

# fact

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## 1 Nested procedures

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int
fact (int n)
{
    if (n < 1)
        return (1);
    return (n * fact(n - 1));
}

fact:
    addi $sp, $sp, -8      # adjust stack for 2 items
    sw $ra, 4($sp)        # save the return address
    sw $a0, 0($sp)        # save the argument n

    slti $t0, $a0, 1      # test for n < 1
    beq $t0, $zero, L1    # if n >= 1, go to L1

    addi $v0, $zero, 1    # return 1
    addi $sp, $sp, 8      # pop 2 items off stack
    jr $ra                # return to caller

L1: addi $a0, $a0, -1      # n >= 1: argument gets (n - 1)
    jal fact              # call fact with (n - 1)

    lw $a0, 0($sp)        # return from jal: restore argument n
    lw $ra, 4($sp)        # restore the return address
    addi $sp, $sp, 8      # adjust stack pointer to pop 2 items
    mul $v0, $a0, $v0     # return n * fact (n - 1)
    jr $ra                # return to the caller
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