

# Check-In #27

Review: Activation Records

**Show the layout of an activation record with two 64-bit locals. Write the function prologue and epilogue corresponding to that function**

# Check-In #27 Solution

Review: Activation Records

# Announcements

Administrivia

P5 outdated instructions

*EECS 665*

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## CONSTRUCTION

Statement Code Generation

# Last Lecture

Activation Records

## Managing the Stack

- Managing data
- Managing control



**Architecture**

# Big Picture: Architecture Aims and Means

Review: Activation Records



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## Review: Activation Records

### **Aim:** *Simulate source code concepts*

Functions with local variables

Call chains

### **Means:** *Leverage x64 capabilities*

A region of available memory bounded by `rsp`

`subq $X, %rsp`: claim X bytes on the stack

`addq $X, %rsp`: free X bytes on the stack

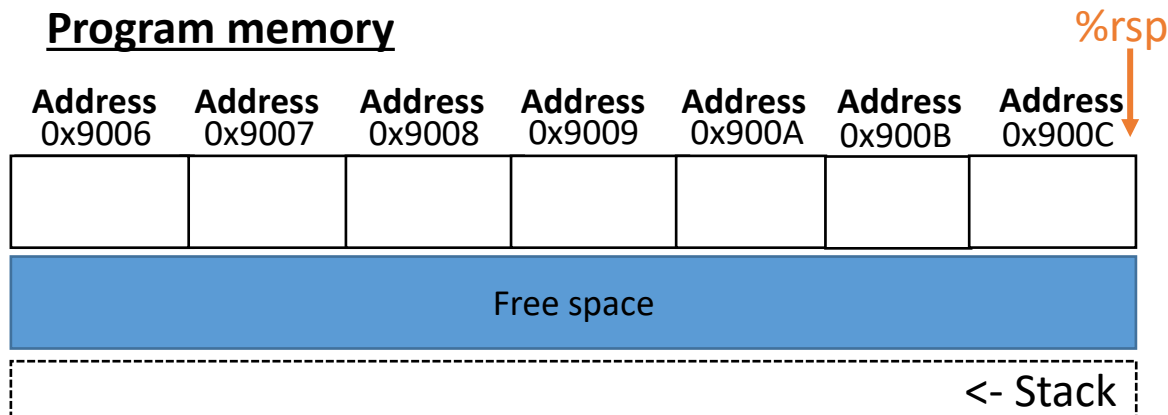
`movq(%rsp)`: access top of stack

Divide used memory into frames, one frame per function invocation

Track the base of the current frame with `%rbp`

Store return address and previous frame base in the activation record

### Program memory



# Big Picture: Architecture Aims and Means

Review: Activation Records

## Two useful instructions for manipulating stack memory

pushq <opd> - decrement %rsp by 8, place opd in memory at %rsp location

popq <opd> - read value at %rsp location, increment %rsp by 8

## Two useful instructions for simulating call chains

callq <lbl> - effectively does pushq *the return point instruction's address*, then sets %rip to <lbl>

retq – effectively does popq %rip



# Maintaining Activation Records

Review: Activation Records

## Each activation record can store...

- Local data for a function invocation
- Enough bookkeeping to restore the caller's frame

## AR setup / break-down

- Claim AR memory with the function prologue at entry to each function

```
pushq %rbp
movq %rsp, %rbp
addq $16, %rbp
subq $X, %rsp
```

- Release AR memory with the function epilogue at exit point of the function

```
addq $X, %rsp
popq %rbp
retq
```

# Addressing modes

Toward Local Variables

## Some Nice “Shortcuts”

- Often want to read memory at a fixed offset from some register

“the memory at 8 bytes before %rbp”

- Good news! X64 can do that:

```
movq -8(%rbp), %rax
```

- This is a very handy addressing mode

```
leaq -8(%rbp), %rax
```

*“Move the value AT  
%rbp - 8 into %rax”*

=  
`movq %rbp, %rdx`  
`subq $8, %rdx`  
`movq (%rdx), %rax`

*“Move the value OF  
%rbp - 8 into %rax”*

=  
`movq %rbp, %rdx`  
`subq $8, %rdx`  
`movq %rdx, %rax`

# Last Lecture

## Activation Records

### Managing the Stack

- Managing data
- Managing control

#### You Should Know

How to code up stack frames  
The function prologue  
The function epilogue



**Architecture**

# Where We're At

Progress Pics

## **Assembled quite a few x64 concepts**

- Basic data manipulation (movq)
- Basic math (addq, idivq, etc)
- Global data (.data, .quad, .byte)
- Local data
- Function calls

**This is really all we need for a basic language!**



# A Less-Trivial x64 Program

## Working with Activation Records

```
g : int;
v : () -> void {
    local : int;
    k : int;
    local = g - 1;
}
main : () -> int {
    loc1 : int;
    loc2 : int;
    g = 2;
    v();
};
```

*g : ~~.quad g 0~~ 'g' and 0*

```

.data
.quad g 0
.globl main
.text
fn_v: pushq %rbp
      movq %rsp, %rbp
      addq $16, %rbp
      subq $16, %rsp
      movq (g), %rax
      subq $1, %rax
      movq %rax, -24(%rbp)
      addq $16, %rsp
      retq
main: pushq %rbp
      movq %rsp, %rbp
      addq $16, %rbp
      subq $16, %rsp
      movq $2, (g)
      callq fn_v
      addq $16
      retq
```

*popq %rbp*

*popq %rbp*

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Code Generation

Optimization

Architecture

Runtime Environments

Semantic Analysis

Syntactic Definition

Syntax-Direct Translation

Parsing

Regular Languages

Lexical Analysis



# Lecture Outline

## Statement Code Generation

### **From Quads to Assembly**

- Approach Overview
- Planning out memory
- Writing out x64

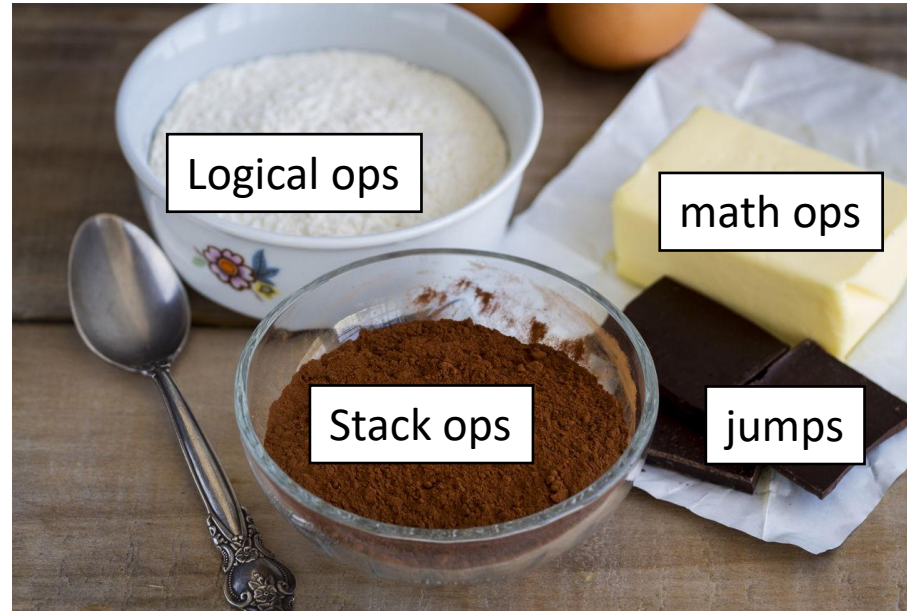


**Code generation**

# Representing Abstract Constructs

## Statement Code Generation

**Combine (simple) target language constructs...**



**...to build (complex) source language constructs**





# Our Approach: Small Steps

*Code Generation*

## **2 passes over IRProgram (like passes over AST)**

1. Allocate memory for opds (data pass)
2. Generate code for quads (code pass)



# Code Generation Objectives

## *Designing Code Generators*

- Two high level goals:
  - Generate correct code ← **Top priority**
  - Generate efficient code



- It can be difficult to achieve both at once
  - Efficient code can be harder to understand
  - Efficient code may have unanticipated side effects

# Our Approach: Small Steps

## Code Generation

### 2 passes over IRProgram (like passes over AST)

1. Allocate memory for opds (data pass)
2. Generate code for quads (code pass)

*Preparing the  
3AC memory  
layout*



# Variable Allocation

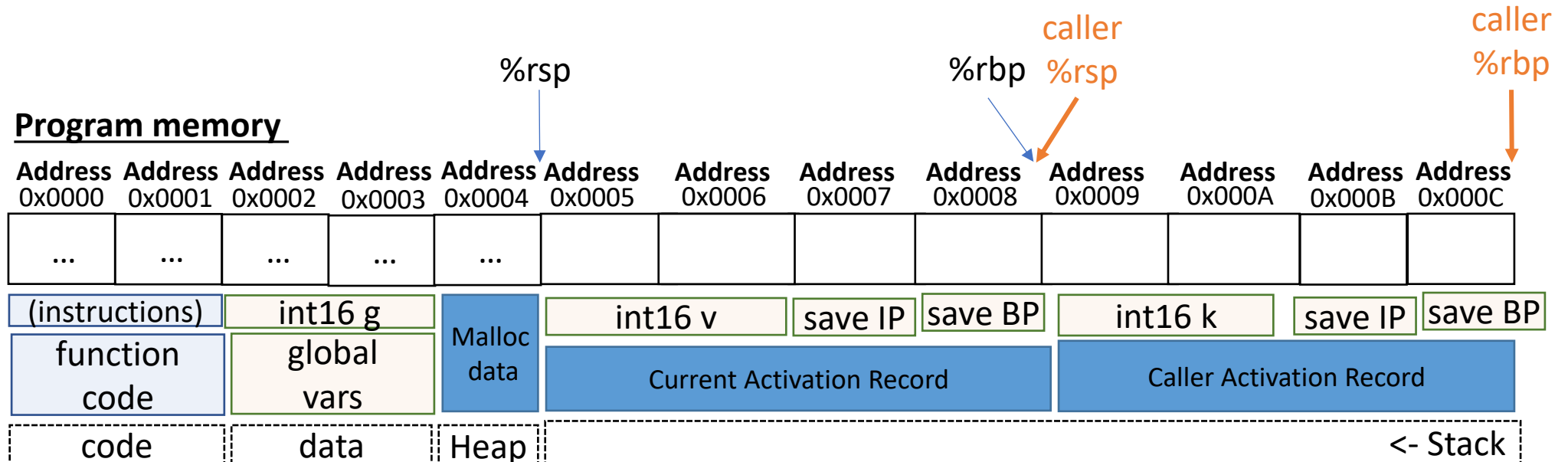
## Code Generation

### Big picture:

- Every variable needs space in enough space in memory for its type
- Every quad using that variable needs to access the same location

### Need a mix of static/dynamic allocation

- Put globals/strings at fixed addresses in memory (absolute locations)
- Put locals/formals at stack offsets in memory (relative locations)



# Allocation: In Code (suggestion)

*Code Generation*

## **Add a location field (std::string) to semantic symbols**

- All related SymOpds have pointers to the same symbol

## **Location can be a string**

- For globals, the label that you'll write
- For locals, the stack offset you'll arrange

# Variable Allocation: Globals

## Code Generation

### 3AC Code

[g] := 4

Where *g* is a global int

location:  
At label  
gbl\_g

### X64 Code

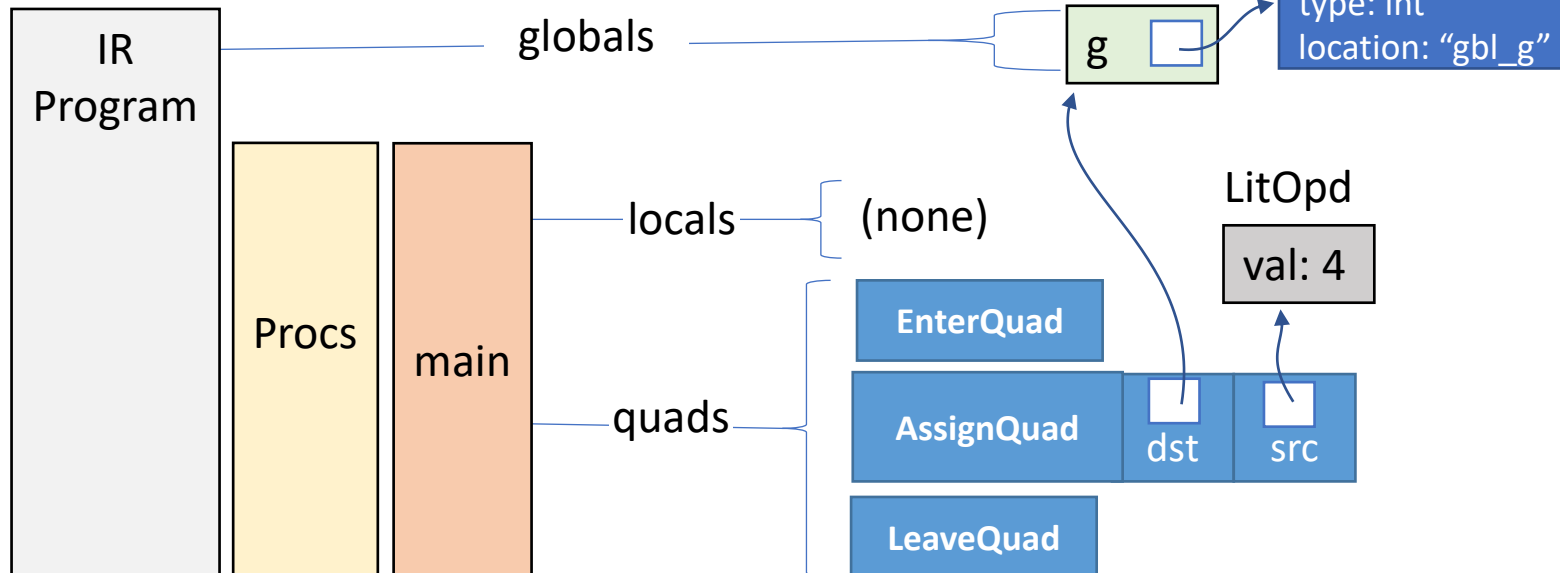
... in .data section ...

```
gbl_g: .quad 0
```

... somewhere in .text section ...

```
movq $4, (gbl_g)
```

### Compiler Data Structure



# Variable Allocation: Locals

## Code Generation

### 3AC Code

[v] := 7

Where v is a local int

location:  
At offset  
-24(%rbp)

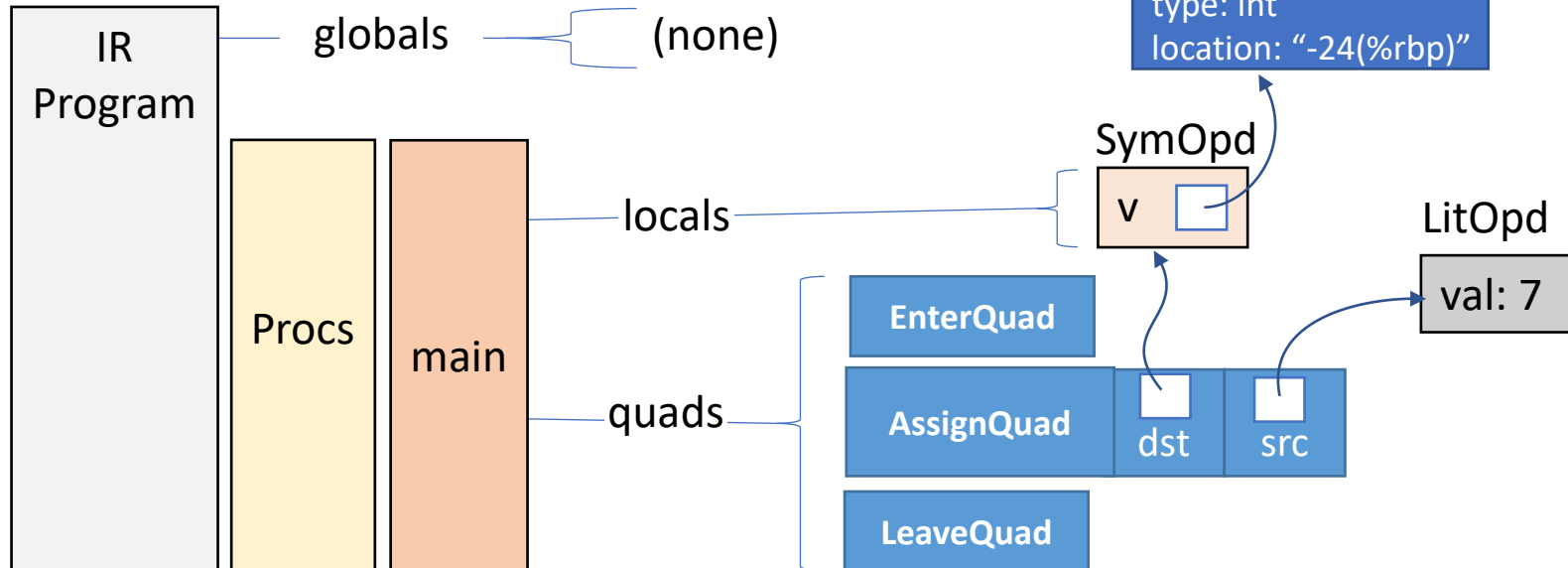
### X64 Code

... assume stack frame setup ...

... somewhere in main's asm ...

```
movq $7, -24(%rbp)
```

### Compiler Data Structure



# Our Approach: Small Steps

## Code Generation

### 2 passes over IRProgram (like passes over AST)

1. Allocate memory for opds (data pass)
2. Generate code for quads (code pass)

*Write the  
assembly  
file*





# Assembly Directives/Initialization

## *Code Generation*

### **We're gonna write the whole file in one shot**

- Aided greatly by our preparatory layout pass
- Also aided by the assembler

### **Write out .data section:**

```
.data
.globl: main
<global1_label> : <global1_type> <global1_val>
...
<global1_label> : <global1_type> <global1_val>
```

### **Walk each 3AC Procedure, output each quad**

```
enter main
```

# Generating Code for Quads

*Code Generation*



# Generating Code for Quads

## *Code Generation*

enter <proc>

leave <proc>

<opd> := <opd>

<opd> := <opr> <opd>

<opd> := <opd> <opr> <opd>

<lbl>: <INSTR>

ifz <opd> goto <lbl>

goto Li

nop

call <name>

setin <int> <operand>

getin <int> <operand>

setout <int> <operand>

getout <int> <operand>

# Generating Code for Quads: enter/leave

## Code Generation

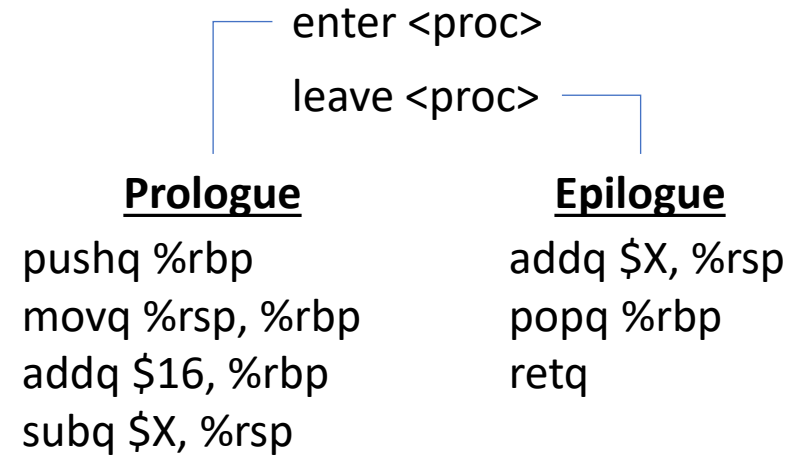
### On entry to the function:

- Set up the activation record

### On exit from the function

- Break down the activation record

Make function prologue/epilogue



# Generating Code for Quads: enter/leave

## Code Generation

### src code

```
int main(){  
}
```

### 3ac code

```
enter main  
leave main
```

### asm code

```
lbl_main: pushq %rbp  
          movq %rsp, %rbp  
          addq $16, %rbp  
          subq $0, %rsp  
          addq $0, %rsp  
          pushq %rbp  
          retq
```

### Prologue

```
pushq %rbp  
movq %rsp, %rbp  
addq $16, %rbp  
subq $X, %rsp
```

### Epilogue

```
addq $X, %rsp  
popq %rbp  
retq
```

enter <proc>  
leave <proc>

# Generating Code for Quads

## *Code Generation*

✓ enter <proc>

✓ leave <proc>

<opd> := <opd>

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getout <int> <operand>

### **For assignment-style quads...**

1) Load operand src locations into registers

2) Compute a value to register

3) Store result at dst location

# Assignment-Style Quads

## Code Generation

**3AC**

[a] := [b] + 4

*SymOpd*  
*Symbol location: "gbl\_a"*

*SymOpd*  
*Symbol location: "-24(%rbp)"*

**ASM**

- 1) `movq -24(%rbp), %rax`
- 1) `movq $4, %rbx`
- 2) `addq %rbx %rax`
- 3) `movq %rax (gbl_a)`

**For assignment-style quads...**

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- 3) Store result at dst location

# Questions?

*Code Generation*