

# **CS107, Lecture 20**

## **Assembly: Function Calls and the Runtime Stack**

Reading: B&O 3.7

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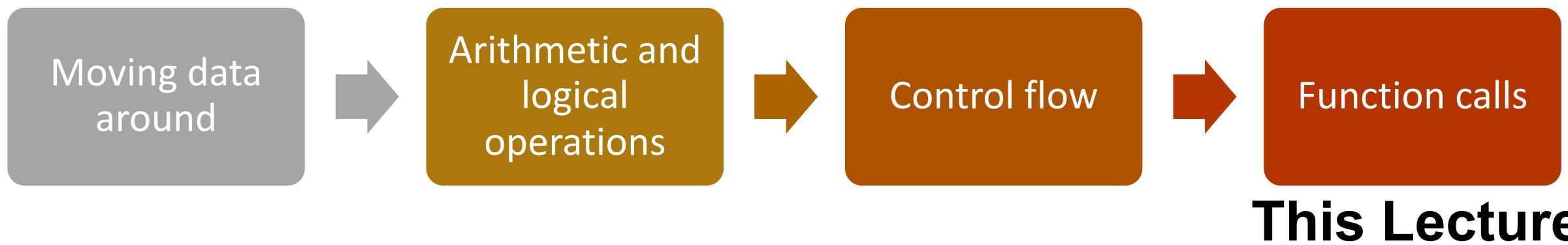
## How does a computer interpret and execute C programs?

Why is answering this question important?

- Learning how our code is really translated and executed helps us write better code
- We can learn how to reverse engineer and exploit programs at the assembly level

**assign5:** find and exploit vulnerabilities in an ATM program, reverse engineer a program without seeing its code, and de-anonymize users given a data leak.

# Learning Assembly



**Reference Sheet:** [cs107.stanford.edu/resources/x86-64-reference.pdf](https://cs107.stanford.edu/resources/x86-64-reference.pdf)  
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# Learning Goals

- Learn how assembly calls functions and manages stack frames.
- Learn the rules of register use when calling functions.

# Lecture Plan

- Other Instructions That Depend On Condition Codes

# 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
- Destination 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
<b>cmove</b>	%esi, %eax
retq	

# cmov: Conditional move

Instruction	Synonym	Move Condition
cmove 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	cmovnle	Greater (signed >) (SF = 0 and SF = OF)
cmovge S,R	cmovnl	Greater or equal (signed >=) (SF = OF)
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# Last Lab: Conditional Move

```
int signed_division(int x) {  
    return x / 4;  
}
```

---

signed\_division:

```
leal 3(%rdi), %eax  
testl %edi, %edi  
cmovns %edi, %eax  
sarl $2, %eax  
ret
```

Put  $x + 3$  into %eax

Check the sign of  $x$

If  $x$  is nonnegative, put  $x$  into %eax

Divide %eax by 4

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How does assembly  
interact with the stack?

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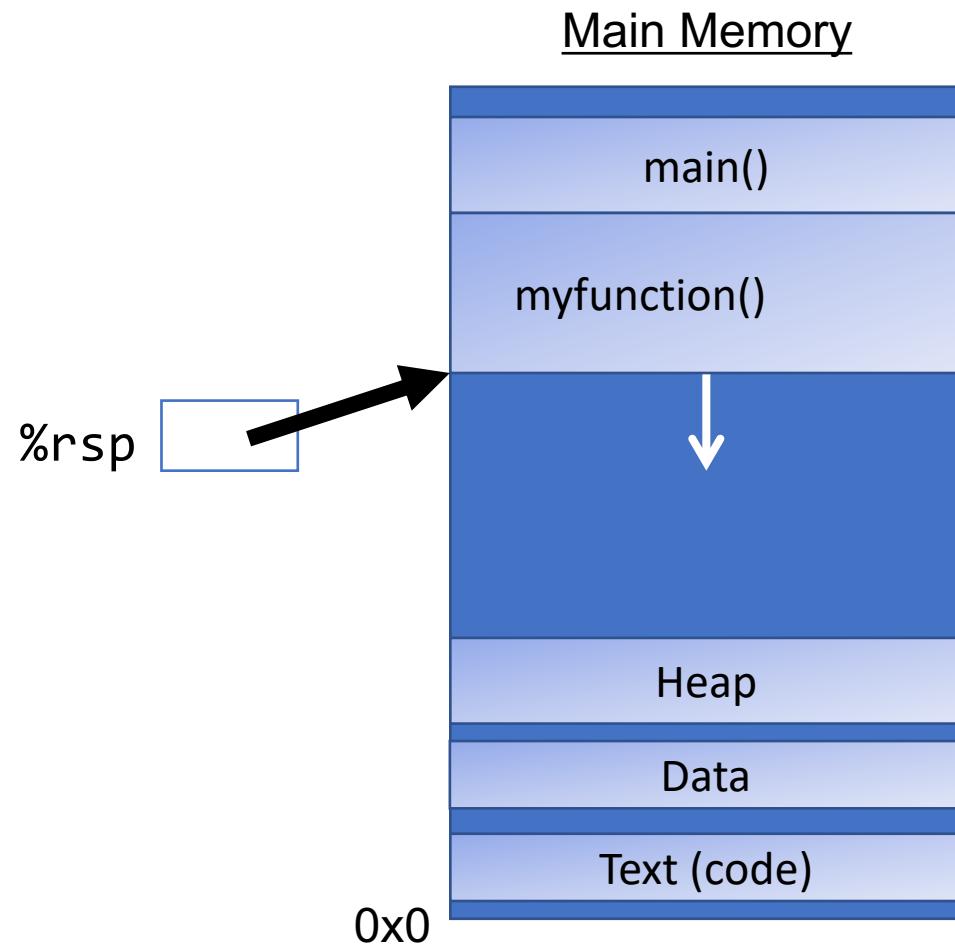
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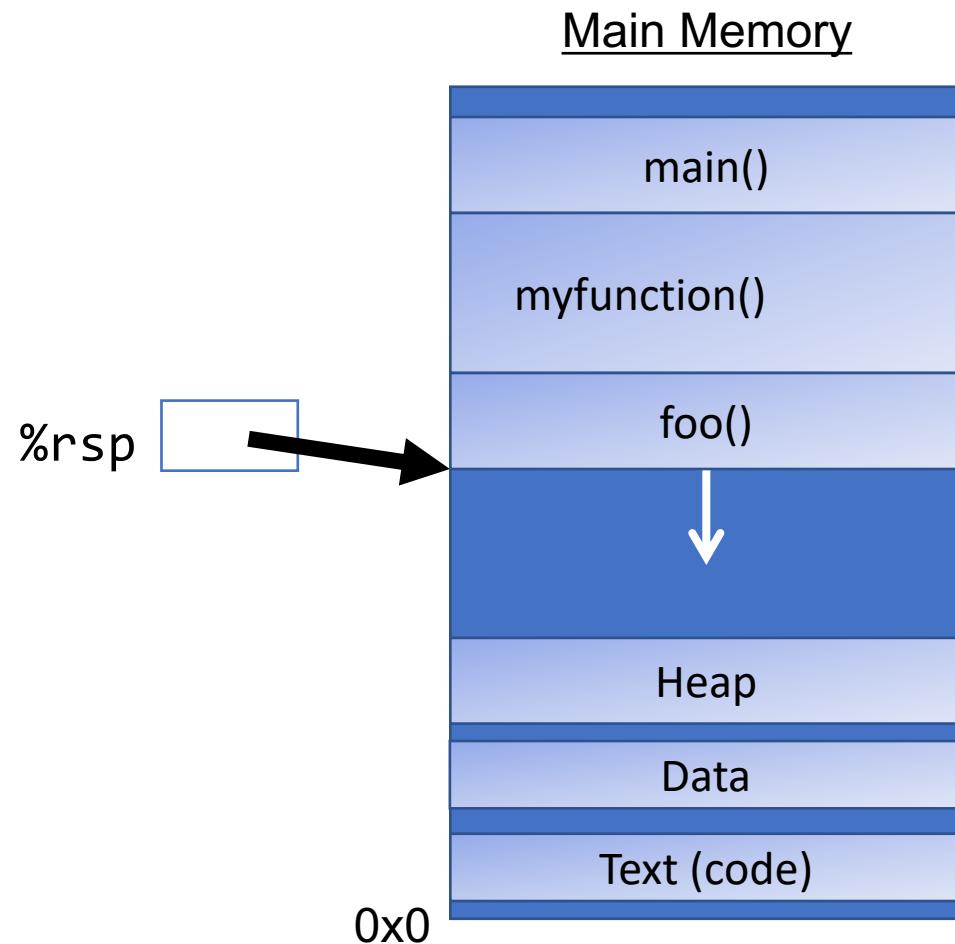
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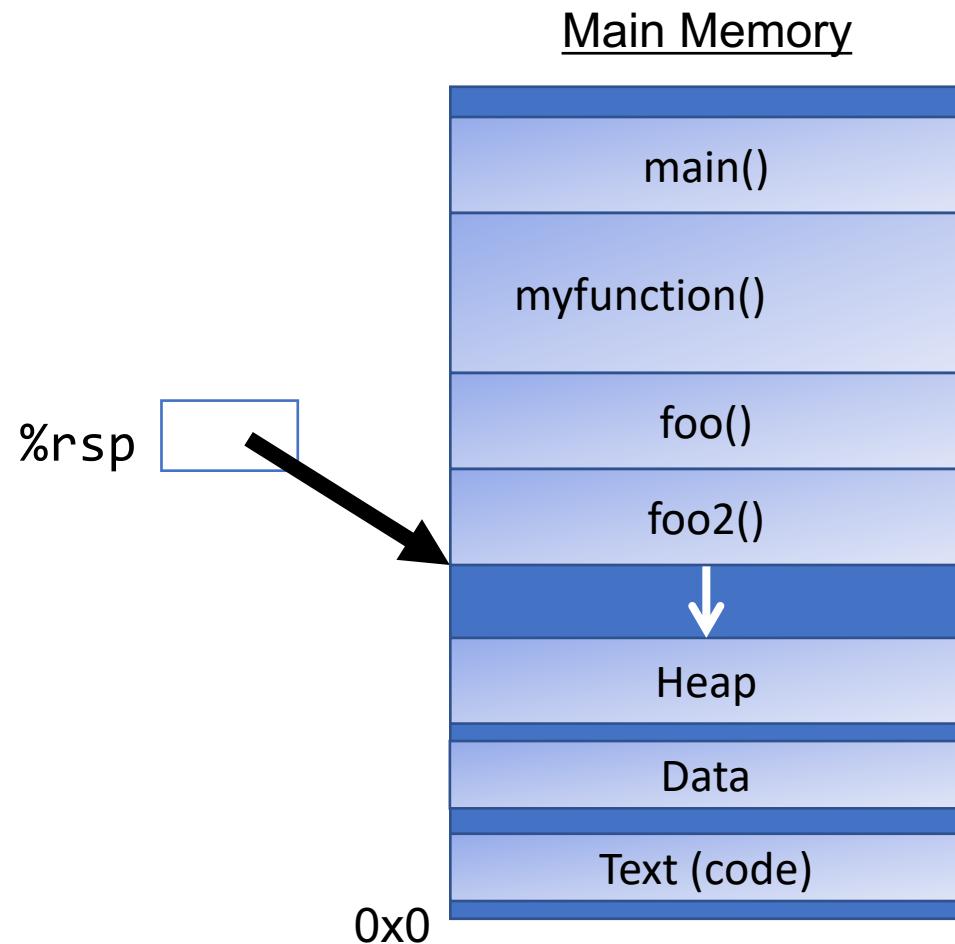
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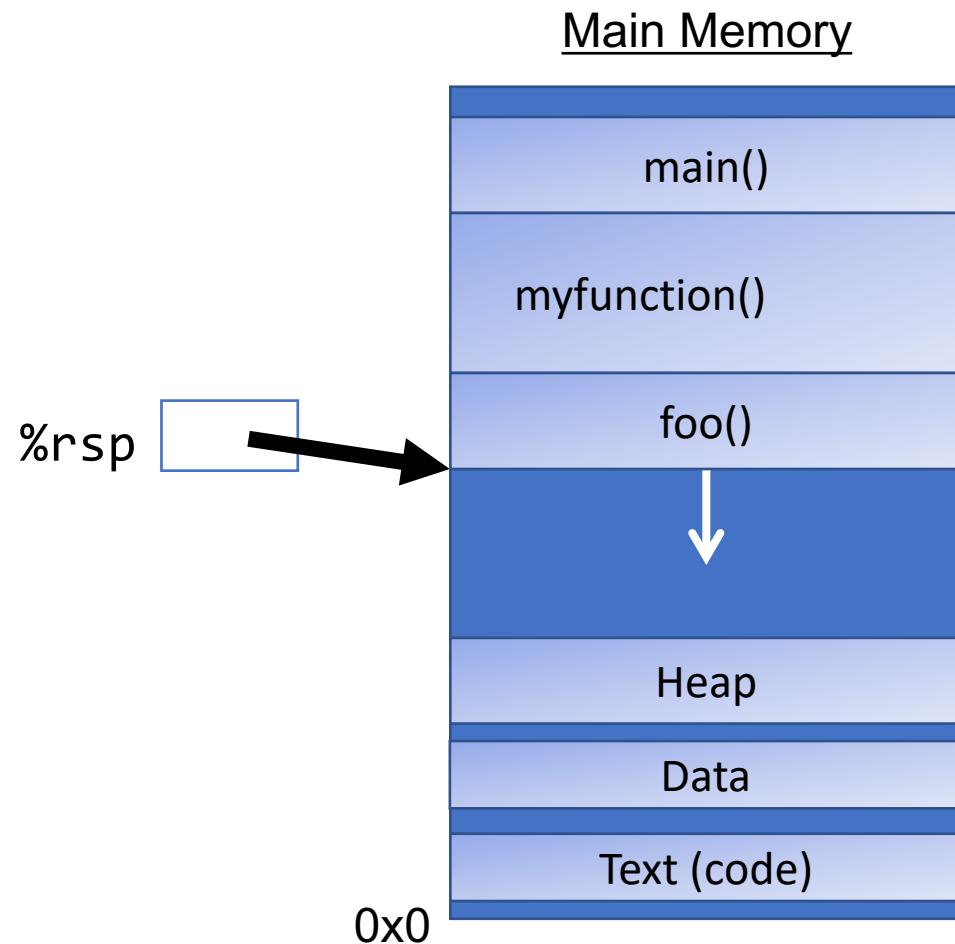
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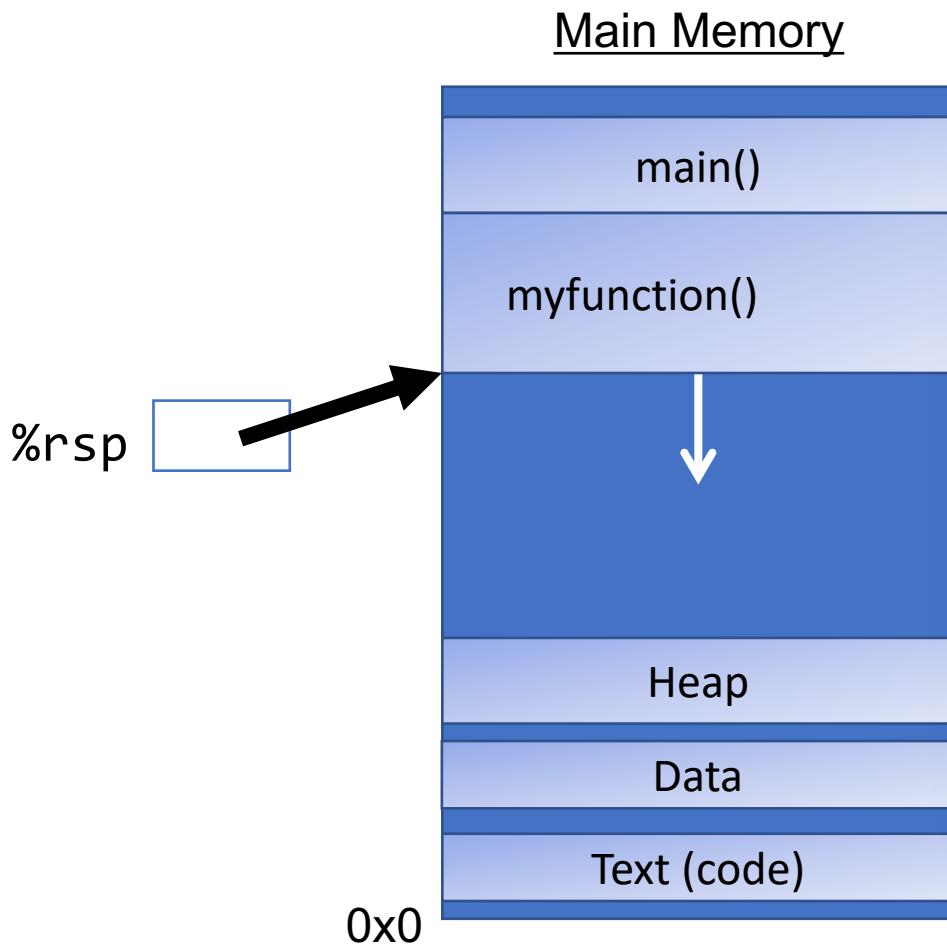
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**Key idea:** **%rsp** must point to the same place before a function is called and after that function returns, since stack frames go away when a function finishes.

# push

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

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- This behavior is equivalent to the following, but `pushq` is a shorter instruction:  
`subq $8, %rsp`  
`movq S, (%rsp)`
- Sometimes, you'll see instructions just explicitly decrement the stack pointer to make room for future data.

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

- **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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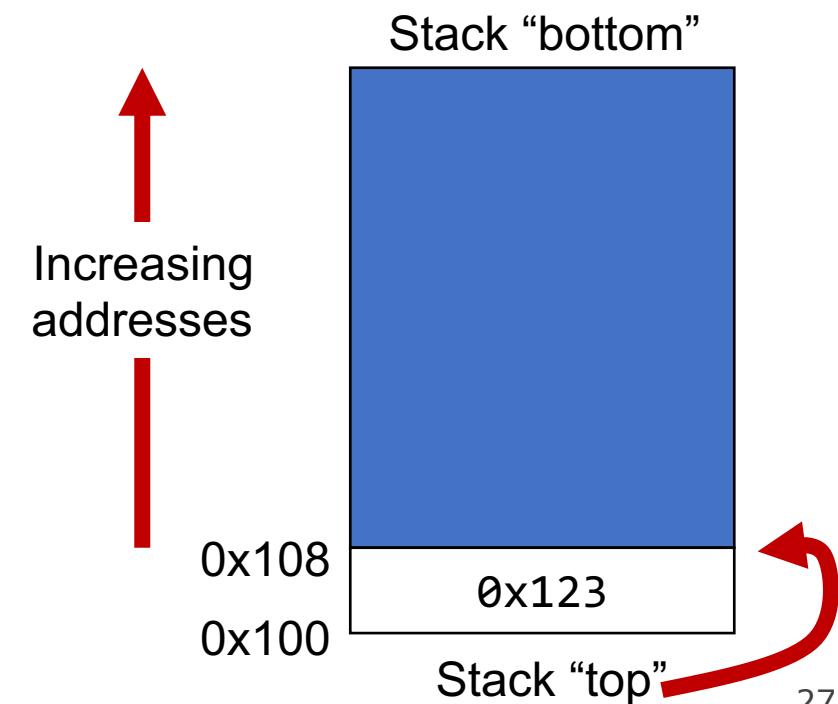
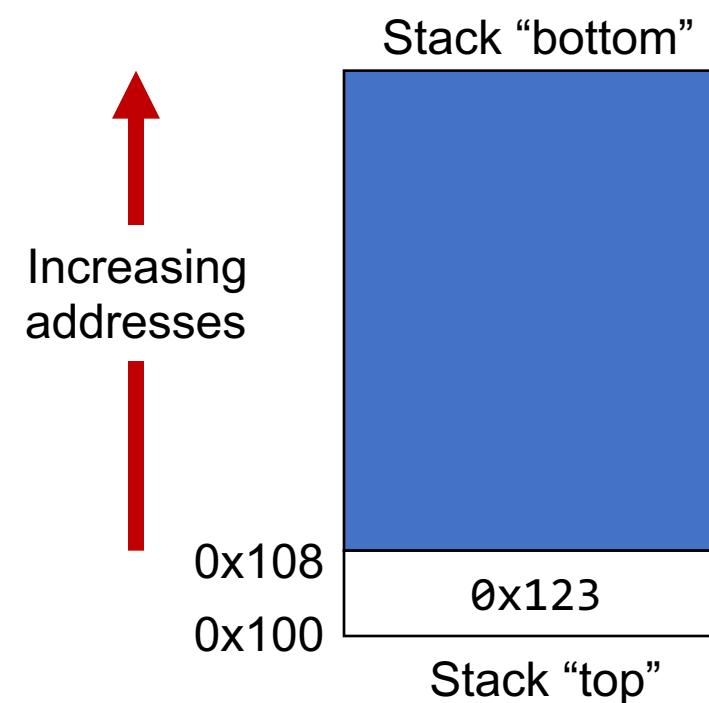
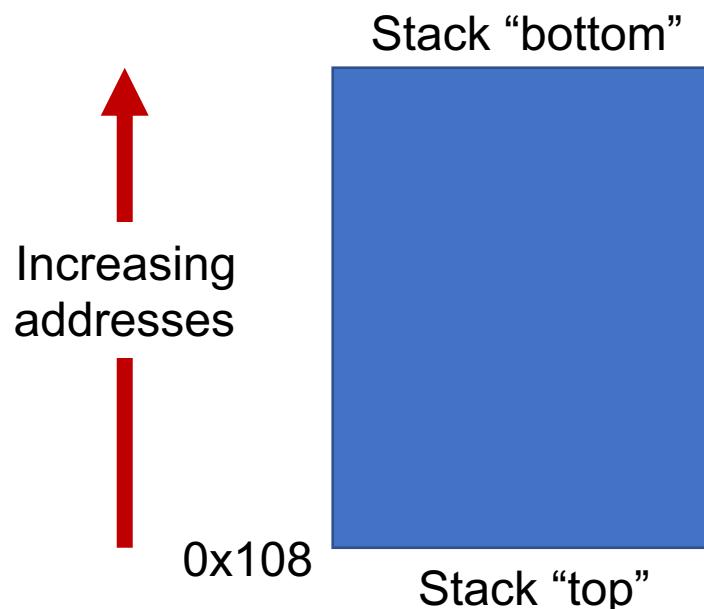
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**movq (%rsp), D**  
**addq \$8, %rsp**
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# Stack Example

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

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

popq %rdx	
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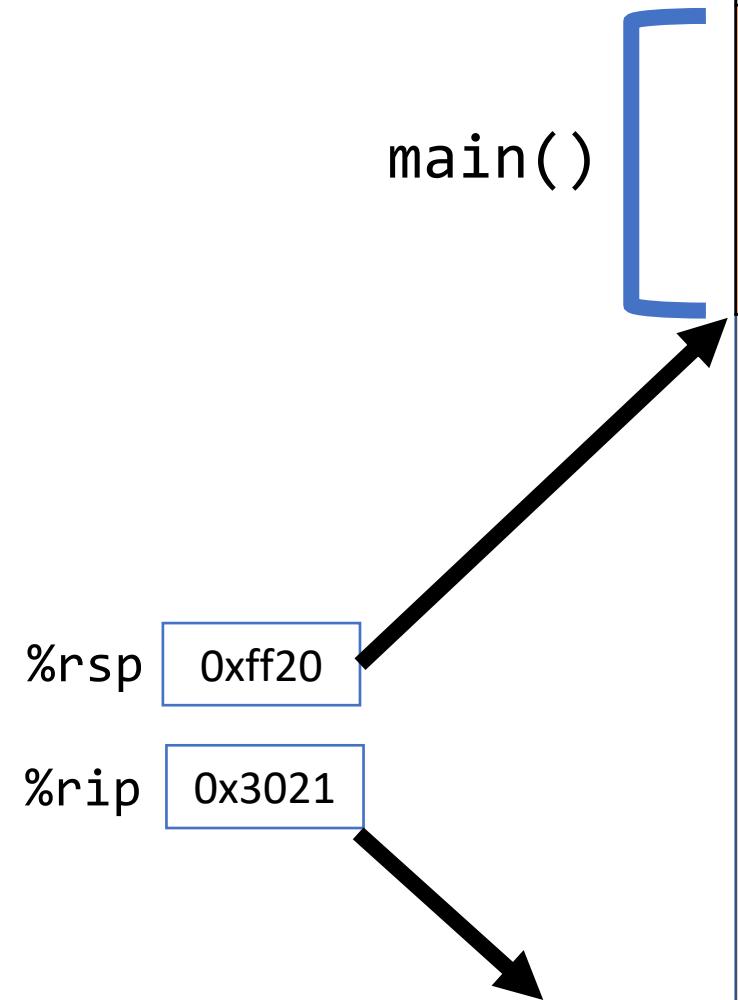
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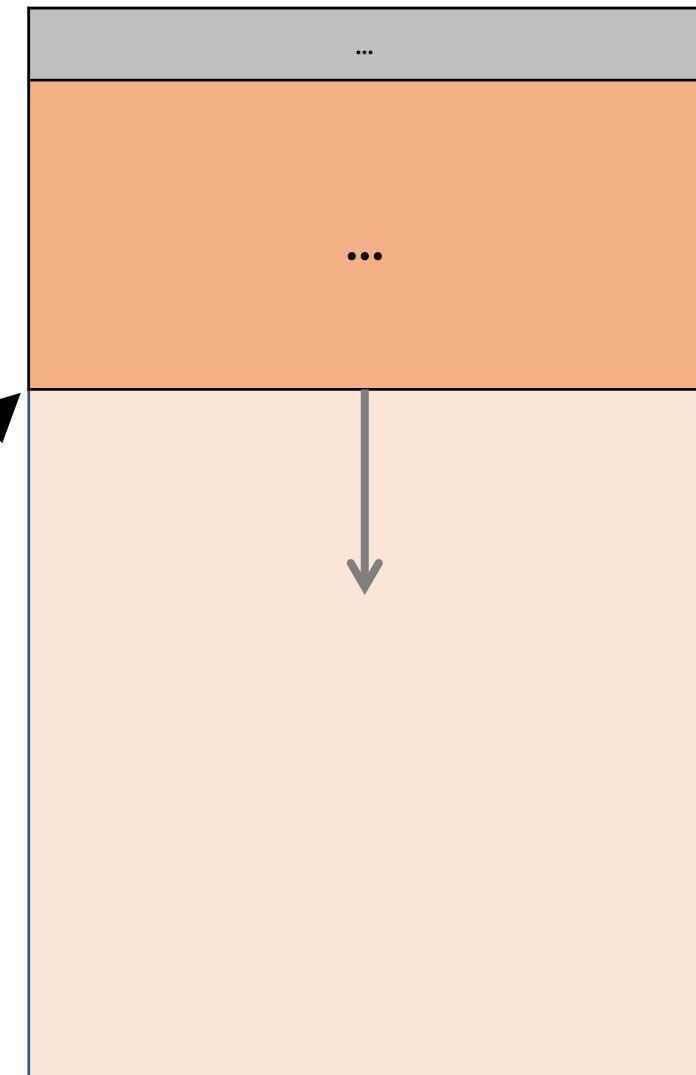
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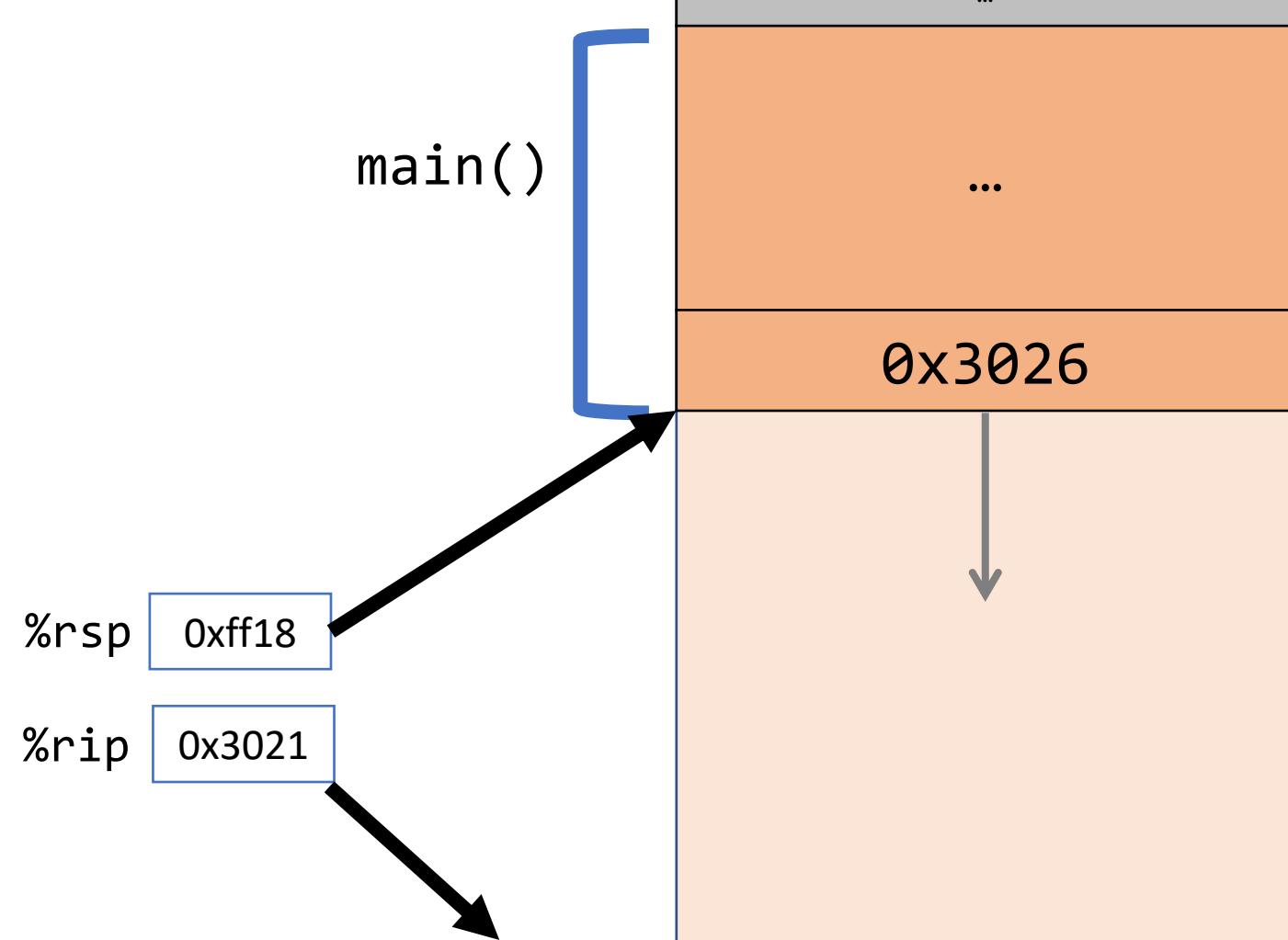


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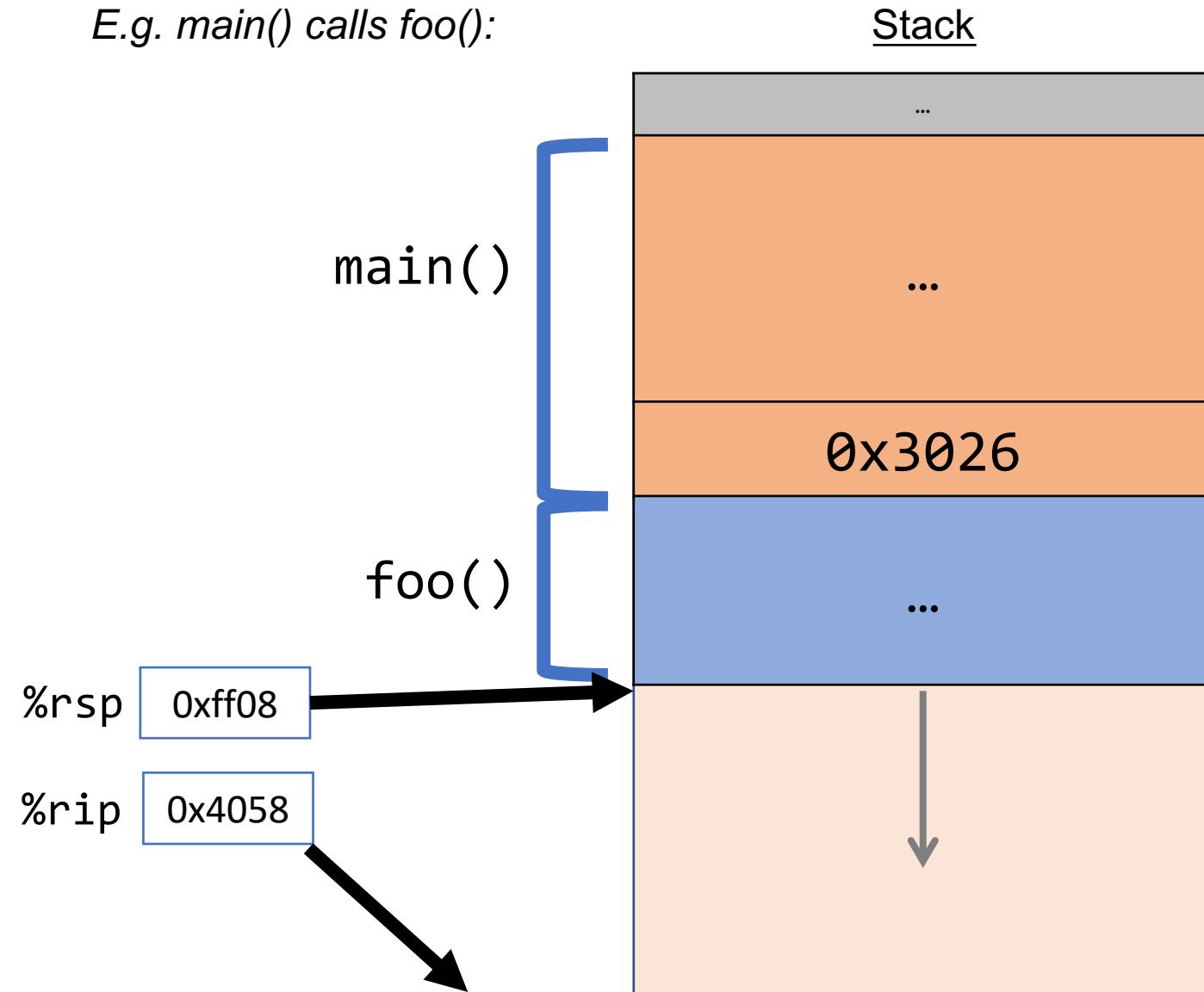


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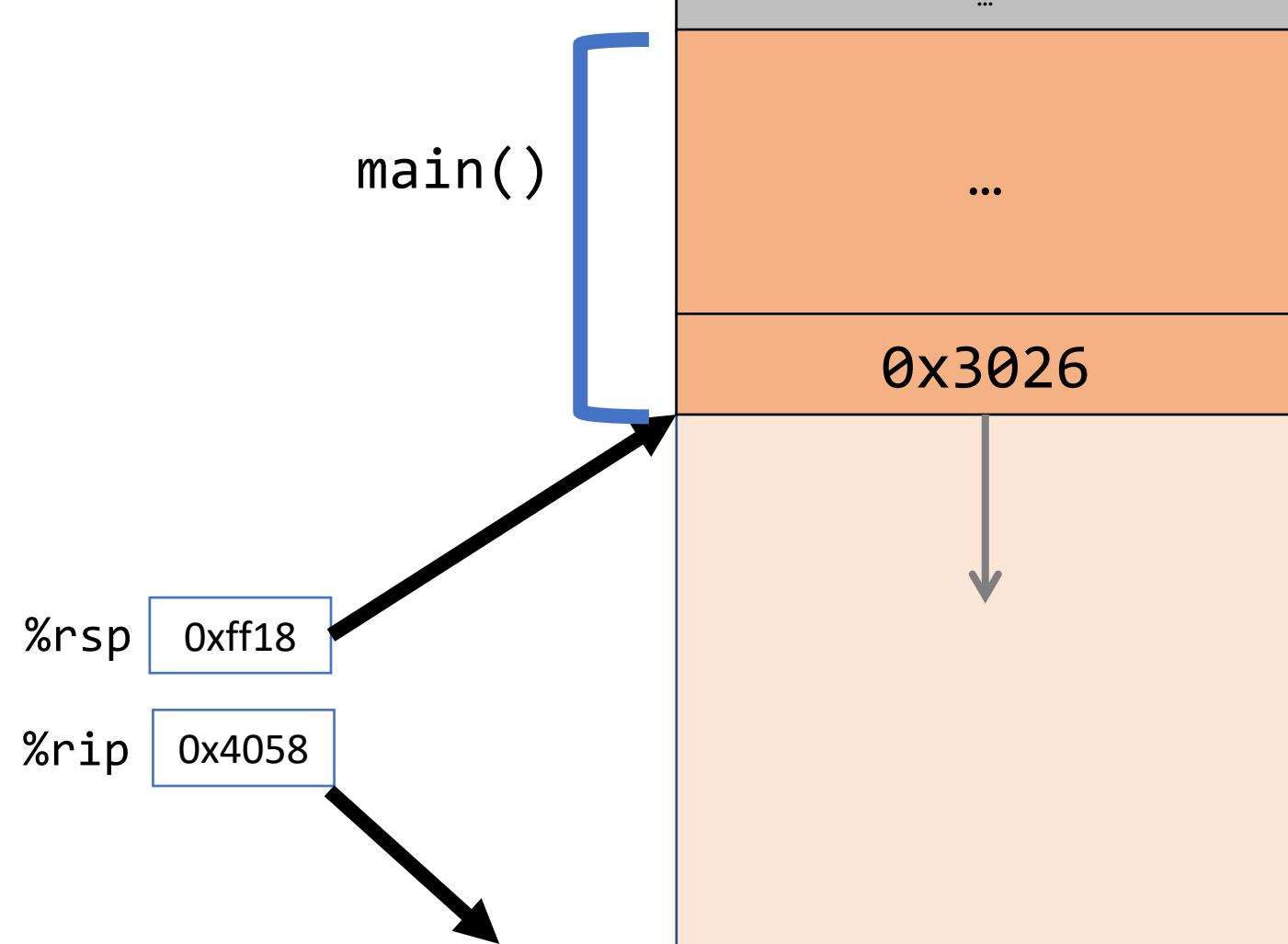


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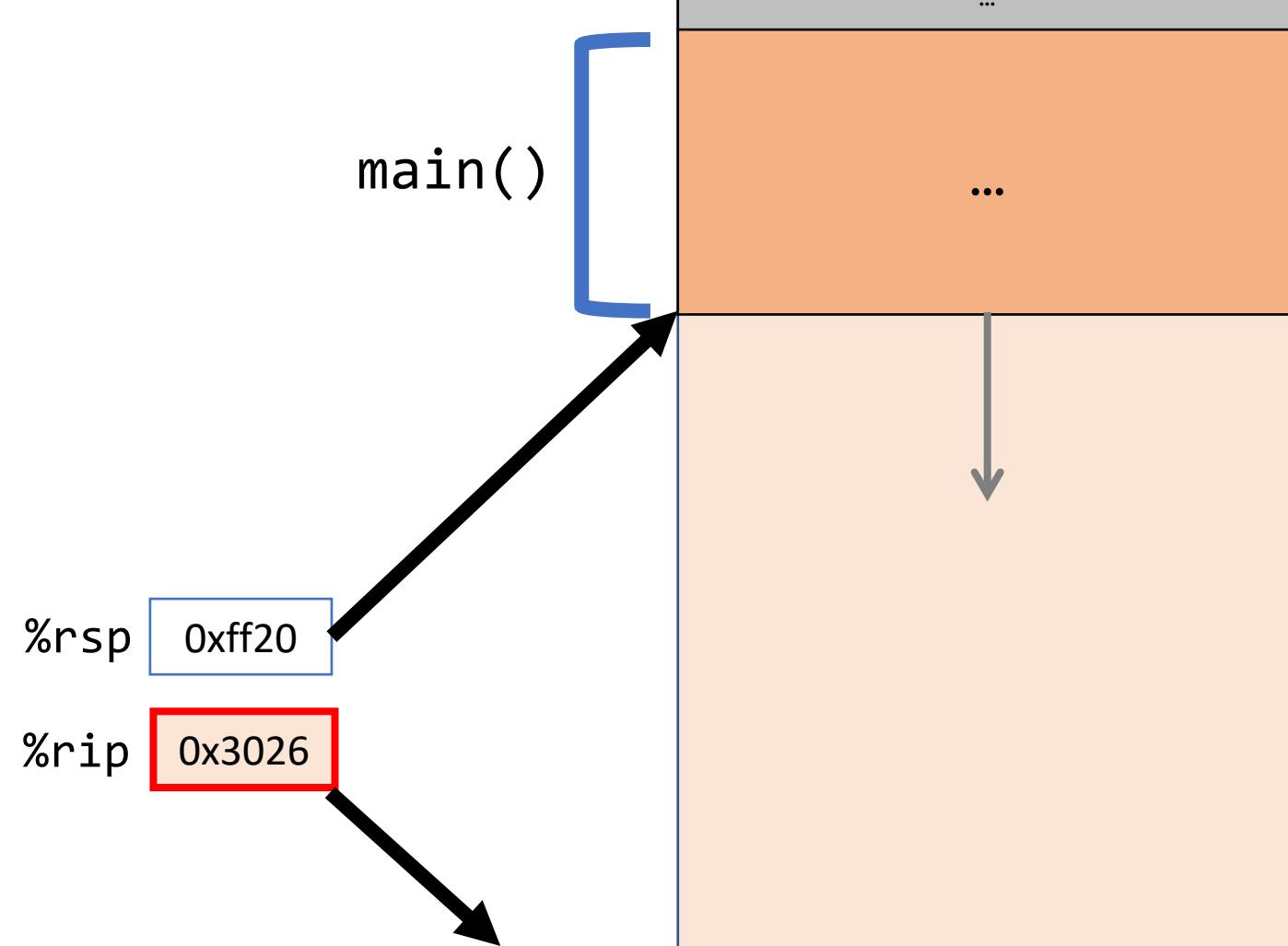


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# Call And Return

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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).

# Registers

What does `call` do?

`call` pushes the next instruction address onto the stack and points `%rip` to another function's instructions.

# Registers

What does `ret` do?

`ret` pops off the 8 bytes from the top of the stack and puts it into `%rip`, thus resuming execution in the caller.

`ret` is separate from the *return value* of the function (put in `%rax`).

# Function Pointers

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- Why would we use **call** with a register instead of hardcoding the function name in the assembly? *When would we not know the function to call until we run the code?*
- Function pointers! E.g. `qsort` – `qsort` calls a function stored in a parameter register.

# Practice: call and ret

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401133: e8 ee ff ff ff	callq	401126 <foo>
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**0x401138 stored on the stack (return address), 0x401126 put in %rip (address of foo's first instruction)**

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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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# 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)

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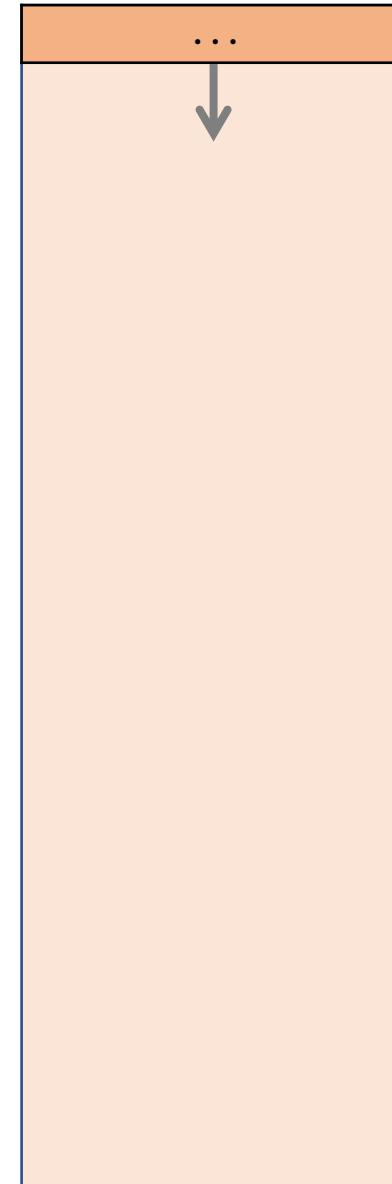
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long caller() {  
    long arg1 = 534;  
    long arg2 = 1057;  
    long sum = swap_add(&arg1, &arg2);  
    ...  
}
```

```
caller:  
    sub    $0x10, %rsp          // 16 bytes for stack frame  
    movq    $0x216, 0x8(%rsp)   // store 534 in arg1  
    movq    $0x421, (%rsp)      // store 1057 in arg2  
    mov     %rsp, %rsi          // compute &arg2 as second arg  
    lea     0x8(%rsp), %rdi    // compute &arg1 as first arg  
    callq   swap_add           // call swap_add(&arg1, &arg2)
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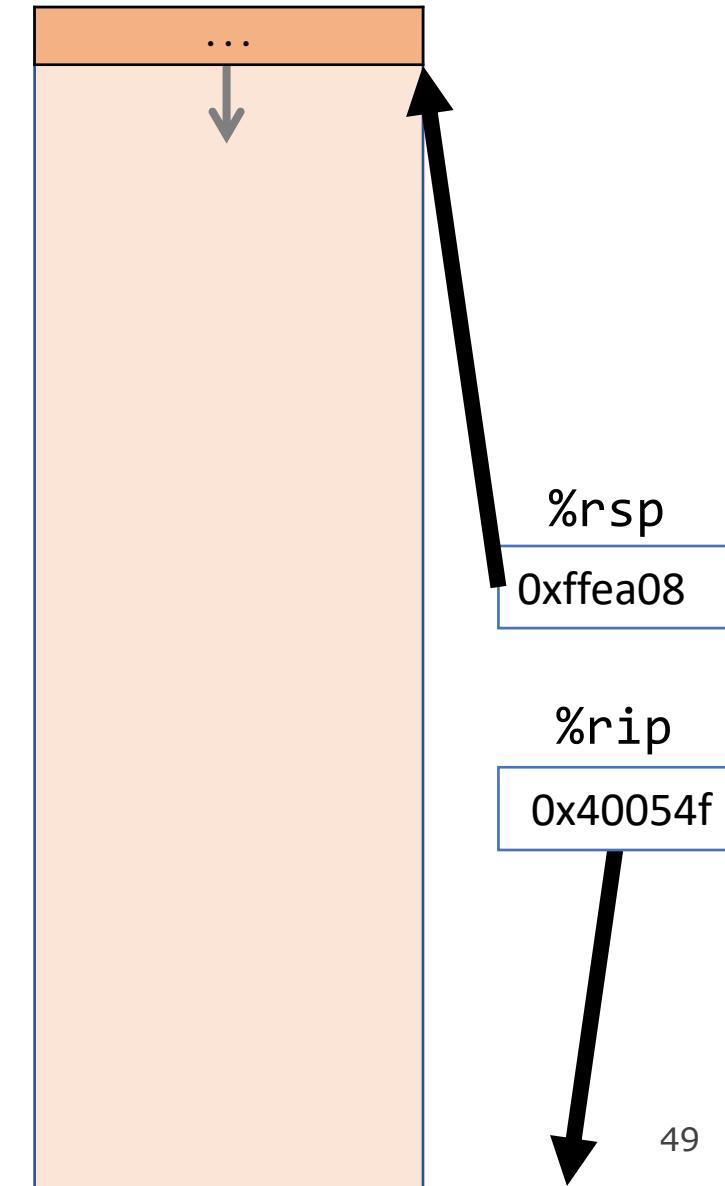
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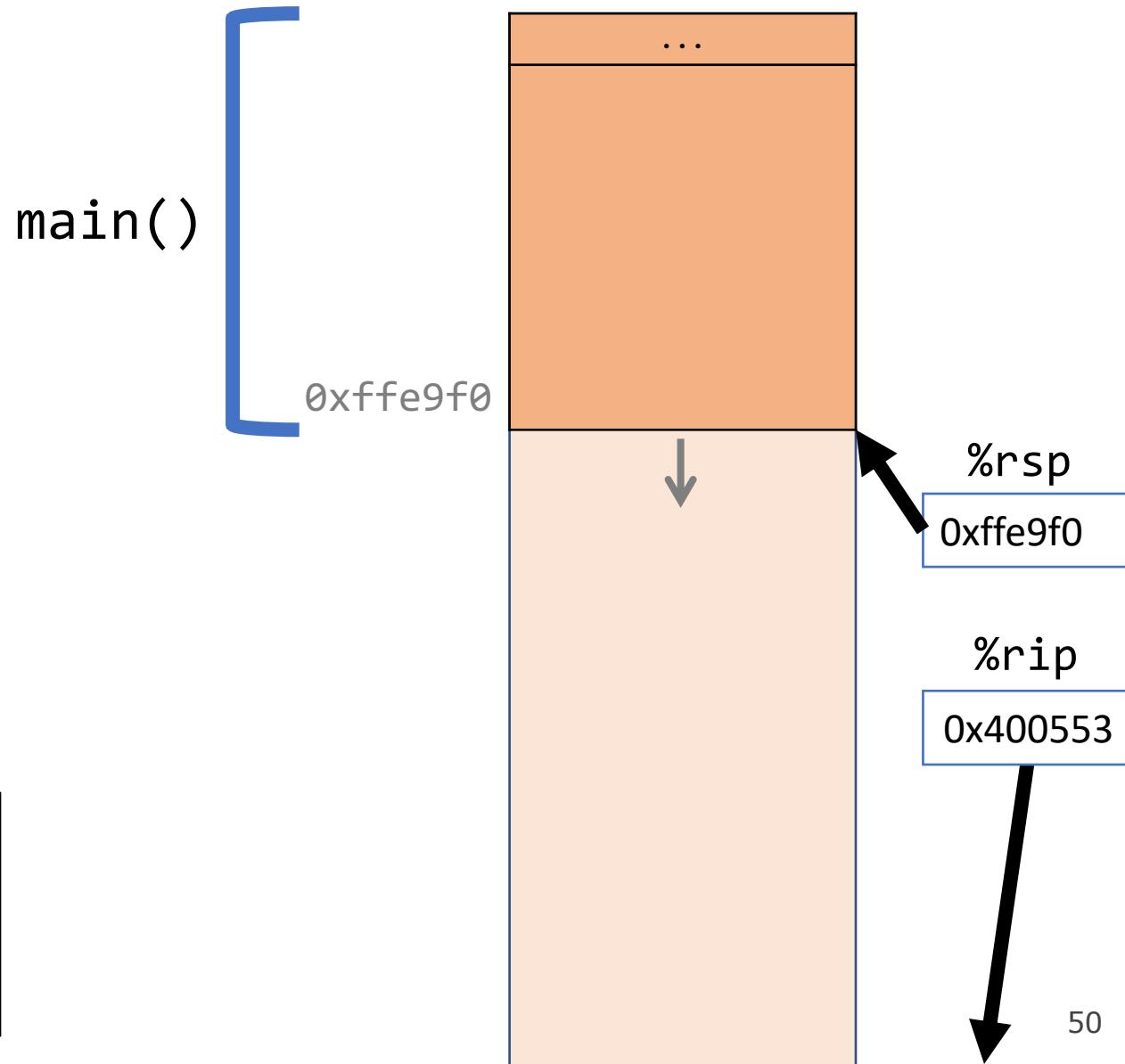
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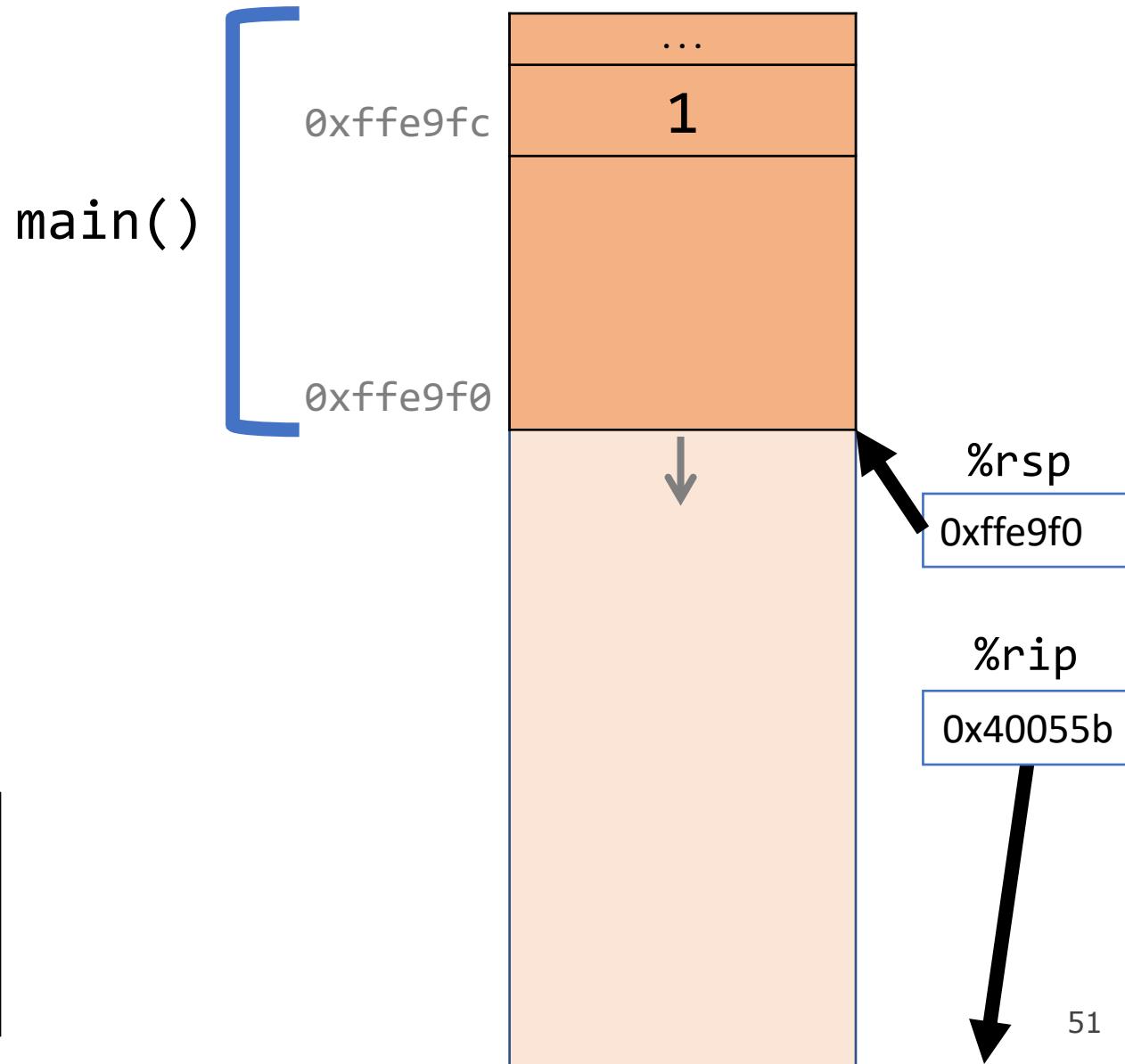
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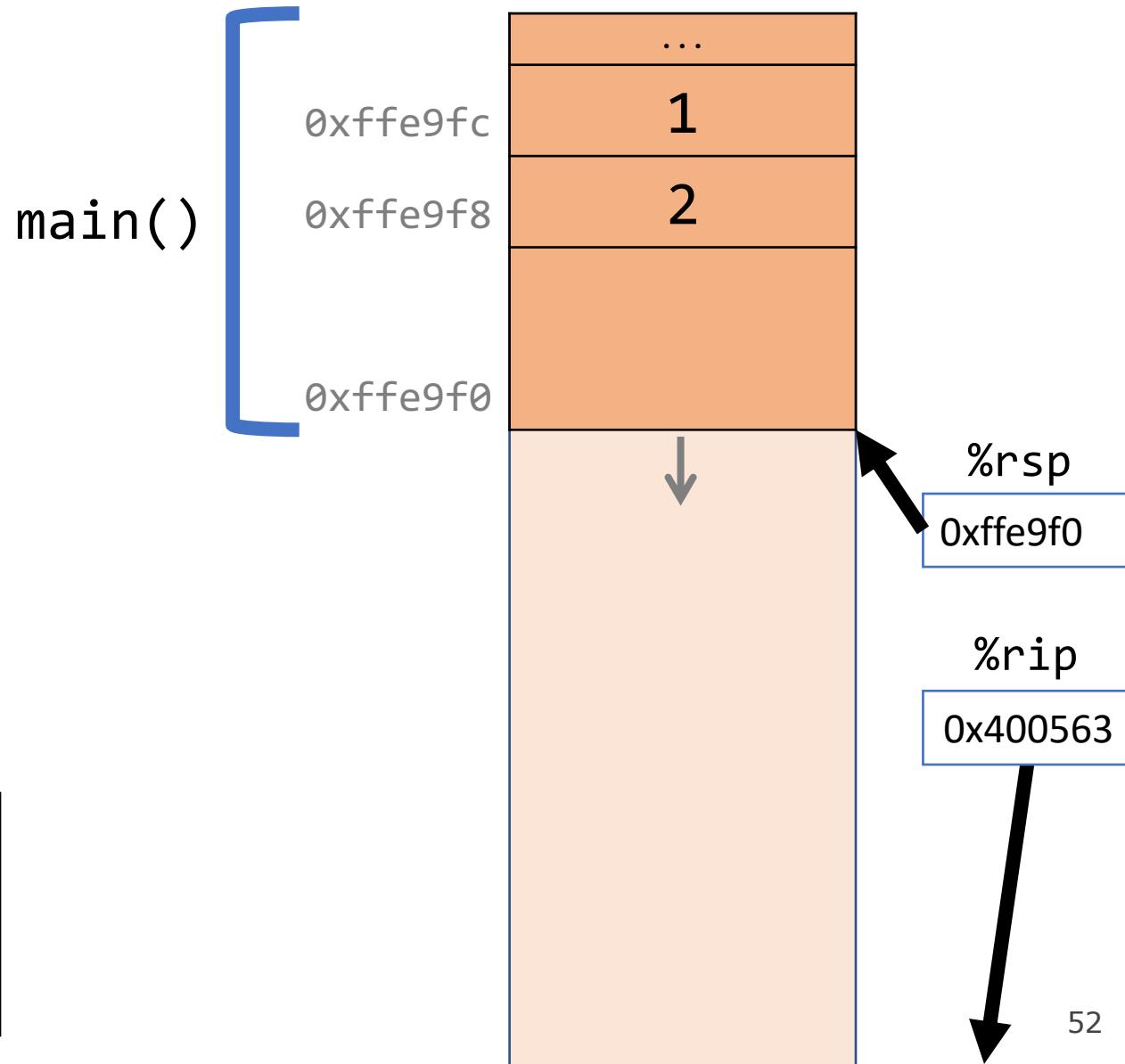
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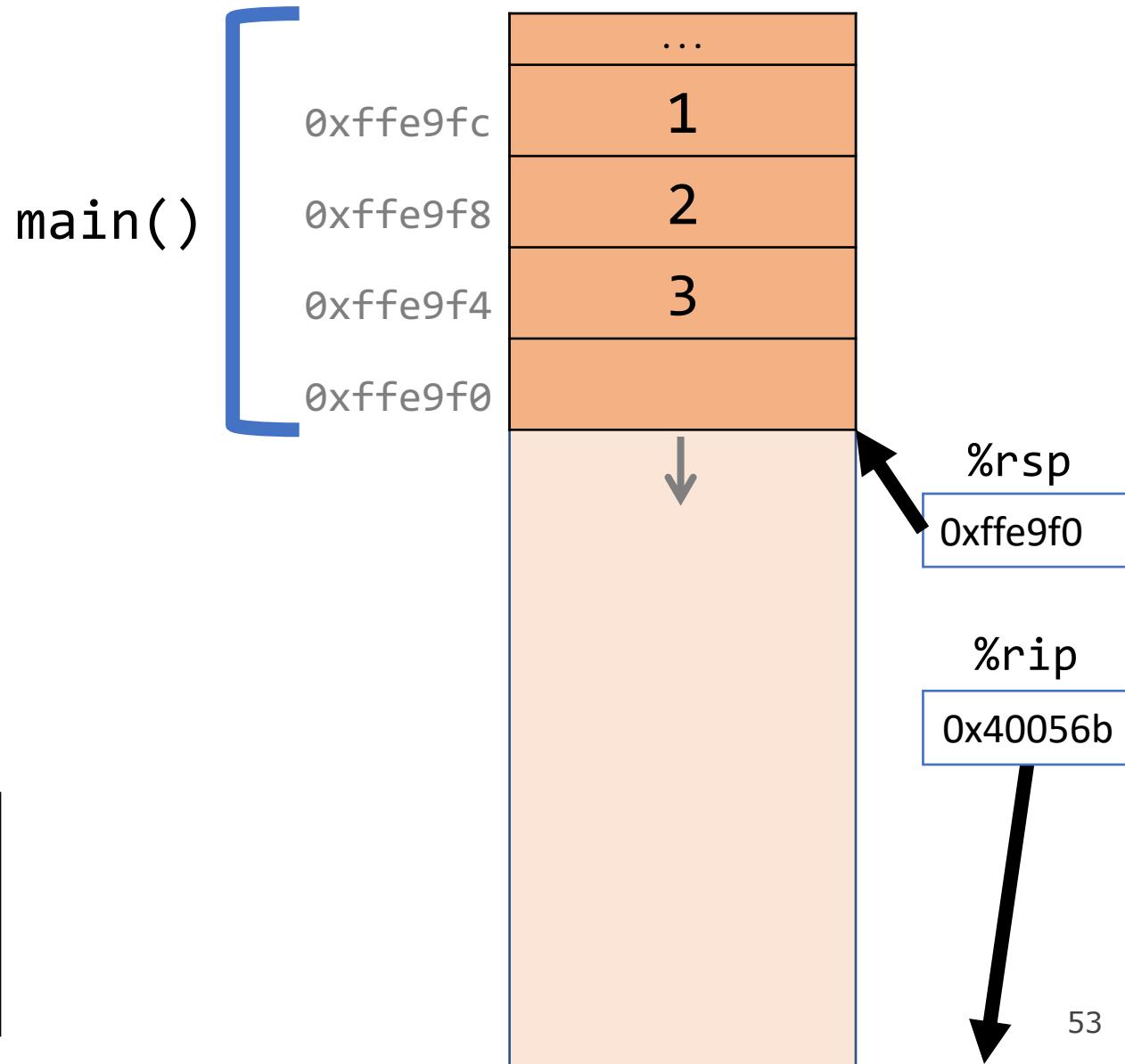


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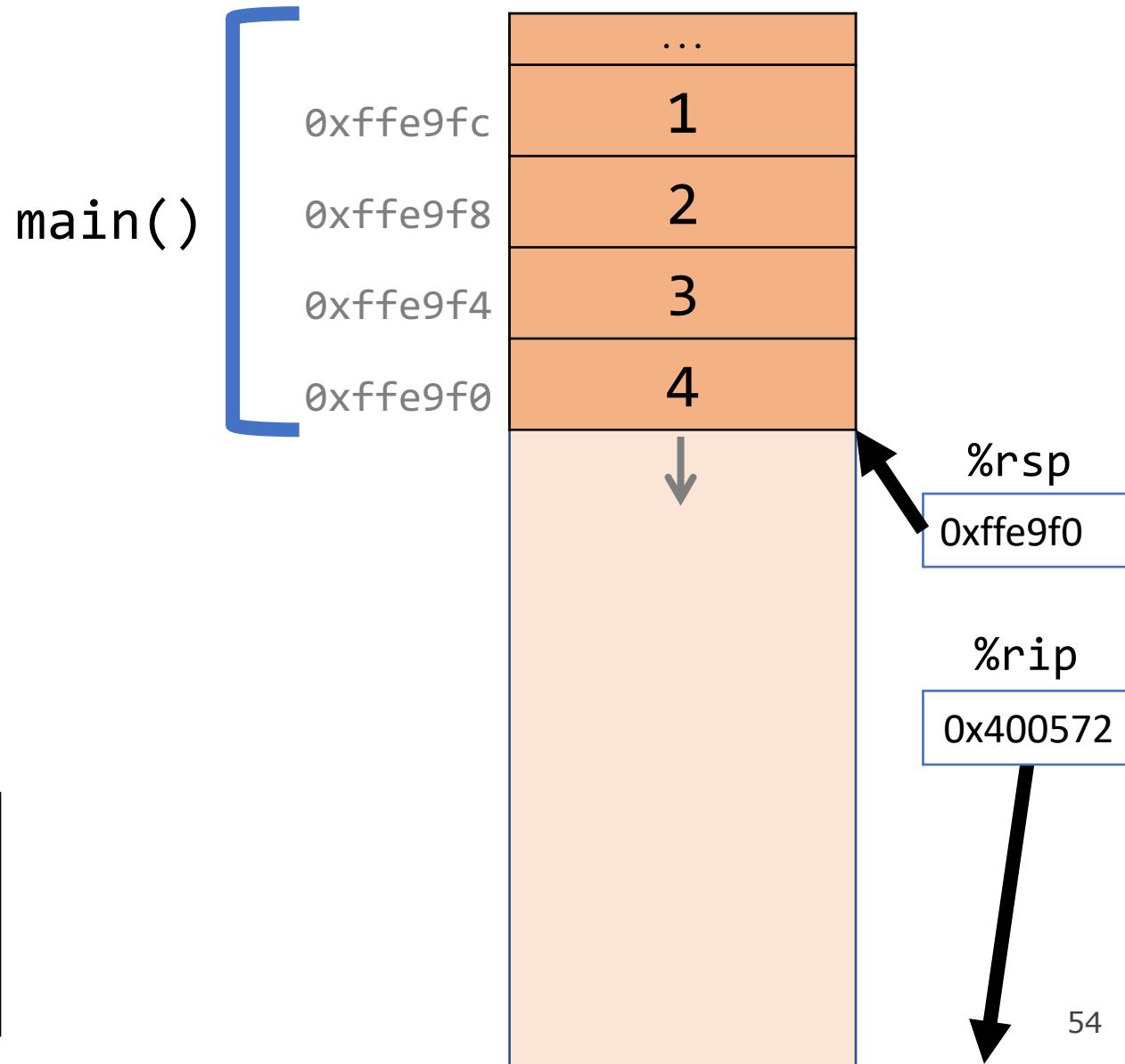
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}
```

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0x40055b <+12>:   movl    $0x2,0x8(%rsp)  
0x400563 <+20>:  movl    $0x3,0x4(%rsp)  
0x40056b <+28>:   movl    $0x4,(%rsp)  
0x400572 <+35>:   pusha   %rax
```



# Parameters and Return

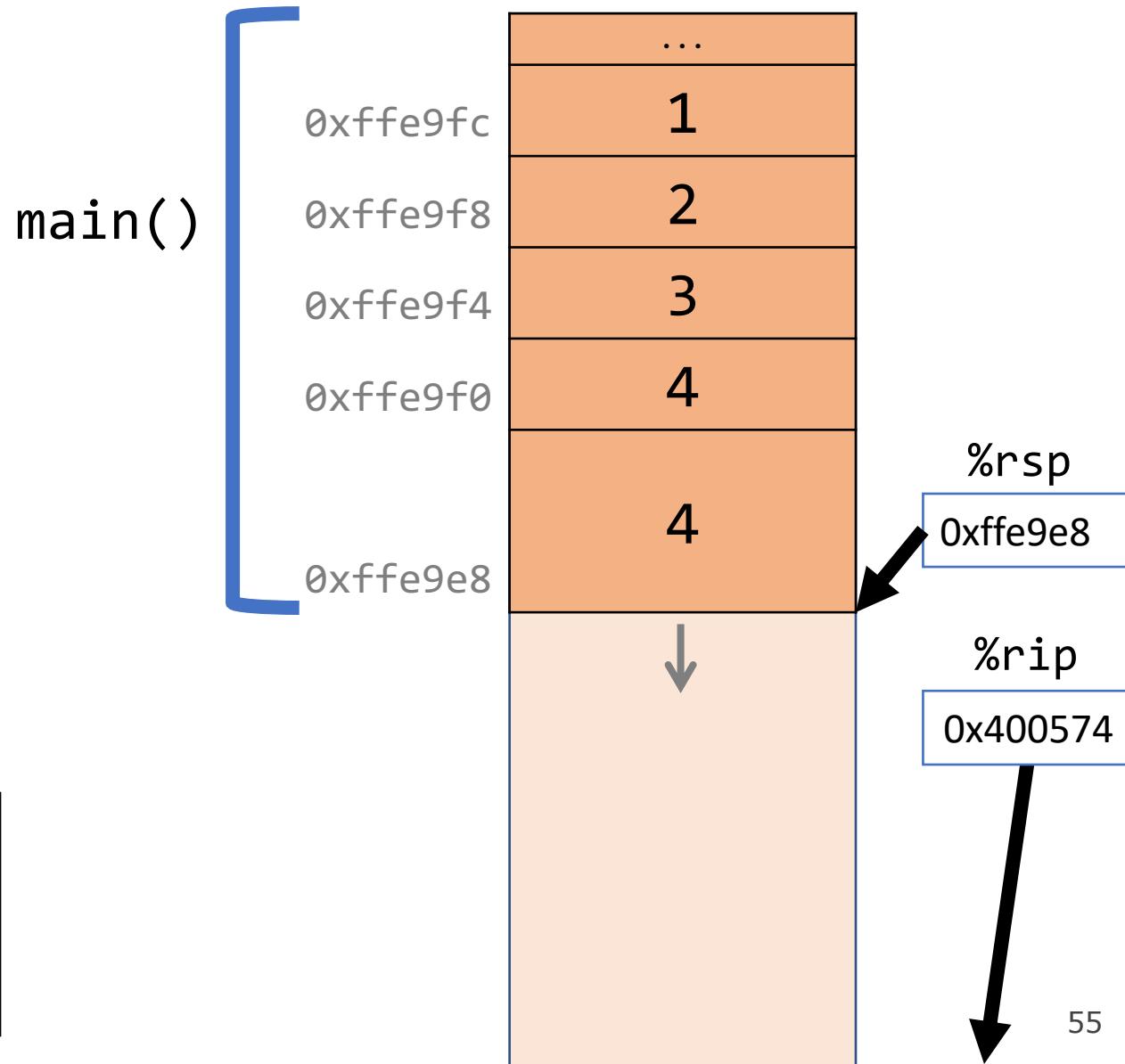
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```

# Parameters and Return

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# Parameters and Return

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```

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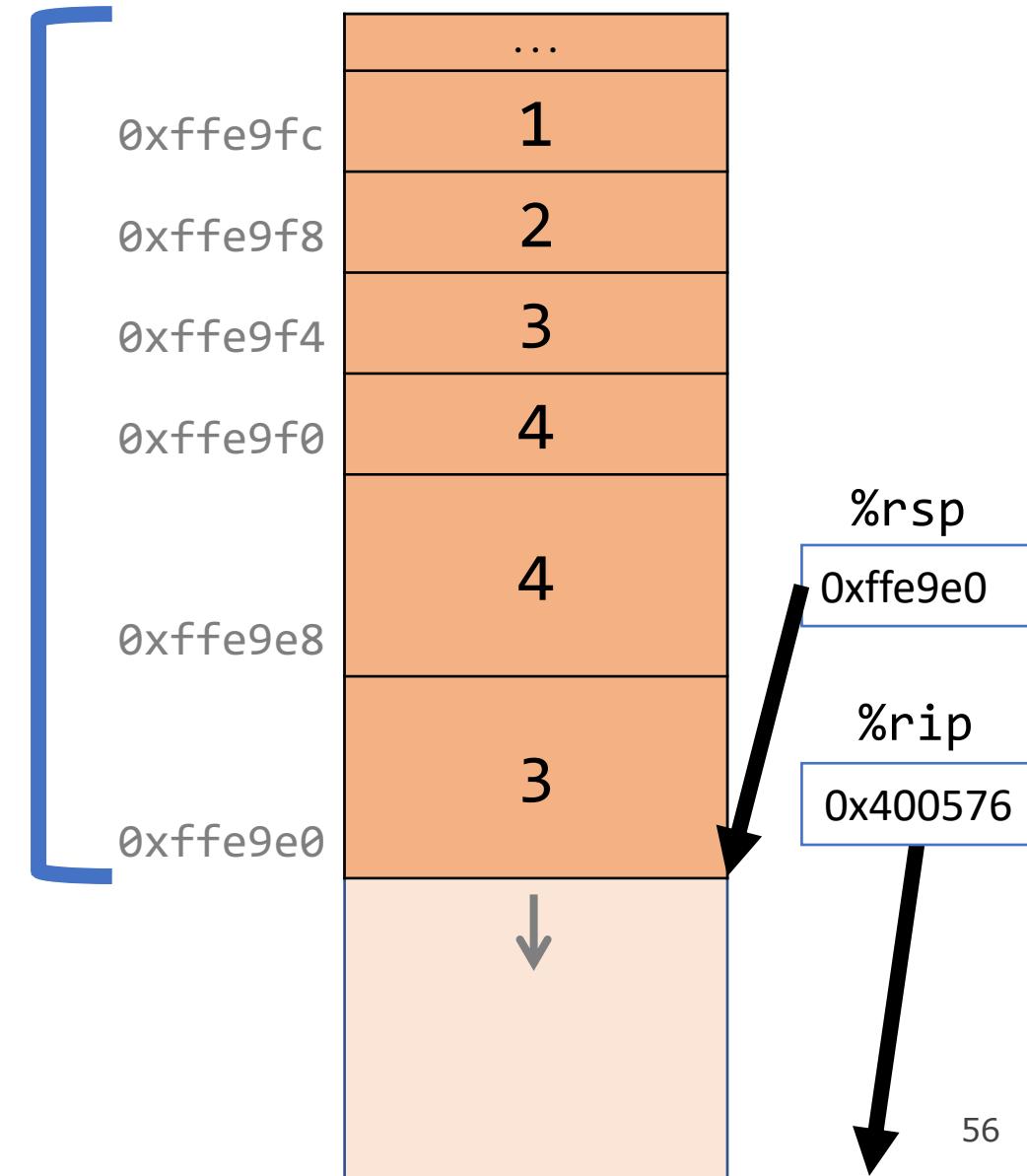
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0x400572 <+35>: pushq $0x4
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0x400576 <+39>: mov $0x2,%r9d
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0x40057c <+45>: mov %r1,%r8d
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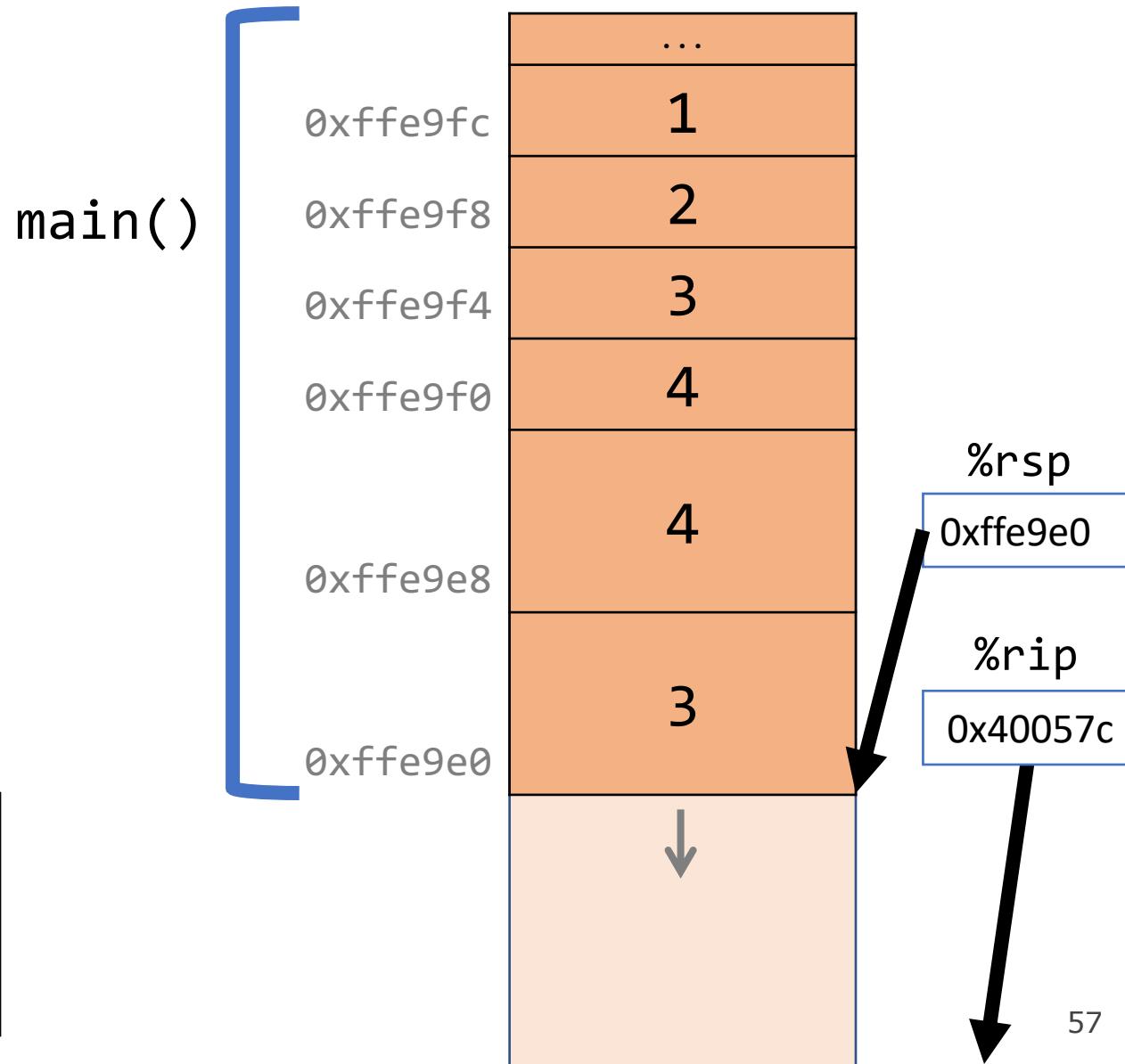
main()



# Parameters and Return

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    ...  
}  
  
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    ...  
}
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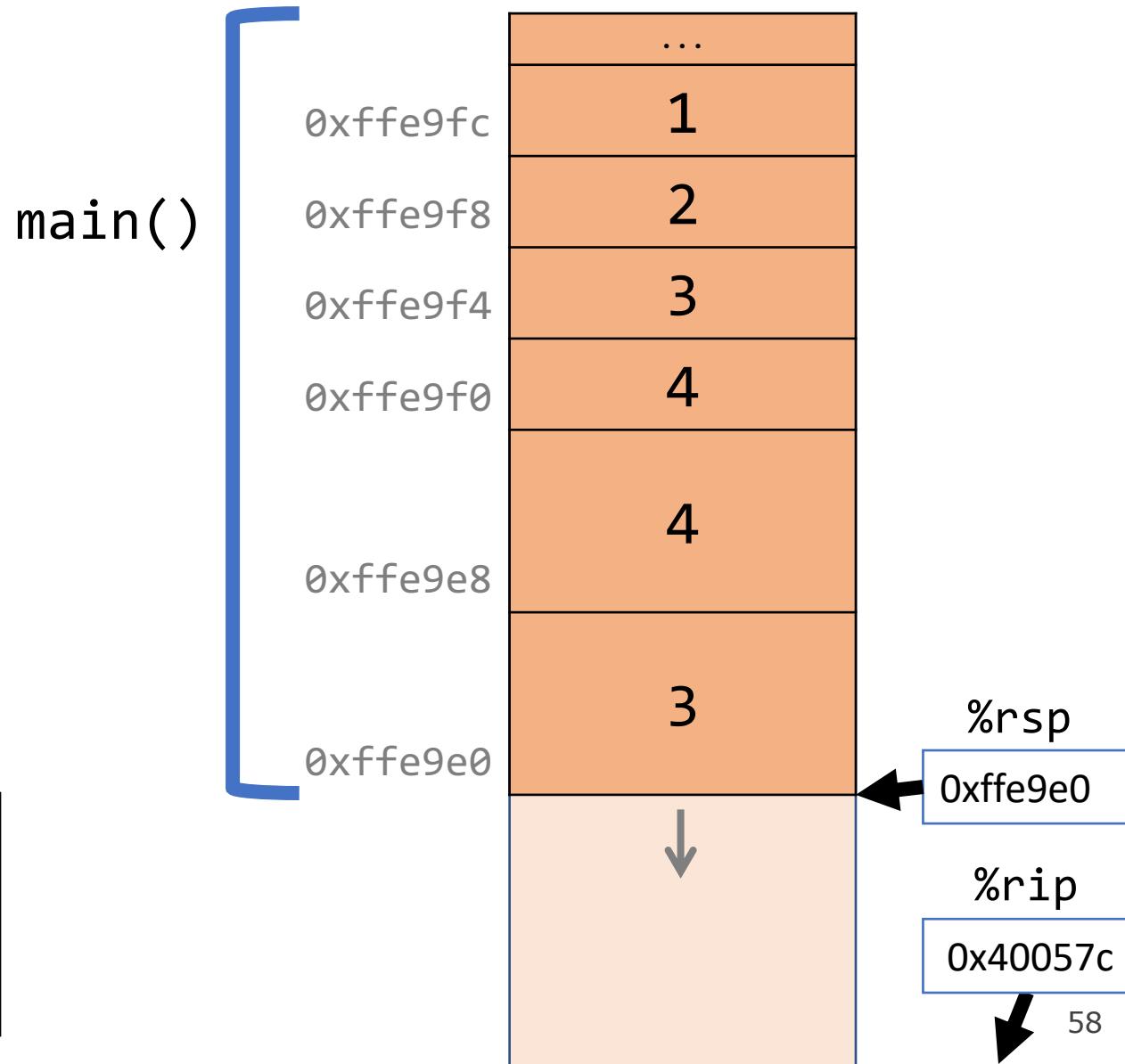
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0x400576 <+39>: mov $0x2,%r9d  
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0x400582 <+51>: lea 0x10(%rcx),%rcx
```



# Parameters and Return

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    ...  
}  
  
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    ...  
}
```

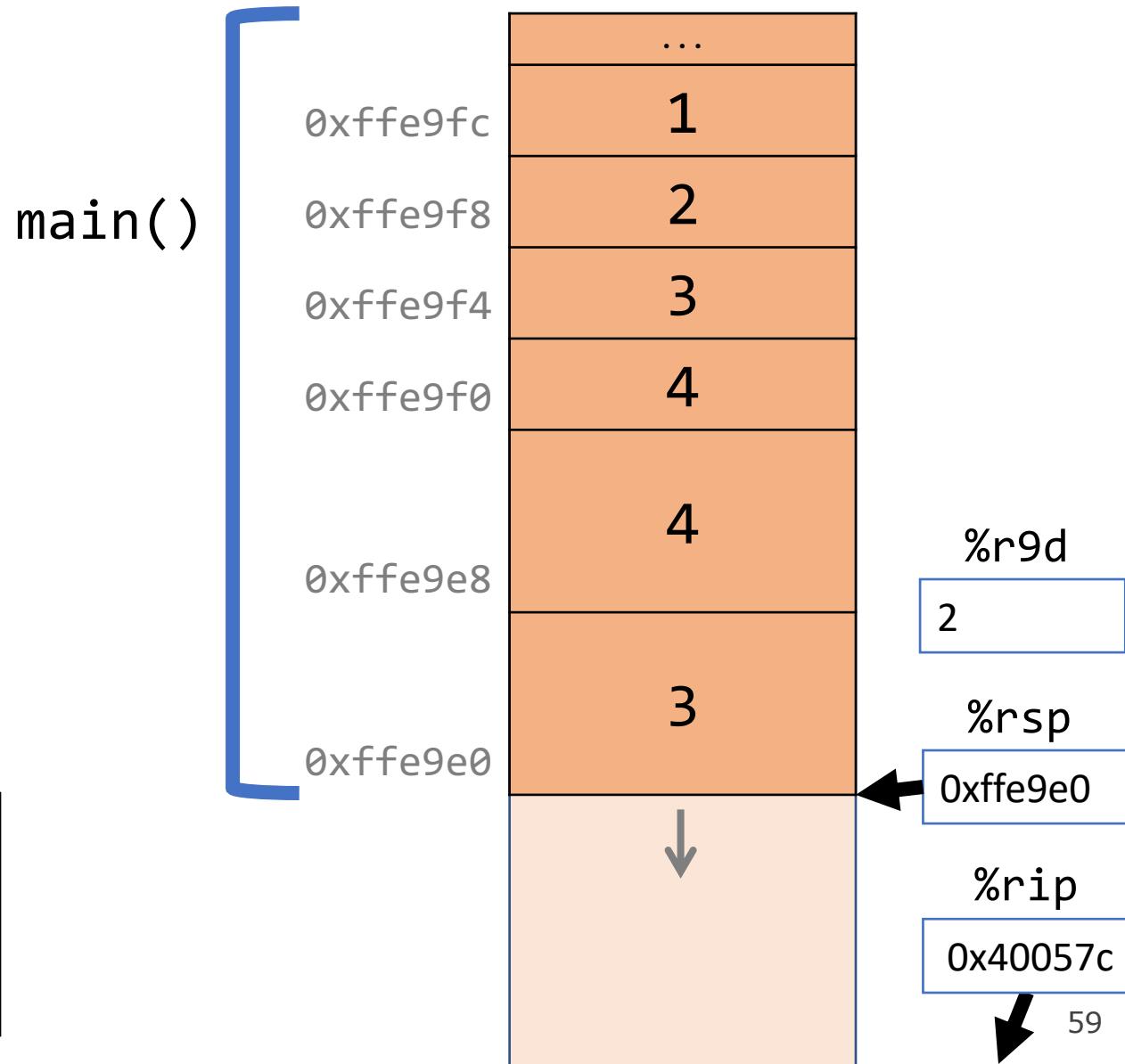
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    ...  
}
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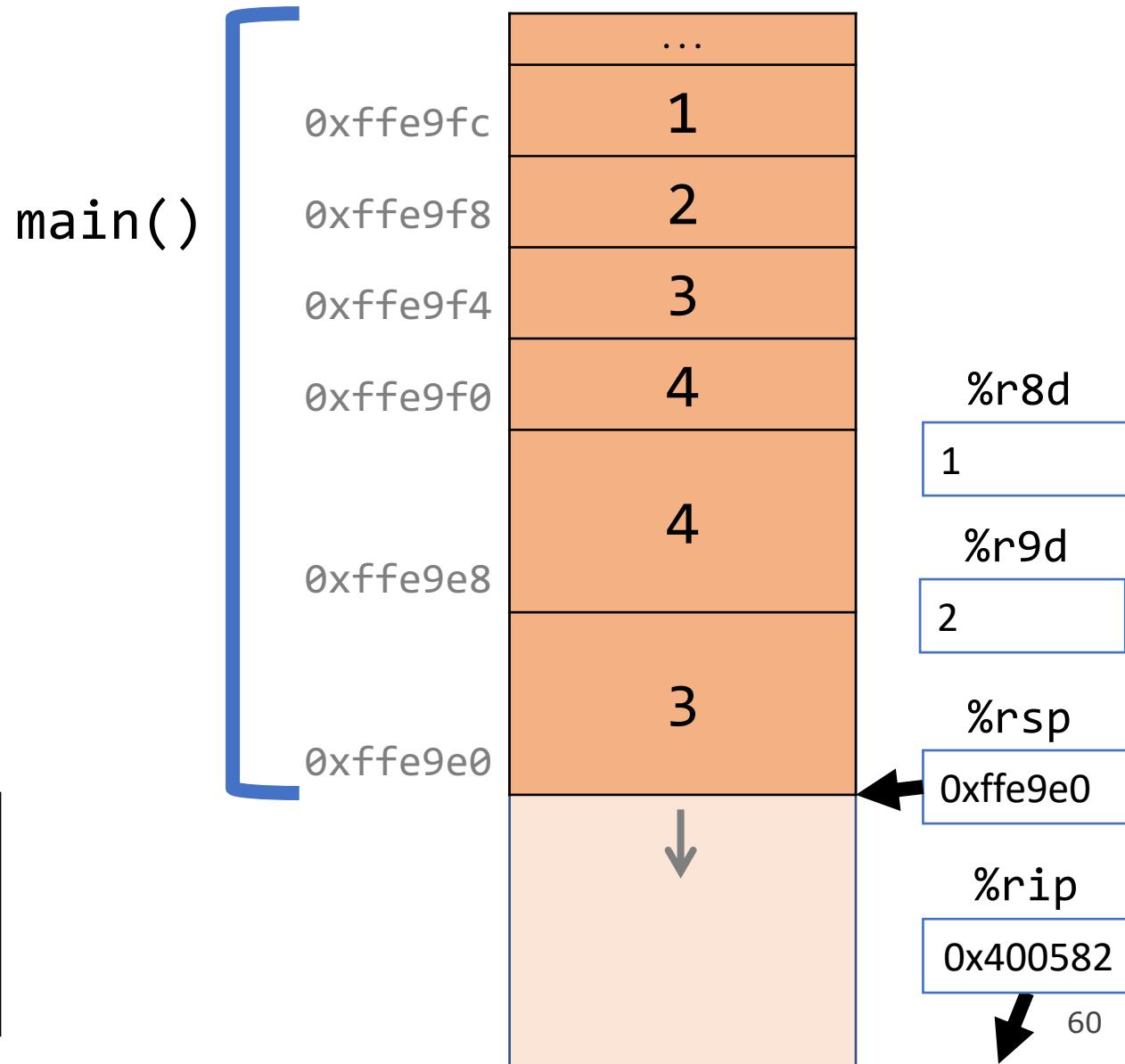
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    ...  
}
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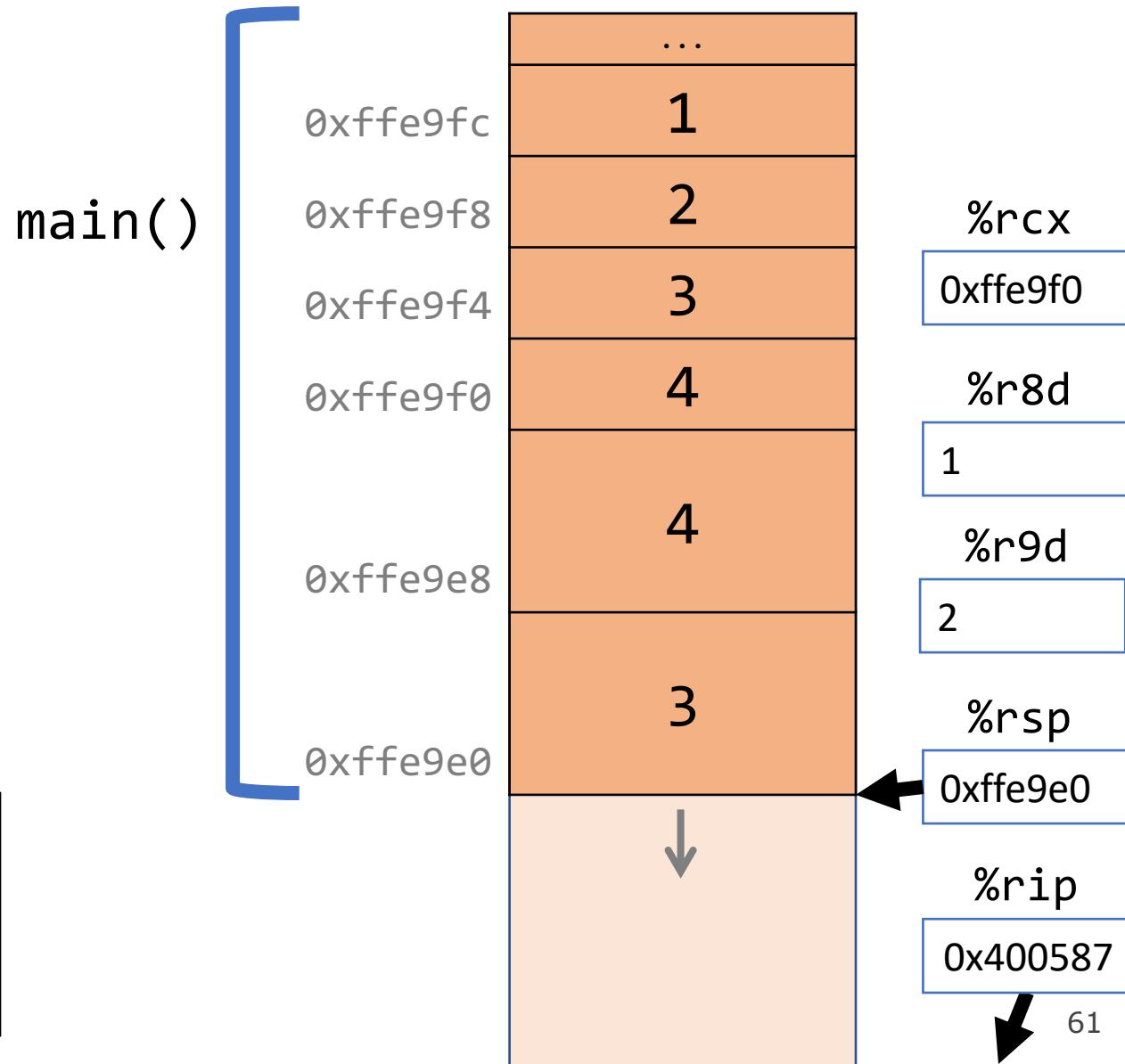
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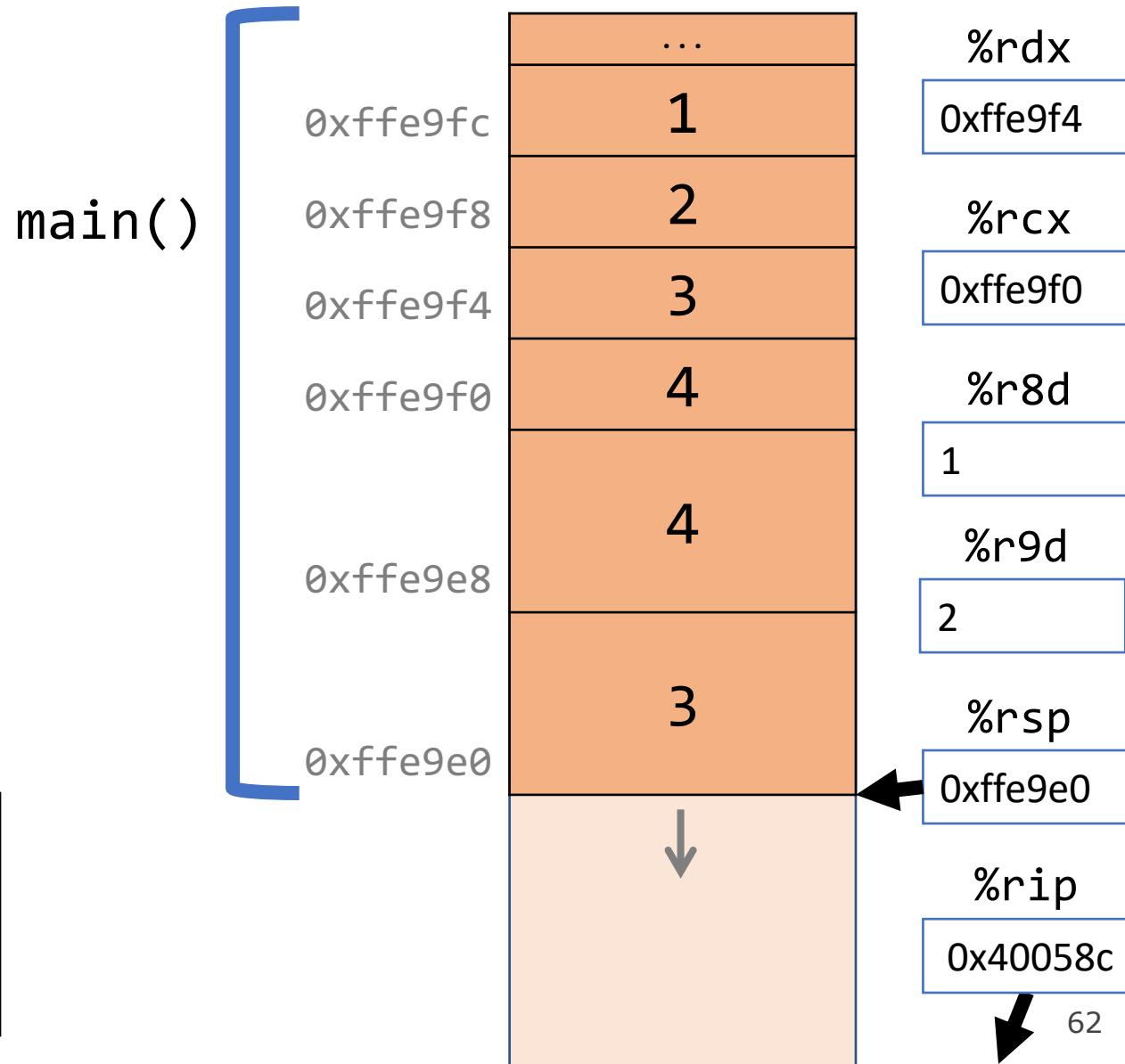
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```



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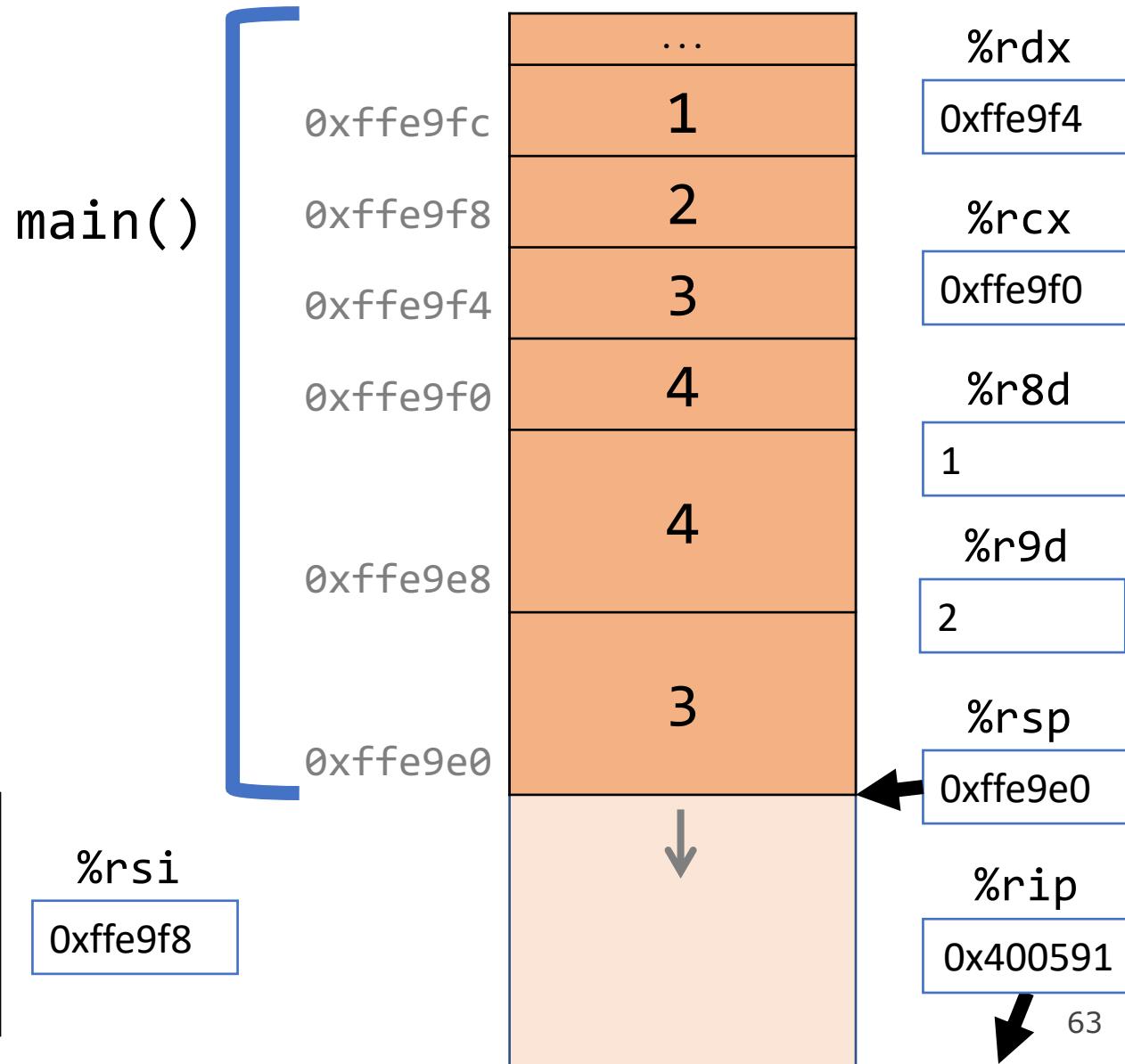
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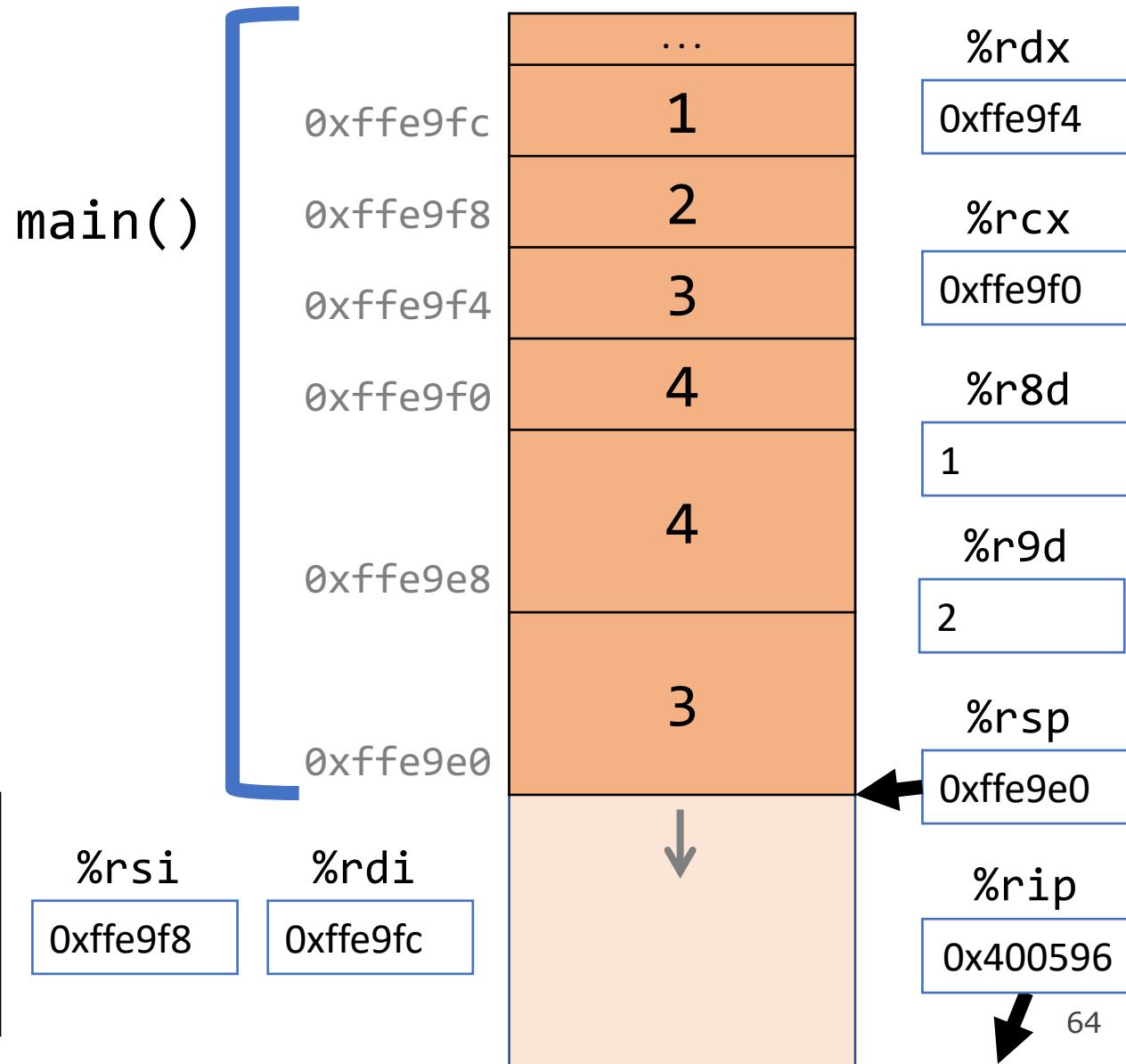
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    ...  
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}
```

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0x40059b <+76>: add    $0x10,%rsp
```

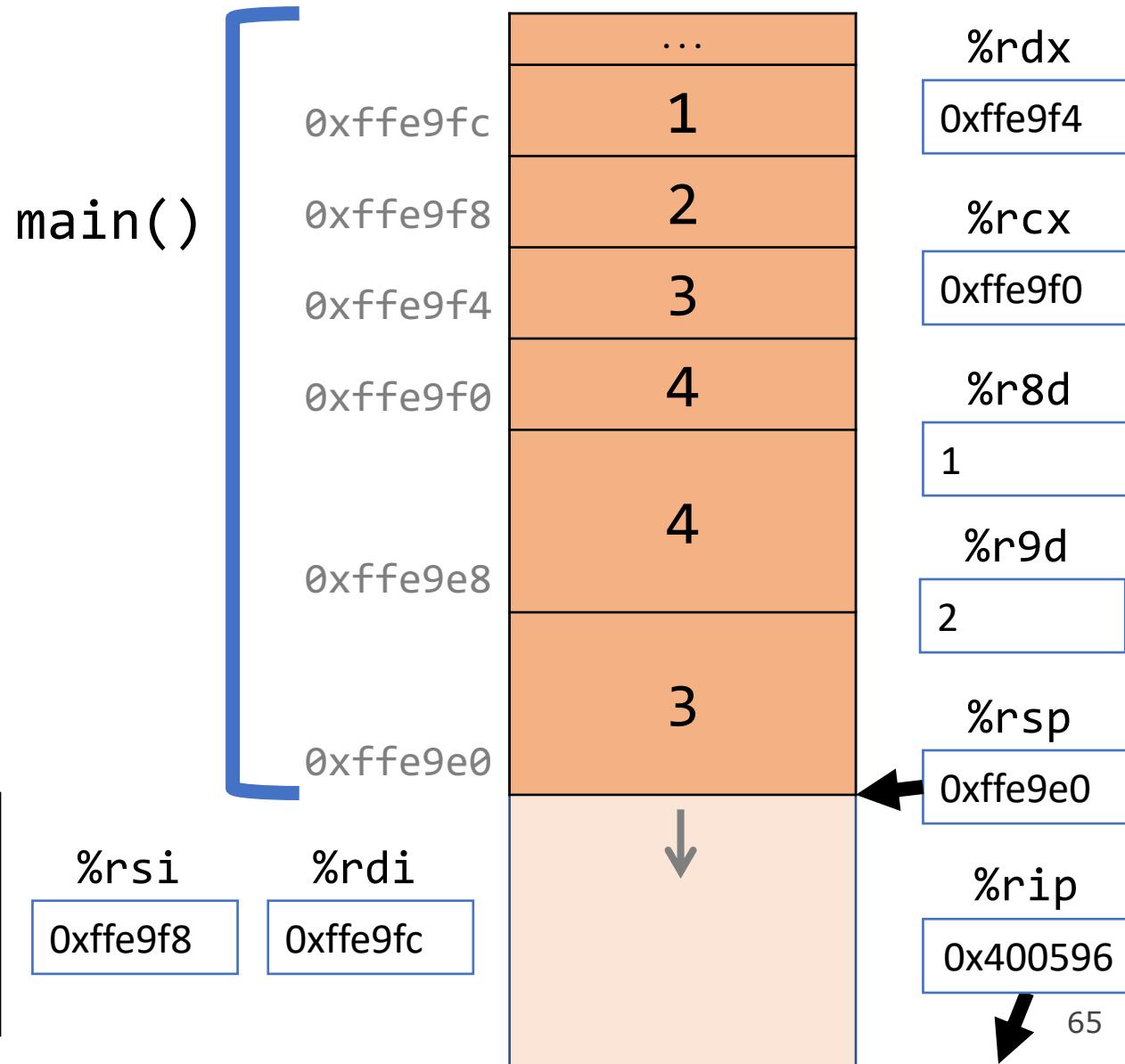


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    ...  
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    ...  
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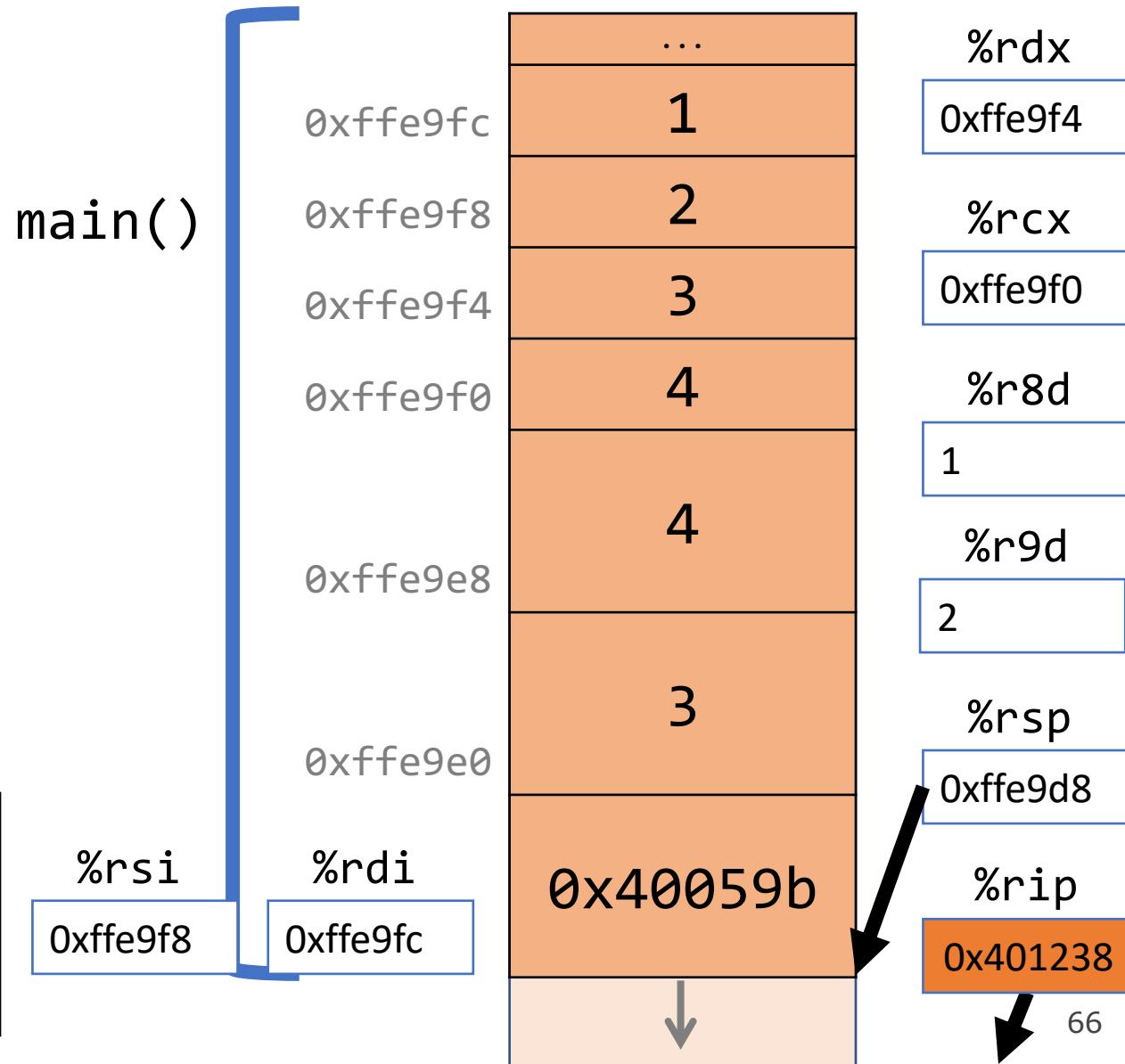


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# Lecture Plan

- Calling Functions

- The Stack
- Passing Control
- Passing Data
- Local Storage

- **Register Restrictions**

```
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```

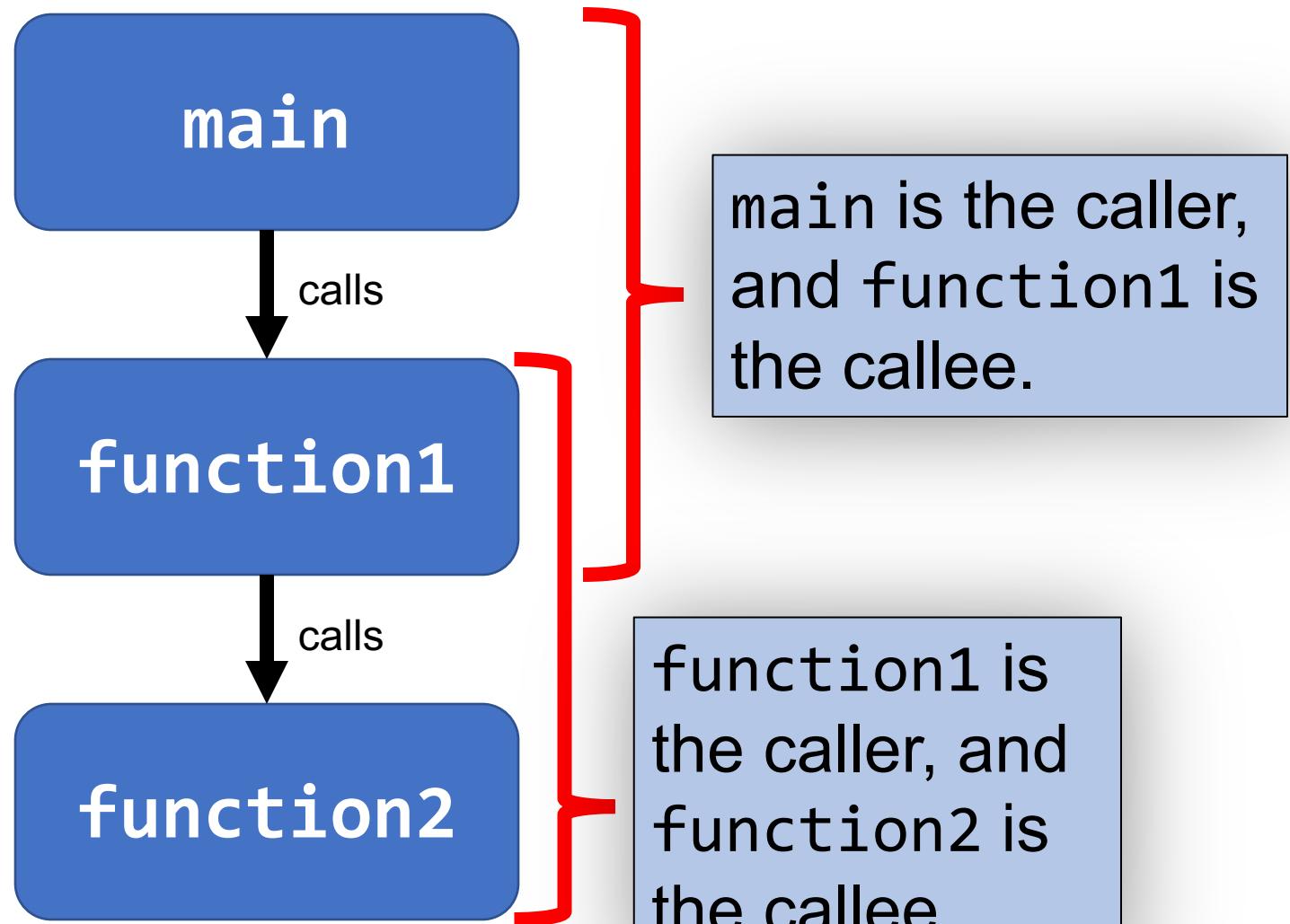
# Register Restrictions

There is only one copy of registers for all 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).



# Register Restrictions

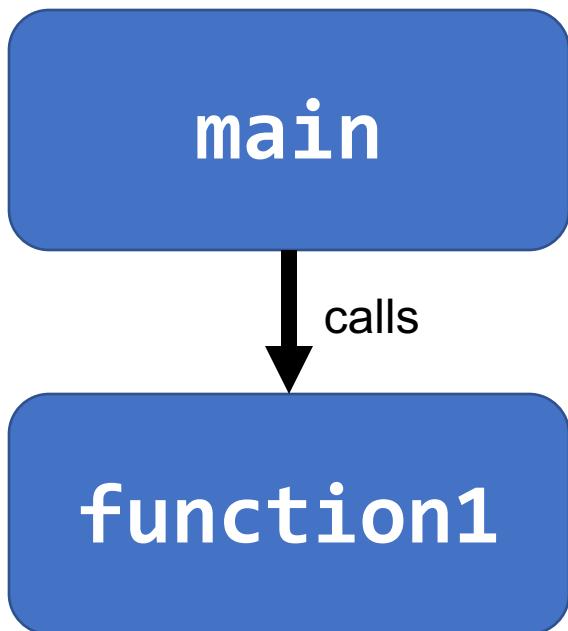
## Caller-Owned

- 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.

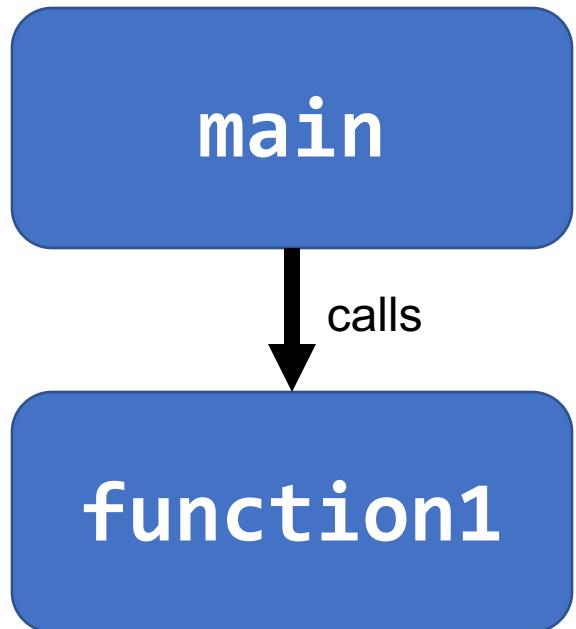
# Caller-Owned Registers



main can use caller-owned registers and know that function1 will not permanently modify their values.

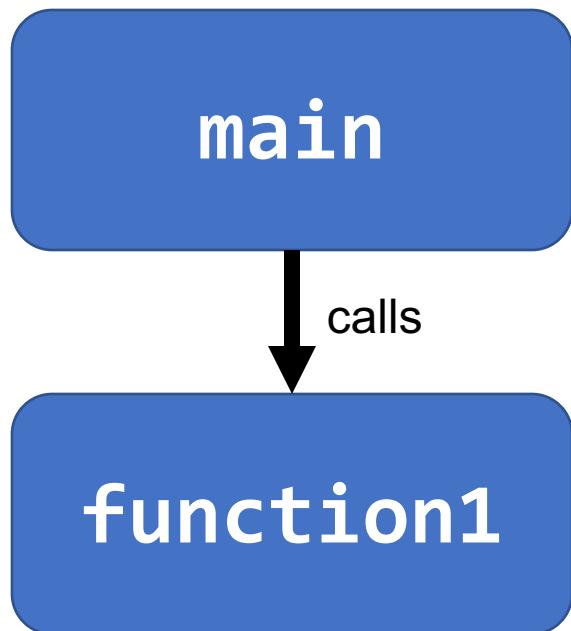
If function1 wants to use any caller-owned registers, it must save the existing values and restore them before returning.

# Caller-Owned Registers



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

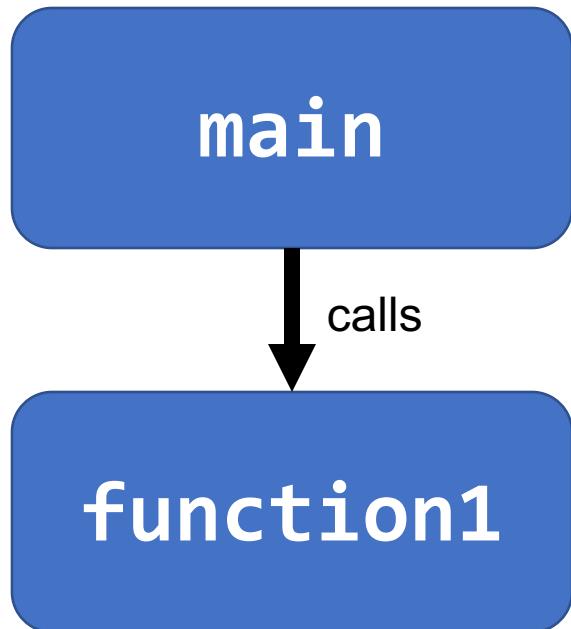
# Callee-Owned Registers



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

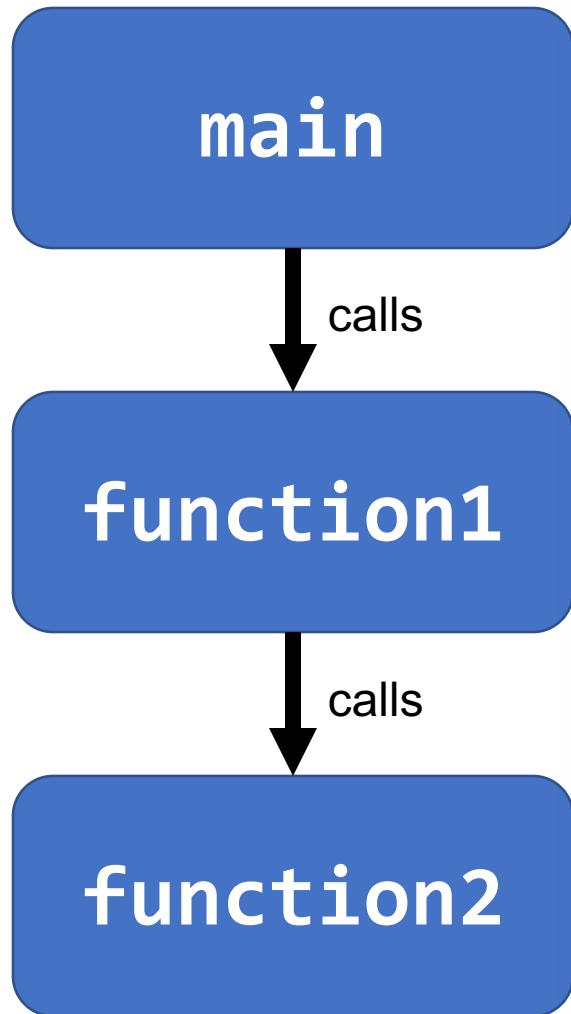
If function1 wants to use any callee-owned registers, it can do so without saving the existing values.

# 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.

## Callee-owned registers:

- `function1` does not need to save/restore existing values of any it wants to use.
- calling `function2` may permanently change their values.

# 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.

---

```
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
```

# Recap

- Calling Functions
  - The Stack
  - Passing Control
  - Passing Data
  - Local Storage
- Register Restrictions

**Lecture 20 takeaway:** Function calls rely on the special %rip and %rsp registers to execute another function's instructions and make stack space. We rely on special registers to pass parameters and the return value between functions. And there are caller and callee owned registers to manage use across functions.

# **Extra Practice**

# Extra Practice – Escape Room 2

<https://godbolt.org/z/8e31fG4r5>



escape\_room

# Escape room assembly code

000000000000115b <escape\_room>:

115b:	48 83 ec 08	sub	\$0x8,%rsp
115f:	ba 0a 00 00 00	mov	\$0xa,%edx
1164:	be 00 00 00 00	mov	\$0x0,%esi
1169:	e8 d2 fe ff ff	callq	1040 <strtol@plt>
116e:	48 89 c7	mov	%rax,%rdi
1171:	e8 d3 ff ff ff	callq	1149 <transform>
1176:	a8 01	test	\$0x1,%al
1178:	74 0a	je	1184 <escape_room+0x29>
117a:	b8 00 00 00 00	mov	\$0x0,%eax
117f:	48 83 c4 08	add	\$0x8,%rsp
1183:	c3	retq	
1184:	b8 01 00 00 00	mov	\$0x1,%eax
1189:	eb f4	jmp	117f <escape_room+0x24>

# Escape room assembly code

```
0000000000001149 <transform>:  
1149: 8d 04 bd 00 00 00 00  lea    0x0(%rdi,4),%eax  
1150: 8d 50 01                 lea    0x1(%rax),%edx  
1153: 83 fa 32                 cmp    $0x32,%edx  
1156: 7f 02                   jg     115a <transform+0x11>  
1158: 89 d0                   mov    %edx,%eax  
115a: c3                      retq
```