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Aarch32 Assembly – Part 3

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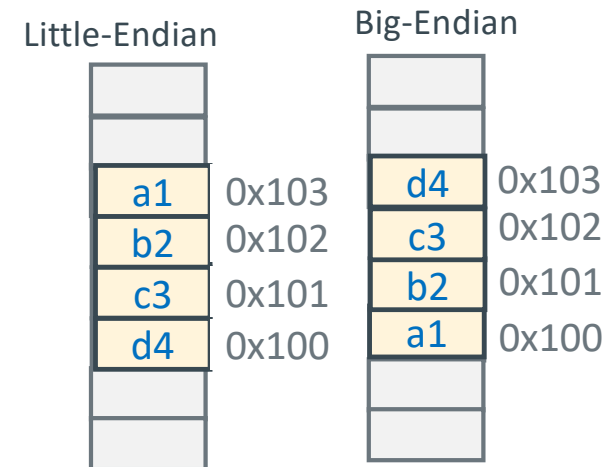
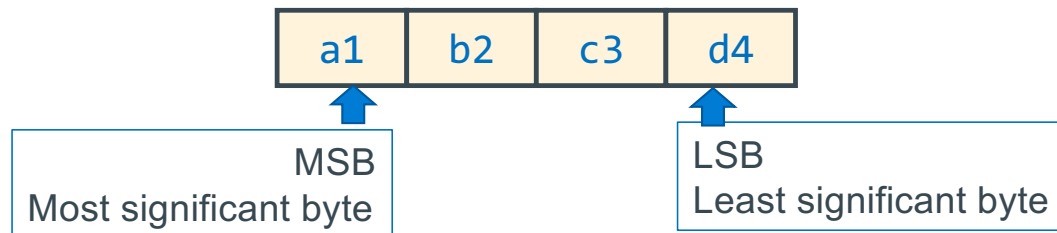
Memory Data Alignment – Starting Address Requirements

- **Word** is the **number of bytes** necessary to store an address (32-bits on Pi-cluster) – **hardware defined**
- The **address** of **any sized** unit of memory is always the **address** of the **first byte**
- Hardware often requires Variables to be "*aligned*" to specific starting addresses based on type
- char (1 byte)
 - can start at any address
- short (2 bytes) start only at **addresses ending in**
 - b..00 or b..10 (.align 1) // **last bit** must be 0
- int (4 bytes) can start only at **addresses ending in**
 - 0b..00 (.align 2) // **last two bits** must be 0

32-bit units (4 bytes)	16-bit units (2 Bytes)	8-bit units (1 Byte)	Addr. (binary)
Start At b..00	Start at b..10		b..10011
	Start at b..00		b..10010
			b..10001
			b..10000
Start at b..00	Start at b..10		b..01111
	Start at b..00		b..01110
			b..01101
			b..01100
Start at b..00	Start at b..10		b..01011
	Start at b..00		b..01010
			b..01001
			b..01000
Start at b..00	Start at b..10		b..00111
	Start at b..00		b..00110
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			b..00100

Byte Ordering of Numbers In Memory: Endianness

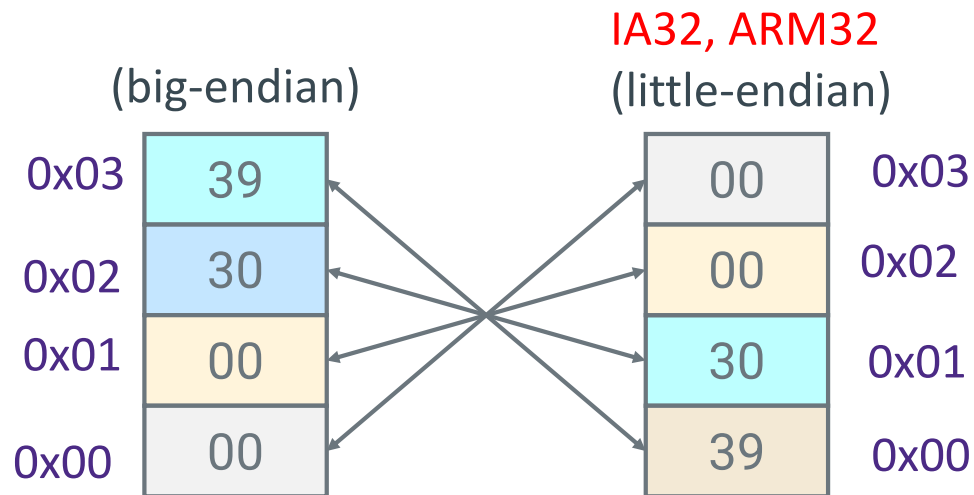
- Two different ways to place multi-byte integers in a **byte addressable** memory
- **Big-endian**: **Most** Significant Byte (“**big end**”) starts at the **lowest (starting)** address
- **Little-endian**: **Least** Significant Byte (“**little end**”) starts at the **lowest (starting)** address
- Example: 32-bit integer with 4-byte data



Byte Ordering Example

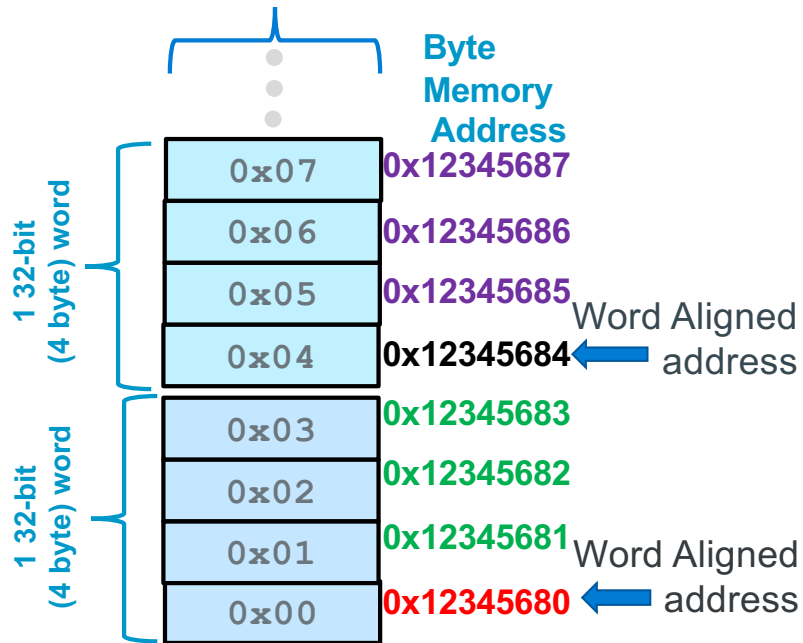
Decimal:	12345
Binary:	0011 0000 0011 1001
Hex:	3 0 3 9

```
int x = 12345;  
// or x = 0x00003039; // show all 32 bits
```

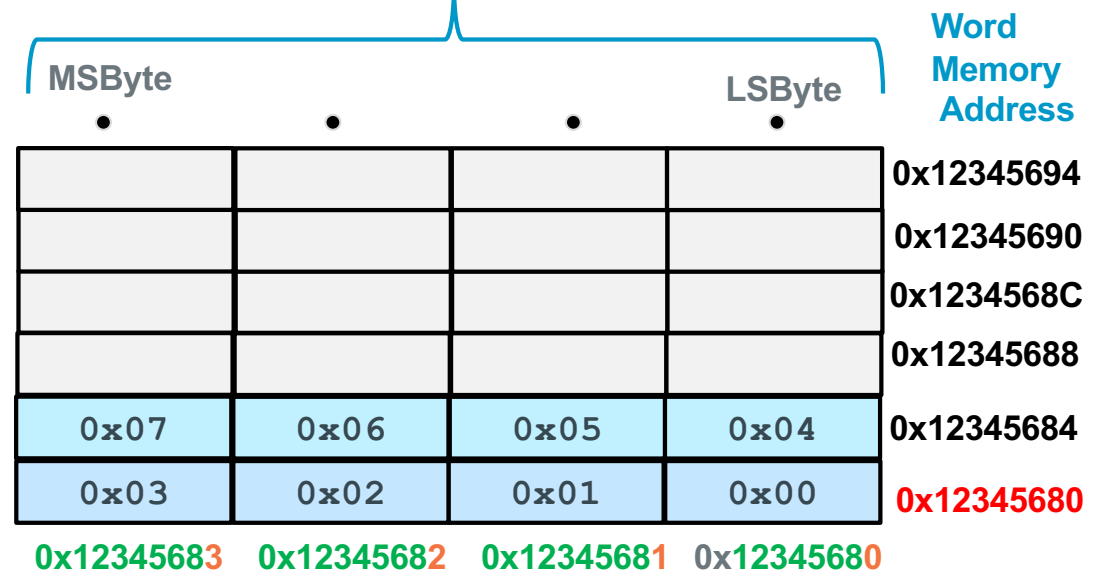


Byte Addressable Memory Shown as 32-bit words

1 byte Memory Content
One byte per row



Contents of Memory
One 32-bit (4 byte) word per row



Byte address

Observation
32-bit aligned addresses
rightmost 2 bits of the address are always 0

Load/Store: Register Base Addressing

ldr r0, [r1]

Copies a 32-bit word from the memory location whose address is contained in r1 (r1 is a pointer) into register r0

32-bit memory



register r0

register r1 (address)



r1 is being used as a pointer to a location in memory

ldr requires the use of a pointer operand

str r0, [r1]

Copies all 32 bits of the value held in register r0 to the 32-bit memory location contained in register r1 (r1 pointer)

register r0



32-bit memory

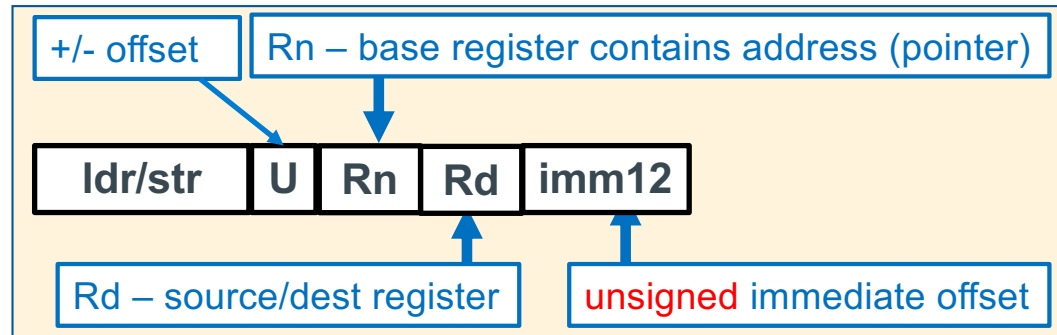
r1 is being used as a pointer to a location in memory

str requires the use of a pointer operand

register r1 (address)



LDR/STR – Base Register + Immediate Offset Addressing



- **Register Base Addressing:**

- **Pointer Address:** Rn; **source/destination data:** Rd
- **Unsigned pointer address** is stored in the **base register**

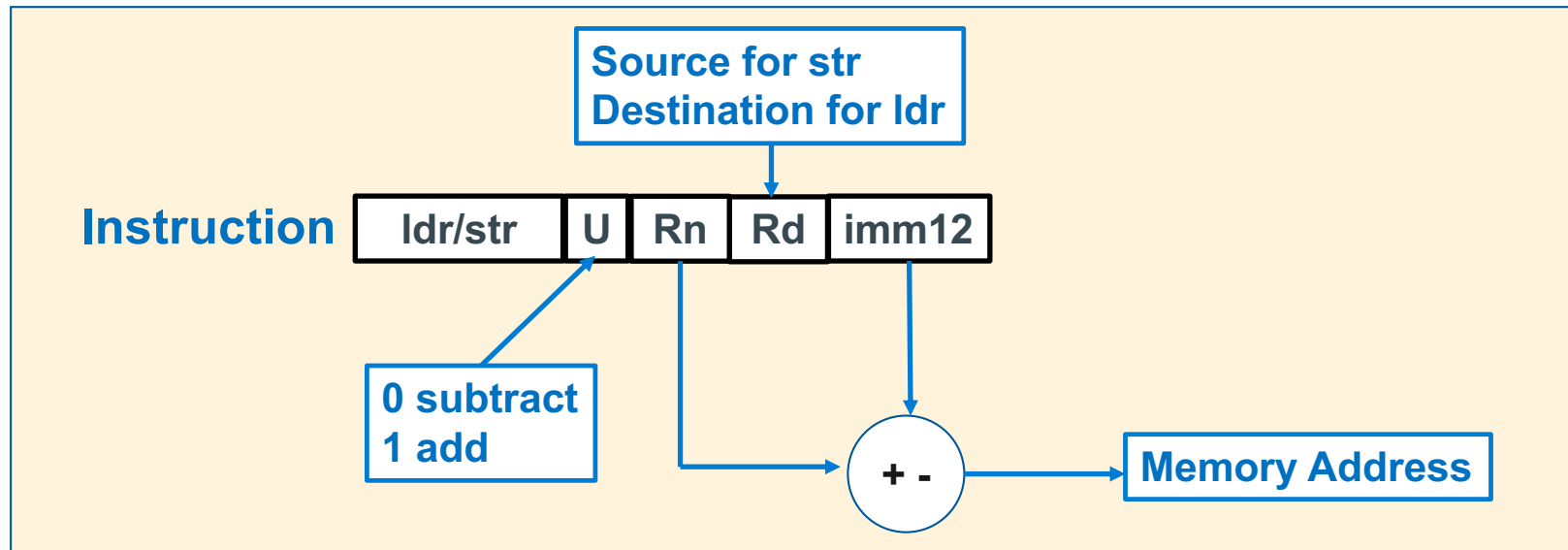
- **Register Base + immediate offset Addressing:**

- **Pointer Address** = register content + immediate offset
- **Unsigned offset integer immediate value (bytes)** is added or subtracted (**U bit above says to add or subtract**) from the **pointer address** in the **base register**

```
ldr/str  Rd,  [Rn, +/- imm12] // base register pointer + offset  imm12 in bytes
                                -4095 <= imm12 <= 4095 (bytes)

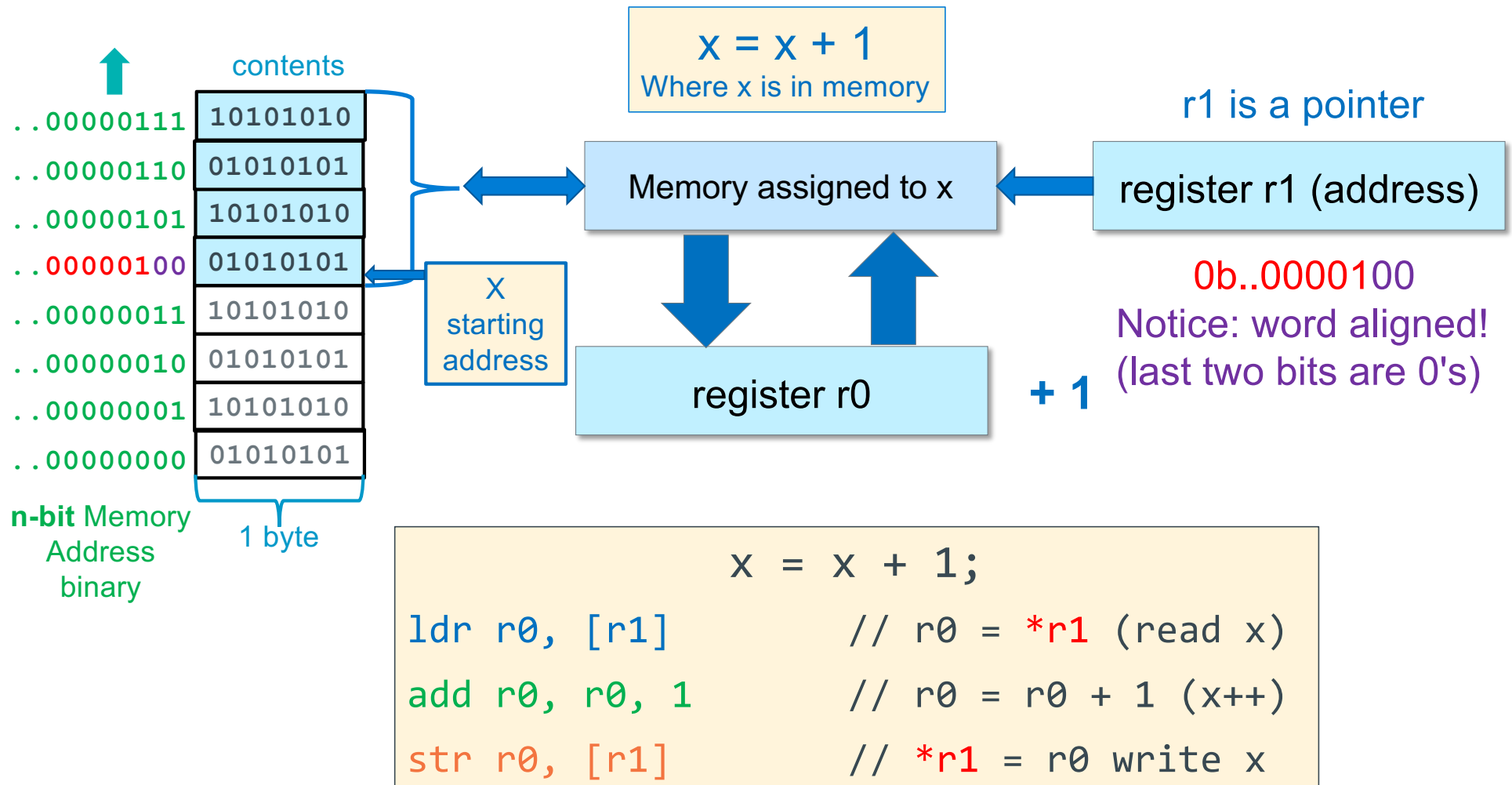
ldr/str  Rd,  [Rn]             // base register pointer + 0 offset (imm12 is 0)
```

ldr/str Register Base and Register + Immediate Offset Addressing



Syntax	Address	Examples
<code>ldr/str Rd, [Rn +/- constant]</code> constant is in bytes	<code>Rn + or - constant</code> same \longrightarrow	<code>ldr r0, [r5,100]</code> <code>str r1, [r5, 0]</code> <code>str r1, [r5]</code>

Example Base Register Addressing Load – Modify – Store

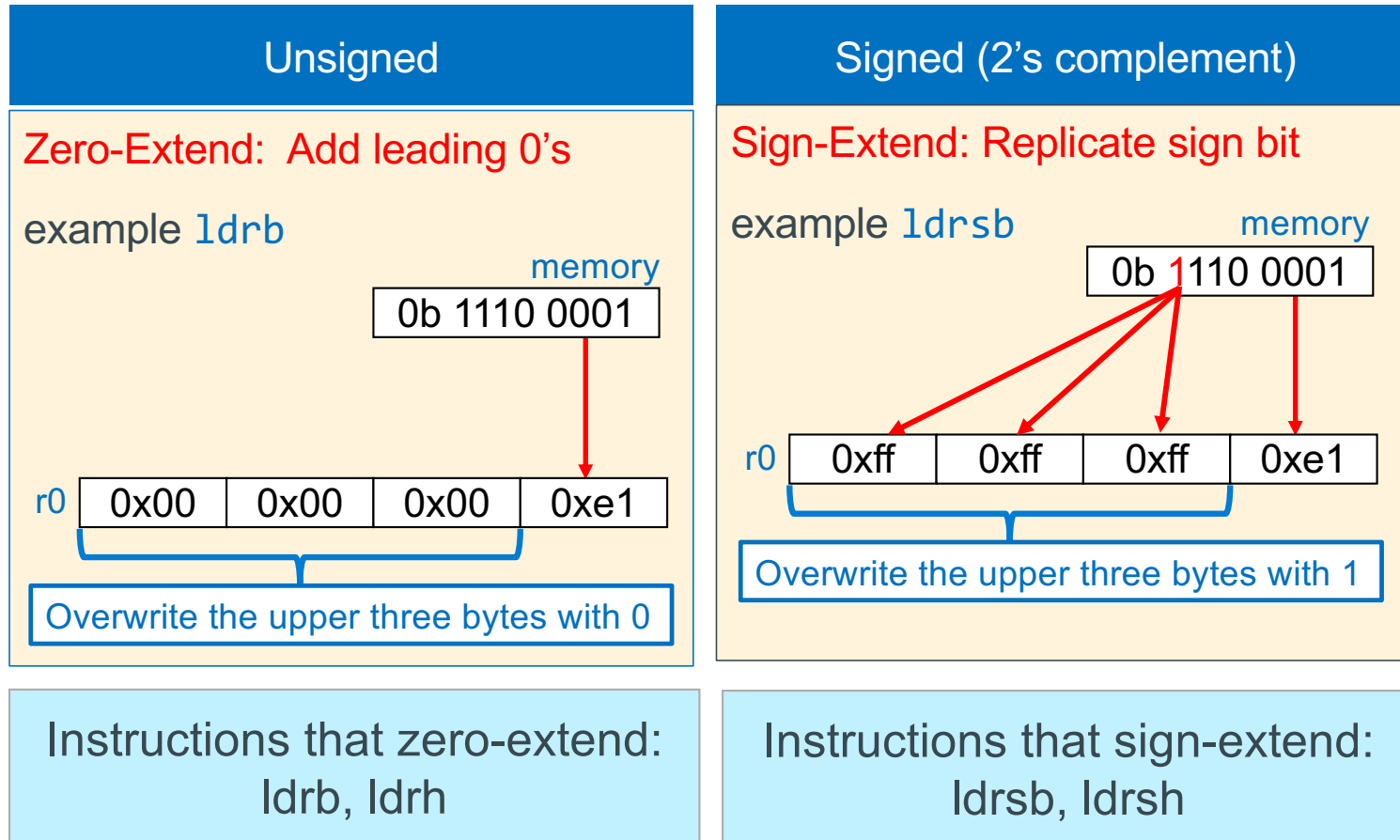


Loading and Storing: Variations List

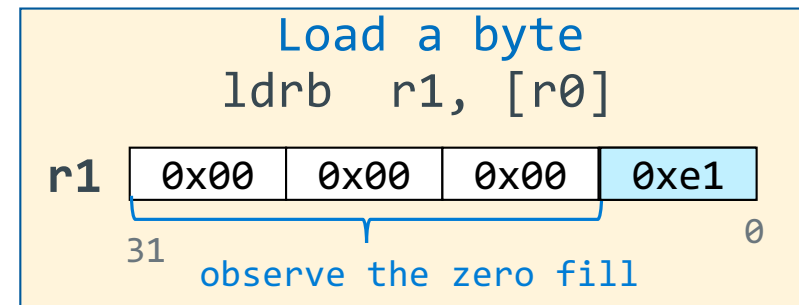
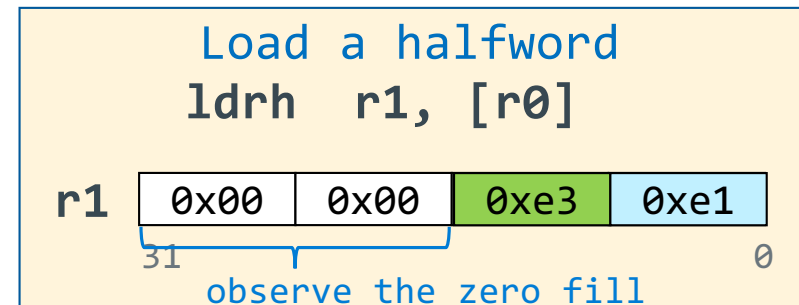
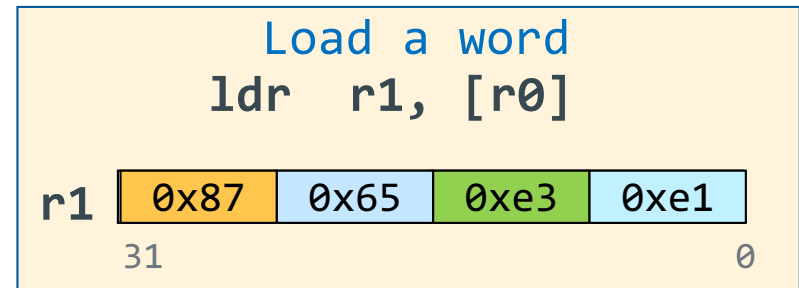
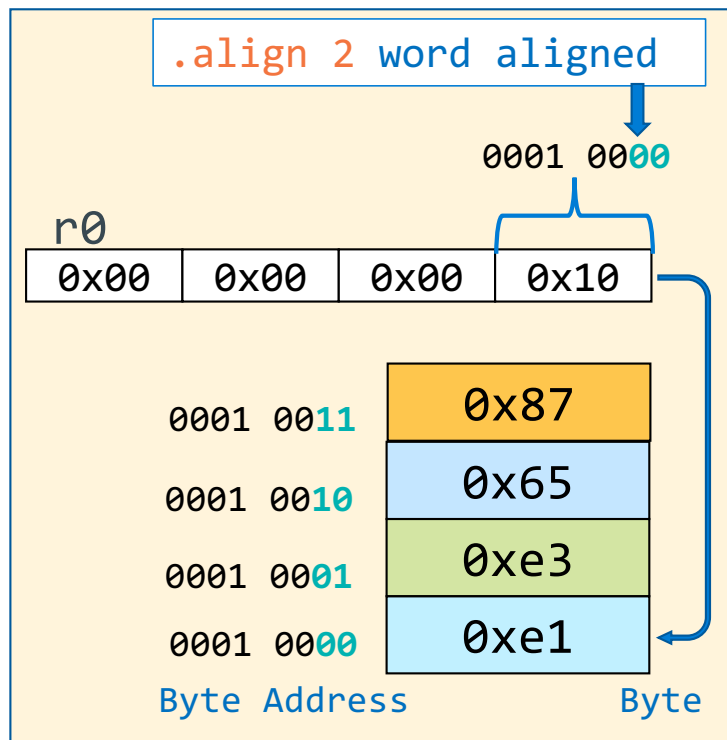
- Load and store have **variations** that move 8-bits, 16-bits and 32-bits
- Load into a register with less than 32-bits will **set the upper bits not filled from memory differently** depending on which **variation of the load instruction** is used
- Store will only select the lower 8-bit, lower 16-bits or all 32-bits of the register to copy to memory, **register contents are not altered**

Instruction	Meaning	Sign Extension	Memory Address Requirement
ldrsb	load signed byte	sign extension	none (any byte)
ldrb	load unsigned byte	zero fill (extension)	none (any byte)
ldrsh	load signed halfword	sign extension	halfword (2-byte aligned)
ldrh	load unsigned halfword	zero fill (extension)	halfword (2-byte aligned)
ldr	load word	---	word (4-byte aligned)
strb	store low byte (bits 0-7)	---	none (any byte)
strh	store halfword (bits 0-15)	---	halfword (2-byte aligned)
str	store word (bits 0-31)	---	word (4-byte aligned)

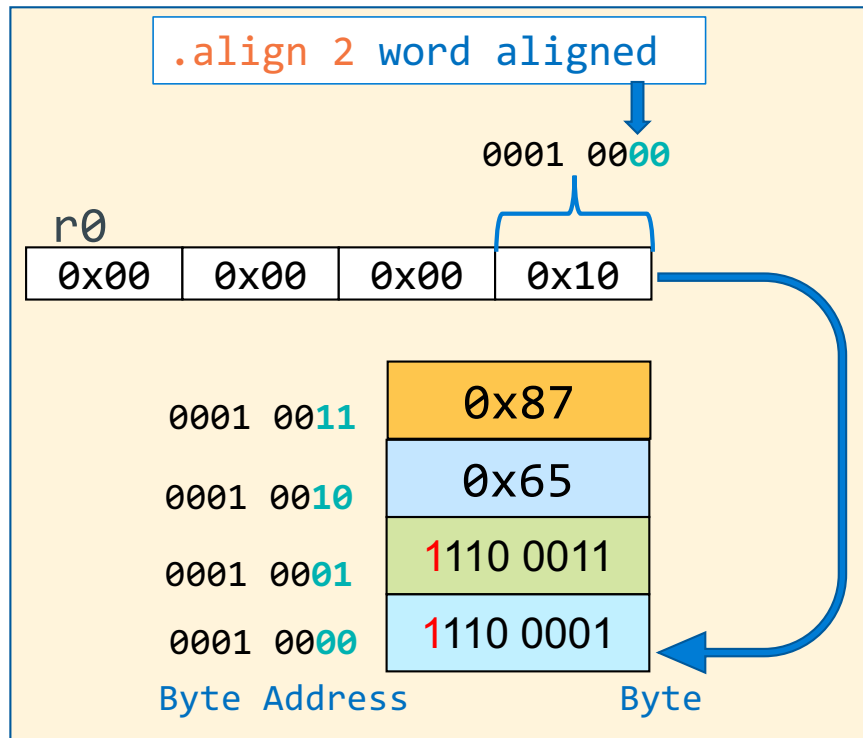
Loading 32-bit Registers From Memory Variables < 32-Bits Wide



Load a Byte, Half-word, Word

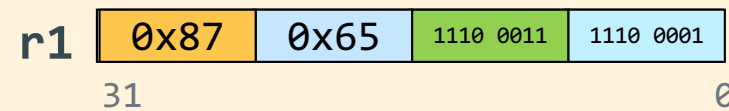


Signed Load a Byte, Half-word, Word



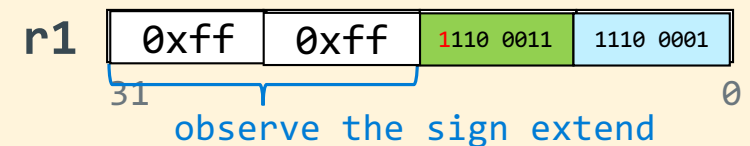
Load a word (no change)

ldr r1, [r0]



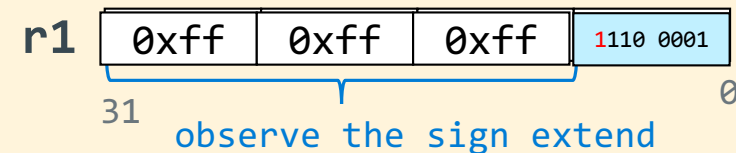
Load a halfword

ldrsh r1, [r0]

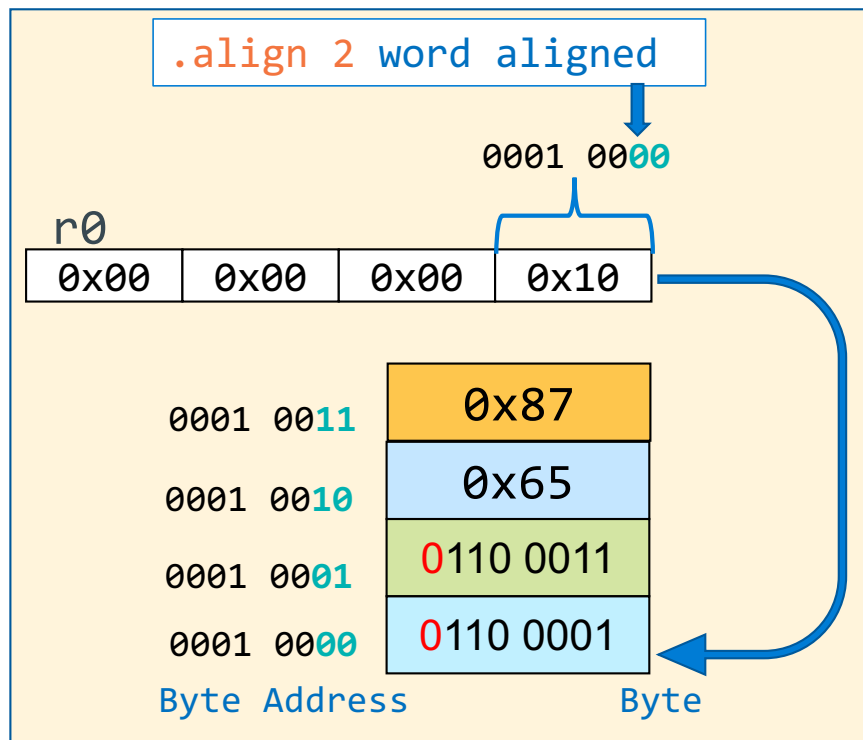


Load a byte

ldrsb r1, [r0]

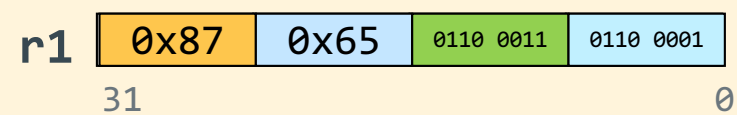


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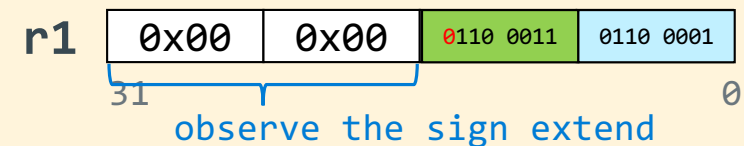
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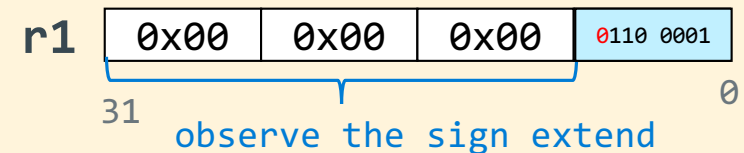
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ldrsh r1, [r0]

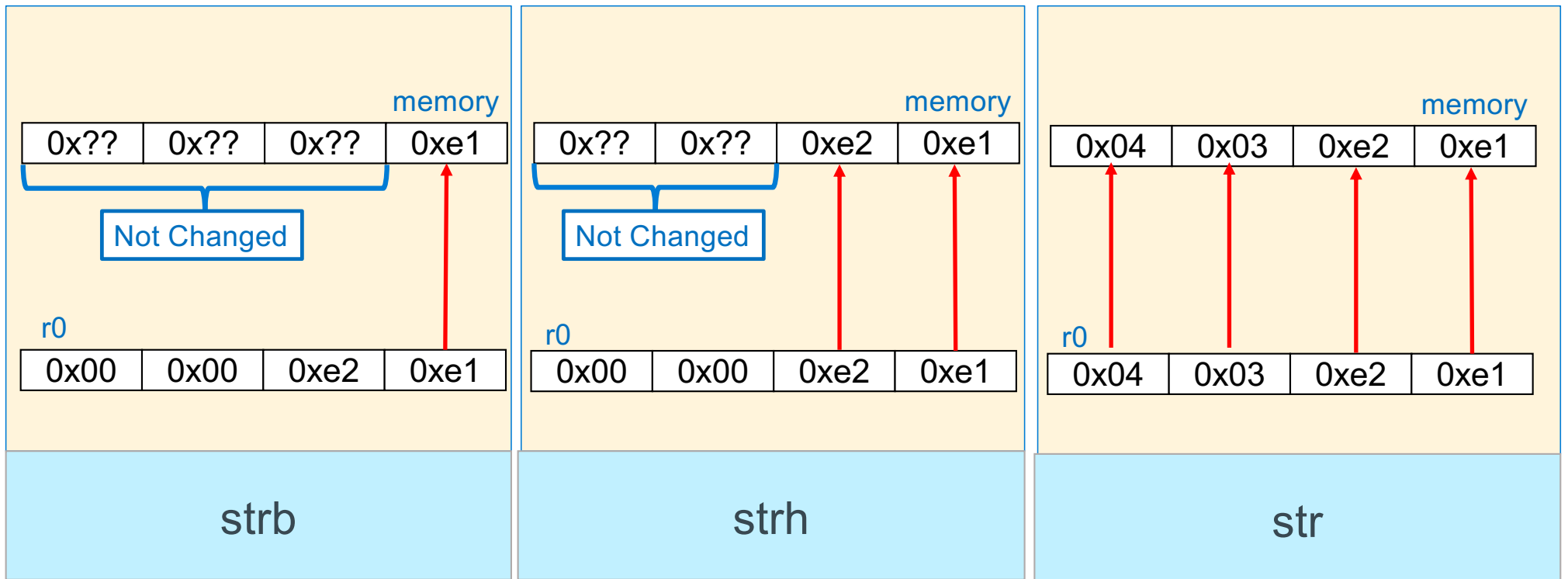


Load a byte

ldrsb r1, [r0]



Storing 32-bit Registers To Memory 8-bit, 16-bit, 32-bit



Store a Byte, Half-word, Word

initial value in r0

0x20	0x00	0x00	0x00
------	------	------	------

Store a byte
`strb r1, [r0]`

r1: 31 0x87 0x65 0xe3 0xe1 0

Byte Address Byte

0x20000003	0x33	} observe other bytes NOT altered
0x20000002	0x22	
0x20000001	0x11	
0x20000000	0xe1	

Store a halfword
`strh r1, [r0]`

r1: 31 0x87 0x65 0xe3 0xe1 0

Byte Address Byte

0x20000003	0x33
0x20000002	0x22
0x20000001	0xe3
0x20000000	0xe1

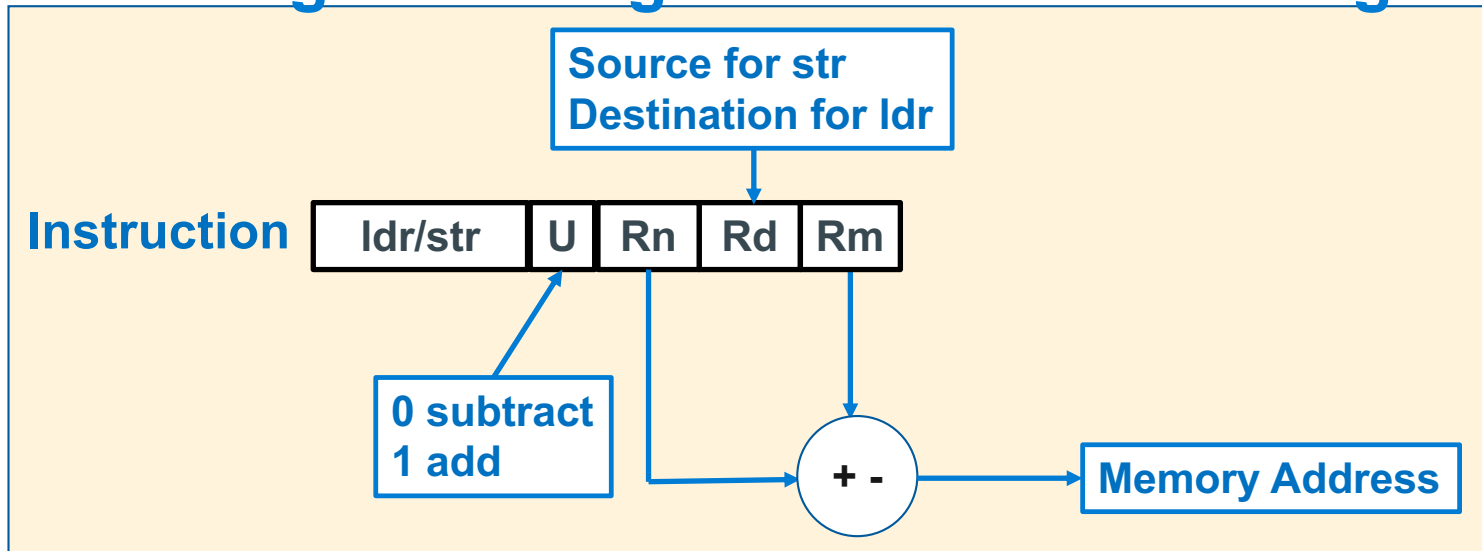
Store a word
`str r1, [r0]`

r1: 31 0x87 0x65 0xe3 0xe1 0

Byte Address Byte

0x20000003	0x87
0x20000002	0x65
0x20000001	0xe3
0x20000000	0xe1

ldr/str Base Register + Register Offset Addressing



Pointer Address = Base Register + Register Offset

- **Unsigned** offset integer **in a register (bytes)** is either added/subtracted from the **pointer address** in the **base register**

Syntax	Address	Examples
<code>ldr/str Rd, [Rn +/- Rm]</code>	$Rn + \text{ or } - Rm$	<code>ldr r0, [r5, r4]</code> <code>str r1, [r5, r4]</code>

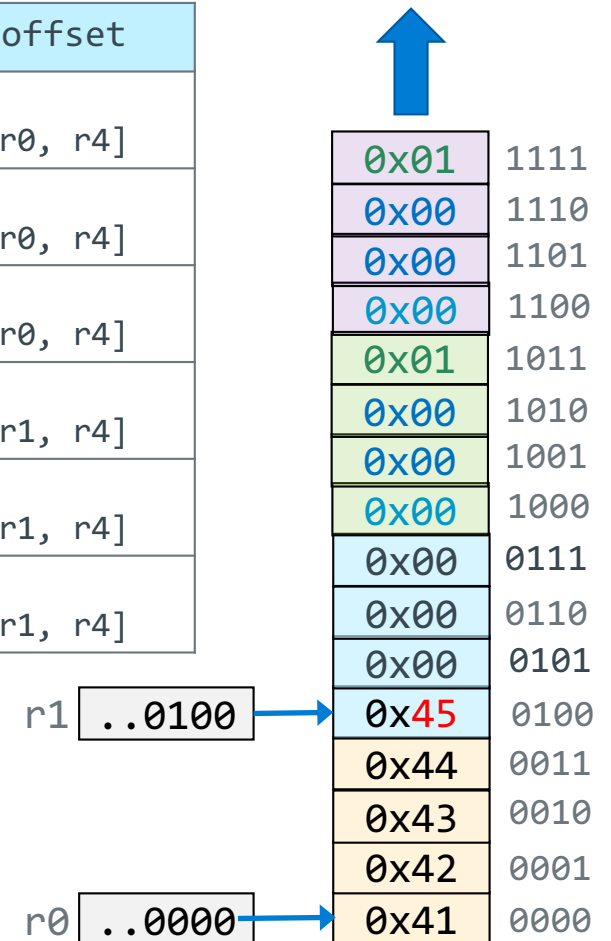
Reference: Addressing Mode Summary for use in CSE30

index Type	Example	Description
Pre-index immediate	<code>ldr r1, [r0]</code>	$r1 \leftarrow \text{memory}[r0]$ $r0$ is unchanged
Pre-index immediate	<code>ldr r1, [r0, 4]</code>	$r1 \leftarrow \text{memory}[r0 + 4]$ $r0$ is unchanged
Pre-index immediate	<code>str r1, [r0]</code>	$\text{memory}[r0] \leftarrow r1$ $r0$ is unchanged
Pre-index immediate	<code>str r1, [r0, 4]</code>	$\text{memory}[r0 + 4] \leftarrow r1$ $r0$ is unchanged
Pre-index register	<code>ldr r1, [r0, +-r2]</code>	$r1 \leftarrow \text{memory}[r0 \pm r2]$ $r0$ is unchanged
Pre-index register	<code>str r1, [r0, +-r2]</code>	$\text{memory}[r0 \pm r2] \leftarrow r1$ $r0$ is unchanged

Array addressing with ldr/str

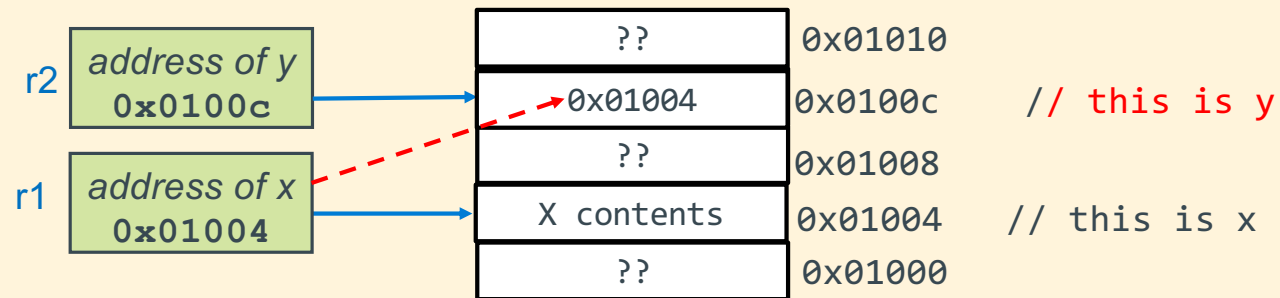
Array element	Base addressing	Immediate offset	register offset
char ch[0]	ldrb r2, [r0]	ldrb r2, [r0, 0]	mov r4, 0 ldrb r2, [r0, r4]
char ch[1]	add r0, r0, 1 ldrb r2, [r0]	ldrb r2, [r0, 1]	mov r4, 1 ldrb r2, [r0, r4]
char ch[2]	add r0, r0, 2 ldrb r2, [r0]	ldrb r2, [r0, 2]	mov r4, 2 ldrb r2, [r0, r4]
int x[0]	ldr r2, [r1]	ldr r2, [r1, 0]	mov r4, 0 ldr r2, [r1, r4]
int x[1]	add r1, r1, 4 ldr r2, [r1]	ldr r2, [r1, 4]	mov r4, 4 ldr r2, [r1, r4]
int x[2]	add r1, r1, 8 ldr r2, [r1]	ldr r2, [r1, 8]	mov r4, 8 ldr r2, [r1, r4]

table rows are
independent instructions not a sequence



ldr/str practice - 1

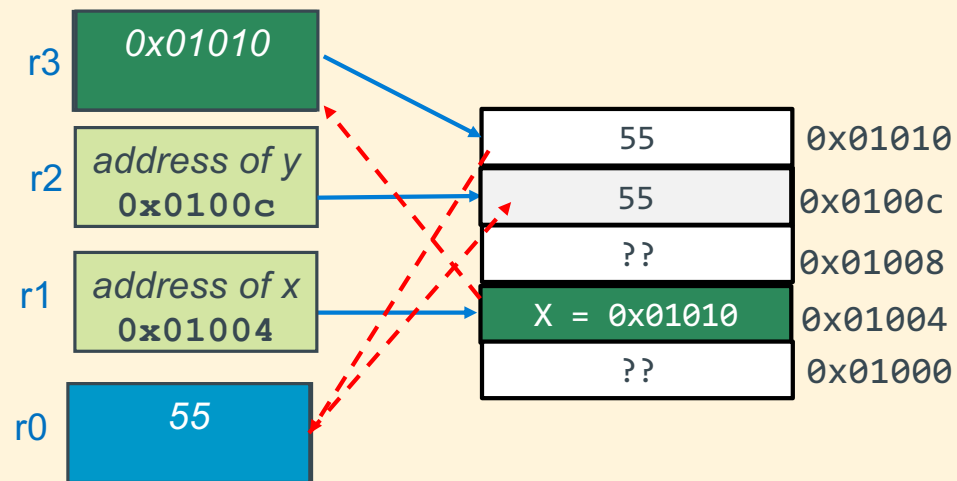
r1 contains the Address of X (defined as int X) in memory; r1 points at X
r2 contains the Address of Y (defined as int *Y) in memory; r2 points at Y
write Y = &X;



`str r1, [r2]` `// y ← &x`

ldr/str practice - 2

r1 contains the Address of X (defined as `int *X`) in memory r1 points at X
r2 contains the Address of Y (defined as `int Y`) in memory; r2 points at Y
write `Y = *X;`



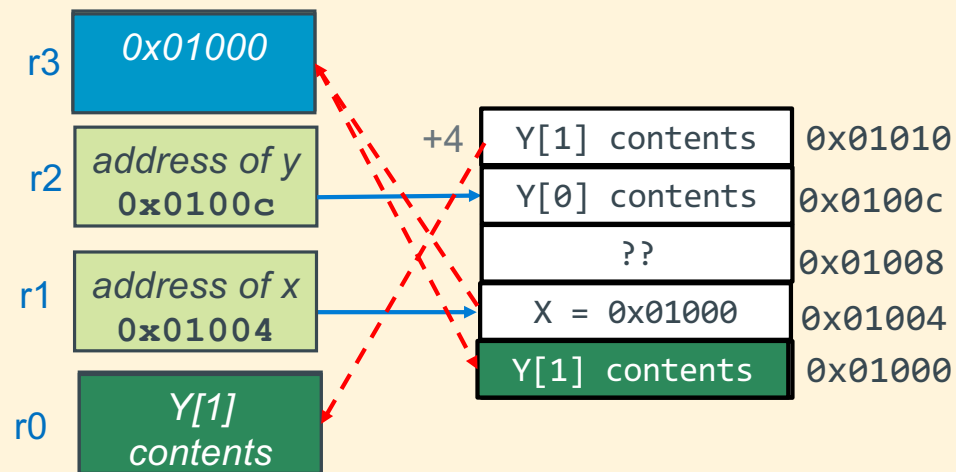
```
ldr    r3, [r1]    // r3 ← x (read 1)
ldr    r0, [r3]    // r0 ← *x (read 2)
str    r0, [r2]    // y ← *x
```

ldr/str practice - 3

r1 contains Address of X (defined as `int *X`) in memory; r1 points at X

r2 contains Address of Y (defined as `int Y[2]`) in memory; r2 points at `&(Y[0])`

`write *X = Y[1];`



```
ldr    r0, [r2, 4]    // r0 ← y[1]
ldr    r3, [r1]        // r3 ← x
str     r0, [r3]       // *x ← y[1]
```

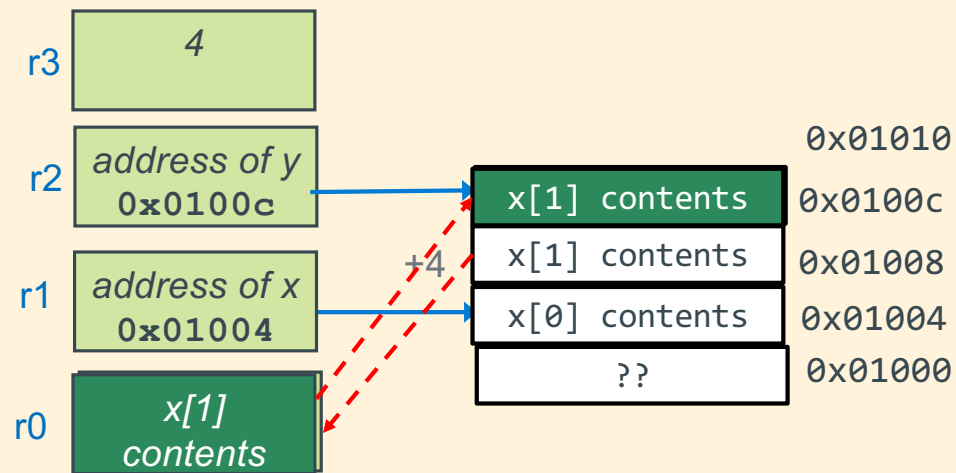
ldr/str practice - 4

r1 contains Address of X (defined as `int X[2]`) in memory; r1 points at `&(x[0])`

r2 contains Address of Y (defined as `int Y`) in memory; r2 points at Y

r3 contains a 4

write `Y = X[1];`



```
ldr    r0, [r1, r3]  // r0 ← x[1]
```

```
str    r0, [r2]      // y ← x[1]
```

PA8 Assembly Functions

Function Header
Assembly directives

Function Prologue
always at top of
function

**Description of the
register state at
this point in the
code**

Function Epilogue
always at bottom of
function

```
#include "cipher.h"
.text    // start of text segment

// int encrypt(char *iobuf, char *bookbuf, int cnt)
// encrypts iobuf with bookbuf; updating iobuf

.global encrypt
.type    encrypt, %function
.equ     FP_OFF, 28

encrypt:
    push    {r4-r9, fp, lr}
    add     fp, sp, FP_OFF
    // do not alter anything above this line
    // r0 contains char *iobuf
    // r1 contains char *bookbuf
    // r2 contains cnt
    // r3 is ok to use
    // r4-r9 preserved registers are ok to use

    cmp     r2, 0           // if buffer empty we are done
    ble     .ldone

    // your code here

    // do not alter anything below this line

.ldone:
    mov     r0, r2           // return cnt processed
    sub     sp, fp, FP_OFF
    pop     {r4-r9, fp, lr}
    bx      lr
    .size   encrypt, (. - encrypt)
    .section .note.GNU-stack,"",%progbits
.end
```

Function Footer
Assembly directive

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Preview: Return Value and Passing Parameters to Functions

(Four parameters or less)

Register	Function Call Use	Register	Function Return Value Use
r0	1 st parameter	r0	8, 16 or 32-bit result, 32-bit address or least-significant half of a 64-bit result
r1	2 nd parameter		
r2	3 rd parameter	r1	most-significant half of a 64-bit result
r3	4 th parameter		

- Where **r0**, **r1**, **r2**, **r3** are arm registers, the function declaration is (first four arguments):

```
r0 = function(r0, r1, r2, r3)           // 32-bit return
```

```
r0, r1 = function(r0, r1, r2, r3)      // 64-bit return - long long
```
- Each **parameter** and **return value** is limited to data that **can fit in 4 bytes or less**
- You receive **up to the first four parameters** in these four registers
- You copy up to the first four parameters into these four registers before calling a function
- For parameter values using more than 4 bytes, a pointer to the parameter is passed (we will cover this later)
- You MUST ALWAYS assume** that the called function will **alter the contents of all four registers: r0-r3**
 - In terms of C runtime support, these registers contain the copies given to the called function
 - C allows the copies to be changed in any way by the called function

Array Addressing & Memory Alignment (Assembly & C Equivalents)

↑

0x44

0x44

0x44

0x44

0x22

0x22

0x22

0x22

0x11

0x11

0x11

0x11

0x00

0x00

0x00

0x00

..11111

..11110

..11101

..11100

..11011

..11010

..11001

..11000

..10111

..10110

..10101

..10100

..10011

..10010

..10001

..10000

ldr r3 [r1,12] /*(r1+3)

ldr r3 [r1,8] /*(r1+2)

ldr r3 [r1,4] /*(r1+1)

ldr r3 [r1,0] /*(r1+0)

Array Type		
4 bytes (int ar[4])	2 bytes (short ar[8])	1 byte (char ar[16])
		ldrb r3 [r1,15] /*(r1+15)
	ldrh r3 [r1,14] /*(r1+7)	ldrb r3 [r1,14] /*(r1+14)
		ldrb r3 [r1,13] /*(r1+13)
ldr r3 [r1,12] /*(r1+3)	ldrh r3 [r1,12] /*(r1+6)	ldrb r3 [r1,12] /*(r1+12)
		ldrb r3 [r1,11] /*(r1+11)
	ldrh r3 [r1,10] /*(r1+5)	ldrb r3 [r1,10] /*(r1+10)
		ldrb r3 [r1,9] /*(r1+9)
ldr r3 [r1,8] /*(r1+2)	ldrh r3 [r1,8] /*(r1+4)	ldrb r3 [r1,8] /*(r1+8)
		ldrb r3 [r1,7] /*(r1+7)
	ldrh r3 [r1,6] /*(r1+3)	ldrb r3 [r1,6] /*(r1+6)
		ldrb r3 [r1,5] /*(r1+5)
ldr r3 [r1,4] /*(r1+1)	ldrh r3 [r1,4] /*(r1+2)	ldrb r3 [r1,4] /*(r1+4)
		ldrb r3 [r1,3] /*(r1+3)
	ldrh r3 [r1,2] /*(r1+1)	ldrb r3 [r1,2] /*(r1+2)
		ldrb r3 [r1,1] /*(r1+1)
ldr r3 [r1,0] /*(r1+0)	ldrh r3 [r1,0] /*(r1+0)	ldrb r3 [r1,0] /*(r1+0)

r1

..10000

r1 contains the address of the array ar[]: *r1 = &ar[0];

Base Register Addressing

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#define SZ 6

void cpy(int *, int *, int);

int main(void)
{
    int  src[SZ] = {1, 2, 3, 4,
5, 6};
    int  dst[SZ];

    cpy(src, dst, SZ);
    for (int i = 0; i < SZ; i++)
        printf("%d\n", *(dst +
i));

    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

Base Register

```
.arch armv6
.arm
.fpu vfp
.syntax unified
.text
.global cpy
.type cpy, %function
.equ FP_OFF, 12
// r0 contains int *src
// r1 contains int *dst
// r2 contains int cnt
// r3 loop term pointer
// r4 contains int

cpy:
    push    {r4, r5, fp, lr}
    add     fp, sp, FP_OFF
    // see right ->
    sub     sp, fp, FP_OFF
    pop     {r4, r5, fp, lr}
    bx      lr
    .size cpy, (. - cpy)
.end
```

```
    cmp     r2, 0
    ble     .Ldone      pre loop guard

    lsl     r2, r2, 2    //convert cnt to int size
    add     r3, r0, r2  // loop term pointer

.Ldo:
    ldr     r4, [r0]     // load from src
    str     r4, [r1]     // store to dest

    add     r0, r0, 4    // src++
    add     r1, r1, 4    // dst++

    cmp     r0, r3       // src >= term pointer
    blt     .Ldo
    loop guard

.Ldone:
```

Base Register Addressing + Immediate offset

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#define SZ 6 // must be even (should add checks!)

void swb(int *, int); //swap even and odd integer elements!

int main(void)
{
    int src[SZ] = {0x0a, 0x0b, 0x0c, 0x0d, 0x0e, 0x0f};

    swb(src, SZ);

    for (int i = 0; i < SZ; i++)
        printf("%x\n", *(src + i));

    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

```
./a.out
b
a
d
c
f
e
```

Base Register + Immediate Offset

```
.arch armv6
.arm
.fpu vfp
.syntax unified
.text
.global swb
.type swb, %function
.equ FP_OFF, 12
// r0 contains int *src
// r1 contains int len must be even!
// r2 loop termination pointer
// r3 contains odd offset int
// r4 contains even even int
swb:
    push    {r4, r5, fp, lr}
    add     fp, sp, FP_OFF
    // see right ->
    sub     sp, fp, FP_OFF
    pop     {r4, r5, fp, lr}
    bx      lr
    .size swb, (. - swb)
.end
```

```
    cmp     r1, 0
    ble     .Ldone      pre loop guard

    lsl     r1, r1, 2    // cnt x 2 = int offset
    add     r2, r0, r1

.Ldo:
    ldr     r3, [r0, 0]  // odd index element
    ldr     r4, [r0, 4]  // even index element

    str     r3, [r0, 4]  // odd to even
    str     r4, [r0, 0]  // even to odd

    add     r0, r0, 8    // step to next PAIR!
    cmp     r0, r2
    blt     .Ldo      loop guard

.Ldone:
```

Each element in an int array is 4 byte long
so, byte offsets from array base are 0, 4, 8, 12, ..
Also use ldr here

Base Register Addressing + Offset register

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int count(char *, int);
int main(void)
{
    char msg[] = "Hello CSE30! We Are CountinG UpPER cASe letters!";

    printf("%d\n", count(msg, sizeof(msg)/sizeof(*msg)));
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

```
int count(char *ptr, int len)
{
    int cnt = 0;
    int i;

    for (i = 0; i < len; i++) {
        if ((ptr[i] >= 'A') && (ptr[i] <= 'Z'))
            cnt++;
    }
    return cnt;
}
```


Base Register + Offset register

```
.arch armv6
.arm
.fpu vfp
.syntax unified
.text
.global count
.type count, %function
.equ FP_OFF, 12
// r0 contains char *ptr
// r1 contains int len
// r2 contains int cnt
// r3 contains int i
// r4 contains char

count:
    push    {r4, r5, fp, lr}
    add     fp, sp, FP_OFF
    // see right ->
    sub     sp, fp, FP_OFF
    pop     {r4, r5, fp, lr}
    bx      lr
    .size count, (. - count)
.end
```

byte array
Also use ldrb here
offsets are 0,1,2,...

```
count:
    push    {r4, r5, fp, lr}
    add     fp, sp, FP_OFF

    mov     r2, 0
    cmp     r1, 0
    ble     .Ldone
    mov     r3, 0

.Lfor:
    cmp     r3, r1
    bge     .Ldone

    ldrb     r4, [r0, r3]
    cmp     r4, 'A'
    blt     .Lendif
    cmp     r4, 'Z'
    bgt     .Lendif
    add     r2, r2, 1

.Lendif:
    add     r3, r3, 1
    b       .Lfor

.Ldone:
    mov     r0, r2
```

loop guard

Base Register + Register Offset Two Buffers

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#define SZ 6
void cpy(char *,char *, int);
int main(void)
{
    char src[SZ] =
        {'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', '\0'};
    char dst[SZ];

    cpy(src, dst, SZ);
    printf("%s\n", dst);
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

cpy:

```
push    {r4, r5, fp, lr}
add     fp, sp, FP_OFF
// r0 contains char *src
// r1 contains char *dst
// r2 contains int len
// r3 contains int i
// r4 contains char
```

```
mov     r3, 0
.Lfor:
cmp     r3, r2
bge     .Ldone

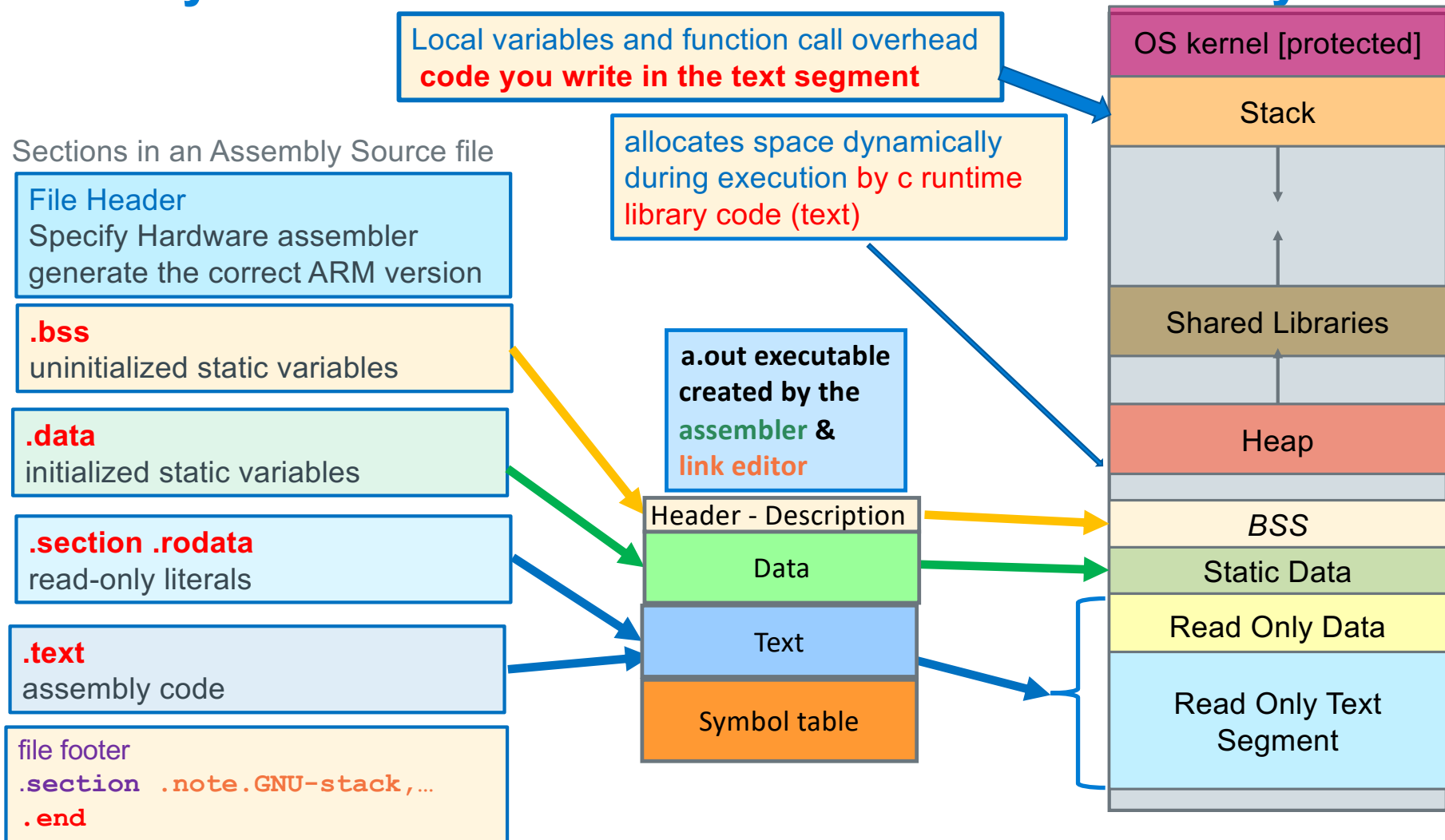
ldrb    r4, [r0, r3]
strb    r4, [r1, r3]
```

```
add     r3, r3, 1
b       .Lfor
```

one increment
covers both arrays

```
.Ldone:
// rest of code
```

Assembly Source File to Executable to Linux Memory



Assembly Source File Template

```
// File Header
.arch armv6                // armv6 architecture instructions
.arm                      // arm 32-bit instruction set
.fpu vfp                  // floating point co-processor
.syntax unified           // modern syntax

// BSS Segment (only when you have initialized globals)
.bss

// Data Segment (only when you have uninitialized globals)
.data

// Read-Only Data (only when you have literals)
.section .rodata

// Text Segment - your code
.text

// Function Header
.type main, %function      // define main to be a function
.global main              // export function name
main:
// function prologue        // stack frame setup
    // your code for this function here
// function epilogue        //stack frame teardown

// function footer
.size main, (. - main)

// File Footer
.section .note.GNU-stack,"",%progbits // stack/data non-exec
.end
```

- assembly programs end in **.S**
 - That is a **capital .S**
 - **example:** test.S
- Always use gcc to assemble
 - **_start()** and C runtime
- File has a complete program
gcc file.S
- File has a partial program
gcc -c file.S
- Link files together
gcc file.o cprog.o

Creating Segments, Definitions In Assembly Source

- The following assembler directives indicate the **start** of a **memory segment specification**
 - **Remains in effect** until the next segment directive is seen

```
.bss
    // start uninitialized static segment variables definitions
    // does not consume any space in the executable file
.data
    // start initialized static segment variables definitions
.section .rodata
    // start read-only data segment variables definitions
.text
    // start read-only text segment (code)
```

- Define a **literal**, **static variable** or **global** variable in a segment

```
Label: .size_directive expression, ... expression
```

- **Label**: this is the **variables name**
- **Size_Directive** tells the **assembler** *how much space to **allocate*** for that **variable**
- Each **optional expression** specifies the contents of one memory location of **.size_directive**
 - **expression** can be in **decimal**, **hex** (0x...), **octal** (0...), **binary** (0b...), **ASCII** (' '), **string** " "

Defining Static Variables: Allocation and Initialization

Variable SIZE	Directive	.align	C static variable Definition	Assembler static variable Definition
8-bit char (1 byte)	.byte		char chx = 'A' char string[] = {'A','B','C', 0};	chx: .byte 'A' string: .byte 'A','B',0x42,0
16-bit int (2 bytes)	.hword .short	1	short length = 0x55aa;	length: .hword 0x55aa
32-bit int (4 bytes)	.word .long	2	int dist = 5; int *distptr = &dist; unsigned int mask = 0xaa55aa55; ← int array[] = {12,~0x1,0xCD,-1};	dist: .word 5 distptr: .word dist mask: .word 0xff array: .word 12,~0x1,0xCD,-3
string with '\0'	.string		char class[] = "cse30";	class: .string "cse30"

```
int num;           //4 bytes
int *ptr = &num;   //4 bytes
char *lit = "456"; //4 bytes,"456" string literal
char msg[] = "123"; //4 bytes - array
```



```
.bss
    .align 2
num:    .word 0
.data
    .align 2
ptr:    .word num
lit:    .word .Lmsg
msg:    .string "123"
.section .rodata
.Lmsg:  .string "456"
```

initializes
a pointer

Static Variable Alignment: Using .align

Accessing **address aligned** memory based on data type has the best performance



SIZE	Directive	Address ends in	Align Directive
8-bit char -1 byte	.byte	0b..0 or 0b..1	
16-bit int -2 bytes	.hword .short	0b..0	.align 1
32-bit int -4 bytes	.word .long	0b..00	.align 2

4 bytes	2 Bytes	1 Byte	Addr. (hex)
	Addr = 0x0E		0x0F
			0x0E
Addr = 0x0C	Addr = 0x0C		0x0D
			0x0C
	Addr = 0x0A		0x0B
Addr = 0x08	Addr = 0x08		0x0A
			0x09
			0x08
	Addr = 0x06		0x07
Addr = 0x04	Addr = 0x04		0x06
			0x05
			0x04
	Addr = 0x02		0x03
Addr = 0x00	Addr = 0x00		0x02
			0x01
			0x00

- .align n** before variable definition to specify memory alignment requirements
- Tells the assembler the **next line that allocates memory** must **start** at the next higher memory address **where** the lower **n** address bits are zero
 - At the **first use of any Segment directive**, alignment **starts at an 8-byte aligned address** (for doubles)
 - Easy approach: Allocate from largest size variables to smallest size variables

Defining Static Array Variables

```
Label:    .size_directive expression, ... expression
```

```
In C:      int int_buf[100];
           int array[] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
           char buffer[100];

.bss
int_buf:    .space 400    // convert 100 to 400 bytes
char_buf:   .space 100

.data
array:      .word 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
one_buf:    .space 100, 1 // 100 bytes each byte filled with 1
```

.space size, fill

- Allocates **size** bytes, each of which contain the value **fill**
- Both **size** and **fill** are absolute expressions
- If the comma and **fill** are **omitted**, **fill** is assumed to be **zero**
- **.bss section**: Must be used **without a specified fill**

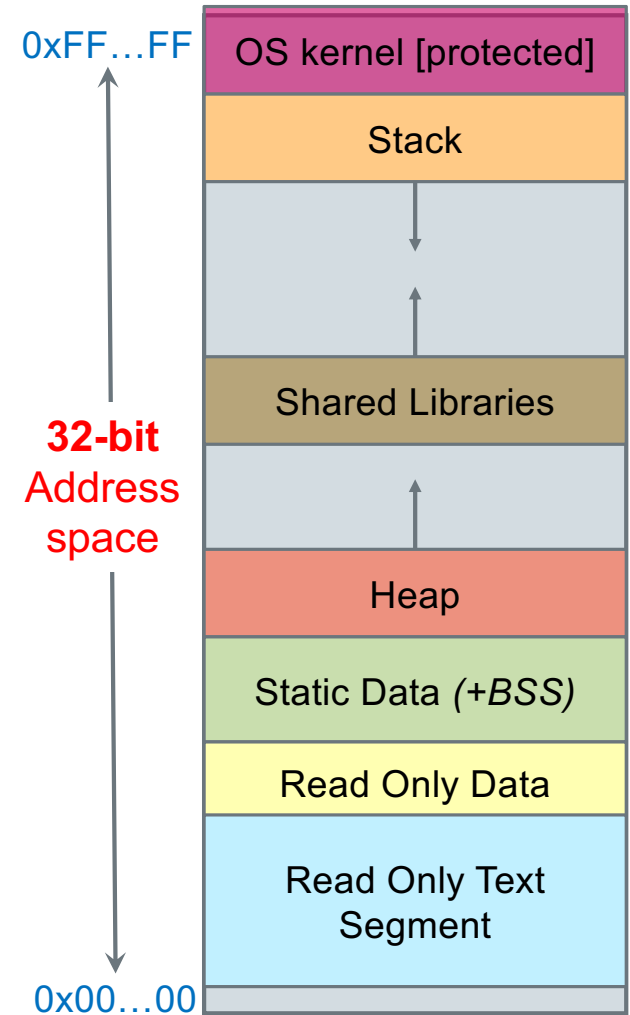
How to get a memory pointer into a register?

- Assembler **creates a table of pointers** in the **text segment** called the **literal table**
- For each variable in one of the data segments you reference in a special form of the **ldr** instruction (next slide), **the assembler makes an entry (it does this while assembling, so it is not seen in your source code)** for that variable whose contents is the 32-bit Label address

```
.bss  
y: .space 40
```

```
.data  
x: .word 200
```

```
.text  
// your code  
// last line of your code  
// below is added by the assembler  
.word y      // contents: 32-bit address of y  
.word x      // contents: 32-bit address of x
```



Loading and using pointers in registers

- Tell the assembler to create and USE a literal table to obtain the address (Lvalue) of a label into a register:

`ldr/str Rd, =Label // Rd = address`

- Example to the right: `y = x;`

two step to **load** a **memory** variable

- load the pointer to the memory
- read (load) from *pointer

two steps **store** to a **memory** variable

- load the pointer to the memory
- write (store) to *pointer

```
.bss
y: .space 4
```

```
.data
x: .word 200
```

```
.text
// function header
main:

// load the address, then contents
// using r2
ldr r2, =x      // int *r2 = &x
ldr r2, [r2]     // r2 = *r2;

// &x was only needed once above
// Note: r2 was a pointer then an int
// no "type" checking in assembly!

// store the contents of r2
ldr r1, =y      // int *r1 = &y
str r2, [r1]     // *r1 = r2
...
```

Using the literal table to fix:

Error: invalid constant (3ff) after fixup

- In data processing instructions, the field **imm8 + rotate 4 bits** is too small to store the immediate value, how do you get larger immediate values into a register?



fails



```
mov    r0, 1023
```

xxx.s:24: Error: invalid constant (3ff) after fixup

replacement



```
ldr    r0, =1023
```

- Answer: use **ldr** instruction with the constant as an operand: **=constant**
- Assembler creates a **literal table entry** with the **constant**

```
ldr    Rd, =constant    // =constant
ldr    r1, =0x2468abcd   // loads the constant 0x246abcd into r1
```

Preview: Simple Function Calls: An Example with printf()

- Where `r0`, `r1`, `r2`, `r3` are registers

```
r0 = function(r0, r1, r2, r3)
```

```
printf("arg1", arg2, arg3, arg4)
```

- We need to create a literal string for `arg1` which tells `printf()` how to interpret the remaining arguments (up to three arguments total at this point in the class; more later)
 - Create the string and tell the assembler to place it into the read only data section

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int
main(void)
{
```

```
    int a = 2;
    int b = 3;
    int c;
```

```
    c = a + b;
    printf("c=%d\n", c);
```

`r0, r1`

```
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

We are going to
put these
variables in
temporary
registers

two passed
args in this
use of printf

```
.extern printf    //declare printf
.section .rodata  // note the dots "."
.Lfst: .string "c=%d\n"
```

// part of the **text segment** below

```
mov    r2, 2      // int a = 2;
mov    r3, 3      // int b = 3;
add    r1, r2, r3  // int c = a + b;
                        // r1 is second arg
ldr    r0, =.Lfst  // =literal address
bl     printf
```

Preview: Simple Function Calls: An Example with fprintf()

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int
main(void)
{
    int a = 2;
    int b = 3;
    int c;

    c = a + b;
    fprintf(stdout, "c=%d\n", c);
    r0, r1, r2

    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}

// stdout is a global var FILE * !!!!!
```

```
.extern printf      //declare printf
.section .rodata    // note the dots "."
.Lfst: .string "c=%d\n"
```

// part of the **text segment** below

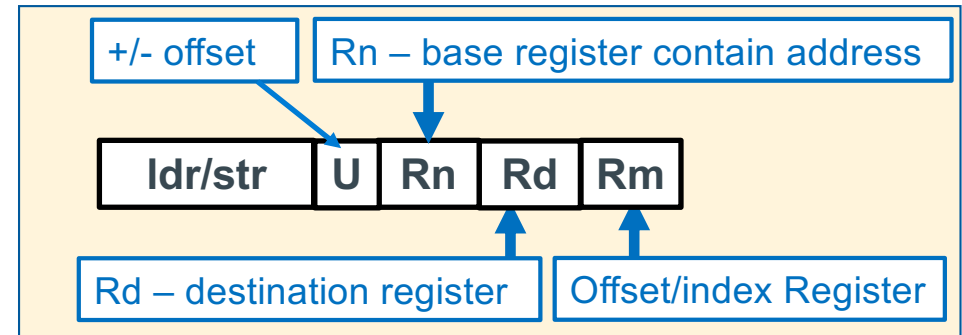
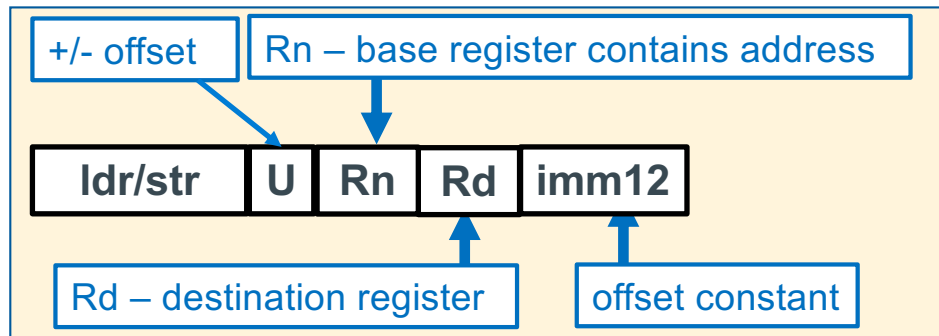
```
mov    r2, 2        // int a = 2;
mov    r3, 3        // int b = 3;
add    r2, r2, r3    // int c = a + b;
                        // r1 is second arg

ldr    r1, =.Lfst    // =literal address
ldr    r0, =stdout   // get stdout address
ldr    r0, [r0]      // get stdout contents
bl     printf
```

PA9 info:

- **stdin, stdout, stderr** are all **global variable** and are **part of libc**
 - these **names** are their **lsid** (label names)
- **to use** them you must **get their contents to pass to** **fprintf(), fread(), fwrite()**

Reference: LDR/STR – Register To/From Memory Copy



```
ldr/str Rd, [Rn, +/- imm12] // base register pointer + offset imm12 in bytes
                             -4095 <= imm12 <= 4095 (bytes)
ldr/str Rd, [Rn]             // base register pointer + 0 (imm12 is 0)
ldr/str Rd, [Rn, +/- Rm]     // base register pointer +/- offset register
```

```
ldr      r1, =var_x           // r1 = &var_x
str      r1, =mylabel+4       // *(mylabel+4) = r1
ldr      r1, =0x246abcd       // load an immediate into r1
ldr      r1, [r3]             // y = *r3 (4 bytes)
str      r1, [r0]             // *r0 = r1
ldr      r1, [r3, -4]         // y = *(r3 - 4) (4 bytes)
str      r1, [r0, r2]         // *(r0 + r2) = r1
```

Function Calls, Parameters and Locals: Requirements

```
int
main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int x, z = 4;

    x = a(z);
    z = b(z);
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}

int
a(int n)
{
    int i = 0;
    if (n == 1)
        i = b(n);
    return i;
}

int
b(int m)
{
    return m+1;
}
/* the return cannot be done with a
branch */
```

- Since **b()** is called both by main and a() how does the **return m+1** statement in b() know where to return to? (Obviously, it cannot be a branch)
- Where are the parameters (args) to a function stored so the function has a copy that it can alter?
- Where is the return value from a function call stored?
- How are Automatic variables *lifetime* and *scope* implemented?
 - When you enter a variables scope: memory is allocated for the variables
 - When you leave a variable scope: memory lifetime is ended (memory can be reused -- deallocated) – contents are **no longer valid**

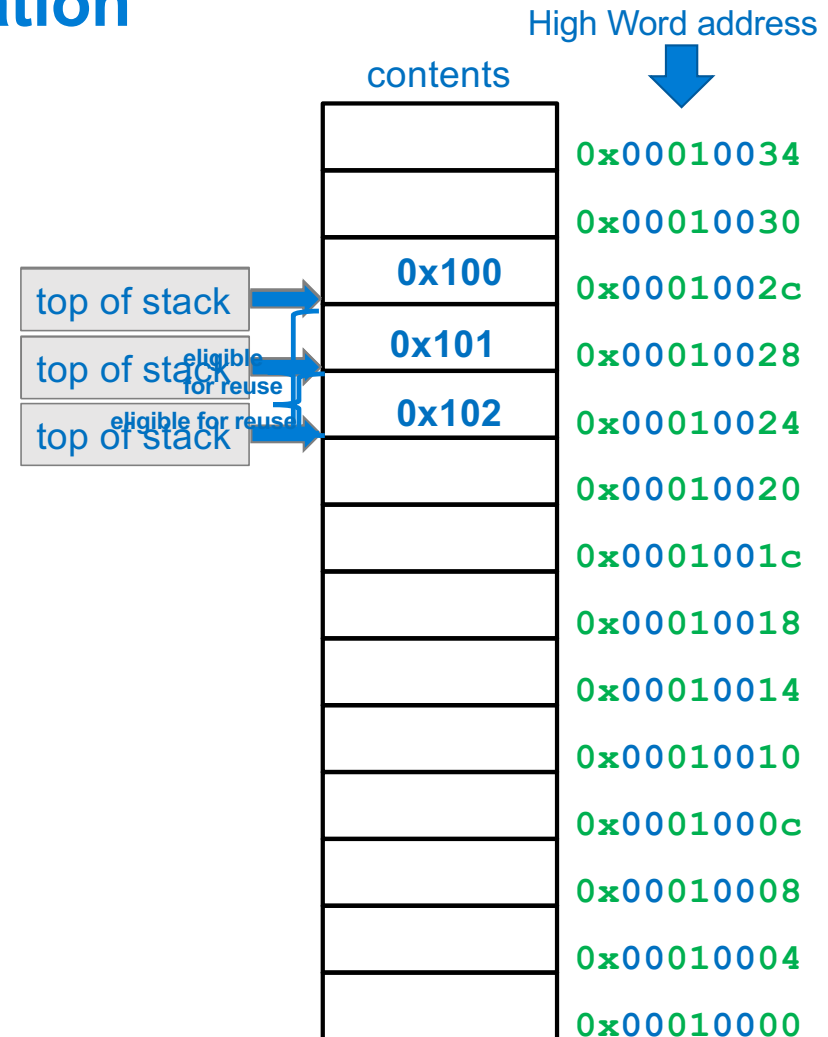
Data Structure Review: Stack Operation

- A Stack Implements a **last-in first-out** (LIFO) protocol
- **Stacks** are expandable and grow downward from high memory address towards low memory address
- **Stack pointer** always points at the **top of stack**
 - contains the starting address of the top element
- New items are **pushed** (*added*) onto the **top of the stack** by **subtracting from the stack pointer the size of the element** and then writing the element

push (sp - element size) & write

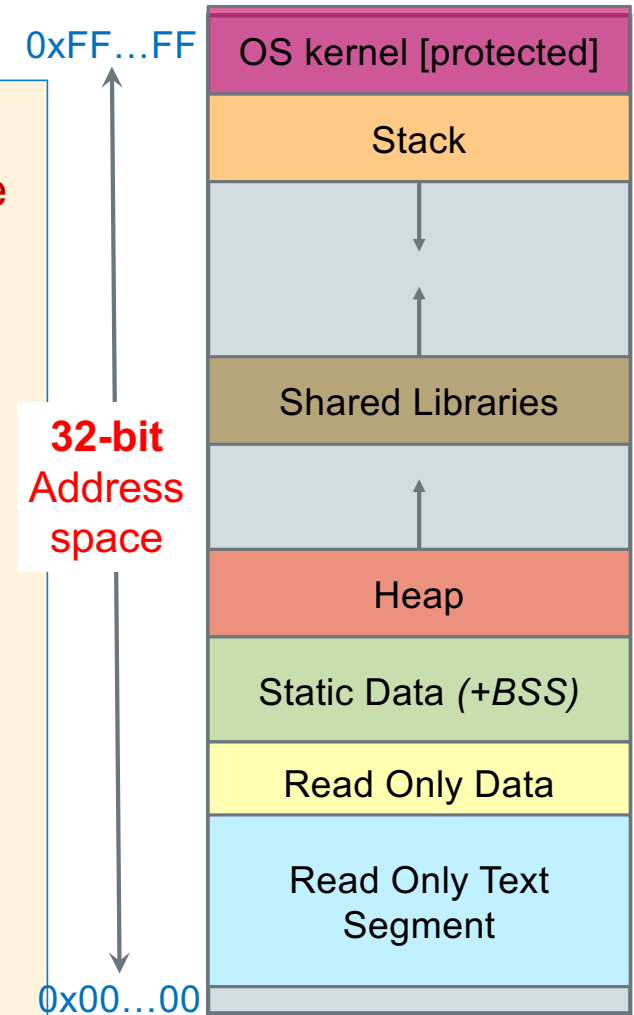
- Existing items are **popped** (*removed*) from the top of the stack by **adding to the stack pointer the size of the element** (leaving the **old contents unchanged**)

pop (sp + element size)



Stack Segment: Support of Functions

- The stack consists of a series of "*stack frames*" or "*activation frames*", one is **created** each time a function is called at runtime
- Each frame represents a function that is currently being executed and has not yet completed (why activation frame)
- A function's stack "frame" goes away when the function returns
- Specifically, a new stack frame is
 - allocated (**pushed** on the stack) for each function call (**contents are not implicitly zeroed**)
 - deallocated (**popped** from the stack) on function return
- **Stack frame** contains:
 - Local variables, parameters of function called
 - Where to return to which caller when the function completes (the return address)

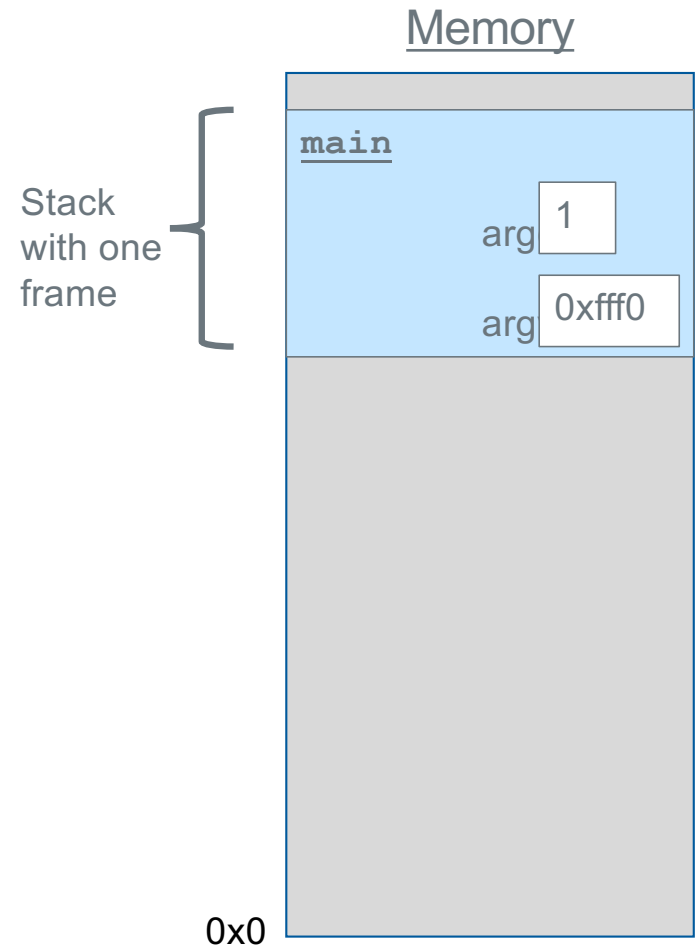


The Stack

```
void func2() {  
    int d = 0;  
}
```

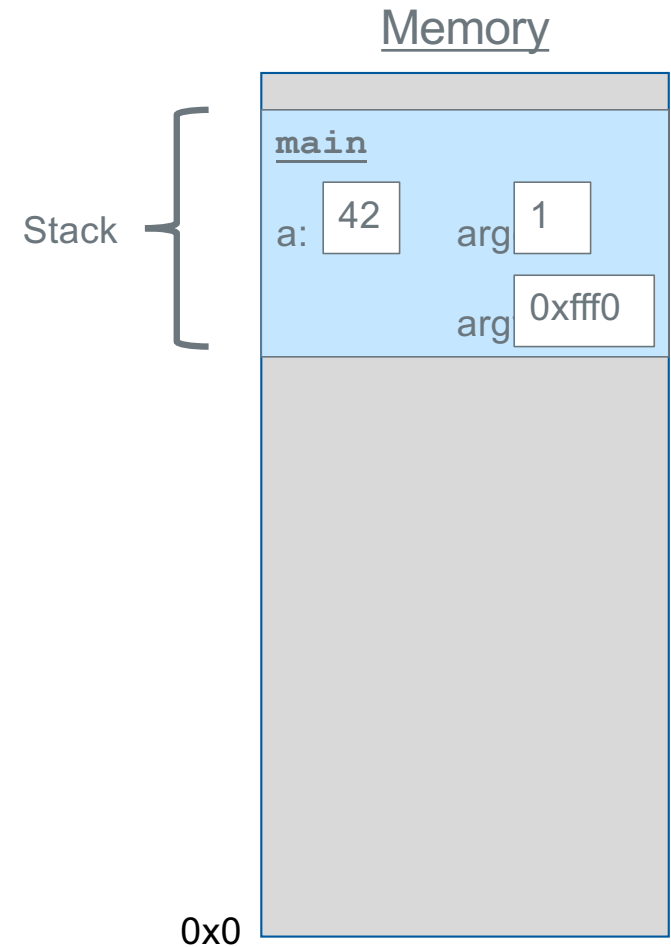
```
void func1() {  
    int c = 99;  
    func2();  
}
```

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {  
    int a = 42;  
    int b = 17;  
    func1();  
    printf("Done.");  
    return 0;  
}
```



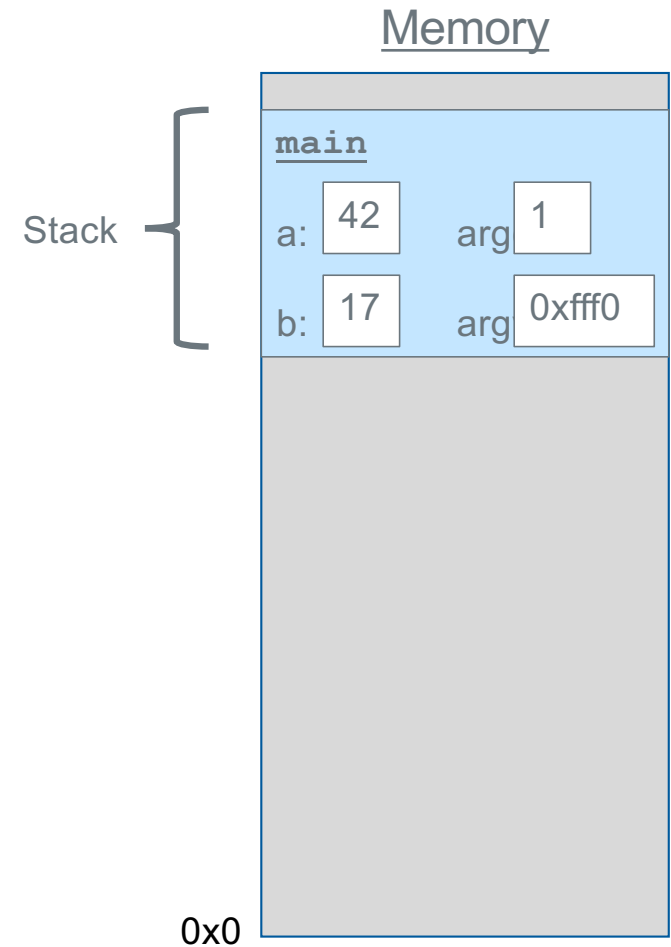
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}  
  
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}  
  
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    int a = 42;  
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    func1();  
    printf("Done.");  
    return 0;  
}
```



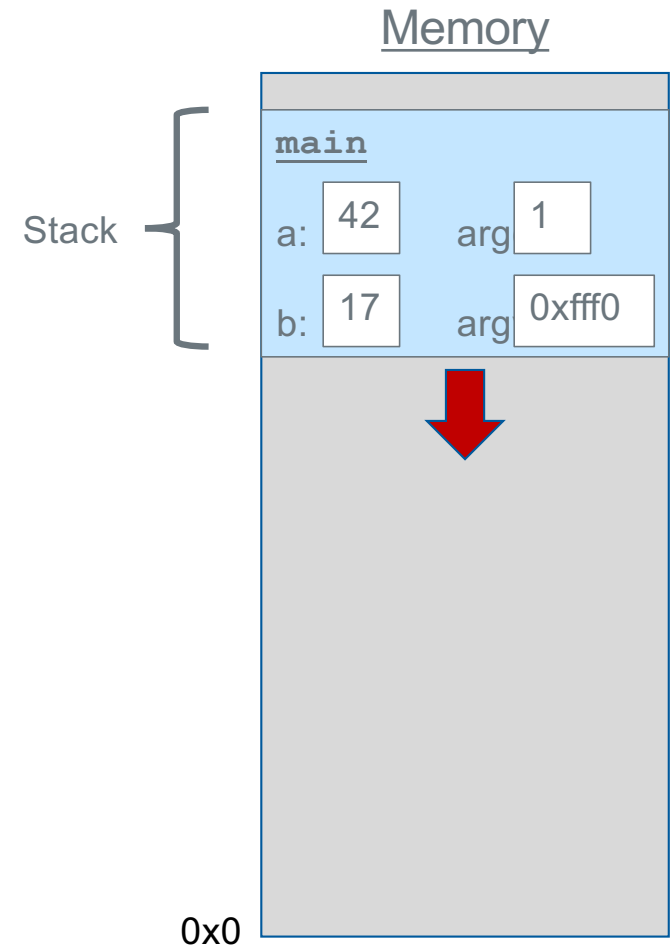
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    func1();  
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}
```



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}  
  
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {  
    int a = 42;  
    int b = 17;  
    func1();  
    printf("Done.");  
    return 0;  
}
```

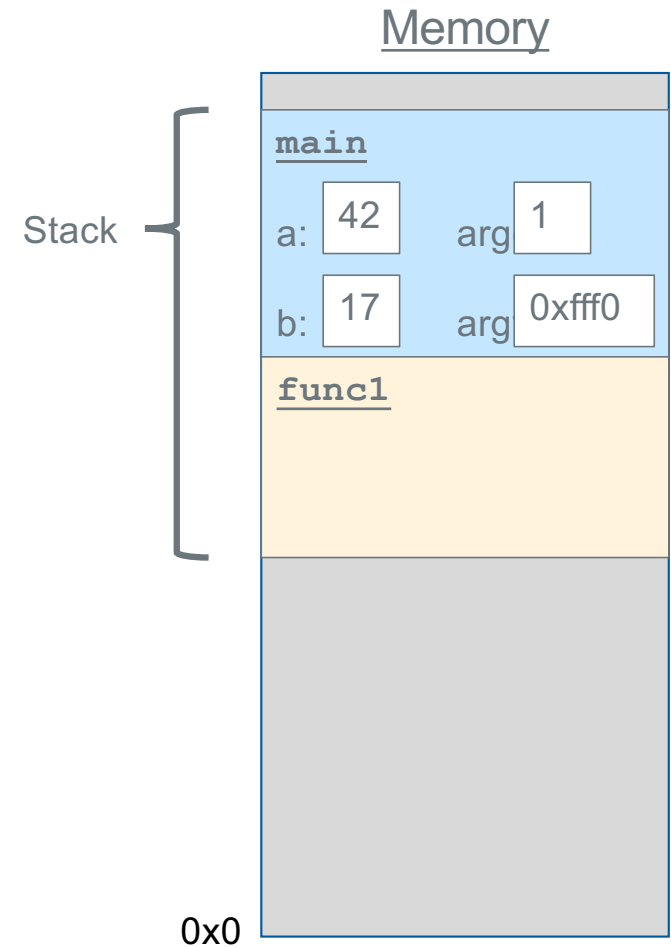


The Stack

```
void func2() {  
    int d = 0;  
}
```

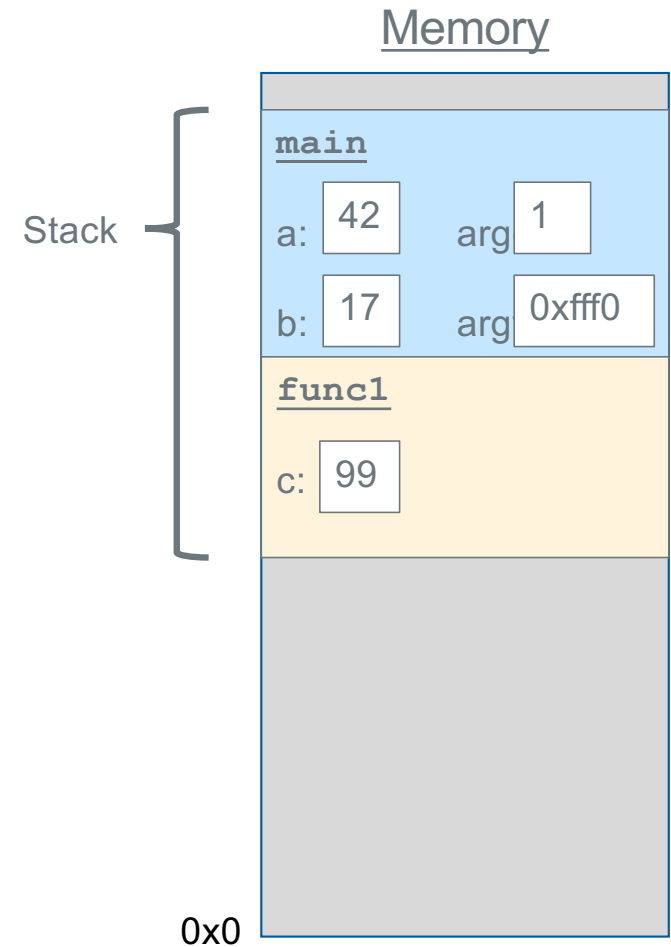
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}
```

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    printf("Done.");  
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}
```



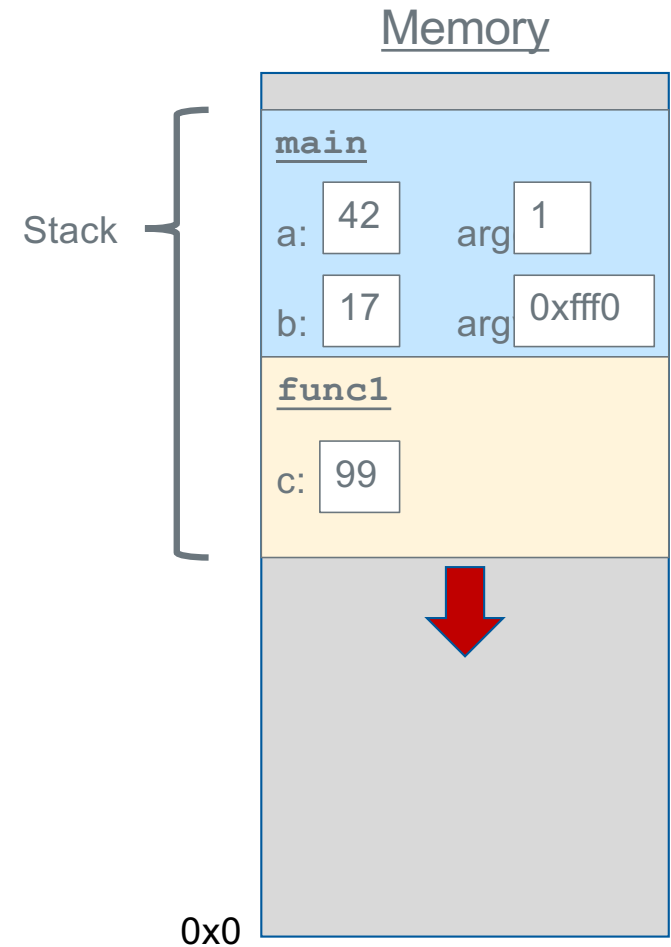
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    return 0;  
}
```



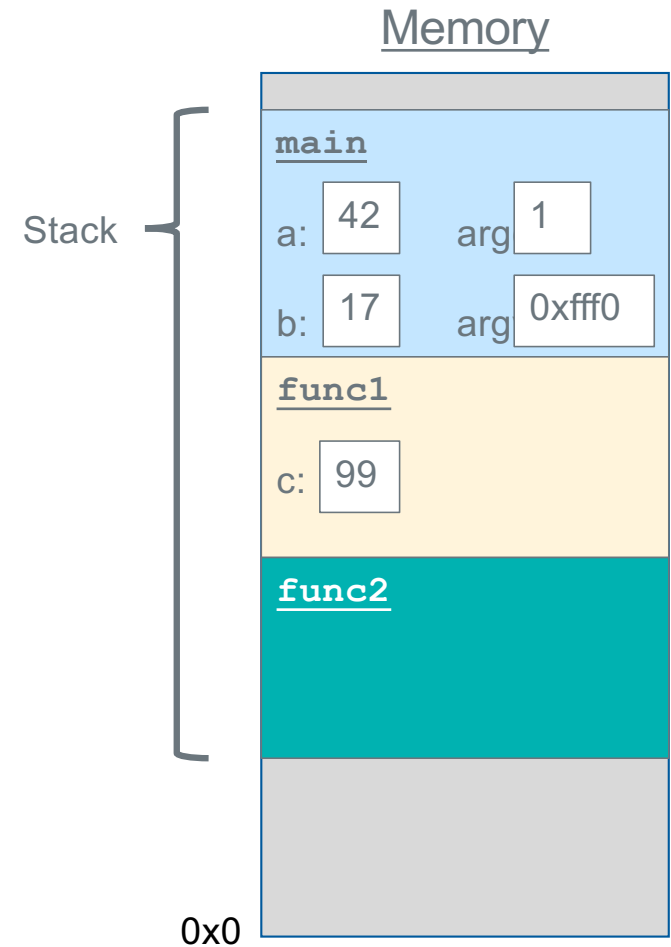
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    int c = 99;  
    func2();  
}  
  
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {  
    int a = 42;  
    int b = 17;  
    func1();  
    printf("Done.");  
    return 0;  
}
```



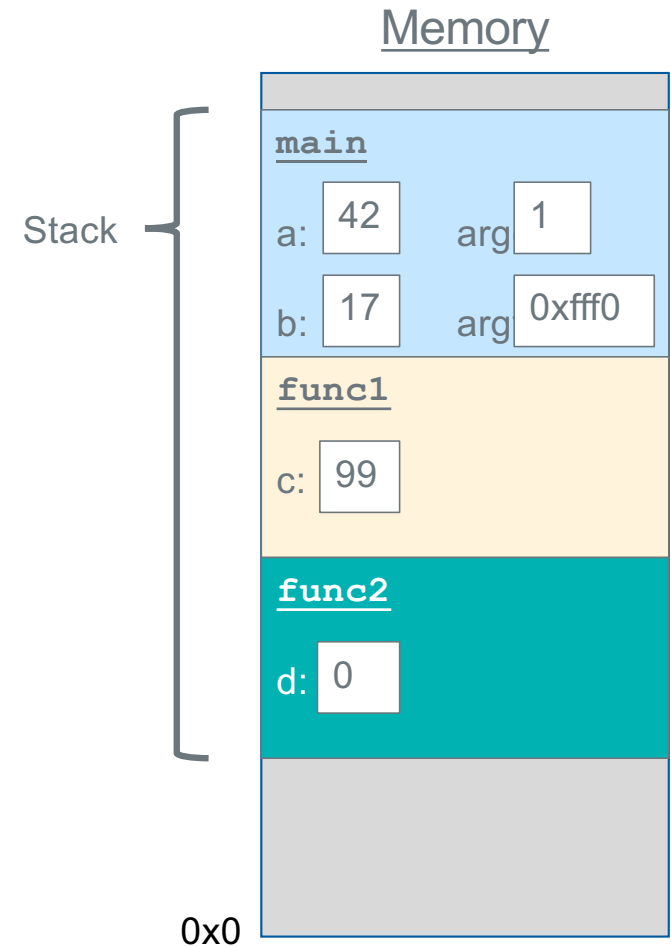
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}  
  
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```



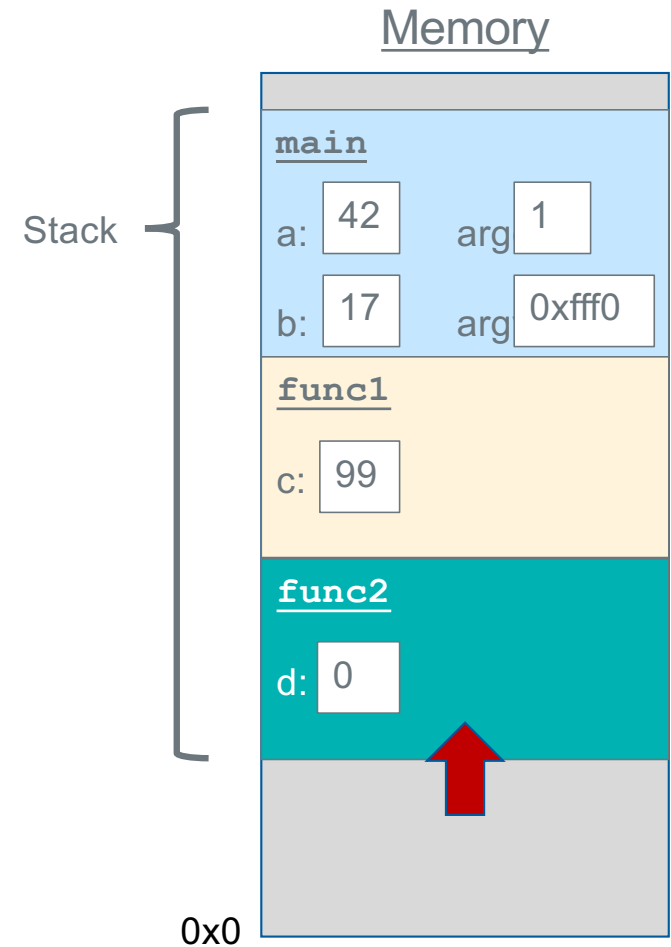
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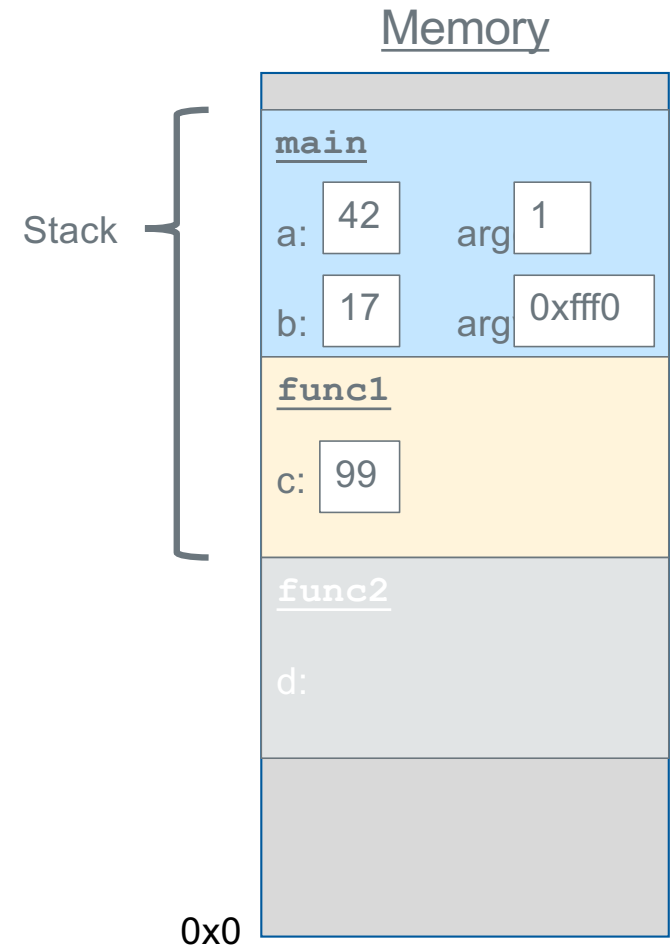
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}
```



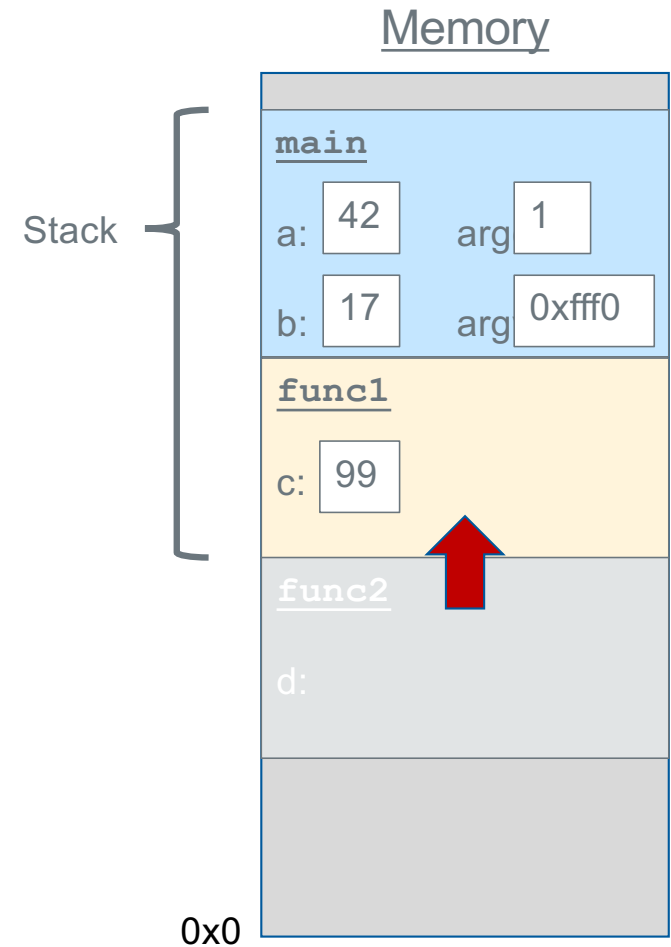
The Stack

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    int d = 0;  
}  
  
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    func2();  
}  
  
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {  
    int a = 42;  
    int b = 17;  
    func1();  
    printf("Done.");  
    return 0;  
}
```



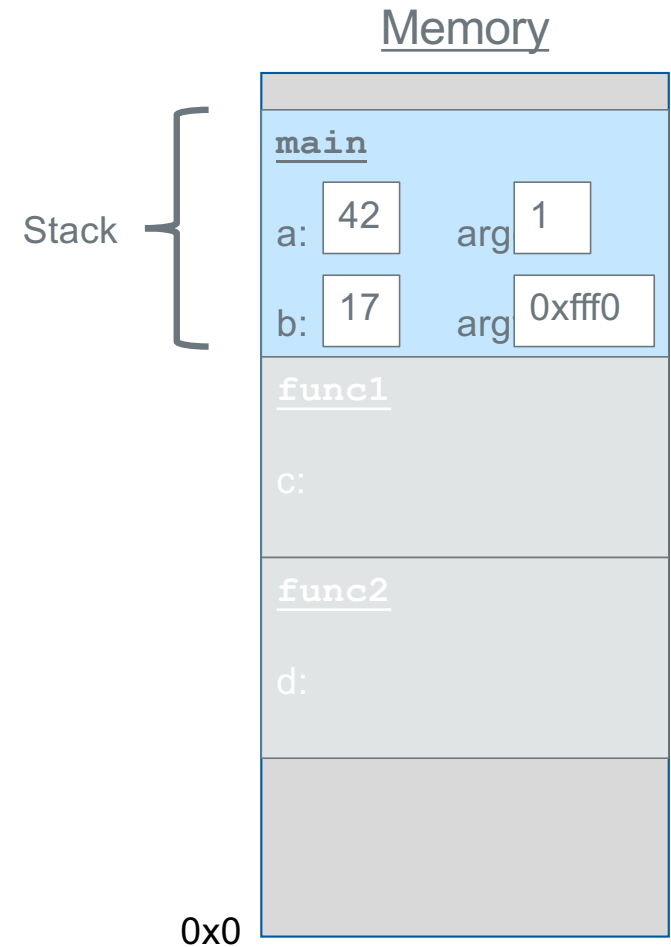
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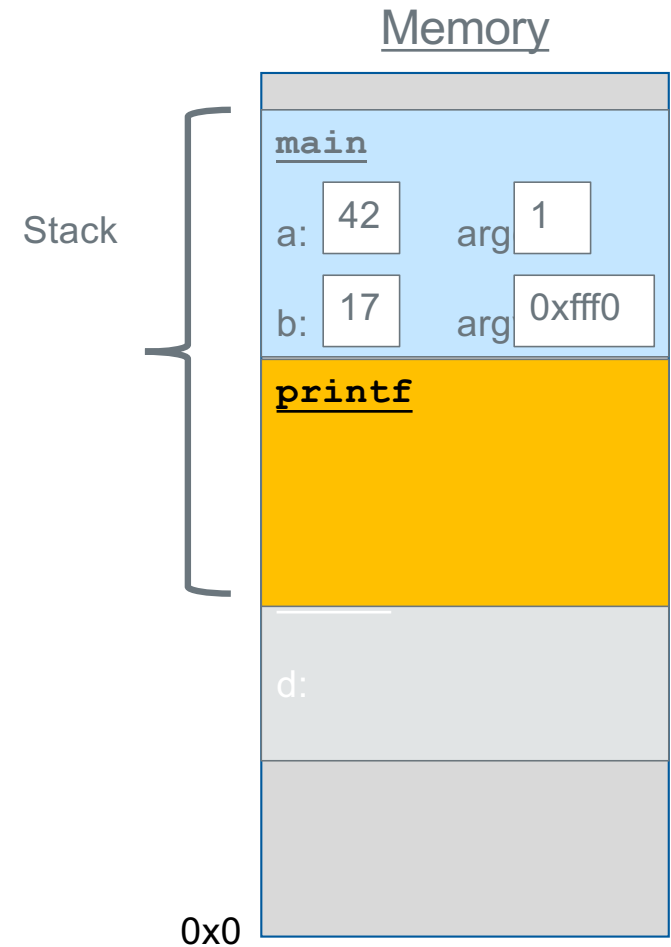
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```



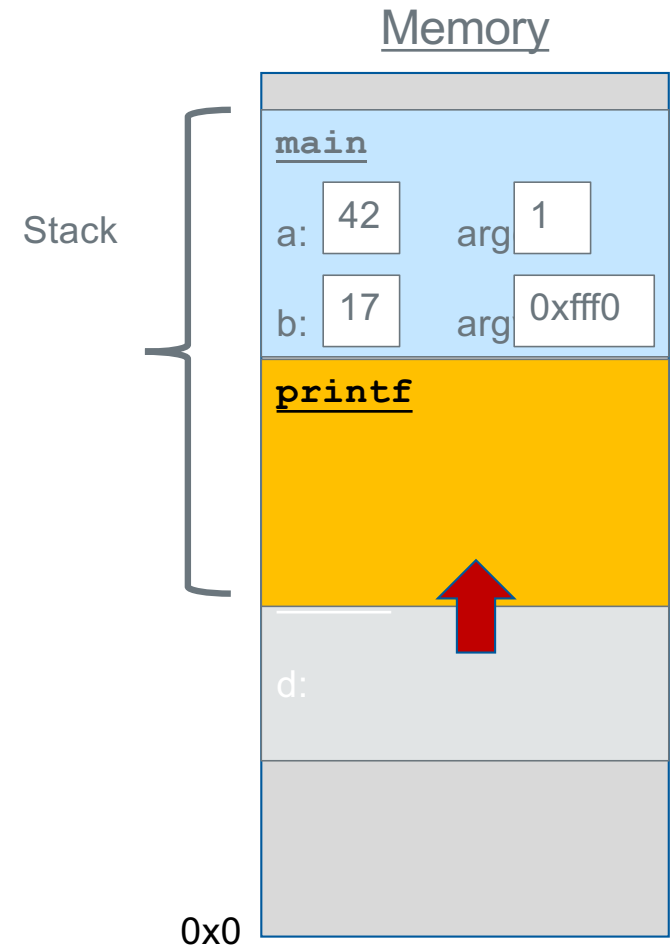
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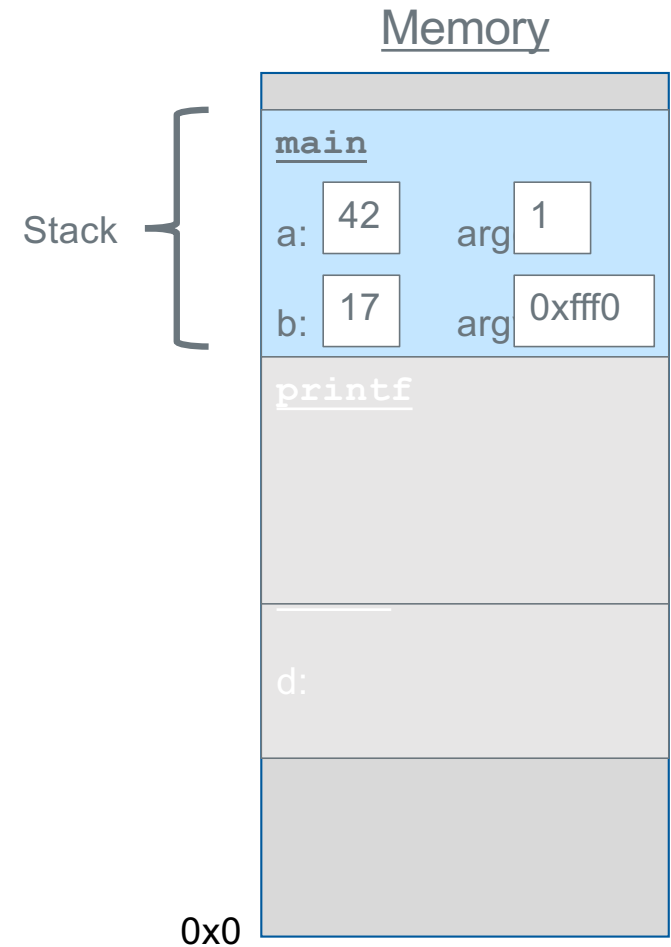
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```



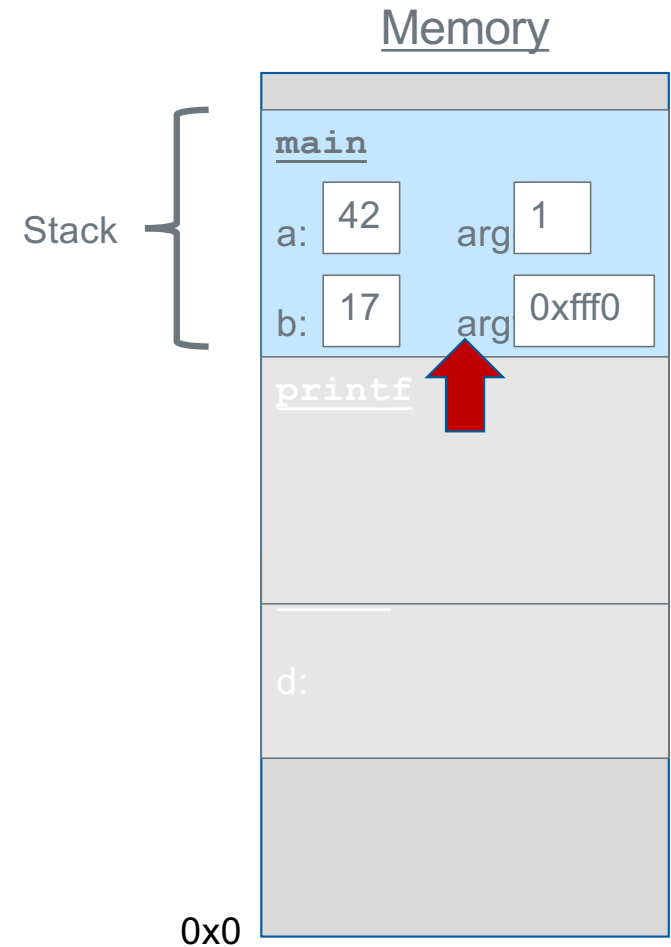
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}
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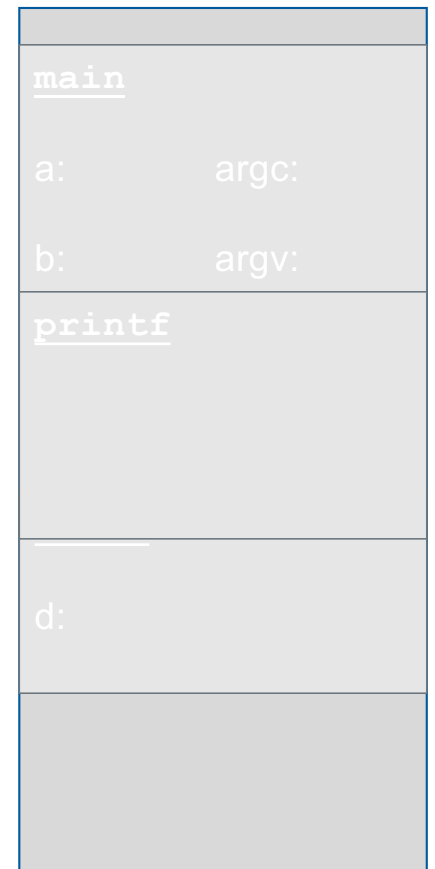
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Memory

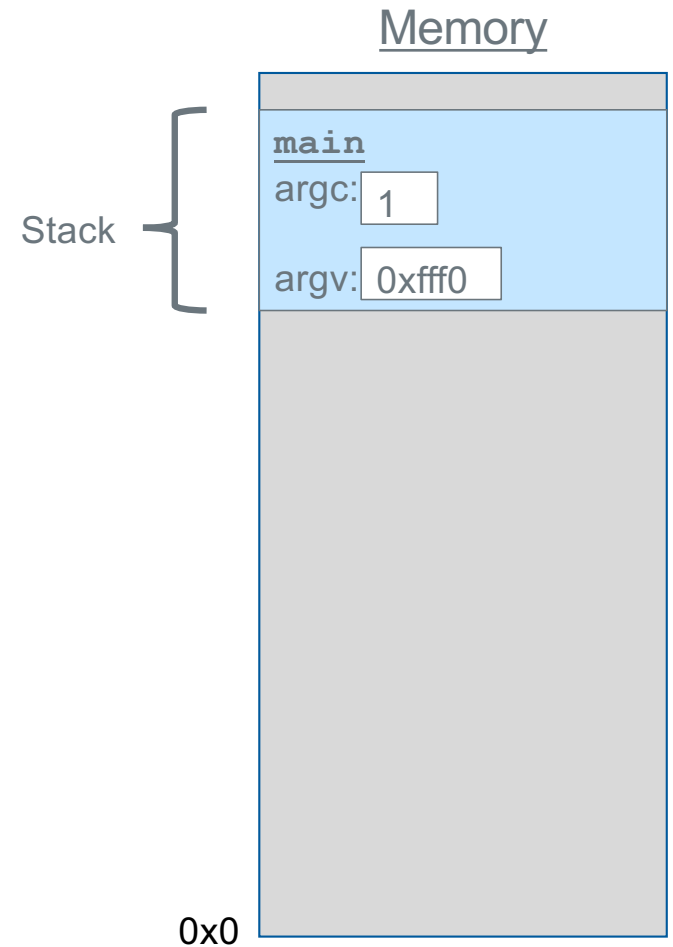


The Stack - Recursion

Each function **call** has its own *stack frame* for its own copy of variables

```
int factorial(int n) {  
    if (n == 1) {  
        return 1;  
    } else {  
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    }  
}
```

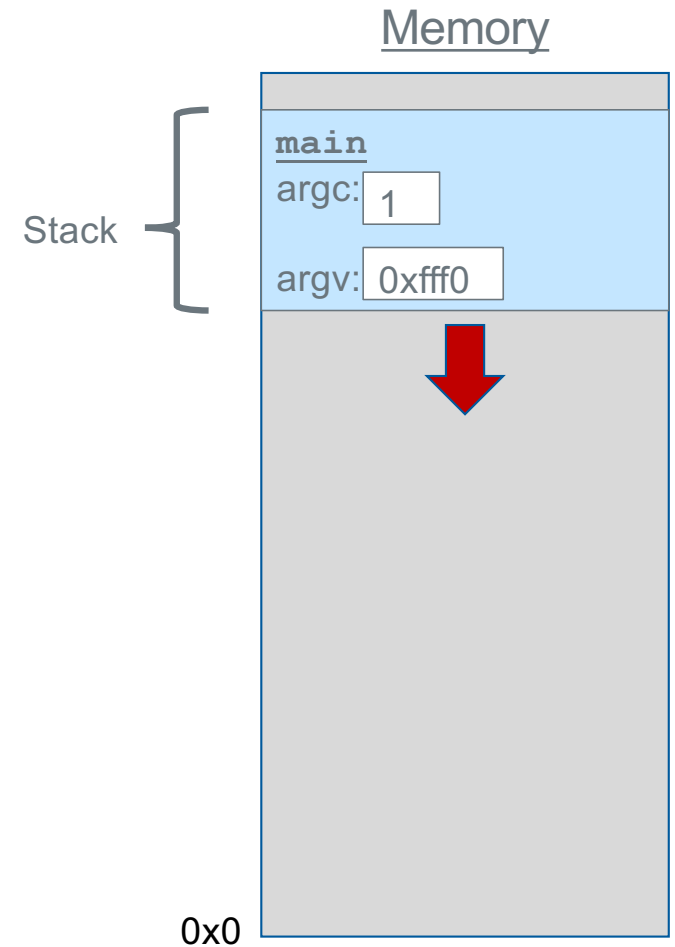
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    printf("%d", factorial(4));  
    return 0;  
}
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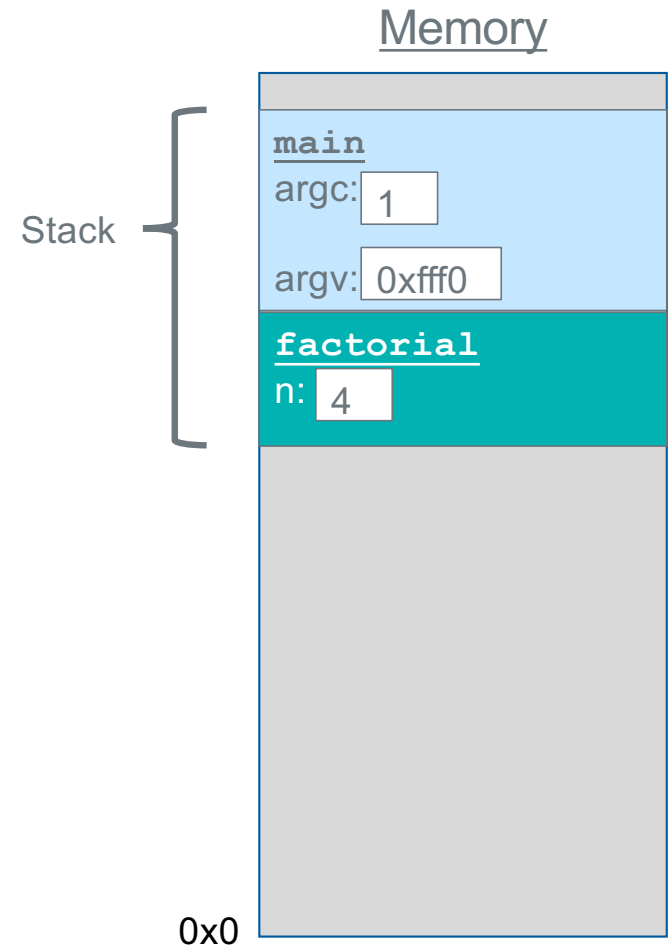
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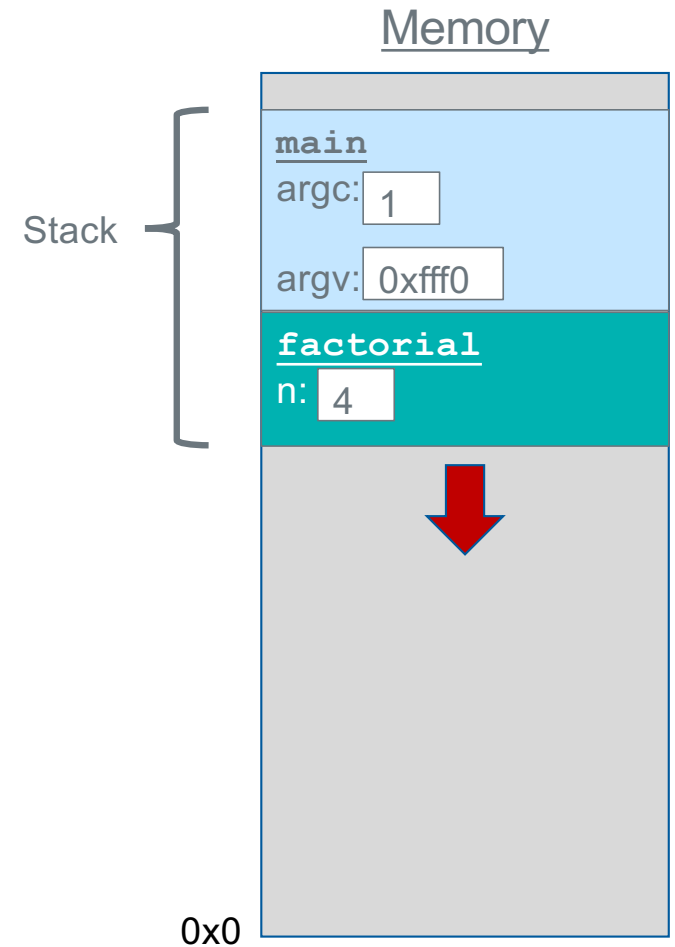
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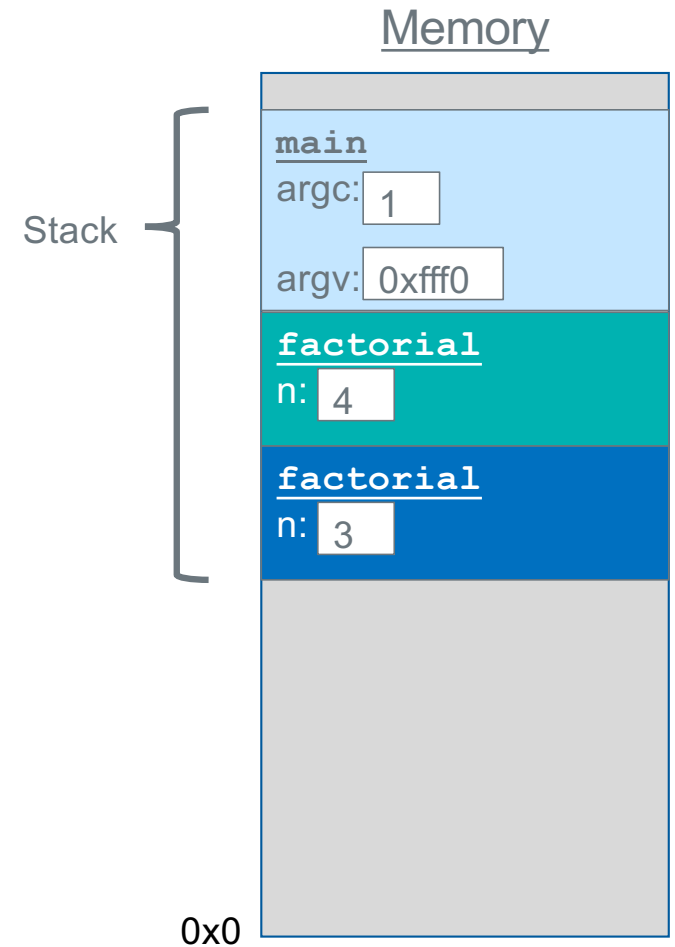
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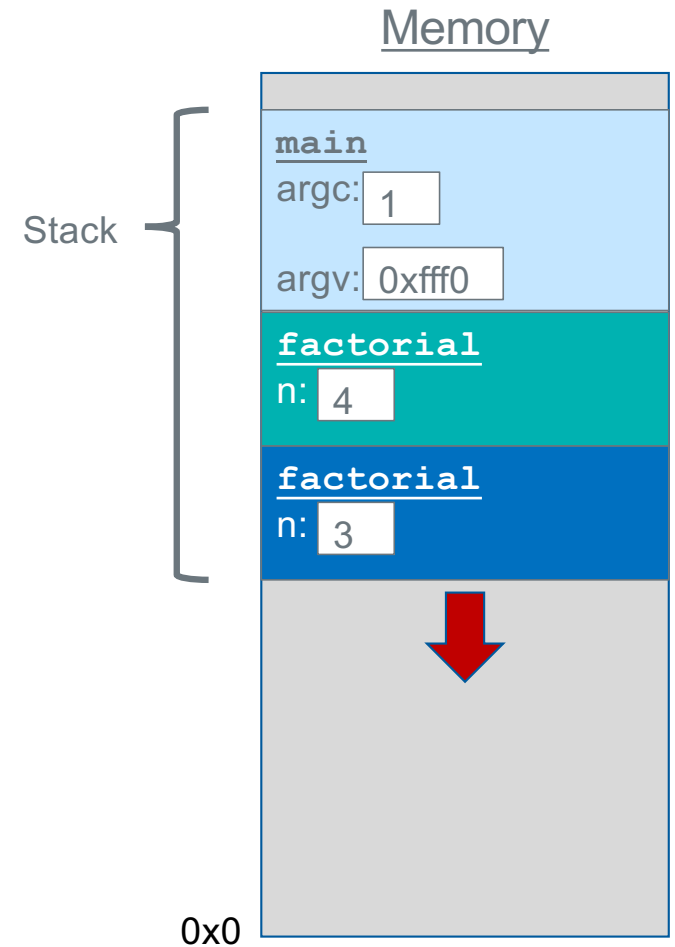
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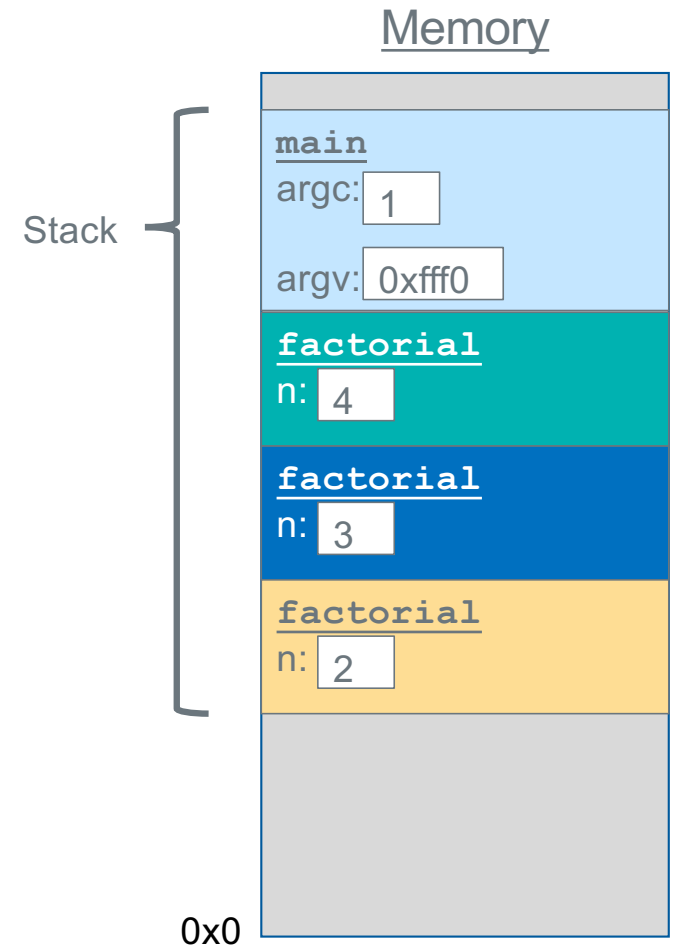
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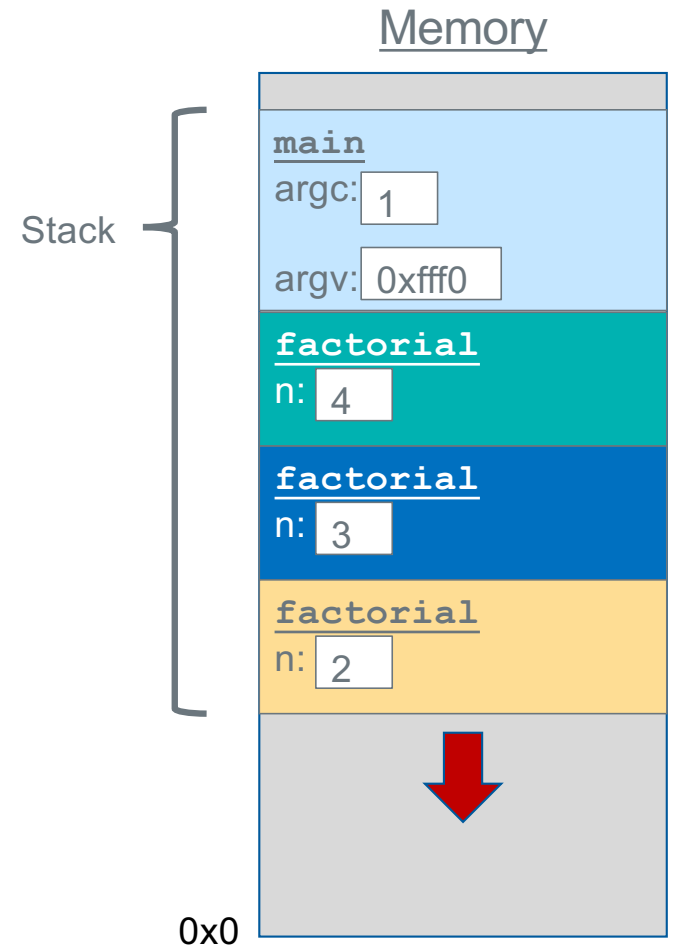
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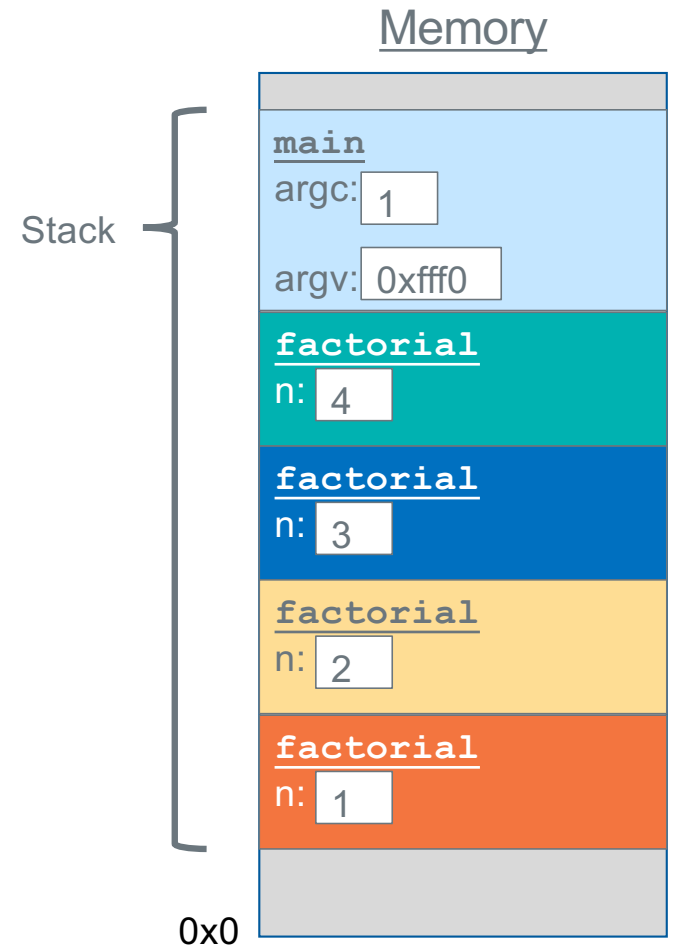
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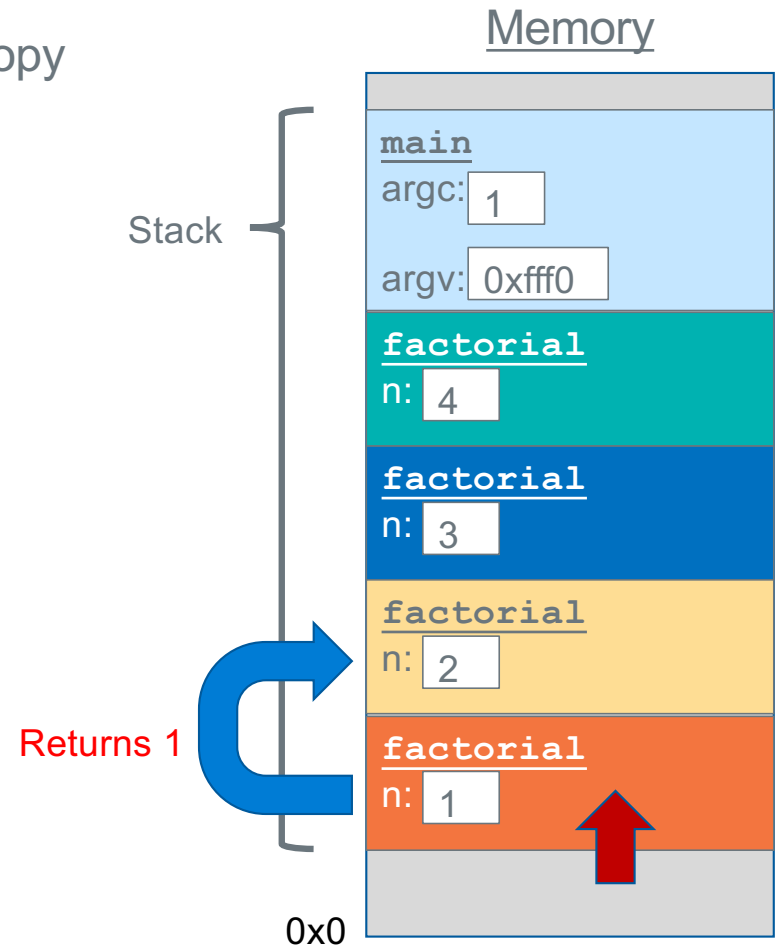
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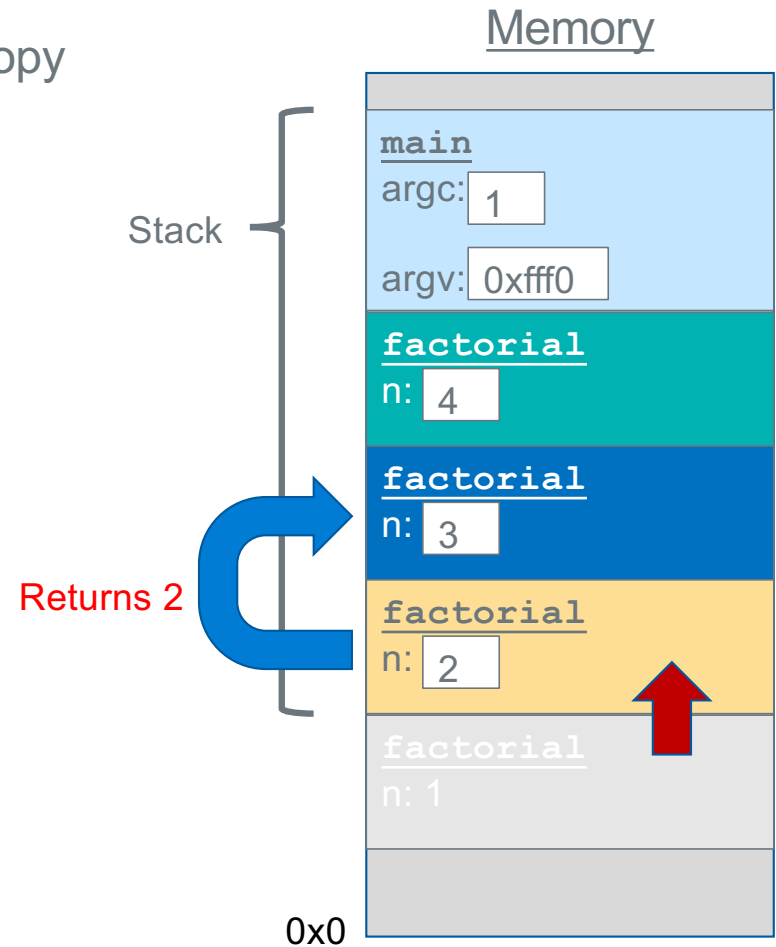
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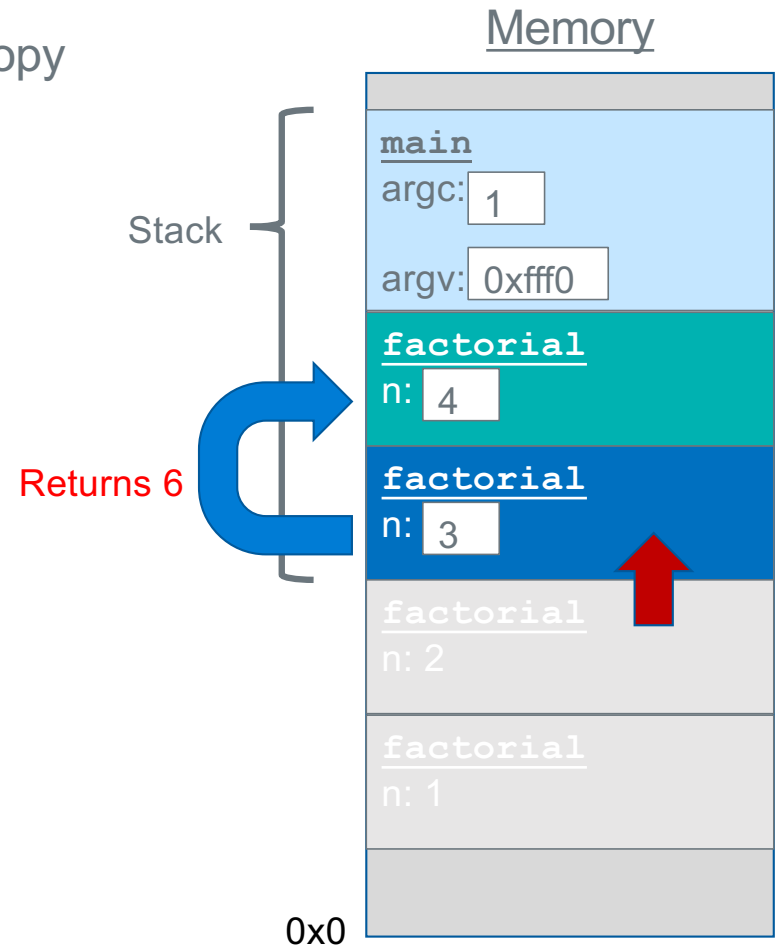
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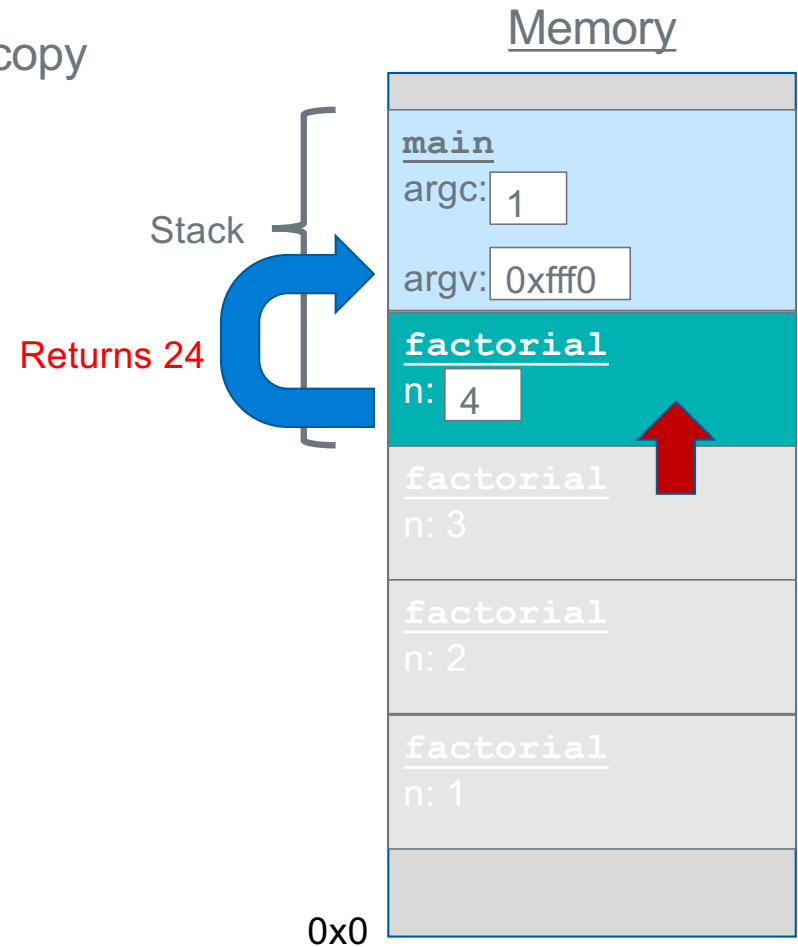
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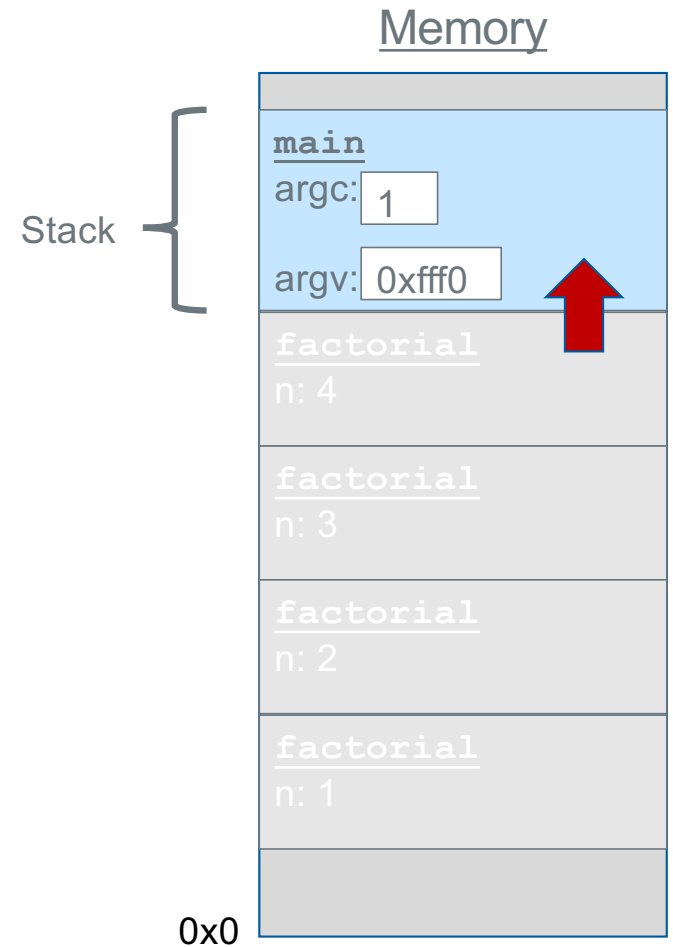
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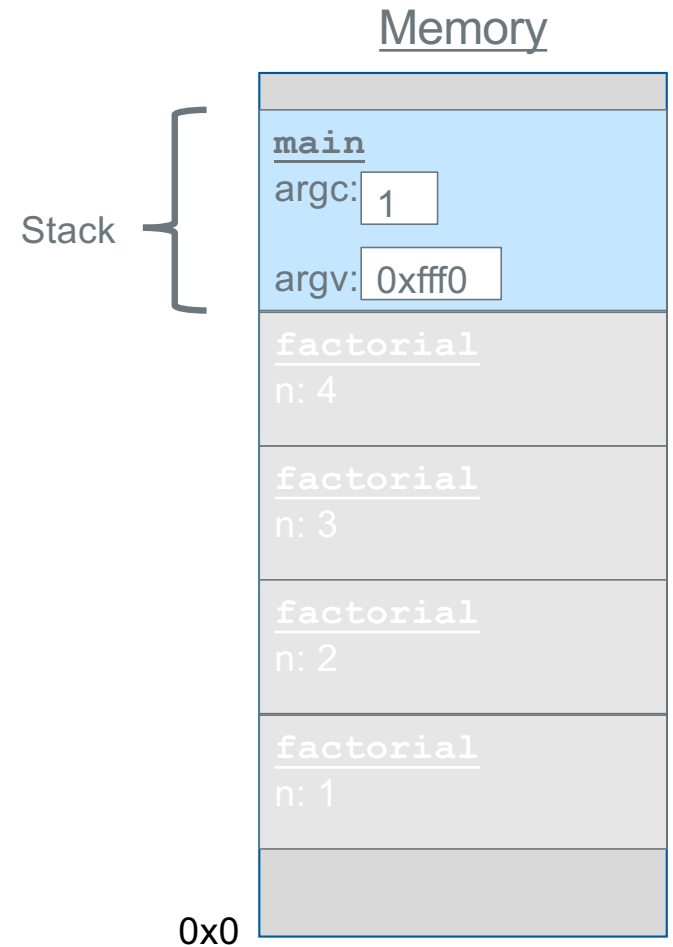
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    return 0;  
}
```



Ghost of Stack Frames Past.....

same stack frame
variable layout

```
% ./a.out
before ghost: 0 66328
after ghost: 30 300
wraith: 30 300
%
```

See how wraith has the
old values left over
from the prior call to
ghost

```
void ghost(int n)
{
    int x;
    int y;

    printf("before ghost: %d %d\n", x, y);
    x = 10*n;
    y = 100*n;
    printf("after ghost: %d %d\n", x, y);
    return;
}

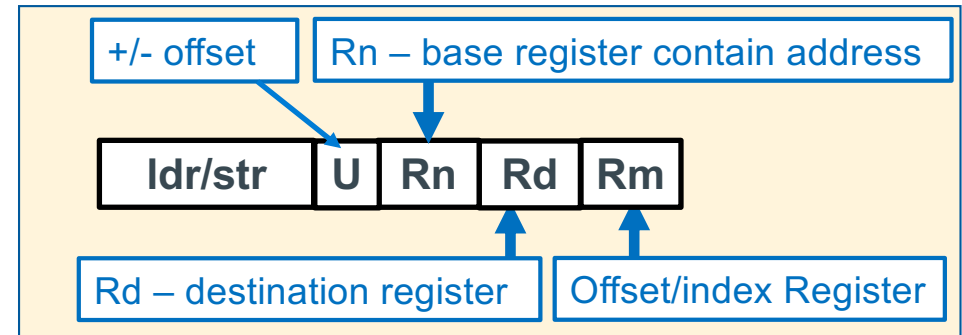
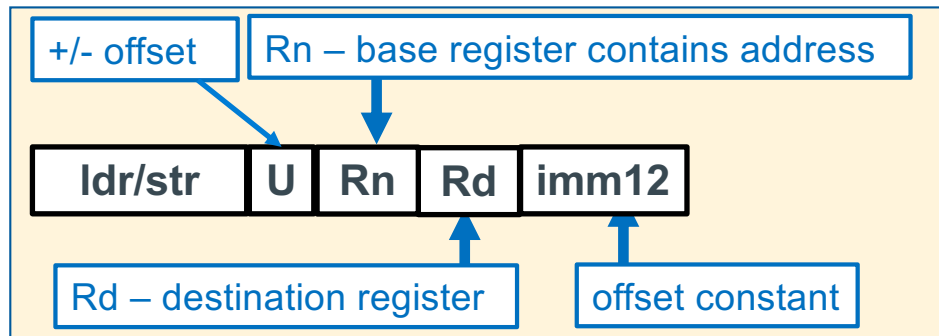
void wraith (void)
{
    int x;
    int y;

    printf("wraith: %d %d\n", x, y);
    return;
}

int main(void)
{
    ghost(3);
    wraith();
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

Extra Slides

Reference: LDR/STR – Register To/From Memory Copy



```
ldr/str Rd, [Rn, +/- imm12] // base register pointer + offset  imm12 in bytes
                             -4095 <= imm12 <= 4095 (bytes)
ldr/str Rd, [Rn]             // base register pointer + 0 (imm12 is 0)
ldr/str Rd, [Rn, +/- Rm]     // base register pointer +/- offset register
```

```
ldr      r1, =var_x           // r1 = &var_x
str      r1, =mylabel+4       // *(mylabel+4) = r1
ldr      r1, =0x246abcd       // load an immediate into r1
ldr      r1, [r3]             // y = *r3 (4 bytes)
str      r1, [r0]             // *r0 = r1
ldr      r1, [r3, -4]         // y = *(r3 - 4) (4 bytes)
str      r1, [r0, r2]         // *(r0 + r2) = r1
```

Data Segment Variable Alignment

```
.data
ch:    .byte 'A','B','C','D','E'
str:    .string "HIT"
ary:    .hword 0, 1
a:      .byte 'A'
b:      .byte 'B'
xx:     .word 2
```

```
% gcc -c -Wa,-ahlns all.S
1          .data
2 0000 41424344 ch:    .byte 'A','B','C','D','E'
2         45
3 0005 48495400 str:    .string "HIT"
4 0009 00000100 ary:    .hword 0, 1
5 000d 41      a:      .byte 'A'
6 000e 42      b:      .byte 'B'
8 000f 02000000 xx:     .word 2
```

address contents

- Output on the right side is generated by:
- `%gcc -c -Wa,-ahlns all.S`

```
.data
xx:     .word 2
ch:     .byte 'A','B','C','D','E'
        .align 2
str:    .string "HI"
        .align 1
ary:    .hword 0, 1
a:      .byte 'A'
b:      .byte 'B'
```

```
gcc -c -Wa,-ahlns all.S
1          .data
2 0000 02000000 xx:     .word 2
3 0004 41424344 ch:     .byte 'A','B','C','D','E'
3         45
4 0009 00000000        .align 2
5 000c 484900    str:    .string "HI"
6 000f 00        .align 1
7 0010 00000100 ary:    .hword 0, 1
8 0014 41      a:      .byte 'A'
9 0015 42      b:      .byte 'B'
```

Literal Table (Array) each entry is a pointer to a different Label

- Assembler automatically inserts into the text segment an array (table) of pointers
- Each entry contains a 32-bit address of one of the labels
- Uses r15 (PC) as base register to load the entry into a reg

$\text{displacement (bytes)} - 8$

The assembler creates this table before generating the .o file

```
.bss
y: .space 4
.data
x: .word 200
.section .rodata
.Lmsg: .string "Hello World"
.text
main:
(address)ldr r0, [PC, displacement] // replaces: ldr r0, =y
    <last line of your assembly, typically a function return>
.word y // entry #1 32-bit address for y
.word x // entry #2 32-bit address for x
.word .Lmsg // entry #3 32-bit address for .Lmsg
```

Literal Table (Array) each entry is a pointer to a different Label

The displacement is different for each use. As the PC is different at each instruction

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.bss
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.data
x: .word 200
.section .rodata
.Lmsg: .string "Hello World"
.text
main:
(address)ldr r0, [PC, displacement1] // replaces: ldr r0, =y
(address)ldr r0, [PC, displacement2] // replaces: ldr r0, =y
<last line of your assembly, typically a function return>
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.word x // entry #2 32-bit address for x
.word .Lmsg // entry #3 32-bit address for .Lmsg
```

displacement1 - 8

displacement2 - 8

ARM Assembly Source File: Header

File Header

At the top of every
ARM source file

```
.arch    armv6           // armv6 architecture
.arm     // arm 32-bit instruction set
.fpu     vfp             // floating point co-processor
.syntax  unified         // modern syntax
```

```
// Contents of the other memory segment include .text (your code)
```

.arch <architecture>

- Specifies the target architecture to generate machine code
- Typically specify oldest ARM arch you want the code to run on – most arm CPUs are backwards compatible

.arm

- Use the 32-bit ARM instructions, There is an alternative 16-bit instruction set called thumb that we will not be using

.fpu <version>

- Specify which floating point co-processor instructions to use (OPTIONAL we will not be using floating point)

ARM Assembly Source File: Header and Footer

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```

```
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```

File Footer

At the bottom of every ARM source file

```
.section .note.GNU-stack,"",%progbits // set stack/data non-exec
.end

// everything past the .end is ignored!
// Debugging notes etc
```

`.syntax unified`

- use the standard ARM assembly language syntax called *Unified Assembler Language (UAL)*

`.section .note.GNU-stack,"",%progbits`

- tells the linker to **make the stack and all data segments not-executable** (no instructions in those sections) – security measure

`.end`

- at the end of the source file, everything written after the `.end` is ignored

Function Header and Footer Assembler Directives

function entry point
address of the first
instruction in the function
Must not be a local label
(does not start with .L)

```
        .text
Function Header {
    .global myfunc           // make myfunc global for linking
    .type    myfunc, %function // define myfunc to be a function
    .equ     FP_OFF, 4       // fp offset in main stack frame
myfunc:
    // function prologue, stack frame setup
    // your code
    // function epilogue, stack frame teardown
Function Footer {
    .size myfunc, (. - myfunc)
```

.global function_name

- Exports the function name to other files. Required for main function, optional for others

.type name, %function

- The **.type** directive sets the **type of a symbol/label name**
- %function** specifies that **name** is a function (name is the address of the first instruction)

equ FP_OFF, 4

- Used for basic stack frame setup; the number 4 will change – later slides

.size name, bytes

- The **.size** directive is used to **set the size associated with a symbol**
- Used by the linker to exclude unneeded code and/or data when creating an executable file
- It is also used by the **debugger** gdb
- bytes is best calculated as an expression: (period is the current address in a memory segment)**

In CSE30 required use: .size name, (. - name)

Reference For PA8/9: C Stream Functions Opening Files

```
FILE *fopen(char filename[], const char mode[]);
```

- Opens a stream to the specified file in specified file access mode
 - returns NULL on failure – **always check the return value; make sure the open succeeded!**
- Mode is a string that describes the actions that can be performed on the stream:

"r" Open for reading.

The stream is positioned at the beginning of the file. Fail if the file does not exist.

"w" Open for writing.

The stream is positioned at the beginning of the file. Create the file if it does not exist.

"a" Open for writing.

The stream is positioned at the end of the file. Create the file if it does not exist.

Subsequent writes to the file will always be at current end of file.

- An optional "+" following "r", "w", or "a" opens the file for both reading and writing

Reference: C Stream Functions Closing Files and Usage

```
int fclose(FILE *stream) ;
```

- Closes the specified stream, forcing output to complete (eventually)
 - returns EOF on failure (often ignored as no easy recovery other than a message)
- Usage template for **fopen()** and **fclose()**
 1. Open a file with **fopen()** **always** checking the return value
 2. do i/o – keep calling stdio io routines
 3. close the file with **fclose()** when done with that I/O stream

C Stream Functions Array/block read/write

- These do not process contents they simply **transfer** a fixed number of bytes to and from a buffer passed to them
- `size_t fwrite(void *ptr, size_t size, size_t count, FILE *stream);`
 - Writes an array of *count elements* of *size* bytes from *stream*
 - *Updates the write file pointer forward by the number of bytes written*
 - returns number of elements written
 - error is short element count or 0
- `size_t fread(void *ptr, size_t size, size_t count, FILE *stream);`
 - Reads an array of *count elements* of *size* bytes from *stream*
 - *Updates the read file pointer forward by the number of bytes read*
 - returns number of elements read, **EOF is a return of 0**
 - error is short element count or 0
- **I almost always set size to 1 to return bytes read/written**

C fread/fwrite Example - 1

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <errno.h>
#define BFSZ      8192 /* size of read */
int main(void)
{
    char fbuf[BFSZ];
    FILE *fin, *fout;
    size_t readlen;
    size_t bytes_copied = 0;
    retval = EXIT_SUCCESS;
    if (argc != 3){
        fprintf(stderr, "%s requires two args\n", argv[0]);
        return EXIT_FAILURE;
    }
    /* Open the input file for read */
    if ((fin = fopen(argv[1], "r")) == NULL) {
        fprintf(stderr, "fopen for read failed\n");
        return EXIT_FAILURE;
    }
    /* Open the output file for write */
    if ((fout = fopen(argv[2], "w") == NULL) {
        fprintf(stderr, "fopen for write failed\n");
        fclose(fin);
        return EXIT_FAILURE;
    }
}
```

To handle
bytes moved

```
% ls -ls ZZZ
ls: ZZZ: No such file or directory
% ./a.out cp.c ZZZ
bytes copied: 1122
% ls -ls cp.c ZZZ
8 -rw-r--r--  1 kmuller  staff  1122 Jul  2 08:51 ZZZ
8 -rw-r--r--  1 kmuller  staff  1122 Jul  2 08:49 cp.c
```

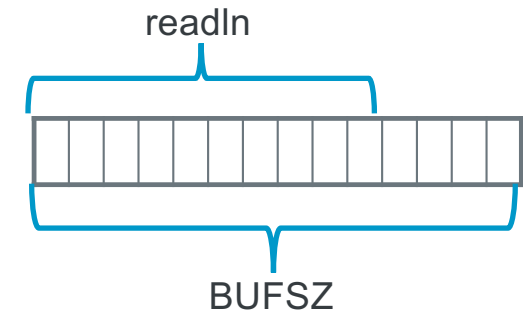
C fread/fwrite Example - 2

```
/* Read from the file, write to fout */  
  
while ((readlen = fread(fbuf, 1, BUFSIZ, fin)) > 0) {  
    if (fwrite(fbuf, 1, readlen, fout) != readlen) {  
        fprintf(stderr, "write failed\n");  
        retval = EXIT_FAILURE;  
        break;  
    }  
    bytes_copied += readlen; //running sum bytes copied  
}  
  
if (retval == EXIT_FAILURE)  
    printf("Failure Copy did not complete only ");  
printf("Bytes copied: %zu\n", bytes_copied);  
  
fclose(fin);  
fclose(fout);  
  
return retval;  
}
```

By using an element size of 1 with a char buffer, this is byte I/O

Capture the bytes read so you know how many bytes to write

unless file length is an exact multiple of BUFSIZ, the last fread() will always be less than BUFSIZ which is why you write readlen




Jargon: the last record is often called the "runt"

putchar/getchar Setting up and Usage

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int
main(void)
{
    int c;
    int count = 0;

    while ((c = getchar()) != EOF) {
        putchar(c);
        count++;
    }
    printf("Echo count: %d\n", count);
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```



```
.extern getchar
.extern putchar
.section .rodata
.Lfstr: .string "Echo count: %d\n"
.text
.equ    EOF,          -1
.type   main, %function
.global main
.equ    FP_OFF,       12
.equ    EXIT_SUCCESS, 0
main:   push    {r4, r5, fp, lr}
        add     fp, sp, FP_OFF
        mov     r4, 0    //r4 = count

/* while loop code will go here */
.Ldone:
        mov     r1, r4 // count
        ldr     r0, =.Lfstr
        bl      printf
        mov     r0, EXIT_SUCCESS
        sub     sp, fp, FP_OFF
        pop     {r4, r5, fp, lr}
        bx      lr
        .size   main, (. - main)
```

Putchar/getchar: The while loop

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int
main(void)
{
    int c;
    int count = 0;

    while ((c = getchar()) != EOF) {
        putchar(c);
        count++;
    }
    printf("Echo count: %d\n", count);
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

initialize count

pre loop test with a call to getchar()
if it returns EOF in r0 we are done

echo the character read with getchar and
then read another and increment count

did getchar() return EOF if not loop

saw EOF, print count

```
mov    r4, 0    //count
bl     getchar
cmp    r0, EOF
beq    .Ldone

.Lloop:
bl     putchar
bl     getchar
add    r4, r4, 1
cmp    r0, EOF
bne    .Lloop

.Ldone:
mov    r1, r4
ldr    r0, =pfstr
bl     printf
```

File header and footers are not shown

printing error messages in assembly

```
.Lmsg0: .string "Read failed\n"
    ldr    r0, =.Lmsg0           // read failed print error
    bl     errmsg
```

```
    // int errmsg(char *errmsg)
    // writes error messages to stderr
.type    errmsg, %function      // define to be a function
.equ     FP_OFF, 4              // fp offset in stack frame
errmsg:
    push   {fp, lr}             // stack frame register save
    add    fp, sp, FP_OFF       // set the frame pointer

    mov     r1, r0
    ldr     r0, =stderr
    ldr     r0, [r0]
    bl      fprintf
    mov     r0, EXIT_FAILURE    // Set return value
    sub     sp, fp, FP_OFF      // restore stack frame top
    pop     {fp, lr}           // remove frame and restore
    bx      lr                 // return to caller
    // function footer
.size     errmsg, (. - errmsg) // set size for function
```