

Lesson 4

Machine Prog 2

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Procedure: Explanation

What happens when procedure P calls procedure Q?

- **Passing Control**

PC (program counter, %rip) should be set to:

- the starting address of Q when P calls Q
- the next instruction of "call Q" in P when Q returns back to P

- **Passing Data**

- P passes argument(s) to Q, and Q returns a value to P

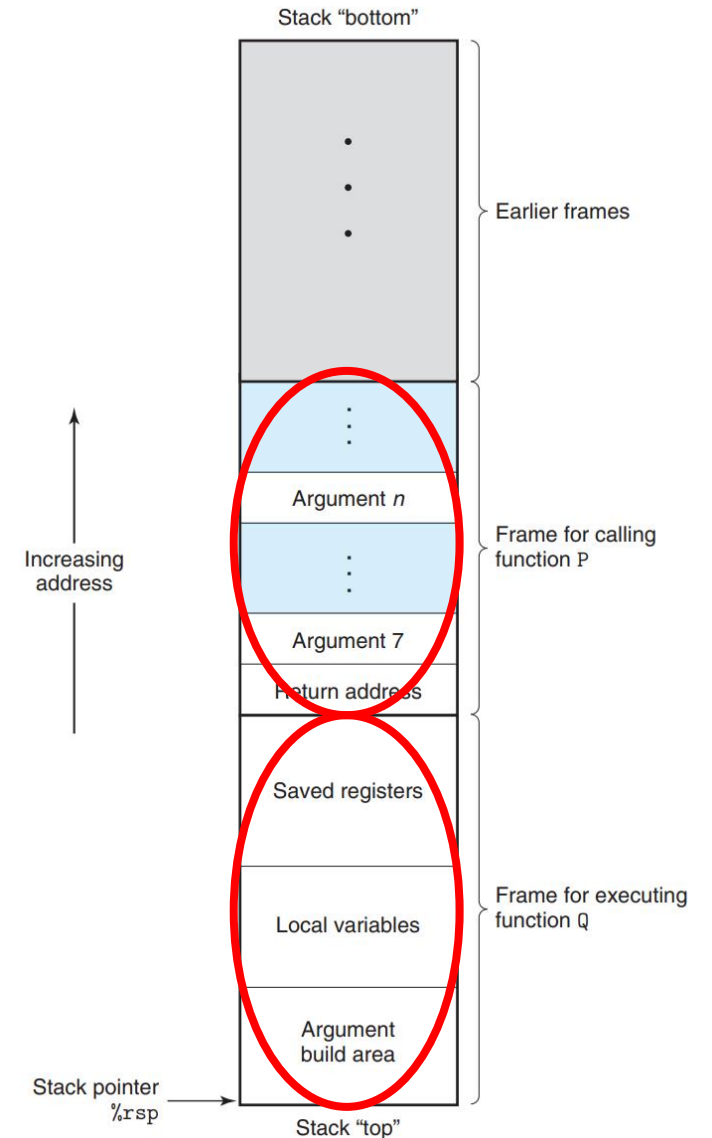
- **Allocating & Deallocating Memory**

- Q may allocate space for local variables etc.
- The storage should be freed before Q returns

The Run-Time Stack

Concept & Differentiation

- **Stack:** Part of memory.
 - Every byte on the stack gets an 8-byte address.
- **Registers(Regs):** Independent parts **outsides memory**.
 - Registers have no addresses.
 - x86 Registers are only ever addressed by name.
- **Stack Frame:** Part of stack. A stack has several frames.
 - **Saved Registers** (Callee-saved registers)
 - **Local Variables**
 - **Argument Build Area**



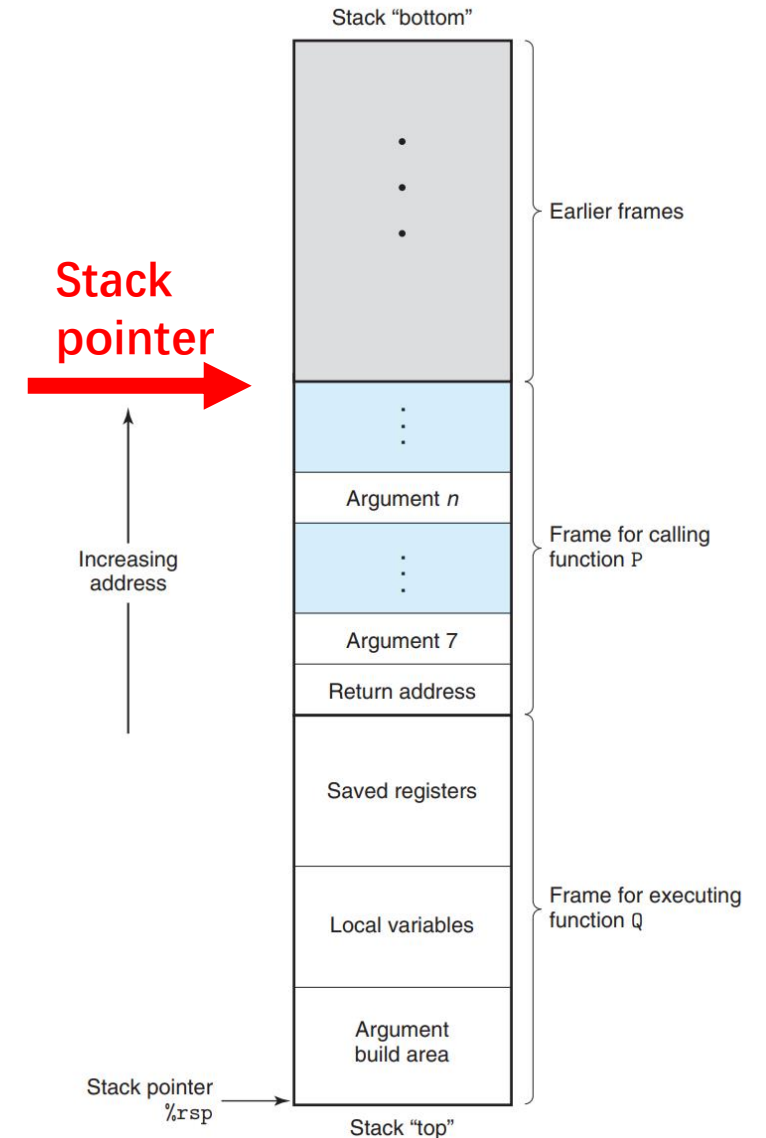
The Run-Time Stack

Allocating & deallocating space

- by decreasing & increasing the stack pointer(%rsp)
 - To allocate space for data, %rsp decreases
 - To deallocate space, %rsp increases

Discipline: Last-in, First-out -> call/return mechanism

- When Q executes, **previously called procedures are suspended.**
- When Q returns, %rsp increases, and stack frame of Q is freed.

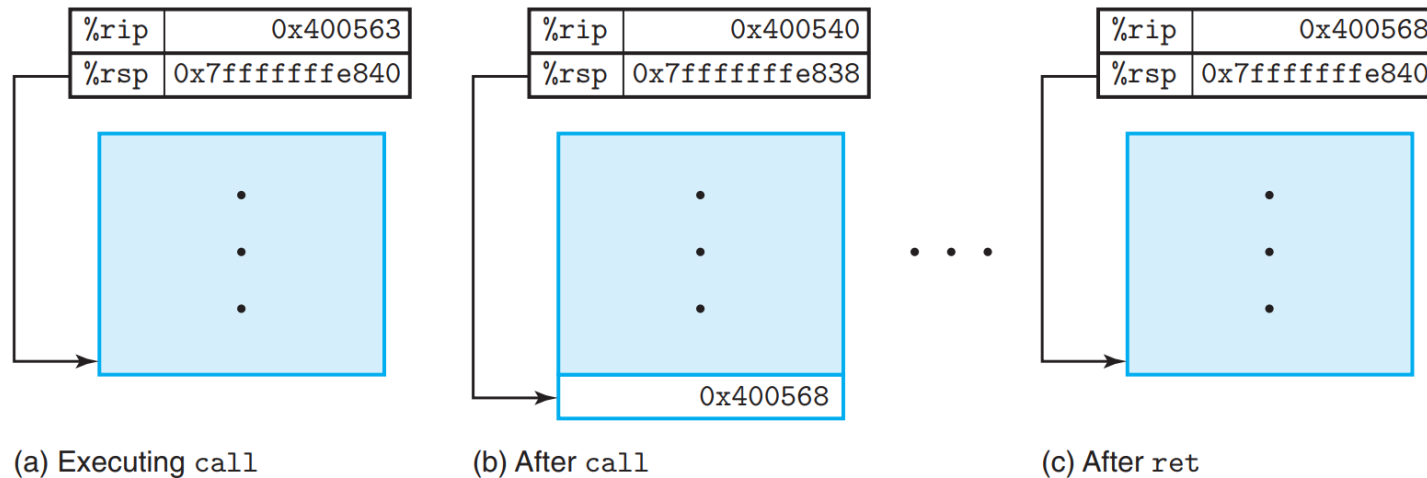


Control Transfer: How P calls Q?

When PC reads “call Q” in P, the instruction

- pushes the return address onto the stack
 - Return address: the next instruction of “call Q” in P
- sets PC to the beginning of Q

(Note: “callq” & “retq” are used in .asm generated by **OBJDUMP**)



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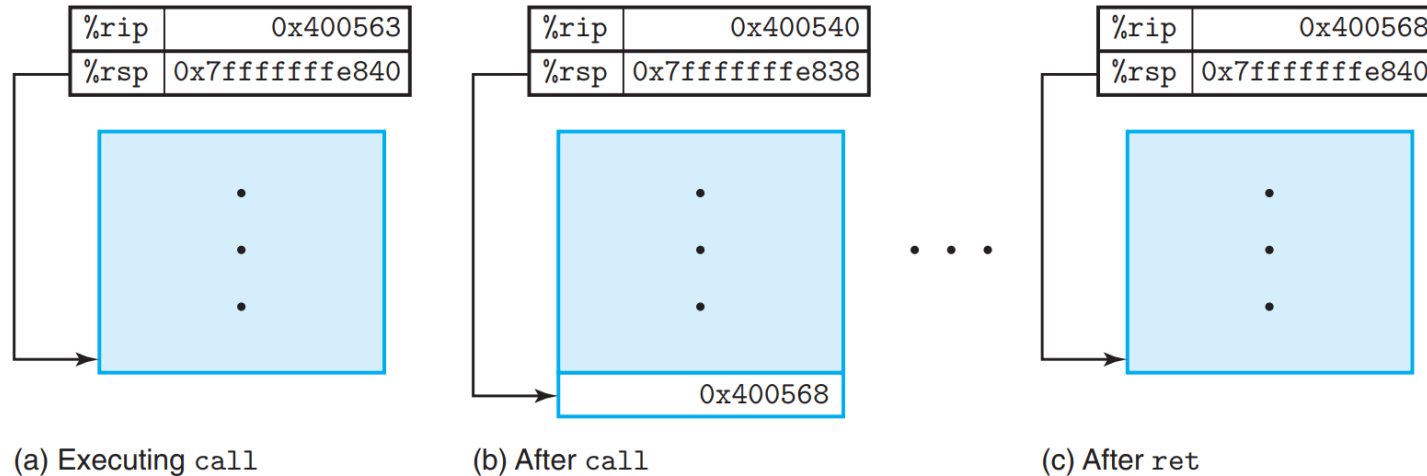
When PC reads “ret” in Q, the instruction

- pops the return address off the stack
- sets PC to the return address

And the execution of P is resumed.

*Note: **direct/indirect calls**

Instruction	Description
call <i>Label</i>	Procedure call
call <i>*Operand</i>	Procedure call
ret	Return from call



Data Transfer: Arguments & Return Value

Procedure calls may need data transfer:

- **Passing data as arguments via**
 - 6 specific registers
 - Argument build area in the frame
- **Returning a value via**
 - Register `%rax`

Operand size (bits)	Argument number					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
64	<code>%rdi</code>	<code>%rsi</code>	<code>%rdx</code>	<code>%rcx</code>	<code>%r8</code>	<code>%r9</code>
32	<code>%edi</code>	<code>%esi</code>	<code>%edx</code>	<code>%ecx</code>	<code>%r8d</code>	<code>%r9d</code>
16	<code>%di</code>	<code>%si</code>	<code>%dx</code>	<code>%cx</code>	<code>%r8w</code>	<code>%r9w</code>
8	<code>%dil</code>	<code>%sil</code>	<code>%dl</code>	<code>%cl</code>	<code>%r8b</code>	<code>%r9b</code>

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Data Transfer: Arguments & Return Value

Registers for arguments: "dsdc89"

- **%rdi %rsi %rdx %rcx %r8 %r9**

Note:

- At most **6 arguments**
- Attention to **%di/%dil/%dl**
- **%r8b < %r8w < %r8d (not %r8l)**

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Registers	%r8b	%r8w	%r8d	%r8
Instructions	movb	movw	movl	movq

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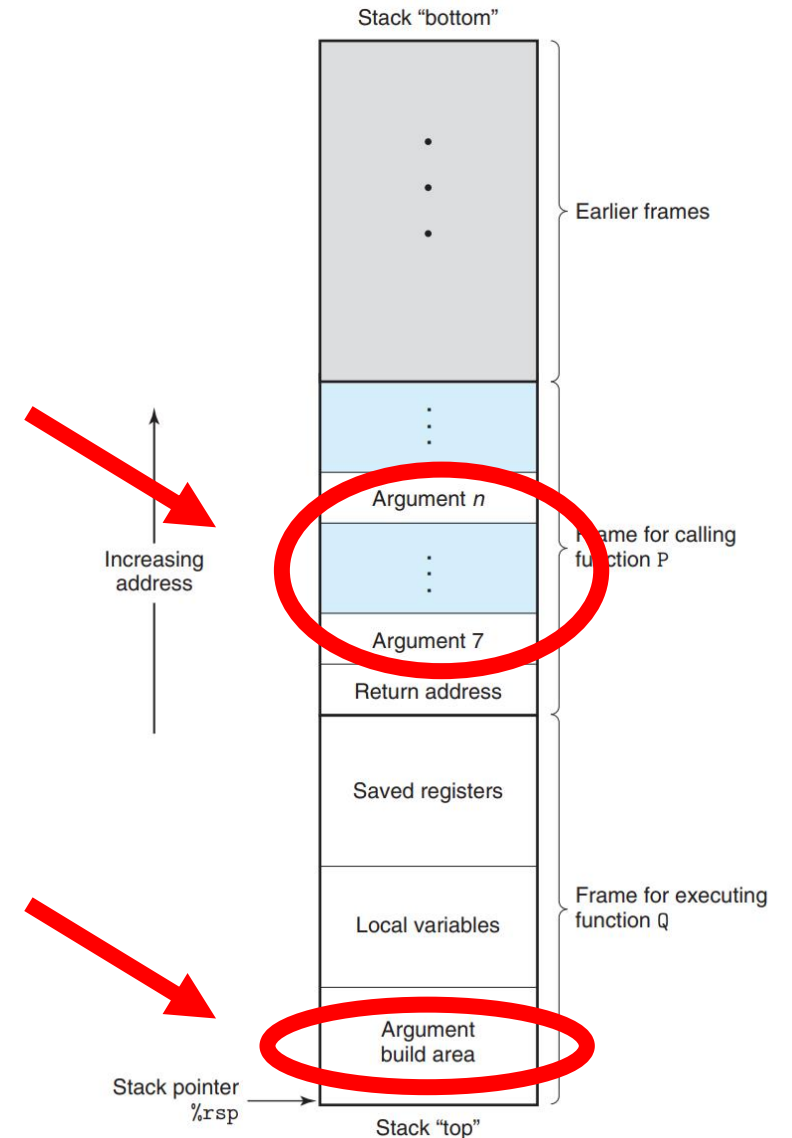
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If there's more than 6 arguments for Q:

- Arg 7~Arg n will be stored in a specific part in the stack frame of P
 - > **Argument build area**
- Q can use these arguments in the stack by **k(%rsp)**, with k as the offset

About return value:

- If a return value is needed, Q puts the value in **%rax** (for floating-point: **%ymm0/%xmm0**)

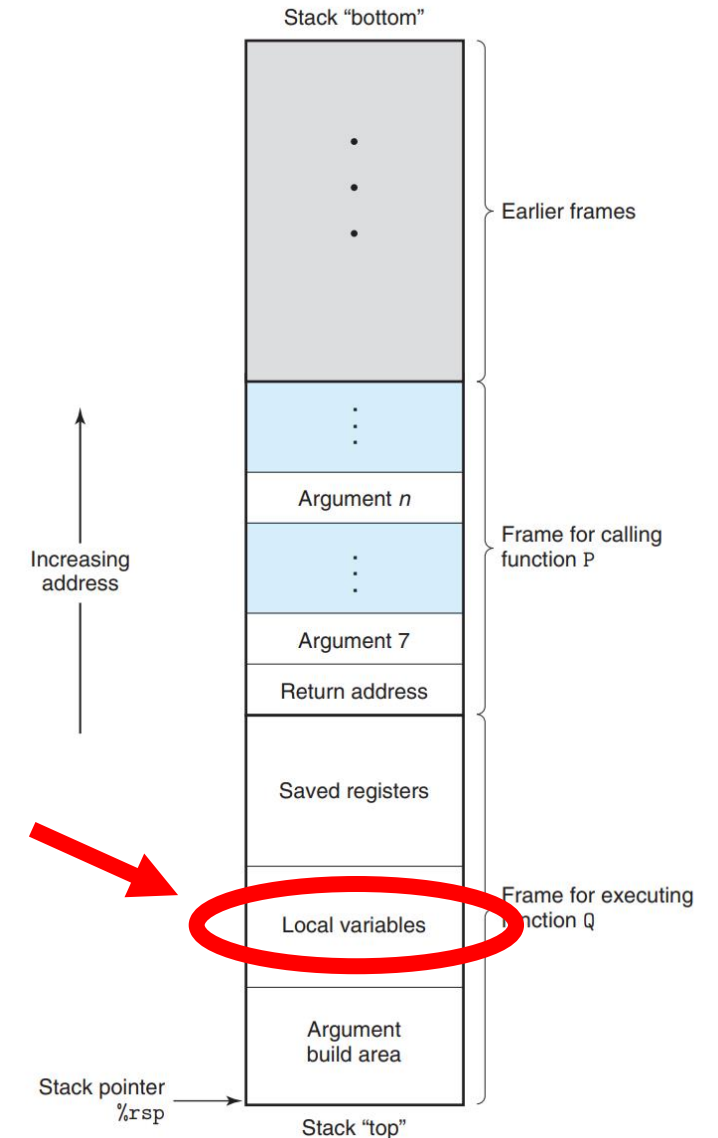


Local Storage on the Stack

Sometimes local data must be stored in memory:

- **No enough registers** for all the local data
- **Address op "&"** is applied to a local variable
 - **Registers has no address.** x86 Registers are only ever addressed by name.
- **Arrays/Structures** as local variables
 - which must be **accessible by reference**

Local data stored on the stack can be visited via **k(%rsp)**, with k as the offset. (*%rbp)



Local Storage in Registers

Callee-saved Registers: 6

- `%rbx` `%rbp`
- `%r12` ~ `%r15`

Caller-saved Registers: 9

- All the other registers **except** `%rsp`

Exception: 1

- `%rsp` (stack pointer)



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Local Storage in Registers

The Callee & the Caller are a set of relative concepts:

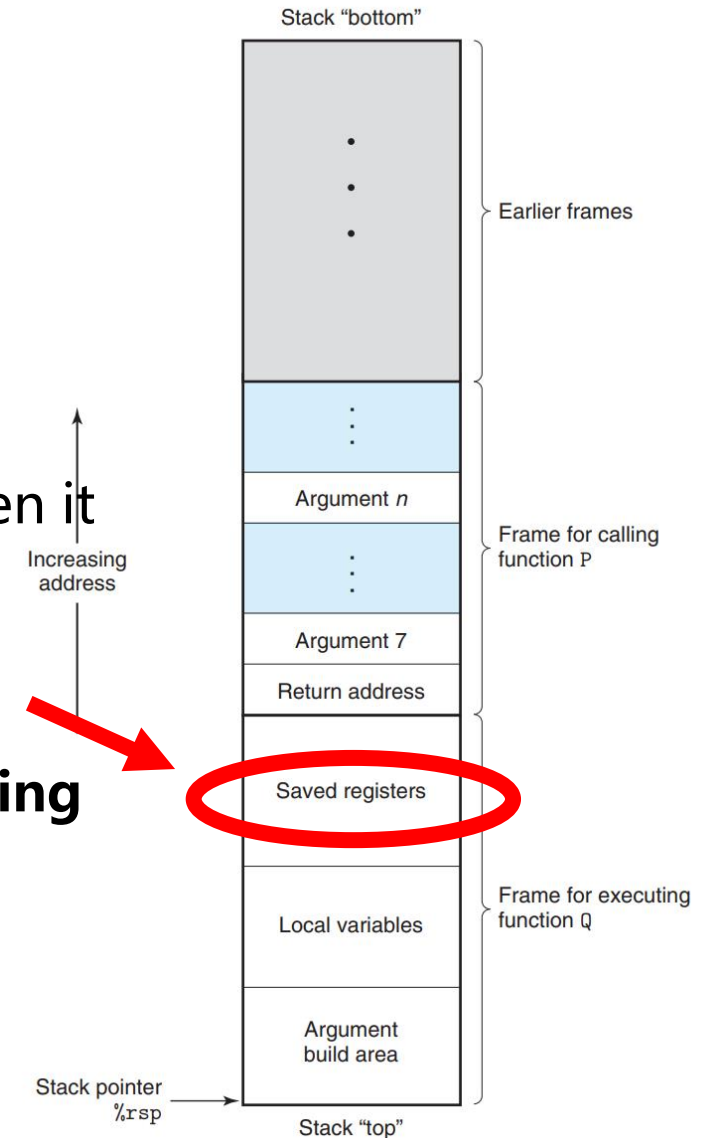
- If P calls Q, P is the Caller and Q is the Callee
- If then Q calls T, Q is the Caller of T as well as the Callee of P

Callee-saved Regs

- Q(the Callee) is responsible to **keep the regs as they are** when it returns back to P by
 - **never changing them at all**
 - **pushing the values first and pop them before returning**
- P(the Caller) can save its data safely here

Caller-saved Regs

- Q can change them as it wants
- If P wants to keep the values, it should **push them onto its stack**



Local Storage in Registers

If P wants to save some local data and use them after it calls Q :

- Sol 1. put them in **Callee-saved** regs
- Sol 2. push them in **its own stack frame**

For Q, all the local data of Q will be lost after Q returns back to P.



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Recursive Procedures

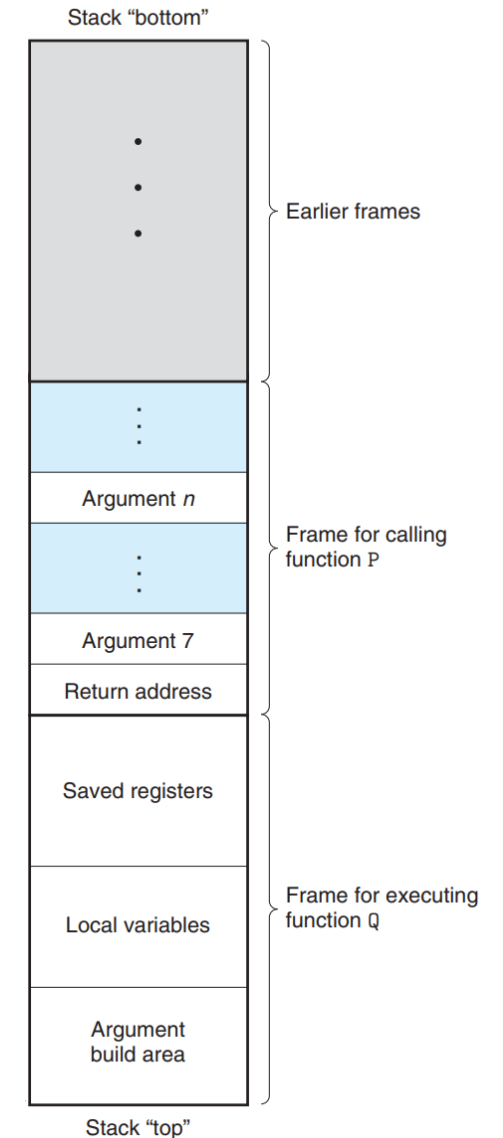
When P calls itself recursively:

- PC reads “call P” and **jump to the start address of P repeatedly**
- **New stack frames** are generated for new calls

Until:

- **Return condition satisfied**, returns all the way back
- **Stack overflow**

(And you may visit stackoverflow.com to find out why (x))



Conclusion: What happens when P calls Q?

- **Preparation:** n arguments for Q
 - $n \leq 6$ -> stored in regs in order ("dsdc89")
 - $n > 6$ -> Arg 1~6 in regs, Arg 7~n in stack (argument build area)
- **Call:** When PC reads "call Q" in P, the instruction
 - pushes the return address onto the stack (the next instruction of "call Q" in P)
 - sets PC to the beginning of Q

定长数组vs变长数组

- 定长数组:
 - 编译器能够作出优化
 - 尽可能避免开销较大的乘法
- 变长数组
 - 由于长度不确定，单个索引时使用imulq -> 不可避免的性能损失
 - 但是，规律性的访问仍能被优化

Conclusion: What happens when P calls Q?

- **Execution:** In procedure Q
 - To use the Callee-saved regs, Q has to push the data onto its stack
 - P is suspended, and what happens in Q has nothing to do with P
 - >Package
 - The return value (if any) is stored in %rax/%ymm0
- **Return:** when PC reads "ret" in Q, the instruction
 - pops the return address off the stack
 - sets PC to the return address

复合数据类型和对齐

- struct: 一段连续的区域内, 按顺序存放不同的类型
- union: 同一段数据(字节), 多种解读方式
- 对齐:
 - **所有**K字节大小的对象, 必须k字节对齐(起始地址为k的倍数)
注意: 记得确保所有struct内部都满足对齐条件
 - 对x86机器, 处理未对齐的数据仍可正常运行, 只是效率较低
*对于其它一些机器, 处理未对齐的数据可能导致内存错误
 - 栈帧需要8字节对齐
 - *某些标准下, 可能是16字节对齐

例题

1、假定静态int型二维数组a和指针数组pa的声明如下：

```
static int a[4][4]={ {3, 8, -2, 6}, {2, 1, -5, 3 }, {1, 18, 4, 10}, {4, -2, 0, 8}};  
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    char CC2[10];  
    long LL2;  
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};
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B (大端/小端法下, union的位置问题)

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    long v1 = q->t; long v2 = q->u;
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}
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4. D ($4 < B \leq 8, 5 < A \leq 10, 44 < A*B \leq 46$, 解得 $A=9, B=5$)

例题

15. 在 x86-64、Linux 操作系统下，考虑如下的 C 定义：

```
typedef union {  
    char c[7];  
    short h;  
} union_e;  
  
typedef struct {  
    char d[3];  
    union_e u;  
    int i;  
} struct_e;  
  
struct_e s;
```

回答如下问题：

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(1) `s.u.c` 的首地址相对于 `s` 的首地址的偏移量是_____字节。

(2) `sizeof(union_e) =` _____字节。

(3) `s.i` 的首地址相对于 `s` 的首地址的偏移量是_____字节。

Thank you!