

Introduction to 8086 Assembly

Lecture 14

Recursion

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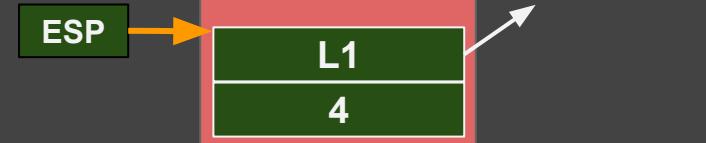
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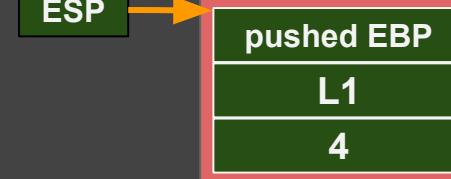


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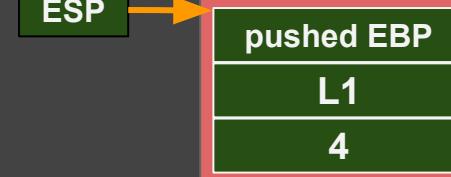
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    push eax    EAX=3
    call fact
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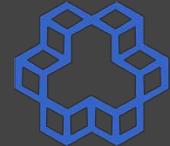
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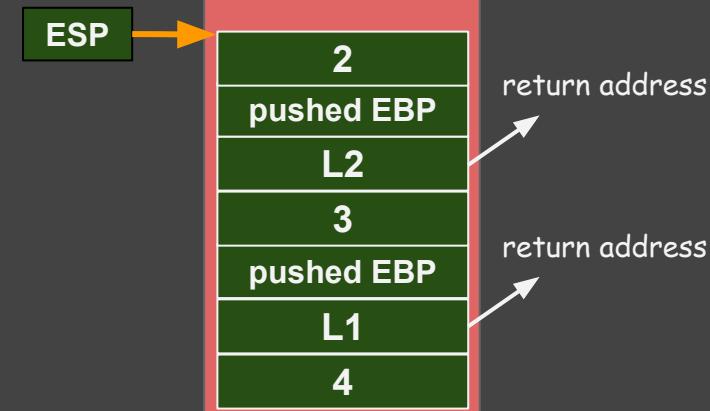
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      push eax    EAX=2
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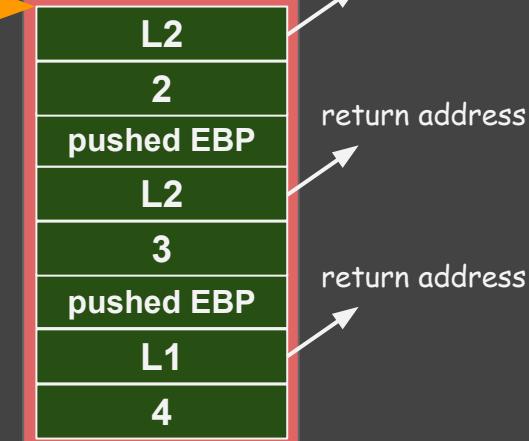
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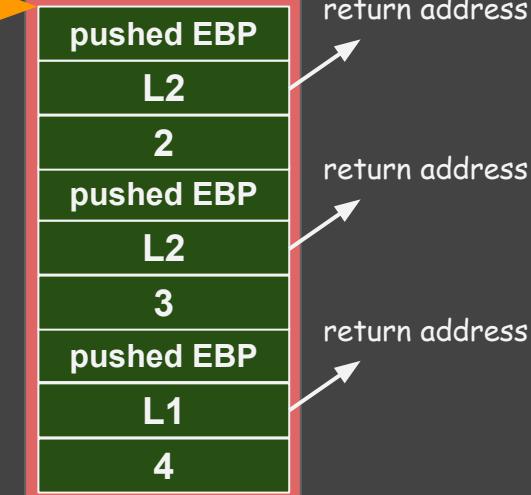
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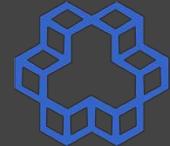
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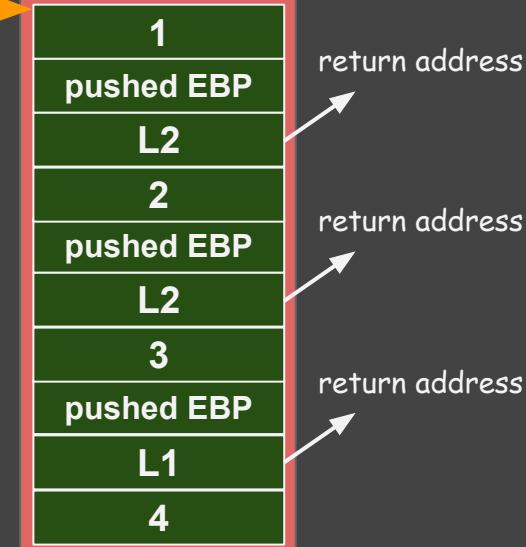
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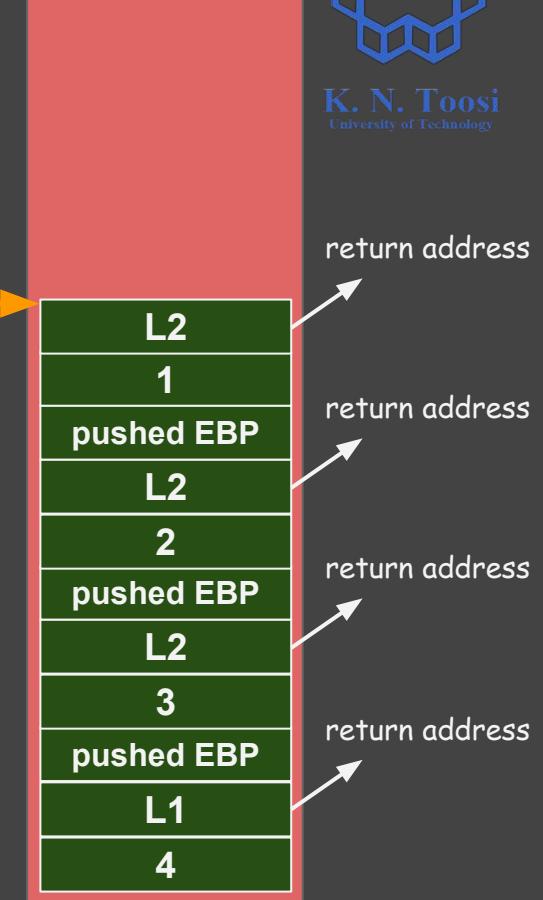
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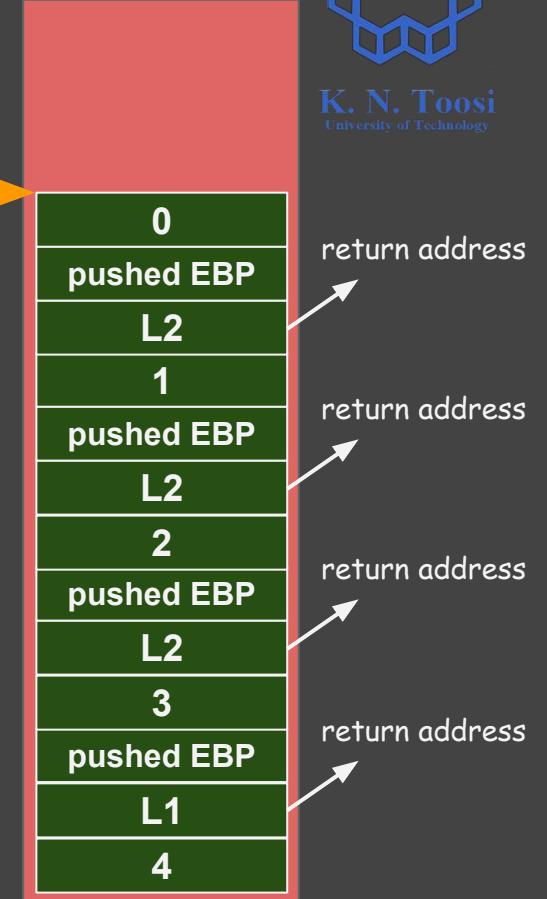
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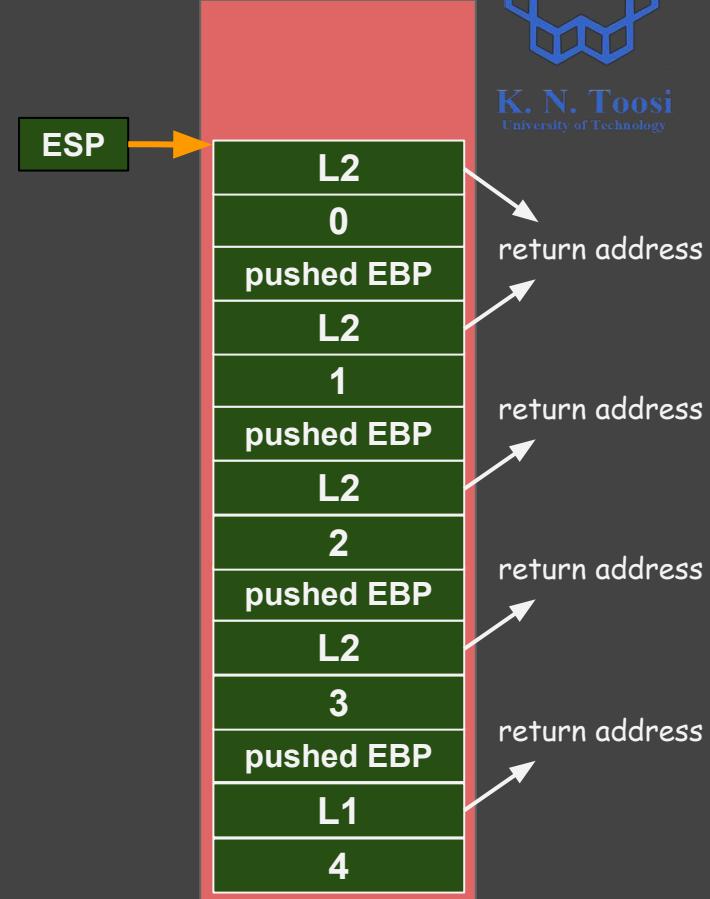
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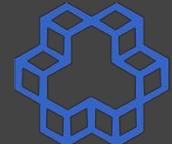
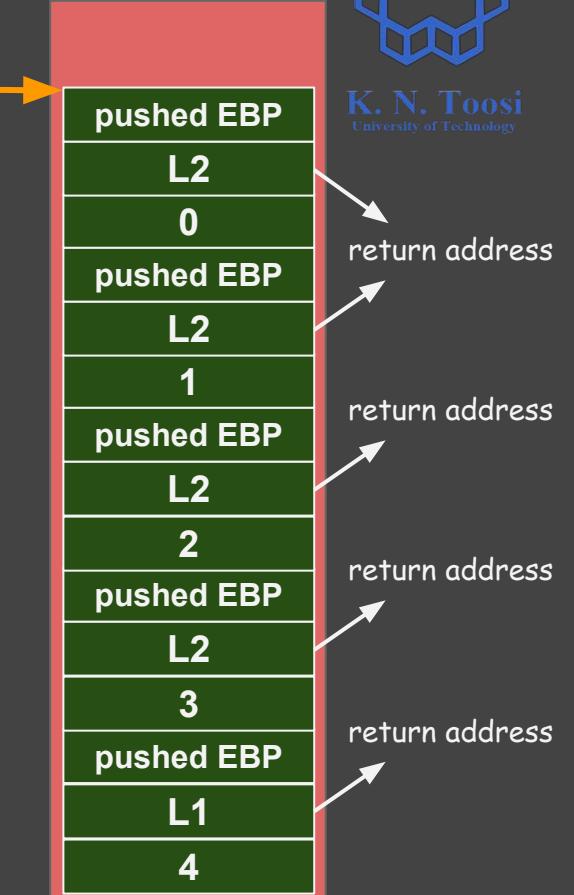
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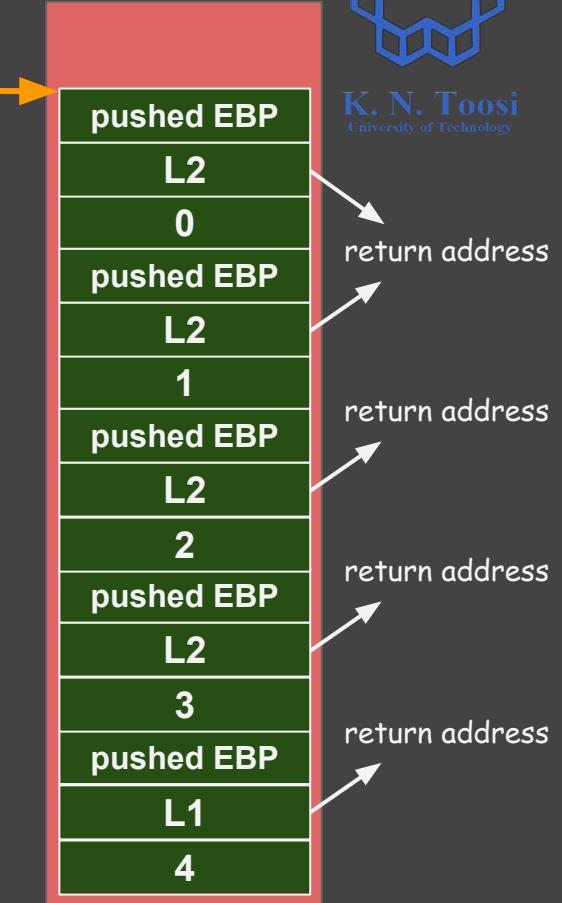
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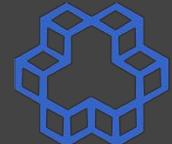
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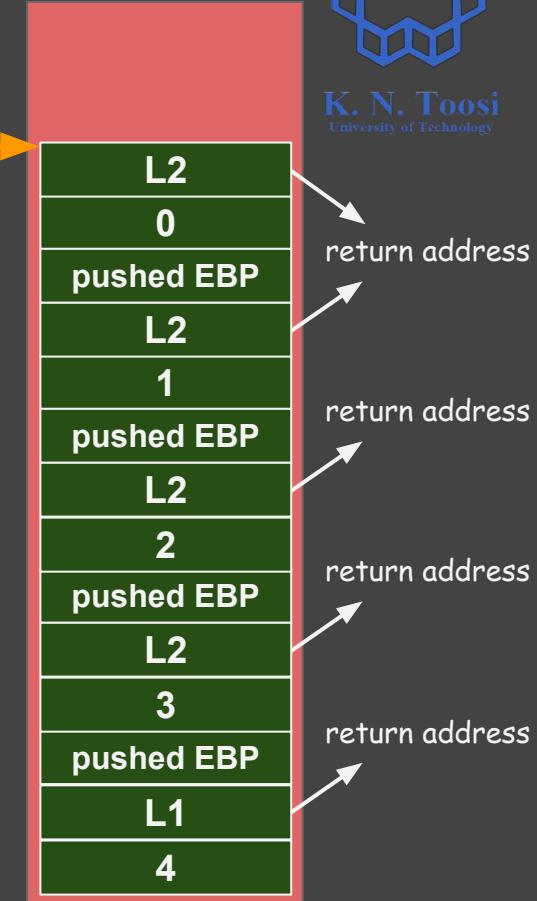
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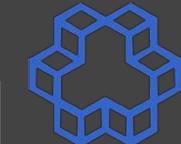
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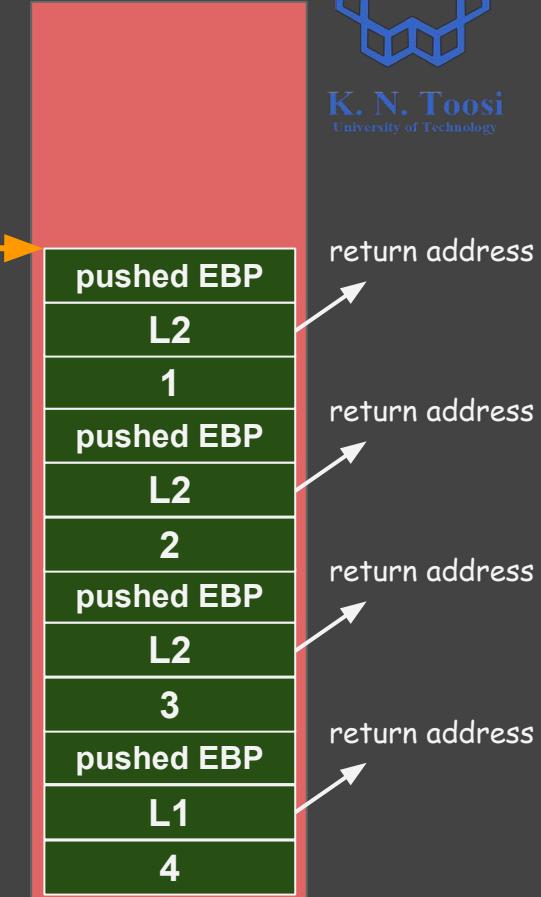
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FAX=1



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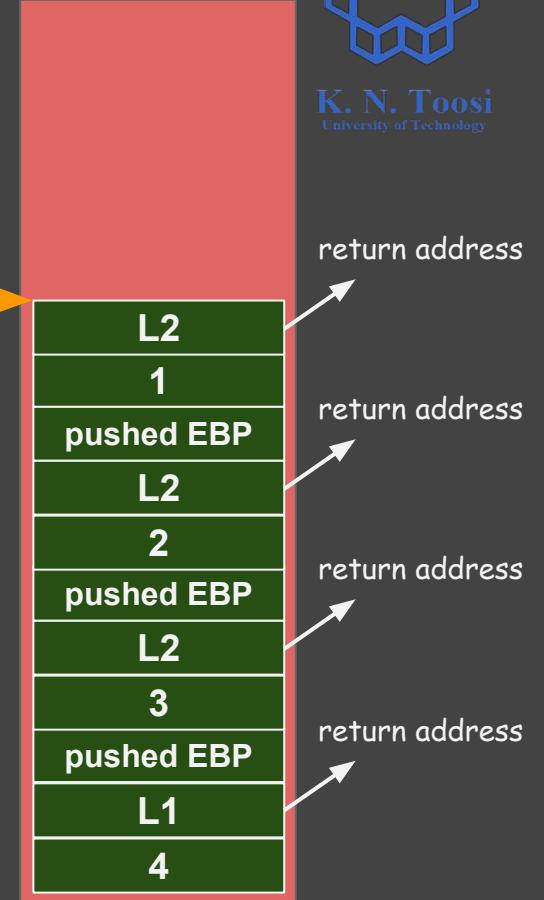
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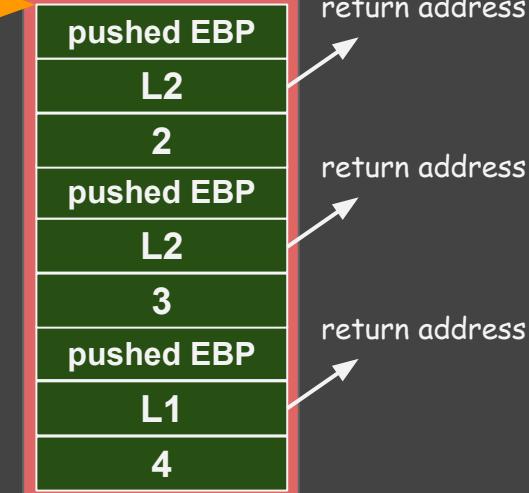
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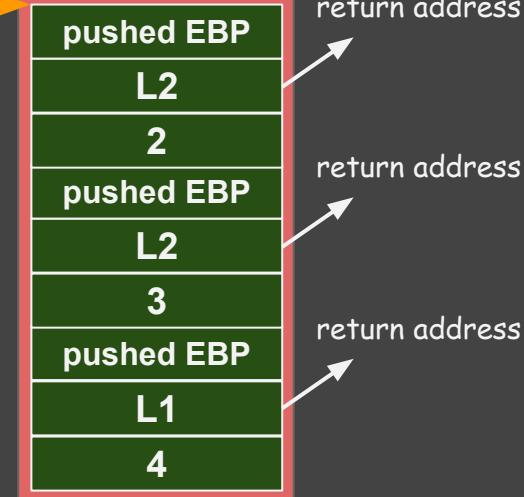
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    jmp endfact

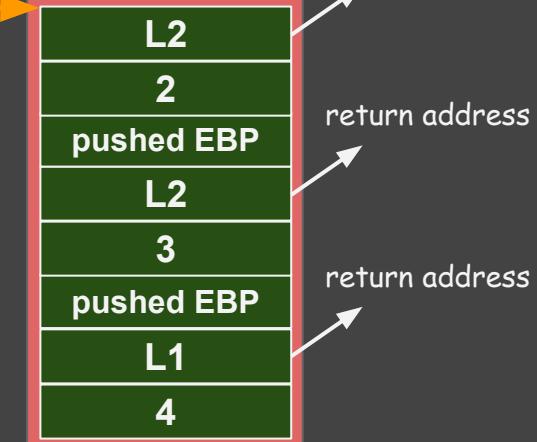
recur:
    dec eax
    push eax
    call fact
L2: add esp, 4

    imul dword [ebp+8]

endfact:
    pop ebp
    ret
```

EAX=2

ESP



Recursion



```
factorial.asm

    :
;; compute fact(4)
push 4
call fact
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call print_int
call print_nl
    :
```

fact: factorial.asm (cont.)

```
push ebp
mov ebp, esp

mov eax, [ebp+8]
cmp eax, 0
jg recur

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jmp endfact
```

recur:

```
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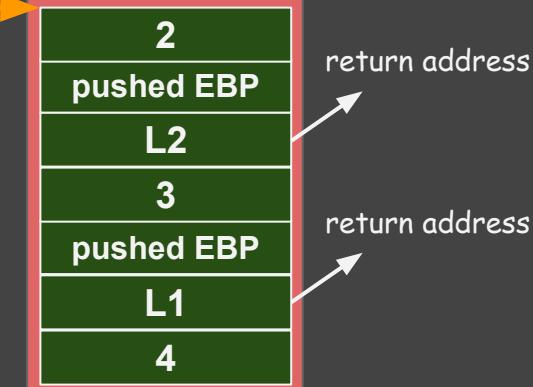
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```
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ret
```

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ESP



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ESP

pushed EBP
L2
3
pushed EBP
L1
4

return address

return address

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push ebp
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```

EAX=6

```
mov eax, [ebp+8]
cmp eax, 0
jg recur
```

```
mov eax, 1
jmp endfact
```

recur:

```
dec eax
push eax
call fact
```

L2: add esp, 4

imul dword [ebp+8] EAX*=3

ESP



return address

return address

endfact:

```
pop ebp
ret
```

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ESP

pushed EBP
L1
4



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return address

Recursion



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```
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mov ebp, esp
```

EAX=24

```
mov eax, [ebp+8]
cmp eax, 0
jg recur
```

```
mov eax, 1
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```

recur:

```
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```

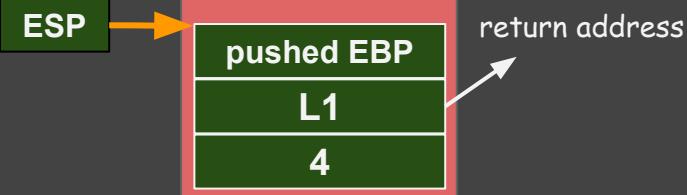
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```
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ESP



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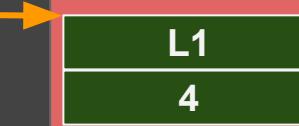
L2: add esp, 4

```
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```

endfact:

```
pop ebp
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```

ESP



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ESP

4



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ESP



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Practice:

```
int main() {    print_int_rec.c
    print_integer(12340);
    putchar('\n');

    print_integer(-842101);
    putchar('\n');
}

void print_integer(int n) {
    if (n < 0) {
        putchar('-');
        print_integer(-n);
    }
    else if (n < 10) {
        putchar('0'+n);
        return;
    }
    else {
        print_integer(n / 10);
        putchar('0' + n % 10);
    }
}
```

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```

```
section .data
c: db 0

section .text
myputchar:
    pusha

    mov [c], al
    mov ecx, c ; address of start of message
    mov edx, 1 ; length of message
    mov ebx,1 ; file descriptor (1: stdout)
    mov eax,4 ; syscall number (4: sys_write)
    int 0x80

    popa
    ret
```

print_int_rec.asm



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        putchar('0' + n % 10);
    }
}
```

global _start

print_int_rec.asm (cont.)

_start:

```
push 12340
call print_integer
;; callee clears the stack

mov al, 10
call myputchar

push -842101
call print_integer

mov al, 10
call myputchar

push 0
call print_integer

mov al, 10
call myputchar

mov eax, 1
int 0x80
```



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}
```

print_integer: print_int_rec.asm (cont.)

```
push ebp
mov ebp, esp
pusha

mov eax, [ebp+8]

cmp eax, 0
jnl check2

mov al, '-'
call myputchar
mov eax, [ebp+8]

neg eax
push eax
call print_integer
jmp endfunc

check2:
    cmp eax, 10
    jge recur

    add al, '0'
    call myputchar
    jmp endfunc
```

print_int_rec.asm (cont.)

recur:

```
    mov edx, 0
    mov ecx, 10
    div ecx

    push eax
    call print_integer

    mov al, dl
    add al, '0'
    call myputchar
```

endfunc:

```
    popa
    mov esp, ebp
    pop ebp
    ret 4
```



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```
push ebp
mov ebp, esp
pusha

mov eax, [ebp+8]

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neg eax
push eax
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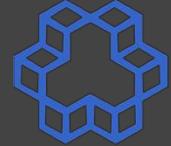
```
push eax
call print_integer
```

```
mov al, dl
add al, '0'
call myputchar
```

endfunc:

```
popa
mov esp, ebp
pop ebp
ret 4
```

```
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture14$ ./a.out
12340
-842101
0
```



Indirect call

jmp label1

call label1



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Indirect call

```
jmp eax  
call eax
```



Indirect call

```
jmp eax  
call eax
```

```
jmp [label]  
call [label]
```

```
jmp [eax]  
call [eax]
```



Indirect call

```
jmp eax  
call eax
```

```
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```

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```

Applications?



Indirect call

```
jmp eax  
call eax
```

```
jmp [label]  
call [label]
```

```
jmp [eax]  
call [eax]
```

Applications?
pointer to functions