

Procedure Calls

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MIPS Registers

Registers have designated functions by convention

Name	Register number	Usage
\$zero	0	the constant value 0
\$at	1	assembler temporary
\$v0-\$v1	2-3	procedure return values
\$a0-\$a3	4-7	procedure arguments
\$t0-\$t7	8-15	temporaries
\$s0-\$s7	16-23	saved by callee
\$t8-\$t9	24-25	more temporaries
\$k0-\$k1	26-27	reserved for operating system
\$gp	28	global pointer
\$sp	29	stack pointer
\$fp	30	frame pointer
\$ra	31	return address

Simple Procedure Call

Call a procedure without arguments or return values

C code

```
#include <stdio.h>

void hello() {
    printf("Hello\n");
}

int main() {
    hello();
}
```

Hello

MIPS code

```
.data 0x0
string: .asciiz "Hello\n"

.text 0x3000
main:
    jal hello
    ori $v0, $0, 10 # system call code for exit
    syscall         # exit the program

hello:
    li $v0, 4        # system call code for string
    la $a0, string   # address of string is in $a0
    syscall         # print the string
    jr $ra
```

Simple Procedure Call

We only used \$ra to store the return address

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Nested Simple Procedure Call

How about two nested procedures?

C code

```
#include <stdio.h>

void world() {
    printf(" world\n");
}

void hello() {
    printf("Hello");
    world();
}

int main() {
    hello();
}
```

Hello world

MIPS code

```
1  .data 0x0
2  string1: .asciiz "Hello"
3  string2: .asciiz " world\n"
4
5  .text 0x3000
6  main:
7      jal hello
8      ori $v0, $0, 10 # system call code for exit
9      syscall        # exit the program
10
11  hello:
12      li $v0, 4      # system call code for string
13      la $a0, string1 # address of string is in $a0
14      syscall        # print the string
15      jal world
16      jr $ra
17
18  world:
19      li $v0, 4
20      la $a0, string2
21      syscall
22      jr $ra
```

Let's see what happens in MARS

About to call the first procedure



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0x00000020	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0
0x00000040	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0
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0x00000080	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0
0x000000a0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0
0x000000c0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0
0x000000e0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0
0x00000100	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0
0x00000120	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0
0x00000140	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0
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\$t6	14	0x00000000
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\$s2	18	0x00000000
\$s3	19	0x00000000
\$s4	20	0x00000000
\$s5	21	0x00000000
\$s6	22	0x00000000
\$s7	23	0x00000000
\$t8	24	0x00000000
\$t9	25	0x00000000
\$k0	26	0x00000000
\$k1	27	0x00000000
\$gp	28	0x00001800
\$sp	29	0x00002ffc
\$fp	30	0x00000000
\$ra	31	0x00000000
pc		0x00003000
hi		0x00000000
lo		0x00000000

Let's see what happens in MARS

The jump and link instruction saved the return address 0x3004 to \$ra

```
1 .data 0x0
2 string1: .asciiz "Hello"
3 string2: .asciiz "world\n"
4
5 .text 0x3000
6 main:
7     jal hello
8     ori $v0, $0, 10 # system call code for exit
9     syscall          # exit the program
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11 hello:
12     li $v0, 4        # system call code for string
13     la $a0, string1  # address of string is in $a0
14     syscall          # print the string
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9     syscall          # exit the program
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\$ra	31	0x00003004
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The jump and link instruction saved the return address 0x301c to \$ra

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5 .text 0x3000
6 main:
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9     syscall          # exit the program
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11 hello:
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0x000000a0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0
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0x00000160	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0
0x00000180	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0

Let's see what happens in MARS

```

1 .data 0x0
2 string1: .asciiz "Hello"
3 string2: .asciiz " world\n"
4
5 .text 0x3000
6 main:
7     jal hello
8     ori $v0, $0, 10 # system call code for exit
9     syscall          # exit the program
10
11 hello:
12     li $v0, 4        # system call code for string
13     la $a0, string1  # address of string is in $a0
14     syscall          # print the string
15     jal world
16     jr $ra
17
18 world:
19     li $v0, 4
20     la $a0, string2
21     syscall
22     jr $ra

```



Text Segment				
Bkpt	Address	Code	Basic	Source
☐	0x00003000	0x0c000c03	jal 0x0000300c	7: jal hello
☐	0x00003004	0x3402000a	ori \$2,\$0,0x0000000a	8: ori \$v0, \$0, 10 # system call code for exit
☐	0x00003008	0x0000000c	syscall	9: syscall # exit the program
☐	0x0000300c	0x24020004	addiu \$2,\$0,0x00000004	12: li \$v0, 4 # system call code for string
☐	0x00003010	0x20040000	addi \$4,\$0,0x00000000	13: la \$a0, string1 # address of string is in \$a0
☐	0x00003014	0x0000000c	syscall	14: syscall # print the string
☐	0x00003018	0x0c000c08	jal 0x00003020	15: jal world
☐	0x0000301c	0x03e00008	jr \$31	16: jr \$ra
☐	0x00003020	0x24020004	addiu \$2,\$0,0x00000004	19: li \$v0, 4
☐	0x00003024	0x20040000	addi \$4,\$0,0x00000000	20: la \$a0, string2
☐	0x00003028	0x0000000c	syscall	21: syscall
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Data Segment						
Address	Value (+0)	Value (+4)	Value (+8)	Value (+c)	Value (+10)	Value (+14)
0x00000000	l l e H	w \0 o	d l r o	\0 \0 \0 \n	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0
0x00000020	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0
0x00000040	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0
0x00000060	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0
0x00000080	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0
0x000000a0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0
0x000000c0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0
0x000000e0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0
0x00000100	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0
0x00000120	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0
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Name	Number	Value
\$zero	0	0x00000000
\$at	1	0x00000000
\$v0	2	0x00000004
\$v1	3	0x00000000
\$a0	4	0x00000006
\$a1	5	0x00000000
\$a2	6	0x00000000
\$a3	7	0x00000000
\$t0	8	0x00000000
\$t1	9	0x00000000
\$t2	10	0x00000000
\$t3	11	0x00000000
\$t4	12	0x00000000
\$t5	13	0x00000000
\$t6	14	0x00000000
\$t7	15	0x00000000
\$s0	16	0x00000000
\$s1	17	0x00000000
\$s2	18	0x00000000
\$s3	19	0x00000000
\$s4	20	0x00000000
\$s5	21	0x00000000
\$s6	22	0x00000000
\$s7	23	0x00000000
\$t8	24	0x00000000
\$t9	25	0x00000000
\$k0	26	0x00000000
\$k1	27	0x00000000
\$gp	28	0x00001800
\$sp	29	0x00002ffc
\$fp	30	0x00000000
\$ra	31	0x0000301c
pc		0x0000302c
hi		0x00000000
lo		0x00000000

The second procedure overwrites \$ra, which is the same register the first procedure uses

The return address saved in \$ra is 0x301c (the address of the current jump instruction), therefore we enter an infinite loop

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\$a3	7	0x00000000
\$t0	8	0x00000000
\$t1	9	0x00000000
\$t2	10	0x00000000
\$t3	11	0x00000000
\$t4	12	0x00000000
\$t5	13	0x00000000
\$t6	14	0x00000000
\$t7	15	0x00000000
\$s0	16	0x00000000
\$s1	17	0x00000000
\$s2	18	0x00000000
\$s3	19	0x00000000
\$s4	20	0x00000000
\$s5	21	0x00000000
\$s6	22	0x00000000
\$s7	23	0x00000000
\$t8	24	0x00000000
\$t9	25	0x00000000
\$k0	26	0x00000000
\$k1	27	0x00000000
\$gp	28	0x00001800
\$sp	29	0x00002ffc
\$fp	30	0x00000000
\$ra	31	0x0000301c
pc		0x0000301c
hi		0x00000000
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0x00000020	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0
0x00000040	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0
0x00000060	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0
0x00000080	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0
0x000000a0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0
0x000000c0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0
0x000000e0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0
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0x00000120	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0
0x00000140	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0
0x00000160	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0
0x00000180	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0	\0 \0 \0 \0

Nested Simple Procedure Call

Call two nested procedures without arguments or return values.

C code

```
#include <stdio.h>

void world() {
    printf(" world\n");
}

void hello() {
    printf("Hello");
    world();
}

int main() {
    hello();
}
```

Hello world

MIPS code

```
1  .data 0x0
2  string1: .asciiz "Hello"
3  string2: .asciiz " world\n"
4
5  .text 0x3000
6  main:
7      jal hello
8      ori $v0, $0, 10 # system call code for exit
9      syscall        # exit the program
10
11  hello:
12      li $v0, 4      # system call code for string
13      la $a0, string1 # address of string is in $a0
14      syscall        # print the string
15      jal world
16      jr $ra
17
18  world:
19      li $v0, 4
20      la $a0, string2
21      syscall
22      jr $ra
```

How Can We Avoid Overwriting Registers?

Use different registers for each call?

- We quickly run out of registers
- Each procedure call is different, hard to keep track
- Code is not reusable
- Doesn't work for recursive calls!

Save and restore registers that should be preserved after the procedure call

- We can use the same convention across all procedure calls

How to Fix Our Code?

C code

```
#include <stdio.h>

void world() {
    printf(" world\n");
}

void hello() {
    printf("Hello");
    world();
}

int main() {
    hello();
}
```

Hello world

MIPS code

```
1  .data 0x0
2  string1: .asciiz "Hello"
3  string2: .asciiz " world\n"
4
5  .text 0x3000
6  main:
7      jal hello
8      ori $v0, $0, 10
9      syscall
10
11  hello:
12      save $ra to memory
13      li $v0, 4
14      la $a0, string1
15      syscall
16      jal world
17      restore $ra from memory
18      jr $ra
19
20  world:
21      li $v0, 4
22      la $a0, string2
23      syscall
24      jr $ra
```

Where to Save Registers?

The STACK!

- `$sp` points to the last USED stack memory location
- Use `$fp` to keep track of the top of the current stack frame
- The stack grows DOWN (towards lower addresses)

`$fp` -> 0x4000

0x3ffc

`$sp` -> 0x3ff8

0x3000

(low) 0x0000

memory

“stack” segment



text segment
(program)

data segment

We Also Need to Save \$fp

MIPS code

Let's assume we have a new version of world() that also uses the stack

```
1      .data 0x0
2      string1: .asciiz "Hello"
3      string2: .asciiz " world\n"
4
5      .text 0x3000
6      main:
7          jal hello
8          ori $v0, $0, 10
9          syscall
10
11     hello:
12         save $ra to memory
13         save $fp to memory
14         set $fp to top of current stack frame
15         li $v0, 4
16         la $a0, string1
17         syscall
18         jal world
19         restore $ra from memory
20         restore $fp from memory
21         jr $ra
22
23     world:
24         ...
```

Does It Work?

stack

\$sp -> 0x4000

0x3ffc

0x3ff8

0x3ff4

0x3ff0

0x3fe8

0x3fe4

...

0xbeef

registers

\$sp

\$fp

\$ra

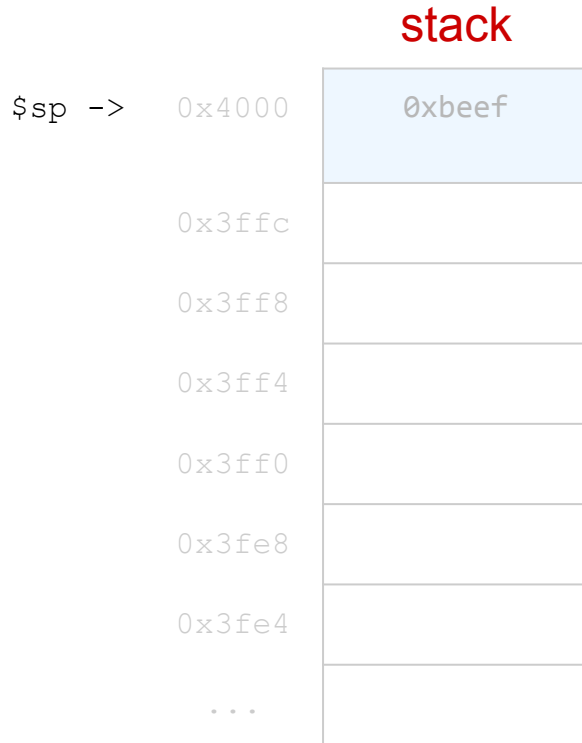
0x4000

0x5000

MIPS code

```
1      .data 0x0
2      0x0000 string1: .asciiz "Hello"
3      0x0007 string2: .asciiz " world\n"
4
5      .text 0x3000
6      main:
7      0x3000    jal hello
8      0x3004    ori $v0, $0, 10
9      0x3008    syscall
10
11     hello:
12     0x300c    addi $sp, $sp, -8      # make room on stack
13     0x3010    sw $ra, 4($sp)        # save $ra
14     0x3014    sw $fp, 0($sp)        # save $fp
15     0x3018    addi $fp, $sp, 4      # set $fp
16     0x301c    li $v0, 4
17     0x3020    la $a0, string1
18     0x3024    syscall
19     0x3028    jal world
20     0x302c    lw $ra, 0($fp)        # restore $ra
21     0x3030    addi $sp, $fp, 4      # restore $sp
22     0x3034    lw $fp, -4($fp)       # restore $fp
23     0x3038    jr $ra
24
25     world:
...
```

Does It Work?



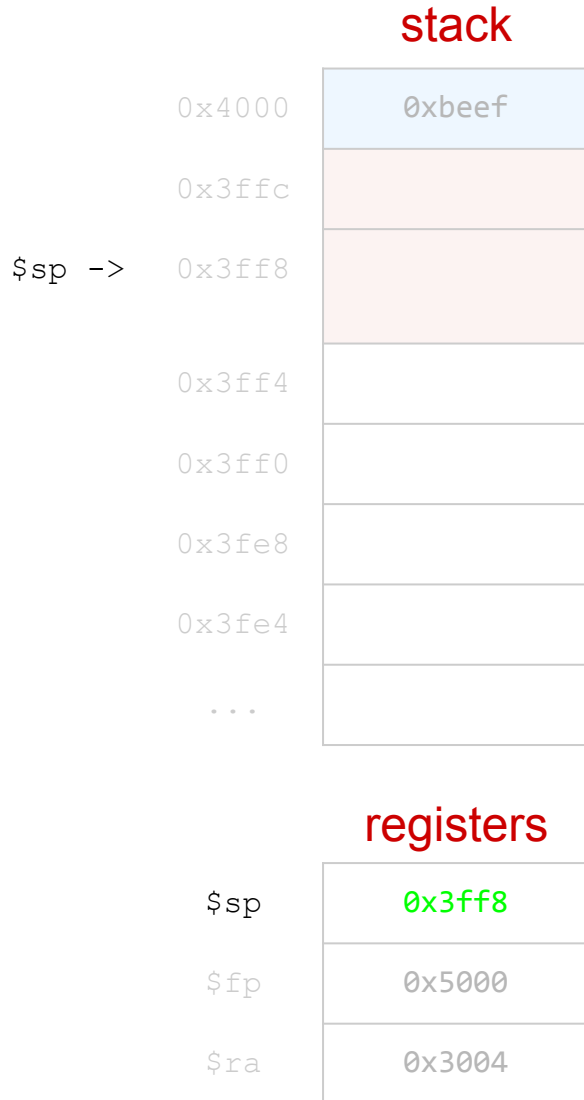
registers

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\$fp	0x5000
\$ra	0x3004

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registers

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\$fp	0x5000
\$ra	0x3004

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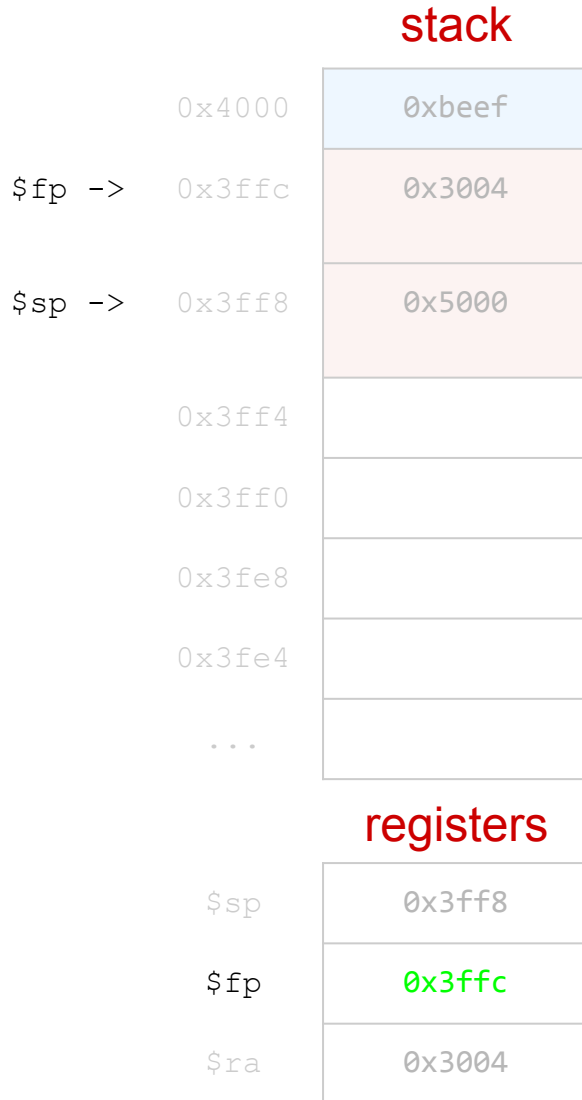
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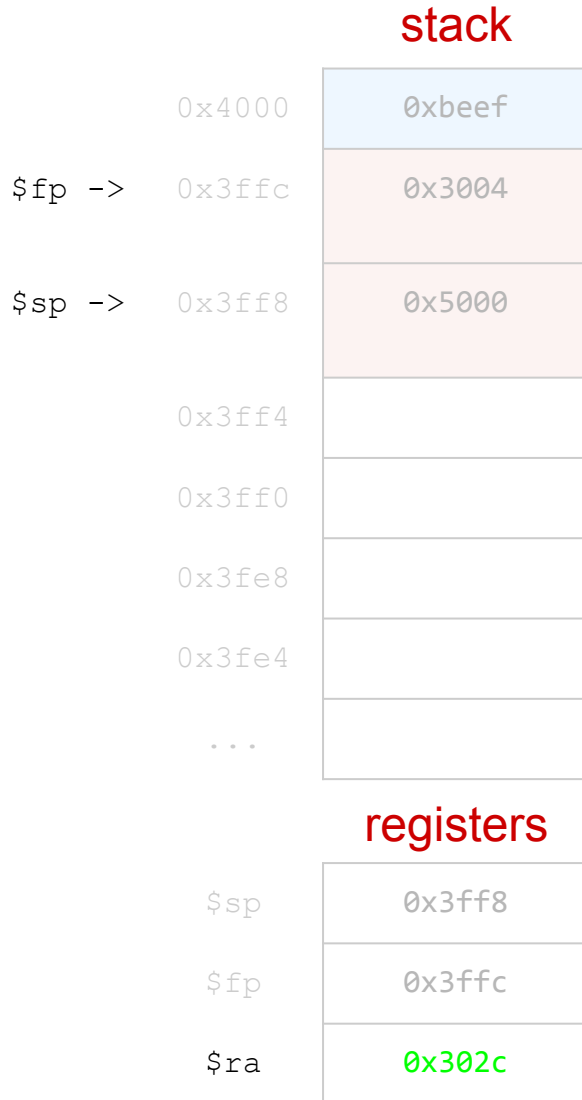
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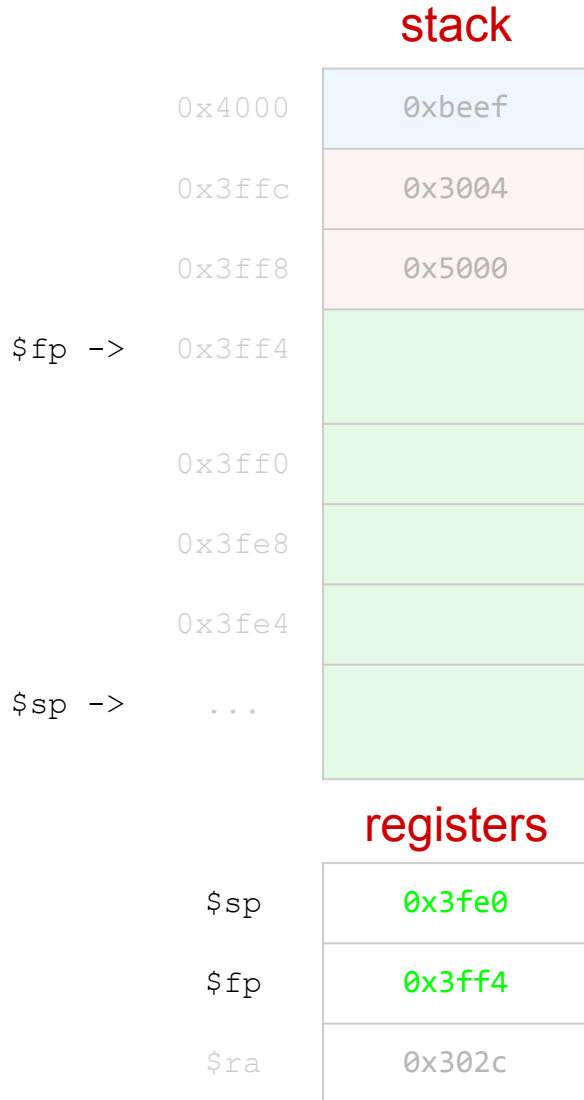
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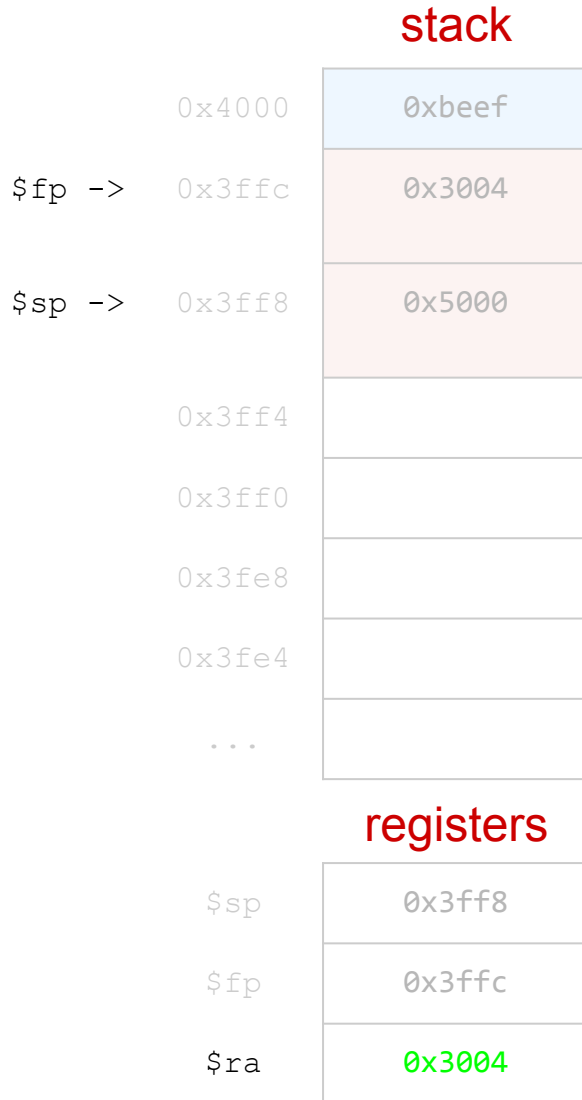


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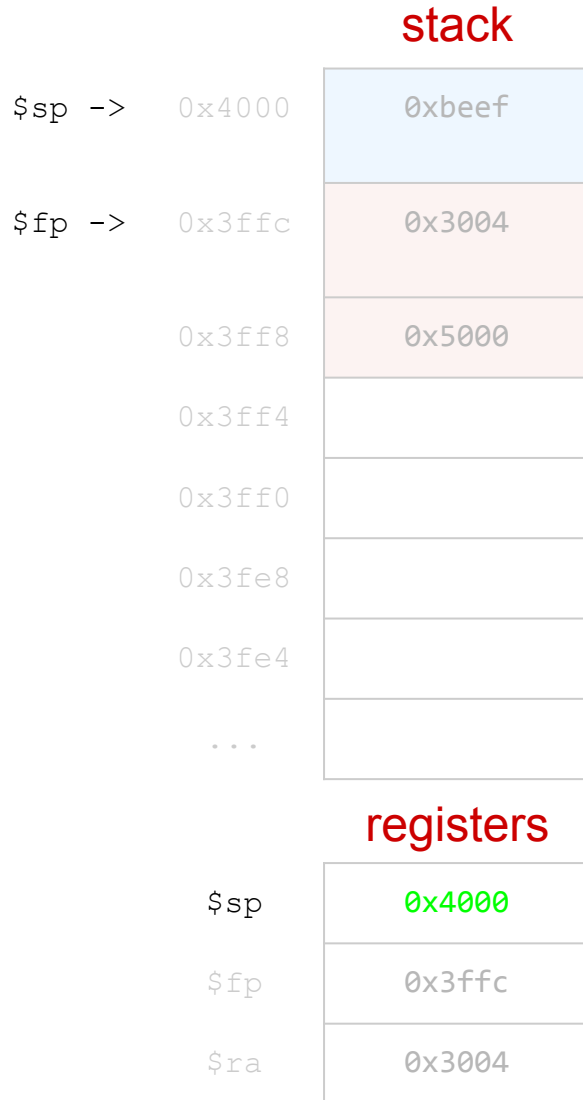
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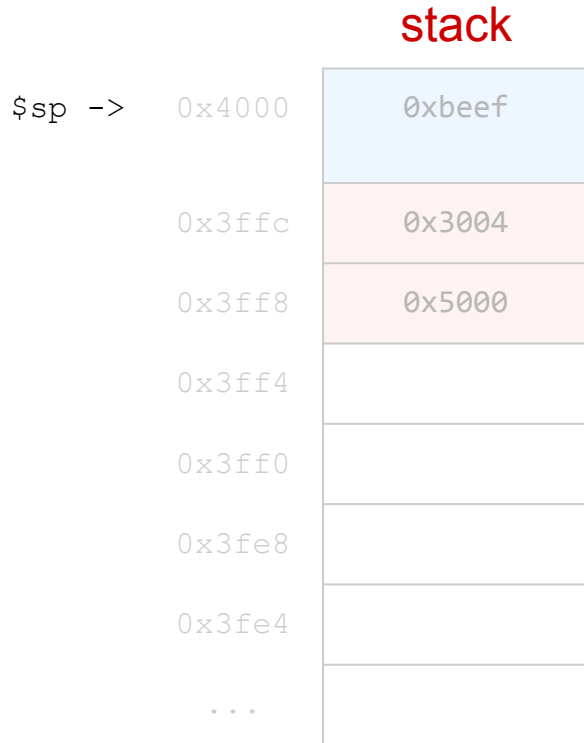
stack		
\$sp ->	0x4000	0xbeef
	0x3ffc	0x3004
	0x3ff8	0x5000
	0x3ff4	
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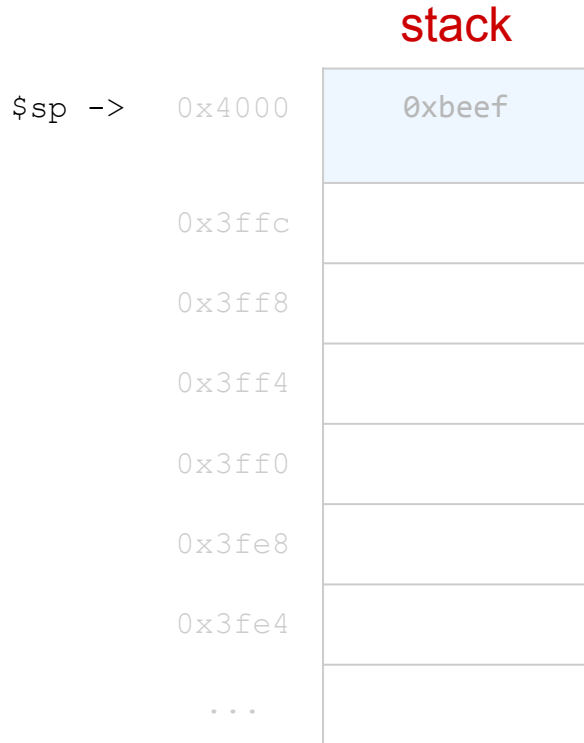
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What If We Use More Registers?

The callee should preserve (save and restore if used) the highlighted registers

Name	Register number	Usage
\$zero	0	the constant value 0
\$at	1	assembler temporary
\$v0-\$v1	2-3	procedure return values
\$a0-\$a3	4-7	procedure arguments
\$t0-\$t7	8-15	temporaries
\$s0-\$s7	16-23	saved by callee
\$t8-\$t9	24-25	more temporaries
\$k0-\$k1	26-27	reserved for operating system
\$gp	28	global pointer
\$sp	29	stack pointer
\$fp	30	frame pointer
\$ra	31	return address

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12     0x3014    sw $fp, 0($sp)
13     0x3018    addi $fp, $sp, 4
14
15     0x301c    addi $sp, $sp, -16
16     0x3020    sw $s0, 12($sp)
17     0x3024    sw $s1, 8($sp)
18     0x3028    sw $s2, 4($sp)
19     0x302c    sw $s3, 0($sp)
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21     0x3030    addi $sp, $sp, -4
22     0x3034    sw $t0, 0($sp)
23
24     0x3038    jal proc2
...
```

```
...
25
26 0x303c    lw $t0, -24($fp)
27
28          # use $s0-$s3, $t0
29
30 0x3040    lw $s0, -8($fp)
31 0x3044    lw $s1, -12($fp)
32 0x3048    lw $s2, -16($fp)
33 0x304c    lw $s3, -20($fp)
34
35 0x3050    lw $ra, 0($fp)
36 0x3054    addi $sp, $fp, 4
37 0x3058    lw $fp, -4($fp)
38 0x305c    jr $ra
39
40          proc2:
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```

Save and restore \$ra, \$fp

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Save and restore \$s0-\$s3

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Save and restore \$t0

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