

Consider a following C function

1) 2 formal parameters.

2) 3 local variables.

```
void my_function(int n1, int n2)
```

```
{
```

```
    int i, j, k
```

```


Body


```

```
}
```

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Call to my\_function.

my\_function(100, 200);

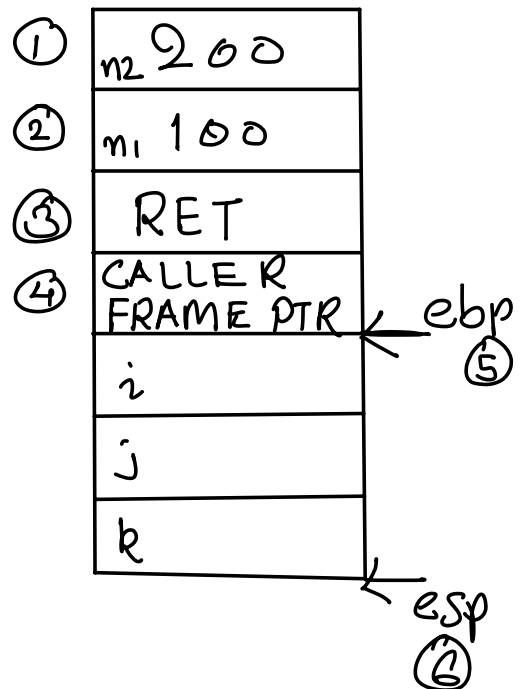
Assembly translation

① pushl \$200

② pushl \$100

③ call my\_function.

addl \$8, %esp



my\_function:

④ pushl %ebp

⑤ movl %esp, %ebp

⑥ subl \$12, %esp

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• globl my\_function

• type my\_function, @function

my\_function:

pushl %ebp

movl %esp, %ebp

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subl \$4n, %esp

# Body

movl %ebp, %esp

popl %ebp

ret



Function with 1 local variable:

# BODY OF SUCH FUNCTION

.globl fun\_name

.type fun\_name, @function

fun\_name:

    pushl %ebp

    movl %esp, %ebp

    subl \$4, %esp      # 4 \* nr\_local\_vars == 4 \* 1 == 4

    # BODY

    movl %ebp, %esp

    popl %ebp

    ret

Function with 2 local variables

.globl fun\_name

.type fun\_name, @function

fun\_name:

    pushl %ebp

    movl %esp, %ebp

    subl \$8, %esp      # 4 \* nr\_local\_vars == 4 \* 2 == 8

    # BODY

    movl %ebp, %esp

    popl %ebp

    ret

Functions with 3 local variables

.globl fun\_name

.type fun\_name, @function

fun\_name:

    pushl %ebp

    movl %esp, %ebp

    subl \$12, %esp      # 4 \* nr\_local\_vars == 4 \* 3 == 12

    # BODY

    movl %ebp, %esp

    popl %ebp

    ret

```
# Generalization:
# Function with n local variables
```

```
.globl fun_name
.type fun_name, @function
fun_name:
    pushl %ebp
    movl %esp, %ebp
    subl $4*n, %esp
```

```
# BODY
```

```
    movl %ebp, %esp
    popl %ebp
    ret
```

```
#-----
```

Combo of parameters and local variables:

2 parameters, 3 local variables

CALL:

```
    pushl P2
    pushl P1
    call fun_name
    addl $8, %esp
```

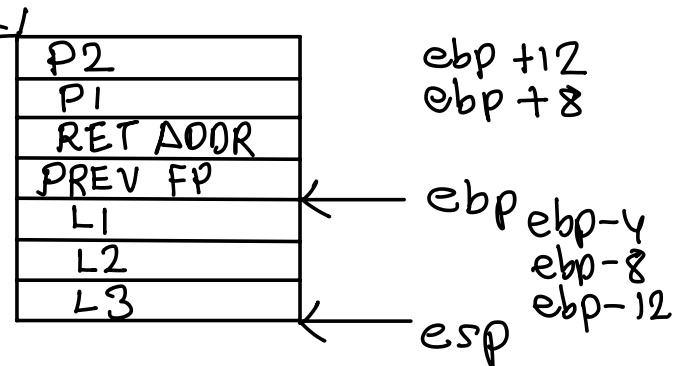
DEF:

```
.globl fun_name
.type fun_name, @function
```

```
fun_name:
    pushl %ebp
    movl %esp, %ebp
    subl $12, %esp
```

```
# BODY
```

```
    movl %ebp, %esp,
    popl %ebp
    ret
```



# Combination: 5 parameter, 2 local variables:

CALL:

```
pushl P5
pushl P4
pushl P3
pushl P2
pushl P1
call fun_name
addl $20, %esp
```

DEF:

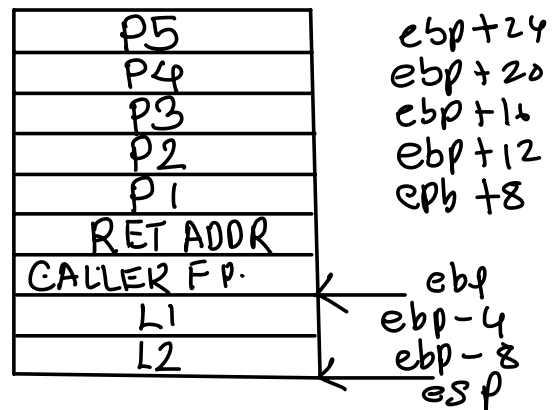
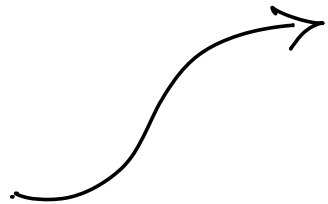
```
.globl fun_name
.type fun_name, @function
```

fun\_name:

```
pushl %ebp
movl %esp, %ebp
subl $8, %esp
```

# BODY

```
movl %ebp, %esp
popl %ebp
ret
```



Offset of kth parameter =  $8 + (k-1) * 4$

Offset of kth local variable =  $-4*k$

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Generalized version:

A function having 'M' parameters and, 'N' local variables

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CALL:

```
pushl Param-M
pushl Param-M-1
pushl Param-M-2
.
.
.
pushl Param-2
pushl Param-1
call function_name
addl $4*M, %esp
```

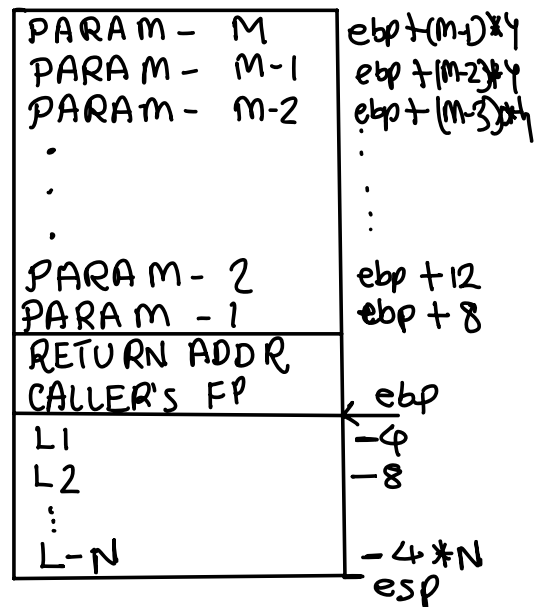
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DEF:

```
.globl function_name
.type function_name, @function
function_name:
    pushl %ebp
    movl %esp, %ebp
    subl $4*N, %esp

    # BODY

    movl %ebp, %esp
    popl %ebp
    ret
```



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Offset of kth Param =  $8 + (k-1) * 4$  where  $1 \leq k \leq M$

Offset of kth Local Variable =  $-4*k$  where  $1 \leq k \leq N$

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```

int my_add(int num1, int num2)
{
    int sum;

    sum = num1 + num2;
    return (sum);
}

```

```

# Above function has 2 parameters: num1 and num2, both are ints
# In assembly, we wont be able to refer to parameter memory locations by
# name, instead we must use offsets with respect to ebp.
# assuming that the calling convention of the caller / callee is C calling
# convention, we can determin the offsets of num1 and num2 to be 8 and 12 resp
# Same remarks can be extended towards local variables. The local variable sum
# will not be accessible in assembly by variable name 'sum'. Instead offset
# with respect to ebp must be used. Again, assuming the C calling convention
# between the caller and the callee, we can determine offset of the location
# to be -4
# We can generate assembly code without knowing caller
# Don't forget to keep return value (i.e. summation of params in eax )

```

```

.globl my_add
.type my_add, @function
my_add:
    pushl %ebp
    movl %esp, %ebp
    subl $4, %esp

    movl 8(%ebp), %eax    # eax <- num1 (in C code)
    movl 12(%ebp), %edx   # edx <- num2 (in C code)
    addl %edx, %eax       # eax == num1 + num2
    movl %eax, -4(%ebp)   # sum(in C code) <- num1 + num2

    movl %ebp, %esp
    popl %ebp
    ret

```

```

int my_add(int, int);

```

```

int my_add(int x, int y);

```

```

int my_add(int a, int b){
}

```

- 1) Indexed addressing mode
- 2) How negative numbers are represented inside memory
- 3) How signed and unsigned data is compared using cmp instruction?
- 4) How result of the comparison is stored in four bits of eflags register.  
Zero(Z), Carry(C), Sign(S), Overflow(O)
- 5) How the result of comparison is accessed by jump instructions.
- 6) Total jump instructions.
- 7) Branching looping statements (5 branching/3 looping) conversion

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#### Calling Convention Internals

pushl instruction  
popl instruction  
call instruction  
ret instruction  
machine stack manipulation  
with debugger

Calling convention proof.

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All C statements -> assembly

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insertion sort , linked list

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bit of floating point

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Assembly in C code (inline assembly)

char\* p = "Hello"; # p[0]

p:  
.string "Hello"

L:  
.string "Hello"

p:  
.int L



```
movl    p, %eax
movb    (%eax), %dl
```