

# CSE 523S: Systems Security

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# Plan for Today

- Announcements
  - I suggest you start the Python tutorial early
- Security news?
- CSE361 vs [Assignment Project Exam Help](https://eduassistpro.github.io/)
- System Des <https://eduassistpro.github.io/>
  - Why are our computer [Add WeChat edu\\_assist\\_pro](#) vulnerable?
- Assignment: Reading and Python

# Notes about CSE361 and CSE523

- CSE361 recently made the complete switch to x86-64 from IA32
- Today's CSE523 lecture looks at IA32
- CSE523 lecture on x86-64 in the future
- But not this semester...
- We will at different times use both...

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# Notes about CSE361 and CSE523

- Where are the major differences
  - address sizes 32-bit vs. 64-bit
  - number of registers
  - register names: e.g. esp vs. rsp

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Some links to C

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- Machine Basics (including instructions)
- Control (jumps, branches, etc.)
- Procedures

- This will be a brisk review! You should revisit these slides yourself as needed.

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**WHY ARE OUR COMPUTER  
SYSTEMS VULNERABLE?**

# Computers are Vulnerable

- Because we **write our own software**
  - Did we mistakenly/intentionally add vulnerabilities?  
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- Because we **write our own software**
  - Can we know if it has vul?  
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- Because **software requires input**
  - Can inputs be used to trigger a vulnerability?

# How Vulnerable Is it?



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- Write SW?
- Choose SW?
- Provide input?

# How can I execute my code on your system?

- I can give you the program, and have you execute it for me  
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- I can gain access to your machine and execute it myself
  - Ex: Exploit a system vulnerability to gain access
  - Ex: Steal credentials to gain access



# Let's review how code gets executed

- Adopt this mindset
  - We write our code into memory, and give a starting address to the CPU
- The CPU executes language
  - Assembly code is nothing
- We will be looking at binaries throughout the semester, so let's start from the beginning
- Book uses Intel assembly syntax, our slides use AT&T syntax. [comparison of the two](#)

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# Intel “x86” Processors

Many of following slides  
taken from CSE 361,  
based on Computer  
Systems, by Bryant &  
O'Hallaron

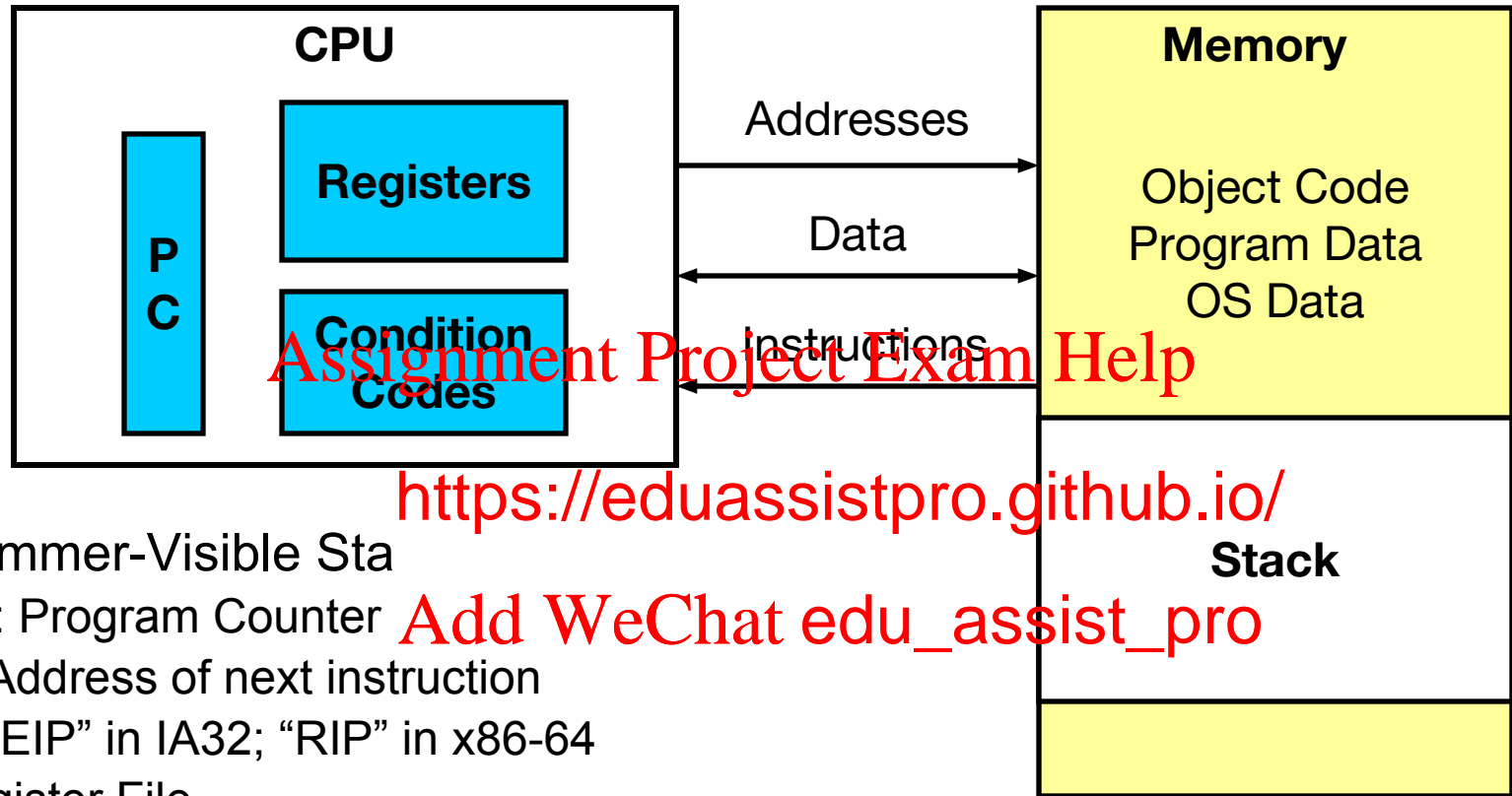
- Dominate Computer Market
- Evolutionary Design
  - Starting in 1978 with 8086
  - Add more features as time goes on
  - Still support old f
- Complex Instruction Set Computer
  - Many different instructions with many different formats
    - But, only small subset encountered with Linux programs
  - Hard to match performance of Reduced Instruction Set Computers (RISC)
  - But, Intel has done just that!

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# Assembly Programmer's View



## • Programmer-Visible State

- PC: Program Counter
  - Address of next instruction
  - “EIP” in IA32; “RIP” in x86-64
- Register File
  - Heavily used program data
- Condition Codes
  - Store status information about most recent arithmetic operation
  - Used for conditional branching

## – Memory

- Byte addressable array
- Code, user data, (some) OS data
- Includes stack used to support procedures

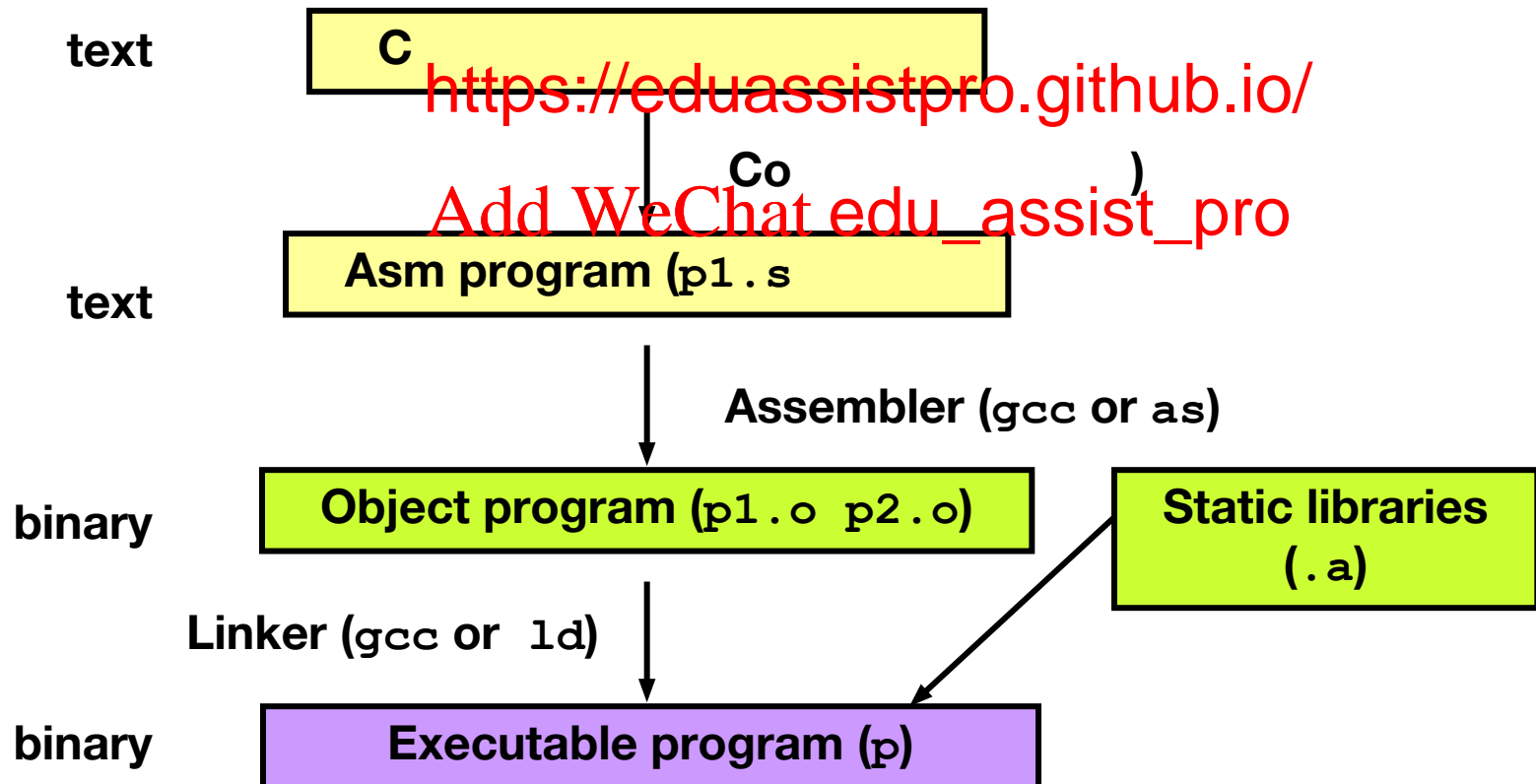
# Turning C into Object Code

- Code in files `p1.c p2.c`
- Compile with command: `gcc -O p1.c p2.c -o p`
  - Use optimizations (`-O`)
  - Put resulting binary in file `p`

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# Compiling Into Assembly

## C Code

```
int sum(int x, int y)
{
    int t = x+y;
    return t;
}
```

## Generated Assembly

```
_sum:
    pushl %ebp
    movl %esp,%ebp
    movl 12(%ebp),%eax
    addl 8(%ebp),%eax
    movl %ebp,%esp
```

Obtain with command

```
gcc -O -S code.c
```

Produces file code.s because of -S

Using -O will produce optimized

Try and compare:

```
gcc -S code.c
```

Are we using 32-bit or 64-bit instructions?

Try -m32 and -m64 to see differences

One more thing: compilers change

Exact .s results might vary depending on version of gcc

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# Object Code

## Code for `sum`

`0x401040 <sum>:`

`0x55`

`0x89`

`0xe5`

`0x8b`

`0x45`

`0x0c`

`0x03`

`0x45`

`0x08`

`0x89`

`0xec`

`0x5d`

`0xc3`

- Total of 13 bytes

- Each instruction 2, or 3 bytes

- Starts at address `0x401040`

## •Assembler

- Translates `.s` into `.o`
- Binary encoding of each instruction
- Nearly-complete image of executable code
- Missing linkages between code in

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## •Linker

- Resolves references between files
- Combines with static run-time libraries
  - E.g., code for `malloc`, `printf`
- Some libraries are *dynamically linked*
  - Linking occurs when program begins execution

# Machine Instruction Example

```
int t = x+y;
```

- C Code
  - Add two signed integers

```
addl 8(%ebp),%eax
```

- Assembly
  - Add 2 4-byte integers
  - “Long” words in GCC parlance
  - Same instruction whether signed or unsigned

Similar to expressing

```
x += y
```

Or

```
int eax;
```

```
int *ebp;
```

```
eax += ebp[2]
```

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```
r %eax
```

```
4(%ebp)
```

```
r %eax
```

– Return function value in %eax

```
0x401046: 03 45 08
```

- Object Code
  - 3-byte instruction
  - Stored at address 0x401046

# Disassembling Object Code

## Disassembled

00401040 <\_sum>:

```
0: 55          push    %ebp
1: 89 e5       mov     %esp, %ebp
3: 8b 45 0c    mov     0xc(%ebp), %eax
6: 03 45 08    add     0x8(%ebp), %eax
9: 89 e5       mov     %esp, %ebp
b: 5d         push    %ebp
c: c3         ret     4
d: 8d 76 00    lea     0x7600(%ebp), %esi
```

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- Disassembler

`objdump -d p`

- Useful tool for examining object code
- Analyzes bit pattern of series of instructions
- Produces approximate rendition of assembly code
- Can be run on either `a.out` (complete executable) or `.o` file



# Alternate Disassembly w/ gdb

Object

Disassembled

0x401040:

0x55

0x89

0xe5

0x8b

0x45

0x0c

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0x5d

0xc3

```
0x401040 <sum>:  push    %ebp
0x401041 <sum+1>:  mov     %esp, %ebp
0x401043 <sum+3>:  mov     0xc(%ebp), %eax
0x401046 <sum+6>:  add     0x8(%ebp), %eax
0x401049 <sum+9>:  mov     %ebp, %esp
0x         %ebp
0x
0x
0x         0x0(%esi), %esi
```

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- Within gdb Deb

`gdb p`

`disassemble sum`

- Disassemble procedure

`x/13b sum`

- Examine the 13 bytes starting at sum

# What Can be Disassembled?

```
% objdump -d WINWORD.EXE
```

```
WINWORD.EXE:          file format pei-i386
```

```
No symbols in "WINWORD.EXE".
```

```
Disassembly of section .text:
```

```
30001000 <.text
```

```
30001000: 55
```

```
30001001: 8b ec      mov     bp, esp
30001003: 6a ff      push    0xffff
```

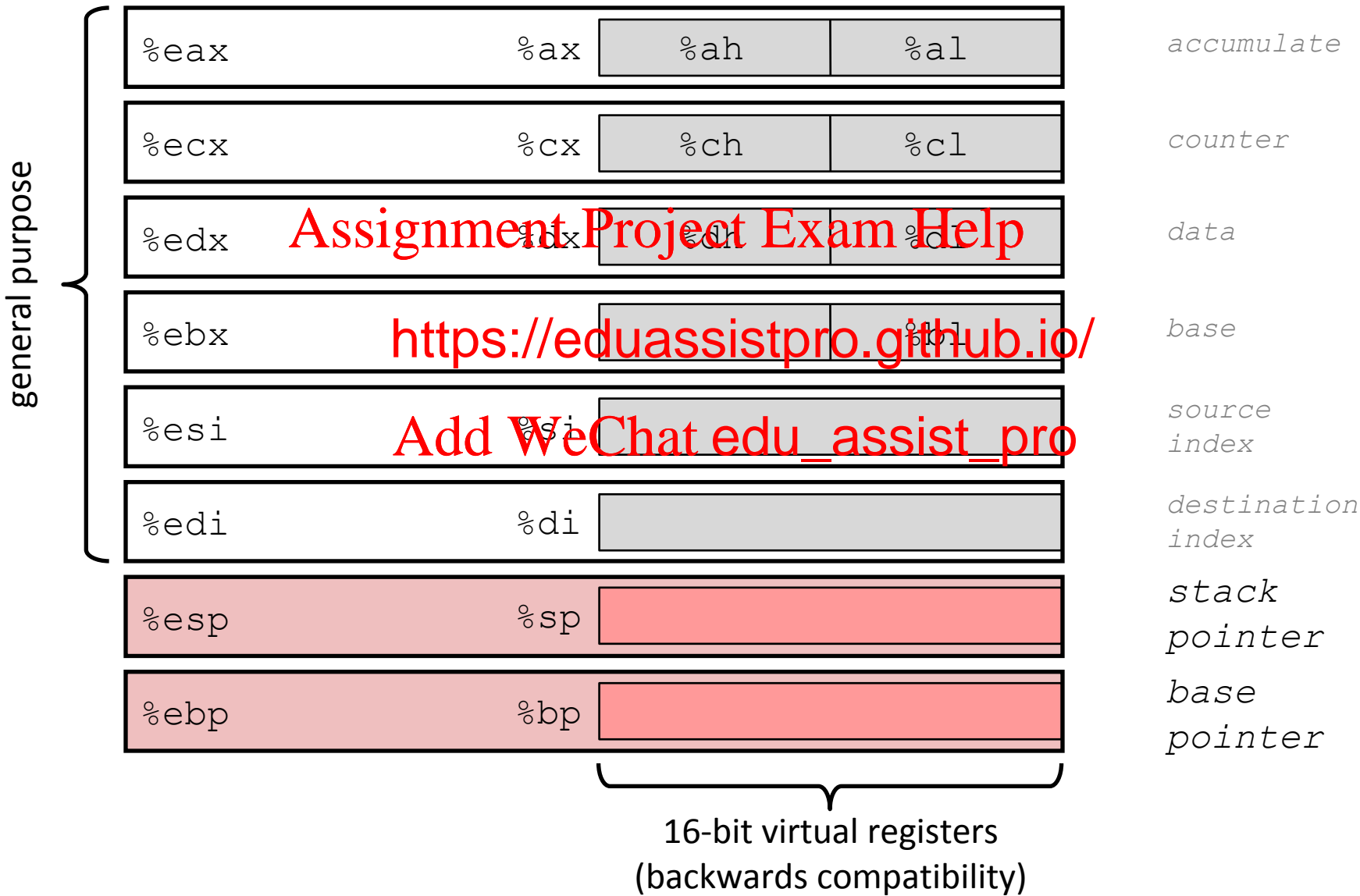
```
30001005: 68 90 10 00 30  push    $0x30001090
```

```
3000100a: 68 91 dc 4c 30  push    $0x304cdc91
```

- Anything that can be interpreted as executable code
- Disassembler examines bytes and reconstructs assembly source
- BUT be careful, reverse engineering forbidden by Microsoft end user license agreement!

# Integer Registers (IA32)

Origin  
(mostly obsolete)



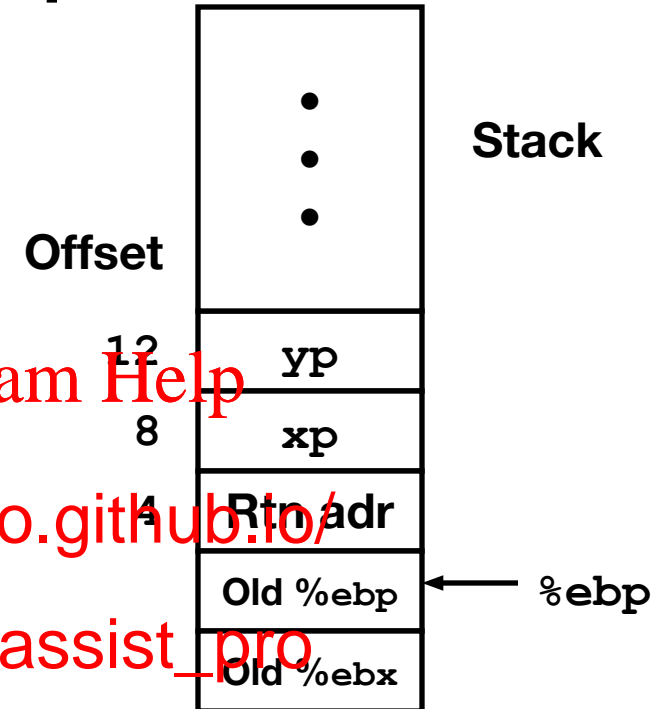
# Understanding Swap

```
void swap(int *xp, int *yp)
{
    int t0 = *xp;
    int t1 = *yp;
    *xp = t1;
    *yp = t0;
}
```

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Register	Variable
%ecx	yp
%edx	xp
%eax	t1
%ebx	t0

```
movl 12(%ebp), %ecx # ecx = yp
movl 8(%ebp), %edx  # edx = xp
movl (%ecx), %eax   # eax = *yp (t1)
movl (%edx), %ebx   # ebx = *xp (t0)
movl %eax, (%edx)   # *xp = eax
movl %ebx, (%ecx)   # *yp = ebx
```

# Understanding Swap

%eax	
%edx	
%ecx	
%ebx	
%esi	
%edi	
%esp	
%ebp	0x104

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Offset

yp  
xp

12  
8  
4

123	0x124
456	0x120
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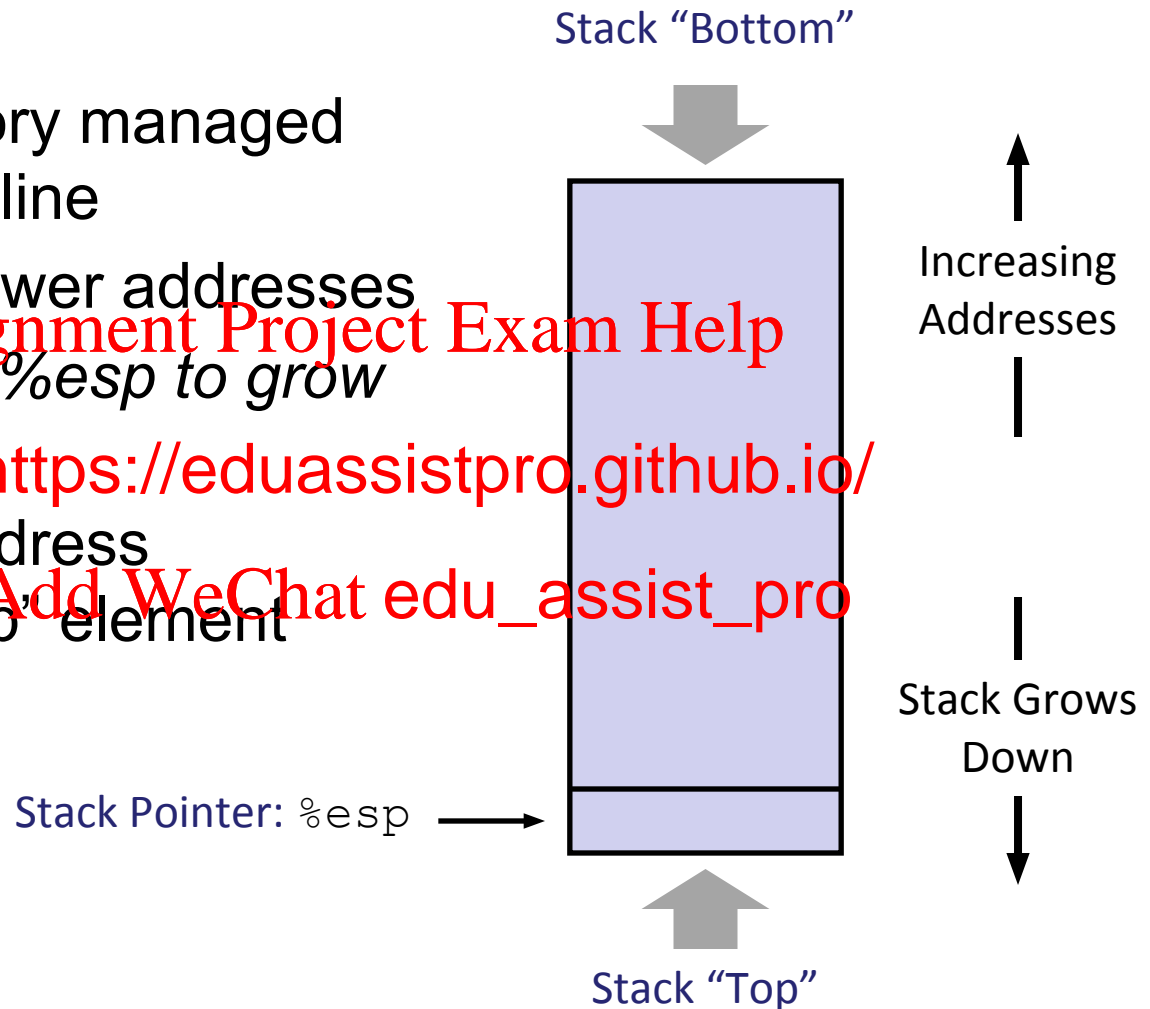
# IA32 Stack

- Region of memory managed with stack discipline

- Grows toward lower addresses

*Subtract from `%esp` to grow*

- Register `%esp` lowest stack address  
= address of “top” element



# IA32 Stack: Push

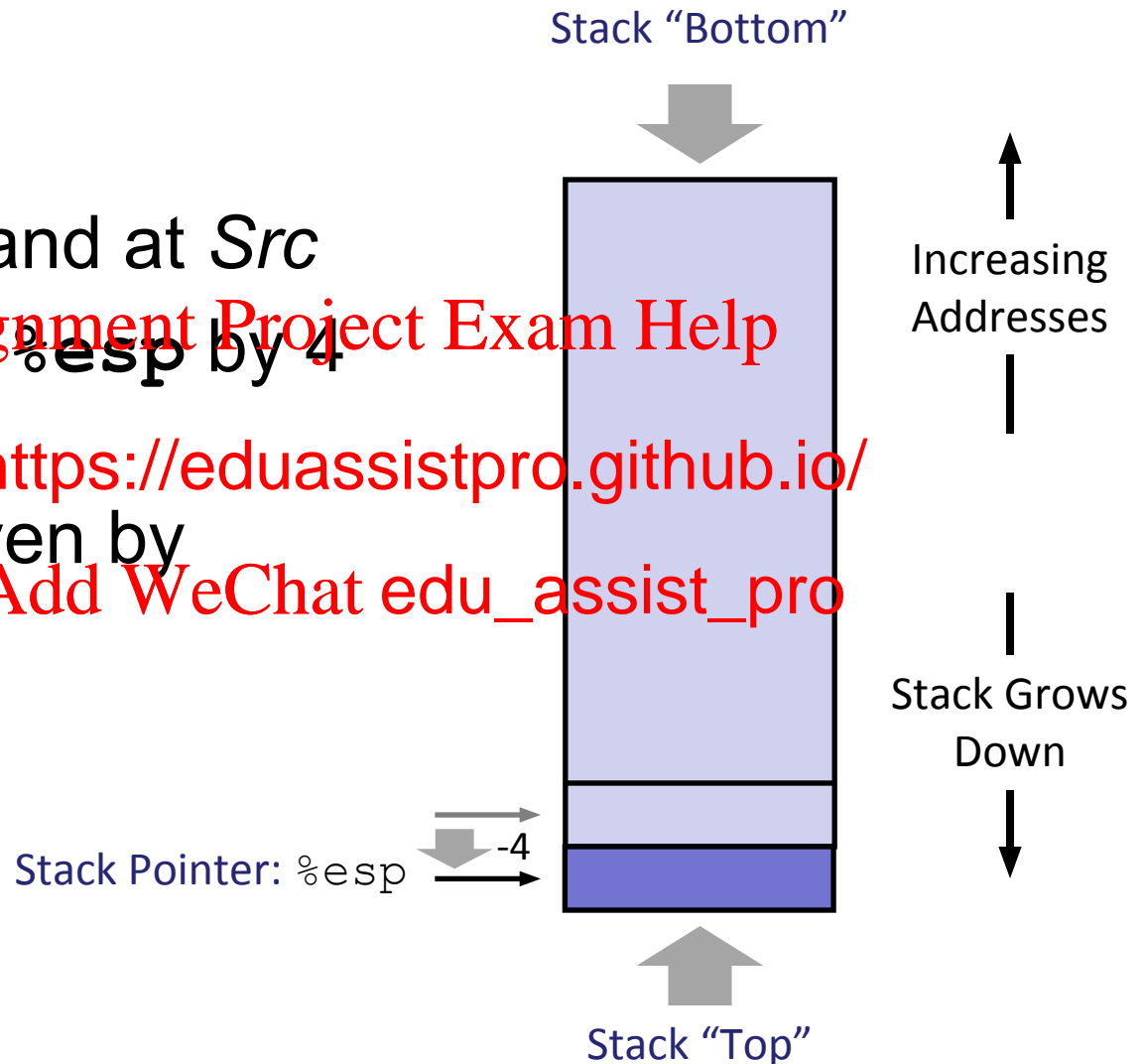
- `pushl Src`

- Fetch operand at *Src*
- Decrement `%esp` by 4
- Write operand at the new address given by `%esp`

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# IA32 Stack: Pop

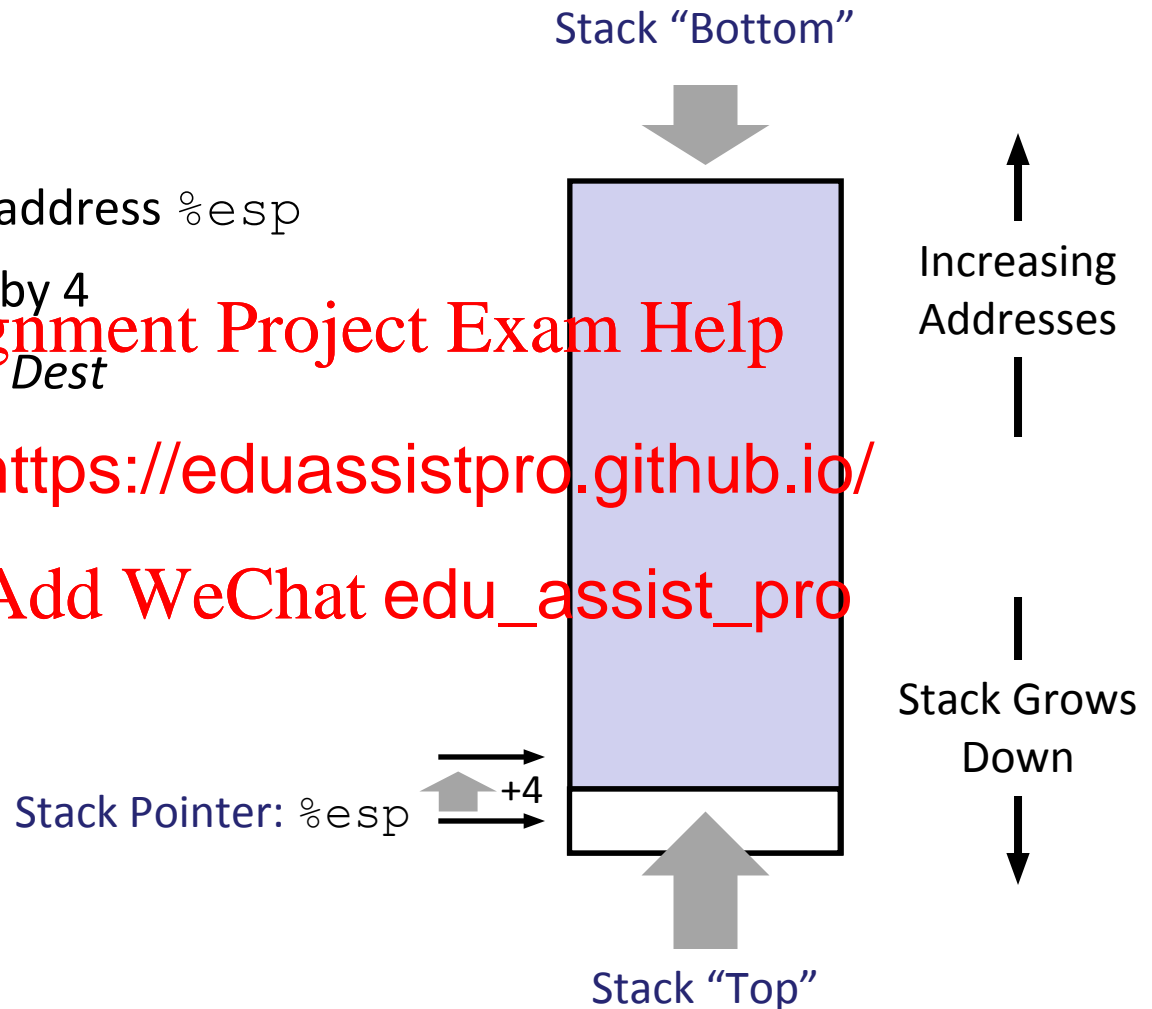
## ■ **popl** *Dest*

- Read operand at address `%esp`
- Increment `%esp` by 4
- Write operand to *Dest*

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# Procedure Control Flow

- Use stack to support procedure call and return
- **Procedure call:** `call label`
  - Push return address on stack
  - Jump to *label*
- **Return address:**
  - Address of instruction beyond `call`
  - Example from di

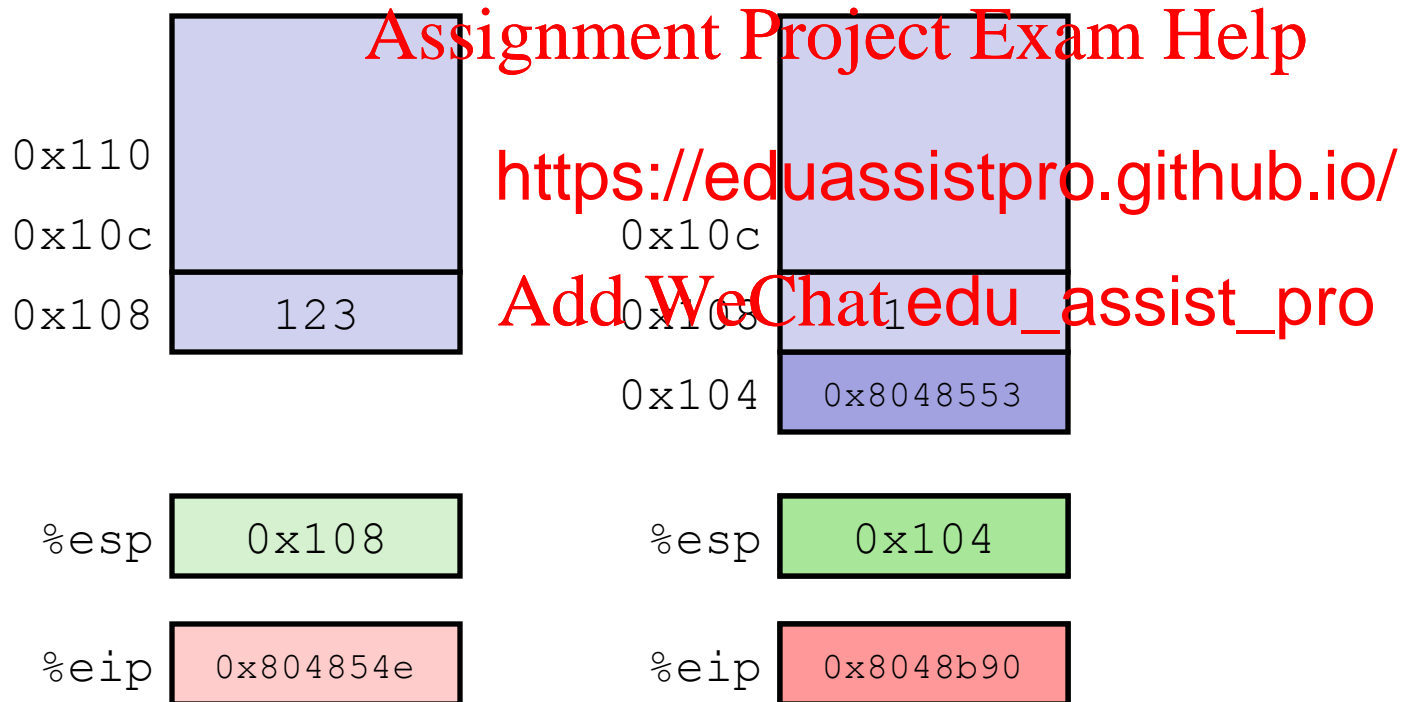
804854e: e8 3d 06 00 00 c b90 <main>  
8048553: 50 p

- Return address = `0x8048553`
- **Procedure return:** `ret`
  - Pop address from stack
  - Jump to address

# Procedure Call Example

```
804854e: e8 3d 06 00 00   call    8048b90 <main>
8048553: 50               pushl   %eax
```

call 8048b90



*%eip: program counter*



# Procedure Return Example

8048591: c3

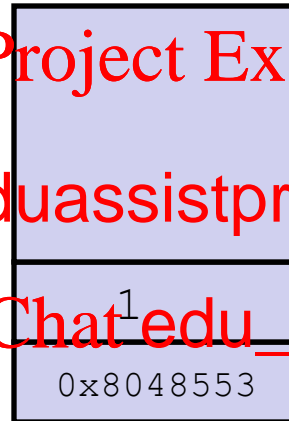
ret

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0x108  
0x104



%esp

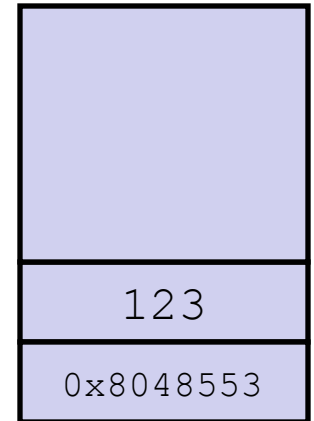
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%eip

0x8048591

ret

0x110  
0x10C



%esp

0x108

%eip

0x8048553

*%eip: program counter*

# Stack-Based Languages

- Languages that support recursion
  - e.g., C, Java, Postscript
  - Code must be “*Reentrant*”
    - Multiple simultaneous instantiations of single procedure
  - Need some place to store state of each instantiation
    - Argument
    - Local vari
    - Return pointer
- Stack discipline
  - State for given procedure needed for limited time
    - From when called to when return
  - Callee returns before caller does
- Stack allocated in *Frames*
  - state for single procedure instantiation

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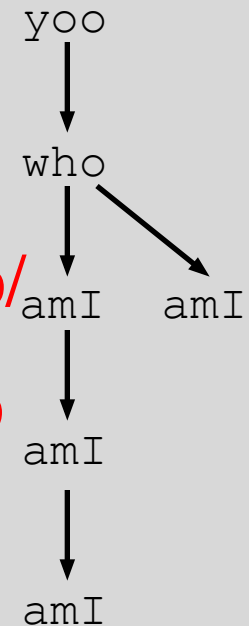
# Call Chain Example

```
yoo (...)  
{  
  .  
  .  
  who () ;  
  .  
  .  
}
```

```
who (...)  
{  
  .  
  a  
  . . .  
  amI (...);  
  . . .  
}
```

```
{  
  .  
  amI () ;  
  .  
  .  
}
```

Example  
Call Chain



Procedure amI is recursive

# Stack Frames

- Contents

- Local variables
- Return information
- Temporary space

Frame Pointer: `%ebp` →

Previous  
Frame

Frame for  
`proc`

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- Management

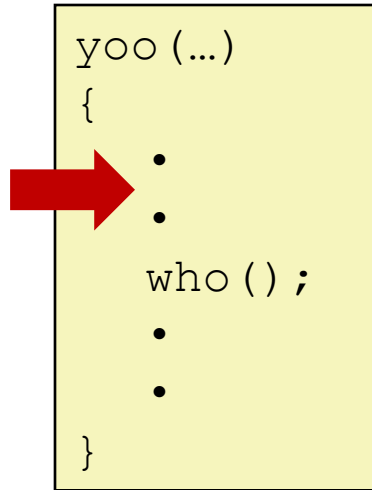
- Space allocated when ente  
procedure
  - “Set-up” code
- Deallocated when return
  - “Finish” code

Stack

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Stack “Top”

# Example



yoo

who

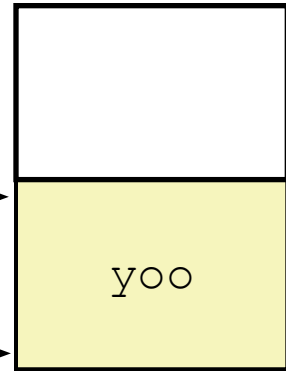
amI

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%ebp

%esp

Stack

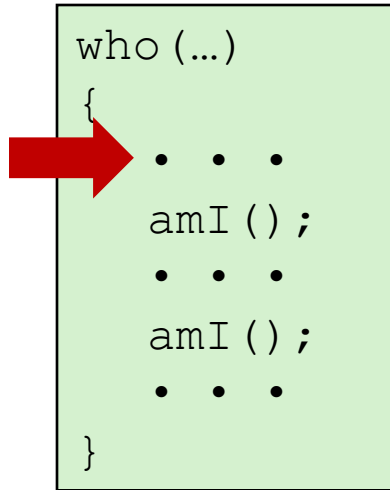


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# Example



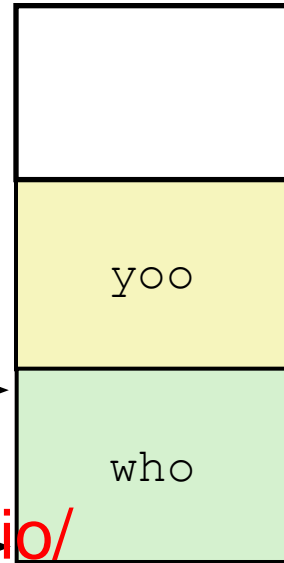
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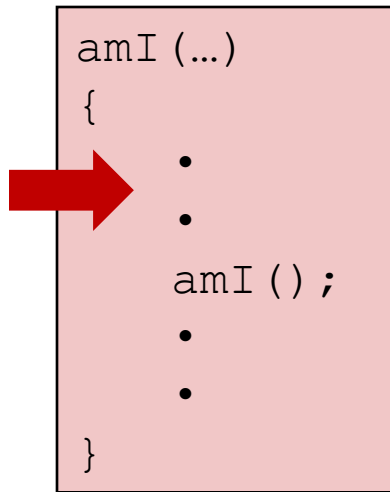


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# Example



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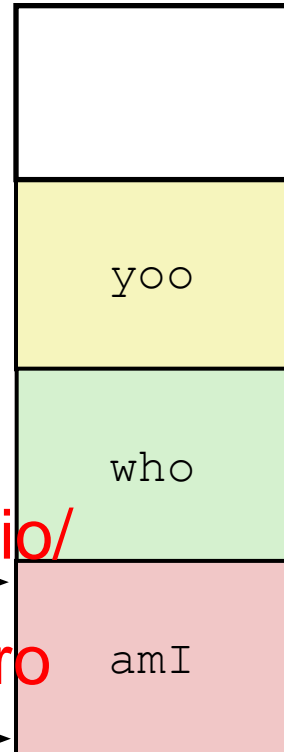
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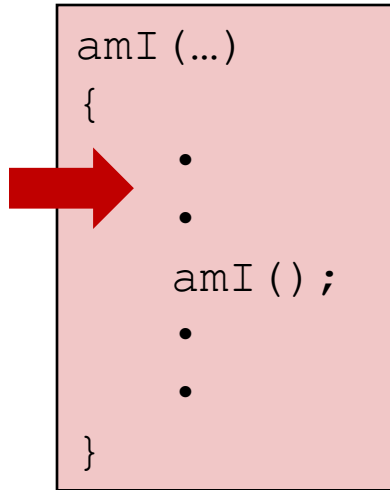
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Stack



%esp

# Example



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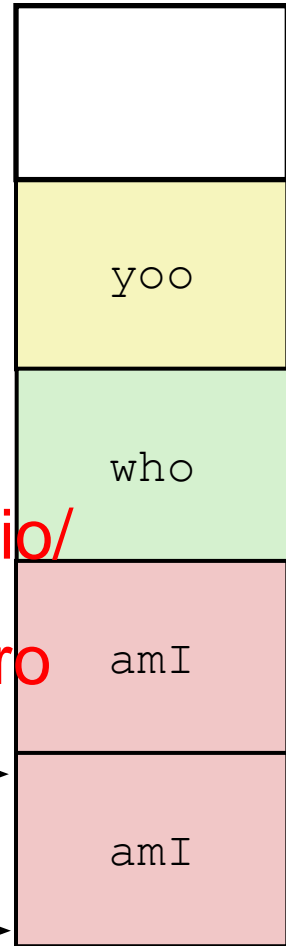
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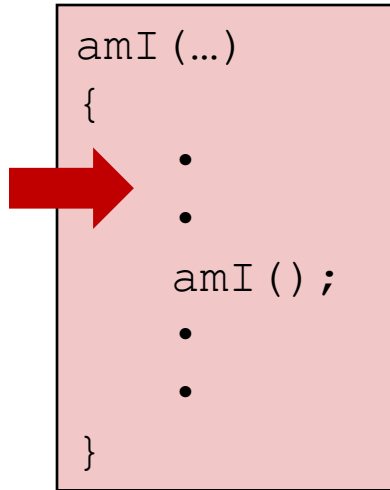
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Stack





# Example



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who

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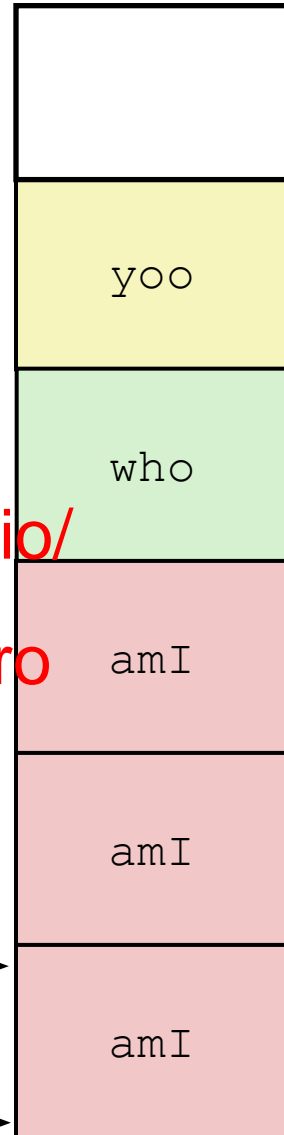
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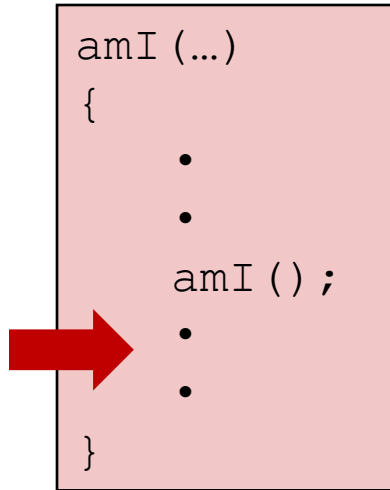
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`%ebp`

`%esp`

# Example



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who

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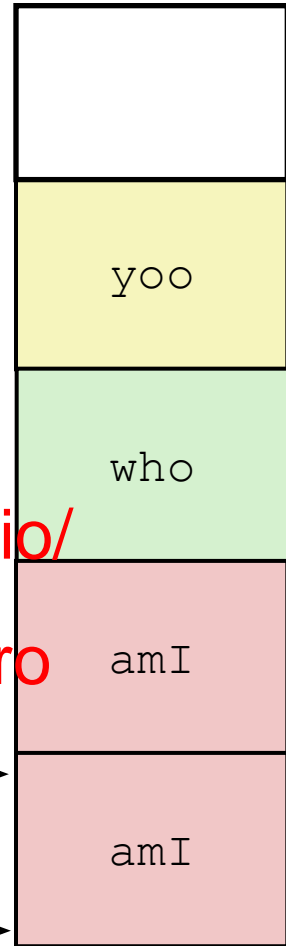
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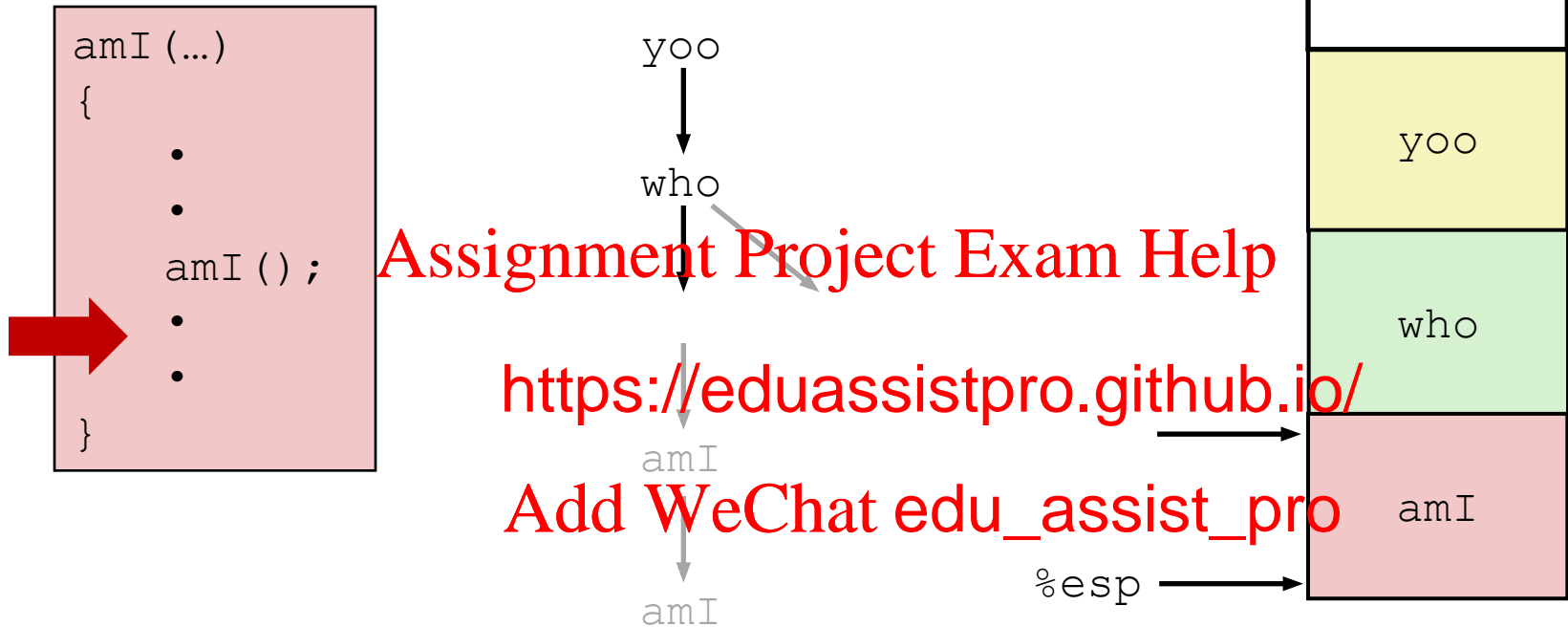
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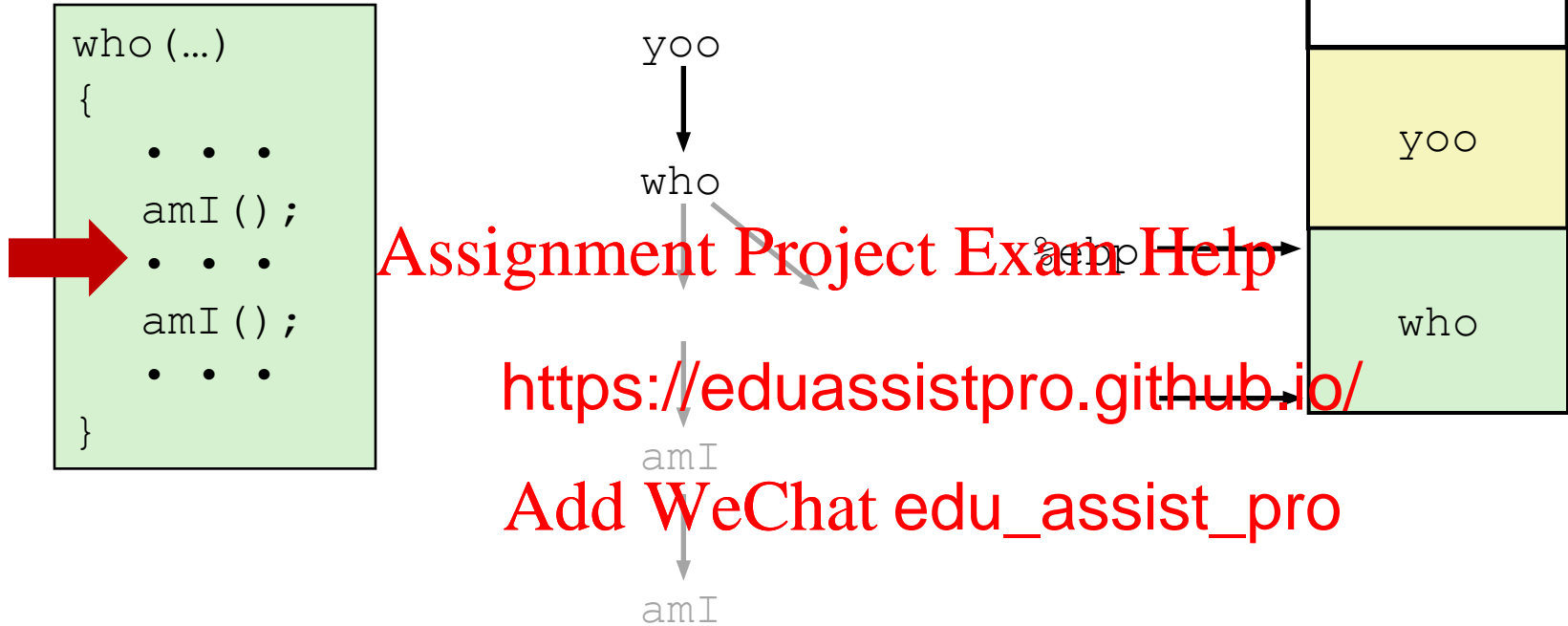
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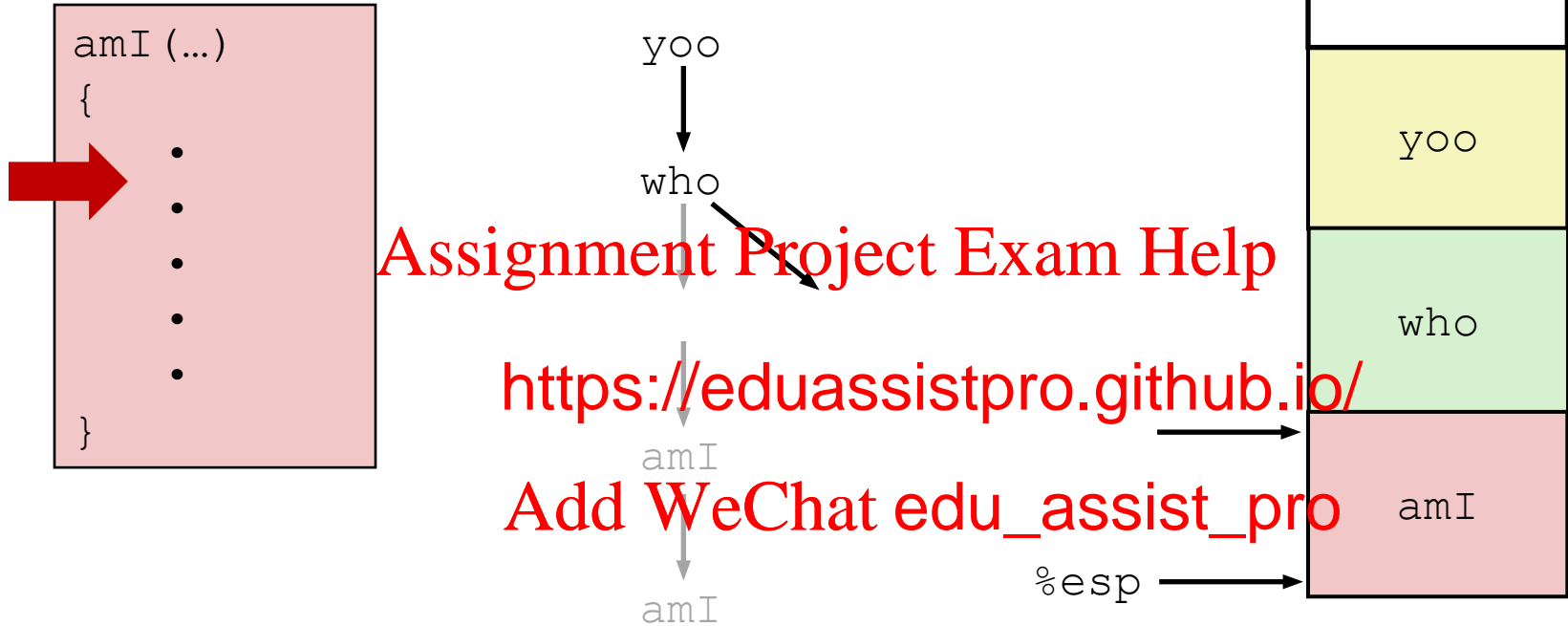
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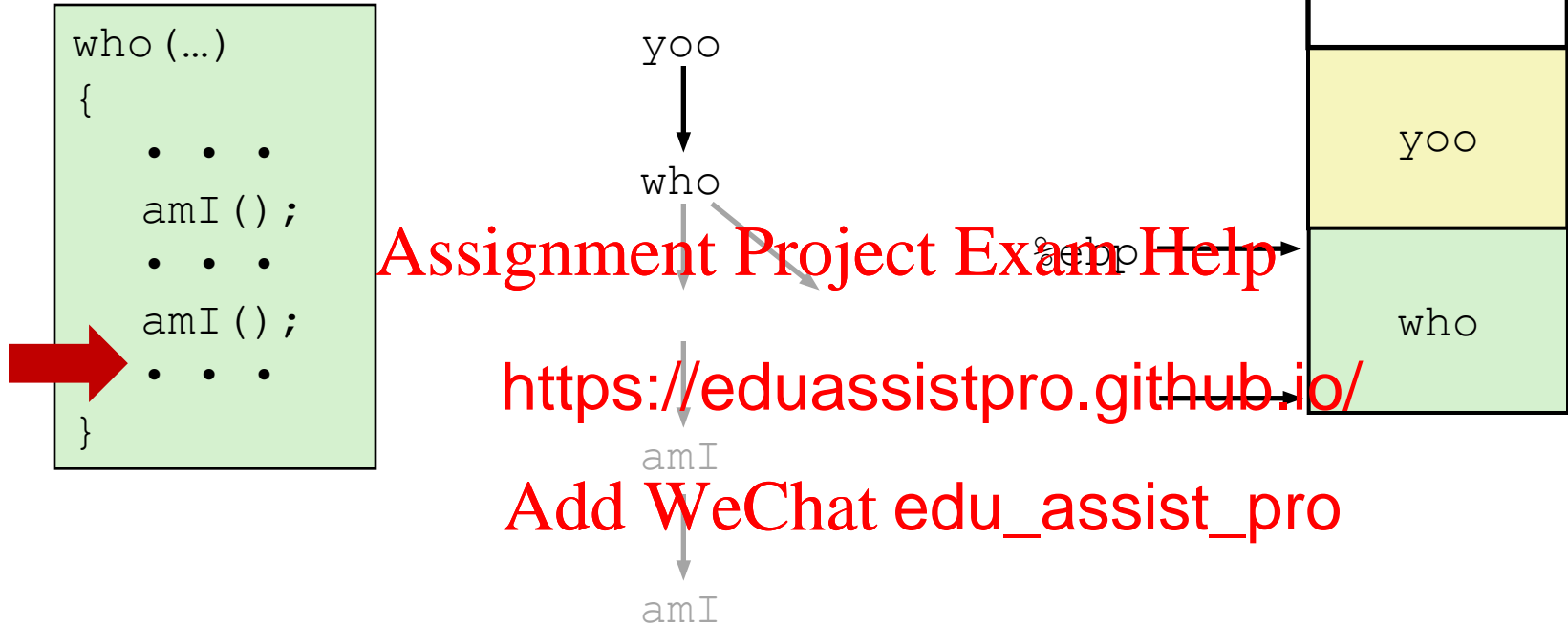
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```
yoo (...)  
{  
  .  
  .  
  who ();  
  .  
  .  
}
```



yoo

who

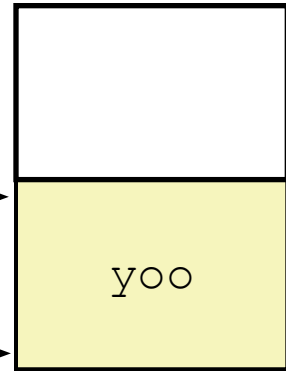
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Stack



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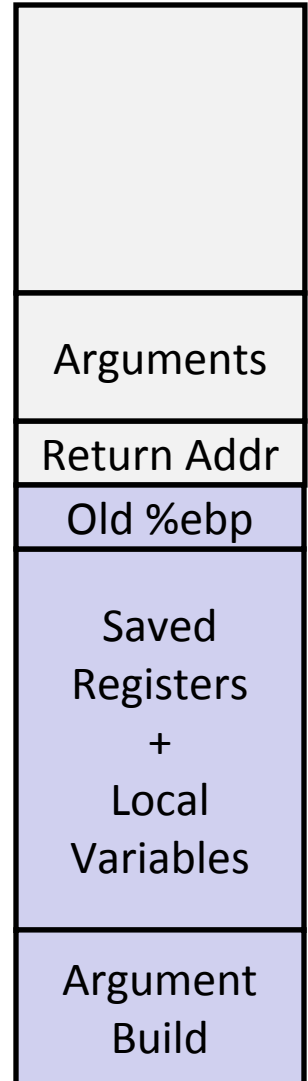
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# IA32/Linux Stack Frame

- Current Stack Frame (“Top” to Bottom)

- “Argument build:”  
Parameters for function about to call
- Local variables  
If can't keep in register
- Saved register context
- Old frame pointer

Caller  
Frame



- Caller Stack Frame

- Return address
- Pushed by `call` instruction
- Arguments for this call

Stack pointer  
`%esp`



# Revisiting swap

```
int zip1 = 15213;
int zip2 = 91125;
```

```
void call_swap()
{
    swap(&zip1, &zip2);
}
```

Calling swap from call\_swap

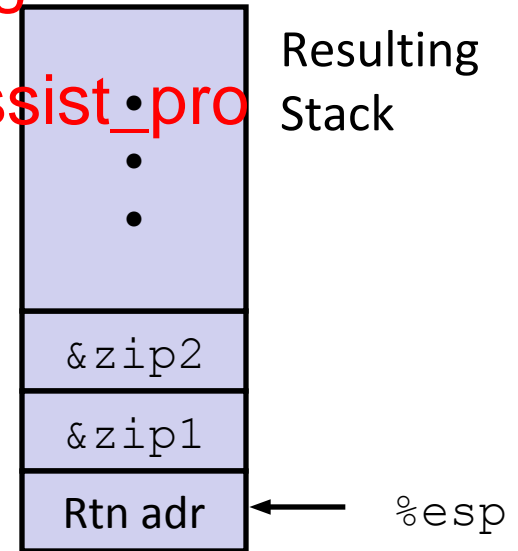
```
call_swap:
    . . .
    pushl $zip2    # Global Var
    pushl $zip1    # Global Var
    call swap
```

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```
void swap(int *xp, int *yp)
{
    int t0 = *xp;
    int t1 = *yp;
    *xp = t1;
    *yp = t0;
}
```



# Revisiting swap

```
void swap(int *xp, int *yp)
{
    int t0 = *xp;
    int t1 = *yp;
    *xp = t1;
    *yp = t0;
}
```

swap:

```
    pushl %ebp
    movl %esp,%ebp
    pushl %ebx
```

} Set  
Up

```
    movl 12(%ebp),%ecx
    movl 8(%ebp),%edx
    movl (%ecx),%ebx
```

} Body

```
    movl %edx,%ebx
    movl %ebx,%ecx
    movl %ecx,%edx
```

```
    movl -4(%ebp),%ebx
    movl %ebp,%esp
    popl %ebp
    ret
```

} Finish

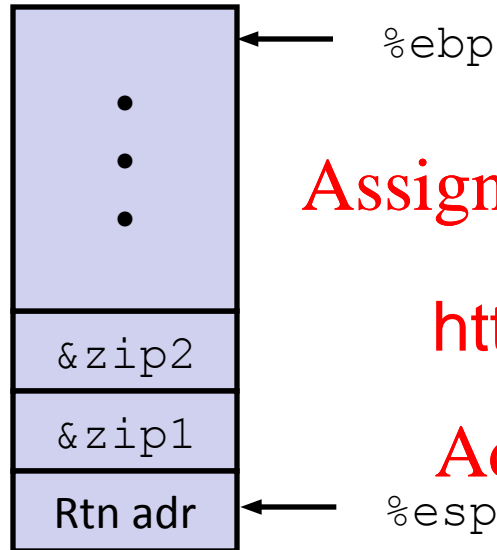
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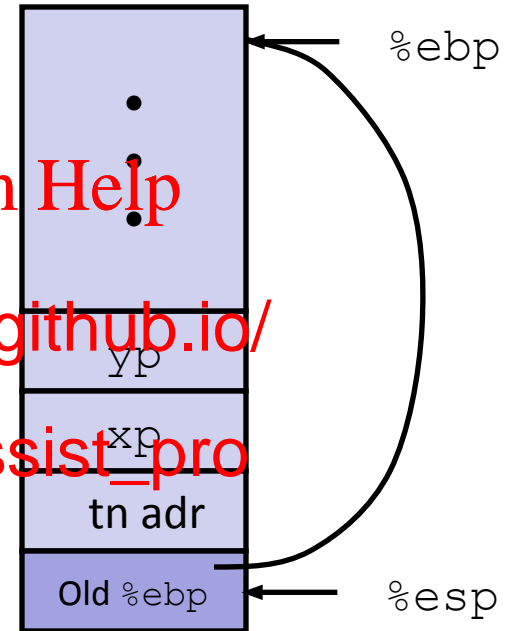
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# swap Setup #1

Entering Stack



Resulting Stack



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`swap:`

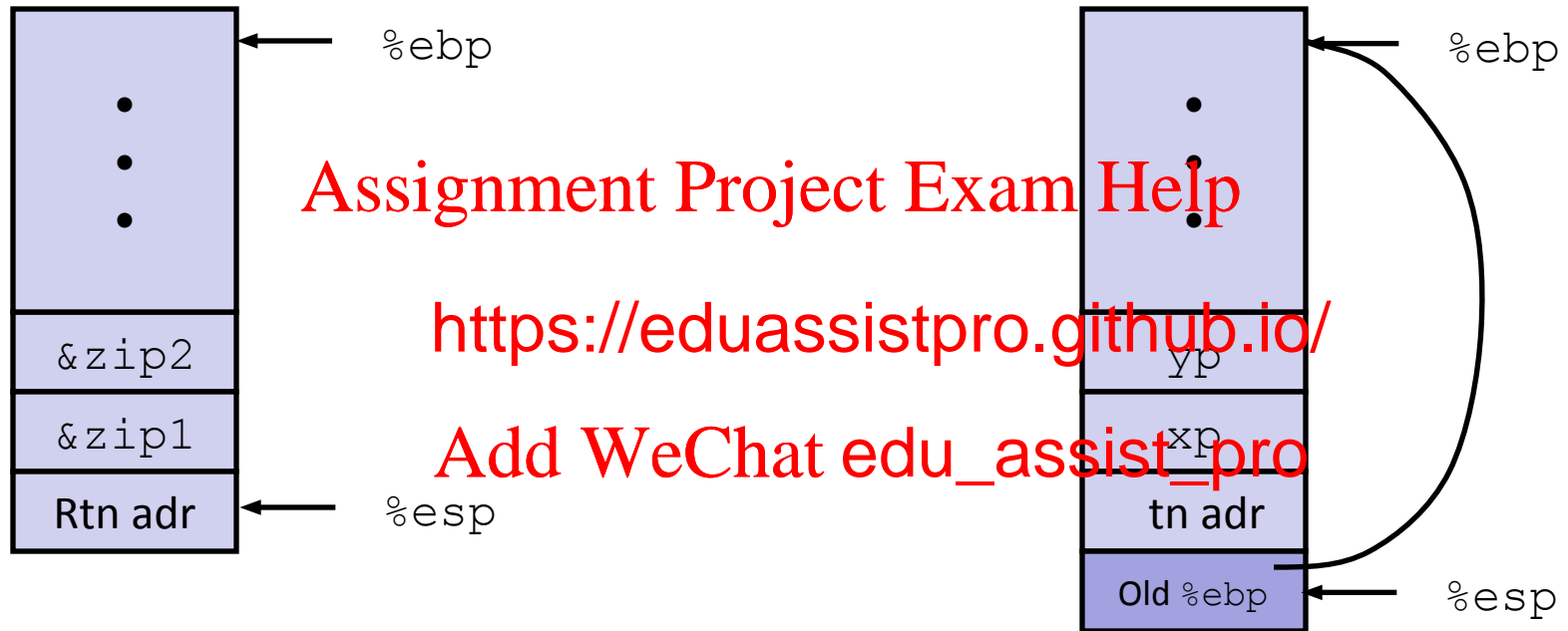
`pushl %ebp`

`movl %esp,%ebp`

`pushl %ebx`

# swap Setup #1

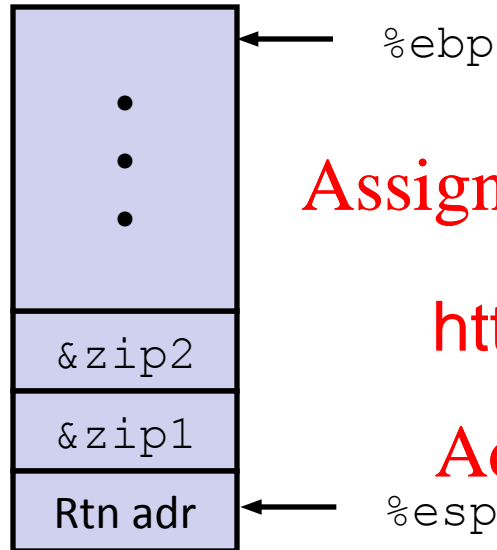
Entering Stack



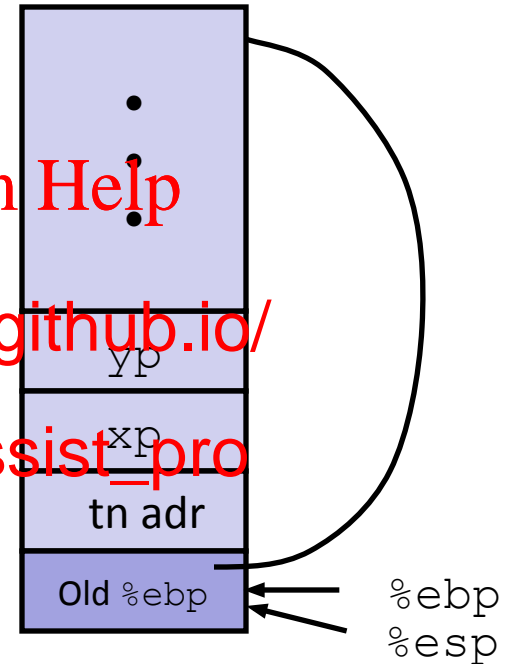
```
swap:
    pushl %ebp
    movl %esp,%ebp
    pushl %ebx
```

# swap Setup #1

Entering Stack



Resulting Stack



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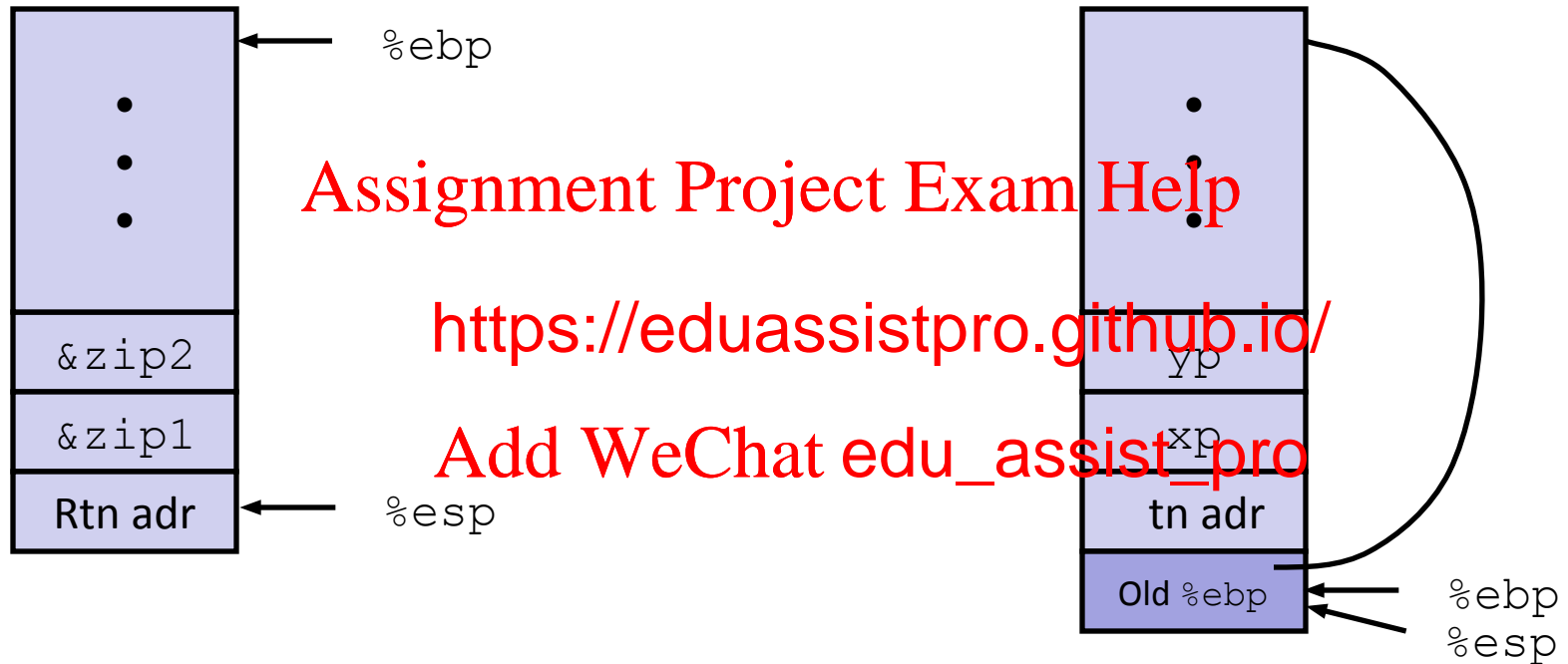
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`swap:`

```
    pushl %ebp
    movl %esp, %ebp
    pushl %ebx
```

# swap Setup #1

Entering Stack

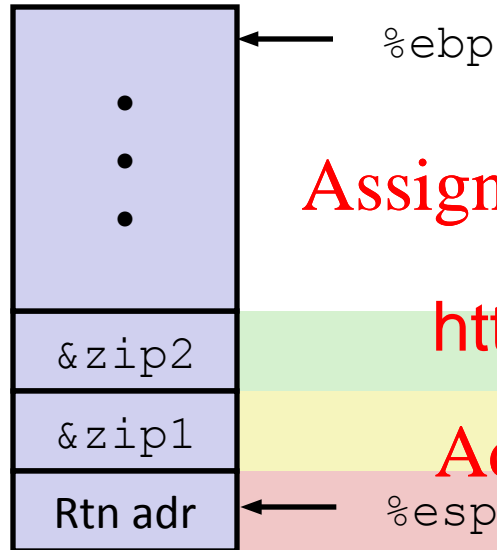


swap:

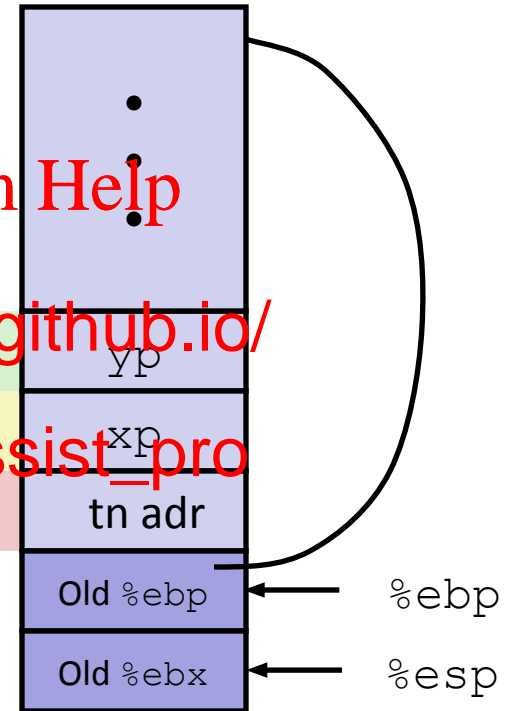
```
pushl %ebp
movl %esp,%ebp
pushl %ebx
```

# swap Setup #1

Entering Stack



Resulting Stack



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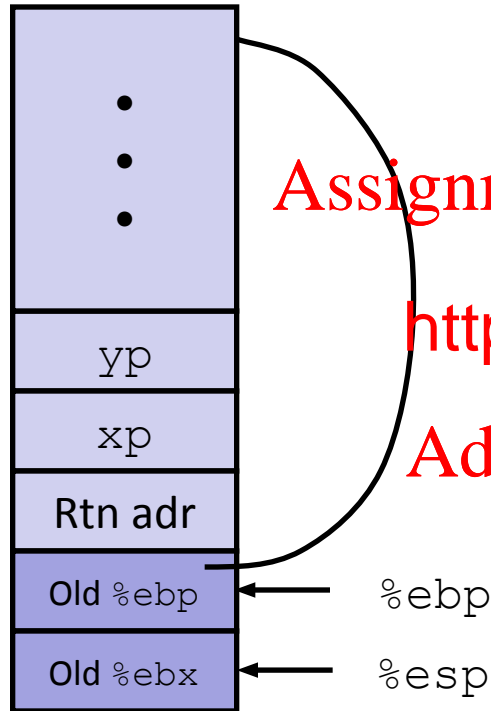
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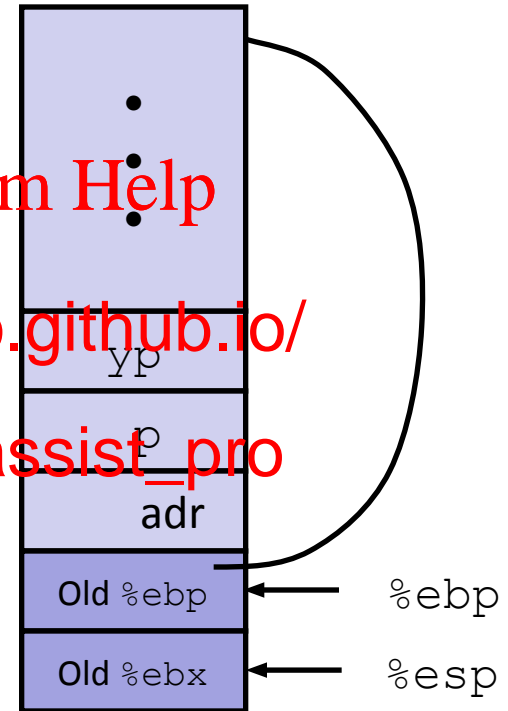
```
movl 12(%ebp),%ecx # get yp
movl 8(%ebp),%edx  # get xp
. . .
```

# swap Finish #1

swap's Stack



Resulting Stack



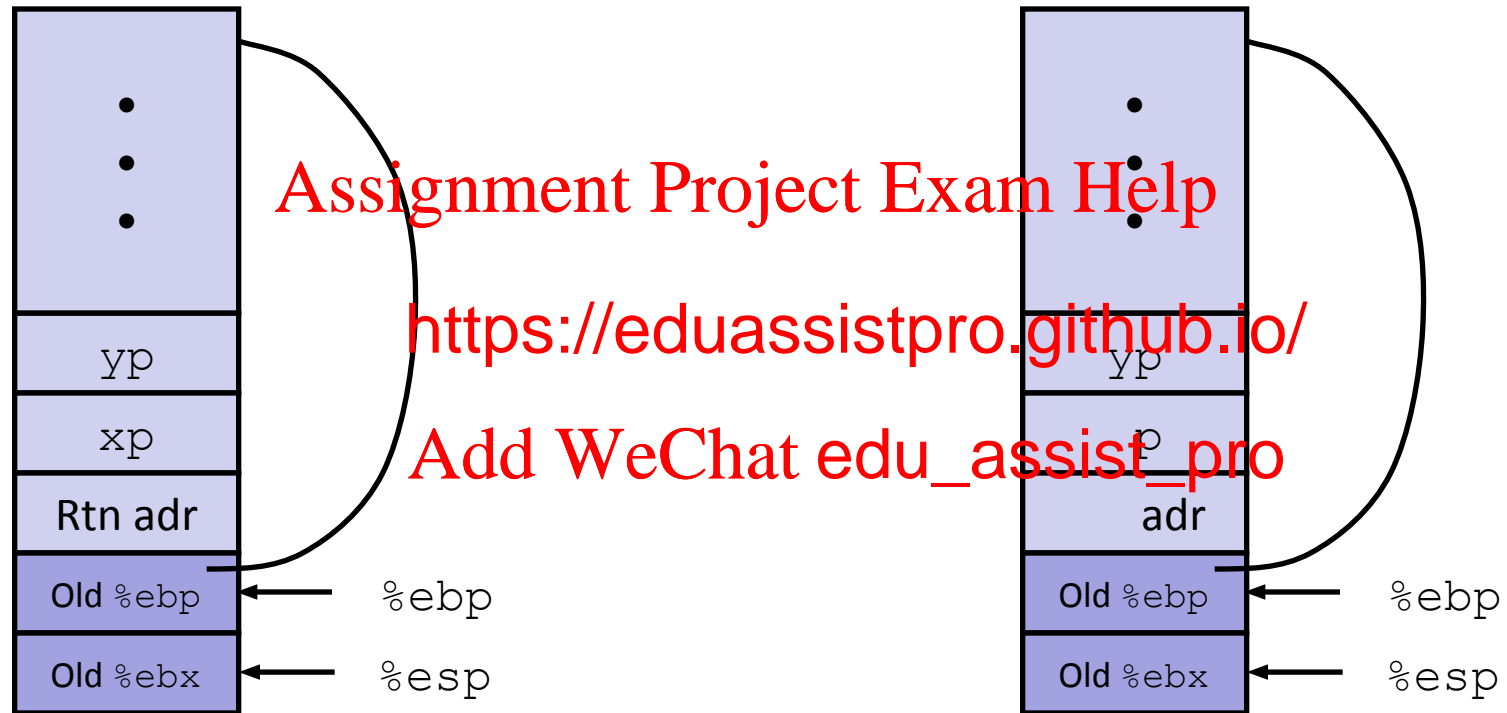
```
movl -4(%ebp), %ebx  
movl %ebp, %esp  
popl %ebp  
ret
```

Observation: Saved and restored  
register %ebx



# swap Finish #2

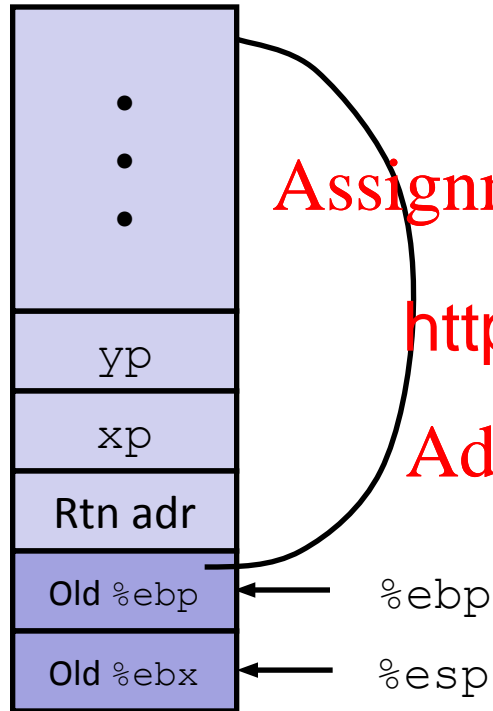
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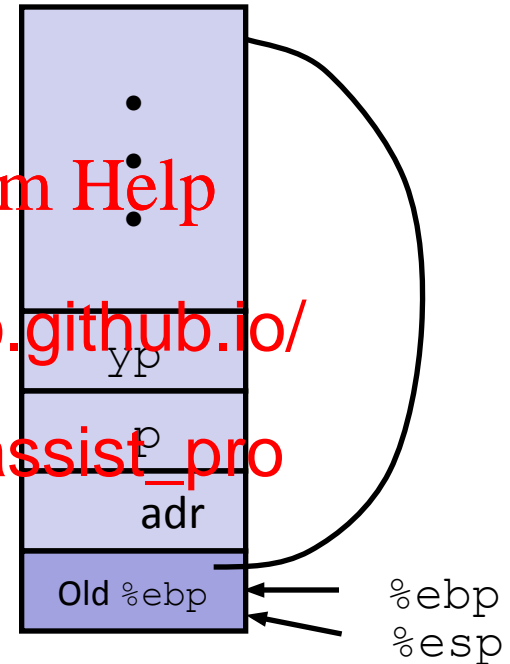
```
movl -4(%ebp), %ebx
movl %ebp, %esp
popl %ebp
ret
```

# swap Finish #2

swap's Stack



Resulting Stack



```
movl -4(%ebp), %ebx  
movl %ebp, %esp  
popl %ebp  
ret
```

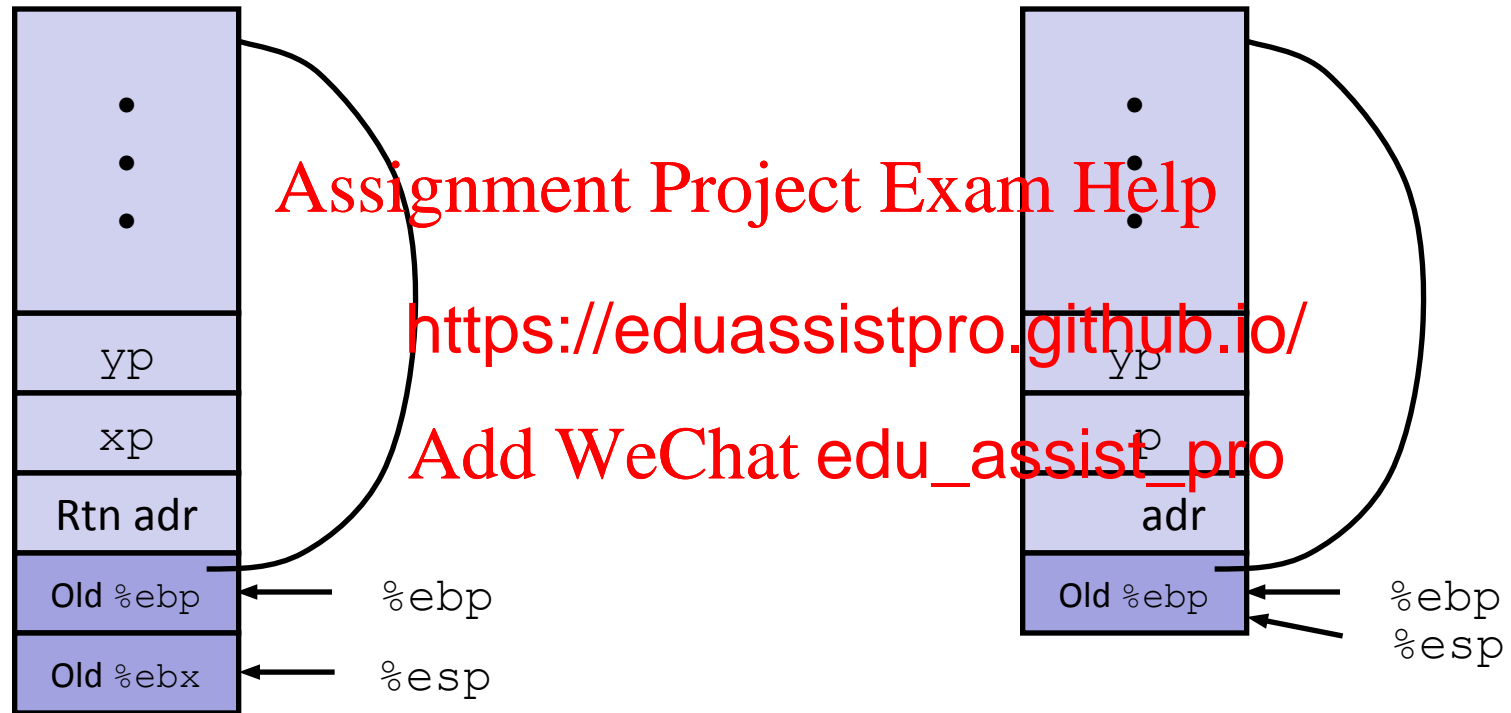
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# swap Finish #2

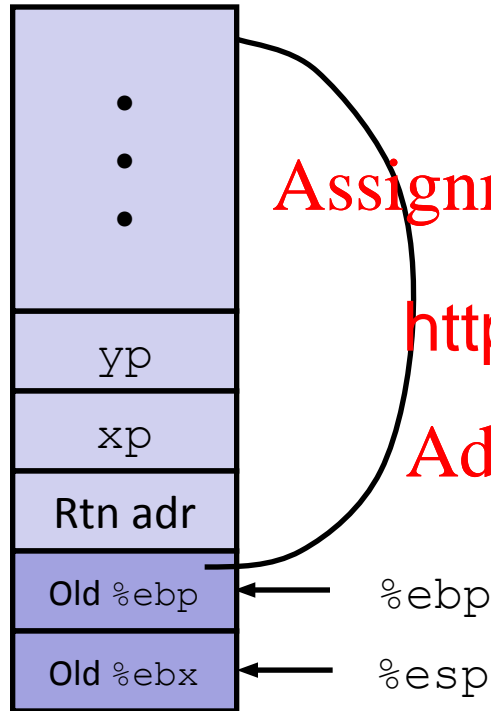
swap's Stack



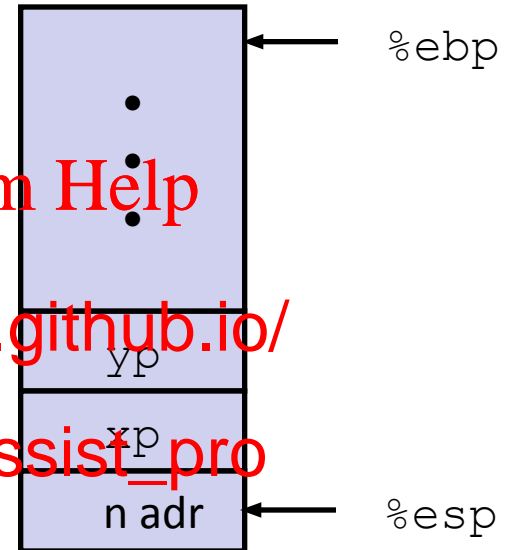
```
movl -4(%ebp), %ebx
movl %ebp, %esp
popl %ebp
ret
```

# swap Finish #3

swap's Stack



Resulting Stack



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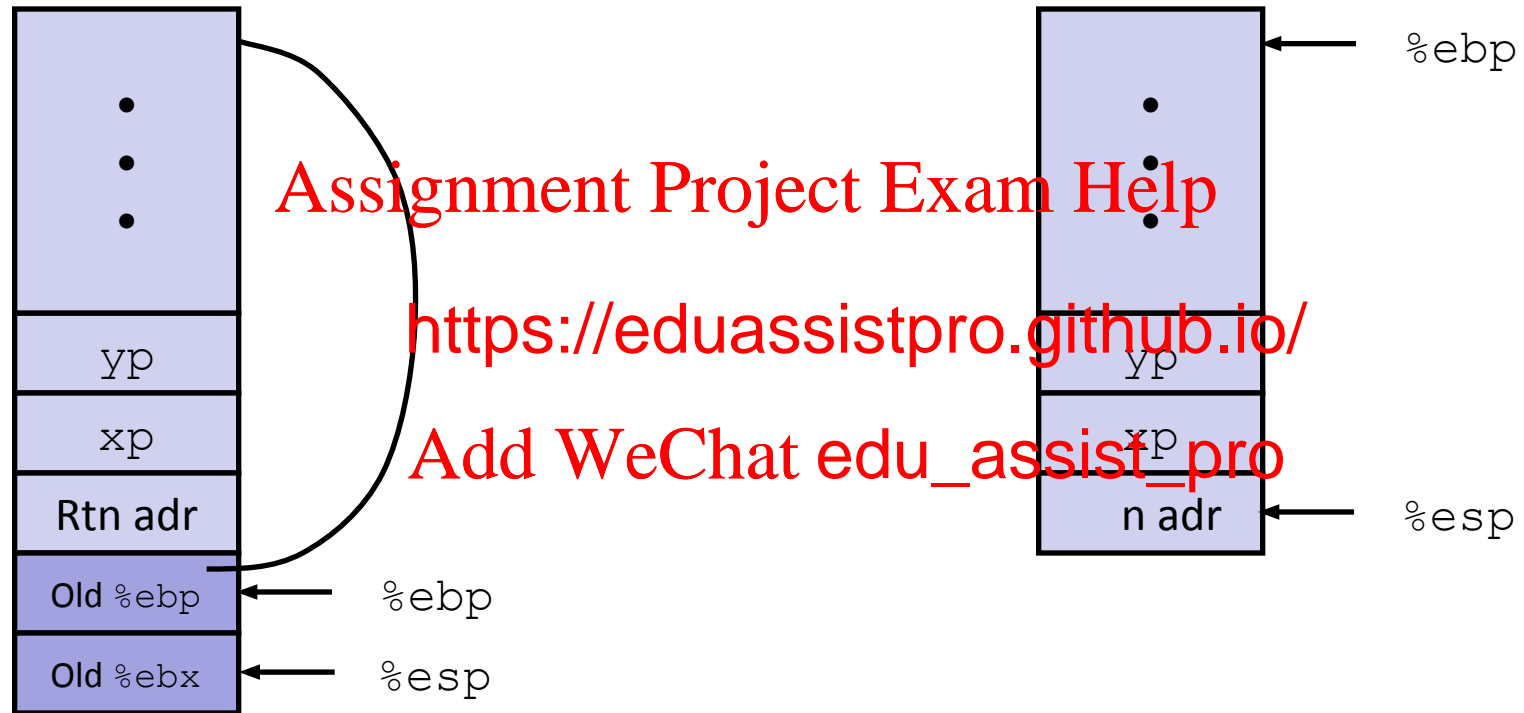
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```
movl -4(%ebp), %ebx
movl %ebp, %esp
popl %ebp
ret
```

# swap Finish #4

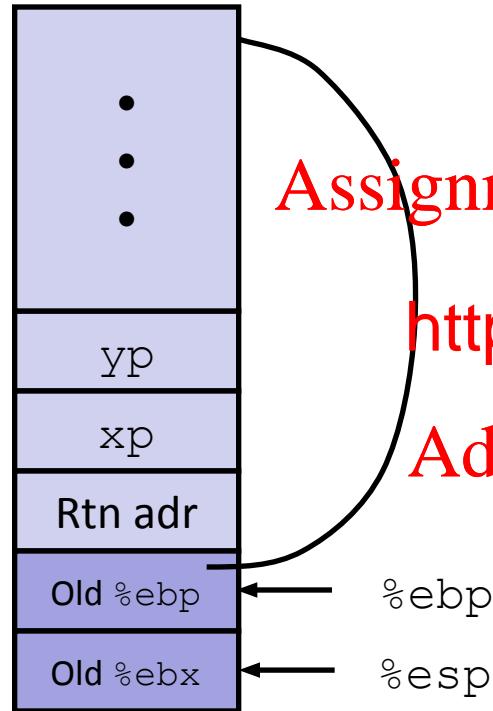
swap's Stack



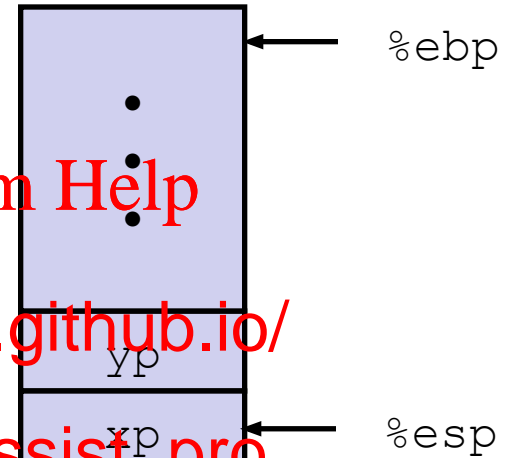
```
movl -4(%ebp), %ebx
movl %ebp, %esp
popl %ebp
ret
```

# swap Finish #4

swap's Stack



Resulting Stack



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```
movl -4(%ebp), %ebx
movl %ebp, %esp
popl %ebp
ret
```

## ■ Observation

- Saved & restored register %ebx
- Didn't do so for %eax, %ecx, or %edx

# Disassembled swap

080483a4 <swap>:

```
80483a4: 55          push    %ebp
80483a5: 89 e5       mov     %esp, %ebp
80483a7: 53          push    %ebx
80483a8: 8b 55 08     mov     0x8(%ebp), %edx
80483ab: 8b 4d 0c     mov     0xc(%ebp), %ecx
80483ae: 8b 1a       mov     %edx, %ecx
80483b0: 8b 01       mov     %ecx, %eax
80483b2: 89 02       mov     %eax, %edx
80483b4: 89 19       mov     %edx, %ecx
80483b6: 5b          pop     %ebx
80483b7: c9          leave
80483b8: c3          ret
```

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## Calling Code

```
8048409: e8 96 ff ff ff  call 80483a4 <swap>
804840e: 8b 45 f8       mov  0xffffffff8(%ebp), %eax
```

# IA32/Linux Register Usage

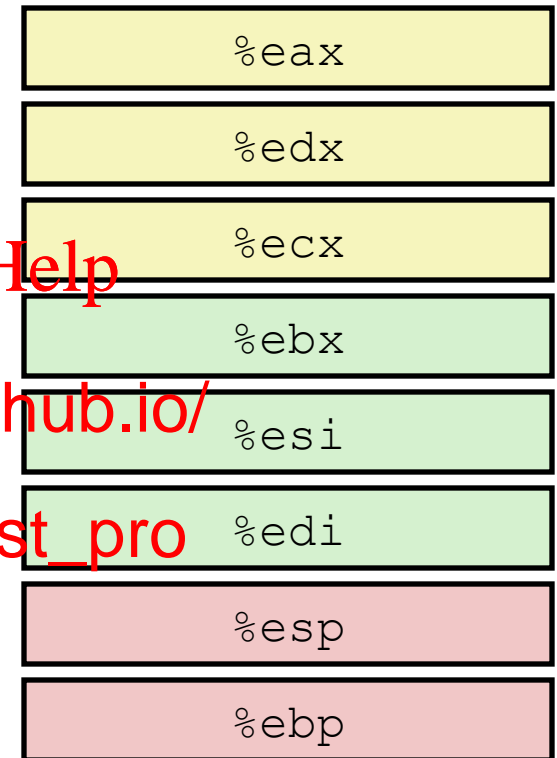
- `%eax`, `%edx`, `%ecx`
  - Caller saves prior to call if values are used later

Caller-Save  
Temporaries

- `%eax`
  - also used to return integer value

- `%ebx`, `%esi`, `%edi`
  - Callee saves if wants to use them

- `%esp`, `%ebp`
  - special



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# More to Come

- In Module 2, we will revisit

- Program Structure

- Binaries

- Static & Dyn <https://eduassistpro.github.io/>

- Memory/Storage

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<http://docs.python.org/ex.html>

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