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how to set
condition codes

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how to read
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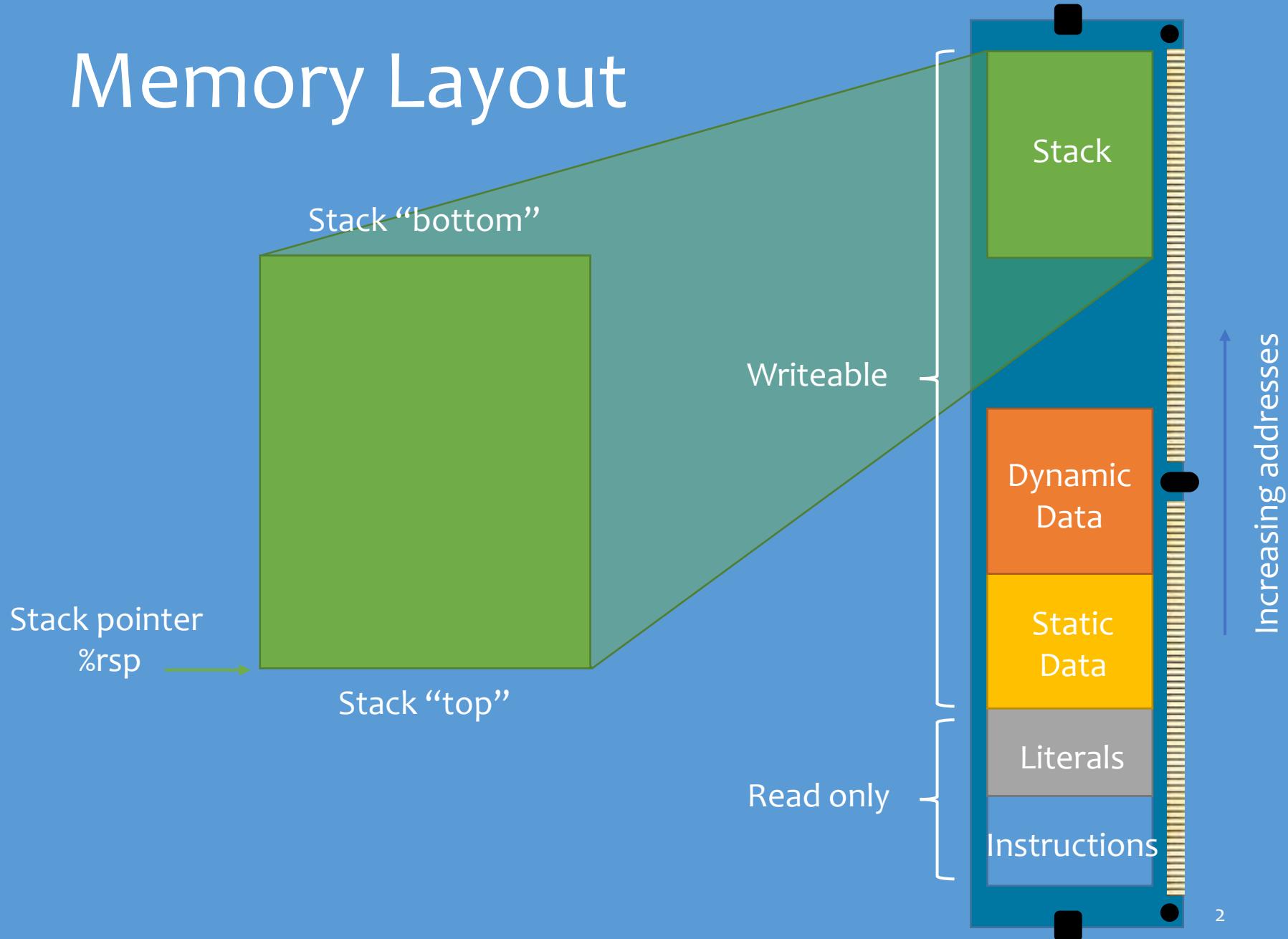
Understand
how CPU uses
branching



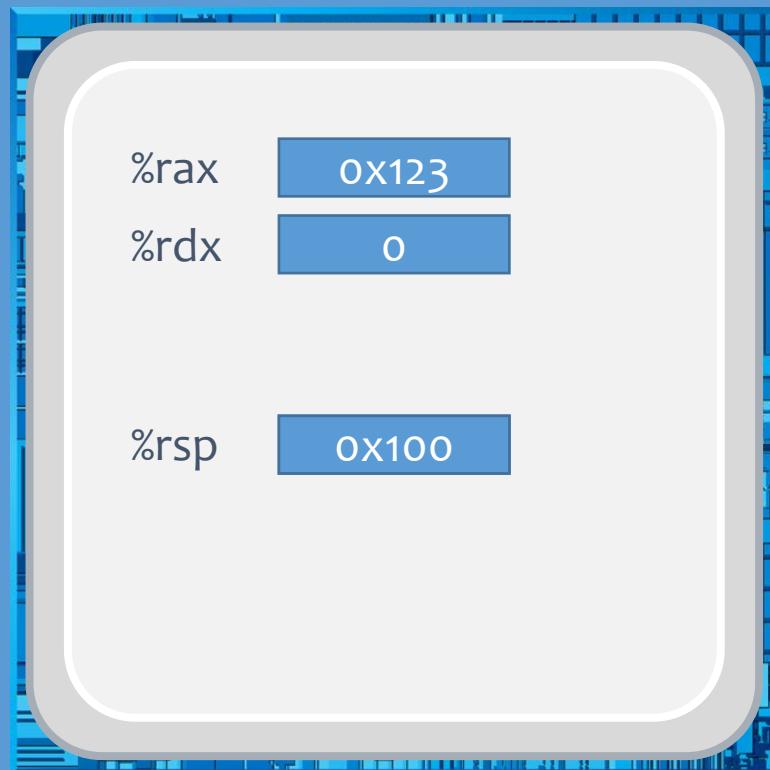
x86 Procedures

- ① Stack
- ② Control/Data Transfer
- ③ Local Storage
- ④ Recursive Procedures

Memory Layout

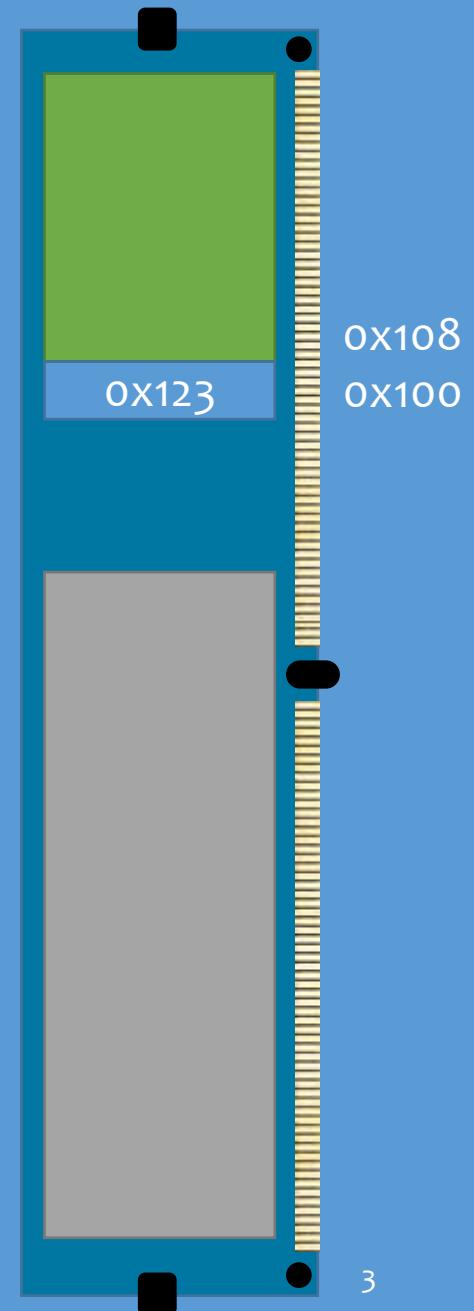


Stack Push

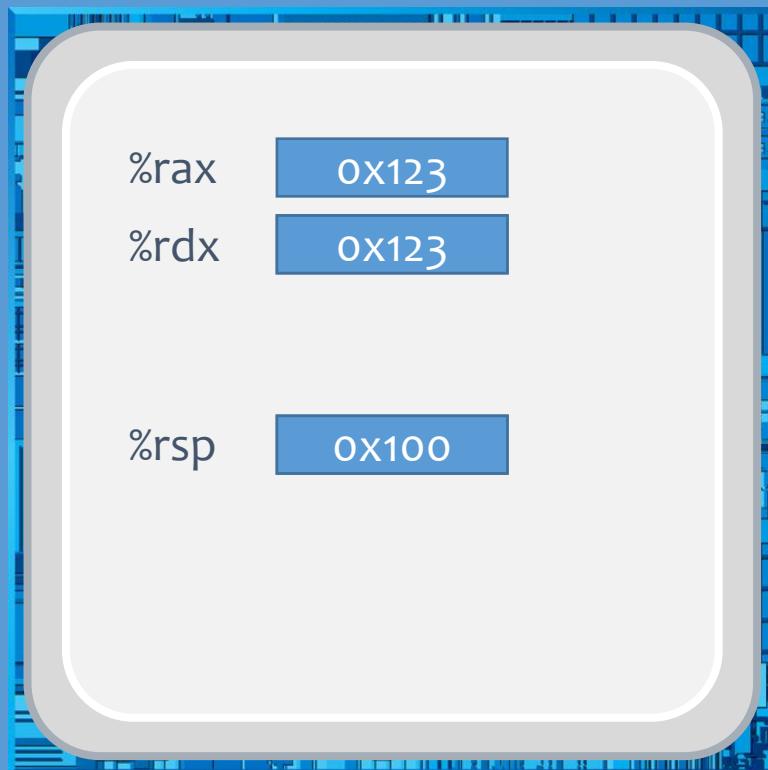


pushq %rax

PUSH S

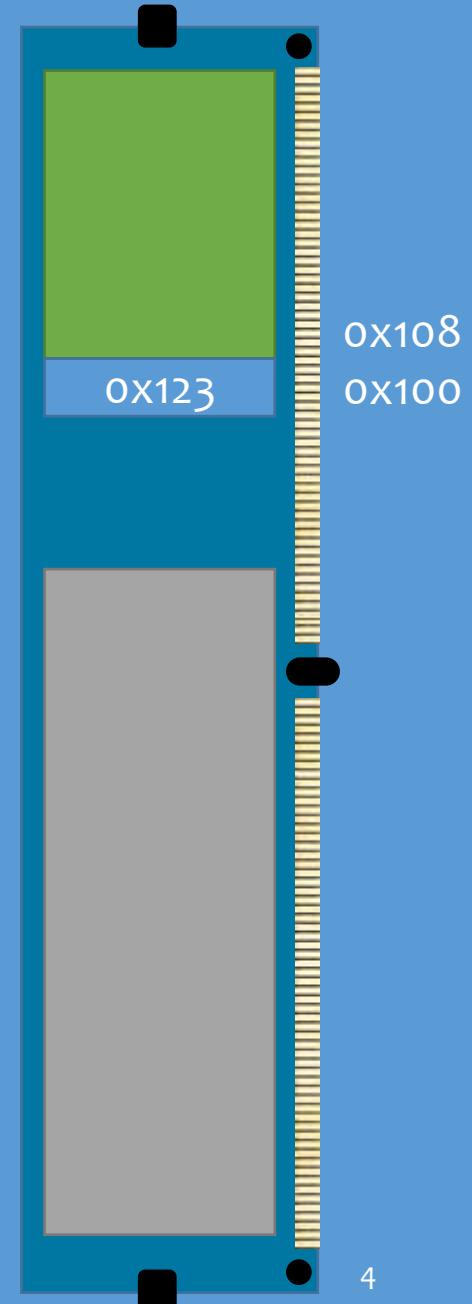


Stack Pop

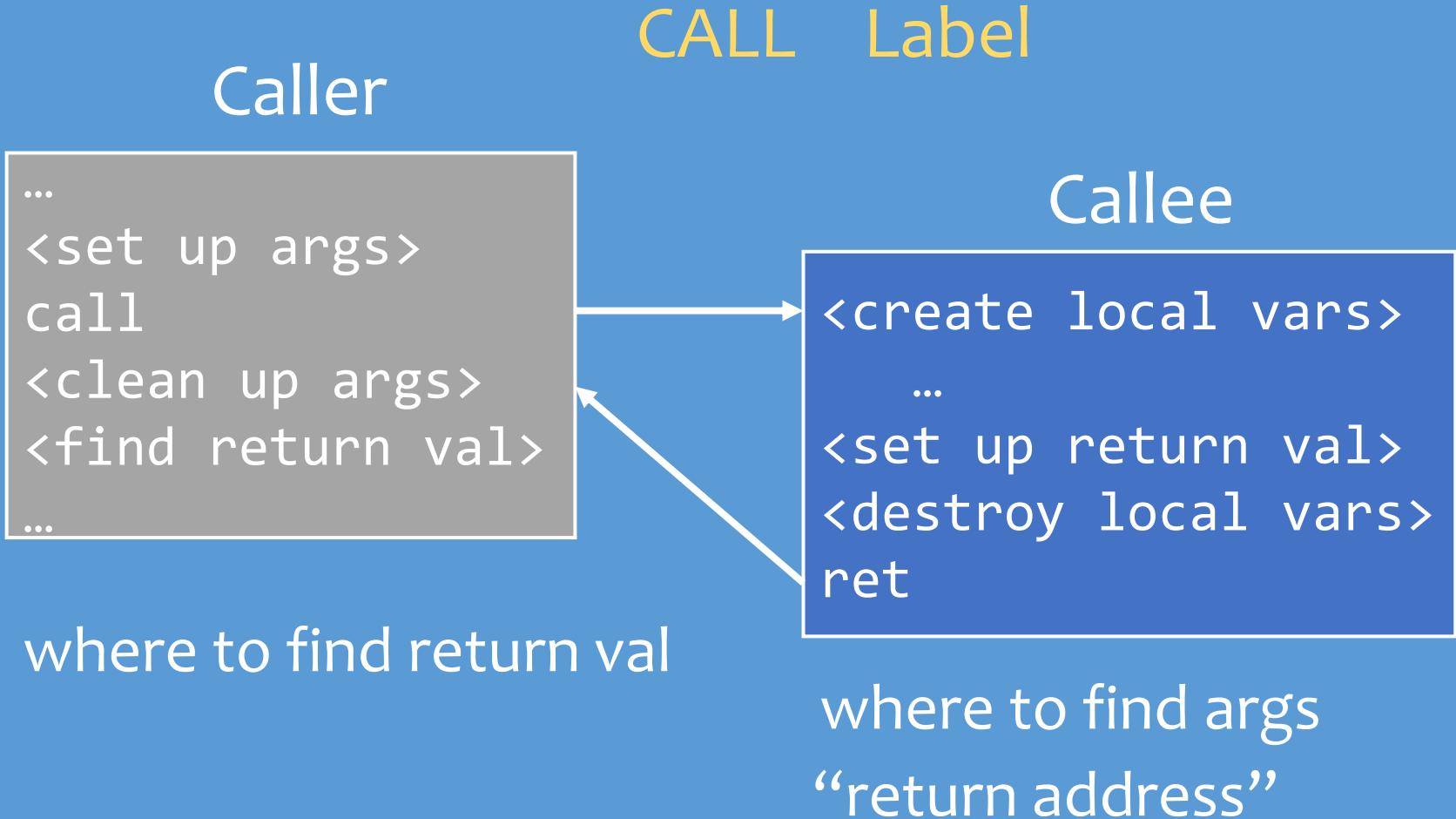


popq %rdx

POP D



Procedure Call

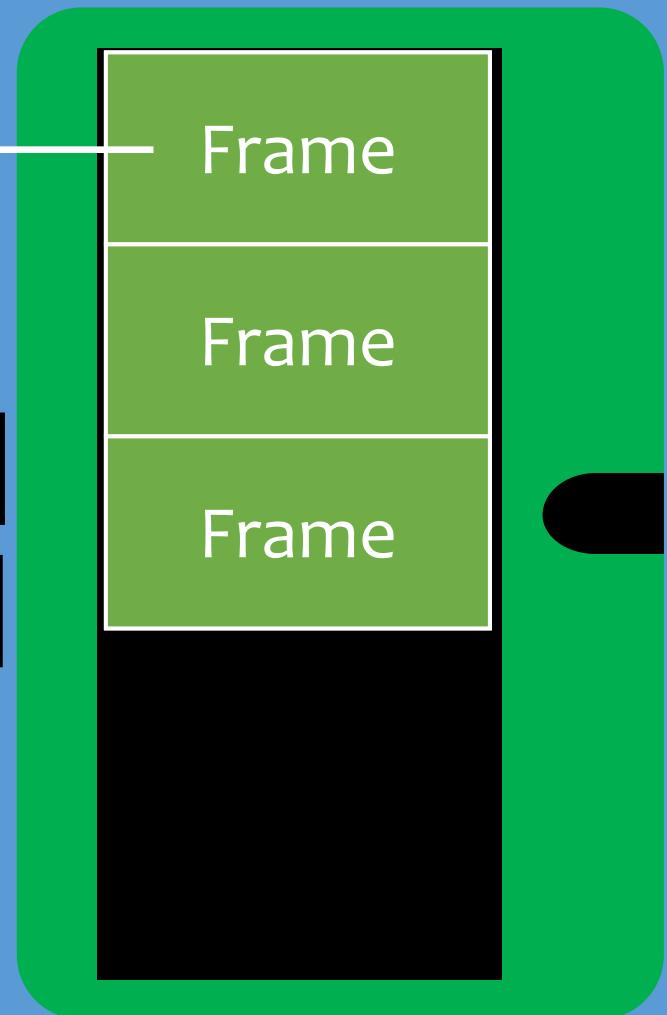


Stack Frame

Local variables
Function arguments
Return information
Temporary space

Base Pointer: %rbp →

Stack Pointer: %rsp →

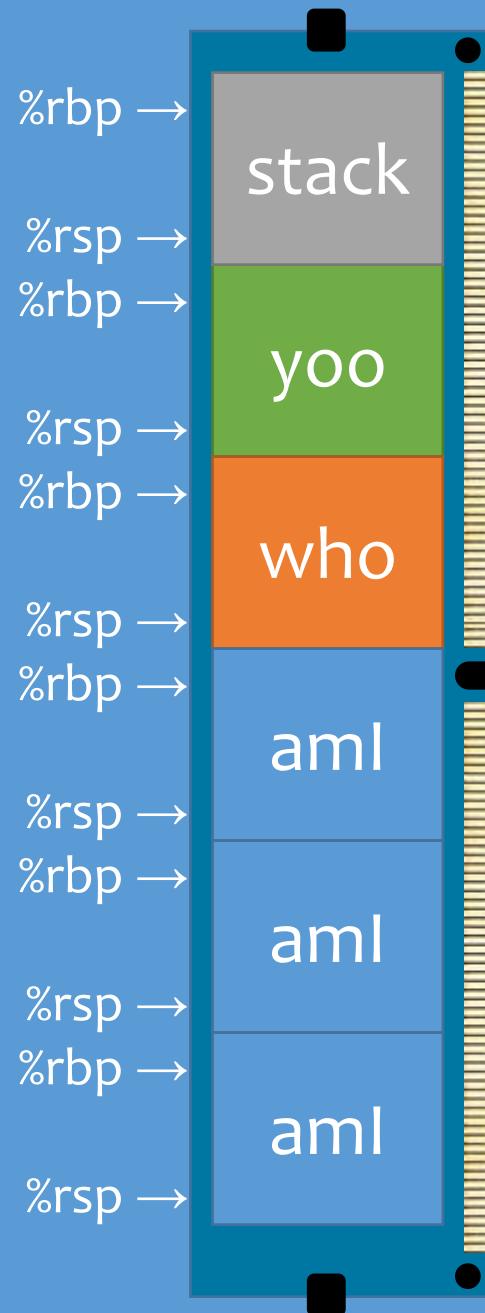
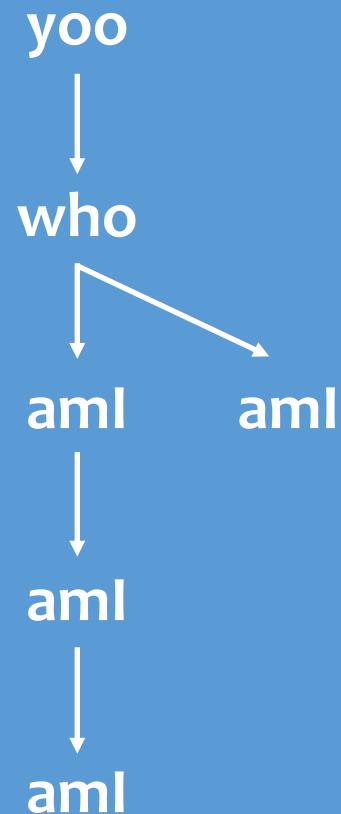


Call Chain Example

```
yoo(...)  
{  
    ...  
    who();  
    ...  
}
```

```
amI(...)  
{  
    ...  
    amI();  
    ...  
}
```

```
who(...)  
{  
    ...  
    amI();  
    ...  
}
```



Register Saving Convention

%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

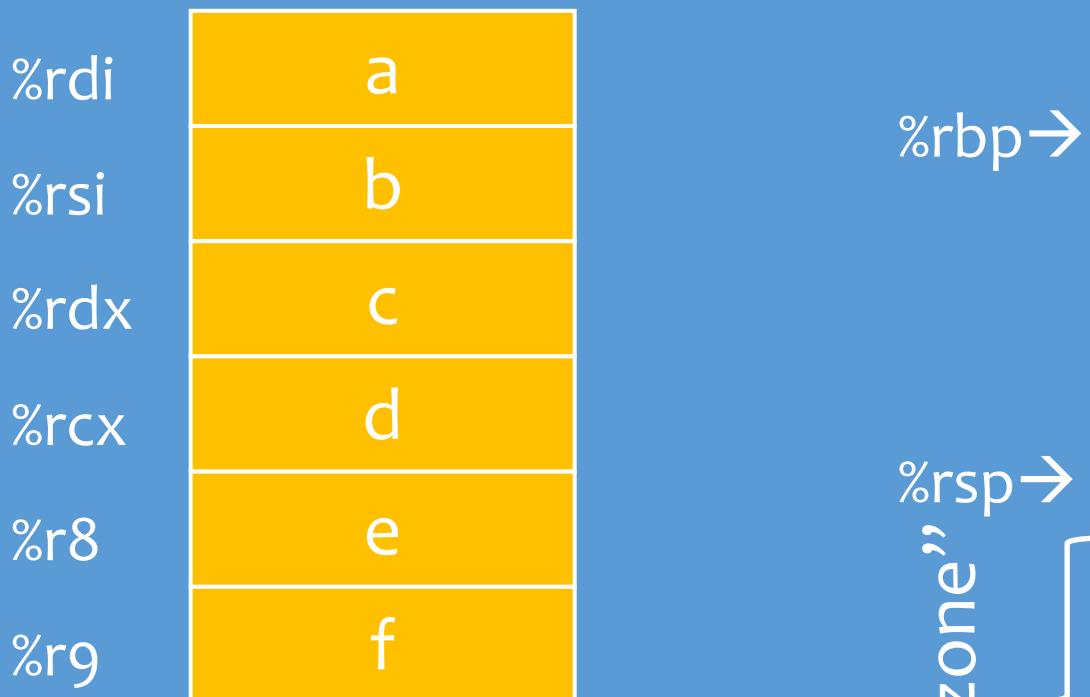
%r14 Callee saved

%r15 Callee saved

```

long myfunc(long a, long b, long c, long d,
            long e, long f, long g, long h)
{
    long xx = a * b * c * d * e * f * g * h;
    long yy = a + b + c + d + e + f + g + h;
    long zz = utilfunc(xx, yy, xx % yy);
    return zz + 20;
}

```



Functions can access
memory up to 128 bytes

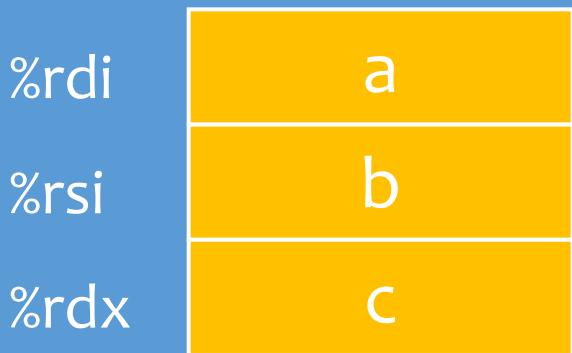
x86-64

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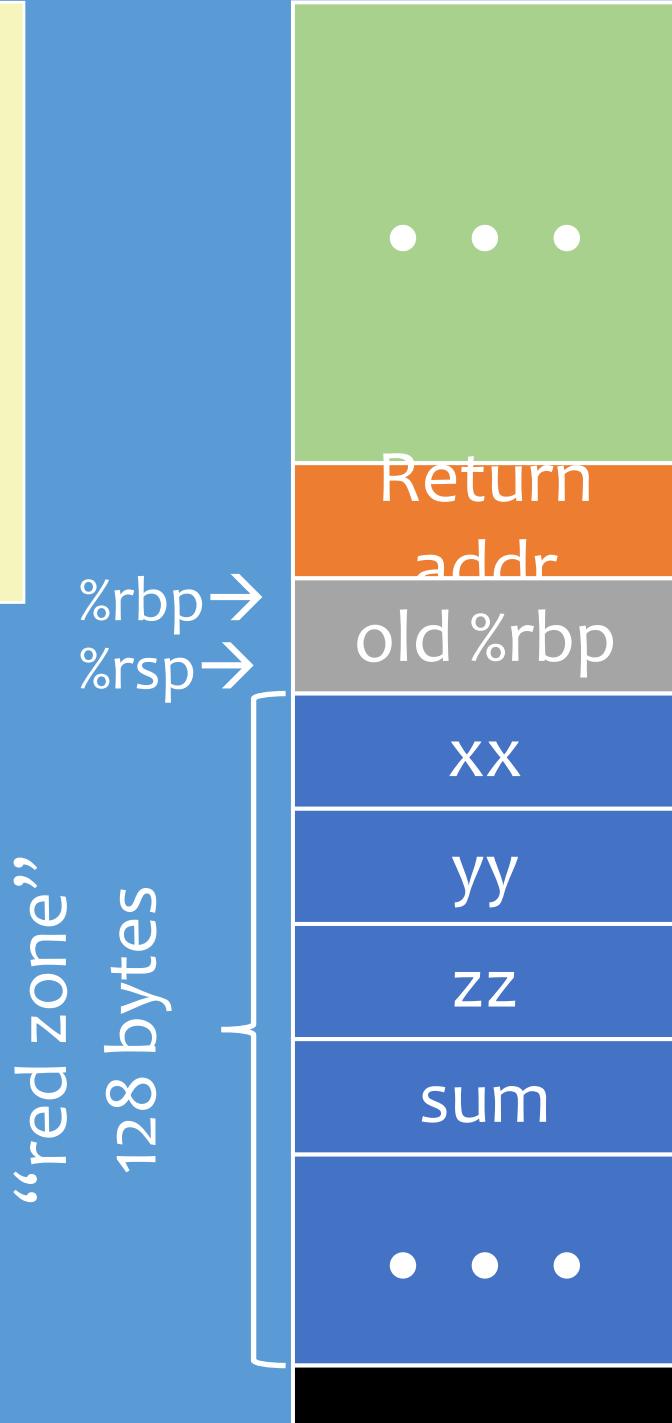
long utilfunc(long a, long b, long c)
{
    long xx = a + 2;
    long yy = b + 3;
    long zz = c + 4;
    long sum = xx + yy + zz;

    return xx * yy * zz + sum;
}

```

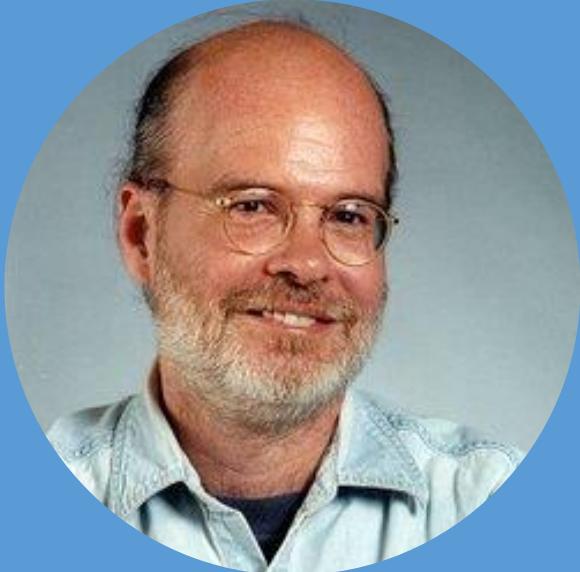


References to stack frame → `%rsp`
`%rbp` now available for general-purpose
use



Summary

- Memory Layout
- Stack
 - PUSH
 - POP
- Stack frame
- Procedure Call
 - CALL
 - RET
- Register Saving Convention
- Red zone



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“ Programming in machine code is like eating with a toothpick. ”