

# Machine-Level Programming III: Procedures

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# Today

## ■ Procedures

- Mechanisms
- Stack Structure
- Calling Conventions
  - Passing control
  - Passing data
  - Managing local data
- Illustration of Recursion

## ■ Finish Up Control Flow

- Switch Statement

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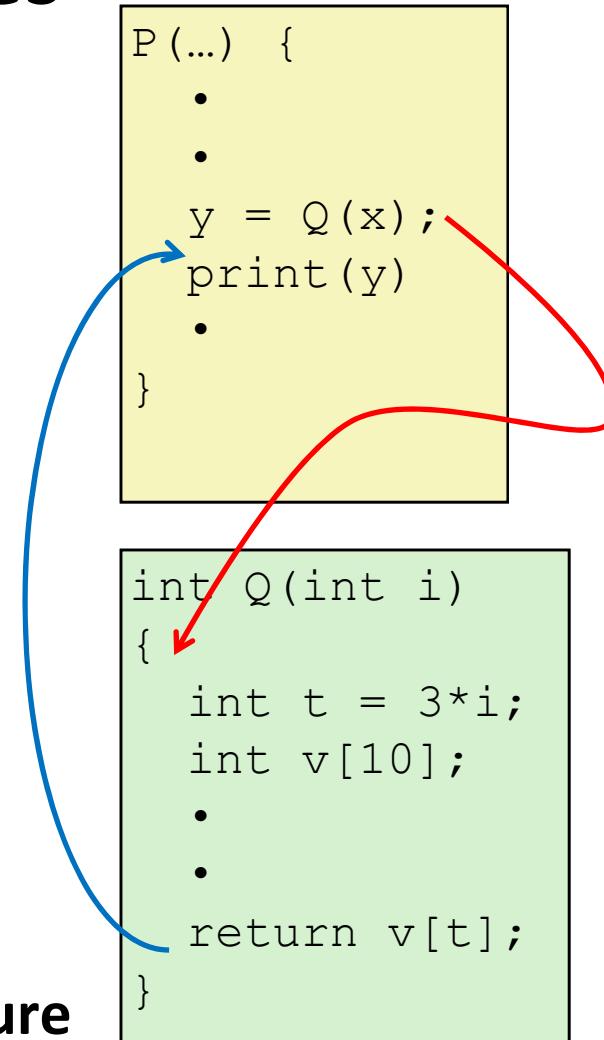
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# Mechanisms in Procedures

```
P(...){
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Machine instructions implement the mechanisms, but the choices are determined by designers. These choices make up the **Application Binary Interface (ABI)**.

- Deallocate upon return
- **Mechanisms all implemented with machine instructions**
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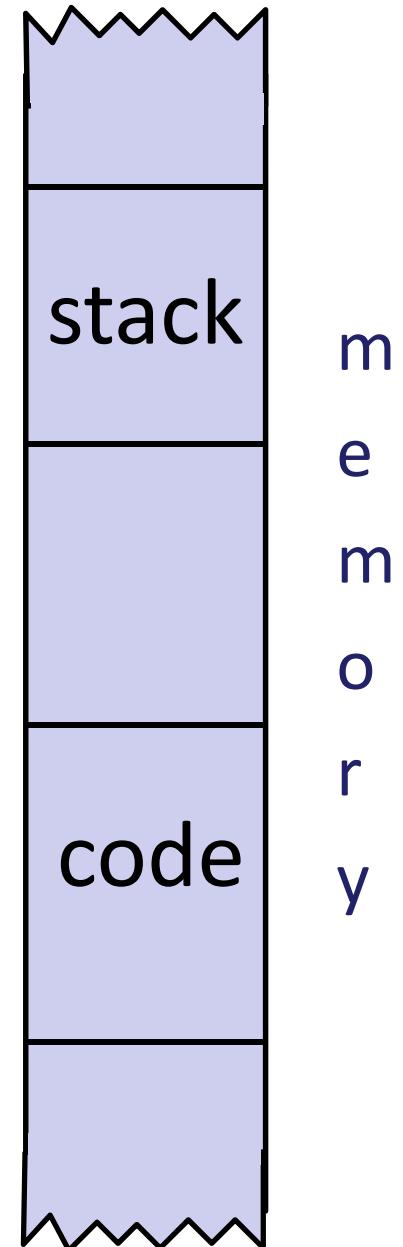
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# x86-64 Stack

## ■ Region of memory managed with stack discipline

- Memory viewed as array of bytes.
- Different regions have different purposes.
- (Like ABI, a policy decision)



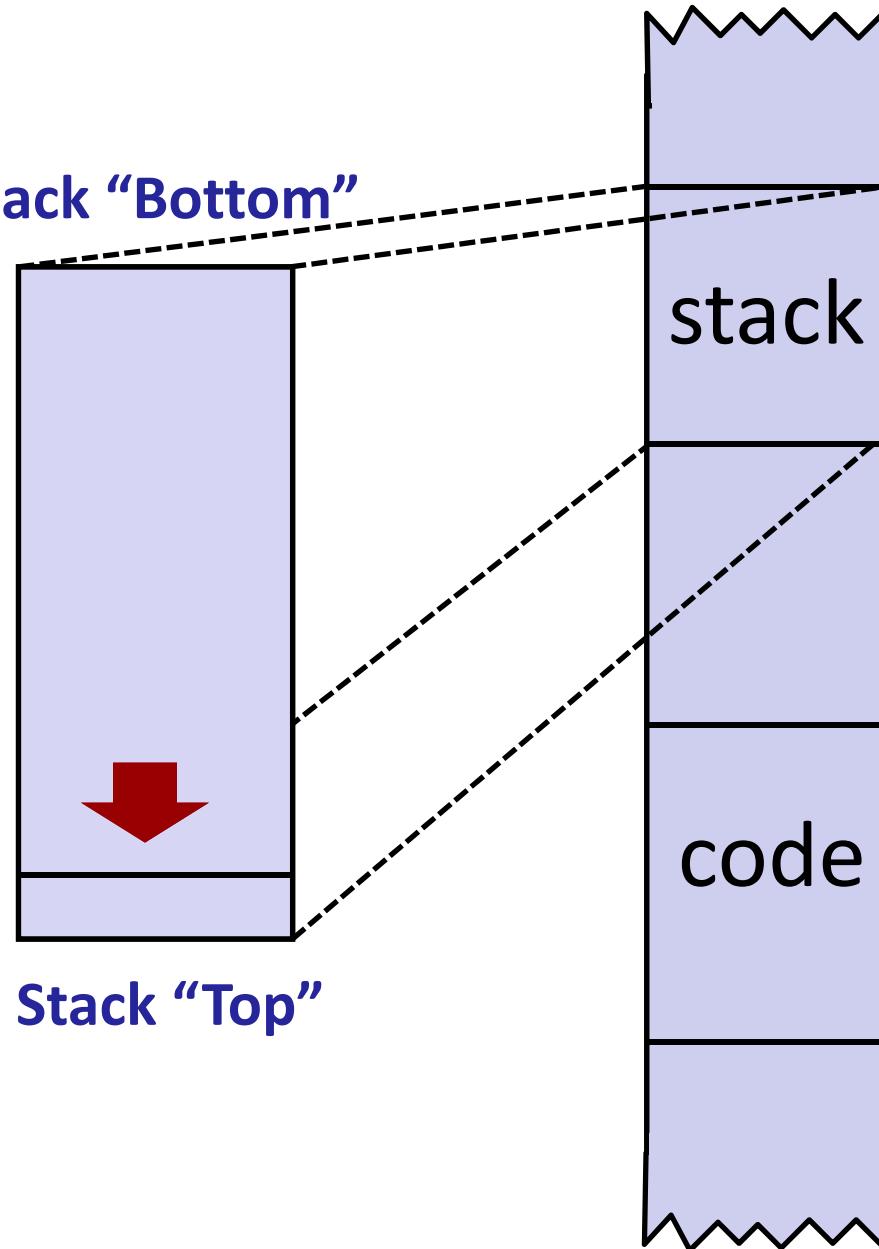
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Stack “Bottom”

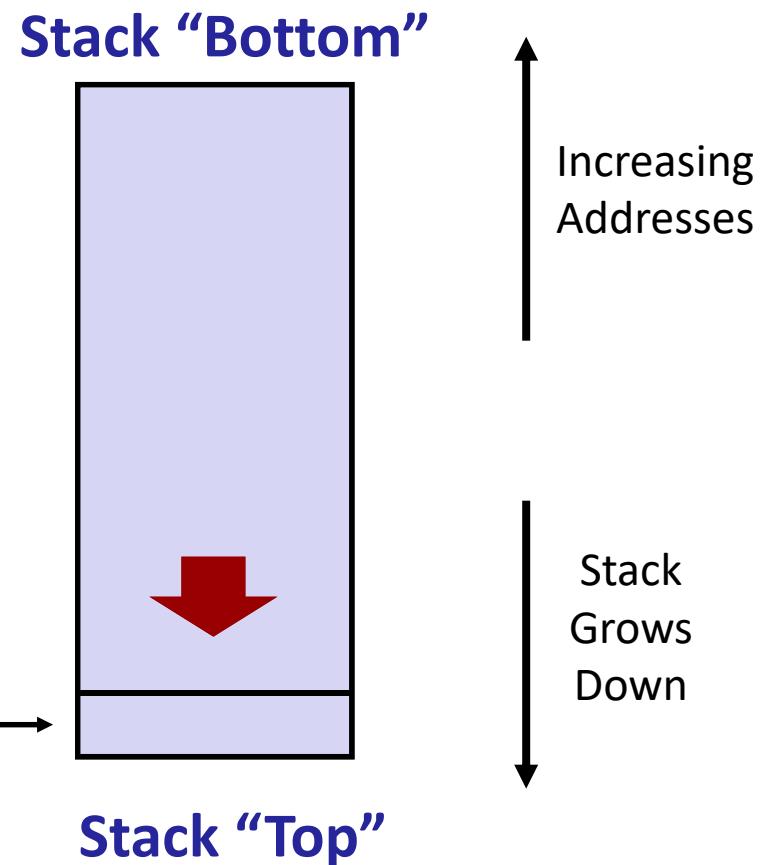
Stack “Top”



# x86-64 Stack

- Region of memory managed with stack discipline
- Grows toward lower addresses
- Register `%rsp` contains lowest stack address
  - address of “top” element

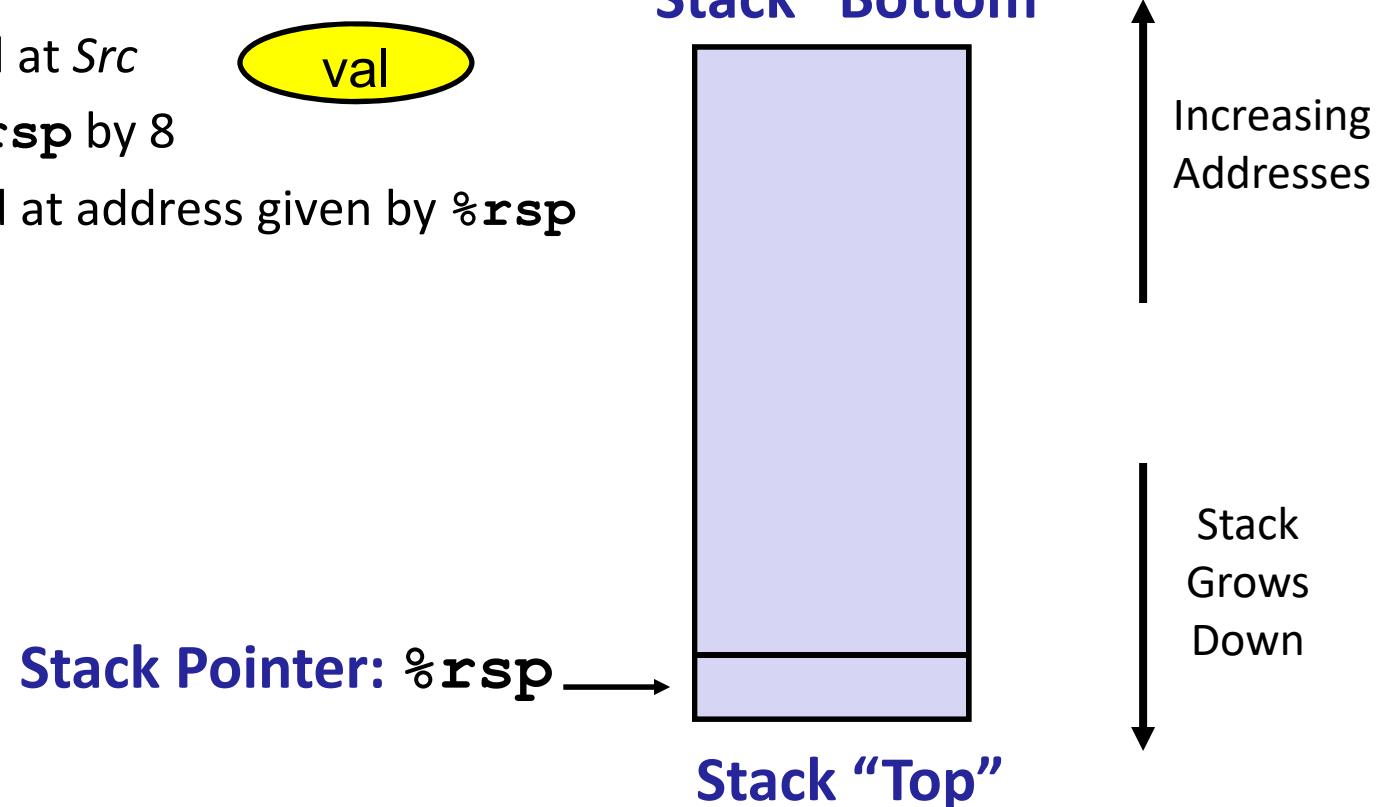
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# x86-64 Stack: Push

## ■ **pushq Src**

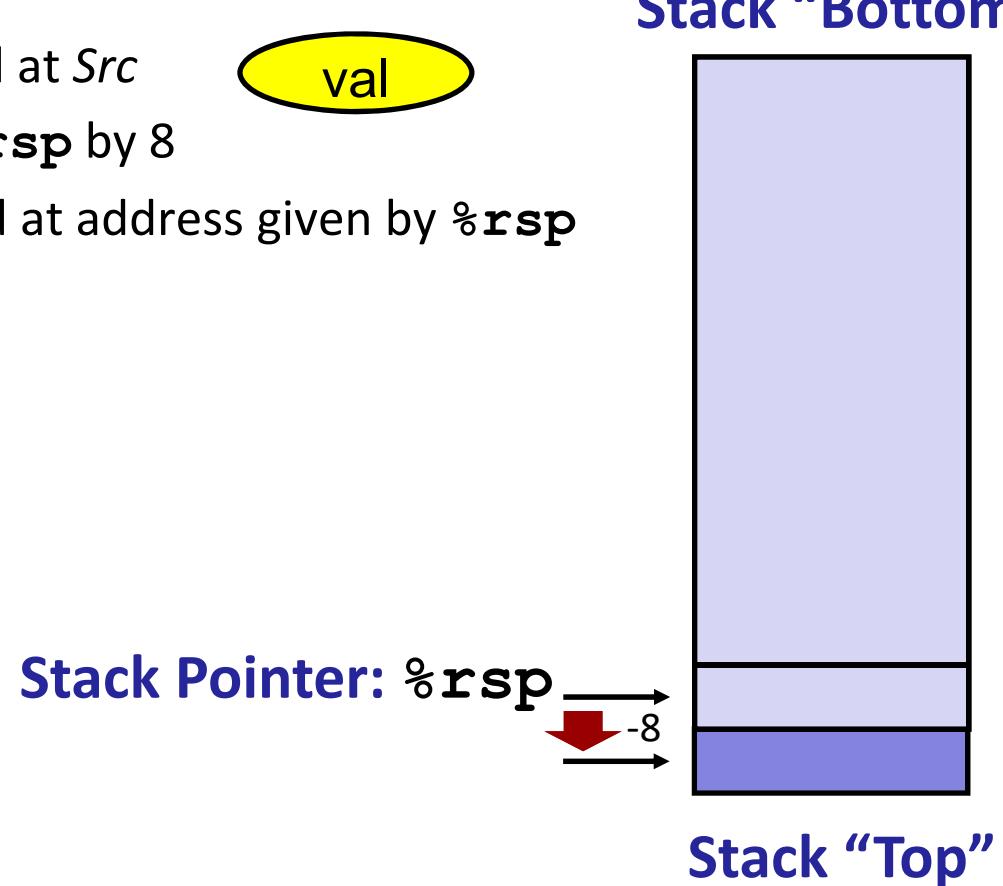
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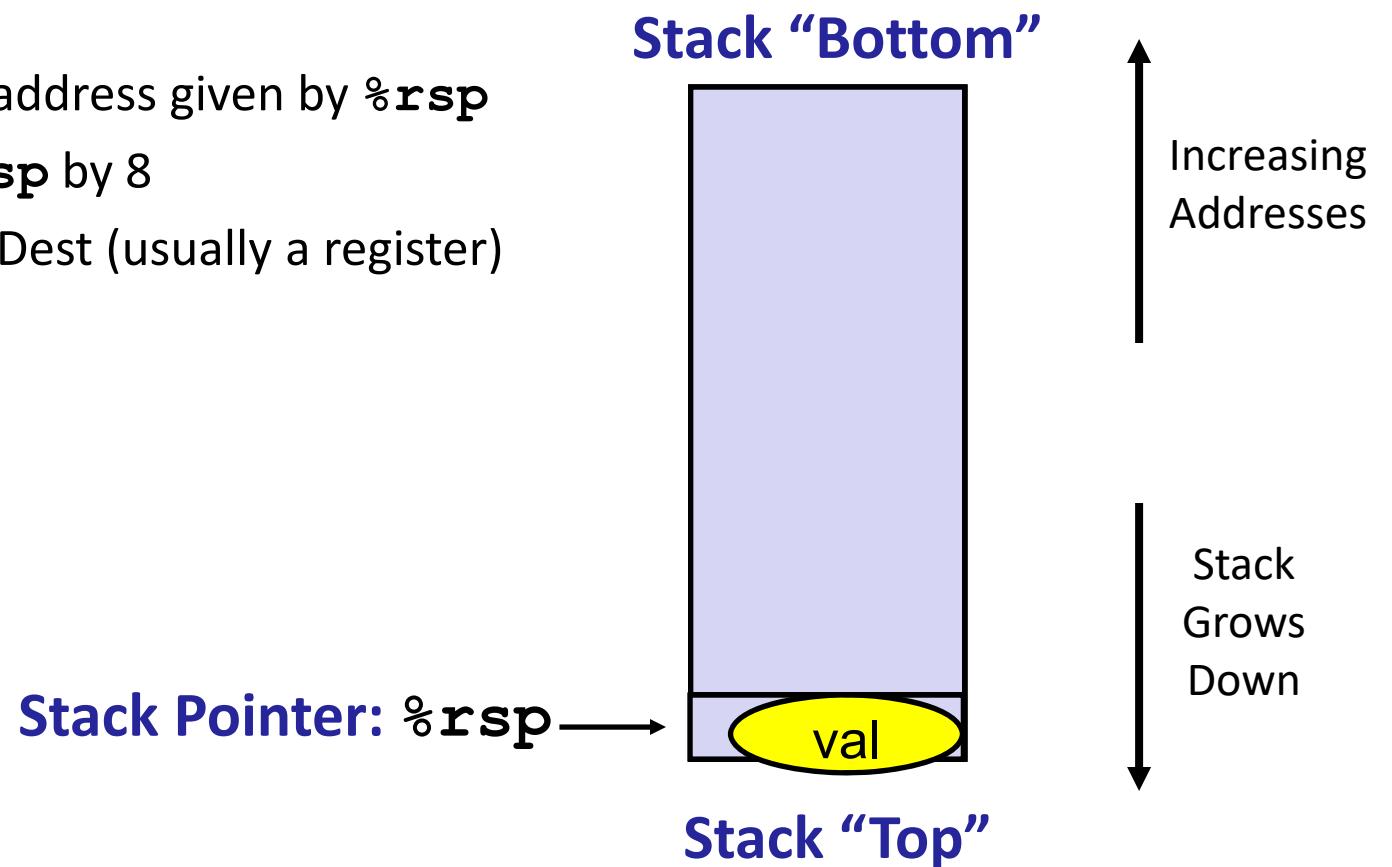
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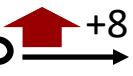


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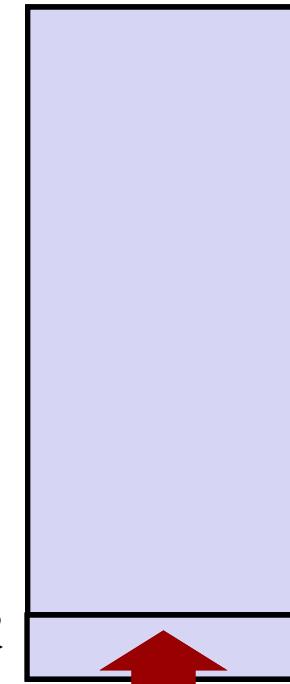
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Increasing Addresses

Stack Grows Down

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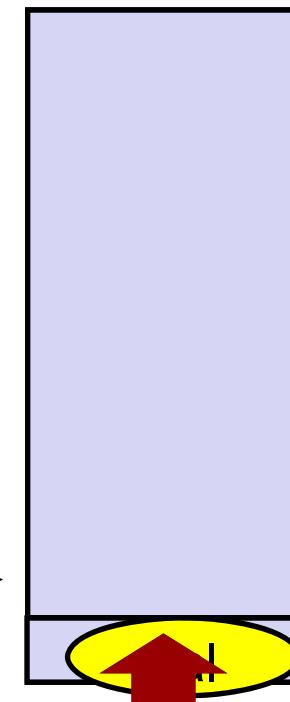
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Stack Pointer: `%rsp` →

(The memory doesn't change,  
only the value of `%rsp`)

Stack “Bottom”



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# Code Examples

```
void multstore(long x, long y, long *dest)
{
    long t = mult2(x, y);
    *dest = t;
}
```

```
0000000000400540 <multstore>:
    400540: push    %rbx          # Save %rbx
    400541: mov     %rdx,%rbx    # Save dest
    400544: callq   400550 <mult2>  # mult2(x,y)
    400549: mov     %rax,(%rbx)   # Save at dest
    40054c: pop    %rbx          # Restore %rbx
    40054d: retq               # Return
```

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long mult2(long a, long b)
{
    long s = a * b;
    return s;
}
```

```
0000000000400550 <mult2>:
    400550: mov     %rdi,%rax      # a
    400553: imul   %rsi,%rax      # a * b
    400557: retq               # Return
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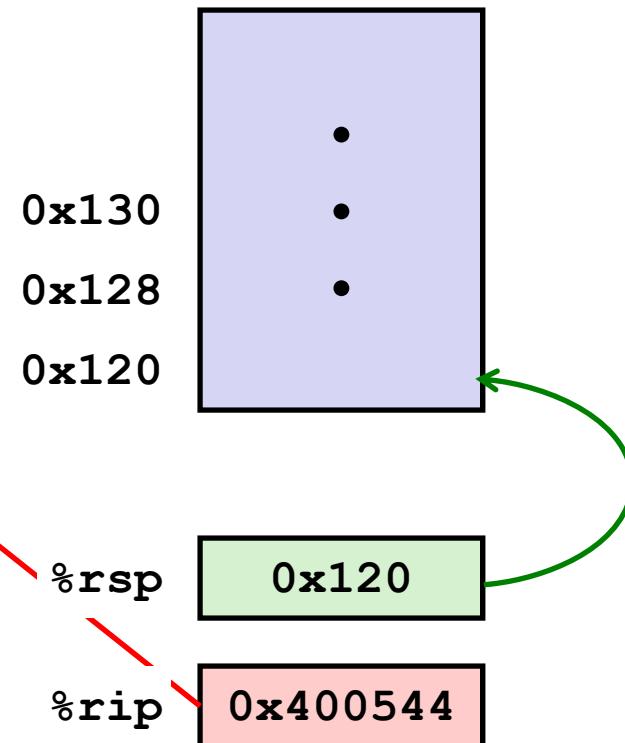
# Procedure Control Flow

- Use stack to support procedure call and return
- **Procedure call: `call label`**
  - Push return address on stack
  - Jump to *label*
- **Return address:**
  - Address of the next instruction right after call
  - Example from disassembly
- **Procedure return: `ret`**
  - Pop address from stack
  - Jump to address

# Control Flow Example #1

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# Control Flow Example #2

```
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```

```
•  
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```

0x130

0x128

0x120

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0x400549

%rsp

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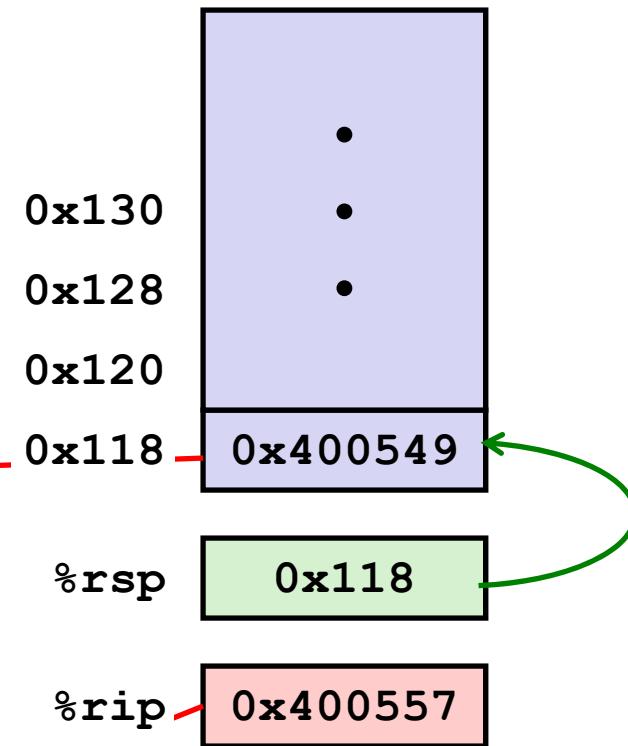
%rip

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# Control Flow Example #3

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    .  
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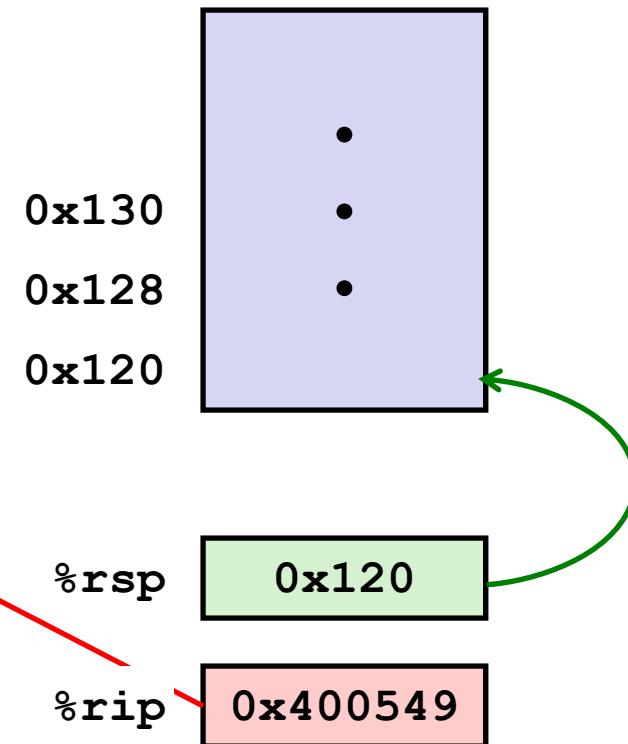
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    .  
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```



# Control Flow Example #4

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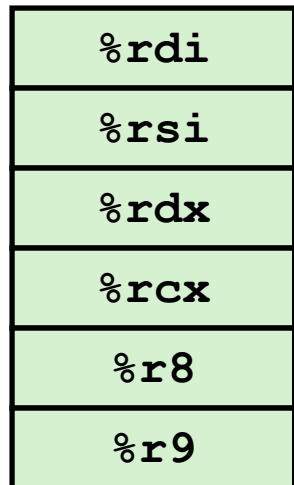
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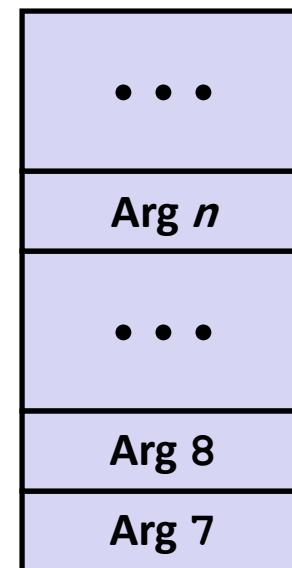
# Procedure Data Flow

## Registers

- First 6 arguments



## Stack



- Return value



- Only allocate stack space when needed

# Data Flow Examples

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# Stack-Based Languages

## ■ Languages that support recursion

- e.g., C, Pascal, Java
- Code must be “*Reentrant*”
  - Multiple simultaneous instantiations of single procedure
- Need some place to store state of each instantiation
  - Arguments
  - Local variables
  - Return pointer

## ■ Stack discipline

- State for given procedure needed for limited time
  - From when called to when return
- Callee returns before caller does

## ■ Stack allocated in *Frames*

- state for single procedure instantiation

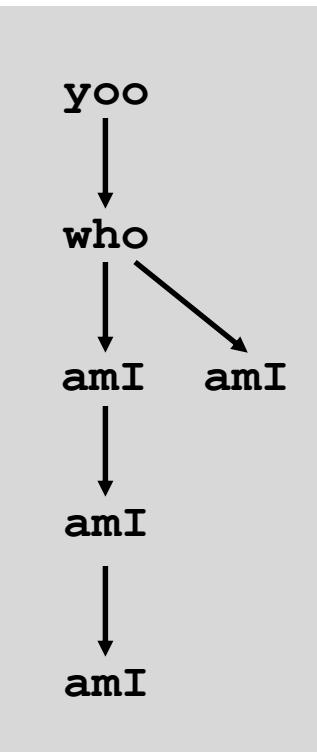
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```
yoo (...)  
{  
    •  
    •  
    who () ;  
    •  
    •  
}
```

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who (...)  
{  
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## Example Call Chain

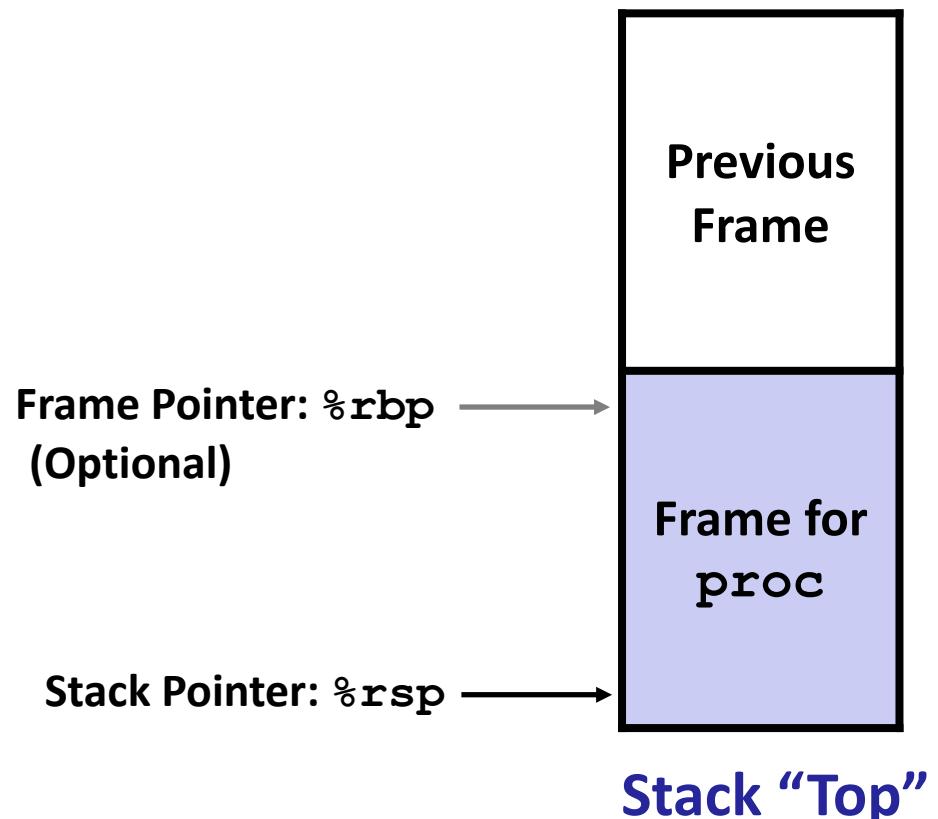


Procedure **amI ()** is recursive

# Stack Frames

## ■ Contents

- Return information
- Local storage (if needed)
- Temporary space (if needed)



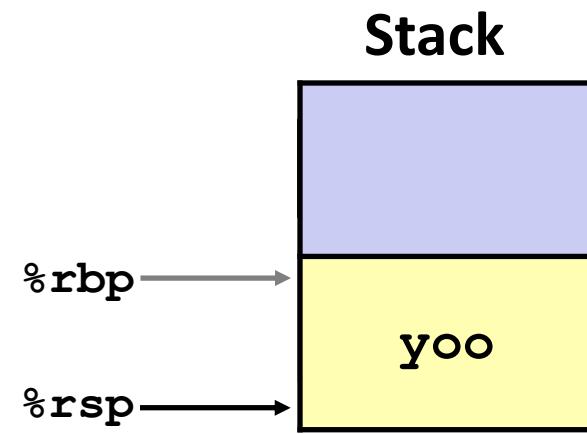
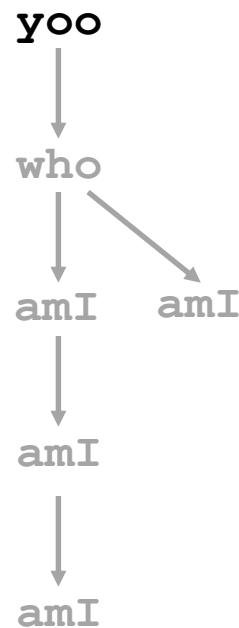
## ■ Management

- Space allocated when enter procedure
  - “Set-up” code
  - Includes push by **call** instruction
- Deallocated when return
  - “Finish” code
  - Includes pop by **ret** instruction

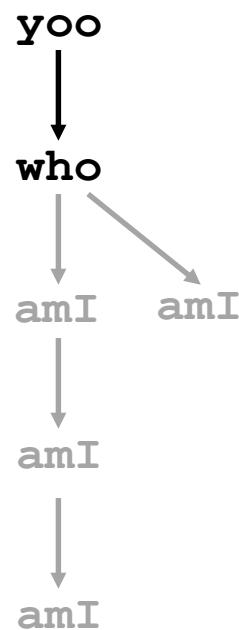
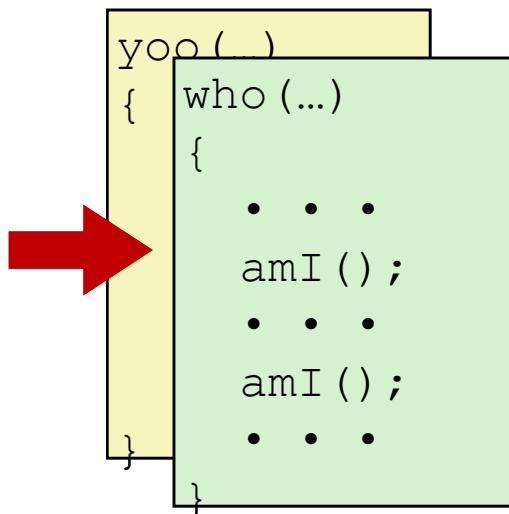
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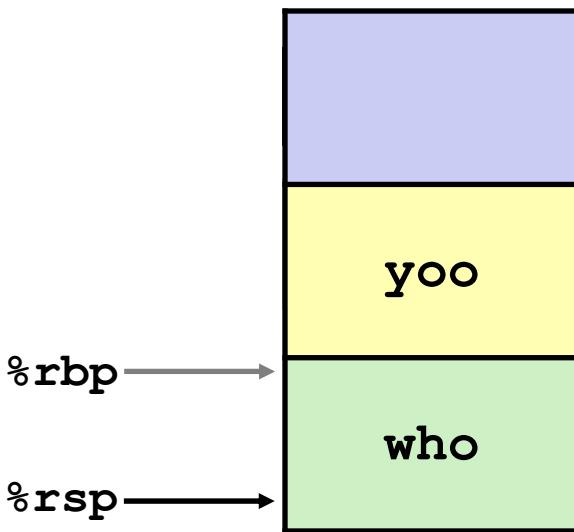
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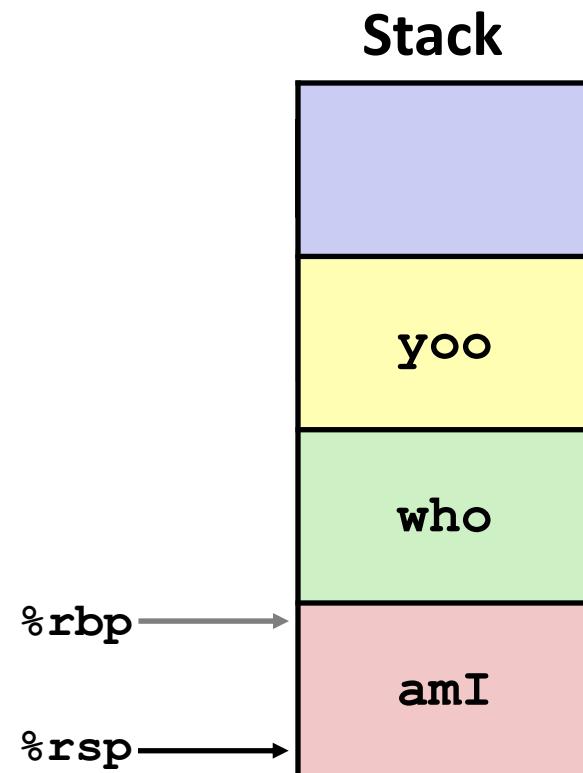
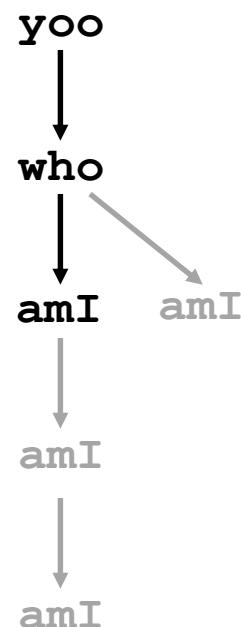
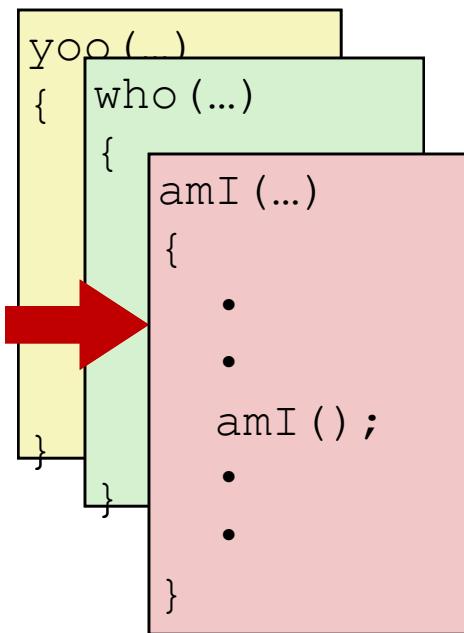
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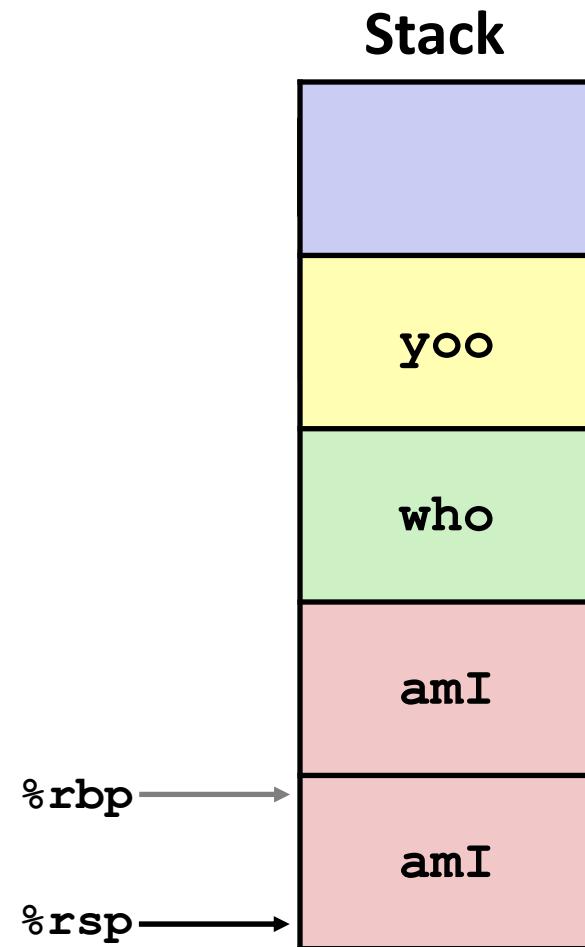
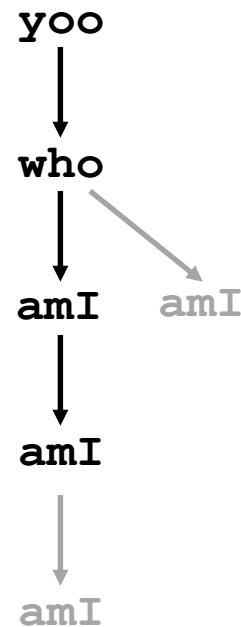
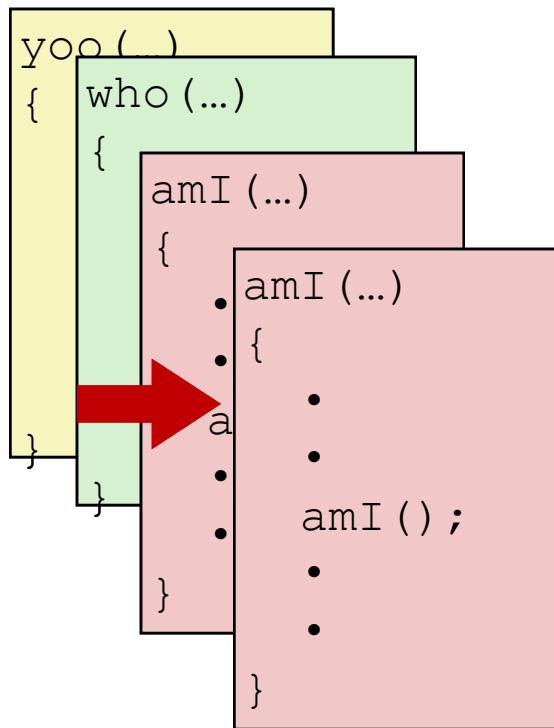
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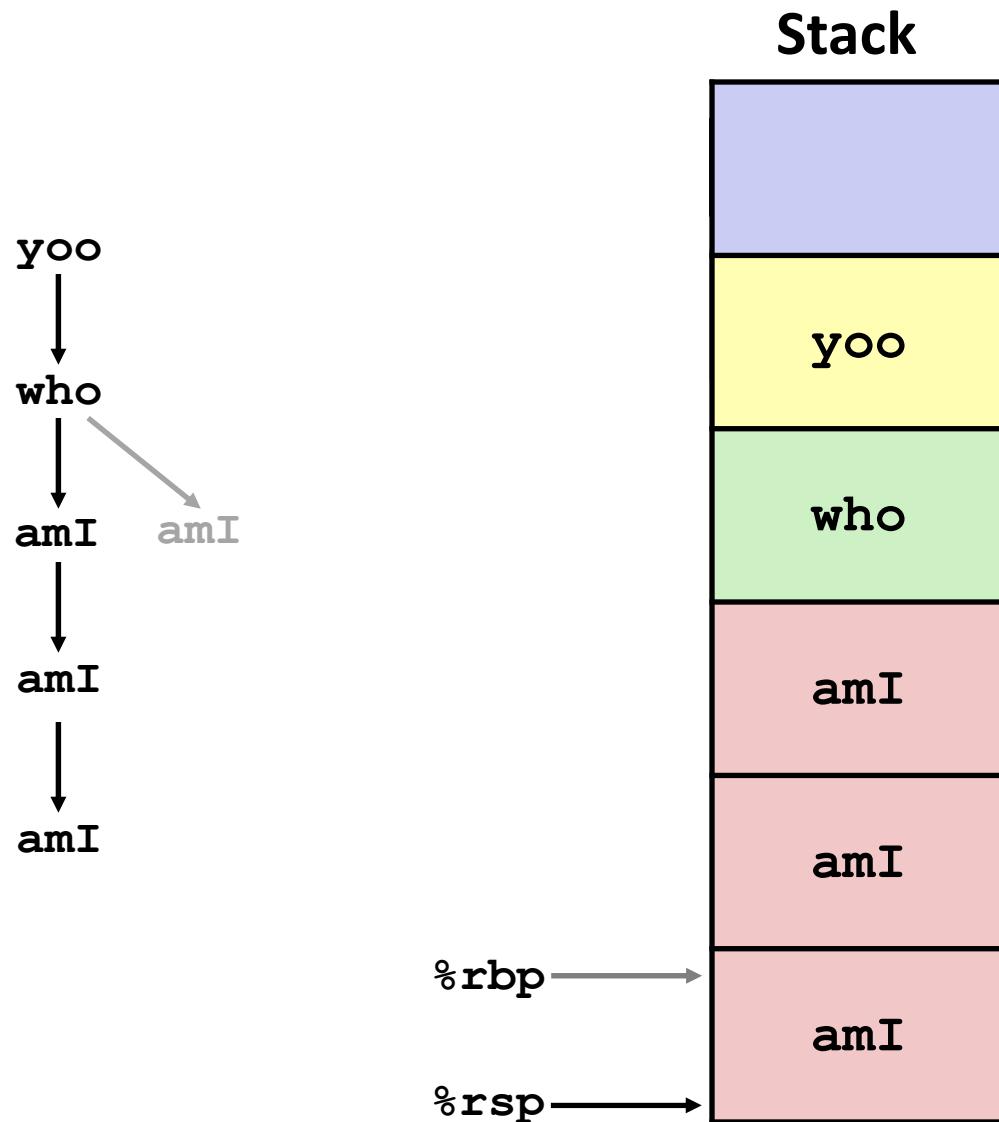
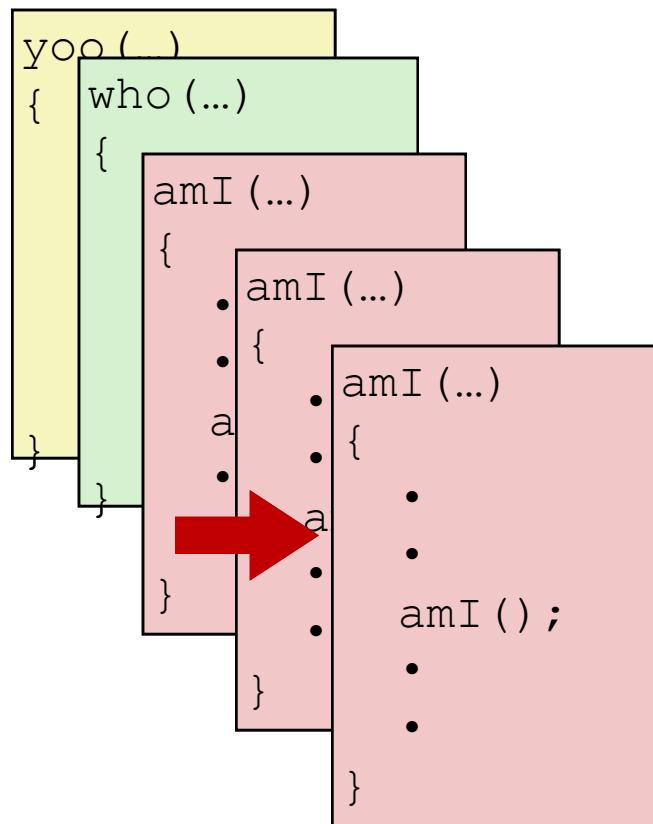
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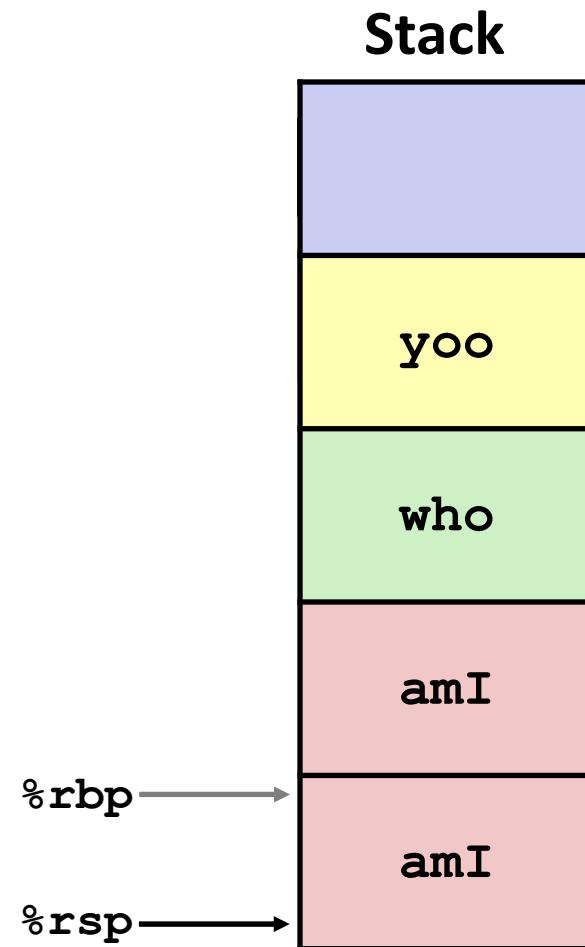
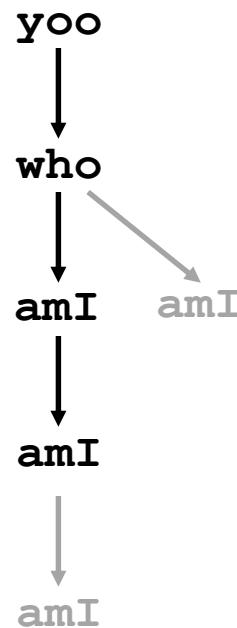
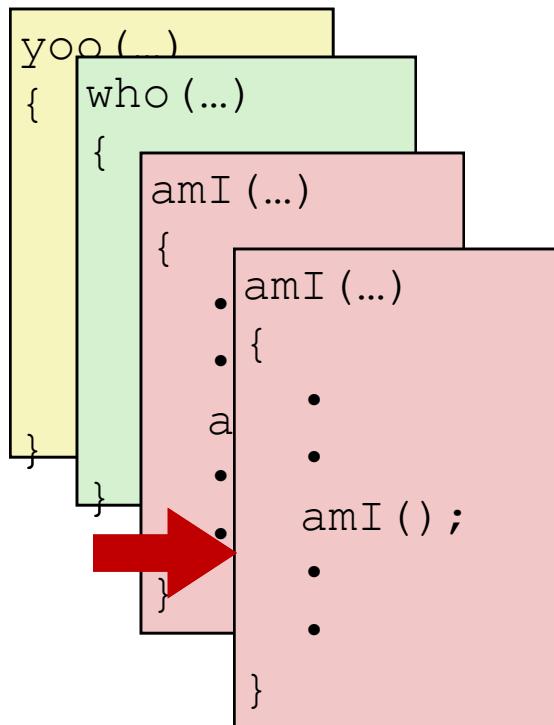
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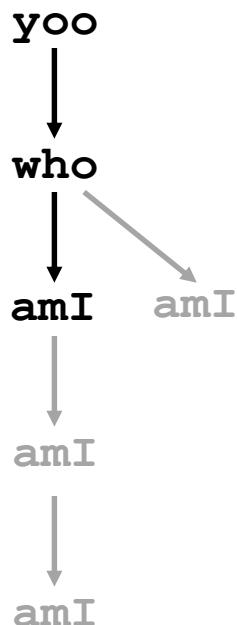
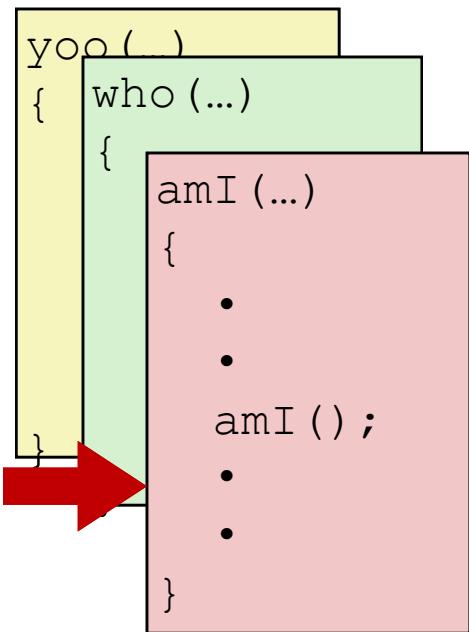
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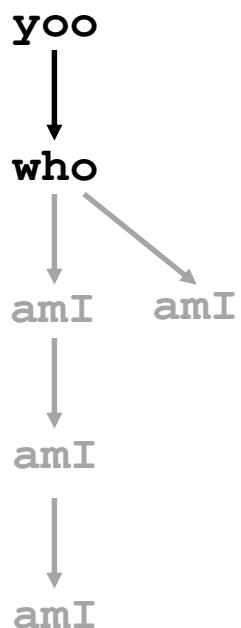
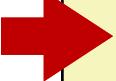


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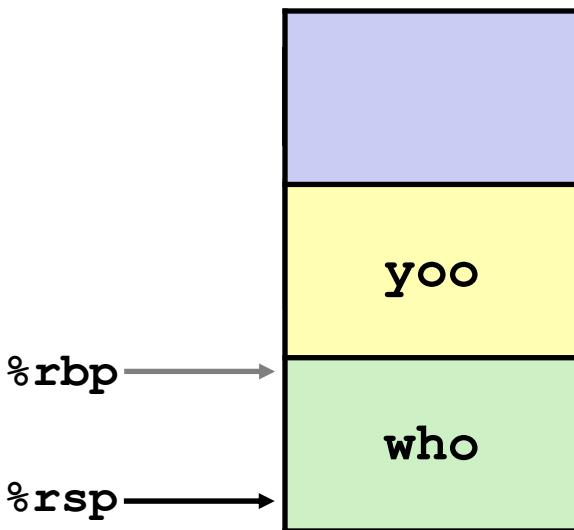


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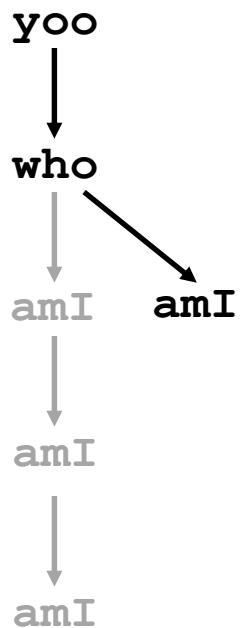
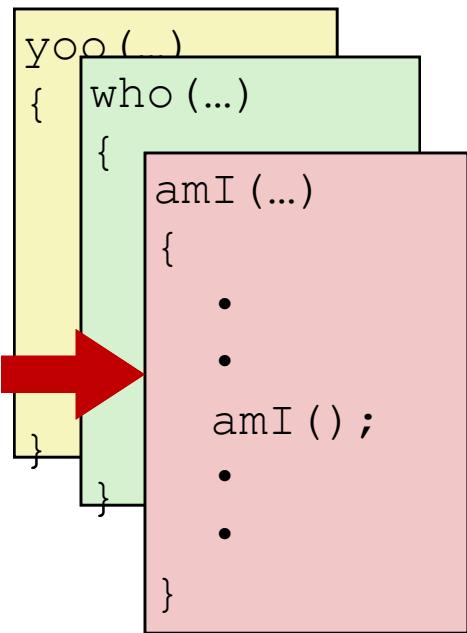
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yoo( )  
{  who( ... )  
  {  
    . . .  
    amI();  
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}
```



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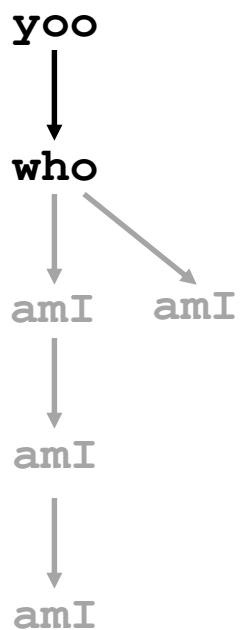
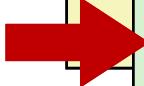


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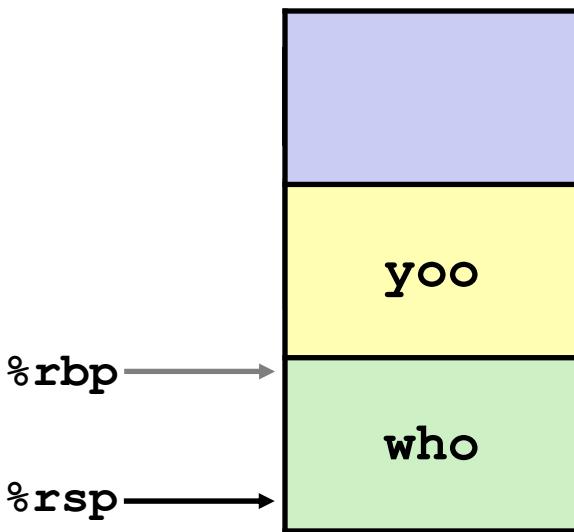


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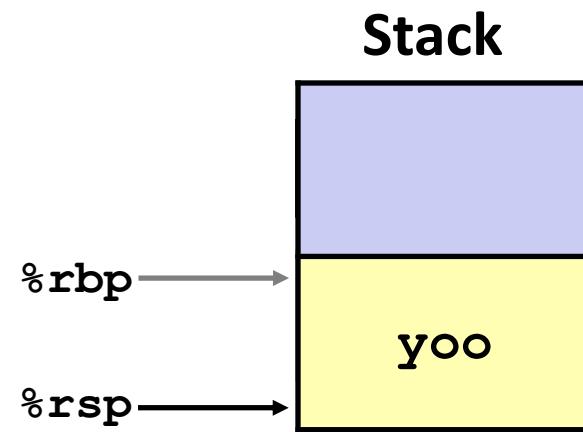
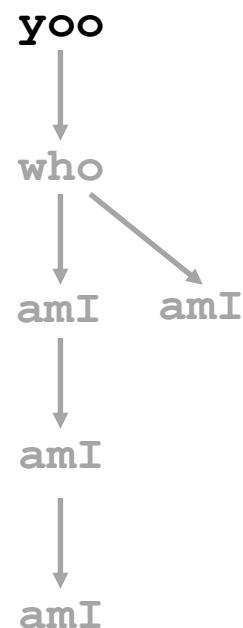


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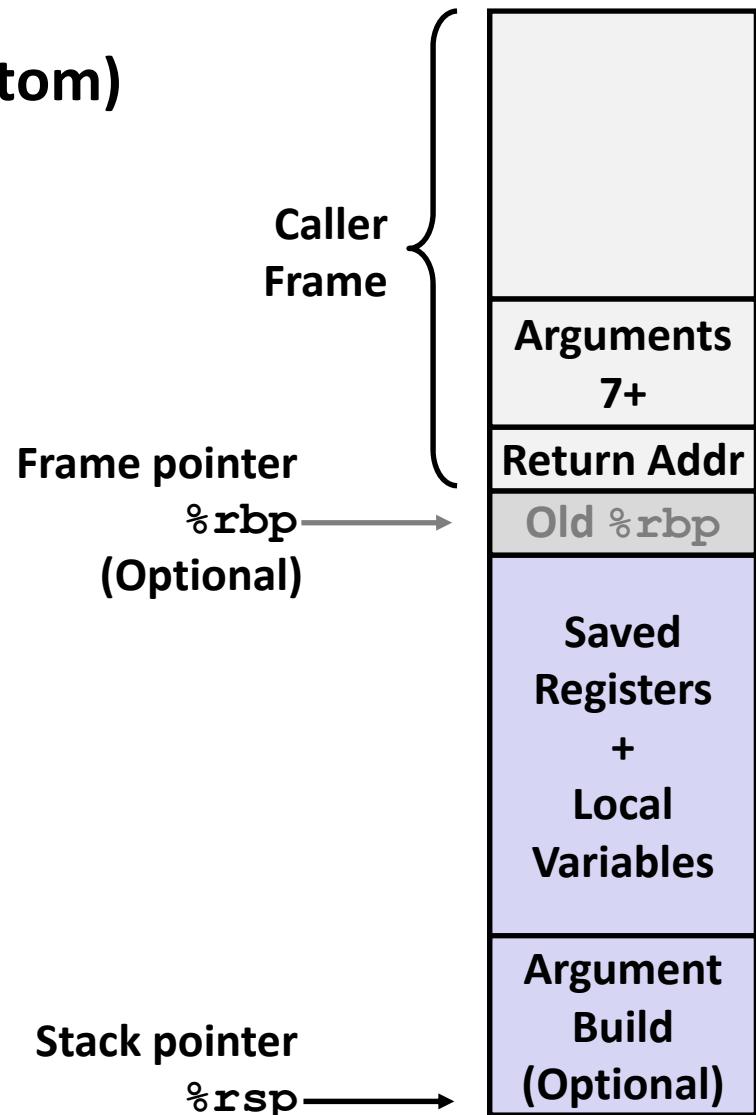
```
    yoo ( ... )  
    {  
        •  
        •  
        who ( ) ;  
        •  
        •  
    }
```



# x86-64/Linux Stack Frame

## ■ Current Stack Frame (“Top” to Bottom)

- “Argument build:”  
Parameters for function about to call
- Local variables  
If can’t keep in registers
- Saved register context
- Old frame pointer (optional)



## ■ Caller Stack Frame

- Return address
  - Pushed by `call` instruction
- Arguments for this call

# Example: incr

```
long incr(long *p, long val) {  
    long x = *p;  
    long y = x + val;  
    *p = y;  
    return x;  
}
```

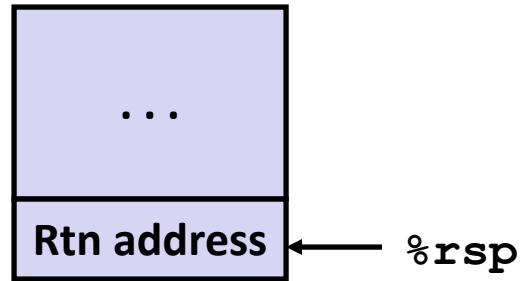
```
incr:  
    movq    (%rdi), %rax  
    addq    %rax, %rsi  
    movq    %rsi, (%rdi)  
    ret
```

Register	Use(s)
%rdi	Argument <b>p</b>
%rsi	Argument <b>val</b> , <b>y</b>
%rax	<b>x</b> , Return value

# Example: Calling `incr` #1

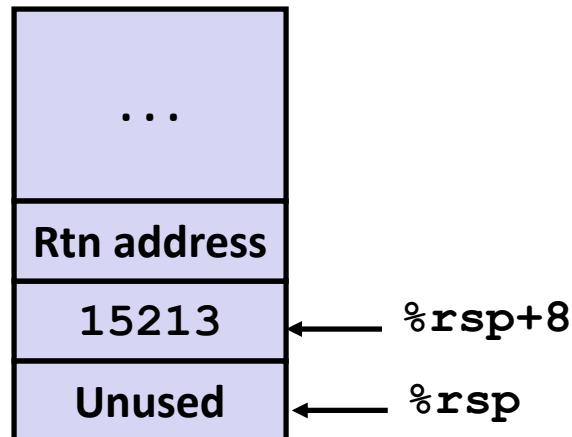
```
long call_incr() {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return v1+v2;
}
```

Initial Stack Structure



```
call_incr:
    subq    $16, %rsp
    movq    $15213, 8(%rsp)
    movl    $3000, %esi
    leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
    call    incr
    addq    8(%rsp), %rax
    addq    $16, %rsp
    ret
```

Resulting Stack Structure

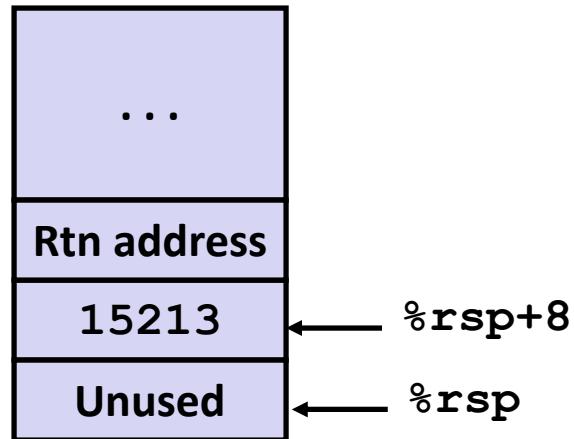


# Example: Calling `incr` #2

```
long call_incr() {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return v1+v2;
}
```

```
call_incr:
    subq    $16, %rsp
    movq    $15213, 8(%rsp)
    movl    $3000, %esi
    leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
    call    incr
    addq    8(%rsp), %rax
    addq    $16, %rsp
    ret
```

Stack Structure

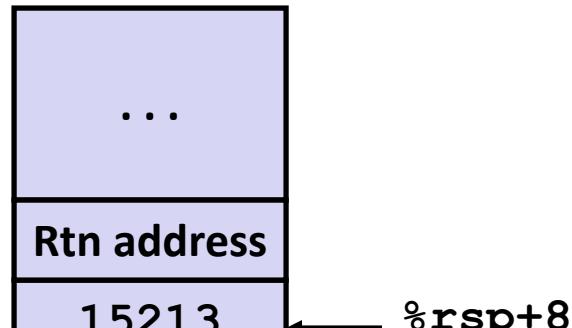


Register	Use(s)
%rdi	&v1
%rsi	3000

# Example: Calling `incr` #2

```
long call_incr() {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return v1+v2;
}
```

Stack Structure



Aside 1: `movl $3000, %esi`

- Note: `movl` -> `%exx` zeros out high order 32 bits.
- Why use `movl` instead of `movq`? 1 byte shorter.

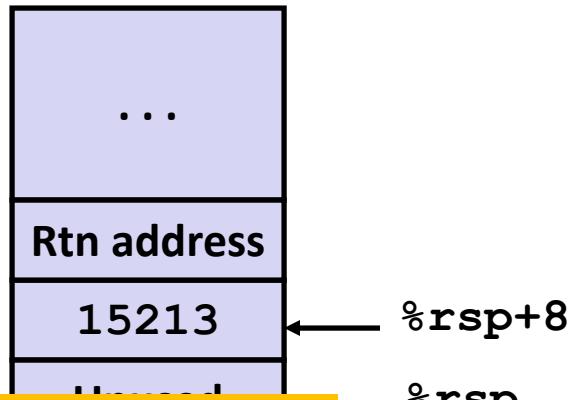
```
call_
sub
mov
    movl $3000, %esi
    leaq 8(%rsp), %rdi
    call incr
    addq 8(%rsp), %rax
    addq $16, %rsp
    ret
```

<code>%rdi</code>	<code>&amp;v1</code>
<code>%rsi</code>	3000

# Example: Calling `incr` #2

```
long call_incr() {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return v1+v2;
}
```

Stack Structure

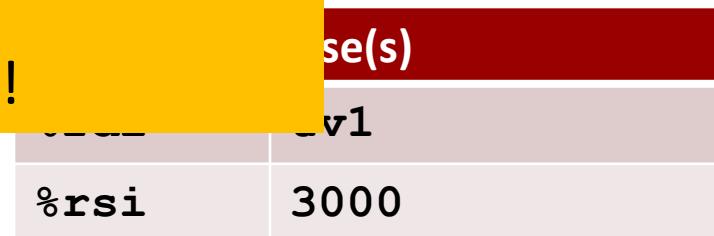


call\_incr:

Aside 2: `leaq 8(%rsp), %rdi`

- Computes `%rsp+8`
- Actually, used for what it is meant!

```
leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
call    incr
addq    8(%rsp), %rax
addq    $16, %rsp
ret
```

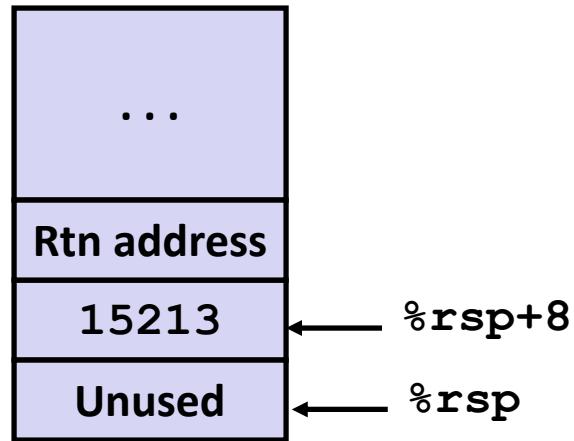


# Example: Calling `incr` #2

```
long call_incr() {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return v1+v2;
}
```

```
call_incr:
    subq    $16, %rsp
    movq    $15213, 8(%rsp)
    movl    $3000, %esi
    leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
    call    incr
    addq    8(%rsp), %rax
    addq    $16, %rsp
    ret
```

Stack Structure



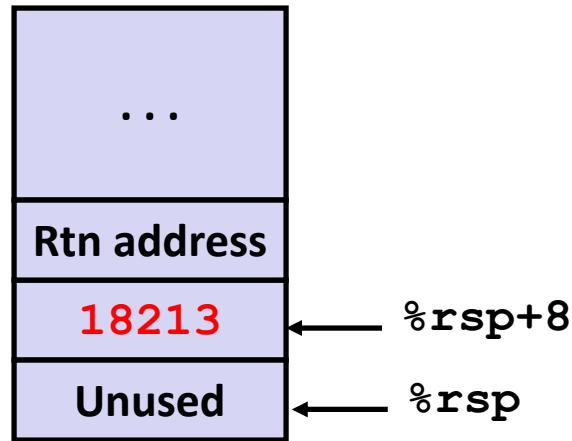
Register	Use(s)
%rdi	&v1
%rsi	3000

# Example: Calling `incr` #3

```
long call_incr() {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return v1+v2;
}
```

```
call_incr:
    subq    $16, %rsp
    movq    $15213, 8(%rsp)
    movl    $3000, %esi
    leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
    call    incr
    addq    8(%rsp), %rax
    addq    $16, %rsp
    ret
```

Stack Structure

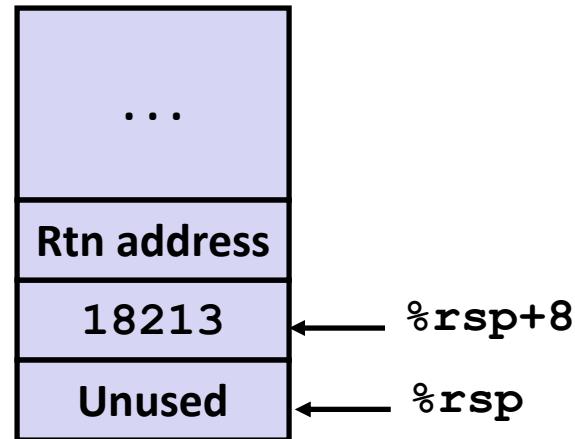


Register	Use(s)
%rdi	&v1
%rsi	3000

# Example: Calling `incr` #4

Stack Structure

```
long call_incr() {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return v1+v2;
}
```



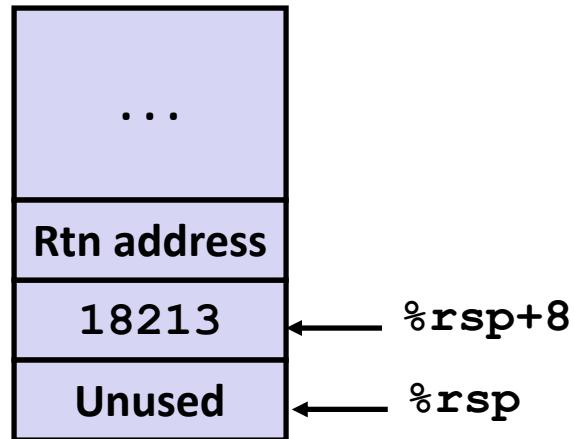
```
call _incr:
    subq    $16, %rsp
    movq    $15213, 8(%rsp)
    movl    $3000, %esi
    leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
    call    incr
    addq    8(%rsp), %rax
    addq    $16, %rsp
    ret
```

Register	Use(s)
%rax	Return value

# Example: Calling `incr` #5a

Stack Structure

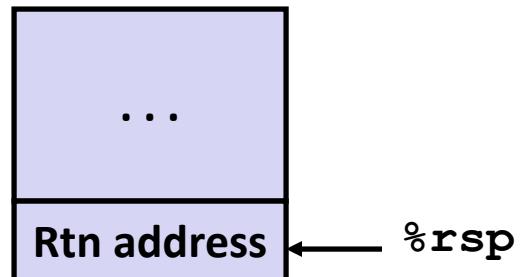
```
long call_incr() {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return v1+v2;
}
```



```
call _incr:
    subq    $16, %rsp
    movq    $15213, 8(%rsp)
    movl    $3000, %esi
    leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
    call    incr
    addq    8(%rsp), %rax
    addq    $16, %rsp
    ret
```

Register	Use(s)
%rax	Return value

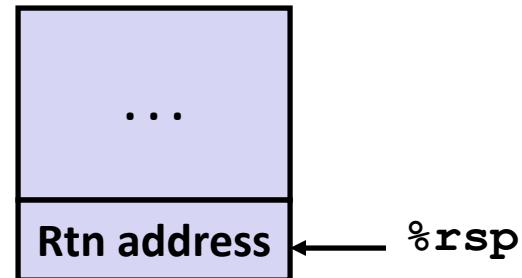
Updated Stack Structure



# Example: Calling `incr` #5b

```
long call_incr() {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return v1+v2;
}
```

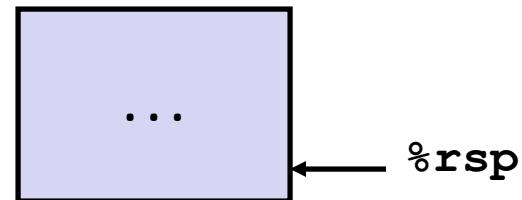
Updated Stack Structure



```
call _incr:
    subq    $16, %rsp
    movq    $15213, 8(%rsp)
    movl    $3000, %esi
    leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
    call    incr
    addq    8(%rsp), %rax
    addq    $16, %rsp
    ret
```

Register	Use(s)
%rax	Return value

Final Stack Structure



# Register Saving Conventions

## ■ When procedure `yoo` calls `who`:

- `yoo` is the *caller*
- `who` is the *callee*

## ■ Can register be used for temporary storage?

```
yoo:
```

```
• • •  
    movq $15213, %rdx  
    call who  
    addq %rdx, %rax  
• • •  
    ret
```

```
who:
```

```
• • •  
    subq $18213, %rdx  
• • •  
    ret
```

- Contents of register `%rdx` overwritten by `who`
- This could be trouble → something should be done!
  - Need some coordination

# Register Saving Conventions

- When procedure `yoo` calls `who`:
  - `yoo` is the *caller*
  - `who` is the *callee*
- Can register be used for temporary storage?
- Conventions
  - “*Caller Saved*”
    - Caller saves temporary values in its frame before the call
  - “*Callee Saved*”
    - Callee saves temporary values in its frame before using
    - Callee restores them before returning to caller

# x86-64 Linux Register Usage #1

## ■ **%rax**

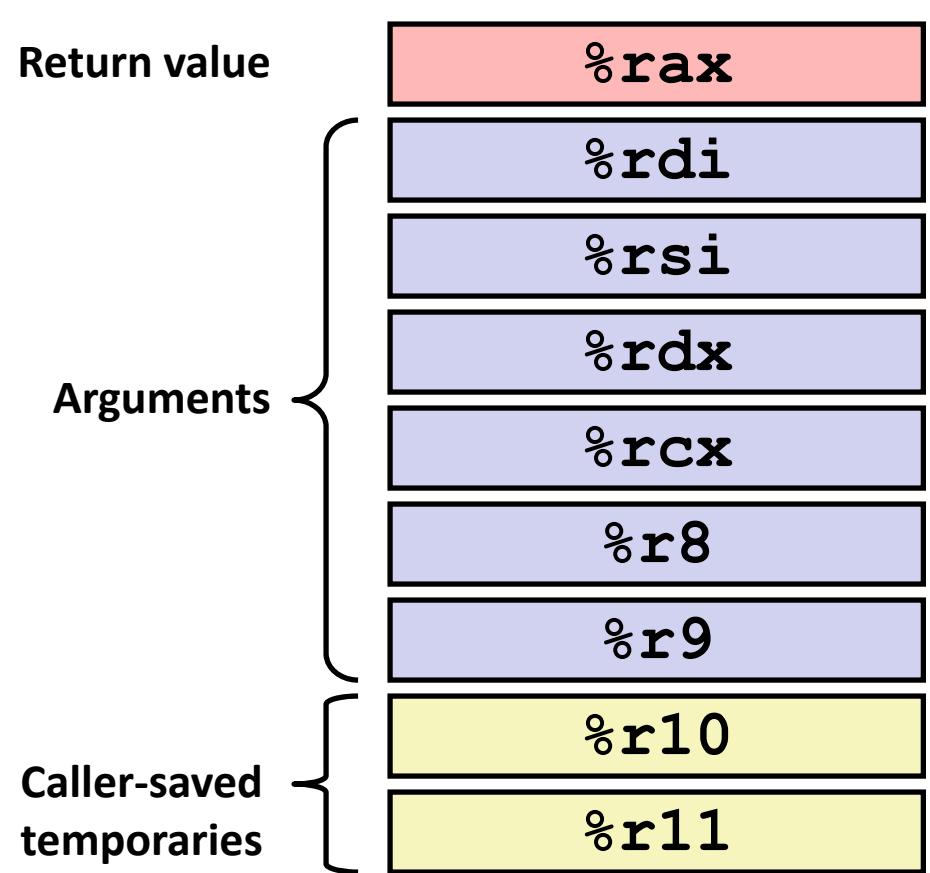
- Return value
- Also caller-saved
- Can be modified by procedure

## ■ **%rdi, ..., %r9**

- Arguments
- Also caller-saved
- Can be modified by procedure

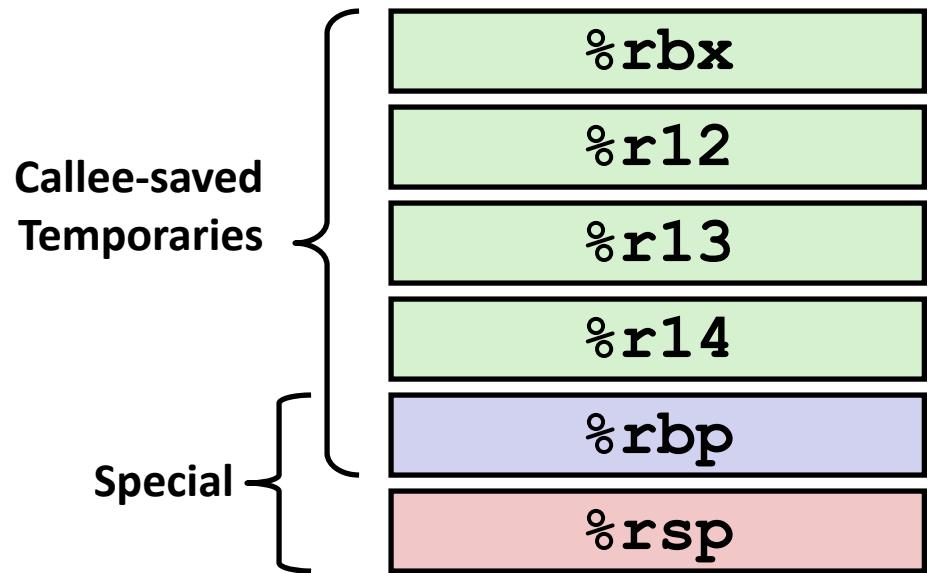
## ■ **%r10, %r11**

- Caller-saved
- Can be modified by procedure



# x86-64 Linux Register Usage #2

- **%rbx, %r12, %r13, %r14**
  - Callee-saved
  - Callee must save & restore
- **%rbp**
  - Callee-saved
  - Callee must save & restore
  - May be used as frame pointer
  - Can mix & match
- **%rsp**
  - Special form of callee save
  - Restored to original value upon exit from procedure



# Quiz Time!

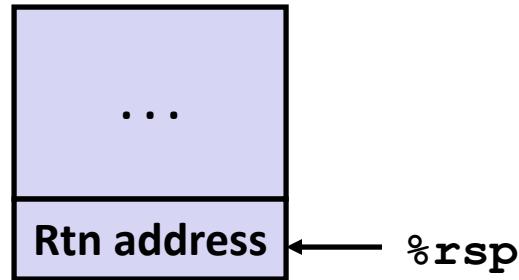
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# Callee-Saved Example #1

```
long call_incr2(long x) {  
    long v1 = 15213;  
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);  
    return x+v2;  
}
```

Initial Stack Structure



- X comes in register **%rdi**.
- We need **%rdi** for the call to incr.
- Where should be put x, so we can use it after the call to incr?

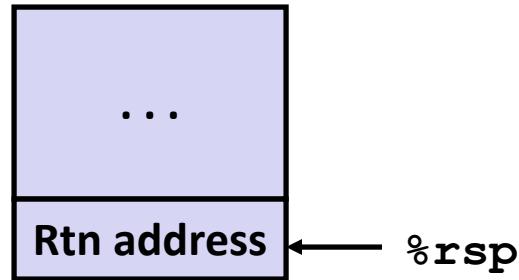
# Callee-Saved Example #2

```
long call_incr2(long x) {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return x+v2;
}
```

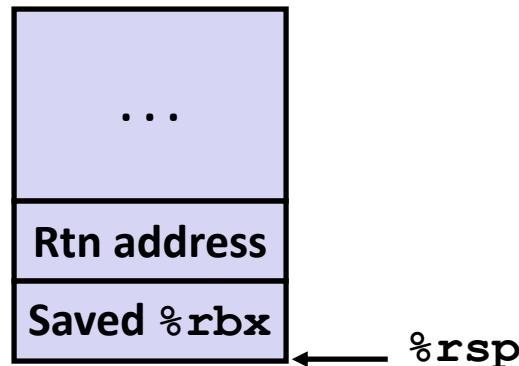
**call\_incr2:**

<b>pushq</b>	<b>%rbx</b>	<b>← Need to save</b>
<b>subq</b>	\$16, %rsp	
<b>movq</b>	%rdi, %rbx	
<b>movq</b>	\$15213, 8(%rsp)	
<b>movl</b>	\$3000, %esi	
<b>leaq</b>	8(%rsp), %rdi	
<b>call</b>	incr	
<b>addq</b>	%rbx, %rax	
<b>addq</b>	\$16, %rsp	
<b>popq</b>	%rbx	
<b>ret</b>		

Initial Stack Structure



Resulting Stack Structure

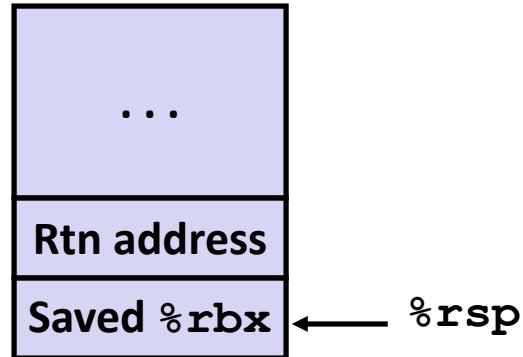


# Callee-Saved Example #3

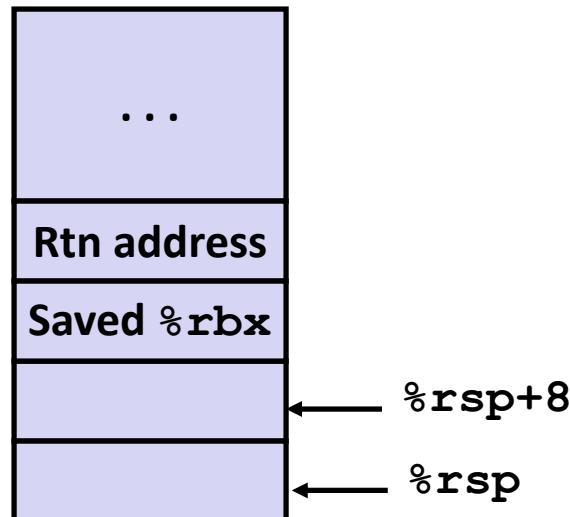
```
long call_incr2(long x) {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return x+v2;
}
```

```
call_incr2:
    pushq %rbx
    subq $16, %rsp
    movq %rdi, %rbx
    movq $15213, 8(%rsp)
    movl $3000, %esi
    leaq 8(%rsp), %rdi
    call incr
    addq %rbx, %rax
    addq $16, %rsp
    popq %rbx
    ret
```

Initial Stack Structure



Resulting Stack Structure

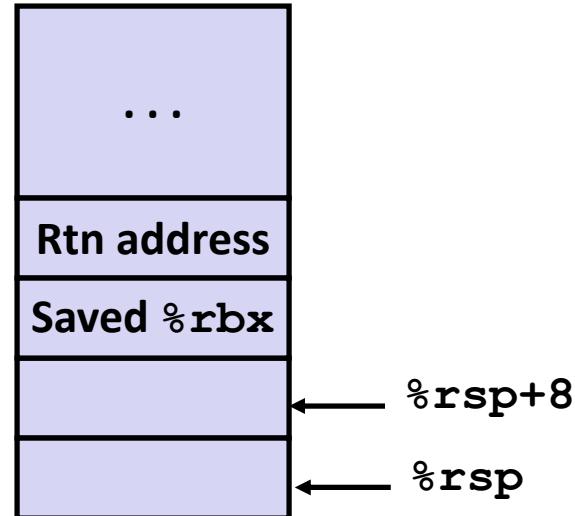


# Callee-Saved Example #4

```
long call_incr2(long x) {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return x+v2;
}
```

```
call_incr2:
    pushq %rbx
    subq $16, %rsp
    movq %rdi, %rbx
    movq $15213, 8(%rsp)
    movl $3000, %esi
    leaq 8(%rsp), %rdi
    call incr
    addq %rbx, %rax
    addq $16, %rsp
    popq %rbx
    ret
```

Stack Structure



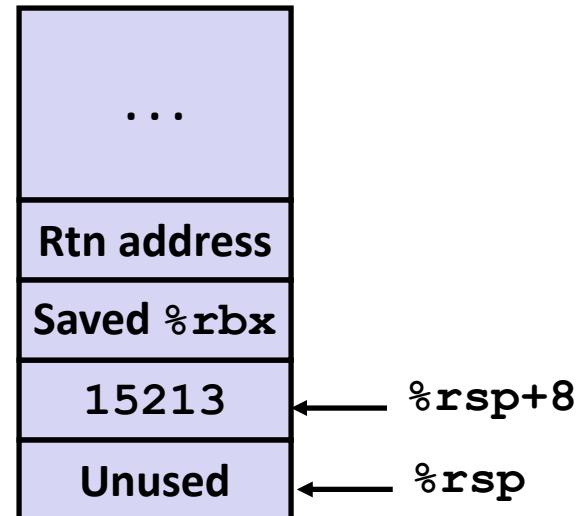
- **x** is saved in **%rbx**,  
a callee saved register

# Callee-Saved Example #5

Stack Structure

```
long call_incr2(long x) {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return x+v2;
}
```

```
call_incr2:
    pushq %rbx
    subq $16, %rsp
    movq %rdi, %rbx
    movq $15213, 8(%rsp)
    movl $3000, %esi
    leaq 8(%rsp), %rdi
    call incr
    addq %rbx, %rax
    addq $16, %rsp
    popq %rbx
    ret
```



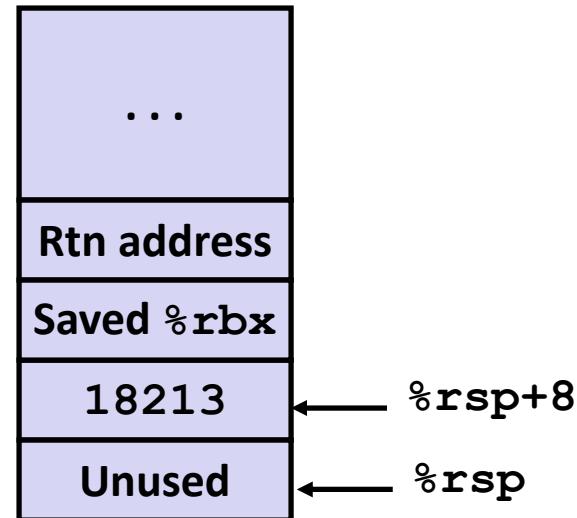
- **x** is saved in **%rbx**,  
a callee saved register

# Callee-Saved Example #6

Stack Structure

```
long call_incr2(long x) {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return x+v2;
}
```

```
call_incr2:
    pushq %rbx
    subq $16, %rsp
    movq %rdi, %rbx
    movq $15213, 8(%rsp)
    movl $3000, %esi
    leaq 8(%rsp), %rdi
    call incr
    addq %rbx, %rax
    addq $16, %rsp
    popq %rbx
    ret
```



Upon return from incr:

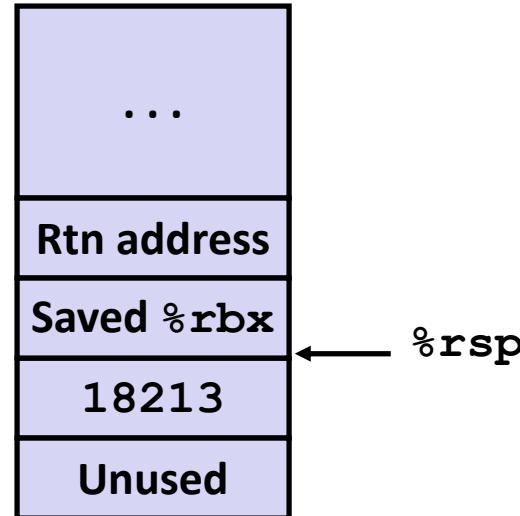
- **x** is safe in **%rbx**
- Return result **v2** is in **%rax**
- Compute **x+v2**

# Callee-Saved Example #7

```
long call_incr2(long x) {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return x+v2;
}
```

```
call_incr2:
    pushq %rbx
    subq $16, %rsp
    movq %rdi, %rbx
    movq $15213, 8(%rsp)
    movl $3000, %esi
    leaq 8(%rsp), %rdi
    call incr
    addq %rbx, %rax
    addq $16, %rsp
    popq %rbx
    ret
```

Stack Structure



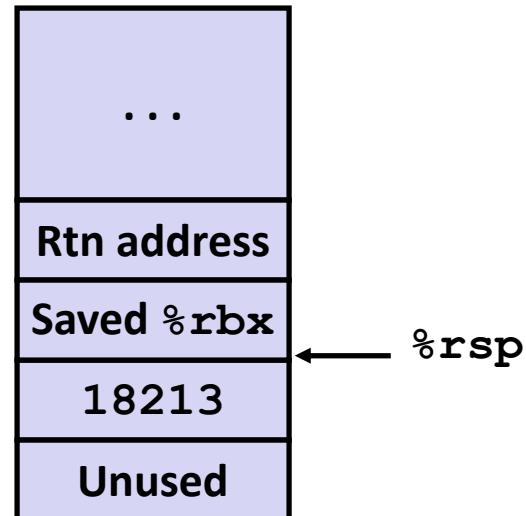
- Return result in **%rax**

# Callee-Saved Example #8

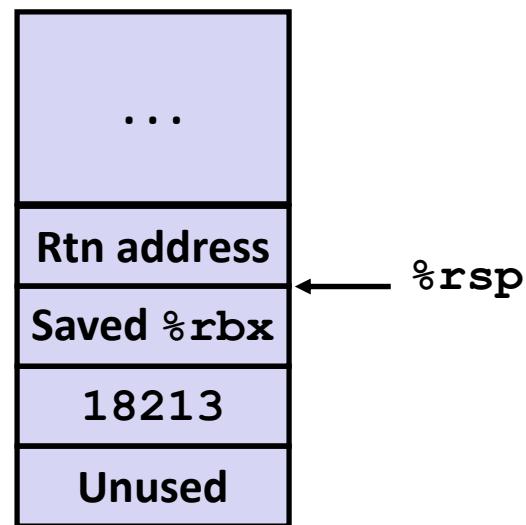
```
long call_incr2(long x) {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return x+v2;
}
```

```
call_incr2:
    pushq %rbx
    subq $16, %rsp
    movq %rdi, %rbx
    movq $15213, 8(%rsp)
    movl $3000, %esi
    leaq 8(%rsp), %rdi
    call incr
    addq %rbx, %rax
    addq $16, %rsp
    popq %rbx
    ret
```

Initial Stack Structure



final Stack Structure



# Today

## ■ Procedures

- Mechanisms
- Stack Structure
- Calling Conventions
  - Passing control
  - Passing data
  - Managing local data
- Illustration of Recursion

# Recursive Function

```
/* Recursive popcount */
long pcount_r(unsigned long x) {
    if (x == 0)
        return 0;
    else
        return (x & 1)
            + pcount_r(x >> 1);
}
```

```
pcount_r:
    movl    $0, %eax
    testq   %rdi, %rdi
    je      .L6
    pushq   %rbx
    movq   %rdi, %rbx
    andl    $1, %ebx
    shrq   %rdi
    call    pcount_r
    addq   %rbx, %rax
    popq   %rbx
.L6:
    rep; ret
```

# Recursive Function Terminal Case

```
/* Recursive popcount */
long pcount_r(unsigned long x) {
    if (x == 0)
        return 0;
    else
        return (x & 1)
            + pcount_r(x >> 1);
}
```

pcount\_r:

movl	\$0, %eax
testq	%rdi, %rdi
je	.L6
pushq	%rbx
movq	%rdi, %rbx
andl	\$1, %ebx
shrq	%rdi
call	pcount_r
addq	%rbx, %rax
popq	%rbx

.L6:

rep; ret

Register	Use(s)	Type
%rdi	x	Argument
%rax	Return value	Return value

# Recursive Function Register Save

```
/* Recursive popcount */
long pcount_r(unsigned long x) {
    if (x == 0)
        return 0;
    else
        return (x & 1)
            + pcount_r(x >> 1);
}
```

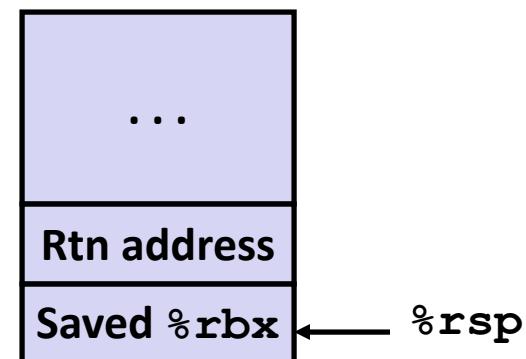
pcount\_r:

movl	\$0, %eax
testq	%rdi, %rdi
je	.L6
<b>pushq</b>	<b>%rbx</b>
movq	%rdi, %rbx
andl	\$1, %ebx
shrq	%rdi
call	pcount_r
addq	%rbx, %rax
popq	%rbx

.L6:

rep; ret

Register	Use(s)	Type
%rdi	x	Argument



# Recursive Function Call Setup

```
/* Recursive popcount */
long pcount_r(unsigned long x) {
    if (x == 0)
        return 0;
    else
        return (x & 1)
            + pcount_r(x >> 1);
}
```

**pcount\_r:**

movl	\$0, %eax
testq	%rdi, %rdi
je	.L6
pushq	%rbx
movq	%rdi, %rbx
andl	\$1, %ebx
shrq	%rdi
call	pcount_r
addq	%rbx, %rax
popq	%rbx

**.L6:**

rep; ret

Register	Use(s)	Type
%rdi	x >> 1	Recursive argument
%rbx	x & 1	Callee-saved

# Recursive Function Call

```
/* Recursive popcount */
long pcount_r(unsigned long x) {
    if (x == 0)
        return 0;
    else
        return (x & 1)
            + pcount_r(x >> 1);
}
```

**pcount\_r:**

movl	\$0, %eax
testq	%rdi, %rdi
je	.L6
pushq	%rbx
movq	%rdi, %rbx
andl	\$1, %ebx
shrq	%rdi
call	<b>pcount_r</b>
addq	%rbx, %rax
popq	%rbx

**.L6:**

**rep; ret**

Register	Use(s)	Type
%rbx	x & 1	Callee-saved
%rax	Recursive call return value	

# Recursive Function Result

```
/* Recursive popcount */
long pcount_r(unsigned long x) {
    if (x == 0)
        return 0;
    else
        return (x & 1)
            + pcount_r(x >> 1);
}
```

pcount\_r:

movl	\$0, %eax
testq	%rdi, %rdi
je	.L6
pushq	%rbx
movq	%rdi, %rbx
andl	\$1, %ebx
shrq	%rdi
call	pcount_r
addq	%rbx, %rax
popq	%rbx

.L6:

rep; ret

Register	Use(s)	Type
%rbx	x & 1	Callee-saved
%rax	Return value	

# Recursive Function Completion

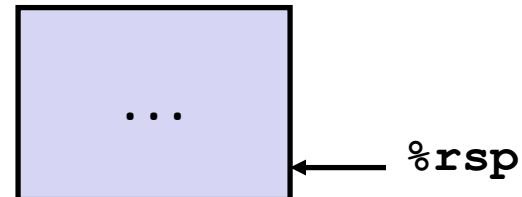
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long pcount_r(unsigned long x) {
    if (x == 0)
        return 0;
    else
        return (x & 1)
            + pcount_r(x >> 1);
}
```

pcount\_r:

movl	\$0, %eax
testq	%rdi, %rdi
je	.L6
pushq	%rbx
movq	%rdi, %rbx
andl	\$1, %ebx
shrq	%rdi
call	pcount_r
addq	%rbx, %rax
popq	%rbx

.L6:

rep; ret



# Observations About Recursion

## ■ Handled Without Special Consideration

- Stack frames mean that each function call has private storage
  - Saved registers & local variables
  - Saved return pointer
- Register saving conventions prevent one function call from corrupting another's data
  - Unless the C code explicitly does so (e.g., buffer overflow in Lecture 9)
- Stack discipline follows call / return pattern
  - If P calls Q, then Q returns before P
  - Last-In, First-Out

## ■ Also works for mutual recursion

- P calls Q; Q calls P

# x86-64 Procedure Summary

## ■ Important Points

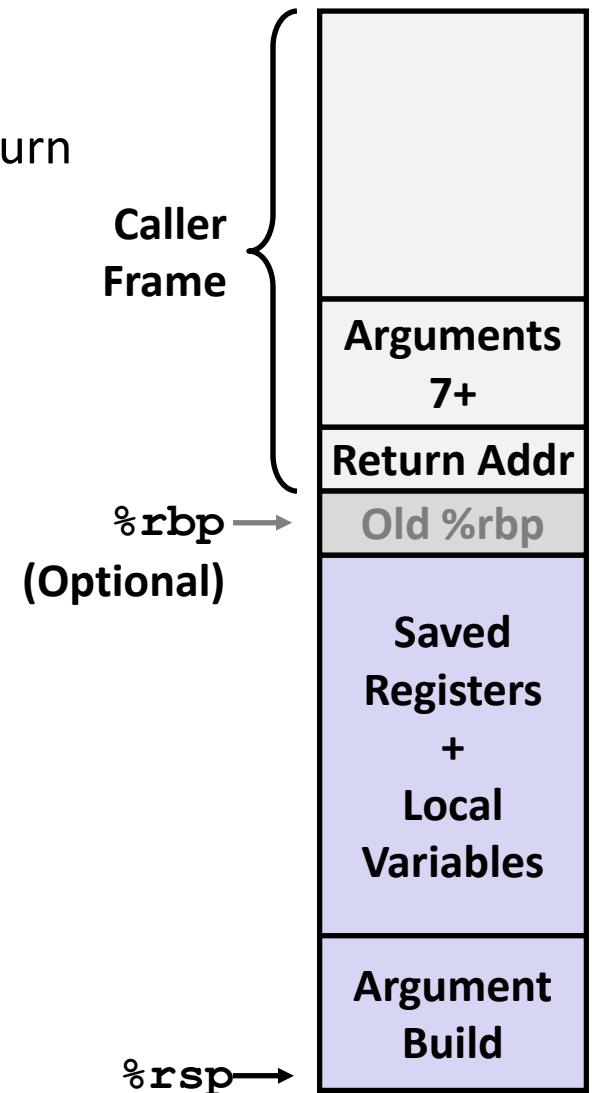
- Stack is the right data structure for procedure call/return
  - If P calls Q, then Q returns before P

## ■ Recursion (& mutual recursion) handled by normal calling conventions

- Can safely store values in local stack frame and in callee-saved registers
- Put function arguments at top of stack
- Result return in `%rax`

## ■ Pointers are addresses of values

- On stack or global



```
long my_switch
    (long x, long y, long z)
{
    long w = 1;
    switch(x) {
        case 1:
            w = y*z;
            break;
        case 2:
            w = y/z;
            /* Fall Through */
        case 3:
            w += z;
            break;
        case 5:
        case 6:
            w -= z;
            break;
        default:
            w = 2;
    }
    return w;
}
```

# Switch Statement Example

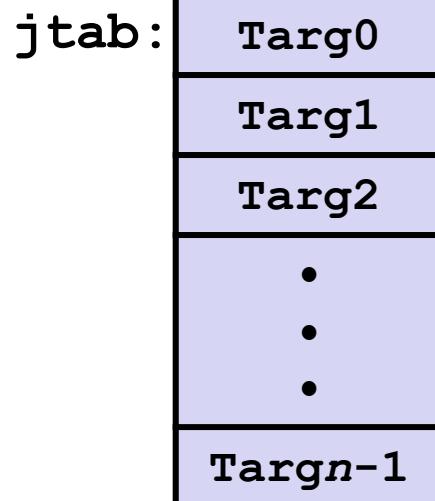
- Multiple case labels
  - Here: 5 & 6
- Fall through cases
  - Here: 2
- Missing cases
  - Here: 4

# Jump Table Structure

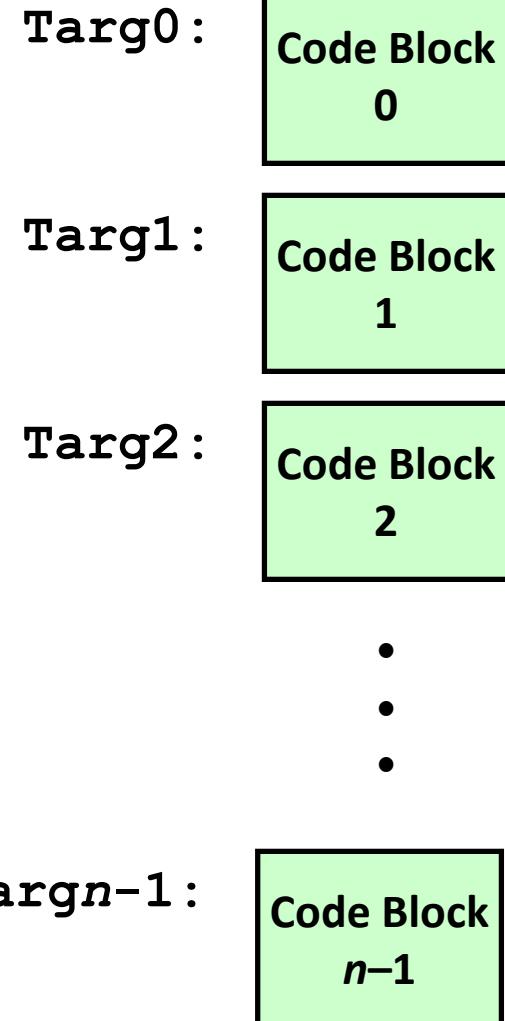
## Switch Form

```
switch(x) {
    case val_0:
        Block 0
    case val_1:
        Block 1
    • • •
    case val_n-1:
        Block n-1
}
```

## Jump Table



## Jump Targets



## Translation (Extended C)

```
goto *JTab[x];
```

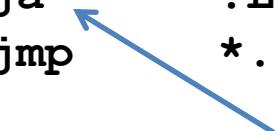
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    long w = 1;
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        . . .
    }
    return w;
}
```

Setup

my\_switch:

```
movq    %rdx, %rcx
cmpq    $6, %rdi    # x:6
ja      .L8
jmp    * .L4(,%rdi,8)
```



What range of values  
takes default?

Register	Use(s)
%rdi	Argument <b>x</b>
%rsi	Argument <b>y</b>
%rdx	Argument <b>z</b>
%rax	Return value

Note that **w** not  
initialized here

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## Setup

```
my_switch:
    movq    %rdx, %rcx
    cmpq    $6, %rdi    # x:6
    ja     .L8          # use default
    jmp    * .L4(,%rdi,8)  # goto *Jtab[x]
```



*Indirect  
jump*

## Jump table

```
.section    .rodata
.align 8
.L4:
.quad      .L8    # x = 0
.quad      .L3    # x = 1
.quad      .L5    # x = 2
.quad      .L9    # x = 3
.quad      .L8    # x = 4
.quad      .L7    # x = 5
.quad      .L7    # x = 6
```

# Assembly Setup Explanation

## ■ Table Structure

- Each target requires 8 bytes
- Base address at `.L4`

## ■ Jumping

- **Direct:** `jmp .L8`
- Jump target is denoted by label `.L8`
- **Indirect:** `jmp * .L4 ( , %rdi , 8 )`
- Start of jump table: `.L4`
- Must scale by factor of 8 (addresses are 8 bytes)
- Fetch target from effective Address `.L4 + x*8`
  - Only for  $0 \leq x \leq 6$

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```

```
switch(x) {
    case 1:          // .L3
        w = y*z;
        break;
    case 2:          // .L5
        w = y/z;
        /* Fall Through */
    case 3:          // .L9
        w += z;
        break;
    case 5:
    case 6:          // .L7
        w -= z;
        break;
    default:         // .L8
        w = 2;
}
```

# Code Blocks ( $x == 1$ )

```
switch(x) {  
    case 1:          // .L3  
        w = y*z;  
        break;  
    . . .  
}
```

```
.L3:  
    movq    %rsi, %rax # y  
    imulq   %rdx, %rax # y*z  
    ret
```

Register	Use(s)
%rdi	Argument <b>x</b>
%rsi	Argument <b>y</b>
%rdx	Argument <b>z</b>
%rax	Return value

# Handling Fall-Through

```
long w = 1;  
.  
.  
switch(x) {  
.  
. . .  
case 2:  
    w = y/z;  
    /* Fall Through */  
case 3:  
    w += z;  
    break;  
.  
. . .  
}
```

```
case 2:  
    w = y/z;  
    goto merge;
```

```
case 3:  
    w = 1;  
  
merge:  
    w += z;
```

# Code Blocks ( $x == 2$ , $x == 3$ )

```

long w = 1;
. . .
switch(x) {
. . .
case 2:
    w = y/z;
    /* Fall Through */
case 3:
    w += z;
    break;
. . .
}

```

```

.L5:          # Case 2
    movq    %rsi, %rax
    cqto          # sign extend
                  # rax to rdx:rax
    idivq   %rcx      # y/z
    jmp     .L6       # goto merge
.L9:          # Case 3
    movl    $1, %eax  # w = 1
.L6:          # merge:
    addq    %rcx, %rax # w += z
    ret

```

Register	Use(s)
%rdi	Argument <b>x</b>
%rsi	Argument <b>y</b>
%rcx	<b>z</b>
%rax	Return value

# Code Blocks ( $x == 5$ , $x == 6$ , default)

```
switch(x) {
    . . .
    case 5: // .L7
    case 6: // .L7
        w -= z;
        break;
    default: // .L8
        w = 2;
}
```

```
.L7:                      # Case 5,6
    movl $1, %eax      # w = 1
    subq %rdx, %rax   # w -= z
    ret
.L8:                      # Default:
    movl $2, %eax      # 2
    ret
```

Register	Use(s)
%rdi	Argument <b>x</b>
%rsi	Argument <b>y</b>
%rdx	Argument <b>z</b>
%rax	Return value

# Summarizing

## ■ C Control

- if-then-else
- do-while
- while, for
- switch

## ■ Assembler Control

- Conditional jump
- Conditional move
- Indirect jump (via jump tables)
- Compiler generates code sequence to implement more complex control

## ■ Standard Techniques

- Loops converted to do-while or jump-to-middle form
- Large switch statements use jump tables
- Sparse switch statements may use decision trees (if-elseif-elseif-else)

# Finding Jump Table in Binary

```
00000000004005e0 <switch_eg>:  
4005e0: 48 89 d1          mov    %rdx,%rcx  
4005e3: 48 83 ff 06       cmp    $0x6,%rdi  
4005e7: 77 2b             ja     400614 <switch_eg+0x34>  
4005e9: ff 24 fd f0 07 40 00 jmpq   *0x4007f0(,%rdi,8)  
4005f0: 48 89 f0          mov    %rsi,%rax  
4005f3: 48 0f af c2       imul   %rdx,%rax  
4005f7: c3                 retq  
4005f8: 48 89 f0          mov    %rsi,%rax  
4005fb: 48 99             cqto  
4005fd: 48 f7 f9          idiv   %rcx  
400600: eb 05             jmp    400607 <switch_eg+0x27>  
400602: b8 01 00 00 00     mov    $0x1,%eax  
400607: 48 01 c8          add    %rcx,%rax  
40060a: c3                 retq  
40060b: b8 01 00 00 00     mov    $0x1,%eax  
400610: 48 29 d0          sub    %rdx,%rax  
400613: c3                 retq  
400614: b8 02 00 00 00     mov    $0x2,%eax  
400619: c3                 retq
```

# Finding Jump Table in Binary (cont.)

```
00000000004005e0 <switch_eg>:  
.  
. . .  
4005e9: ff 24 fd f0 07 40 00 jmpq *0x4007f0(,%rdi,8)  
. . .
```

```
% gdb switch  
(gdb) x /8xg 0x4007f0  
0x4007f0: 0x0000000000400614 0x00000000004005f0  
0x400800: 0x00000000004005f8 0x0000000000400602  
0x400810: 0x0000000000400614 0x000000000040060b  
0x400820: 0x000000000040060b 0x2c646c25203d2078  
(gdb)
```

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0x400820: 0x000000000040060b
0x400830: 0x00000000004005f0
0x400840: 0x0000000000400602
0x400850: 0x000000000040060b
0x400860: 0x2c646c25203d2078
```

...		
4005f0:	48 89 f0	mov %rsi,%rax
4005f3:	48 0f af c2	imul %rdx,%rax
4005f7:	c3	retq
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4005fb:	48 99	cqto
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