

Computer Systems Fundamentals

[call return.c](#)

C Function with No Parameters or Return Value

```
#include <stdio.h>

void f(void);

int main(void) {
    printf("calling function f\n");
    f();
    printf("back from function f\n");
    return 0;
}

void f(void) {
    printf("in function f\n");
}
```

[call return.broken.s](#)

simple example of returning from a function loops because main does not save return address

```
main:
    la $a0, string0 # printf("calling function f\n");
    li $v0, 4
    syscall

    jal f           # set $ra to following address

    la $a0, string1 # printf("back from function f\n");
    li $v0, 4
    syscall

    li $v0, 0        # fails because $ra changes since main called
    jr $ra           # return from function main


f:
    la $a0, string2 # printf("in function f\n");
    li $v0, 4
    syscall
    jr $ra           # return from function f


.data
string0:
    .asciiz "calling function f\n"
string1:
    .asciiz "back from function f\n"
string2:
    .asciiz "in function f\n"
```

[call return raw.s](#)

simple example of placing return address on stack note stack grows down

```

main:
    addi $sp, $sp, -4      # move stack pointer down to make room
    sw   $ra, 0($sp)       # save $ra on stack

    la   $a0, string0      # printf("calling function f\n");
    li   $v0, 4
    syscall

    jal  f                 # set $ra to following address

    la   $a0, string1      # printf("back from function f\n");
    li   $v0, 4
    syscall

    lw   $ra, 0($sp)       # recover $ra from stack
    addi $sp, $sp, 4        # move stack pointer back to what it was

    li   $v0, 0              # return 0 from function main
    jr  $ra                  #

f:
    la   $a0, string2      # printf("in function f\n");
    li   $v0, 4
    syscall
    jr  $ra                  # return from function f

.data
string0:
    .asciiz "calling function f\n"
string1:
    .asciiz "back from function f\n"
string2:
    .asciiz "in function f\n"

```

[call return.s](#)

simple example of placing return address on stack begin_end_push_pop are pseudo-instructions provided by mipsy but not spim

```

main:
    push $ra          # save $ra on $stack

    la   $a0, string0 # printf("calling function f\n");
    li   $v0, 4
    syscall

    jal  f           # set $ra to following address

    la   $a0, string1 # printf("back from function f\n");
    li   $v0, 4
    syscall

    pop $ra          # recover $ra from $stack

    li   $v0, 0        # return 0 from function main
    jr  $ra           #

# f is a leaf function so it doesn't need an epilogue or prologue
f:
    la   $a0, string2 # printf("in function f\n");
    li   $v0, 4
    syscall
    jr  $ra           # return from function f

    .data
string0:
    .asciz "calling function f\n"
string1:
    .asciz "back from function f\n"
string2:
    .asciz "in function f\n"

```

return answer.csimple example of returning a value from a function

```

#include <stdio.h>

int answer(void);

int main(void) {
    int a = answer();
    printf("%d\n", a);
    return 0;
}

int answer(void) {
    return 42;
}

```

return answers.ssimple example of returning a value from a function note storing of return address \$ra
code for function main

```

main:
begin          # move frame pointer
push $ra        # save $ra onto stack

jal answer    # call answer(), return value will be in $v0

move $a0, $v0    # printf("%d", a);
li  $v0, 1       #
syscall      #

li  $a0, '\n'   # printf("%c", '\n');
li  $v0, 11      #
syscall      #

pop $ra         # recover $ra from stack
end            # move frame pointer back

li  $v0, 0       # return
jr $ra         #

```

code for function answer

```

answer:
li  $v0, 42      # return 42
jr $ra         #

```

[more_calls.c](#)example of function calls

```

#include <stdio.h>

int sum_product(int a, int b);
int product(int x, int y);

int main(void) {
    int z = sum_product(10, 12);
    printf("%d\n", z);
    return 0;
}

int sum_product(int a, int b) {
    int p = product(6, 7);
    return p + a + b;
}

int product(int x, int y) {
    return x * y;
}

```

[more_calls.s](#)example of function calls note storing of return address \$a0, \$a1 and \$ra on stack

```
main:
begin          # move frame pointer
push $ra        # save $ra onto stack
```

```
li $a0, 10      # sum_product(10, 12);
li $a1, 12
jal sum_product

move $a0, $v0      # printf("%d", z);
li $v0, 1
syscall
```

```
li $a0, '\n'    # printf("%c", '\n');
li $v0, 11
syscall
```

```
pop $ra          # recover $ra from stack
end            # move frame pointer back
```

```
li $v0, 0        # return 0 from function main
jr $ra          # return from function main
```

sum_product:

```
begin          # move frame pointer
push $ra        # save $ra onto stack
push $s0        # save $s0 onto stack
push $s1        # save $s1 onto stack
```

```
move $s0, $a0      # preserve $a0 for use after function call
move $s1, $a1      # preserve $a1 for use after function call
```

```
li $a0, 6        # product(6, 7);
li $a1, 7
jal product
```

```
add $v0, $v0, $s0 # add a and b to value returned in $v0
add $v0, $v0, $s1 # and put result in $v0 to be returned
```

```
pop $s1          # recover $s1 from stack
pop $s0          # recover $s0 from stack
pop $ra          # recover $ra from stack
end            # move frame pointer back
```

```
jr $ra          # return from sum_product
```

```
product:          # product doesn't call other functions
                    # so it doesn't need to save any registers
mul $v0, $a0, $a1 # return argument * argument 2
jr $ra             #
```

two_powerful.c

recursive function which prints first 20 powers of two in reverse

```
#include <stdio.h>

void two(int i);

int main(void) {
    two(1);
}

void two(int i) {
    if (i < 1000000) {
        two(2 * i);
    }
    printf("%d\n", i);
}
```

[two_powerful.s](#)

simple example of placing return address (\$ra) and \$a0 on the stack recursive function which prints first 20 powers of two in reverse

```

main:
begin          # move frame pointer
push $ra        # save $ra onto stack

li   $a0, 1
jal  two       # two(1);

pop  $ra        # recover $ra from stack
end            # move frame pointer back

li   $v0, 0      # return 0
jr   $ra        #

two:
begin          # move frame pointer
push $ra        # save $ra onto stack
push $s0        # save $s0 onto stack

move $s0, $a0

bge  $a0, 1000000, two end if
mul  $a0, $a0, 2
jal  two

two end if:

move $a0, $s0
li   $v0, 1      # printf("%d");
syscall

li   $a0, '\n'   # printf("%c", '\n');
li   $v0, 11
syscall

pop  $s0        # recover $s0 from stack
pop  $ra        # recover $ra from stack
end            # move frame pointer back

jr   $ra        # return from two

```

[squares.c](#)

store first 10 squares into an array which is a local variable then print them from array

```

#include <stdio.h>

int main(void) {
    int squares[10];
    int i = 0;
    while (i < 10) {
        squares[i] = i * i;
        i++;
    }
    i = 0;
    while (i < 10) {
        printf("%d", squares[i]);
        printf("%c", '\n');
        i++;
    }
    return 0;
}

```

[squares.s](#)

i in register \$t0 registers \$t1, and \$t2, used to hold temporary results

```

main:
    begin          # move frame pointer
    addi $sp, $sp, -40 # move stack pointer down to make room to store array numbers on stack

    li   $t0, 0      # i = 0
loop0:
    bge $t0, 10, end0 # while (i < 10) {

        mul $t1, $t0, 4    # calculate &numbers[i]
        add $t2, $t1, $sp # 
        mul $t3, $t0, $t0 # calculate i * i
        sw  $t3, ($t2)    # store in array

        addi $t0, $t0, 1    # i++;
    b   loop0          # }

end0:

    li   $t0, 0      # i = 0
loop1:
    bge $t0, 10, end1 # while (i < 10) {

        mul $t1, $t0, 4
        add $t2, $t1, $sp # calculate &numbers[i]

        lw   $a0, ($t2)    # load numbers[i] into $a0
        li   $v0, 1          # printf("%d", numbers[i])
        syscall             #

        li   $a0, '\n'       # printf("%c", '\n');
        li   $v0, 11         #
        syscall             #

        addi $t0, $t0, 1    # i++;
    b   loop1          # }

end1:

    addi $sp, $sp, 40 # move stack pointer back up to what it was when main called
    end               # move frame pointer back

    li   $v0, 0          # return 0
    jr   $ra             #

```

frame_pointer.cexample of function where frame pointer useful because stack grows during function execution

```

#include <stdio.h>

void f(int a) {
    int length;
    scanf("%d", &length);
    int array[length];
    // ... more code ...
    printf("%d\n", a);
}

```

frame_pointer.broken.sexample stack growing during function execution breaking the function return

```
f:
    addi $sp, $sp, -8      # move stack pointer down to make room
    sw   $ra, 4($sp)       # save $ra on $stack
    sw   $a0, 0($sp)       # save $a0 on $stack

    li   $v0, 5             # scanf("%d", &length);
    syscall

    mul  $v0, $v0, 4        # calculate array size
    sub  $sp, $sp, $v0       # move stack pointer down to hold array

    # ...

    # breaks because stack pointer moved down to hold array
    # so we won't restore the correct value
    lw   $ra, 4($sp)       # restore $ra from $stack
    addi $sp, $sp, 8         # move stack pointer back up to what it was when main called

    jr   $ra                 # return from f
```

frame pointersusing a frame pointer to handle stack growing during function execution

```
f:
begin                      # move frame pointer
push $ra                   # save $ra on stack

li   $v0, 5                 # scanf("%d", &length);
syscall

mul  $v0, $v0, 4            # calculate array size
sub  $sp, $sp, $v0           # move stack pointer down to hold array

# ... more code ...

pop  $ra                   # restore $ra
end
jr   $ra                   # return
```

strlen_array.ccalculate the length of a string using a strlen like function

```
#include <stdio.h>

int my_strlen(char *s);

int main(void) {
    int i = my_strlen("Hello");
    printf("%d\n", i);
    return 0;
}

int my_strlen(char *s) {
    int length = 0;
    while (s[length] != 0) {
        length++;
    }
    return length;
}
```

strlen_array.simple.ccalculate the length of a string using a strlen like function

```
#include <stdio.h>

int my_strlen(char *s);

int main(void) {
    int i = my_strlen("Hello");
    printf("%d\n", i);
    return 0;
}

int my_strlen(char *s) {
    int length = 0;
loop:;
    if (s[length] == 0) goto end;
    length++;
    goto loop;
end:;
    return length;
}
```

strlen_array.ssimple example of placing return address (\$ra) on the stack calculate the length of a string using a strlen like function

```
main:
begin          # move frame pointer
push $ra        # save $ra onto stack

la  $a0, string  # my_strlen("Hello");
jal my_strlen

move $a0, $v0      # printf("%d", i);
li  $v0, 1
syscall

li  $a0, '\n'     # printf("%c", '\n');
li  $v0, 11
syscall

pop  $ra          # recover $ra from stack
end            # move frame pointer back

li  $v0, 0          # return 0 from function main
jr  $ra          #

my_strlen:        # length in t0, s in $a0
li  $t0, 0

loop:           # while (s[length] != 0) {
    add $t1, $a0, $t0 # calculate &s[length]
    lb   $t2, ($t1)   # load s[length] into $t2
    beq $t2, 0, end   #
    addi $t0, $t0, 1   # length++;
    b    loop          # }

end:
move $v0, $t0      # return length
jr  $ra          #

.data
string:
.ascii "Hello"
```

strlen_pointer.ccalculate the length of a string using a strlen like function

```
#include <stdio.h>

int my_strlen(char *s);

int main(void) {
    int i = my_strlen("Hello Andrew");
    printf("%d\n", i);
    return 0;
}

int my_strlen(char *s) {
    int length = 0;
    while (*s != 0) {
        length++;
        s++;
    }
    return length;
}
```

strlen_pointer.simple.ccalculate the length of a string using a strlen like function

```
#include <stdio.h>

int my_strlen(char *s);

int main(void) {
    int i = my_strlen("Hello Andrew");
    printf("%d\n", i);
    return 0;
}

int my_strlen(char *s) {
    int length = 0;
loop:
    if (*s == 0) goto end;
    length++;
    s++;
    goto loop;
end:
    return length;
}
```

strlen_pointer.ssimple example of placing return address (\$ra) on the stack calculate the length of a string using a strlen like function

```

main:
begin          # move frame pointer
push $ra        # save $ra onto stack

la  $a0, string    # my_strlen("Hello");
jal my_strlen

move $a0, $v0      # printf("%d", i);
li  $v0, 1
syscall

li  $a0, '\n'      # printf("%c", '\n');
li  $v0, 11
syscall

pop  $ra           # recover $ra from stack
end              # move frame pointer back

li  $v0, 0          # return 0 from function main
jr  $ra             #

my_strlen:          # length in t0, s in $a0
li  $t0, 0

loop:          #
lb  $t1, ($a0)    # load *s into $t1
beq $t1, 0, end   #
addi $t0, $t0, 1   # length++
addi $a0, $a0, 1   # s++
b   loop           #
end:
move $v0, $t0      # return length
jr  $ra             #

.data
string:
.ascii "Hello Andrew"

```

[stack_inspect.c](#)

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdint.h>

/*
$ clang --version
Ubuntu clang version 11.0.0-2~ubuntu20.04.1
$ clang stack inspect.c
$ a.out

0: Address 0x7ffe7d80defc contains      3    <- e[0].
1: Address 0x7ffe7d80df00 contains      7    <- e[1].
2: Address 0x7ffe7d80df04 contains      5    <- d
3: Address 0x7ffe7d80df08 contains      9    <- c
4: Address 0x7ffe7d80df0c contains     2a    <- b
5: Address 0x7ffe7d80df10 contains 7d80df30    <- saved frame pointer of main (lower 32 bits)
6: Address 0x7ffe7d80df14 contains      7ffe   <- saved frame pointer of main (upper 32 bits)
7: Address 0x7ffe7d80df18 contains    4011d3    <- saved return address of main (lower 32 bits)
8: Address 0x7ffe7d80df1c contains      0    <- saved return address of main (upper 32 bits)

9: Address 0x7ffe7d80df20 contains 7d80e020    <- STACK pointer (???) (lower 32 bits)
10: Address 0x7ffe7d80df24 contains      7ffe   <- STACK pointer (???) (upper 32 bits)
11: Address 0x7ffe7d80df28 contains      9    <- a
12: Address 0x7ffe7d80df2c contains      0    <- padding (for next 64-bit pointer ^)
13: Address 0x7ffe7d80df30 contains      0    <- saved frame pointer of _start (lower 32 bits)
14: Address 0x7ffe7d80df34 contains      0    <- saved frame pointer of _start (upper 32 bits)
15: Address 0x7ffe7d80df38 contains 9fb30b3    <- saved return address of _start (lower 32 bits)
16: Address 0x7ffe7d80df3c contains    7f98    <- saved return address of _start (upper 32 bits)
17: Address 0x7ffe7d80df40 contains      71    <- ???
18: Address 0x7ffe7d80df44 contains      0    <- ???
19: Address 0x7ffe7d80df48 contains 7d80e028    <- source information
20: Address 0x7ffe7d80df4c contains      7ffe   <- source information

$ gcc --version
gcc (Ubuntu 10.3.0-1ubuntu1~20.04) 10.3.0
$ gcc stack inspect.c
$ a.out                                # GCC stores local arrays first in the stack, so some
things are missing from the start of the output.

9    <- c
2a   <- b
          <- TEXT pointer (???)  

          <- TEXT pointer (???)  

0    <- padding (for next 64-bit pointer ^)
5    <- d
0: Address 0x7ffccc6e6e90 contains      3    <- e[0].
1: Address 0x7ffccc6e6e94 contains      7    <- e[1].
2: Address 0x7ffccc6e6e98 contains f08e2f00    <- ???
3: Address 0x7ffccc6e6e9c contains 8c526a01    <- ???
4: Address 0x7ffccc6e6ea0 contains cc6ebec0    <- saved frame pointer of main (lower 32 bits)
5: Address 0x7ffccc6e6ea4 contains      7ffc   <- saved frame pointer of main (upper 32 bits)
6: Address 0x7ffccc6e6ea8 contains 11c6a221    <- saved return address of main (lower 32 bits)
7: Address 0x7ffccc6e6eac contains    5582    <- saved return address of main (upper 32 bits)

8: Address 0x7ffccc6e6eb0 contains cc6e6fb0    <- STACK pointer (???) (lower 32 bits)
9: Address 0x7ffccc6e6eb4 contains      7ffc   <- STACK pointer (???) (upper 32 bits)
10: Address 0x7ffccc6e6eb8 contains      0    <- padding (for next 64-bit pointer ^)
11: Address 0x7ffccc6e6ebc contains      9    <- a
12: Address 0x7ffccc6e6ec0 contains      0    <- saved frame pointer of _start (lower 32 bits)
13: Address 0x7ffccc6e6ec4 contains      0    <- saved frame pointer of _start (upper 32 bits)
14: Address 0x7ffccc6e6ec8 contains 6f6d70b3    <- saved return address of _start (lower 32 bits)
15: Address 0x7ffccc6e6ecc contains    7fba    <- saved return address of _start (upper 32 bits)
16: Address 0x7ffccc6e6ed0 contains      71    <- ???
17: Address 0x7ffccc6e6ed4 contains      0    <- ???
18: Address 0x7ffccc6e6ed8 contains cc6e6fb8    <- source information
19: Address 0x7ffccc6e6edc contains      7ffc   <- source information
20: Address 0x7ffccc6e6ee0 contains 6f898618    <- ??? (upper 32 bits)

*/
void f(int b, int c) {
    int d = 5;
    uint32_t e[2] = { 3, 7 };

    for (int i = 0; i < 20; i++)
}

```

```

    printf("%2d: Address %p contains %8x\n", i, &e[i], e[0 + i]);
}

int main(void) {
    int a = 9;
    f(42, a);
    return 0;
}

```

[invalid0.c](#)Run at CSE like this

```
$ clang -Wno-everything invalid0.c -o invalid0
$ ./invalid0
42 77 77 77 77 77 77 77 77 77
```

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int main(void) {
    int a[10];
    int b[10];
    printf("a[0] is at address %p\n", &a[0]);
    printf("a[9] is at address %p\n", &a[9]);
    printf("b[0] is at address %p\n", &b[0]);
    printf("b[9] is at address %p\n", &b[9]);

    for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
        a[i] = 77;
    }

    // loop writes to b[10] .. b[12] which don't exist -
    // on CSE servers (clang 7.0 x86_64/Linux)
    // b[12] is stored where a[0] is stored
    // on CSE servers (clang 7.0 x86_64/Linux)
    // b[10] is stored where a[0] is stored

    for (int i = 0; i <= 12; i++) {
        b[i] = 42;
    }

    // prints 42 77 77 77 77 77 77 77 77 77 on x86_64/Linux
    // prints 42 42 42 77 77 77 77 77 77 77 at CSE
    for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
        printf("%d ", a[i]);
    }
    printf("\n");

    return 0;
}

```

[invalid1.c](#)

Run at CSE like this

```
$ clang -Wno-everything invalid1.c -o invalid1
$ ./invalid1
i is at address 0x7ffe2c01cd58
a[0] is at address 0x7ffe2c01cd30
a[9] is at address 0x7ffe2c01cd54
a[10] would be stored at address 0x7ffe2c01cd58
```

doesn't terminate

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int main(void) {
    int i;
    int a[10];
    printf("i is at address %p\n", &i);
    printf("a[0] is at address %p\n", &a[0]);
    printf("a[9] is at address %p\n", &a[9]);
    printf("a[10] would be stored at address %p\n", &a[10]);

    // loop writes to a[10] .. a[11] which don't exist -
    // but on CSE servers (clang 7.0 x86_64/Linux)
    // i would be stored where a[11] is stored

    for (i = 0; i <= 11; i++) {
        a[i] = 0;
    }

    return 0;
}
```

[invalid2.c](#)

Run at CSE like this

```
$ clang -Wno-everything invalid2.c -o invalid2
$ ./invalid2
answer=42
```

```
#include <stdio.h>

void f(int x);

int main(void) {
    int answer = 36;
    printf("answer is stored at address %p\n", &answer);

    f(5);
    printf("answer=%d\n", answer); // prints 42 not 36

    return 0;
}

void f(int x) {
    int a[10];

    // a[18] doesn't exist
    // on CSE servers (clang 7.0 x86_64/Linux)
    // variable answer in main happens to be where a[19] would be

    printf("a[18] would be stored at address %p\n", &a[18]);

    a[18] = 42;
}
```

[invalid3.c](#)

Run at CSE like this

```
$ clang -Wno-everything invalid3.c -o invalid3
$ ./invalid3
```

I hate you.
\$

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdint.h>

void f(void);

int main(void) {
    f();

    printf("I love you and will never say,\n");
    printf("I hate you.\n");

    return 0;
}

void f(void) {
    uint64_t a[11];

#ifdef __clang__
#if __clang_major__ >= 16
#error "Don't know the correct offset for this clang version"
#elif __clang_major__ >= 14
    a[2] += 14;
#elif __clang_major__ >= 4
    a[2] += 17;
#elif __clang_major__ == 3
#if __clang_minor__ >= 5
    a[2] += 17;
#elif __clang_minor__ >= 4
    a[2] += 15;
#else
// clang 3.0-3.3 are broken on godbolt.org
#error "Don't know the correct offset for this clang version"
#endif
#else
// clang <3.0 are not available on godbolt.org
#error "Don't know the correct offset for this clang version"
#endif
#else
#error "This program must be compiled with clang"
#endif

    // function f has its return address on the stack
    // the call of function f from main should return to
    // the next statement which is: printf("I love you and will never say,\n");
    //
    // on CSE servers (clang 11.0 x86_64/Linux)
    // f's return address is stored where a[2] would be
    //
    // so changing a[2] changes where the function returns
    //
    // adding 17 to a[12] happens to cause it to return 2 statements later
    // at: printf("I hate you.\n");
}
```

[invalid4.c](#)

Run at CSE like this

```
$ clang invalid4.c -o invalid4
$ ./invalid4
authenticated is at address 0xff94bf44
password is at address 0xff94bf3c
```

Enter your password: 123456789

Welcome. You are authorized.

\$

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    int authenticated = 0;
    char password[8];

    printf("authenticated is at address %p\n", &authenticated);
    printf("password[8] would be at address %p\n", &password[8]);

    printf("Enter your password: ");
    int i = 0;
    int ch = getchar();
    while (ch != '\n' && ch != EOF) {
        password[i] = ch;
        ch = getchar();
        i = i + 1;
    }
    password[i] = '\0';

    if (strcmp(password, "buffalo") == 0) {
        authenticated = 1;
    }

    // a password longer than 8 characters will overflow the array password
    // on CSE servers (clang 7.0 x86_64/Linux)
    // the variable authenticated is at the address where
    // where password[8] would be and gets overwritten
    //
    // This allows access without knowing the correct password

    if (authenticated) {
        printf("Welcome. You are authorized.\n");
    } else {
        printf("Welcome. You are unauthorized. Your death will now be implemented.\n");
        printf("Welcome. You will experience a tingling sensation and then death. \n");
        printf("Remain calm while your life is extracted.\n");
    }
}

return 0;
}
```

[func.c](#)

```
#include <stdio.h>

int func(int n);

int main(void) {
    printf("main is calling func(42)\n");
    int f = func(42);
    printf("func has returned back to main. func(42) returned %d\n", f);

    return 0;
}

int func(int n) {
    printf("hello from func!\n");
    return 2 * n;
}
```

[factorial.c](#)

```
#include <stdio.h>

int factorial(int);

int main(void) {
    int input;
    scanf("%d", &input);

    int f = factorial(input);

    printf("%d\n", input);
    printf("! = ");
    printf("%d", f);
    putchar('\n');

    return 0;
}

int factorial(int n) {
    if (n == 0) {
        return 1;
    } else {
        return n * factorial(n - 1);
    }
}
```

[factorial.simple.c](#)

```
#include <stdio.h>

int factorial(int);

int main(void) {
    int input;
    scanf("%d", &input);

    int f = factorial(input);

    printf("%d", input);
    printf("! = ");
    printf("%d", f);

    putchar('\n');

    return 0;
}

int factorial(int n) {

    int retval;

    if (n == 0) goto factorial_n_eq_0;

    retval = n * factorial(n - 1);
    goto factorial_epilogue;

factorial_n_eq_0:
    retval = 1;

factorial_epilogue:
    return retval;
}
```

[factorial.s](#)

main:

```

# Args: void
# Returns:
#      - $v0: int
#
# Locals:
#      - $s0: int input
#      - $t0: int f
#
# Stack:      [$ra, $s0]
# Uses:       [$ra, $s0, $v0, $t0, $a0]
# Clobbers:   [$v0, $t0, $a0]
#
# Structure:
# -> main
#      -> [prologue]
#      -> [body]
#      -> [epilogue]

```

main_prologue:

```

begin
push    $ra
push    $s0

# The following two instructions are equivalent to `push $s0`
# addi  $sp, $sp, -4
# sw    $s0, ($sp)

```

main_body:

```

li     $v0, 5          # syscall 5: read_int
syscall
move   $s0, $v0        #
move   $a0, $v0        # scanf("%d", &input);

move   $a0, $v0
jal    factorial
move   $t0, $v0        #
# int f = factorial(input);

li     $v0, 1          # syscall 1: print_int
move   $a0, $s0        #
syscall                         # printf("%d", input);

li     $v0, 4          # syscall 4: print_string
la    $a0, main_result_msg
syscall                         #
# printf("!= ");

li     $v0, 1          # syscall 1: print_int
move   $a0, $t0        #
syscall                         # printf("%d", f);

li     $v0, 11         # syscall 11: print_char
li     $a0, '\n'        #
syscall                         # putchar('\n');

# Restore the original value of $s0 from memory
# lw    $s0, ($sp)
# addi $sp, $sp, 4


```

main_epilogue:

```

pop   $s0
pop   $ra
end

li     $v0, 0          #
jr    $ra             # return 0;

```

factorial:

```

# Args:
#      - $a0: int n
# Returns:
#      - $v0: int

```

```

# Locals:
#      - $s0: int n
#
# Stack:      [$ra, $s0]
# Uses:       [$ra, $s0, $v0, $a0]
# Clobbers:   [$v0, $t0, $a0]
#
# Structure:
# -> main
#      -> [prologue]
#      -> [body]
#          -> n_eq_0
#          -> [epilogue]

factorial_prologue:
begin
push    $ra
push    $s0

factorial_body:
move   $s0, $a0

beqz  $a0, factorial_n_eq_0      # if (n != 0) {
addi   $a0, $a0, -1
jal    factorial               # factorial(n - 1)
mul   $v0, $v0, $s0
j     factorial_epilogue        # }

factorial_n_eq_0:
li    $v0, 1                   # return 1;

factorial_epilogue:
pop   $s0
pop   $ra
end

jr   $ra

.data
main_result_msg:
.ascii "!="

```

[function_example.c](#)A simple example of a program with functionsThese functions have no parameters or return values (except for main that returns 0)

```

#include <stdio.h>

void f(void);
void g(void);

int main(void){
    printf("I am in the main\n");
    f();
    printf("I am about to return from the main function\n");
    return 0;
}

void f(void){
    printf("I am in the f function\n");
    g();
    printf("I am about to return from f the function\n");
}

void g(void){
    printf("I am in the g function\n");
}

```

[function_example_broken.s](#)

Live coding exercises from recap lectureA simple example of a program with functionsThese functions have no parameters or return values (except for main that returns 0).This code is broken!

```

.data
msg_main1:    .asciiz "I am in the main\n"
msg_main2:    .asciiz "I am about to return from the main function\n"
msg_f1:       .asciiz "I am in the f function\n"
msg_f2:       .asciiz "I am about to return from the f function\n"
msg_g1:       .asciiz "I am in the g function\n"

.text
main:
li    $v0, 4          #printf("I am in the main");
la    $a0, msg_main1
syscall

jal    f               # f()
_____
li    $v0, 4          #printf("I am in the main");
la    $a0, msg_main2
syscall

li    $v0, 0          # set return value for main to be 0
jr    $ra              # return from main to (_start)

f:
li    $v0, 4          #printf("I am in the f function");
la    $a0, msg_f1
syscall

jal    g               # g()
_____
li    $v0, 4          #printf("I am in the f function");
la    $a0, msg_f2
syscall
jr    $ra              #return

g:
li    $v0, 4          #printf("I am in the g function");
la    $a0, msg_g1
syscall
jr    $ra              #return

```

[function_example.s](#)Live coding exercises from recap lectureA simple example of a program with functionsThese functions have no parameters or return values (except for main that returns 0).

```

    .data
msg_main1:    .asciiz "I am in the main\n"
msg_main2:    .asciiz "I am about to return from the main function\n"
msg_f1:       .asciiz "I am in the f function\n"
msg_f2:       .asciiz "I am about to return from the f function\n"
msg_g1:       .asciiz "I am in the g function\n"

    .text
main:
main_prologue:
    push    $ra
main_body:
    li      $v0, 4          #printf("I am in the main");
    la      $a0, msg_main1
    syscall

    jal    f               # f()
    li      $v0, 4          #printf("I am in the main");
    la      $a0, msg_main2
    syscall

    li      $v0, 0          # set return value for main to be 0
main_epilog:
    pop   $ra
    jr    $ra               # return from main to (_start)

f:
f_prologue:
    push    $ra
f_body:
    li      $v0, 4          #printf("I am in the f function");
    la      $a0, msg_f1
    syscall

    jal    g               # g()
    li      $v0, 4          #printf("I am in the f function");
    la      $a0, msg_f2
    syscall

f_epilog:
    pop   $ra
    jr    $ra               #return

g:
g_prologue:
    push    $ra
g_body:
    li      $v0, 4          #printf("I am in the g function");
    la      $a0, msg_g1
    syscall

g_epilog:
    pop   $ra
    jr    $ra               #return

```

[sum_to.c](#)

An example of a C program with a function with one input and a return value

```
#include <stdio.h>

int sum_to(int n);

int main(void) {
    int max = 10;
    int result = sum_to(max);
    printf("Sum 1.. %d = %d\n", max, result);
    return 0;
}

// An iterative solution
int sum_to(int n) {
    int sum = 0;
    int i = 1;
    while (i <= n) {
        sum = sum + i;
        i++;
    }
    return sum;
}
```

[sum_to.s](#)

A live coding example done as a recap on functions.
This has a simple function with 1 parameter and a return value

```

    .data
msg_sum1:
    .asciiz "Sum 1.. "
msg_sum2:
    .asciiz " = "

    .text
main:
    # $s0 used for max since we set it before doing the jal
    # but need it again after the jal
    # If a function uses $s0 that same function must
    # push it to the stack and pop it to restore it later

    # $t0 was used for result since we are not doing another
    # jal after we set its value so we do not need to worry
    # about it getting overwritten by another function

main_prologue:
    push    $ra
    push    $s0

main_body:
    li      $s0, 10          # int max = 10;
    move   $a0, $s0          # int max = 10;
    jal    sum_to            # result = sum_to(max);
    move   $t0, $v0          # $t0 = result

    li      $v0, 4           # printf("Sum 1.. ");
    la      $a0, msg_sum1
    syscall

    li      $v0, 1           # printf("%d", max);
    move   $a0, $s0
    syscall

    li      $v0, 4           # printf(" = ");
    la      $a0, msg_sum2
    syscall

    li      $v0, 1           # printf("%d", result);
    move   $a0, $t0
    syscall

    li      $v0, 11          # putchar('\n')
    li      $a0, '\n'
    syscall

    li      $v0, 0

main_epilog:
    pop    $s0
    pop    $ra
    jr    $ra

sum_to:
sum_to_prologue:
sum_to_body:
    li      $t0, 0           # sum = 0
    li      $t1, 1           # i = 1

sum_to_while:
    bgt   $t1, $a0, sum_to_while_end # while (i <= n)
    add   $t0, $t0, $t1          # sum = sum + i
    addi  $t1, $t1, 1           # i++
    j     sum_to_while

sum_to_while_end:

    move   $v0, $t0          # return sum
sum_to_epilog:
    jr    $ra

sum_to_r.c

```

An example of a C program with a recursive function

```
#include <stdio.h>

int sum_to(int n);

int main(void) {
    int max = 10;
    int result = sum_to(max);
    printf("Sum 1.. %d = %d\n", max, result);
    return 0;
}

int sum_to(int n) {
    if(n == 0){
        return 0;
    } else {
        int result = sum_to(n-1);
        return n + result;
    }
}
```

[sum_to_r.s](#)

A live coding example done as a recap on functions.

This has a recursive function

```

    .data
msg_sum1:
    .asciiz "Sum 1.. "
msg_sum2:
    .asciiz " = "

    .text
main:
main_prologue:
    push    $ra
    push    $s0
main_body:
    li      $s0, 10          # int max = 10;
    move   $a0, $s0
    jal    sum_to
    move   $t0, $v0          # $t0 = result

    li      $v0, 4           # printf("Sum 1.. ");
    la     $a0, msg_sum1
    syscall

    li      $v0, 1           # printf("%d", max);
    move   $a0, $s0
    syscall

    li      $v0, 4           # printf(" = ");
    la     $a0, msg_sum2
    syscall

    li      $v0, 1           # printf("%d", result);
    move   $a0, $t0
    syscall

    li      $v0, 11          # putchar('\n')
    li      $a0, '\n'
    syscall

    li      $v0, 0
main_epilog:
    pop    $s0
    pop    $ra
    jr    $ra

sum_to:
# We move our input n from $a0 to $s0
# We need to do this as $a0 will be modified
# so we need to store n somewhere safe
# as we need to use it again in the last line of
# the function.
sum_to_prologue:
    push    $ra
    push    $s0
sum_to_body:
    move   $s0, $a0          # n $s0
sum_to_if:
    bnez   $s0, sum_to_else # if(n == 0)
    li     $v0, 0             # return 0
    j     sum_to_epilog
sum_to_else:
    sub    $a0, $s0, 1        # n - 1
    jal    sum_to
    add    $v0, $v0, $s0      # int result = sum_to(n-1);
sum_to_if_end:
    -
sum_to_epilog:
    pop    $s0
    pop    $ra
    jr    $ra

```

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