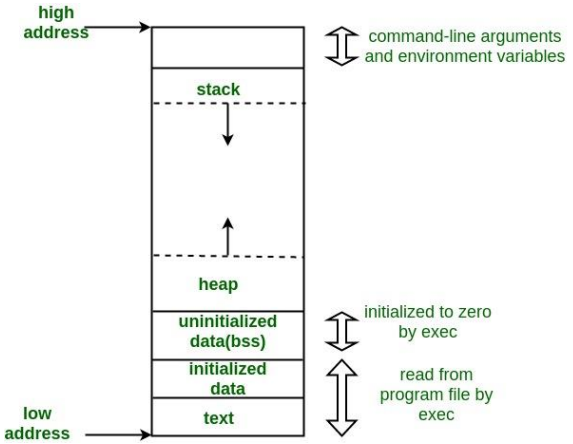
מבנה מחשב

תרגול 4

מבנה התוכנית

Introduction

- When we wrote: ‘int n = 10’; the compiler allocated the variable’s memory address and labeled it ‘n’.
- In Assembly, we’ll do it ourselves.
- Our program is comprised of 4 parts:
  - Data Segment
  - Text (=Code) Segment
  - Stack Segment
  - Heap



The Data Segment

- `.data` - start of data part of the code.
- We can give each data item a label by writing:

  `my_label:`

The Data Segment

- We must specify the type of each data item, e.g. byte, word, double, quad. For instance:

```
counter:        .word 15
```

- In memory, it will look like:

00001111 00000000

counter counter+1

- The compiler will translate ’15’ to binary.

The Data Segment

- Example:

```
        .data
vec:    .word       12089, -89, 130
avi:    .word       72
```

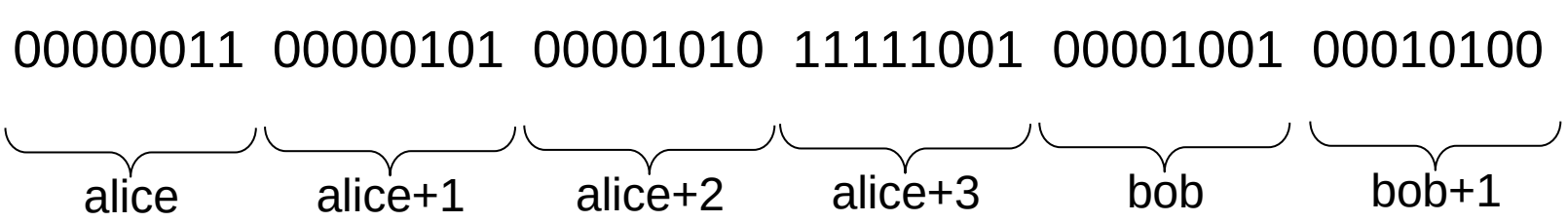
- So ‘vec’ is actually an array of words. Each item should be read as word, else it would have a different meaning.

The Data Segment

- Another Example:

```
            .data
alice:      .byte           3, 5 ,10, -7
bob:        .byte           9, 20
```

- In the memory it will be stored sequentially:



The Data Segment

- Each variable type can store a **signed** or an **unsigned** value.
- Therefore, byte, for example can store a value in the range: -128 – 255.
- For simply allocating memory space we can use:

```
.space      10*4
```

for example.

The Data Segment

- `.section .rodata`

  means that from this point until `.data` or `.text` this section contains only read-only data.

The Text Segment

- `.text` – start of the text part of the code.

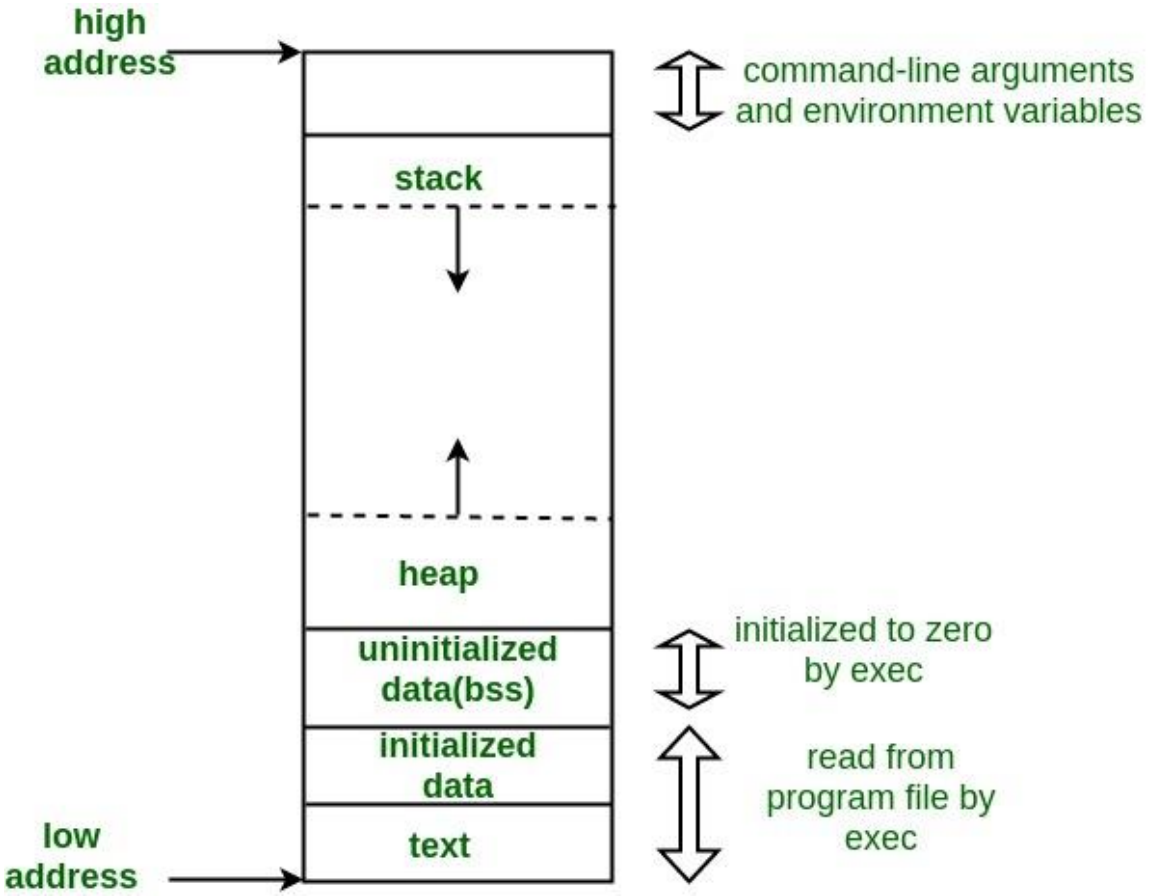
  for instance:

```
.text
addl   $20, %eax
…
```

The Stack Segment

- We'll use a stack, rather different then the "common" one.
- We can read and write data anywhere on the stack.
- But, for each procedure / function, we'll add space in the stack in a LIFO manner.
- The Stack Pointer (%rsp) is a register pointing to the head of the stack.

The Stack Segment



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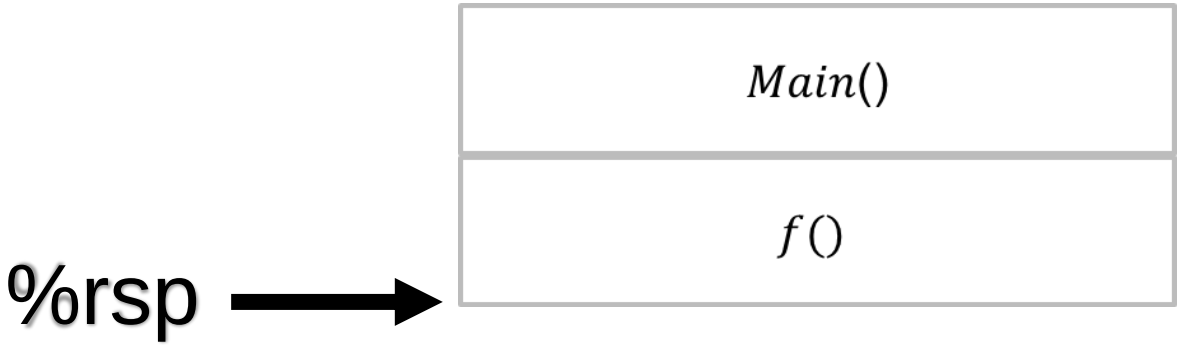

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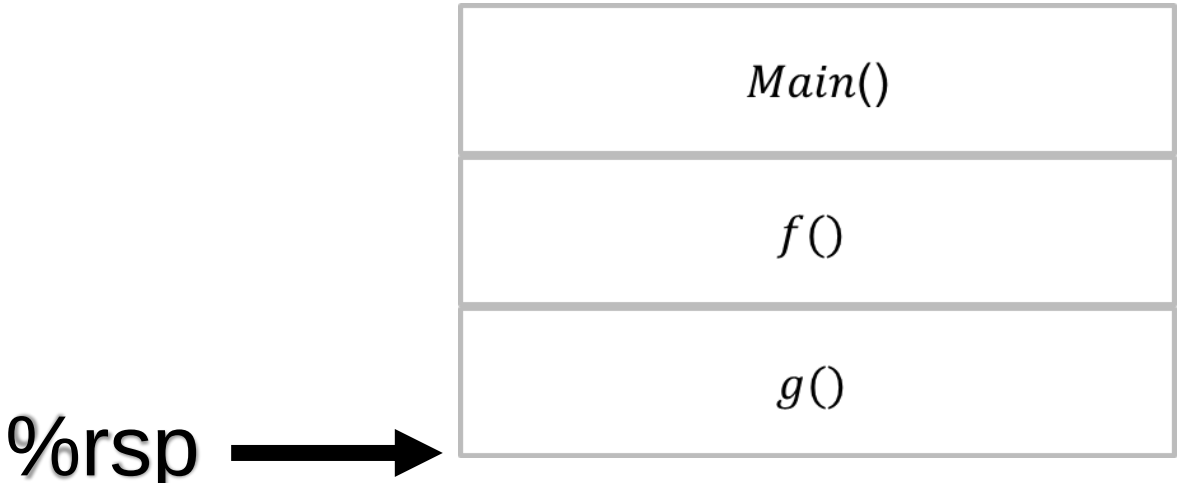


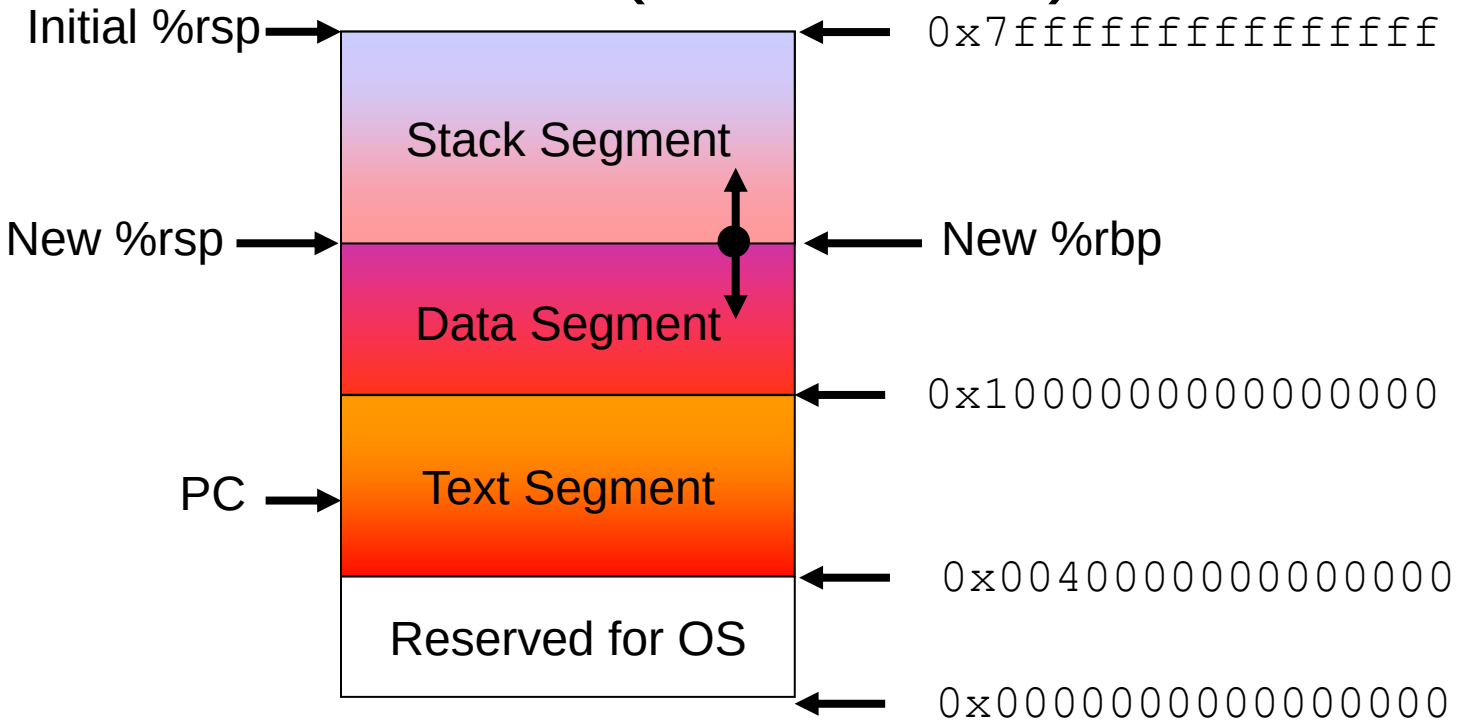
The Stack Segment

- For example:

```
.text
addq   $-64, %rsp
...                (the procedure itself)
addq   $64, %rsp
```

The Stack Segment

- Why did we add -64 (and not 64)?



The Stack Segment

- To manage a variable-size stack frame, x86-64 code uses %rbp as a Frame Pointer.
  - Note that if frame size is constant, %rbp is a general-purpose register
- The frame pointer is used to store the contents of the stack pointer at the beginning of the procedure.
- So if we'll make an error managing the SP, we can recover its value, as it was when the procedure started.

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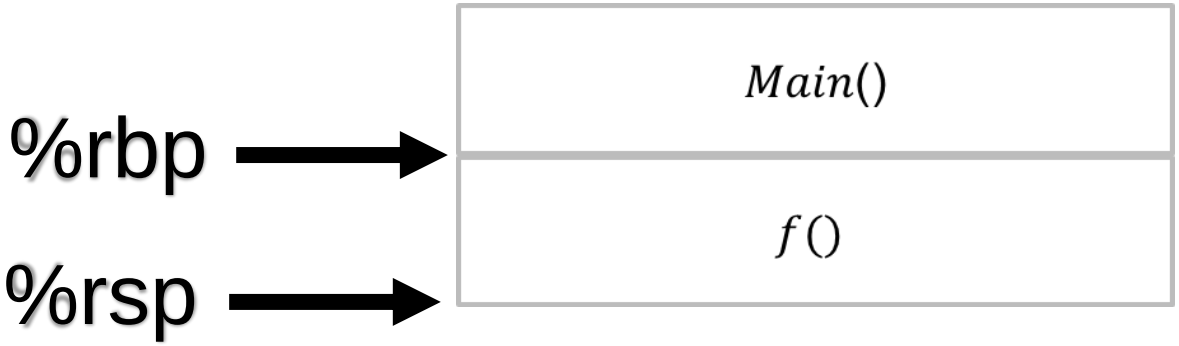

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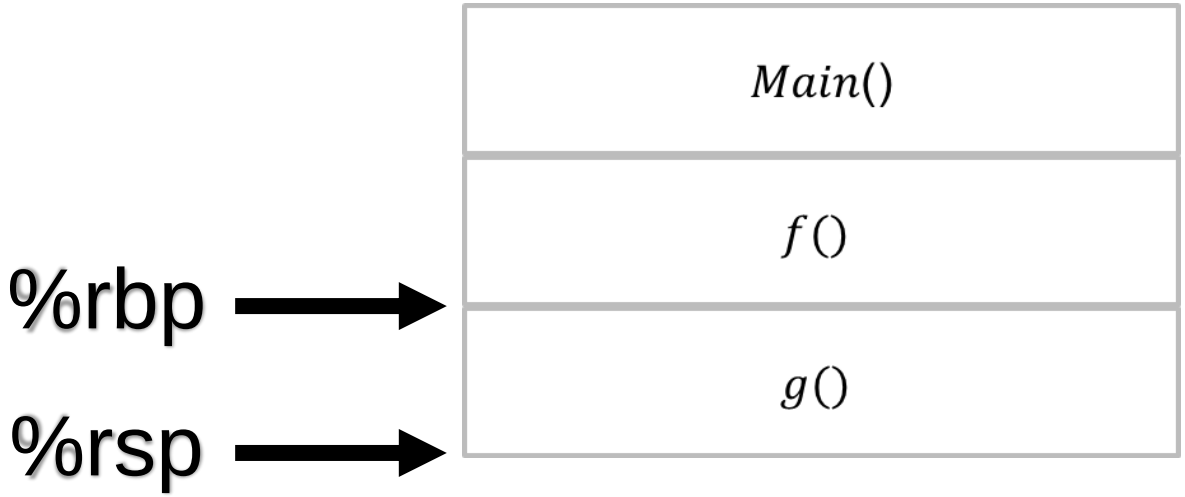

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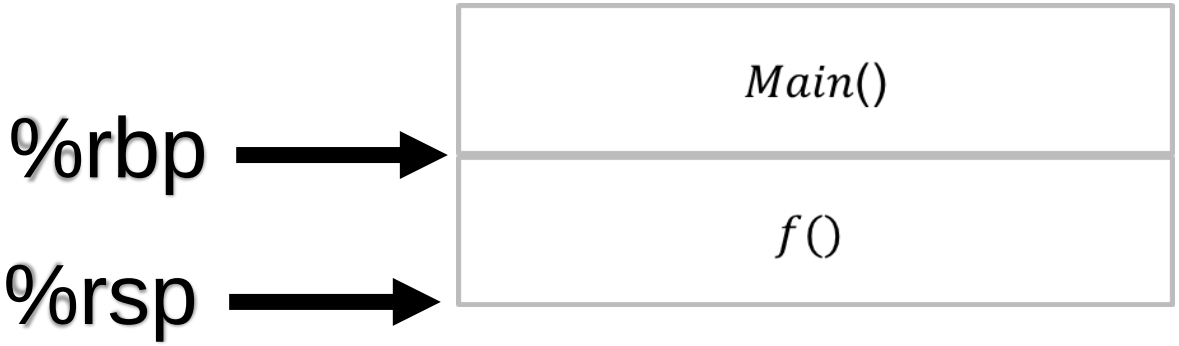

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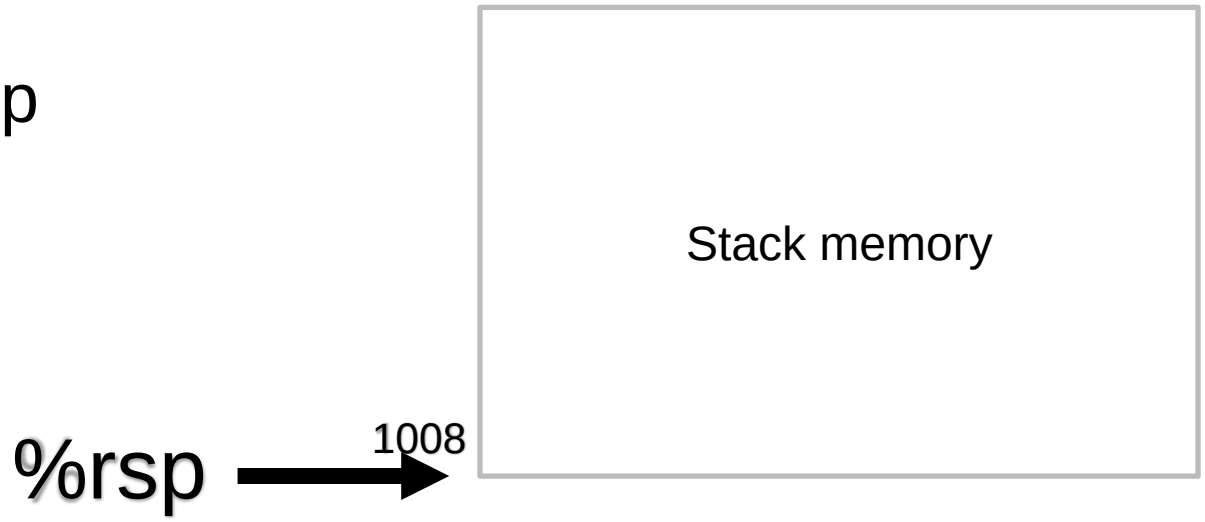

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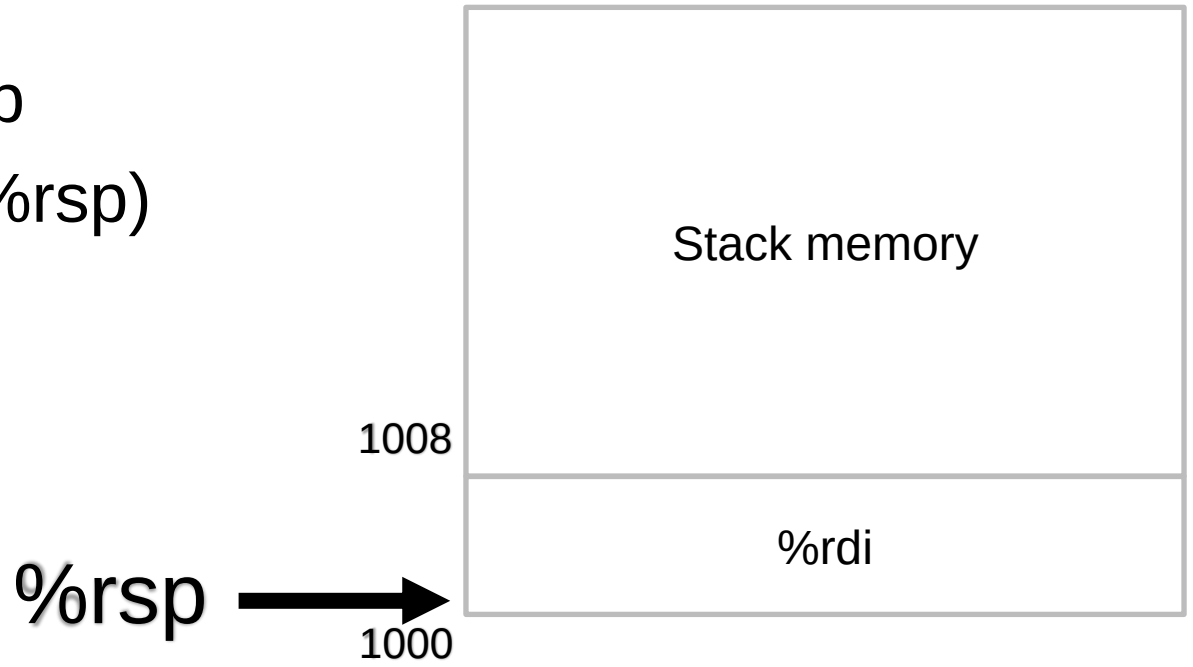
- Saving(push) quad value from %rdi into the stack:
  - subq $8, %rsp
  - movq %rdi, (%rsp)



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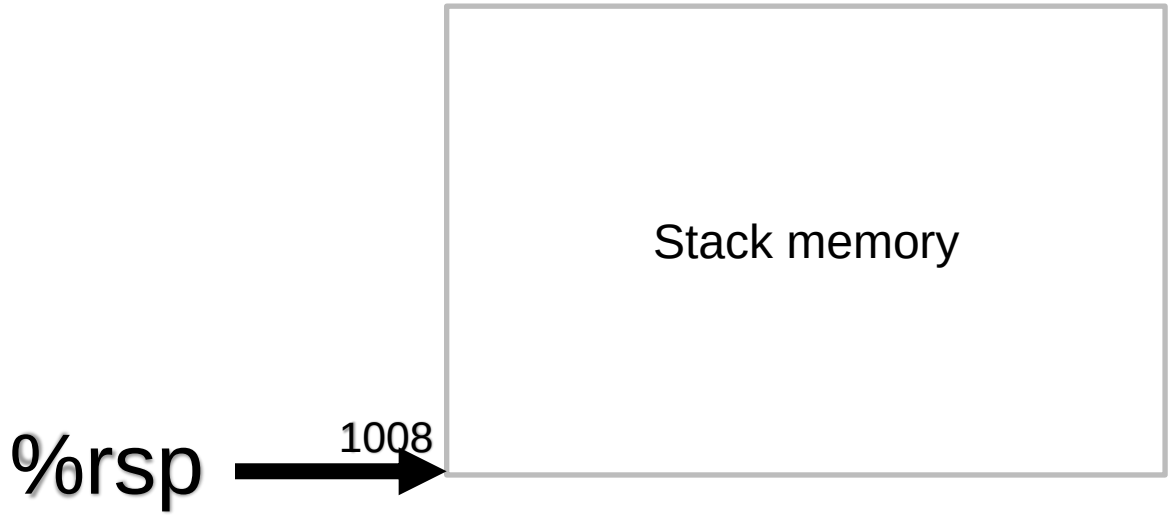
- Example:
  - pushq %rdi



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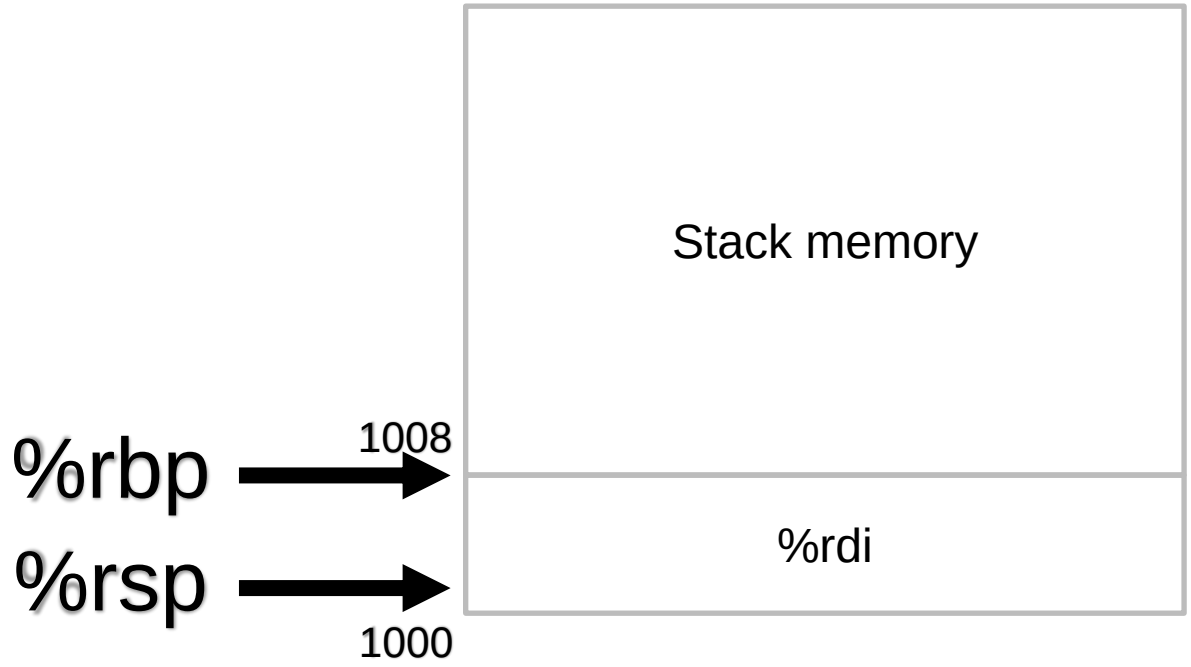

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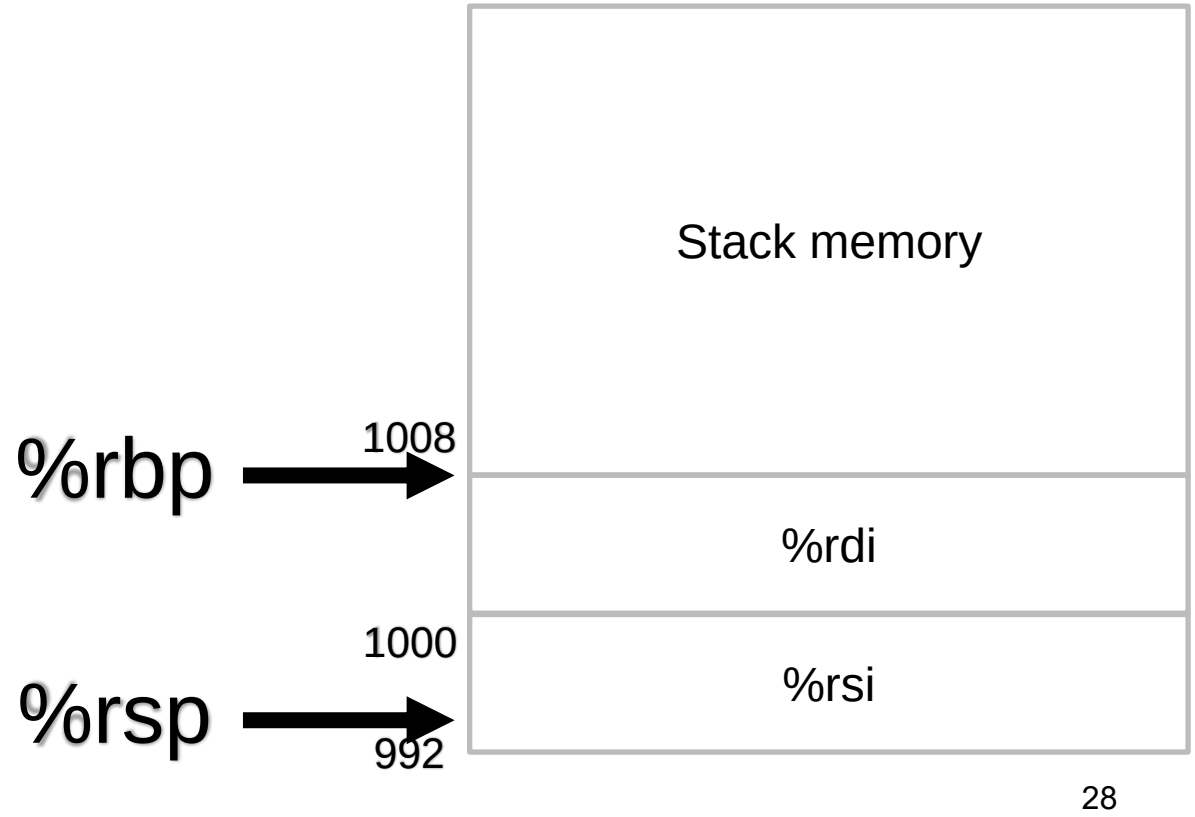
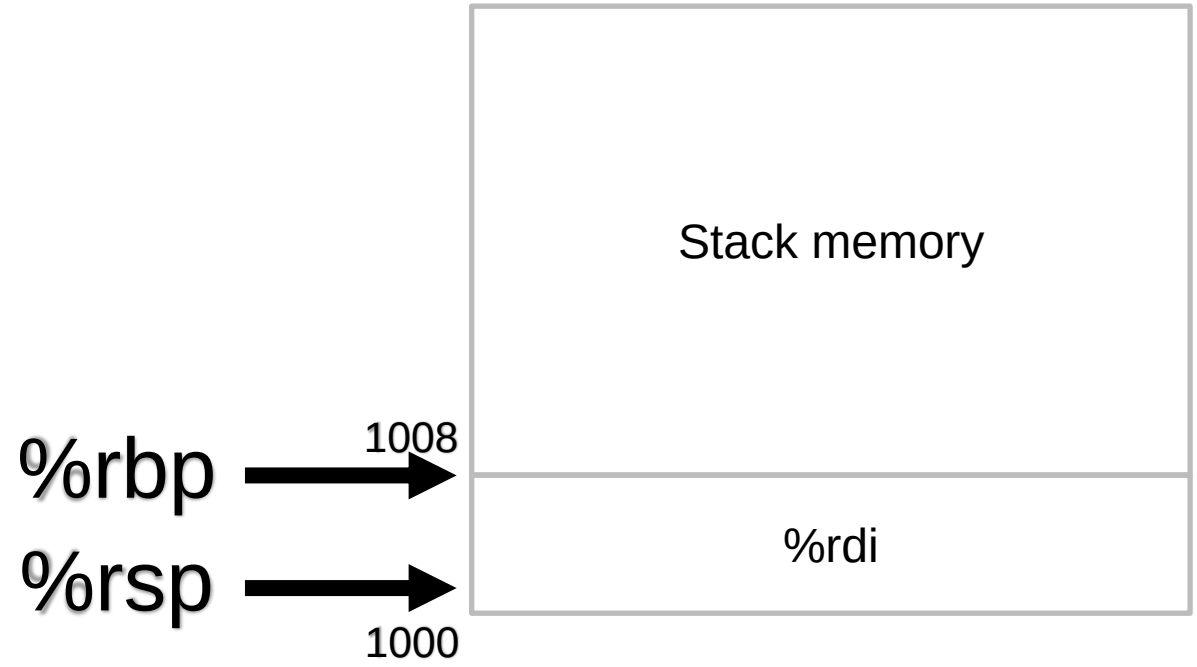
- Example:
  - pushq %rdi
  - pushq %rsi



%rbp remains the same

The Stack Segment

- Example:
  - pushq %rdi
  - pushq %rsi
  - popq %rax



The Stack Segment

- Example:
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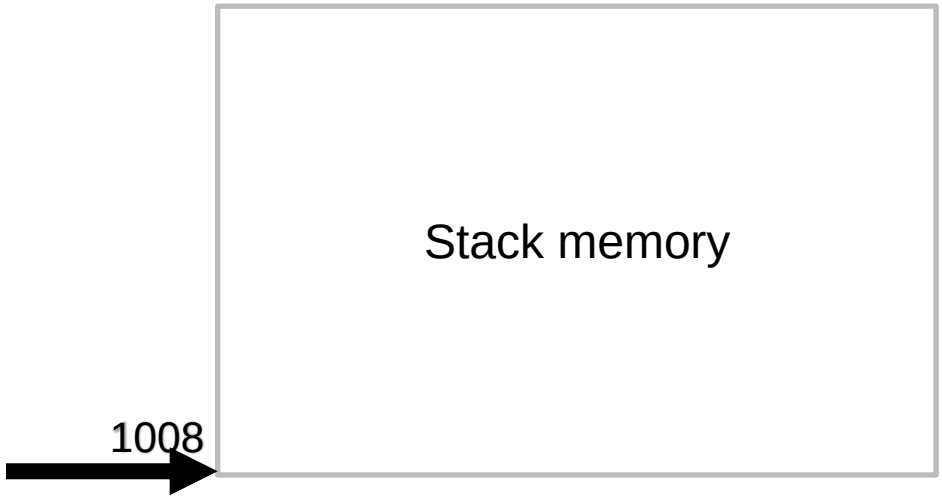
  - popq %rax
  - popq %rsi



Program Structure

```
   .data
l: …            #all global data.
   …
   .section     .rodata
k: …            #all RO data such as string formats for printf.
   .text        #the beginning of the code
.globl  main    #defining the label "main" as the starting point.
   .type        main, @function        #defining "main" as function.
main:
                        # in case of a variable-size stack frame:
   pushq        %rbp    #saving the old frame pointer.
   movq         %rsp,   %rbp    #creating the new frame pointer.
   …                    #saving callee-save registers if needed

   …            #The program code

   …                    #restoring callee-save registers if needed
   movq         %rbp,   %rsp    #restoring the old stack pointer.
   popq         %rbp    #restoring the old frame pointer.
   ret          #returning to the function that called us.
```

Stack Frame Structure

The stack is used for:

- passing arguments
- storing return information
- saving registers
- local storage