



III. STRUCTURED ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE PROGRAMMING TECHNIQUES

Modular Programming





More Examples

```
int abc (int n) {  
    int result=n;  
    while(n>1) {  
        n--;  
        result=result*n;  
    }  
    return result;  
}
```

```
r = abc (a);
```

```
;subprogram call
```

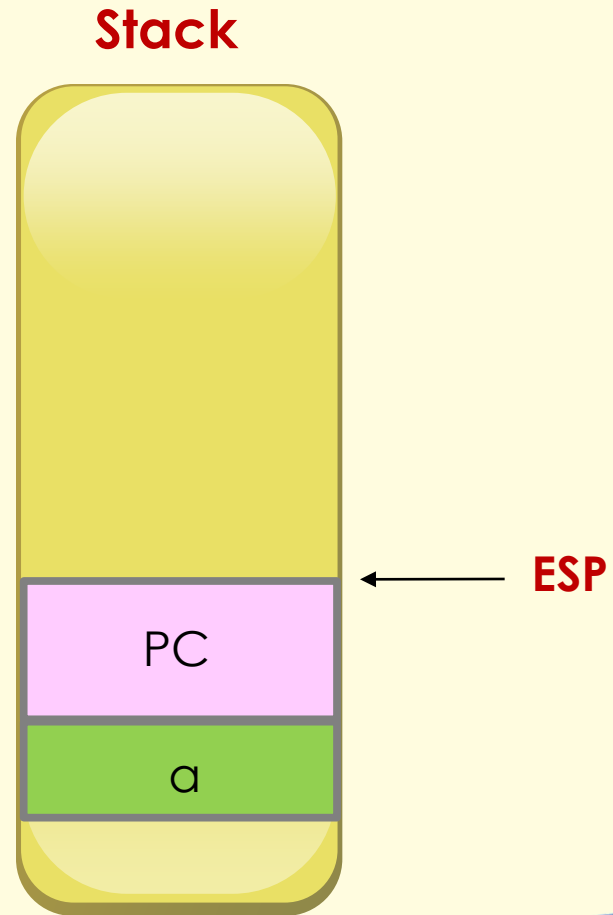
```
sub esp, 2  
push word [a]  
call abc  
pop word [r]
```



Stack

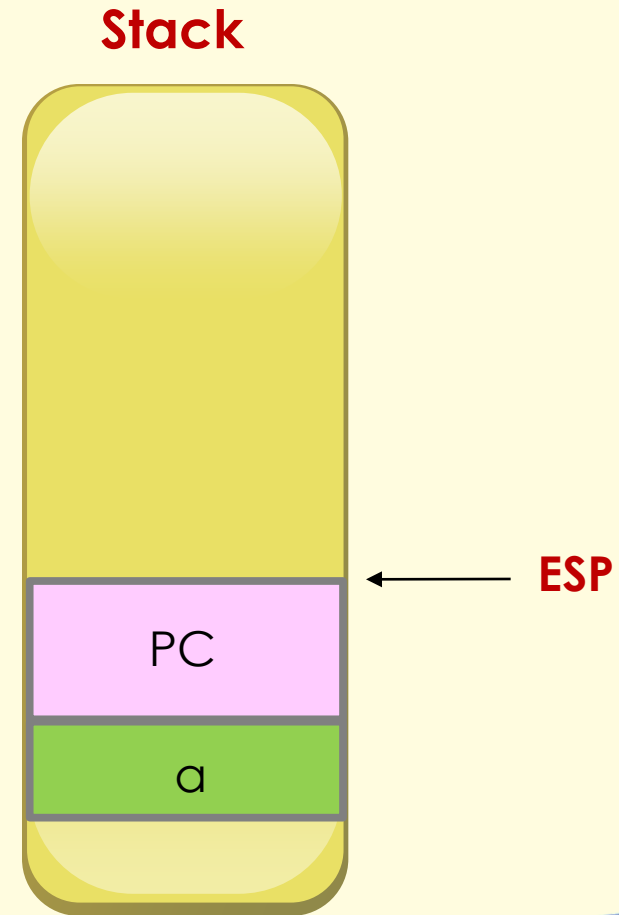
subprogram call:

```
sub esp, 2  
push word [a]  
call abc  
pop word [r]
```



More Examples

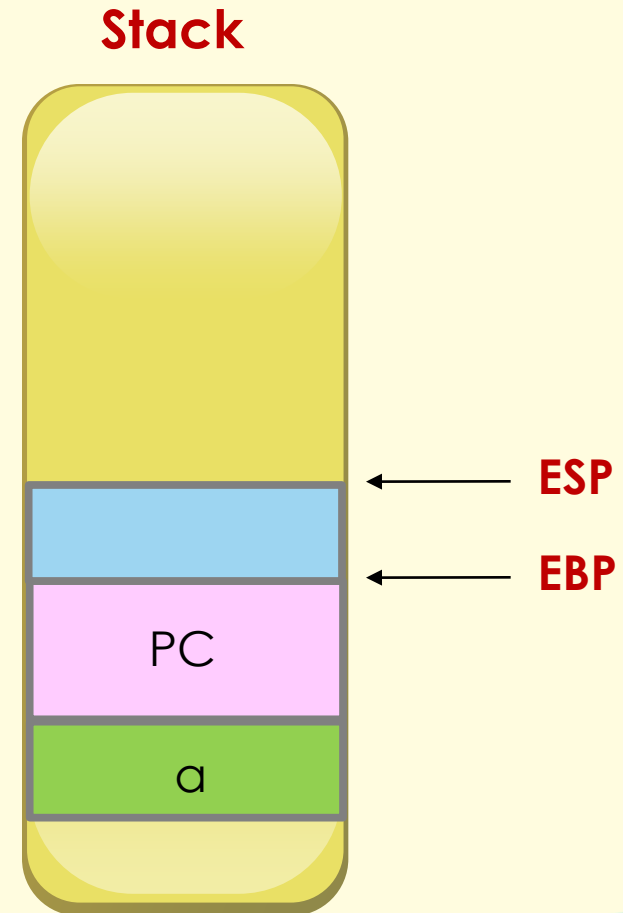
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        result=result*n;  
    }  
    return result;  
}
```



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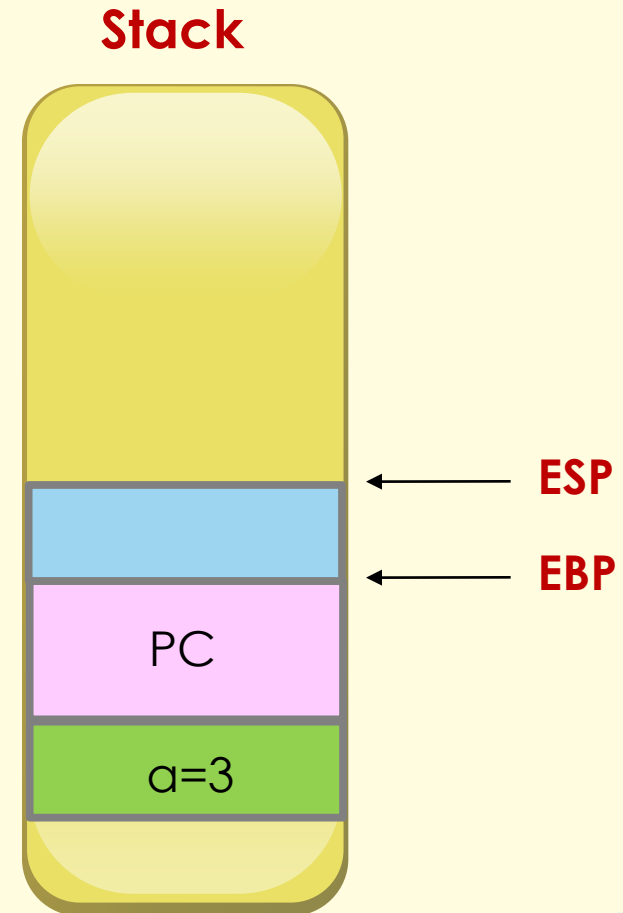
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;subprogram  
abc:  
    mov ebp, esp  
    sub esp, 2
```



More Examples

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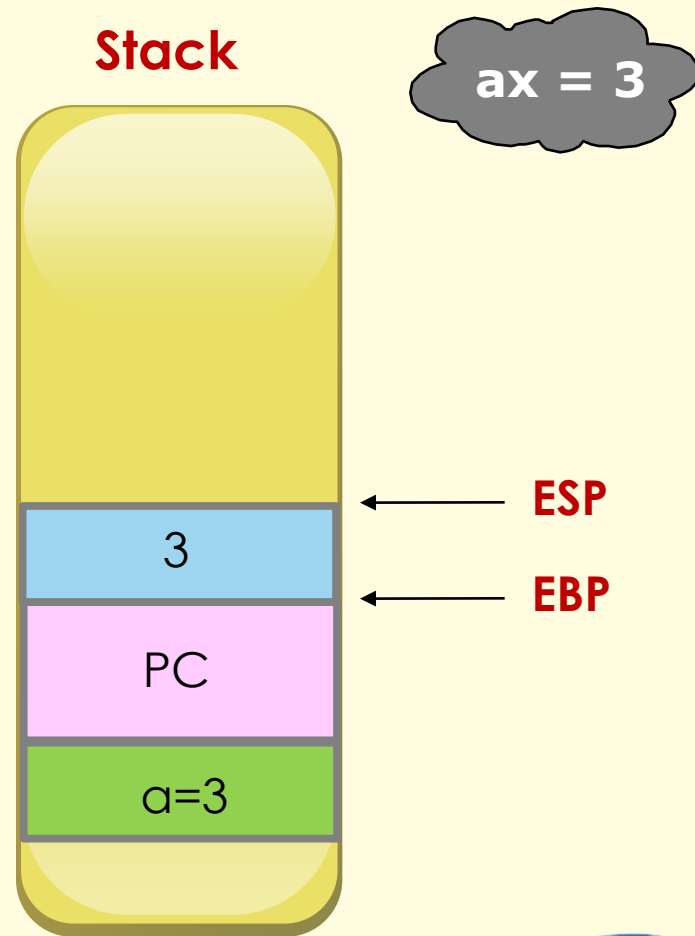




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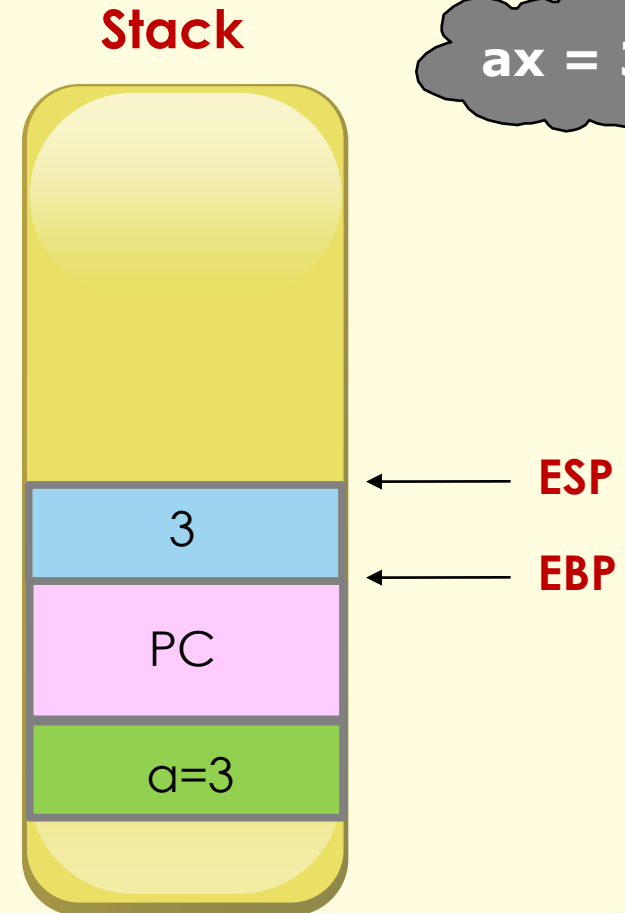
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    int result=n;  
    ...  
    return result;  
}
```

```
;subprogram  
abc:  
    mov ebp, esp  
    sub esp, 2  
    mov ax, [ebp+4]  
    mov word[ebp-2], ax
```



More Examples

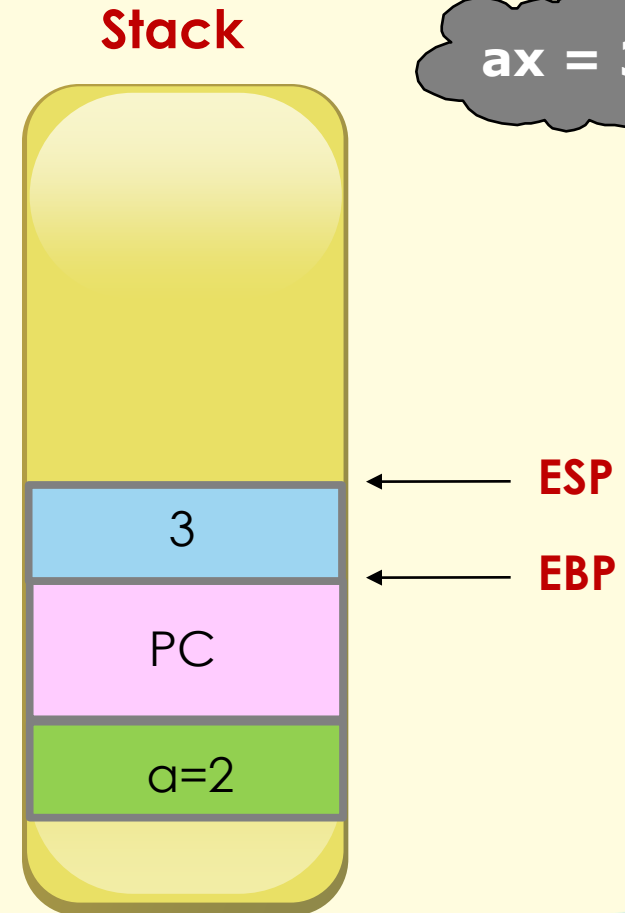
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    int result=n;  
    while(n>1) {  
        n--;  
        result=result*n;  
    }  
    return result;  
}
```



More Examples

```
...  
while(n>1) {  
    n--;  
    result=result*n;  
}  
...
```

```
;subprogram  
while:  
    cmp word[ebp+4], 1  
    jng exit  
    dec word[ebp+4]
```



More Examples

...

result=result*n;

...

;subprogram

while:

cmp word[ebp+4], 1

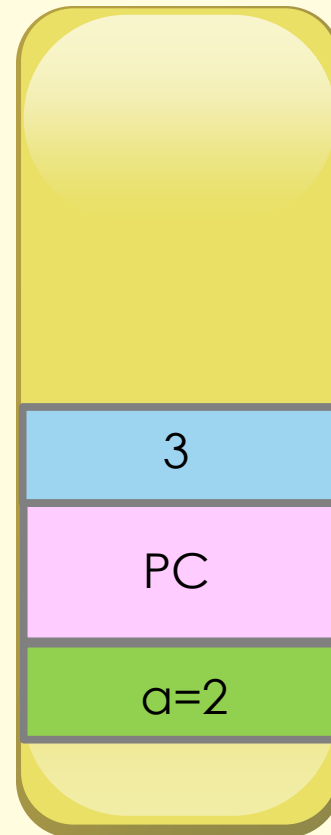
jng exit

dec word[ebp+4]

mov ax, [ebp-2]

Stack

ax = 3



More Examples

...

```
result=result*n;
```

...

```
;subprogram
```

```
while:
```

```
    cmp word[ebp+4], 1
```

```
    jng exit
```

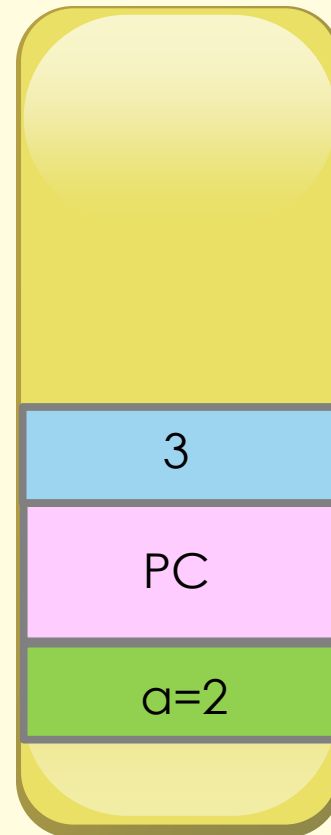
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    dec word[ebp+4]
```

```
    mov ax, [ebp-2]
```

```
    mul word[ebp+4]
```

Stack

ax = 3



More Examples

...

```
result=result*n;
```

...

```
;subprogram
```

```
while:
```

```
    cmp word[ebp+4], 1
```

```
    jng exit
```

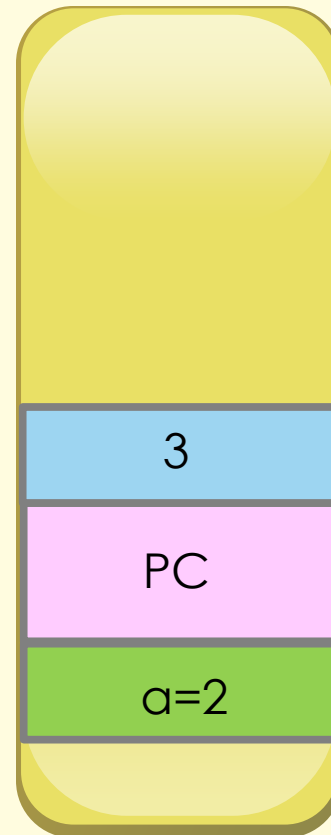
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    dec word[ebp+4]
```

```
    mov ax, [ebp-2]
```

```
    mul word[ebp+4]
```

Stack

ax = 6



More Examples

...

result=result*n;

...

;subprogram
while:

cmp word[ebp+4], 1

jng exit

dec word[ebp+4]

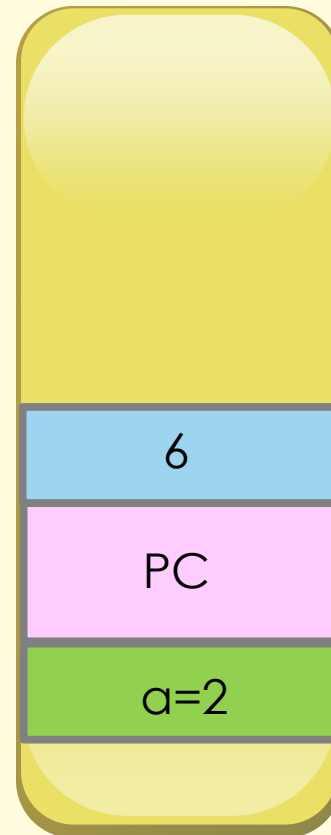
mov ax, [ebp-2]

mul word[ebp+4]

mov word[ebp-2], ax

Stack

ax = 6



ESP

EBP



More Examples

...

result=result*n;

...

;subprogram
while:

cmp word[ebp+4], 1

jng exit

dec word[ebp+4]

mov ax, [ebp-2]

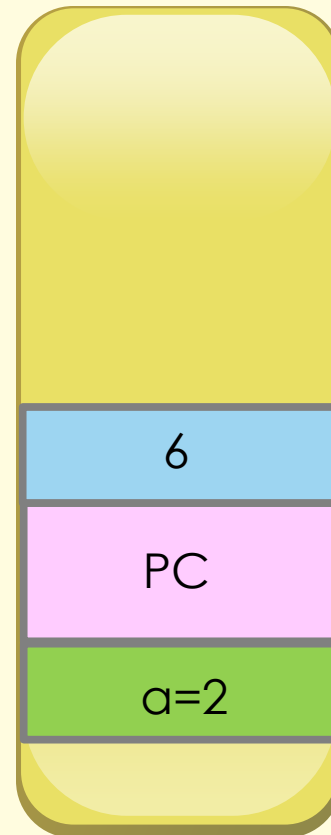
mul word[ebp+4]

mov word[ebp-2], ax

jmp while

Stack

ax = 6



More Examples

...

result=result*n;

...

;subprogram
while:

cmp word[ebp+4], 1

jng exit

dec word[ebp+4]

mov ax, [ebp-2]

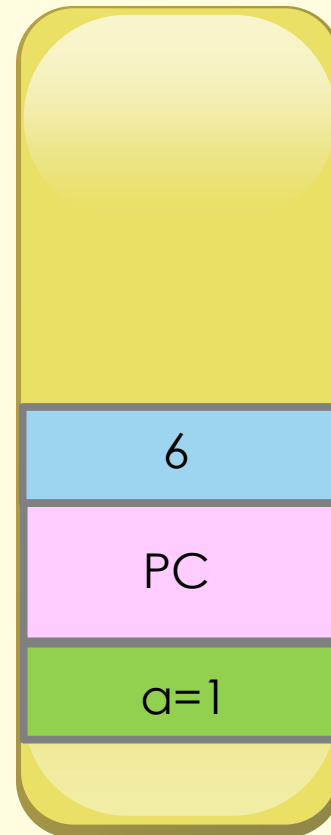
mul word[ebp+4]

mov word[ebp-2], ax

jmp while

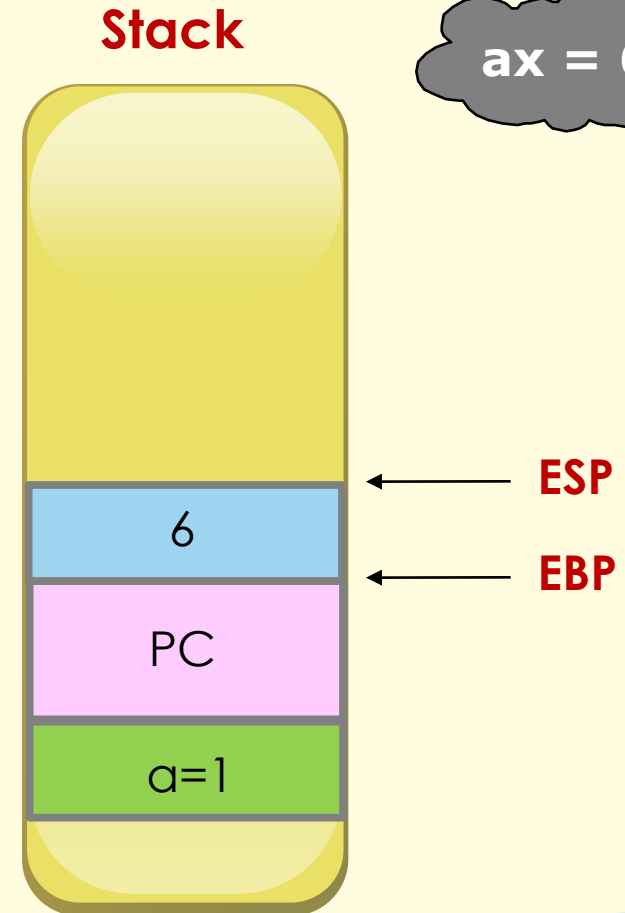
Stack

ax = 6



More Examples

```
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    int result=n;  
    while(n>1) {  
        n--;  
        result=result*n;  
    }  
    return result;  
}
```



More Examples

```
;subprogram
```

```
abc:
```

```
...
```

```
mov word[ebp-2], ax
```

```
while:
```

```
  cmp word[ebp+4], 1
```

```
  jng exit
```

```
  dec word[ebp+4]
```

```
  mov ax, [ebp-2]
```

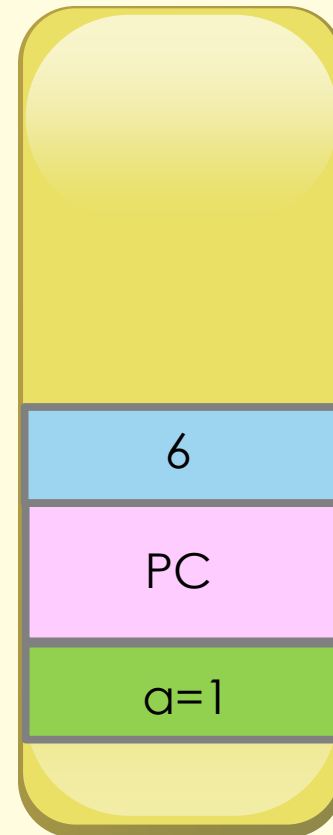
```
  mul word[ebp+4]
```

```
  mov word[ebp-2], ax
```

```
  jmp while
```

Stack

ax = 6



ESP

EBP



More Examples

```
;subprogram
```

```
abc:
```

```
...
```

```
mov word[ebp-2], ax
```

```
while:
```

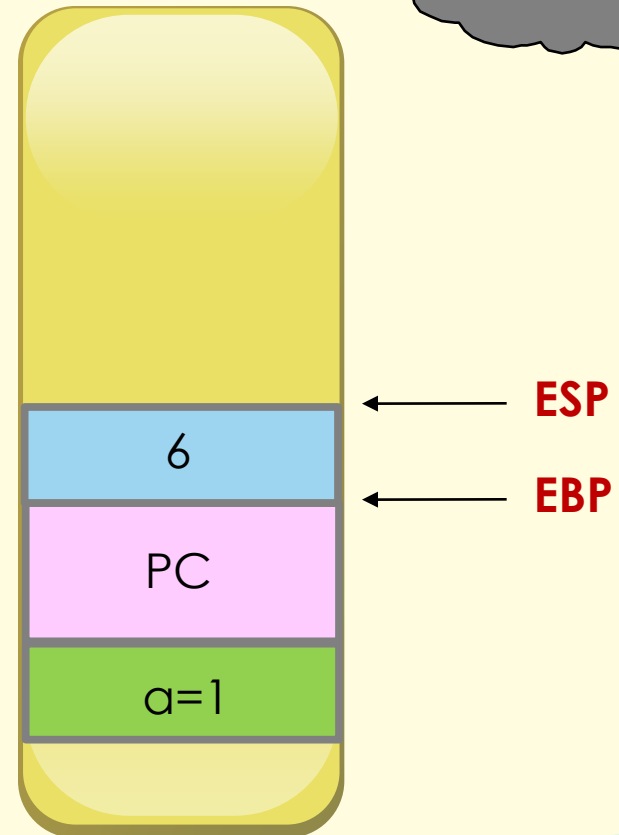
```
...
```

```
jmp while
```

```
exit:
```

Stack

ax = 6



More Examples

```
;subprogram
```

```
abc:
```

```
...
```

```
mov word[ebp-2], ax
```

```
while:
```

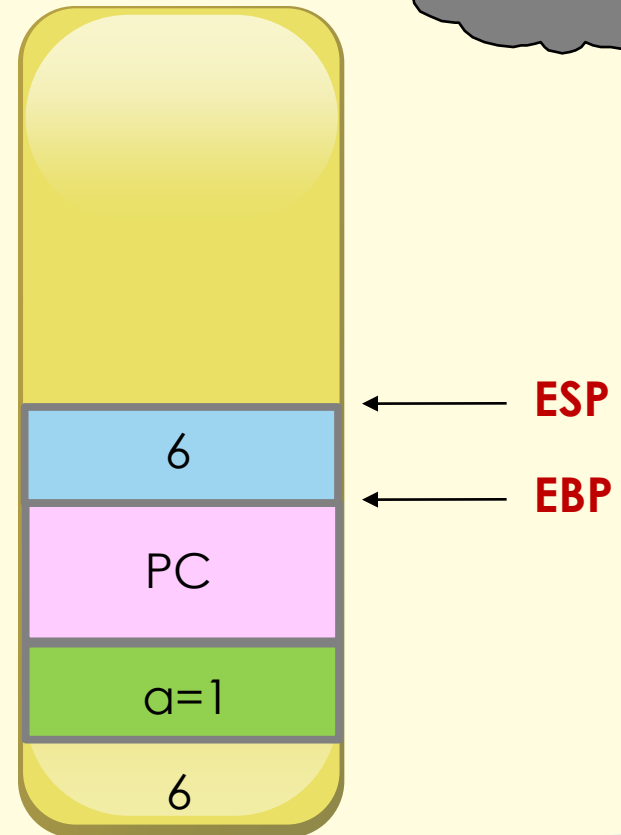
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...
```

```
jmp while
```

```
exit:
```

Stack

ax = 6



More Examples

```
;subprogram
```

```
abc:
```

```
...
```

```
mov word[ebp-2], ax
```

```
while:
```

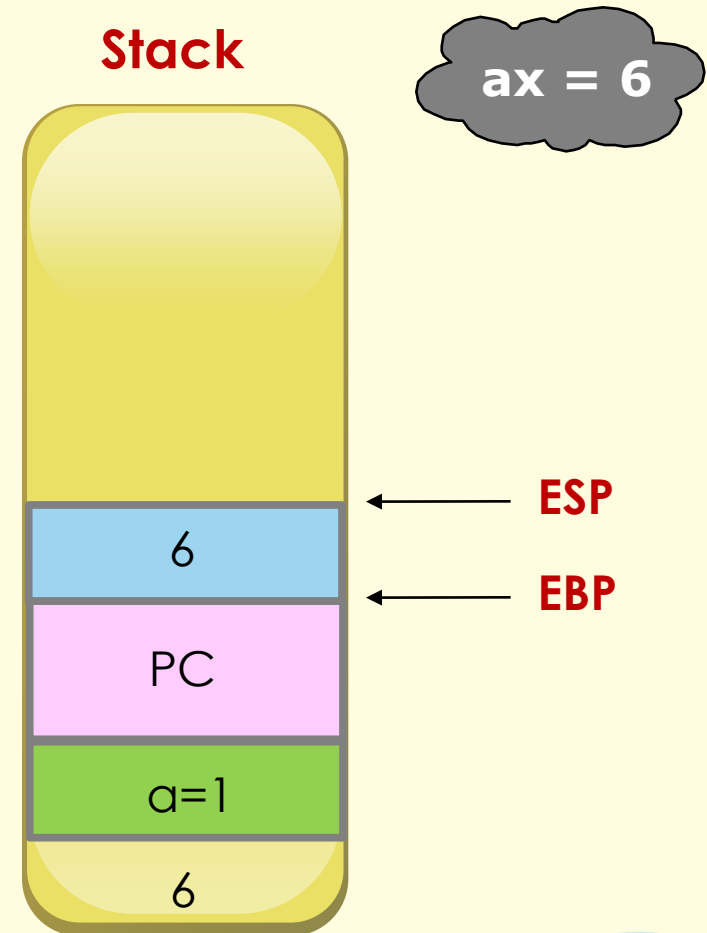
```
...
```

```
jmp while
```

```
exit:
```

```
mov ax, [ebp-2]
```

```
mov word[ebp+6], ax
```



More Examples

```
;subprogram
```

```
abc:
```

```
...
```

```
mov word[ebp-2], ax
```

```
while:
```

```
...
```

```
jmp while
```

```
exit:
```

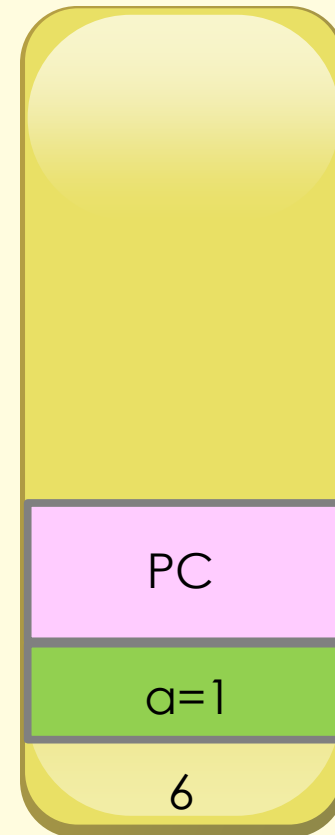
```
mov ax, [ebp-2]
```

```
mov word[ebp+6], ax
```

```
add esp, 2
```

Stack

ax = 6



ESP, EBP





More Examples

```
;subprogram
```

```
abc:
```

```
...
```

```
mov word[ebp-2], ax
```

```
while:
```

```
...
```

```
jmp while
```

```
exit:
```

```
mov ax, [ebp-2]
```

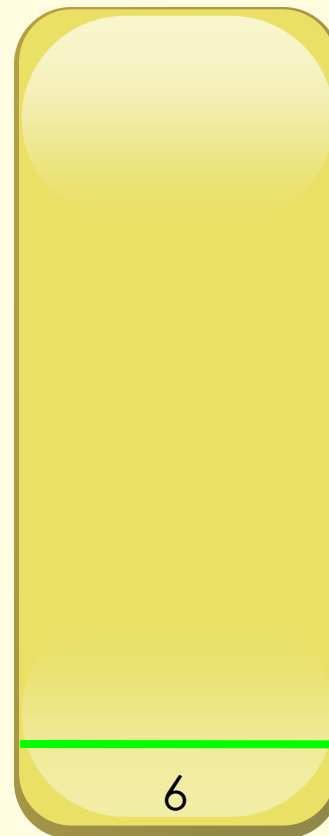
```
mov word[ebp+6], ax
```

```
add esp, 2
```

```
ret 2
```

Stack

ax = 6



EBP

ESP

6





More Examples

;subprogram call

sub sp, 2

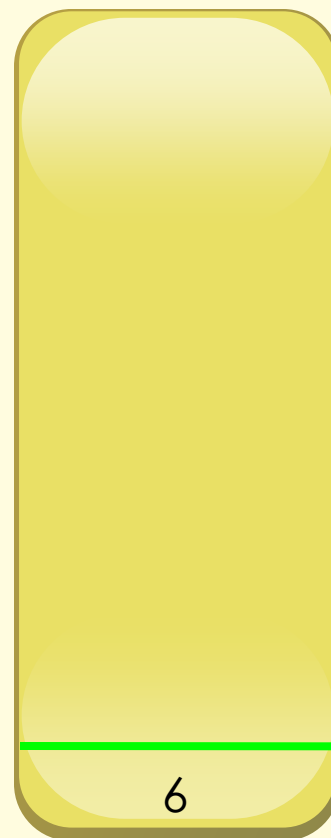
push word [a]

call abc

pop word [r]

Stack

ax = 6



EBP

ESP

6





Pointers Review (C Programming)

- Pointers
 - variables which hold the address of other variables
 - tell user where a variable resides in memory
 - can access a variable indirectly

```
int *p;      int x;  
x = 10;  
p = &x;  
*p = 100;
```





Variables and their Addresses

- Variables are just locations in memory.
- Variable name == Human readable location of variable in memory.
- Variable location in memory
 - Offset from the start of the Data Segment
- num
 - address of variable
- [num]
 - value at memory address DS+num





Machine Equivalent of Pointers

```
int *EBX;
```

```
int x, y;
```

```
x = 100;
```

```
EBX = &x;
```

```
y = *EBX - 90
```





Machine Equivalent of Pointers

```
int *EBX;
```

```
int x, y;
```

```
x = 100;
```

```
EBX = &x;
```

```
y = *EBX - 90
```

```
x dw 0
```

```
y dw 0
```

```
mov word [x], 100
```

```
mov ebx, x
```

```
mov ax, [ebx]
```

```
sub ax, 90
```

```
mov word[y], ax
```





Caution

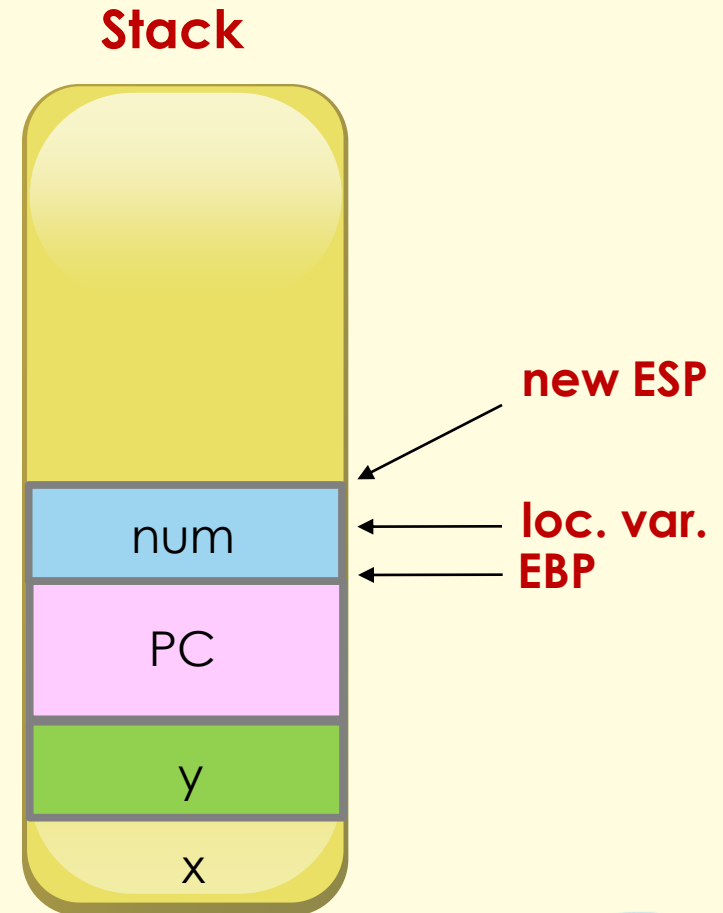
- Registers and globally declared variables may be changed within any subprogram.
- Whatever the final values of registers and globally declared variables are at the end of the subprogram will be the value they hold when they return to the calling subprogram.



Recall: Stack

sum:

```
mov ebp, esp
sub esp, 2
mov ax, [ebp + 6]
add ax, [ebp + 4]
mov [ebp - 2], ax
add esp, 2
ret 4
```



Recall: Stack

sum:

```
push ax
```

```
mov ebp, esp
```

```
sub esp, 2
```

```
mov ax, [ebp + 6]
```

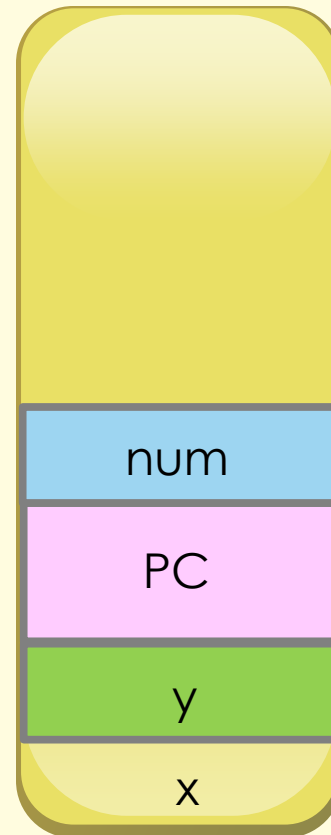
```
add ax, [ebp + 4]
```

```
mov [ebp - 2], ax
```

```
add esp, 2
```

```
ret 4
```

Stack



new ESP

**loc. var.
EBP**

num

PC

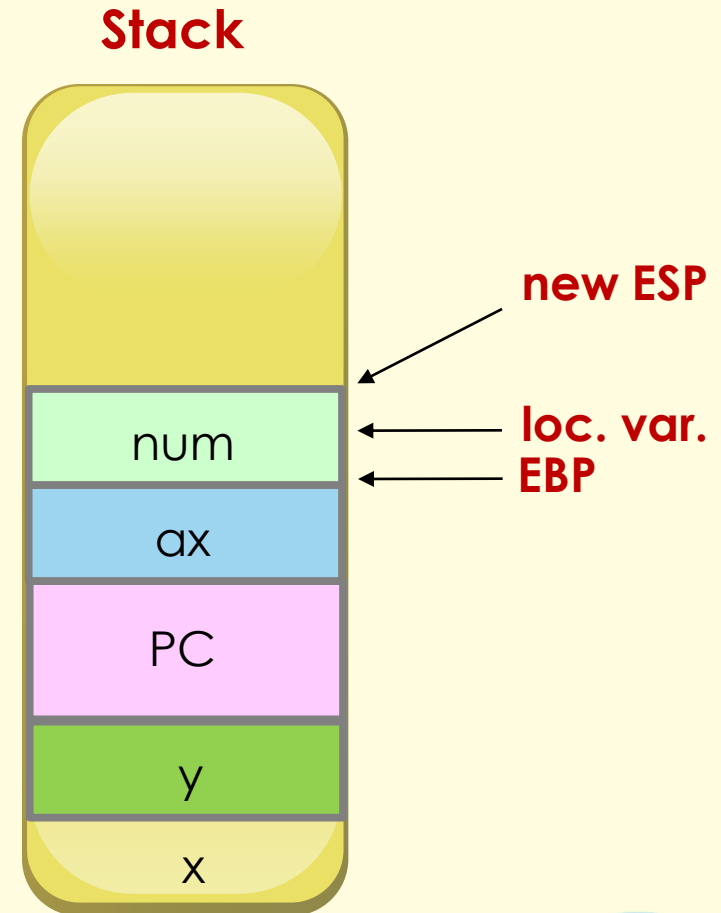
y

x

Recall: Stack

sum:

```
push ax
mov ebp, esp
sub esp, 2
mov ax, [ebp + 8]
add ax, [ebp + 6]
mov [ebp - 2], ax
add esp, 2
ret 4
```



Recall: Stack

sum:

push ax

mov ebp, esp

sub esp, 2

mov ax, [ebp + 8]

add ax, [ebp + 6]

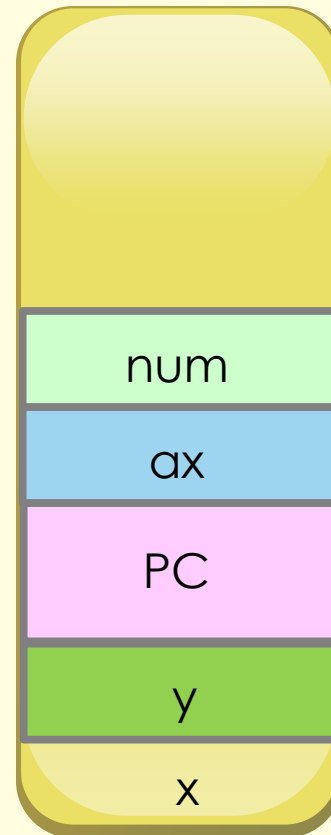
mov [ebp - 2], ax

add esp, 2

pop ax

ret 4

Stack



new ESP

loc. var.

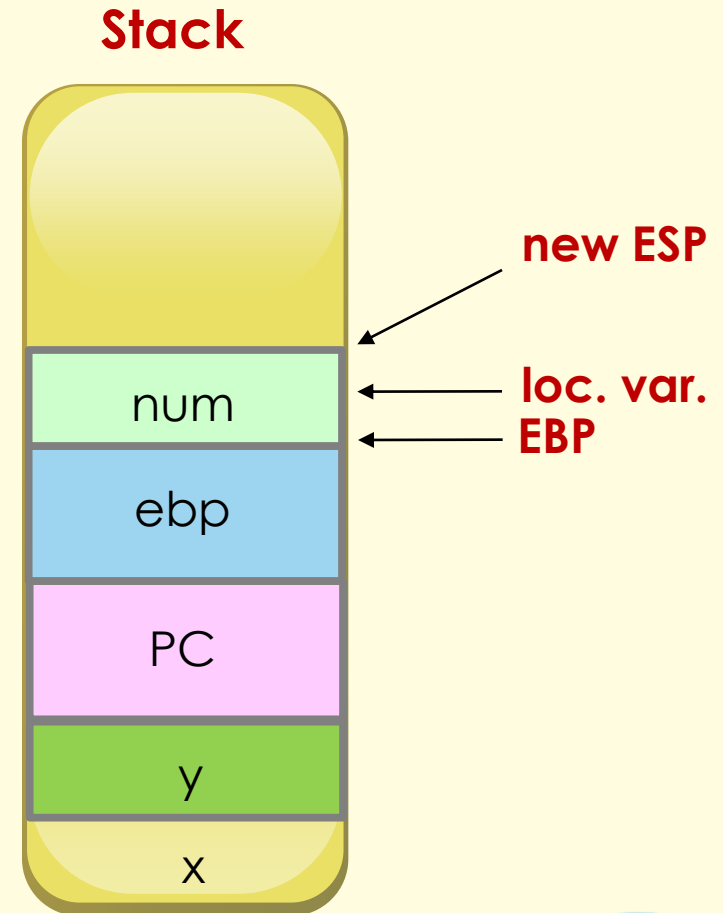
EBP



Recall: Stack

sum:

```
push ebp
mov ebp, esp
sub esp, 2
mov ax, [ebp + 10]
add ax, [ebp + 8]
mov [ebp - 2], ax
add esp, 2
pop ebp
ret 4
```





Saving Registers

- At the start of the subprogram, save all registers not just EBP.
- At the end of the subprogram, restore all registers not just EBP.
- **pusha**
 - EAX ECX EDX EBX ESP EBP ESI EDI
- **popa**





More Examples

```
void more
```

```
;subprogram call
```

```
(int *x, int y, int z){
```

```
    *x = y * z ;
```

```
}
```

```
more (&d, e, f);
```





More Examples

```
void more  
(int *x, int y, int z){  
    *x = y * z;  
}
```

```
more (&d, e, f);
```

```
;subprogram call
```

```
push d  
push word[e]  
push word[f]  
call more
```





More Examples

```
void more  
(int *x, int y, int z){  
    *x = y * z;  
}
```

;subprogram

more:

```
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```





More Examples

```
void more  
(int *x, int y, int z){  
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}
```

```
more (&d, e, f);
```

```
;subprogram
```

```
more:
```

```
    mov ebp, esp
```

```
ret 8
```





More Examples

```
void more  
(int *x, int y, int z){  
    *x = y * z;  
}
```

```
more (&d, e, f);
```

```
;subprogram
```

```
more:
```

```
    mov ebp, esp  
    mov ax, [ebp+6]  
    mul word[ebp+4]
```

```
ret 8
```





More Examples

```
void more  
(int *x, int y, int z){  
    *x = y * z;  
}
```

```
more (&d, e, f);
```

```
;subprogram
```

```
more:
```

```
    mov ebp, esp  
    mov ax, [ebp+6]  
    mul word[ebp+4]  
    mov ebx, [ebp+8]  
    mov [ebx], ax  
    ret 8
```





Quiz

quiz:

```
mov ebp, esp
```

```
mov ax, [ebp+6]
```

while:

```
    cmp word[ebp+4], 1
```

```
    jng exit
```

```
    add ax, [ebp+6]
```

```
    dec word[ebp+4]
```

```
    jmp while
```

exit:

```
    mov word[ebp+8], ax
```

```
    ret 4
```

