Functions in C++

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The `main` Function

- A C++ program begins execution in a function called `main` with the following signature:

```
int main() {
    /* … code to execute … */
}
```

- By convention, `main` should return 0 unless the program encounters an error.

Getting Input from the User

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- We can also use **`cin`** to receive input.
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These functions have **default arguments**. If you don't specify a prompt, it will use the empty string.

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C++ Functions

- Functions in C++ are similar to methods in Java:
  - Piece of code that performs some task.
  - Can accept parameters.
  - Can return a value.
- Syntax similar to Java:

```
return-type function-name(parameters)  {
    /* … function body … */
}
```

Note: no `public` or `private`.

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What Went Wrong?

One-Pass Compilation

- Unlike some languages like Java or C#, C++ has a **one-pass compiler**.
  - Think of it like a person reading a book from start to finish.
- If a function has not yet been declared when you try to use it, you will get a compiler error.

Function Prototypes

- A **function prototype** is a declaration that tells the C++ compiler about an upcoming function.
- Syntax:

  return-type function-name **(** ***parameters*** **)** **;**

- A function can be used if the compiler has seen either the function itself or its prototype.

Factorials

- The number ***n* factorial**, denoted ***n*!**, is

$$n \times (n - 1) \times \ldots \times 3 \times 2 \times 1$$

- For example:
  - $3! = 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 6$.
  - $5! = 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 120$
  - $0! = 1$ (by definition)
- Factorials show up everywhere:
  - Taylor series.
  - Counting ways to shuffle a deck of cards.
  - Determining how quickly computers can sort values (more on that later this quarter).

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Digital Roots

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  - If the number is just one digit, then it's its own digital root.
  - If the number is multiple digits, add up all the digits and repeat.
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  - 5 has digital root 5.
  - $42 \to 4 + 2 = 6$, so 42 has digital root 6.

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  - 137 → 1 + 3 + 7 = 11
    11 → 1 + 1 = 2,
    so 137 has digital root 2.

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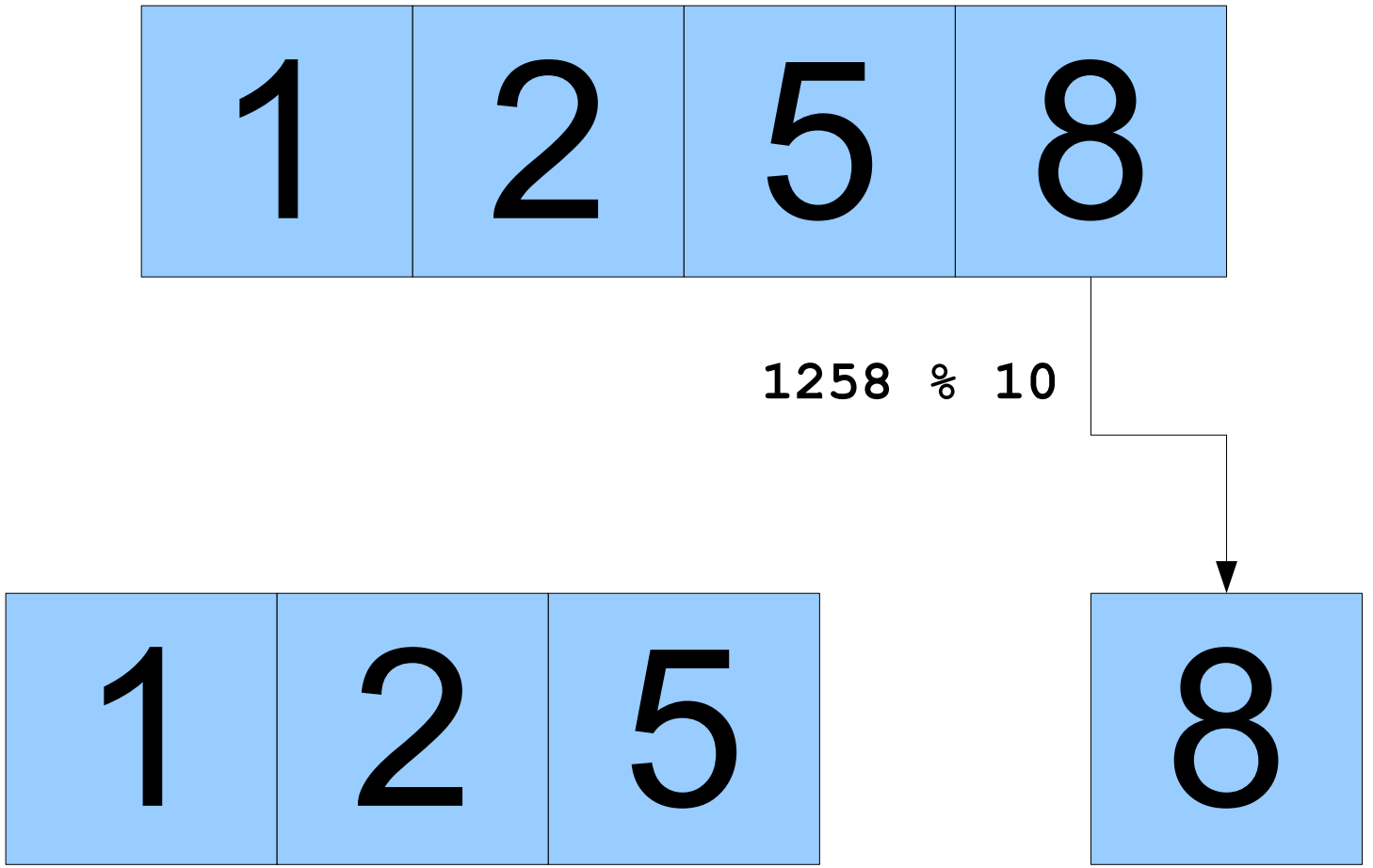

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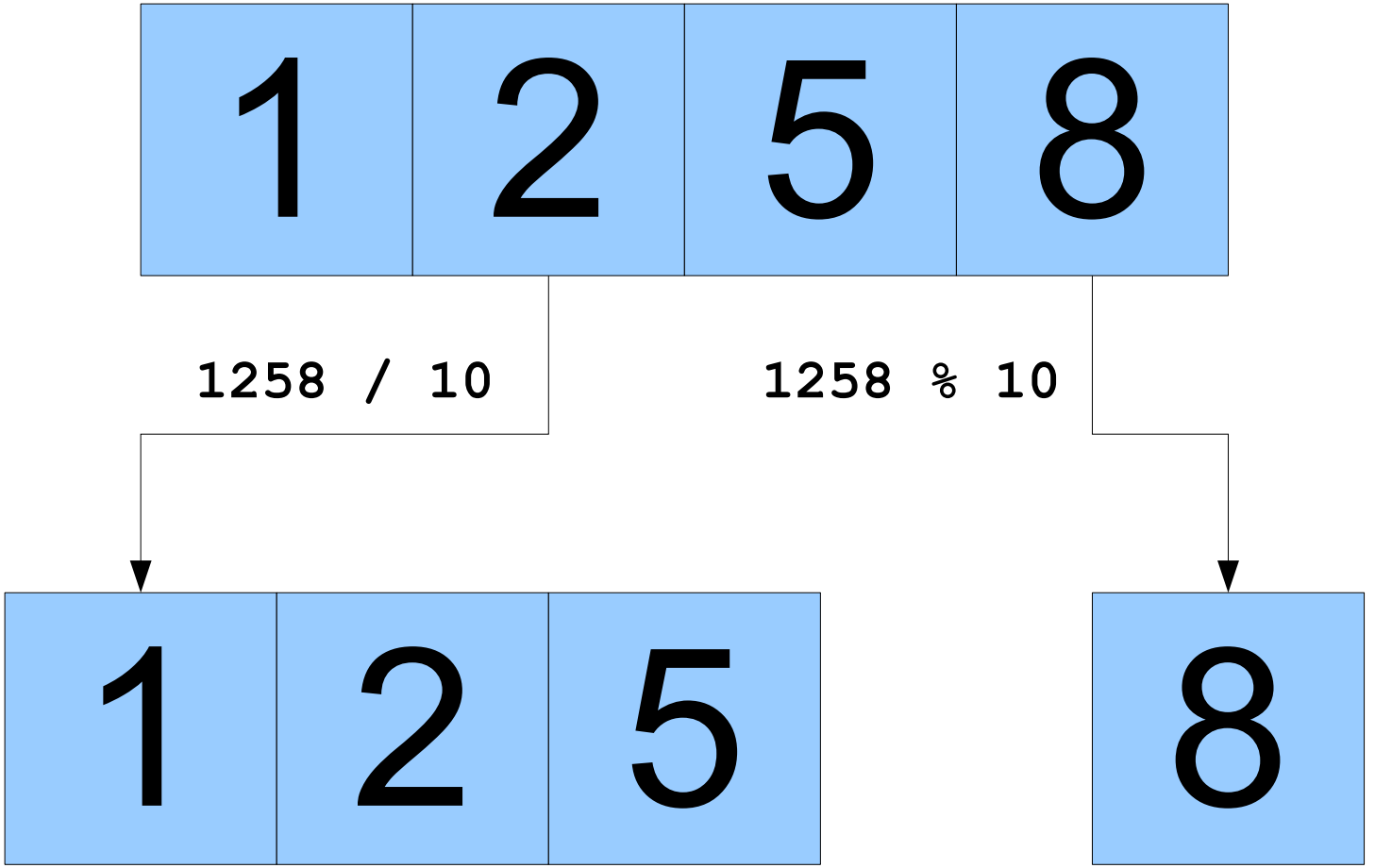

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A **recursive solution** is a solution that is defined in terms of itself.

Recursion: Fibonacci Numbers

- Fibonacci Numbers
  - 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, ...
  - Defined *recursively*:

$$fib(\mathrm{n}) = \begin{cases} \mathrm{n} & \text{if n = 0 or 1} \\ fib(\mathrm{n\text{-}1}) + fib(\mathrm{n\text{-}2}) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Factorial Revisited

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Recursion in Action

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    int n = factorial(5);
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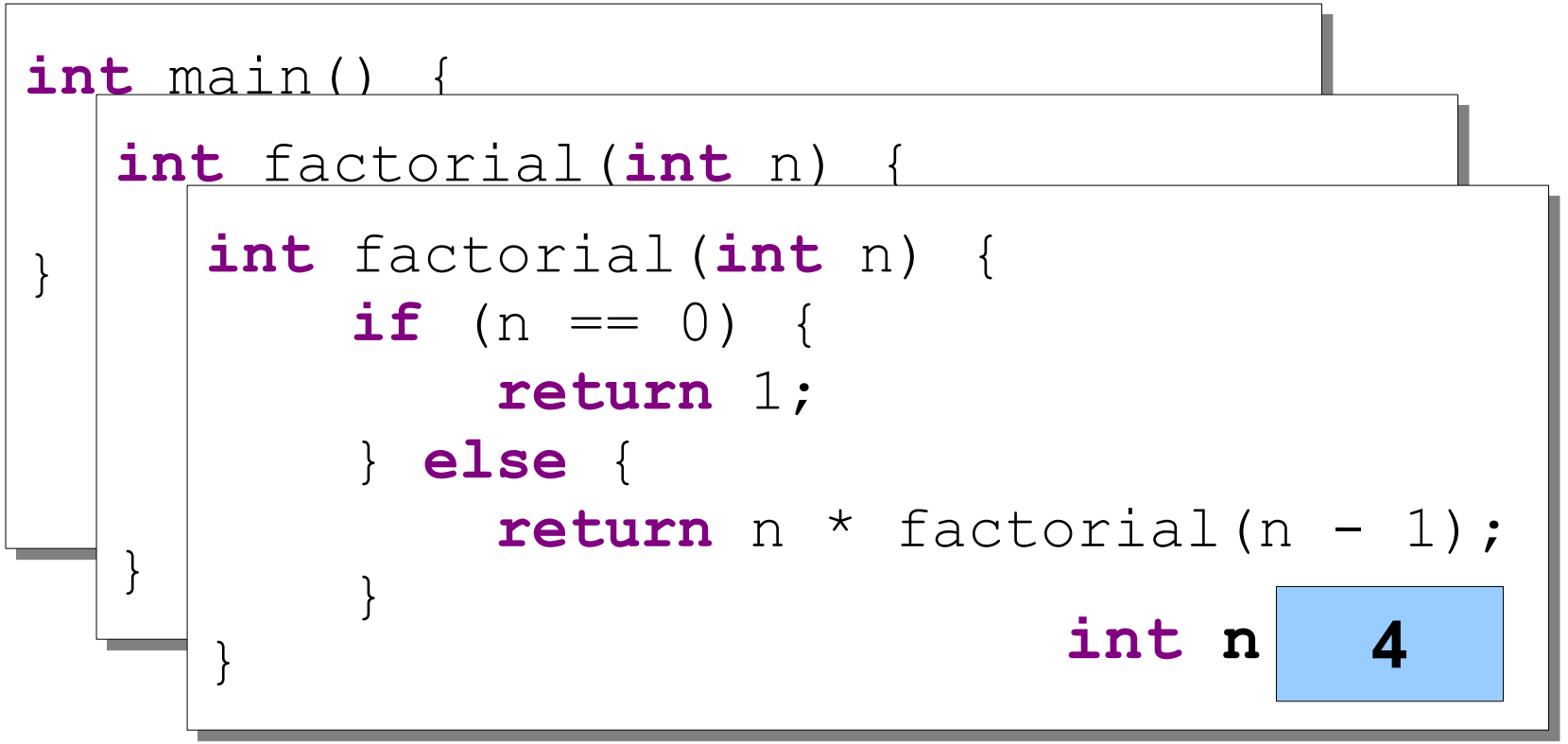

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int n **4**

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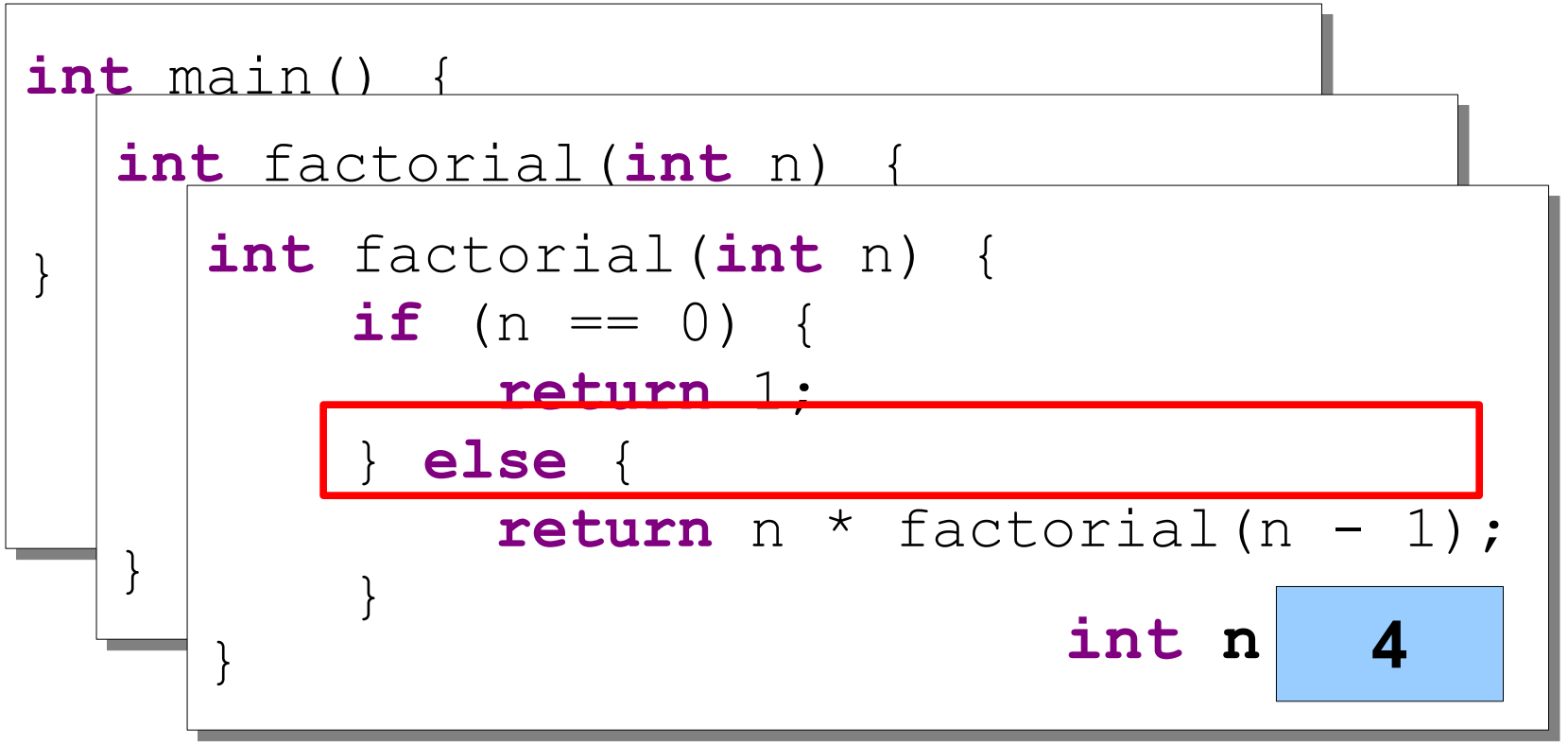

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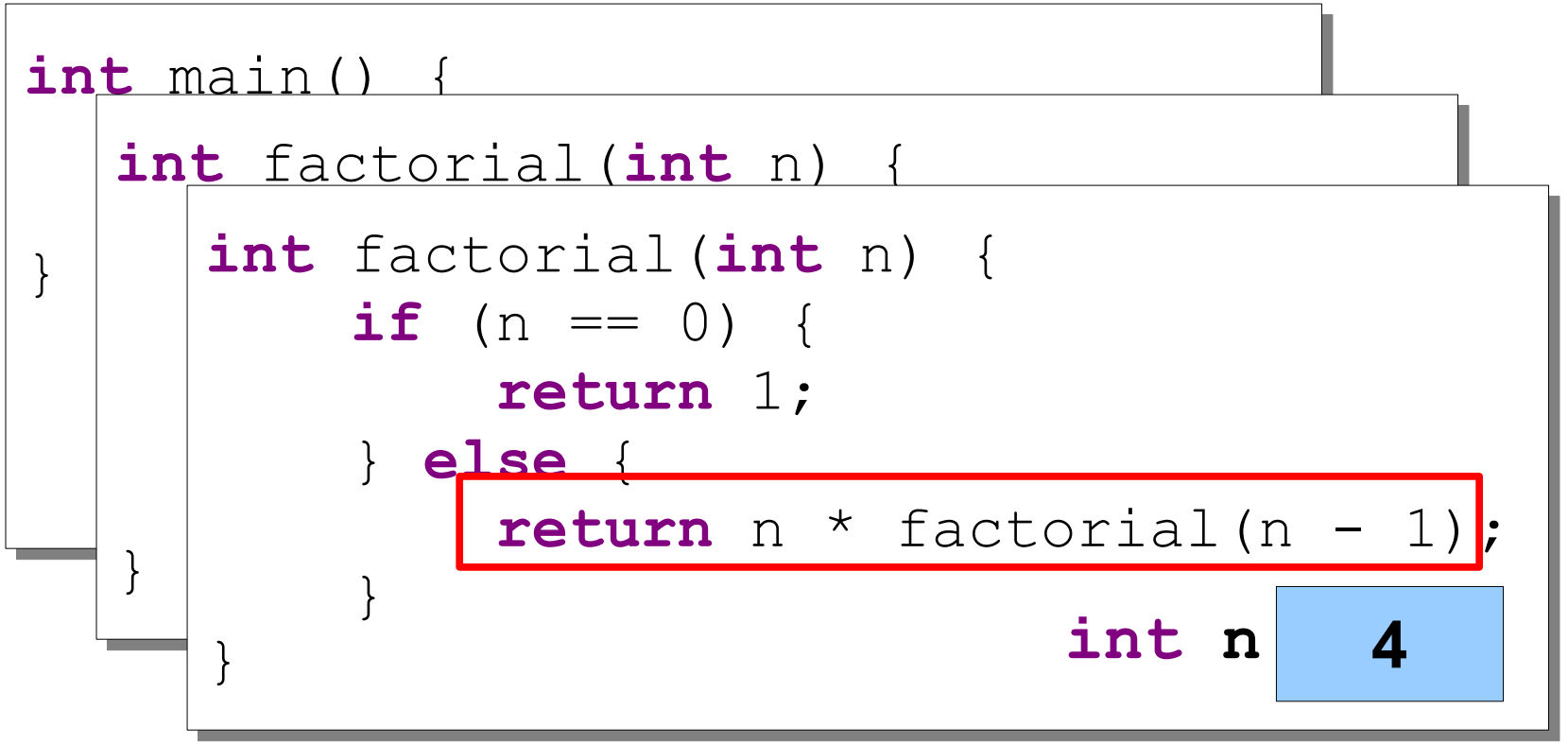

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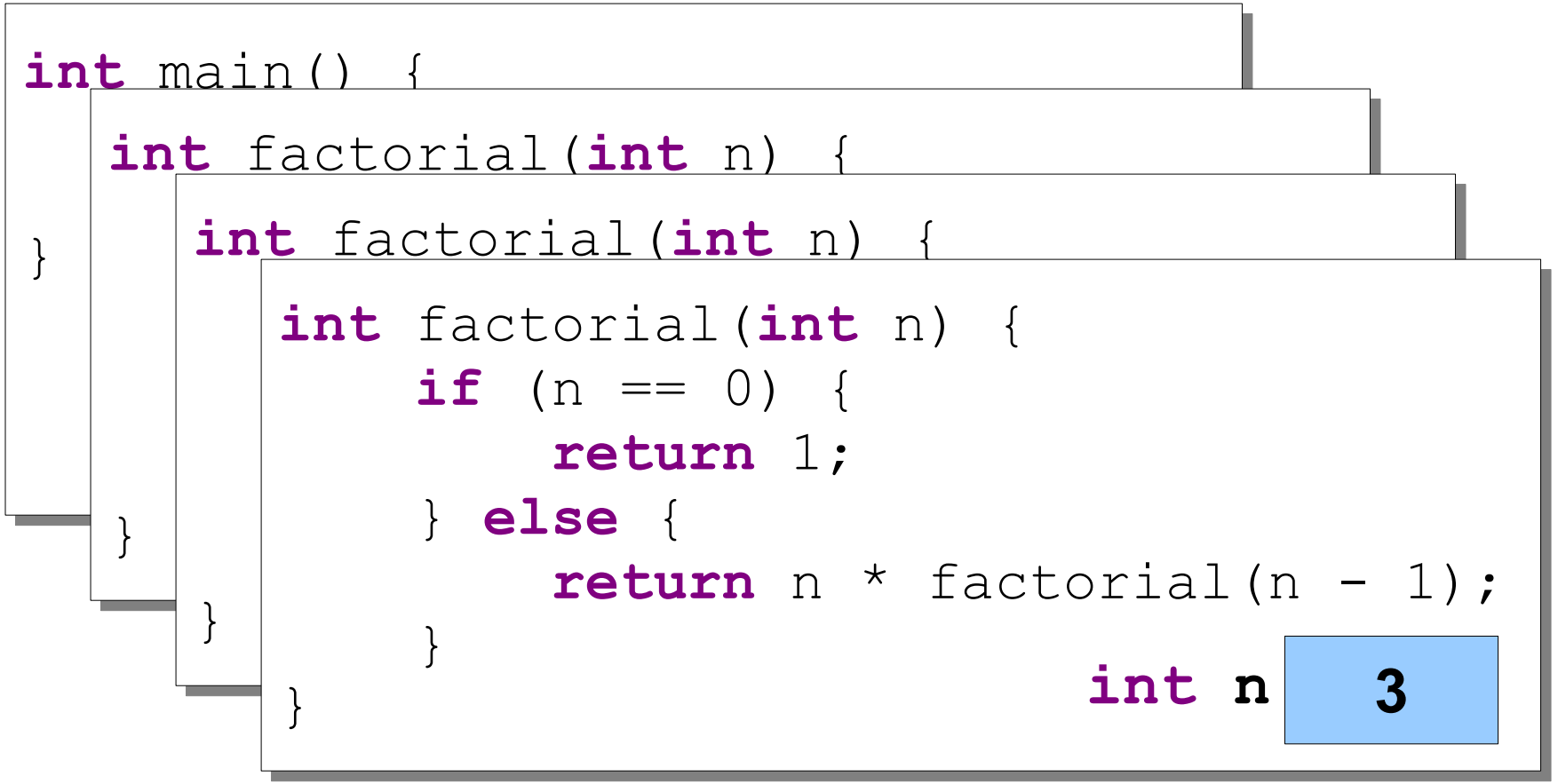

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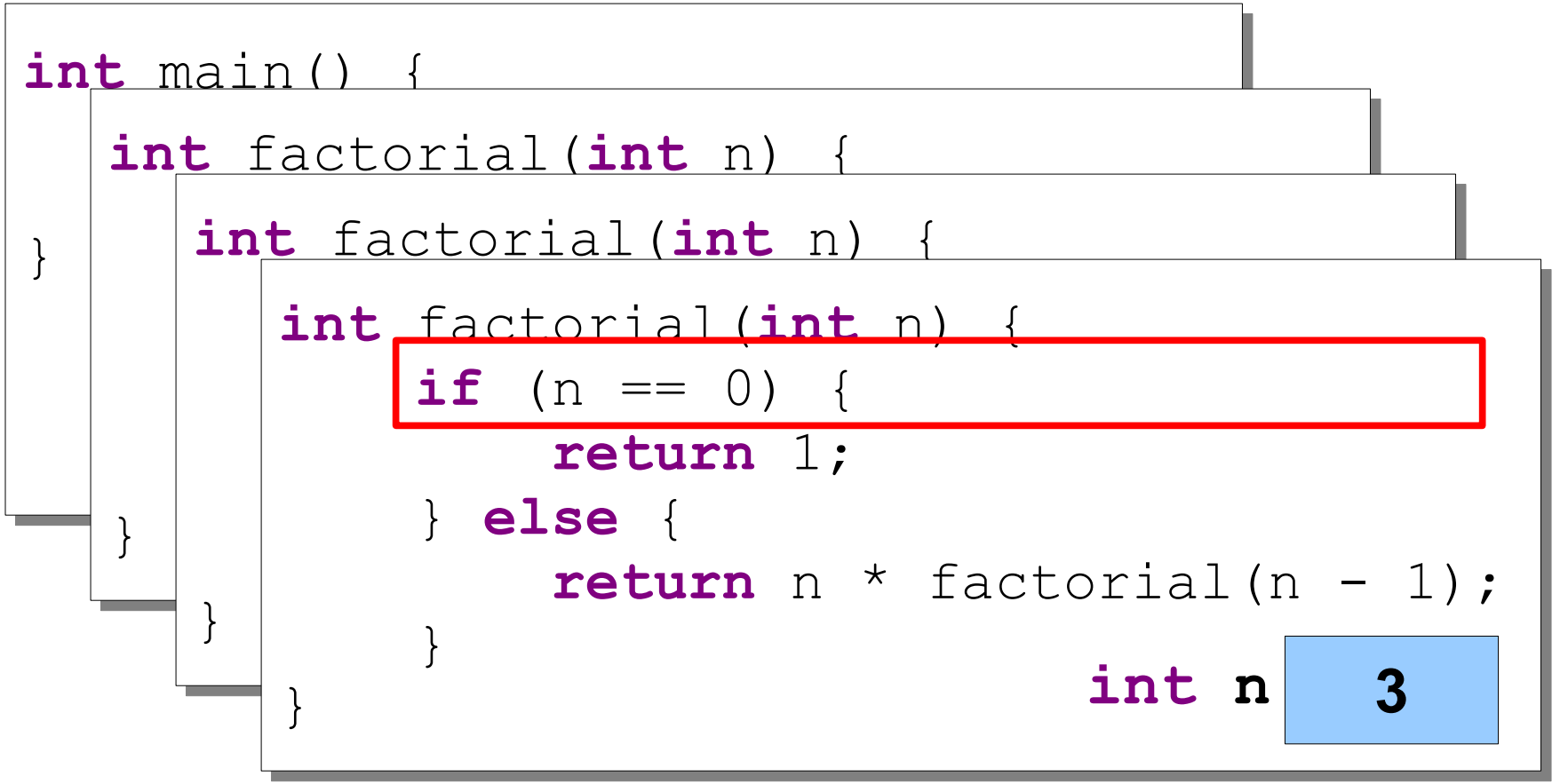

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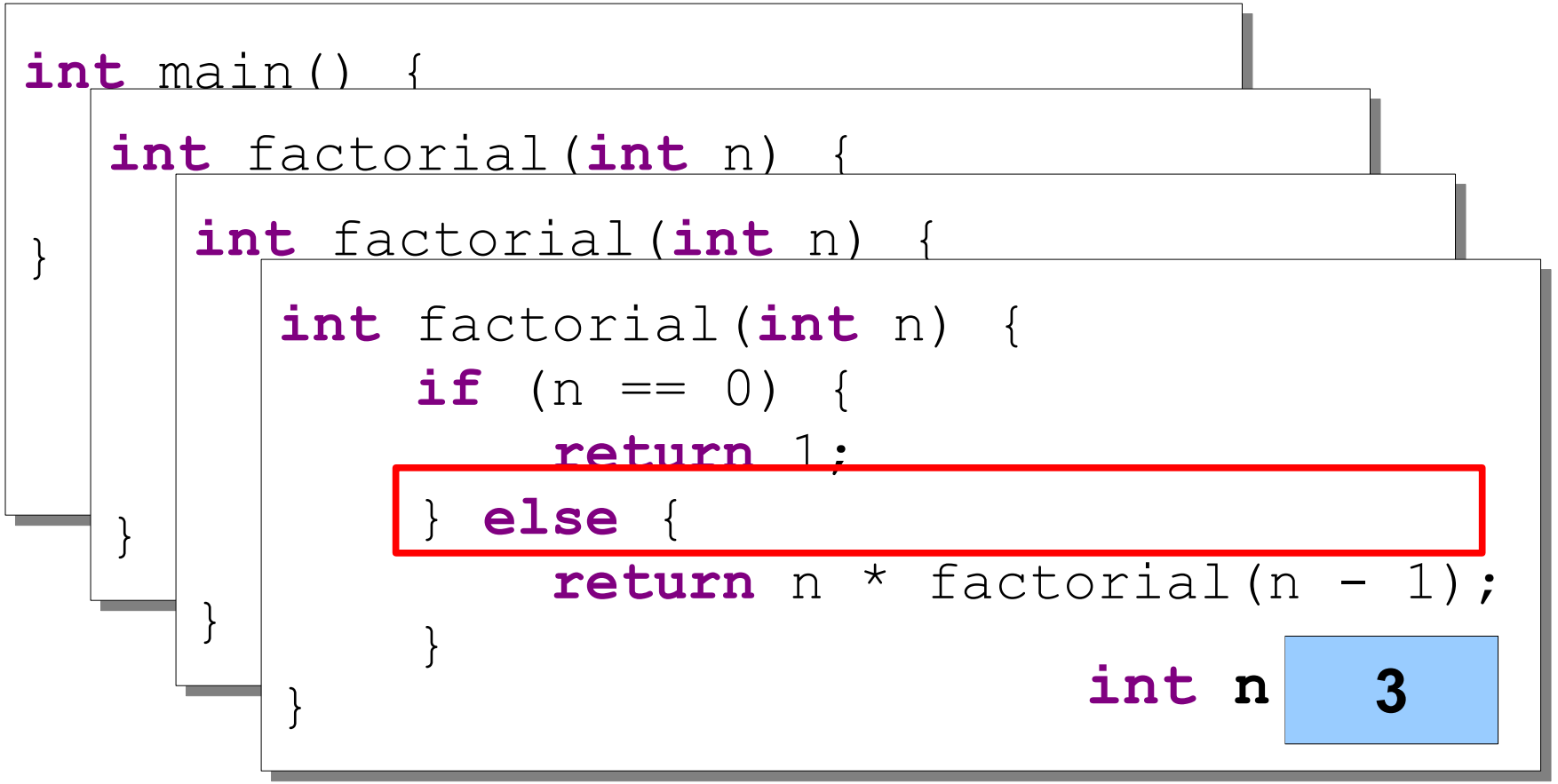

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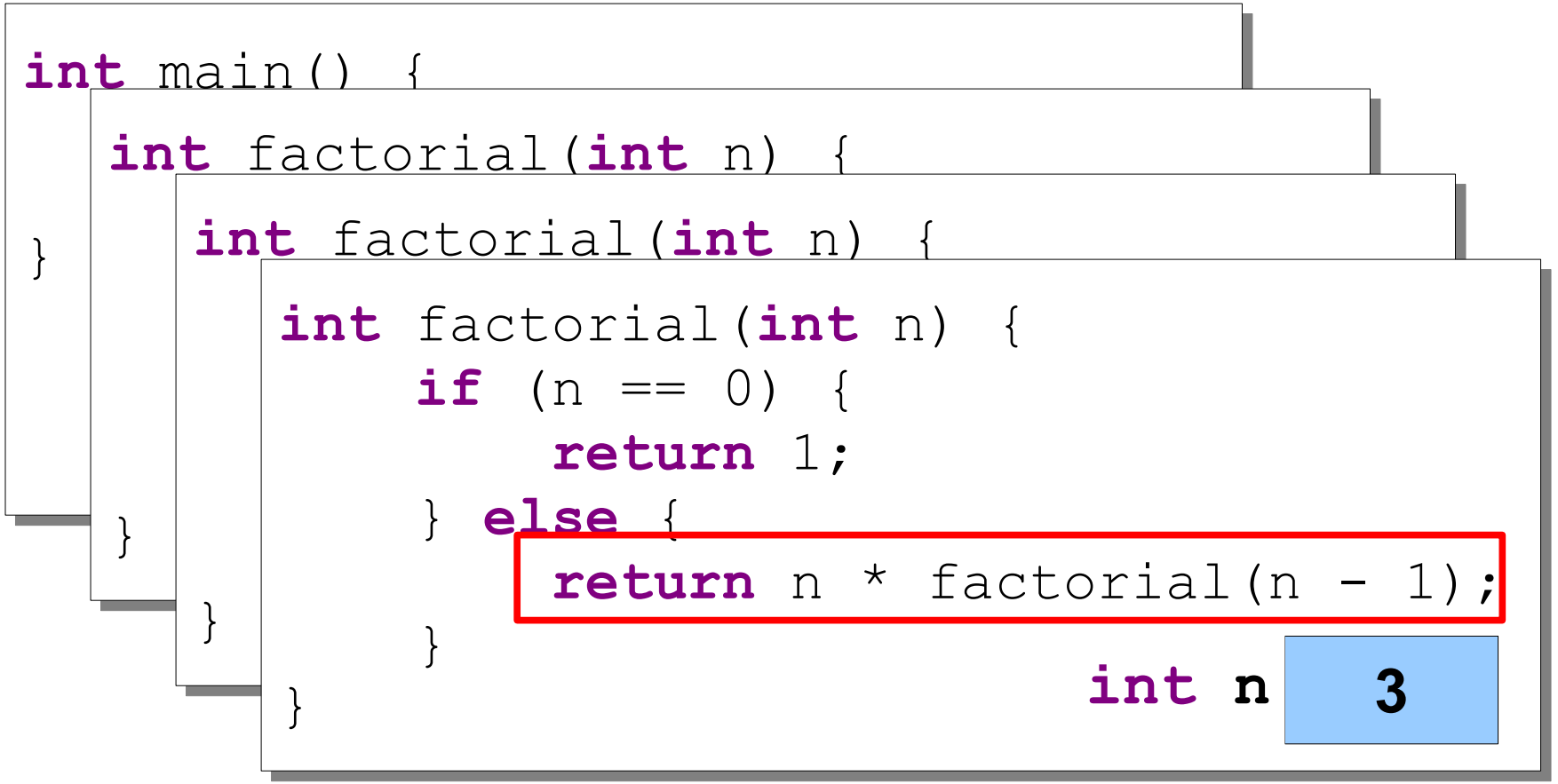

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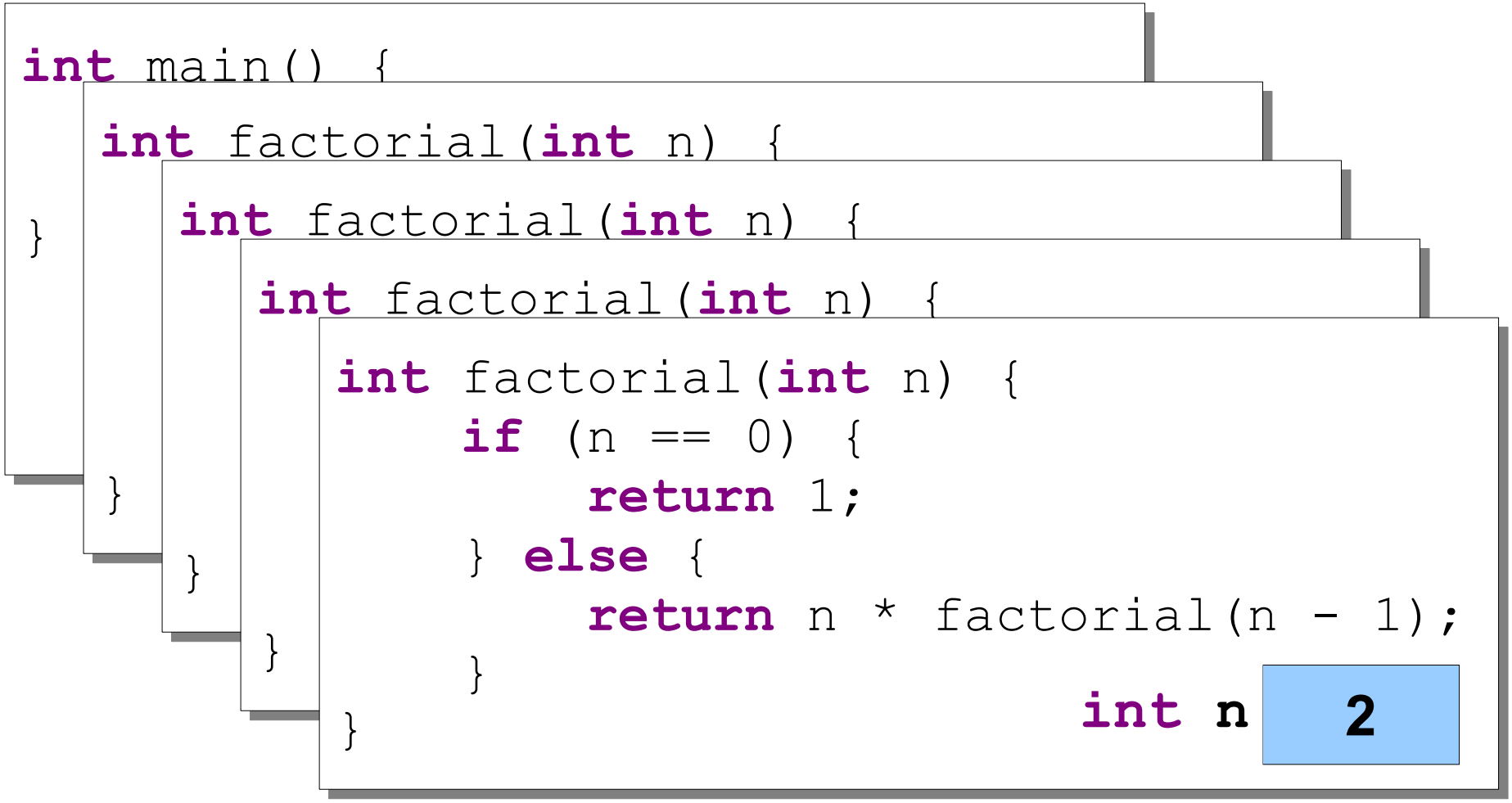

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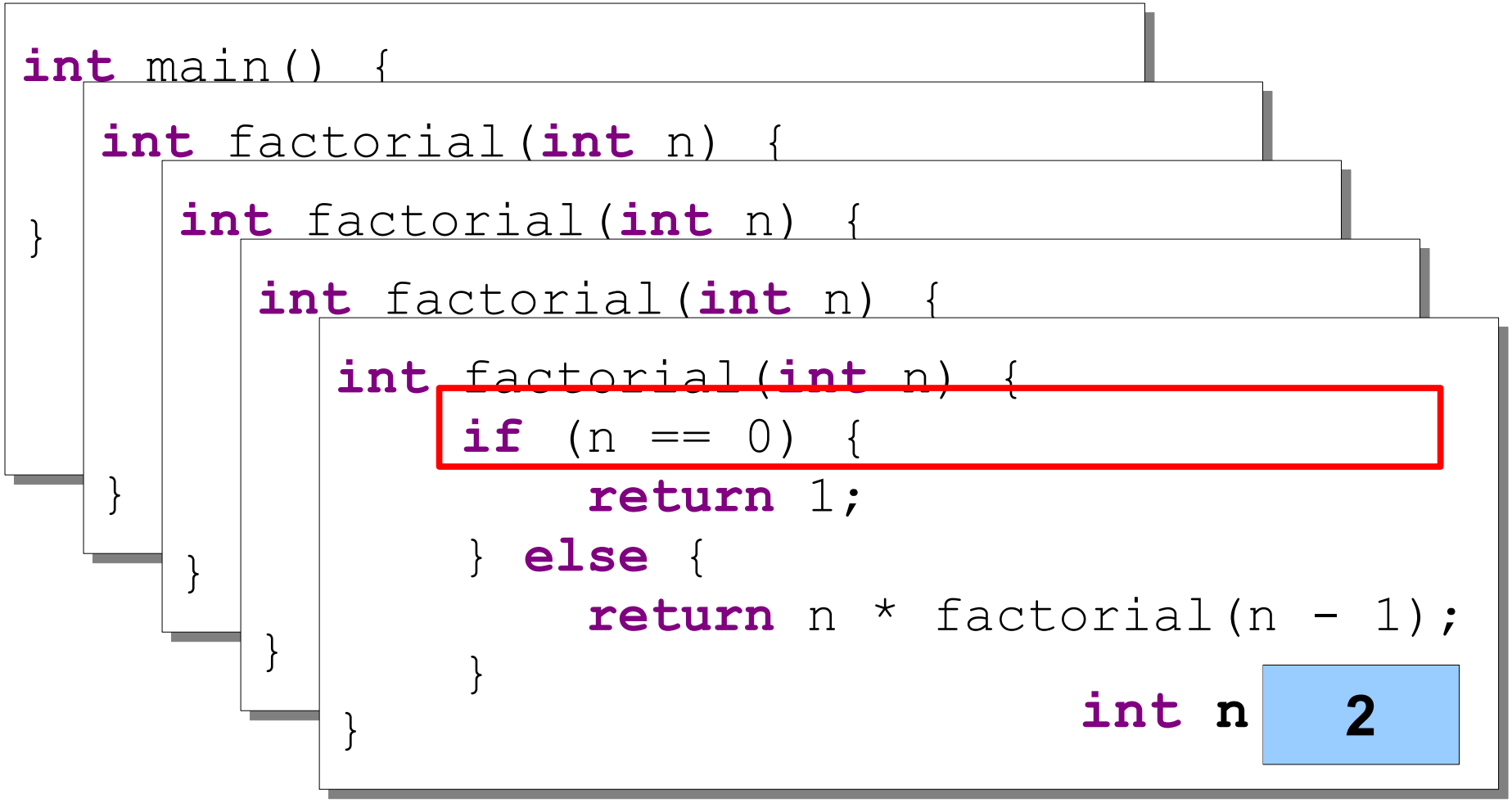

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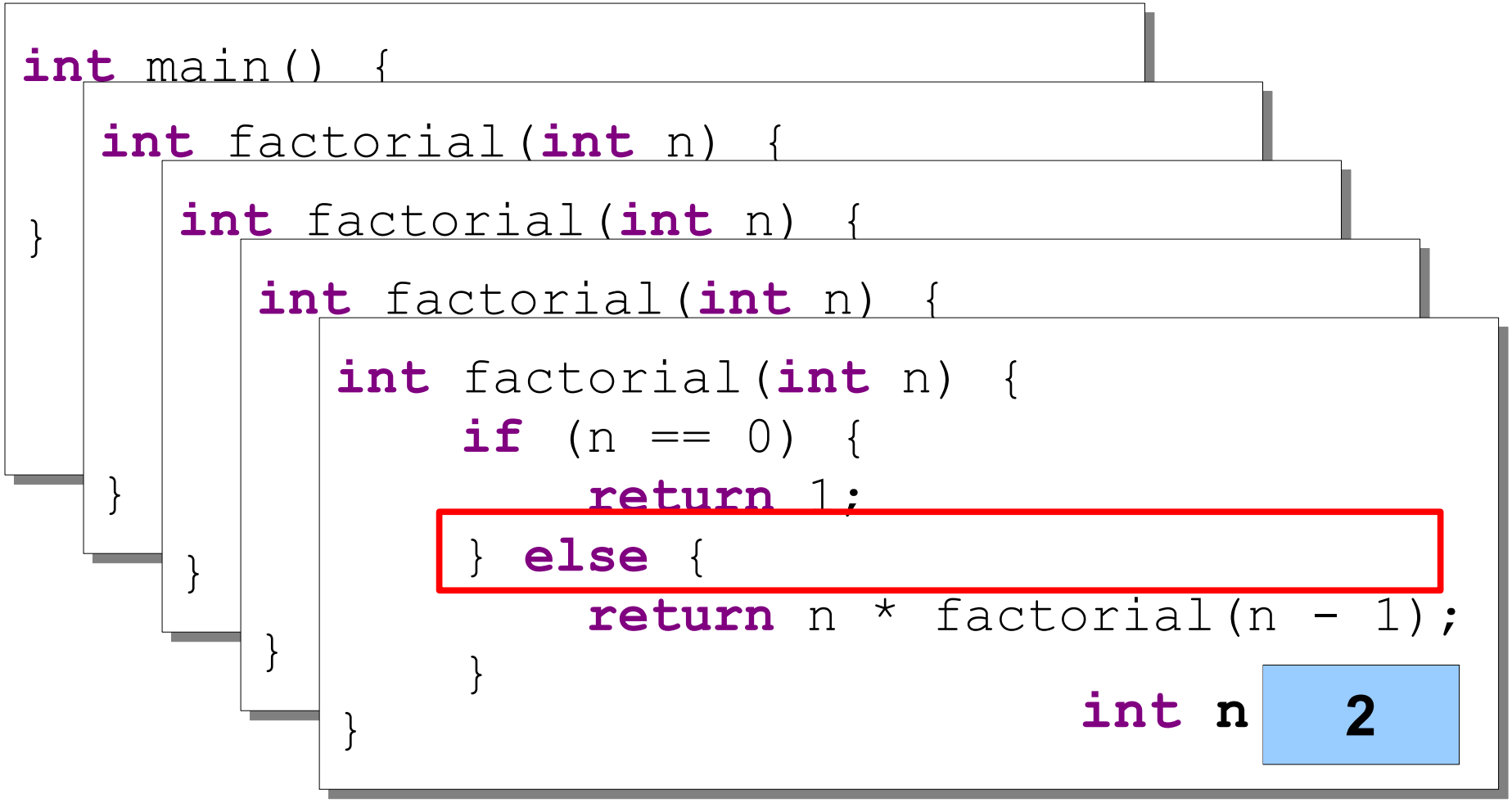

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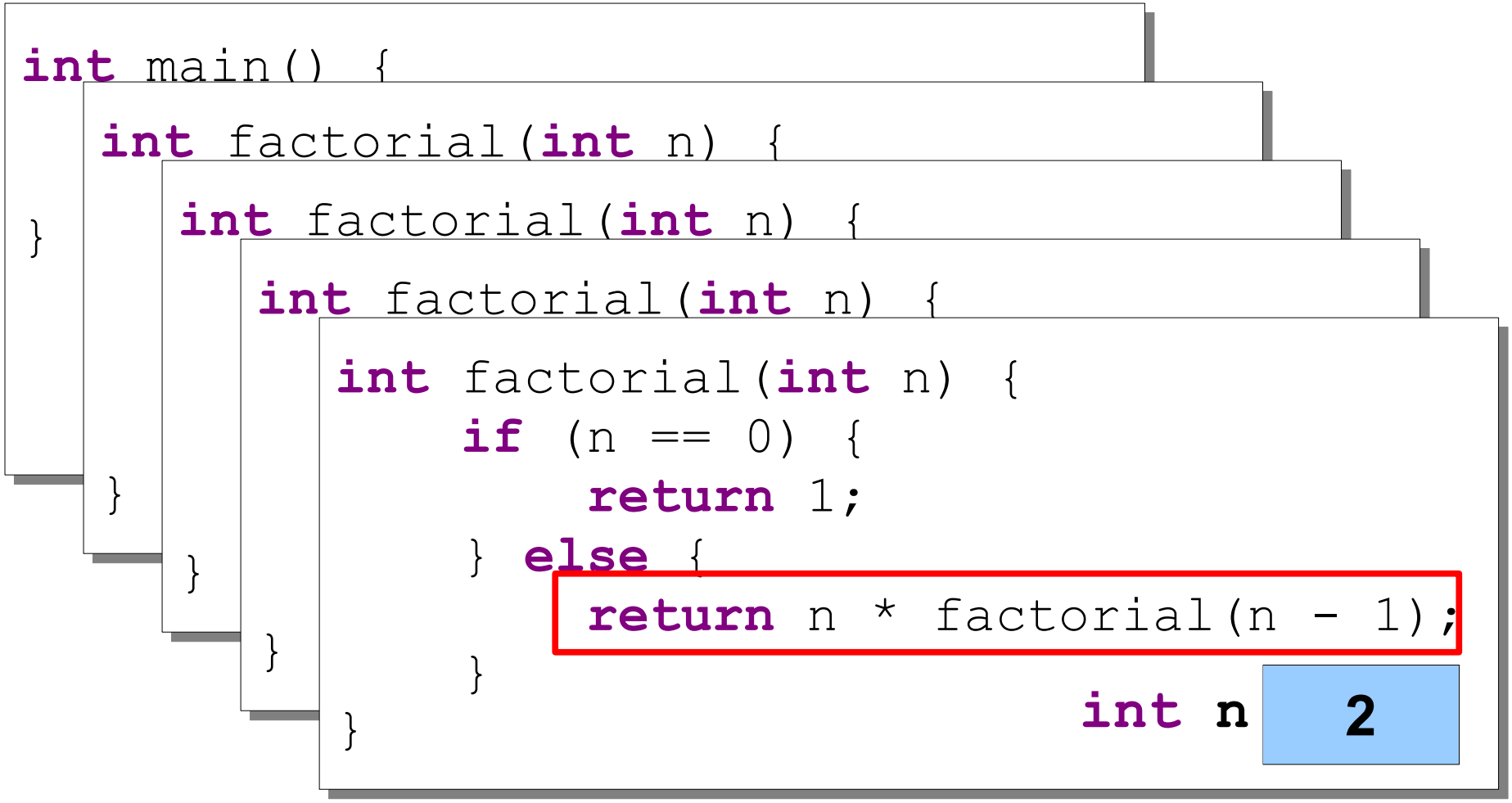

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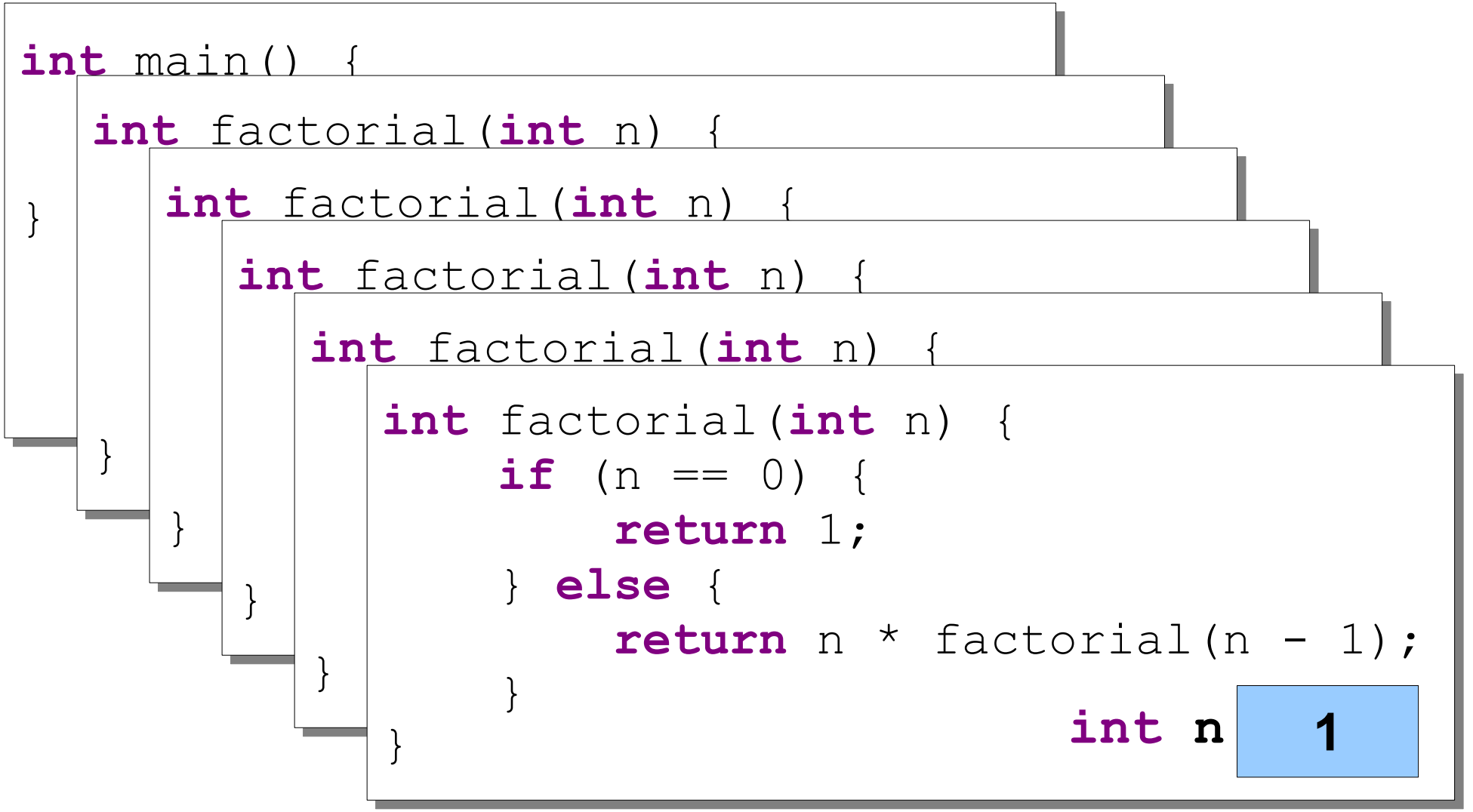

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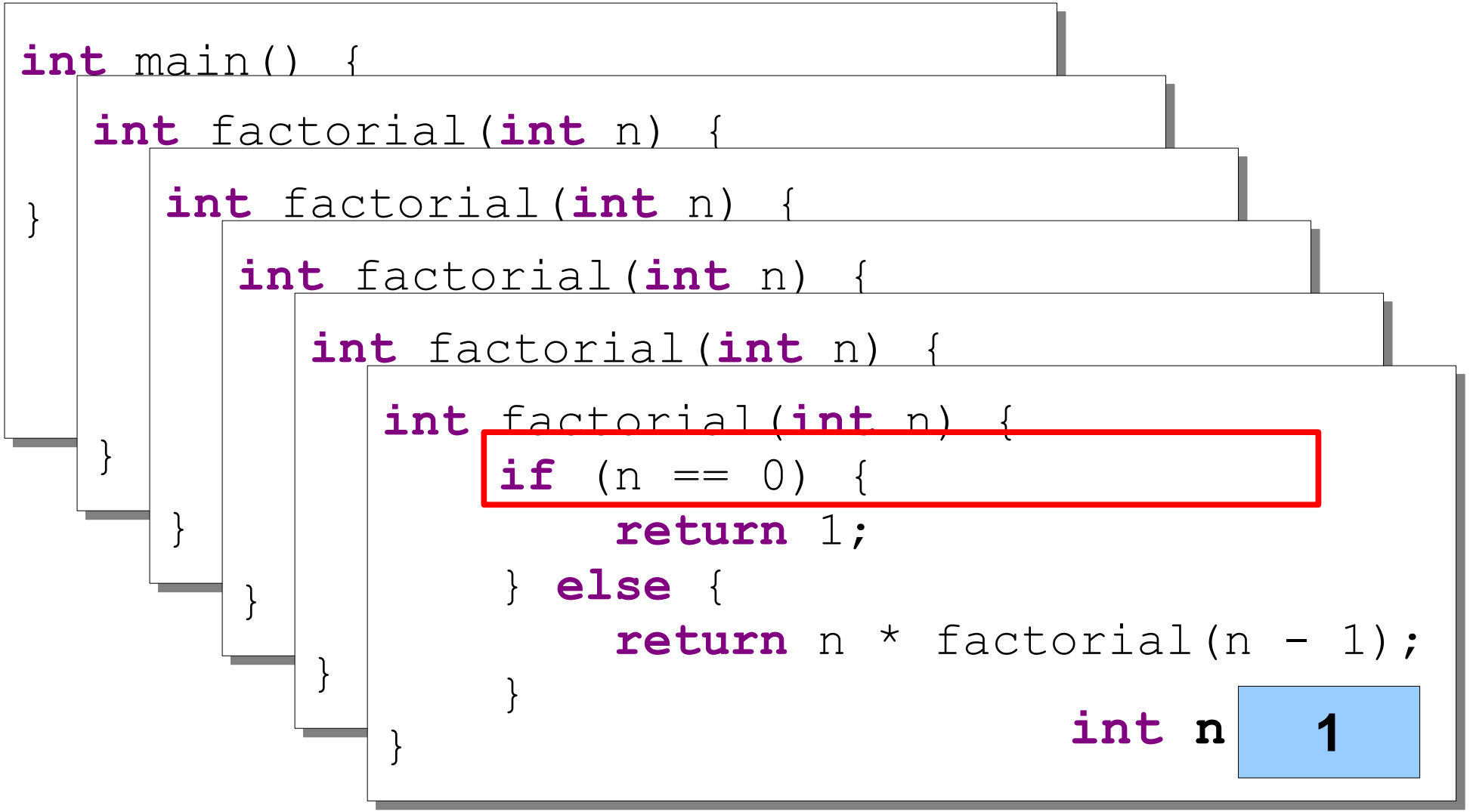

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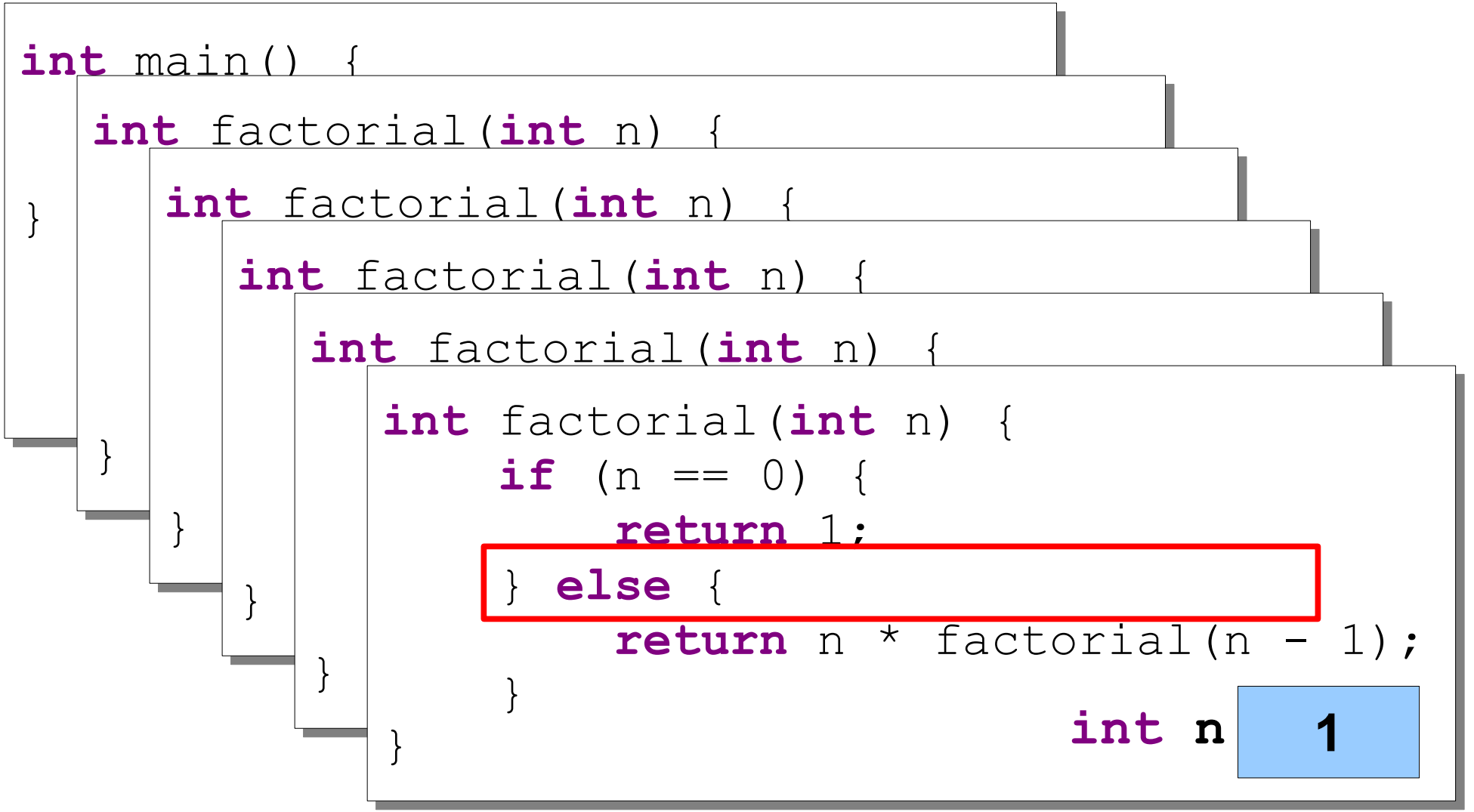

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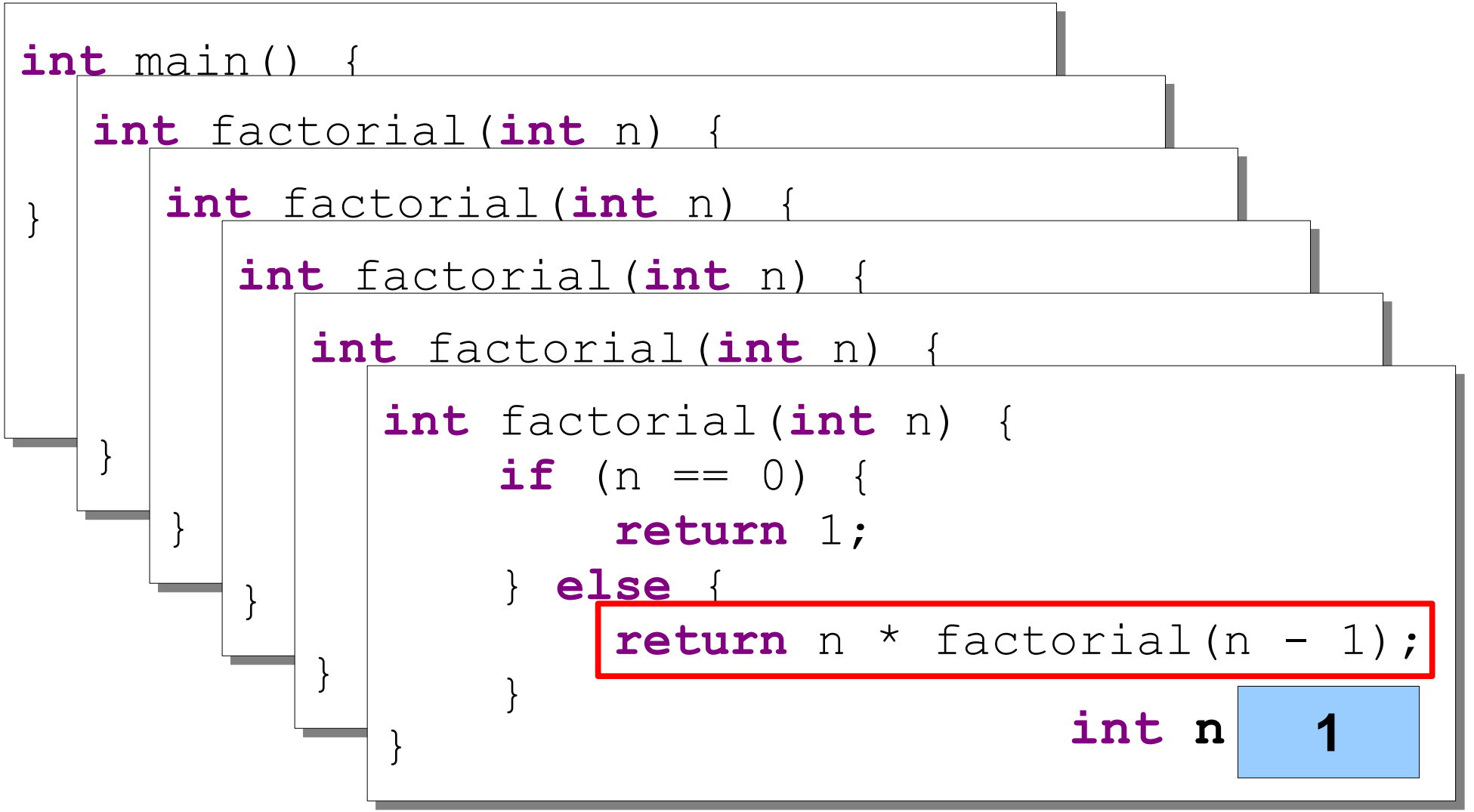

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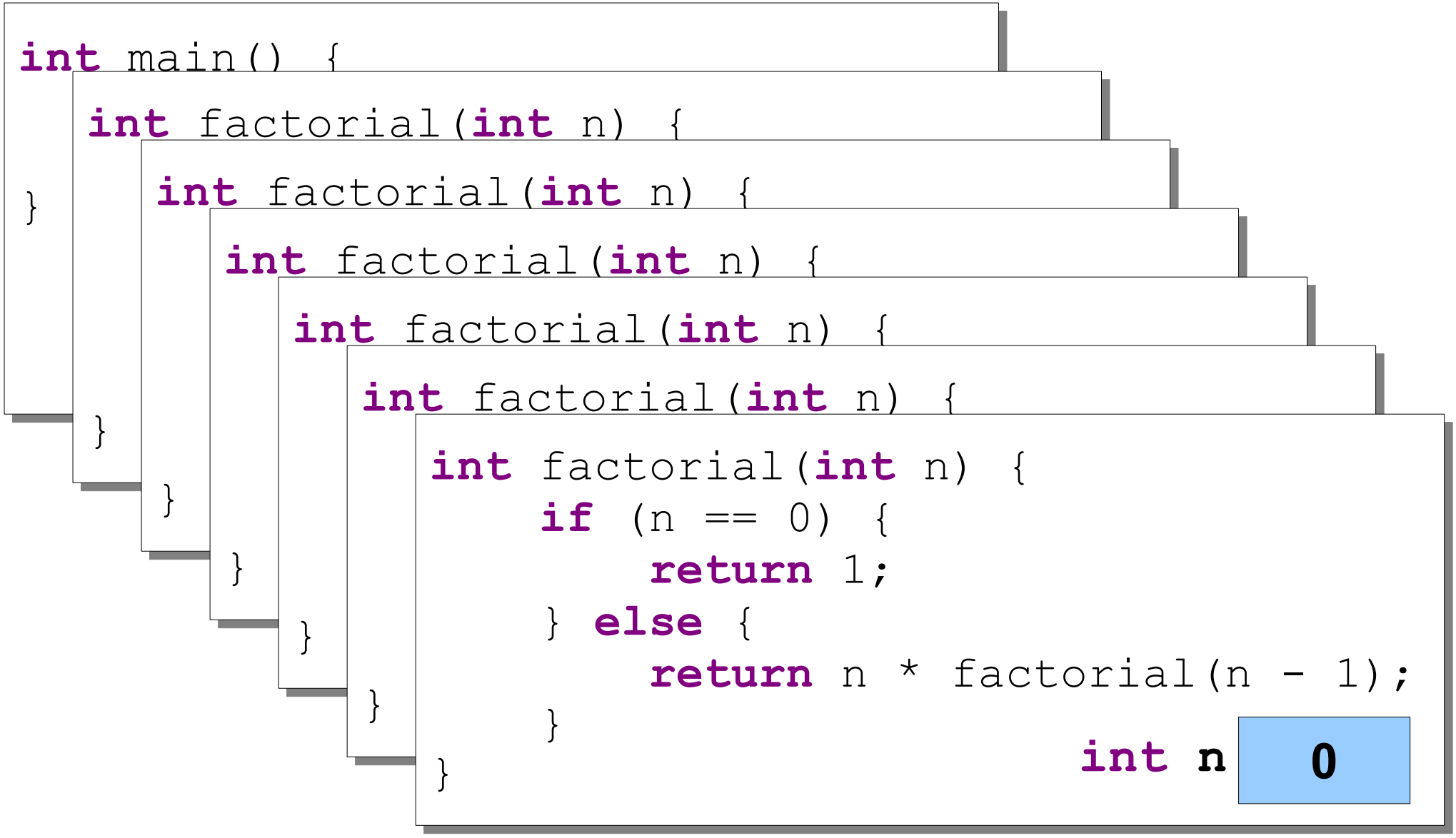

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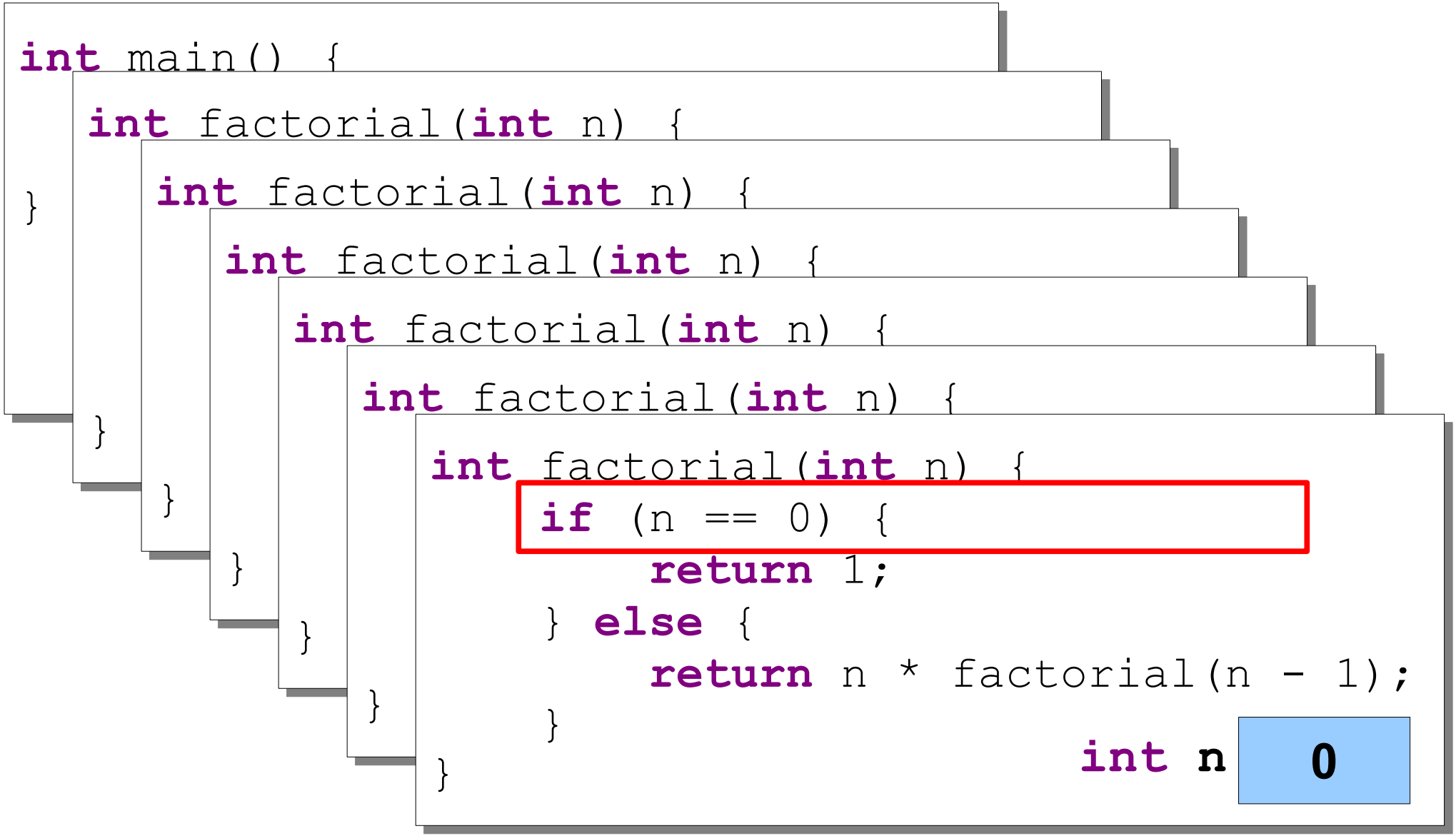

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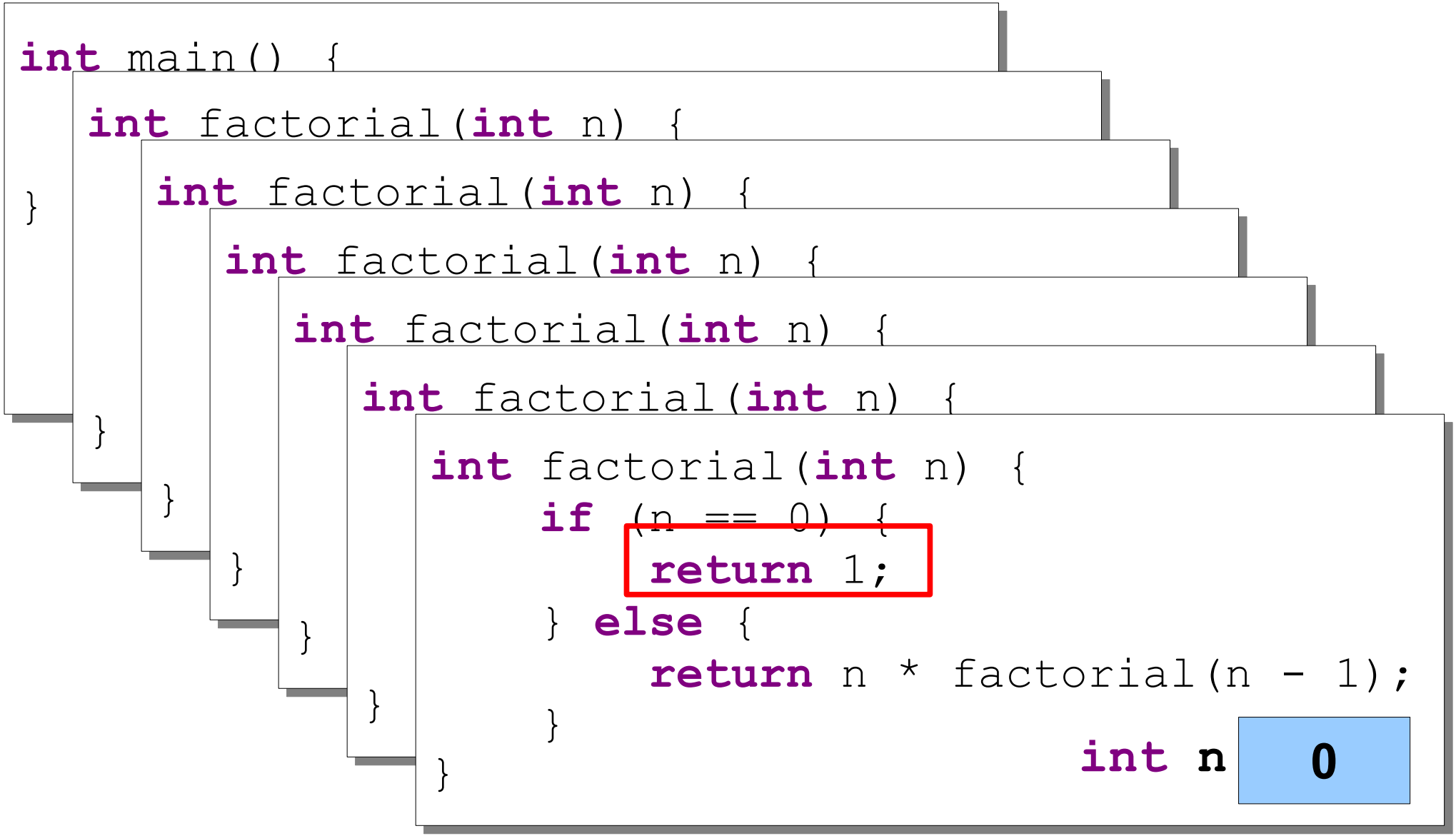

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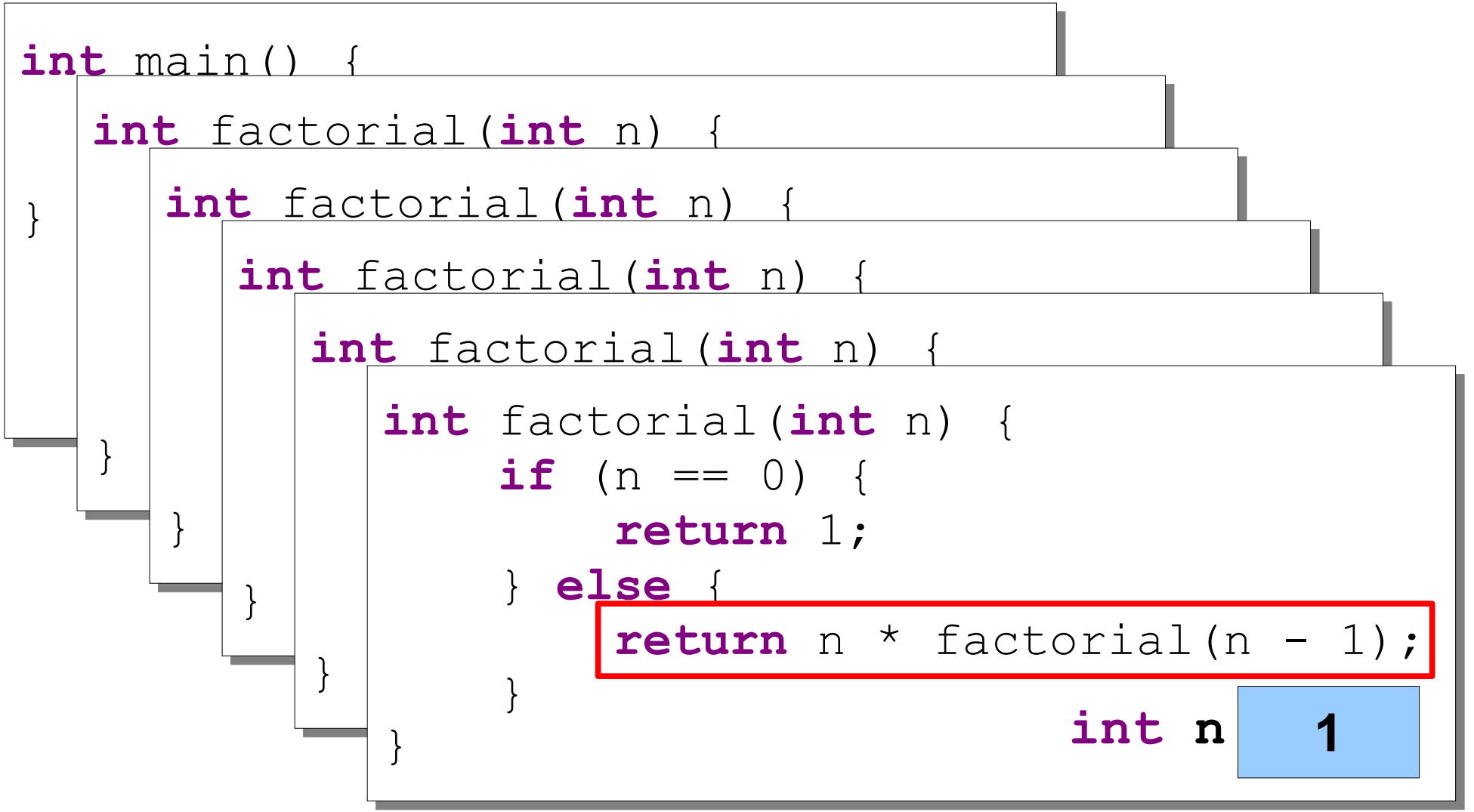

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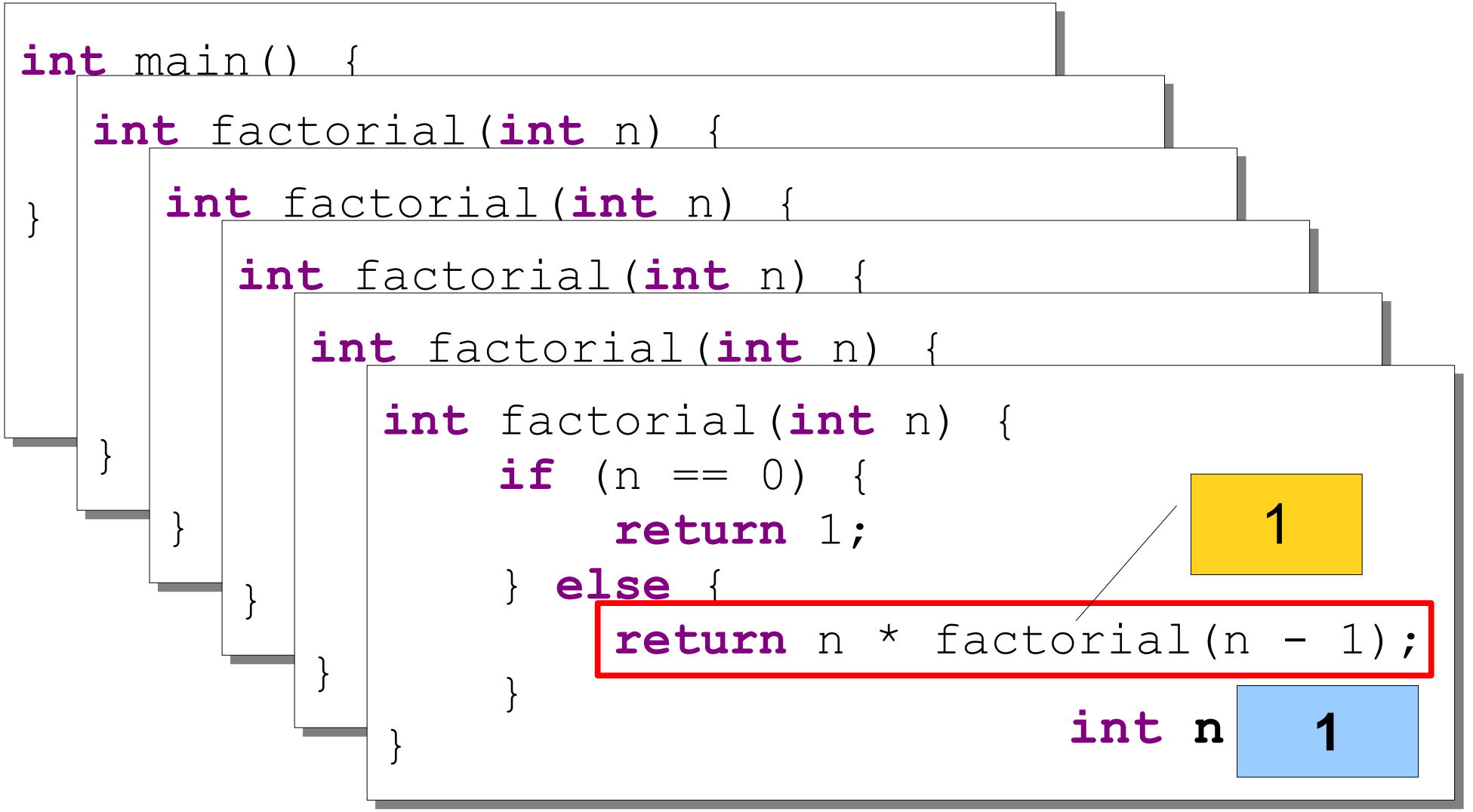

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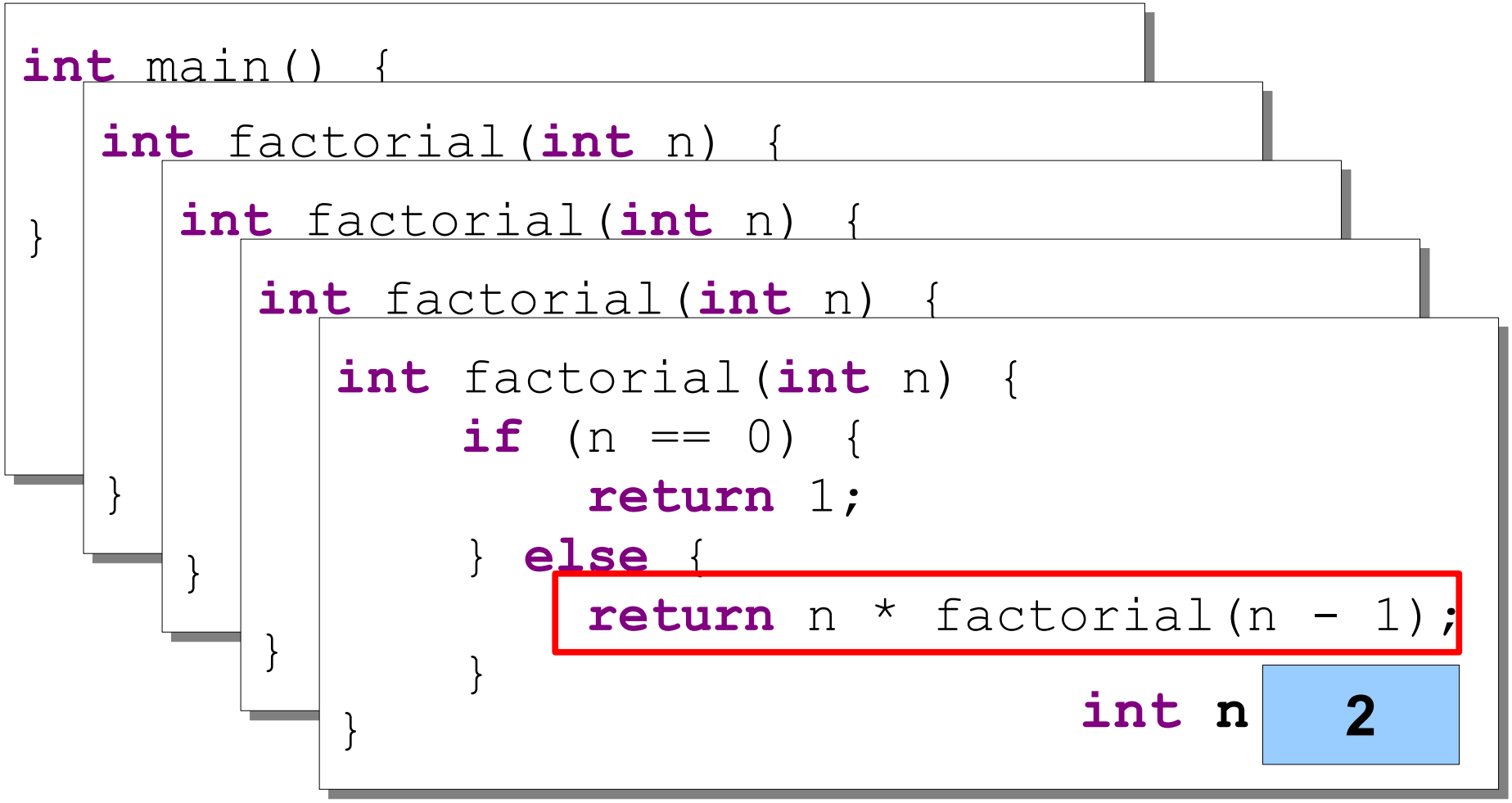

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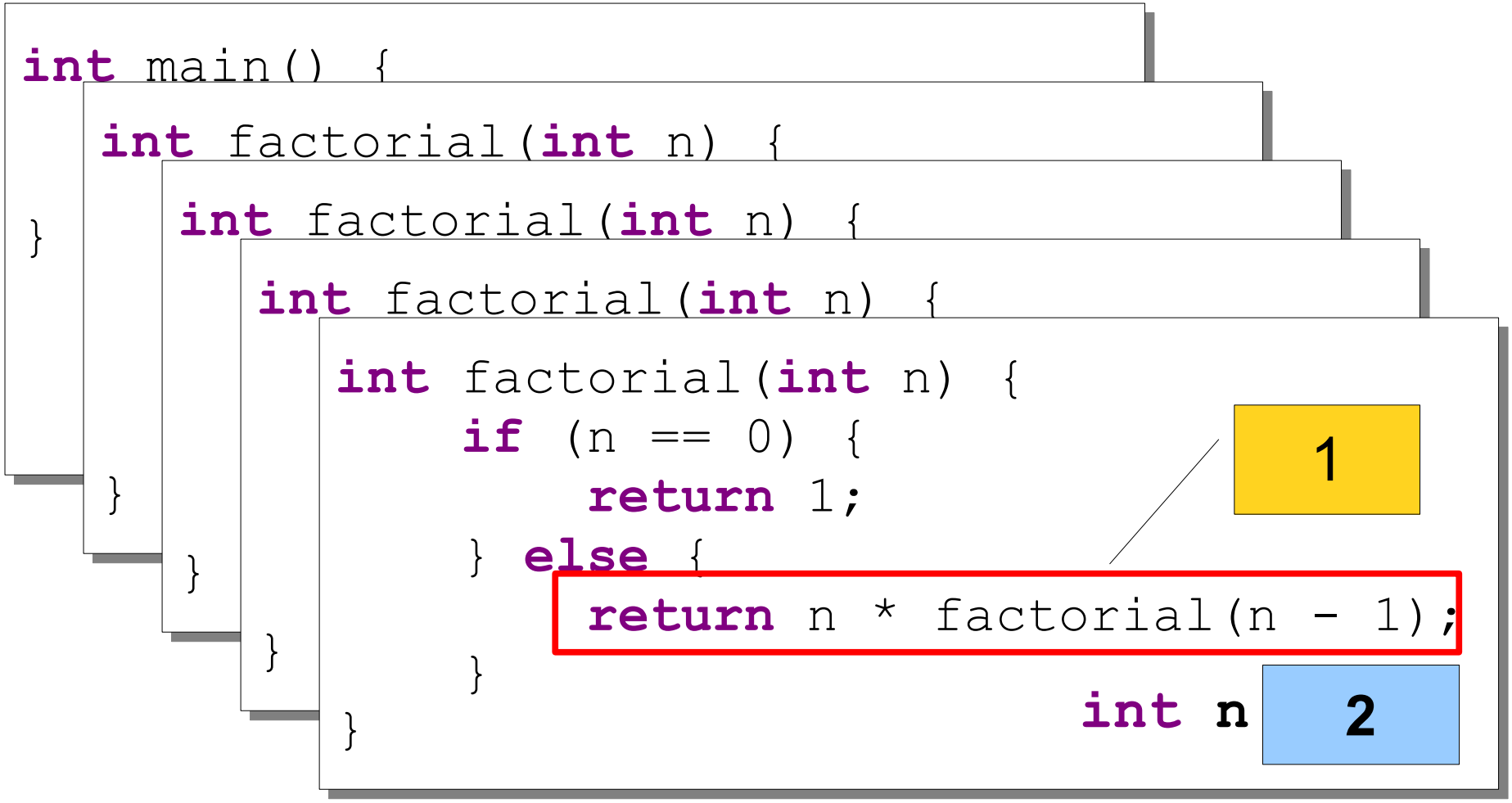

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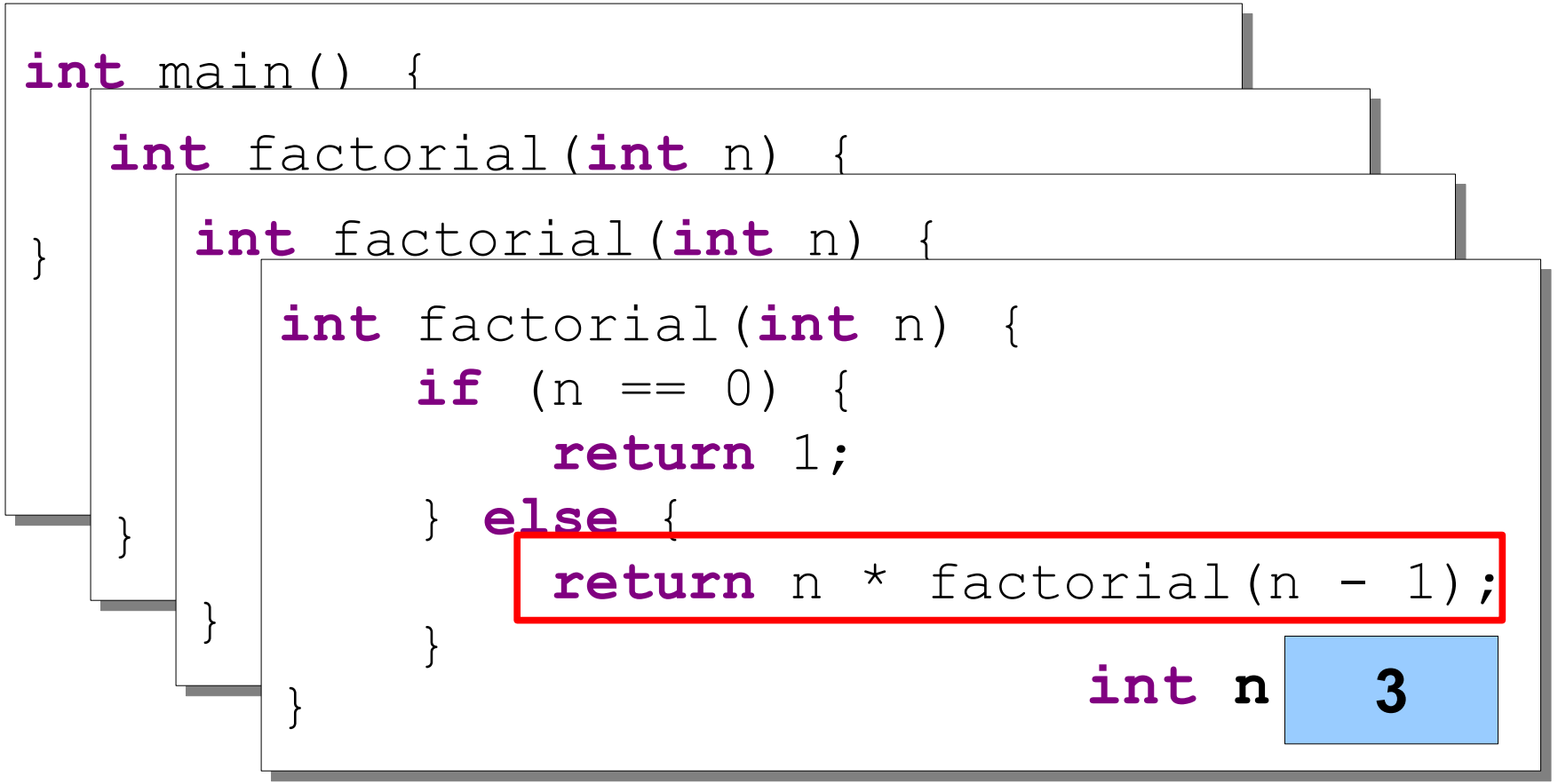

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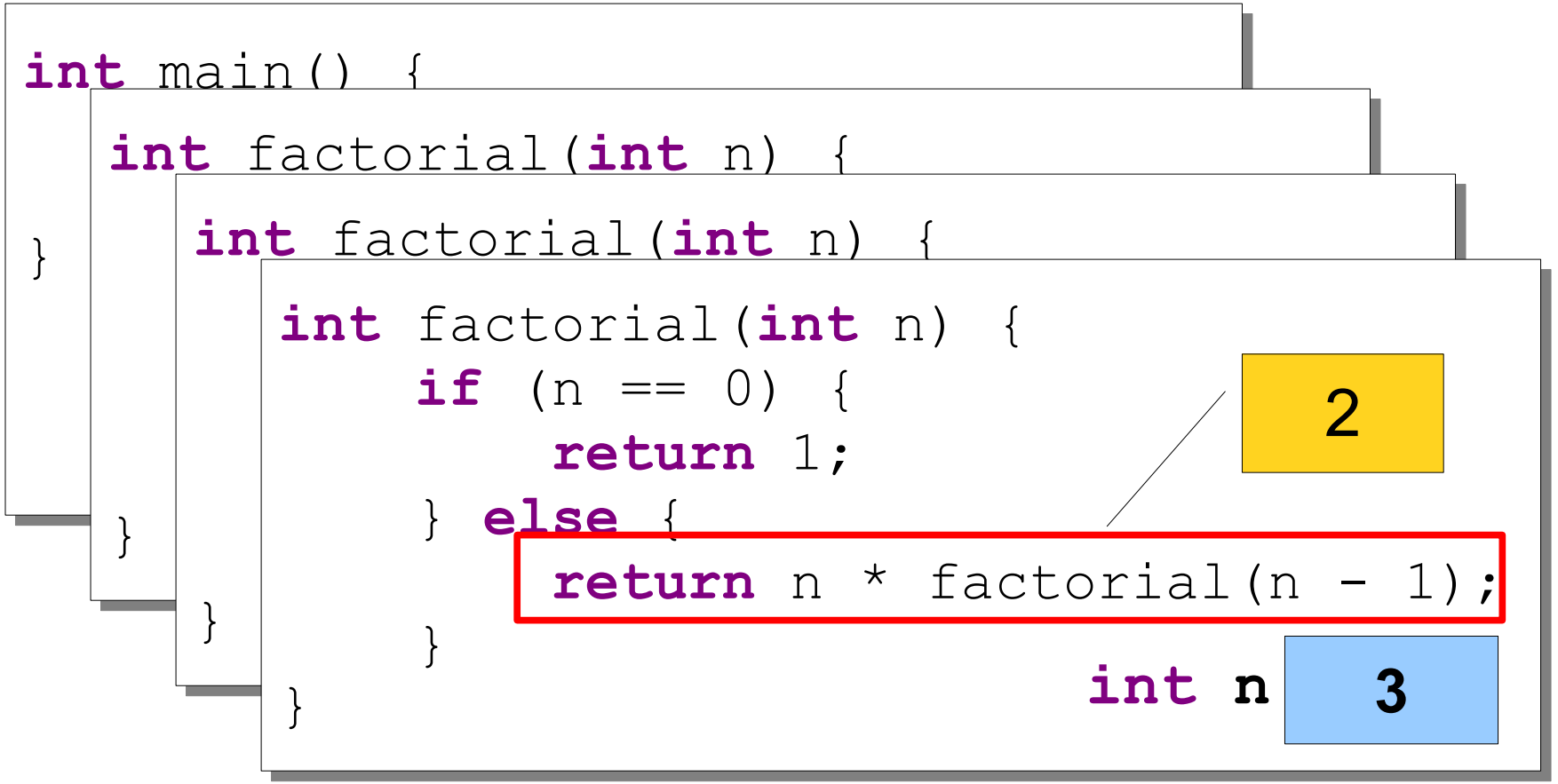

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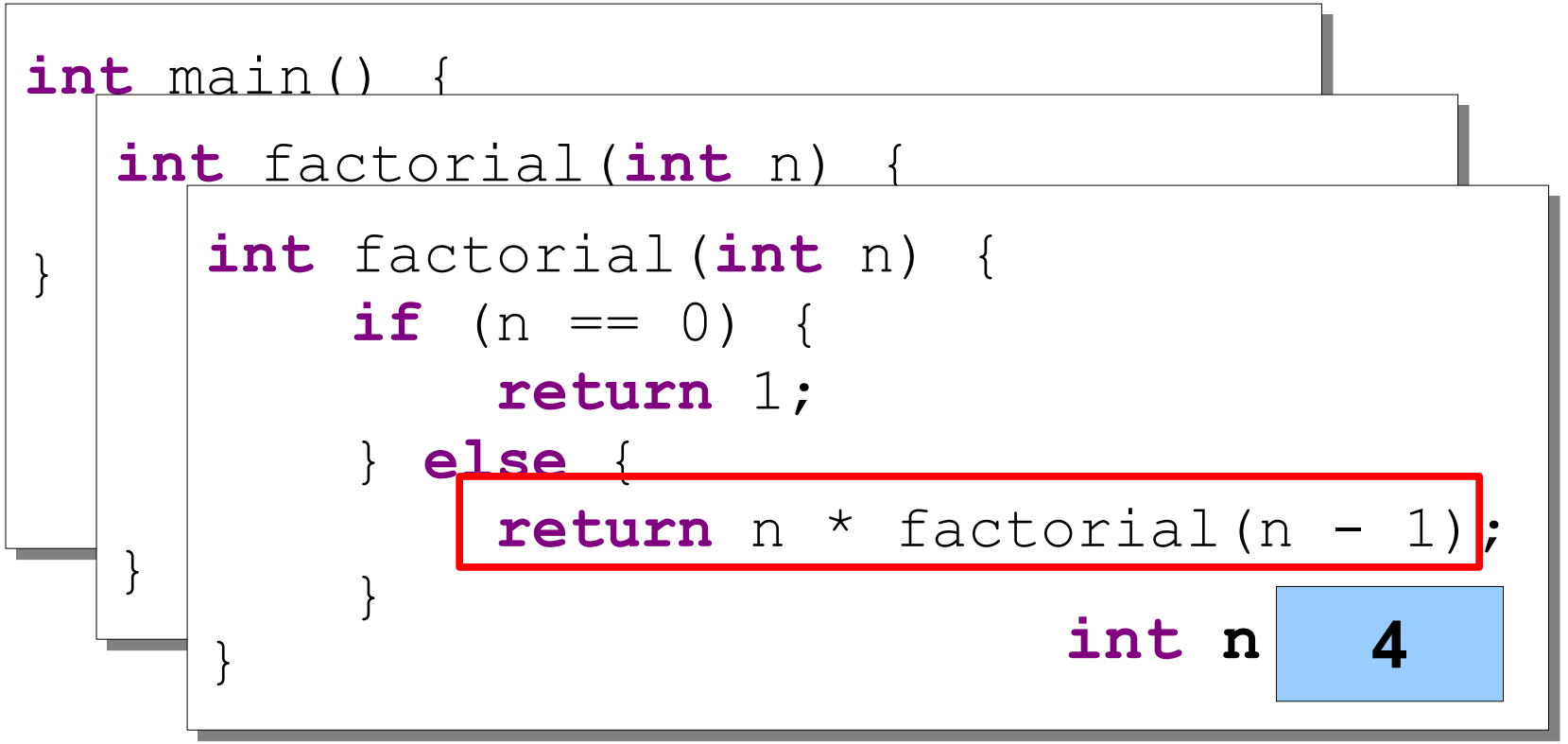

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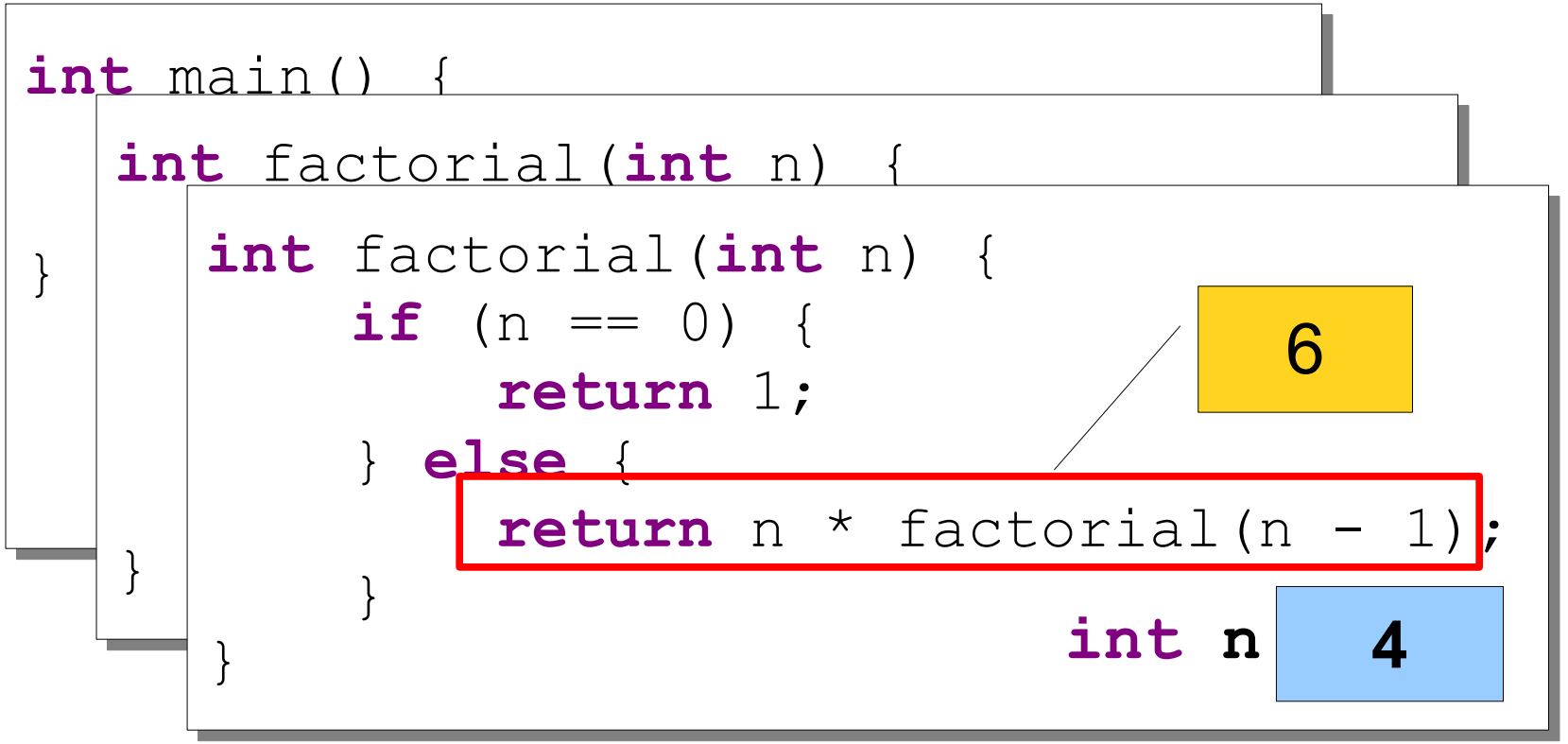

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int n **5**

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Recursion in Action

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int n **120**

Recursion in Action

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}
```

int n 120

Thinking Recursively

- Solving a problem with recursion requires two steps.
- First, determine how to solve the problem for simple cases.
  - This is called the **base case**.
- Second, determine how to break down larger cases into smaller instances.
  - This is called the **recursive decomposition**.

Another View of Factorials

$$n! = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ n \times (n - 1)! & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Base Case

Recursive Decomposition

Thinking Recursively

```
if (problem is sufficiently simple) {
   Directly solve the problem.
   Return the solution.
 } else {
   Split the problem up into one or more smaller
      problems with the same structure as the original.
   Solve each of those smaller problems.
   Combine the results to get the overall solution.
   Return the overall solution.
}
```

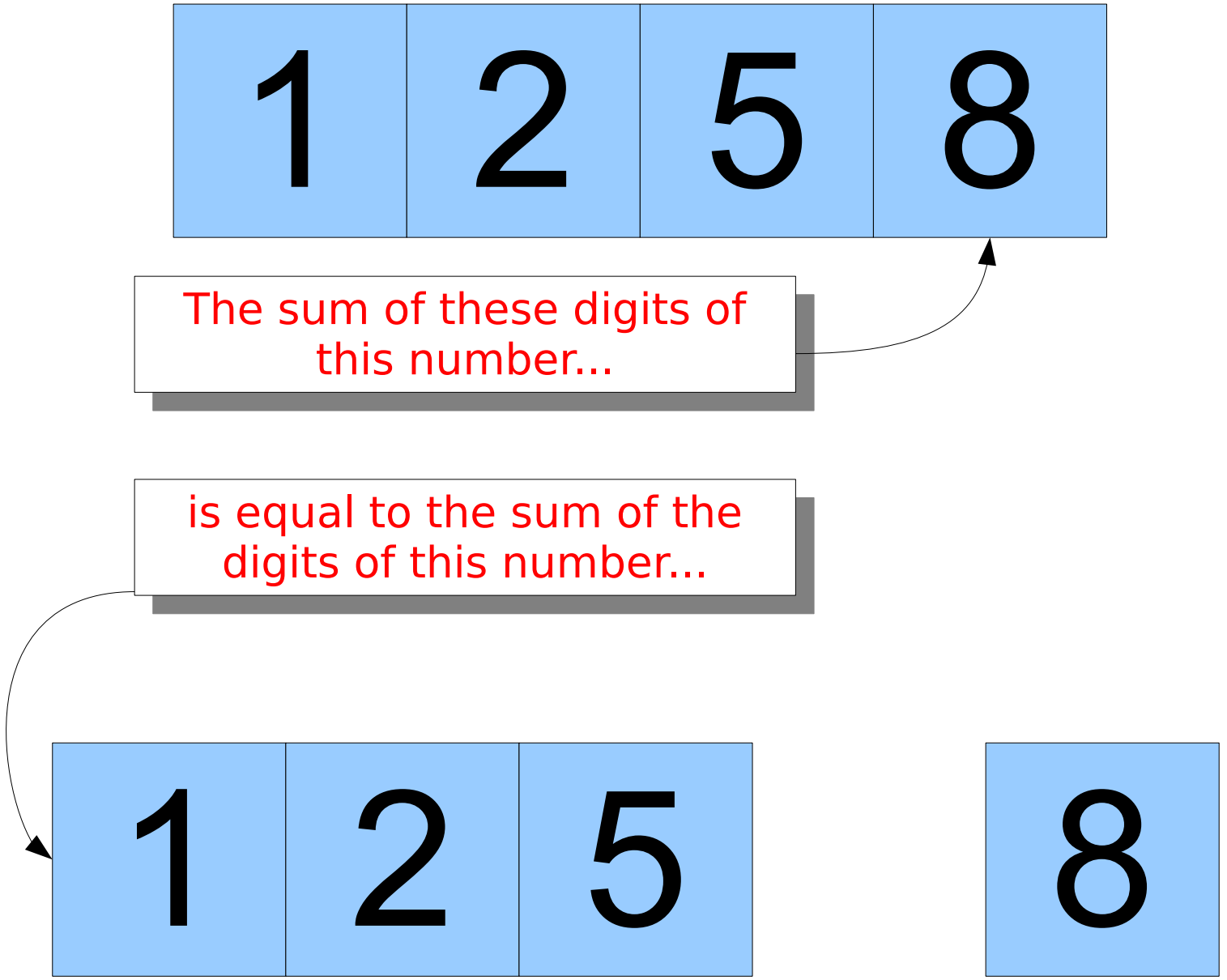
Summing Up Digits

- One way to compute the sum of the digits of a number is shown here:

```
int sumOfDigits(int n) {
    int result = 0;
    while (n != 0) {
        result += n % 10;
        n /= 10;
    }
    return result;
}
```

- How would we rewrite this function recursively?

Summing Up Digits



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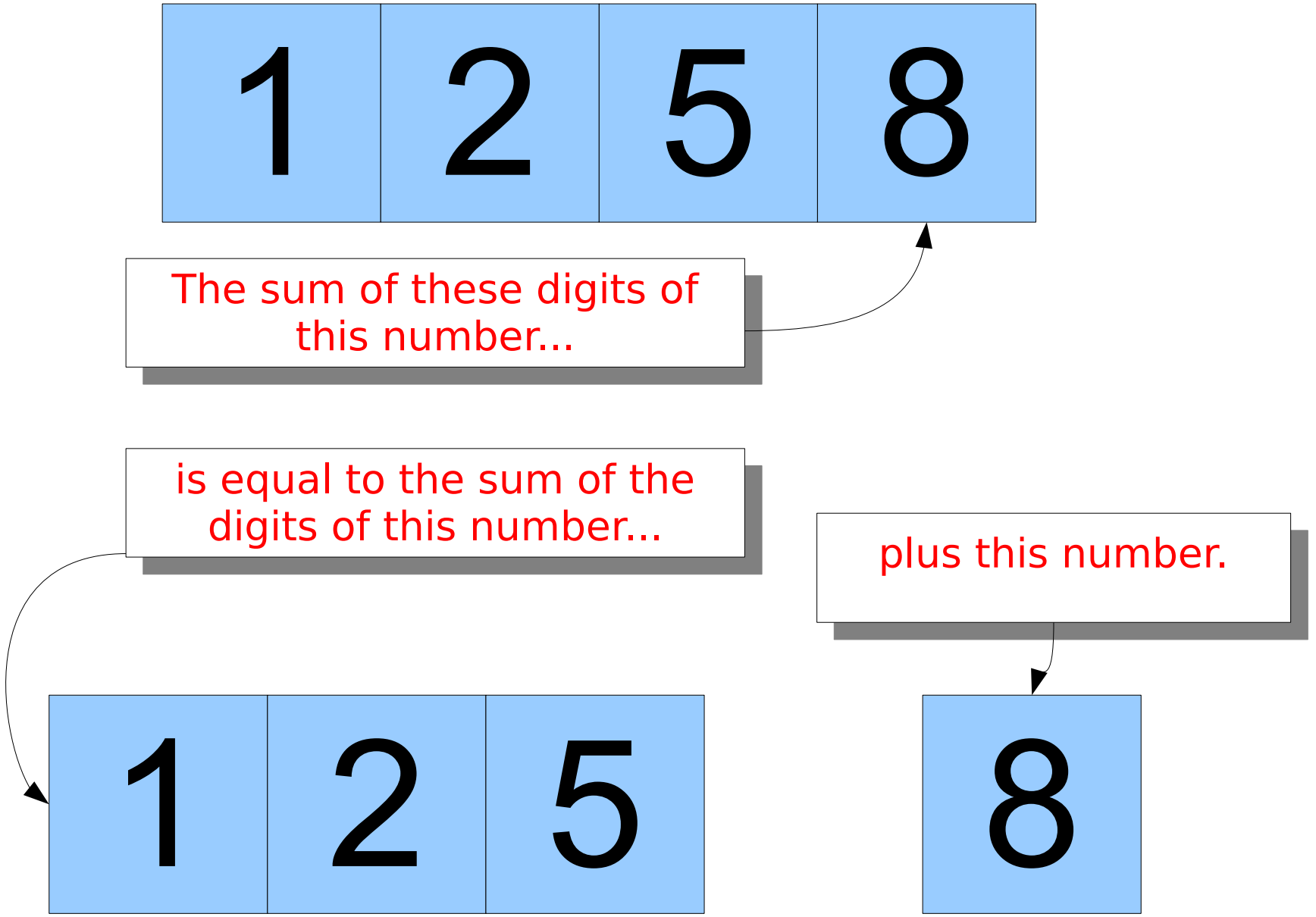

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Summing Up Digits

- A recursive implementation of `sumOfDigits` is shown here:

```
int sumOfDigits(int n) {
    if (n < 10) {
        return n;
    } else {
        return (n % 10) + sumOfDigits(n / 10);
    }
}
```

- Notice the structure:
  - If the problem is simple, solve it directly.
  - Otherwise, reduce it to a smaller instance and solve that one.

Computing Digital Roots

- One way of computing a digital root is shown here:

```
int digitalRoot(int n) {
   while (n >= 10) {
      n = sumOfDigits(n);
   }
   return n;
}
```

- How might we rewrite this function recursively?

Digital Roots

Digital Roots

The digital root of 9 2 5 8

Digital Roots

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Digital Roots

The digital root of 9 2 5 8 is the same as

The digital root of 9+2+5+8

Digital Roots

The digital root of 9 2 5 8 is the same as

The digital root of 2 4

Digital Roots

The digital root of 9 2 5 8 is the same as

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Digital Roots

The digital root of $9\ 2\ 5\ 8$ is the same as

The digital root of $2\ 4$ which is the same as

The digital root of $2 + 4$

Digital Roots

The digital root of 9 2 5 8 is the same as

The digital root of 2 4 which is the same as

The digital root of 6

Computing Digital Roots

- Here is one recursive solution:

```
int digitalRoot(int n) {
   if (n < 10) {
       return n;
   } else {
       return digitalRoot(sumOfDigits(n));
   }
}
```

- Again, notice the structure:
  - If the problem is simple, solve it directly.
  - If not, solve a smaller version of the same problem.

Recursion vs. Iteration

- Any problem solved using *iteration* (for/while loops) can be solved using *recursion*
- All the recursive solutions we've covered today can be solved equally well using iteration
  - This is to help us feel more comfortable with recursion
  - When the choice is available, iteration is preferred to recursion
- Soon we'll start covering problems that can only be solved using recursion

Today

- Getting Started in C++
- Thinking Recursively
- Style Gameshow
- Parameter Passing and Common Mistakes

Style Gameshow

- Style is a very important part of programming.
  - In the real world, other people need to be able to read your code!
- Guess what I don't like about the style of the code and get a prize!

Bad Style #1

```
int spork(int x, int y) {
    int p = Mumbo(y);

    int pp = Jumbo(x);

    if (p*pp > 0) {

        return Jabba(p);

    }

    return Jabba(pp);

}
```

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}
```

I have no clue what is going on in this function!!!

Good Style #1

```
int calculateAreaOfRectangle(int width, int height) {
    return width*height
}
```

Bad Style #2

```
void printPrimeNumbers() {
   for (int i = 0; i < 20; i++) {

      if (isPrime(i)) {

         cout << i << endl;

      }

   }

}
```

Bad Style #2

```
void printPrimeNumbers() {
    for (int i = 0; i < 20; i++) {

        if (isPrime(i)) {

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    }

}
```
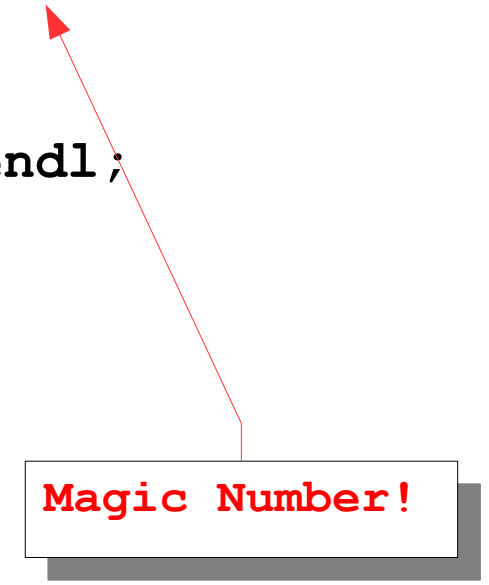



Better Style #2

```
const int kMaxPrime = 20;

int main() {

    printPrimeNumbers();

}

void printPrimeNumbers() {
   for (int i = 0; i < kMaxPrime; i++) {

      if (isPrime(i)) {

         cout << i << endl;

      }

   }

}
```

Best Style #2

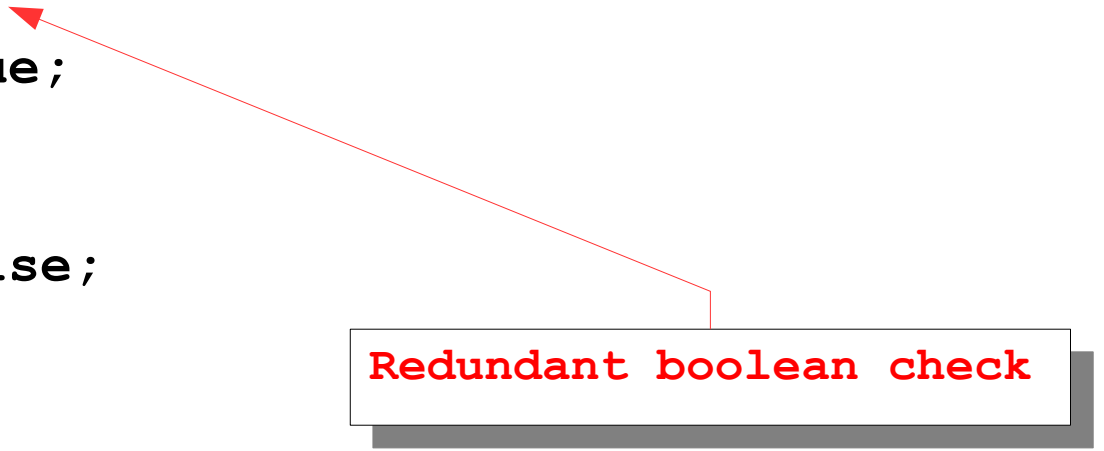
```
const int kMaxPrime = 20;

int main() {

    printPrimeNumbers(kMaxPrime);

}

void printPrimeNumbers(int maxPrime) {
   for (int i = 0; i < maxPrime; i++) {

      if (isPrime(i)) {

         cout << i << endl;

      }

   }

}
```

Bad Style #3

```
if (isWord == true) {
   return true;
} else {
   return false;
}
```

Bad Style #3

```
if (isWord == true) {
    return true;
} else {
    return false;
}
```



Better Style #3

```
if (isWord) {
    return true;
} else {
    return false;
}
```

Best Style #3

```
if (isWord) {
    return true;
} else {
    return false;
}
return isWord;
```

Bad Style #4

```
const int kSumMax = 10;
int sum;
int main() {
    sum = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < kSumMax; i++) {
        sum += i;
    }
    cout << "Sum:" << sum;
    return 0;
}
```

Next Time

- **Strings and Streams**
  - Representing and manipulating text.
  - File I/O in C++.