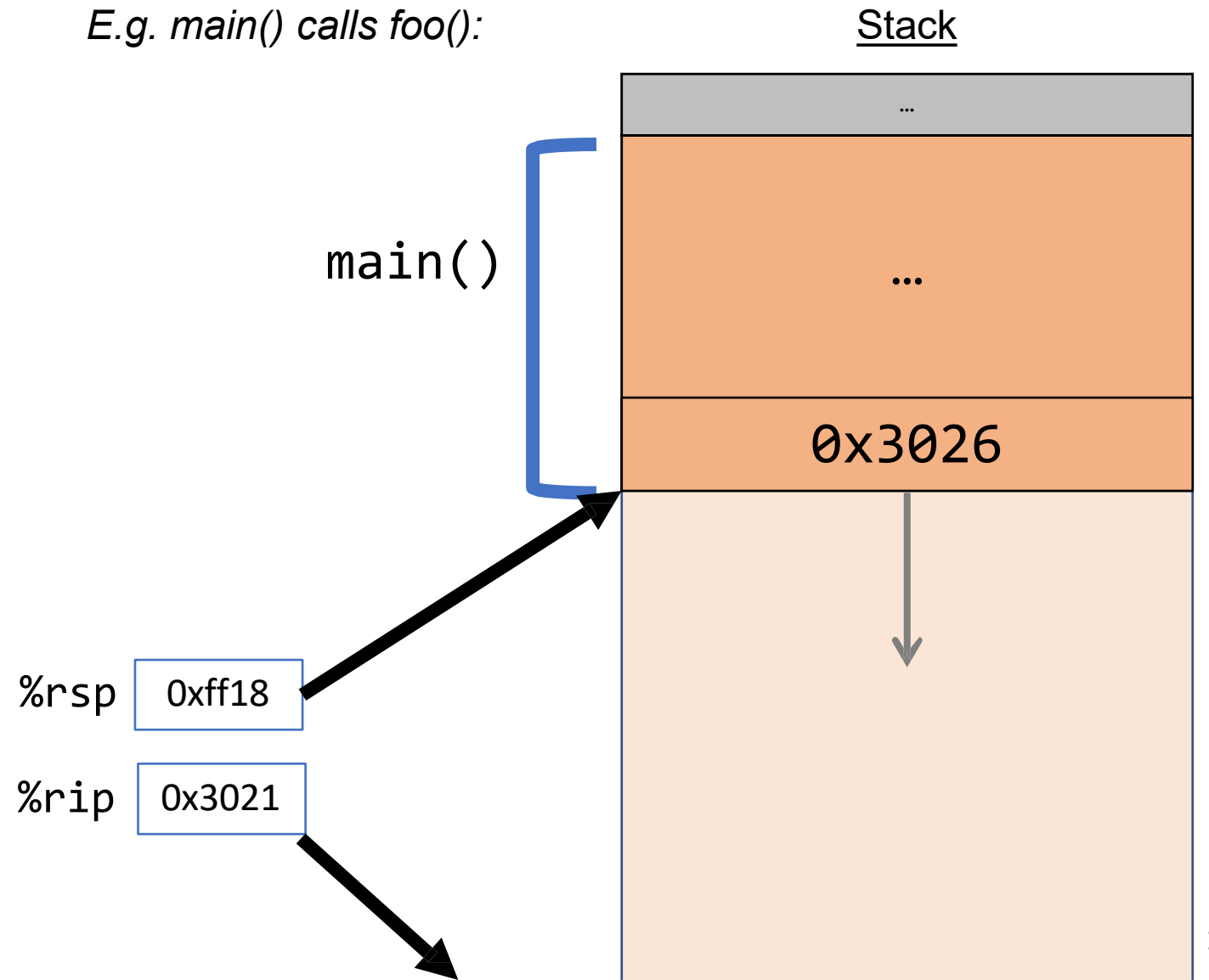
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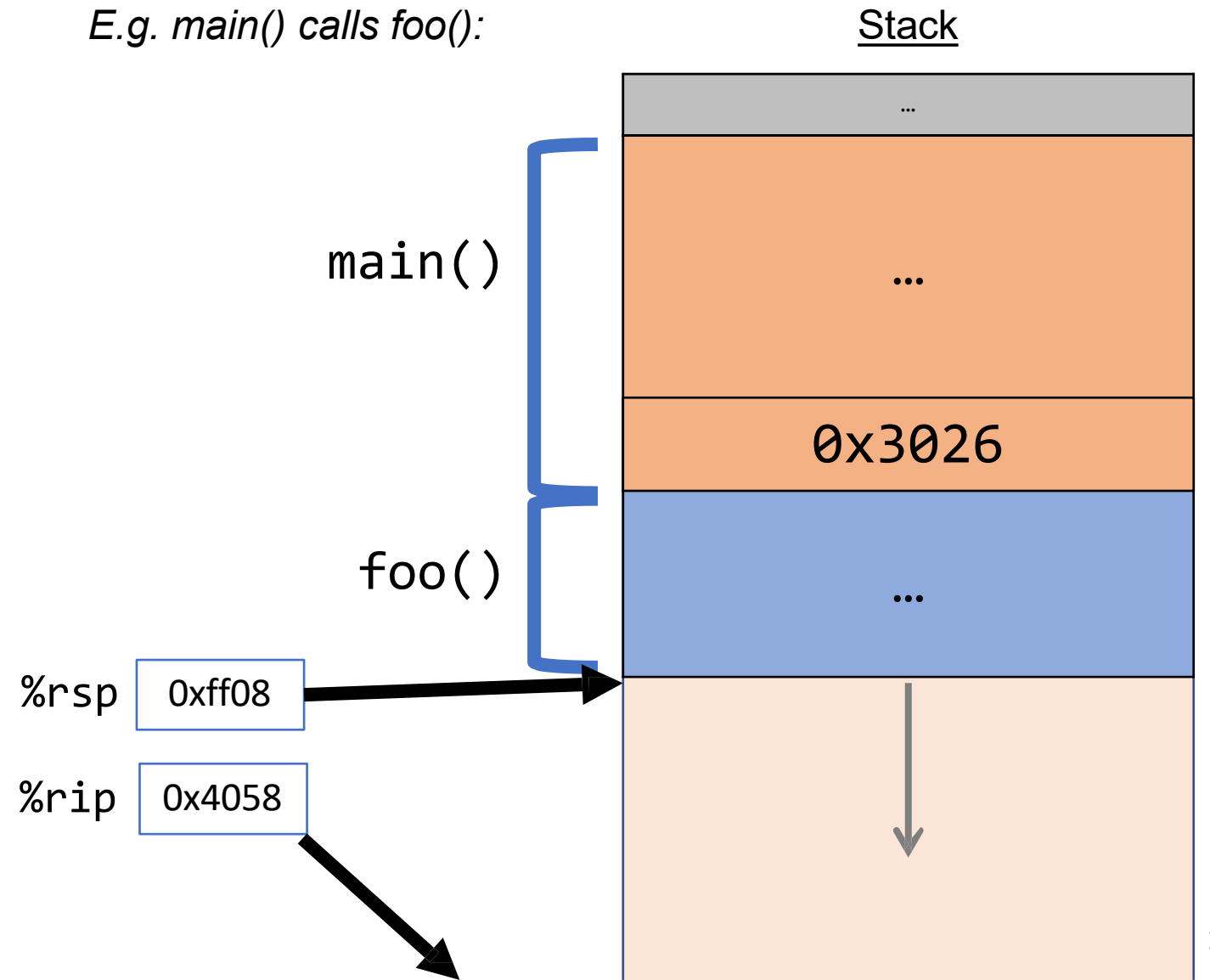
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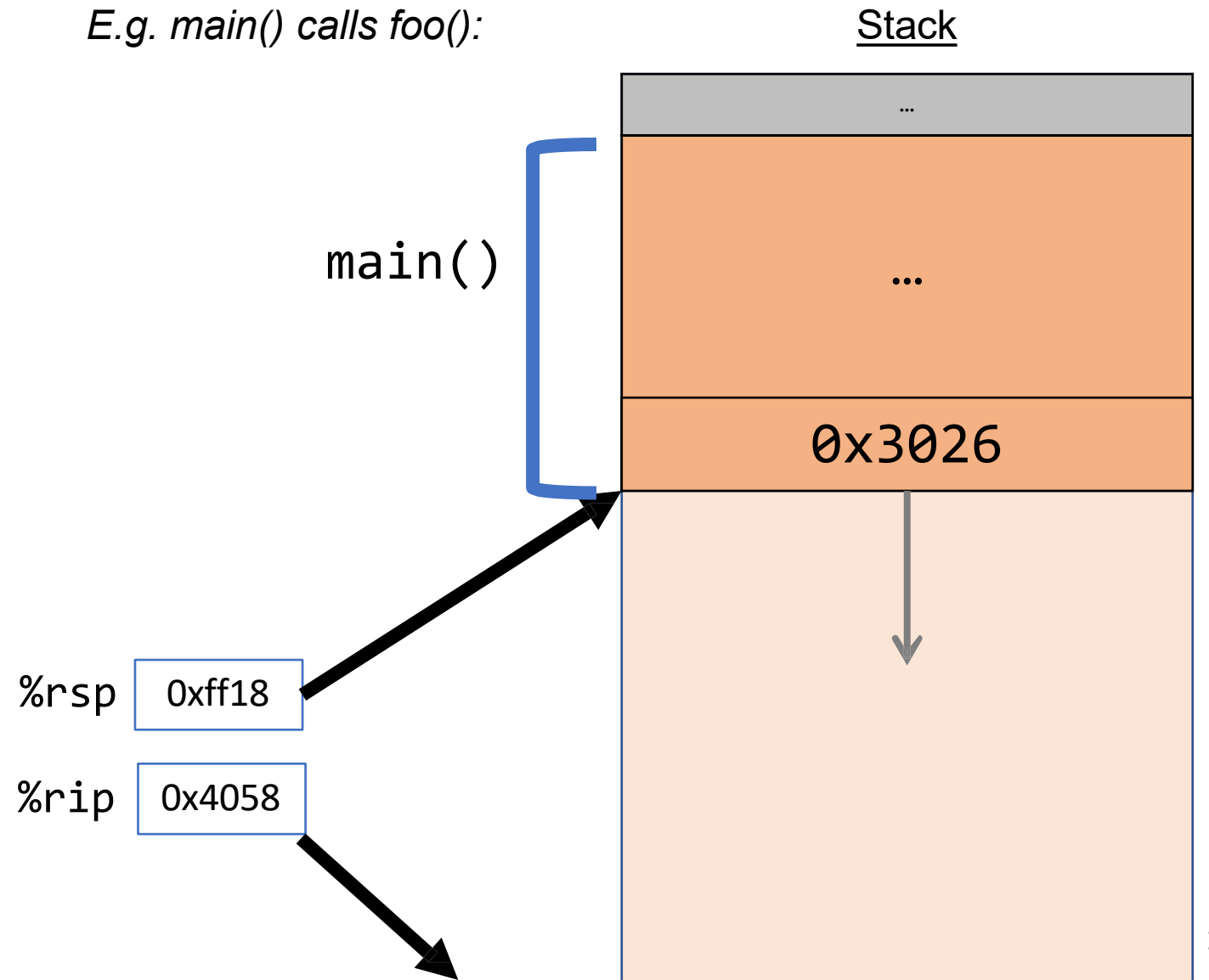
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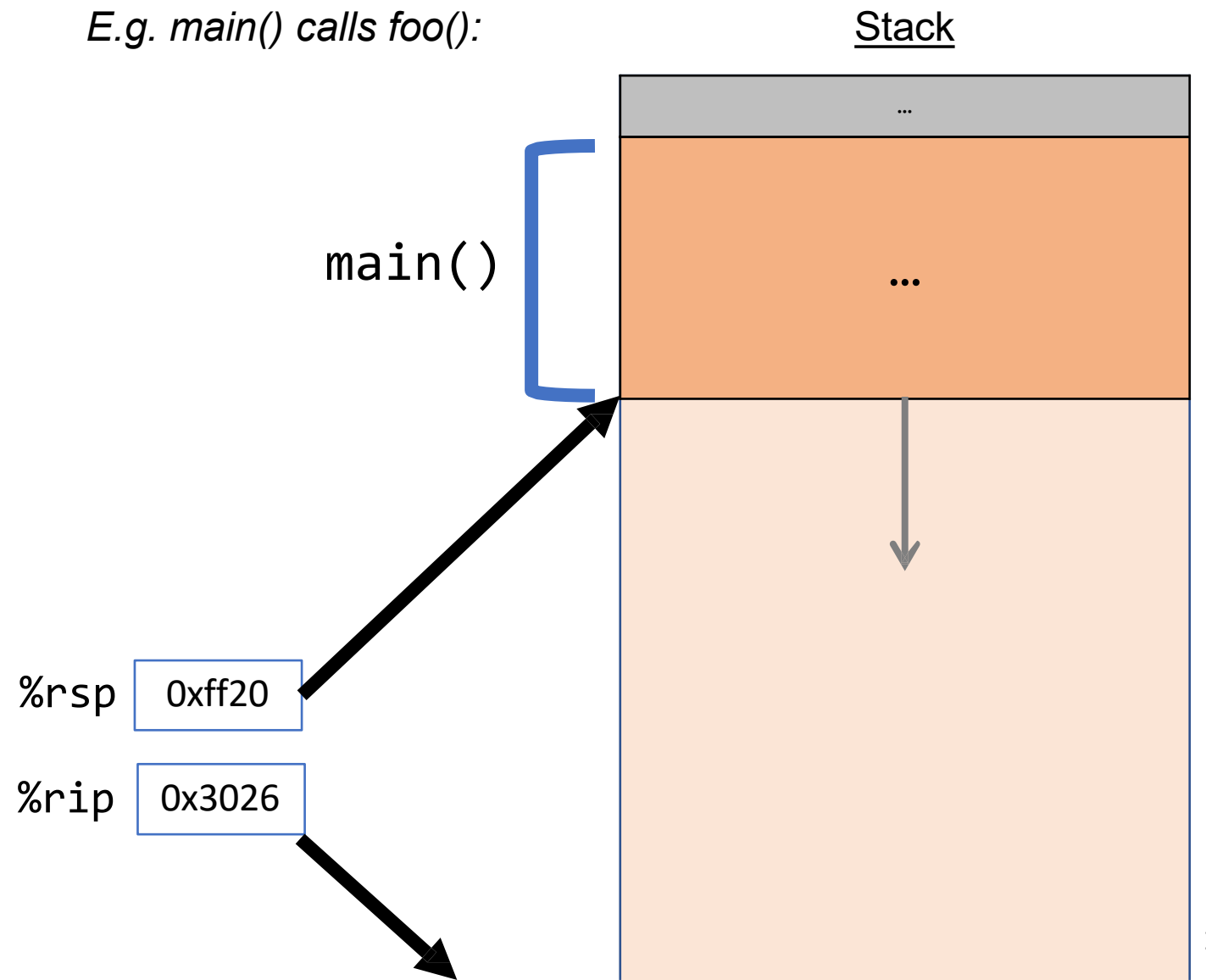
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Call And Return

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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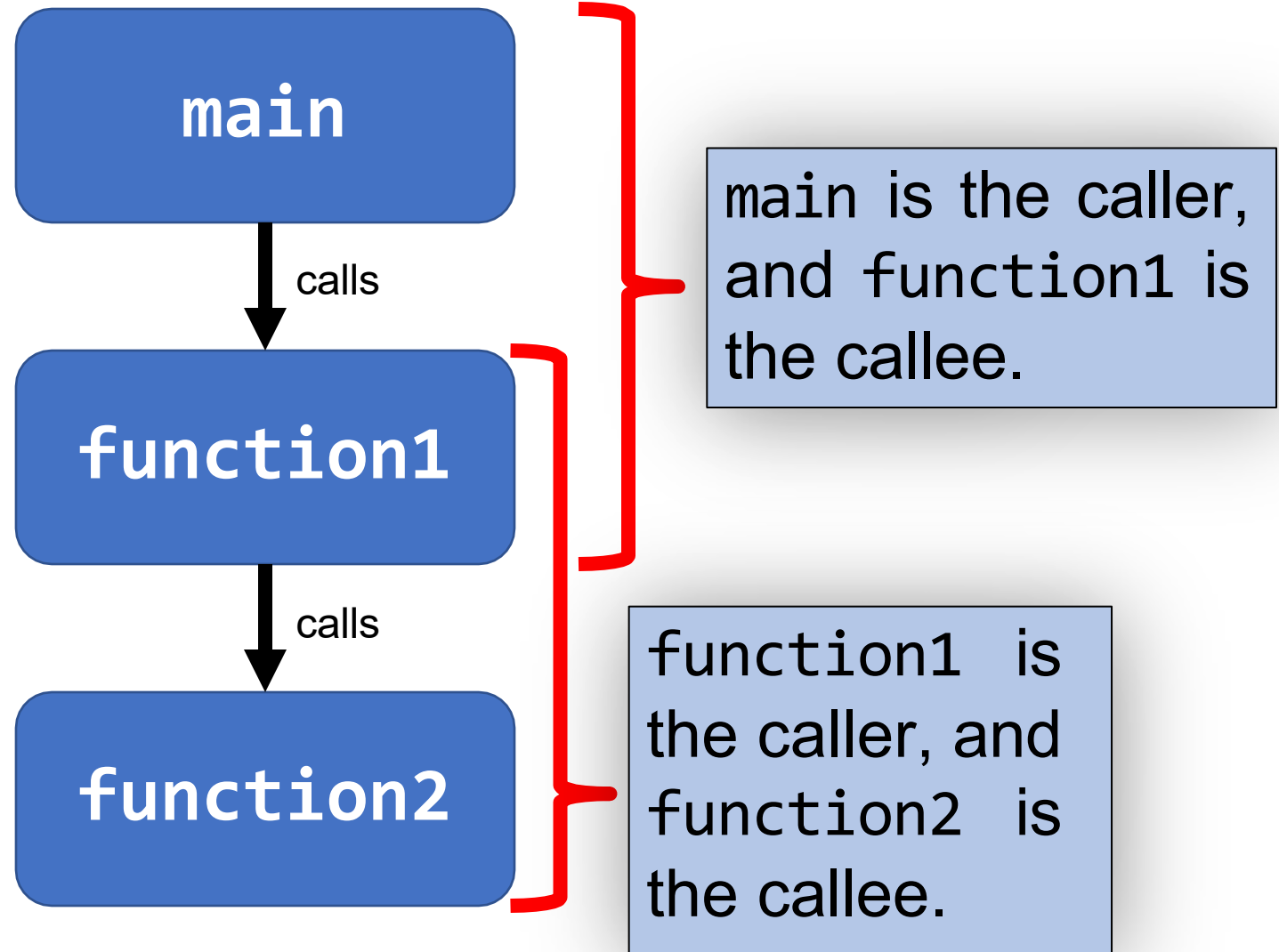
Register Restrictions

There is only one copy of registers for all programs and functions.

- **Problem:** what if *funcA* is building up a value in register %r10, and calls *funcB* in the middle, which also has instructions that modify %r10? *funcA*'s value will be overwritten!
- **Solution:** make some “rules of the road” that callers and callees must follow when using registers so they do not interfere with one another.
- These rules define 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).



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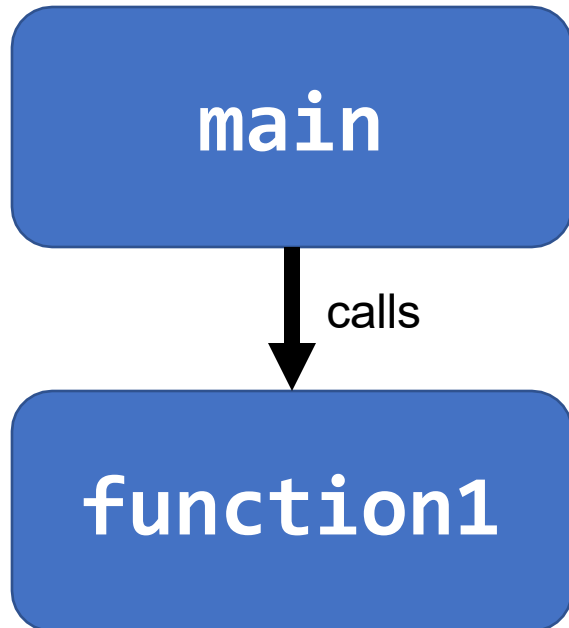
Caller-Owned

- 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.

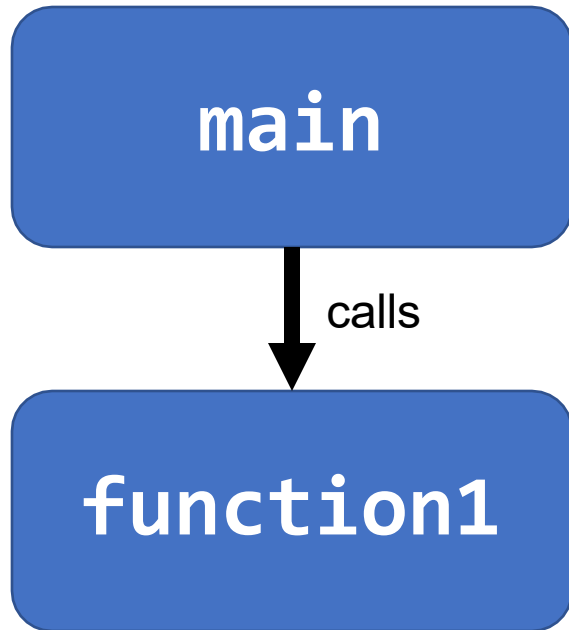
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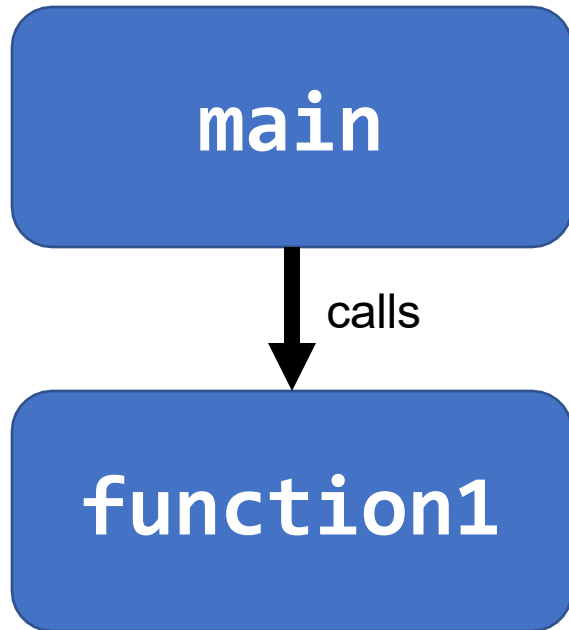
If `function1` wants to use any caller-owned registers, it must save the existing values and restore them before returning.

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  ...  
  pop %rbx  
  pop %rbp  
  retq
```

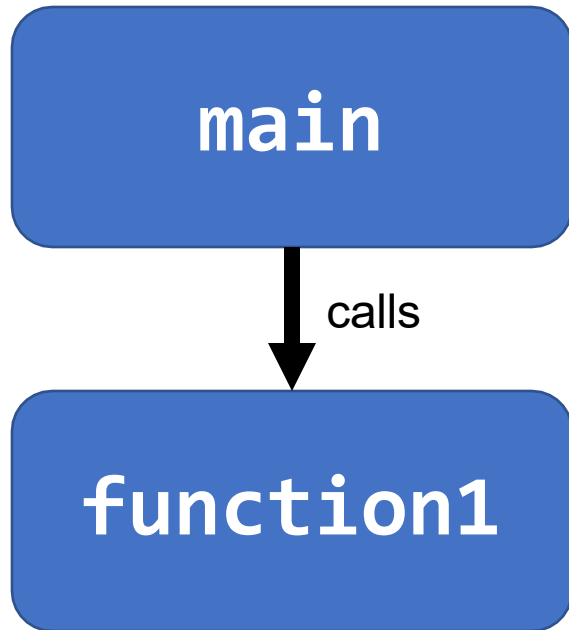
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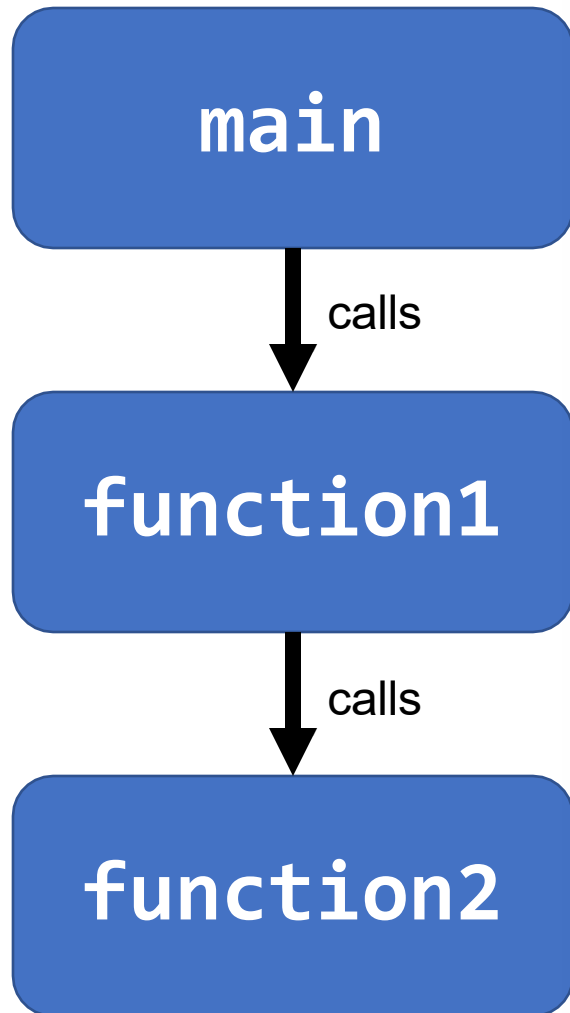
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Callee-Owned Registers



```
main:  
  ...  
  push %r10  
  push %r11  
  callq function1  
  pop %r11  
  pop %r10  
  ...
```


A Day In the Life of `function1`



Caller-owned registers:

- `function1` must save/restore existing values of any it wants to use.
- `function1` can assume that calling `function2` will not permanently change their values.

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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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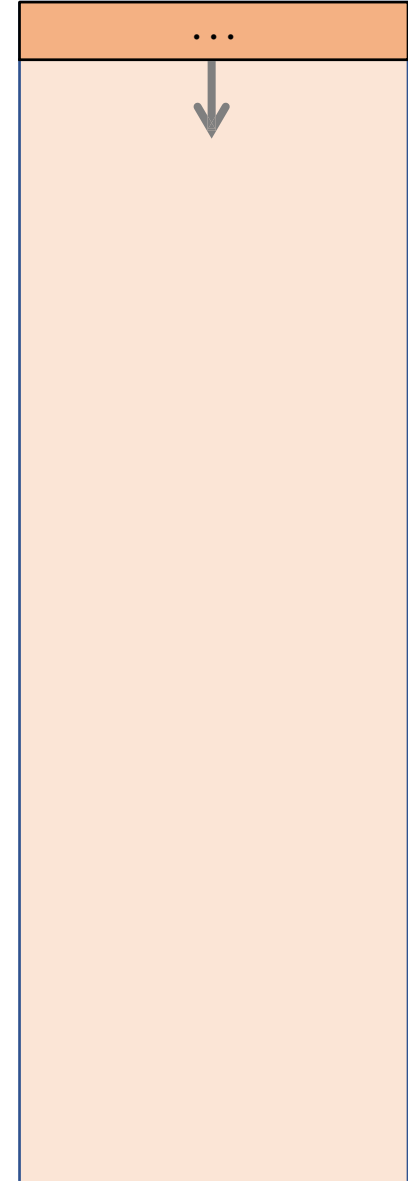
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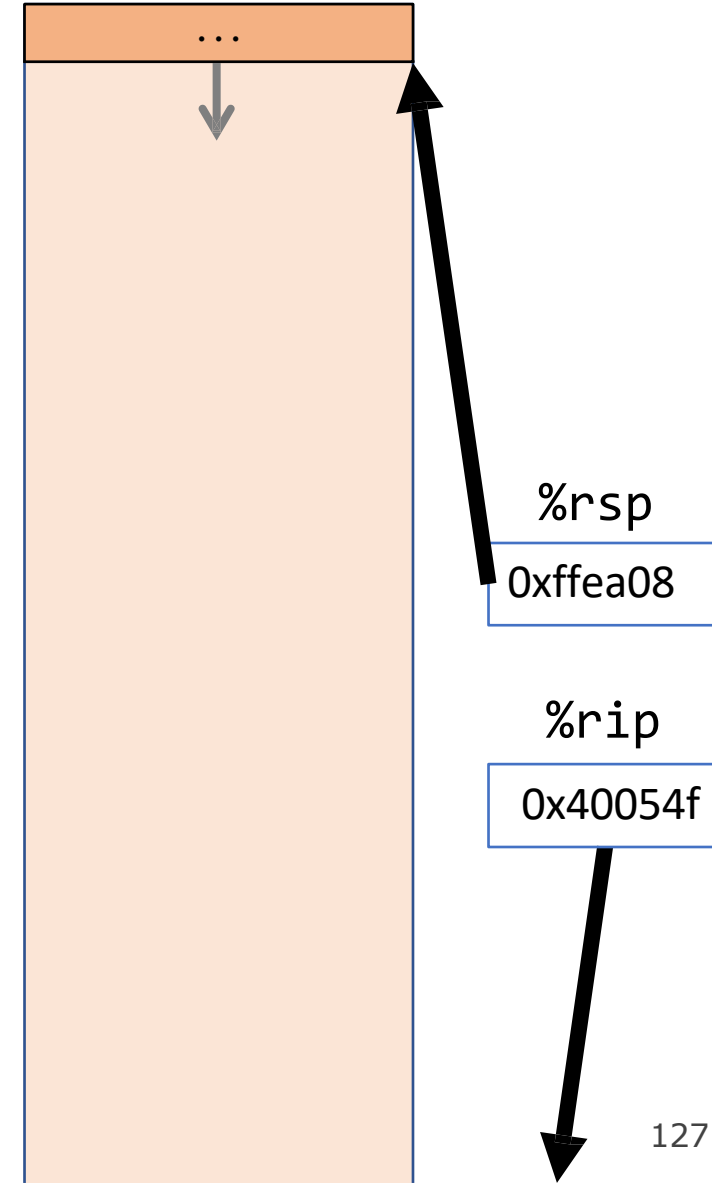


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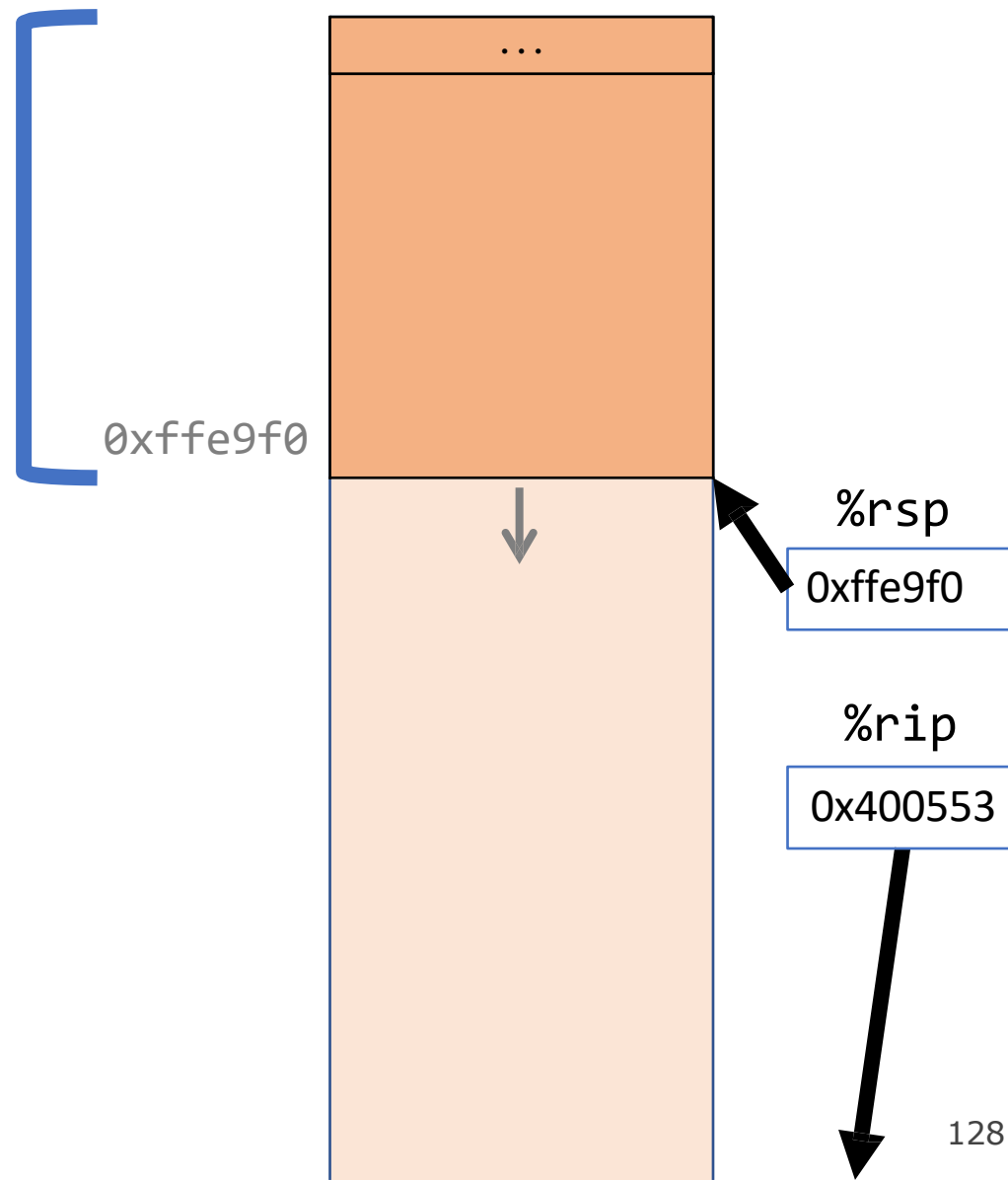
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0x400553 <+4>:    movl   $0x1,0xc(%rsp)
0x40055b <+12>:   movl   $0x2,0x8(%rsp)
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main()

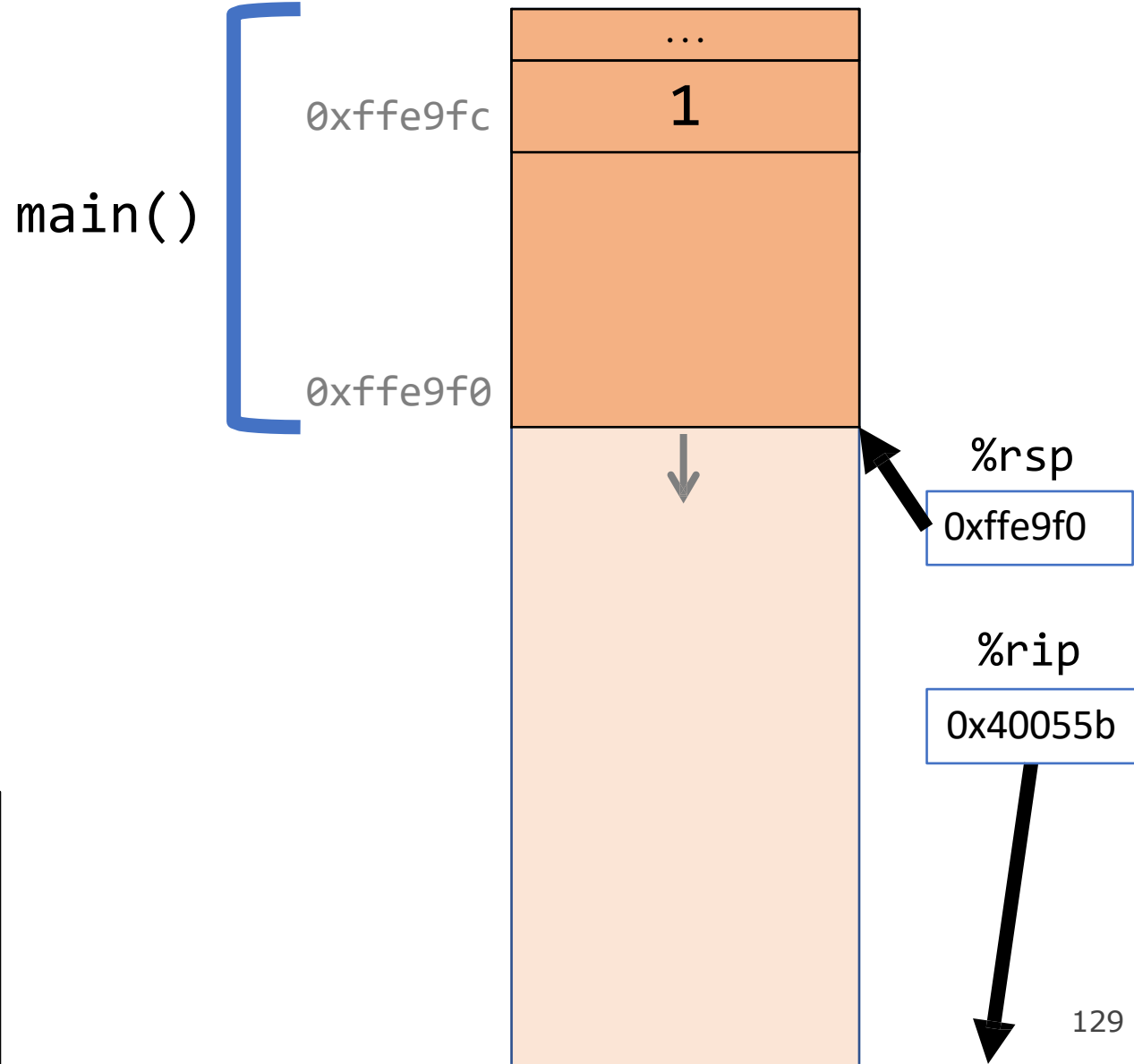


Parameters and Return

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
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    int i2 = 2;
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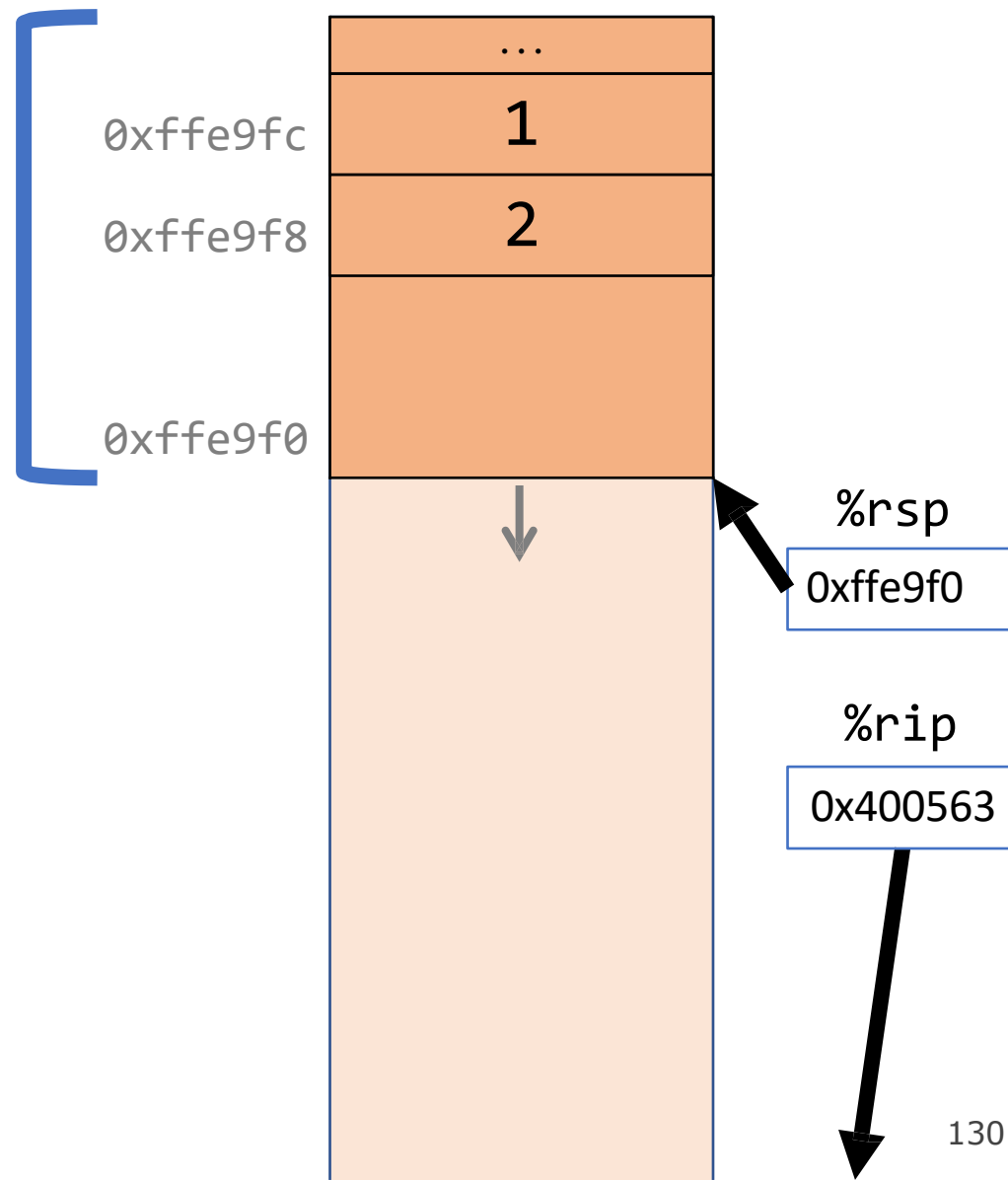
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main()

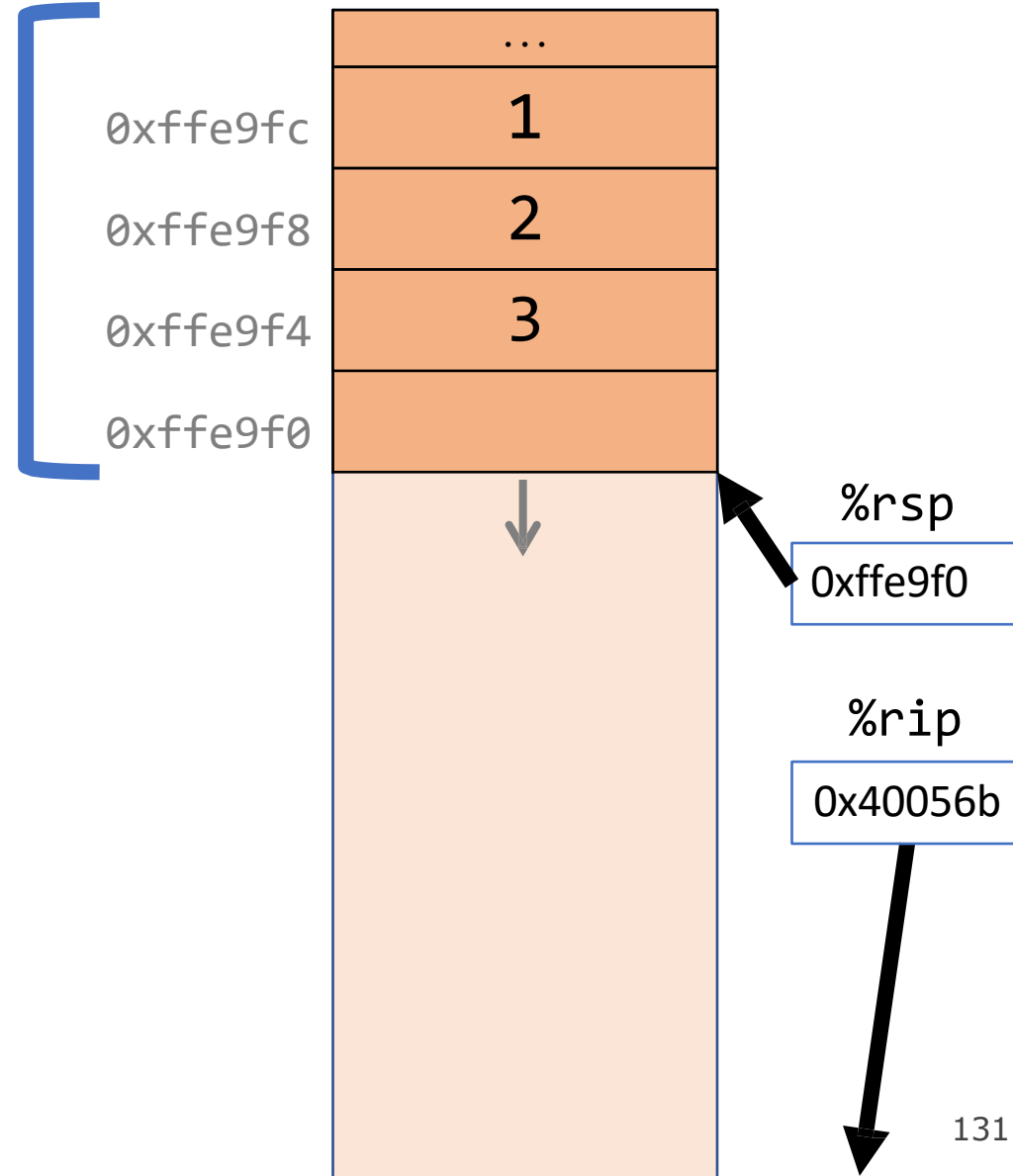


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main()

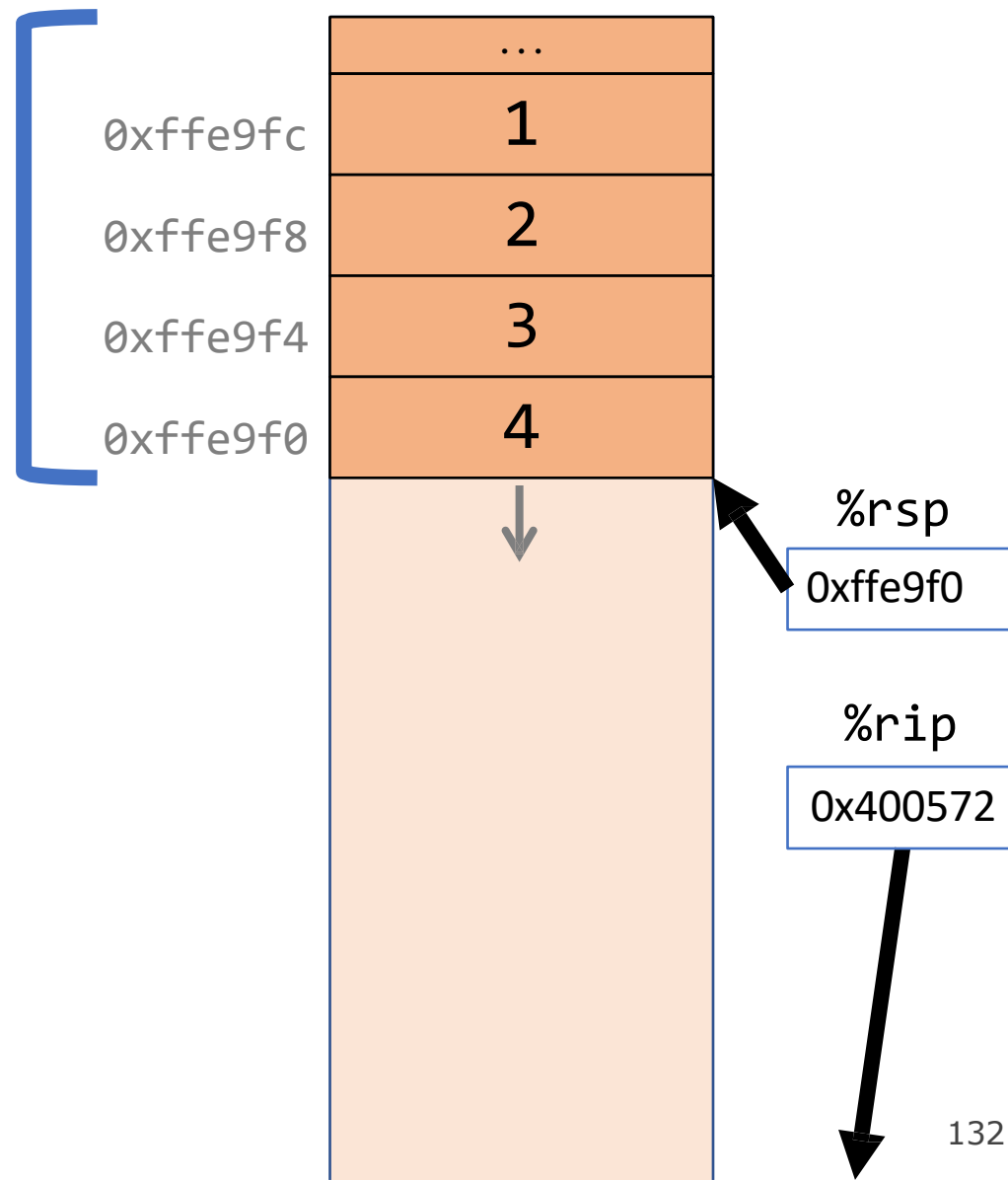


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    int i4 = 4;  
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main()



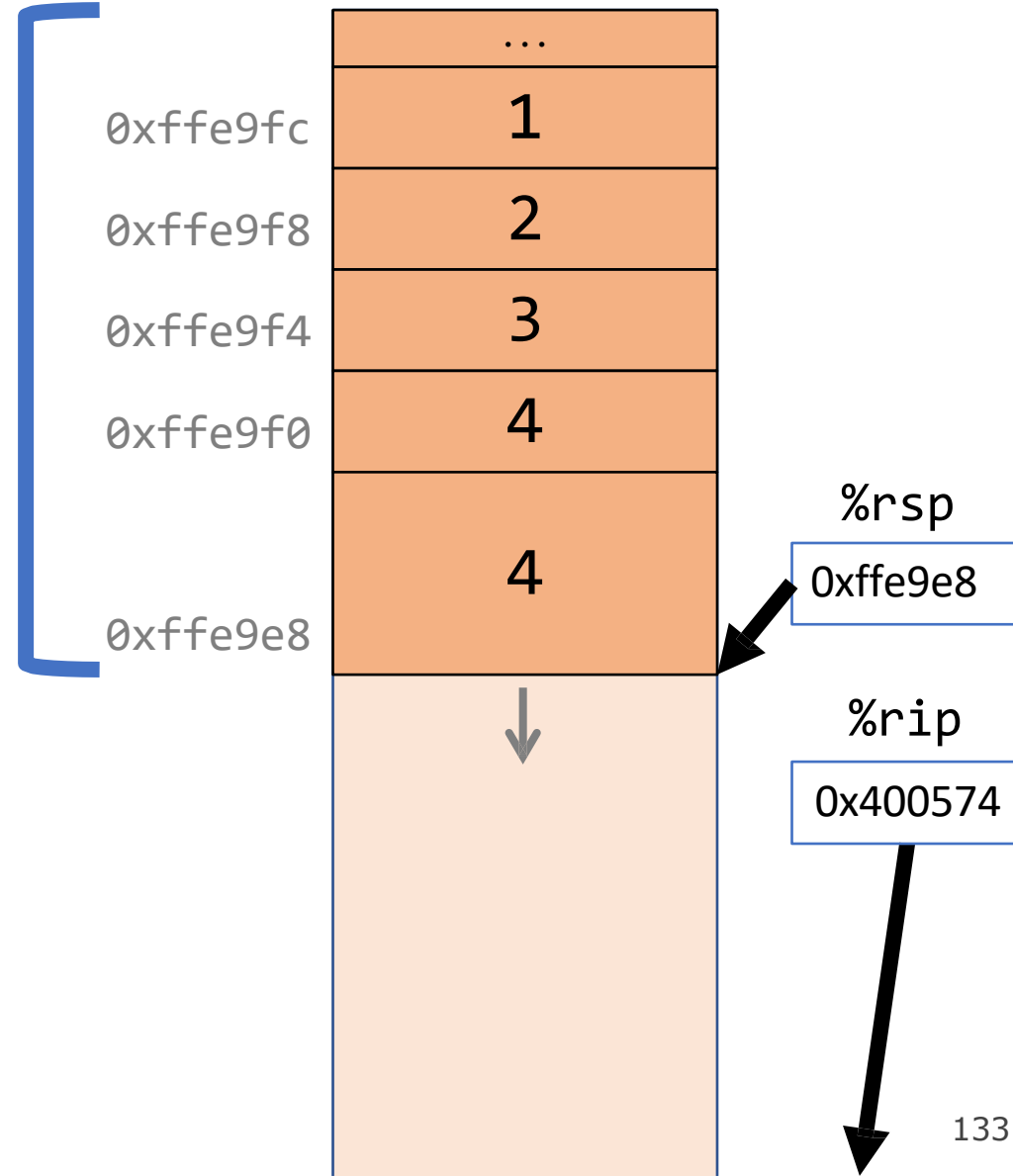
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main()

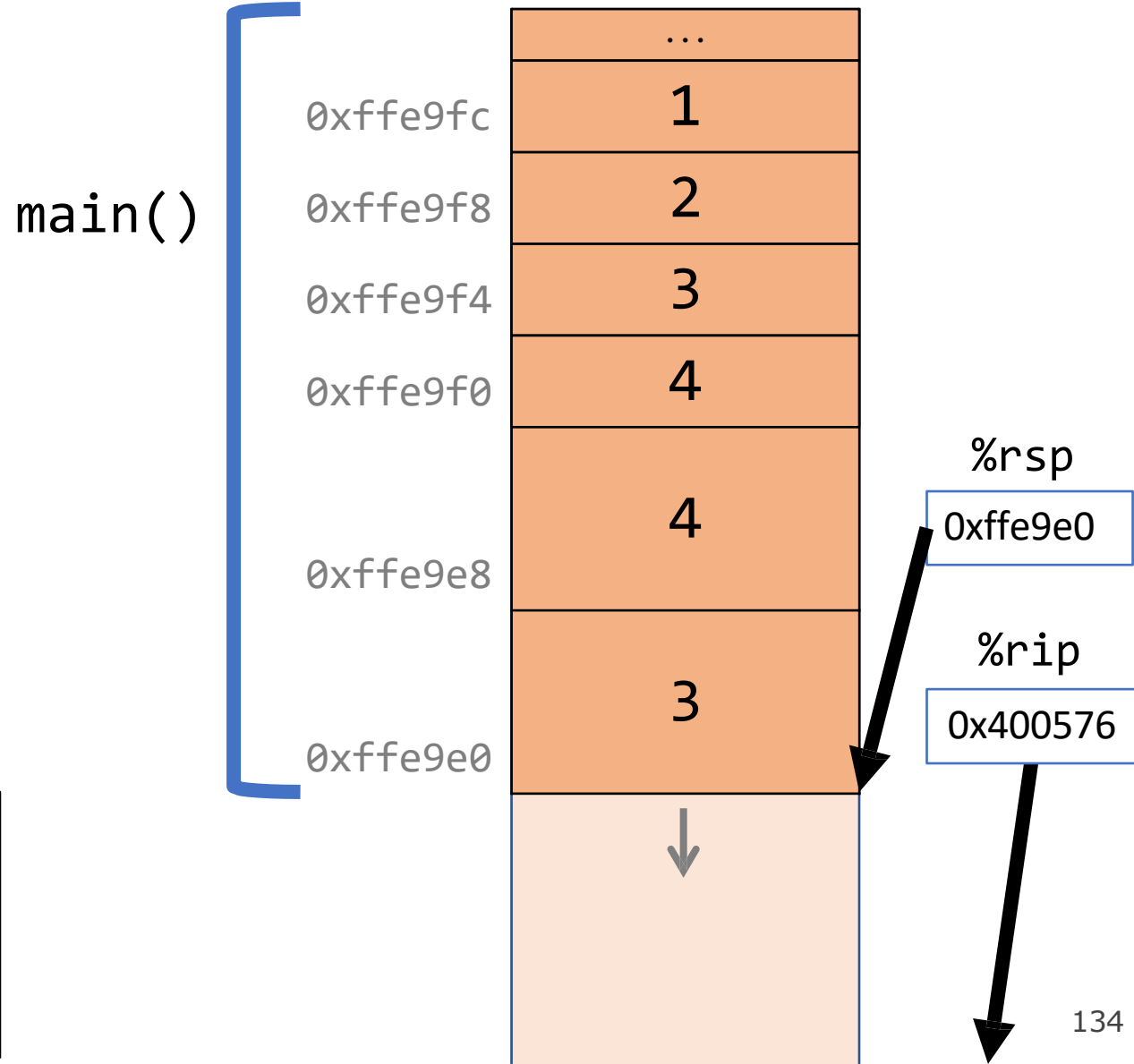


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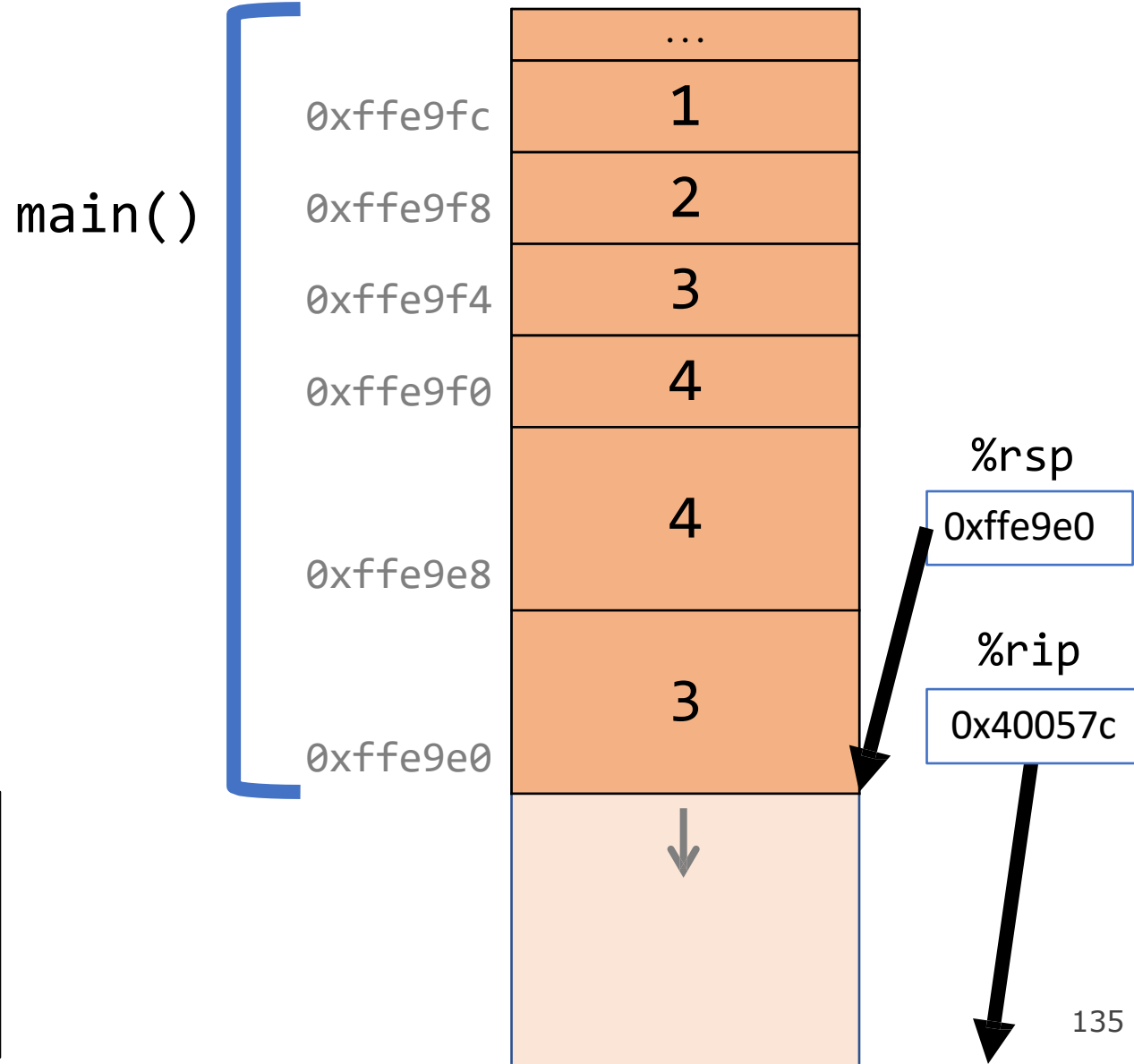


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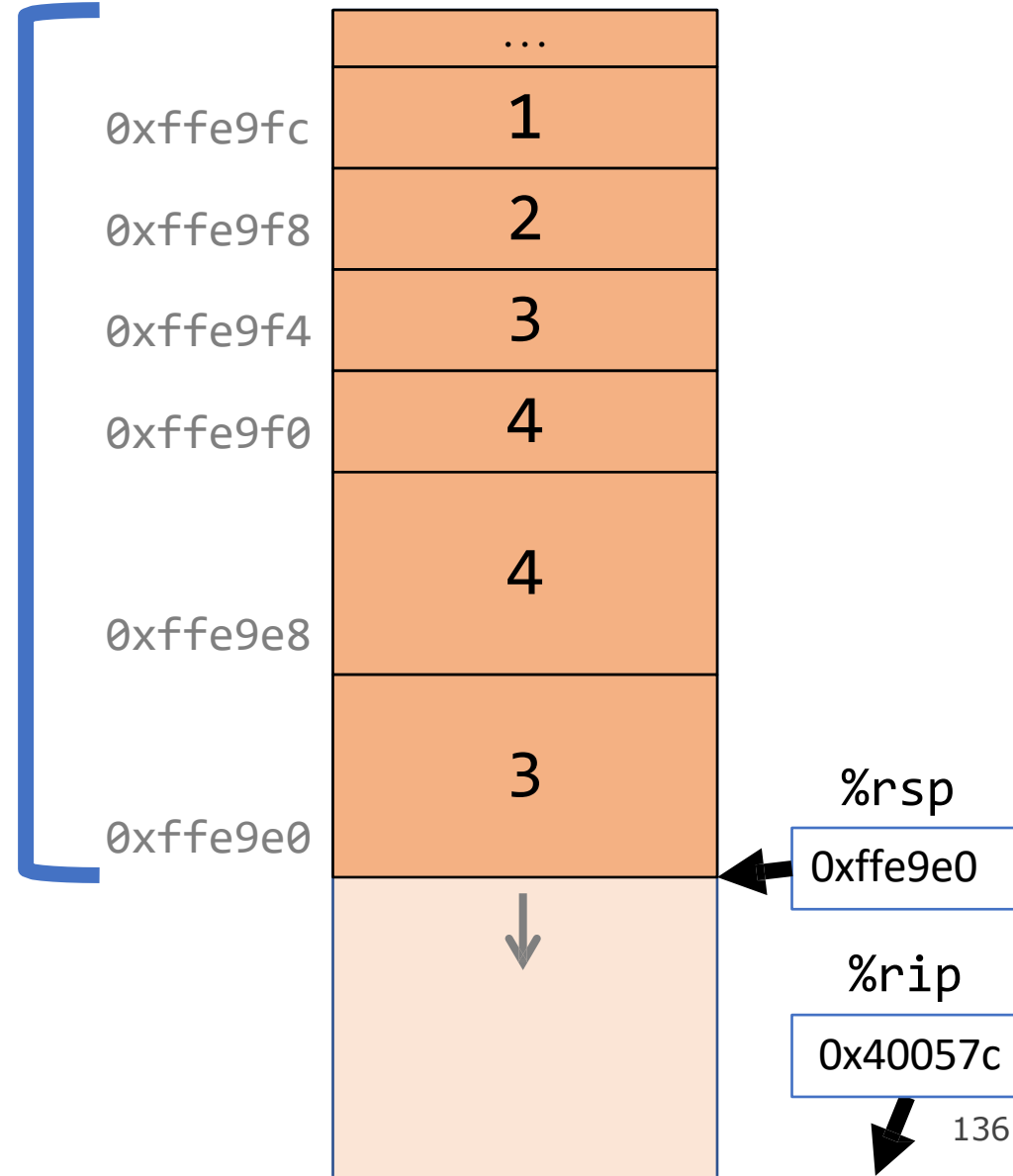


Parameters and Return

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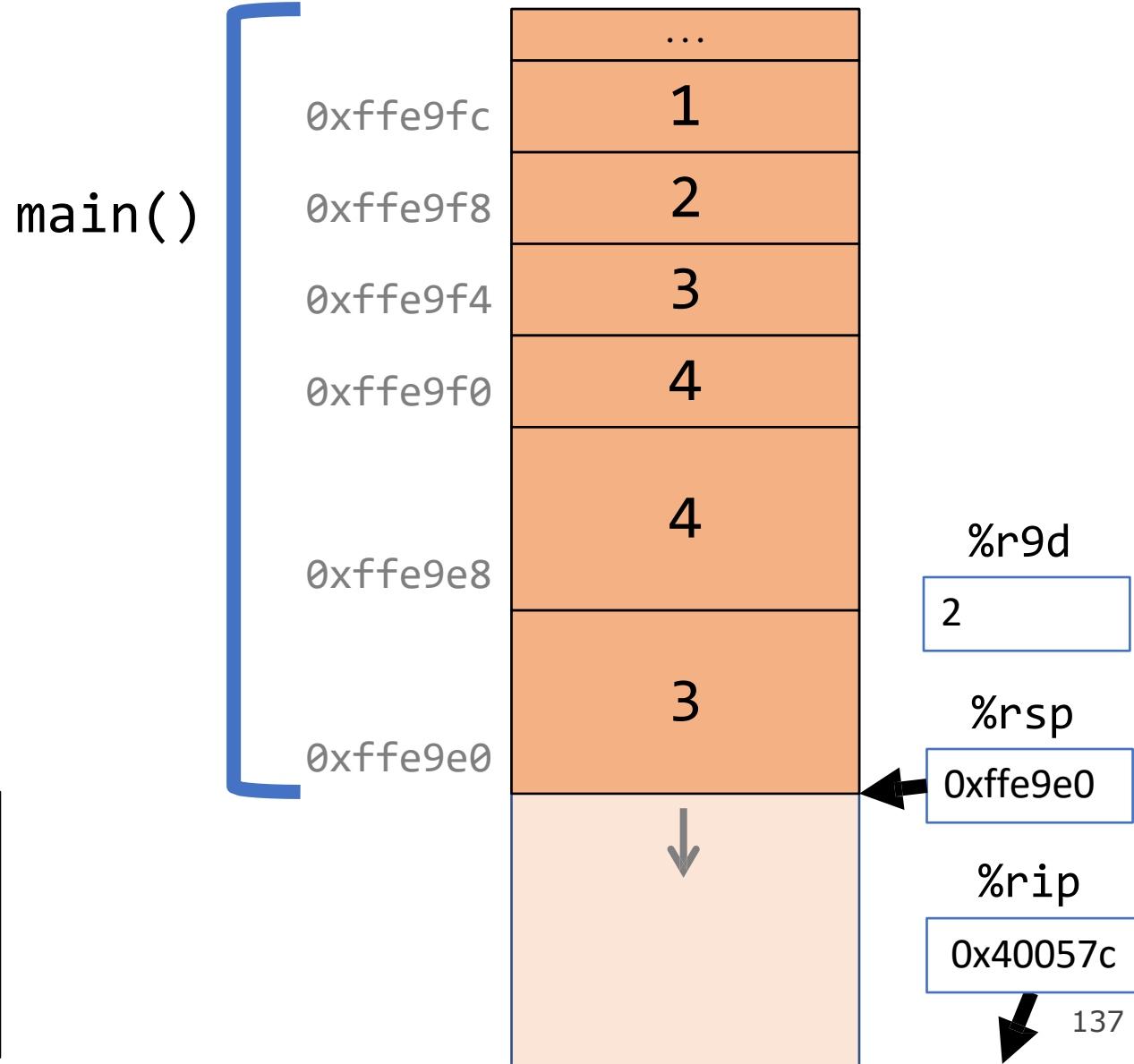


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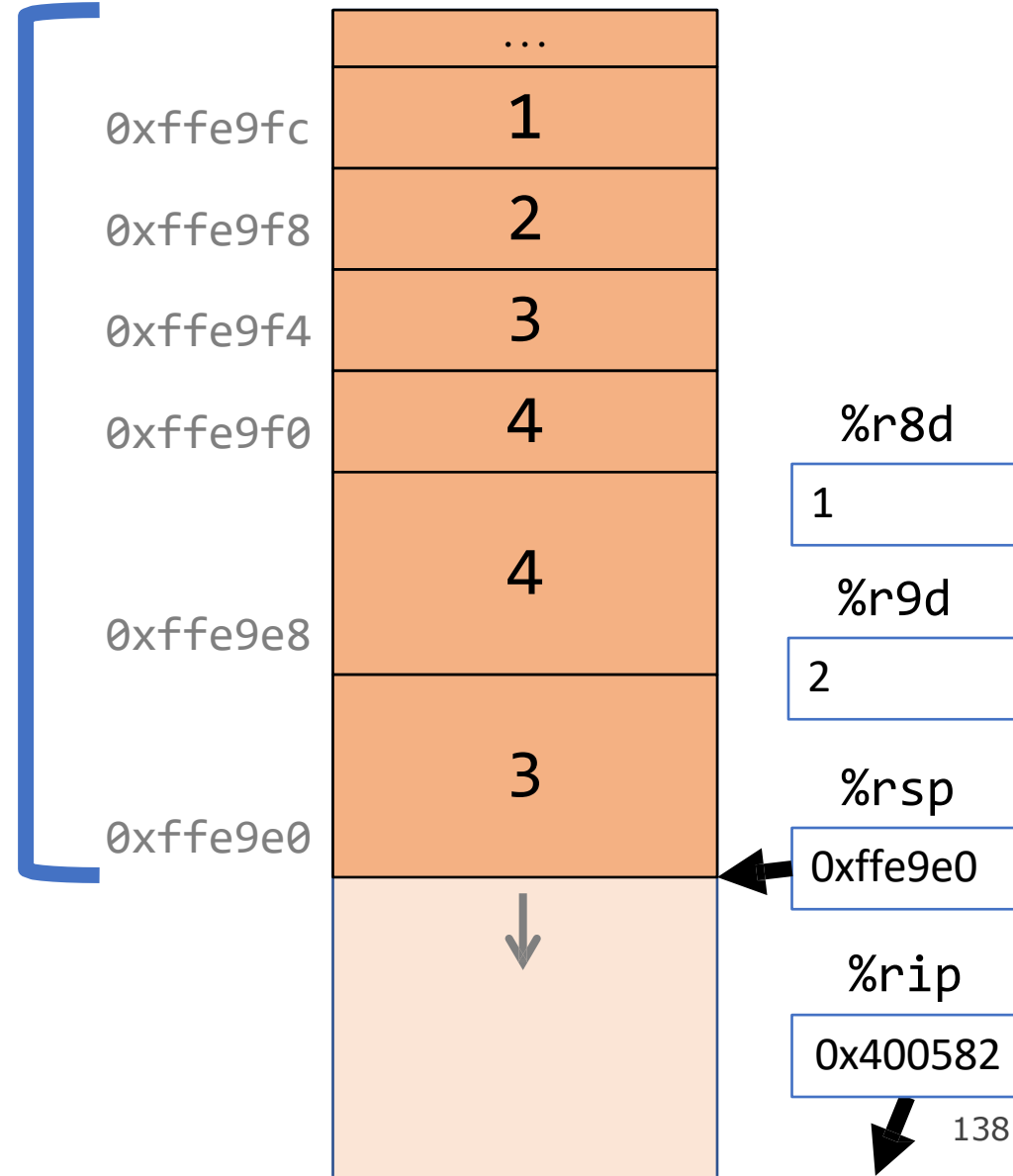


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main()



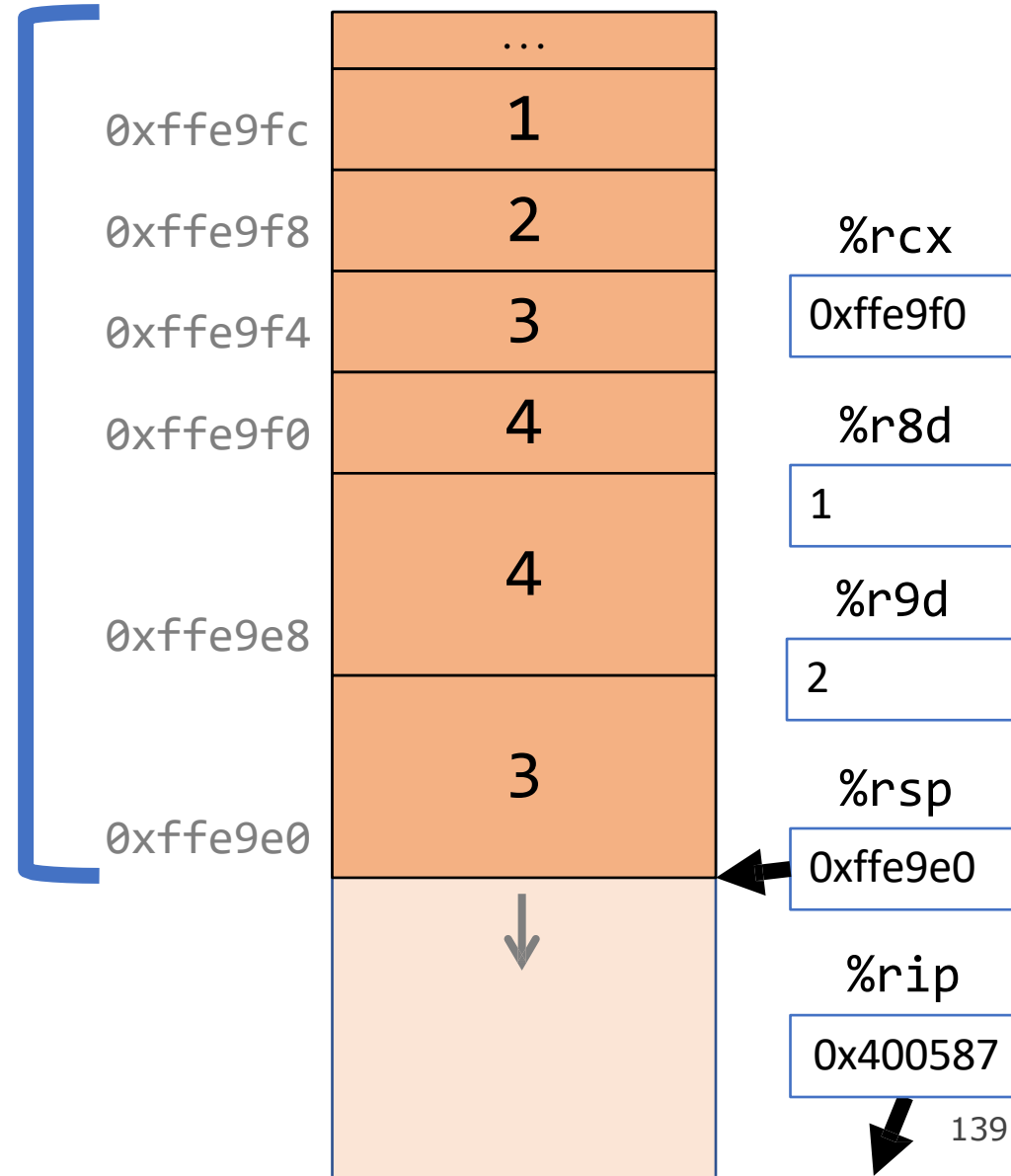
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```

main()



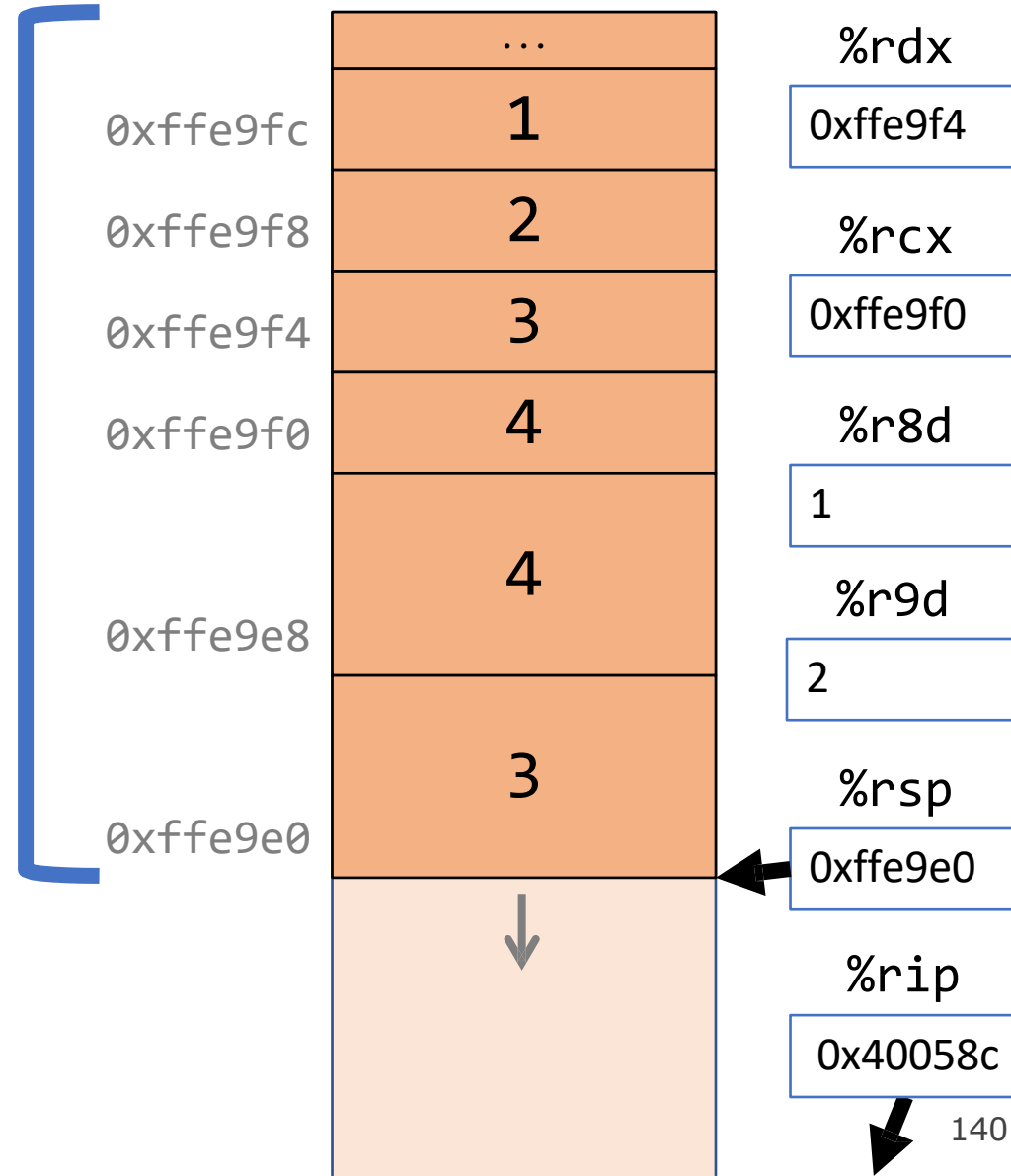
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main()



Parameters and Return

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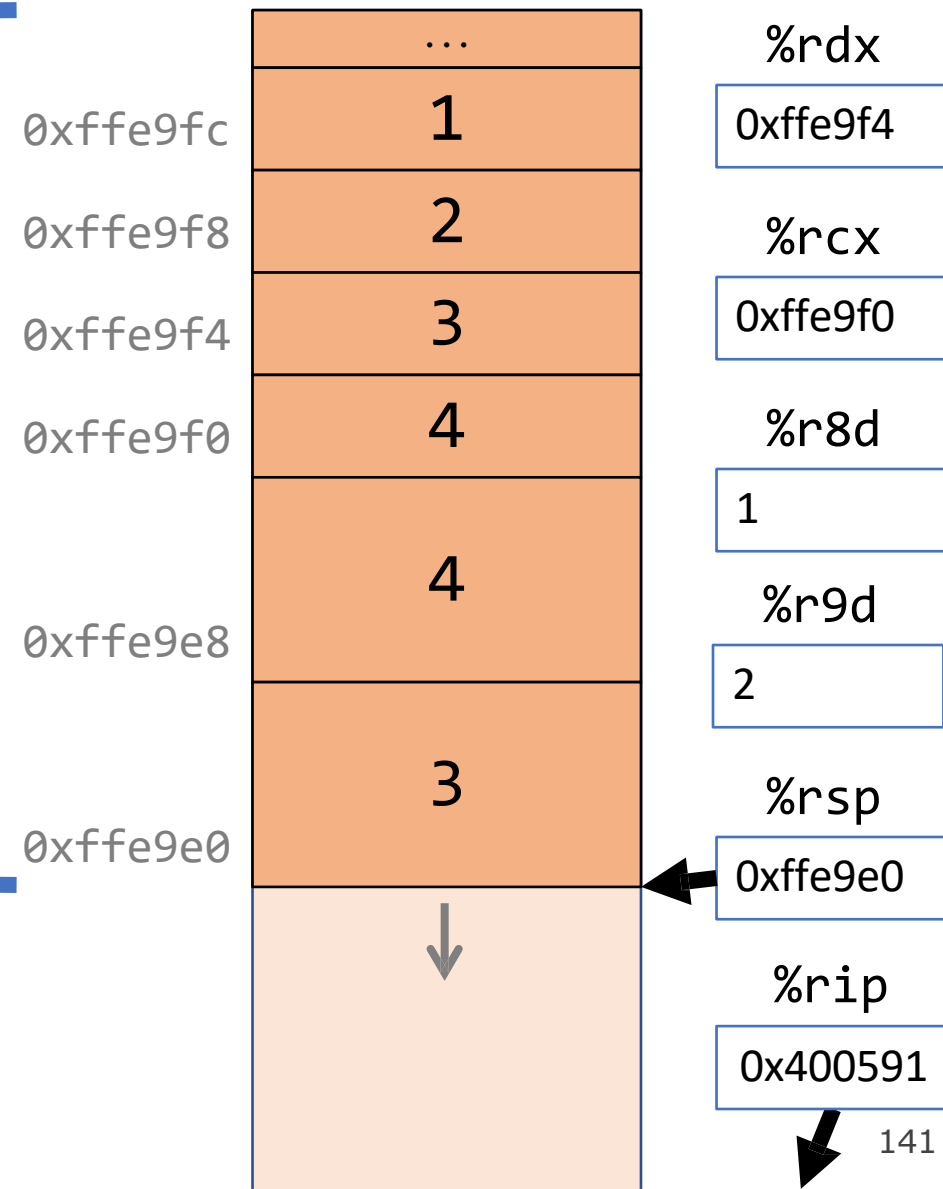
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main()

%rsi

0xffe9f8



Parameters and Return

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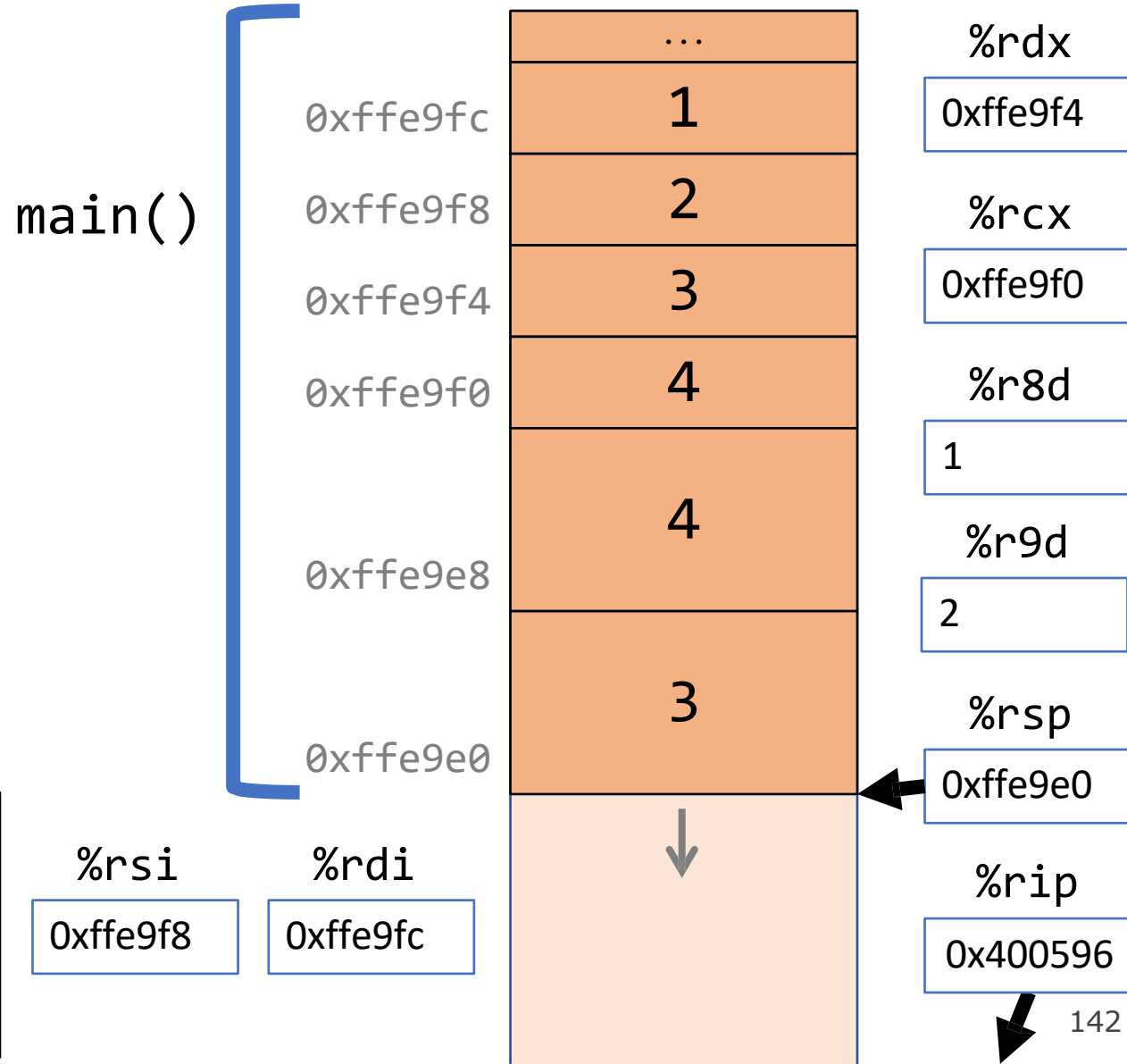
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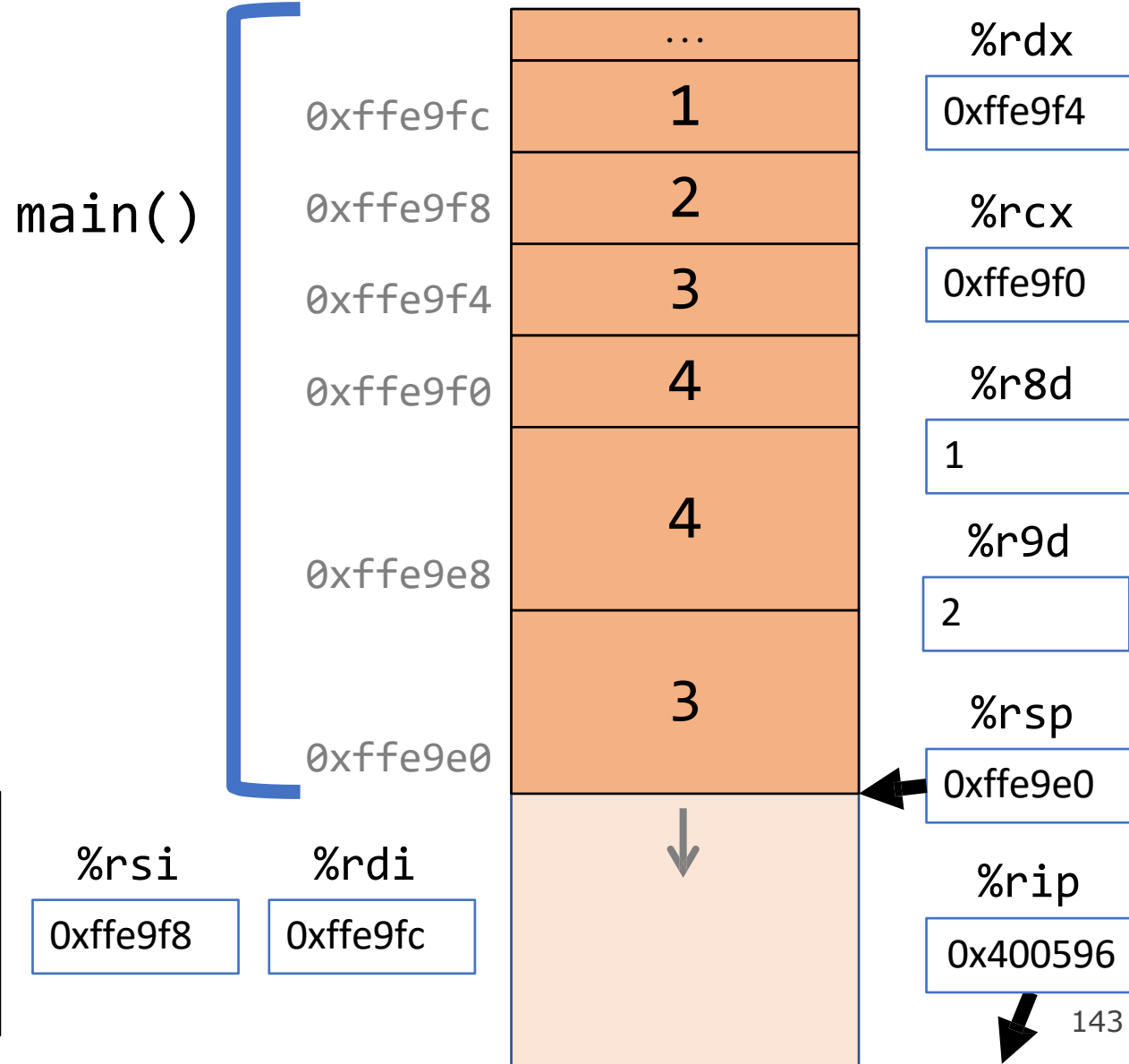
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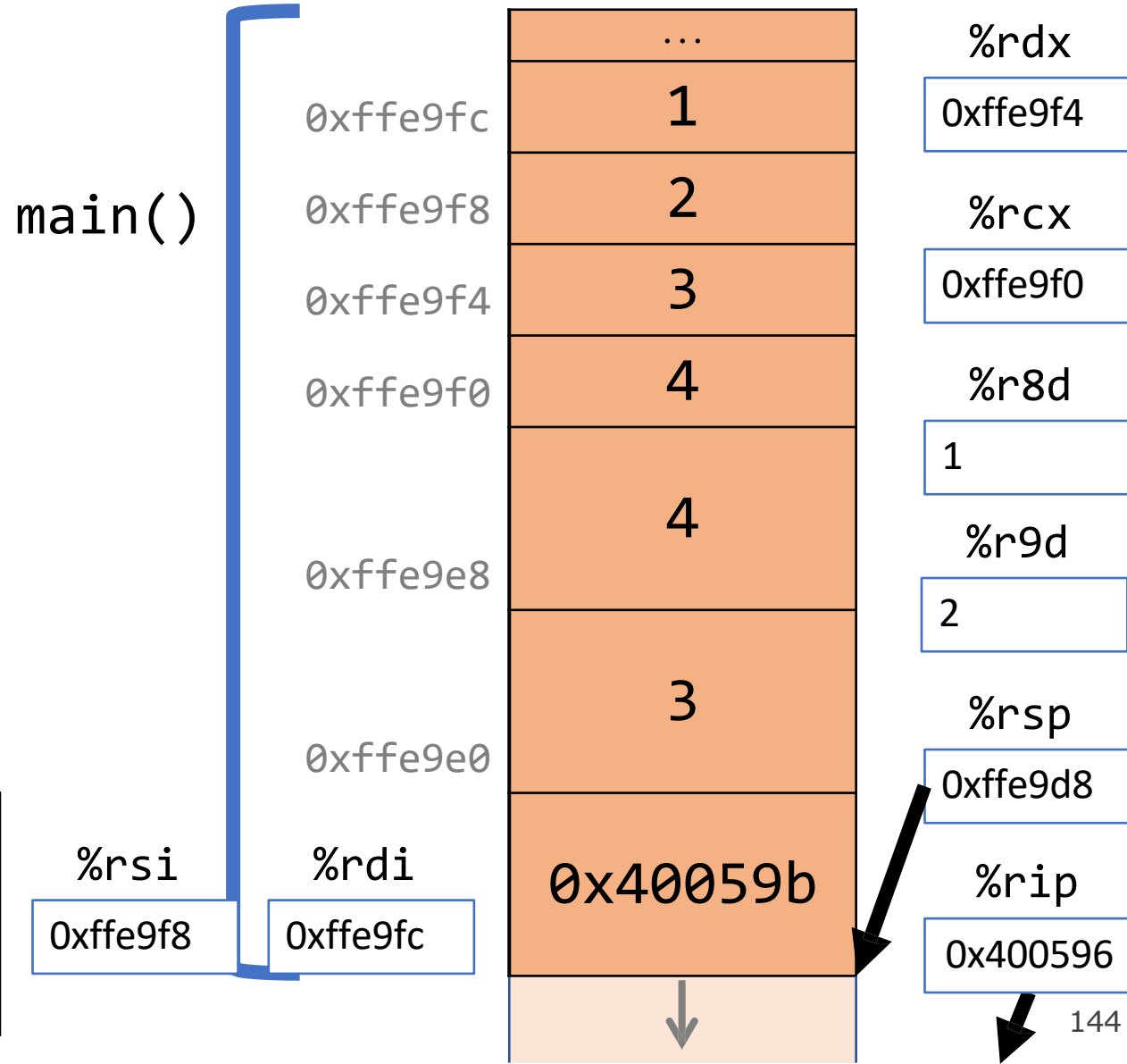
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Local Storage

- 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)

Our First Assembly

```
int sum_array(int arr[], int nelems) {
    int sum = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < nelems; i++) {
        sum += arr[i];
    }
    return sum;
}
```

We're done with all our assembly lectures! Now we can fully understand what's going on in the assembly below, including how someone would call `sum_array` in assembly and what the `ret` instruction does.

```
0000000000401136 <sum_array>:
401136 <+0>:  mov    $0x0,%eax
40113b <+5>:  mov    $0x0,%edx
401140 <+10>:  cmp    %esi,%eax
401142 <+12>:  jge    0x40114f <sum_array+25>
401144 <+14>:  movslq %eax,%rcx
401147 <+17>:  add    (%rdi,%rcx,4),%edx
40114a <+20>:  add    $0x1,%eax
40114d <+23>:  jmp    0x401140 <sum_array+10>
40114f <+25>:  mov    %edx,%eax
401151 <+27>:  retq
```


Optimizations you'll see

nop

- **nop/nopl** are “no-op” instructions – they do nothing!
- Intent: Make functions align on address boundaries that are nice multiples of 8.
- “Sometimes, doing nothing is how to be most productive” – Philosopher Nick

mov %ebx,%ebx

- Zeros out the top 32 register bits (because a mov on an e-register zeros out rest of 64 bits).

xor %ebx,%ebx

- Optimizes for performance as well as code size (read more [here](#)):

```
b8 00 00 00 00
31 c0
```

```
mov $0x0,%eax
xor %eax,%eax
```

GCC For Loop Output

GCC Common For Loop Output

Initialization

Test

Jump past loop if success

Body

Update

Jump to test

Possible Alternative

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for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)           // n = 100
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Which instructions are better when $n = 0$? $n = 1000$?

```
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
```


Optimizing Instruction Counts

- Both versions have the same **static instruction count** (# of written instructions).
- But they have different **dynamic instruction counts** (# of executed instructions when program is run).
 - If $n = 0$, left (GCC common output) is best b/c fewer instructions
 - If n is large, right (alternative) is best b/c fewer instructions
- The compiler may emit a static instruction count that is several times longer than an alternative, but it may be more efficient if loop executes many times.
- Does the compiler *know* that a loop will execute many times? (in general, no)
- So what if our code had loops that always execute a small number of times? How do we know when gcc makes a bad decision?
- (take EE108, EE180, CS316 for more!)

Optimizations

- **Conditional Moves** can sometimes eliminate “branches” (jumps), which are particularly inefficient on modern computer hardware.
- Processors try to *predict* the future execution of instructions for maximum performance. This is difficult to do with jumps.

Data Alignment

- Computer systems often put restrictions on the allowable addresses for primitive data types, requiring that the address for some objects must be a multiple of some value K (normally 2, 4, or 8).
- These *alignment restrictions* simplify the design of the hardware.
- For example, suppose that a processor always fetches 8 bytes from the memory system, and an address must be a multiple of 8. If we can guarantee that any `double` will be aligned to have its address as a multiple of 8, then we can read or write the values with a single memory access.
- For x86-64, Intel recommends the following alignments for best performance:

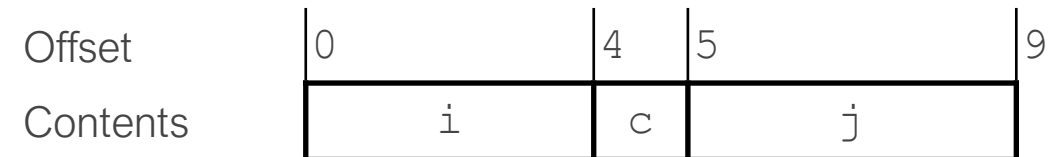
K	Types
1	<code>char</code>
2	<code>short</code>
4	<code>int</code> , <code>float</code>
8	<code>long</code> , <code>double</code> , <code>char *</code>



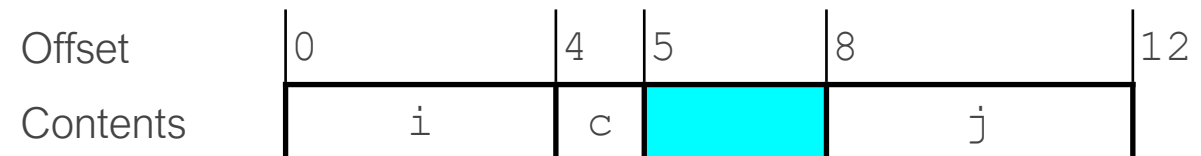
Data Alignment

- The compiler enforces alignment by making sure that every data type is organized in such a way that every field within the struct satisfies the alignment restrictions.
- For example, let's look at the following struct:

```
struct S1 {  
    int i;  
    char c;  
    int j;  
};
```



- If the compiler used a minimal allocation:
- This would make it impossible to align fields `i` (offset 0) and `j` (offset 5). Instead, the compiler inserts a 3-byte gap between fields `c` and `j`:



- So, don't be surprised if your structs have a `sizeof()` that is larger than you expect!



Some Extra Reading

Key GDB Tips For Assembly

- Examine 4 giant words (8 bytes) on the stack:

```
(gdb) x/4g $rsp
```

```
0x7fffffffefe870: 0x0000000000000005          0x00000000000400559
```

```
0x7fffffffefe880: 0x0000000000000000          0x00000000000400575
```

- display/undisplay (prints out things every time you step/next)

```
(gdb) display/4w $rsp
```

```
1: x/4xw $rsp
```

```
0x7fffffffefe8a8:
```

```
0xf7a2d830          0x00007fff          0x00000000          0x00000000
```

Key GDB Tips For Assembly

- `stepi/finish`: step into current function call/`return to caller`:

```
(gdb) finish
```

- Set register values during the run

```
(gdb) p $rdi = $rdi + 1
```

(Might be useful to write down the original value of `$rdi` somewhere)

- Tui things

- `refresh`

- `focus cmd` – use up/down arrows on gdb command line (vs `focus asm`, `focus regs`)

- `layout regs`, `layout asm`

gdb tips



layout split (ctrl-x a: exit,
ctrl-l: resize)

info reg

p \$eax

p \$eflags

b *0x400546

b *0x400550 if \$eax > 98

ni

si

View C, assembly, and gdb (lab5)

Print all registers

Print register value

Print all condition codes currently set

Set breakpoint at assembly instruction

Set **conditional breakpoint**

Next assembly instruction

Step into assembly instruction (will step into function calls)

gdb tips



`p/x $rdi`

Print register value in hex

`p/t $rsi`

Print register value in binary

`x $rdi`

Examine the byte stored at this address

`x/4bx $rdi`

Examine 4 bytes starting at this address

`x/4wx $rdi`

Examine 4 ints starting at this address

Array Allocation and Access

- Arrays in C map in a fairly straightforward way to X86 assembly code, thanks to the addressing modes available in instructions.
- When we perform pointer arithmetic, the assembly code that is produced will have address computations built into them.
- Optimizing compilers are *very* good at simplifying the address computations (in lab you will see another optimizing compiler benefit in the form of division — if the compiler can avoid dividing, it will!). Because of the transformations, compiler-generated assembly for arrays often doesn't look like what you are expecting.
- Consider the following form of a data type T and integer constant N :

$T \ A[N]$

- The starting location is designated as x_A
- The declaration allocates $N * \text{sizeof}(T)$ bytes, and gives us an identifier that we can use as a pointer (but it isn't a pointer!), with a value of x_A .



Array Allocation and Access

- Example:

		Array	Element Size	Total Size	Start address	Element i
char	A[12];	A	1	12	X _A	X _A + i
char	*B[8];	B	8	64	X _B	X _B + 8 i
int	C[6];	C	4	24	X _C	X _C + 4 i
double	*D[5]	D	8	40	X _D	X _D + 8 i

- The memory referencing operations in x86-64 are designed to simplify array access. Suppose we wanted to access C[3] above. If the address of C is in register `%rdx`, and 3 is in register `%rcx`
- The following copies C[3] into `%eax`,

```
movl (%rdx,%rcx,4), %eax
```



Pointer Arithmetic

- C allows arithmetic on pointers, where the computed value is calculated according to the size of the data type referenced by the pointer.
- The array reference $A[i]$ is identical to $*(A+i)$
- Example: if the address of array E is in `%rdx`, and the integer index, i , is in `%rcx`, the following are some expressions involving E:

Expression	Type	Value	Assembly Code
E	int *	X_E	<code>movq %rdx, %rax</code>
E[0]	int	$M[X_E]$	<code>movl (%rdx), %eax</code>
E[i]	int	$M[X_E+4i]$	<code>movl (%rdx,%rcx,4) %eax</code>
&E[2]	int *	X_E+8	<code>leaq 8(%rdx), %rax</code>
E+i-1	int *	X_E+4i-4	<code>leaq -4(%rdx,%rcx,4), %rax</code>
*(E+i-3)	int	$M[X_E+4i-12]$	<code>movl -12(%rdx,%rcx,4) %eax</code>
&E[i]-E	long	i	<code>movq %rcx,%rax</code>



Pointer Arithmetic

- Practice: x_S is the address of a `short` integer array, `S`, stored in `%rdx`, and a long integer index, i , is stored in register `%rcx`.
- For each of the following expressions, give its type, a formula for its value, and an assembly-code implementation. The result should be stored in `%rax` if it is a pointer, and the result should be in register `%ax` if it has a data type `short`.

Expression	Type	Value	Assembly Code
<code>S+1</code>	<code>short *</code>	$x_S + 2$	<code>leaq 2(%rdx), %rax</code>
<code>S[3]</code>	<code>short</code>	$M[x_S + 6]$	<code>movw 6(%rdx), %ax</code>
<code>&S[i]</code>	<code>short *</code>	$x_S + 2i$	<code>leaq (%rdx,%rcx,2), %rax</code>
<code>S[4*i+1]</code>	<code>short</code>	$M[x_S + 8i + 2]$	<code>movw 2(%rdx,%rcx,8), %ax</code>
<code>S+i-5</code>	<code>short *</code>	$x_S + 2i - 10$	<code>leaq -10(%rdx,%rcx,2), %rax</code>



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