



# III. STRUCTURED ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE PROGRAMMING TECHNIQUES

## Modular Programming





# Functions: Return Value

High-level PL

**subprogram:**

```
int sum (int a, int b) {  
    return(a + b);  
}
```

**subprogram call:**

```
num = sum(x, y);
```

Assembly

**; subprogram call**

```
sub esp, 2  
push word [x]  
push word [y]  
call    sum  
pop word[num]
```



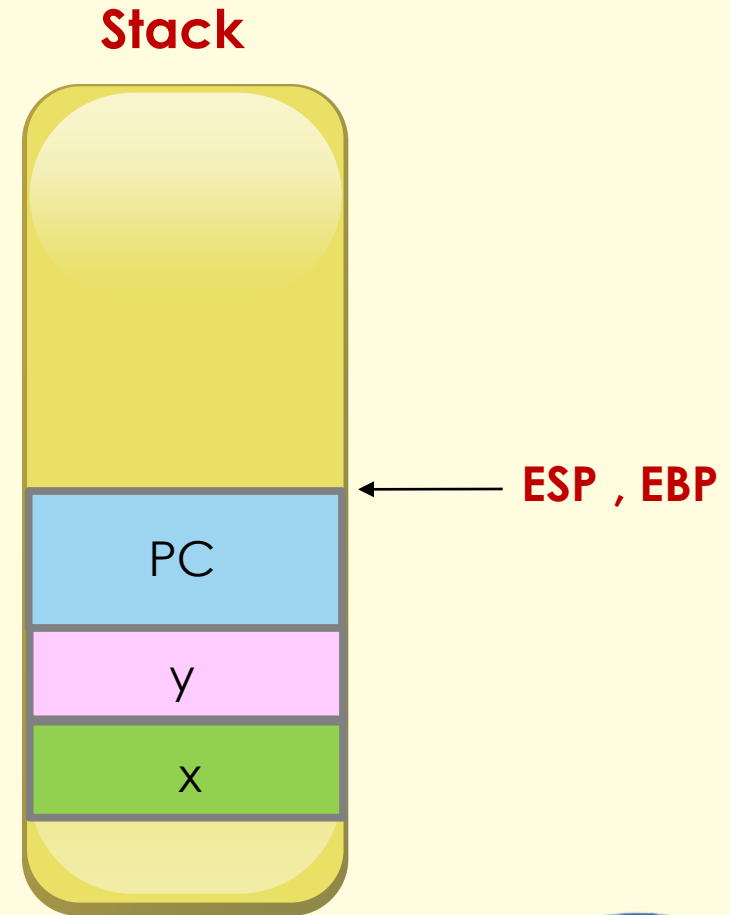
# Functions: Return Value

**subprogram:**

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int sum (int a, int b) {  
    return(a + b);  
}
```

**sum:**

```
    mov ebp, esp
```





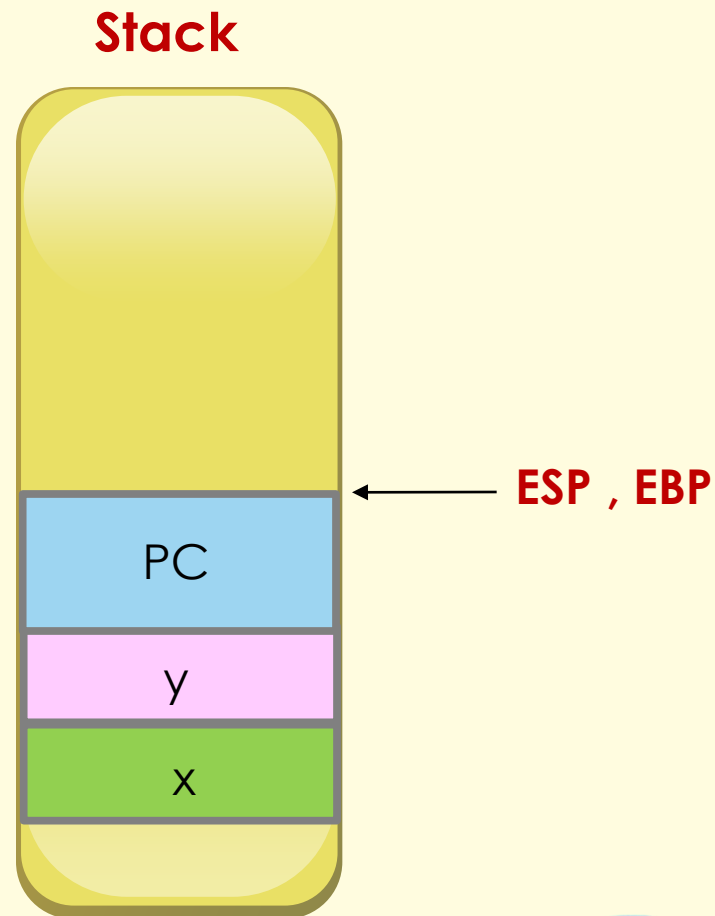
# Functions: Return Value

**subprogram:**

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**sum:**

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mov ebp, esp  
mov ax, [ebp + 6]  
add ax, [ebp + 4]
```



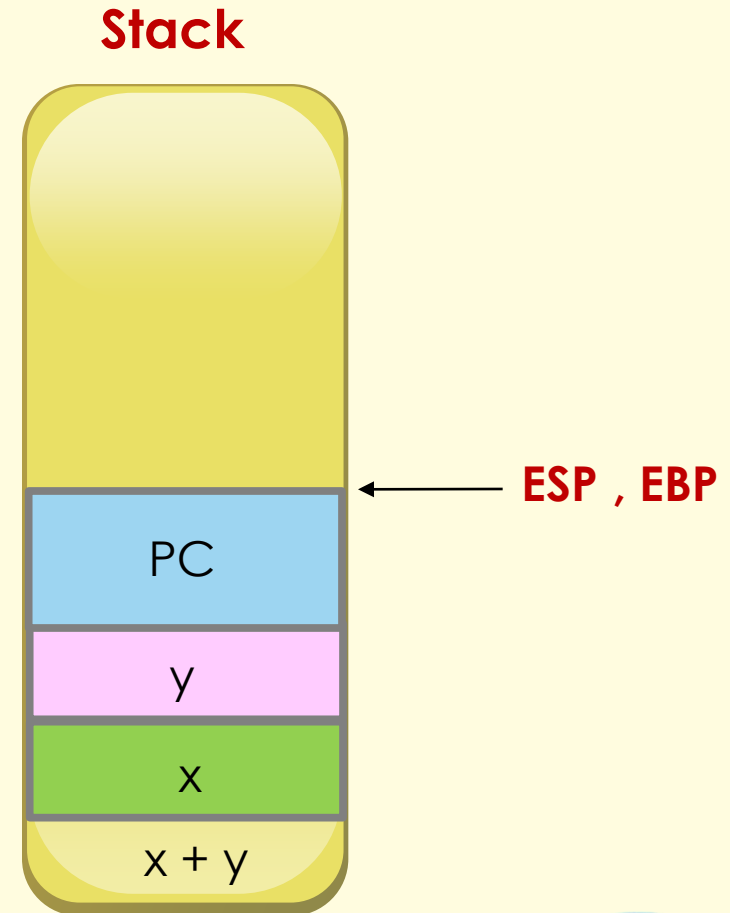
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**sum:**

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mov [ebp + 8], ax
```



# Functions: Return Value

**subprogram:**

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}
```

**sum:**

```
mov ebp, esp  
mov ax, [ebp + 6]  
add ax, [ebp + 4]  
mov [ebp + 8], ax  
ret 4
```

**Stack**



**EBP**

**ESP**

$x + y$



# Functions: Return Value

; subprogram call

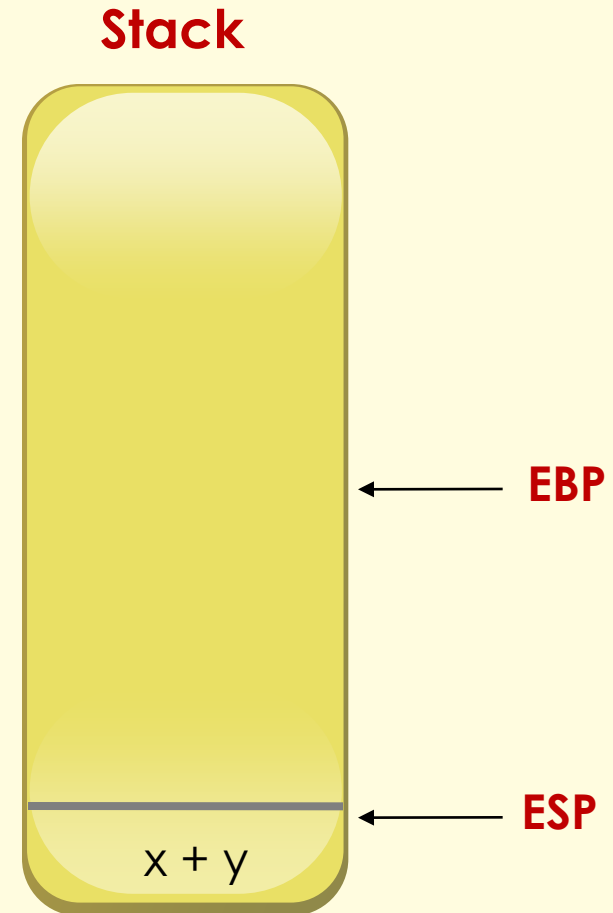
sub esp, 2

push word [x]

push word [y]

call sum

pop word [num]



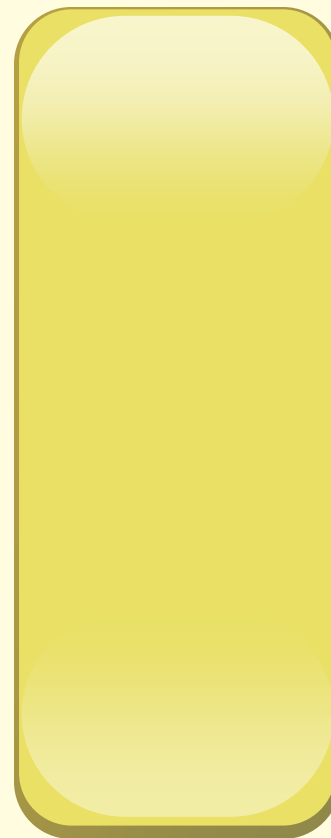


# Functions: Return Value

**; subprogram call**

```
sub esp, 2  
push word [x]  
push word [y]  
call  sum  
pop word [num]
```

**Stack**



**EBP**

**ESP**







# Functions: Return Value

sum:

```
mov ebp, esp
```

; create stack frame

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

; retrieve parameter **a**

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

; retrieve parameter **b**

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

; return **a + b**

```
ret 4
```

; return to caller and  
clear stack





# 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]
```

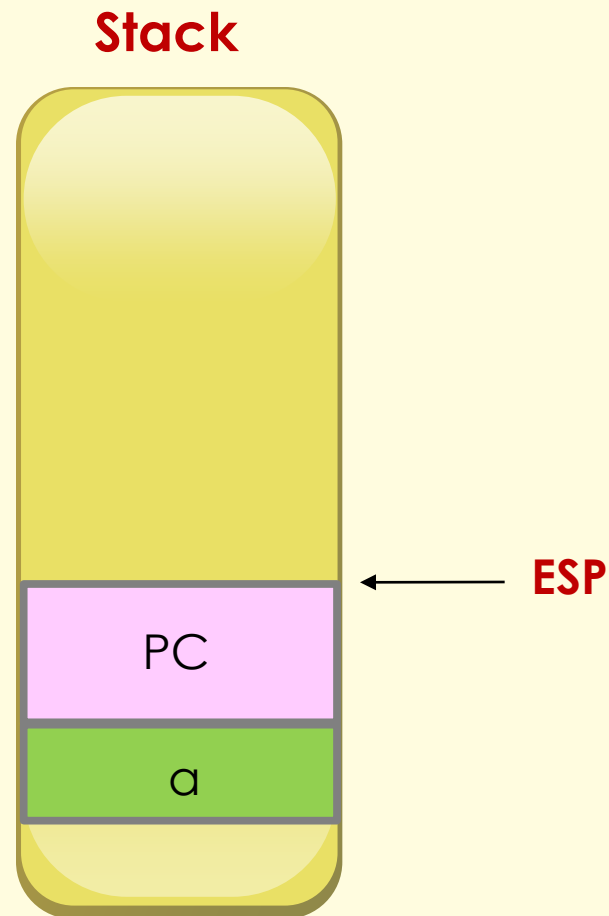




# Stack

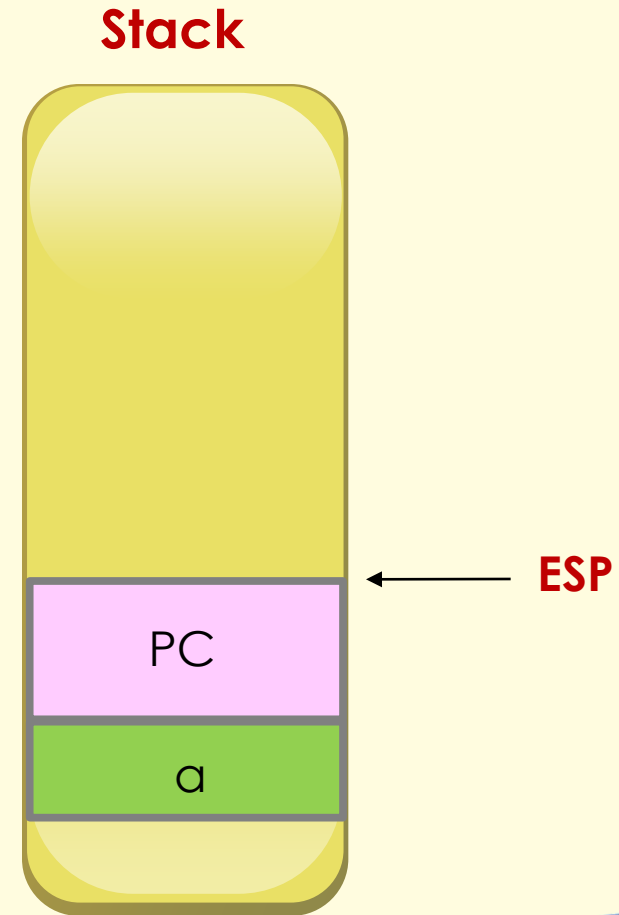
subprogram call:

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



# More Examples

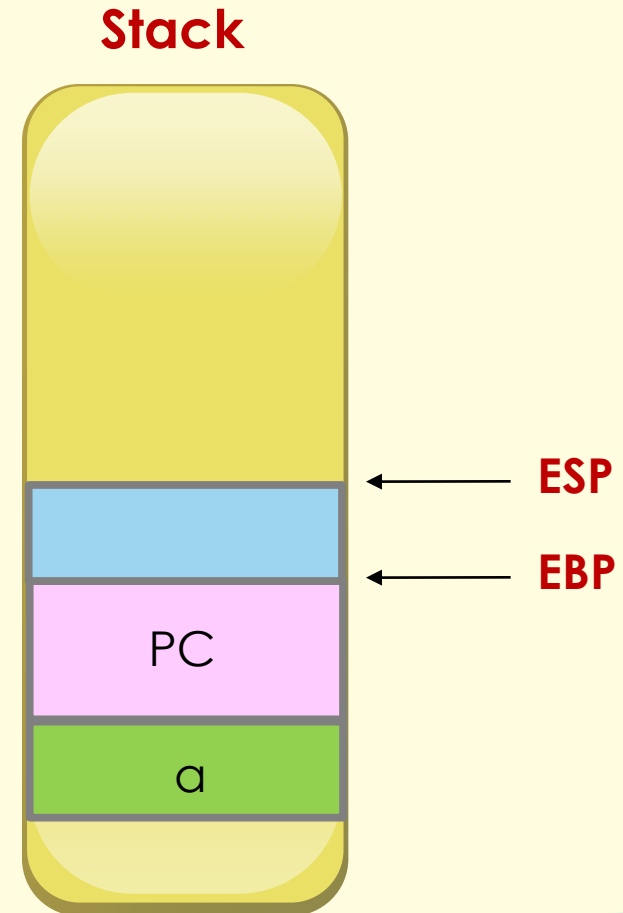
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    int result=n;  
    while(n>1) {  
        n--;  
        result=result*n;  
    }  
    return result;  
}
```



# More Examples

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

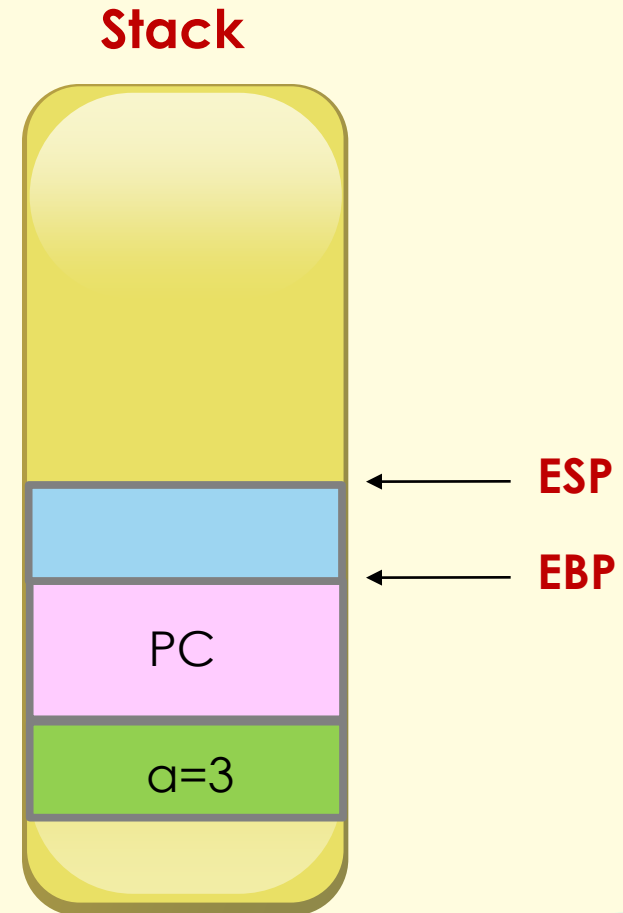
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;subprogram  
abc:  
    mov ebp, esp  
    sub esp, 2
```



# More Examples

```
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```

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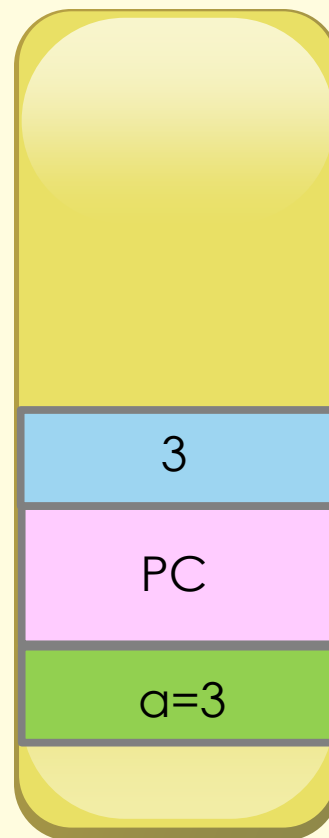


# More Examples

```
int abc (int n) {  
    int result=n;  
    ...  
    return result;  
}
```

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

**Stack**



**ax = 3**

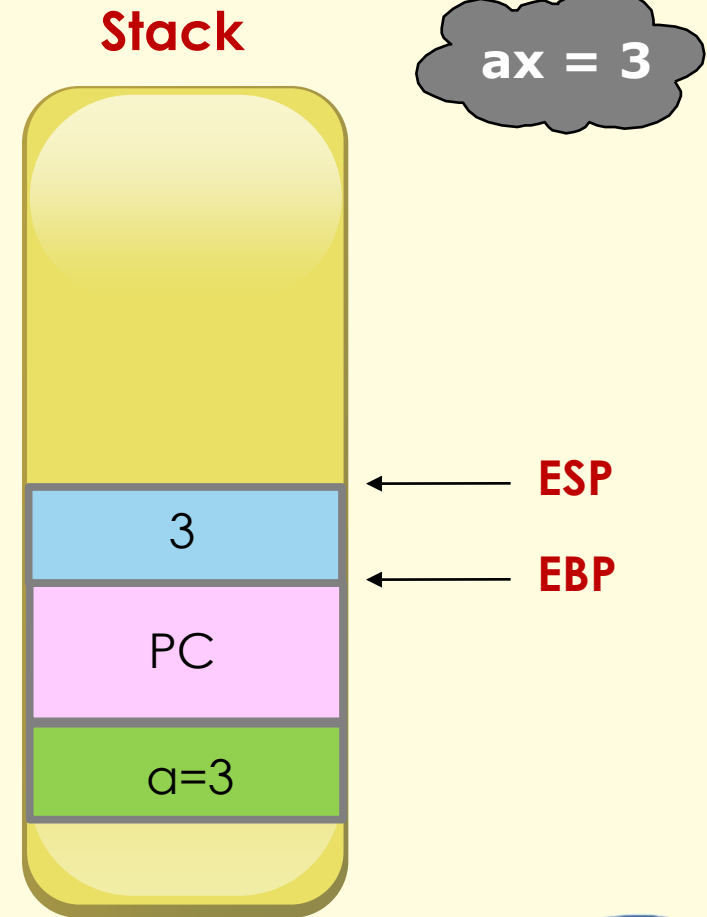
**ESP**

**EBP**



# More Examples

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

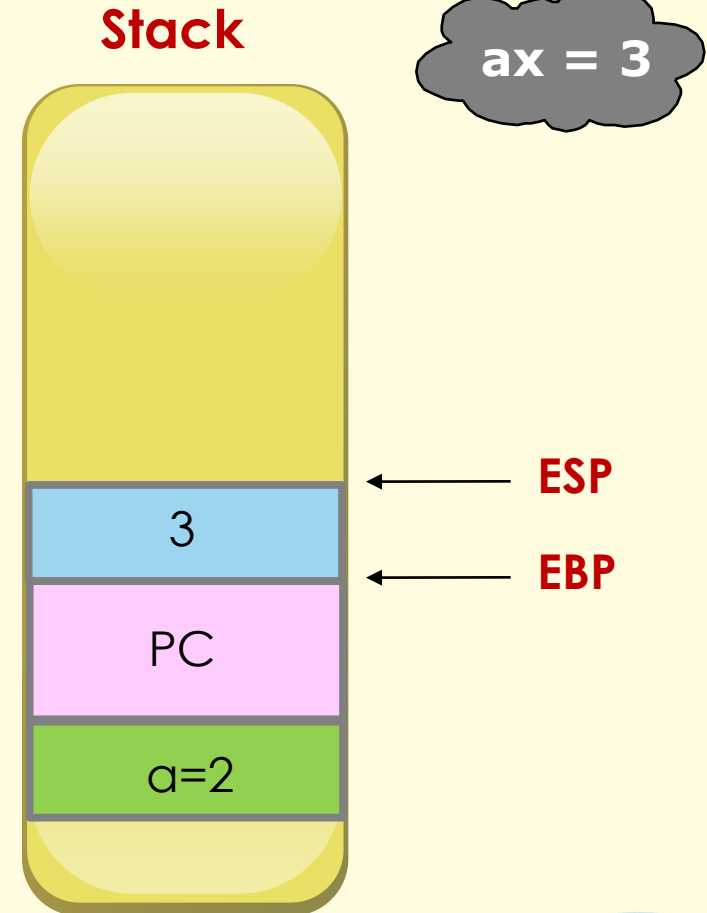




# More Examples

```
...  
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

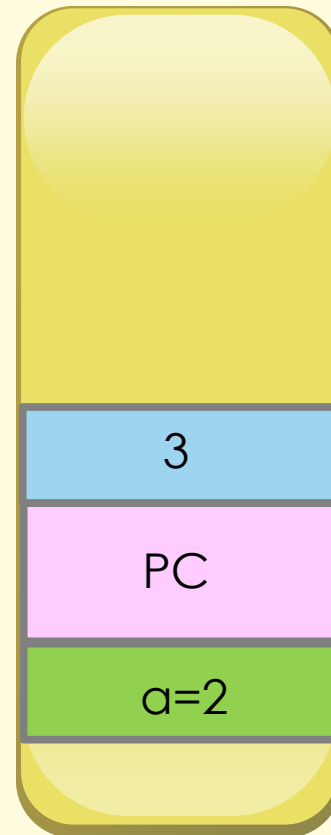
jng exit

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
```

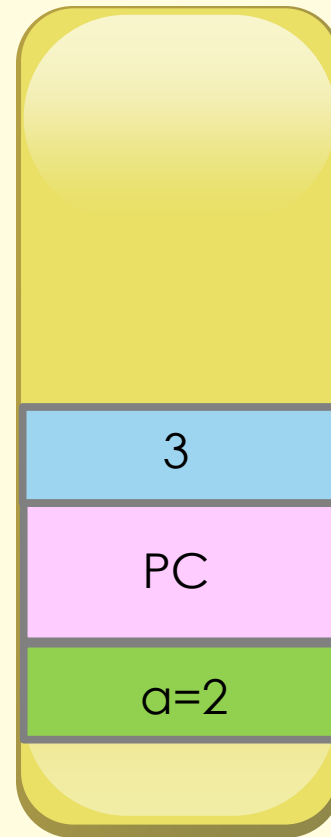
```
    dec word[ebp+4]
```

```
    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
```

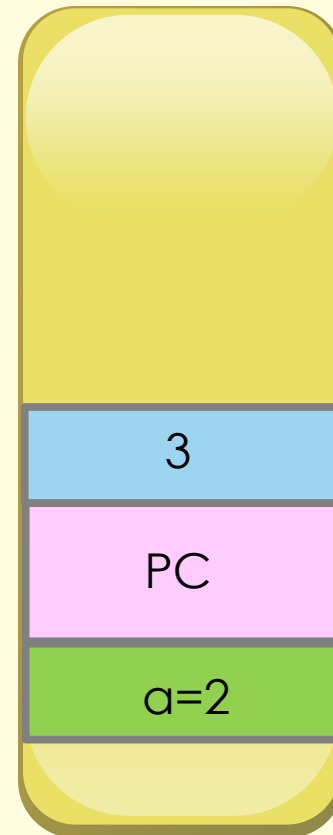
```
    dec word[ebp+4]
```

```
    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]

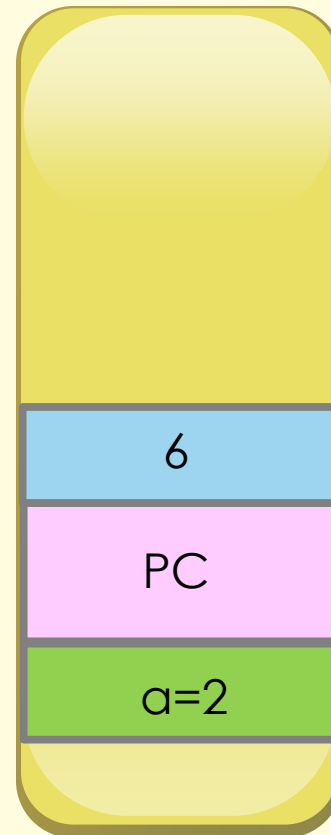
mov ax, [ebp-2]

mul word[ebp+4]

mov word[ebp-2], ax

**Stack**

ax = 6



# More Examples

...

result=result\*n;

...

;subprogram  
while:

cmp word[ebp+4], 1

jng exit

dec word[ebp+4]

mov ax, [ebp-2]

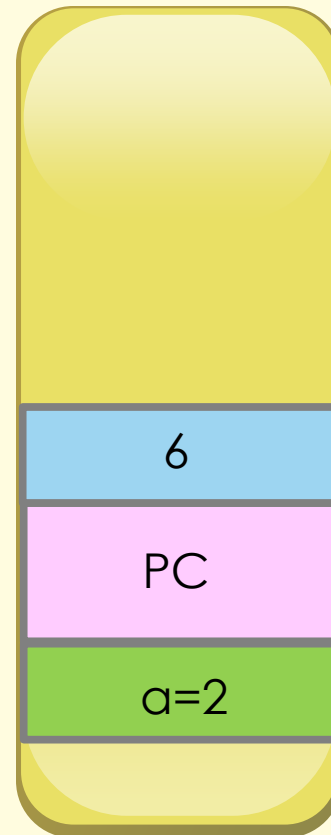
mul word[ebp+4]

mov word[ebp-2], ax

jmp while

**Stack**

ax = 6



**ESP**

**EBP**



# More Examples

...

result=result\*n;

...

;subprogram  
while:

cmp word[ebp+4], 1

jng exit

dec word[ebp+4]

mov ax, [ebp-2]

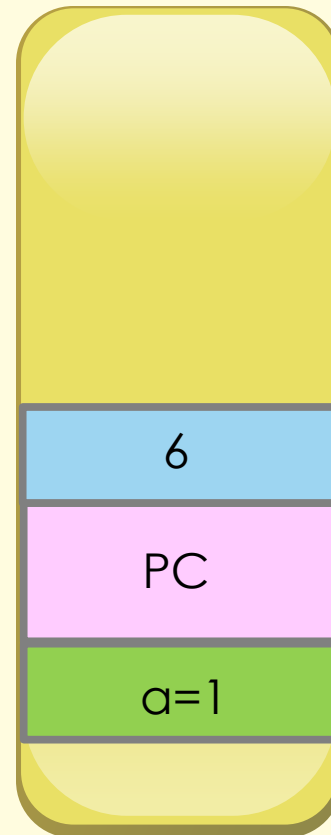
mul word[ebp+4]

mov word[ebp-2], ax

jmp while

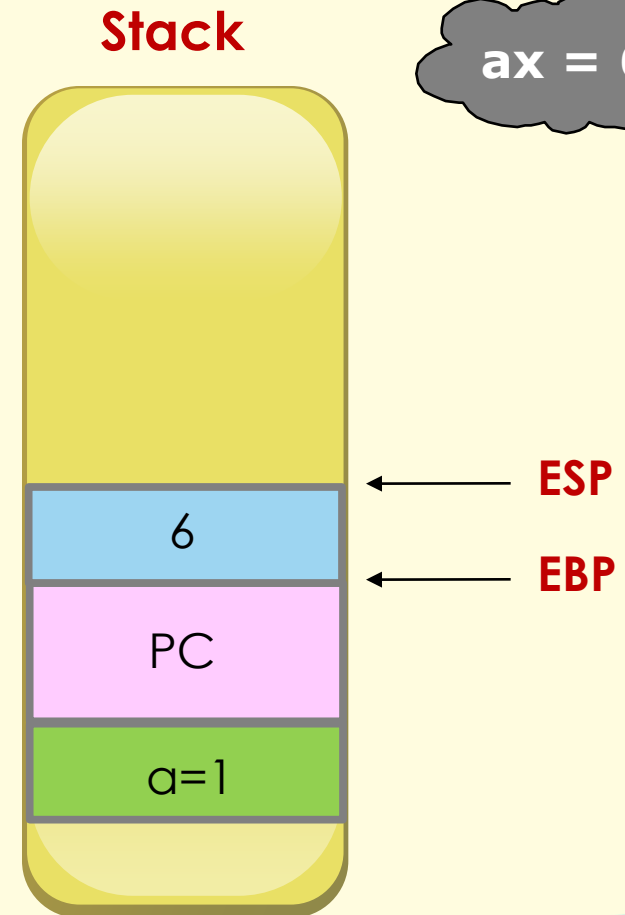
**Stack**

ax = 6



# More Examples

```
int abc (int n) {  
    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]
```

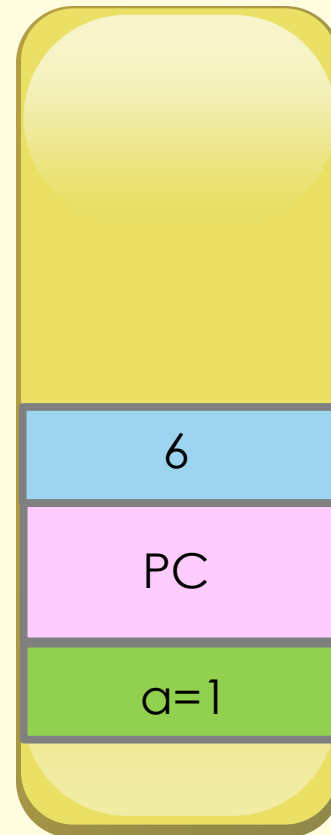
```
  mul word[ebp+4]
```

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

```
  jmp while
```

**Stack**

**ax = 6**



**ESP**

**EBP**





# More Examples

```
;subprogram
```

```
abc:
```

```
...
```

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

```
while:
```

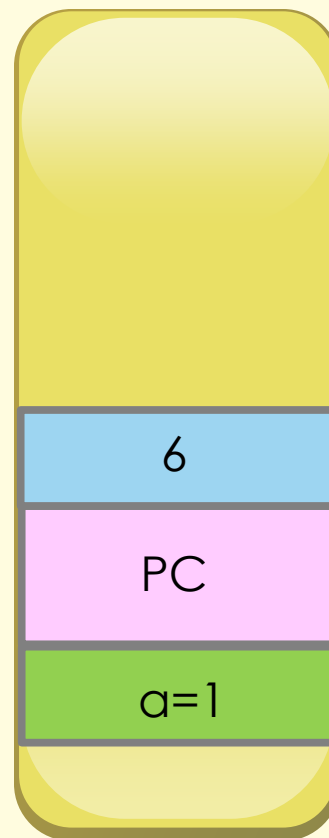
```
...
```

```
jmp while
```

```
exit:
```

**Stack**

**ax = 6**



**ESP**

**EBP**





# More Examples

```
;subprogram
```

```
abc:
```

```
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```

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

```
while:
```

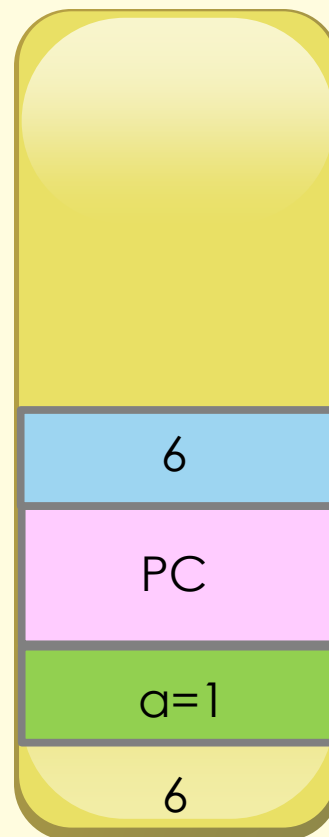
```
...
```

```
jmp while
```

```
exit:
```

**Stack**

**ax = 6**



**ESP**

**EBP**



# More Examples

```
;subprogram
```

```
abc:
```

```
...
```

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

```
while:
```

```
...
```

```
jmp while
```

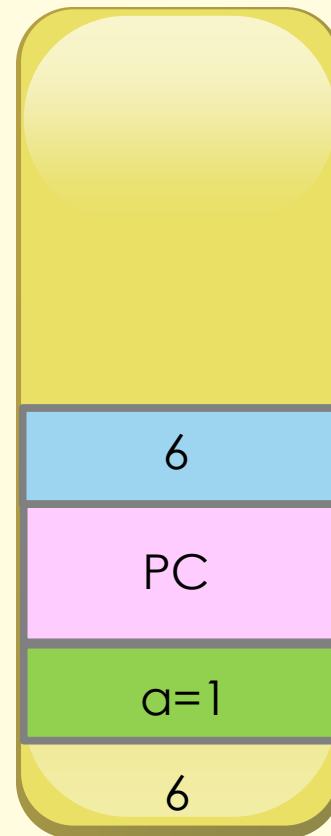
```
exit:
```

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

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

**Stack**

**ax = 6**





# More Examples

```
;subprogram
```

```
abc:
```

```
...
```

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

```
while:
```

```
...
```

```
jmp while
```

```
exit:
```

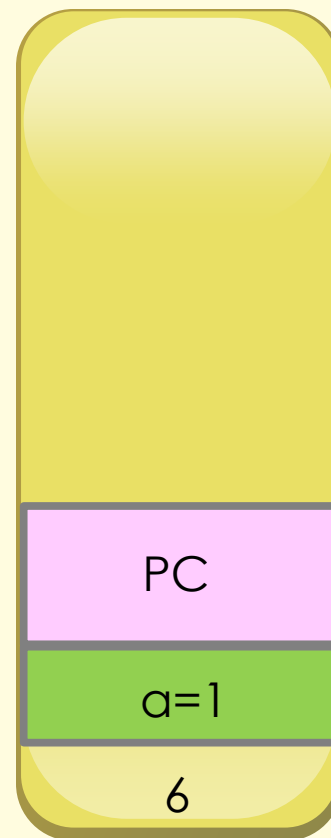
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mov ax, [ebp-2]
```

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

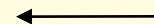
```
add esp, 2
```

**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

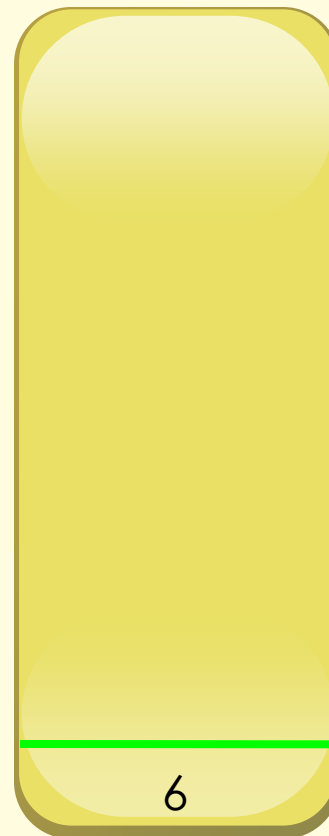
push word [a]

call abc

pop word [r]

**Stack**

**ax = 6**



**EBP**

**ESP**

6

