

Run-Time Environments

- Source text must exist at runtime to implement the program.
- procedure & identifiers → require mapping with the actual memory location
- Software libraries, environment variables → to provide services

Source Language Issues

Procedure → identifies with a statement.

→ identifier → procedure name
statement → procedure body.

eg. procedure readarray.
var i: integer;
begin
 for i := 1 to n do read(a[i]);
end;

→ procedure name appears with in an executable statement ⇒ **procedure call**

main
 readarray;

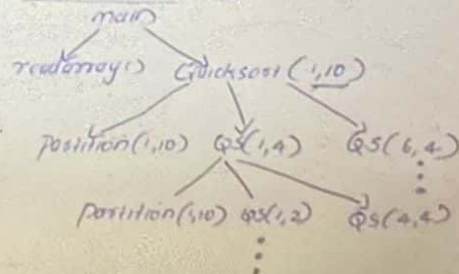
Activation tree

→ Execution of procedure ⇒ Activation of the procedure.

→ a & b ⇒ two procedures
 ↳ their activation will be
 • non-overlapping or nested

eg.
main
 { readarray();
 quicksort(1,10);
 }
 quicksort(min, max);
 {
 int i = partition(min, max);
 quicksort(min, i-1);
 quicksort(i+1, max);
 }

→ procedure is recursive
→ Activation trees.



Storage Organization

code area

- * Store the generated executable instructions

Static Data area

- * data locations at compile time

Stack

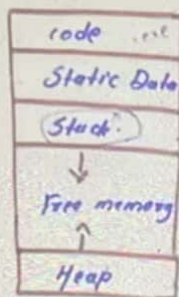
- * Store activation records

Heap

- * Store dynamically allocated data objects at run time

Run time Storage

1. Generated executable code
2. Static data objects
3. Dynamic data objects - Heap
4. Automatic data objects - Stack

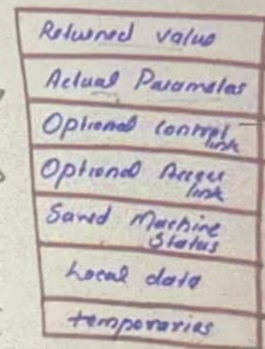


Activation Records

→ LIFO structure

→ Each time activation has an activation record on control stack.

- * temporaries → evaluation of expr
- * local data → local data to an execution of procedure
- * Saved machine status → hold info about PC and registers to be restored when control returns
- * Access link - refer non-local data held in other activation records
- * Control link - points to the activation record of the caller
- * Actual parameters → supply parameters
- * Returned value → return value to calling procedure



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Explain storage organization (May 2019)

Storage Allocation Strategies

- * The different storage allocation strategies are

Static Allocation → Storage for all data objects at compile time

Stack Allocation → Manages runtime storage as a stack.

Heap allocation → allocates and deallocates storage as needed at runtime from a data area known as heap.

Static Allocation

- compiler determines the amount of storage for the variable
- names are bound to storage during compile time.
- we can easily find the address of the data at compile time

Limitations

- * size of data must be known at compile time
- * recursive procedures limited
- * dynamic allocation is not possible

Stack Allocation

- * Storage organized as stack.
- * activation records ⇒ pushed and popped as activation begins and end respectively.

calling sequence

→ code that allocates an activation record on the stack and enters info into its fields.

→ calling sequence

- └ caller ⇒ calling procedure
- └ callee ⇒ procedure is calls.

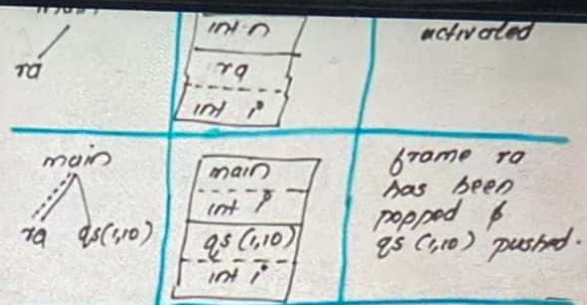
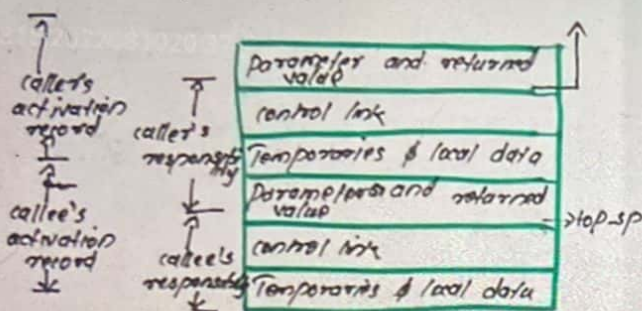
→ values placed at the beginning of the callee's activation record.

→ fixed length item generally placed at the middle

→ items whose items not known ⇒ placed at the end of the activation record.

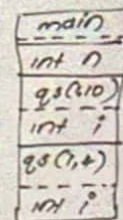
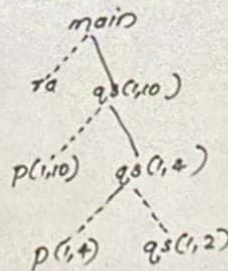
→ calling sequence & its division b/w caller and callee are as follows

1. The caller evaluates the actual parameters.
2. caller stores return address
 - Set top-sp into callee's activation record
 - increments top-sp
3. callee saves the register values & other states info
4. The callee initializes its local data & begins execution



→ return sequence

1. callee places the return value next to the parameters
2. callee returns address top-sp and other registers using r16 in the machine status field, branches to the return address that the caller placed in the status field
3. top-sp decremented.



Position in activation tree	Activation record on stack	Remarks
main	<div>main</div> <div>int n</div>	frame for main