

Chapter 6 ACTIVATION RECORD

No. 6.3

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int f(int a, int b)
{
    int c[3], d, e;
    d = a + 1;
    e = g(c, &b);
    return e + c[1] + b;
}
```

For each a, b, c, d, e should be kept in the memory or register?

variable	in memory	in register	reason
a		✓	P132: pass function parameters in registers
b	✓		P133: passed by reference, accessed by a procedure
c	✓		P133: an array, accessed by a procedure
d		✓	P132: intermediate results of expressions, P130: no used after the function g called
e		✓	P132: the function result

问题的思考:

需要准确把握变量在内存和寄存器中存储的情形，而且要特别注意是针对 c 语言的，书中这个方面的内容在 REGISTERS 和 FRAME-RESIDENT VARIABLES 两节中分别有介绍。从多个角度来说明原因将更加贴切。

No. 6.7

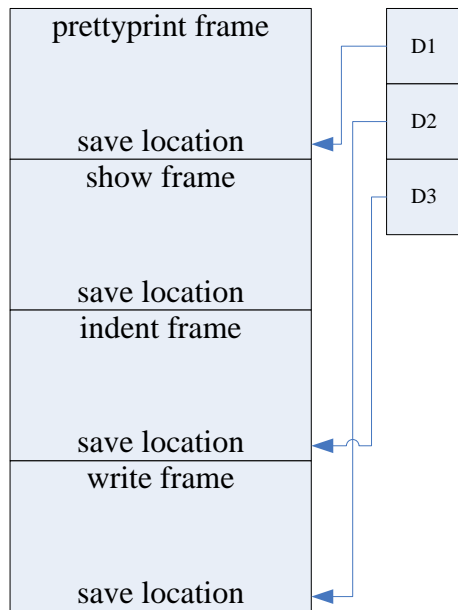
a.

indent uses the variable *output* from *prettyprint*'s frame. To do so it starts with its own static link:

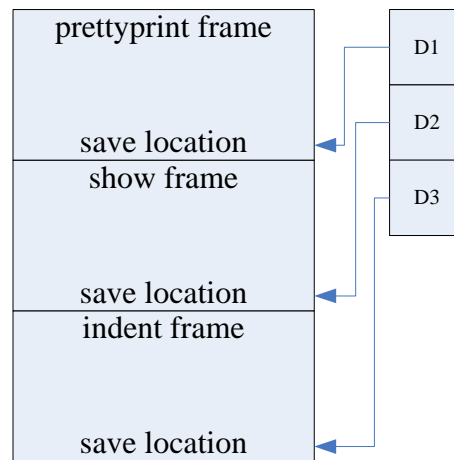
1. get the frame pointer to the *show*;
2. then fetches *show*'s static link;
3. get the frame pointer to the *prettyprint*;
4. then fetches *output*.

b.

indent is at depth 3, when we fetch the variable *output* in Line14, the display and stack view as below:



calling *write* in *indent*



after calling *write* in *indent*, before use the *output*

When we use the variable *output*:

1. get the D2 (the frame pointer of *show*), there is no local variable *output*;
2. then get D1 (the frame pointer of *prettyprint*), so fetch the variable *output*.