

# Call Stack / run time stack

Each time a function is called, a new "Frame" is created to store relevant info about the call.

The frame includes

- Storage for local variables + parameters
- Storage for return value
- return address.

(This is how function calls are managed behind the scenes.)

```
int f(int x) {
```

```
    int y, z;
```

```
    ;
```

```
    z = g(x+y);
```

```
    cout << "g returned" << z;
```

```
    return 0;
```

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}
```

```
main() {
```

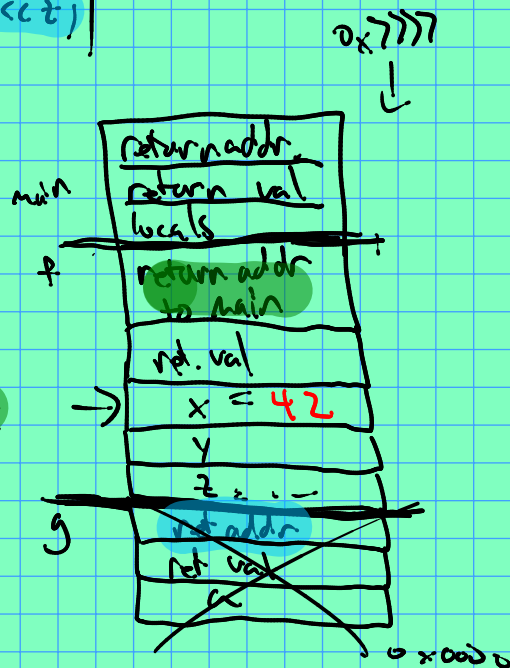
```
    f(42);
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    cout << "called f!";
```

```
int g(int a) {
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```
    return a*a;
```

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}
```



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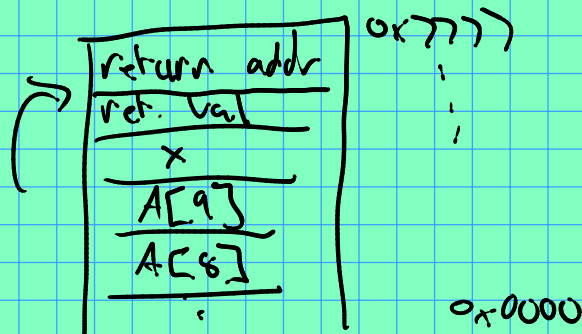
frame will be removed.

## Security implications!

```
int f(---) {
```

```
    int x;
```

```
    int A[10];
```



Question: what happens if  
we write "off the end"  
of  $A$ ? I.e., write to  
 $A[10]$ ,  $A[11]$ , ...

$A[0]$