CS 33

Machine Programming (4)

Switch-Statement Example

```
long switch eq (long m, long d) {
    if (d < 1) return 0;
    switch (m) {
    case 1: case 3: case 5:
    case 7: case 8: case 10:
    case 12:
        if (d > 31) return 0;
        else return 1;
    case 2:
        if (d > 28) return 0;
        else return 1;
    case 4: case 6: case 9:
    case 11:
        if (d > 30) return 0;
        else return 1;
    default:
        return 0;
    return 0;
```

Offset Structure

Switch Form

```
switch(x) {
   case val_0:
     Block 0
   case val_1:
     Block 1
     • • •
   case val_n-1:
     Block n-1
}
```

Jump Offset Table Otab: Targ0 Offset

Targ1 Offset

Targ2 Offset

•

•

Targn-1 Offset

Jump Targets

Targ0: Code Block 0

Targ1:

Code Block 1

Targ2:

Code Block 2

•

•

•

Approximate Translation

```
target = Otab + OTab[x];
goto *target;
```

Targn-1:

Code Block n-1

Assembler Code (1)

```
.section
                                                        .rodata
switch eq:
       movl $0, %eax
                                             .aliqn 4
       testq %rsi, %rsi
                                     .L4:
       jle .L1
                                             .long
                                                   .L8-.L4
       cmpq $12, %rdi
                                             .long .L3-.L4
       ja .L8
                                             .long .L6-.L4
       leaq .L4(%rip), %rdx
                                             .long .L3-.L4
       movslq (%rdx,%rdi,4), %rax
                                                   .L5-.L4
                                             .long
       addq %rdx, %rax
                                             .long
                                                   .L3-.L4
           *%rax
                                                   .L5-.L4
       jmp
                                             .long
                                             .long
                                                   .L3-.L4
                                                   .L3-.L4
                                             .long
                                             .long
                                                   .L5-.L4
                                             .long
                                                   .L3-.L4
                                             .long
                                                   .L5-.L4
                                             .long
                                                   .L3-.L4
                                             .text
```

Assembler Code (2)

```
.L3:
                             .L5:
                                    cmpq $30, %rsi
       cmpq $31, %rsi
       setle %al
                                    setle %al
       movzbl %al, %eax
                                    movzbl %al, %eax
       ret
                                    ret
.L6:
                             .L8:
       cmpq $28, %rsi
                                           $0, %eax
                                    movl
       setle %al
                            .L1:
       movzbl %al, %eax
                                    ret
       ret
```

Assembler Code Explanation (1)

movl \$0, %eax # return value set to 0

testq %rsi, %rsi # sets cc based on %rsi & %rsi

jle .L1 # go to L1, where it returns 0

cmpq \$12, %rdi

ja .L8

leaq .L4(%rip), %rdx

movslq (%rdx,%rdi,4), %rax

addq %rdx, %rax

- testq %rsi, %rsi
 - sets cc based on the contents of %rsi (d)
 - jle
 - jumps if (SF^OF) | ZF
 - OF is not set

jmp *%rax

jumps if SF or ZF is set (i.e., < 1)

Assembler Code Explanation (2)

- ja .L8
 - unsigned comparison, though m is signed!
 - jumps if %rdi > 12
 - also jumps if %rdi is negative

Assembler Code Explanation (3)

```
switch eq:
                                                 .section
                                                              .rodata
       movl $0, %eax
                                                 .align 4
       testq %rsi, %rsi
                                         .L4:
                                                 .long
                                                        .L8-.L4 \# m=0
       jle .L1
       cmpq $12, %rdi
                                                       .L3-.L4 # m=1
                                                 .long
       jа
          .L8
                                                 .long
                                                       .L6-.L4 \# m=2
       leaq .L4(%rip), %rdx
                                                 .long
                                                       .L3-.L4 \# m=3
                                                        .L5-.L4 \# m=4
       movslq (%rdx,%rdi,4), %rax
                                                 .long
                                                        .L3-.L4 # m=5
       addq %rdx, %rax
                                                 .long
               *%rax
                                                        .L5-.L4 \# m=6
       qmr
                                                 .long
                                                 .long
                                                        .L3-.L4 \# m=7
                                                        .L3-.L4 \# m=8
                                                 .long
                                                 .long
                                                        .L5-.L4 \# m=9
                                                        .L3-.L4 # m=10
                                                 .long
                                                 .long
                                                        .L5-.L4 \# m=11
                                                        .L3-.L4 \# m=12
                                                 .long
                                                 .text
```

Assembler Code Explanation (4)

```
.section
switch eq:
                                                              .rodata
              $0, %eax
                                                 .align 4
       movl
       testa %rsi, %rsi
                                         .L4:
               .L1
                                                 .long
                                                        .L8-.L4 \# m=0
       jle
              $12, %rdi
                                                        .L3-.L4 \# m=1
                                                 .long
        cmpq
       jа
               .L8
                                                 .long
                                                        .L6-.L4 \# m=2
                                                        .L3-.L4 \# m=3
                                                 .long
        leaq .L4(%rip), %rdx
                                                        .L5-.L4 \# m=4
                                                 .long
       movslq (%rdx,%rdi,4), %rax
                                                        .L3-.L4 \# m=5
                                                 .long
        addq
                %rdx, %rax
                                                        .L5-.L4 \# m=6
                                                 .long
                 *%rax
        jmp
                               indirect
                                                        .L3-.L4 \# m=7
                                                 .long
                               jump
                                                        .L3-.L4 # m=8
                                                 .long
                                                 .long
                                                        .L5-.L4 \# m=9
                                                        .L3-.L4 # m=10
                                                 .long
                                                 .long
                                                        .L5-.L4 \# m=11
                                                        .L3-.L4 \# m=12
                                                 .long
                                                 .text
```

Assembler Code Explanation (5)

```
switch eq:
                                               .section
                                                            .rodata
              $0, %eax
                                               .align 4
       movl
       testq %rsi, %rsi
                                       .L4:
              .L1
                                               .long
                                                      .L8-.L4 \# m=0
       jle
       cmpq $12, %rdi
                                                      .L3-.L4 \# m=1
                                               .long
       ja .L8
                                               .long
                                                      .L6-.L4 \# m=2
                                               .long
                                                      .L3-.L4 \# m=3
       leaq .L4(%rip), %rdx
                                                      .L5-.L4 \# m=4
                                               .long
       movslq (%rdx,%rdi,4), %rax
                                                      .L3-.L4 # m=5
                                               .long
       addq
                %rdx, %rax
                                                      .L5-.L4 \# m=6
                                               .long
                *%rax
       jmp
                                                      .L3-.L4 \# m=7
                                               .long
                                                      .L3-.L4 # m=8
                                               .long
                                               .long
                                                      .L5-.L4 \# m=9
                                                      .L3-.L4 \# m=10
                                               .long
                                               .long
                                                      .L5-.L4 \# m=11
                                                      .L3-.L4 \# m=12
                                               .long
                                               .text
```

Assembler Code Explanation (6)

```
switch eq:
                                               .section
                                                            .rodata
              $0, %eax
                                               .align 4
       movl
       testq %rsi, %rsi
                                       .L4:
              .L1
                                               .long
                                                      .L8-.L4 \# m=0
       jle
             $12, %rdi
                                                      .L3-.L4 \# m=1
                                               .long
       cmpq
       ja .L8
                                               .long
                                                      .L6-.L4 \# m=2
                                               .long
                                                      .L3-.L4 \# m=3
       leaq .L4(%rip), %rdx
                                                      .L5-.L4 \# m=4
                                               .long
       movslq (%rdx,%rdi,4), %rax
                                                      .L3-.L4 # m=5
                                               .long
       addq
                %rdx, %rax
                                                      .L5-.L4 \# m=6
                                               .long
                *%rax
       jmp
                                                       .L3-.L4 \# m=7
                                               .long
                                                      .L3-.L4 \# m=8
                                               .long
                                               .long
                                                       .L5-.L4 \# m=9
                                                      .L3-.L4 \# m=10
                                               .long
                                               .long
                                                       .L5-.L4 \# m=11
                                                      .L3-.L4 \# m=12
                                               .long
                                               .text
```

Assembler Code Explanation (7)

```
switch eq:
                                               .section
                                                            .rodata
              $0, %eax
                                               .align 4
       movl
       testq %rsi, %rsi
                                       .L4:
              .L1
                                               .long
                                                      .L8-.L4 \# m=0
       jle
             $12, %rdi
                                                      .L3-.L4 \# m=1
                                               .long
       cmpq
          .L8
                                               .long
                                                      .L6-.L4 \# m=2
       jа
                                               .long
                                                      .L3-.L4 \# m=3
       leaq .L4(%rip), %rdx
                                                      .L5-.L4 \# m=4
                                               .long
       movslq (%rdx,%rdi,4), %rax
                                                      .L3-.L4 # m=5
                                               .long
       addq
                %rdx, %rax
                                                      .L5-.L4 \# m=6
                                               .long
                *%rax
       jmp
                                                      .L3-.L4 \# m=7
                                               .long
                                                      .L3-.L4 \# m=8
                                               .long
                                               .long
                                                      .L5-.L4 \# m=9
                                                      .L3-.L4 \# m=10
                                               .long
                                               .long
                                                      .L5-.L4 \# m=11
                                                      .L3-.L4 \# m=12
                                               .long
                                               .text
```

Switch Statements and Traps

- The code we just looked at was compiled with gcc's O1 flag
 - a moderate amount of "optimization"
- Traps originally was compiled with the O0 flag
 - no optimization
- O0 often produces easier-to-read (but less efficient) code
 - not so for switch

O1 vs. O0 Code

```
switch eg01:
                                      switch eg00:
   movl $0, %eax
                                         pushq %rbp
   testa %rsi, %rsi
                                         movq %rsp, %rbp
   ile .L1
                                         mova %rdi, -8(%rbp)
   cmpq $12, %rdi
                                         movq %rsi, -16(%rbp)
   ja .L8
                                         cmpq $0, -16(%rbp)
   leaq .L4(%rip), %rdx
                                         jq .L2
   movslq (%rdx,%rdi,4), %rax
                                         movl $0, %eax
   addq %rdx, %rax
                                         jmp .L3
                                      .T.2:
   jmp *%rax
                                         cmpq $12, -8(%rbp)
                                         ja .L4
                                         movq -8(%rbp), %rax
                                               0(,%rax,4), %rdx
                                         leag
                                         leaq .L6(%rip), %rax
                                         movl
                                               (%rdx,%rax), %eax
                                         cltq
                                         leaq
                                               .L6(%rip), %rdx
                                         addq %rdx, %rax
                                          jmp
                                                 *%rax
```

Gdb and Switch (1)

```
B+ 0x55555555555565 <switch eq>
                                           $0x0, %eax
                                    mov
   0x55555555516a <switch eq+5>
                                   test
                                           %rsi,%rsi
   0x55555555516d <switch eq+8>
                                    jle
                                           0x5555555551ab < switch eq+70>
   0x555555555516f < switch eq+10>
                                           $0xc, %rdi
                                    cmp
                                    jа
   0x5555555555173 <switch eq+14>
                                           0x55555555551a6 < switch eq+65>
   0x555555555175 <switch eq+16>
                                    lea
                                           0xe88(%rip),%rdx # 0x55555556004
   0x555555555517c < switch eq+23>
                                    movslq (%rdx,%rdi,4),%rax
   0x5555555555180 < switch eq+27>
                                    add
                                           %rdx,%rax
  >0x5555555555183 <switch eq+30>
                                    qmŗ
                                          *%rax
   0x5555555555185 <switch eq+32>
                                    cmp
                                           $0x1f,%rsi
   0x5555555555189 <switch eq+36>
                                    setle %al
   0x55555555518c <switch eq+39>
                                    movzbl %al, %eax
   0x555555555518f < switch eq+42>
                                    ret
```

```
(gdb) x/14dw $rdx

0x5555555556004: -3678 -3711 -3700 -3711

0x55555555556014: -3689 -3711 -3689 -3711

0x555555555556024: -3711 -3689 -3711 -3689

0x555555555556034: -3711 1734439765
```

Gdb and Switch (2)

```
>0x5555555555183 <switch eg+30>
                                         *%rax
                                  jmp
                                         $0x1f,%rsi ← Offset -3711
 0x555555555185 <switch eq+32>
                                  cmp
 0x555555555189 <switch eq+36>
                                  setle %al
 0x55555555518c <switch eq+39>
                                  movzbl %al, %eax
 0x555555555518f < switch eq+42>
                                  ret.
 0x555555555190 <switch eq+43>
                                  cmp
                                         $0x1c,%rsi
 0x55555555555194 < switch eq+47>
                                  setle %al
 0x5555555555197 <switch eq+50>
                                  movzbl %al, %eax
 0x55555555519a <switch eq+53>
                                  ret
 0x555555555519b <switch eq+54>
                                         $0x1e,%rsi
                                  cmp
 0x55555555519f <switch eq+58>
                                  setle %al
 0x55555555551a2 < switch eq+61>
                                  movzbl %al, %eax
 0x55555555551a5 < switch eq+64>
                                  ret
 0x5555555551a6 < switch eq+65>
                                         $0x0, %eax
                                  mov
 0x5555555551ab < switch eq+70>
                                  ret
```

Not a Quiz!

What C code would you compile to get the following assembler code?

```
movq $0, %rax
.L2:

movq %rax, a(,%rax,8)
addq $1, %rax
cmpq $10, %rax
jl .L2
ret
```

```
long a[10];
void func() {
  long i=0;
  while (i<10)
    a[i]= i++;
}</pre>
```

```
long a[10];
void func() {
  long i;
  for (i=0; i<10; i++)
    a[i]= 1;
}</pre>
```

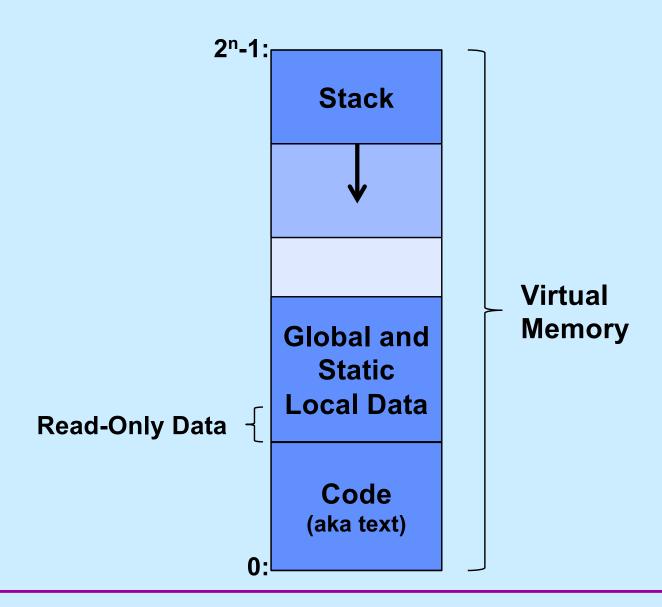
```
long a[10];
void func() {
  long i=0;
  switch (i) {
  case 0:
    a[i] = 0;
    break;
  default:
    a[i] = 10
  }
}
```

a

b

C

Digression (Again): Where Stuff Is (Roughly)



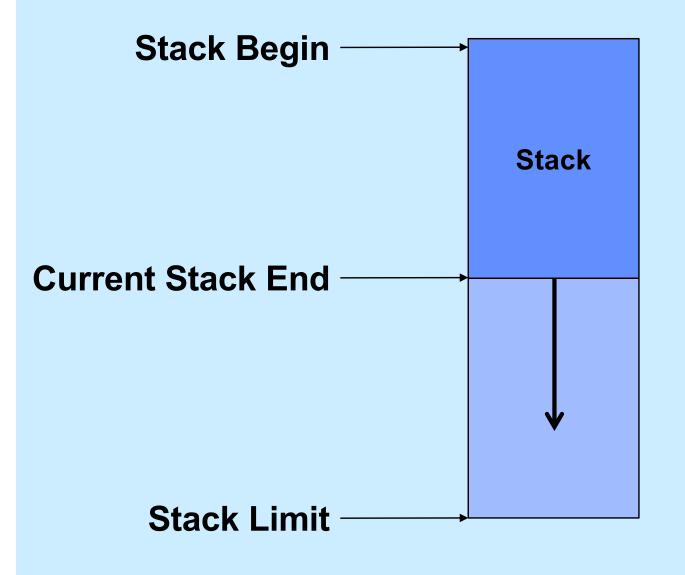
Function Call and Return

- Function A calls function B
- Function B calls function C

... several million instructions later

- C returns
 - how does it know to return to B?
- B returns
 - how does it know to return to A?

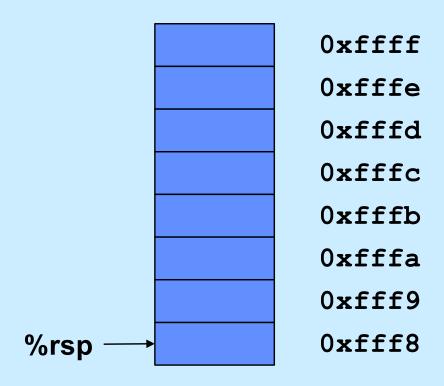
The Runtime Stack



Higher memory addresses

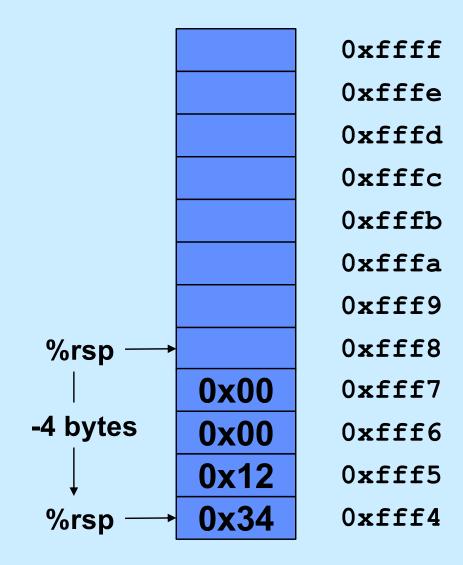
Lower memory addresses

Stack Operations

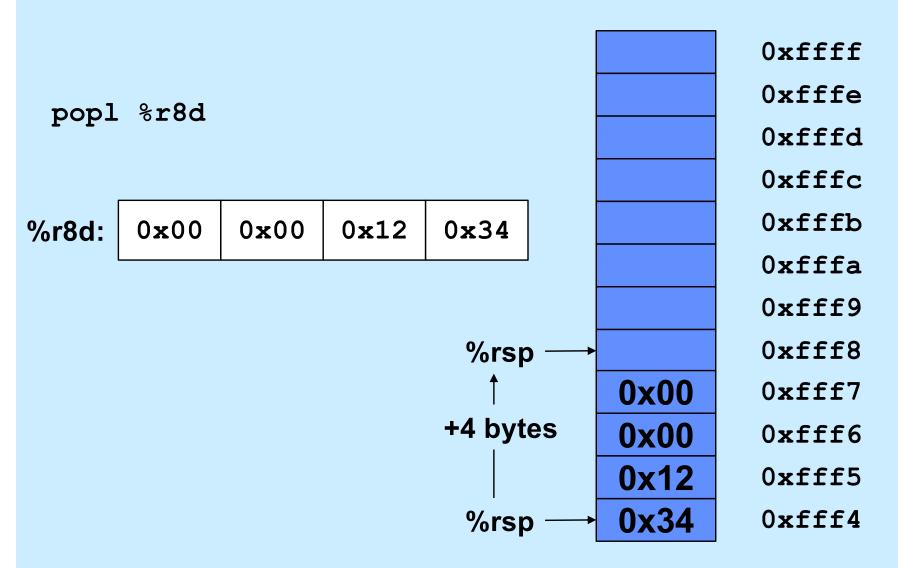


Push

pushl \$0x1234



Pop



Call and Return

0x1000: call func

0x1004: addq \$3, %rax

0x2000: func:

• • • • •

0x2200: movq \$6, %rax

0x2203: ret

0x2000: func:

• • • • • •

0x2200: movq \$6, %rax

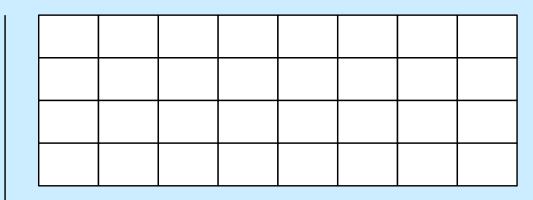
0x2203: ret

→ 0x1000: call func

Call and Return

0x1004: addq \$3, %rax

stack growth



0xffff10018
0xffff10010
0xffff10008
0xffff10000 <----</pre>

00	00	00	00	0	00	10	0
00	00	00	0f	ff	f1	00	00

%rax

%rip

→ 0x2000: func:

• • • • •

0x2200: movq \$6, %rax

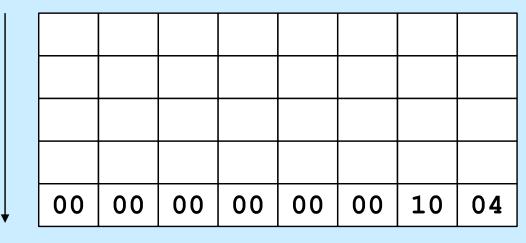
0x2203: ret

0x1000: call func

Call and Return

0x1004: addq \$3, %rax

stack growth



0xffff10018
0xffff10010
0xffff10008
0xffff10000
0xffff0fff8

00	00	00	00	00	00	20	0
00	00	00	0f	ff	f0	ff	f8

%rax

%rip

0x2000: func:

• • • • • •

0x2200: movq \$6, %rax

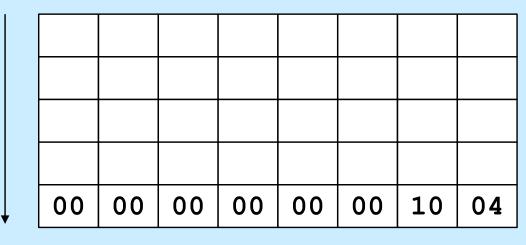
→ 0x2203: ret

0x1000: call func

Call and Return

0x1004: addq \$3, %rax

stack growth



0xffff10018
0xffff10010
0xffff10008
0xffff10000
0xffff0fff8

00	00	00	00	00	00	00	06
00	00	00	00	0	00	22	03
00	00	00	0f	ff	f0	ff	f8

%rax

%rip

0x2000: func:

• • • • •

0x2200: movq \$6, %rax

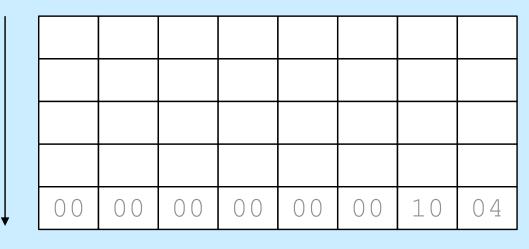
0x2203: ret

0x1000: call func

Call and Return

0x1004: addq \$3, %rax

stack growth



00	00	00	00	00	00	00	06
00	00	00	00	0	00	10	04
00	00	00	0f	ff	f1	00	00

%rax

%rip

Arguments and Local Variables (C Code)

- Local variables usually allocated on stack
- Arguments to functions pushed onto stack

 Local variables may be put in registers (and thus not on stack)

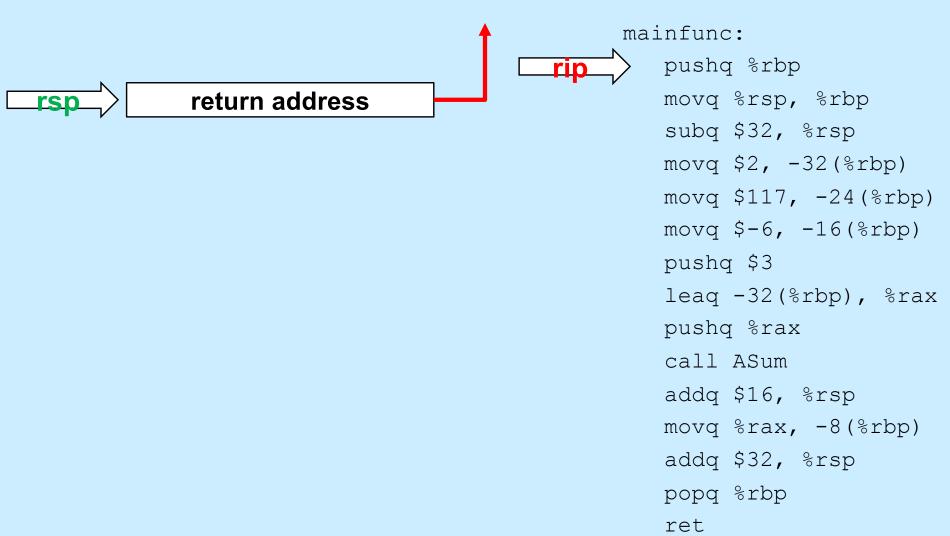
Arguments and Local Variables (1)

```
mainfunc:
  pushq %rbp
                             # save old %rbp
                             # set %rbp to point to stack frame
   mova %rsp, %rbp
   subq $32, %rsp
                             # alloc. space for locals (array and sum)
   movq \$2, -32(\$rbp) # initialize array[0]
   movq $117, -24(%rbp) # initialize array[1]
   movq \$-6, -16(\$rbp) # initialize array[2]
                             # push arg 2
   pusha $3
   leaq -32(%rbp), %rax
                       # array address is put in %rax
                             # push arg 1
   pushq %rax
   call ASum
   addq $16, %rsp
                            # pop args
   movq %rax, -8(%rbp)
                             # copy return value to sum
   addq $32, %rsp
                             # pop locals
   popq %rbp
                             # pop and restore old %rbp
```

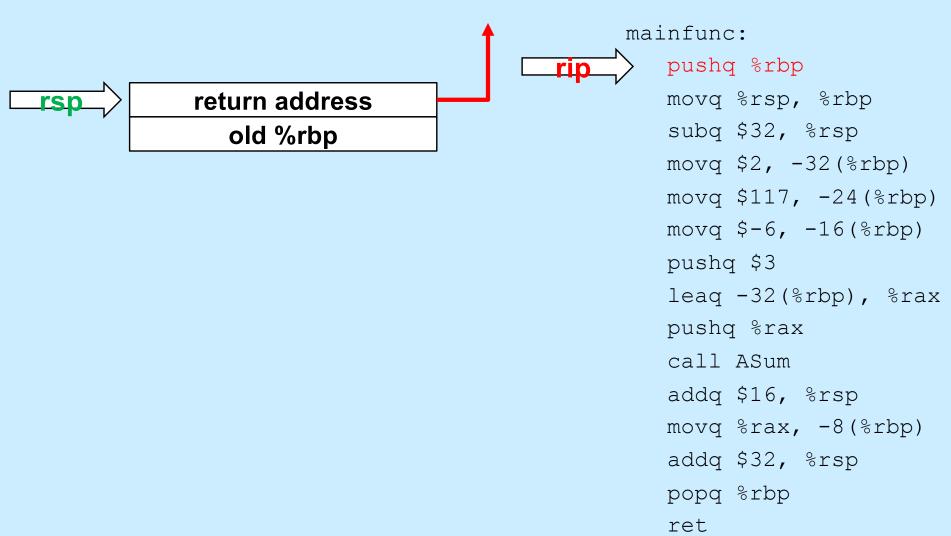
Arguments and Local Variables (2)

```
ASum:
   pushq %rbp
                              # save old %rbp
   movq %rsp, %rbp
                              # set %rbp to point to stack frame
                              # i in %rcx
   movq $0, %rcx
   movq $0, %rax
                              # sum in %rax
   movq 16(%rbp), %rdx
                              # copy arg 1 (array) into %rdx
loop:
   cmpq 24(%rbp), %rcx # i < size?</pre>
   jge done
   addq (%rdx, %rcx, 8), %rax # sum += a[i]
   incq %rcx
                              # i++
   ja loop
done:
                              # pop and restore %rbp
   popq %rbp
   ret
```

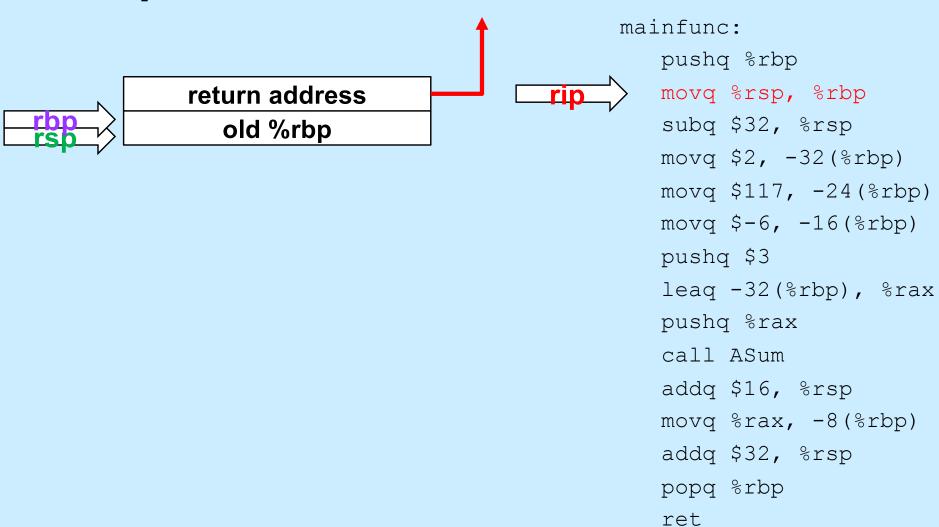
Enter mainfunc



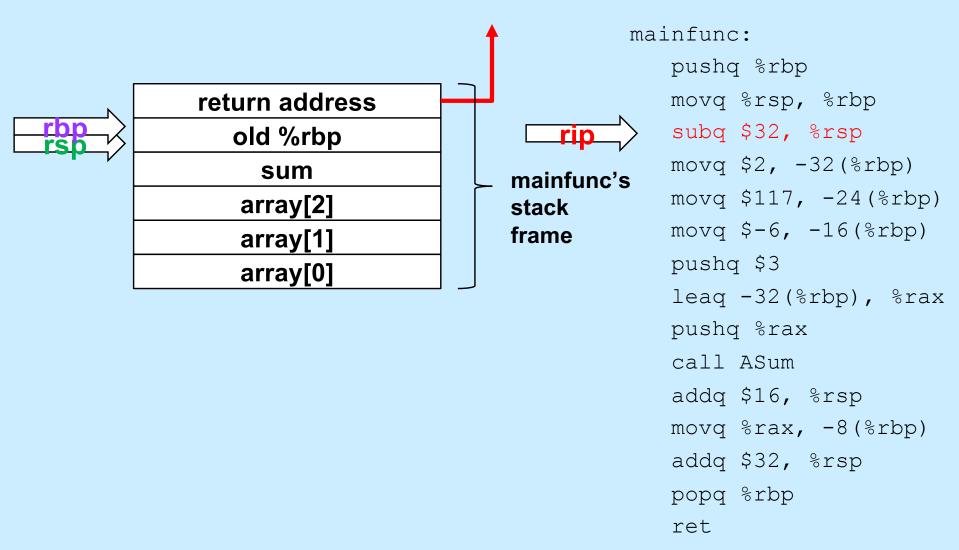
Enter mainfunc



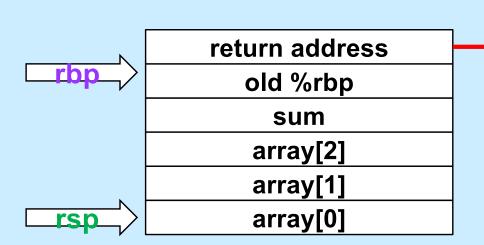
Setup Frame

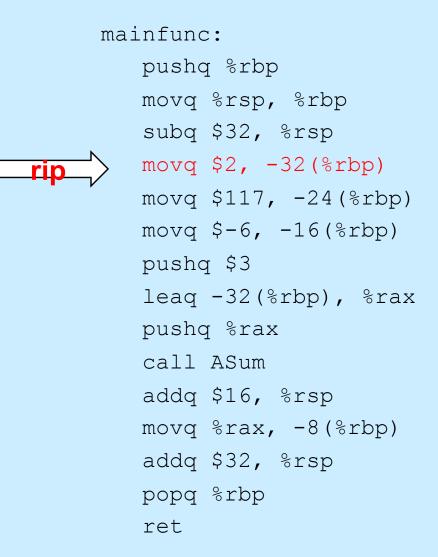


Allocate Local Variables

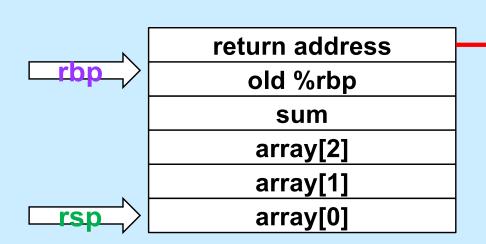


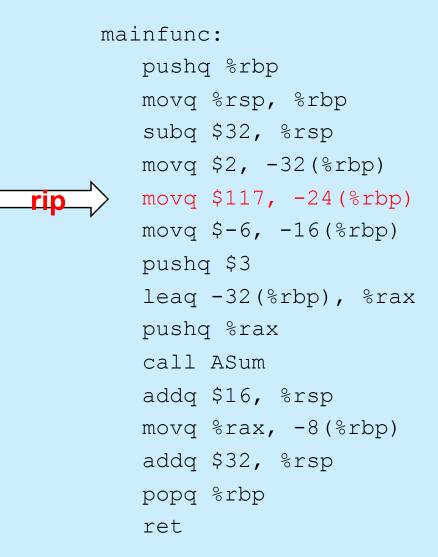
Initialize Local Array



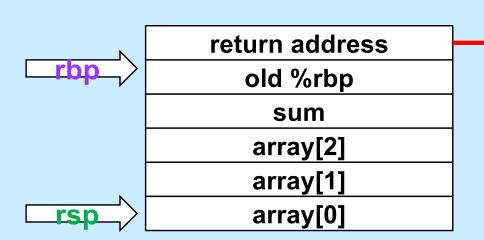


Initialize Local Array



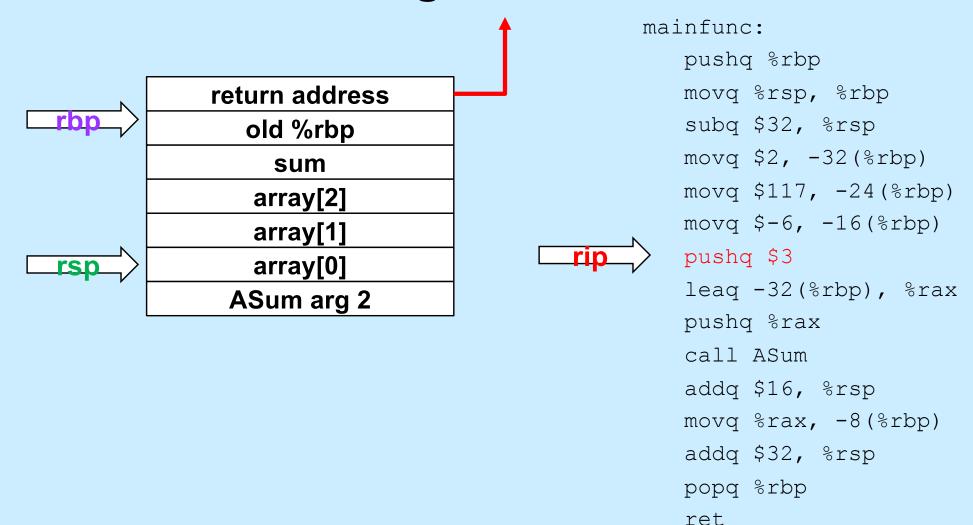


Initialize Local Array

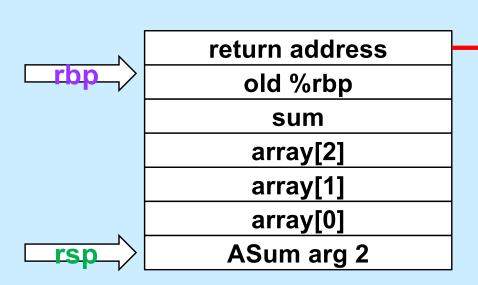


```
mainfunc:
   pushq %rbp
   movq %rsp, %rbp
   subq $32, %rsp
   movq $2, -32(%rbp)
   movq $117, -24(%rbp)
   movq $-6, -16(%rbp)
   pushq $3
   leaq -32(%rbp), %rax
   pushq %rax
   call ASum
   addq $16, %rsp
   movq %rax, -8(%rbp)
   addq $32, %rsp
   popq %rbp
   ret
```

Push Second Argument

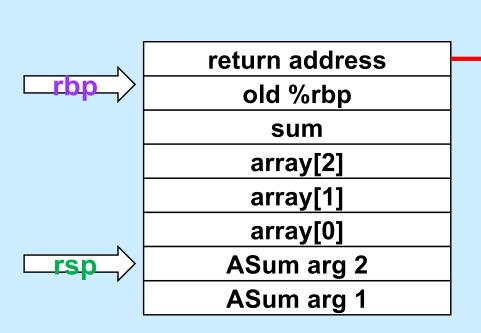


Get Array Address



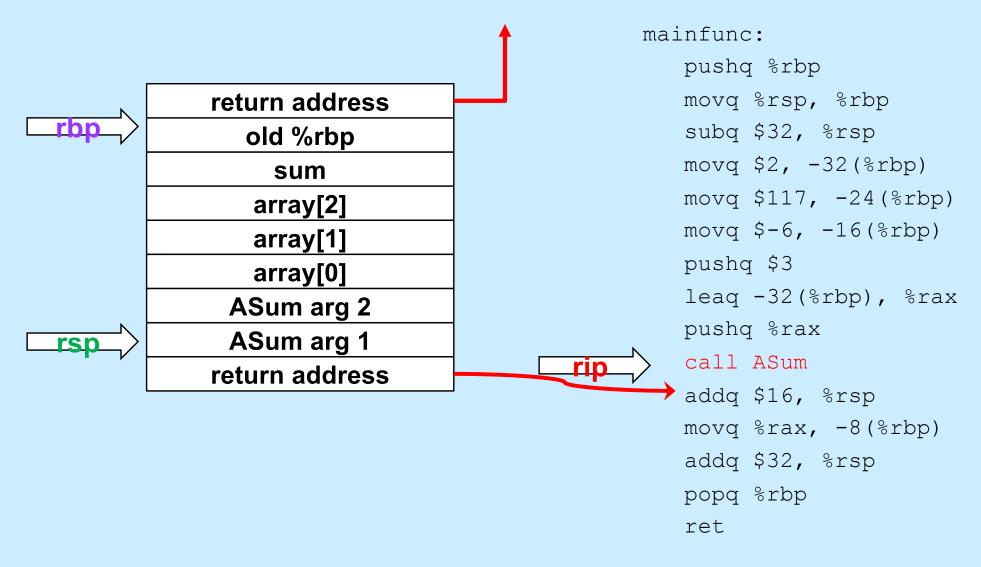
```
mainfunc:
   pushq %rbp
   movq %rsp, %rbp
   subq $32, %rsp
   movq $2, -32(%rbp)
   movg $117, -24(%rbp)
   movq \$-6, -16(%rbp)
   pushq $3
   leaq -32(%rbp), %rax
   pushq %rax
   call ASum
   addq $16, %rsp
   movq %rax, -8(%rbp)
   addq $32, %rsp
   popq %rbp
   ret
```

Push First Argument

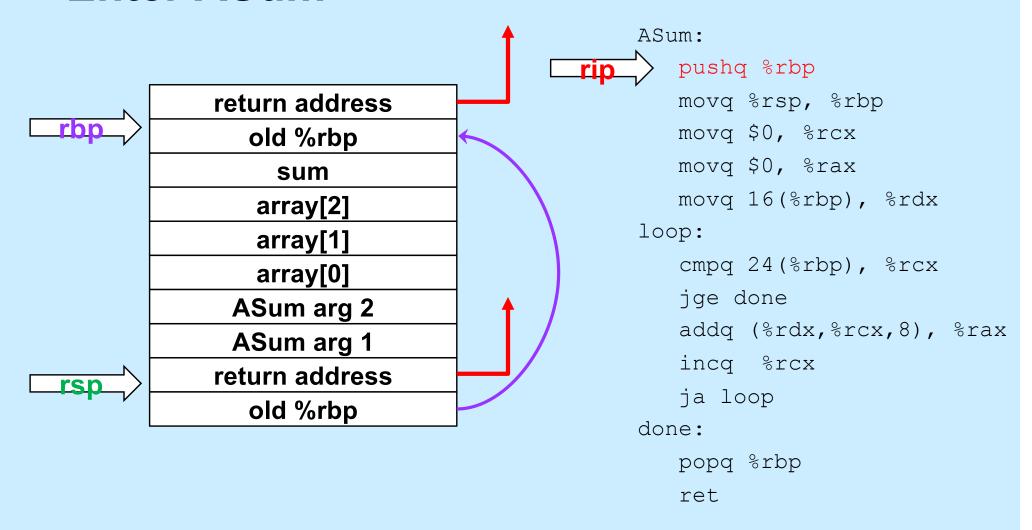


mainfunc: pushq %rbp movq %rsp, %rbp subq \$32, %rsp movq \$2, -32(%rbp) movq \$117, -24(%rbp) movq \$-6, -16(%rbp) pusha \$3 leaq -32(%rbp), %rax pushq %rax call ASum addq \$16, %rsp movq %rax, -8(%rbp) addq \$32, %rsp popq %rbp ret

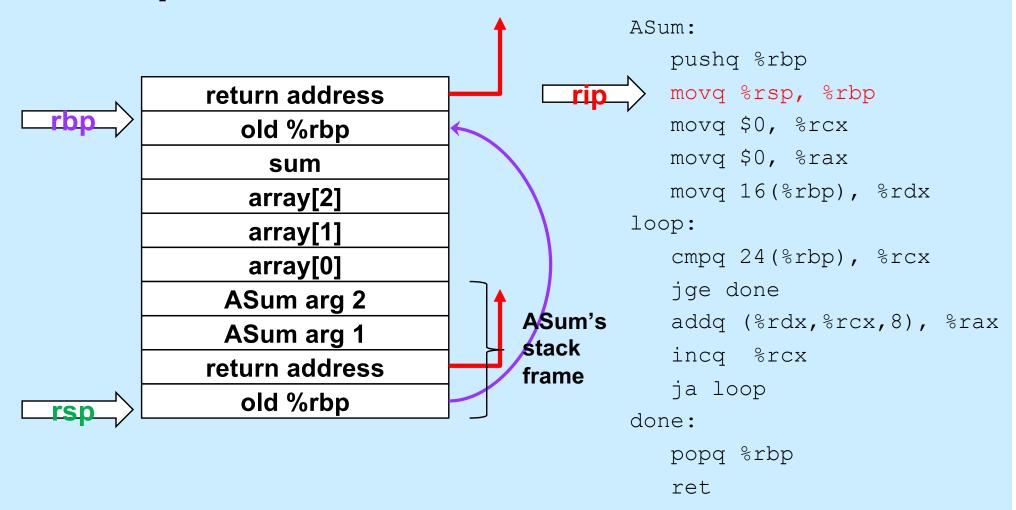
Call ASum



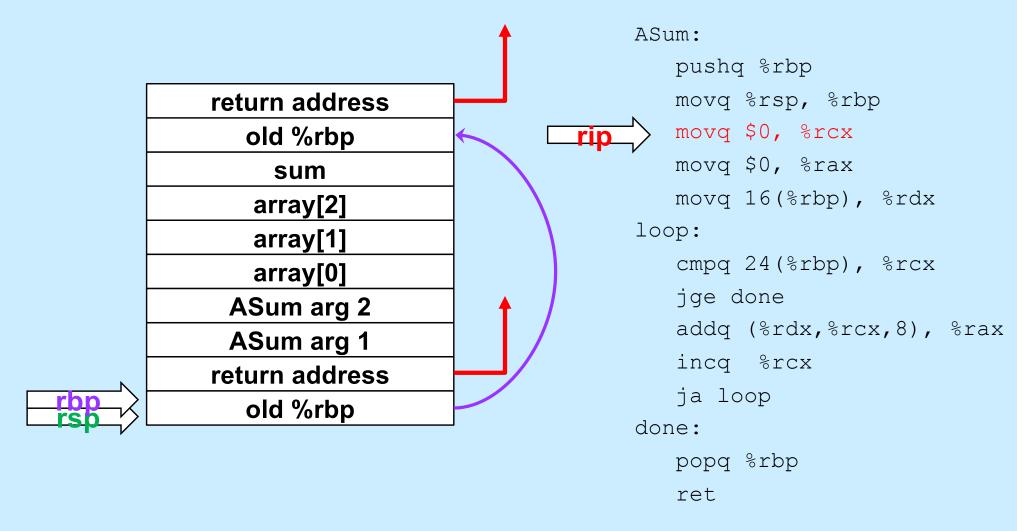
Enter ASum



Setup Frame



Execute the Function



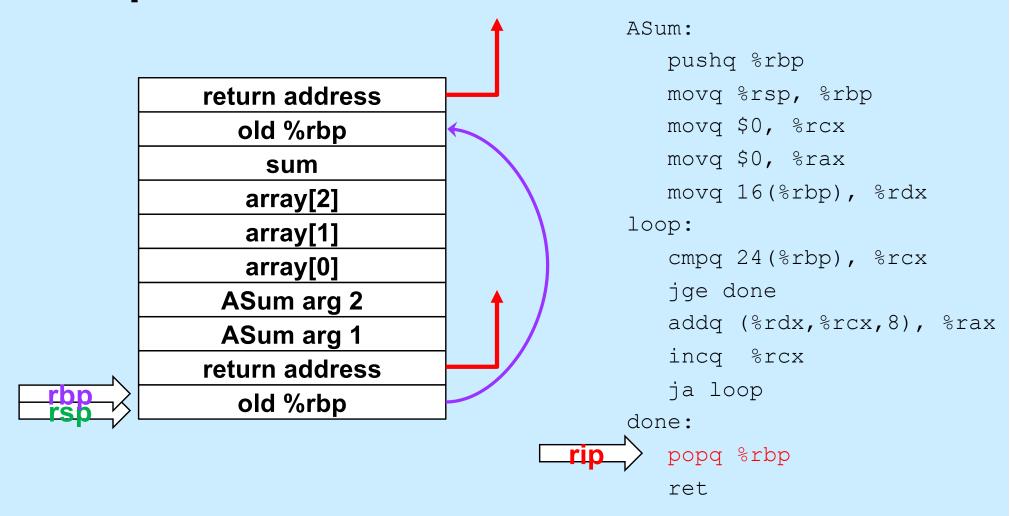
Quiz 1

What's at 16(%rbp) (after the second instruction is executed)?

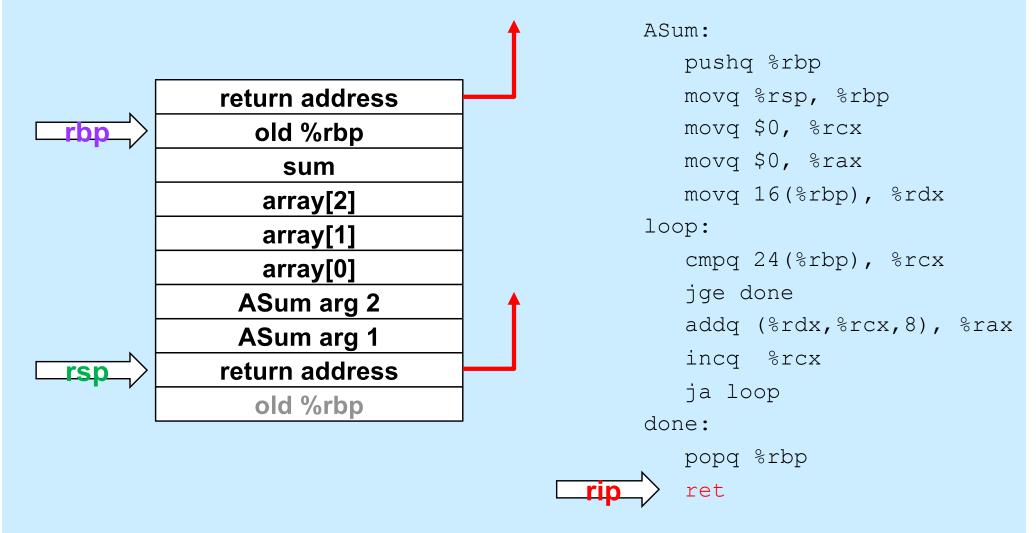
- a) a local variable
- b) the first argument to ASum
- c) the second argument to ASum
- d) something else

```
ASum:
   pushq %rbp
   movq %rsp, %rbp
   movq $0, %rcx
   movq $0, %rax
   movq 16(%rbp), %rdx
loop:
   cmpq 24(%rbp), %rcx
   jge done
   addq (%rdx,%rcx,8), %rax
   incq %rcx
   ja loop
done:
   popq %rbp
   ret
```

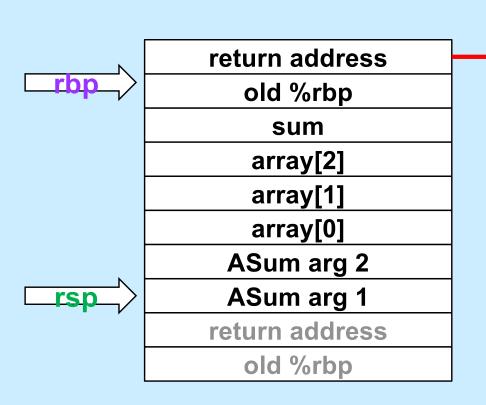
Prepare to Return



Return

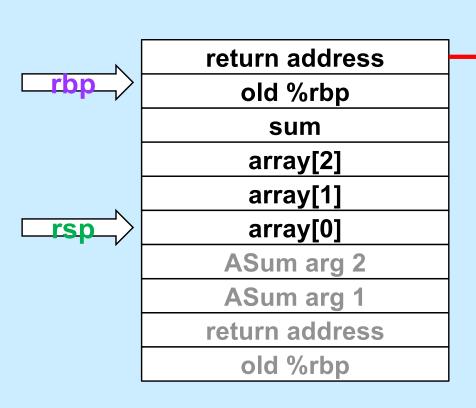


Pop Arguments



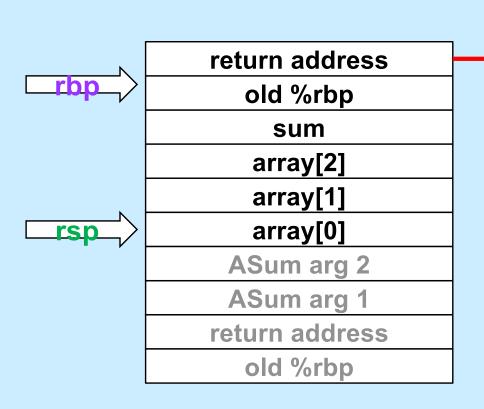
```
mainfunc:
   pushq %rbp
   movq %rsp, %rbp
   subq $32, %rsp
   movq $2, -32(%rbp)
   movg $117, -24(%rbp)
   movq $-6, -16(%rbp)
   pusha $3
   leaq -32(%rbp), %rax
   pushq %rax
   call ASum
   addq $16, %rsp
   movq %rax, -8(%rbp)
   addq $32, %rsp
   popq %rbp
   ret
```

Save Return Value



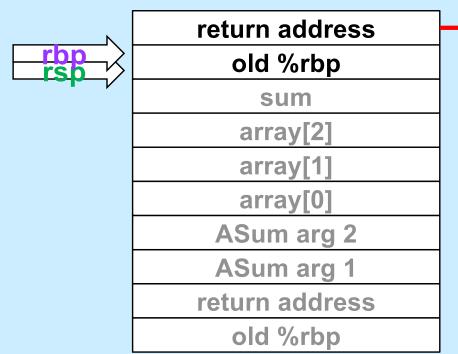
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mainfunc:
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   pushq %rax
   call ASum
   addq $16, %rsp
   movq %rax, -8(%rbp)
   addq $32, %rsp
   popq %rbp
   ret
```

Pop Local Variables



```
mainfunc:
   pushq %rbp
   movq %rsp, %rbp
   subq $32, %rsp
   movq $2, -32(%rbp)
   movg $117, -24(%rbp)
   movq \$-6, -16(\$rbp)
   pusha $3
   leaq -32(%rbp), %rax
   pushq %rax
   call ASum
   addq $16, %rsp
   movq %rax, -8(%rbp)
   addq $32, %rsp
   popq %rbp
   ret
```

Prepare to Return



```
mainfunc:
   pushq %rbp
   movq %rsp, %rbp
   subq $32, %rsp
   movq $2, -32(%rbp)
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   pusha $3
   leaq -32(%rbp), %rax
   pushq %rax
   call ASum
   addq $16, %rsp
   movq %rax, -8(%rbp)
   addq $32, %rsp
   popq %rbp
   ret
```

Return

return address

old %rbp

sum

array[2]

array[1]

array[0]

ASum arg 2

ASum arg 1

return address

old %rbp

```
mainfunc:
   pushq %rbp
   movq %rsp, %rbp
   subq $32, %rsp
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   pushq %rax
   call ASum
   addq $16, %rsp
   movq %rax, -8(%rbp)
   addq $32, %rsp
   popq %rbp
   ret
```

Using Registers

- ASum modifies registers:
 - %rsp
 - %rbp
 - %rcx
 - %rax
 - %rdx
- Suppose its caller uses these registers

```
movq $33, %rcx
movq $167, %rdx
pushq $6
pushq array
call ASum
    # assumes unmodified %rcx and %rdx
addq $16, %rsp
addq %rax,%rcx  # %rcx was modified!
addq %rdx, %rcx  # %rdx was modified!
```

```
ASum:
   pushq %rbp
   movq %rsp, %rbp
   movq $0, %rcx
   movq $0, %rax
   movq 16(%rbp), %rdx
loop:
   cmpq 24(%rbp), %rcx
   jge done
   addq (%rdx,%rcx,8), %rax
   incq %rcx
   ja loop
done:
   popq %rbp
   ret
```

Register Values Across Function Calls

- ASum modifies registers:
 - %rsp
 - %rbp
 - %rcx
 - %rax
 - %rdx
- May the caller of ASum depend on its registers being the same on return?
 - ASum saves and restores %rbp and makes no net changes to %rsp
 - » their values are unmodified on return to its caller
 - %rax, %rcx, and %rdx are not saved and restored
 - » their values might be different on return

```
ASum:
   pushq %rbp
   movq %rsp, %rbp
   movq $0, %rcx
   movq $0, %rax
   movq 16(%rbp), %rdx
loop:
   cmpq 24(%rbp), %rcx
   jge done
   addq (%rdx,%rcx,8), %rax
   incq %rcx
   ja loop
done:
   popq %rbp
   ret
```

Register-Saving Conventions

Caller-save registers

 if the caller wants their values to be the same on return from function calls, it must save and restore them

```
pushq %rcx
call func
popq %rcx
```

Callee-save registers

 if the callee wants to use these registers, it must first save them, then restore their values before returning

```
pushq %rbx
movq $6, %rbx
...
popq %rbx
```

x86-64 General-Purpose Registers: Usage Conventions

%rax	Return value
%rbx	Callee saved
%rcx	Caller saved
%rdx	Caller saved
%rsi	Caller saved
%rdi	Caller saved
%rsp	Stack pointer
%rbp	Base pointer

%r8	Caller saved
%r9	Caller saved
%r10	Caller saved
%r11	Caller Saved
%r12	Callee saved
%r13	Callee saved
%r14	Callee saved
%r15	Callee saved

Passing Arguments in Registers

Observations

- accessing registers is much faster than accessing primary memory
 - » if arguments were in registers rather than on the stack, speed would increase
- most functions have just a few arguments

Actions

- change calling conventions so that the first six arguments are passed in registers
 - » in caller-save registers
- any additional arguments are pushed on the stack

Why Bother with a Base Pointer?

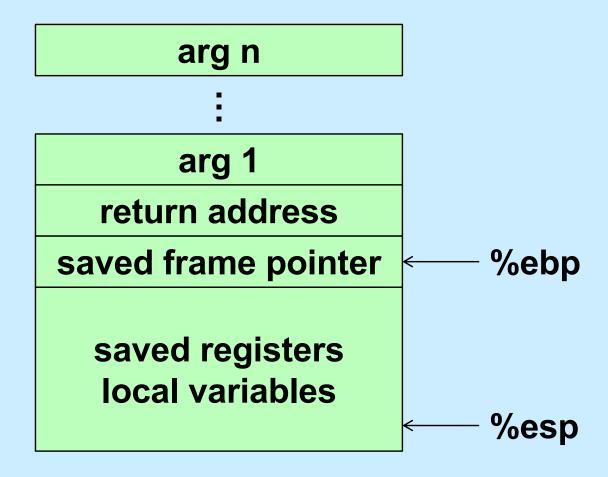
- It (%rbp) points to the beginning of the stack frame
 - making it easy for people to figure out where things are in the frame
 - but people don't execute the code ...
- The stack pointer always points somewhere within the stack frame
 - it moves about, but the compiler knows where it is pointing
 - » a local variable might be at 8(%rsp) for one instruction, but at 16(%rsp) for a subsequent one
 - » tough for people, but easy for the compiler
- Thus the base pointer is superfluous
 - it can be used as a general-purpose register

x86-64 General-Purpose Registers: Updated Usage Conventions

%rax	Return value
%rbx	Callee saved
%rcx	Argument #4
%rdx	Argument #3
%rsi	Argument #2
%rdi	Argument #1
%rsp	Stack pointer
%rbp	Callee saved

%r8	Argument #5
%r9	Argument #6
%r10	Caller saved
%r11	Caller Saved
%r12	Callee saved
%r13	Callee saved
%r14	Callee saved
%r15	Callee saved

The IA32 Stack Frame



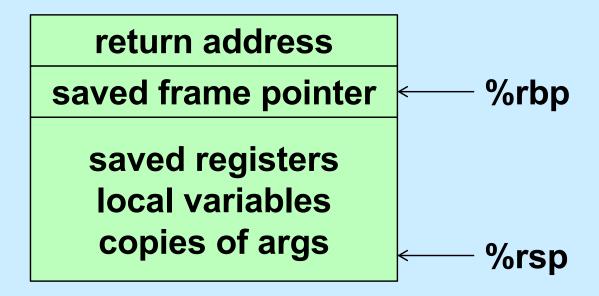
The x86-64 Stack Frame

return address

saved registers local variables

%rsp

The -O0 x86-64 Stack Frame (Buffer)



Summary

- What's pushed on the stack
 - return address
 - saved registers
 - » caller-saved by the caller
 - » callee-saved by the callee
 - local variables
 - function parameters
 - » those too large to be in registers (structs)
 - » those beyond the six that we have registers for
 - large return values (structs)
 - » caller allocates space on stack
 - » callee copies return value to that space

Quiz 2

Suppose function A is compiled using the convention that %rbp is used as the base pointer, pointing to the beginning of the stack frame. Function B is compiled using the convention that there's no need for a base pointer. Will there be any problems if A calls B or if B calls A?

- a) Neither case will work
- b) A calling B works, but B calling A doesn't
- c) B calling A works, but A calling B doesn't
- d) Both work