

15-213 Recitation 4

# Introduction to Computer Systems

Fahim Dalvi

19 September, 2013

# Today

- Bomblab!
- Assembly
  - Control flow
    - Loops
  - Procedures

# Bomblab

- Due: Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September
- Questions?
- Some hints
  - sscanf → just like scanf, but reads from a string rather than stdin
    - The function returns the number of input items successfully matched and assigned, which can be fewer than provided for, or even zero in the event of an early matching failure
  - Difference between rax/eax

# Assembly – Reminder!

- Registers

- *eip* (x86), *rip* (x86-64)
- *esp* and *ebp* (x86)
- *eax, ebx, ecx, edx, esi, edi* (x86)
- *rax, rbx, rcx, rdx, rsi, rdi, r8, r9, r10, r11, r12, r13, r14, r15* and sometimes *rbp* (x86-64)

- Instructions

- *mov, lea*
- *add, sub, imull ...*
- *or, and ...*
- *test, cmp*
- *jmp, set*

# Lets trace!

```
push    %rbp
mov     %rsp,%rbp
sub     $0x10,%rsp
movl    $0x0,-0x4(%rbp)
mov     $0x400614,%edi
callq   400410 <puts@plt>
addl    $0x1,-0x4(%rbp)
cmpl    $0x9,-0x4(%rbp)
jle     40053b <secret+0xf>
leaveq
retq
```

Line: 40053b

# Lets trace!

```
void secret ( ) {
```

```
    int i=0;
```

```
    do {
```

```
        printf("Hello\n");
```

```
        i++;
```

```
    }while(i < 10);
```

```
}
```

```
    push    %rbp
```

```
    mov     %rsp,%rbp
```

```
    sub     $0x10,%rsp
```

```
    movl    $0x0,-0x4(%rbp)
```

```
    mov     $0x400614,%edi
```

```
    callq   400410 <puts@plt>
```

```
    addl    $0x1,-0x4(%rbp)
```

```
    cmpl    $0x9,-0x4(%rbp)
```

```
    jle     40053b <secret+0xf>
```

```
    leaveq  
```

```
    retq
```

Line: 40053b

# Some more tracing?

```
push    %rbp
mov     %rsp,%rbp
sub     $0x10,%rsp
movl    $0x0,-0x4(%rbp)
jmp     400570 <supersecret+0x1f>
mov     $0x400634,%edi   Line: 400562
callq   400410 <puts@plt>
addl    $0x1,-0x4(%rbp)
cmpl    $0x9,-0x4(%rbp)  Line: 400570
jle     400562 <supersecret+0x11>
leaveq
retq
```

# Some more tracing?

```
void supersecret() {  
  
    int i;  
    for(i=0; i<10; i++) {  
        printf("Hello\n");  
    }  
  
}
```

```
push    %rbp  
mov     %rsp,%rbp  
sub     $0x10,%rsp  
movl    $0x0,-0x4(%rbp)  
jmp     400570 <supersecret+0x1f>  
mov     $0x400634,%edi   Line: 400562  
callq   400410 <puts@plt>  
addl    $0x1,-0x4(%rbp)  
cmpl    $0x9,-0x4(%rbp)  Line: 400570  
jle     400562 <supersecret+0x11>  
leaveq  
retq
```

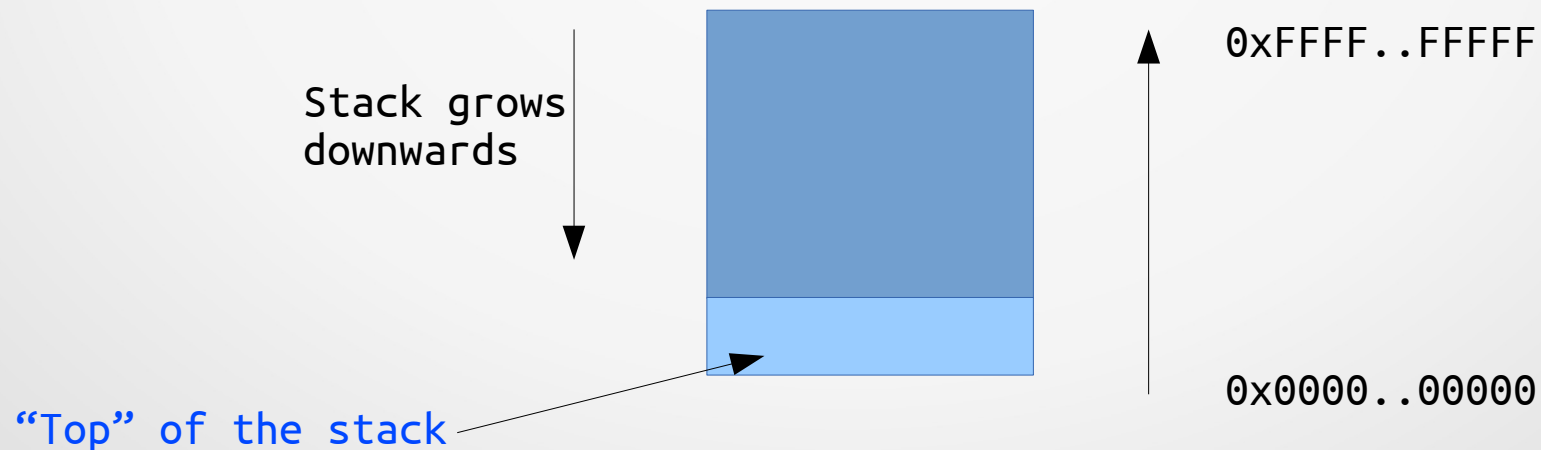


# Procedures!

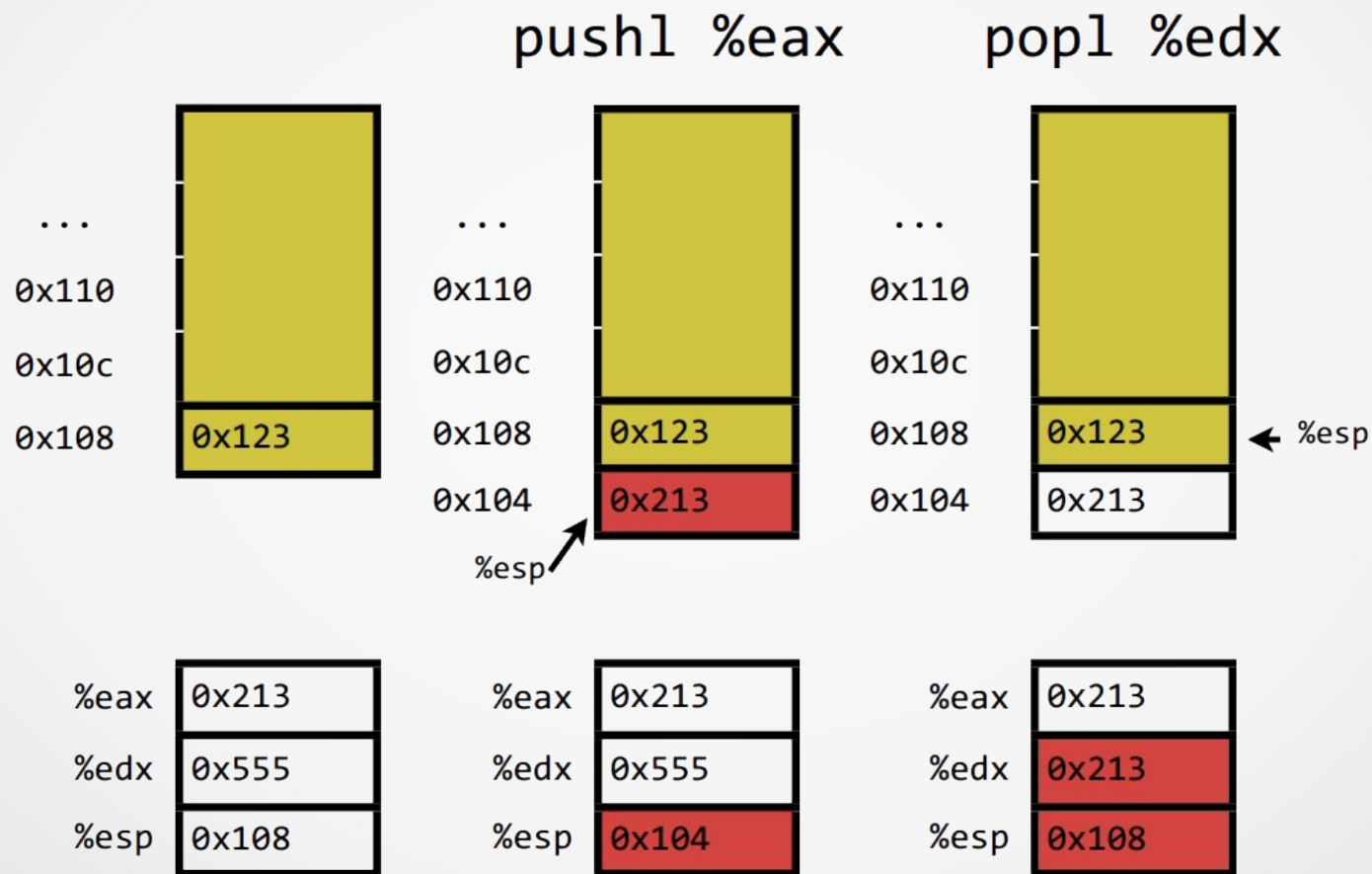
- `call` → You might have seen this a lot
- Remember the lines we always ignored at the beginning and end of functions?
- Lets look at the stack first!

# Stack

- Vital role in handling procedure calls
- Somewhat like the “stack” datastructure
  - First In Last Out
  - But we will mend this definition a lot

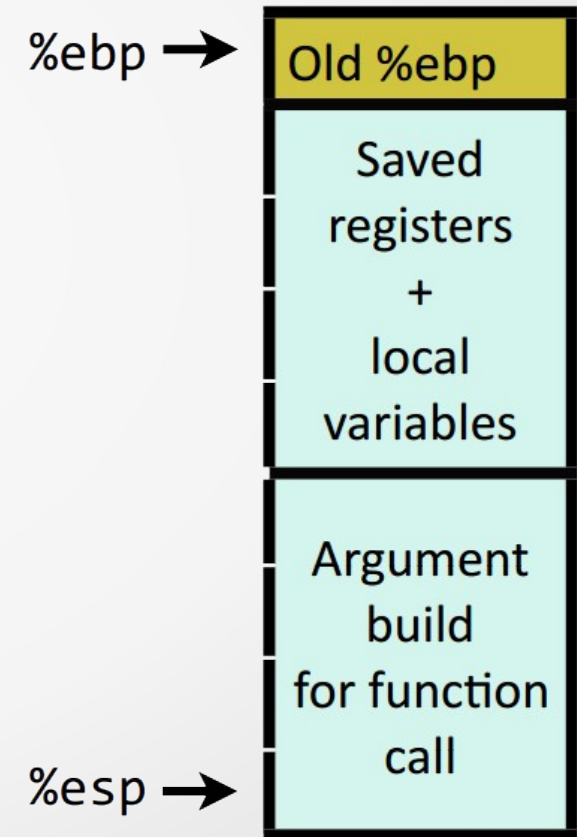


# Pushing and Popping – Simple Example



# Frames

- Every function call is given a stack frame
- What does a C function need?
  - Local Variables
  - Space to save callee saved registers
  - Space to put computations
  - A way to give arguments and call other functions



# Function calls

- `call label` → Push “return address” on stack, jump to label
- Return address
  - Address of the instruction immediately after the call
  - Example from disassembly:
    - `804854e: e8 3d 06 00 00 call 8048b90 <main>`
    - `8048553: 50 pushl %eax`
  - Return address is `0x8048553`
- Returning from function call
  - `ret` → Pop return address `[(%esp)]` into `%eip`, keep running
  - Remember that the function’s actual return value must be in `%eax`

# A more visual explanation - Calling

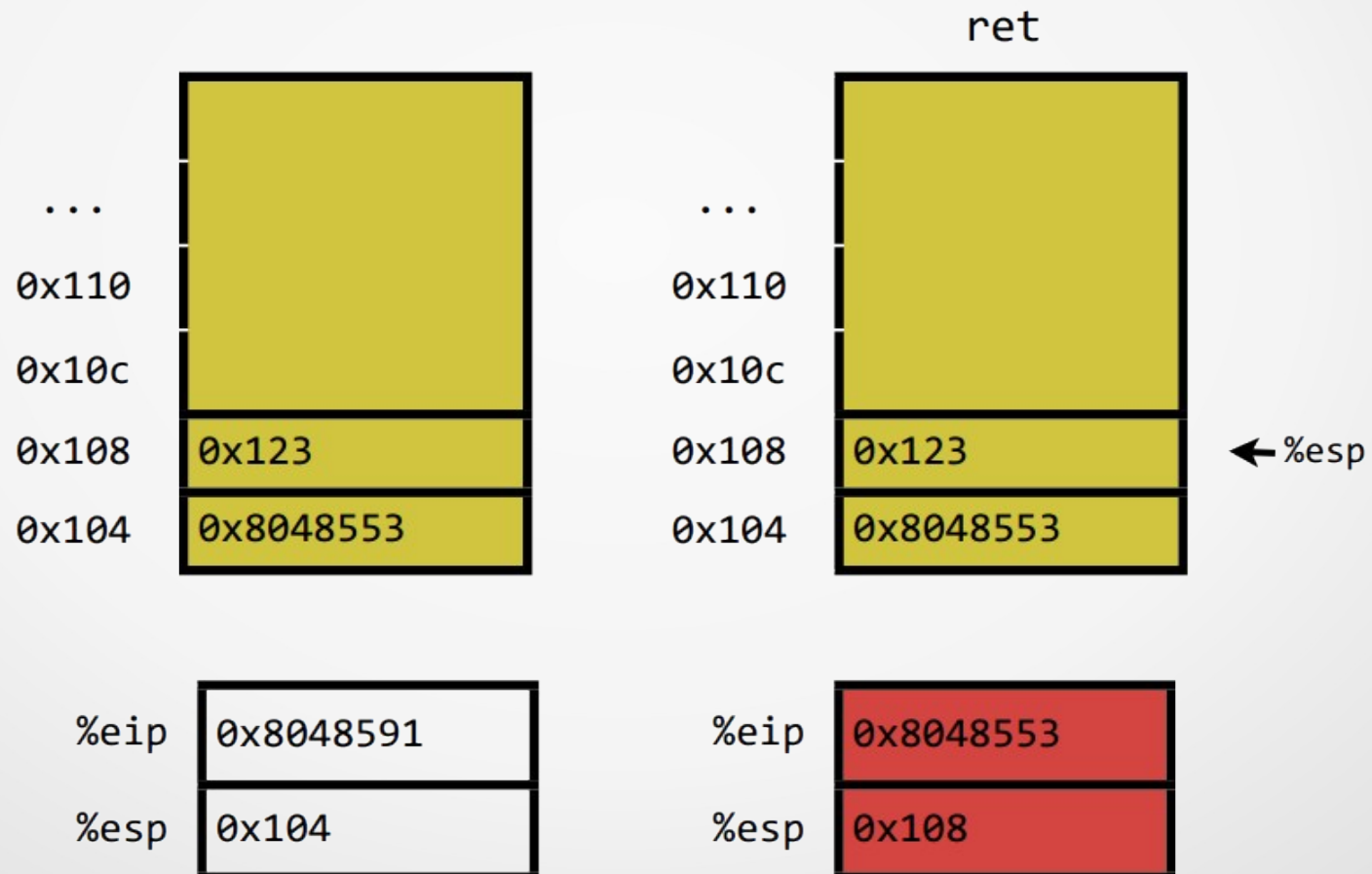
- 804854e: e8 3d 06 00 00 call 8048b90 <main>
- 8048553: 50 pushl %eax



# A more visual explanation - Returning

▪ 8048591: c3

ret



# Stack frames

- Suppose you have

```
int main(void)
{
    int x = 3;
    return sum(x, 0);
}
```

- Sum grabs arguments by reaching up the callers stack frame

