

Today

Procedures

- Stack Structure
- Calling Conventions
 - Passing control
 - Passing data
 - Managing local data
- Illustration of Recursion

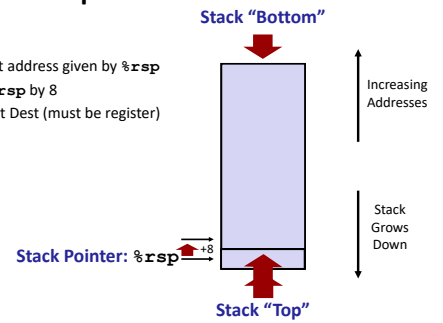
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x86-64 Stack: Pop

popq Dest

- Read value at address given by `%rsp`
- Increment `%rsp` by 8
- Store value at Dest (must be register)

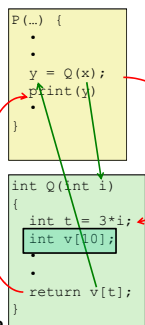


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Mechanisms in Procedures

- Passing control
 - To beginning of procedure code
 - Back to return point
- Passing data
 - Procedure arguments
 - Return value
- Memory management
 - Allocate during procedure execution
 - Deallocate upon return
- Mechanisms all implemented with machine instructions
- x86-64 implementation of a procedure uses only those mechanisms required



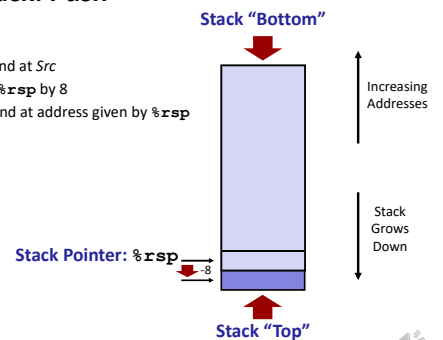
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x86-64 Stack: Push

pushq Src

- Fetch operand at Src
- Decrement `%rsp` by 8
- Write operand at address given by `%rsp`



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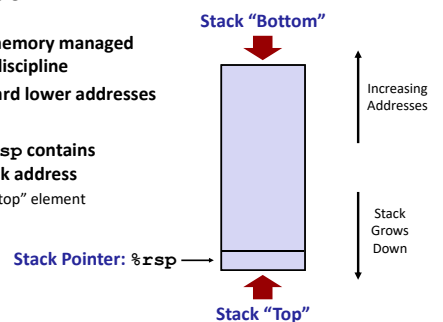
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x86-64 Stack

- Region of memory managed with stack discipline
- Grows toward lower addresses
- Register `%rsp` contains lowest stack address
- address of "top" element



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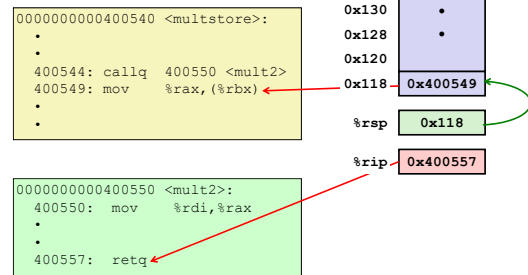
Procedure Control Flow

- Use stack to support procedure call and return
- Procedure call: `call label`**
 - Push return address on stack
 - Jump to *label*
- Return address:**
 - Address of the next instruction right after call
 - Example from disassembly
- Procedure return: `ret`**
 - Pop address from stack
 - Jump to address

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Control Flow Example #3



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Code Examples

```
void multstore
(long x, long y, long *dest)
{
    long t = mult2(x, y);
    *dest = t;
}
```

```
0000000000400540 <multstore>:
400540: push    %rbx      # Save %rbx
400541: mov     %rdx,%rbx  # Save dest
400544: callq   400550 <mult2> # mult2(x,y)
400549: mov     %rax, (%rbx) # Save at dest
40054c: pop     %rbx      # Restore %rbx
40054d: retq                      # Return
```

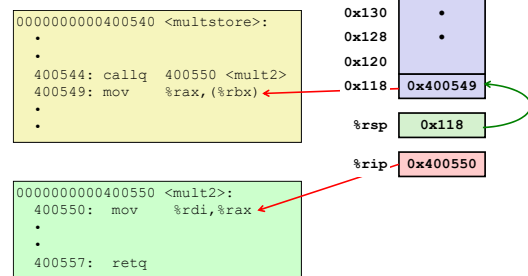
```
long mult2
(long a, long b)
{
    long s = a * b;
    return s;
}
```

```
0000000000400550 <mult2>:
400550: mov     %rdi,%rax  # a
400553: imul    %rsi,%rax  # a * b
400557: retq                      # Return
```

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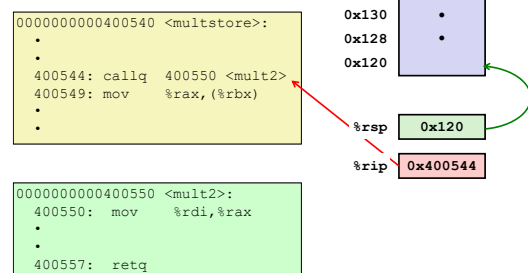
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Control Flow Example #1



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Procedure Data Flow

Registers

First 6 arguments

%rdi
%rsi
%rdx
%rcx
%r8
%r9

Return value

%rax

Stack

...
Arg n
...
Arg 8
Arg 7

Only allocate stack space when needed

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Stack-Based Languages

Languages that support recursion

- e.g., C, Pascal, Java
- Code must be "Reentrant"
 - Multiple simultaneous instantiations of single procedure
- Need some place to store state of each instantiation
 - Arguments
 - Local variables
 - Return pointer

Stack discipline

- State for given procedure needed for limited time
 - From when called to when return
- Callee returns before caller does

Stack allocated in **Frames**

- state for single procedure instantiation

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- Illustrations of Recursion & Pointers

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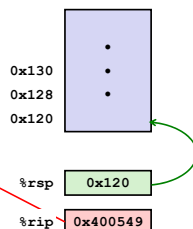
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Control Flow Example #4

```
0000000000400540 <multstore>:
.
.
400544: callq 400550 <mult2>
400549: mov    %rax, (%rbx)
.
```

```
0000000000400550 <mult2>:
400550: mov    %rdi, %rax
.
400557: retq
```



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Data Flow Examples

```
void multstore
(long x, long y, long *dest)
{
    long t = mult2(x, y);
    *dest = t;
}
```

```
0000000000400540 <multstore>:
. # x in %rdi, y in %rsi, dest in %rdx
...
400541: mov    %rdx, %rbx    # Save dest
400544: callq 400550 <mult2> # mult2(x,y)
. # t in %rax
400549: mov    %rax, (%rbx)  # Save at dest
...
```

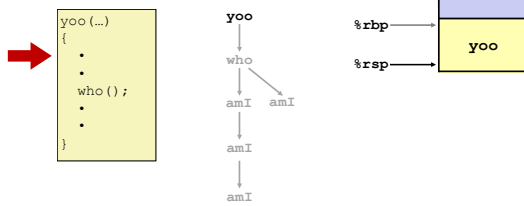
```
long mult2
(long a, long b)
{
    long s = a * b;
    return s;
}
```

```
0000000000400550 <mult2>:
. # a in %rdi, b in %rsi
400550: mov    %rdi, %rax    # a
400553: imul   %rsi, %rax    # a * b
. # s in %rax
400557: retq                # Return
```

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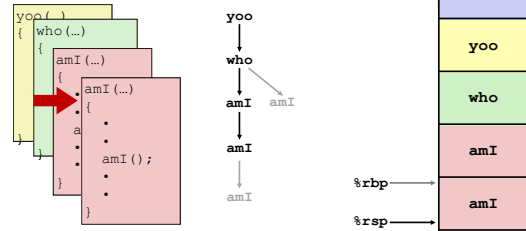
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Stack Frames

Contents

- Return information
- Local storage (if needed)
- Temporary space (if needed)

Frame Pointer: `%rbp`
(Optional)

Stack Pointer: `%rsp`

Management

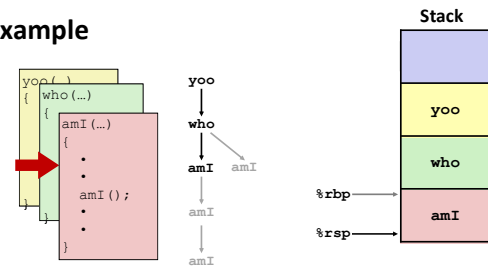
- Space allocated when enter procedure
- "Set-up" code
- Includes push by `call` instruction
- Deallocated when return
- "Finish" code
- Includes pop by `ret` instruction

Stack "Top"

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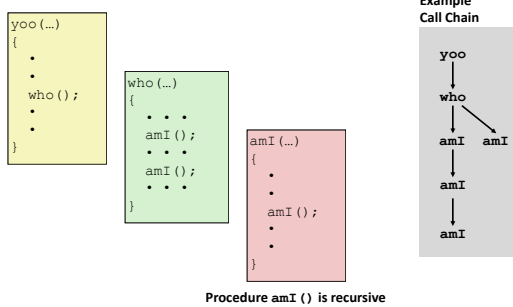
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Call Chain Example

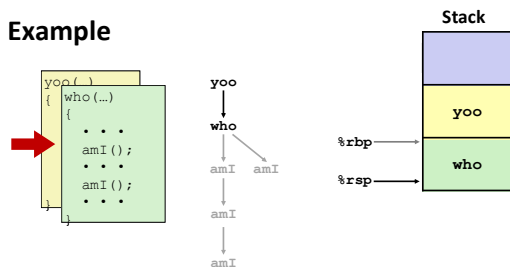


Procedure `amI()` is recursive

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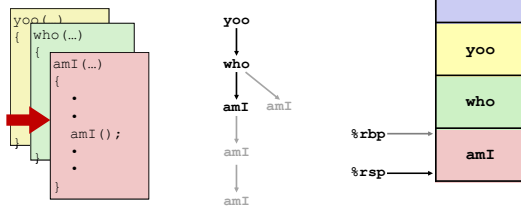
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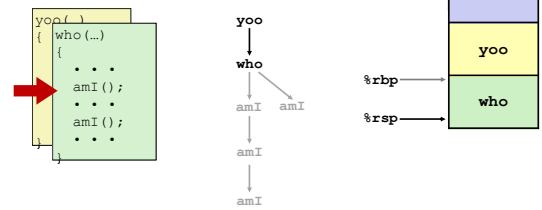


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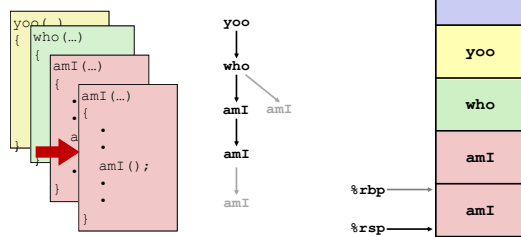


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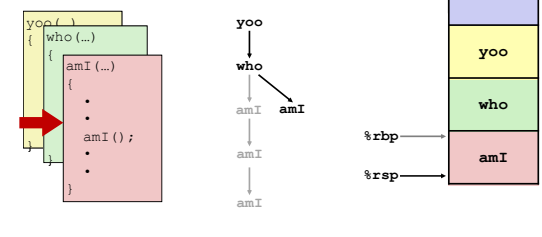


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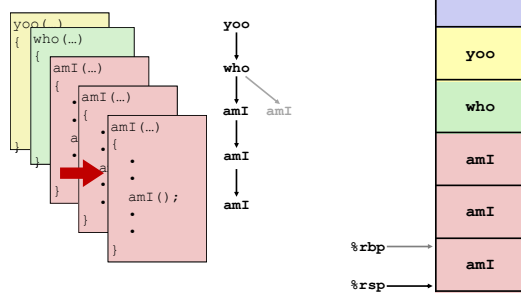


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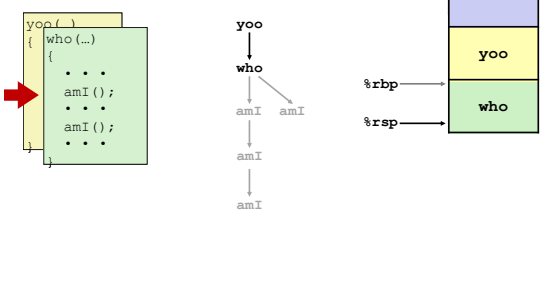


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Example: incr

```
long incr(long *p, long val) {
    long x = *p;
    long y = x + val;
    *p = y;
    return x;
}
```

```
incr:
    movq    (%rdi), %rax
    addq    %rax, %rsi
    movq    %rsi, (%rdi)
    ret
```

Register	Use(s)
%rdi	Argument p
%rsi	Argument val, y
%rax	x, Return value

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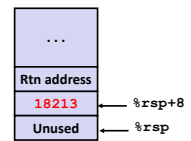


Example: Calling incr #3

```
long call_incr() {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return v1+v2;
}
```

```
call_incr:
    subq    $16, %rsp
    movq    $15213, 8(%rsp)
    movl    $3000, %esi
    leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
    call    incr
    addq    8(%rsp), %rax
    addq    $16, %rsp
    ret
```

Stack Structure



Register	Use(s)
%rdi	&v1
%rsi	3000

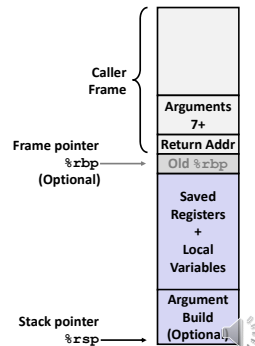
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x86-64/Linux Stack Frame

- Current Stack Frame ("Top" to Bottom)
 - "Argument build:"
 - Parameters for function about to call
 - Local variables
 - If can't keep in registers
 - Saved register context
 - Old frame pointer (optional)

- Caller Stack Frame
 - Return address
 - Pushed by call instruction
 - Arguments for this call



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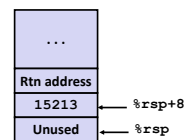
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Example: Calling incr #2

```
long call_incr() {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return v1+v2;
}
```

```
call_incr:
    subq    $16, %rsp
    movq    $15213, 8(%rsp)
    movl    $3000, %esi
    leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
    call    incr
    addq    8(%rsp), %rax
    addq    $16, %rsp
    ret
```

Stack Structure

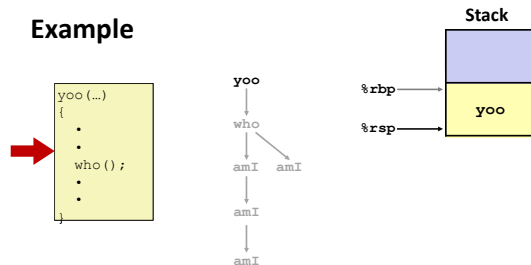


Register	Use(s)
%rdi	&v1
%rsi	3000

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Example: Calling incr #1

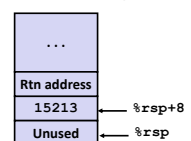
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    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return v1+v2;
}
```

```
call_incr:
    subq    $16, %rsp
    movq    $15213, 8(%rsp)
    movl    $3000, %esi
    leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
    call    incr
    addq    8(%rsp), %rax
    addq    $16, %rsp
    ret
```

Initial Stack Structure



Resulting Stack Structure



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Register Saving Conventions

When procedure `yoo` calls `who`:

- `yoo` is the *caller*
- `who` is the *callee*

Can register be used for temporary storage?

```
yoo:
...
movq $15213, %rdx
call who
addq %rdx, %rax
...
ret
```

```
who:
...
subq $18213, %rdx
...
ret
```

- Contents of register `%rdx` overwritten by `who`
- This could be trouble → something should be done!
- Need some coordination

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x86-64 Linux Register Usage #2

`%rbx, %r12, %r13, %r14`

- Callee-saved
- Callee must save & restore

Callee-saved
Temporaries

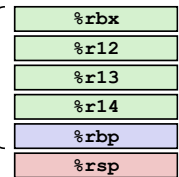
`%rbp`

- Callee-saved
- Callee must save & restore
- May be used as frame pointer
- Can mix & match

Special

`%rsp`

- Special form of callee save
- Restored to original value upon exit from procedure



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Example: Calling `incr` #5

```
long call_incr() {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return v1+v2;
}
```

```
call_incr:
subq $16, %rsp
movq $15213, 8(%rsp)
movl $3000, %esi
leaq 8(%rsp), %rdi
call incr
addq 8(%rsp), %rax
addq $16, %rsp
ret
```

Updated Stack Structure



Register	Use(s)
<code>%rax</code>	Return value

Final Stack Structure



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x86-64 Linux Register Usage #1

`%rax`

- Return value
- Also caller-saved
- Can be modified by procedure

Return value

`%rdi, ..., %r9`

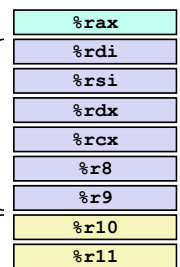
- Arguments
- Also caller-saved
- Can be modified by procedure

Arguments

`%r10, %r11`

- Caller-saved
- Can be modified by procedure

Caller-saved
temporaries



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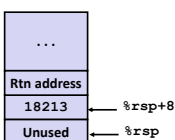
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Example: Calling `incr` #4

```
long call_incr() {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return v1+v2;
}
```

```
call_incr:
subq $16, %rsp
movq $15213, 8(%rsp)
movl $3000, %esi
leaq 8(%rsp), %rdi
call incr
addq 8(%rsp), %rax
addq $16, %rsp
ret
```

Stack Structure



Register	Use(s)
<code>%rax</code>	Return value

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Register Saving Conventions

When procedure `yoo` calls `who`:

- `yoo` is the *caller*
- `who` is the *callee*

Can register be used for temporary storage?

Conventions

- "Caller Saved"
 - Caller saves temporary values in its frame before the call
- "Callee Saved"
 - Callee saves temporary values in its frame before using
 - Callee restores them before returning to caller

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Recursive Function Register Save

```
/* Recursive popcount */
long pcount_r(unsigned long x) {
    if (x == 0)
        return 0;
    else
        return (x & 1)
            + pcount_r(x >> 1);
}
```

```
pcount_r:
    movl $0, %eax
    testq %rdi, %rdi
    je .L6
    pushq %rbx
    movq %rdi, %rbx
    andl $1, %ebx
    shrq %rdi
    call pcount_r
    addq %rbx, %rax
    popq %rbx
.L6:
    ret
```

Register	Use(s)	Type
%rdi	x	Argument



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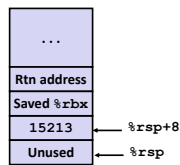
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Callee-Saved Example #2

```
long call_incr2(long x) {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return x+v2;
}
```

```
call_incr2:
    pushq %rbx
    subq $16, %rsp
    movq %rdi, %rbx
    movq $15213, 8(%rsp)
    movl $3000, %esi
    leaq 8(%rsp), %rdi
    call incr
    addq %rbx, %rax
    addq $16, %rsp
    popq %rbx
    ret
```

Resulting Stack Structure



Pre-return Stack Structure



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Recursive Function Terminal Case

```
/* Recursive popcount */
long pcount_r(unsigned long x) {
    if (x == 0)
        return 0;
    else
        return (x & 1)
            + pcount_r(x >> 1);
}
```

```
pcount_r:
    movl $0, %eax
    testq %rdi, %rdi
    je .L6
    pushq %rbx
    movq %rdi, %rbx
    andl $1, %ebx
    shrq %rdi
    call pcount_r
    addq %rbx, %rax
    popq %rbx
.L6:
    ret
```

Register	Use(s)	Type
%rdi	x	Argument
%rax	Return value	Return value

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Callee-Saved Example #1

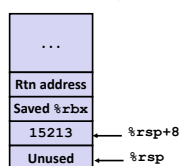
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    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
    return x+v2;
}
```

```
call_incr2:
    pushq %rbx
    subq $16, %rsp
    movq %rdi, %rbx
    movq $15213, 8(%rsp)
    movl $3000, %esi
    leaq 8(%rsp), %rdi
    call incr
    addq %rbx, %rax
    addq $16, %rsp
    popq %rbx
    ret
```

Initial Stack Structure



Resulting Stack Structure



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Recursive Function

```
/* Recursive popcount */
long pcount_r(unsigned long x) {
    if (x == 0)
        return 0;
    else
        return (x & 1)
            + pcount_r(x >> 1);
}
```

```
pcount_r:
    movl $0, %eax
    testq %rdi, %rdi
    je .L6
    pushq %rbx
    movq %rdi, %rbx
    andl $1, %ebx
    shrq %rdi
    call pcount_r
    addq %rbx, %rax
    popq %rbx
.L6:
    ret
```

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Recursive Function Result

```
/* Recursive popcount */
long pcount_r(unsigned long x) {
    if (x == 0)
        return 0;
    else
        return (x & 1)
            + pcount_r(x >> 1);
}
```

```
pcount_r:
    movl    $0, %eax
    testq   %rdi, %rdi
    je      .L6
    pushq   %rbx
    movq    %rdi, %rbx
    andl    $1, %ebx
    shrq    %rdi
    call    pcount_r
    addq    %rbx, %rax
    popq    %rbx
.L6:
    ret
```

Register	Use(s)	Type
%rbx	x & 1	Callee-saved
%rax	Return value	

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x86-64 Procedure Summary

Important Points

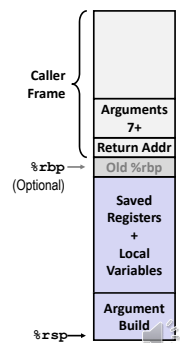
- Stack is the right data structure for procedure call / return
- If P calls Q, then Q returns before P

Recursion (& mutual recursion) handled by normal calling conventions

- Can safely store values in local stack frame and in callee-saved registers
- Put function arguments at top of stack
- Result return in **%rax**

Pointers are addresses of values

- On stack or global



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Recursive Function Call

```
/* Recursive popcount */
long pcount_r(unsigned long x) {
    if (x == 0)
        return 0;
    else
        return (x & 1)
            + pcount_r(x >> 1);
}
```

```
pcount_r:
    movl    $0, %eax
    testq   %rdi, %rdi
    je      .L6
    pushq   %rbx
    movq    %rdi, %rbx
    andl    $1, %ebx
    shrq    %rdi
    call    pcount_r
    addq    %rbx, %rax
    popq    %rbx
.L6:
    ret
```

Register	Use(s)	Type
%rbx	x & 1	Callee-saved
%rax	Recursive call return value	

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Observations About Recursion

Handled Without Special Consideration

- Stack frames mean that each function call has private storage
 - Saved registers & local variables
 - Saved return pointer
- Register saving conventions prevent one function call from corrupting another's data
 - Unless the C code explicitly does so (e.g., buffer overflow in Lecture 9)
- Stack discipline follows call / return pattern
 - If P calls Q, then Q returns before P
 - Last-In, First-Out

Also works for mutual recursion

- P calls Q; Q calls P

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Recursive Function Call Setup

```
/* Recursive popcount */
long pcount_r(unsigned long x) {
    if (x == 0)
        return 0;
    else
        return (x & 1)
            + pcount_r(x >> 1);
}
```

```
pcount_r:
    movl    $0, %eax
    testq   %rdi, %rdi
    je      .L6
    pushq   %rbx
    movq    %rdi, %rbx
    andl    $1, %ebx
    shrq    %rdi
    call    pcount_r
    addq    %rbx, %rax
    popq    %rbx
.L6:
    ret
```

Register	Use(s)	Type
%rdi	x >> 1	Rec. argument
%rbx	x & 1	Callee-saved

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Recursive Function Completion

```
/* Recursive popcount */
long pcount_r(unsigned long x) {
    if (x == 0)
        return 0;
    else
        return (x & 1)
            + pcount_r(x >> 1);
}
```

```
pcount_r:
    movl    $0, %eax
    testq   %rdi, %rdi
    je      .L6
    pushq   %rbx
    movq    %rdi, %rbx
    andl    $1, %ebx
    shrq    %rdi
    call    pcount_r
    addq    %rbx, %rax
    popq    %rbx
.L6:
    ret
```

Register	Use(s)	Type
%rax	Return value	Return value



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