



## 3.7 Summary

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# Today

- Switch statements
- **IA 32 Procedures**
  - Stack Structure
  - Calling Conventions – Register usage 3.7.3
  - Illustrations of Recursion & Pointers

# Register Saving Conventions

- When procedure `yoo` calls `who`:

- `yoo` is the *caller*
- `who` is the *callee*

- Can register be used for temporary storage?

```
yoo:  
  . . .  
  movl $15213, %edx  
  call who  
  addl %edx, %eax  
  . . .  
  ret
```

```
who:  
  . . .  
  movl 8(%ebp), %edx  
  addl $18243, %edx  
  . . .  
  ret
```

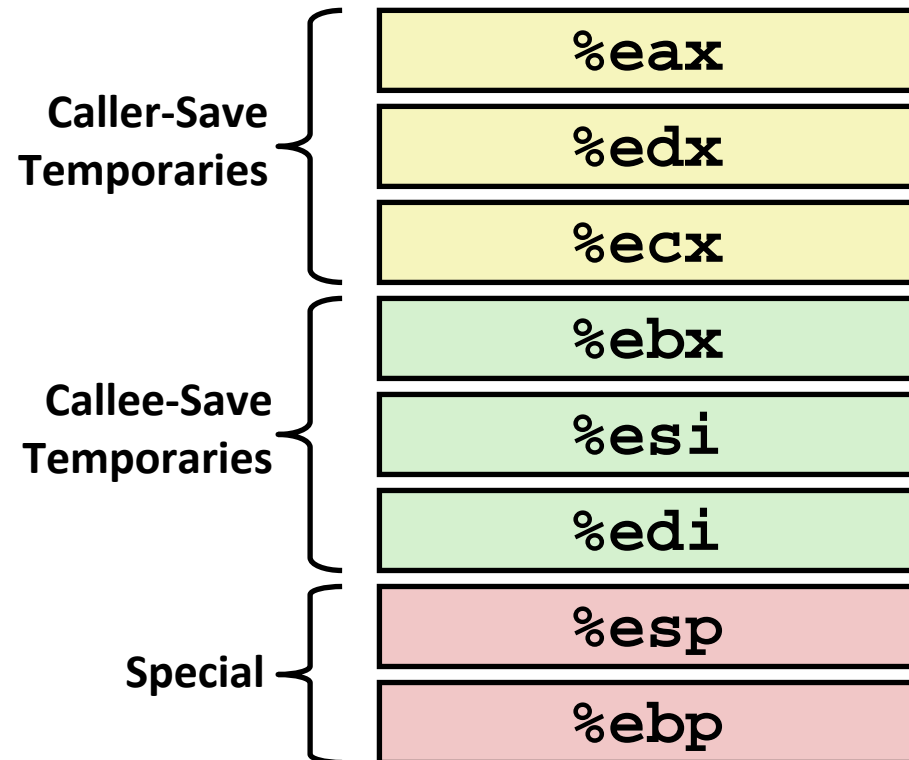
- Contents of register `%edx` overwritten by `who`
- This could be trouble → something should be done!
  - Need some coordination

# Register Saving Conventions

- When procedure `yoo` calls `who`:
  - `yoo` is the *caller*
  - `who` is the *callee*
- Can register be used for temporary storage?
- **Conventions**
  - *“Caller Save”*
    - Caller saves temporary values in its frame before the call
  - *“Callee Save”*
    - Callee saves temporary values in its frame before using

# IA32/Linux+Windows Register Usage

- **%eax, %edx, %ecx**
  - Caller saves prior to call if values are used later
- **%eax**
  - also used to return integer value
- **%ebx, %esi, %edi**
  - Callee saves if wants to use them
- **%esp, %ebp**
  - special form of callee save
  - Restored to original values upon exit from procedure



# Today

- Switch statements
- **IA 32 Procedures**
  - Stack Structure
  - Calling Conventions
  - Illustrations of Recursion & Pointers – 3.7.5

# Recursive Function

```
/* Recursive popcount */
int pcount_r(unsigned x) {
    if (x == 0)
        return 0;
    else return
        (x & 1) + pcount_r(x >> 1);
}
```

## ■ Registers

- `%eax, %edx` used without first saving
- `%ebx` used, but saved at beginning & restored at end

```
pcount_r:
    pushl %ebp
    movl %esp, %ebp
    pushl %ebx
    subl $4, %esp
    movl 8(%ebp), %ebx
    movl $0, %eax
    testl %ebx, %ebx
    je .L3
    movl %ebx, %eax
    shrl %eax
    movl %eax, (%esp)
    call pcount_r
    movl %ebx, %edx
    andl $1, %edx
    leal (%edx,%eax), %eax
.L3:
    addl $4, %esp
    popl %ebx
    popl %ebp
    ret
```

# Recursive Call #1

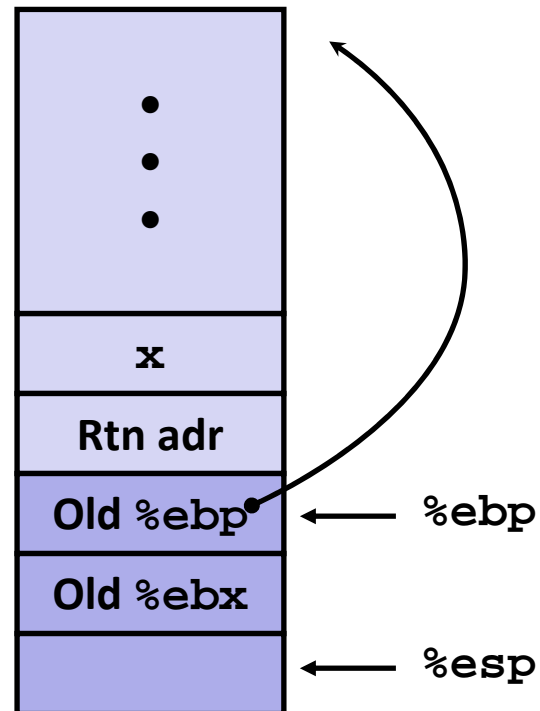
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}
```

## ■ Actions

- Save old value of **%ebx** on stack
- Allocate space for argument to recursive call
- Store x in **%ebx**



```
pcount_r:  
    pushl %ebp  
    movl  %esp, %ebp  
    pushl %ebx  
    subl  $4, %esp  
    movl  8(%ebp), %ebx  
    . . .
```





# Recursive Call #2

```
/* Recursive popcount */
int pcount_r(unsigned x) {
    if (x == 0)
        return 0;
    else return
        (x & 1) + pcount_r(x >> 1);
}
```

```
    . . .
    movl $0, %eax
    testl %ebx, %ebx
    je .L3
    . . .
.L3:
    . . .
    ret
```

## ■ Actions

- If `x == 0`, return
  - with `%eax` set to 0



# Recursive Call #3

```

/* Recursive popcount */
int pcount_r(unsigned x) {
    if (x == 0)
        return 0;
    else return
        (x & 1) + pcount_r(x >> 1);
}

```

```

• • •
movl  %ebx, %eax
shrl  %eax
movl  %eax, (%esp)
call  pcount_r
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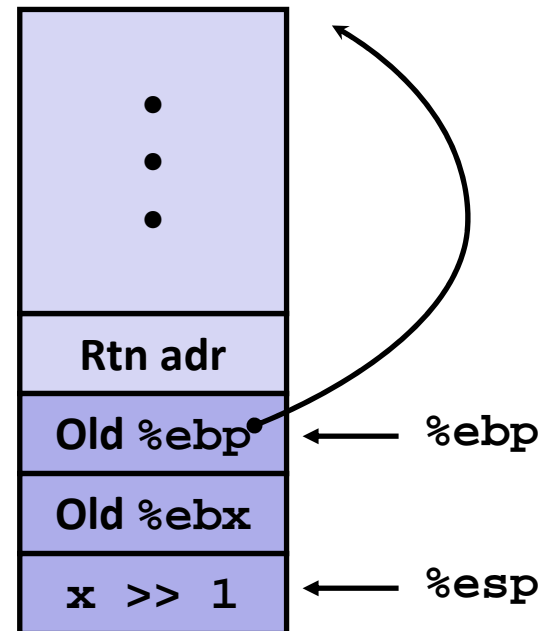
```

## ■ Actions

- Store `x >> 1` on stack
- Make recursive call

## ■ Effect

- `%eax` set to function result
- `%ebx` still has value of `x`



# Recursive Call #4

```
/* Recursive popcount */
int pcount_r(unsigned x) {
    if (x == 0)
        return 0;
    else return
        (x & 1) + pcount_r(x >> 1);
}
```

```
• • •
movl    %ebx, %edx
andl    $1, %edx
leal    (%edx,%eax), %eax
• • •
```

## ■ Assume

- %eax holds value from recursive call
- %ebx holds x

## ■ Actions

- Compute (x & 1) + computed value

## ■ Effect

- %eax set to function result



# Recursive Call #5

```

/* Recursive popcount */
int pcount_r(unsigned x) {
    if (x == 0)
        return 0;
    else return
        (x & 1) + pcount_r(x >> 1);
}

```

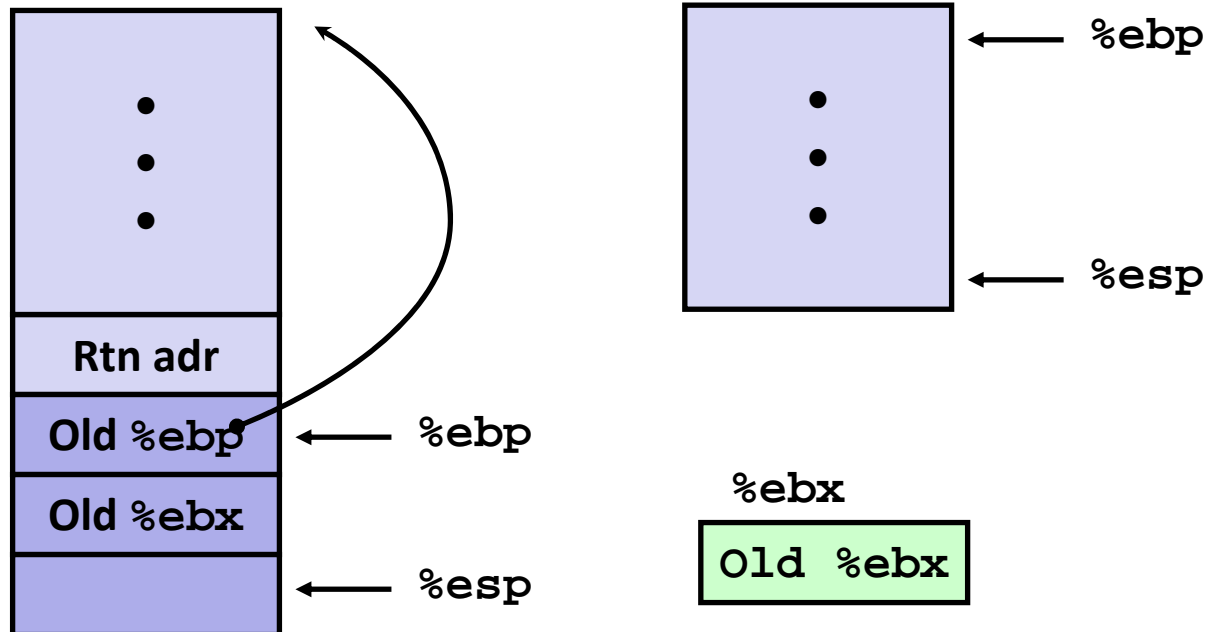
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• • •
L3:
    addl$4, %esp
    popl%ebx
    popl%ebp
    ret

```

## ■ Actions

- Restore values of %ebx and %ebp
- Restore %esp



# Observations About Recursion

## ■ **Handled Without Special Consideration**

- Stack frames mean that each function call has private storage
  - Saved registers & local variables
  - Saved return pointer
- Register saving conventions prevent one function call from corrupting another's data
- Stack discipline follows call / return pattern
  - If P calls Q, then Q returns before P
  - Last-In, First-Out

## ■ **Also works for mutual recursion**

- P calls Q; Q calls P