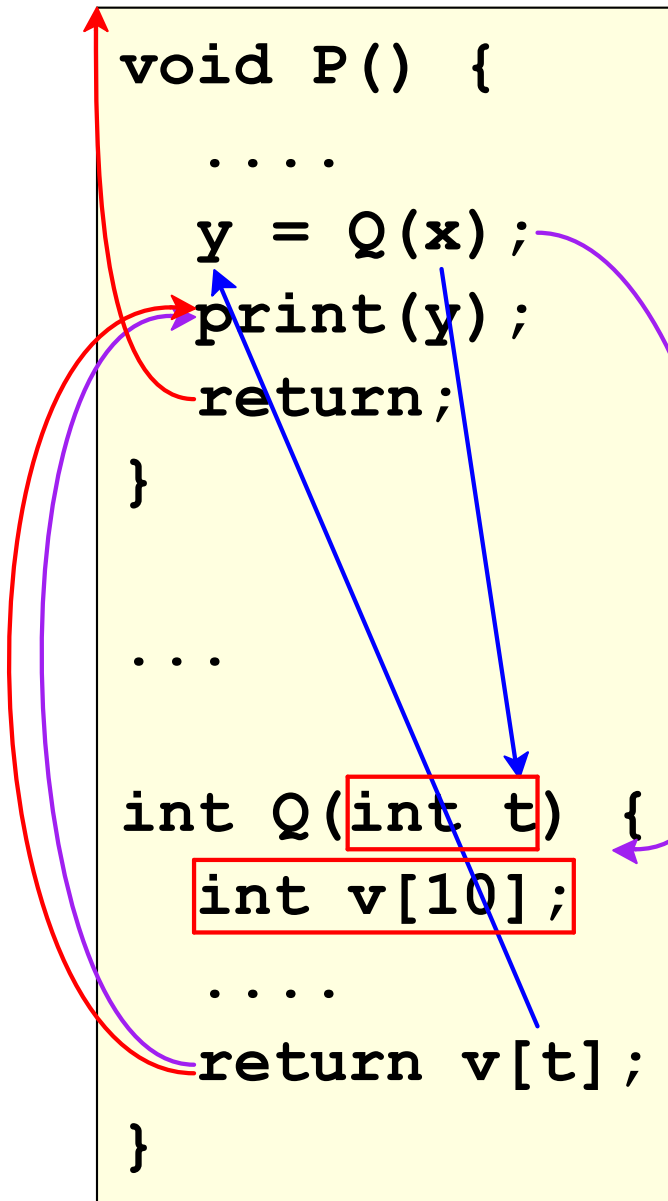


Procedures



Passing control

- to called procedure
- back to caller

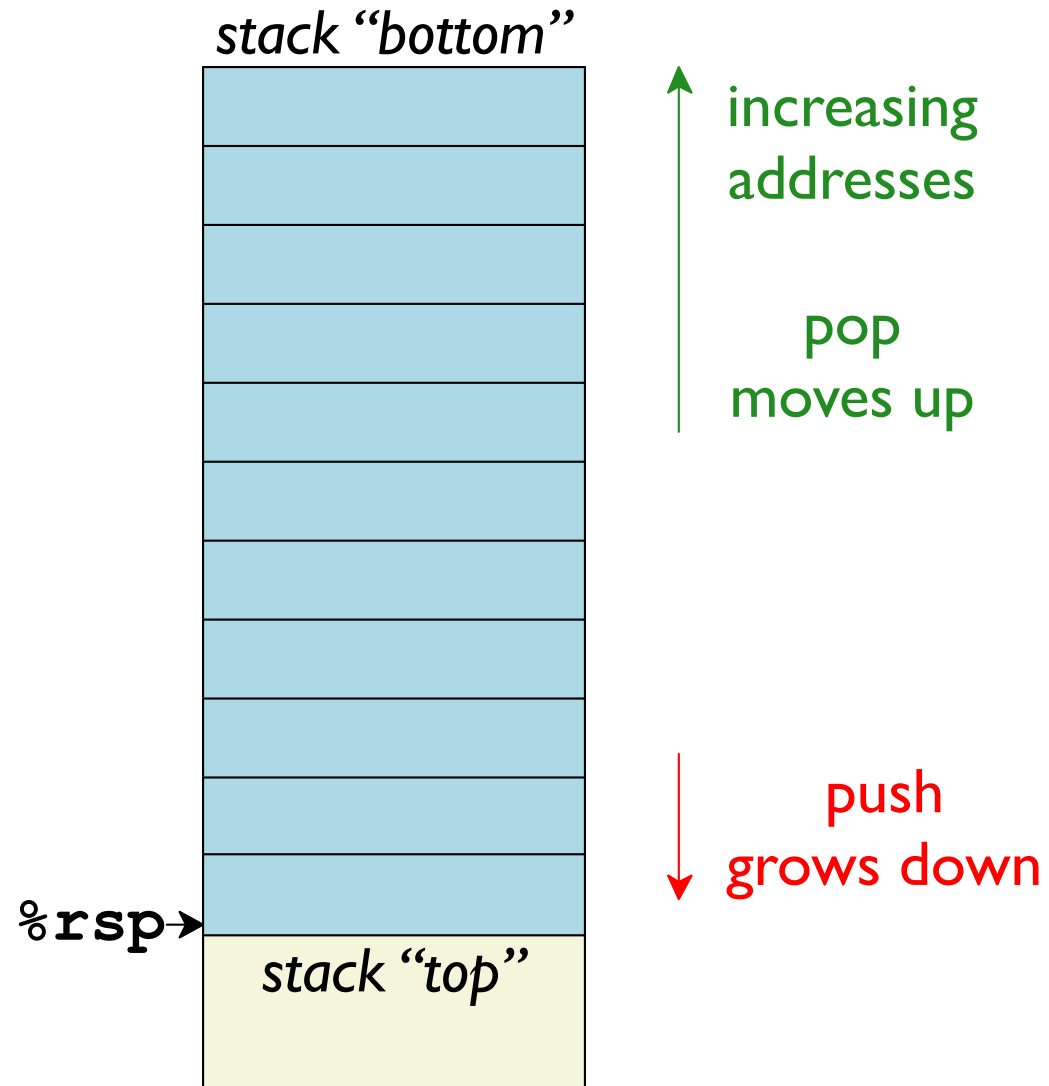
Passing data

- procedure arguments
- procedure result

Memory allocation

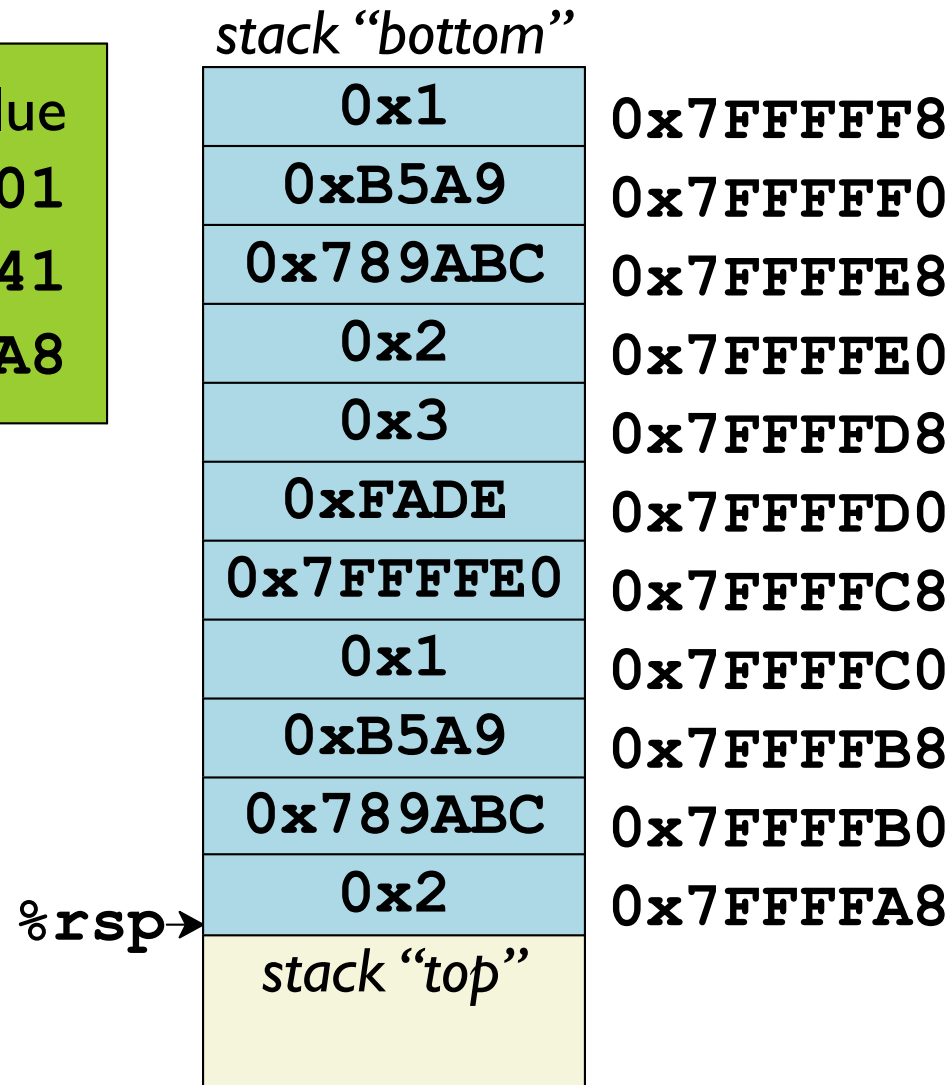
- local variables
- continuation

C Stack



C Stack Operations

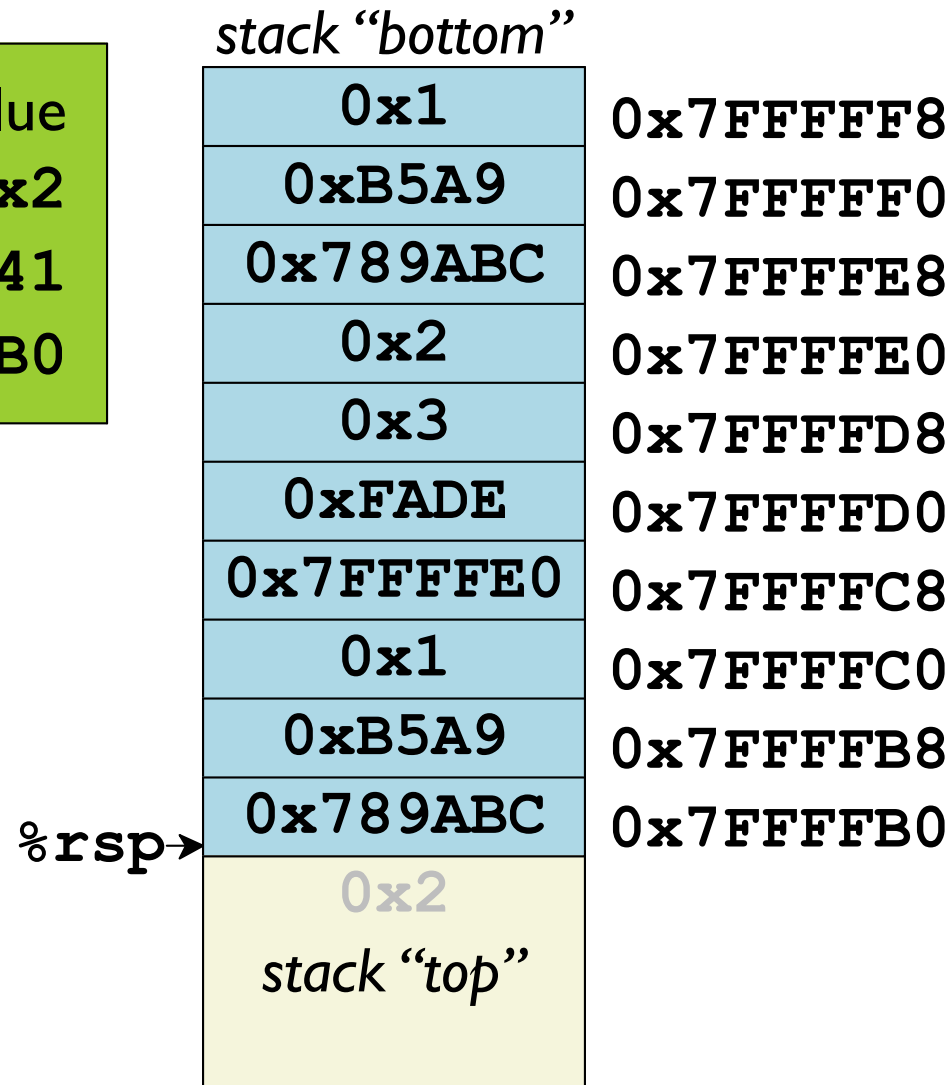
| register | value |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| <code>%rax</code> | <code>0x101</code> |
| <code>%rbx</code> | <code>0x41</code> |
| <code>%rsp</code> | <code>0x7FFFA8</code> |



C Stack Operations

| register | value |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| <code>%rax</code> | <code>0x2</code> |
| <code>%rbx</code> | <code>0x41</code> |
| <code>%rsp</code> | <code>0x7FFFFFFB0</code> |

`popq %rax`

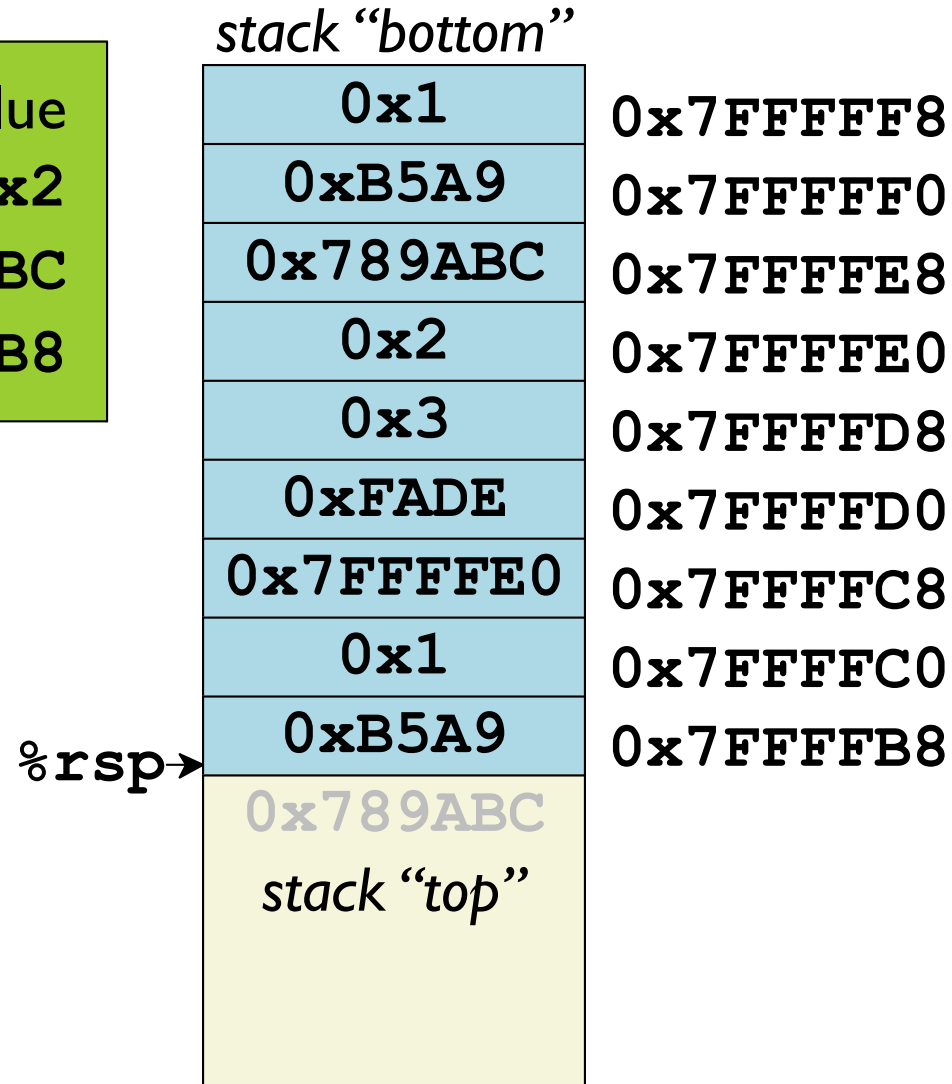


C Stack Operations

| register | value |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| <code>%rax</code> | <code>0x2</code> |
| <code>%rbx</code> | <code>0x789ABC</code> |
| <code>%rsp</code> | <code>0x7FFFFFFB8</code> |

`popq %rax`

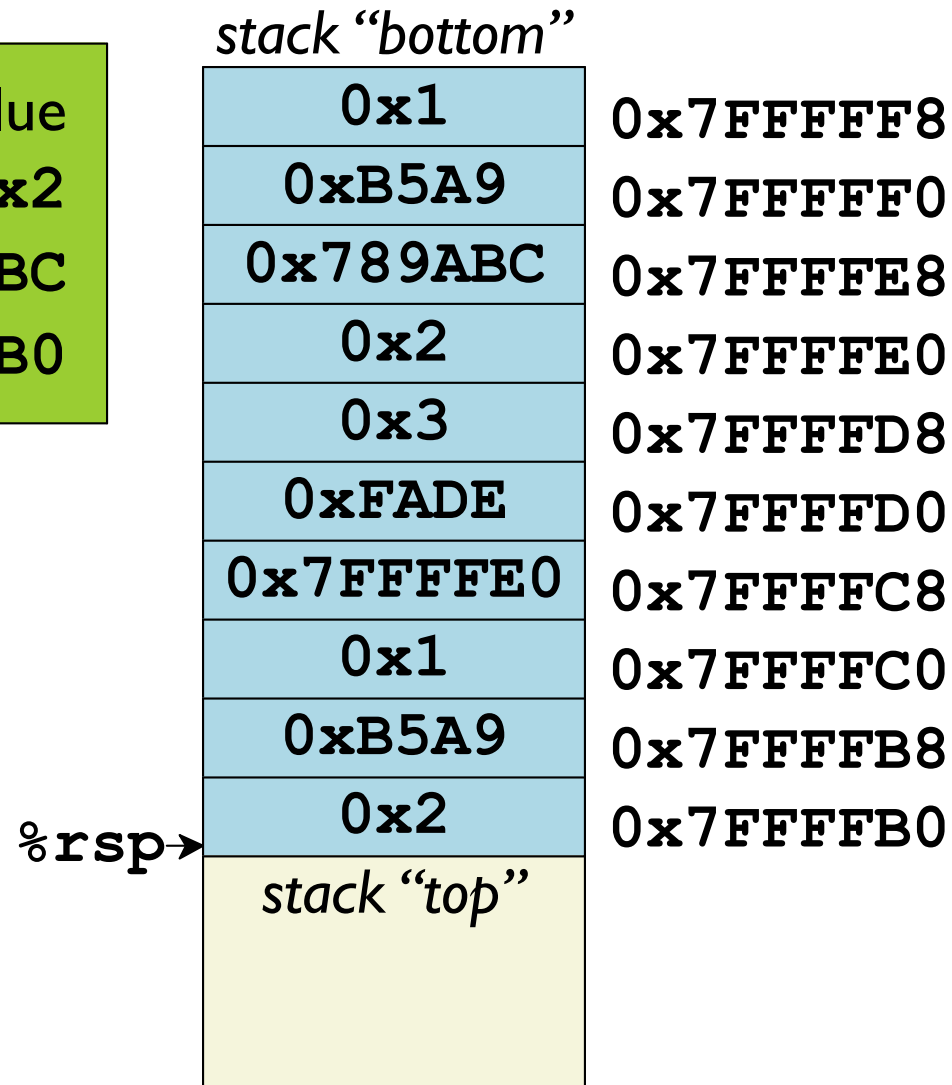
`popq %rbx`



C Stack Operations

| register | value |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| <code>%rax</code> | <code>0x2</code> |
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| <code>%rsp</code> | <code>0x7FFFFFFB0</code> |

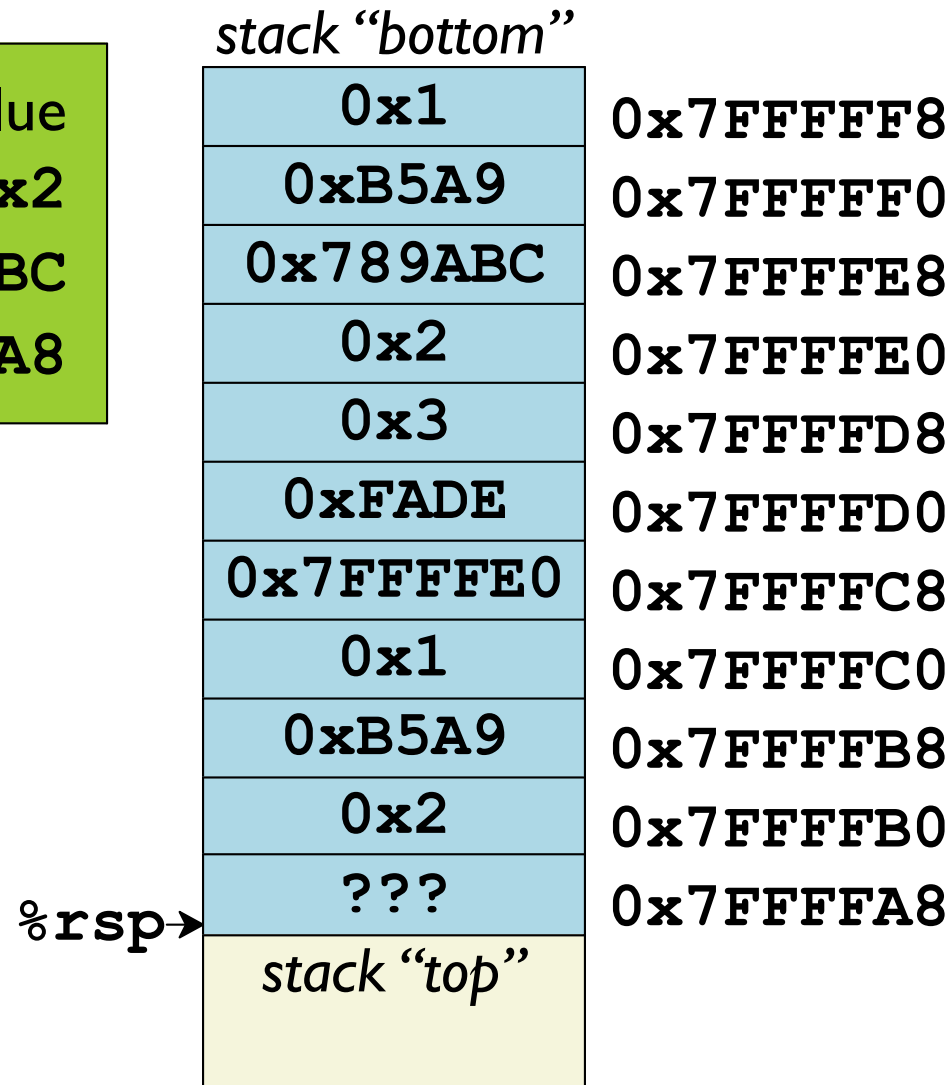
```
popq %rax  
popq %rbx  
pushq %rax
```



C Stack Operations

| register | value |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| <code>%rax</code> | <code>0x2</code> |
| <code>%rbx</code> | <code>0x789ABC</code> |
| <code>%rsp</code> | <code>0x7FFFA8</code> |

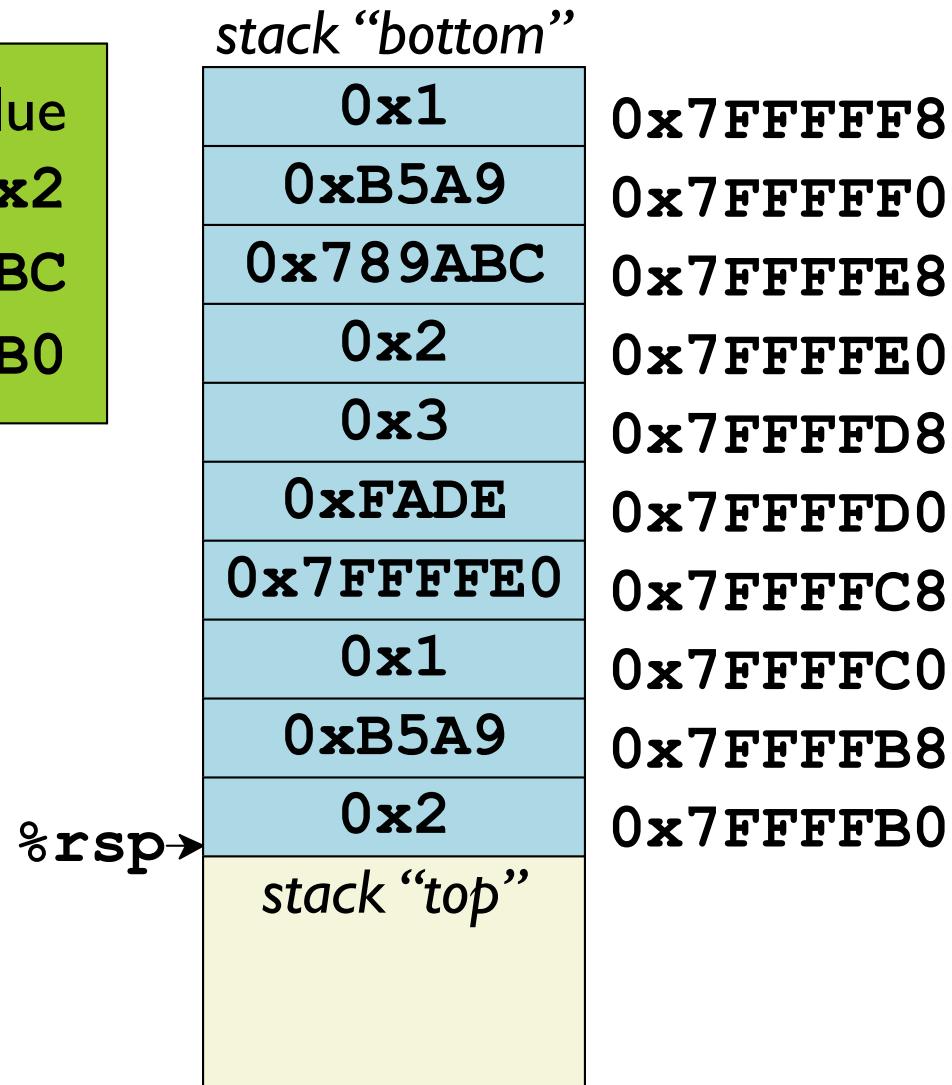
```
popq %rax
popq %rbx
pushq %rax
subq $8, %rsp
```



C Stack Operations

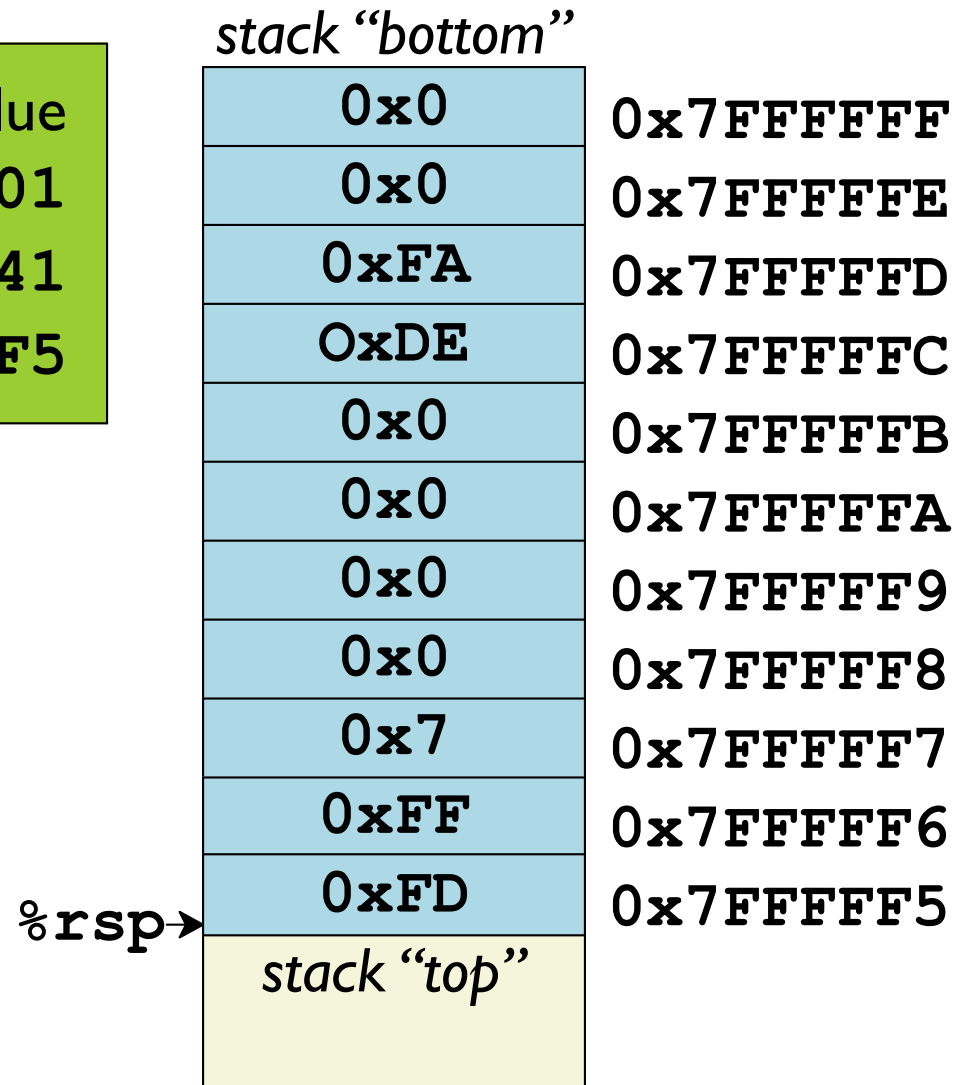
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|-------------------|--------------------------|
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| <code>%rbx</code> | <code>0x789ABC</code> |
| <code>%rsp</code> | <code>0x7FFFFFFB0</code> |

```
popq %rax
popq %rbx
pushq %rax
subq $8, %rsp
addq $8, %rsp
```



C Stack Operations

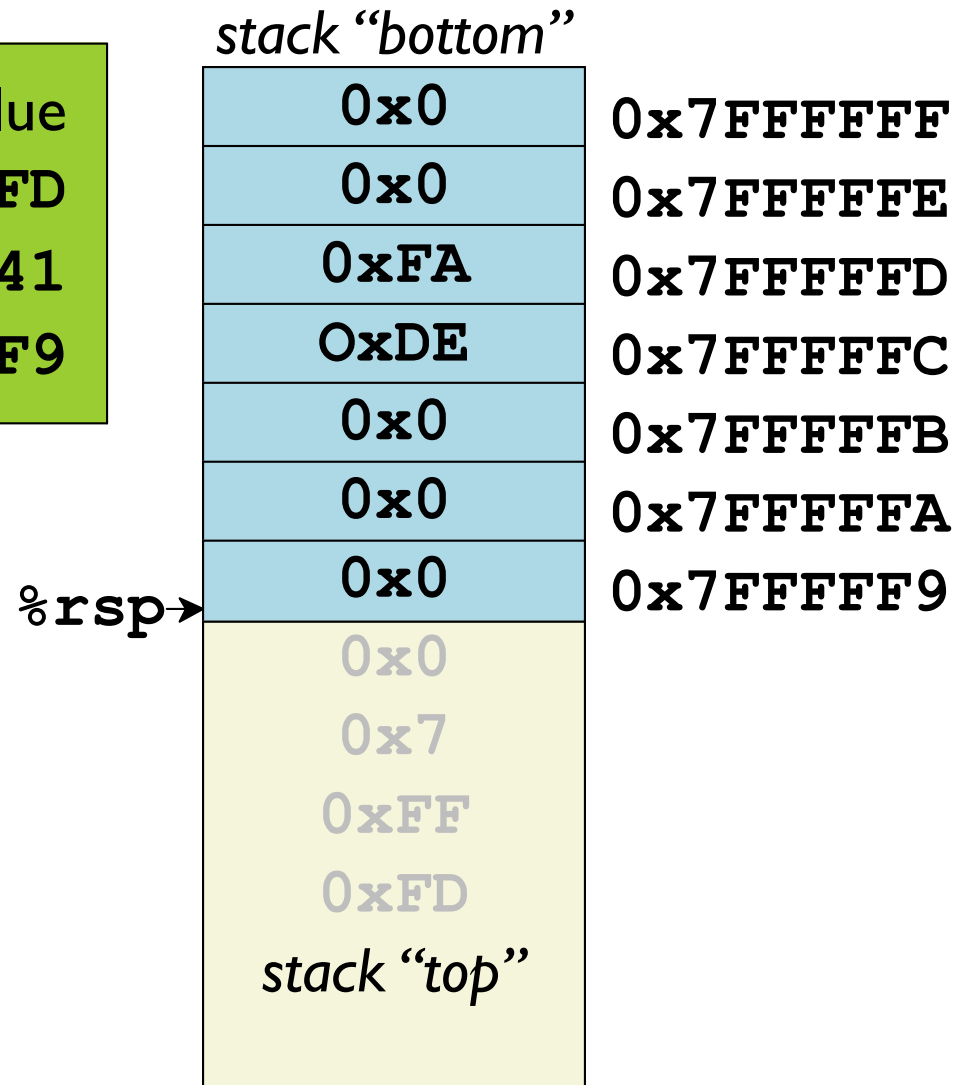
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|-------------------|-------------------------|
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| <code>%rbx</code> | <code>0x41</code> |
| <code>%rsp</code> | <code>0x7FFFFFF5</code> |



C Stack Operations

| register | value |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| <code>%rax</code> | <code>0x7FFFD</code> |
| <code>%rbx</code> | <code>0x41</code> |
| <code>%rsp</code> | <code>0x7FFFFFF9</code> |

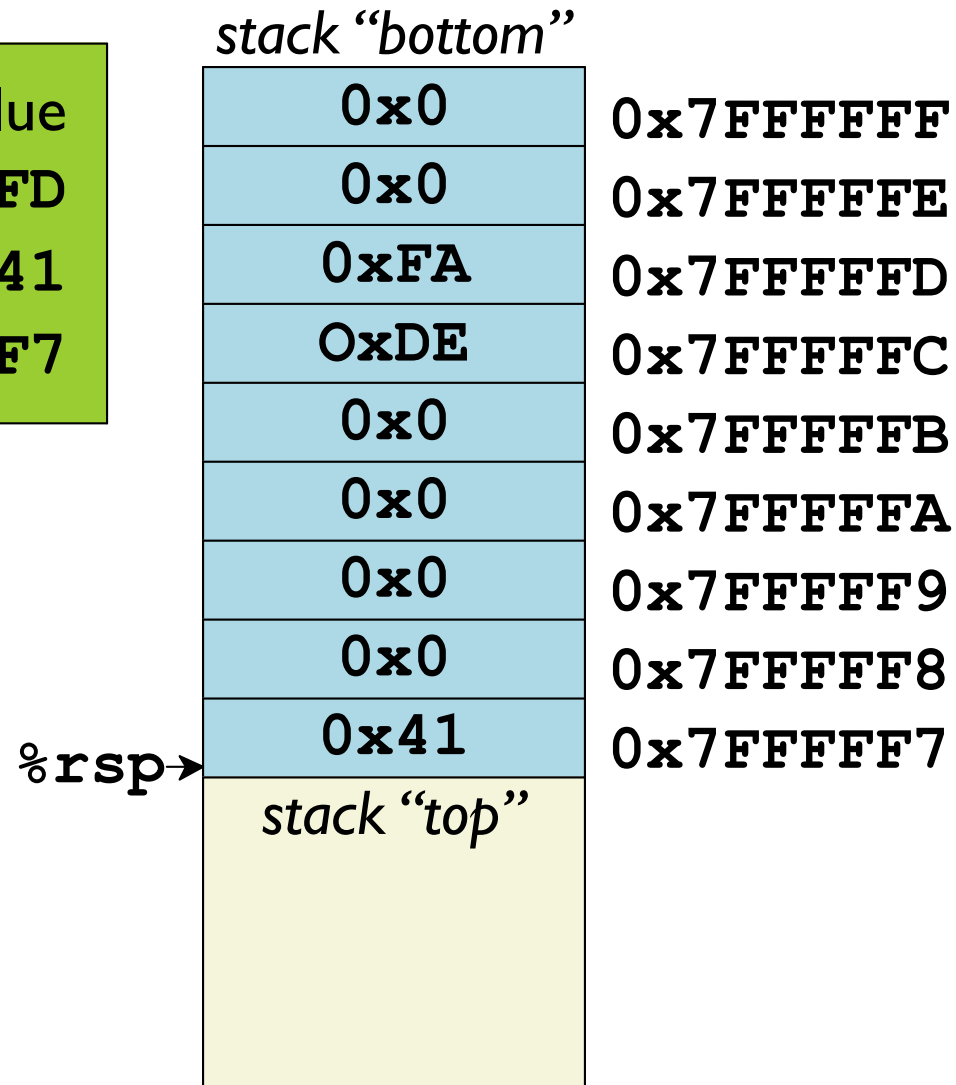
`popl %eax`



C Stack Operations

| register | value |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| <code>%rax</code> | <code>0x7FFFD</code> |
| <code>%rbx</code> | <code>0x41</code> |
| <code>%rsp</code> | <code>0x7FFFFFF7</code> |

```
popl %eax  
pushw %bx
```



Local Variables

```
#include <stdio.h>
void f();
void g();

int main() {
    int a;
    printf("&a in m: %p\n", &a);
    f();
    g();
    return 0;
}

void f() {
    double b;
    printf("&b in f: %p\n", &b);
}

void g() {
    char c;
    printf("&c in g: %p\n", &c);
}
```

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Watching the Stack in gdb

```
$ gdb ./a.out
(gdb) break f
Breakpoint 1 at 0x400530: file main.c, line 13.
(gdb) run
Starting program: /home/mflatt/cs4400/./a.out
Breakpoint 1, f () at main.c:13
13 void f() {
(gdb) n
15 printf("&b in f: %p\n", &b);
(gdb) p &b
$1 = (double *) 0x7fffffffef0b8
(gdb) p $rsp
$2 = (void *) 0x7fffffffef0b0
(gdb) disassem f
Dump of assembler code for function f:
   0x000000000400530 <+0>:   sub    $0x18,%rsp
=> 0x000000000400534 <+4>:   lea   0x8(%rsp),%rsi
   0x000000000400539 <+9>:   mov   $0x400630,%edi
   0x00000000040053e <+14>:  mov   $0x0,%eax
   0x000000000400543 <+19>:  callq 0x400410 <printf@plt>
   0x000000000400548 <+24>:  add   $0x18,%rsp
   0x00000000040054c <+28>:  retq
```

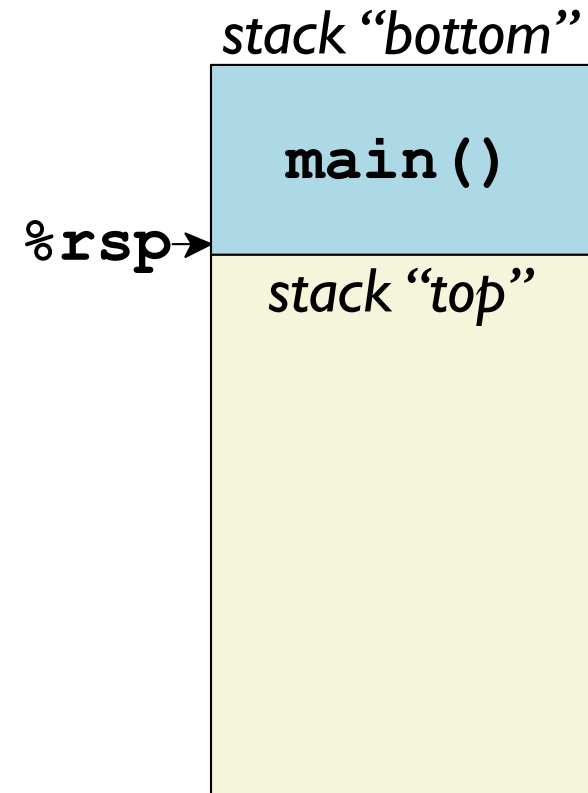
Recursive Functions Need Stack Frames

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
    printf("%d\n", fib(2));
}

int fib(int n) {
    if ((n == 1) || (n == 0))
        return 1;
    else
        return fib(n-1) + fib(n-2);
}
```

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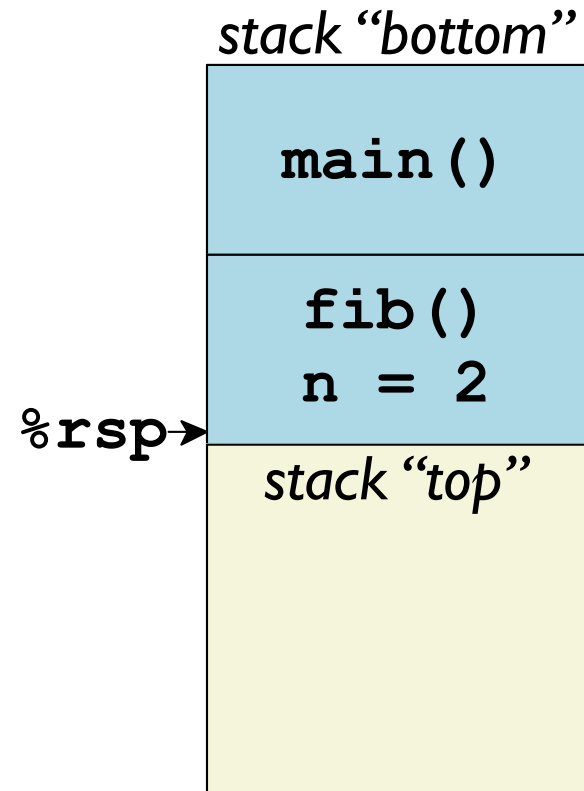
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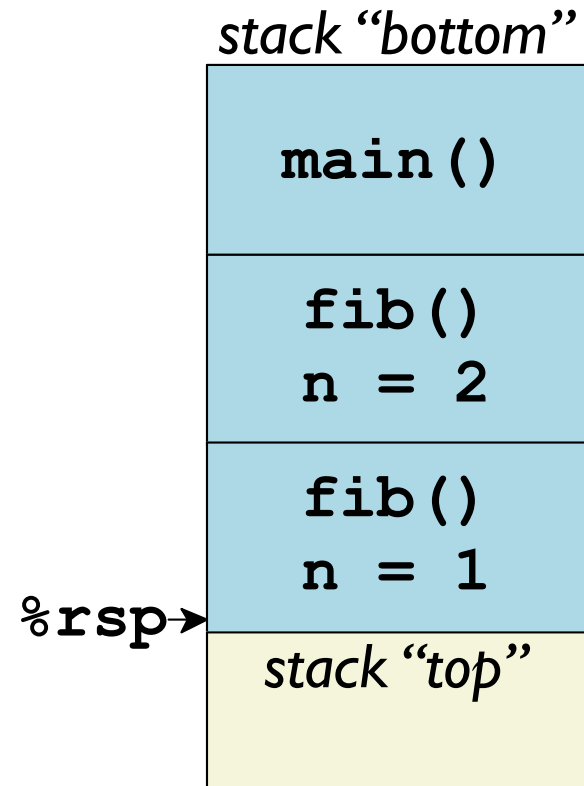
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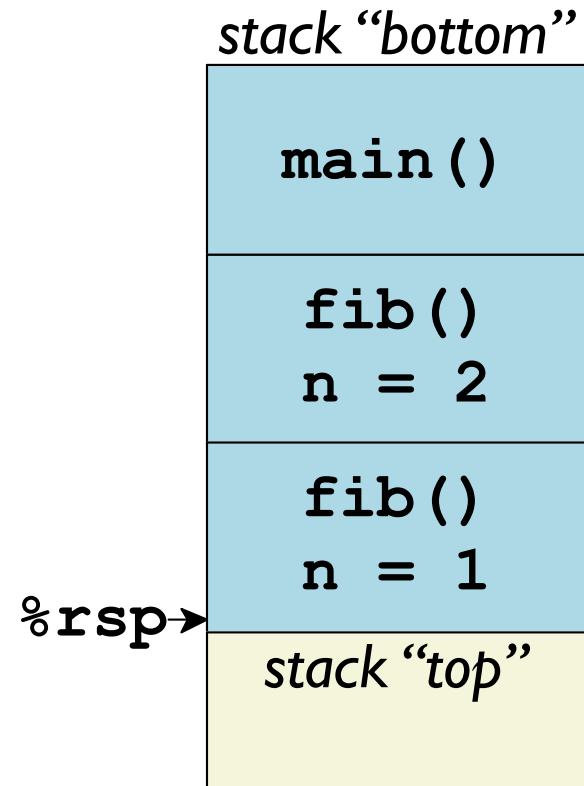
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```
main()
|
fib(2)
|
fib(1)
```

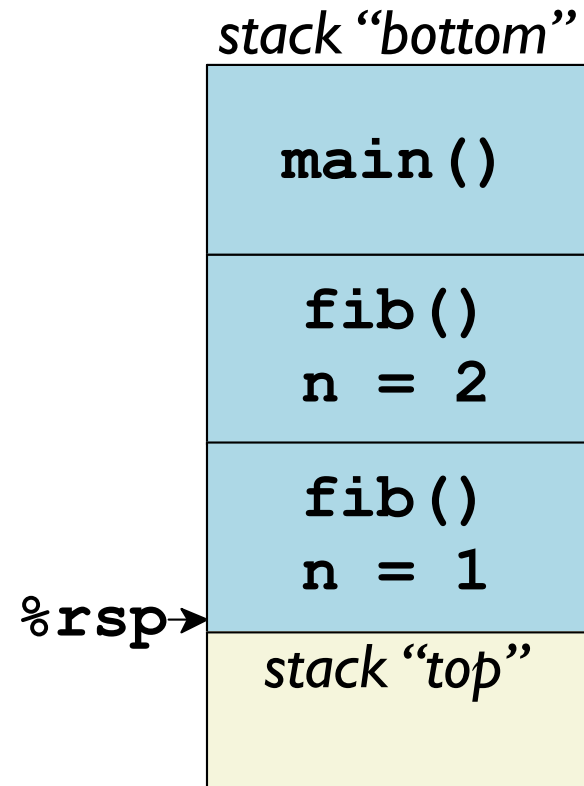
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int fib(int n) {
    if ((n == 1) || (n == 0))
        return 1;
    else
        return fib(n-1) + fib(n-2);
}
```

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```
main()
|
fib(2)
|
fib(1)
```

Each call of `fib` needs its own
stack frame

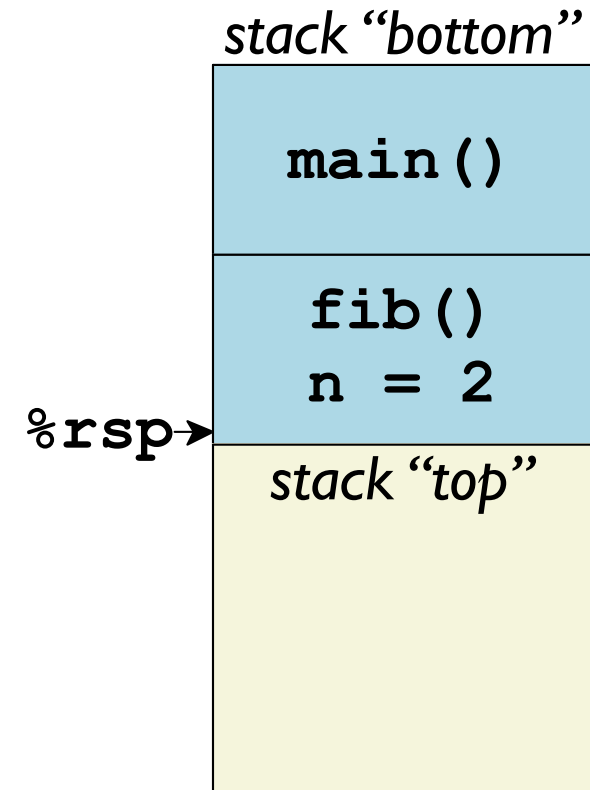
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}

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        return 1;
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}
```

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```
main()
|
fib(2)
|
fib(1)
```

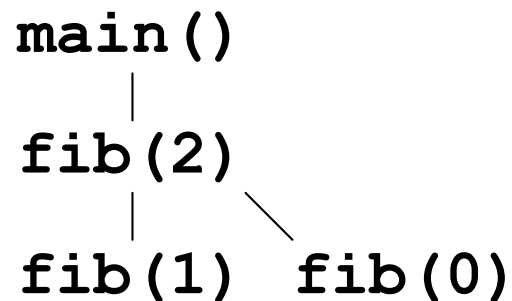
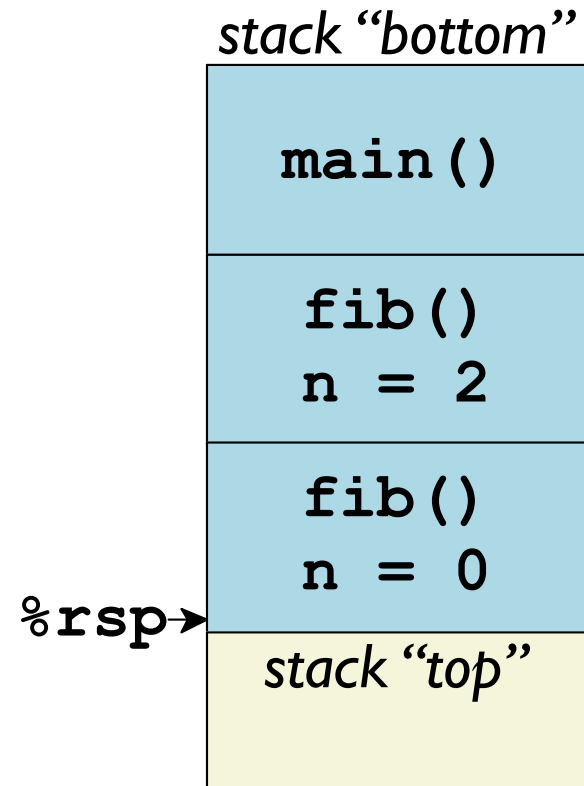
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    if ((n == 1) || (n == 0))
        return 1;
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        return fib(n-1) + fib(n-2);
}
```

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Calling Procedures

```
void P() {  
    ....  
    y = Q(x);  
    print(y);  
    return;  
}  
  
...  
  
int Q(int t) {  
    int v[10];  
    ....  
    return v[t];  
}
```

Callee pops return address off the stack

Caller puts return address on the stack

Calling Procedures

`callx source`

Combines two actions:

- Pushes *next* value of `%rip`
- Jumps to *source* (i.e., sets `%rip` to *source*)

```
0x50300: callq 0x50640
```

```
0x50305: . . . .
```

Returning from Procedures

retx

Pops value to `%rip`

```
0x50300: callq 0x50640
```

```
0x50305: . . . .
```

```
. . . .
```

```
0x50640: . . . .
```

```
0x50650: retq
```

Call Example

```
int main() {  
    int a;  
    printf(....);  
    f();  
    g();  
    return 0;  
}
```

```
.....  
0x400457:  callq  0x400560 <f>  
0x40045c:  xor     %eax,%eax  
.....
```

```
void f() {  
    double b;  
    printf(....);  
}
```

```
0x400560:  sub     $0x18,%rsp  
0x400564:  .....  
0x400570:  callq  0x310 <printf>  
0x400575:  add     $0x18,%rsp  
0x400579:  retq
```


Call Example

```
int main() {  
    int a;  
    printf(...);  
    f();  
    g();  
    return 0;  
}
```

```
.....  
0x400457:  callq  0x400560 <f>  
0x40045c:  xor     %eax,%eax  
.....
```

printf

```
0x310:  ...  
0x350:  retq
```

```
void f() {  
    double b;  
    printf(...);  
}
```

```
0x400560:  sub     $0x18,%rsp  
0x400564:  .....  
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0x400575:  add     $0x18,%rsp  
0x400579:  retq
```

Call Example

```
int main() {  
    int a;  
    printf(...);  
    f();  
    g();  
    return 0;  
}
```

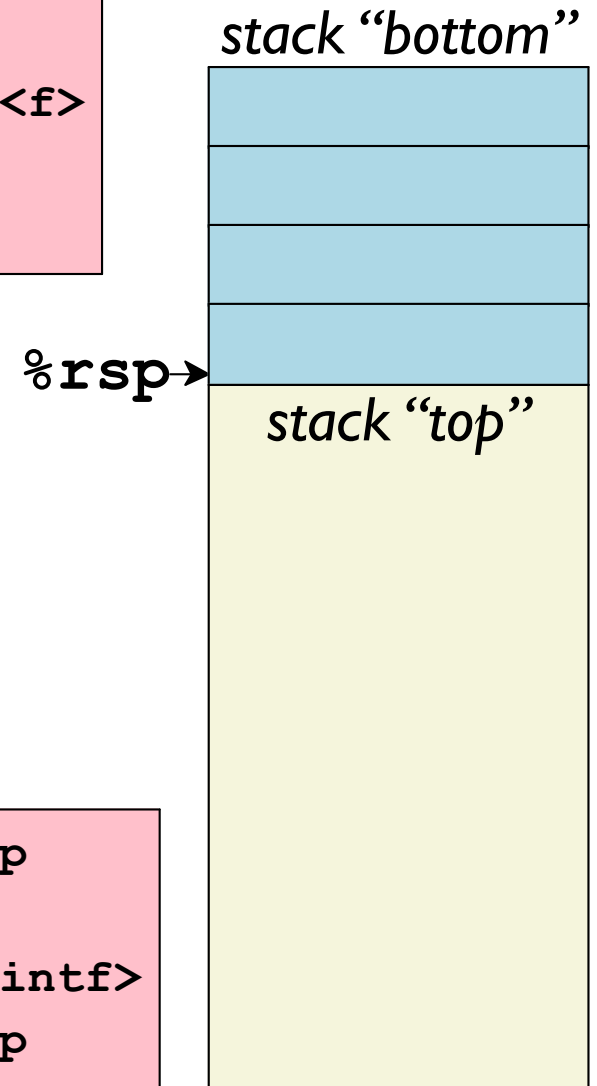
```
.....  
0x400457: callq 0x400560 <f>  
0x40045c: xor    %eax,%eax  
.....
```

| register | value |
|----------|----------|
| %rip | 0x400457 |

```
printf  
0x310: ...  
0x350: retq
```

```
void f() {  
    double b;  
    printf(...);  
}
```

```
0x400560: sub    $0x18,%rsp  
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0x400579: retq
```

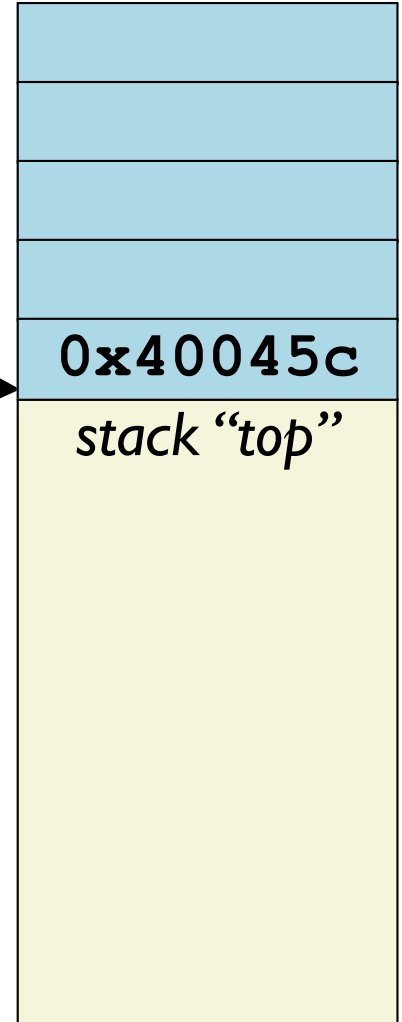


Call Example

```
int main() {  
    int a;  
    printf(...);  
    f();  
    g();  
    return 0;  
}
```

```
.....  
0x400457: callq 0x400560 <f>  
0x40045c: xor    %eax,%eax  
.....
```

stack "bottom"



%rsp →

| register | value |
|----------|----------|
| %rip | 0x400560 |

printf

```
0x310: ...  
0x350: retq
```

```
void f() {  
    double b;  
    printf(...);  
}
```

```
0x400560: sub    $0x18,%rsp  
0x400564: .....  
0x400570: callq 0x310 <printf>  
0x400575: add    $0x18,%rsp  
0x400579: retq
```

Call Example

```
int main() {  
    int a;  
    printf(...);  
    f();  
    g();  
    return 0;  
}
```

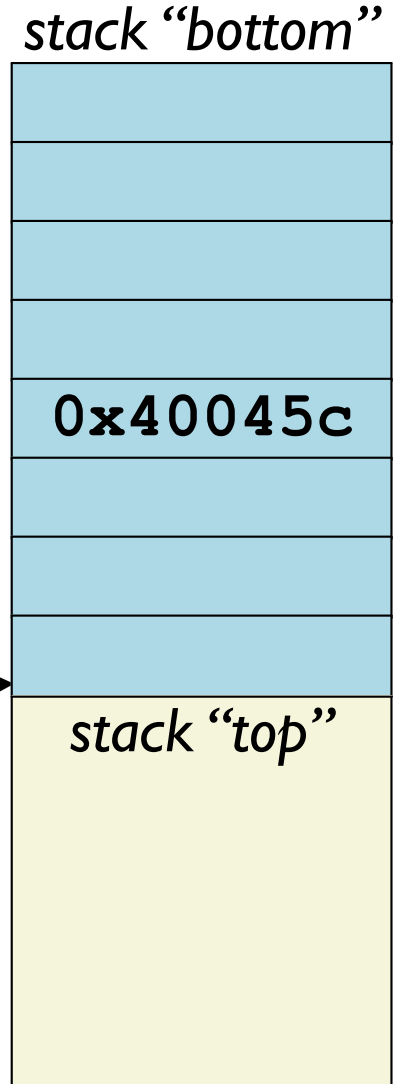
```
.....  
0x400457: callq 0x400560 <f>  
0x40045c: xor    %eax,%eax  
.....
```

| register | value |
|----------|----------|
| %rip | 0x400564 |

```
printf  
0x310: ...  
0x350: retq
```

```
void f() {  
    double b;  
    printf(...);  
}
```

```
0x400560: sub    $0x18,%rsp  
0x400564: .....  
0x400570: callq 0x310 <printf>  
0x400575: add    $0x18,%rsp  
0x400579: retq
```

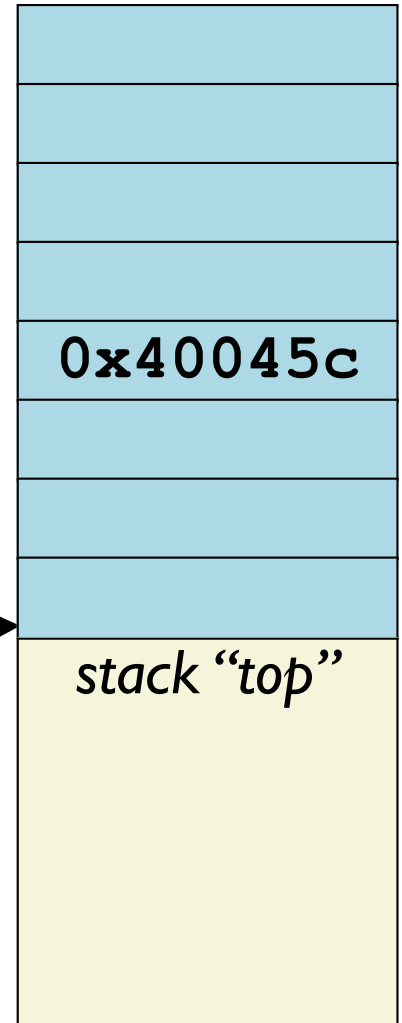


Call Example

```
int main() {  
    int a;  
    printf(...);  
    f();  
    g();  
    return 0;  
}
```

```
.....  
0x400457: callq 0x400560 <f>  
0x40045c: xor    %eax,%eax  
.....
```

stack "bottom"



printf

```
0x310: ...  
0x350: retq
```

| register | value |
|----------|----------|
| %rip | 0x400570 |

```
void f() {  
    double b;  
    printf(...);  
}
```

```
0x400560: sub    $0x18,%rsp  
0x400564: .....  
0x400570: callq 0x310 <printf>  
0x400575: add    $0x18,%rsp  
0x400579: retq
```

%rsp →

Call Example

```
int main() {  
    int a;  
    printf(...);  
    f();  
    g();  
    return 0;  
}
```

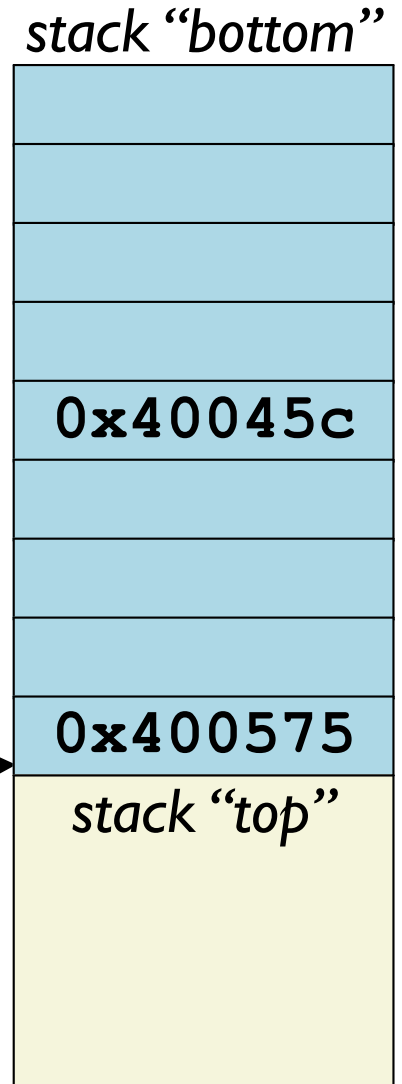
```
.....  
0x400457: callq 0x400560 <f>  
0x40045c: xor    %eax,%eax  
.....
```

| register | value |
|-------------------|-------|
| <code>%rip</code> | 0x310 |

```
printf  
0x310: ...  
0x350: retq
```

```
void f() {  
    double b;  
    printf(...);  
}
```

```
0x400560: sub    $0x18,%rsp  
0x400564: .....  
0x400570: callq 0x310 <printf>  
0x400575: add    $0x18,%rsp  
0x400579: retq
```

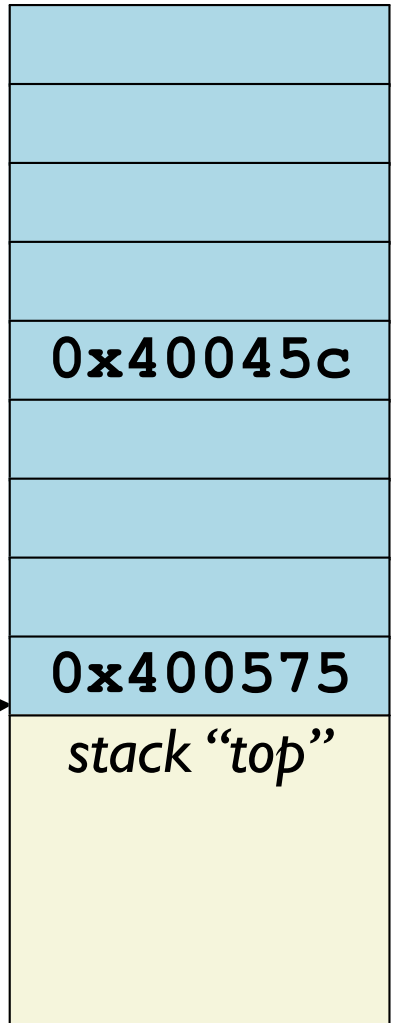


Call Example

```
int main() {  
    int a;  
    printf(...);  
    f();  
    g();  
    return 0;  
}
```

```
.....  
0x400457: callq 0x400560 <f>  
0x40045c: xor    %eax,%eax  
.....
```

stack "bottom"



printf

```
0x310: ...  
0x350: retq
```

| register | value |
|----------|-------|
| %rip | 0x350 |

```
void f() {  
    double b;  
    printf(...);  
}
```

```
0x400560: sub    $0x18,%rsp  
0x400564: .....  
0x400570: callq 0x310 <printf>  
0x400575: add    $0x18,%rsp  
0x400579: retq
```

%rsp →

Call Example

```
int main() {  
    int a;  
    printf(...);  
    f();  
    g();  
    return 0;  
}
```

```
.....  
0x400457: callq 0x400560 <f>  
0x40045c: xor    %eax,%eax  
.....
```

| register | value |
|----------|----------|
| %rip | 0x400575 |

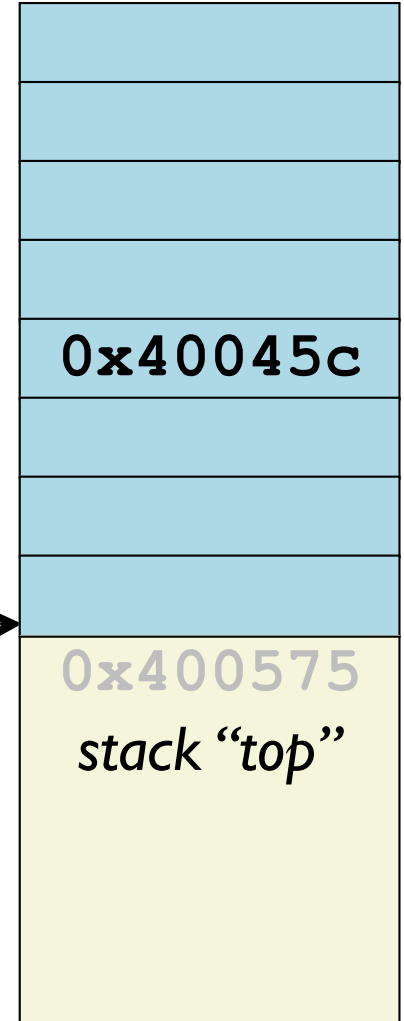
printf

```
0x310: ...  
0x350: retq
```

```
void f() {  
    double b;  
    printf(...);  
}
```

```
0x400560: sub    $0x18,%rsp  
0x400564: .....  
0x400570: callq 0x310 <printf>  
0x400575: add    $0x18,%rsp  
0x400579: retq
```

stack "bottom"

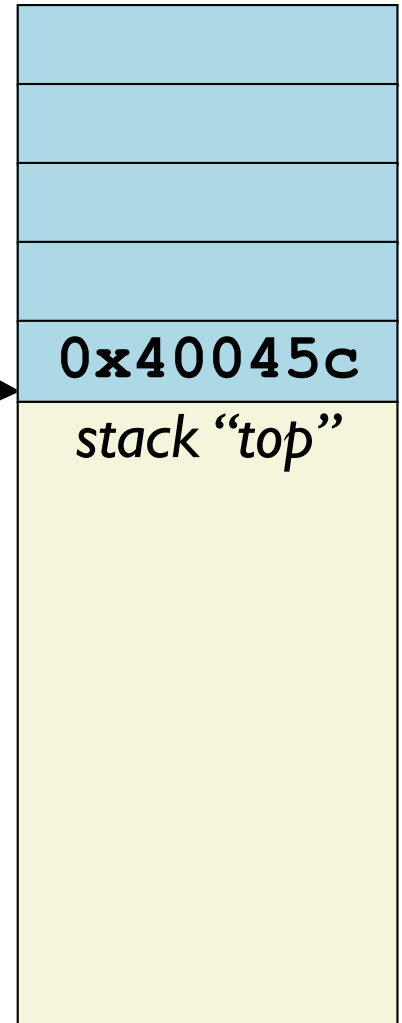


Call Example

```
int main() {  
    int a;  
    printf(...);  
    f();  
    g();  
    return 0;  
}
```

```
.....  
0x400457: callq 0x400560 <f>  
0x40045c: xor    %eax,%eax  
.....
```

stack "bottom"



%rsp →

| register | value |
|----------|----------|
| %rip | 0x400579 |

printf

```
0x310: ...  
0x350: retq
```

```
void f() {  
    double b;  
    printf(...);  
}
```

```
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```

Call Example

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int main() {  
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    f();  
    g();  
    return 0;  
}
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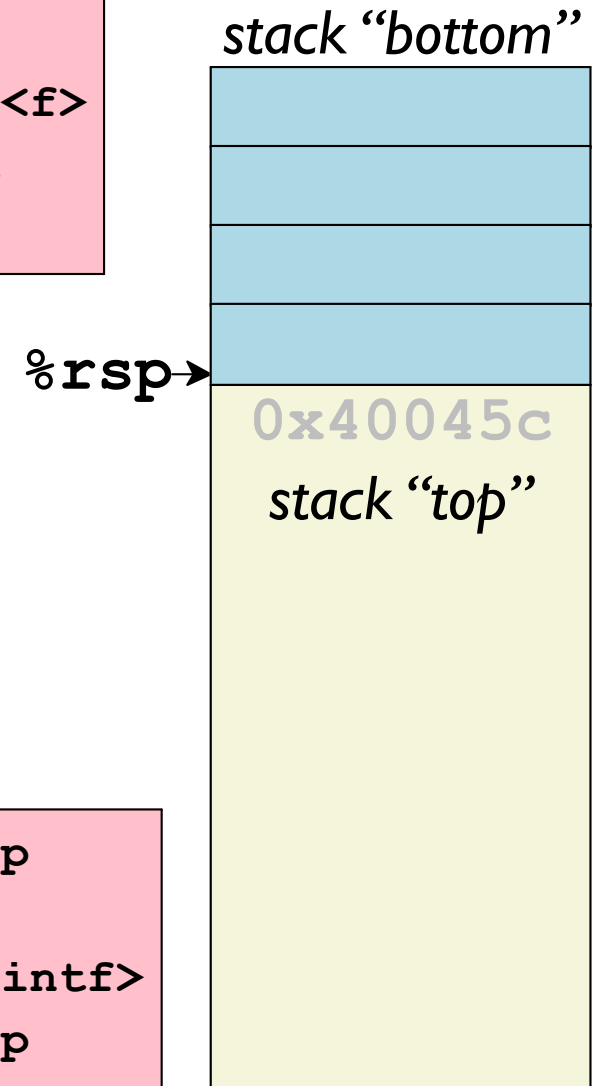
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```

| register | value |
|----------|----------|
| %rip | 0x40045c |

```
printf  
0x310: ...  
0x350: retq
```

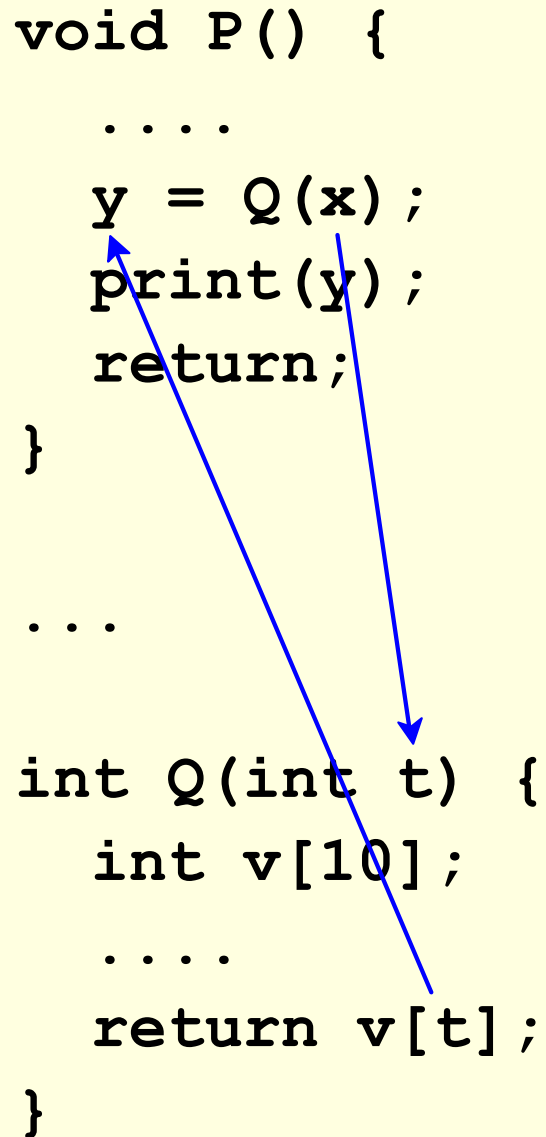
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    printf(...);  
}
```

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0x400579: retq
```



Procedure Arguments and Results

```
void P() {  
    ....  
    y = Q(x);  
    print(y);  
    return;  
}  
  
...  
  
int Q(int t) {  
    int v[10];  
    ....  
    return v[t];  
}
```



The diagram illustrates the flow of data between two functions. A blue arrow points from the argument 'x' in the function call 'y = Q(x);' in function P to the parameter 't' in the function definition 'int Q(int t)'. Another blue arrow points from the return value 'v[t]' in function Q to the variable 'y' in function P, indicating that the result of Q is assigned to y.

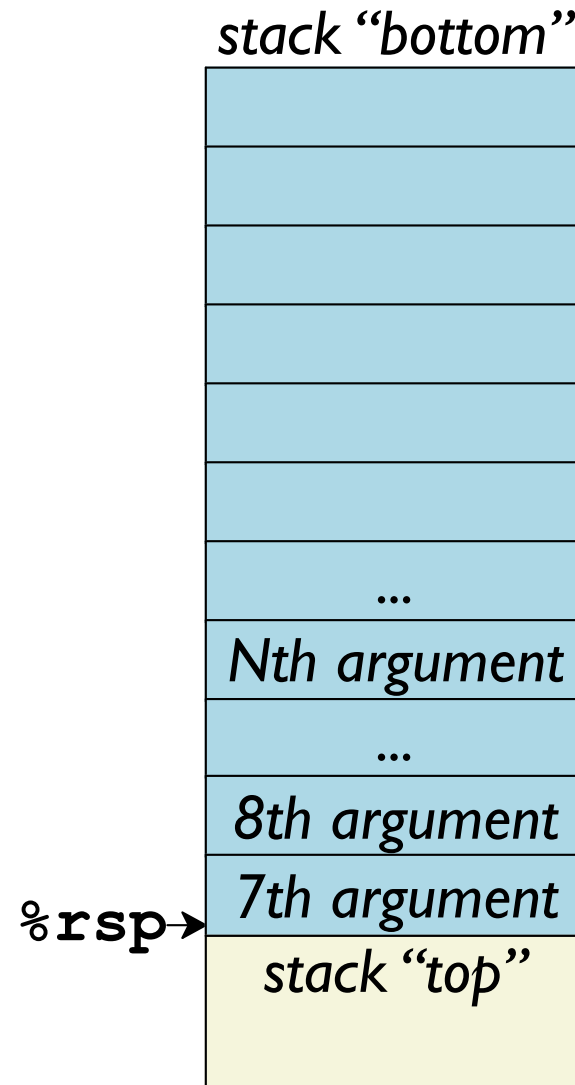
Procedure Arguments and Results

First six arguments:

| register | value |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| <code>%rdi</code> | <i>1st argument</i> |
| <code>%rsi</code> | <i>2nd argument</i> |
| <code>%rdx</code> | <i>3rd argument</i> |
| <code>%rcx</code> | <i>4th argument</i> |
| <code>%r8</code> | <i>5th argument</i> |
| <code>%r9</code> | <i>6th argument</i> |

Return value:

| register | value |
|-------------------|---------------|
| <code>%rax</code> | <i>result</i> |



Example of Receiving Arguments

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

| register | value |
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| <code>%rdi</code> | 1st argument |
| <code>%rsi</code> | 2nd argument |
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| <code>%r8</code> | 5th argument |
| <code>%r9</code> | 6th argument |

```
mov    %rdi,%rax    # a  
imul  %rsi,%rax    # a * b  
retq   # Return
```

Example of Providing Arguments

```
long mult2(long a, long b);

int main() {
    return mult2(2, 3);
}
```

| register | value |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| <code>%rdi</code> | <i>1st argument</i> |
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```
subq    $0x8,%rsp
movl    $0x3,%esi
movl    $0x2,%edi
callq   <mult2>
add     $0x8,%rsp
retq
```

Example of Providing Arguments

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

| register | value |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| <code>%rdi</code> | <i>1st argument</i> |
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```
.....  
movq   %rdi,%rax   # Save y  
movq   %rsi,%rdi   # x as first argument  
movq   %rax,%rsi   # y as second argument  
callq  <mult2>     # mult2(x,y)  
.....
```

Example of Providing Arguments

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void multstore(long x, long y, long *dest) {  
    long t = mult2(x, y);  
    *dest = t;  
}
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```
....  
callq <mult2>      # mult2(x,y)  
....
```

What about **dest**?

Example of Providing Arguments

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    long t = mult2(x, y);  
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}
```

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```
pushq    %rbx           # Save %rbx  
mov      %rdx, %rbx     # Save dest  
callq   <mult2>        # mult2(x, y)  
movq    %rax, (%rbx)    # Save at dest  
popq    %rbx           # Restore %rbx  
retq
```

%rbx is a **preserved register**

Register Protocols

Some registers are **temporaries**

- call a function \Rightarrow register value may change on return
- a.k.a. **caller-saved** e.g., %r10, %rsi

Some registers are **preserved**

- call a function \Rightarrow register value the same on return
- a.k.a. **callee-saved** e.g., %rbx, %rsp

Classification of registers is part of an **application binary interface** (ABI)

x86-64 Linux Register Usage

| | register | usage | |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Caller-saved | <code>%rax</code> | <i>return value</i> | |
| | <code>%rdi</code> | <i>1st argument</i> | |
| | <code>%rsi</code> | <i>2nd argument</i> | |
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| | <code>%r9</code> | <i>6th argument</i> | |
| | <code>%r10</code> | <i>temporary</i> | |
| | <code>%r11</code> | <i>temporary</i> | |
| | Callee-saved | <code>%rbx</code> | <i>preserved</i> |
| | | <code>%r12</code> | <i>preserved</i> |
| <code>%r13</code> | | <i>preserved</i> | |
| <code>%r14</code> | | <i>preserved</i> | |
| <code>%rbp</code> | | <i>stack frame</i> | |
| <code>%rsp</code> | | <i>stack pointer</i> | |

Another Callee-Saved Register Example

```
long incr(long *p, long val);

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

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```

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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
    retq
```

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call    incr
addq    %rbx, %rax
addq    $16, %rsp
popq    %rbx
retq
```

save caller's **%rbx**

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    leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
    call    incr
    addq    %rbx, %rax
    addq    $16, %rsp
    popq    %rbx
    retq
```

use **%rbx** to save **x** across call

Another Callee-Saved Register Example

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movl     $3000, %esi
leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
call    incr
addq    %rbx, %rax
addq    $16, %rsp
popq    %rbx
retq
```

after call, **%rbx** has **x**

Another Callee-Saved Register Example

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    movl    $3000, %esi
    leaq    8(%rsp), %rdi
    call    incr
    addq    %rbx, %rax
    addq    $16, %rsp
    popq    %rbx
    retq
```

restore caller's %rbx

Another Callee-Saved Register Example

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long incr(long *p, long val);

long call_incr2(long x) {
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call    incr
addq    %rbx, %rax
addq    $16, %rsp
popq    %rbx
retq
```

make space for v1

Another Callee-Saved Register Example

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long incr(long *p, long val);

long call_incr2(long x) {
    long v1 = 15213;
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    return x+v2;
}
```

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

initialize v1

Another Callee-Saved Register Example

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long call_incr2(long x) {
    long v1 = 15213;
    long v2 = incr(&v1, 3000);
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    movl    $3000, %esi
    leaq   8(%rsp), %rdi
    call   incr
    addq   %rbx, %rax
    addq   $16, %rsp
    popq   %rbx
    retq
```

provide address of v1

Application Binary Interface

An OS-specific ABI defines

- How arguments are passed to functions

So far, only integer and address arguments

- How results are returned from functions

So far, only integer and address results

- Which registers are preserved (and not)

There are more registers...

- Other constraints, such as stack alignment

x86-64 Linux: stack aligned on call at 8 mod 16

- Optional debugging protocols

Debugging Information

`gcc`

vs.

`gcc -g`

vs.

`gcc && strip -s`

vs.

`gcc -fno-asynchronous-unwind-tables`

vs.

`gcc -fno-asynchronous-unwind-tables
-fno-omit-frame-pointer`

Frame Pointer

Stack frames are optionally identified by a ***frame pointer***

- Frames form a linked list embedded in the stack
- Each function's ***prolog*** sets up the frame
- Each function's ***epilog*** destroys the frame
- `%rbp` points to the head of the list
i.e., the current frame
- Local variables are accessed via `%rbp`

Using a Frame Pointer

```
    ....  
0x310: callq 0x400  
0x315: ....
```

```
0x400: pushq %rbp  
0x401: movq  %rsp, %rbp  
0x404: ...  
    ...-0x8(%rbp) ...  
    ...  
0x420: callq 0x500  
0x425: ....  
0x430: popq %rbp  
0x431: retq
```

```
0x500: pushq %rbp  
0x501: movq  %rsp, %rbp  
...  
0x509: popq %rbp  
0x510: retq
```


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```

prolog

epilog

```
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```

prolog

epilog

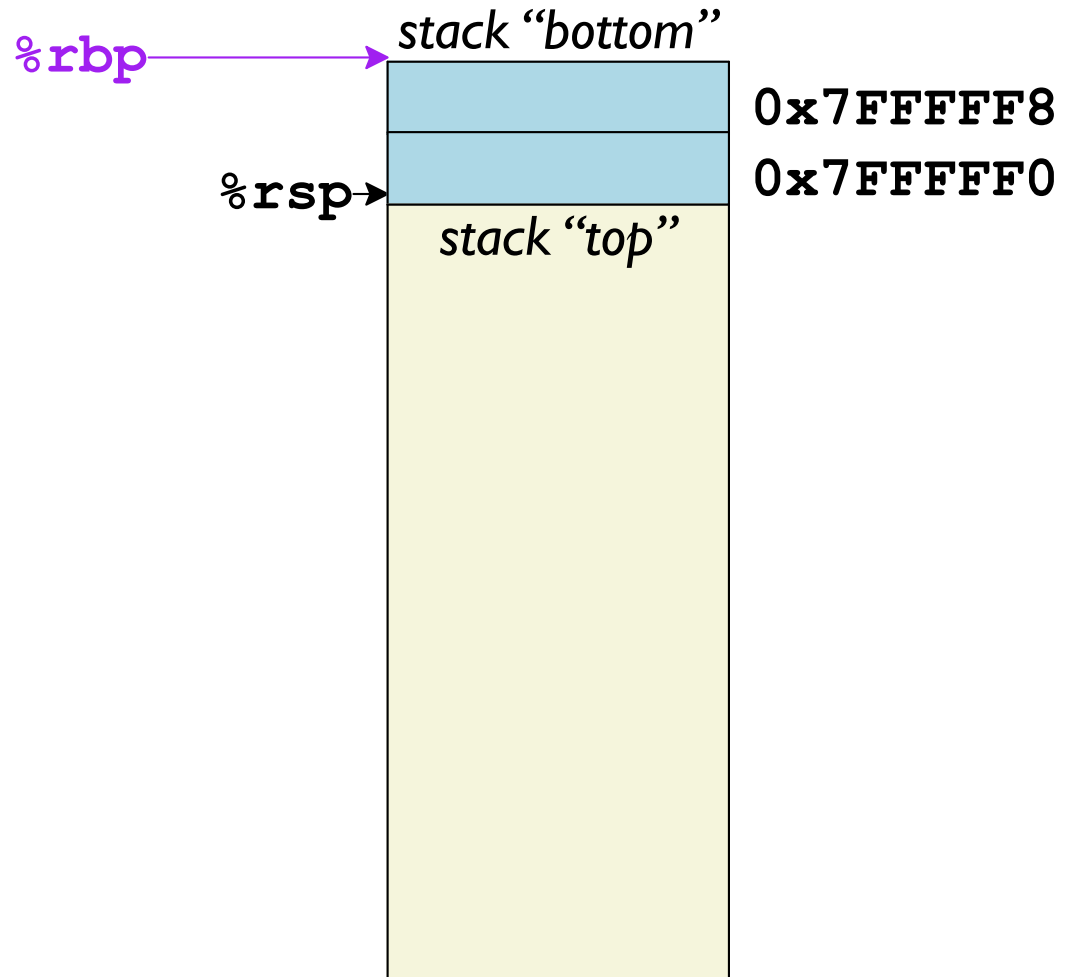
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```

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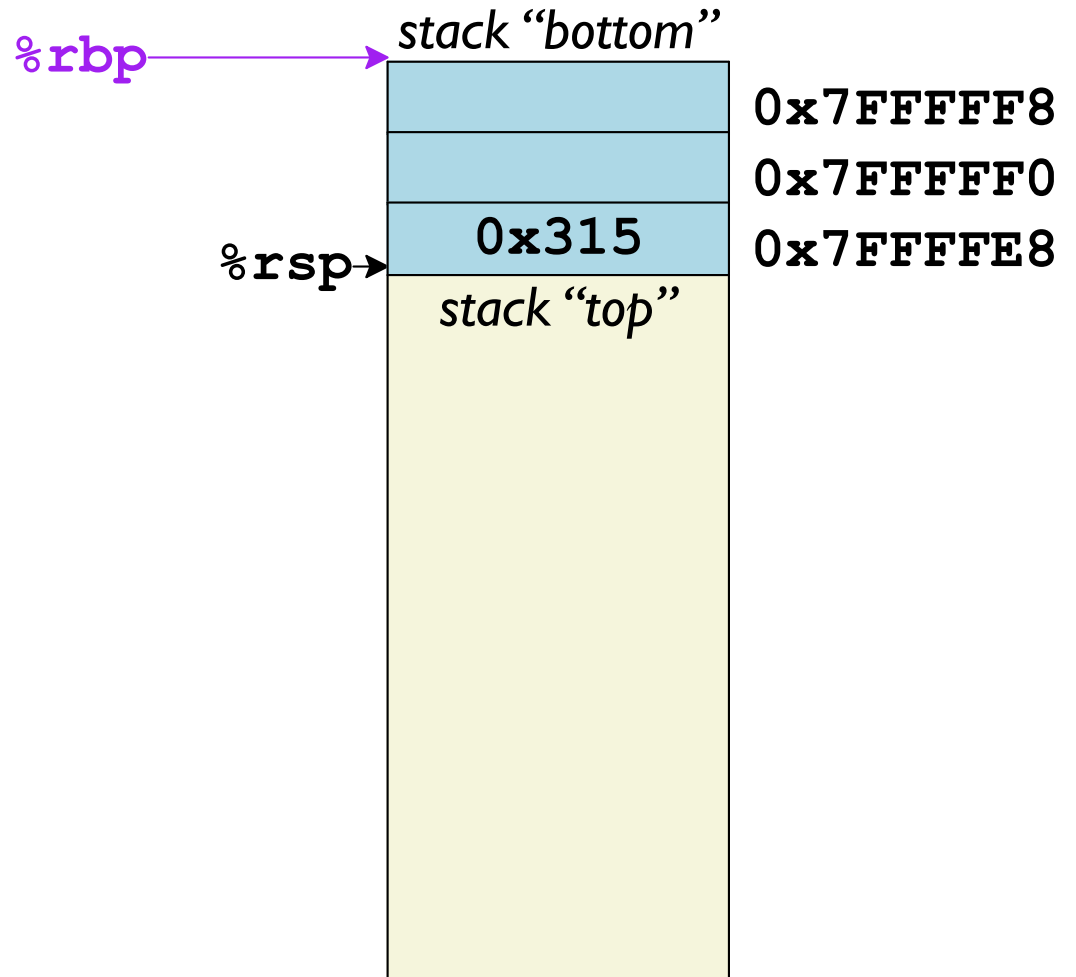
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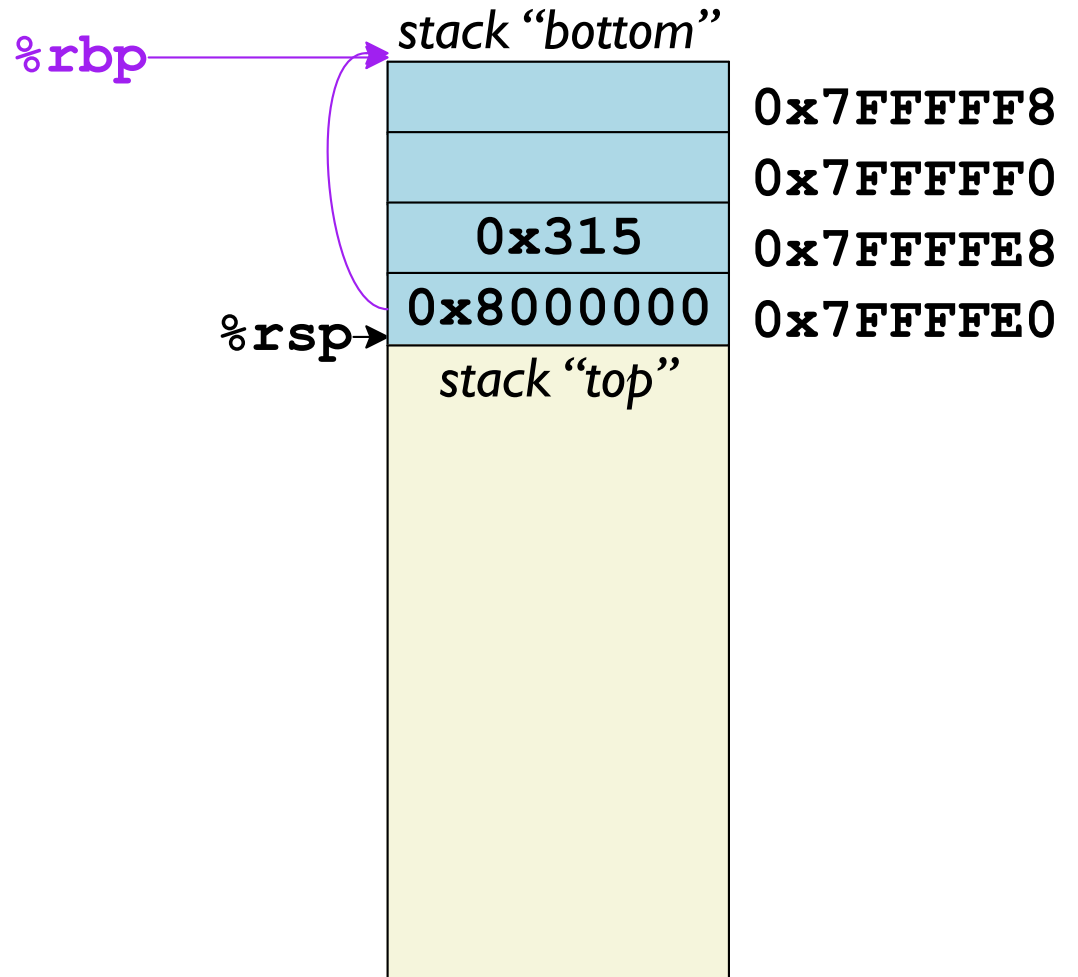


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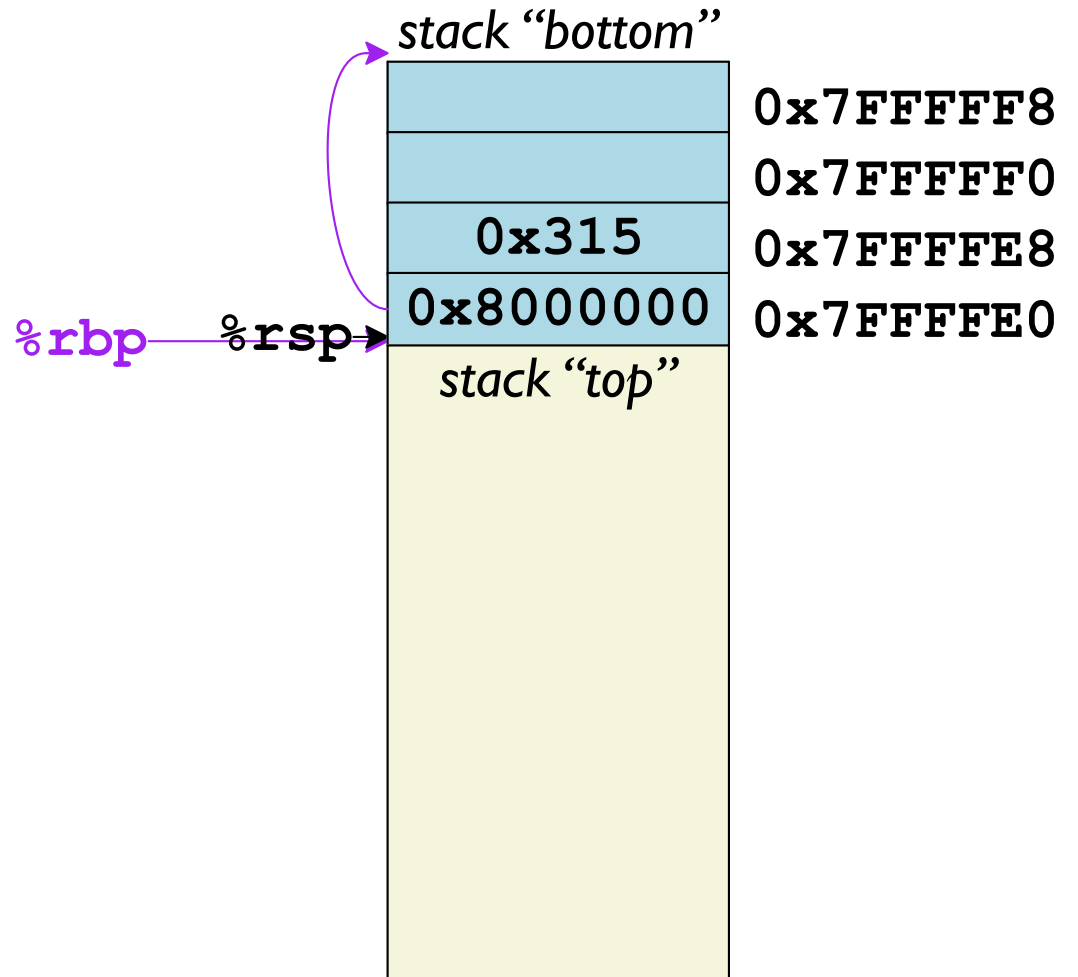


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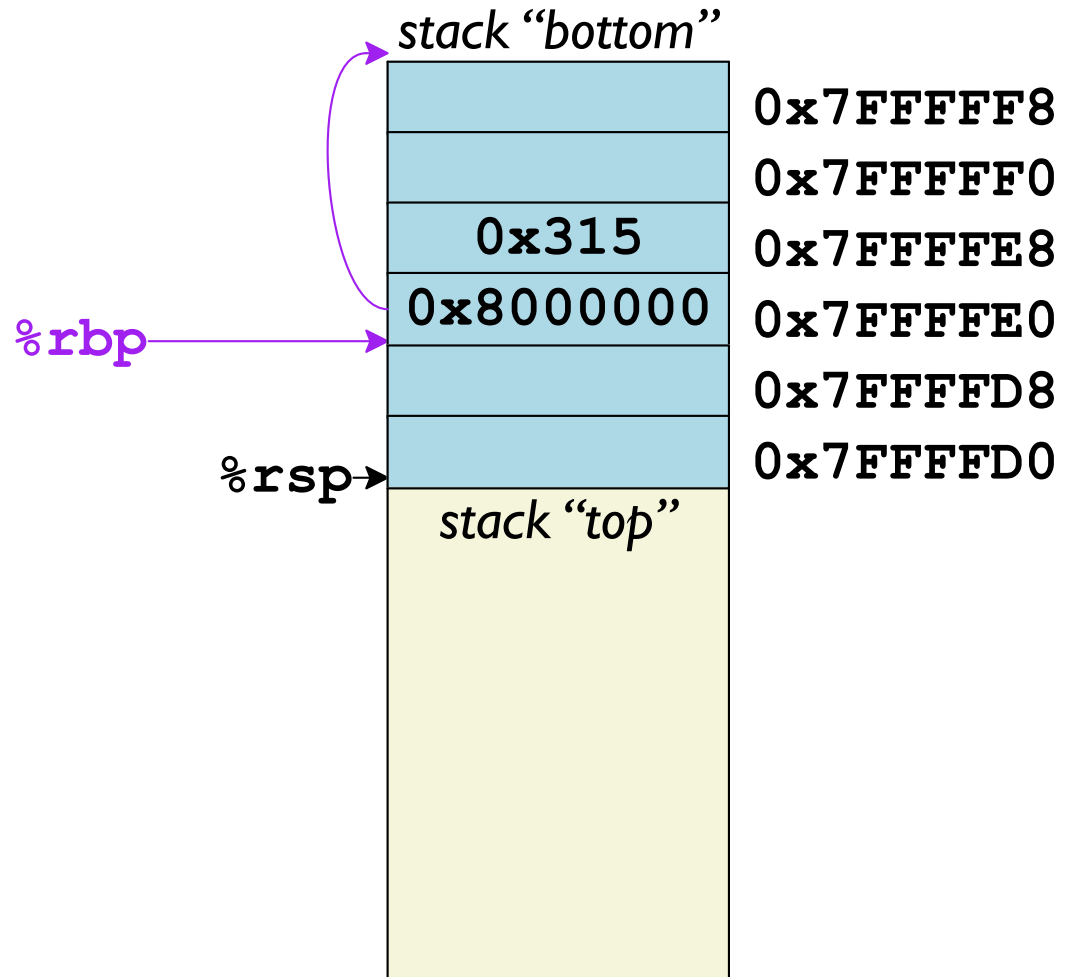


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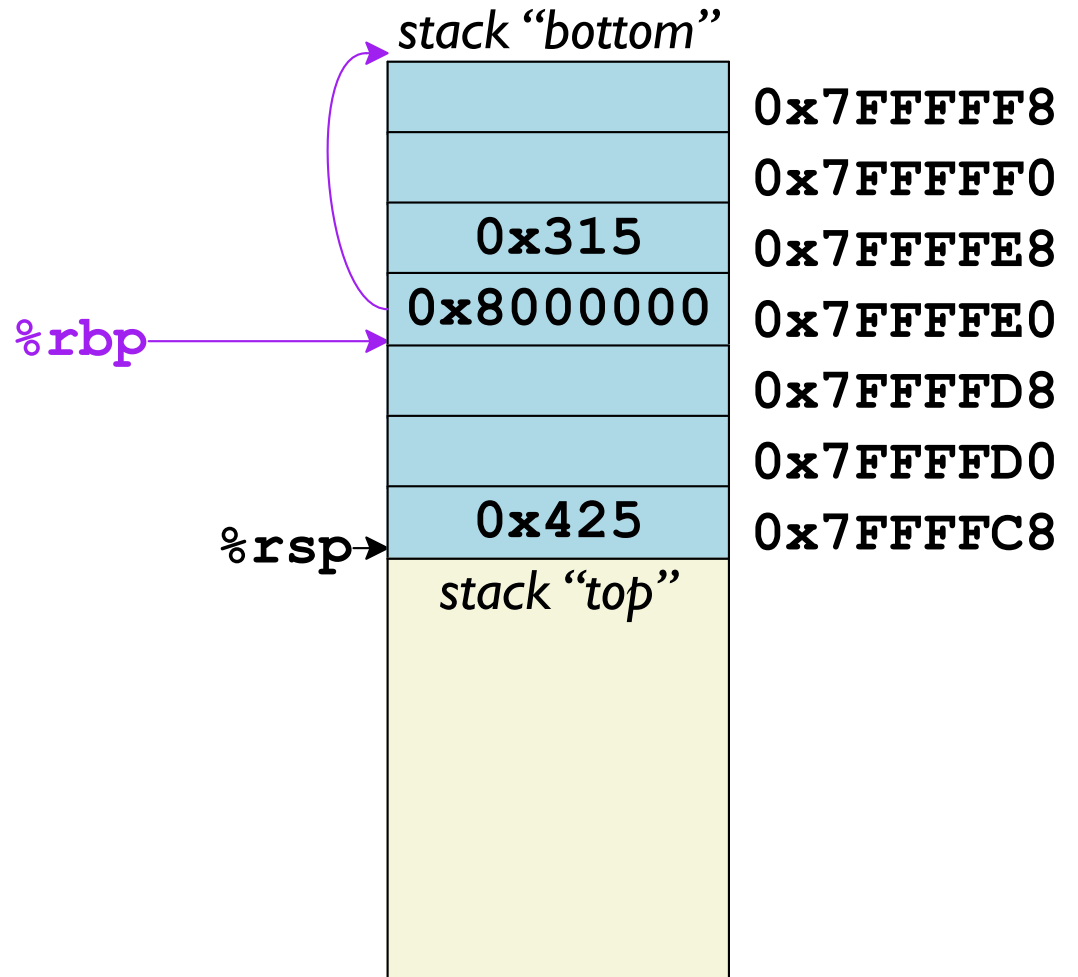


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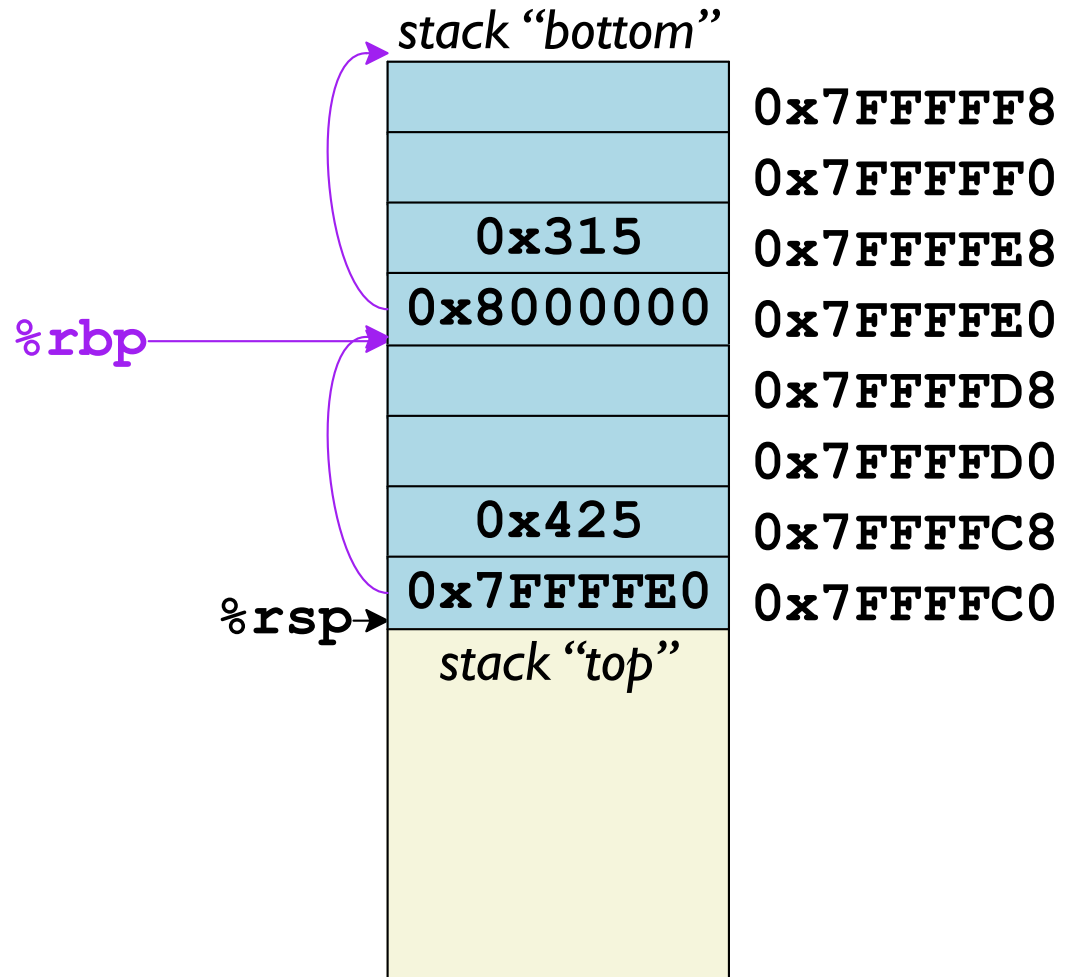


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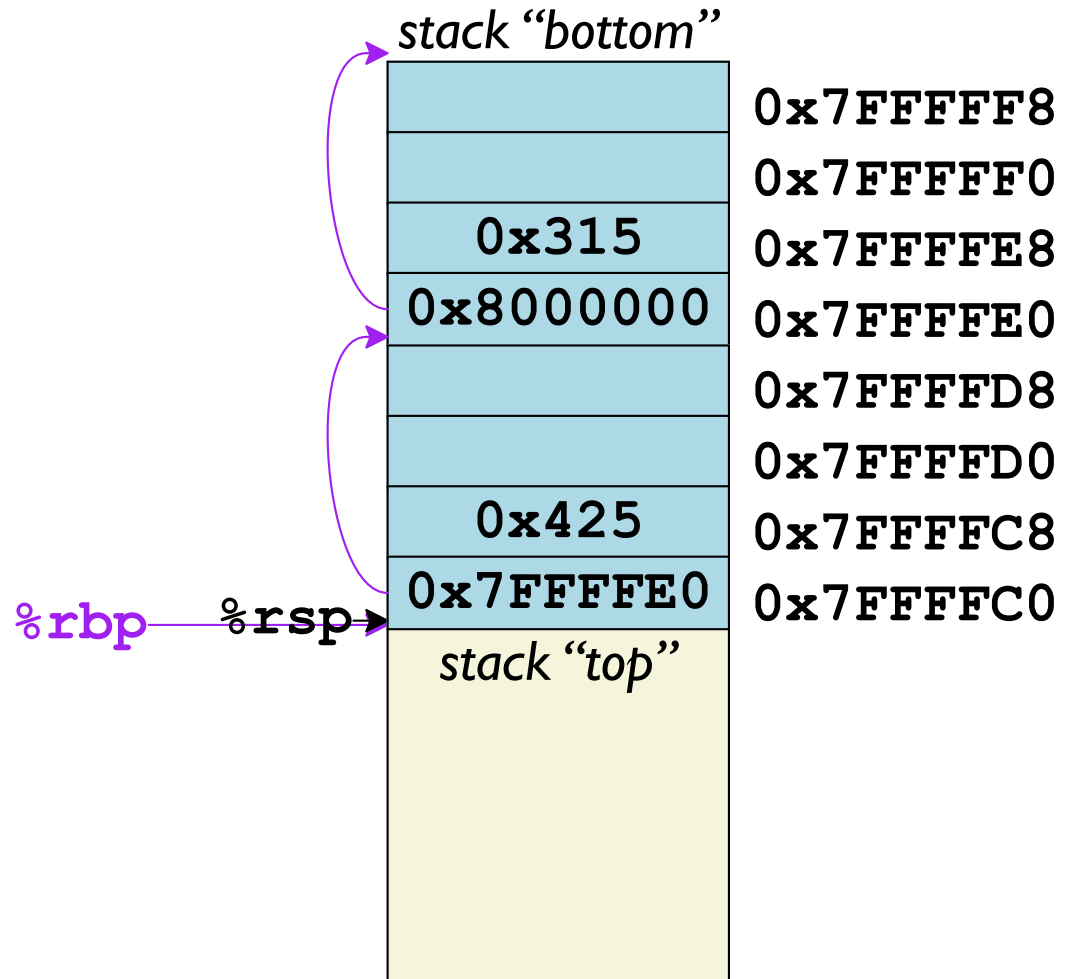


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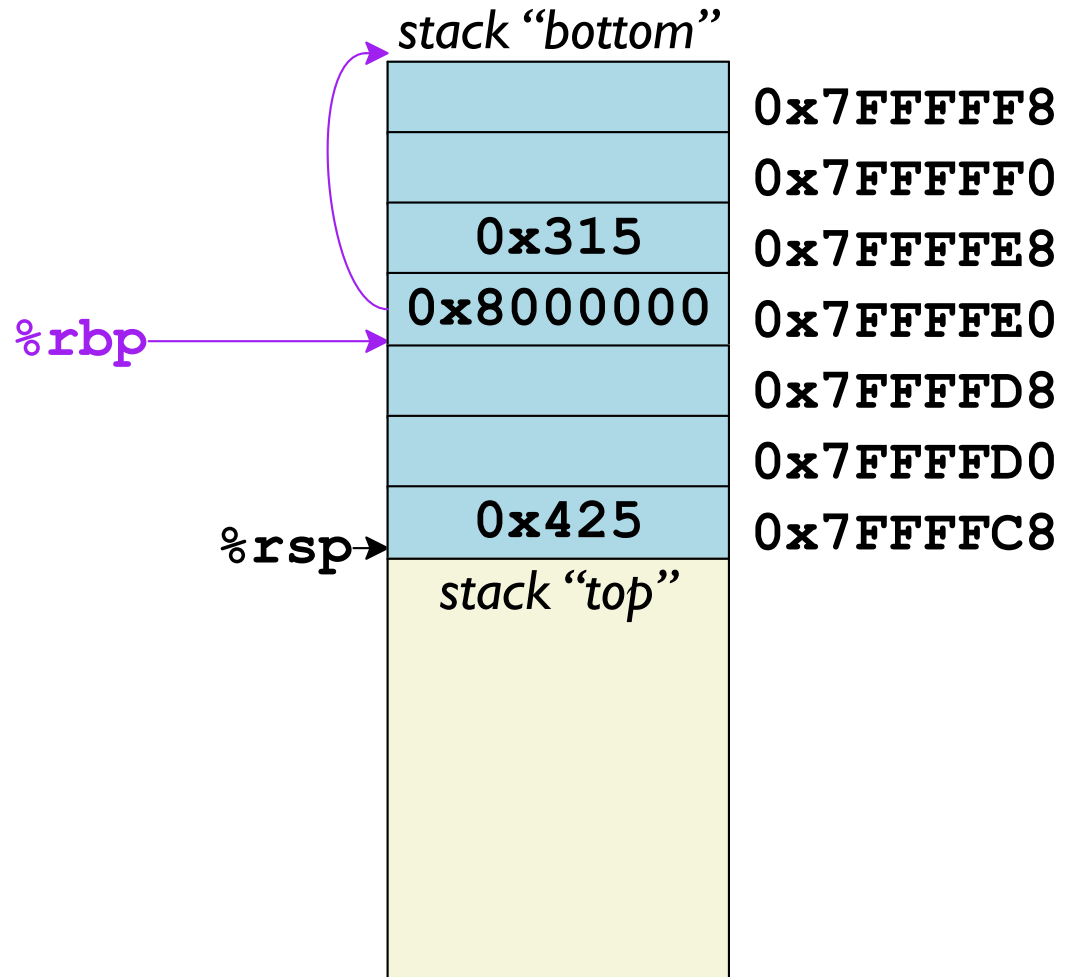


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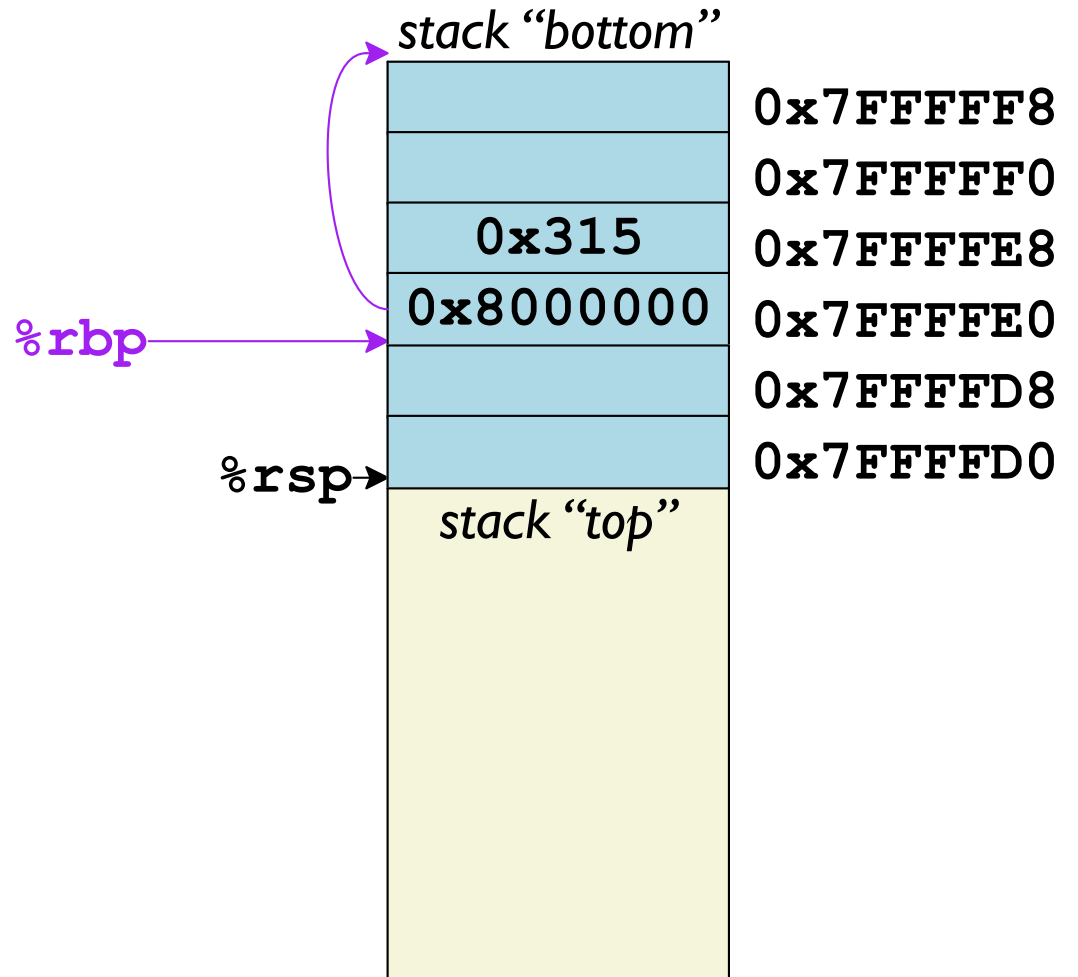


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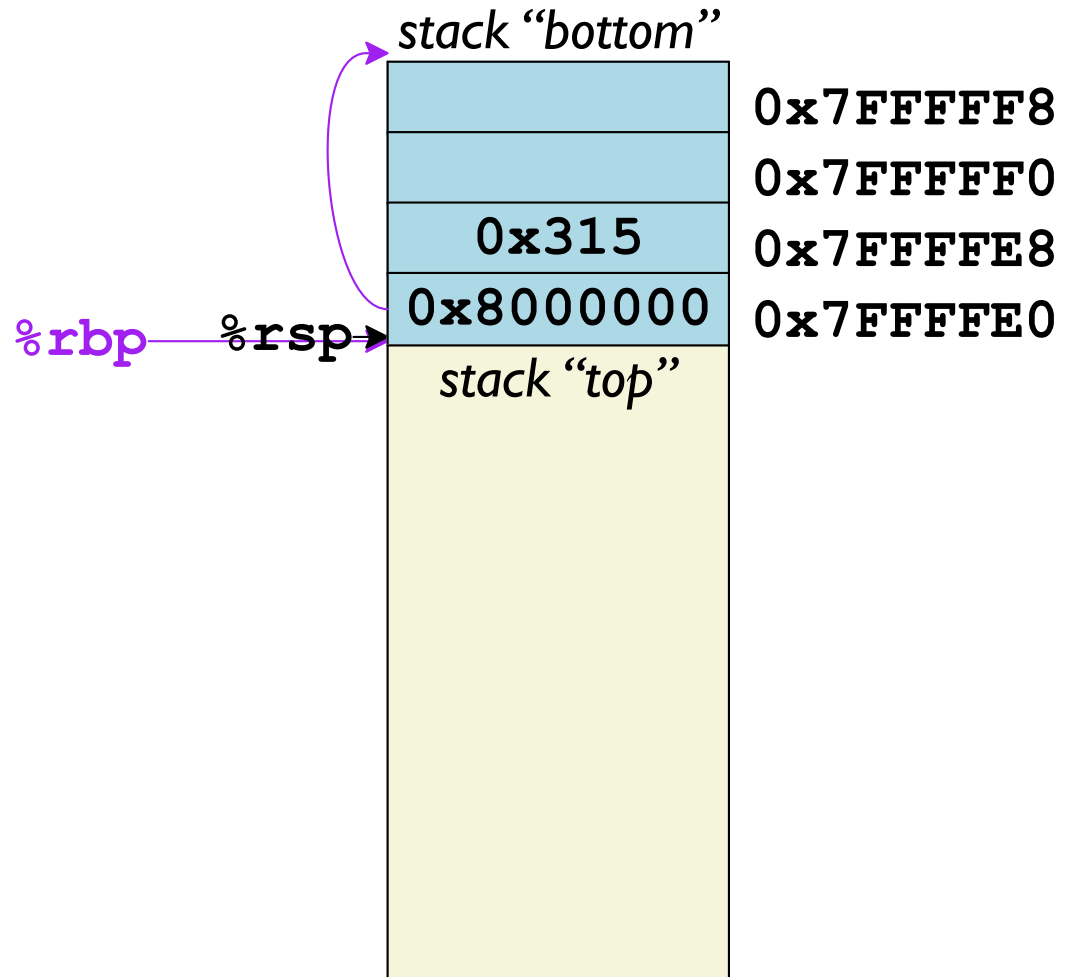


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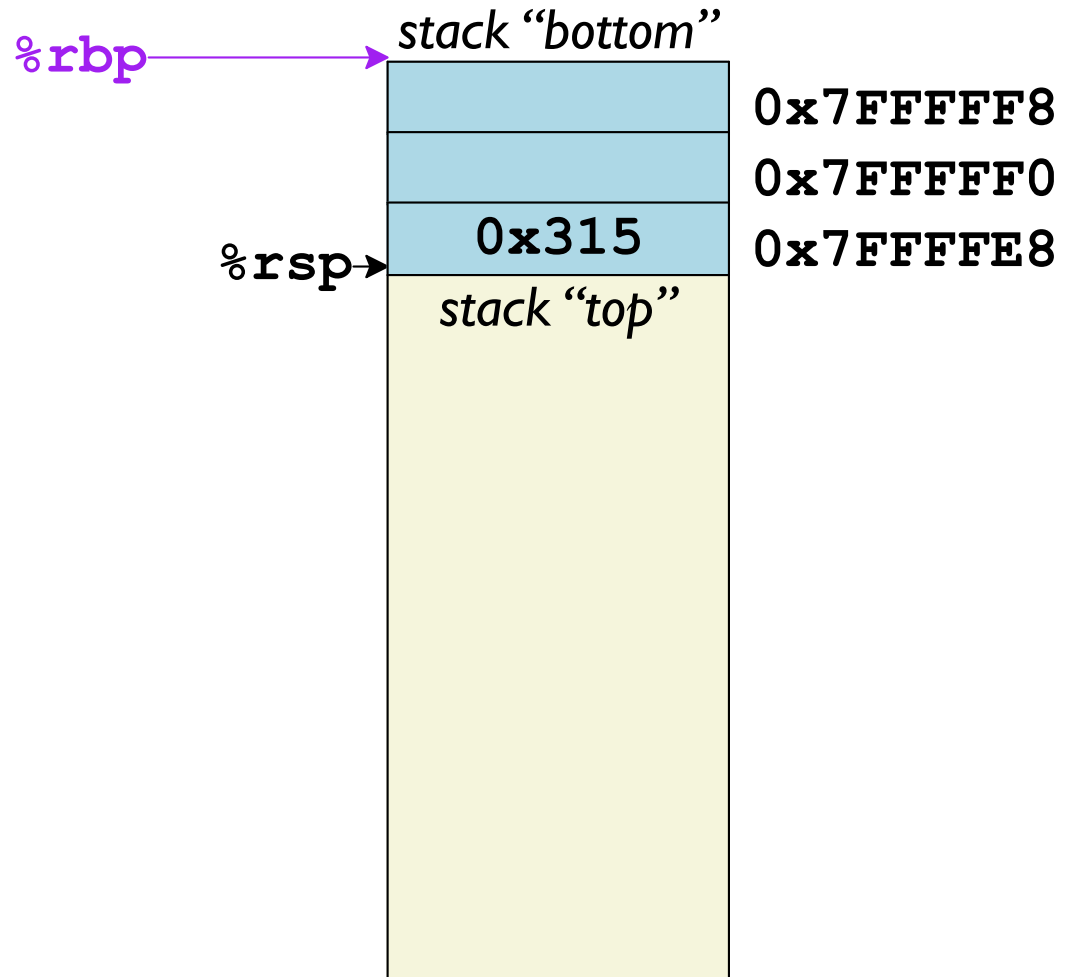


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```



Avoiding Stack Frames

Modern compilers don't need stack frames

```
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  
  retq
```

“frame is %rsp plus 24”

DWARF format communicates from the compiler to the debugger

x86-64 Procedure Summary

