

# COMP201

## Computer Systems & Programming

Lecture #18 – x86-64 Procedures



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# Recap

- Assembly Execution and `%rip`
- Control Flow Mechanics
  - Condition Codes
  - Assembly Instructions
- If statements
- Loops
  - While loops
  - For loops
- Other Instructions That Depend On Condition Codes

# Recap: If Statements

## If-Else In C

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

```
400552 <+0>:  cmp    $0x3,%edi  
400555 <+3>:  jle    0x40055e <if_else+12>  
400557 <+5>:  mov    $0xa,%eax  
40055c <+10>: jmp    0x400563 <if_else+17>  
40055e <+12>: mov    $0x0,%eax  
400563 <+17>: add    $0x1,%eax
```

## If-Else In Assembly pseudocode

Test

Jump to else-body if test fails

**If-body**

Jump to past else-body

**Else-body**

Past else body

# Recap: While Loop Construction

C

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

Assembly

```
Jump to test  
Body  
Test  
Jump to body if success
```

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## From Previous Slide:

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```



# Recap: For Loop Construction

## C For loop

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

## C Equivalent While Loop

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

## Assembly pseudocode



**Init**

Jump to test

**Body**



**Update**

**Test**

**Jump to body if success**

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

# 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., `%a1`) 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 %a1  
    movzbl %a1, %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
```

# Ternary Operator

The ternary operator is a shorthand for using if/else to evaluate to a value.

**condition ? expressionIfTrue : expressionIfFalse**

```
int x;  
if (argc > 1) {  
    x = 50;  
} else {  
    x = 0;  
}
```

```
// equivalent to  
int x = argc > 1 ? 50 : 0;
```

# cmov: Conditional move

Instruction	Synonym	Move Condition
cmovz S,R	cmovz	Equal / zero (ZF = 1)
cmovnz 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)

# Practice: 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
```

-14/4 should yield -3 rather than -4

(See Sec. 2.3.7)

Put  $x + 3$  into `%eax` (add appropriate bias,  $2^2-1$ )

To see whether  $x$  is negative, zero, or positive

If  $x$  is positive, put  $x$  into `%eax`

Divide `%eax` by 4

# Practice: Fill In The Blank

*Note: .L2/.L3 are "labels" that make jumps easier to read.*

## C Code

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

### Common while loop construction:

Jump to test

Body

Test

Jump to body if success

## What does this assembly code translate to?

```
// a in %rdi, b in %rsi  
loop:  
    movl $1, %eax  
    jmp .L2  
.L3  
    leaq (%rdi,%rsi), %rdx  
    imulq %rdx, %rax  
    addq $1, %rdi  
.L2  
    cmpq %rsi, %rdi  
    jl .L3  
rep; ret
```

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## C Code

```
long loop(long a, long b) {  
    long result = 1;  
    while (a < b) {  
        result = result*(a+b);  
        a = a + 1;  
    }  
    return result;  
}
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# Practice: “Escape Room”

```
escapeRoom:
    leal (%rdi,%rdi), %eax
    cmpl $5, %eax
    jg .L3
    cmpl $1, %edi
    jne .L4
    movl $1, %eax
    ret
.L3:
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.L4:
    movl $0, %eax
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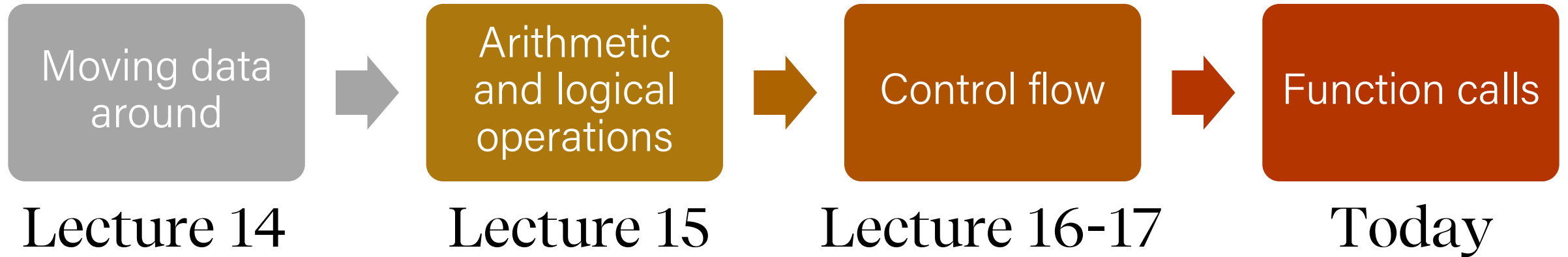
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First param > 2 or == 1.

# Learning Assembly



# Learning Goals

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

# Plan for Today

- Revisiting `%rip`
- Calling Functions
  - The Stack
  - Passing Control
  - Passing Data
  - Local Storage
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- Pulling it all together: recursion example

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# %rip

- %rip is a special register that points to the next instruction to execute.
- **Let's dive deeper into how %rip works, and how jumps modify it.**

# %rip

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

```
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These are 0-based offsets in bytes for each instruction relative to the start of this function.

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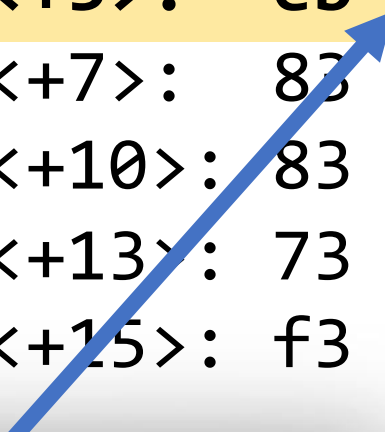
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**0xeb** means **jmp**.

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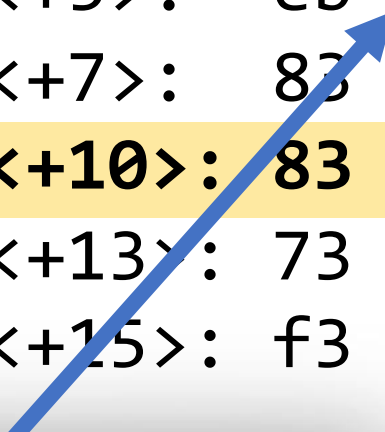


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**0x73** means **jle**.

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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.

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How do we call functions in  
assembly?

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How does assembly  
interact with the stack?

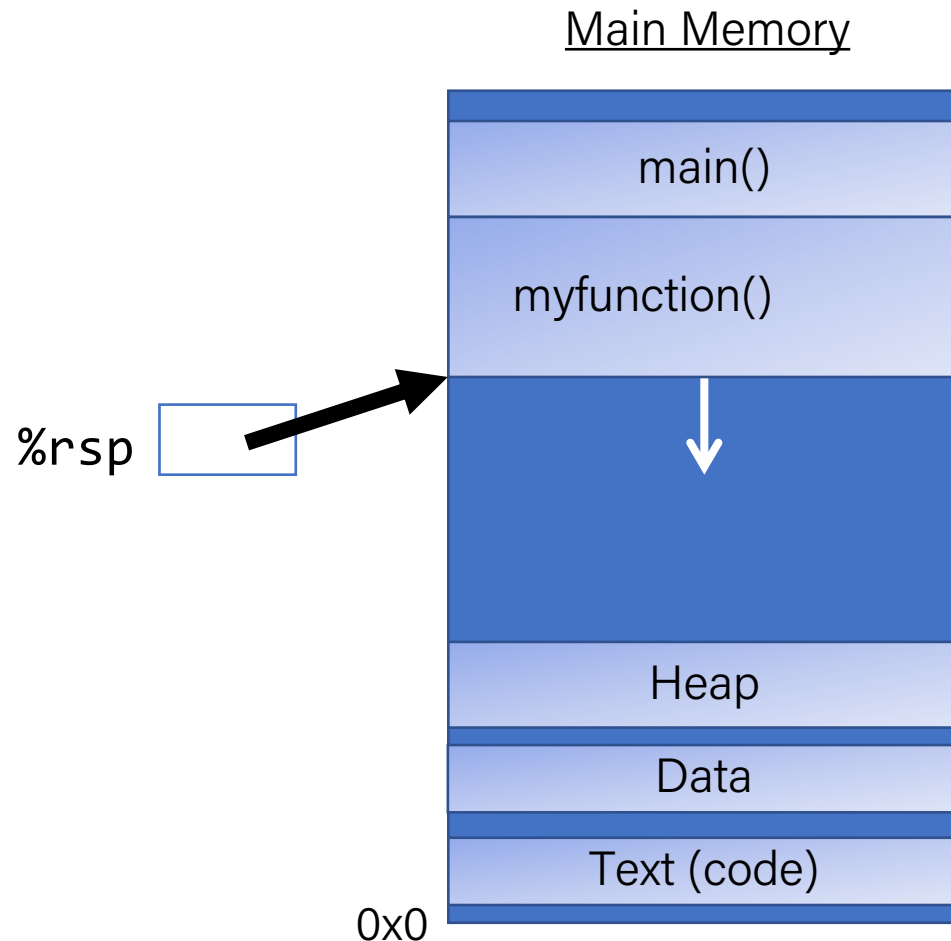
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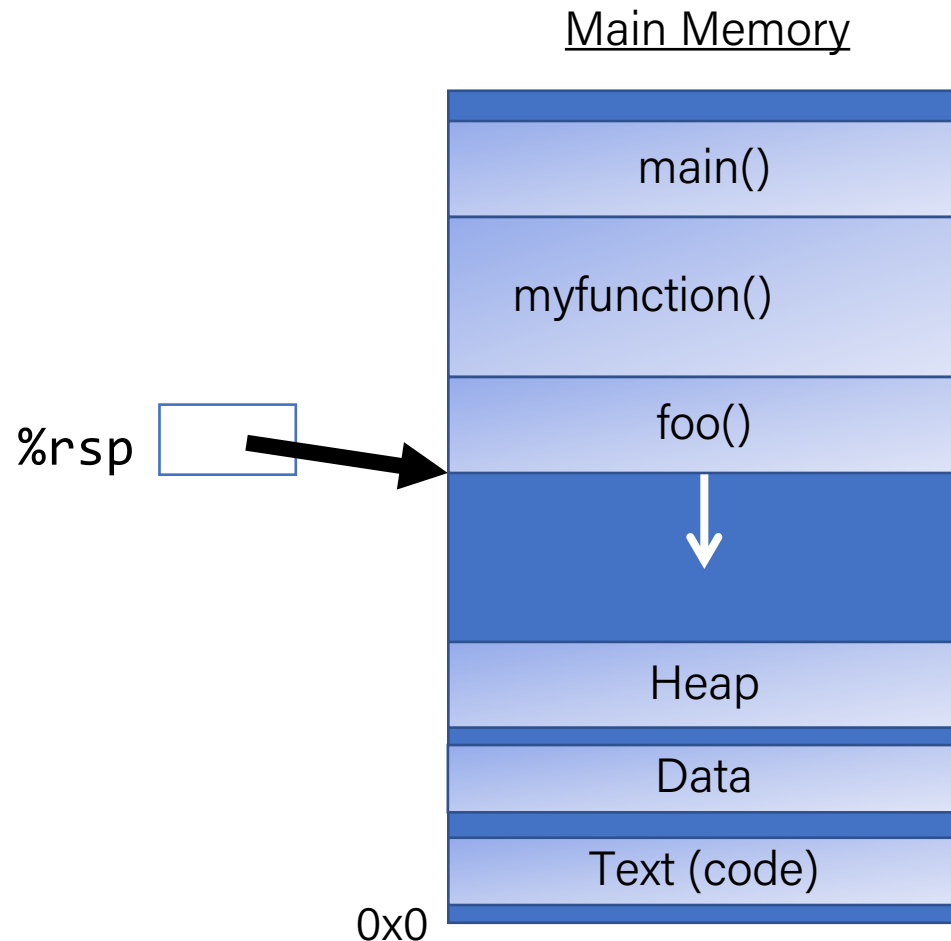
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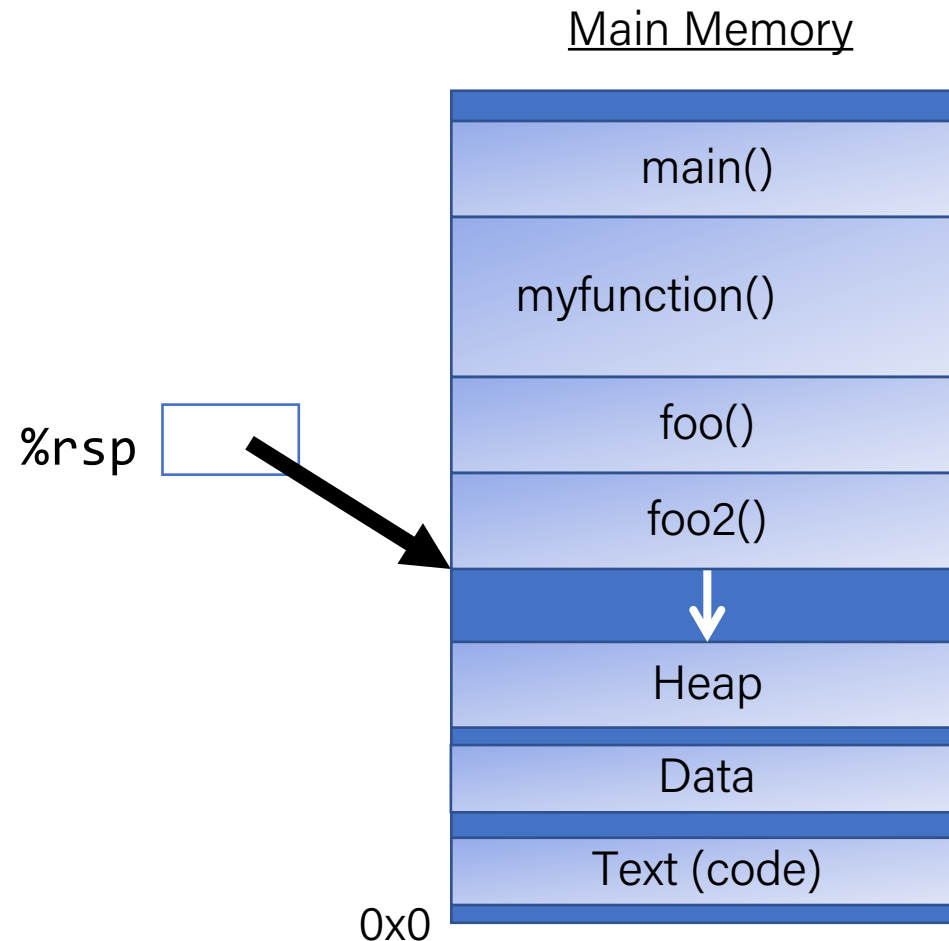
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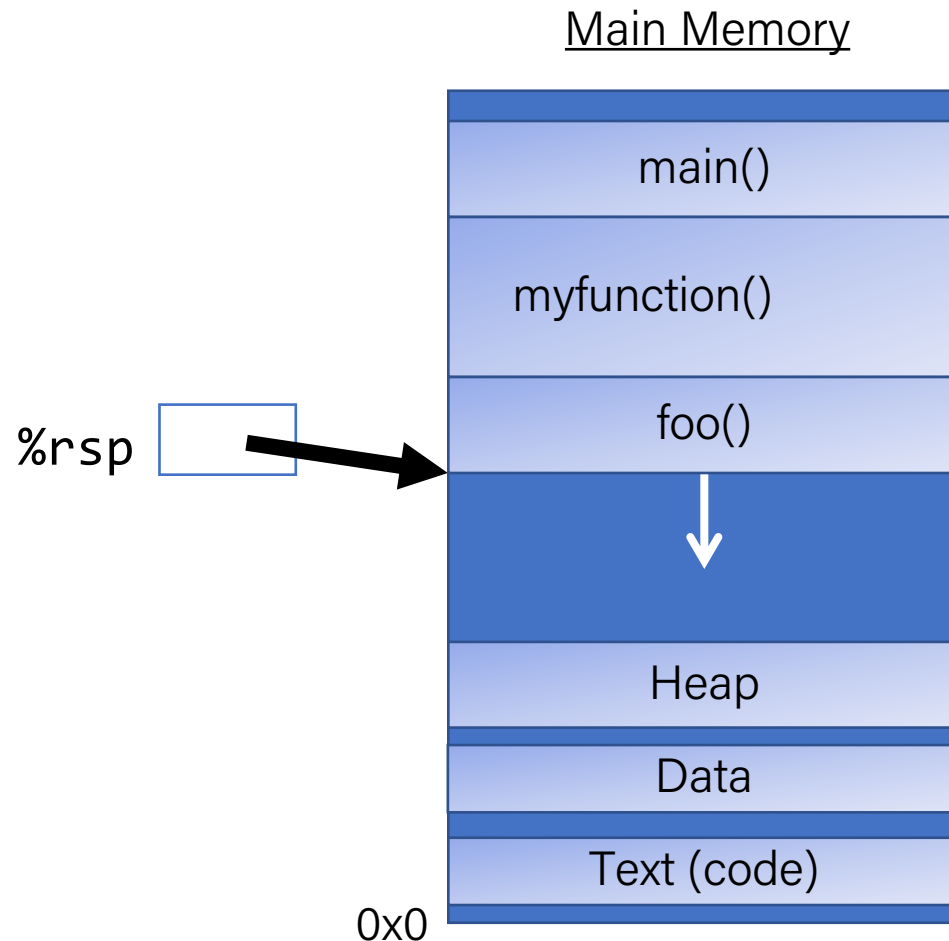
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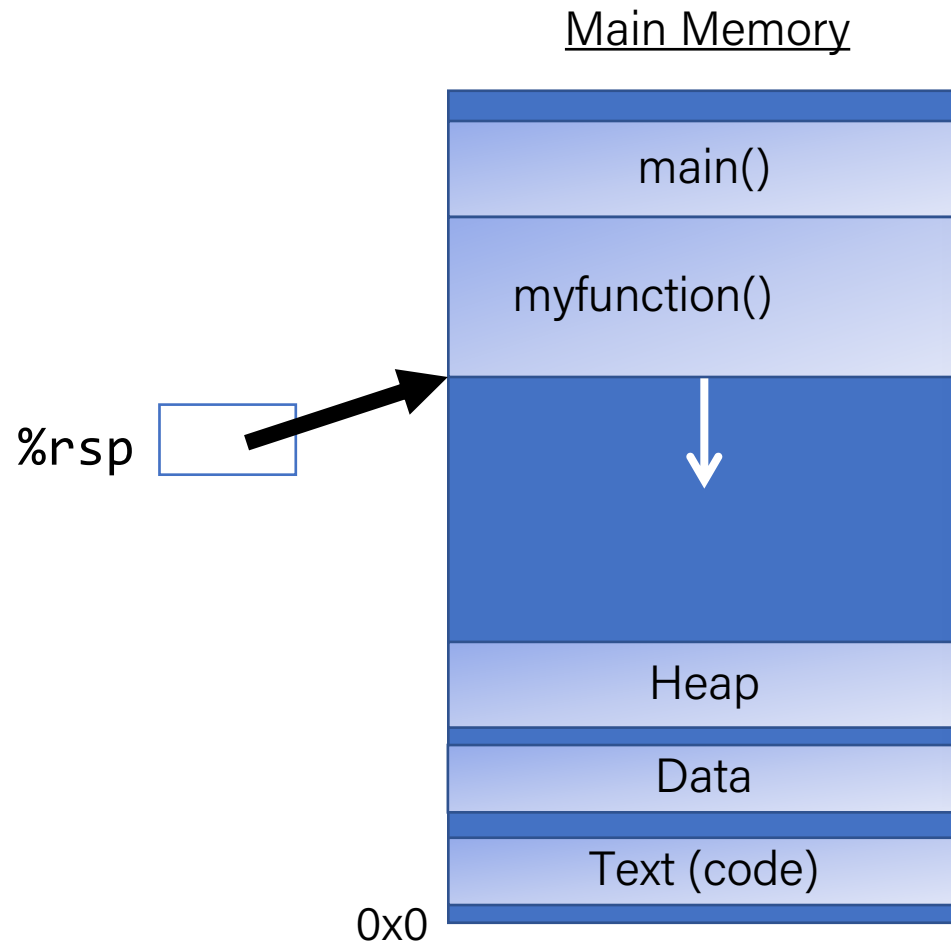
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**Key idea: %rsp** must point to the same place before a function is called and after that function returns, since stack frames go away when a function finishes.



# push

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

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**subq \$8, %rsp**  
**movq S, (%rsp)**
- Sometimes, you'll see instructions just explicitly decrement the stack pointer to make room for future data. [More on this later!](#)

# 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.

# pop

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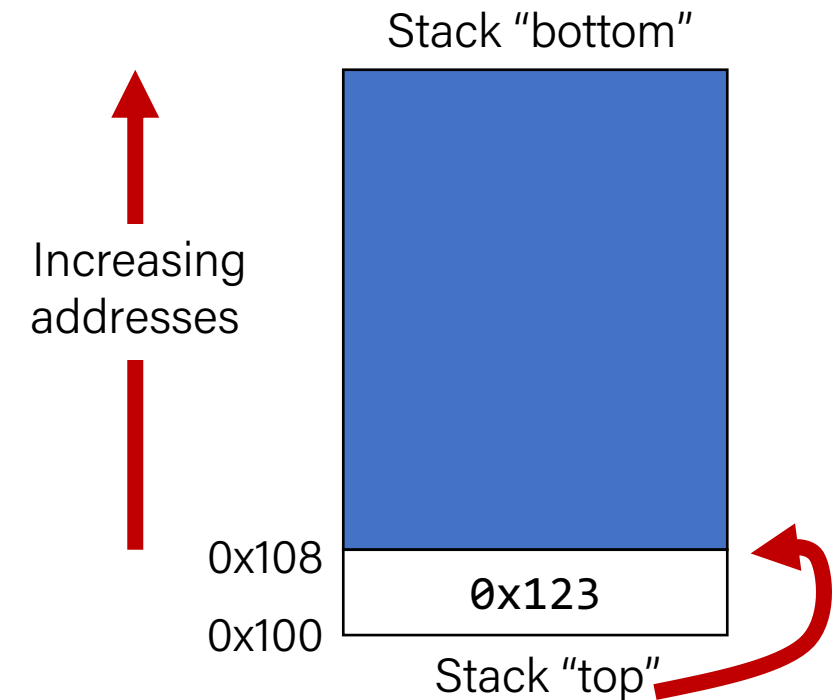
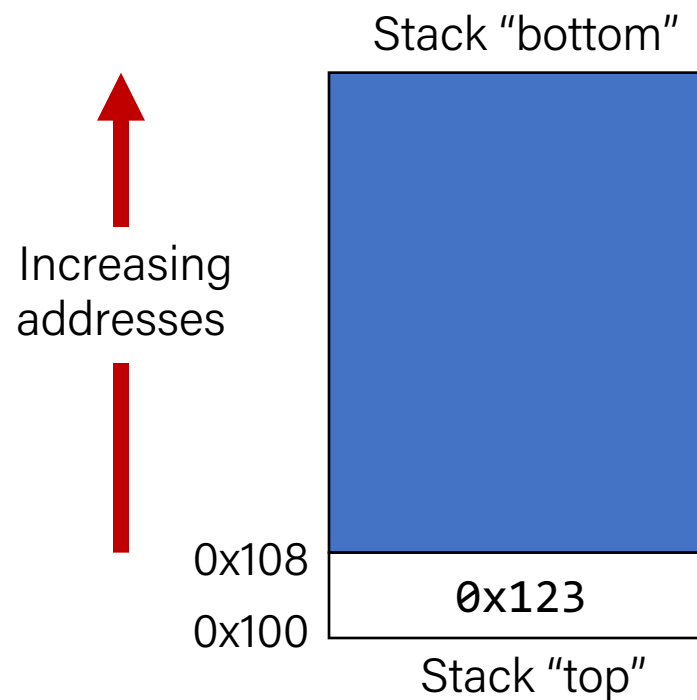
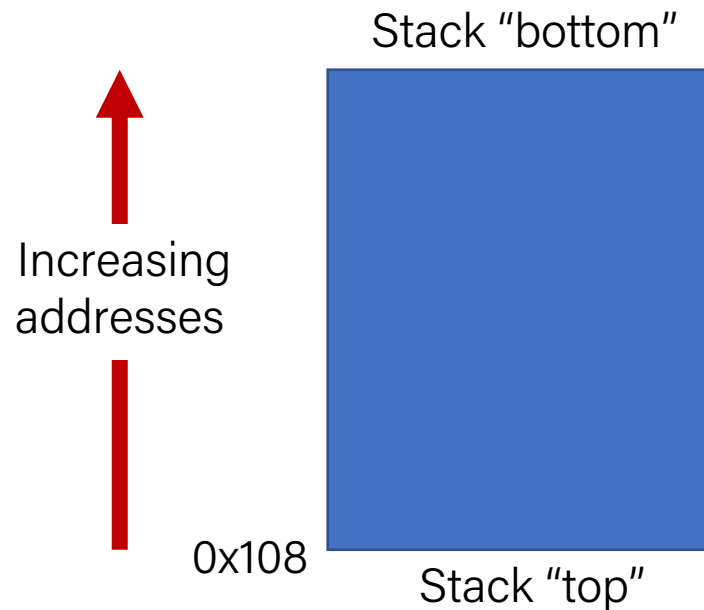
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# Stack Example

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

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

popq %rdx	
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%rdx	0x123
%rsp	0x108



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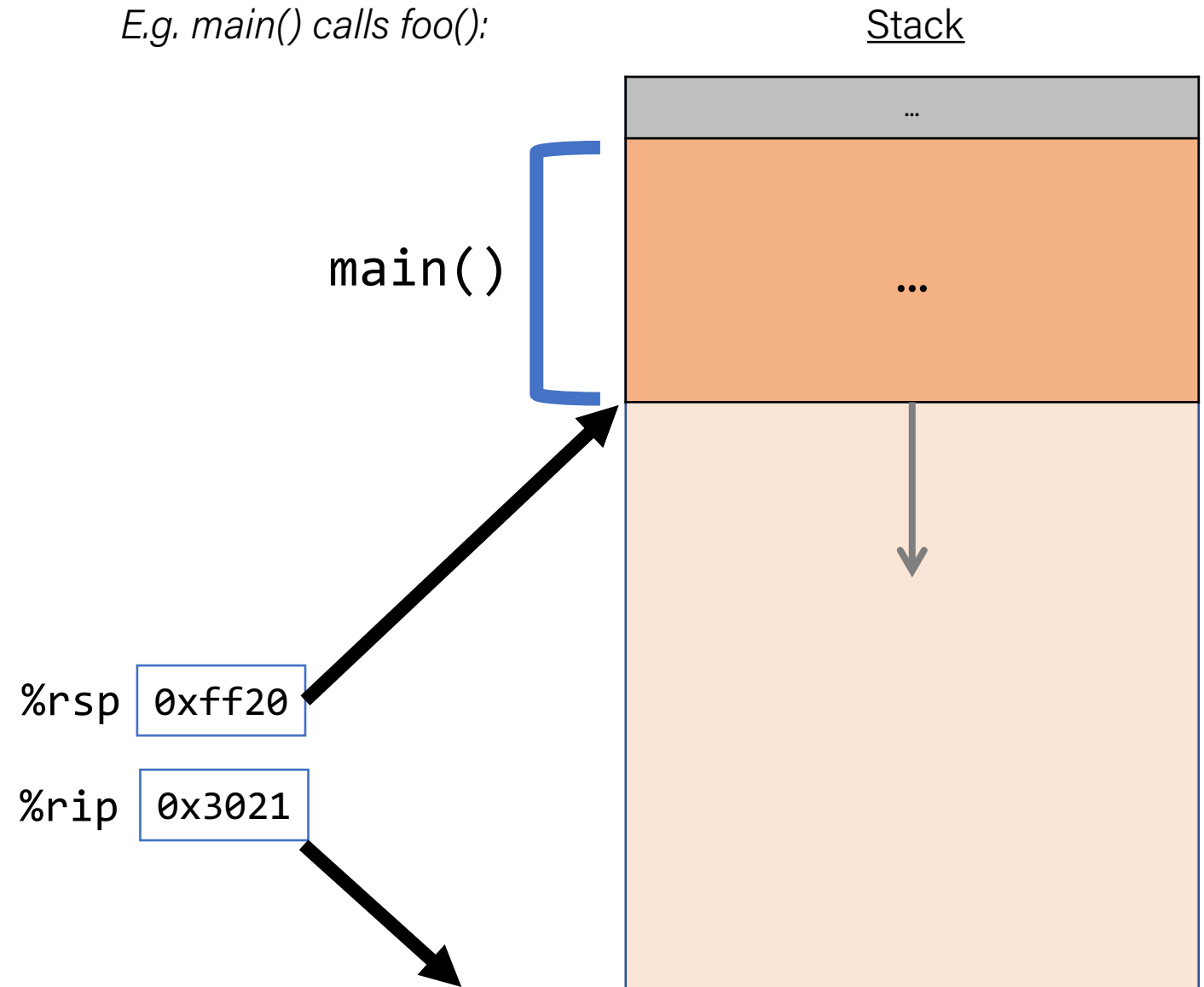
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# Remembering Where We Left Off

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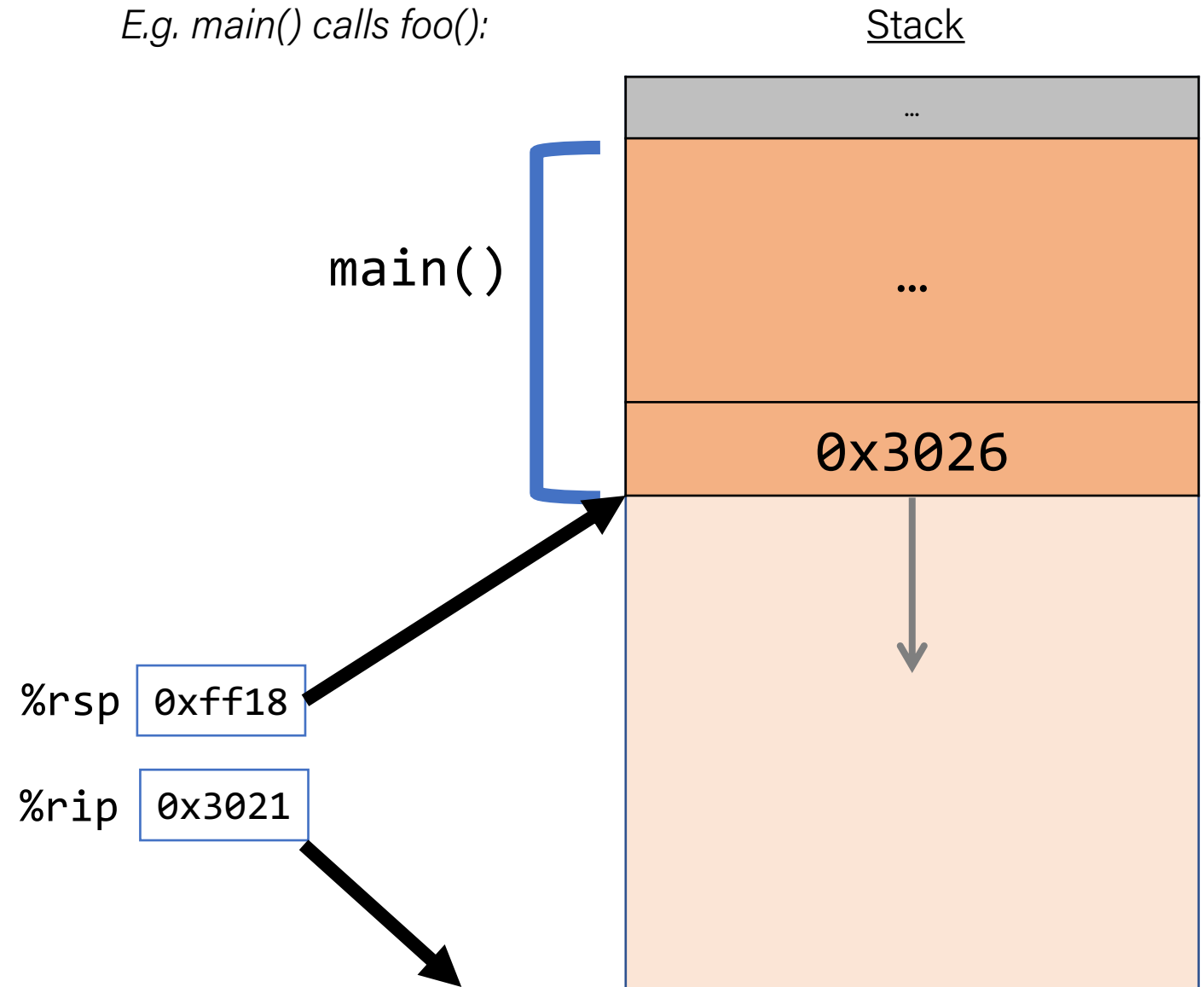
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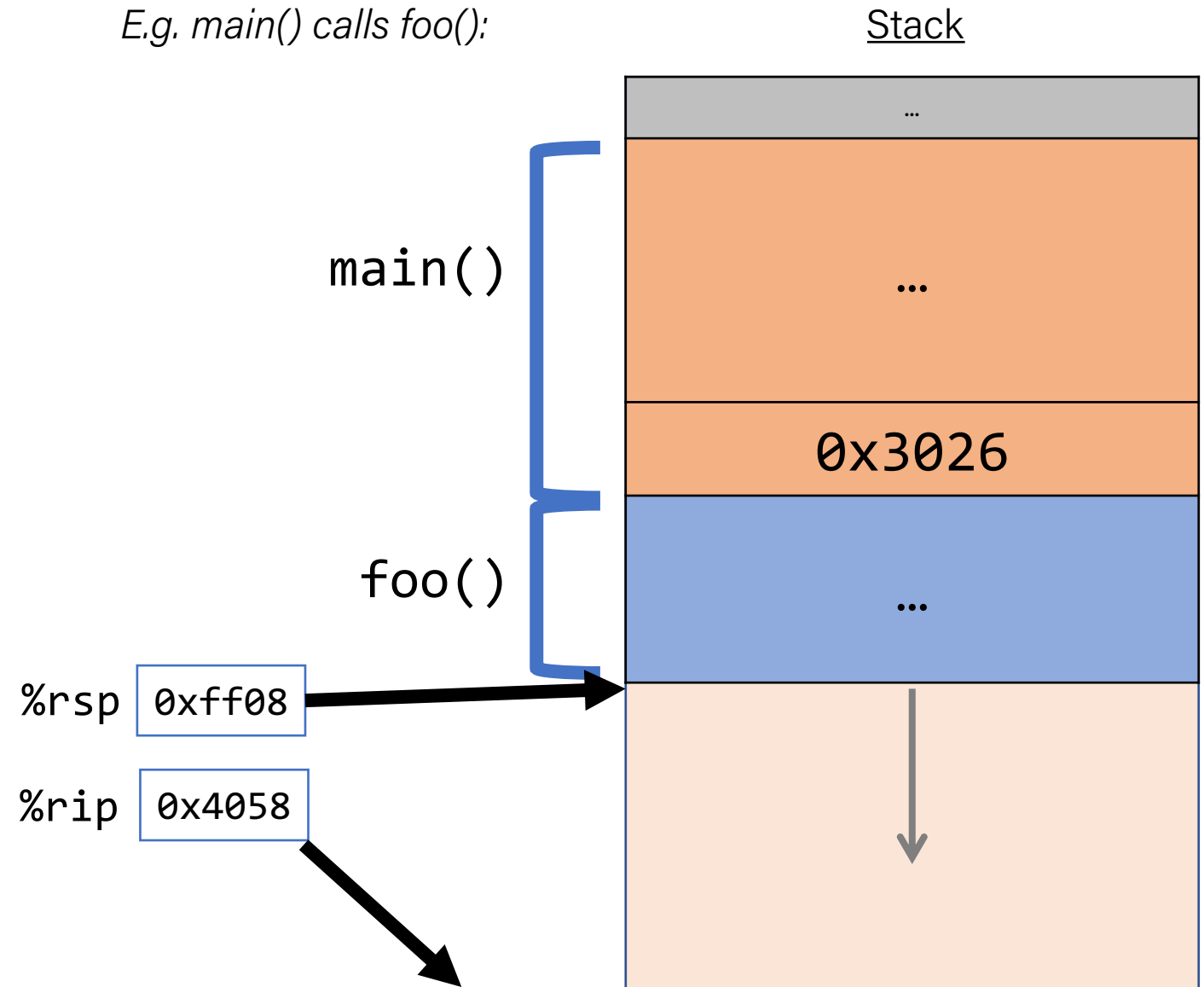
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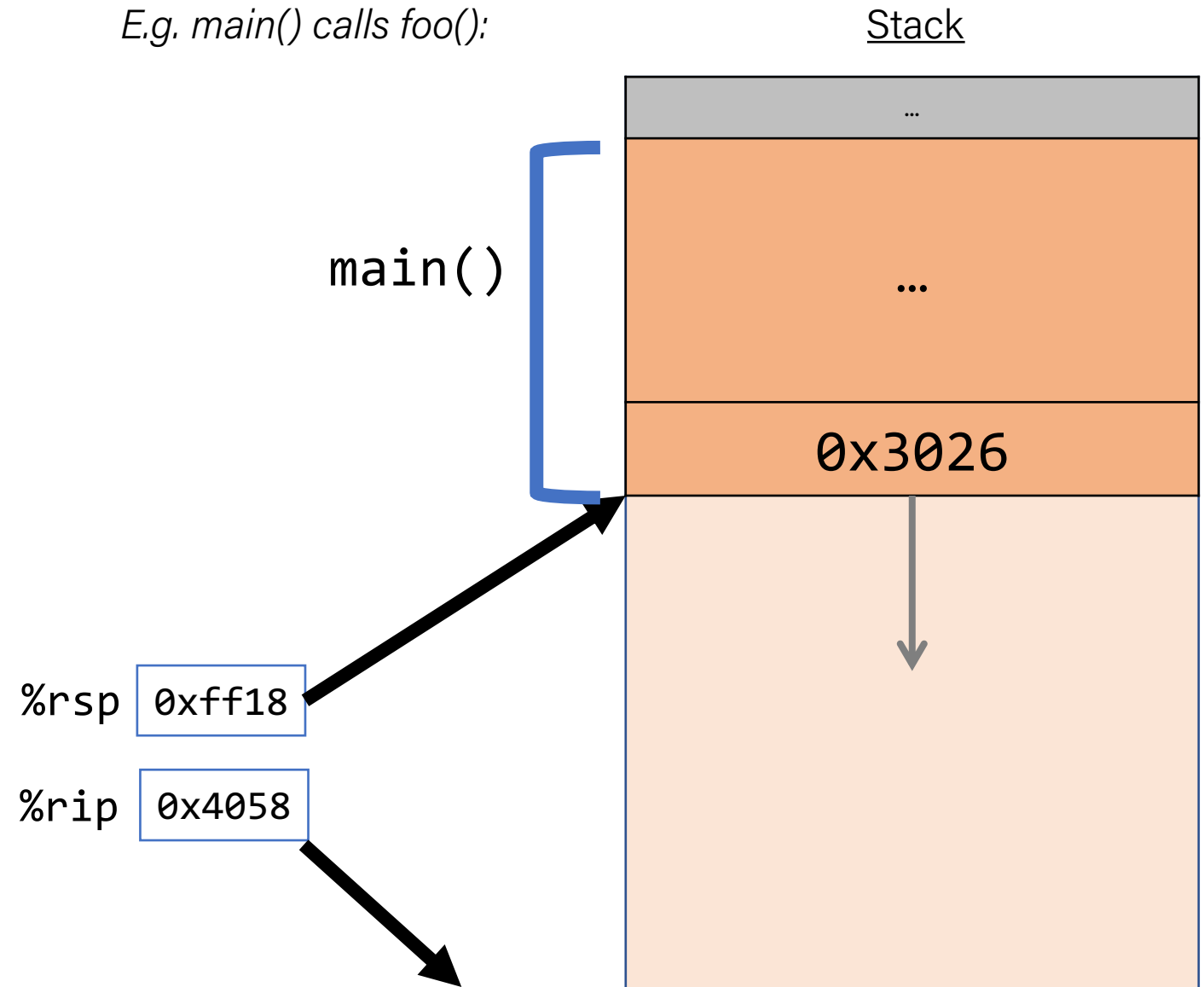
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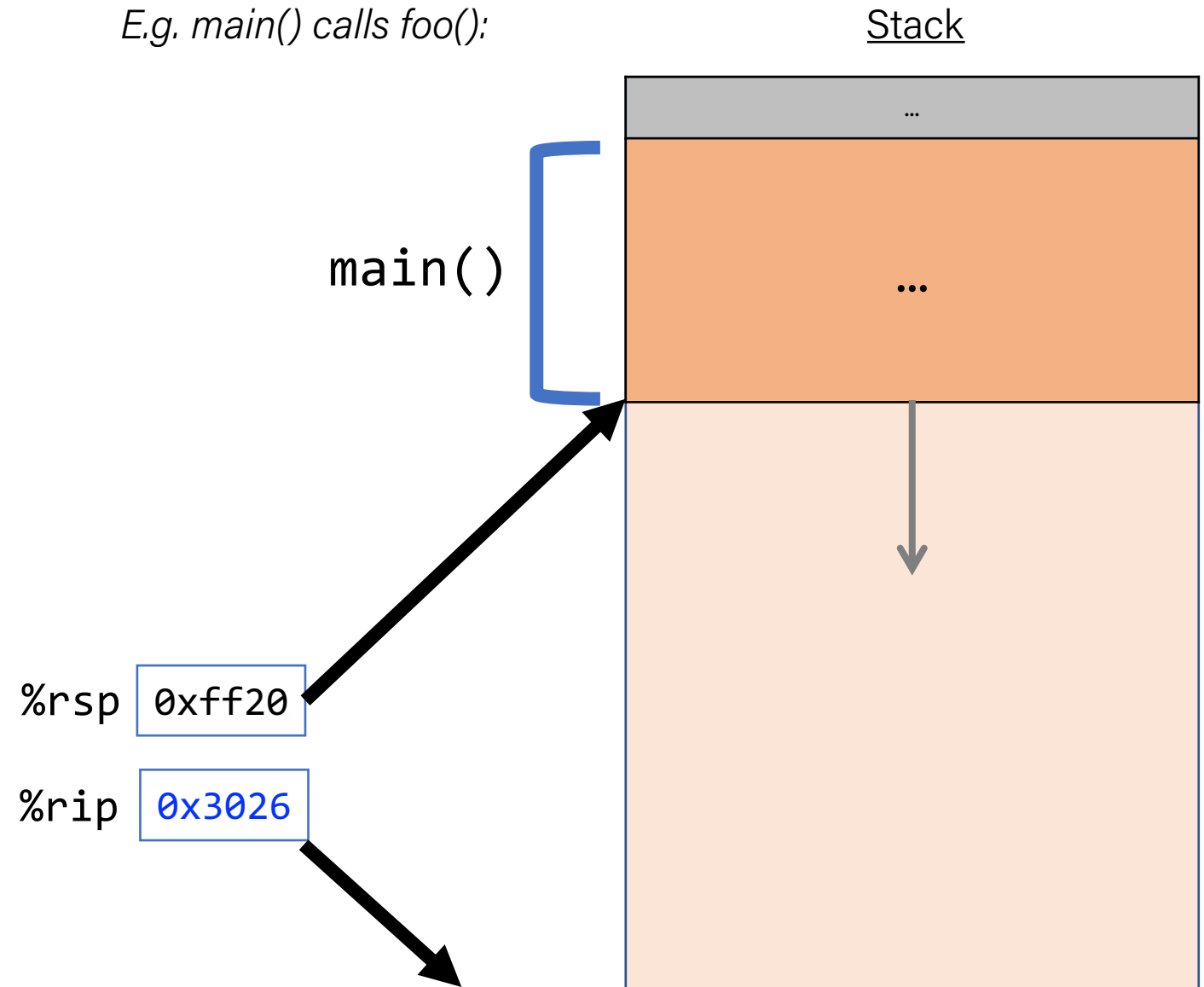
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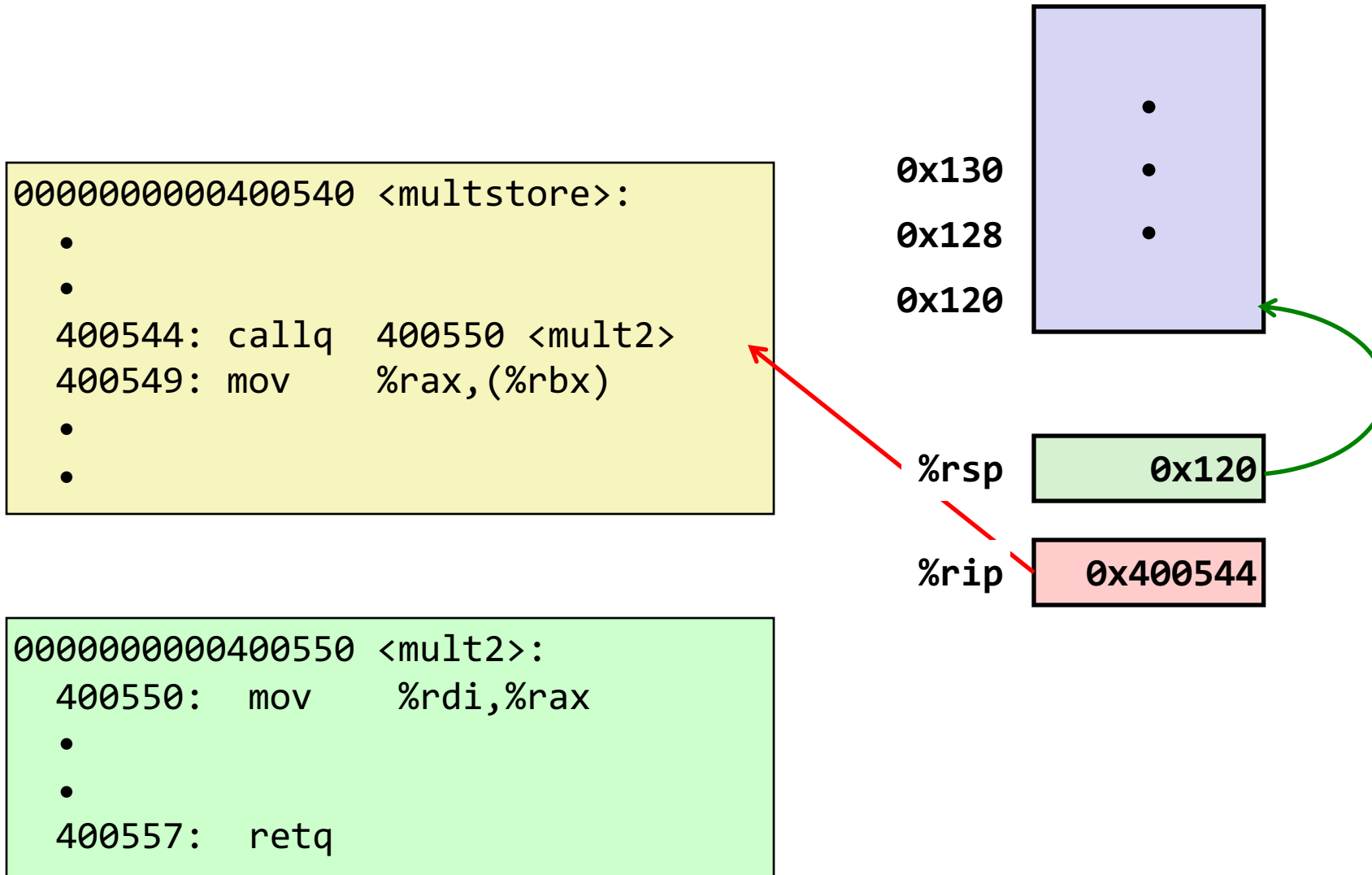
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400549: mov     %rax,(%rbx)   # Save at dest
40054c: pop     %rbx         # Restore %rbx
40054d: retq                               # Return
```

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

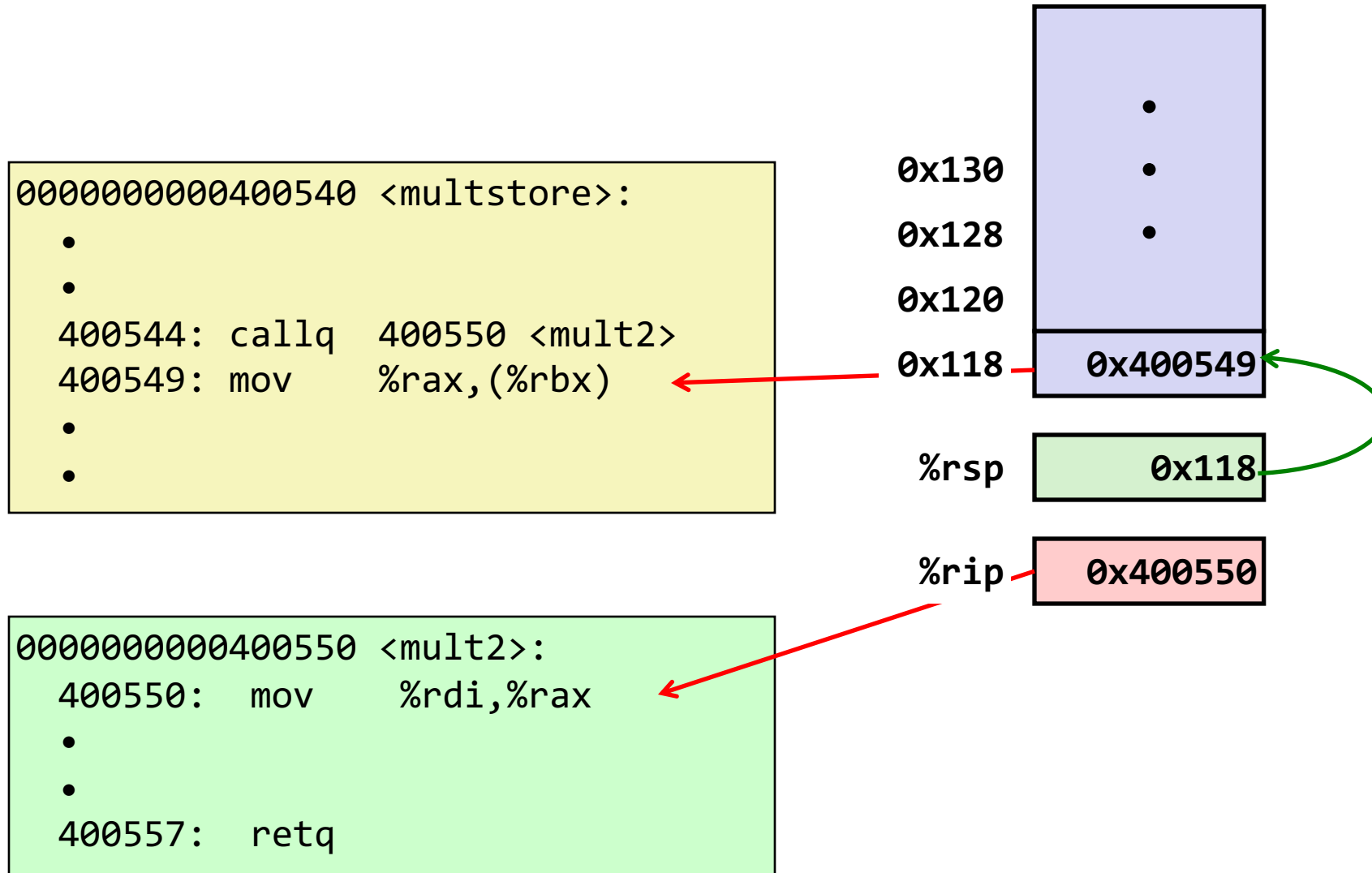
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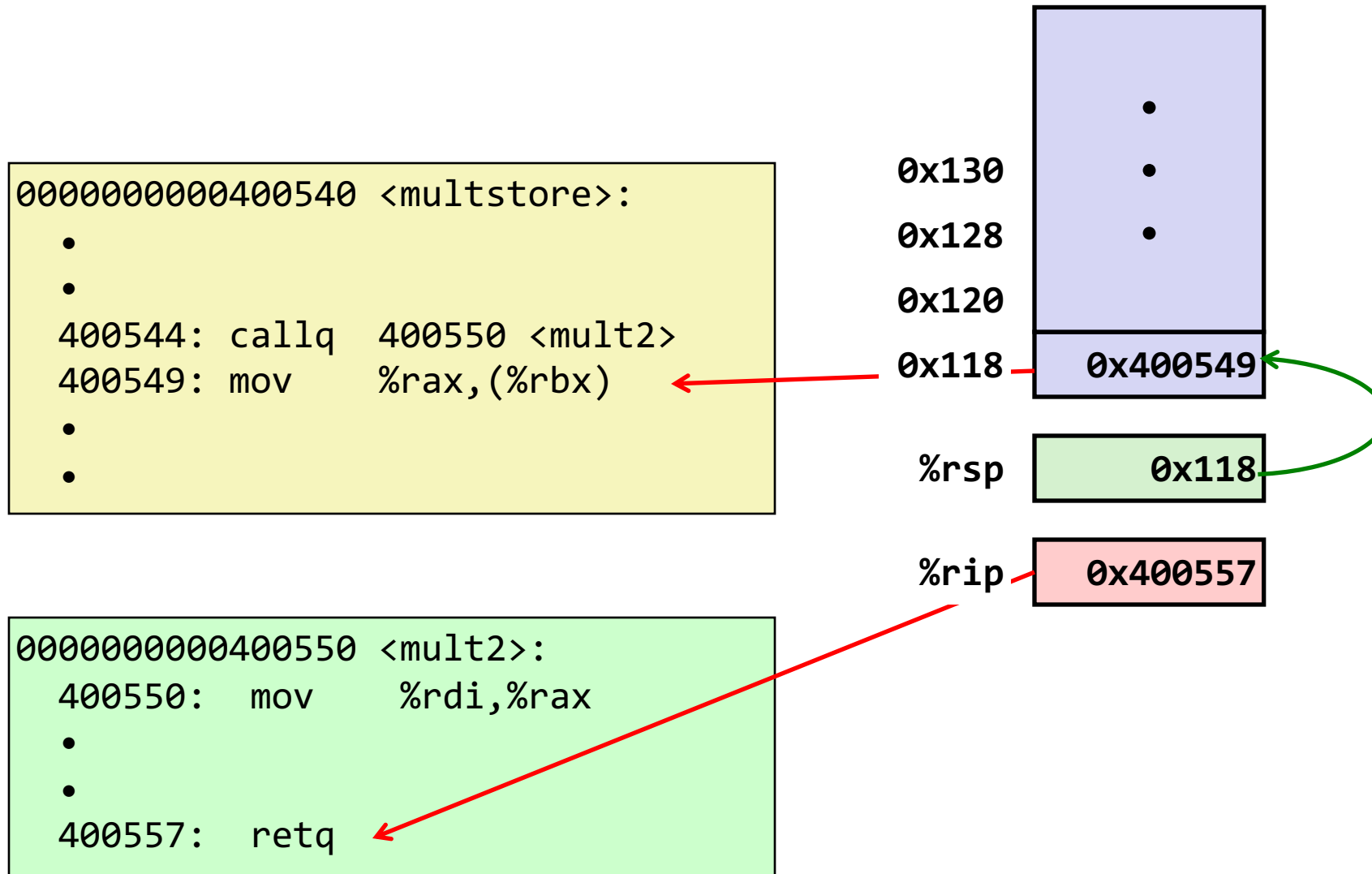




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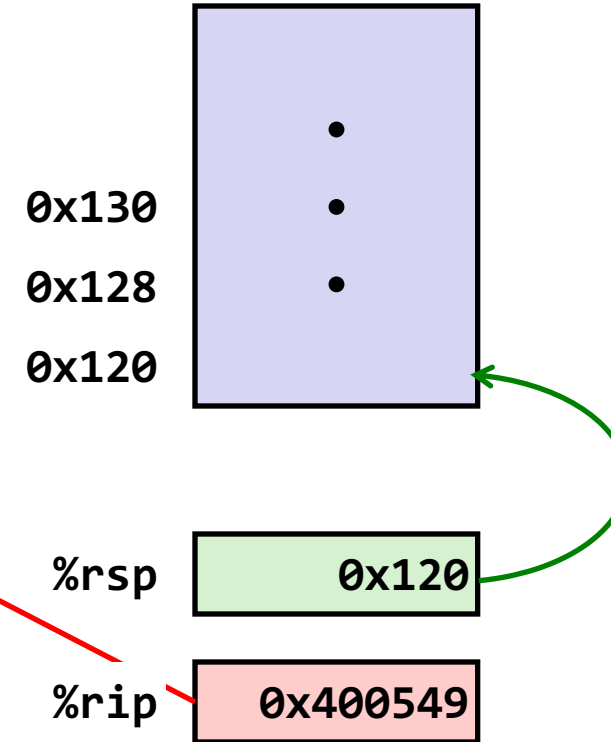
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# Call And Return

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).

# What's left? Calling Functions In Assembly

To call a function in assembly, we must do a few things:

- **Pass Control** – %rip must be adjusted to execute the function being called and then resume the caller function afterwards.
- **Pass Data** – we must pass any parameters and receive any return value.
- **Manage Memory** – we must handle any space needs of the callee on the stack.

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

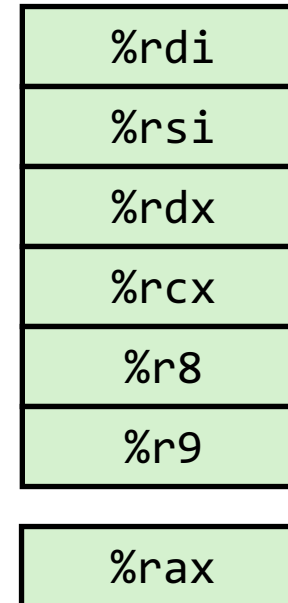
# Lecture Plan

- Revisiting `%rip`
- Calling Functions
  - The Stack
  - Passing Control
  - Passing Data
  - Local Storage
- Register Restrictions
- Pulling it all together: recursion example

# 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.

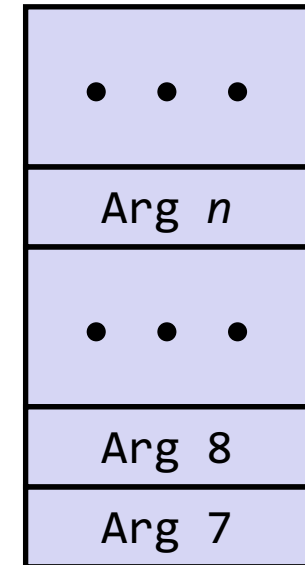
## Registers



First 6 arguments

Return value

## Stack



Only allocate stack space when needed

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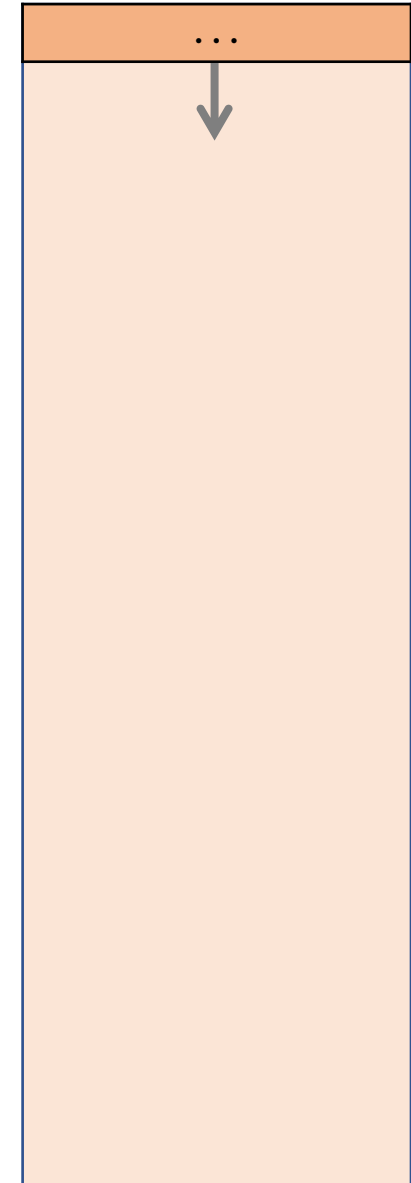


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main() 

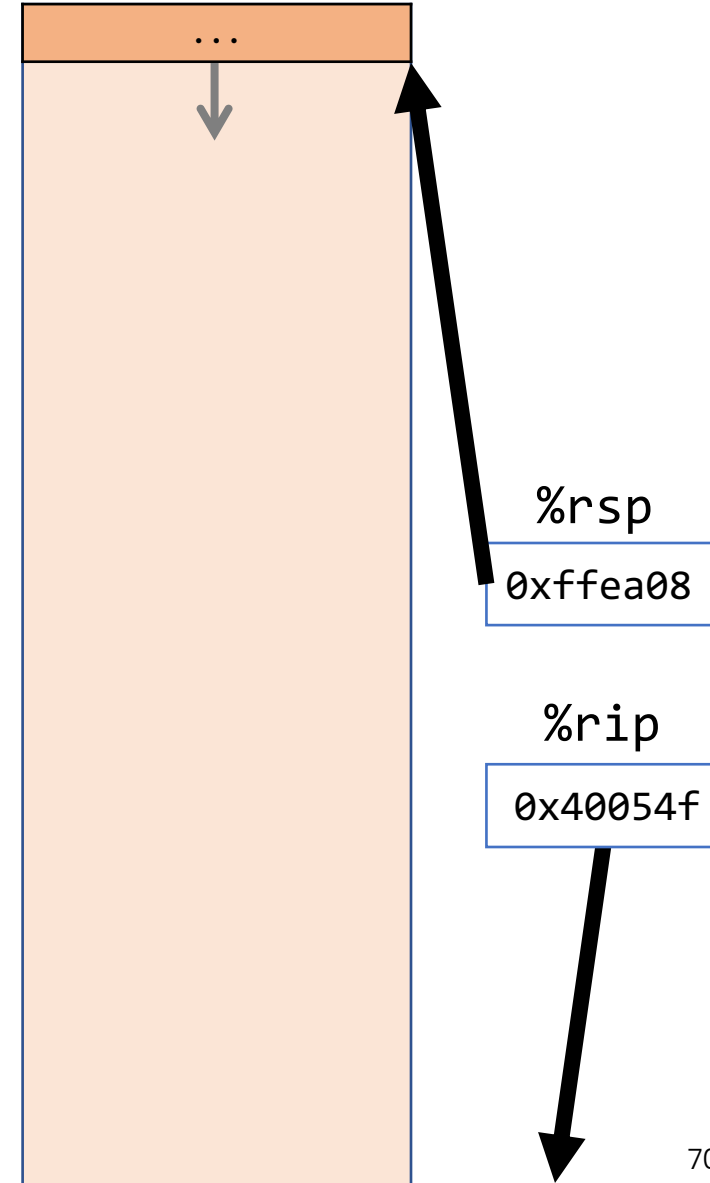


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(may allocate more  
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%rsp

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%rip

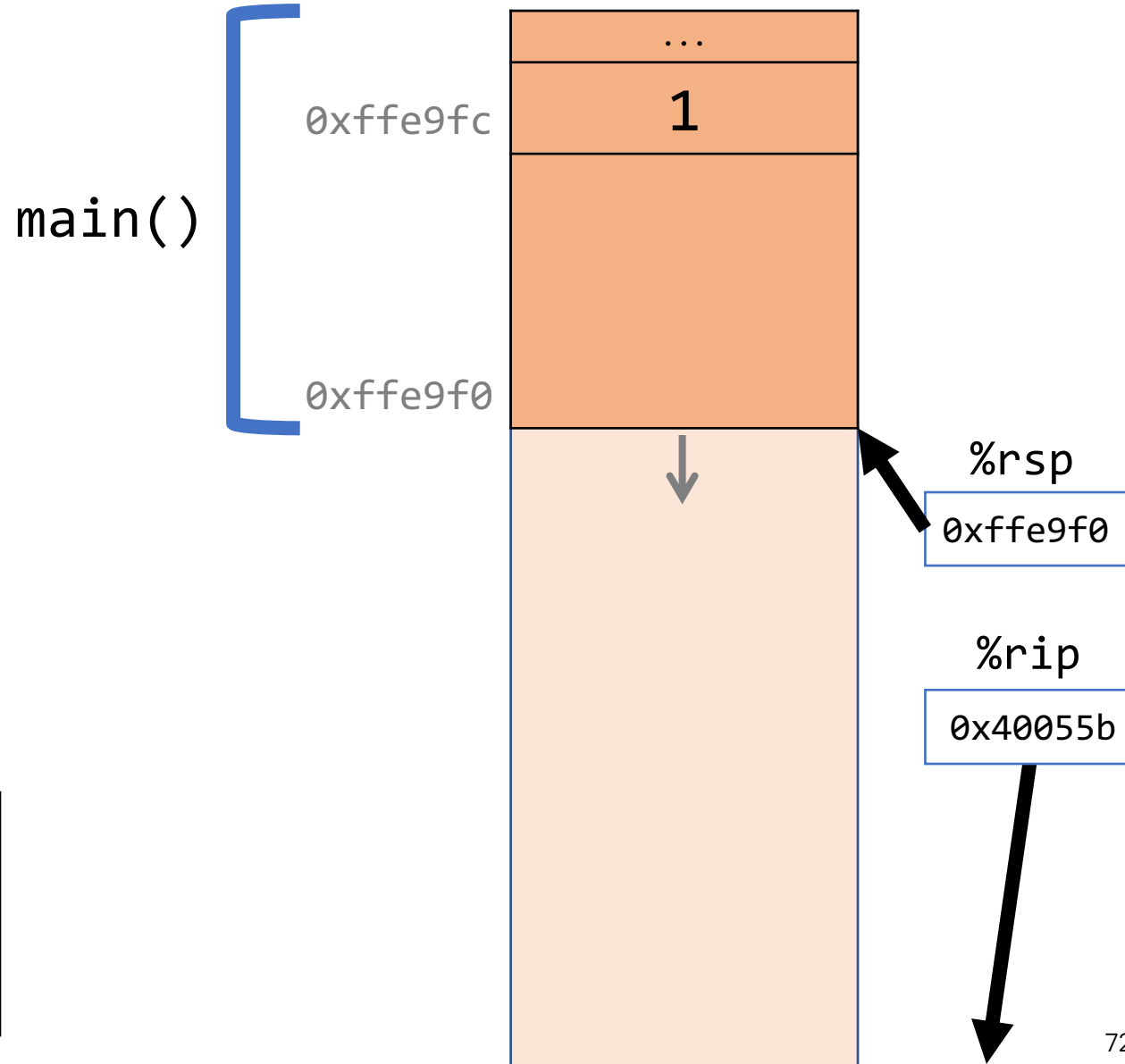
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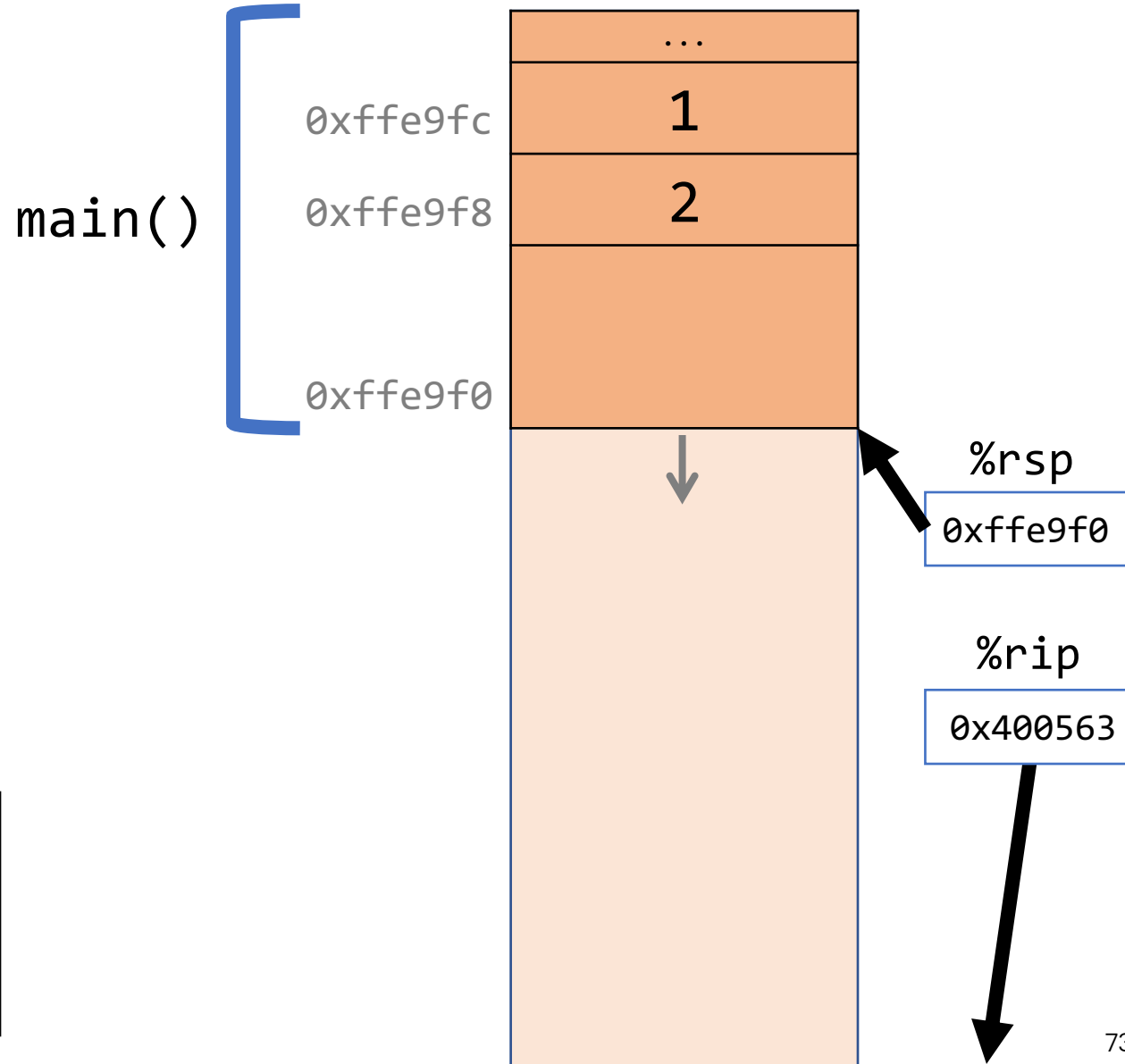


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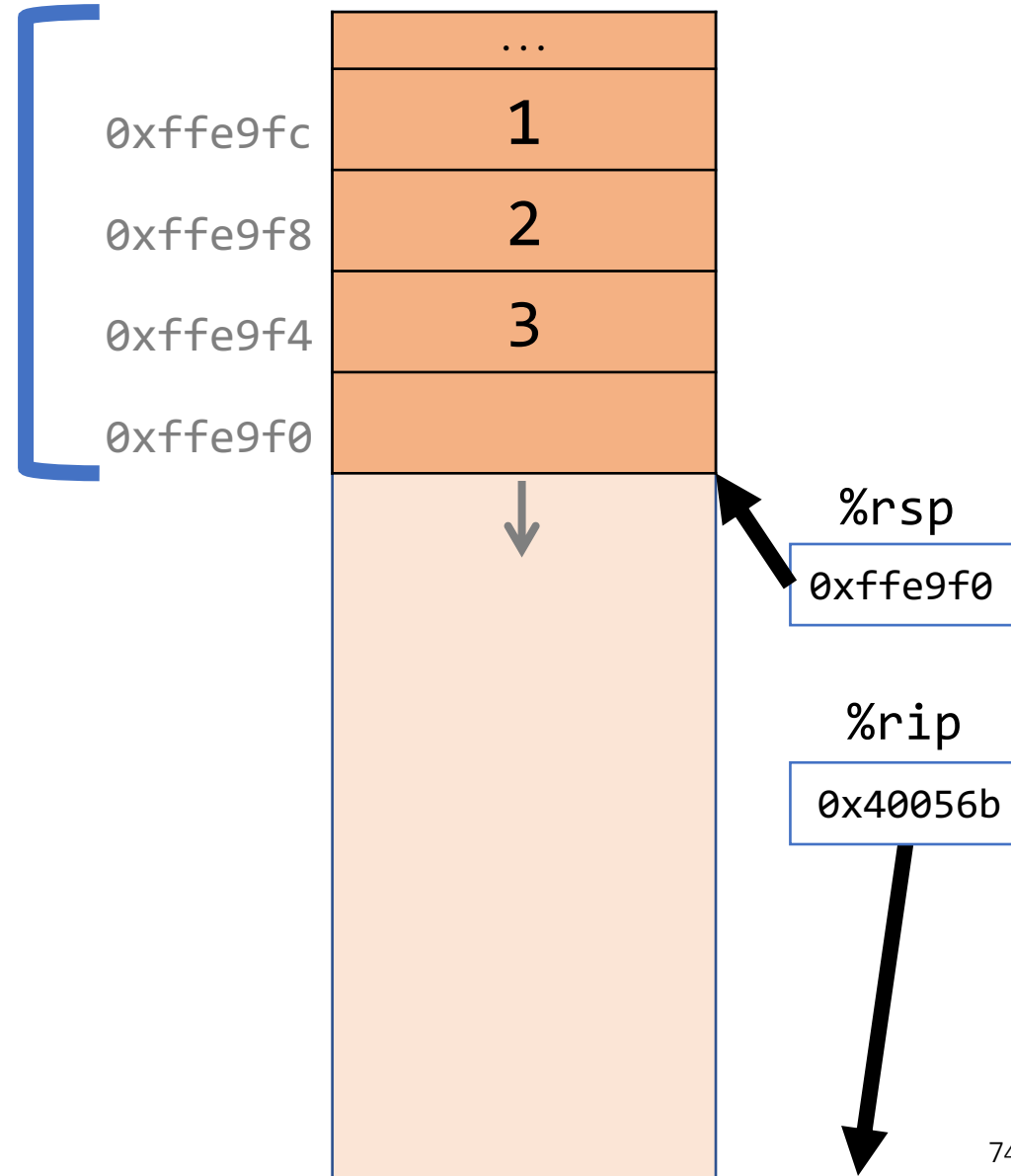
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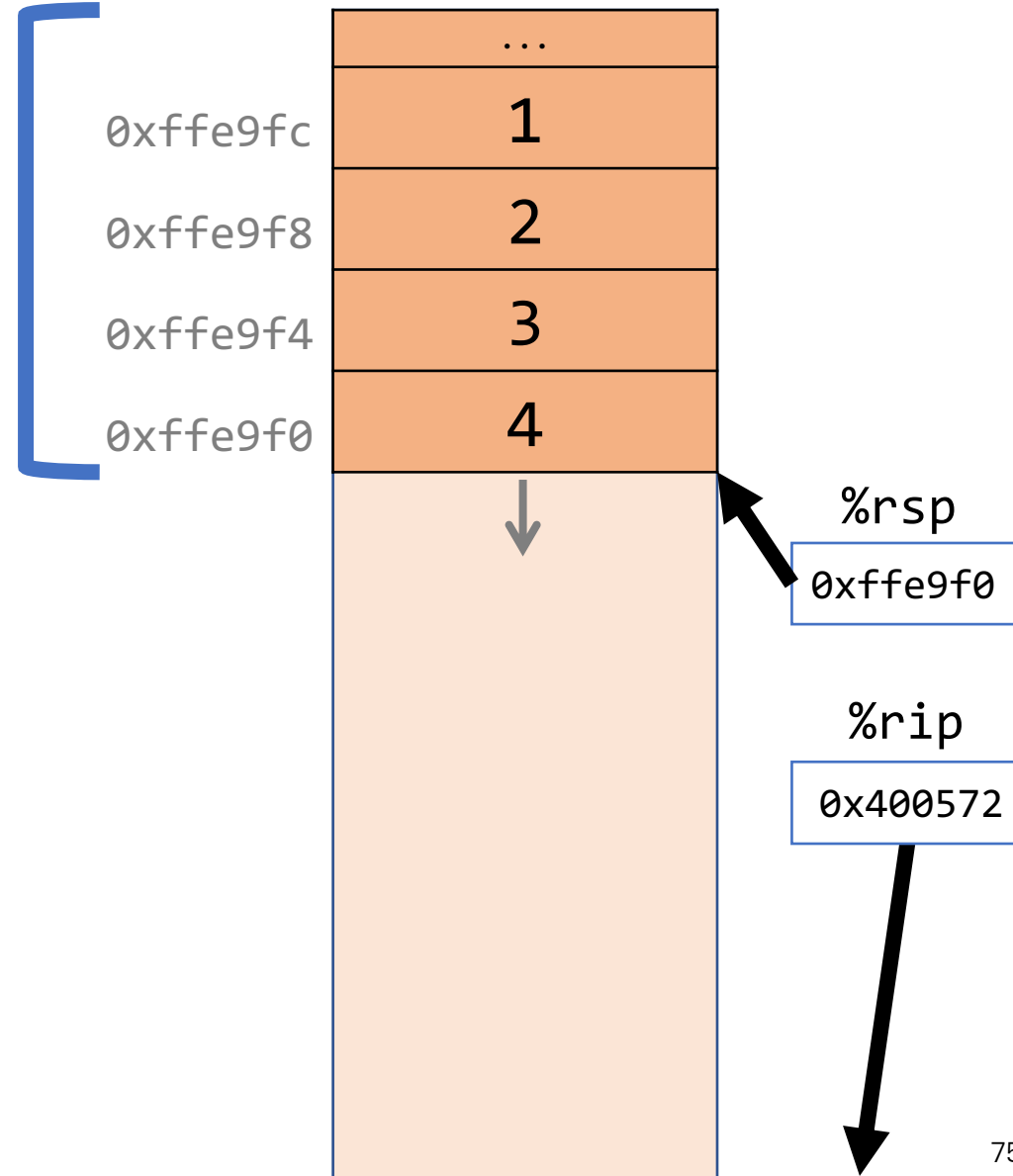


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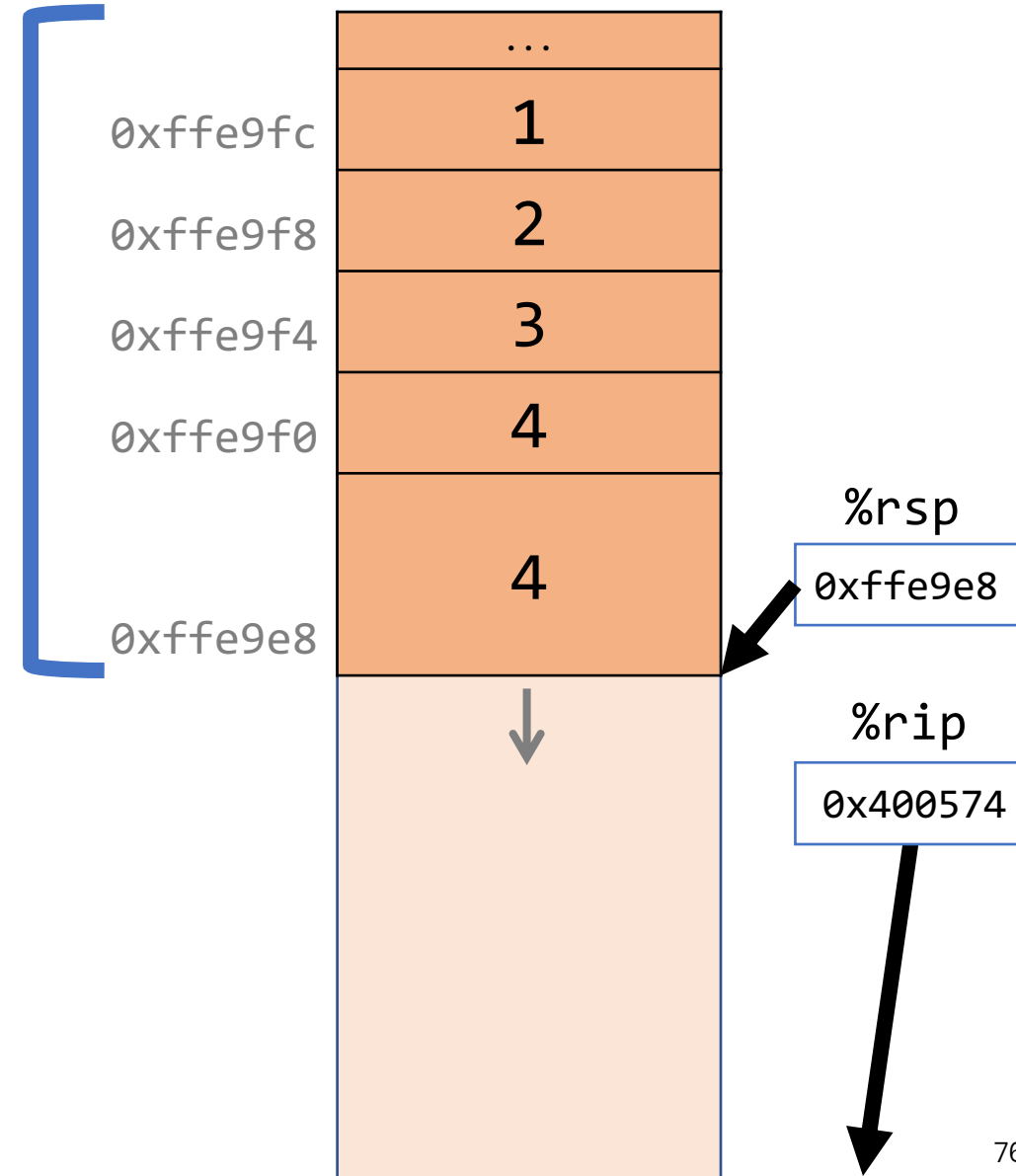
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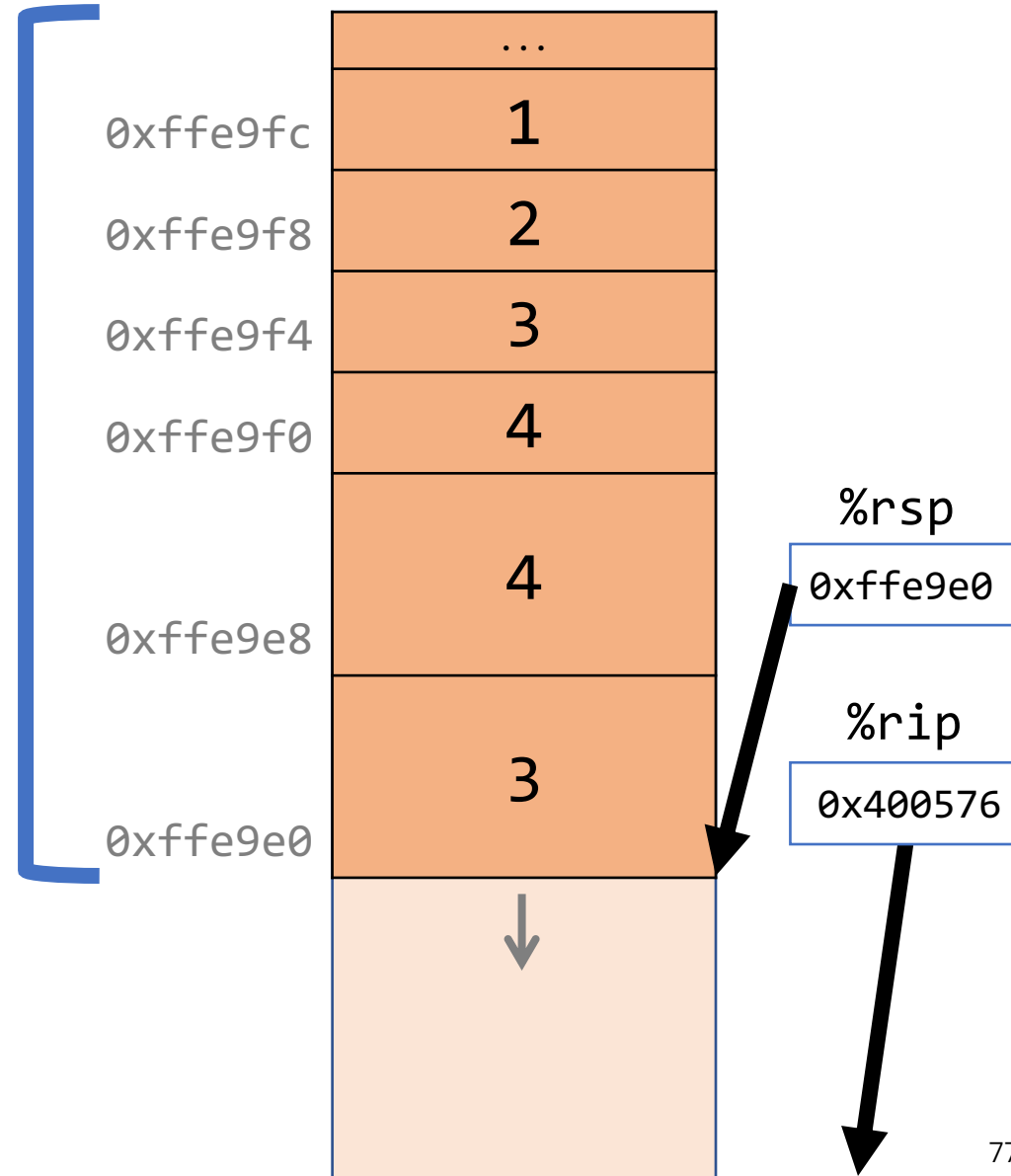
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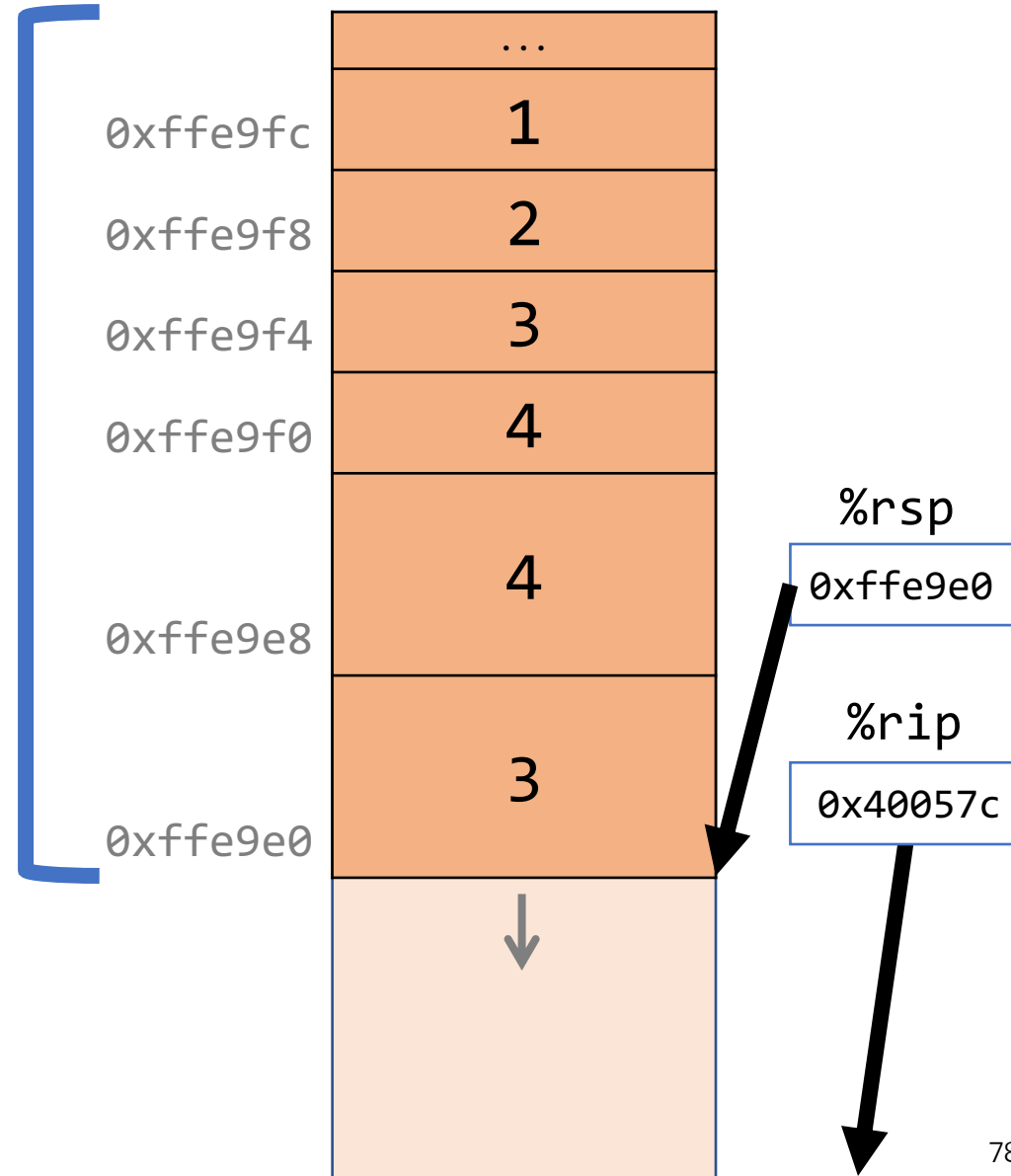
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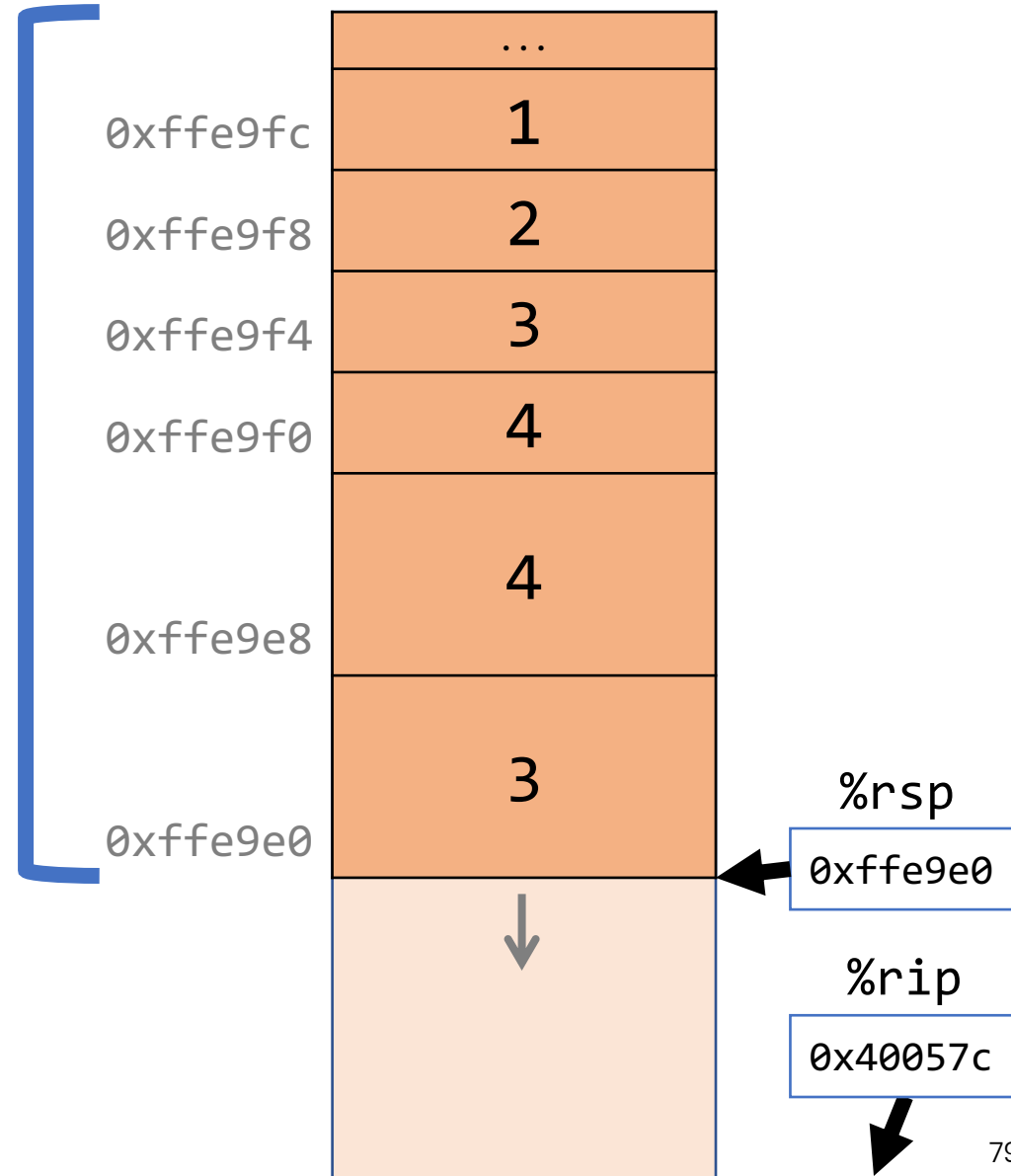
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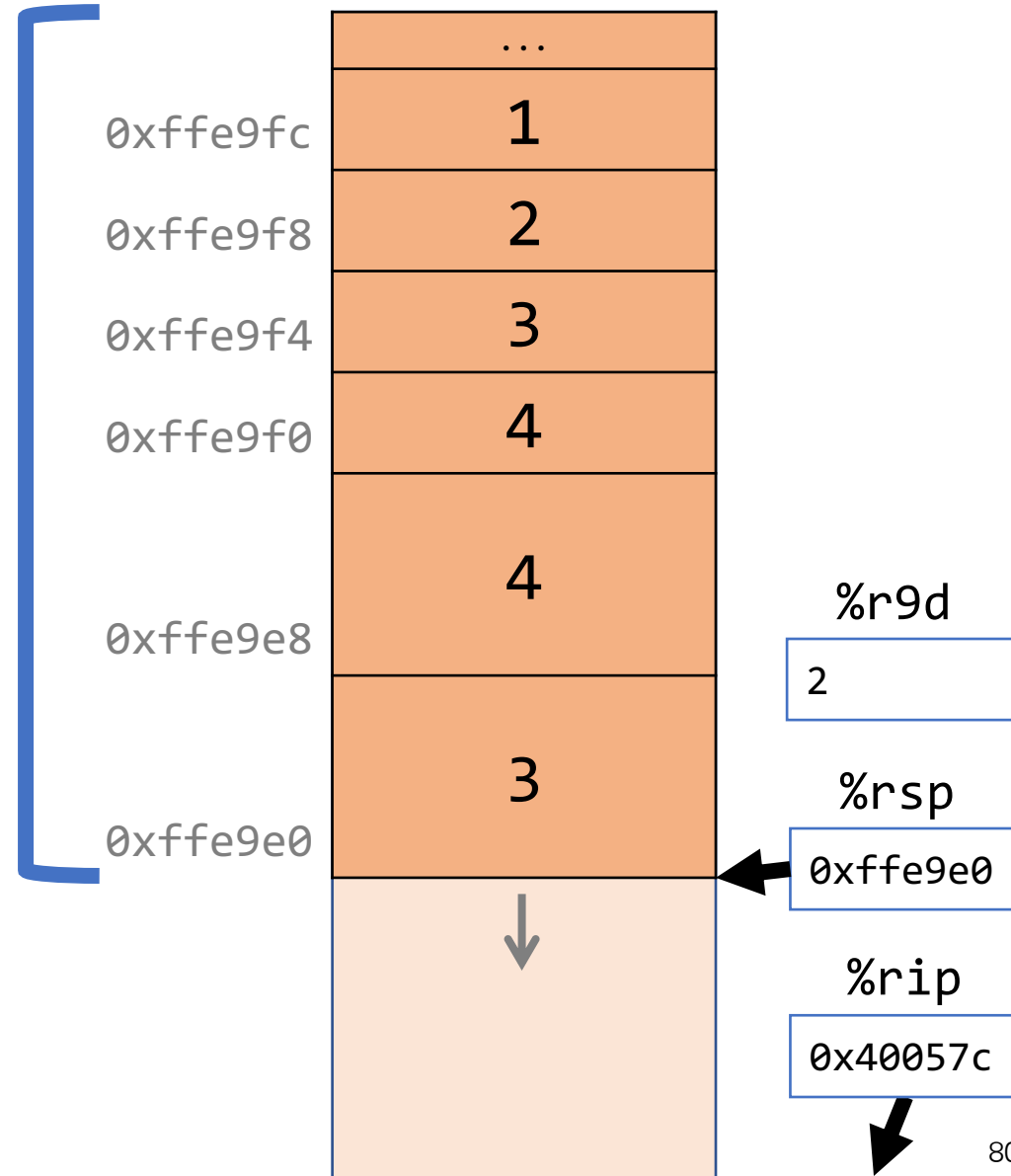
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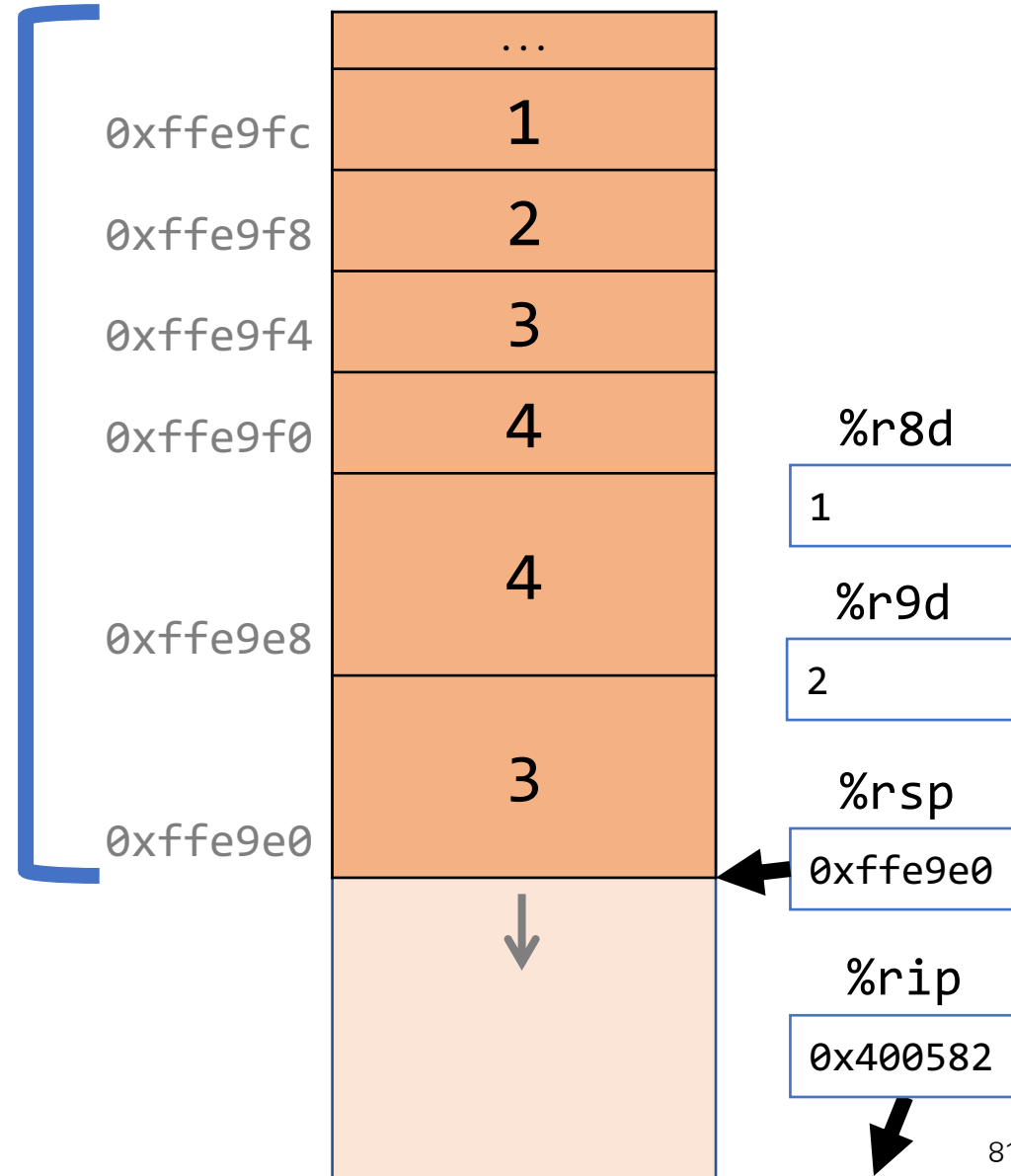
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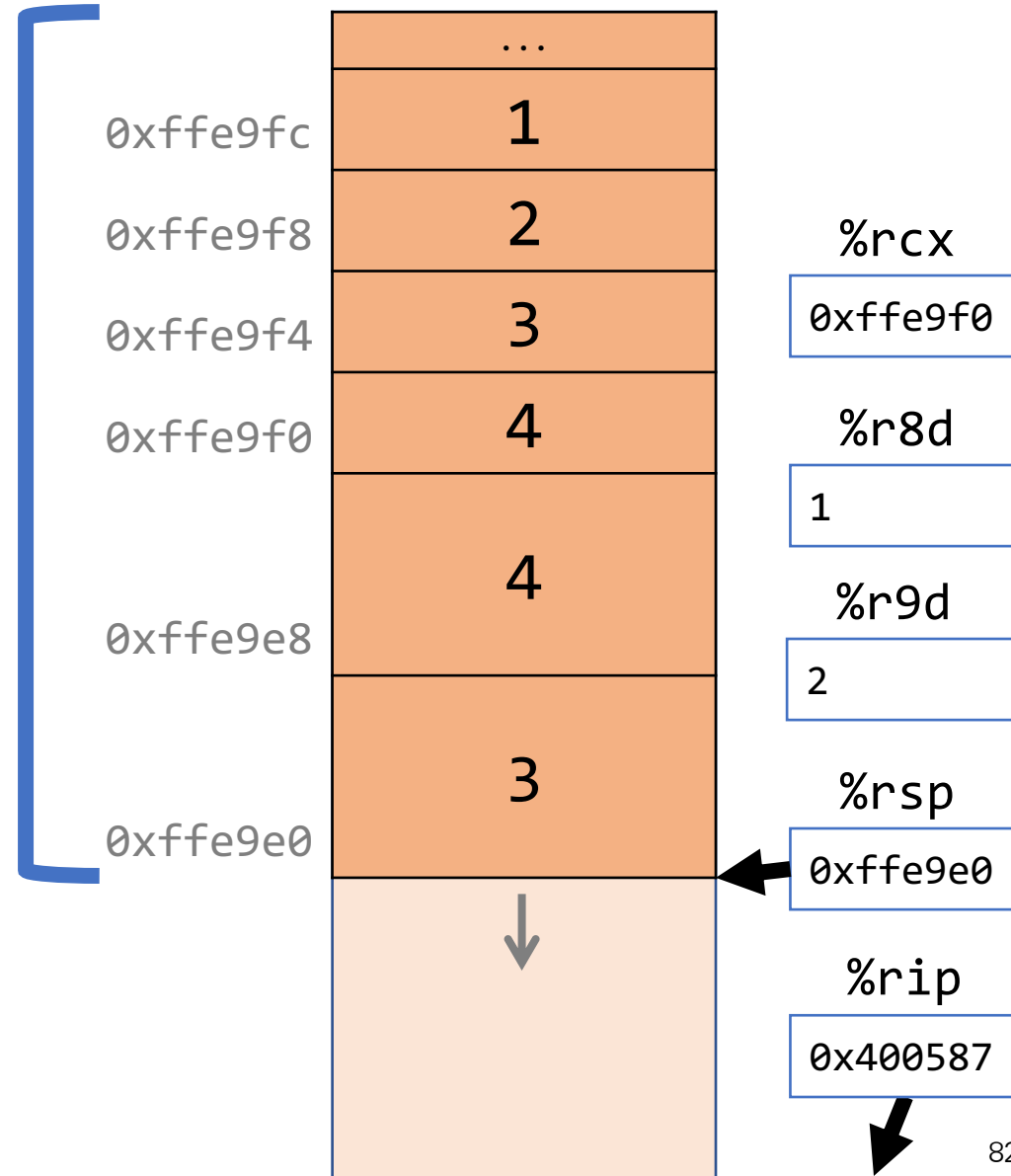
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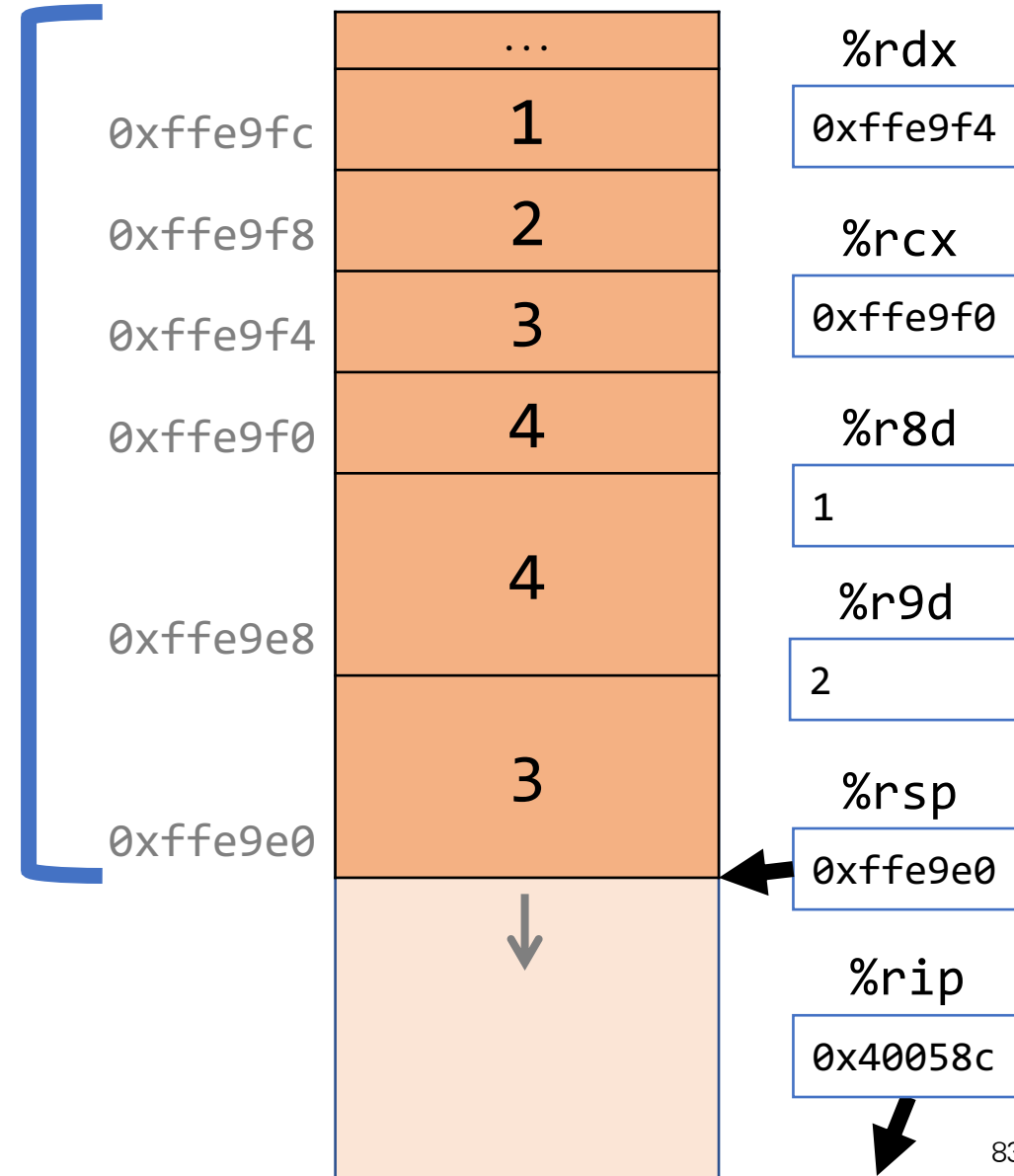
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main()



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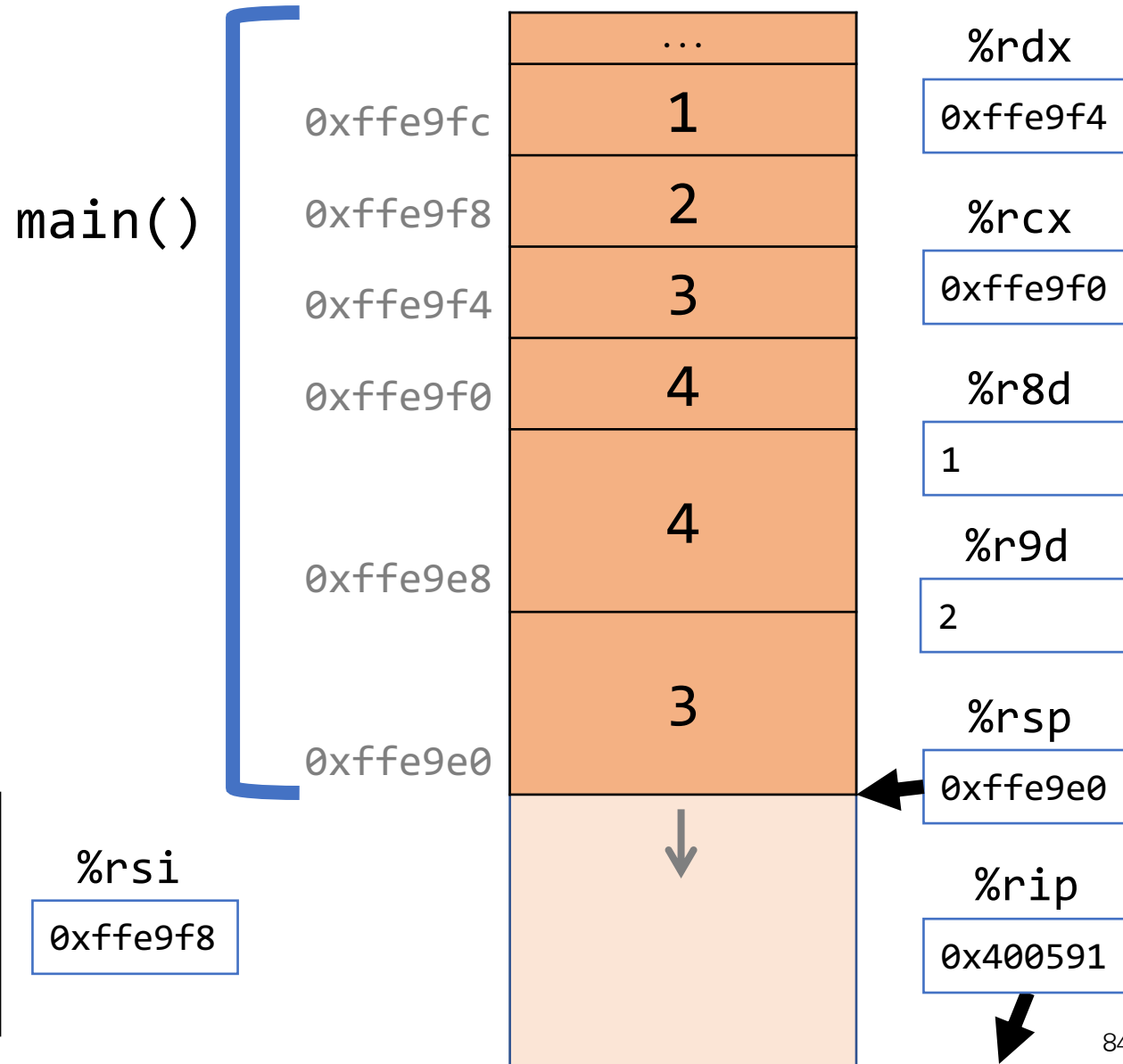
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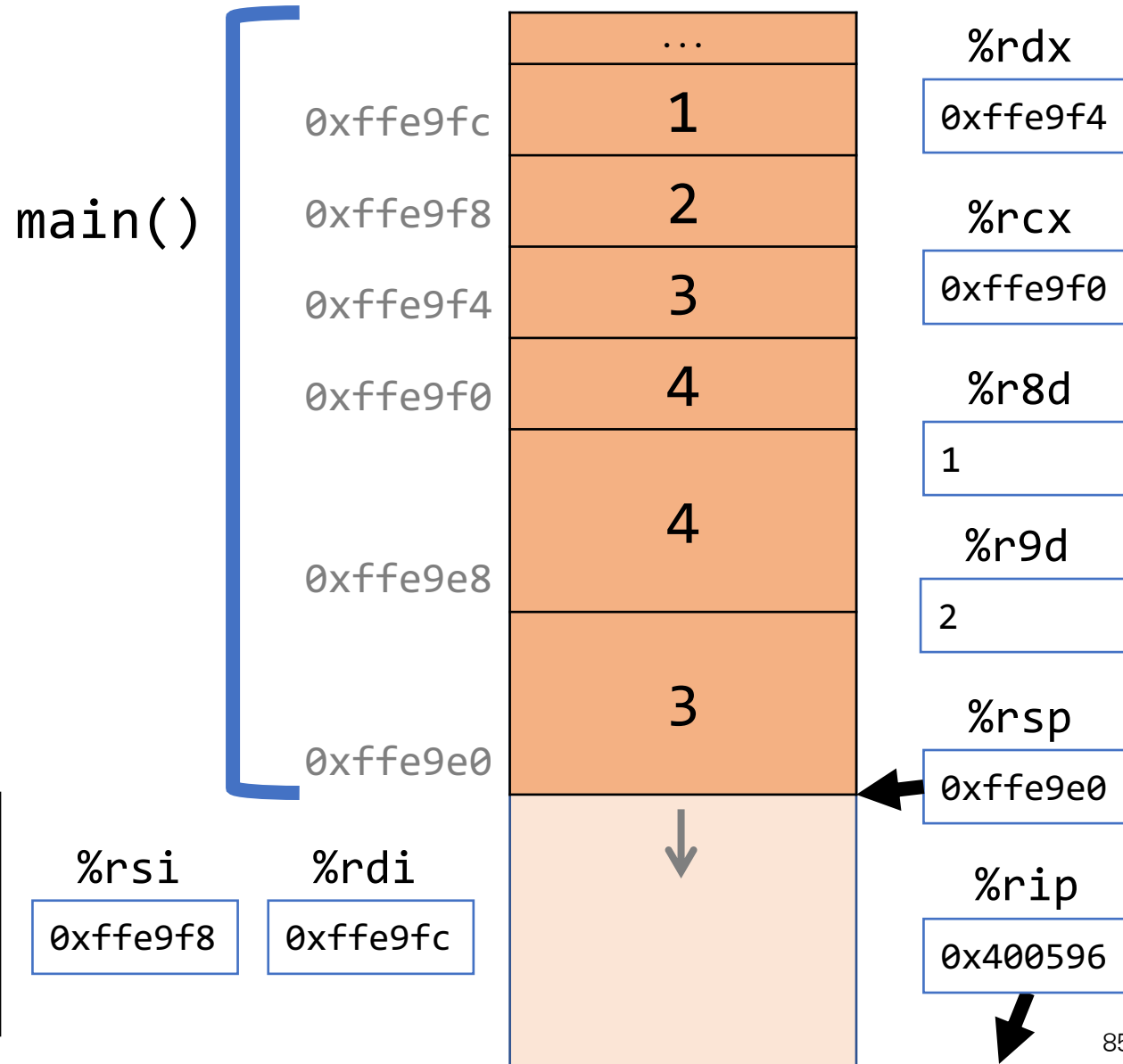


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    ...
}

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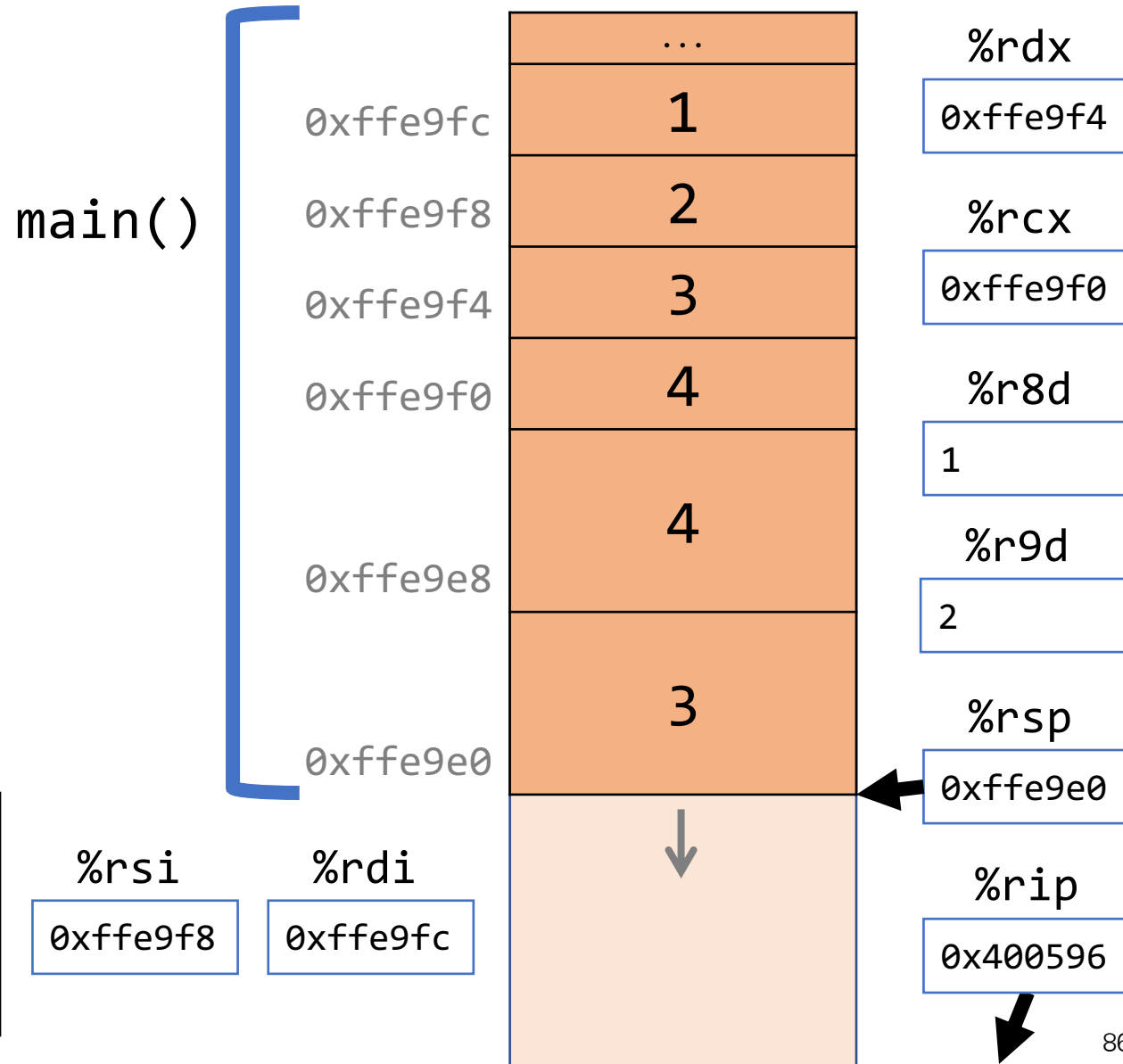
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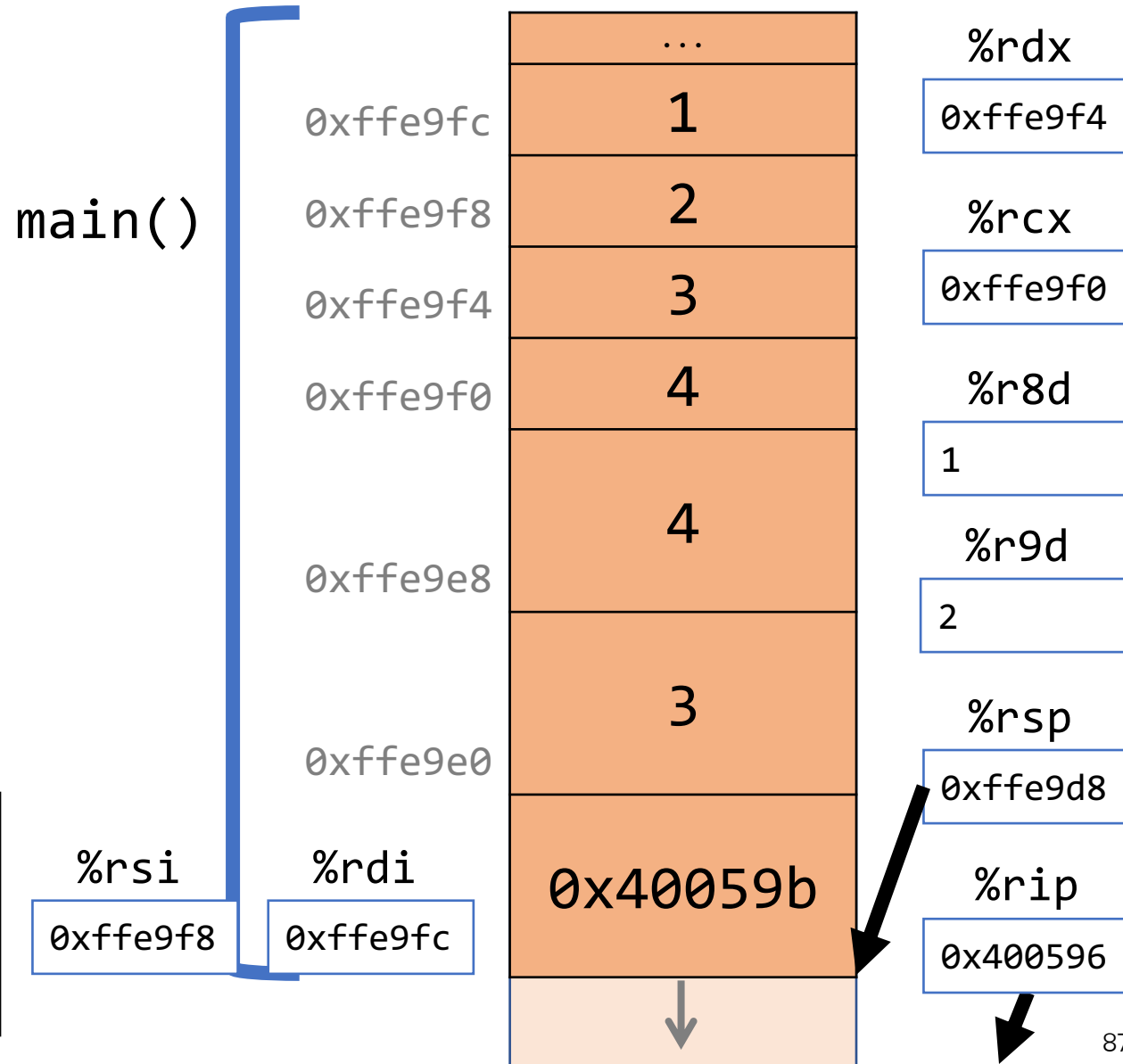
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# Calling Functions In Assembly

To call a function in assembly, we must do a few things:

- **Pass Control** – %rip must be adjusted to execute the function being called and then resume the caller function afterwards.
- **Pass Data** – we must pass any parameters and receive any return value.
- **Manage Memory** – we must handle any space needs of the callee on the stack.

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 $0x10, %rsp           // 16 bytes for stack frame  
    movq $0x216, (%rsp)       // store 534 in arg1  
    movq $0x421, 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

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

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

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

- Contents of register `%rdx` overwritten by `who`
- This could be trouble → something should be done!
  - Need some coordination

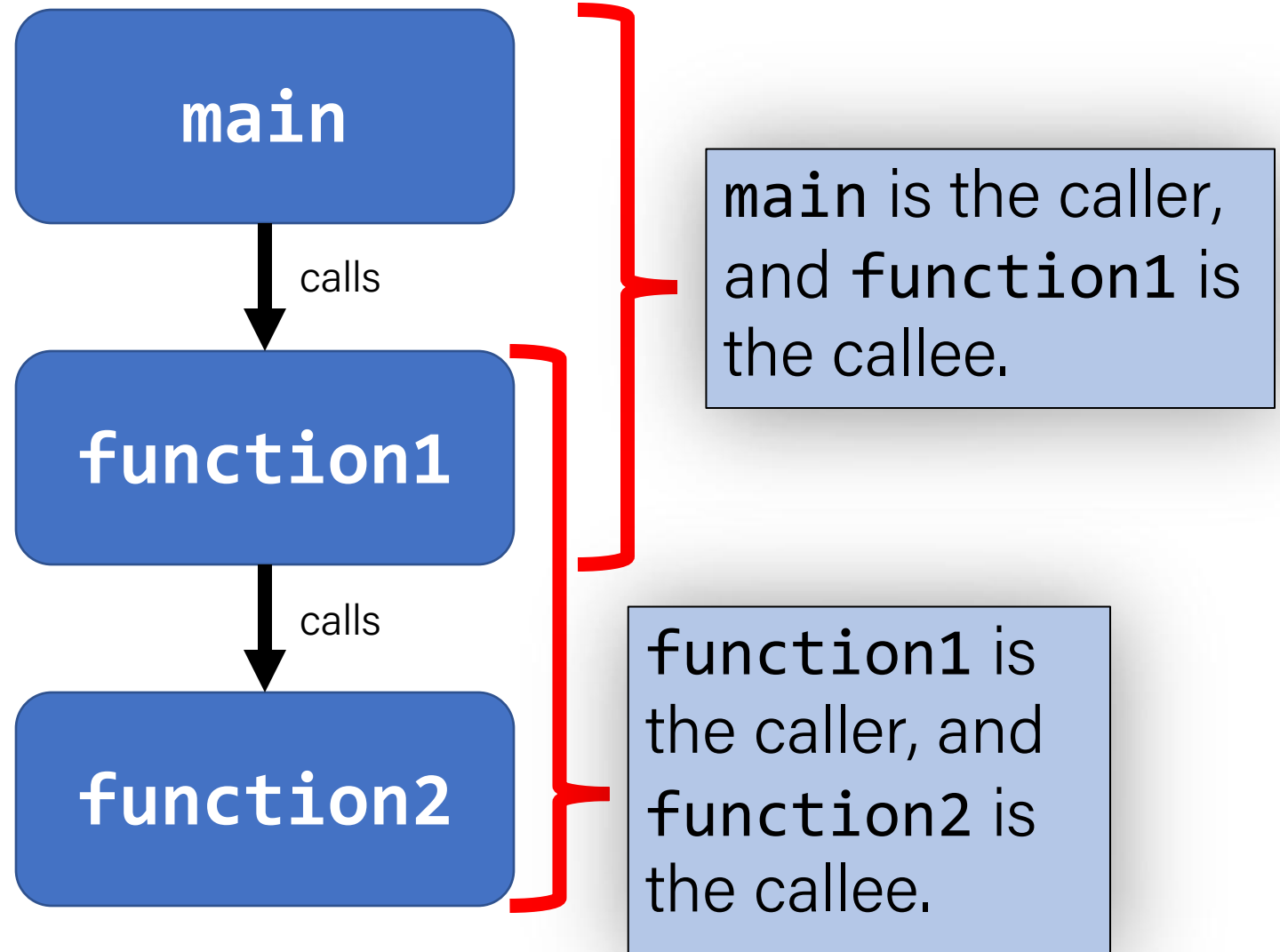
# Register Restrictions

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).



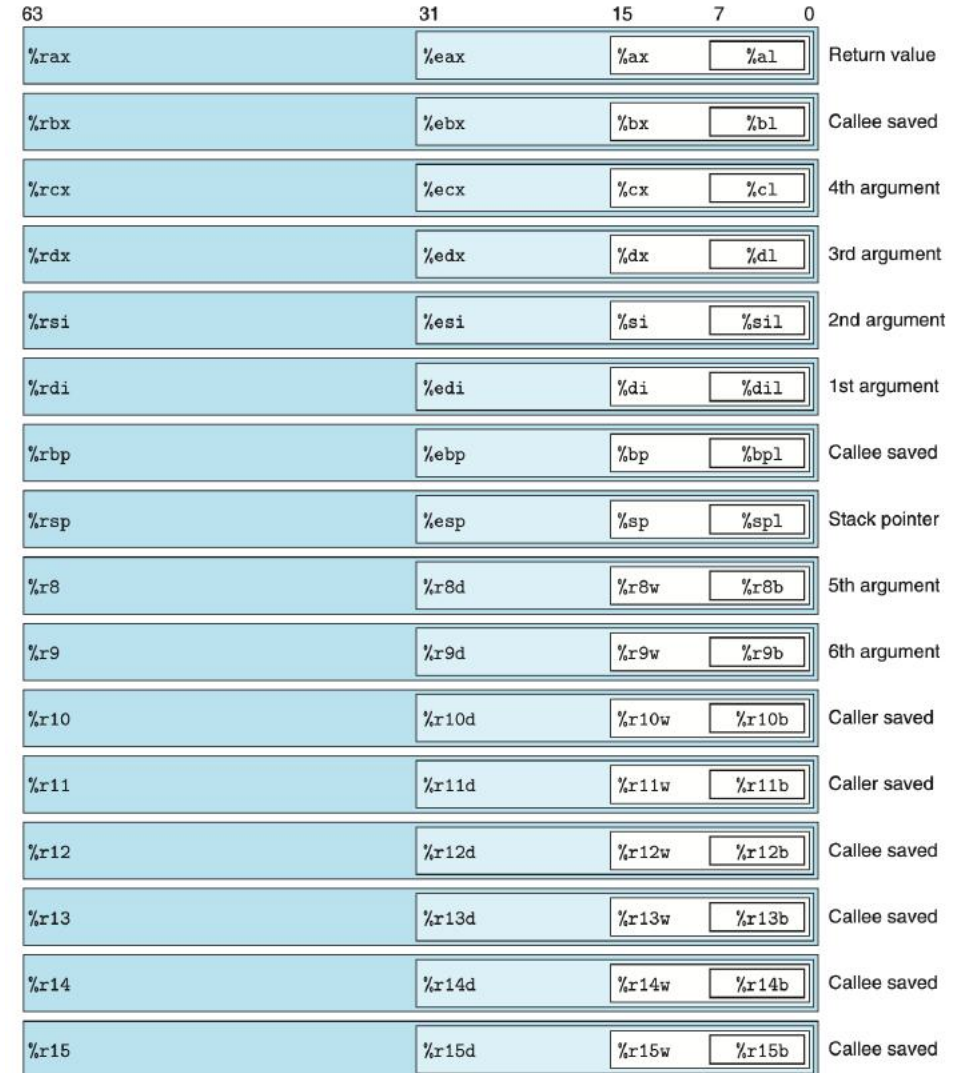
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## Caller-Owned (Callee Saved)

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

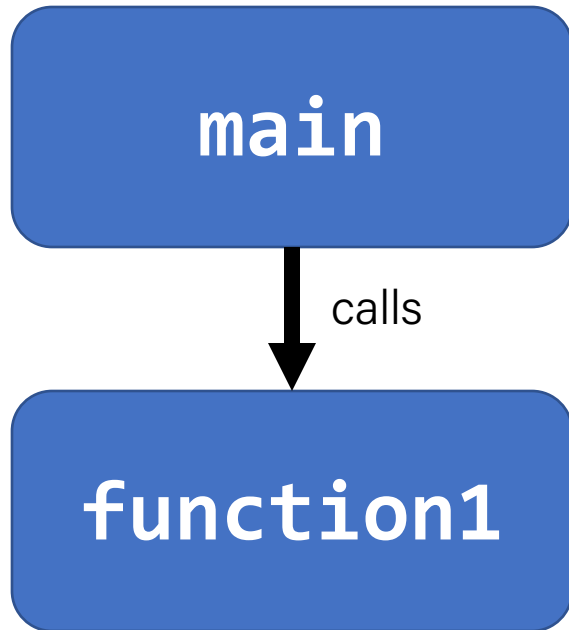
## Callee-Owned (Caller Saved)

- 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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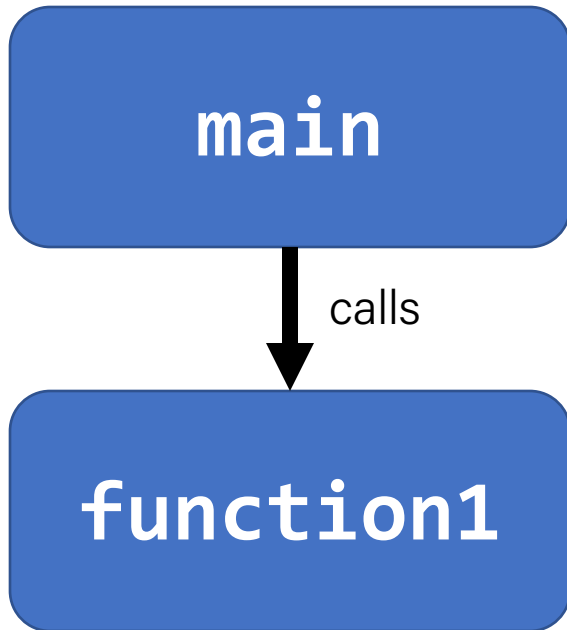
# Caller-Owned Registers



`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.

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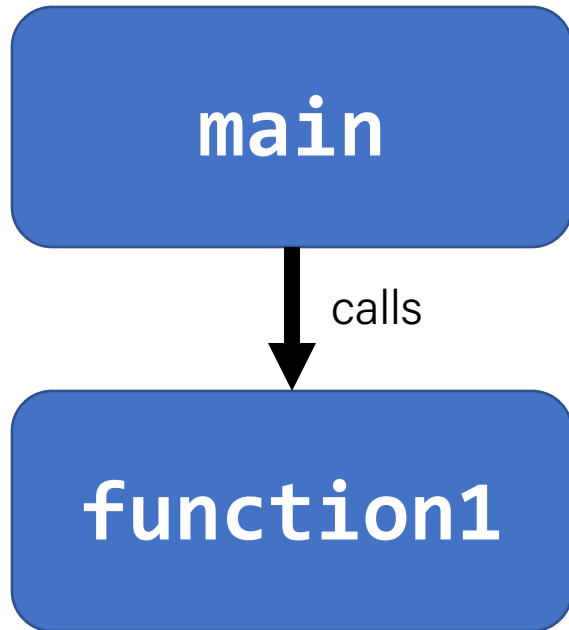


```
function1:  
    push %rbp  
    push %rbx  
    ...  
    pop %rbx  
    pop %rbp  
    retq
```

63	31	15	7	0	
%rax	%eax	%ax	%al		Return value
%rbx	%ebx	%bx	%bl		Callee saved
%rcx	%ecx	%cx	%cl		4th argument
%rdx	%edx	%dx	%dl		3rd argument
%rsi	%esi	%si	%sil		2nd argument
%rdi	%edi	%di	%dil		1st argument
%rbp	%ebp	%bp	%bpl		Callee saved
%rsp	%esp	%sp	%spl		Stack pointer
%r8	%r8d	%r8w	%r8b		5th argument
%r9	%r9d	%r9w	%r9b		6th argument
%r10	%r10d	%r10w	%r10b		Caller saved
%r11	%r11d	%r11w	%r11b		Caller saved
%r12	%r12d	%r12w	%r12b		Callee saved
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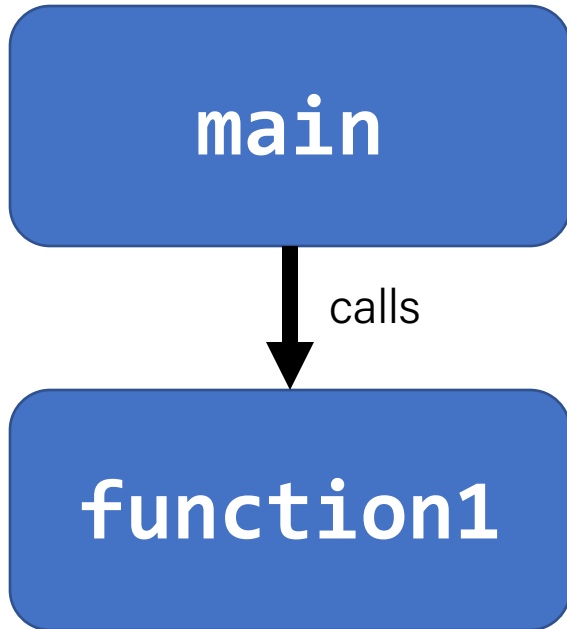
# Callee-Owned Registers



`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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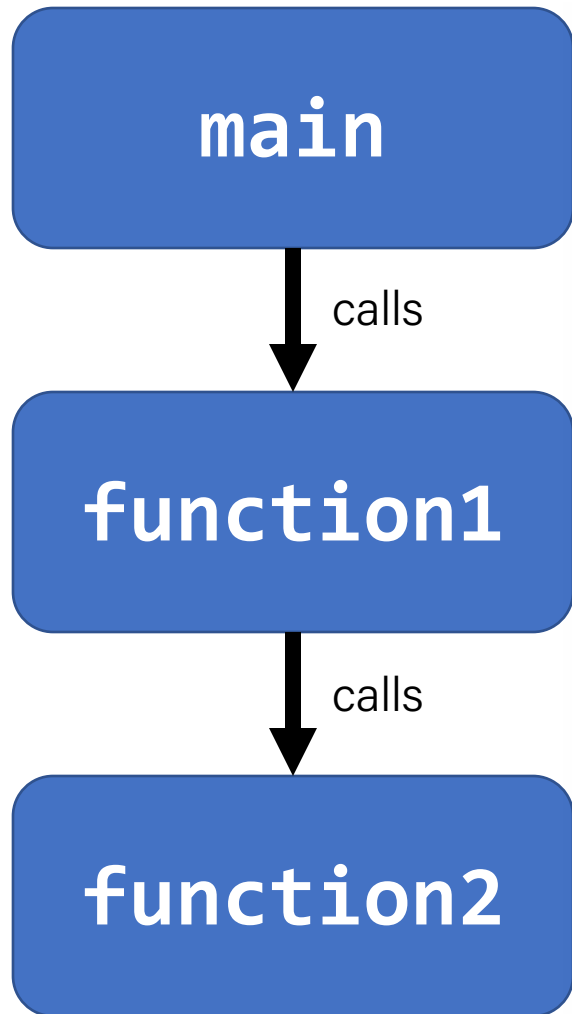
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    push %r10  
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    callq function1  
    pop %r11  
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%r11	%r11d	%r11w	%r11b		Caller saved
%r12	%r12d	%r12w	%r12b		Callee saved
%r13	%r13d	%r13w	%r13b		Callee saved
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%r15	%r15d	%r15w	%r15b		Callee saved

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# 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:

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- calling **function2** may 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!

<https://godbolt.org/z/f43dz1>



factorial.c and factorial

# 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;  
}
```

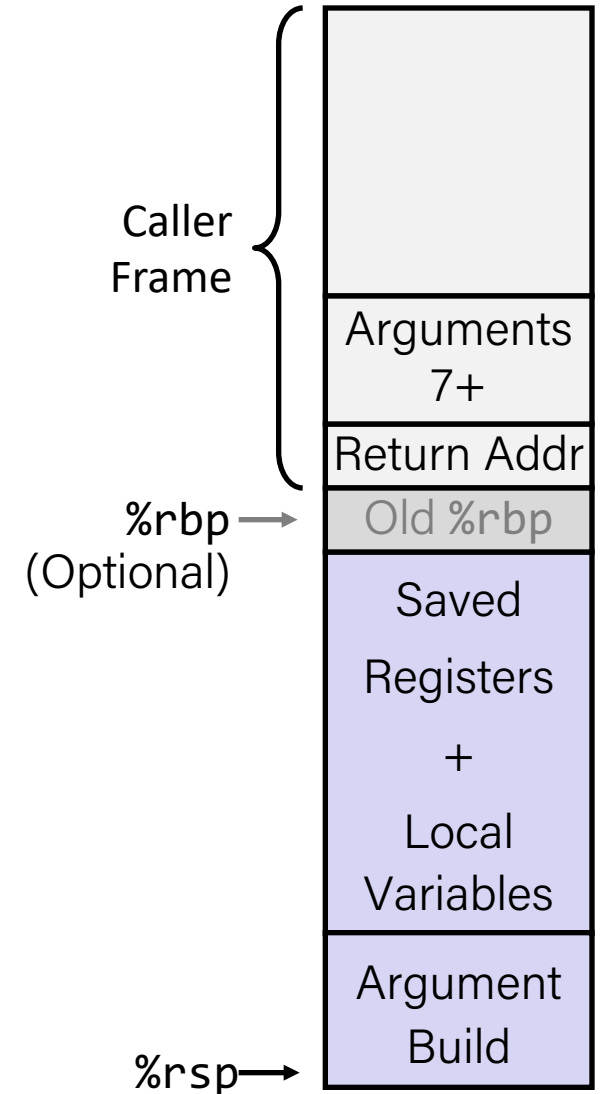
We're done with all our assembly lectures! Now we can fully understand what's going on in the assembly below, including how someone would call `sum_array` in assembly and what the `ret` instruction does.

## 0000000004005b6 <sum\_array>:

```
4005b6:    ba 00 00 00 00    mov     $0x0,%edx  
4005bb:    b8 00 00 00 00    mov     $0x0,%eax  
4005c0:    eb 09            jmp     4005cb <sum_array+0x15>  
4005c2:    48 63 ca        movslq  %edx,%rcx  
4005c5:    03 04 8f        add     (%rdi,%rcx,4),%eax  
4005c8:    83 c2 01        add     $0x1,%edx  
4005cb:    39 f2            cmp     %esi,%edx  
4005cd:    7c f3            jl     4005c2 <sum_array+0xc>  
4005cf:    f3 c3          repz   retq
```

# x86-64 Procedure Summary

- Important Points
  - Stack is the right data structure for procedure call/return
    - If P calls Q, then Q returns before P
- Recursion (& mutual recursion) handled by normal calling conventions
  - Can safely store values in local stack frame and in callee-saved registers
  - Put function arguments at top of stack
  - Result return in **%rax**
- Pointers are addresses of values
  - On stack or global



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**Next time:** *data stack frames*