

Recursive Example

factorial

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0x08048068 <+1>:      mov     %esp,%ebp
0x0804806a <+3>:      mov     0x8(%ebp),%eax
0x0804806d <+6>:      cmp     $0x1,%eax
0x08048070 <+9>:      je      0x804807f <end_factorial>
0x08048072 <+11>:     dec     %eax
0x08048073 <+12>:     push   %eax
0x08048074 <+13>:     call   0x8048067 <factorial>
0x08048079 <+18>:     mov     0x8(%ebp),%ebx
0x0804807c <+21>:     imul   %ebx,%eax
```

_start

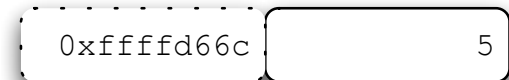
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0x08048054 <+0>:      push    $0x5
0x08048056 <+2>:      call    0x8048067 <factorial>
0x0804805b <+7>:      add     $0x4,%esp
0x0804805e <+10>:     mov     %eax,%ebx
0x08048060 <+12>:     mov     $0x1,%eax
0x08048065 <+17>:     int     $0x80
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just before the call to factorial

_start

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```

Stack



just after the call to factorial(5)

factorial

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_start

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```

Stack

0xffffd664	0x00000000	old EBP
0xffffd668	0x0804805b	line in _start after call to factorial
0xffffd66c	5	

about to call factorial(4)

factorial

```
0x08048067 <+0>: push    %ebp
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_start

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```

Stack

0xffffd660	4	
0xffffd664	0x00000000	old EBP
0xffffd668	0x0804805b	line in _start after call to factorial
0xffffd66c	5	

about to call factorial(3)

factorial

```
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0x08048072 <+11>: dec     %eax
0x08048073 <+12>: push    %eax
0x08048074 <+13>: call    0x8048067 <factorial>
0x08048079 <+18>: mov     0x8(%ebp),%ebx
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_start

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```

Stack

0xffffd654	3	
0xffffd658	0xffffd664	old EBP
0xffffd65c	0x08048079	line in factorial after call to factorial
0xffffd660	4	
0xffffd664	0x00000000	old EBP
0xffffd668	0x0804805b	line in _start after call to factorial
0xffffd66c	5	

about to call factorial(2)

factorial

```
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0x08048070 <+9>: je      0x804807f <end_factorial>
0x08048072 <+11>: dec     %eax
0x08048073 <+12>: push    %eax
0x08048074 <+13>: call    0x8048067 <factorial>
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```

_start

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Stack

0xffffd648	2	
0xffffd64c	0xffffd658	old EBP
0xffffd650	0x08048079	line in factorial after call to factorial
0xffffd654	3	
0xffffd658	0xffffd664	old EBP
0xffffd65c	0x08048079	line in factorial after call to factorial
0xffffd660	4	
0xffffd664	0x00000000	old EBP
0xffffd668	0x0804805b	line in _start after call to factorial
0xffffd66c	5	

about to call factorial(1)

factorial

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_start

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```

Stack

0xffffd63c	1	
0xffffd640	0xffffd64c	old EBP
0xffffd644	0x08048079	line in factorial after call to factorial
0xffffd648	2	
0xffffd64c	0xffffd658	old EBP
0xffffd650	0x08048079	line in factorial after call to factorial
0xffffd654	3	
0xffffd658	0xffffd664	old EBP
0xffffd65c	0x08048079	line in factorial after call to factorial
0xffffd660	4	
0xffffd664	0x00000000	old EBP
0xffffd668	0x0804805b	line in _start after call to factorial
0xffffd66c	5	

in factorial(1)

factorial

```

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Stack

0xffffd634	0xffffd640	old EBP
0xffffd638	0x08048079	line in factorial after call to factorial
0xffffd63c	1	
0xffffd640	0xffffd64c	old EBP
0xffffd644	0x08048079	line in factorial after call to factorial
0xffffd648	2	
0xffffd64c	0xffffd658	old EBP
0xffffd650	0x08048079	line in factorial after call to factorial
0xffffd654	3	
0xffffd658	0xffffd664	old EBP
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How did we get these values? GDB.

- to get the code in assembly:
 - `disas label e.g.,`
 - `disas _start`
 - `disas factorial`
- to read the value stored in register `%ebp`
 - `p $ebp`
- to read a series of 20 values stored on the stack starting with the value stored in `%esp`:
 - `x/20x $esp`