Local variables

argc (int)

argv (pointer)

envp (pointer)

argv[0] (pointer)

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. each array entry is a pointer to char\*

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argv[argc] (pointer)

envp[0] (pointer)

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. each array entry is a pointer to char \*

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envp[n] (pointer)

Strings for argv[]

(e.g., 1, “Hello World”)

Strings for envp[]

(e.g., “PATH=/usr/bin/env:…”)

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OS/Kernel

Stack growth

Higher memory addresses

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Lower memory addresses

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Fig. Main Function’s Stack and Environment Variables and Augments Locations