

# EECE 2322: Fundamentals of Digital Design and Computer Organization

## Lecture 8\_3: MIPS ISA

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# How about “Working Together”?

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- ❖ Asking Caller and callee to each be responsible for a specific set of registers
- ❖ *Caller* is responsible for saving and restoring any of the following caller-saved registers that it cares about.
  - ❖ **\$t0-\$t9 \$a0-\$a3 \$v0-\$v1**
  - ❖ **Callee may freely modify these registers, under the assumption that the caller already saved them if necessary.**
- ❖ *Callee* is responsible for saving and restoring any of the following callee-saved registers that it uses. (Remember that \$ra is “used” by jal.)
  - ❖ **\$s0-\$s7 \$ra**

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- ❖ Any values in the preserved registers **MUST** be saved-and-restored, while a function can change the non-preserved registers freely! —> making it more efficient
- ❖ The **caller** saves any **non-preserved** registers (\$t0–\$t9 and \$a0–\$a3) that are needed after the call.
- ❖ The **callee** saves any of the **pre-served** registers (\$s0–\$s7 and \$ra) that it intends to modify

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    add $t0, $a0, $a1    # $t0 = f + g
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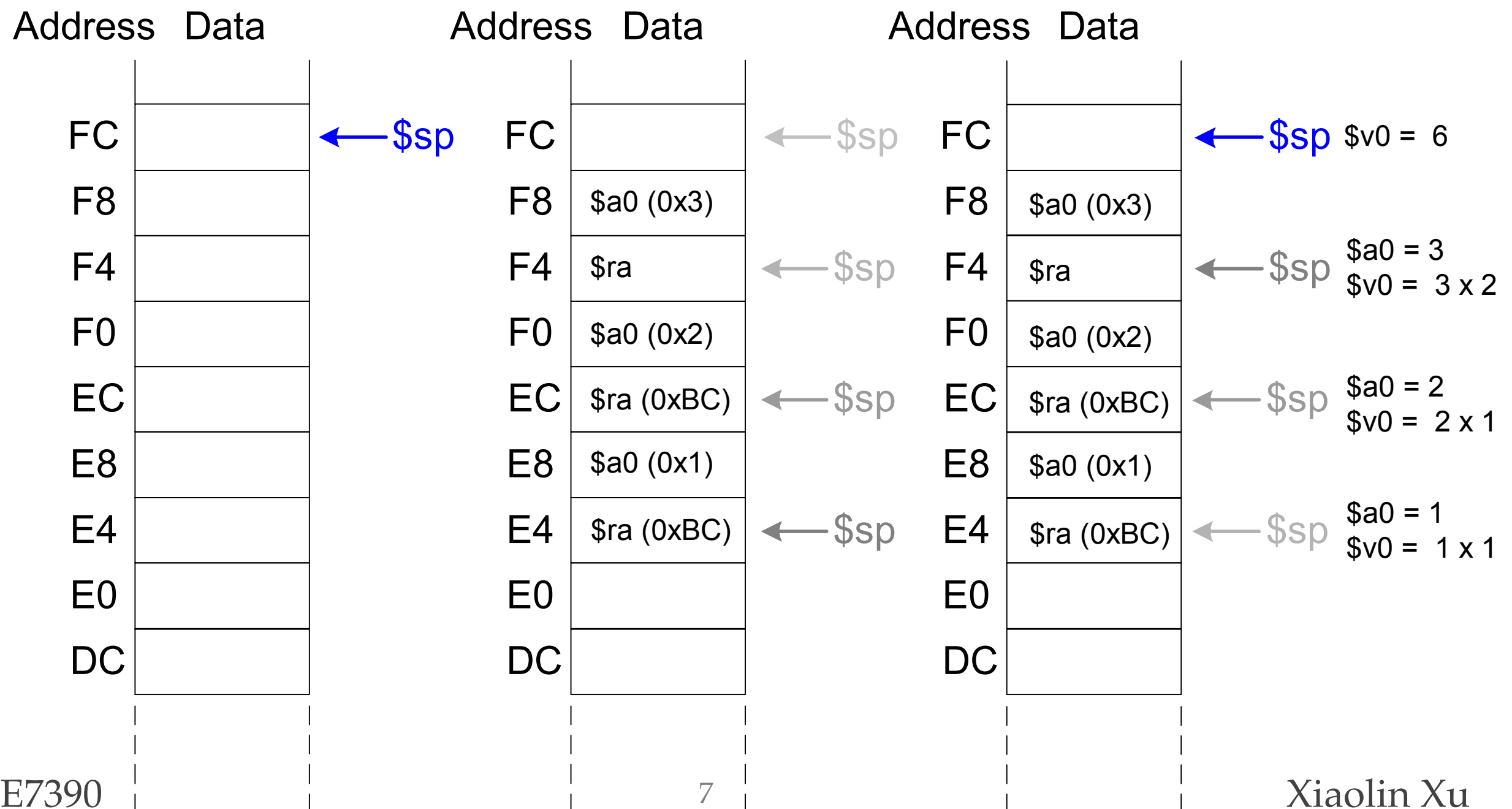
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# Stack During Recursive Call

- ❖ The stack when executing factorial(3), i.e.,  $n=3$



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# Function Call Take-away

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## ❖ Caller

- ❖ Put arguments in \$a0-\$a3
- ❖ Save any needed registers (\$ra, maybe \$t0-t9)
- ❖ jal callee
- ❖ Restore registers
- ❖ Look for result in \$v0

## ❖ Callee

- ❖ Save registers that might be disturbed (\$s0-\$s7)
- ❖ Perform function
- ❖ Put result in \$v0
- ❖ Restore registers
- ❖ jr \$ra

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# MIPS Addressing Mode

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## Five operand addressing modes

- ❖ Register Only
- ❖ Immediate
- ❖ Base Addressing
- ❖ PC-Relative
- ❖ Pseudo Direct

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# Addressing Mode: R/W Operands

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## Register Only —> All R-type instructions (note jar)

- ❖ Operands found in registers
  - ❖ **Example:** `add $s0, $t2, $t3`
  - ❖ **Example:** `sub $t8, $s1, $0`

## Immediate —> I-type instructions

- ❖ 16-bit immediate used as an operand
  - ❖ **Example:** `addi $s4, $t5, -73`
  - ❖ **Example:** `ori $t3, $t7, 0xFF`

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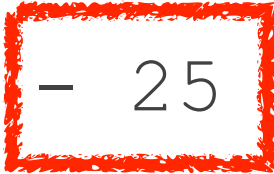
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0x54         bne $t1, $0, loop
0x58         lw  $s0, 0($sp)
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0x0040005C

jal sum

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0x004000A0

```
sum:  add    $v0, $a0, $a1
```

JTA 0000 0000 0100 0000 0000 0000 1010 0000 (0x004000A0)

26-bit addr 0000 0000 0100 0000 0000 0000 1010 0000 (0x0100028)

## Field Values

op	imm
3	0x0100028
6 bits	26 bits

# Machine Code

op	addr
000011	00 0001 0000 0000 0000 0010 1000 (0x0C100028)
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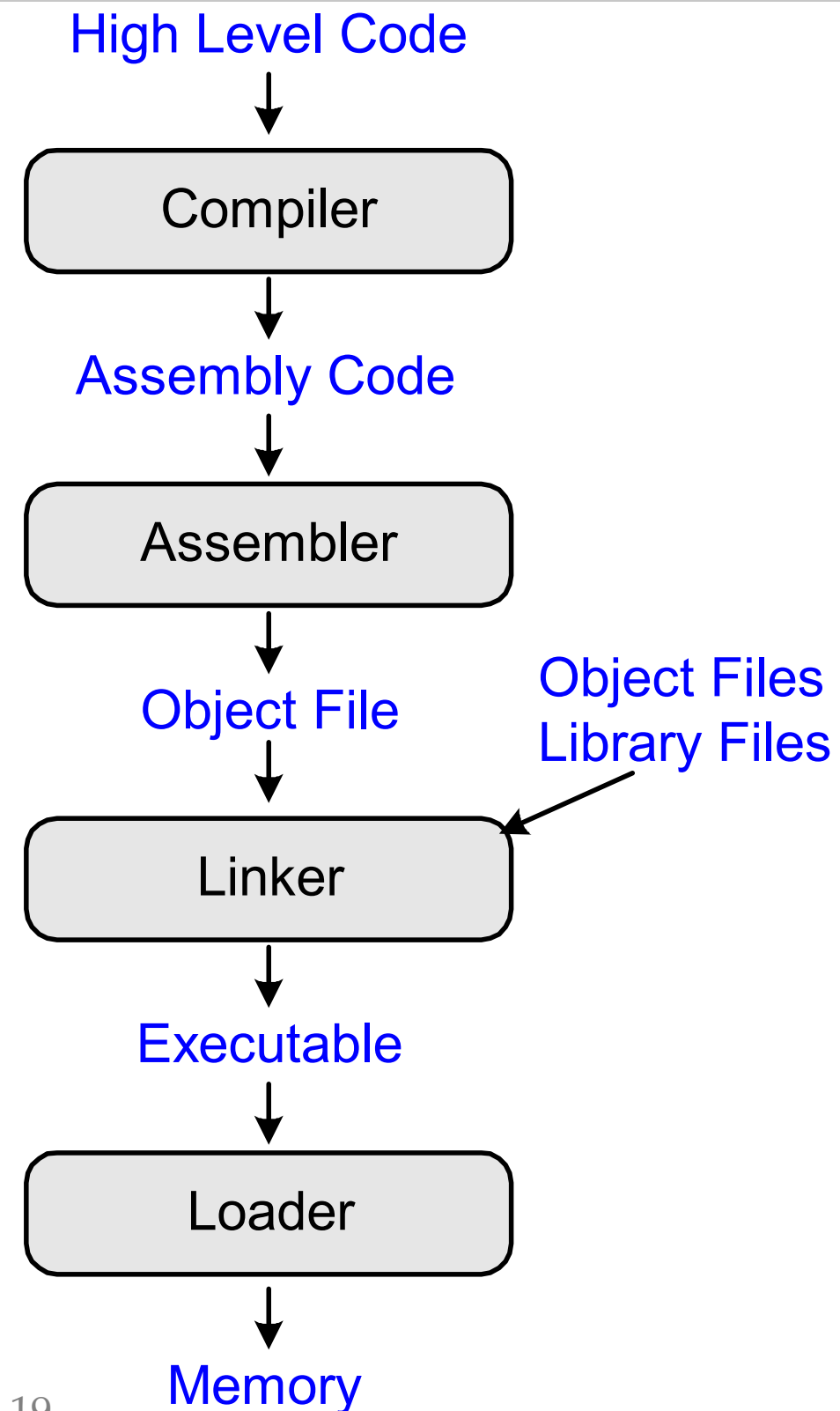
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# Compile & Run a Program



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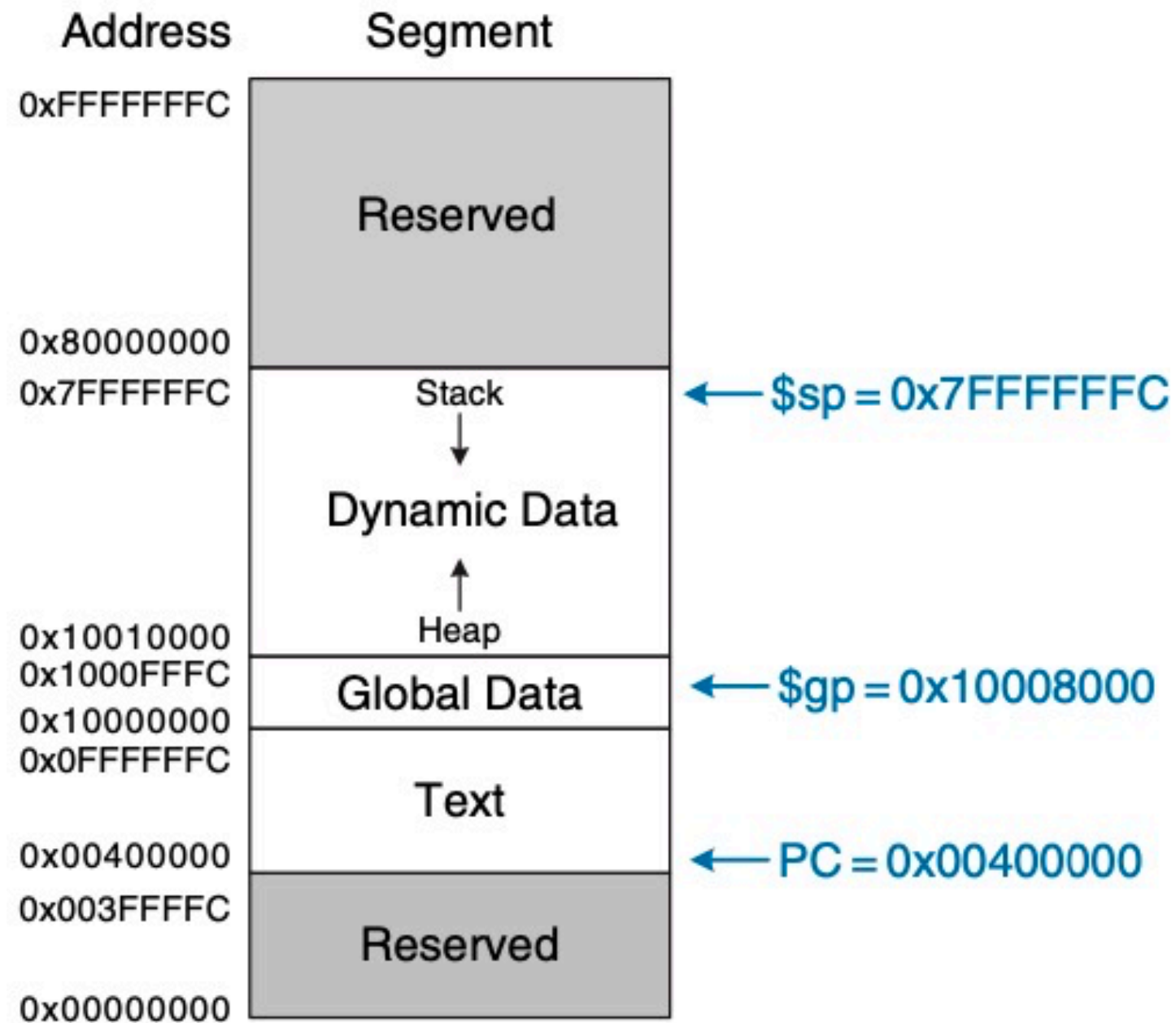
# What is Stored in Memory?

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- Instructions (also called *text*)
- Data
  - Global/static: allocated before program begins
  - Dynamic: allocated within program
- How big is memory?
  - At most  $2^{32} = 4$  gigabytes (4 GB)
  - From address 0x00000000 to 0xFFFFFFFF

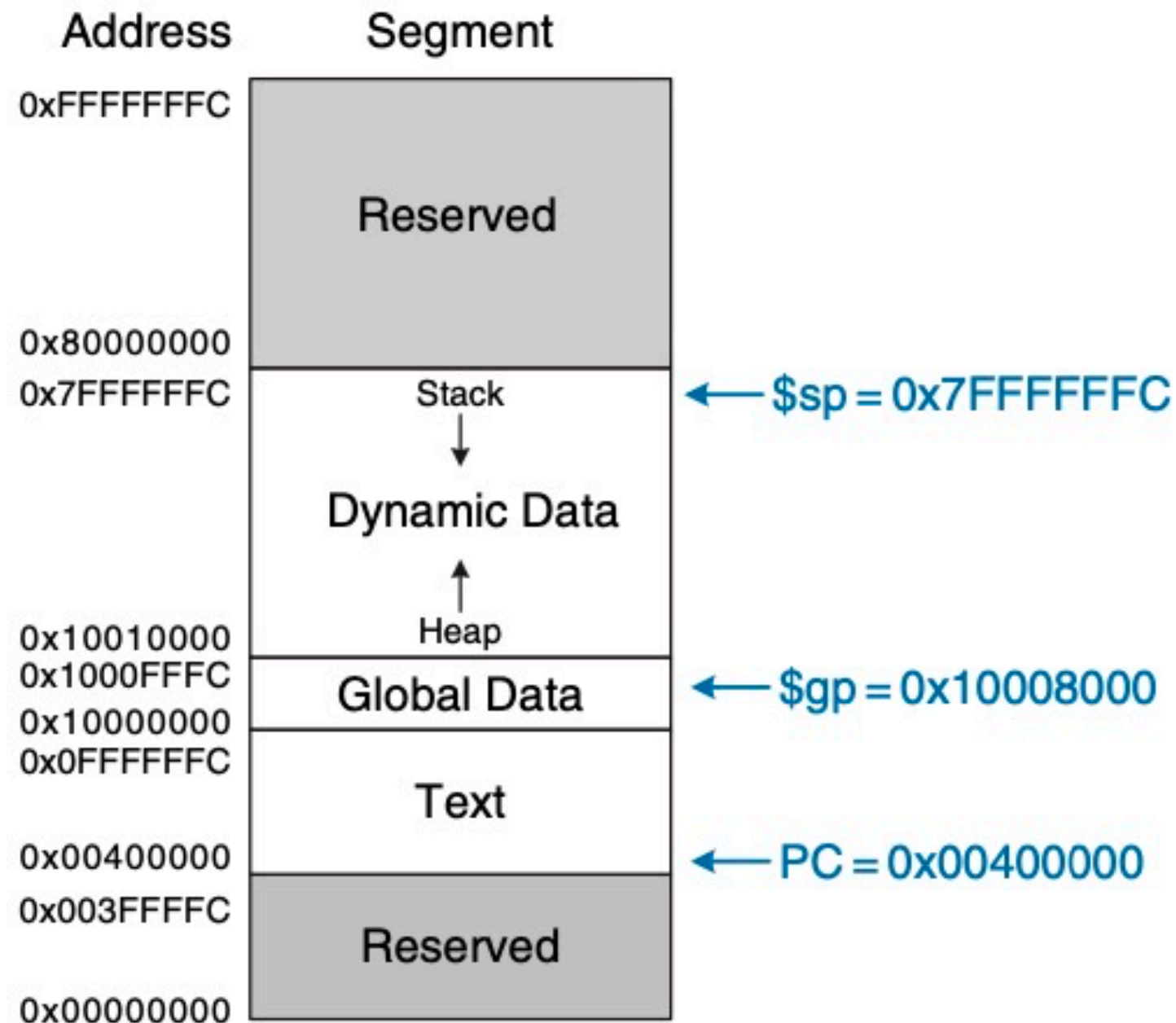
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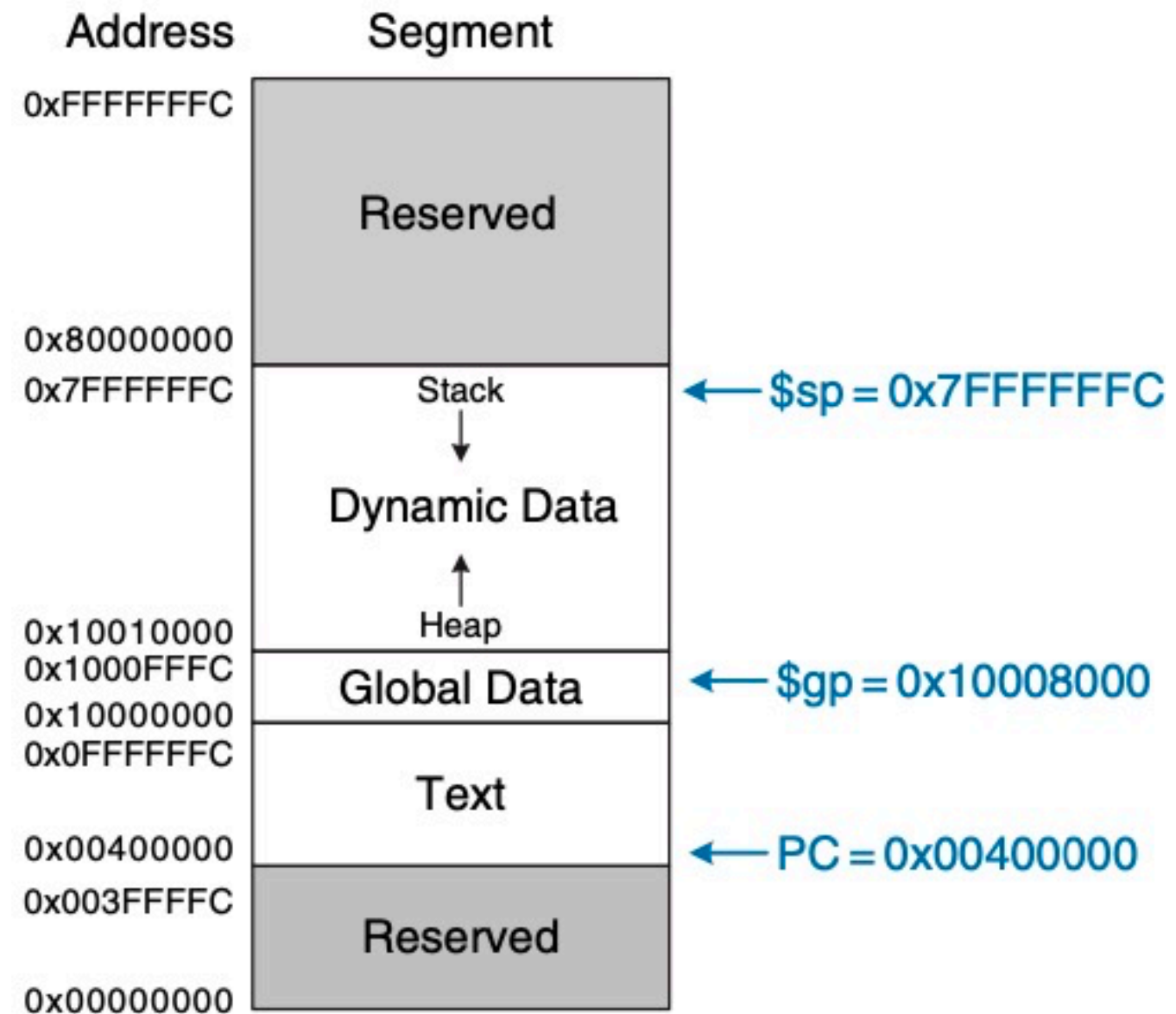
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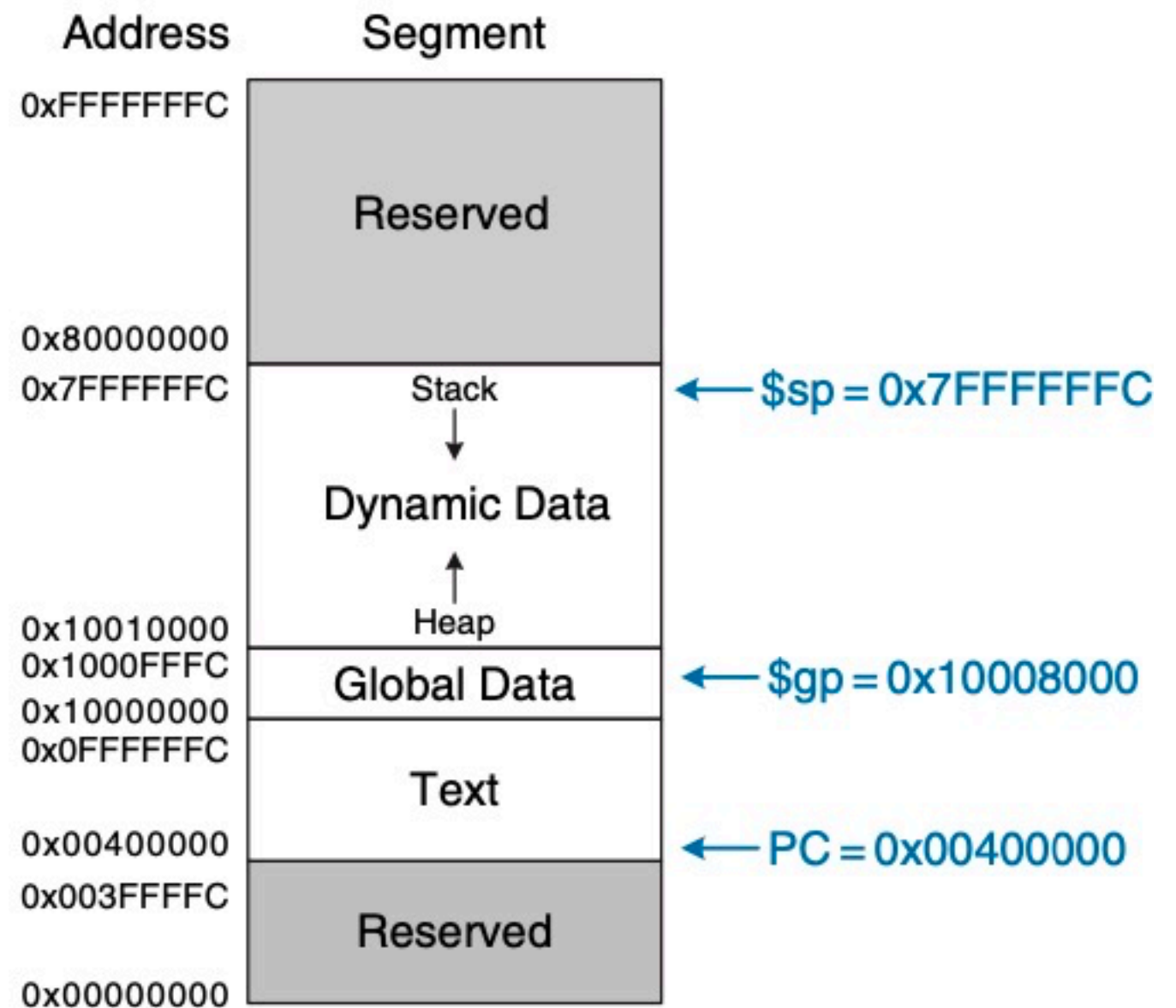
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- ❖ **Global data segment** stores global variables that, can be seen by all functions in a program
- ❖ **Dynamic data segment** holds the stack and the heap
  - ❖ The data are not known at start-up
  - ❖ Dynamically allocated and deallocated throughout the execution of the program



# MIPS Memory Map

- ❖ The **reserved** segments are used by the operating system and cannot directly be used by the program



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# Example Program: C Code

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```
int f, g, y; // global variables
```

```
int main(void)
{
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    return y;
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.text
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main:
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```
    addi $sp, $sp, -4    # stack frame
```

```
    sw   $ra, 0($sp)    # store $ra
```

```
    addi $a0, $0, 2      # $a0 = 2
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    sw   $a0, f          # f = 2
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```
    addi $a1, $0, 3      # $a1 = 3
```

```
    sw   $a1, g          # g = 3
```

```
    jal  sum             # call sum
```

```
    sw   $v0, y          # y = sum()
```

```
    lw   $ra, 0($sp)     # restore $ra
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    addi $sp, $sp, 4      # restore $sp
```

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    jr   $ra             # return to OS
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# Step 3: Linking

- ❖ Most large programs contain **more than one file**
- ❖ Combine all of the object files into one machine language file called the executable
- ❖ Uses the information in the symbol tables to adjust the addresses of global variables and of labels that are relocated

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	0x00400010	0x20050003
	0x00400014	0xAF858004
	0x00400018	0x0C10000B
	0x0040001C	0xAF828008
	0x00400020	0x8FBF0000
	0x00400024	0x23BD0004
	0x00400028	0x03E00008
	0x0040002C	0x00851020
	0x00400030	0x03E00008
Data segment	Address	Data
	0x10000000	f
	0x10000004	g
	0x10000008	y

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addi $sp, $sp, -4
sw   $ra, 0($sp)
addi $a0, $0, 2
sw   $a0, 0x8000($gp)
addi $a1, $0, 3
sw   $a1, 0x8004($gp)
jal  0x0040002C
sw   $v0, 0x8008($gp)
lw   $ra, 0($sp)
addi $sp, $sp, -4
jr   $ra
add  $v0, $a0, $a1
jr   $ra

```

# Step 4: Loading

