

COMP201

Computer Systems & Programming

Lecture #18 – x86-64 Procedures



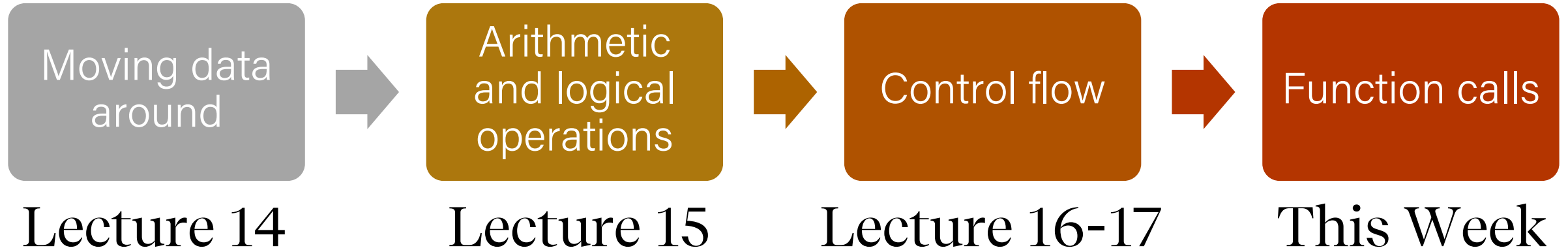
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Recap

- Assembly Execution and `%rip`
- Control Flow Mechanics
 - Condition Codes
 - Assembly Instructions
- If statements
- Loops
 - While loops
 - For loops
- Other Instructions That Depend On Condition Codes

Learning Assembly



Learning Goals

- Learn how assembly calls functions and manages stack frames.
- Learn the rules of register use when calling functions.

Plan for Today

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%rip

- **%rip** is a special register that points to the next instruction to execute.
- **Let's dive deeper into how %rip works, and how jumps modify it.**

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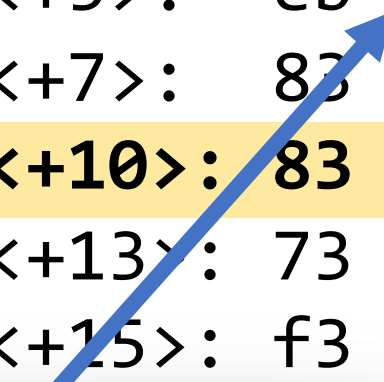
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0x73 means **jle**.

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Summary: Instruction Pointer

- Machine code instructions live in main memory, just like stack and heap data.
- `%rip` is a register that stores a number (an address) of the next instruction to execute. It marks our place in the program's instructions.
- To advance to the next instruction, special hardware adds the size of the current instruction in bytes.
- **`jmp`** instructions work by adjusting `%rip` by a specified amount.

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How do we call functions in
assembly?

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How does assembly
interact with the stack?

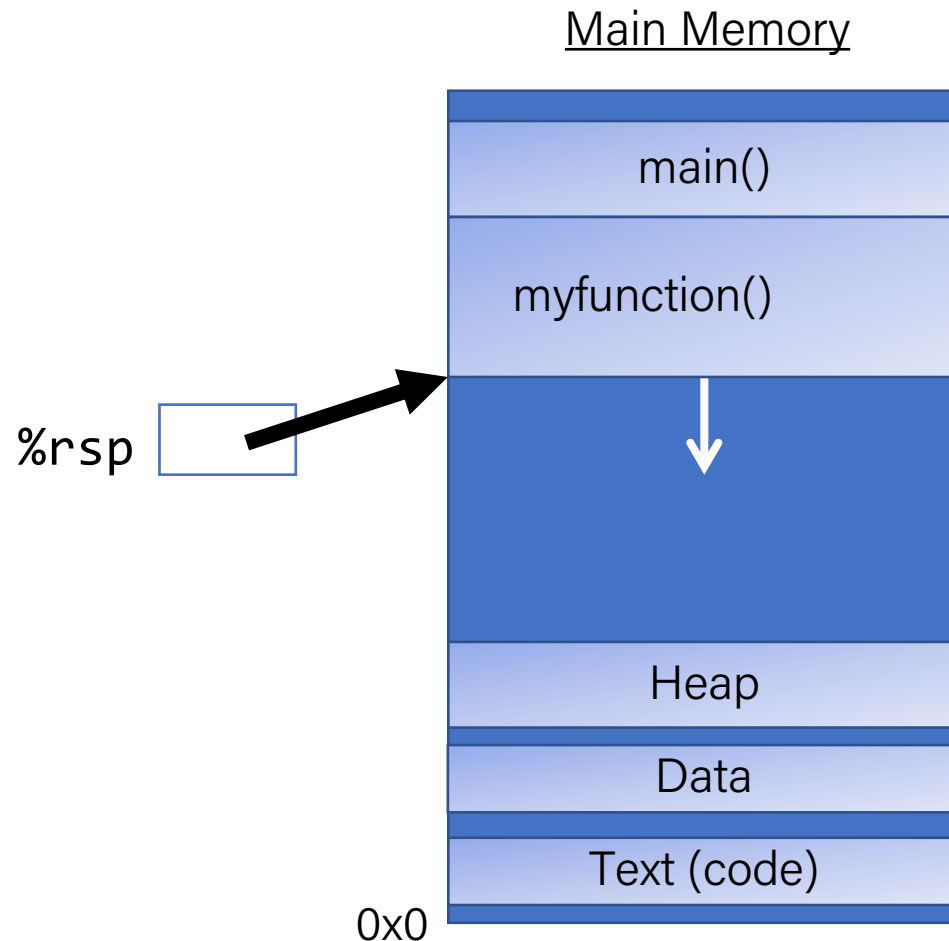
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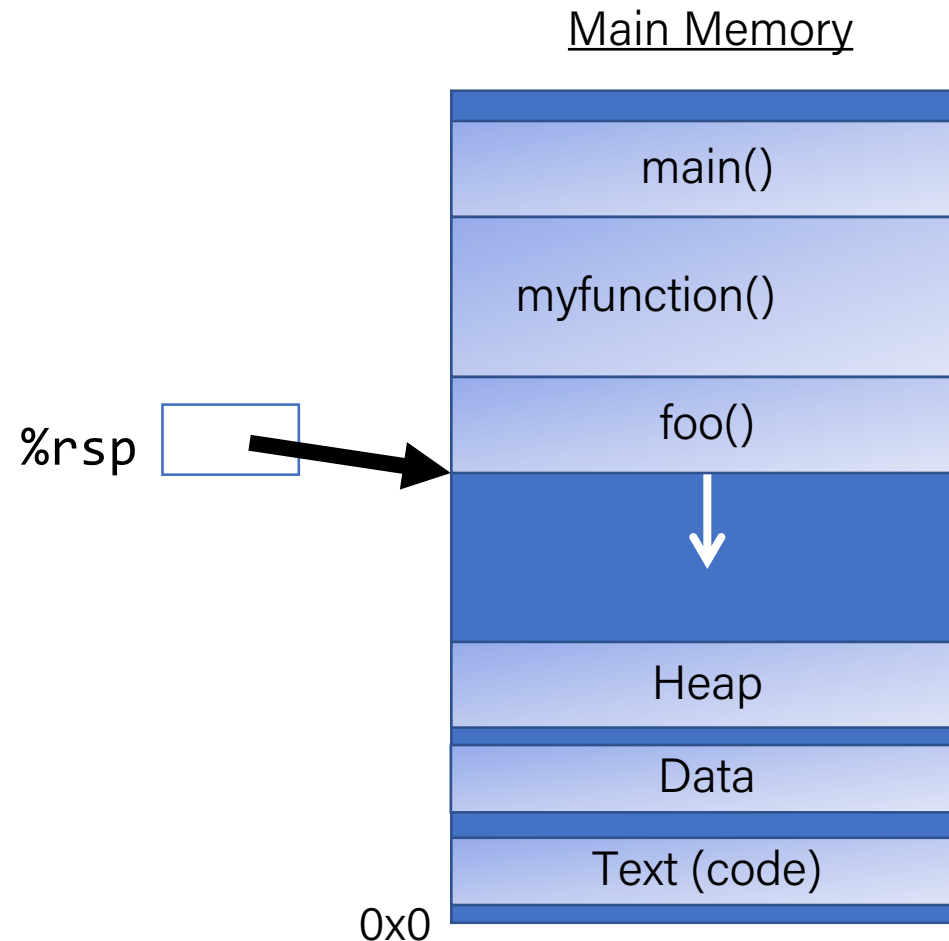
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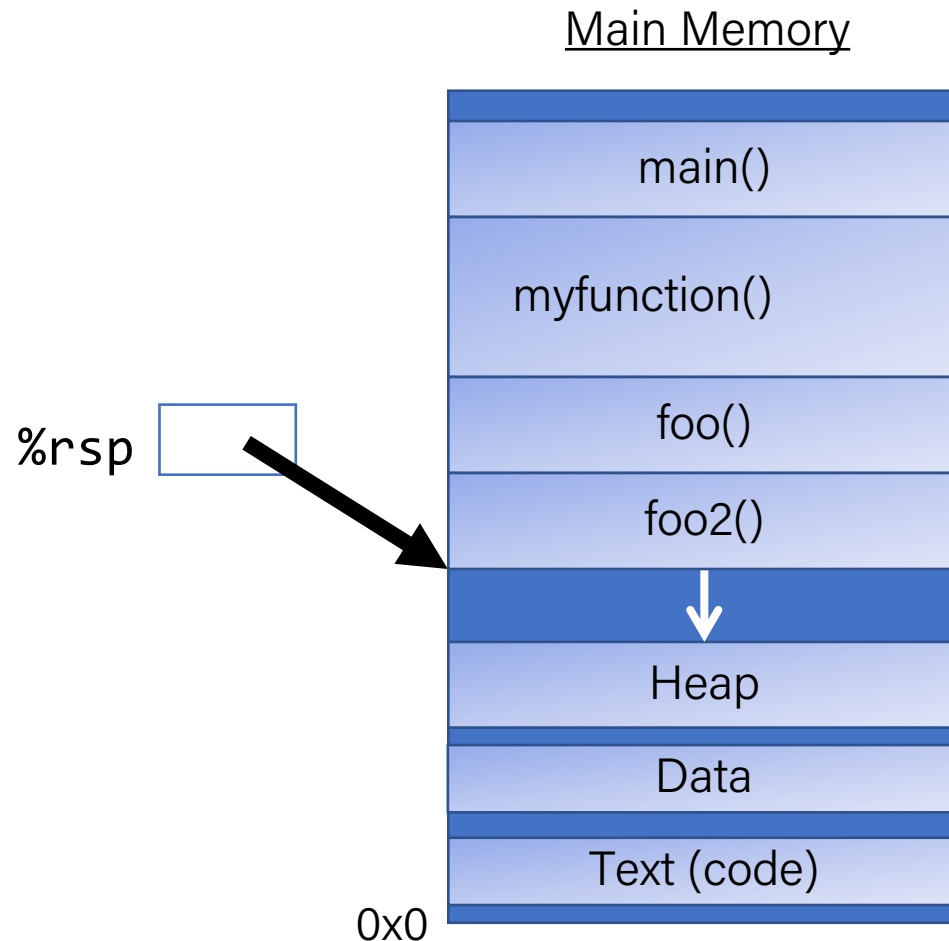
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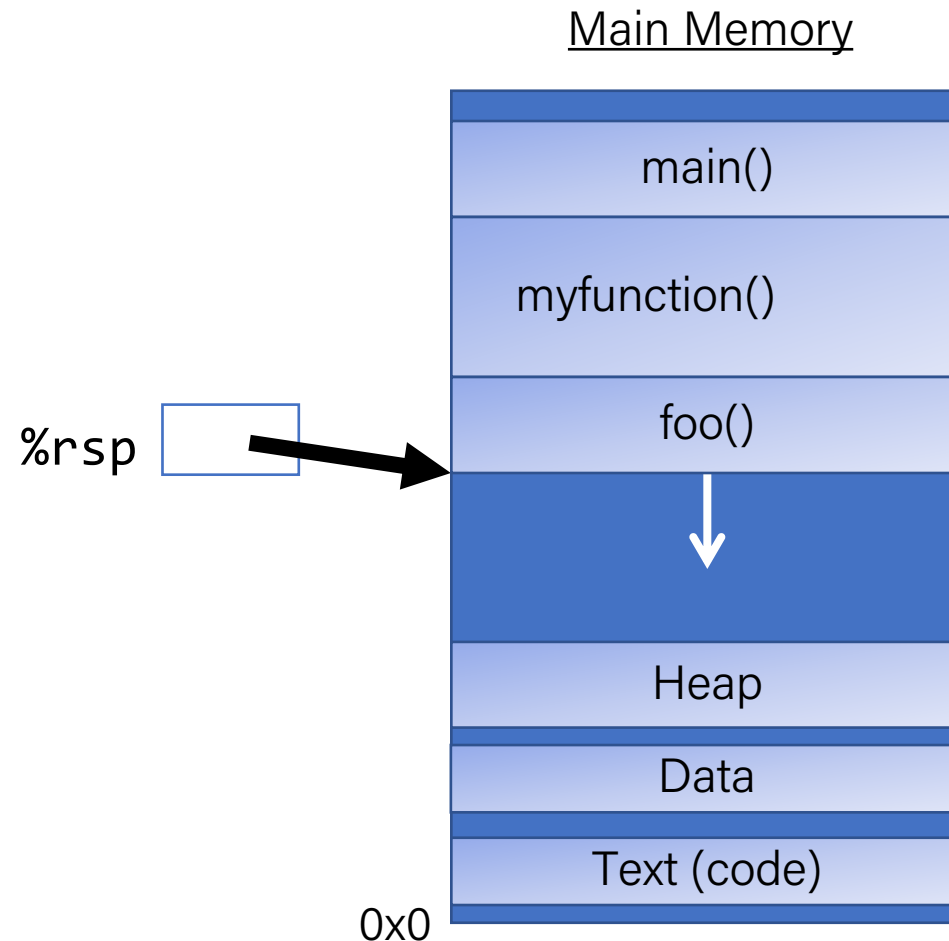
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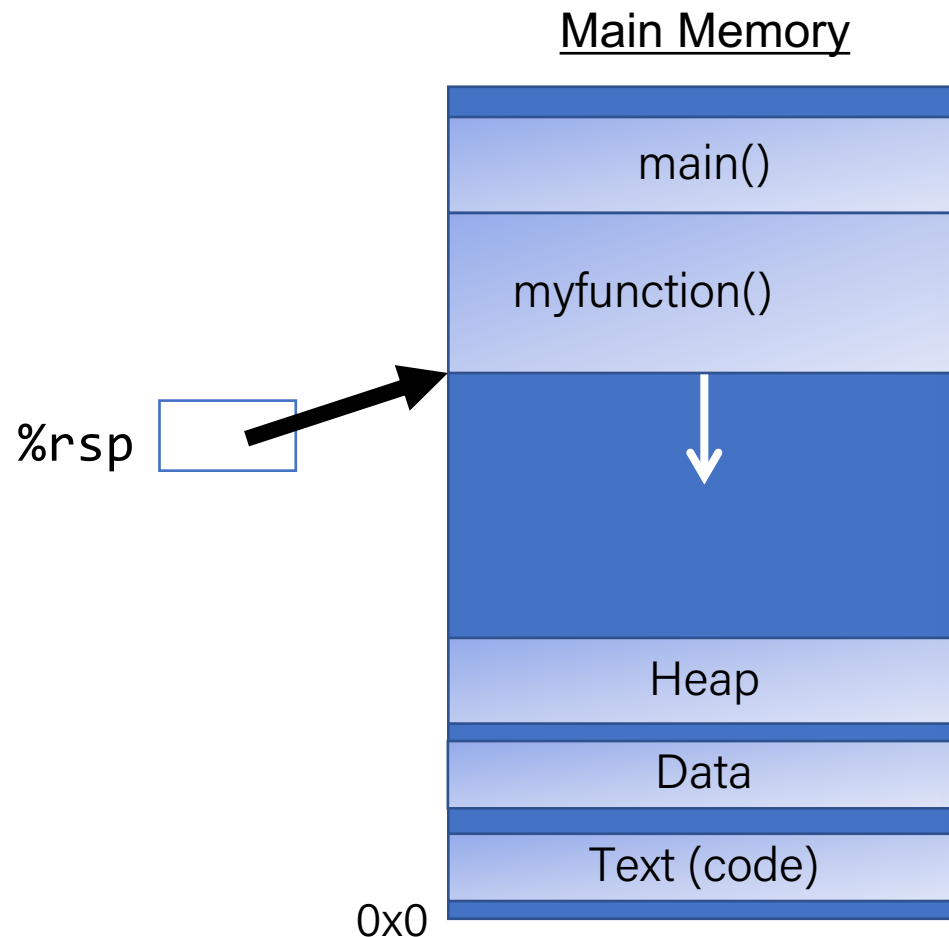
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Key idea: %rsp must point to the same place before a function is called and after that function returns, since stack frames go away when a function finishes.

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- The **push** instruction pushes the data at the specified source onto the top of the stack, adjusting **%rsp** accordingly.

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subq \$8, %rsp
movq S, (%rsp)
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pop

- The **pop** instruction pops the topmost data from the stack and stores it in the specified destination, adjusting **%rsp** accordingly.

Instruction	Effect
popq D	$D \leftarrow M[R[\%rsp]]$ $R[\%rsp] \leftarrow R[\%rsp] + 8;$

- Note:** this does not remove/clear out the data! It just increments **%rsp** to indicate the next push can overwrite that location.

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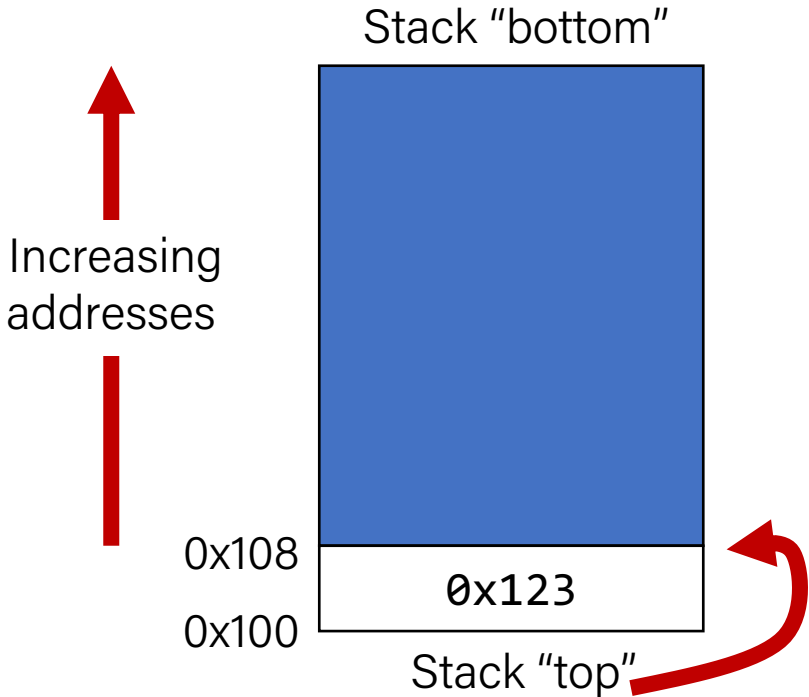
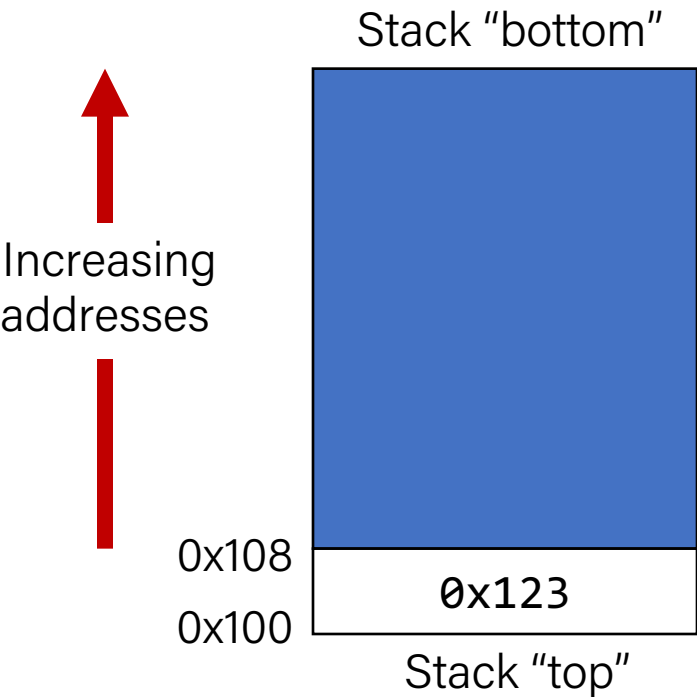
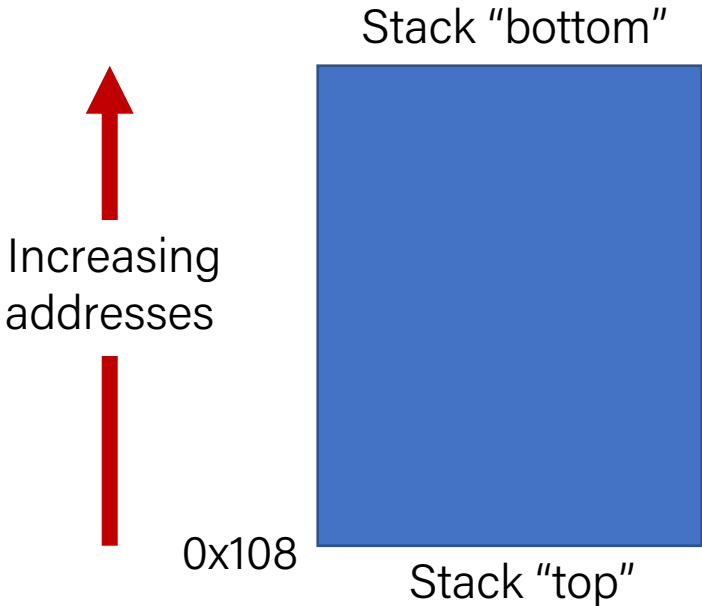
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Stack Example

Initially	
%rax	0x123
%rdx	0
%rsp	0x108

pushq %rax	
%rax	0x123
%rdx	0
%rsp	0x100

popq %rdx	
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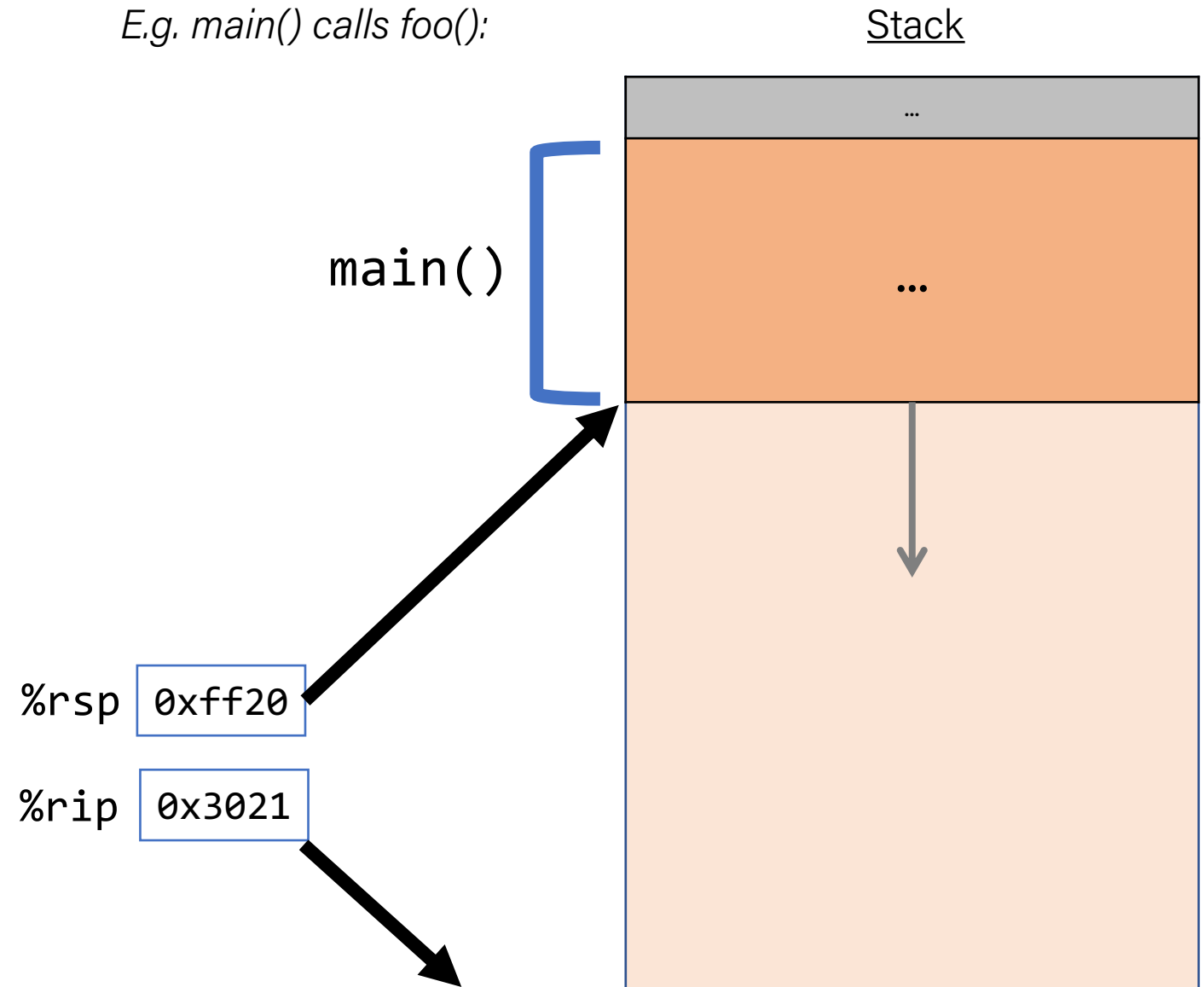
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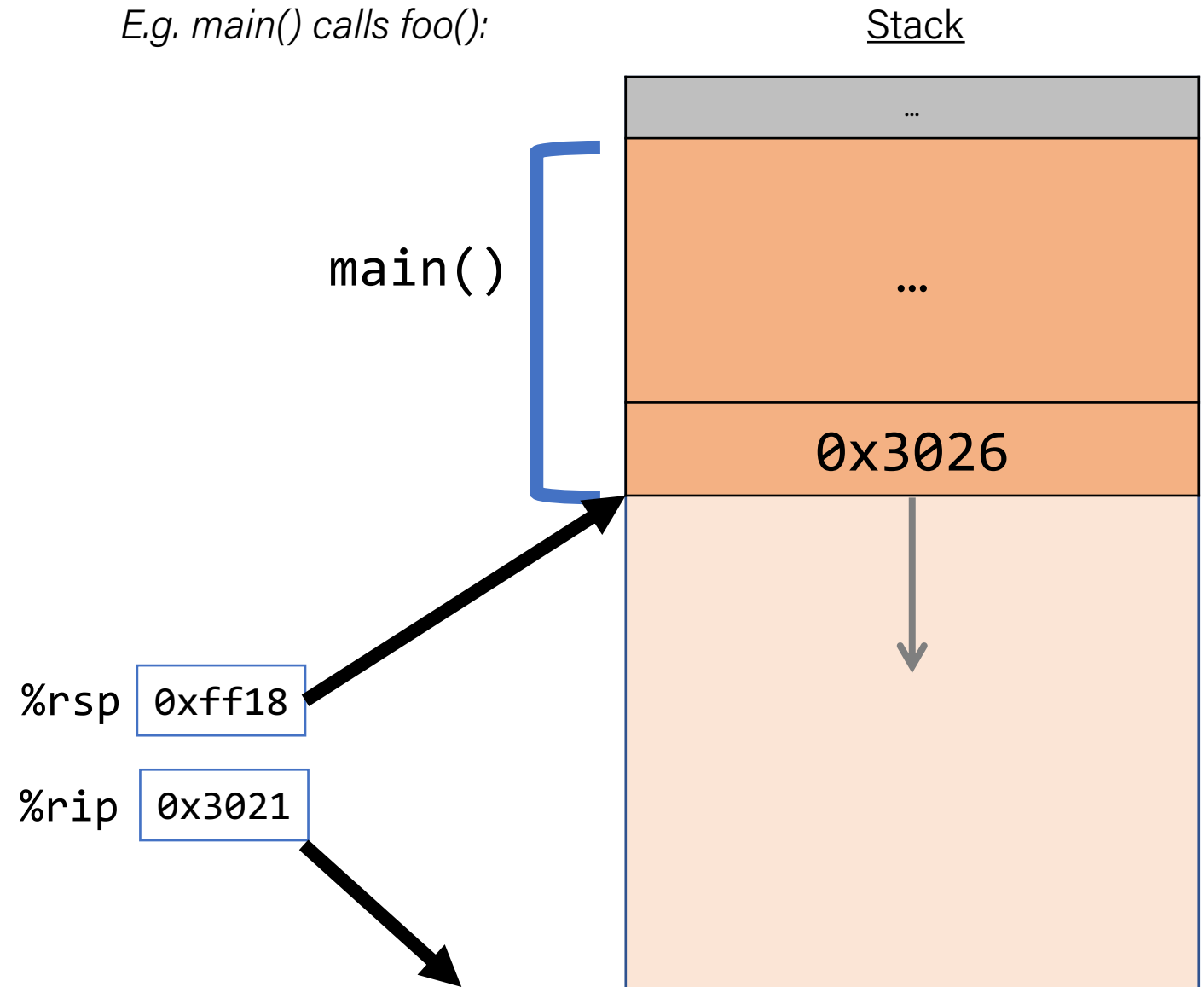
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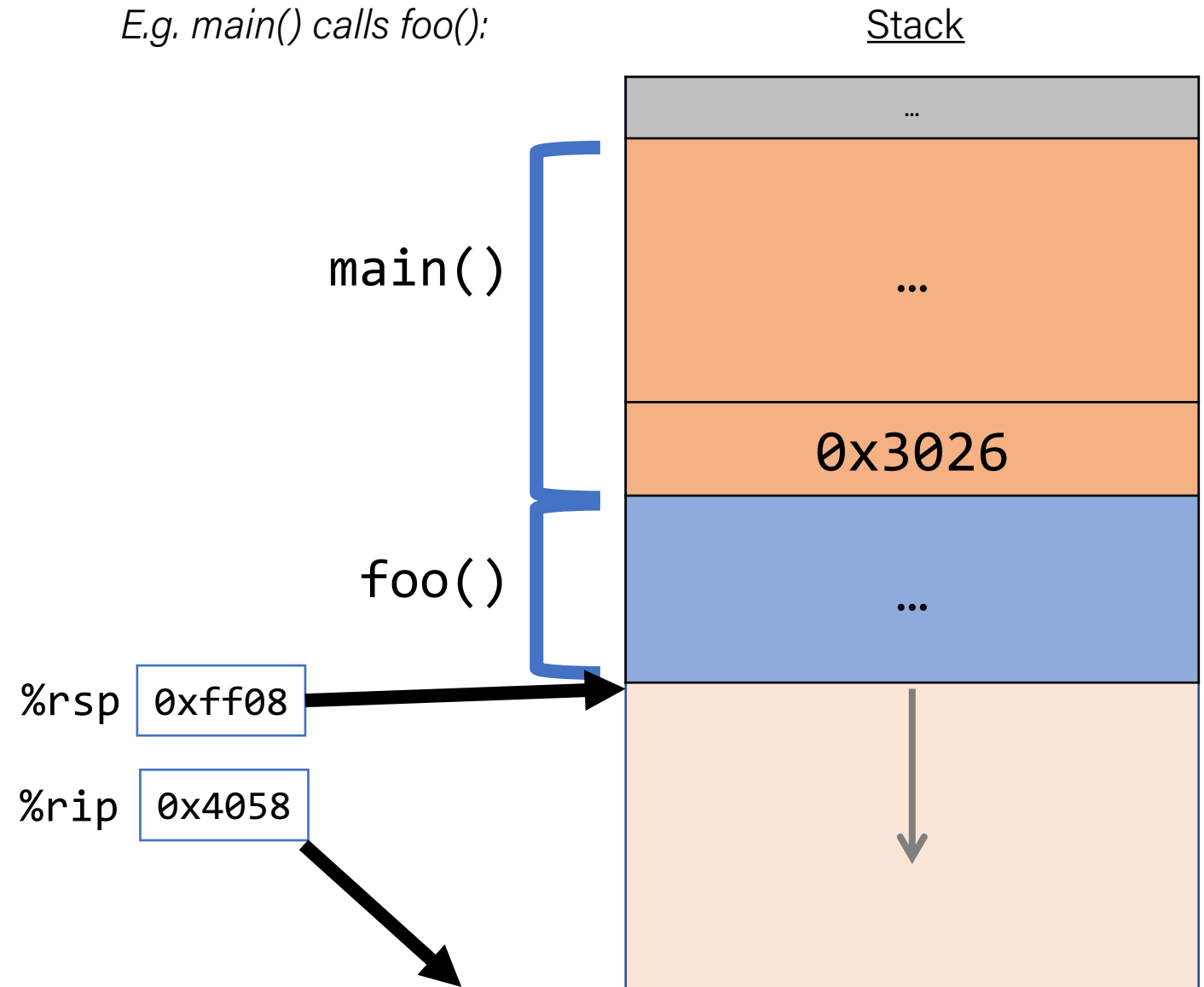
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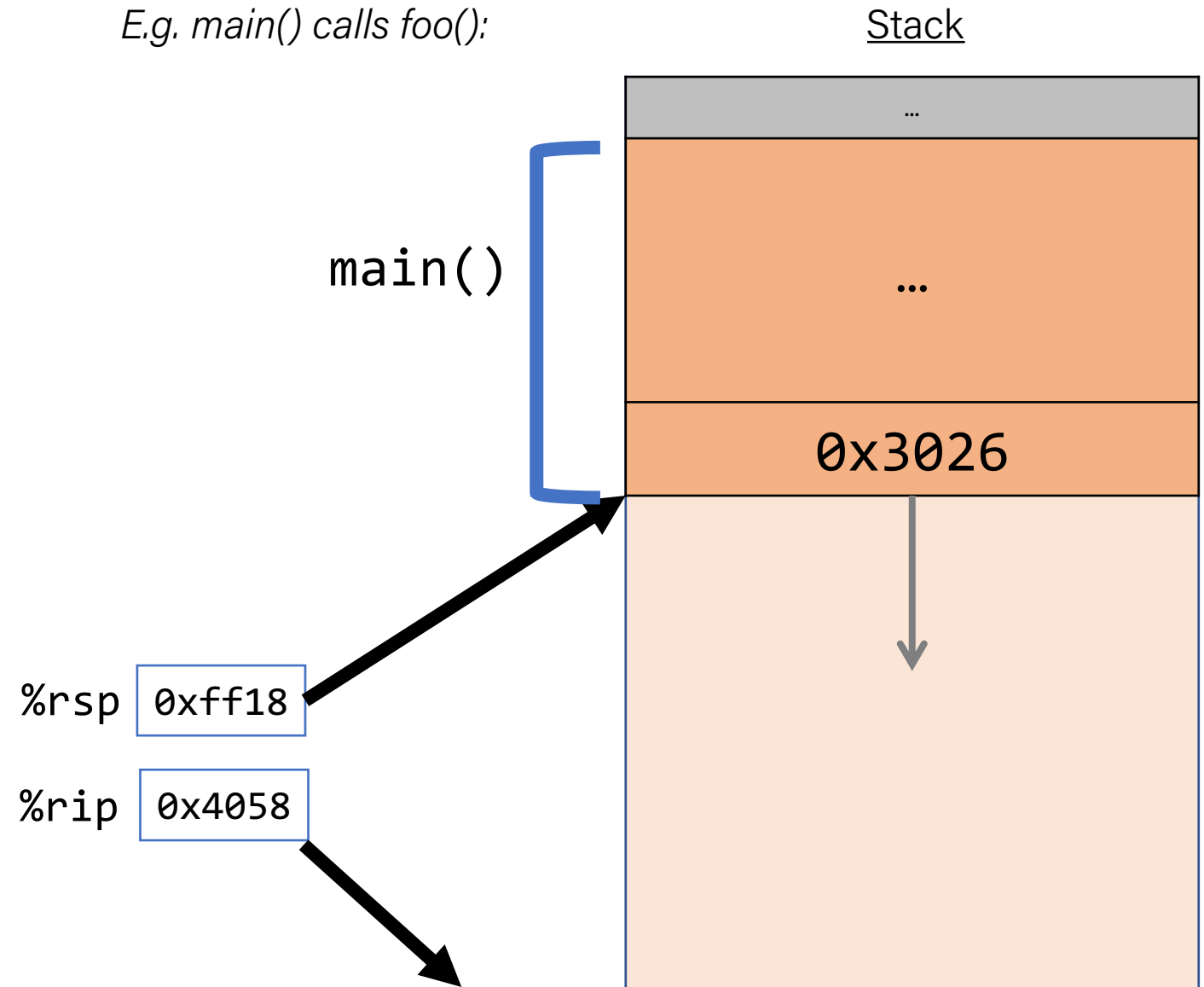
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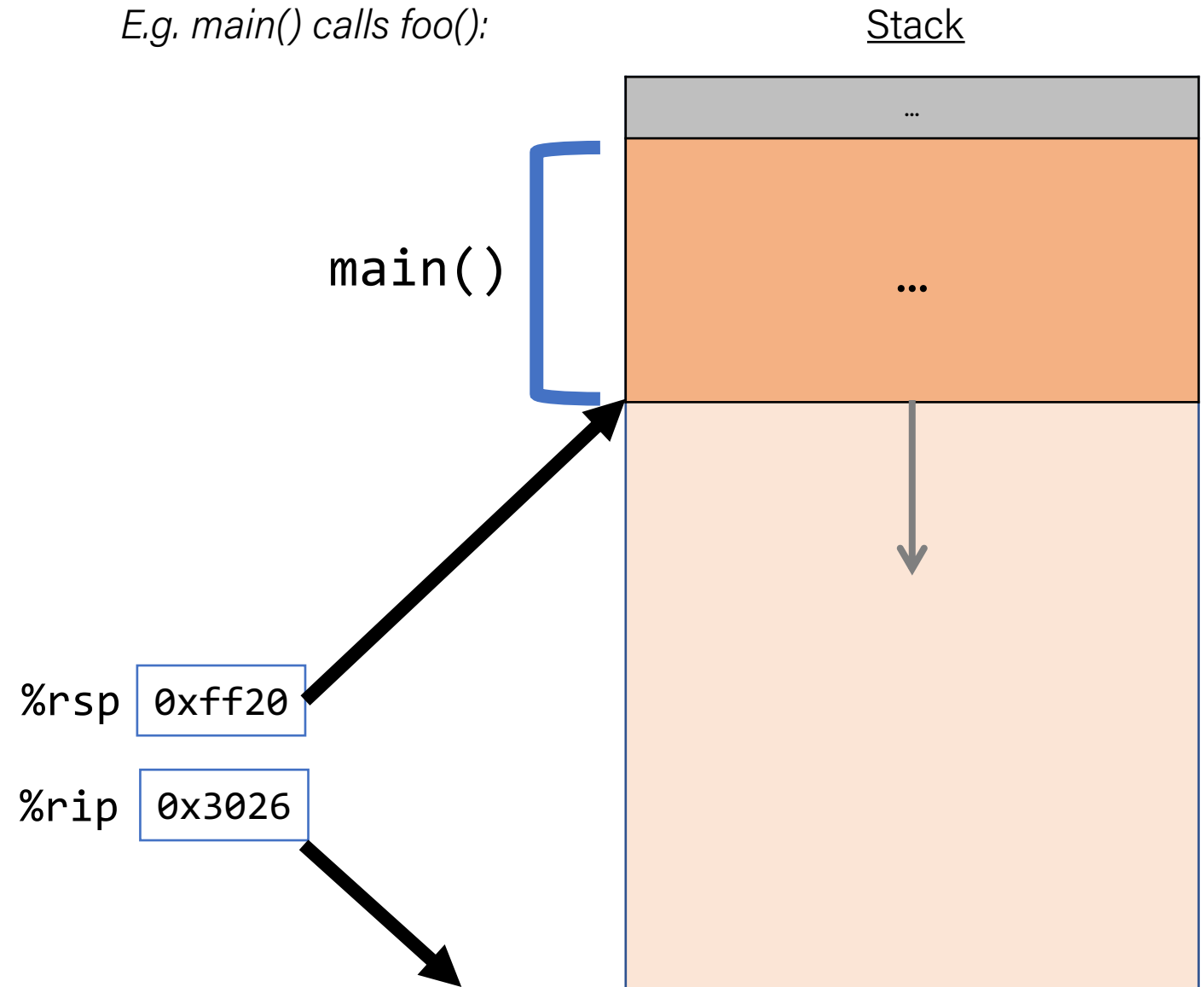
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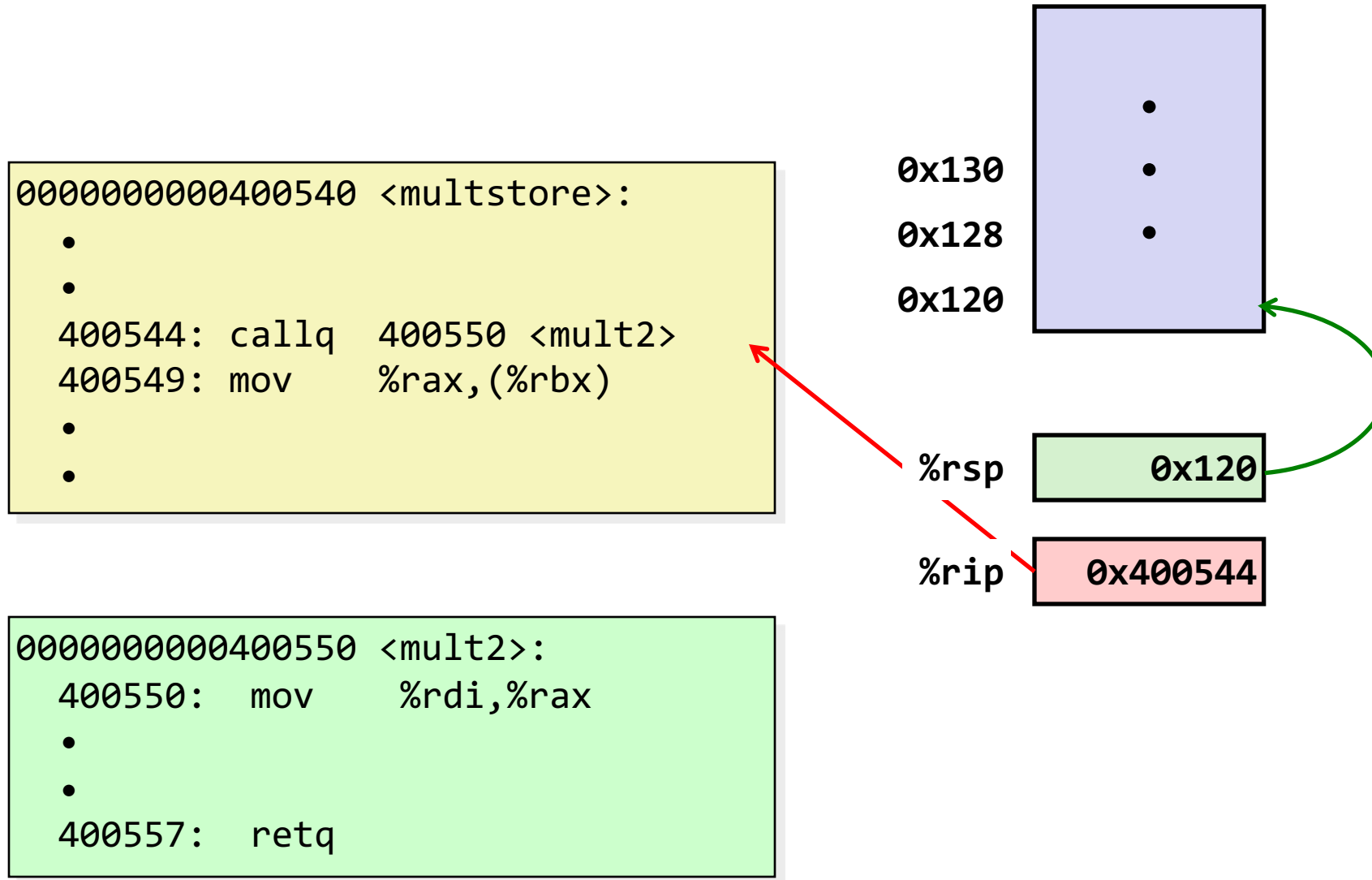
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40054c: pop     %rbx                # Restore %rbx
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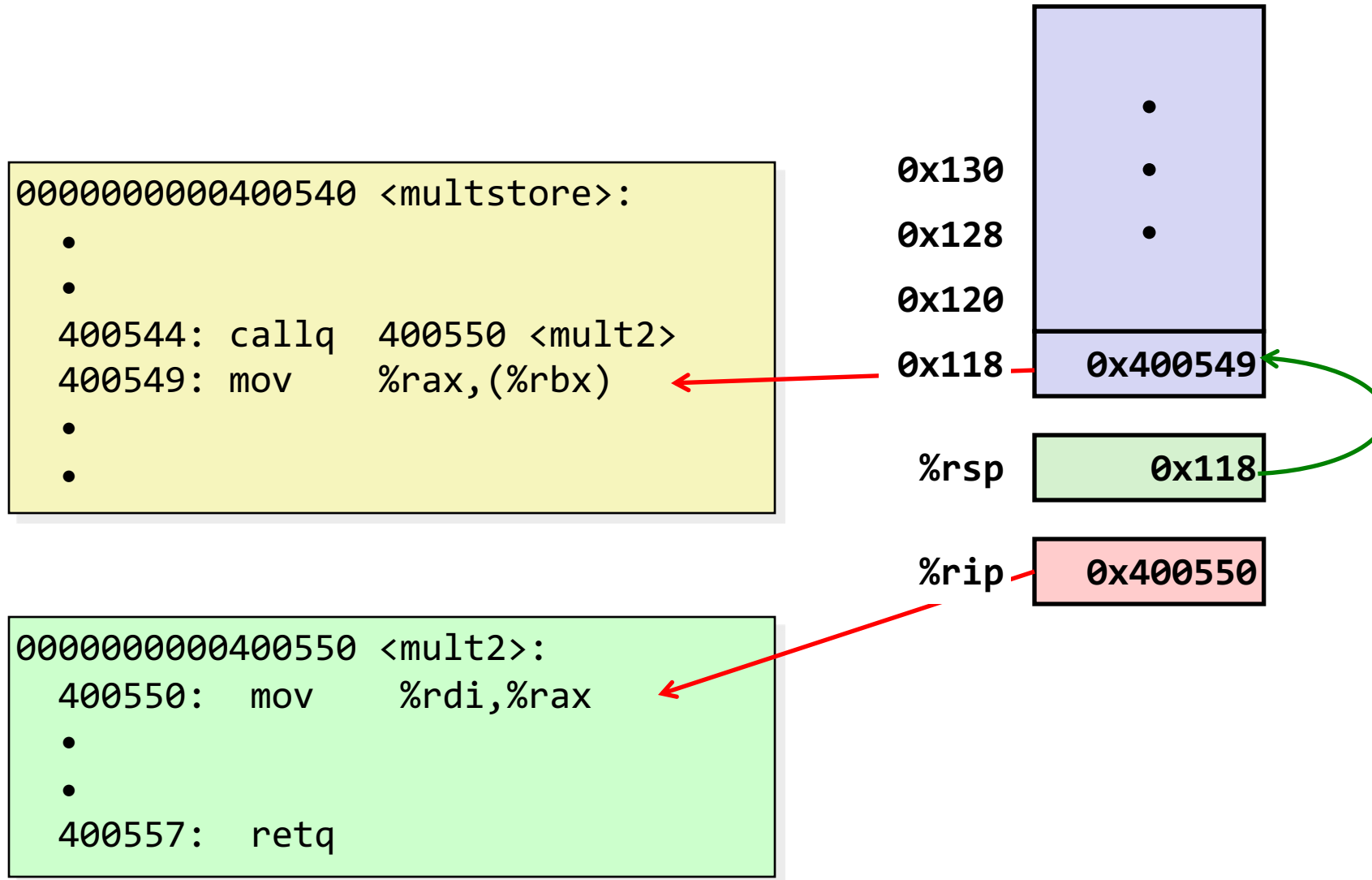
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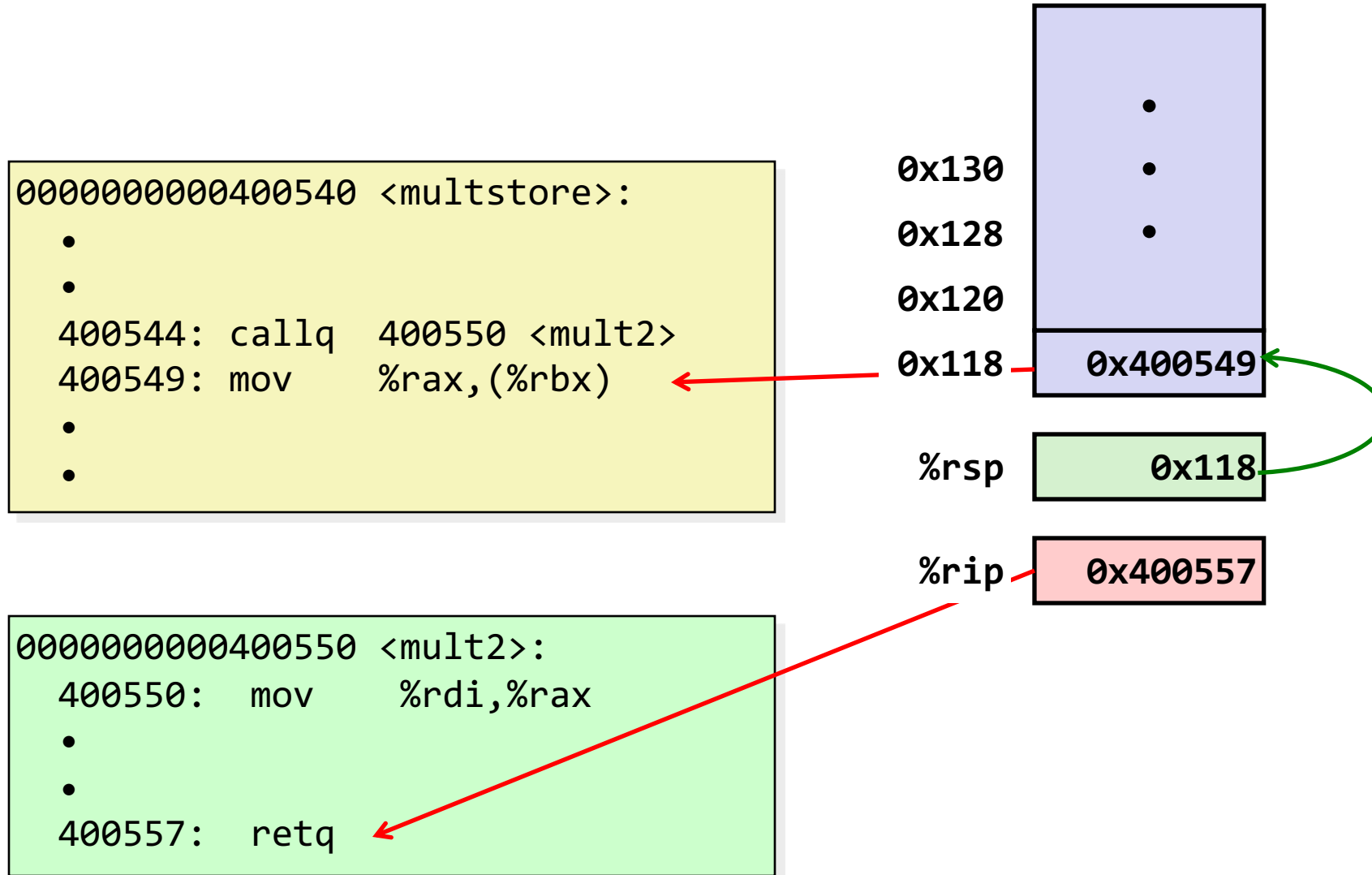
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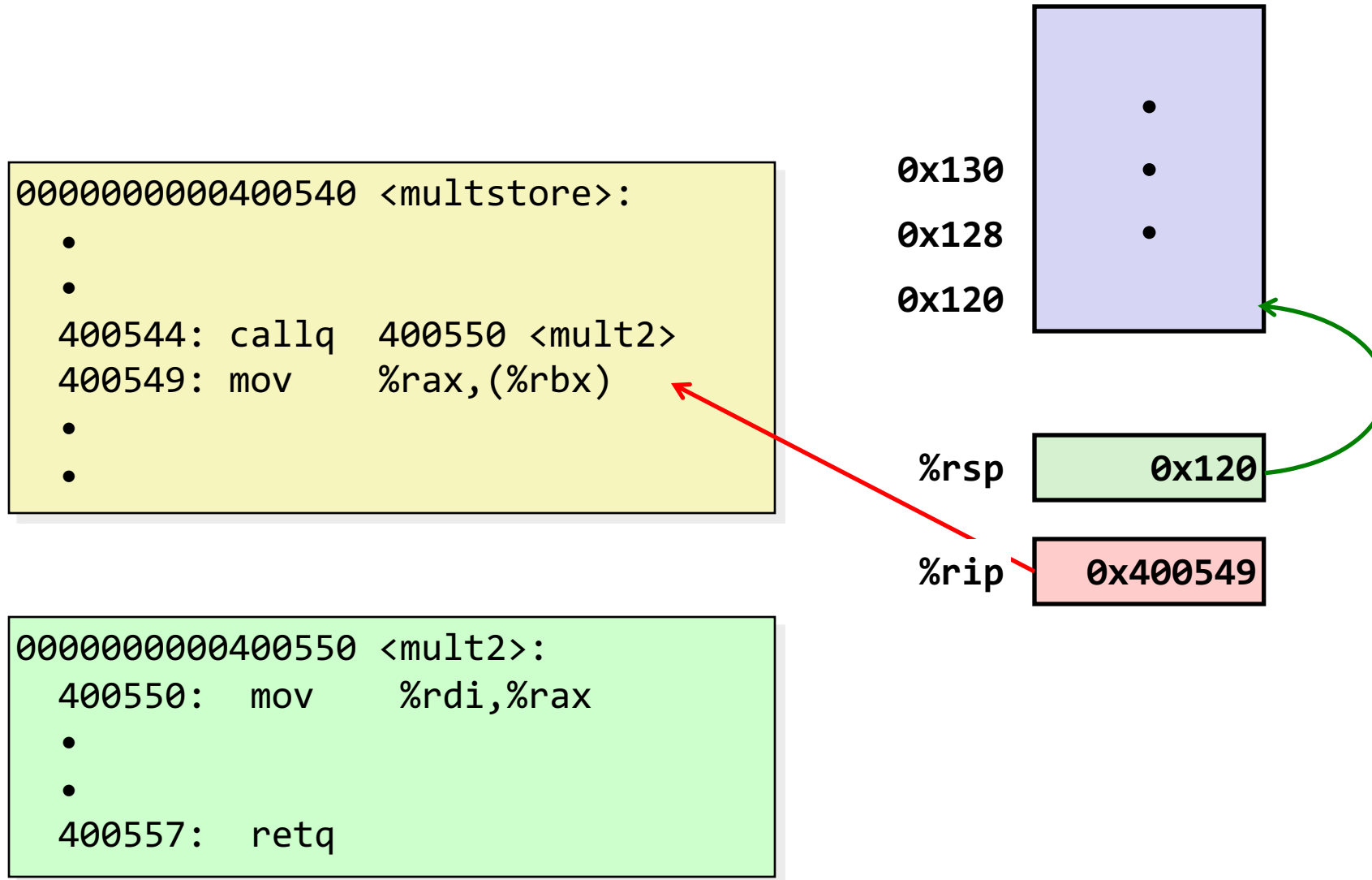
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Call And Return

The **call** instruction pushes the address of the instruction immediately following the **call** instruction onto the stack and sets `%rip` to point to the beginning of the specified function's instructions.

call Label

call *Operand

The **ret** instruction pops this instruction address from the stack and stores it in `%rip`.

ret

The stored `%rip` value for a function is called its **return address**. It is the address of the instruction at which to resume the function's execution. (not to be confused with **return value**, which is the value returned from a function).

What's left? Calling Functions In Assembly

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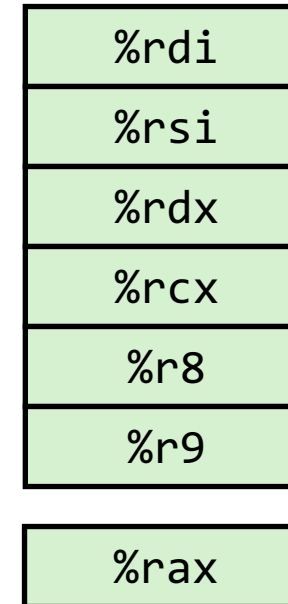
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Parameters and Return

- There are special registers that store parameters and the return value.
- To call a function, we must put any parameters we are passing into the correct registers. (`%rdi`, `%rsi`, `%rdx`, `%rcx`, `%r8`, `%r9`, in that order)
- Parameters beyond the first 6 are put on the stack.
- If the caller expects a return value, it looks in `%rax` after the callee completes.

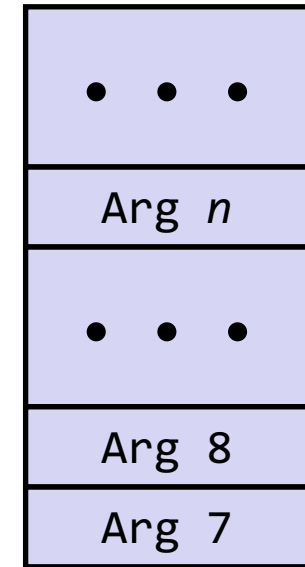
Registers



First 6 arguments

Return value

Stack



Only allocate stack space when needed

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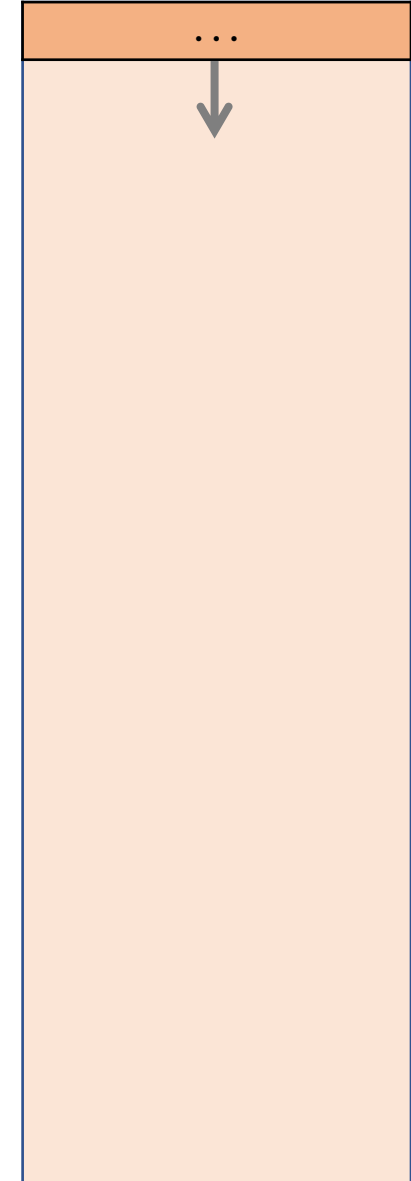
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                     i1, i2, i3, i4);  
    ...  
}  
  
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main() 

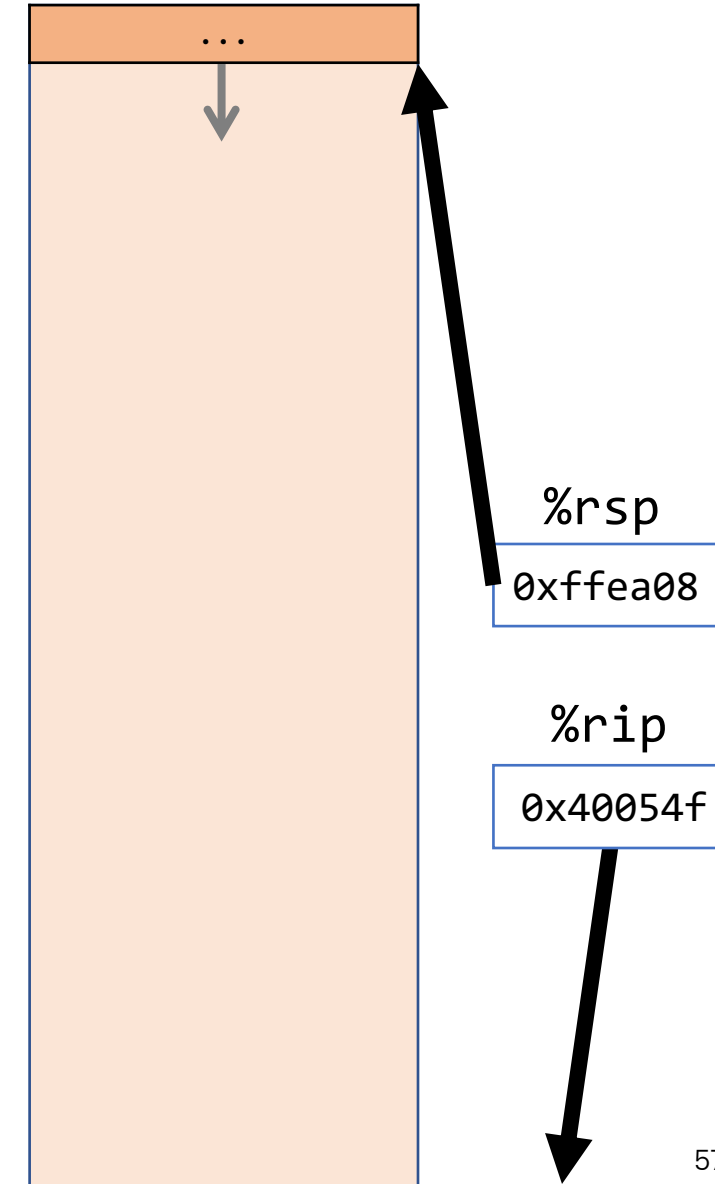


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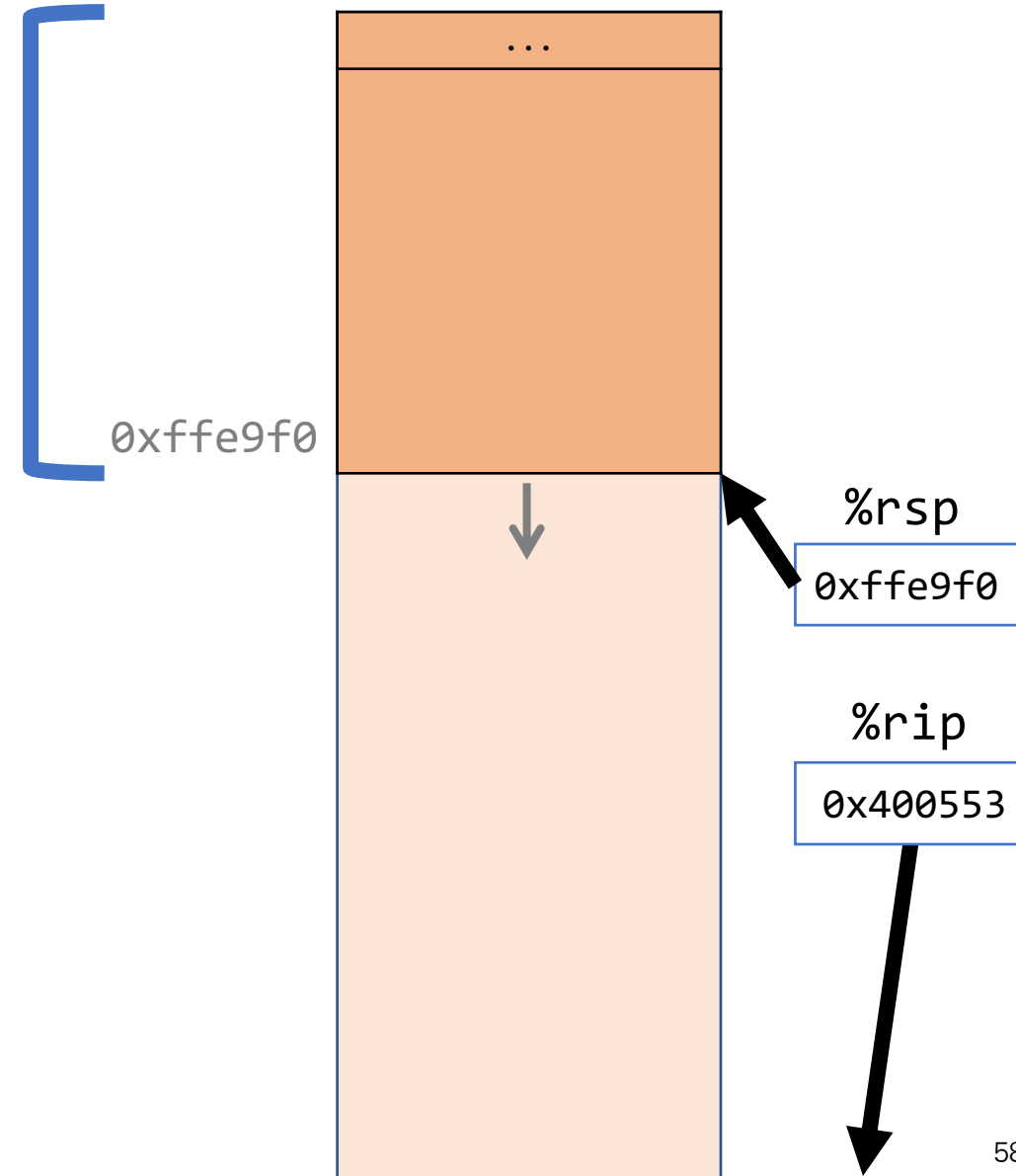
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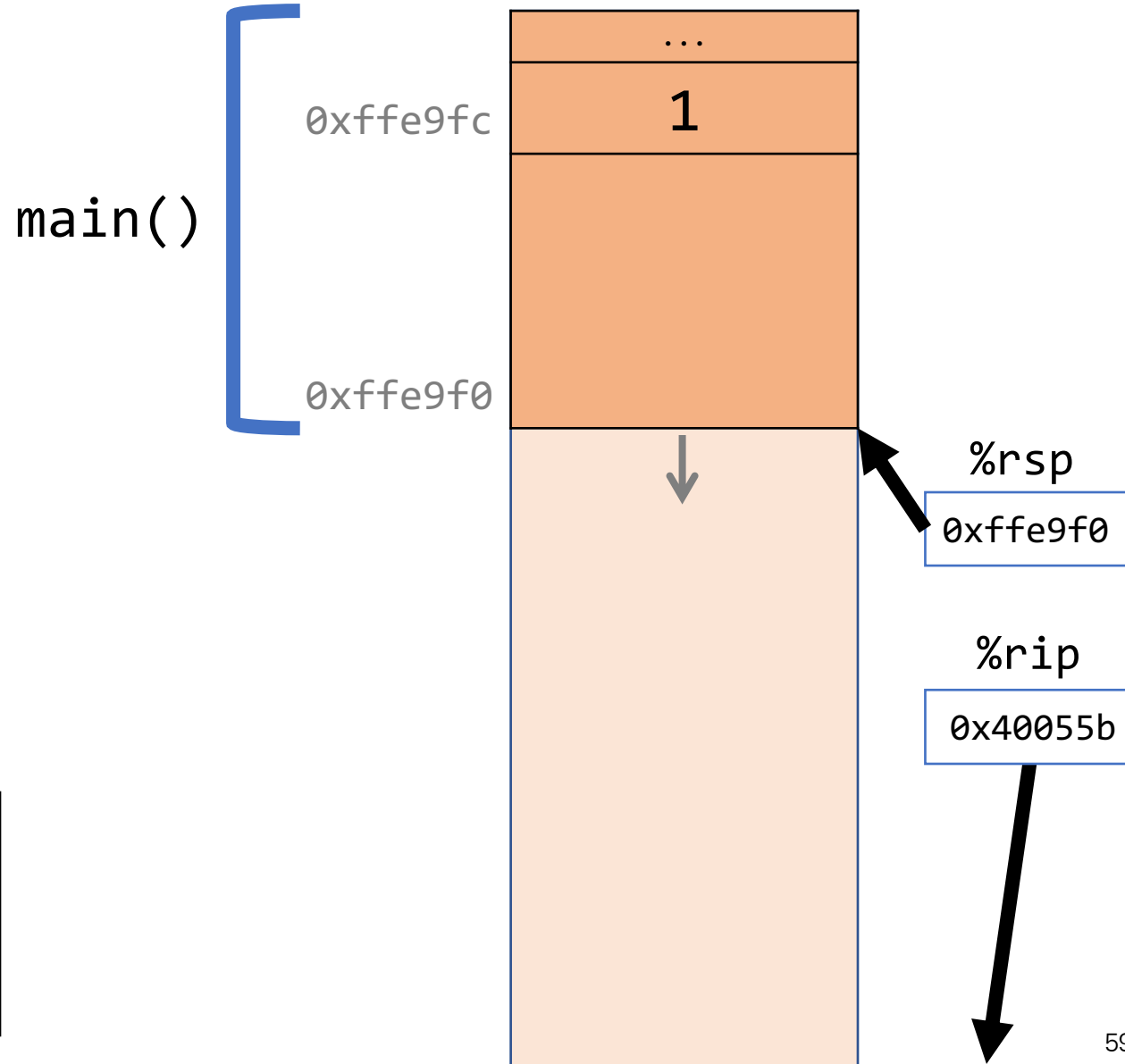
main()



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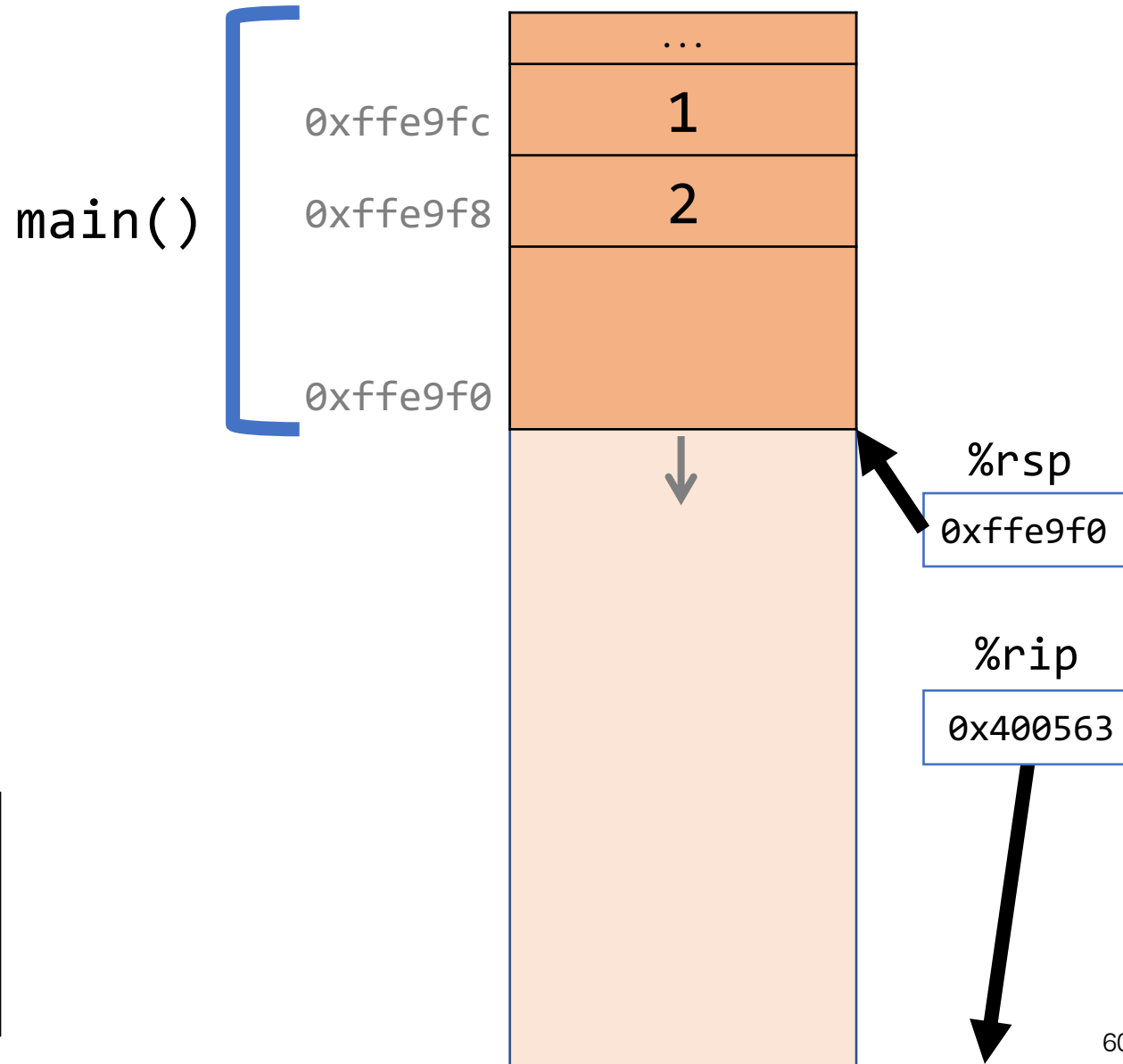
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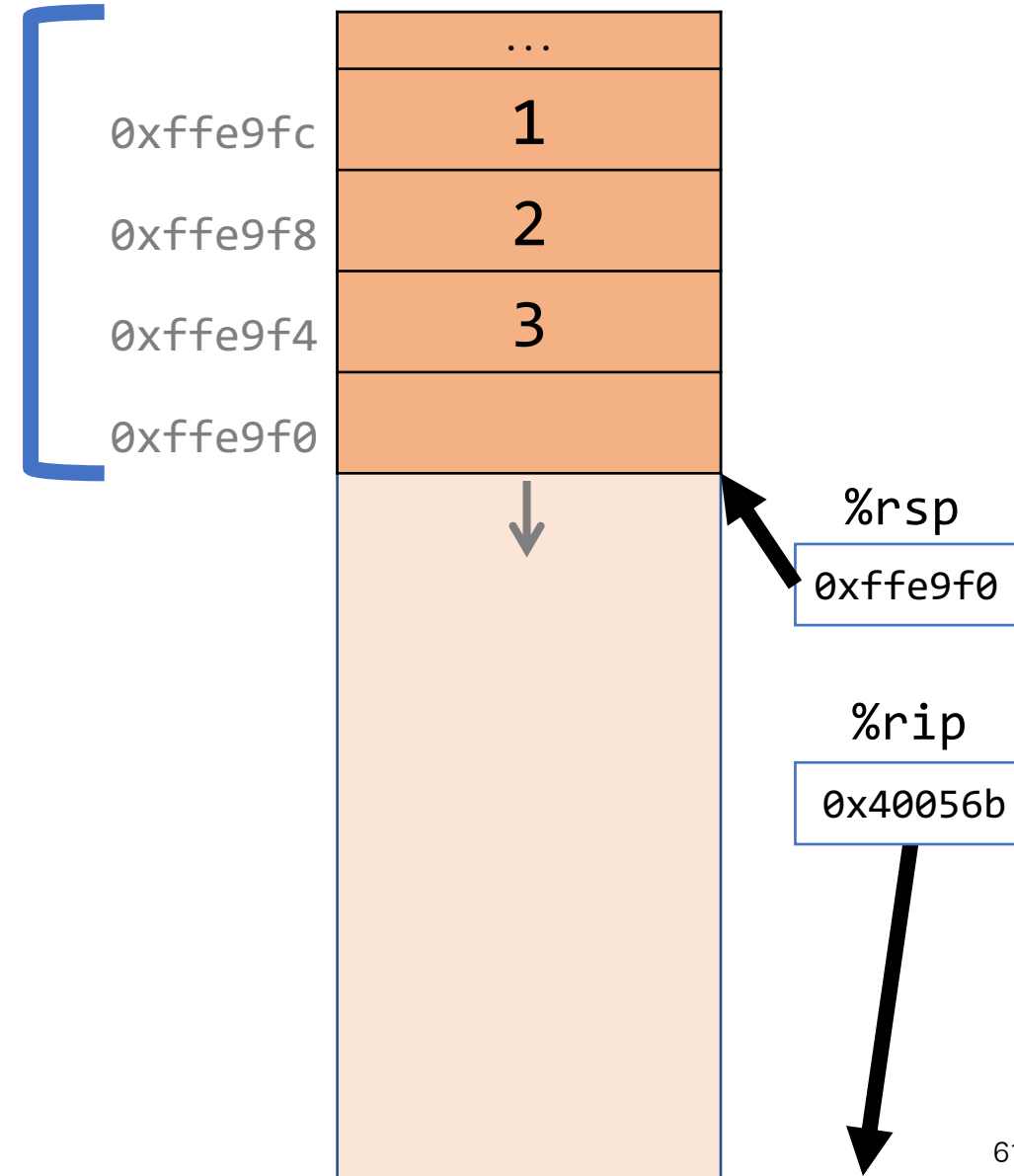


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main()

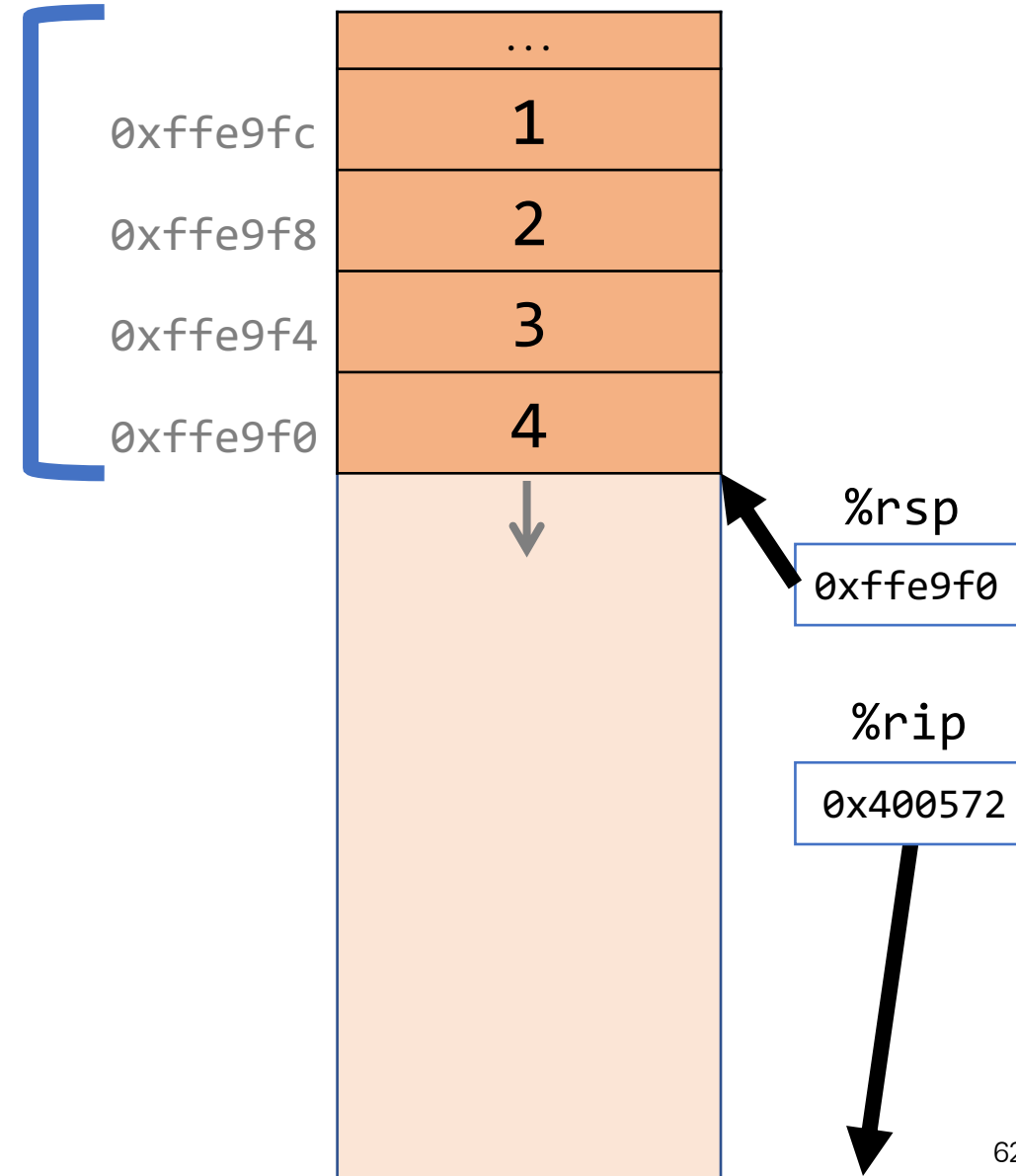


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main()



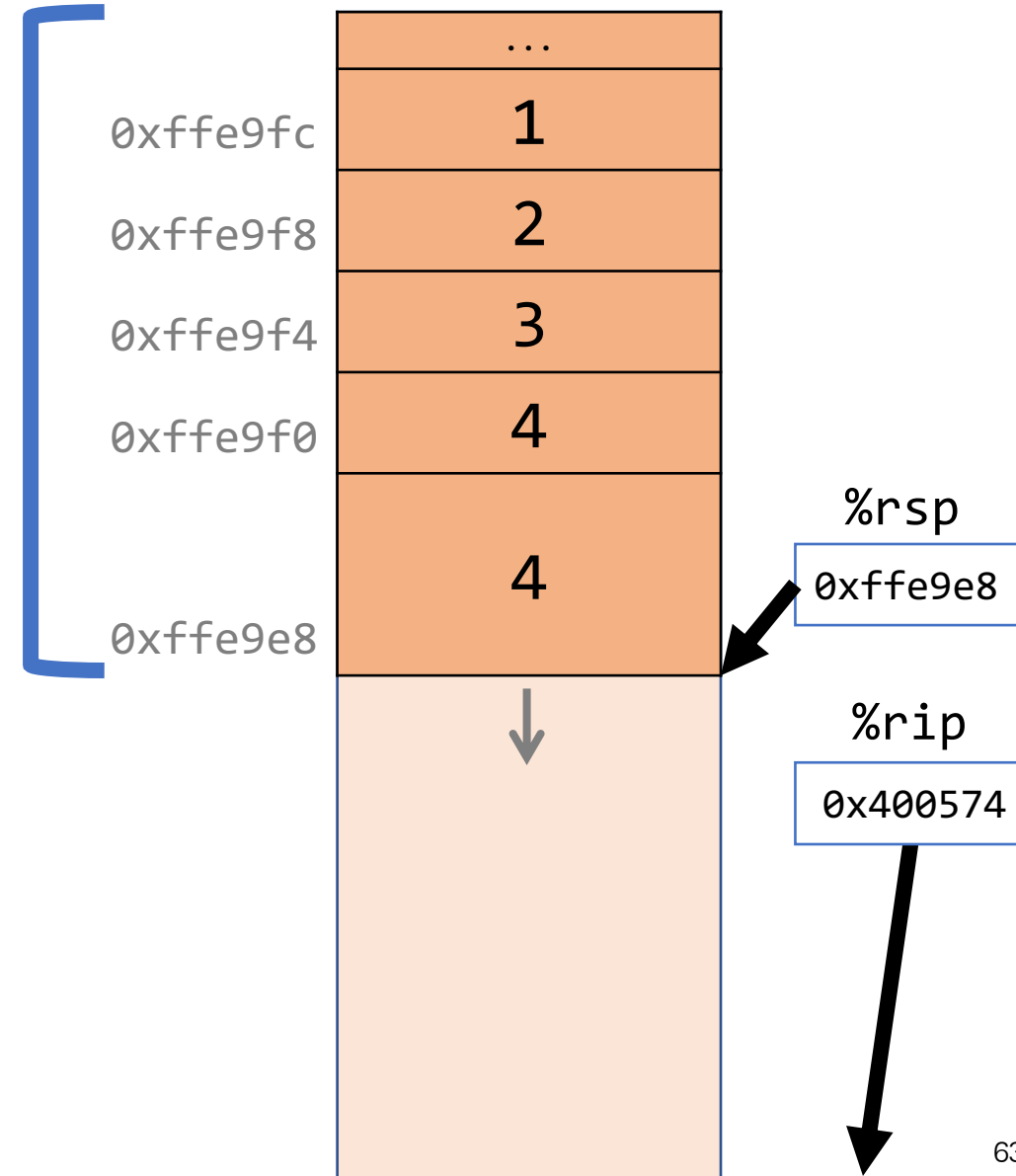
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main()



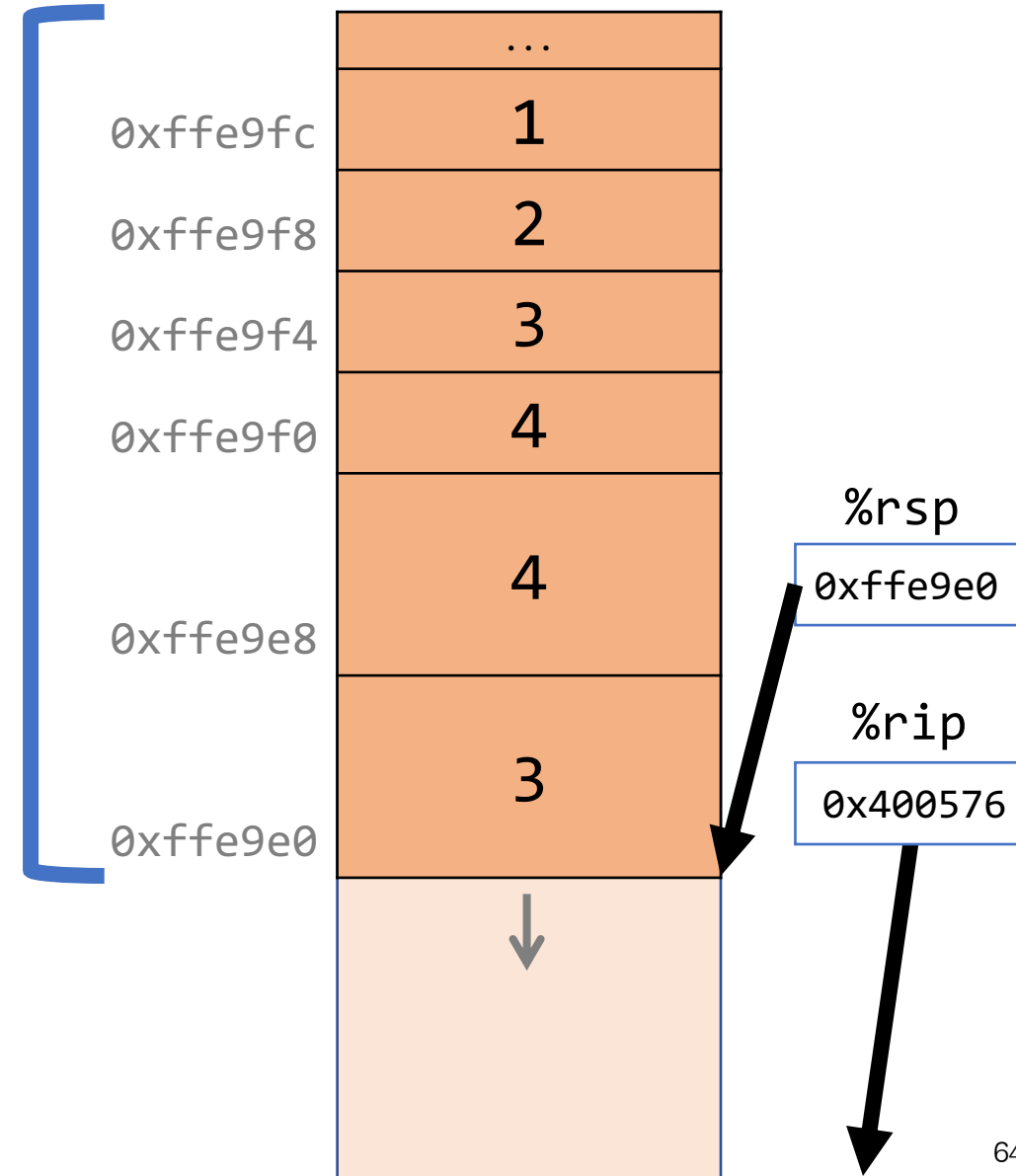
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main()



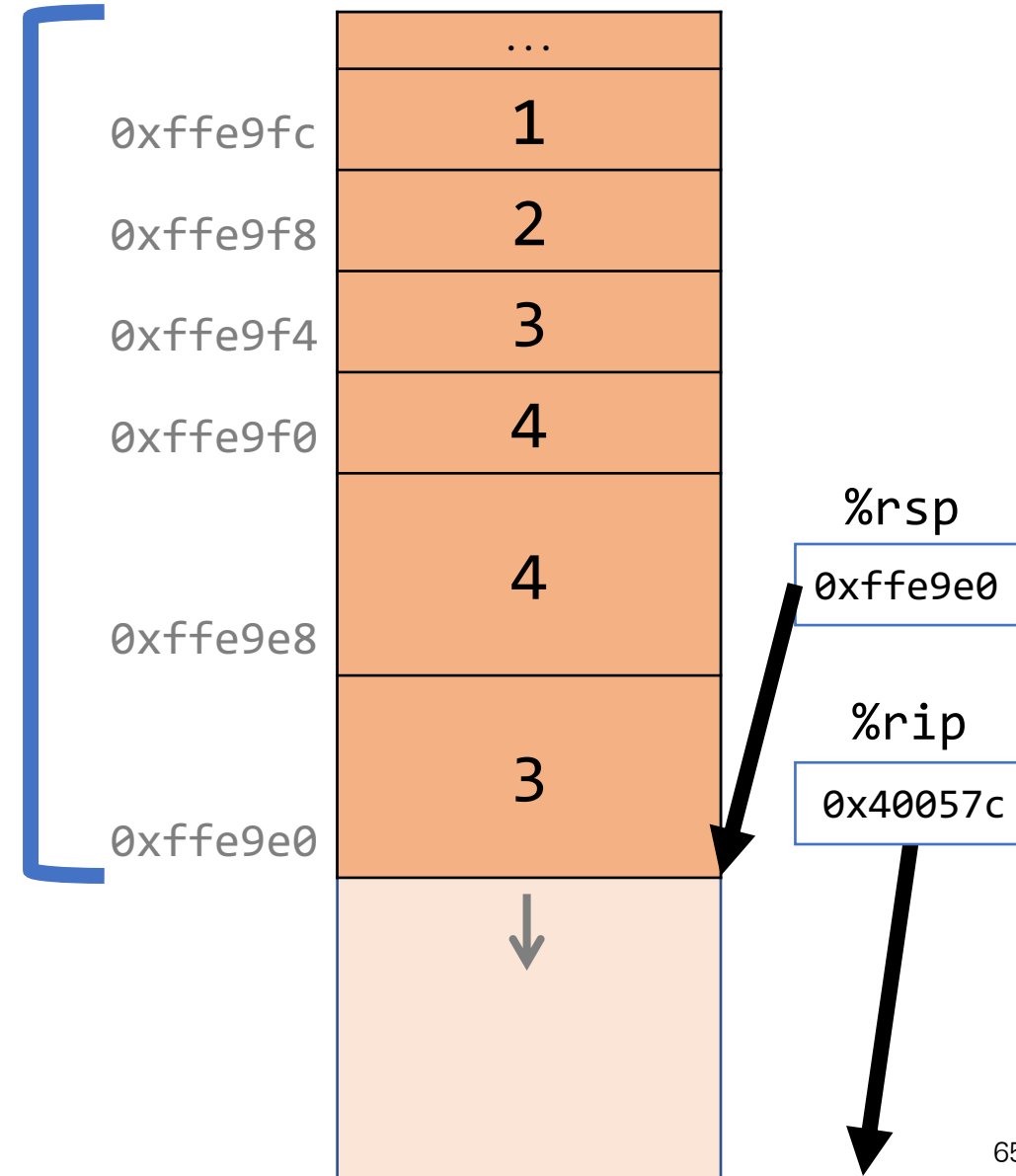
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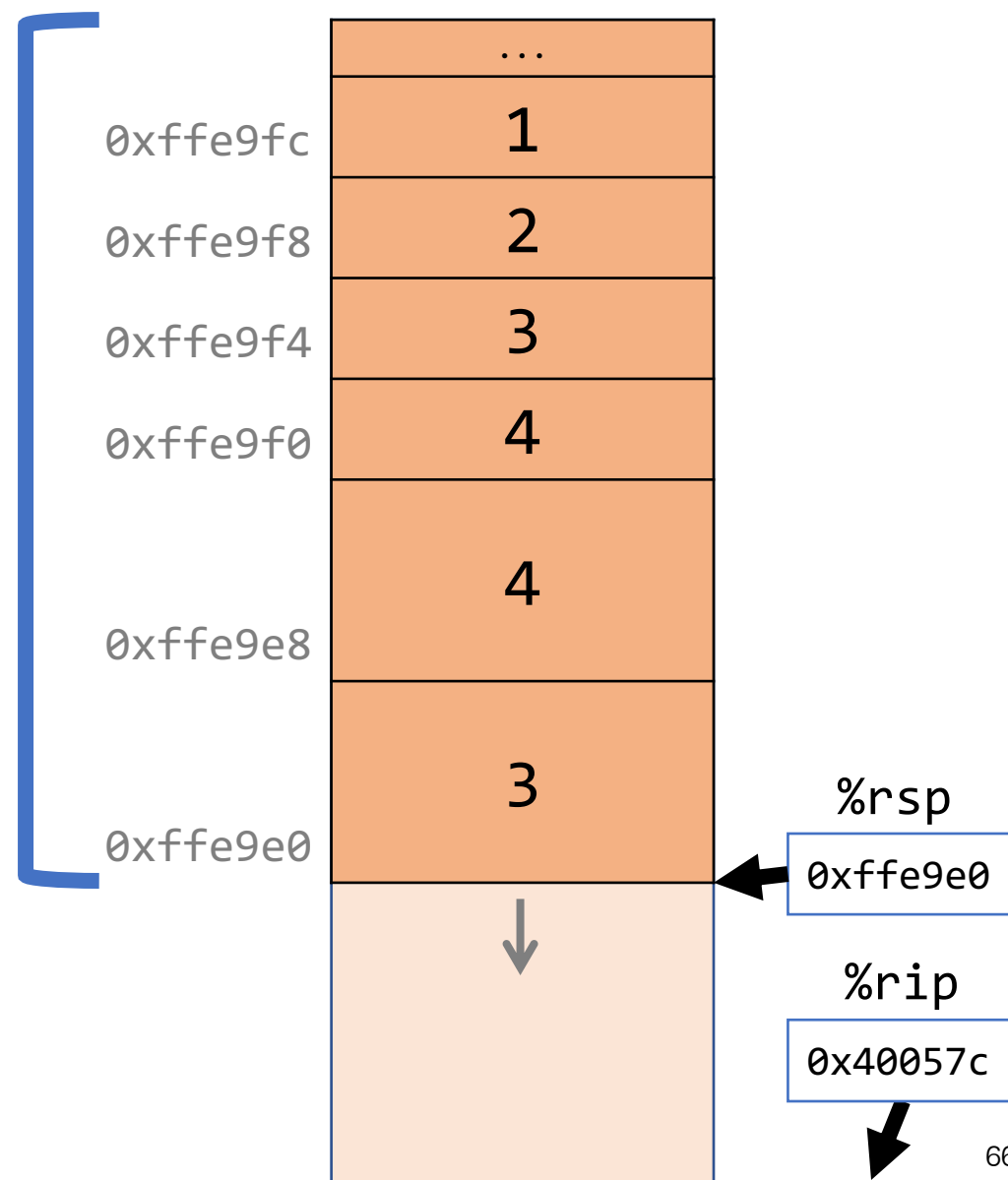
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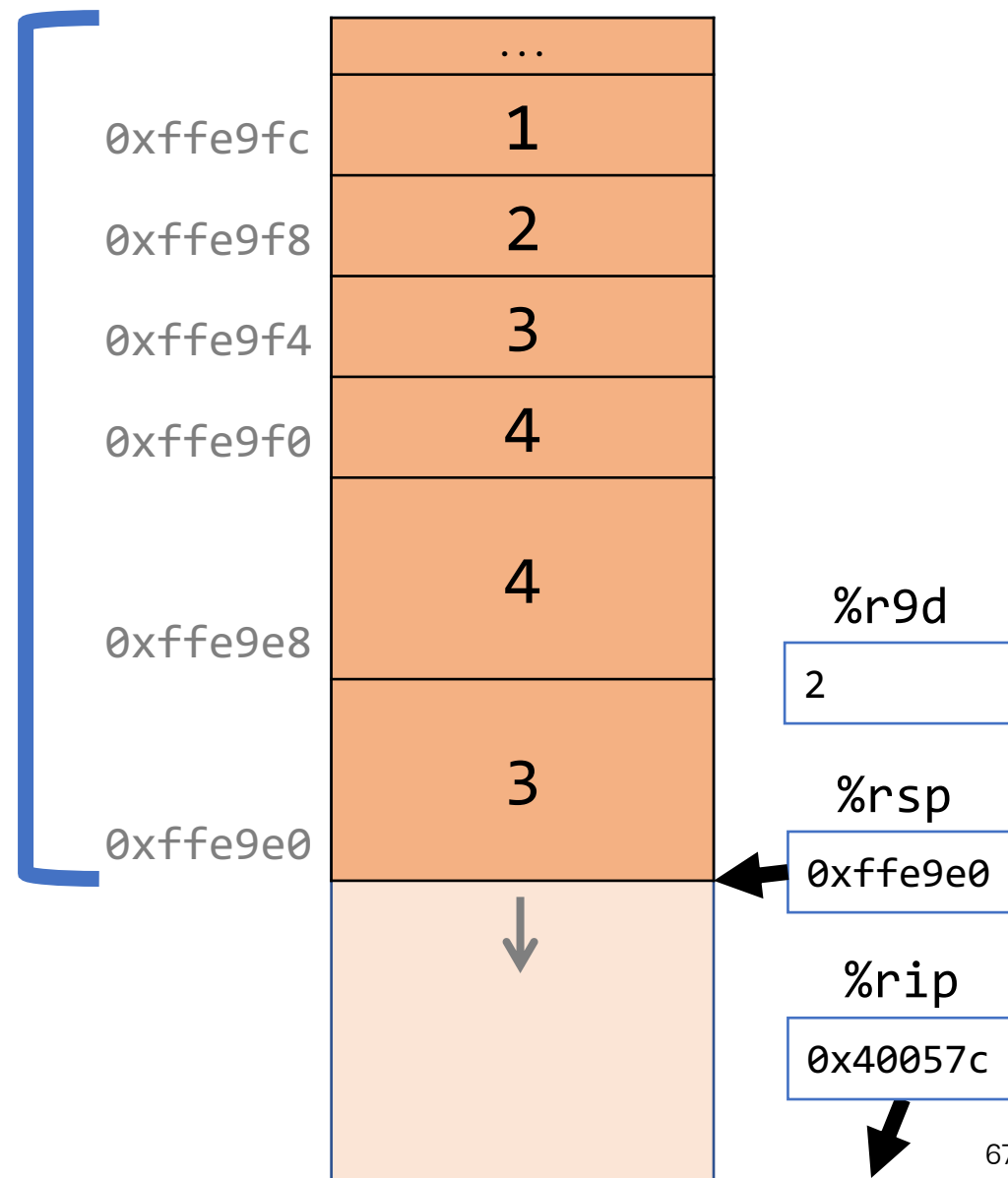
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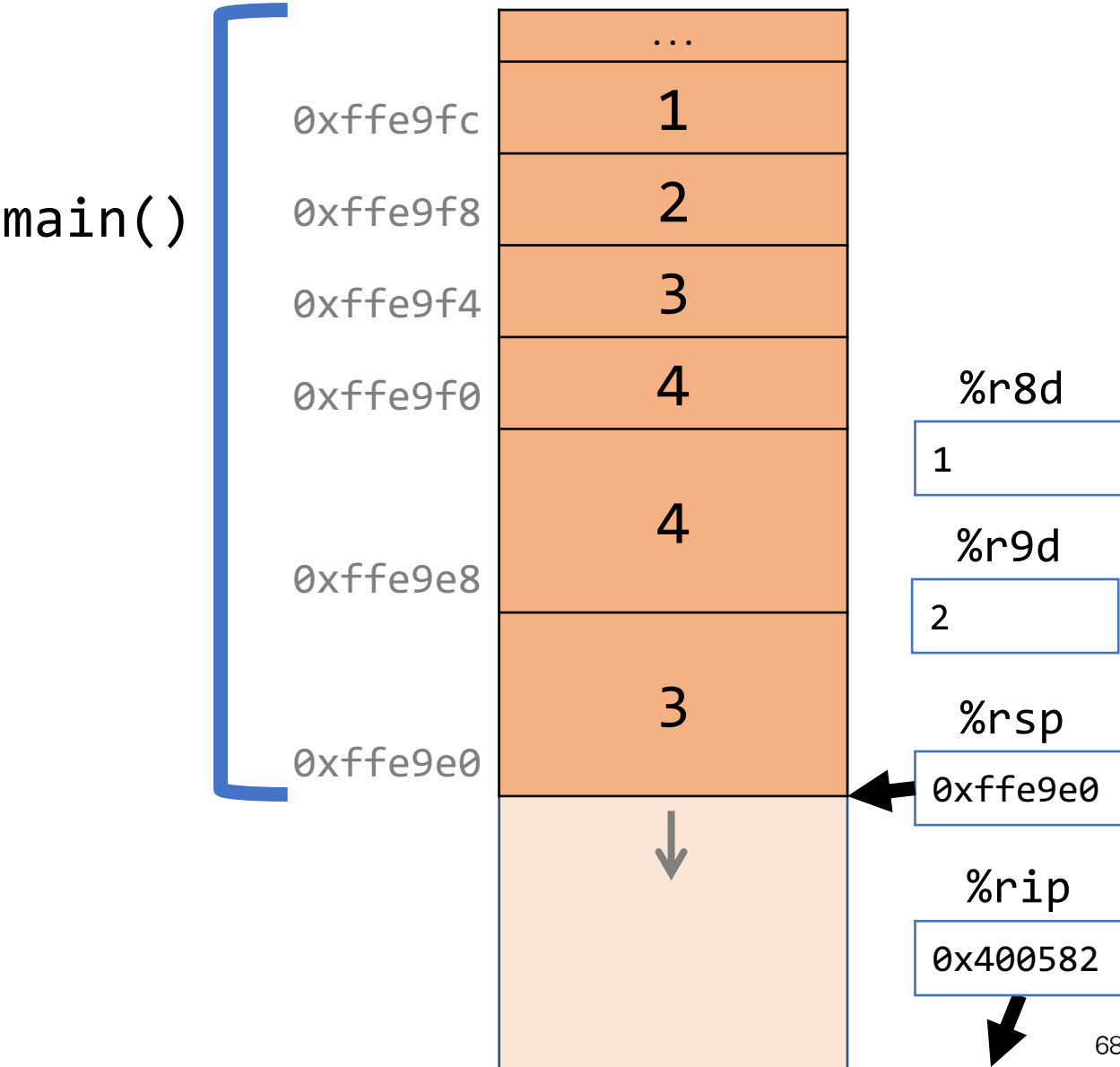


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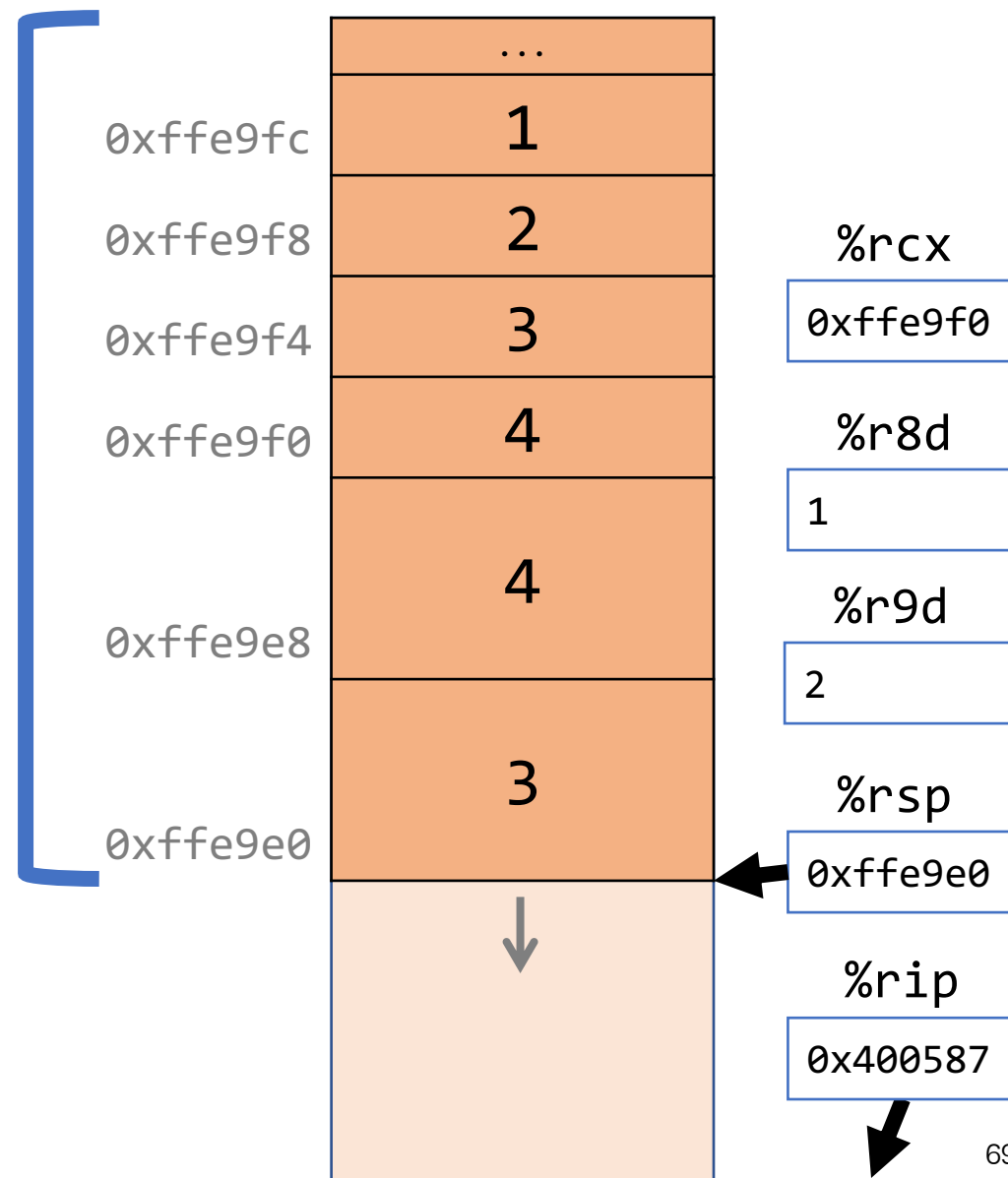
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main()



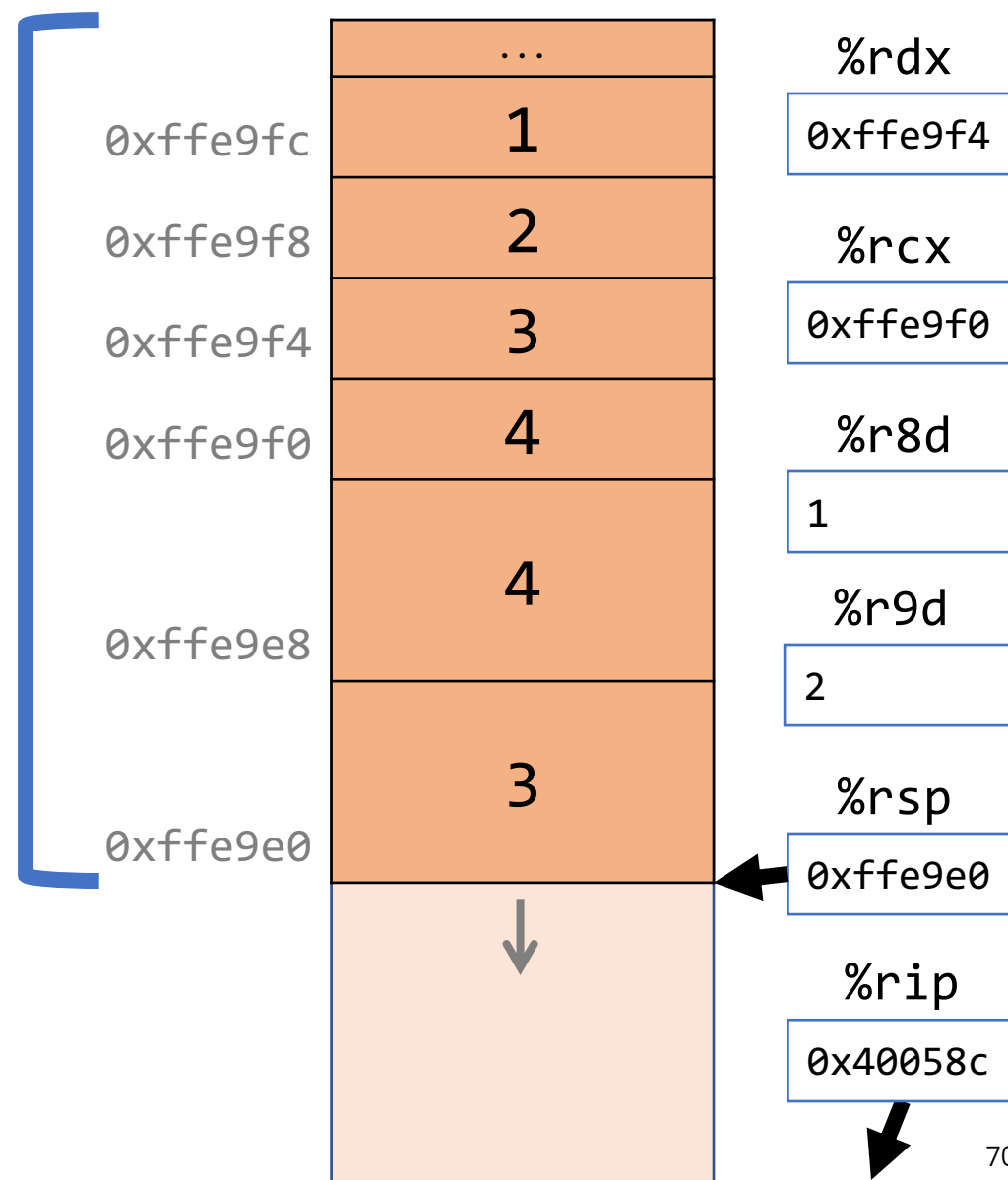
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main()



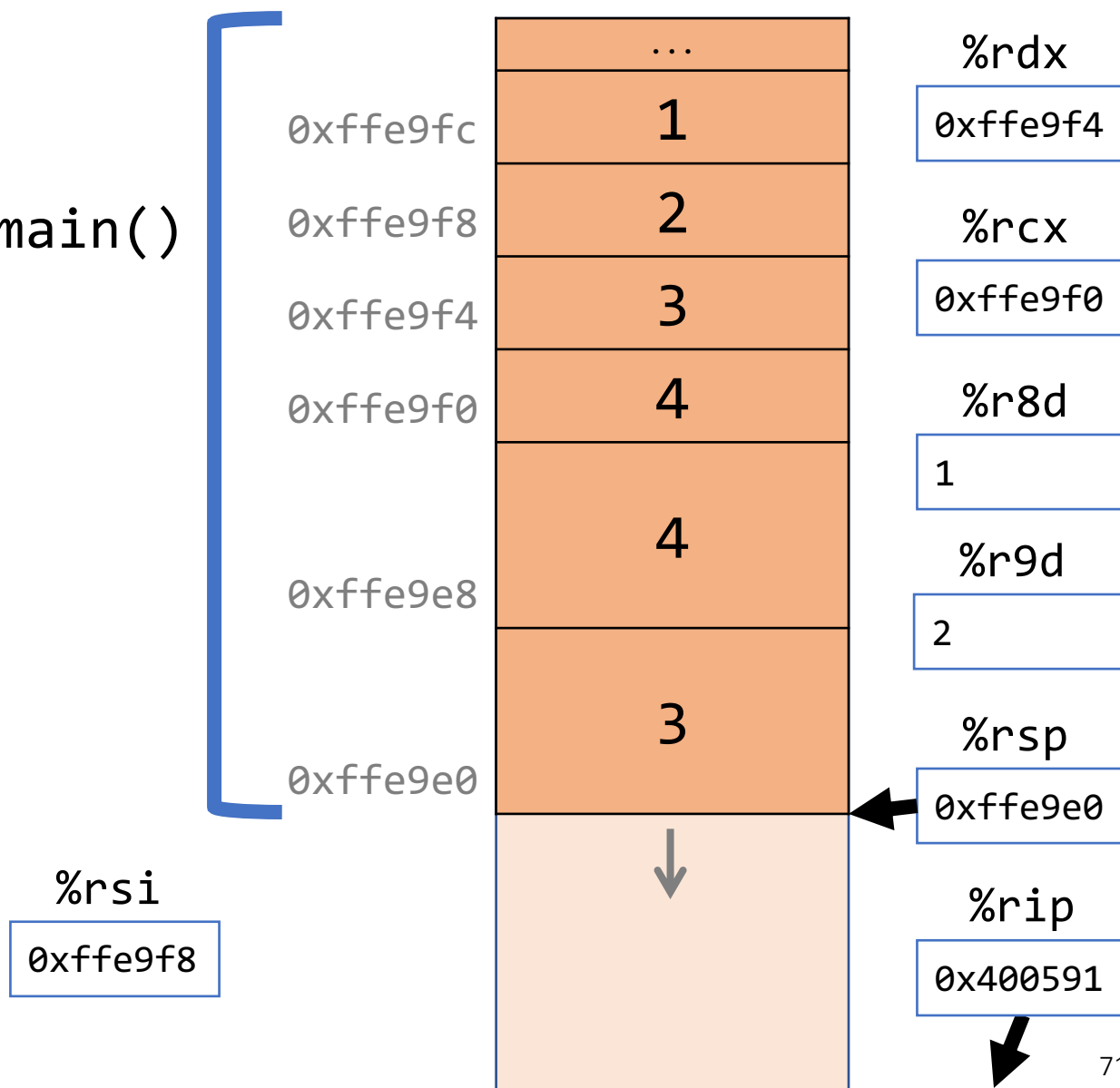
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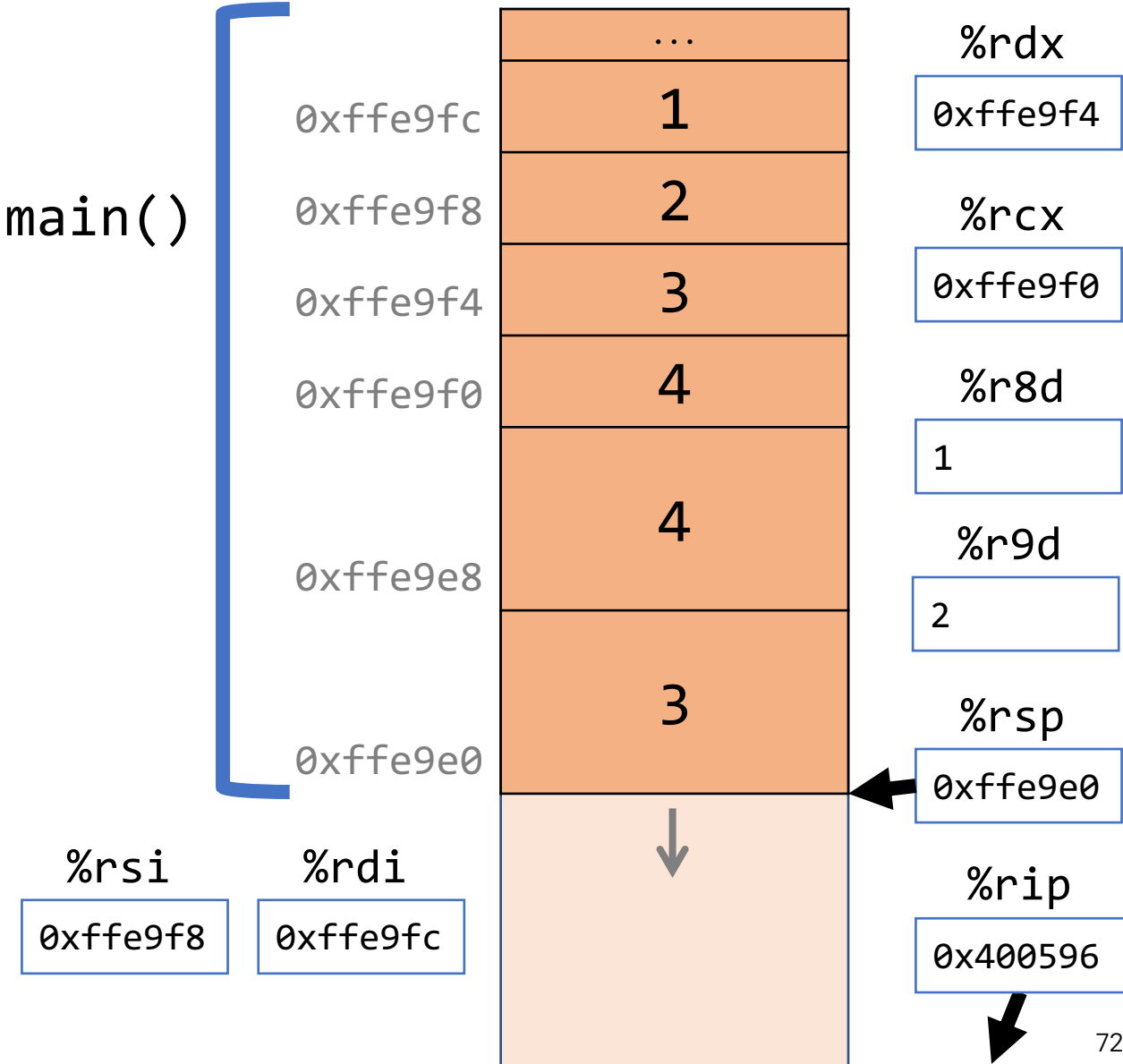


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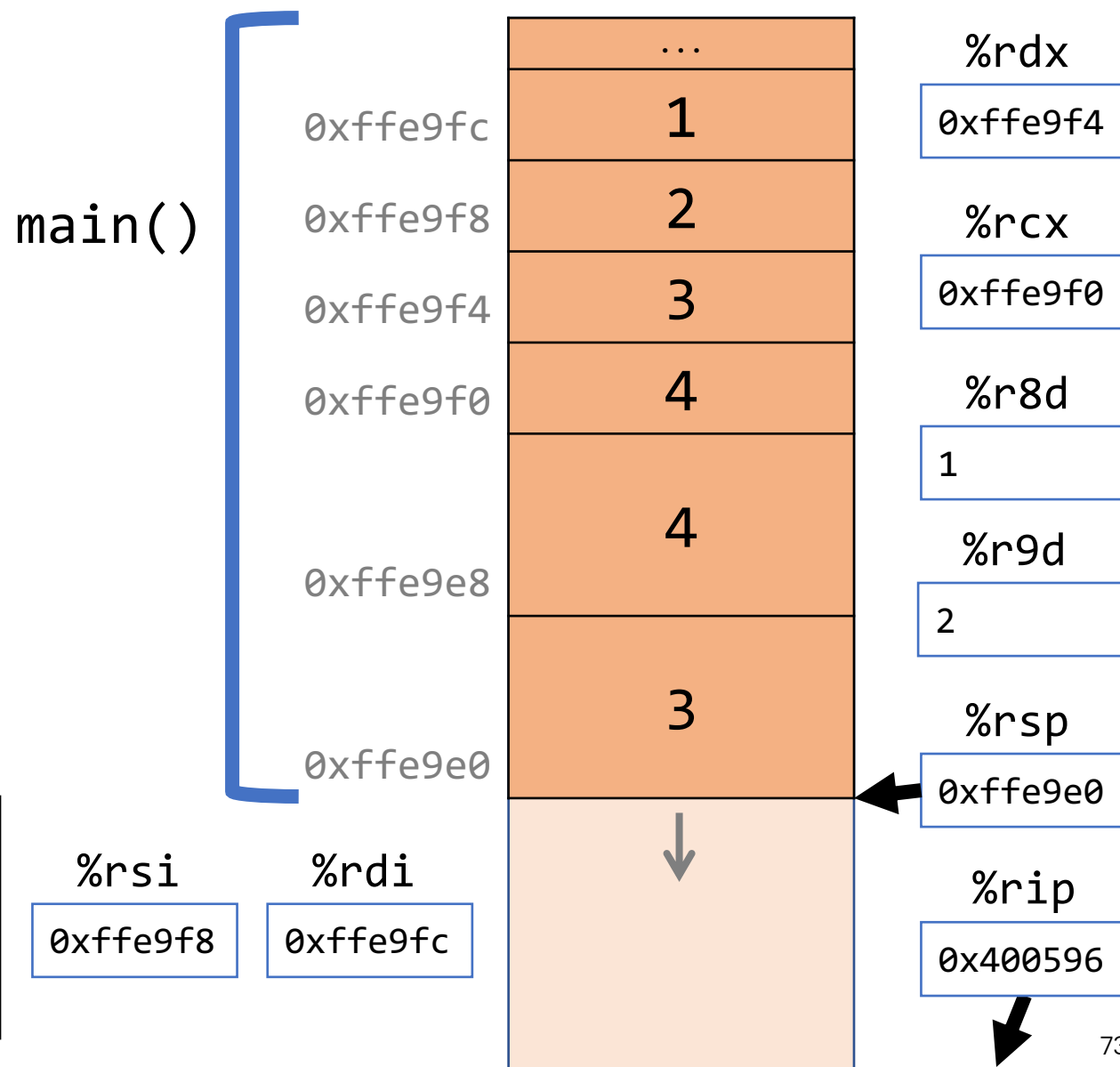


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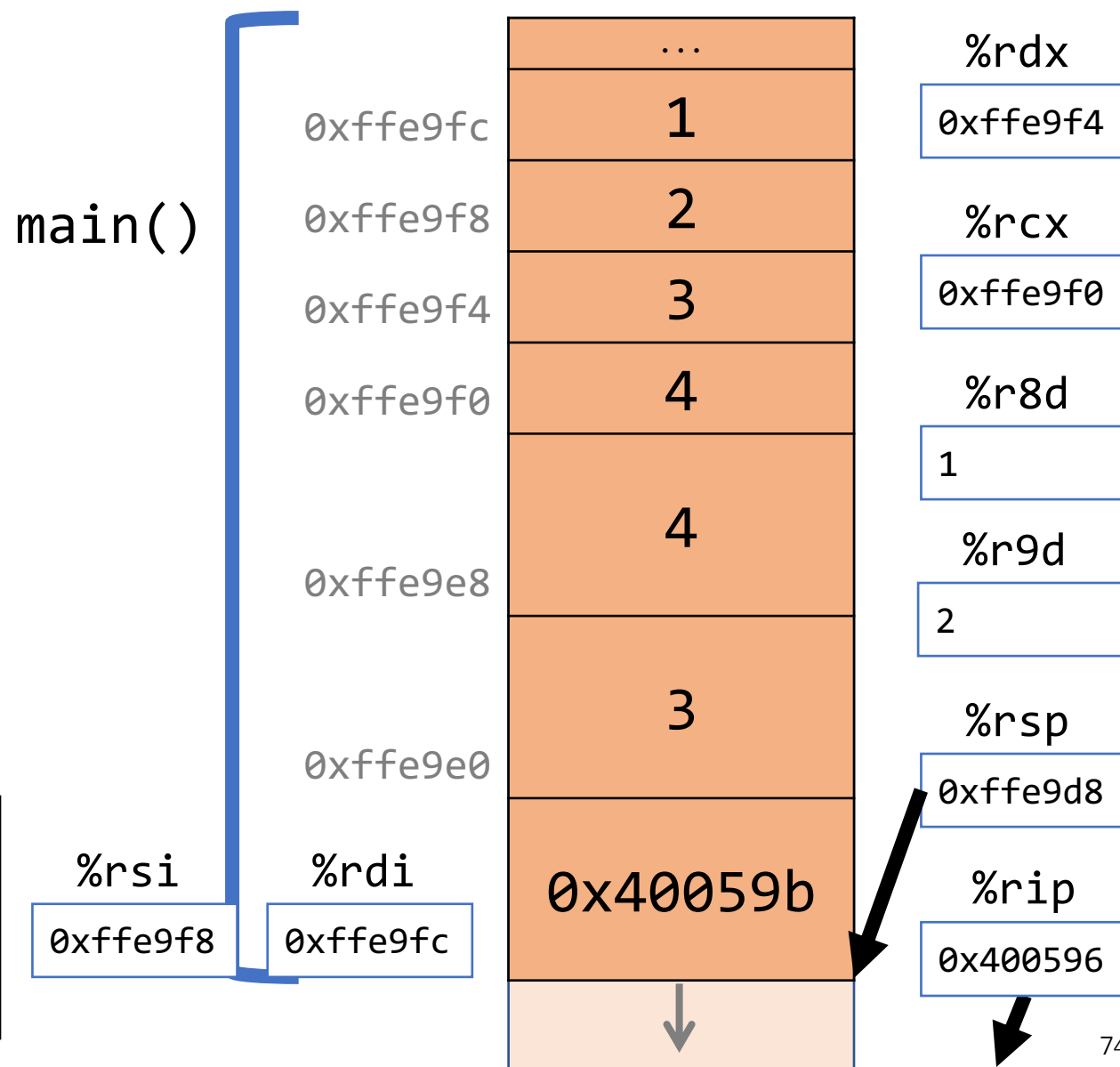


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Calling Functions In Assembly

To call a function in assembly, we must do a few things:

- **Pass Control** – %rip must be adjusted to execute the function being called and then resume the caller function afterwards.
- **Pass Data** – we must pass any parameters and receive any return value.
- **Manage Memory** – we must handle any space needs of the callee on the stack.

Terminology: **caller** function calls the **callee** function.

Local Storage

- So far, we've often seen local variables stored directly in registers, rather than on the stack as we'd expect. This is for optimization reasons.
- There are **three** common reasons that local data must be in memory:
 - We've run out of registers
 - The '&' operator is used on it, so we must generate an address for it
 - They are arrays or structs (need to use address arithmetic)

Local Storage

```
long caller() {  
    long arg1 = 534;  
    long arg2 = 1057;  
    long sum = swap_add(&arg1, &arg2);  
    ...  
}
```

```
caller:  
    subq $0x10, %rsp           // 16 bytes for stack frame  
    movq $0x216, (%rsp)       // store 534 in arg1  
    movq $0x421, 8(%rsp)      // store 1057 in arg2  
    leaq 8(%rsp), %rsi        // compute &arg2 as second arg  
    movq %rsp, %rdi           // compute &arg1 as first arg  
    call swap_add             // call swap_add(&arg1, &arg2)
```

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Register Restrictions

- 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

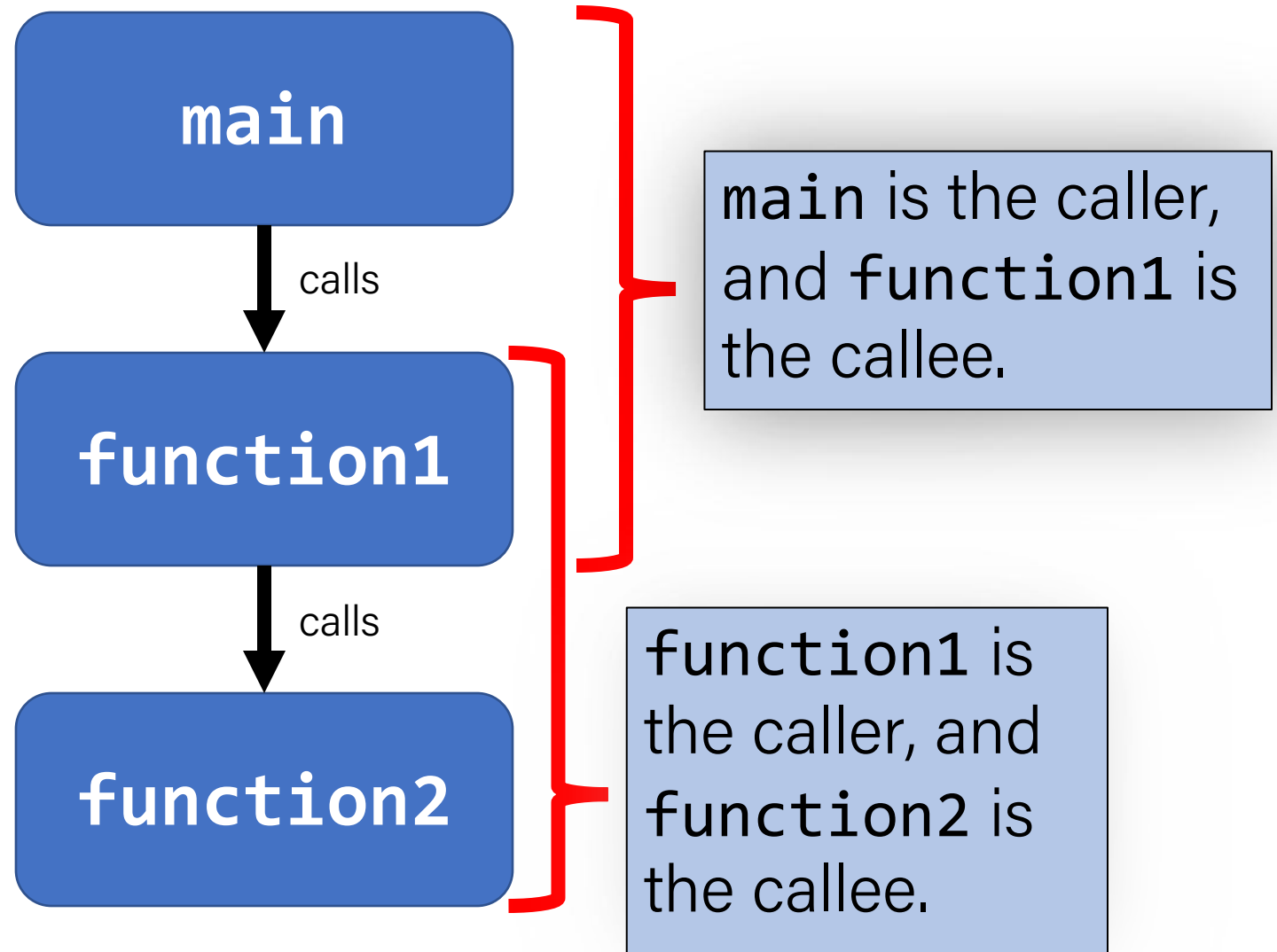
Register Restrictions

There is only one copy of registers for all programs and functions.

- **Problem:** what if *funcA* is building up a value in register %r10, and calls *funcB* in the middle, which also has instructions that modify %r10? *funcA*'s value will be overwritten!
- **Solution:** make some “rules of the road” that callers and callees must follow when using registers so they do not interfere with one another.
- These rules define two types of registers: **caller-owned** and **callee-owned**

Caller/Callee

Caller/callee is terminology that refers to a pair of functions. A single function may be both a caller and callee simultaneously (e.g. `function1` at right).



Register Restrictions

Caller-Owned (Callee Saved)

- Callee must save the existing value and *restore* it when done.
- Caller can store values and assume they will be preserved across function calls.

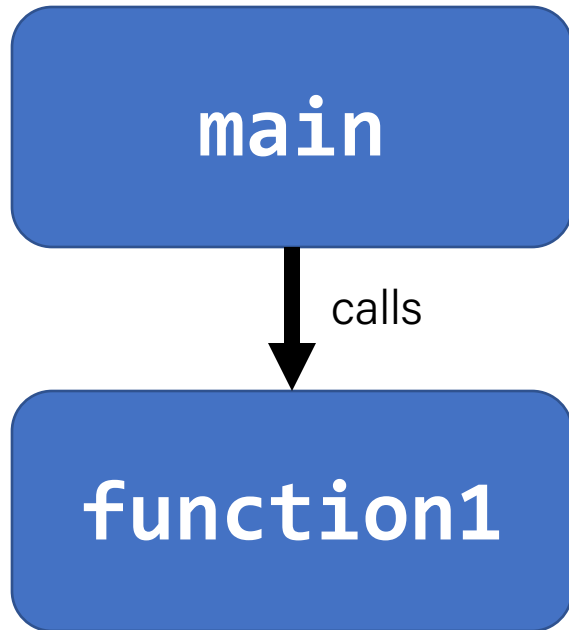
Callee-Owned (Caller Saved)

- Callee does not need to save the existing value.
- Caller's values could be overwritten by a callee! The caller may consider saving values elsewhere before calling functions.

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%rax	%eax	%ax	%al		Return value
%rbx	%ebx	%bx	%bl		Callee saved
%rcx	%ecx	%cx	%cl		4th argument
%rdx	%edx	%dx	%dl		3rd argument
%rsi	%esi	%si	%sil		2nd argument
%rdi	%edi	%di	%dil		1st argument
%rbp	%ebp	%bp	%bpl		Callee saved
%rsp	%esp	%sp	%spl		Stack pointer
%r8	%r8d	%r8w	%r8b		5th argument
%r9	%r9d	%r9w	%r9b		6th argument
%r10	%r10d	%r10w	%r10b		Caller saved
%r11	%r11d	%r11w	%r11b		Caller saved
%r12	%r12d	%r12w	%r12b		Callee saved
%r13	%r13d	%r13w	%r13b		Callee saved
%r14	%r14d	%r14w	%r14b		Callee saved
%r15	%r15d	%r15w	%r15b		Callee saved

Figure 3.2 Integer registers. The low-order portions of all 16 registers can be accessed as byte, word (16-bit), double word (32-bit), and quad word (64-bit) quantities.

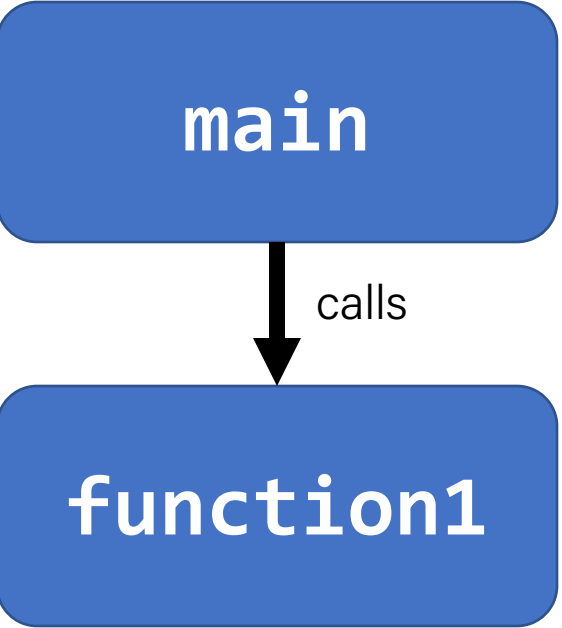
Caller-Owned Registers



`main` can use caller-owned registers and know that `function1` will not permanently modify their values.

If `function1` wants to use any caller-owned registers, it must save the existing values and restore them before returning.

Caller-Owned Registers



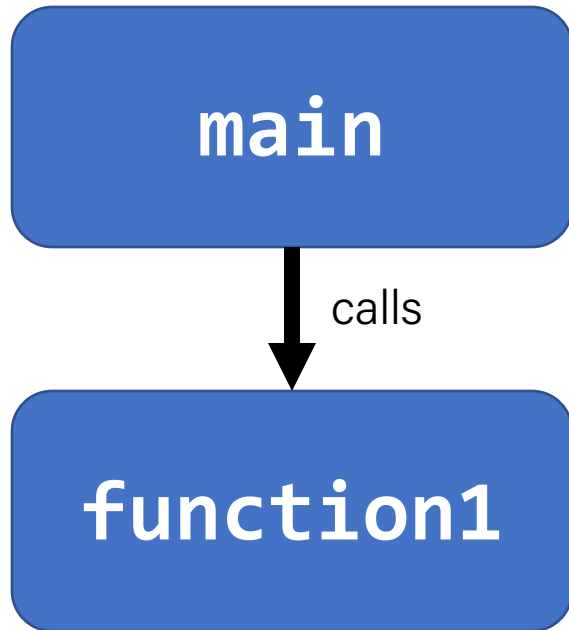
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function1:
    push %rbp
    push %rbx
    ...
    pop %rbx
    pop %rbp
    retq
  
```

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%rsi	%esi	%si	%sil		2nd argument
%rdi	%edi	%di	%dil		1st argument
%rbp	%ebp	%bp	%bpl		Callee saved
%rsp	%esp	%sp	%spl		Stack pointer
%r8	%r8d	%r8w	%r8b		5th argument
%r9	%r9d	%r9w	%r9b		6th argument
%r10	%r10d	%r10w	%r10b		Caller saved
%r11	%r11d	%r11w	%r11b		Caller saved
%r12	%r12d	%r12w	%r12b		Callee saved
%r13	%r13d	%r13w	%r13b		Callee saved
%r14	%r14d	%r14w	%r14b		Callee saved
%r15	%r15d	%r15w	%r15b		Callee saved

Figure 3.2 Integer registers. The low-order portions of all 16 registers can be accessed as byte, word (16-bit), double word (32-bit), and quad word (64-bit) quantities.

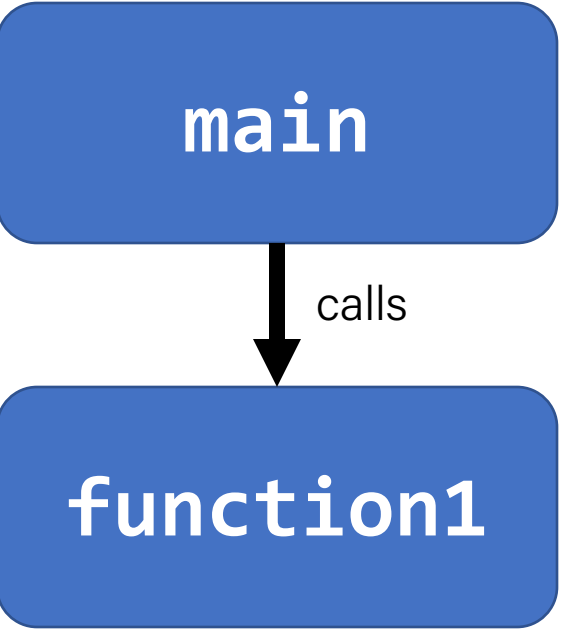
Callee-Owned Registers



`main` can use callee-owned registers but calling `function1` may permanently modify their values.

If `function1` wants to use any callee-owned registers, it can do so without saving the existing values.

Callee-Owned Registers

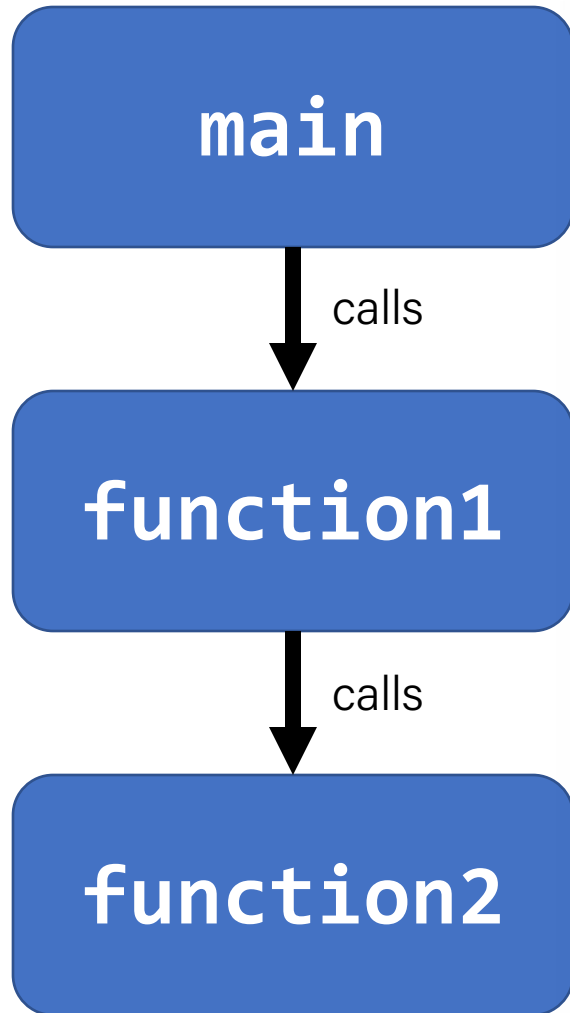


```
main:
    ...
    push %r10
    push %r11
    callq function1
    pop %r11
    pop %r10
    ...
```

63	31	15	7	0	
%rax	%eax	%ax	%al		Return value
%rbx	%ebx	%bx	%bl		Callee saved
%rcx	%ecx	%cx	%cl		4th argument
%rdx	%edx	%dx	%dl		3rd argument
%rsi	%esi	%si	%sil		2nd argument
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A Day In the Life of `function1`



Caller-owned registers:

- **`function1`** must save/restore existing values of any it wants to use.
- **`function1`** can assume that calling **`function2`** will not permanently change their values.

Callee-owned registers:

- **`function1`** does not need to save/restore existing values of any it wants to use.
- calling **`function2`** may permanently change their values.

Lecture Plan

- Revisiting `%rip`
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 - The Stack
 - Passing Control
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- Pulling it all together: recursion example

Example: Recursion

- Let's look at an example of recursion at the assembly level.
- We'll use everything we've learned about registers, the stack, function calls, parameters, and assembly instructions!

<https://godbolt.org/z/f43dz1>



`factorial.c` and `factorial`

Our First Assembly

```
int sum_array(int arr[], int nelems) {  
    int sum = 0;  
    for (int i = 0; i < nelems; i++) {  
        sum += arr[i];  
    }  
    return sum;  
}
```

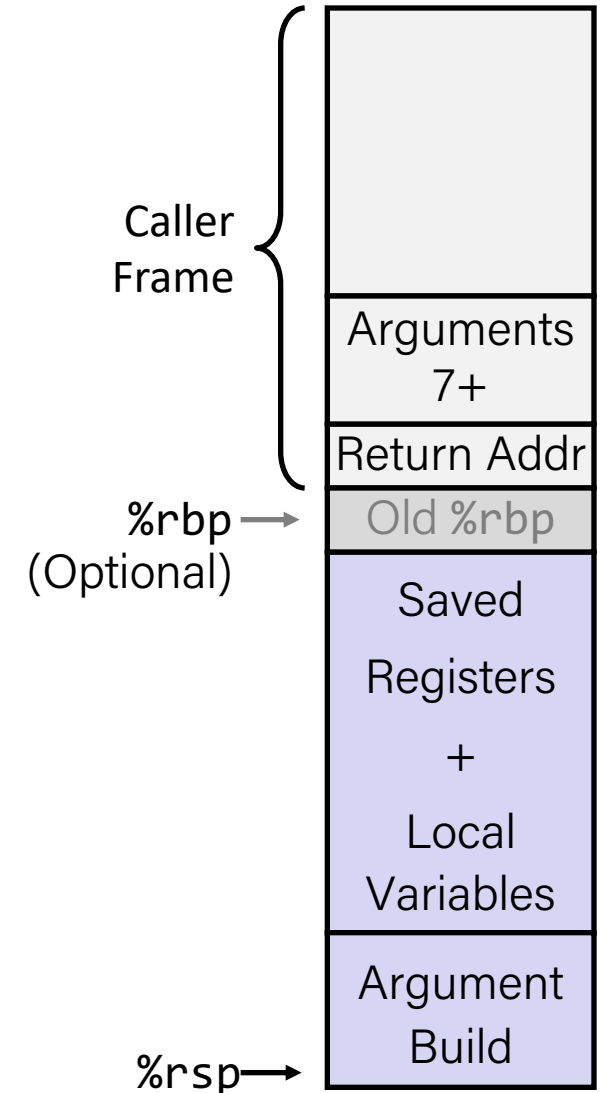
We're done with all our assembly lectures! Now we can fully understand what's going on in the assembly below, including how someone would call `sum_array` in assembly and what the **ret** instruction does.

00000000004005b6 <sum_array>:

4005b6:	ba 00 00 00 00	mov	\$0x0,%edx
4005bb:	b8 00 00 00 00	mov	\$0x0,%eax
4005c0:	eb 09	jmp	4005cb <sum_array+0x15>
4005c2:	48 63 ca	movslq	%edx,%rcx
4005c5:	03 04 8f	add	(%rdi,%rcx,4),%eax
4005c8:	83 c2 01	add	\$0x1,%edx
4005cb:	39 f2	cmp	%esi,%edx
4005cd:	7c f3	j1	4005c2 <sum_array+0xc>
4005cf:	f3 c3	repz	retq

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



Recap

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Next time: *data stack frames*