

Program - Sections

.out/.exe

Executable Header
Text
Data
BSS
RO Data
Symbol Table

Executable file
(Binary)
(Sectioned binary)

Executable Header

- info about executable file (size, type)
type - CLI / GUI / Library
- info about remaining sections of exe
(section name, start, end, size)
- addr of entry point function.
- Magic number (first 2 or 4 bytes)
- identity to file format.

Windows - Portable Executable (PE)
Linux - Executable Linking Format (ELF)

Text

- contains machine code of your program

Data

- all static & global variables (initialised)

BSS (Block Started by Symbol)

- all static & global variables (uninitialised)

RO Data

- read only variables (string constants)

Symbol Table

- contains info about symbols

Symbols $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{variables} - (\text{name, size, default value, addr, sec}) \\ \text{functions} - (\text{name, ret type, no/type of arg, addr}) \end{array} \right.$

Process

Program

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Loader
(OS)

RAM

Process

Stack
Heap
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Text



PCB - (Process Control Block)

↳ keep info needed to execute program

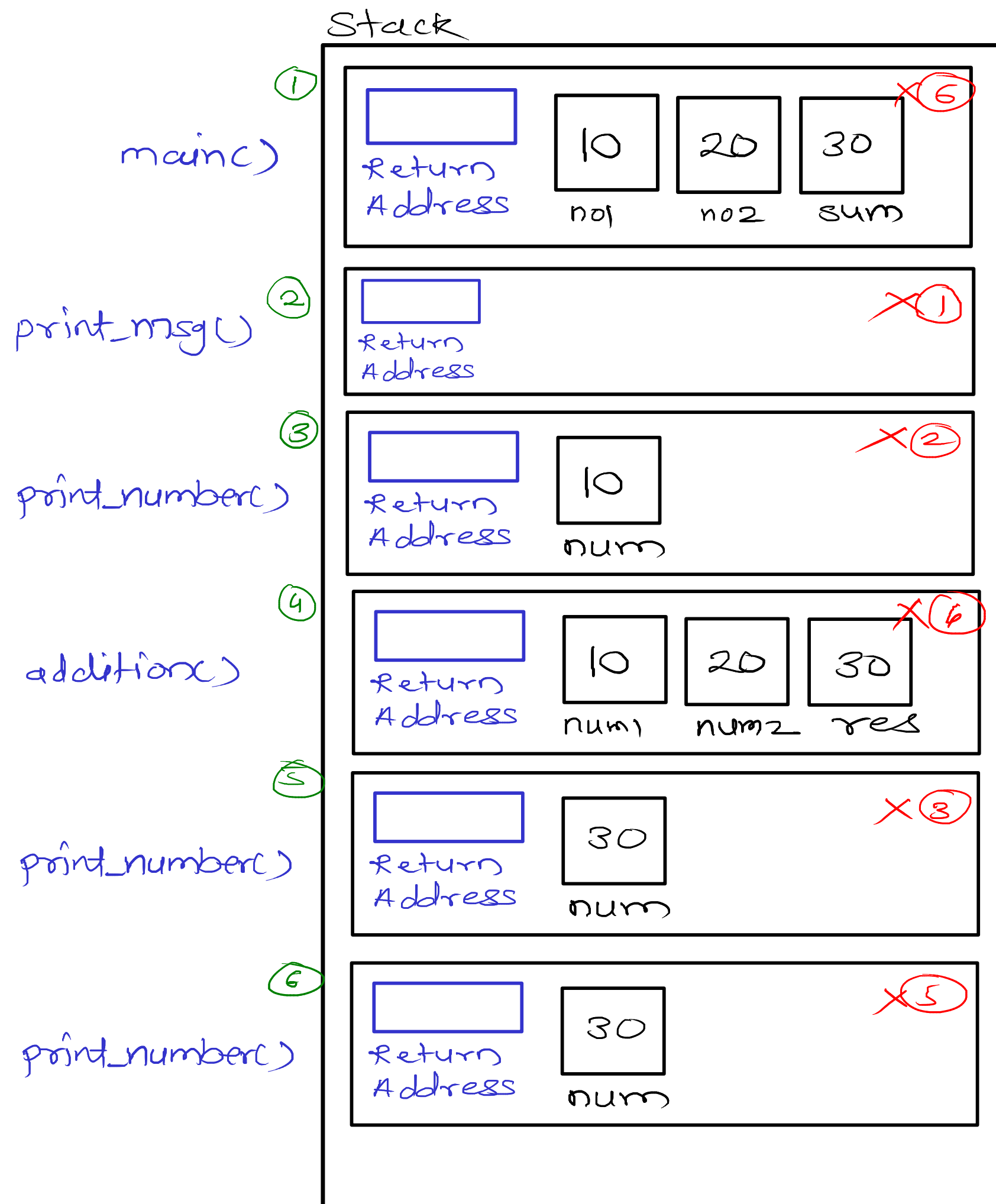
Stack

-Function Activation Record

- formal arg
- local variable
- return address

Heap

- dynamically
Allocated space



Function Calling Sequence

```
int main(void){
    int no1 = 10, no2 = 20, sum;
    print_msg();
    print_number(no1);
    sum = addition(no1, no2);
    print_number(sum);
    return 0;
}

void print_msg(void){
    printf("This is my first function\n");
}

void print_number(int num){
    printf("number = %d\n", num);
}

int addition(int num1, int num2){
    int res = num1 + num2;
    print_number(res);
    return res;
}
```