

# Functions in MIPS: example

Simple function to add 1 to \$s0, save it, and then restore the value

Call the function inc\_and\_save

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.text
main:
    addi $s0, $zero, 1
    addi $s1, $zero, 0
    jal inc_and_save # call the function

    # exit program via syscall
    lw $v0, 10
    syscall
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Save \$s0 to stack, and  
restore afterwards

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inc_and_save:
    # store current value of $s0 on the stack
    addi $sp, $sp, -4 # an integer is 4 bytes
    sw $s0, 0($sp)
    # increment $s0 and save it to ram
    # add the address in $s1
    addi $s0, $s0, 1
    sw $s0, 0($s1)
    # restore original value of $s0
    lw $s0, 0($sp)
    addi $sp, $sp, 4 # restore stack pointer
    # return to function call location
    jr $ra
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# Memory layout for a program in execution

