

PANIC! AT THE DISK OH!

You *will* get a headache

panic!()

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unreachable!()

unimplemented!()

todo!()

```
panic!()  
unreachable!()  
unimplemented!()  
todo!()  
assert!()  
assert_eq!()  
assert_ne!()  
debug_assert!()  
debug_assert_eq!()  
debug_assert_ne!()
```

```
thread 'main' panicked at src/main.rs:2:9:
explicit panic
stack backtrace:
 0: __rustc::rust_begin_unwind
    at /rustc/29483883eed69d5fb4db01964cdf2af4d86e9cb2/library/std/src/
panicking.rs:697:5
 1: core::panicking::panic_fmt
    at /rustc/29483883eed69d5fb4db01964cdf2af4d86e9cb2/library/core/src/
panicking.rs:75:14
 2: core::panicking::panic_display
    at /rustc/29483883eed69d5fb4db01964cdf2af4d86e9cb2/library/core/src/
panicking.rs:268:5
 3: core::panicking::panic_explicit
    at /rustc/29483883eed69d5fb4db01964cdf2af4d86e9cb2/library/core/src/
panicking.rs:241:5
 4: playground::main::panic_cold_explicit
    at ./rustup/toolchains/stable-x86_64-unknown-linux-gnu/lib/rustlib/src/rust/
library/core/src/panic.rs:88:13
 5: playground::main
    at ./src/main.rs:2:9
 6: core::ops::function::FnOnce::call_once
    at ./rustup/toolchains/stable-x86_64-unknown-linux-gnu/lib/rustlib/src/rust/
library/core/src/ops/function.rs:250:5
note: Some details are omitted, run with `RUST_BACKTRACE=full` for a verbose backtrace.
```

```
std::panic::catch_unwind(|| {});
```

```
std::panic::catch_unwind(|| {  
    panic!("foo");  
});
```

```
let result = std::panic::catch_unwind(|| {  
    panic!("foo");  
});
```

Execution

```
Compiling playground v0.0.1 (/playground)  
Finished `dev` profile [unoptimized + debuginfo] target(s) in 0.52s  
Running `target/debug/playground`
```

```
thread 'main' panicked at src/main.rs:3:13:  
foo
```

note: [run with `RUST_BACKTRACE=1` environment variable to display a backtrace](#)

Standard Output

```
Err(Any { .. })
```


panic!

The `panic!` macro can be used to generate a panic and start unwinding its stack. While unwinding, the runtime will take care of freeing all the resources owned by the thread by calling the destructor of all its objects.

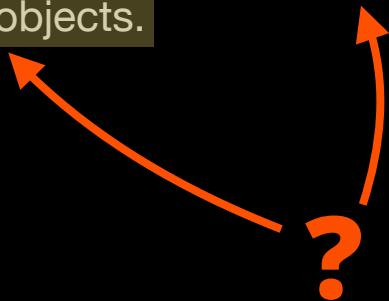
Part I

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Part II

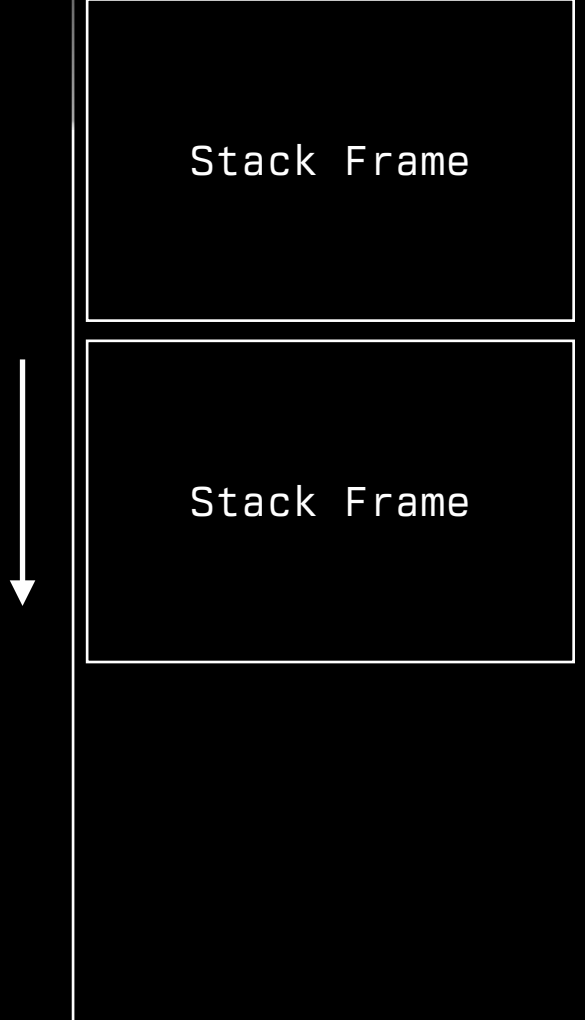


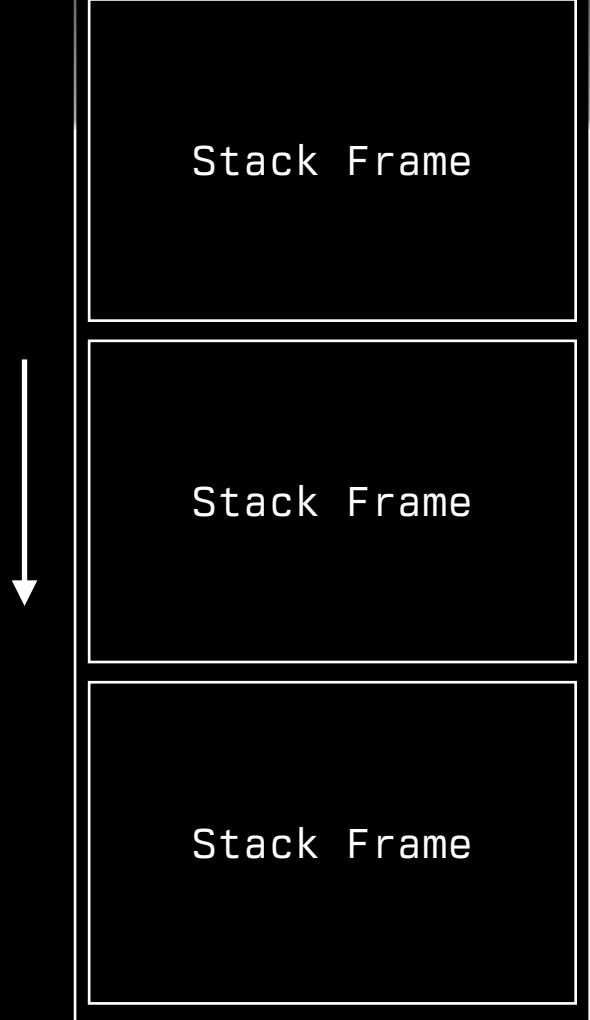
The stack



A diagram illustrating a stack frame structure. It consists of a large vertical rectangle divided into two sections. The top section is a smaller rectangle labeled "Stack Frame". The bottom section is a larger, empty rectangle. To the left of the large rectangle, there is a vertical arrow pointing downwards, indicating the direction of stack growth.

Stack Frame





```
pub fn square(num: u32) → u32 {  
    num * num  
}
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square:

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out **in** **in**

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Prologue

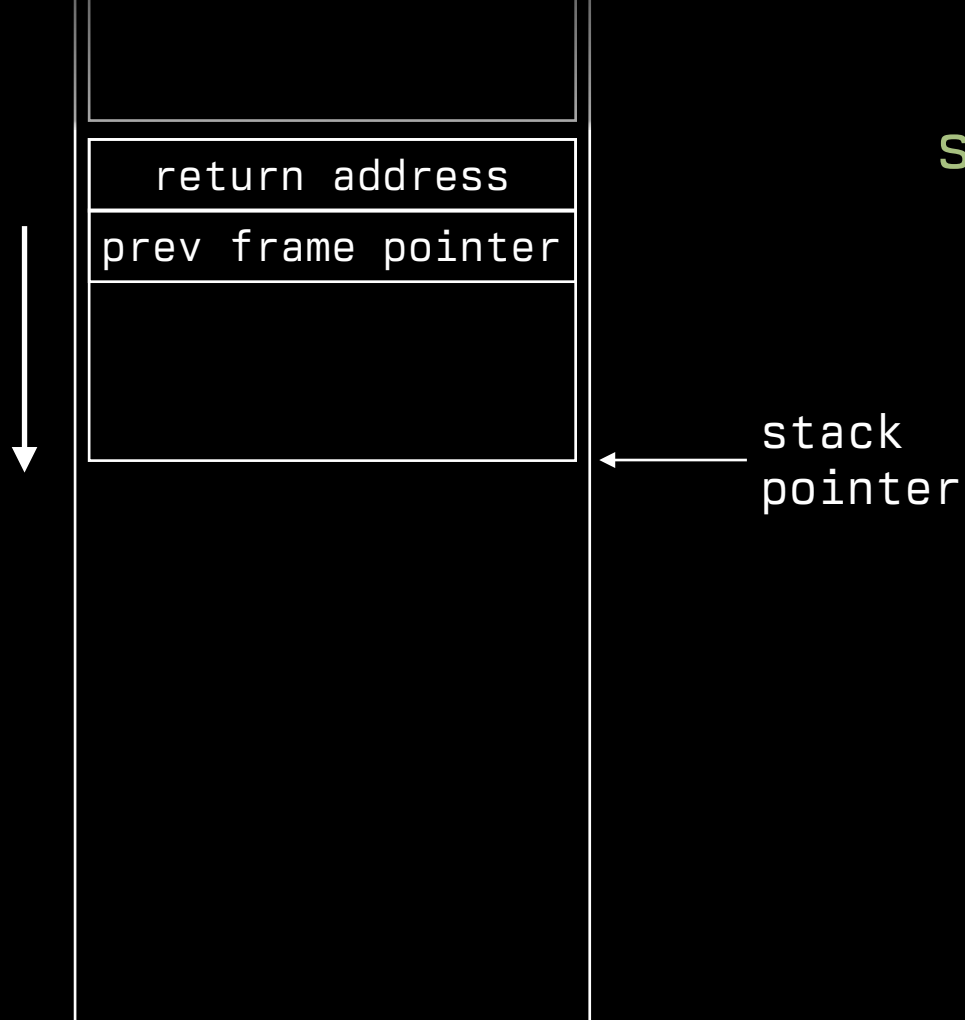
stack frame setup

Epilogue

stack frame cleanup

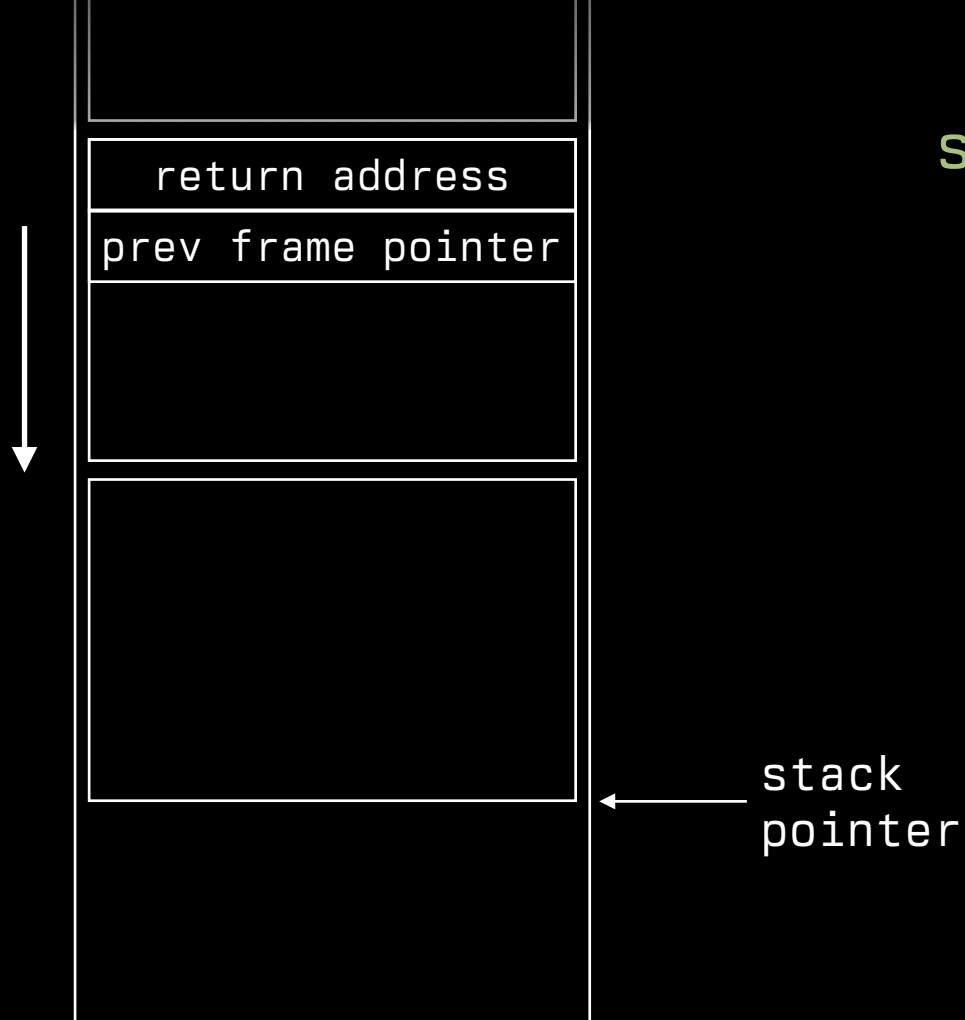
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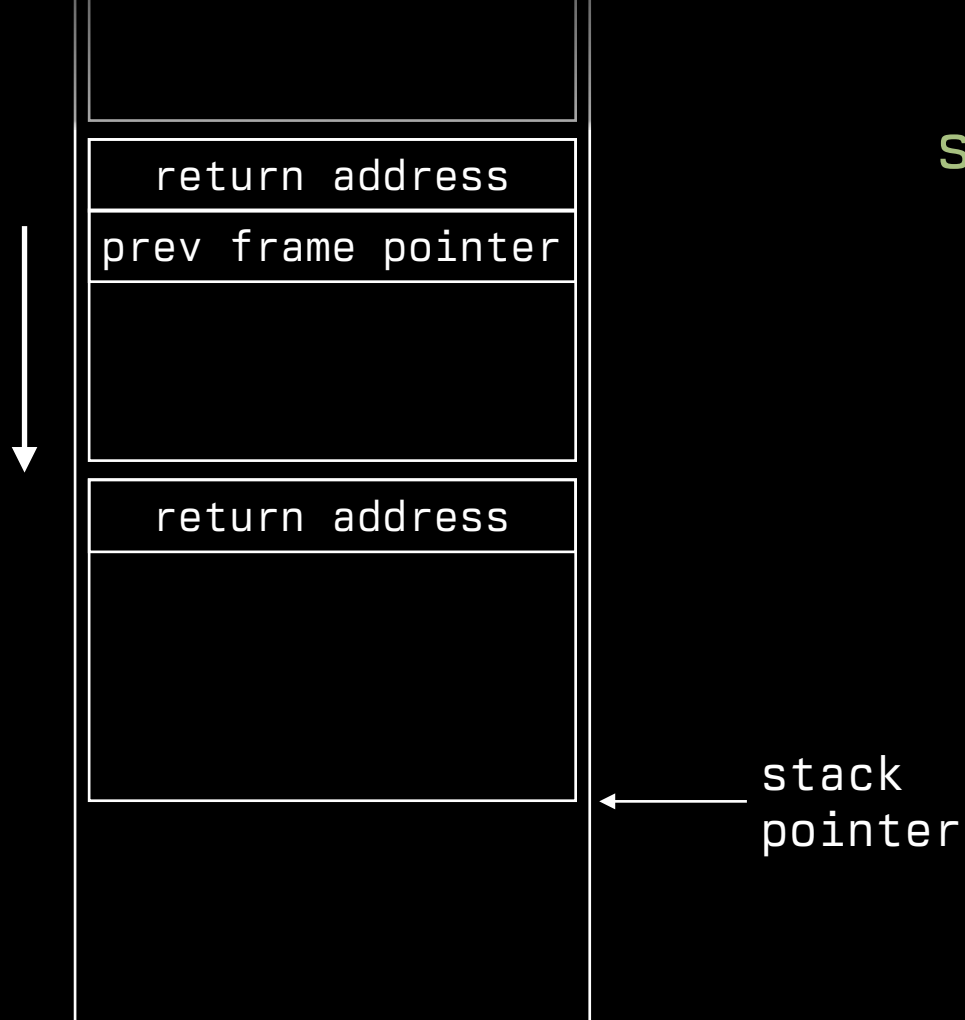
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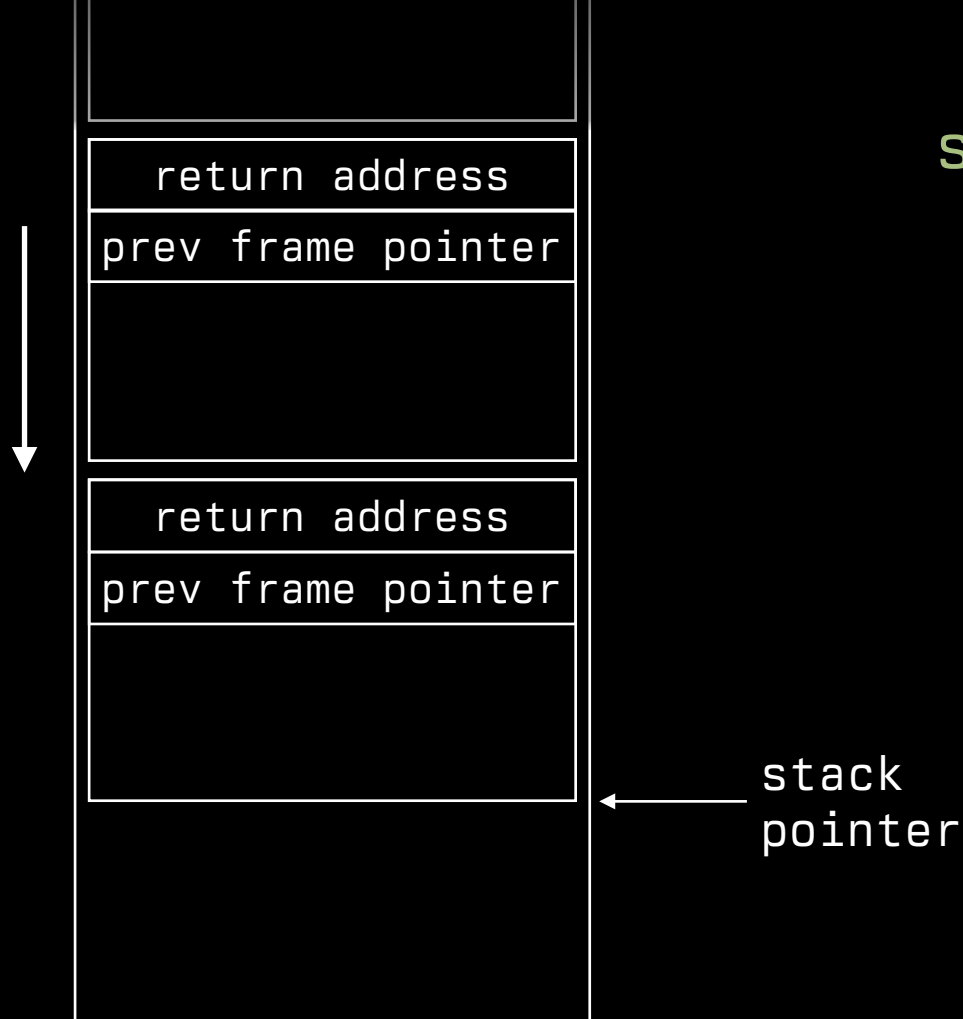
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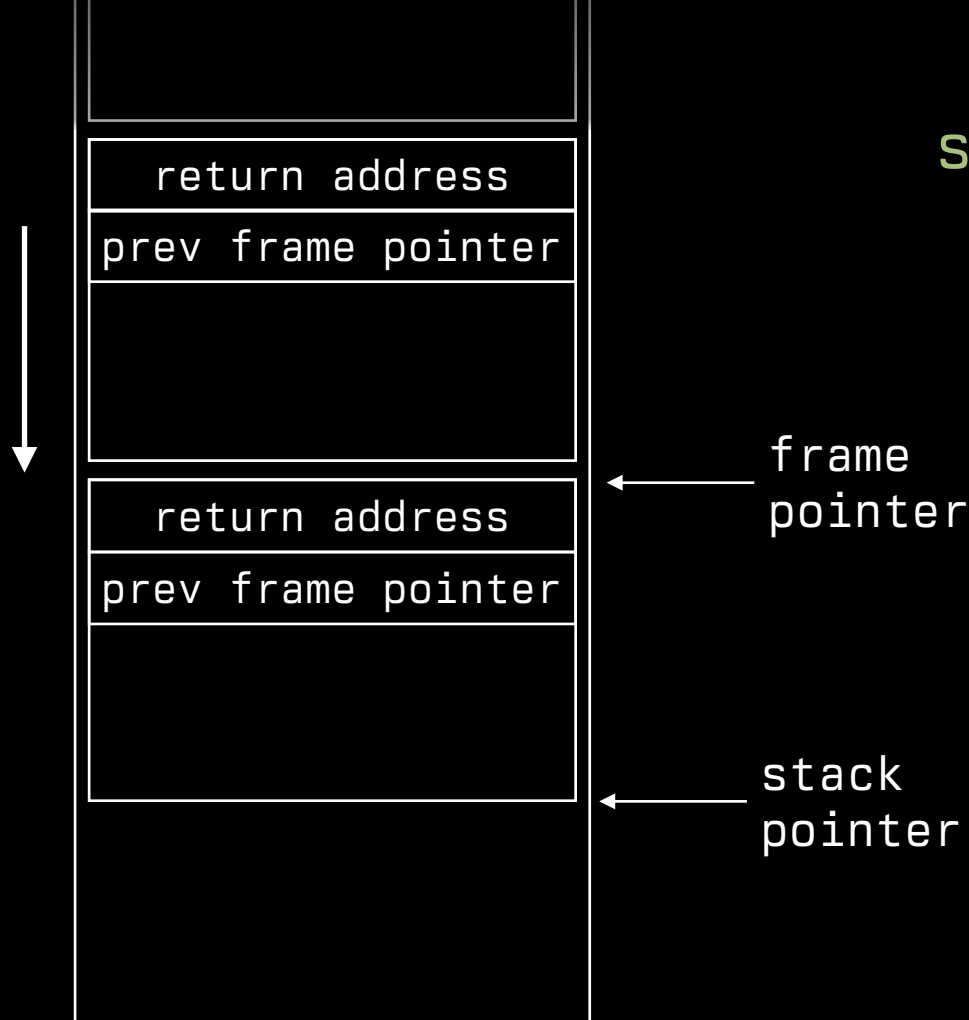
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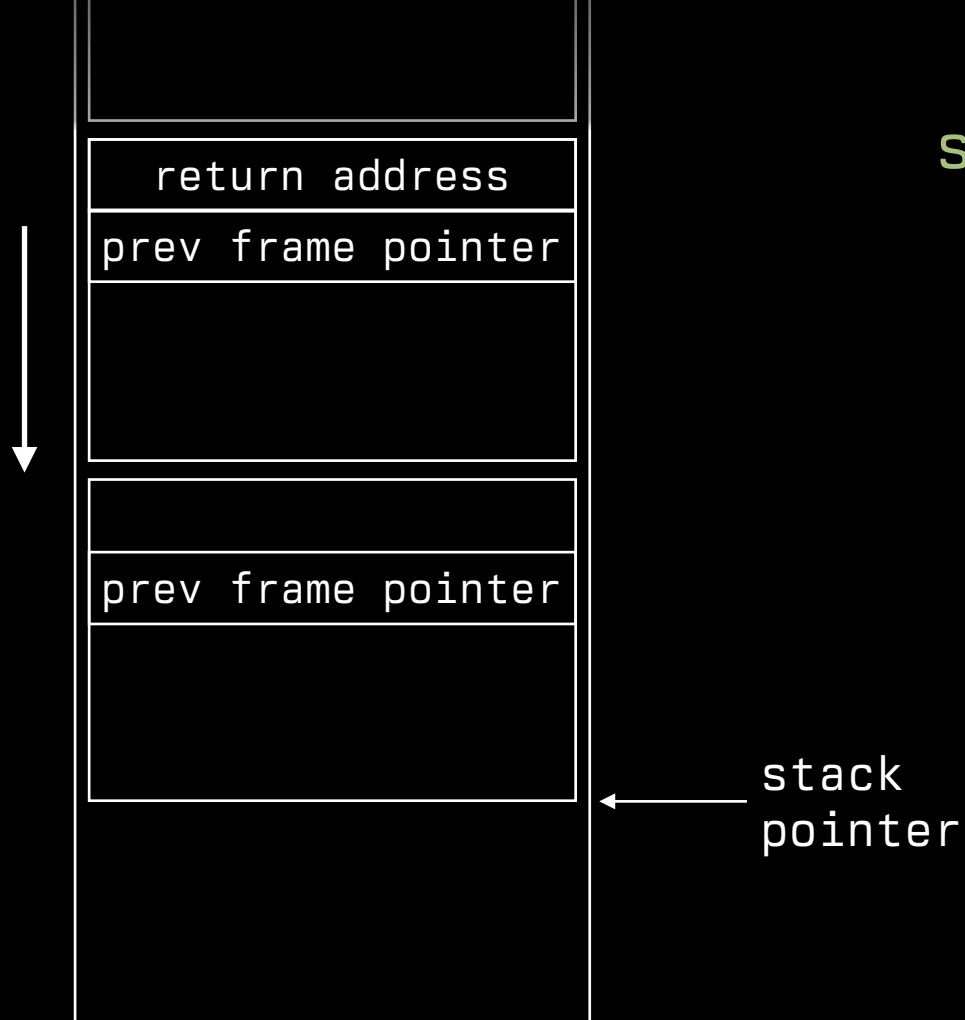
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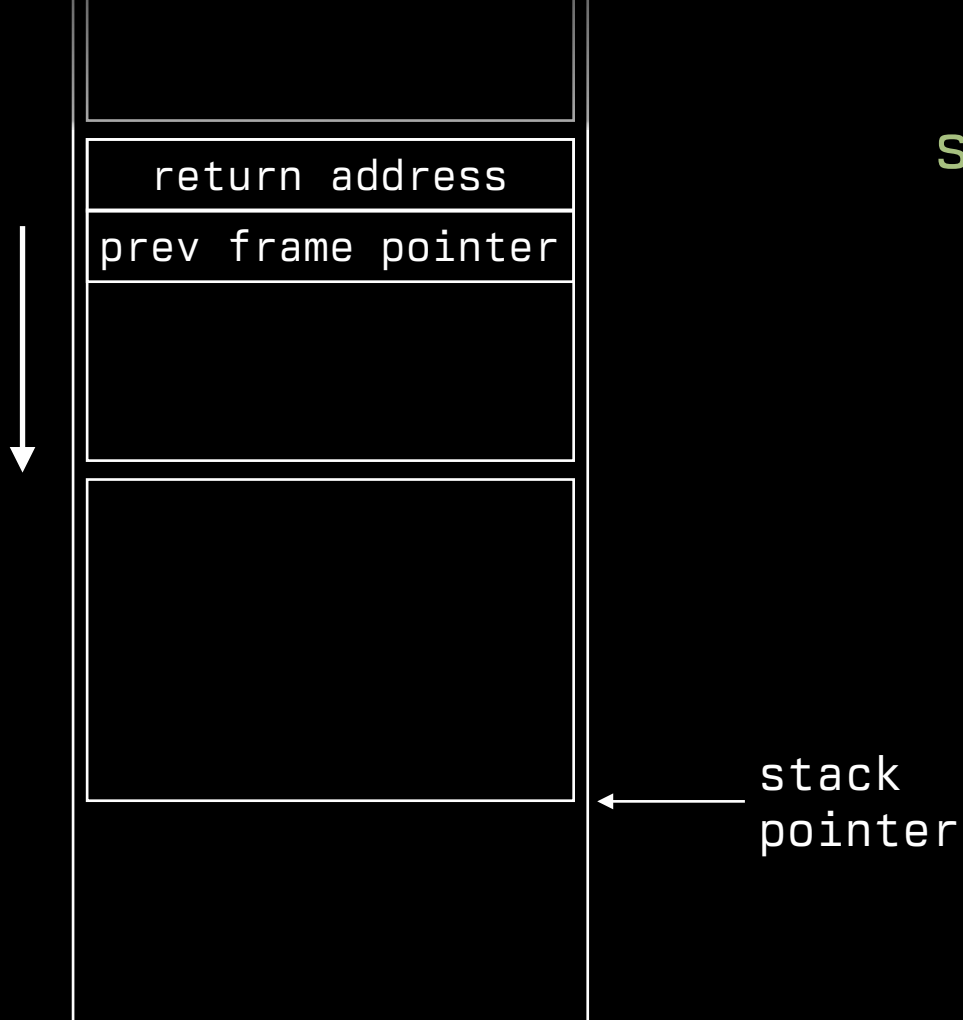
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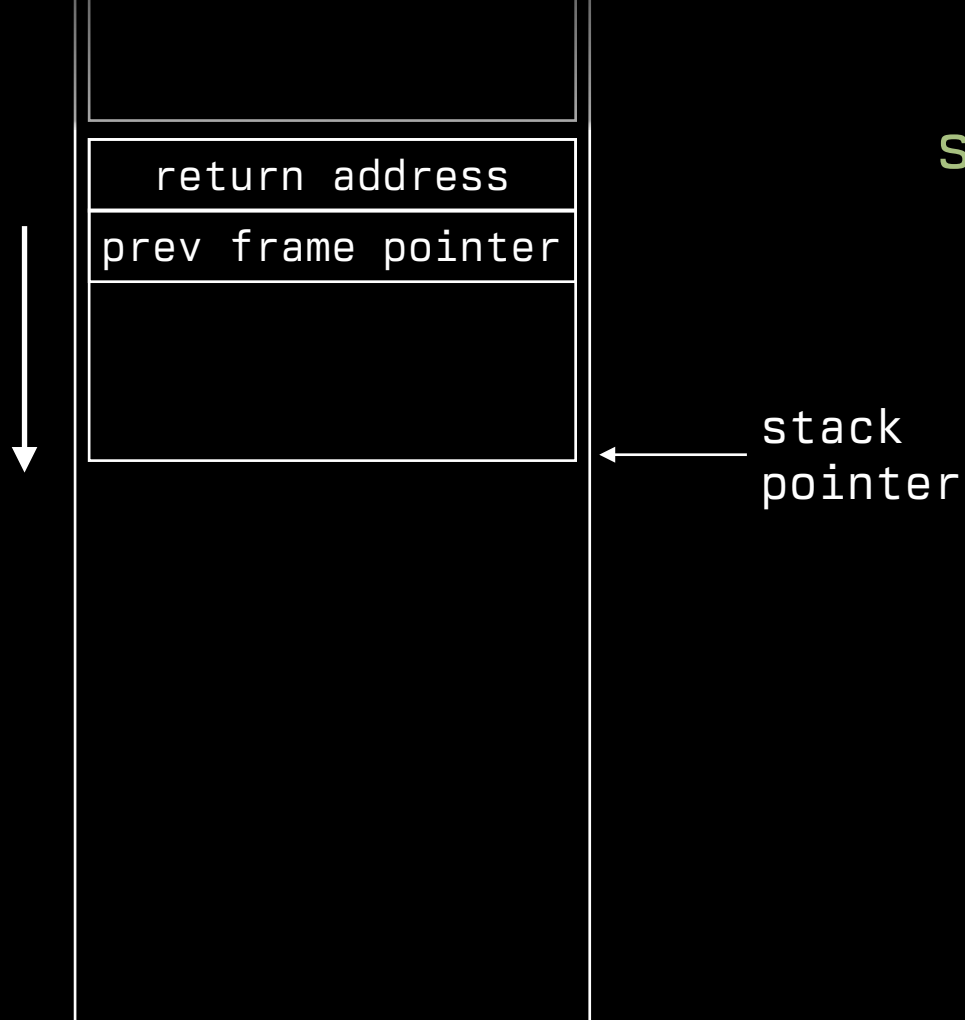
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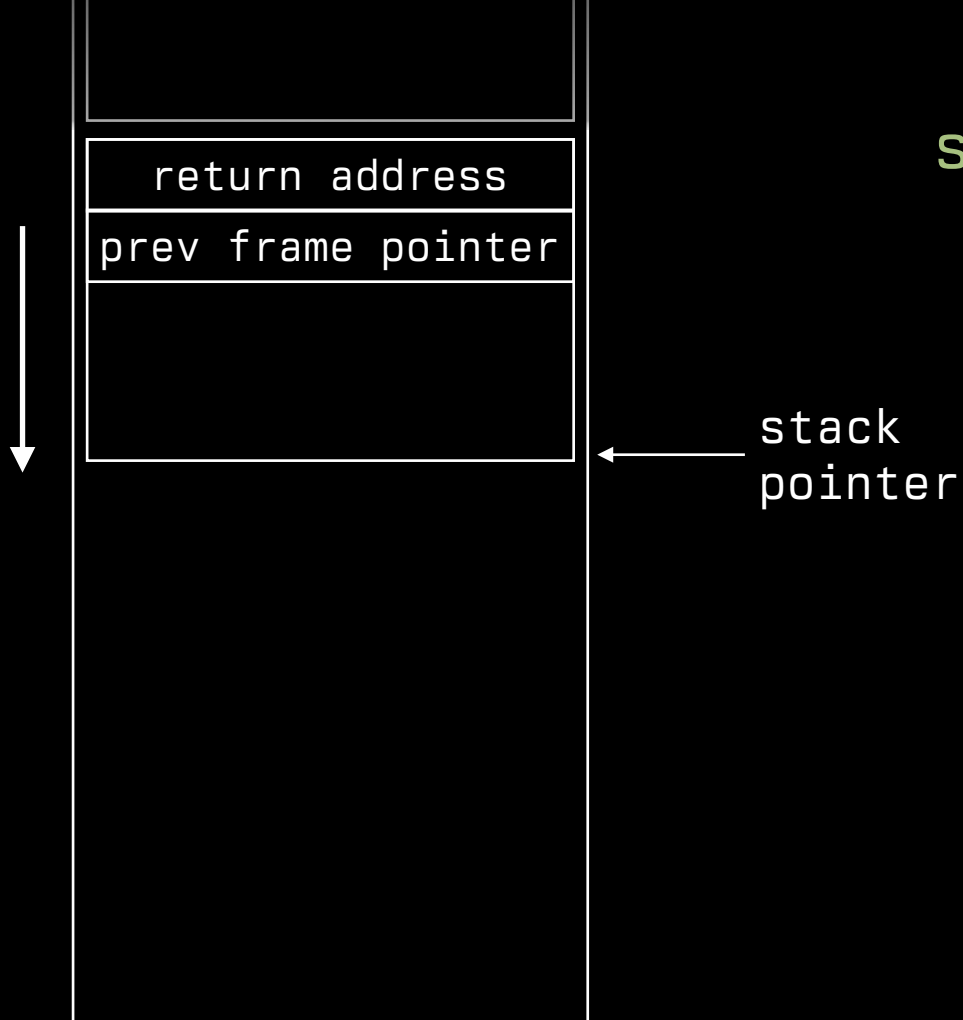
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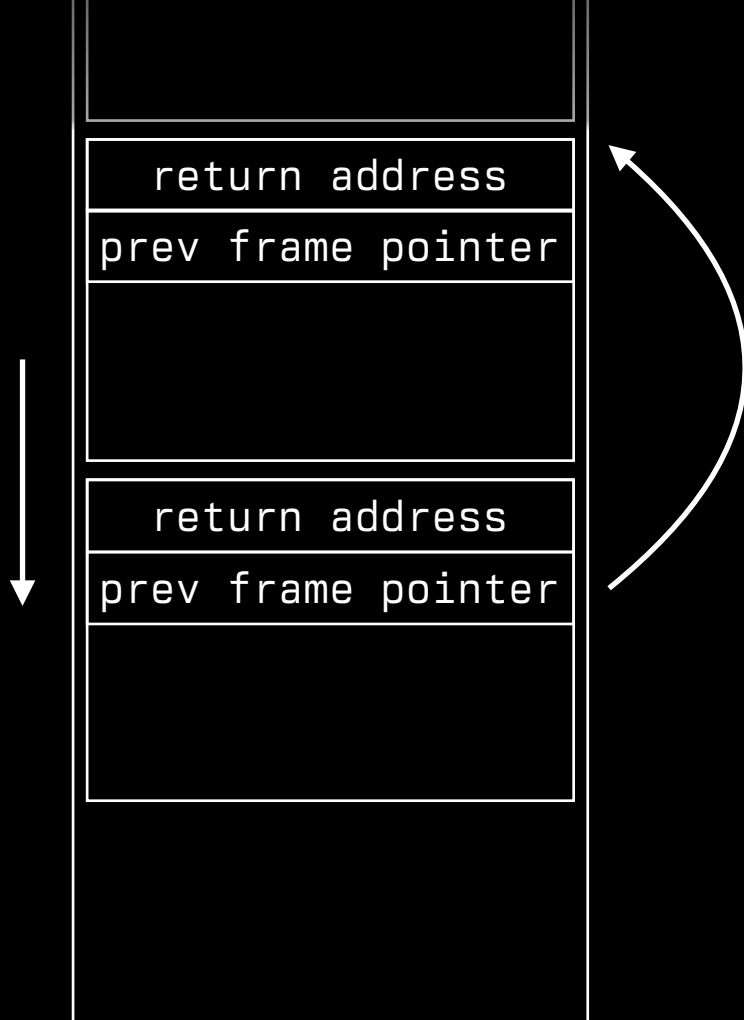
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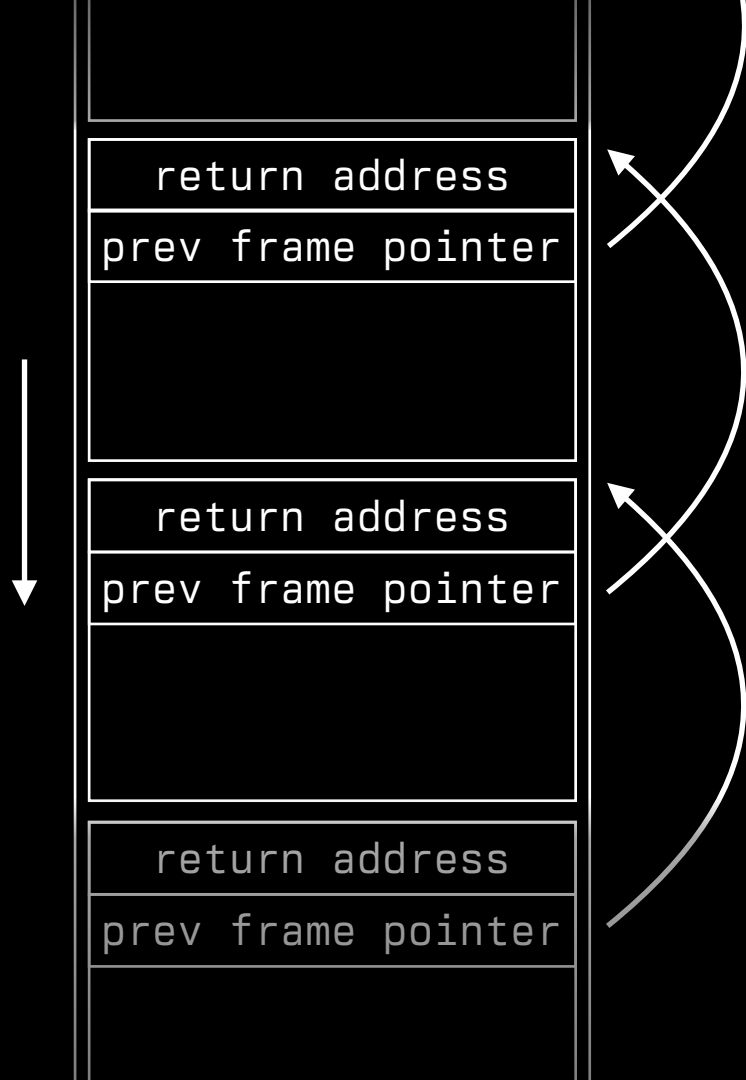
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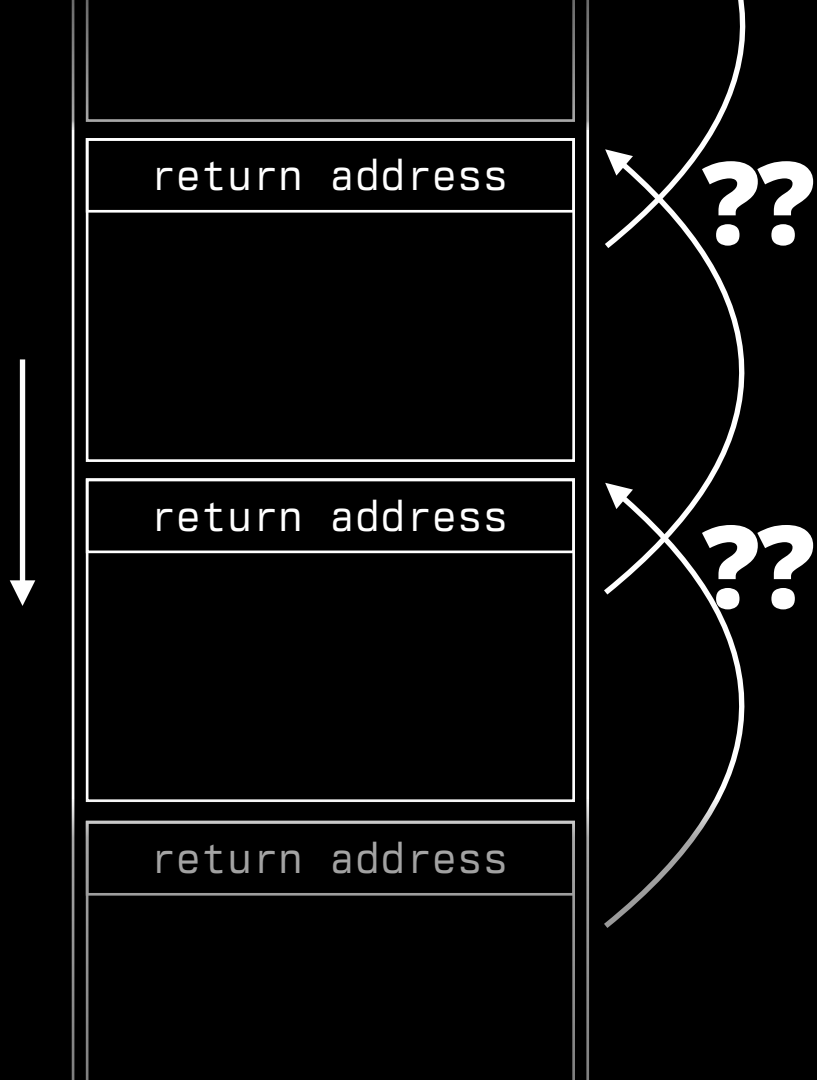
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**This is a
Linked-List!**





The solution: `.eh_frame`

Sections:

Idx	Name	Size	VMA	Type
0		00000000	0000000000000000	
1	<code>.dynsym</code>	00000018	00000000000002a8	
2	<code>.gnu.hash</code>	0000001c	00000000000002c0	
3	<code>.hash</code>	00000010	00000000000002dc	
4	<code>.dynstr</code>	00000001	00000000000002ec	
5	<code>.rela.dyn</code>	00089430	00000000000002f0	
6	<code>.rodata</code>	0006e0ae	0000000000089720	DATA
7	<code>.gcc_except_table</code>	00085edc	00000000000f77d0	DATA
8	<code>.loader_config</code>	00000008	000000000017d6ac	DATA
9	<code>.eh_frame</code>	001937dc	000000000017d6b8	DATA
10	<code>.text</code>	00741412	0000000000311ea0	TEXT
11	<code>.tdata</code>	00040001	0000000000a542b8	DATA
12	<code>.tbss</code>	00000120	0000000000a942c0	BSS

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PC range | 0x00000000'0031b06c..0x00000000'0031b078

Symbol | .L0 + 0x0

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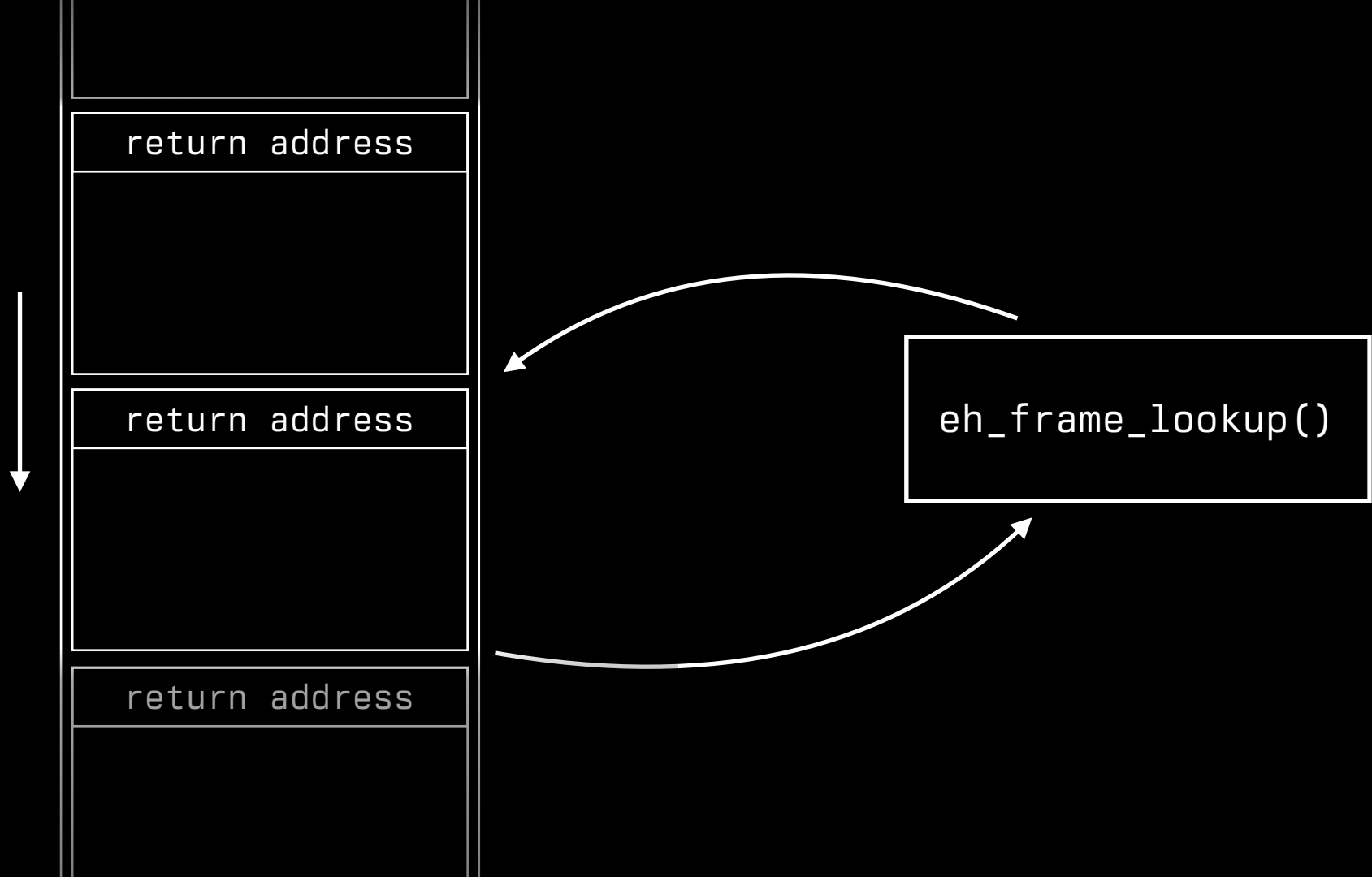
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How do we find & call the destructors??

The solution:

personality_routine

```
unsafe fn eh_personality(  
    version: c_int,  
    actions: UnwindAction,  
    _exception_class: u64,  
    exception: *mut UnwindException,  
    unwind_ctx: &mut UnwindContext<'_>,  
) → UnwindReasonCode {
```

provided by .eh_frame!



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unsafe fn eh_personality(...) → UnwindReasonCode
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unsafe fn eh_personality(...) → UnwindReasonCode
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```
UnwindReasonCode :: CONTINUE_UNWIND
```

```
UnwindReasonCode :: HANDLER_FOUND
```

```
UnwindReasonCode :: TERMINATE
```

```
UnwindReasonCode :: END_OF_STACK
```

```
...
```


Language Specific Data (LSDA):

- Rust (LLVM) languages
- A big table of *Callsite* structs
- also provided by `.eh_frame`!

```
struct Callsite {  
    start: u64,  
    len: u64,  
    landing_pad: u64,  
    landing_pad_type: LandingPadType,  
}
```

```
enum LandingPadType {  
    Catch,  
    Cleanup,  
}
```

Catch Landing Pad

```
fn foo() {  
    catch_unwind(|| {});  
}
```

=> *LandingPadType :: Catch*

Cleanup Landing Pad

```
fn foo() {  
    drop(bar);  
    drop(baz);  
}
```

=> *LandingPadType :: Cleanup*

Unwind Phases

Phase I:

- Search for a *catch* pad
- ignore *cleanup* pad

Phase II:

- Execute *cleanup* pad
- Transfer control to *catch* pad

Phase I: Search

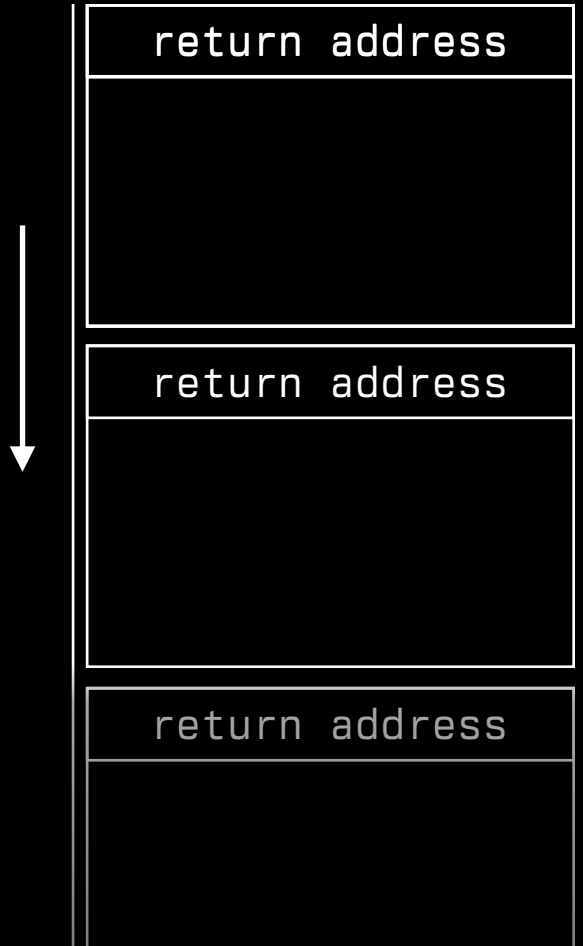
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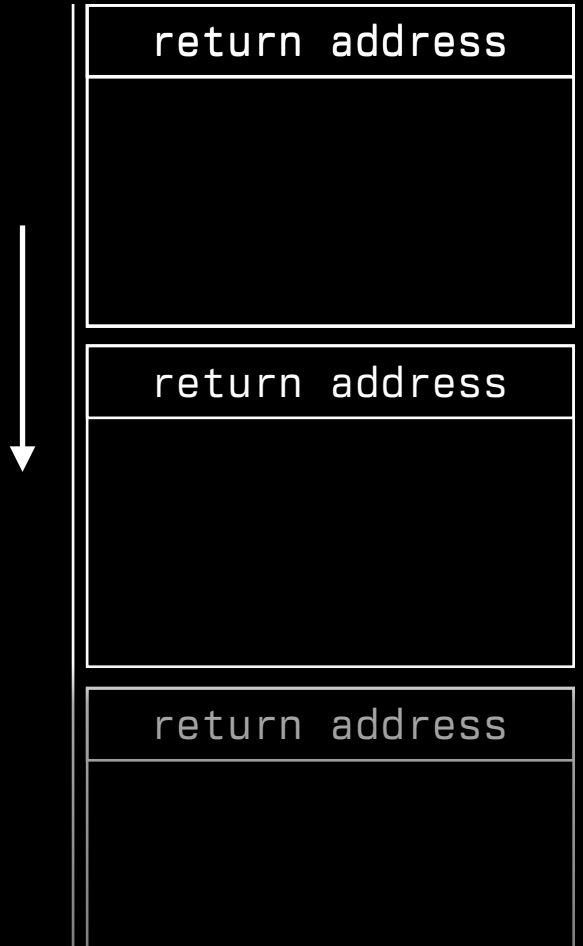
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Phase I: Search

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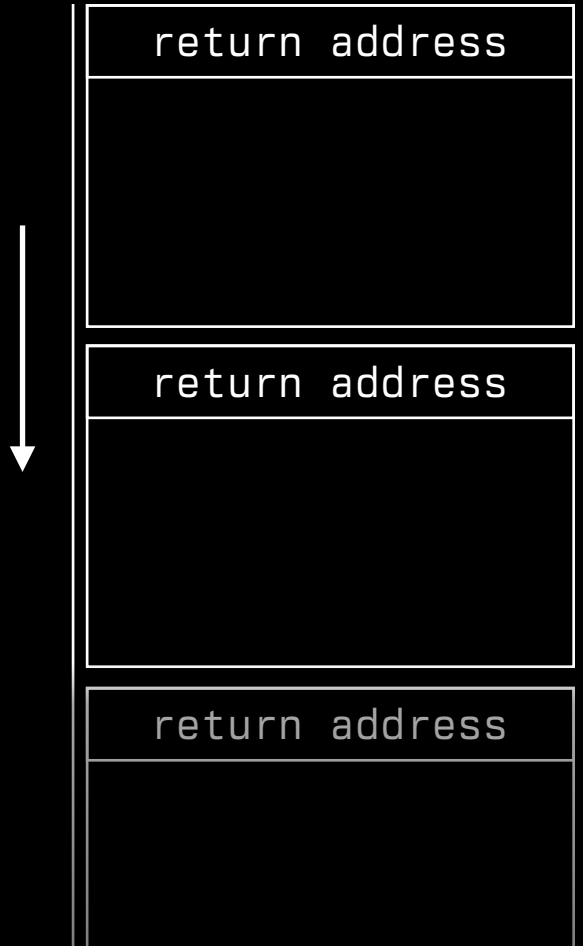


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UnwindReasonCode :: CONTINUE_UNWIND
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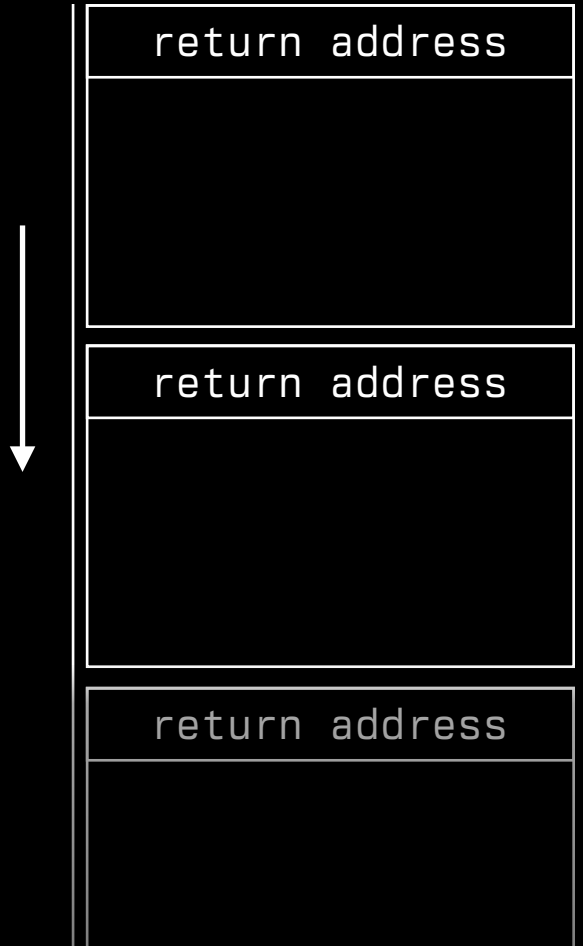
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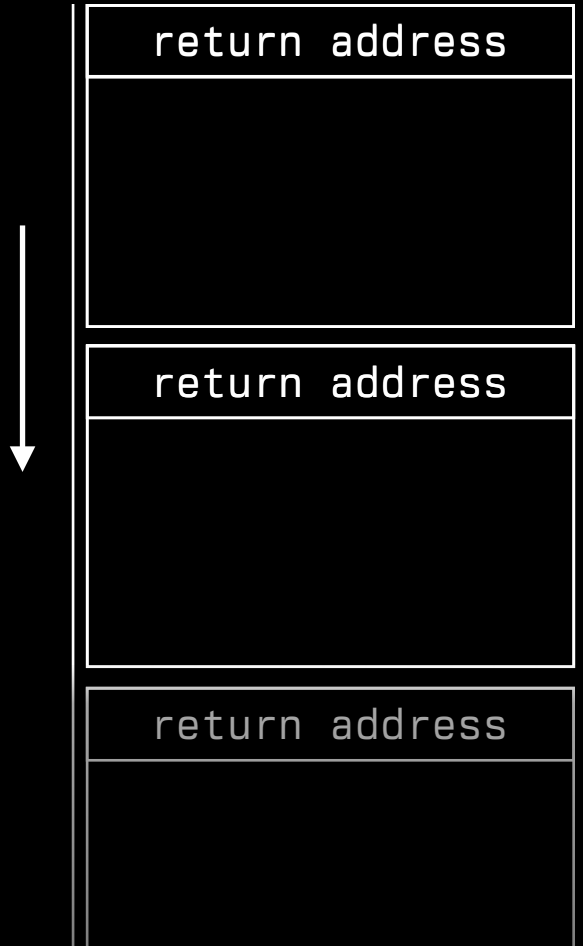


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UnwindReasonCode :: HANDLER_FOUND

Phase II: Cleanup

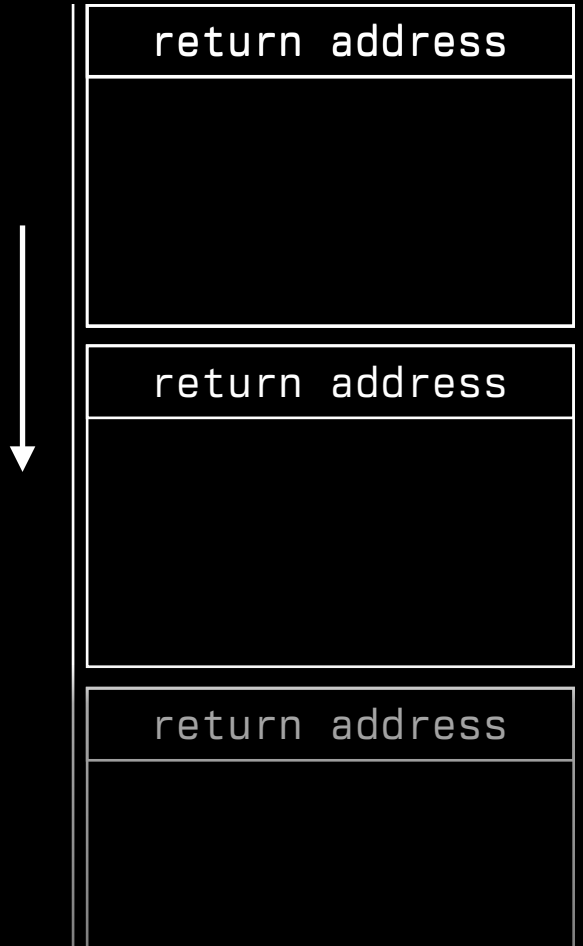
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Phase II: Cleanup

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Phase II: Cleanup

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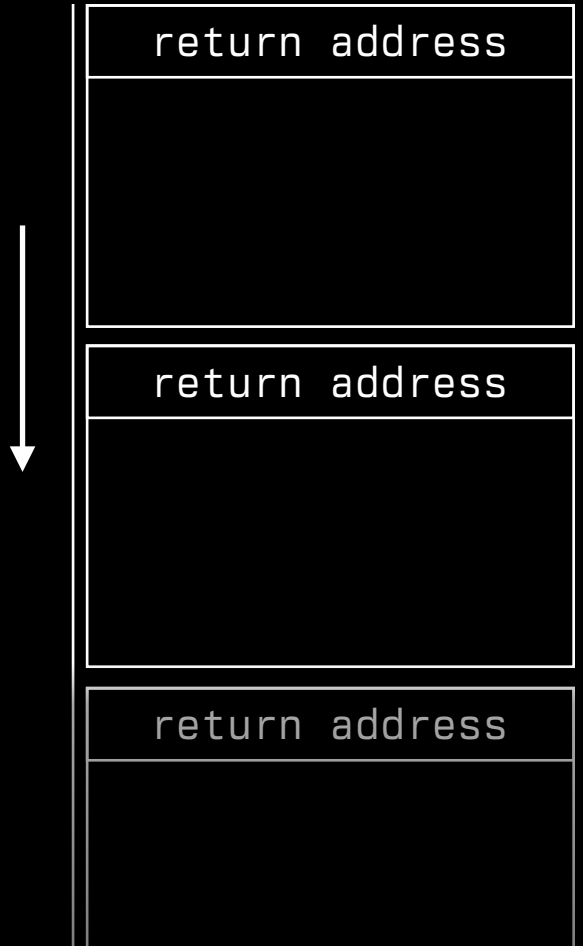
return address

```
unsafe fn eh_personality(...) → UnwindReasonCode
```

```
UnwindReasonCode :: INSTALL_CONTEXT
```

Phase II: Cleanup

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Phase II: Cleanup

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UnwindReasonCode :: HANDLER_FOUND
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This is *not* magic
don't be afraid

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