

# Code Generation

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# MIPS Architecture

- MIPS has 32 registers:
  - t0, ..., t9
  - a0, a1, a2, a3
  - v0, v1
  - sp, fp
  - ra
  - ...
- We will work with MIPS32
  - 32-bit registers

# MIPS Architecture

- Arithmetic instructions operate on registers and constants:
  - add, sub, mul, div, and, or, xor, nor, ...

```
li $t0, 3
li $t1, 4
add $t2, $t0, $t1
mul $t3, t1, 7
```

# MIPS Architecture

- Read from memory:

```
lw $t0, 4($t1)
```

```
lw $t0, label
```

```
lw $t0, label+4
```

```
lw $t0, label+8($t1)
```

# MIPS Architecture

- Write to memory:

```
sw $t0,2($t1)
```

```
sw $t0,label
```

```
sw $t0,label+4
```

```
sw $t0,label+8($t1)
```

# MIPS Architecture

- Branches and Jumps:

```
beq $t1, $t2, label  
bne $t1, 7, label  
j label  
...  
label:
```

# MIPS Architecture

- System calls:
  - Syscall number passed via v0
  - Arguments are passed via a0, a1, a2, a3
- For example, calling PrintInt(17):

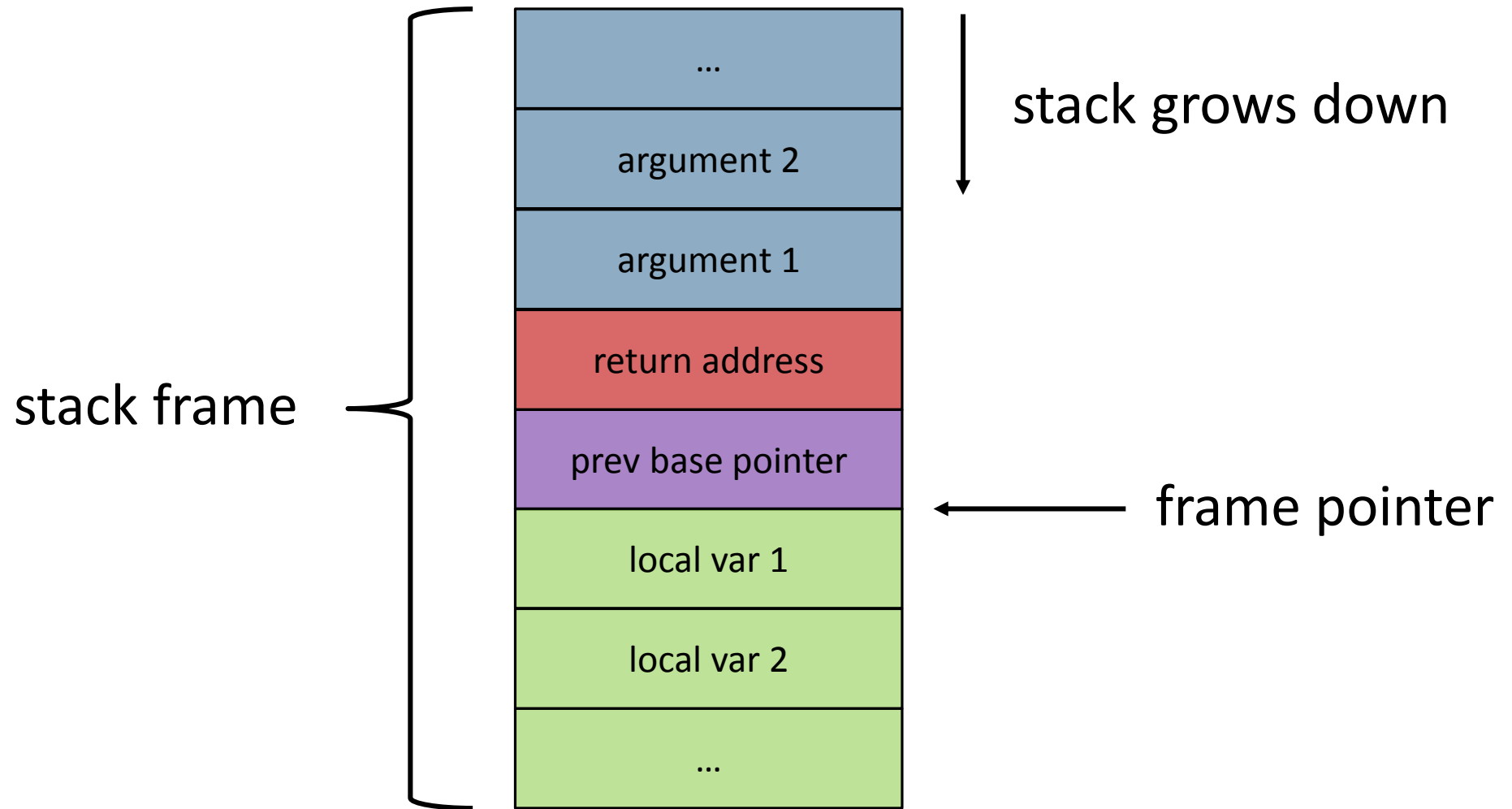
```
li $v0, 1
li $a0, 17
syscall
```

# Stack Frames

- The stack consists of stack frame
- Each called function creates it's stack frame



# Stack



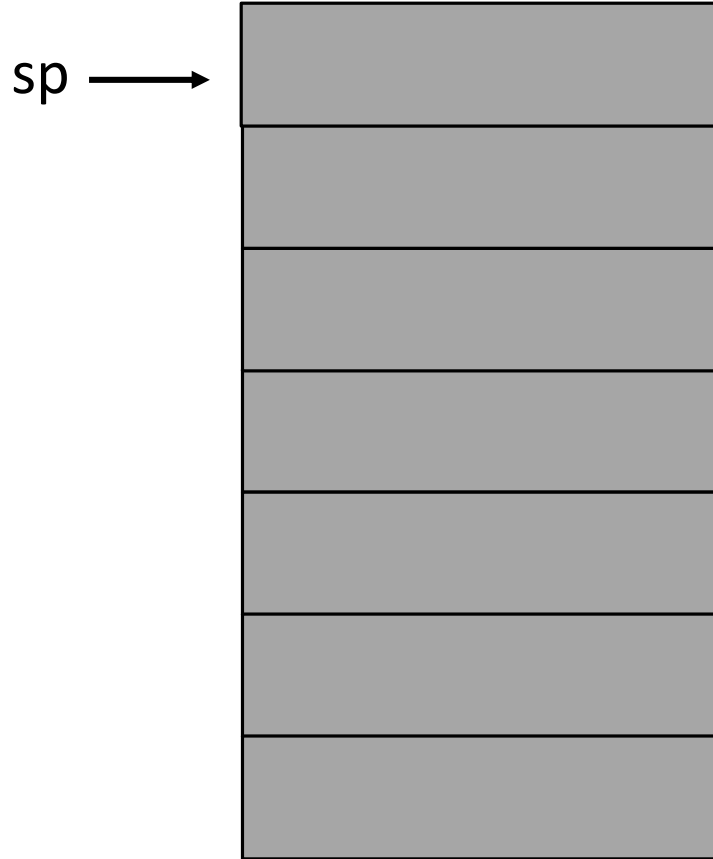
# Stack

```
int f(int x, int y){  
    int z = x + y;  
    return z;  
}  
int g() {  
    int x = f(10, 20)  
}
```

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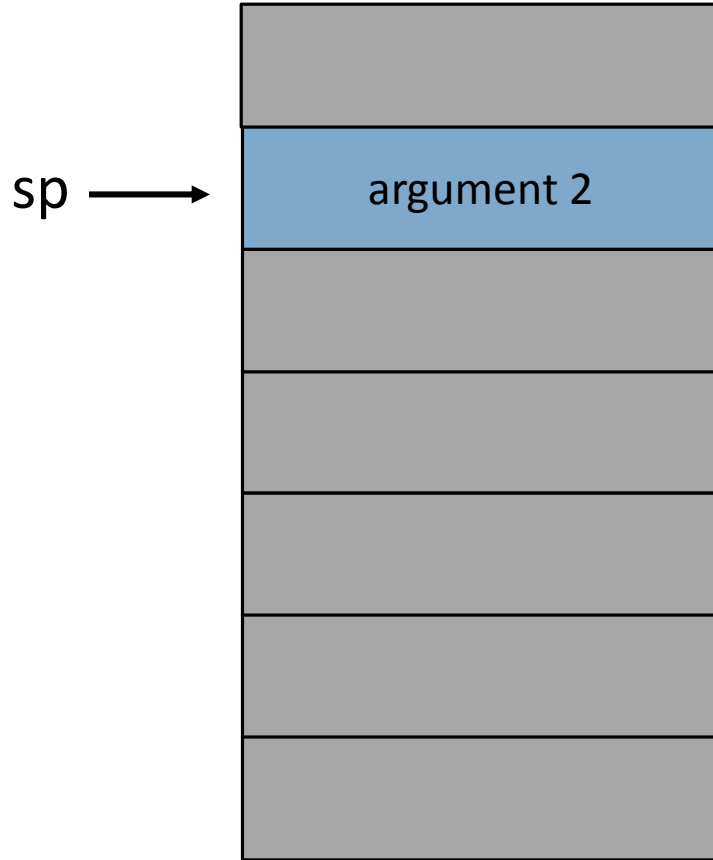
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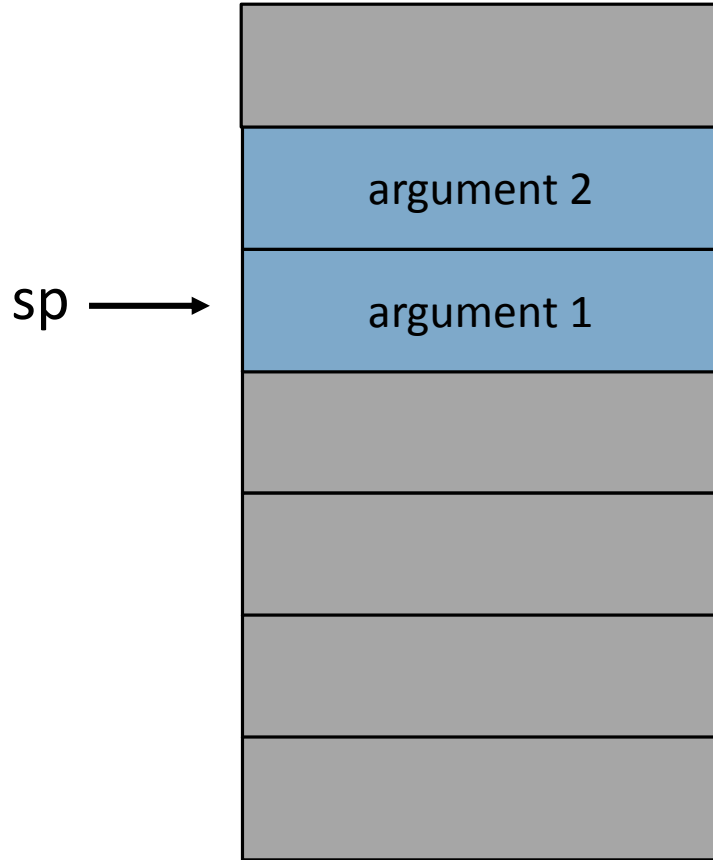
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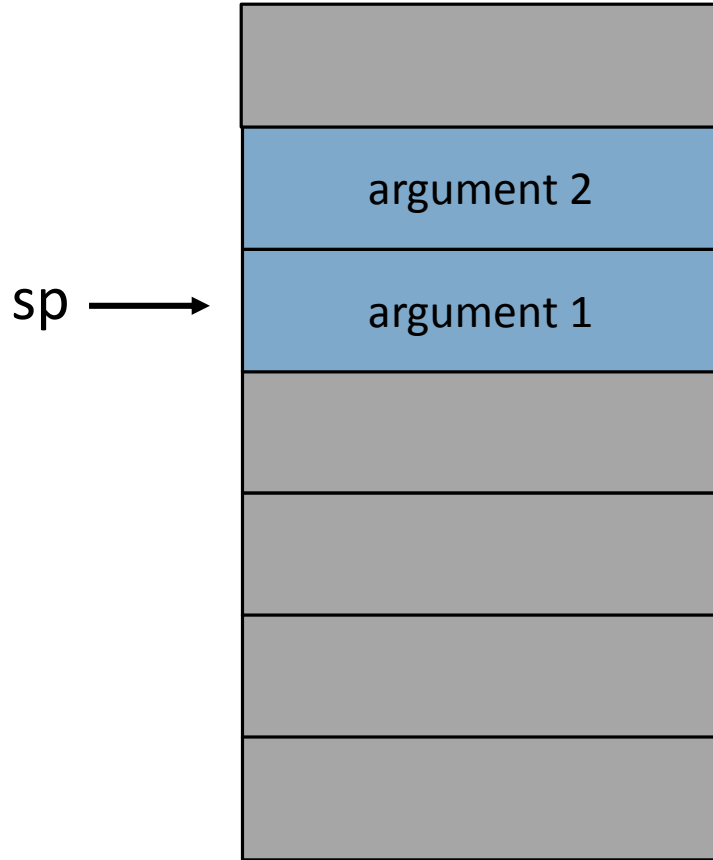
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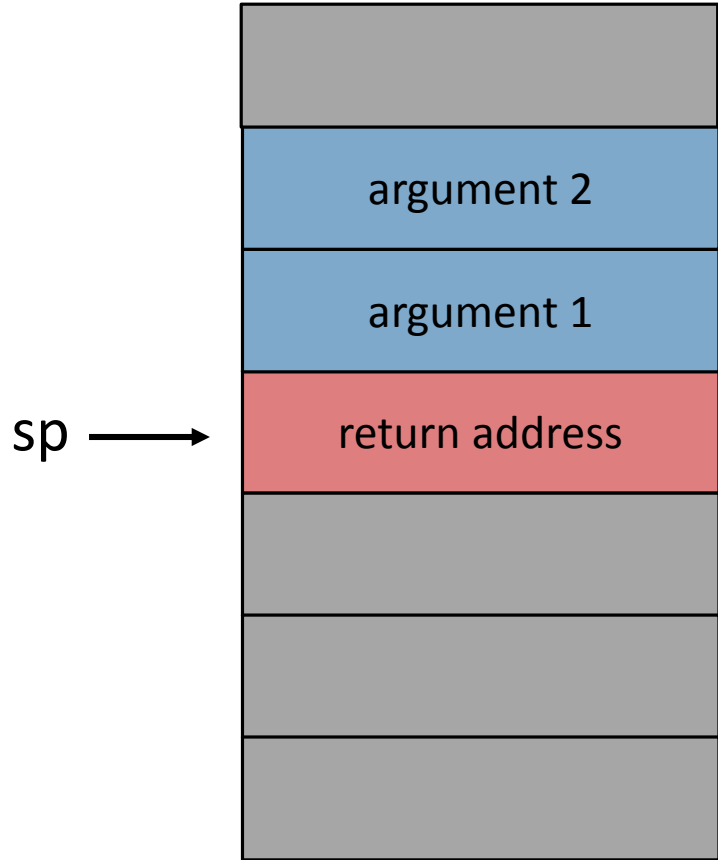
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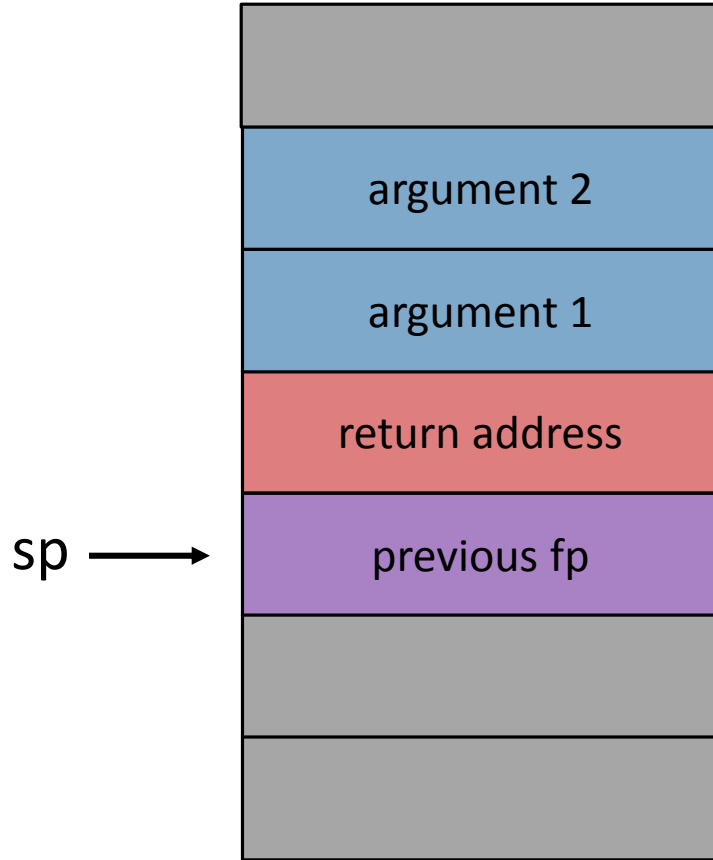
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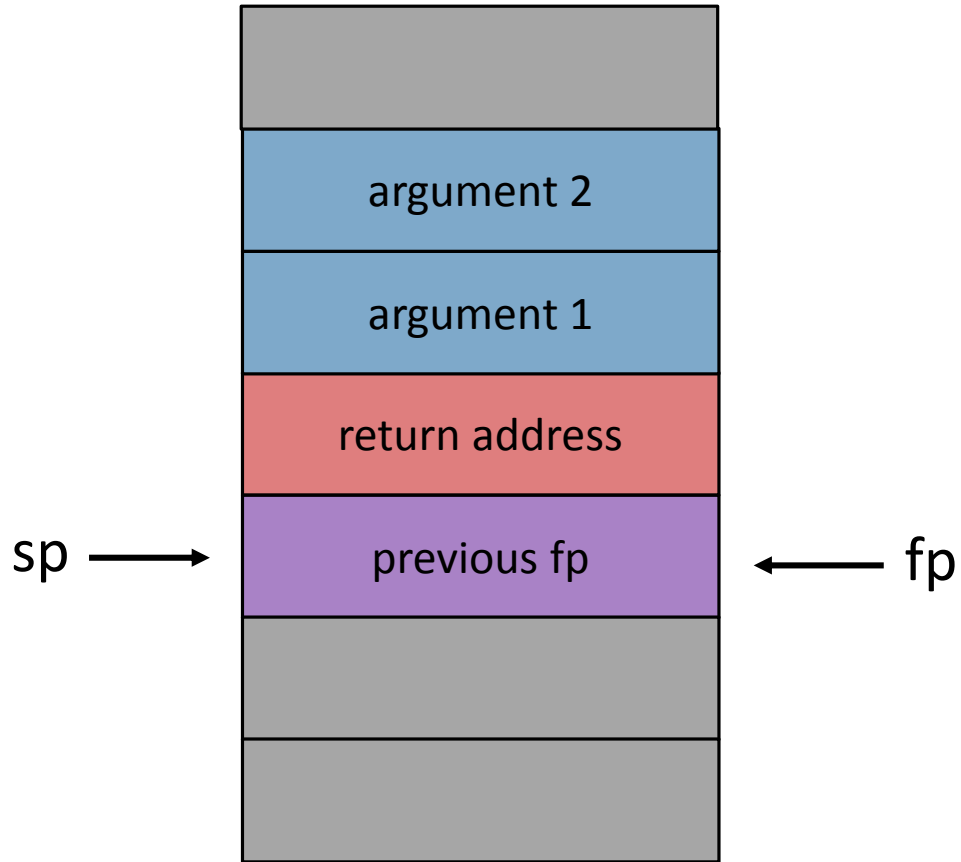
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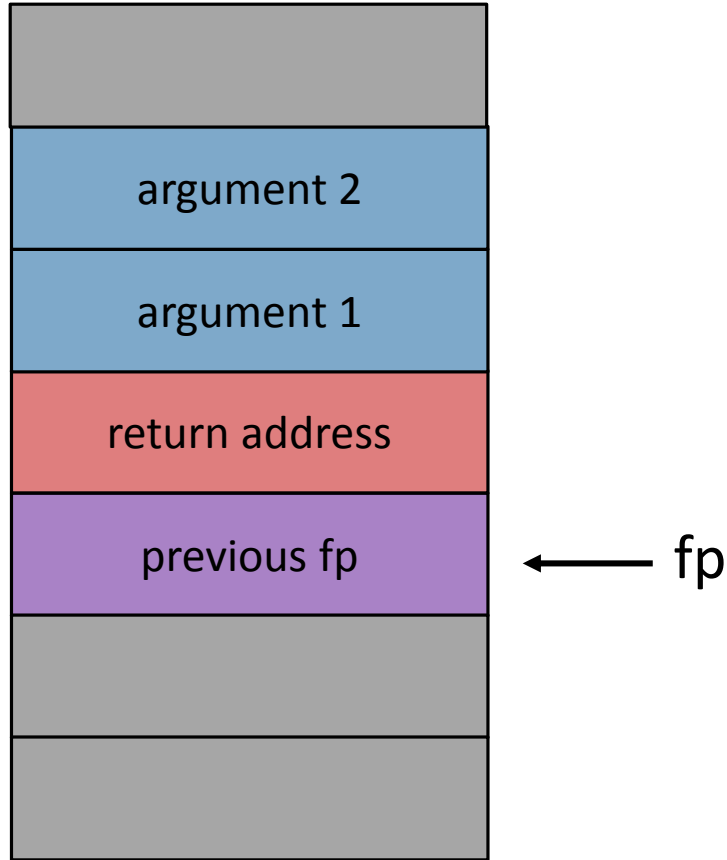
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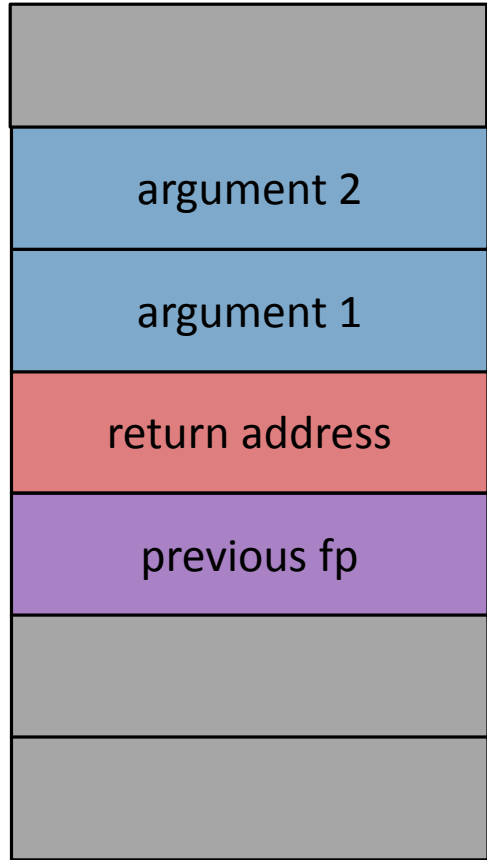
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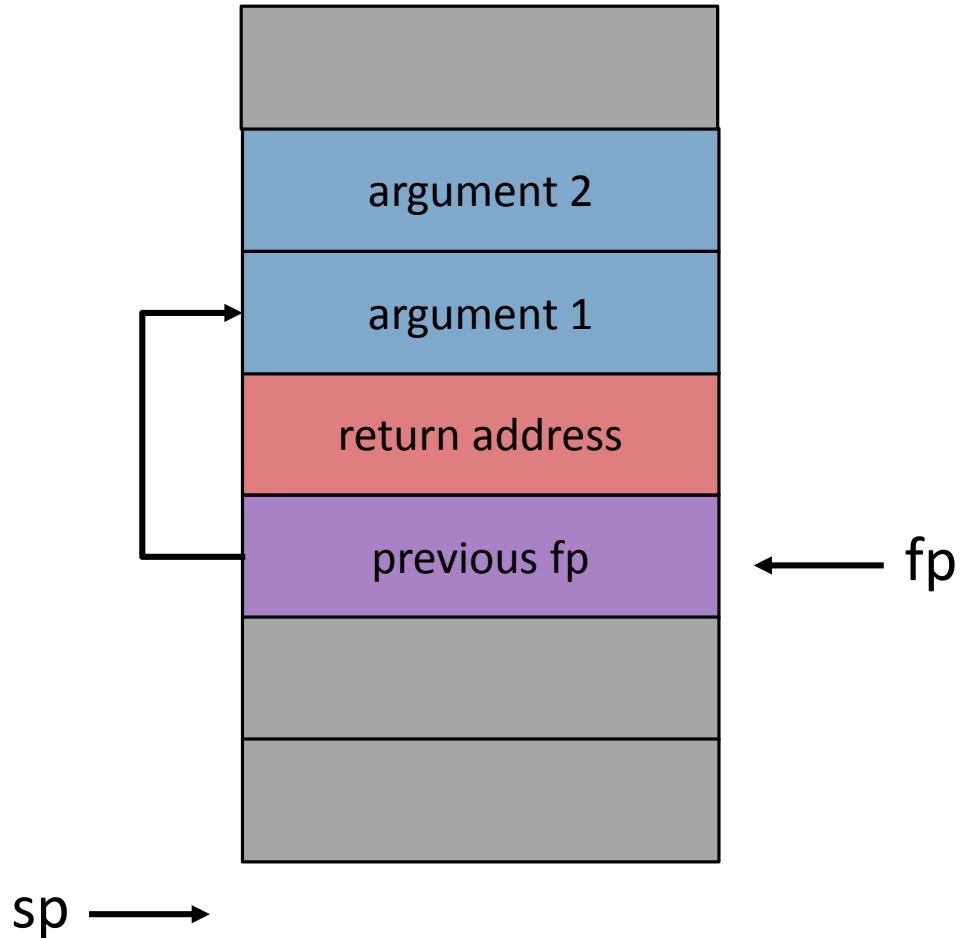
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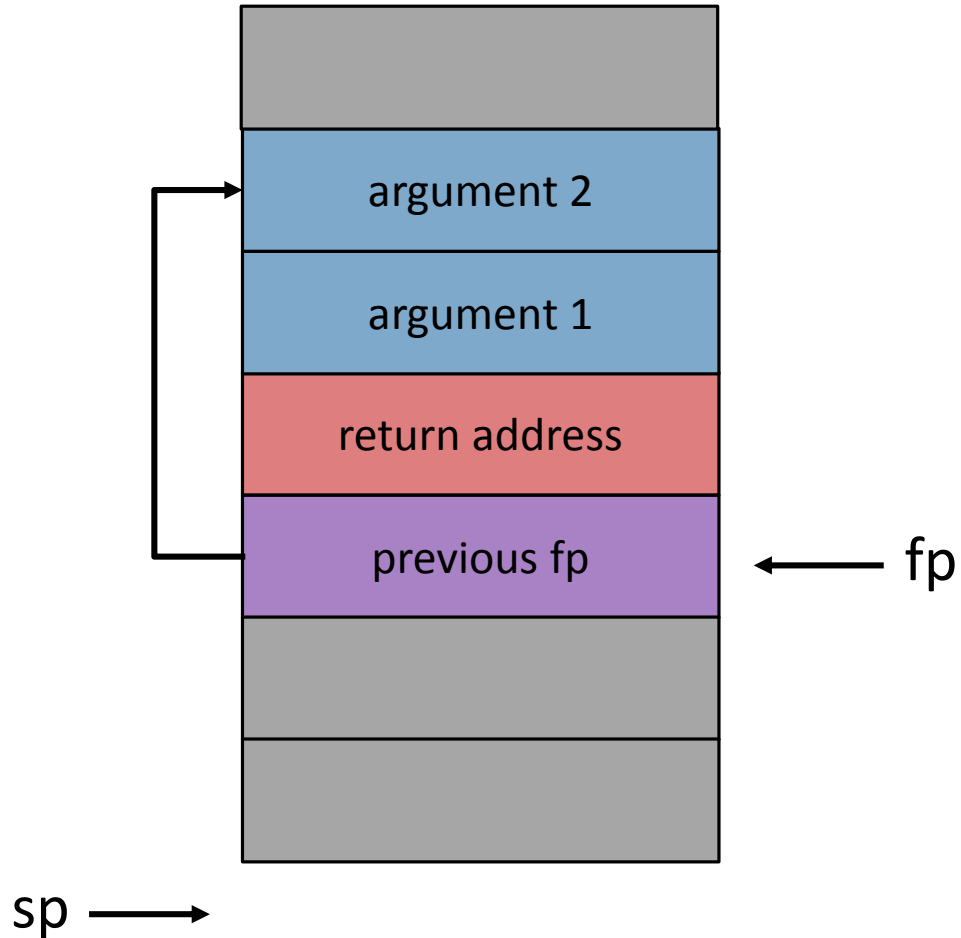
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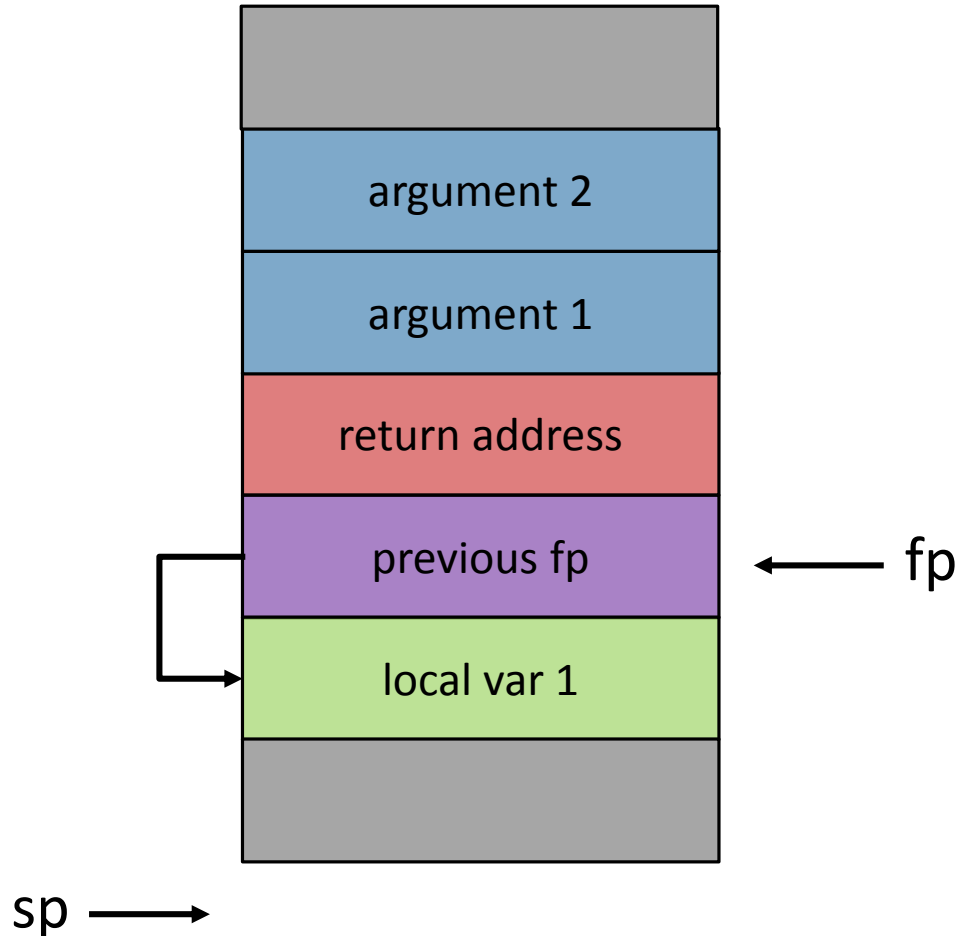
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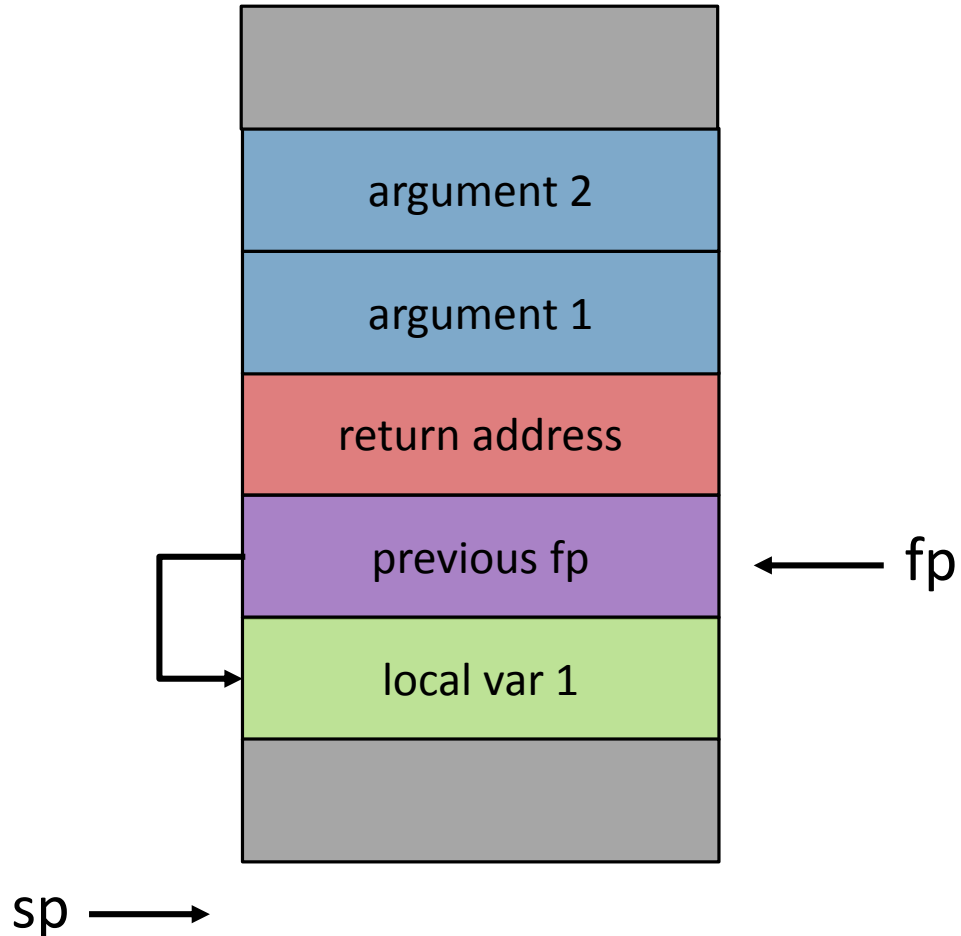
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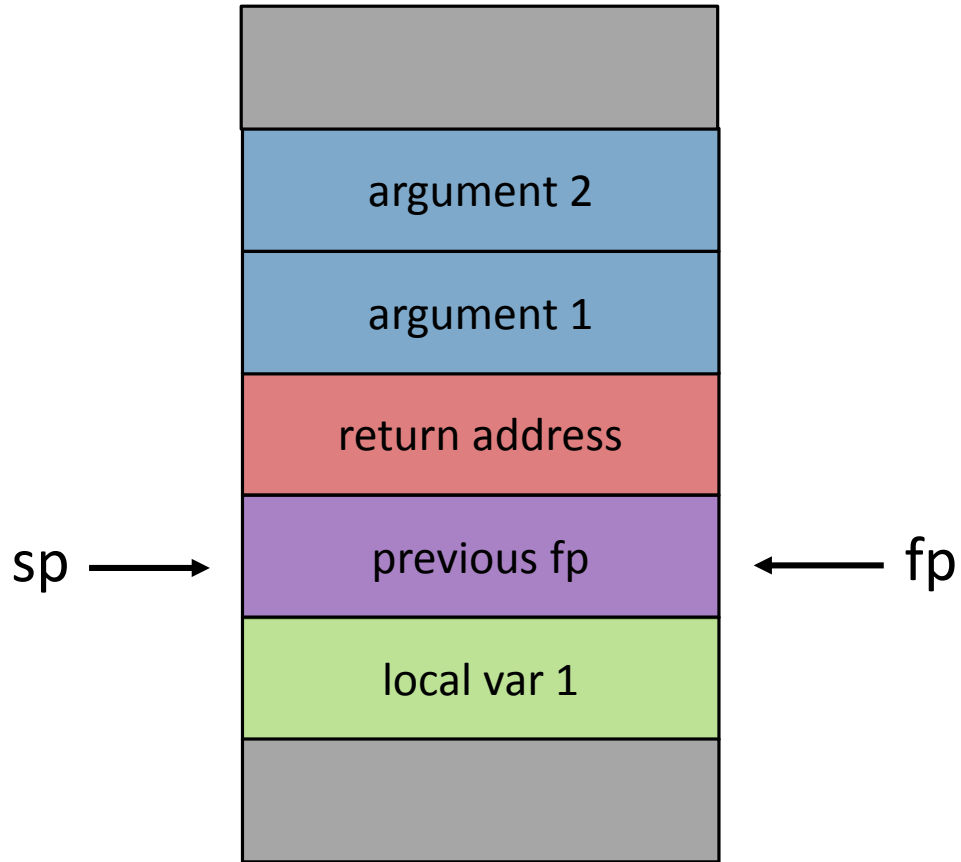
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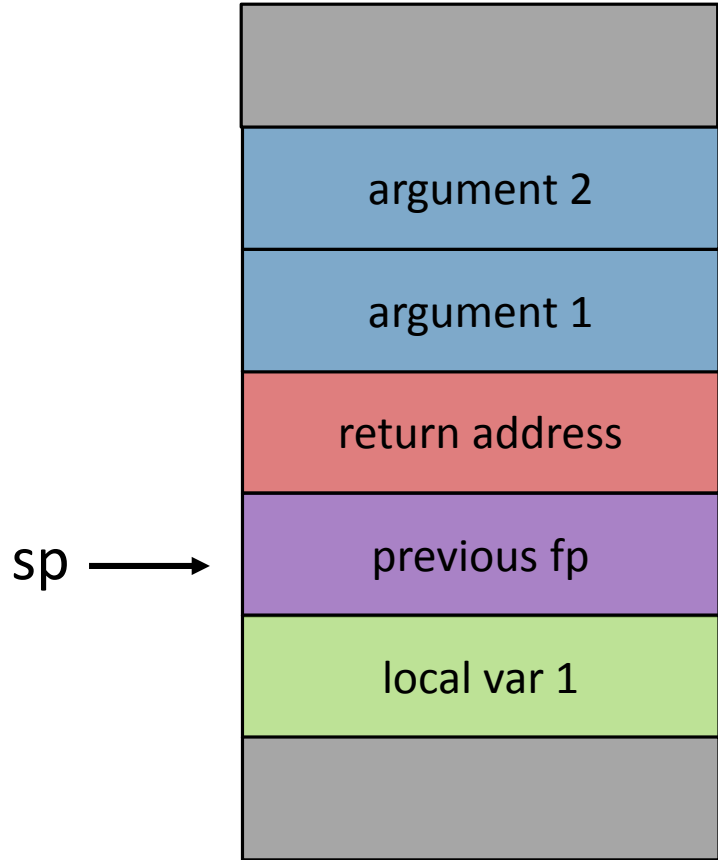


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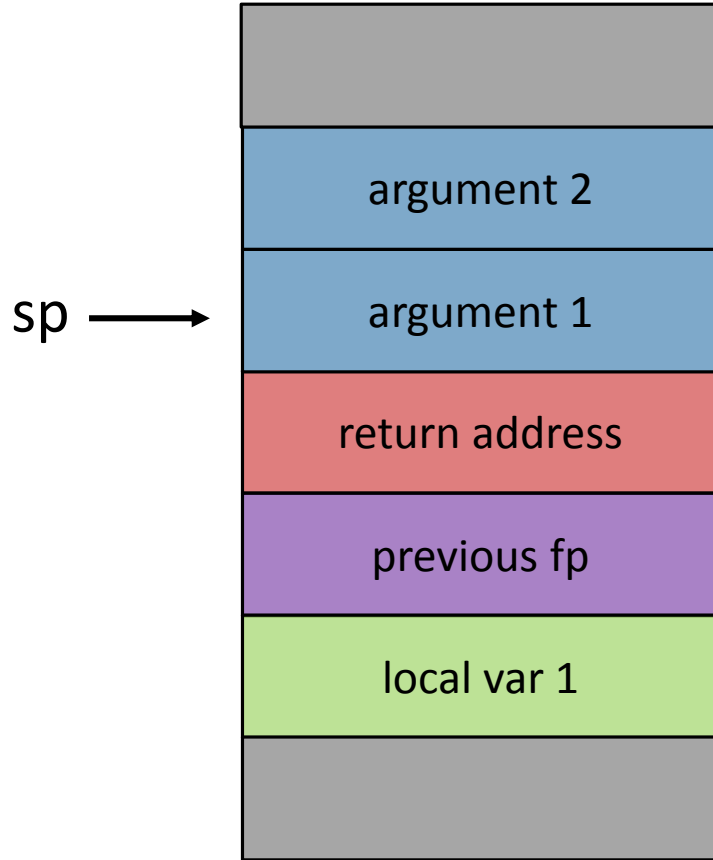
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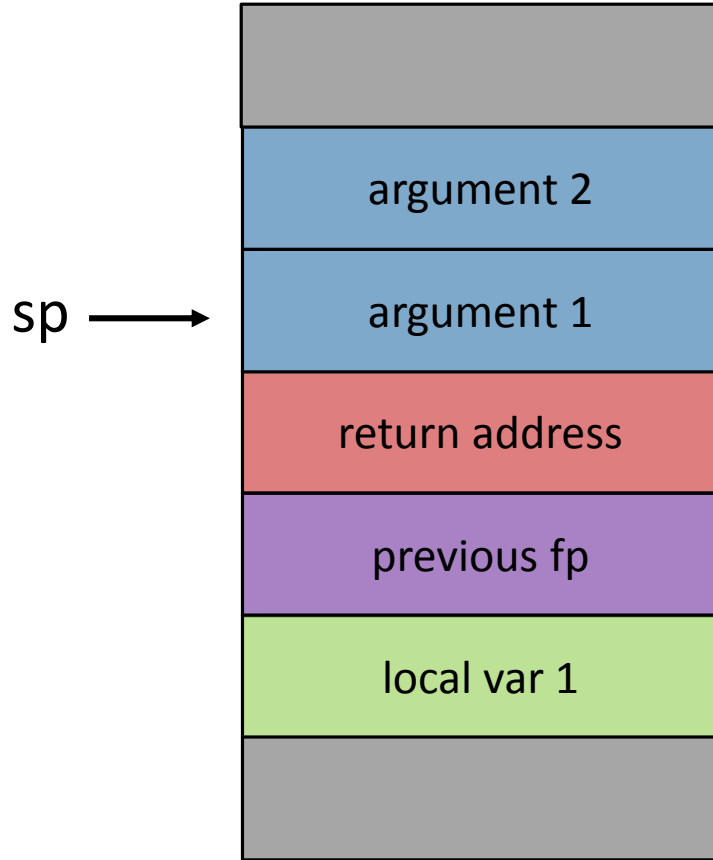
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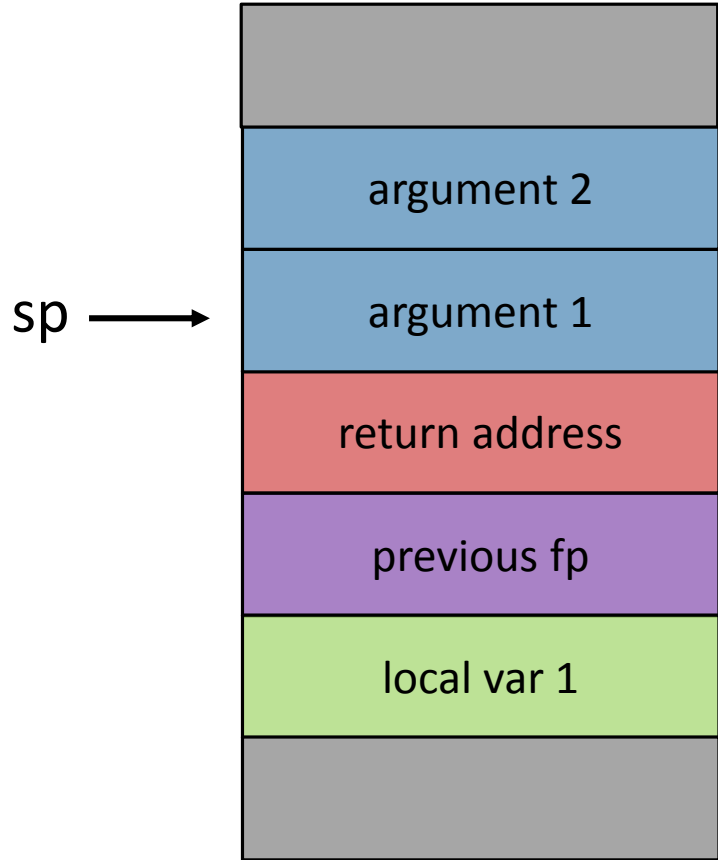
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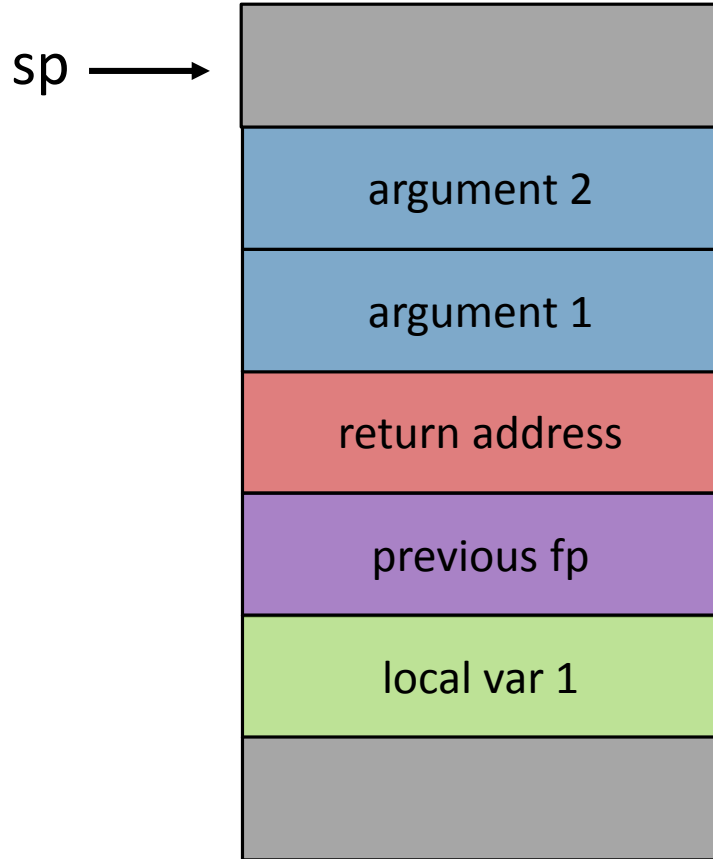
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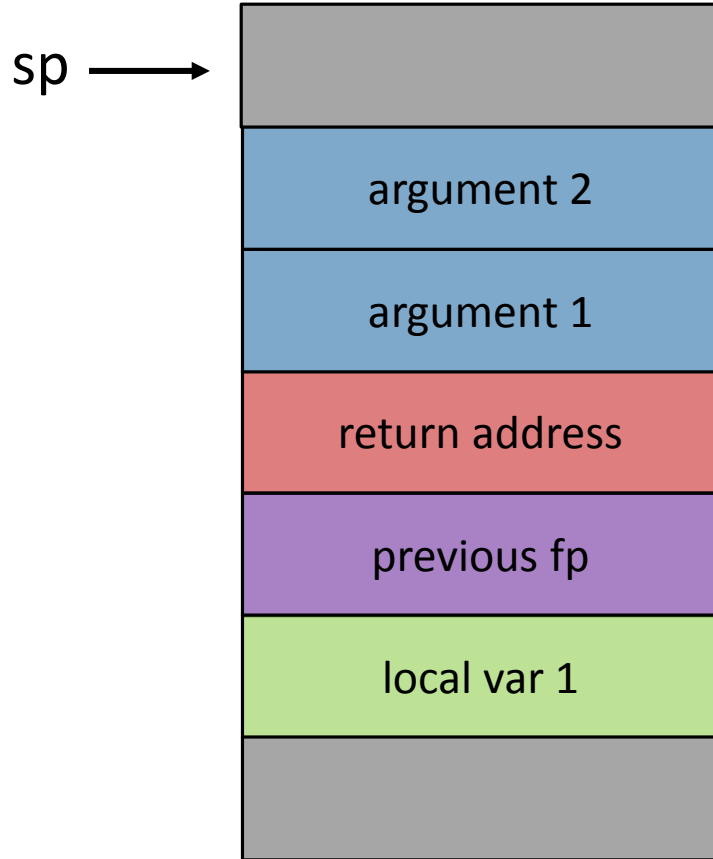
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subu $sp, $sp, 4
sw $fp, 0($sp)
move $fp, $sp
sub $sp, $sp, 16
lw $t0, 8($fp)
lw $t1, 12($fp)
add $t2, $t0, $t1
sw $t2, -4($fp)
lw $v0, -4($fp)
move $sp, $fp
lw $fp, 0($sp)
lw $ra, 4($sp)
addu $sp, $sp, 8
jr $ra
```

**g:**

```
...
li $t0, 20
subu $sp, $sp, 4
sw $t0, 0($sp)
li $t0, 10
subu $sp, $sp, 4
sw $t0, 0($sp)
jal f
addu $sp, $sp, 8
move $t0, $v0
...
```

# Translating IR

- Our IR is likely to use too many registers
- Assume for now, that the number of IR registers is reduced
  - Every **IR register** mapped to a **CPU register** (t0, ... t7)
- We will see later how to compute this **register allocation**

# Translating IR

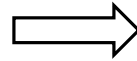
- Translate global variable initializations
- Translate the IR instructions for each function
  - Implement a translation function for each IR instruction
  - If the translation requires additional registers:
    - Use registers s0, s1, ...



# Translating IR

- Global initializations

```
int g_1 = 7;  
string g_s = "1234";
```



```
init g_1 = 7  
init g_s = "1234"
```

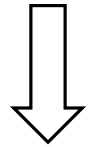


```
.data:  
g_1: .word 7  
g_s: .ascii "1234"
```

# Translating IR

- Assignments (constant)

`t1 = c`

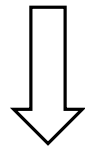


`li $t1, c`

# Translating IR

- Assignments (read from memory)
- For local variables and parameters:

**t1 = x**

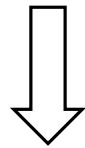


**lw \$t1, off(\$fp)**

# Translating IR

- Assignments (write to memory)
- For local variables and parameters:

**x = t1**

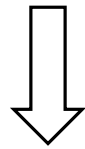


**sw \$t1, off(\$fp)**

# Translating IR

- Assignments (read from memory)
- For global variables:

**t1 = g\_var**

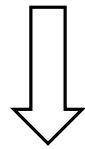


```
g_var: .word 17  
...  
lw $t1, g_var
```

# Translating IR

- Assignments (write to memory)
- For global variables:

**g\_var = t1**



**g\_var: .word 17**

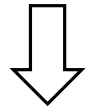
**...**

**sw \$t1, g\_var**

# Translating IR

- Arithmetic operation

```
t0 = add t1, t2
```

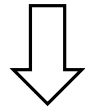


```
add $t0, $t1, $t2
```

# Translating IR

- Arithmetic operation

```
t0 = add t1, t2
```



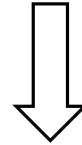
```
add $t0, $t1, $t2  
ble $t0, max, end  
li $t0, max  
end:  
# more checks...
```



# Translating IR

- Branch

```
beq t1, t2, label
```



```
beq $t1, $t2, label
```

# Translating IR

- Function call

```
t0 = call f(t1, t2)
```

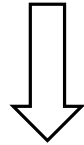


```
subu $sp, $sp, 4  
sw $t2, 0($sp)  
subu $sp, $sp, 4  
sw $t1, 0($sp)  
jal f  
addu $sp, $sp, 8  
move $t0, $v0
```

# Translating IR

- Return (in a function f)
- Store result in **v0** and jump to f's **epilogue label** (f\_epilogue)

**return t1**



**move \$v0, \$t1**  
**j f\_epilogue**

# Translating IR

- Another example

```
int g = 70;  
int f(int x){  
    int z = x;  
    if (z) {  
        z = g  
    }  
    return z;  
}
```

```
t1 = x  
z = t1  
t1 = z  
beq t1, 0, end  
t1 = g  
z = t1  
end:  
t1 = z  
return t1
```

# Translating IR

- Another example

```
int g = 70;  
int f(int x){  
    int z = x;  
    if (z) {  
        z = g  
    }  
    return z;  
}
```

```
t1 = x  
z = t1  
t1 = z  
beq t1, 0, end  
t1 = g  
z = t1  
end:  
t1 = z  
return t1
```

```
.data  
g: .word 70
```

# Translating IR

- Another example

```
int g = 70;
int f(int x){
    int z = x;
    if (z) {
        z = g
    }
    return z;
}
```

```
t1 = x
z = t1
t1 = z
beq t1, 0, end
t1 = g
z = t1
end:
t1 = z
return t1
```

```
.data
g: .word 70
.text
f:
# prologue here
...
```

# Translating IR

- Another example

```
int g = 70;
int f(int x){
    int z = x;
    if (z) {
        z = g
    }
    return z;
}
```

```
t1 = x
z = t1
t1 = z
beq t1, 0, end
t1 = g
z = t1
end:
t1 = z
return t1
```

```
.data
g: .word 70
.text
f:
# prologue here
...
lw $t1, 8($fp)
```

# Translating IR

- Another example

```
int g = 70;
int f(int x){
    int z = x;
    if (z) {
        z = g
    }
    return z;
}
```

```
t1 = x
z = t1
t1 = z
beq t1, 0, end
t1 = g
z = t1
end:
t1 = z
return t1
```

```
.data
g: .word 70
.text
f:
# prologue here
...
lw $t1, 8($fp)
sw $t1, -4($fp)
```



# Translating IR

- Another example

```
int g = 70;
int f(int x){
    int z = x;
    if (z) {
        z = g
    }
    return z;
}
```

```
t1 = x
z = t1
t1 = z
beq t1, 0, end
t1 = g
z = t1
end:
t1 = z
return t1
```

```
.data
g: .word 70
.text
f:
# prologue here
...
lw $t1, 8($fp)
sw $t1, -4($fp)
lw t1, -4($fp)
```

# Translating IR

- Another example

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int g = 70;
int f(int x){
    int z = x;
    if (z) {
        z = g
    }
    return z;
}
```

```
t1 = x
z = t1
t1 = z
beq t1, 0, end
t1 = g
z = t1
end:
t1 = z
return t1
```

```
.data
g: .word 70
.text
f:
# prologue here
...
lw $t1, 8($fp)
sw $t1, -4($fp)
lw $t1, -4($fp)
beq $t1, 0, end
```

# Translating IR

- Another example

```
int g = 70;
int f(int x){
    int z = x;
    if (z) {
        z = g
    }
    return z;
}
```

```
t1 = x
z = t1
t1 = z
beq t1, 0, end
t1 = g
z = t1
end:
t1 = z
return t1
```

```
.data
g: .word 70
.text
f:
# prologue here
...
lw $t1, 8($fp)
sw $t1, -4($fp)
lw $t1, -4($fp)
beq $t1, 0, end
lw $t1, g
```

# Translating IR

- Another example

```
int g = 70;
int f(int x){
    int z = x;
    if (z) {
        z = g
    }
    return z;
}
```

```
t1 = x
z = t1
t1 = z
beq t1, 0, end
t1 = g
z = t1
end:
t1 = z
return t1
```

```
.data
g: .word 70
.text
f:
# prologue here
...
lw $t1, 8($fp)
sw $t1, -4($fp)
lw $t1, -4($fp)
beq $t1, 0, end
lw $t1, g
sw $t1, -4($fp)
```

# Translating IR

- Another example

```
int g = 70;
int f(int x){
    int z = x;
    if (z) {
        z = g
    }
    return z;
}
```

```
t1 = x
z = t1
t1 = z
beq t1, 0, end
t1 = g
z = t1
end:
t1 = z
return t1
```

```
.data
g: .word 70
.text
f:
# prologue here
...
lw $t1, 8($fp)
sw $t1, -4($fp)
lw $t1, -4($fp)
beq $t1, 0, end
lw $t1, g
sw $t1, -4($fp)
end:
```

# Translating IR

- Another example

```
int g = 70;
int f(int x){
    int z = x;
    if (z) {
        z = g
    }
    return z;
}
```

```
t1 = x
z = t1
t1 = z
beq t1, 0, end
t1 = g
z = t1
end:
t1 = z
return t1
```

```
.data
g: .word 70
.text
f:
# prologue here
...
lw $t1, 8($fp)
sw $t1, -4($fp)
lw $t1, -4($fp)
beq $t1, 0, end
lw $t1, g
sw $t1, -4($fp)
end:
lw $t1, -4($fp)
```

# Translating IR

- Another example

```
int g = 70;
int f(int x){
    int z = x;
    if (z) {
        z = g
    }
    return z;
}
```

```
t1 = x
z = t1
t1 = z
beq t1, 0, end
t1 = g
z = t1
end:
t1 = z
return t1
```

```
.data
g: .word 70
.text
f:
# prologue here
...
lw $t1, 8($fp)
sw $t1, -4($fp)
lw $t1, -4($fp)
beq $t1, 0, end
lw $t1, g
sw $t1, -4($fp)
end:
lw $t1, -4($fp)
move $v0, $t1
j f_epilogue
```

# Translating IR

- Another example

```
int g = 70;
int f(int x){
    int z = x;
    if (z) {
        z = g
    }
    return z;
}
```

```
t1 = x
z = t1
t1 = z
beq t1, 0, end
t1 = g
z = t1
end:
t1 = z
return t1
```

```
.data
g: .word 70
.text
f:
# prologue here
...
lw $t1, 8($fp)
sw $t1, -4($fp)
lw $t1, -4($fp)
beq $t1, 0, end
lw $t1, g
sw $t1, -4($fp)
end:
lw $t1, -4($fp)
move $v0, $t1
j f_epilogue
f_epilogue:
# epilogue here...
```



# SPIM

```
    .data
    g_foo: .word 17
    g_str: .asciiz "hello"
    ...

    .text
    li $v0, 1
    lw $a0, g_foo
    syscall
    li $v0, 4
    la $a0, g_str
    syscall
```

PrintInt(17)

PrintStr("hello")

global data

code

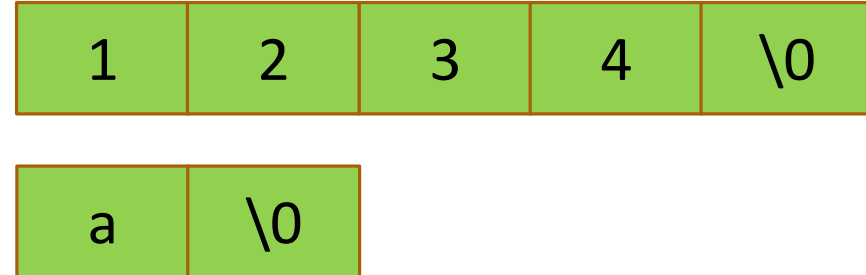
# SPIM

- Running SPIM:
  - `spim -f input_file`
- Interactive debugging:
  - `xspim`
- Tutorials:
  - <https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse410/08sp/notes/spim/SpimTutorial.pdf>
  - [https://web.stanford.edu/class/cs143/materials/SPIM\\_Manual.pdf](https://web.stanford.edu/class/cs143/materials/SPIM_Manual.pdf)

# Strings

- We use null terminated strings
- Every character is one byte

```
string s1 = "1234";  
string s2 = "a";  
...  
...
```



# Strings

- Assume that *s1* and *s2* are strings

```
if (s1 == s2) {  
  
}
```

```
t1 = s1;  
t2 = s2;  
t3 = str_eq t1, t2  
compare t3, 0  
...
```

# Strings

- Inline string comparison

```
t1 = s1;  
t2 = s2;  
t3 = str_eq t1, t2  
compare t3, 0  
...
```

```
li $t3, 1 // result  
move $s0, $t1  
move $s1, $t2  
str_eq_loop:  
lb $s2, 0($s0)  
lb $s3, 0($s1)  
bne $s2, $s3, neq_label  
beq $s2, 0, str_eq_end  
addu $s0, $s0, 1  
addu $s1, $s1, 1  
j str_eq_loop  
neq_label:  
li $t3, 0  
str_eq_end:
```

# Strings

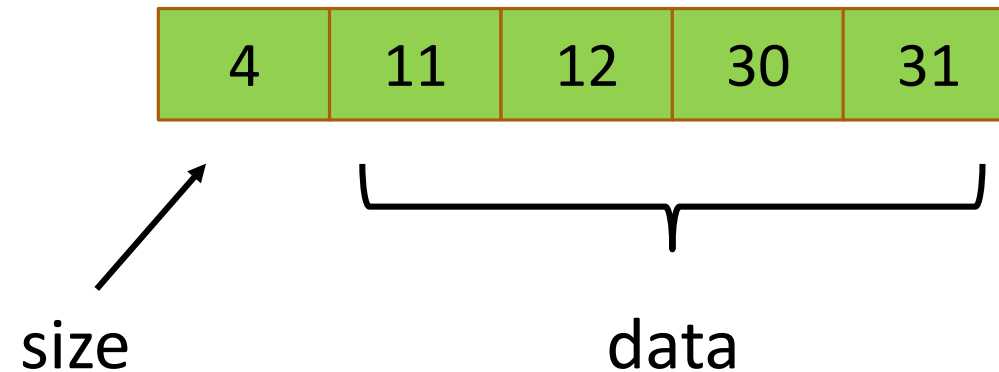
- Alternatively, create a function `str_eq`

```
t1 = s1;  
t2 = s2;  
t3 = str_eq t1, t2  
compare t3, 0  
...
```

```
subu $sp, $sp, 4  
sw $t2, 0($sp)  
subu $sp, $sp, 4  
sw $t1, 0($sp)  
jal str_eq  
addu $sp, $sp, 8  
move $t3, $v0
```

# Arrays

- Each cell is 4 bytes (*int* or *pointer*)
- First cell is the **size** of the array
- The rest of the cells contain **data**



# Arrays

- Creating arrays

```
t0 = new_array t1
```

```
li $v0, 9  
move $a0, $t1  
add $a0, $a0, 1  
mul $a0, $a0, 4  
syscall  
move $t0, $v0  
li $s0, size  
sw $s0, 0($t0)
```



# Arrays

- Array access

```
t0 = array_access t1, t2
```

```
move $s0, $t2  
add $s0, $s0, 1  
mult $s0, $s0, 4  
addu $s0, $t1, $s0  
lw $t0, 0($s0)
```

# Runtime Errors

- Division by zero

```
t0 = div t1, t2
```

```
div $t0, $t1, $t2
```

# Runtime Errors

- Division by zero

```
t0 = div t1, t2
```

```
beq $t2, 0, abort  
div $t0, $t1, $t2  
...  
abort:  
li $v0, 10  
syscall
```

# Runtime Errors

- Out of bounds array access

```
t0 = array_access t1, t2
```

```
move $s0, $t2  
add $s0, $s0, 1  
mult $s0, $s0, 4  
addu $s0, $t1, $s0  
lw $t0, 0($s0)
```

# Runtime Errors

- Out of bounds array access

```
t0 = array_access t1, t2
```

```
bltz $t2, abort
lw $s0, 0($t1)
bge $t2, $s0, abort
move $s0, $t2
add $s0, $s0, 1
mult $s0, $s0, 4
addu $s0, $t1, $s0
lw $t0, 0($s0)
...
abort:
li $v0, 10
syscall
```

# Runtime Errors

- Null pointer dereference
  - Arrays
  - Field access
  - Method calls

# Runtime Errors

- Null pointer dereference
- For example, in arrays:

```
t0 = array_access t1, t2
```

```
beq $t1, 0, abort
move $s0, $t2
add $s0, $s0, 1
mult $s0, $s0, 4
addu $s0, $t1, $s0
lw $t0, 0($s0)
...
abort:
li $v0, 10
syscall
```

# Runtime Errors

- Null pointer dereference
- For example, in field accesses:

```
t0 = field_access t1, foo
```

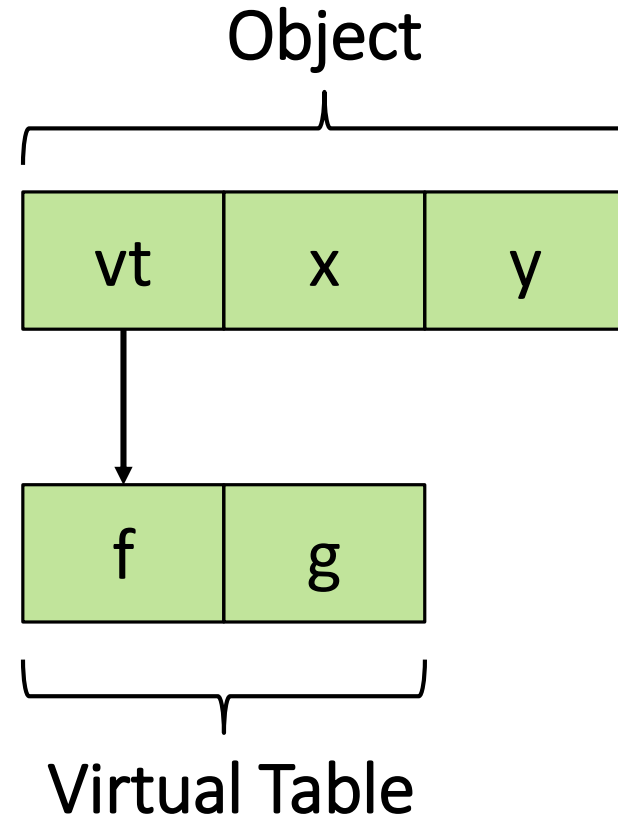
```
beq $t1, 0, abort  
lw $t0, off($t1)  
...  
abort:  
li $v0, 10  
syscall
```



# Classes

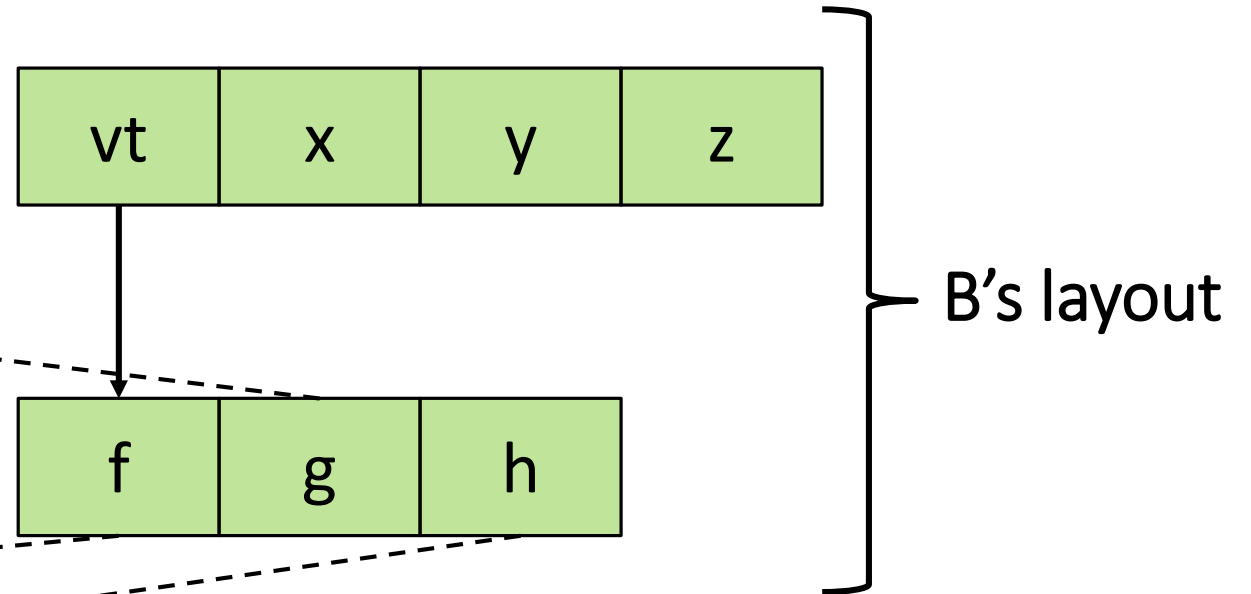
# Class Layout

```
class A {  
    int x;  
    string y;  
    int f() { ...  
    int g() { ...  
}
```



# Class Layout

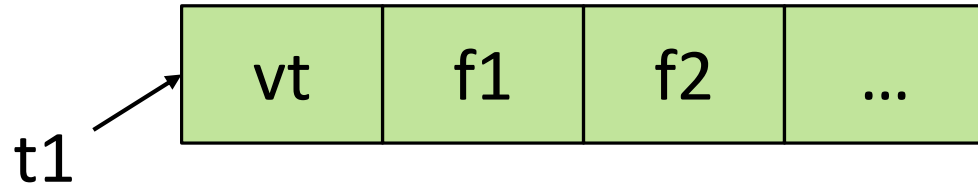
```
class A {  
    int x;  
    string y;  
    int f() { ...  
    int g() { ...  
}  
class B extends A {  
    int z;  
    int f() { ...  
    int h() { ...  
}
```



# Field Access

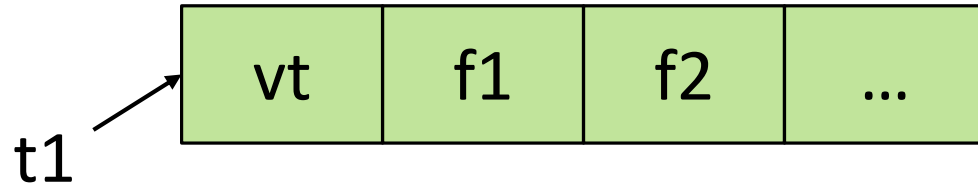
```
t0 = field_access t1, f2
```

```
lw $t0, 8($t1)
```



# Field Access

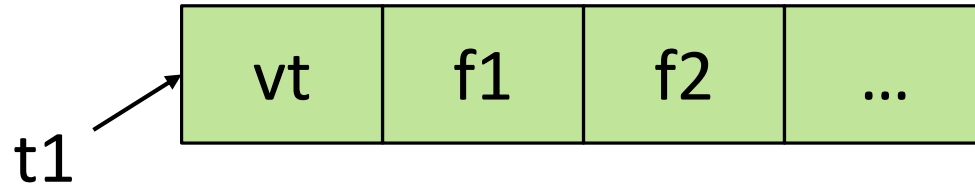
```
t0 = field_access t1, f2
```



```
beq $t1, 0, abort  
lw $t0, 8($t1)  
...  
abort:  
li $v0, 10  
syscall
```

# Field Access

```
field_set t0, f2, t1
```

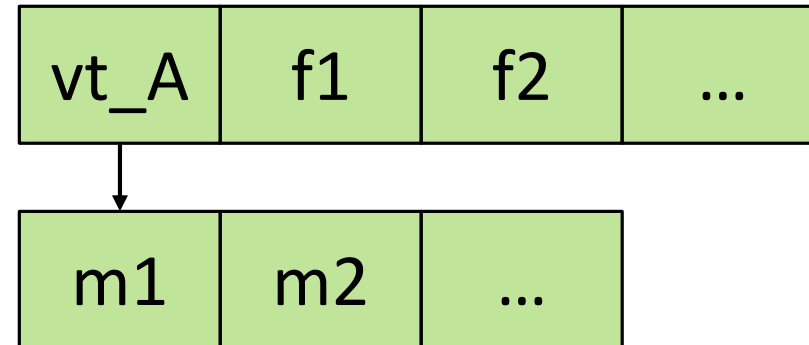


```
beq $t0, 0, abort  
sw $t1, 8($t0)  
...  
abort:  
li $v0, 10  
syscall
```

# Creating Objects

```
class A {  
    int f1;  
    ...  
    int m1() { ...  
    ...  
}
```

```
A a = new A;
```



# Creating Objects

```
class A {  
    int f1 = c;  
    ...  
    int m1() { ...  
    ...  
}
```

```
A a = new A;
```

```
t0 = alloc (size)  
set_vt t0, A  
t1 = c  
field_set t0, f1, t1
```

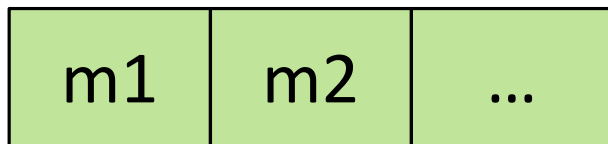
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# Creating Objects

```
t0 = alloc (size)
set_vt t0, A
t1 = c
field_set t0, f1, t1
...
```

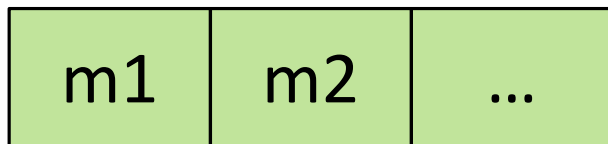
```
.data
vt_A: .word m1, m2, ...
```



Virtual Table

# Creating Objects

```
t0 = alloc (size)
set_vt t0, A
t1 = c
field_set t0, f1, t1
...
```



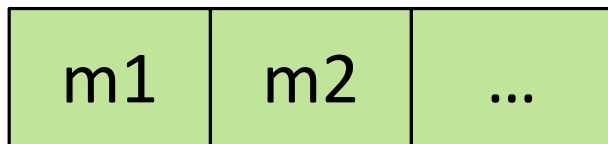
Virtual Table

```
.data
vt_A: .word m1, m2, ...
```

```
.text
li $v0, 9
li $a0, size
syscall
move $t0, $v0
```

# Creating Objects

```
t0 = alloc (size)
set_vt t0, A
t1 = c
field_set t0, f1, t1
...
```



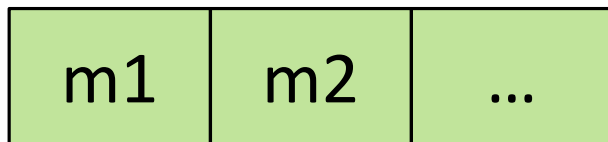
Virtual Table

```
.data
vt_A: .word m1, m2, ...

.text
li $v0, 9
li $a0, size
syscall
move $t0, $v0
la $s0, vt_A
sw $s0, 0($t0)
```

# Creating Objects

```
t0 = alloc (size)
set_vt t0, A
t1 = c
field_set t0, f1, t1
...
```



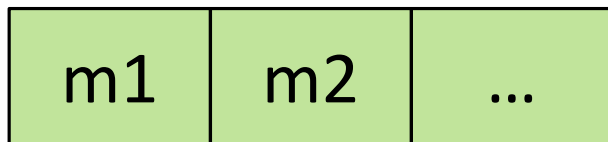
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li $t1, c
sw $t1, 4($t0)
```

# Method Calls

```
class A {  
    int f1 = c;  
    ...  
    int m1(int x) { ...  
    int m2(int x) { ...  
}
```

```
A a = new A;  
z = a.m2(7)
```

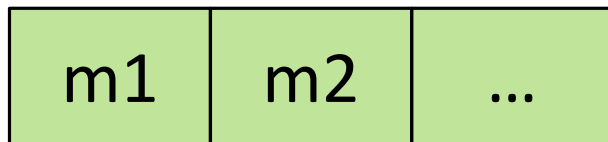
```
t0 = a  
t1 = 7  
t2 = virtual_call t0, m2, t1  
z = t2
```

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# Method Calls

```
t0 = a  
t1 = 7  
t2 = virtual_call t0, m2, t1  
z = t2
```

```
subu $sp, $sp, 4  
sw $t1, 0($sp)
```

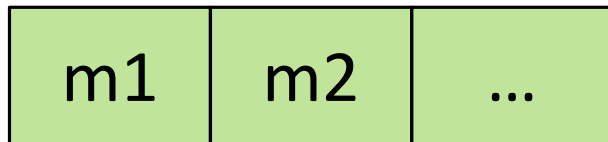


Virtual Table

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z = t2
```

```
subu $sp, $sp, 4  
sw $t1, 0($sp)  
subu $sp, $sp, 4  
sw $t0, 0($sp)
```



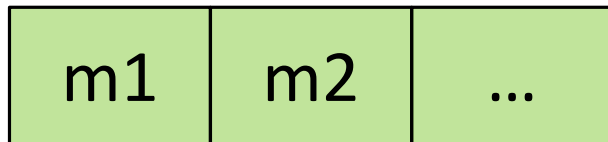
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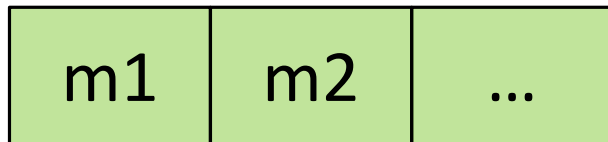
```
subu $sp, $sp, 4  
sw $t1, 0($sp)  
subu $sp, $sp, 4  
sw $t0, 0($sp)  
lw $s0, 0($t0)
```



Virtual Table

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```

|    |    |     |
|----|----|-----|
| m1 | m2 | ... |
|----|----|-----|

Virtual Table

```
subu $sp, $sp, 4  
sw $t1, 0($sp)  
subu $sp, $sp, 4  
sw $t0, 0($sp)  
lw $s0, 0($t0)  
lw $s1, 4($s0)  
jalr $s1  
addu $sp, $sp, 8
```