

# Lecture Note 4.

# Process Structure

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# Objectives

- Understand the definition of a process
  - Explore the process structure
  - Discuss the relation between program and process structure
  - Grasp the details of stack
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- Refer to Chapter 6 in the LPI and Chapter 8 in the CSAPP



## 6

### PROCESSES

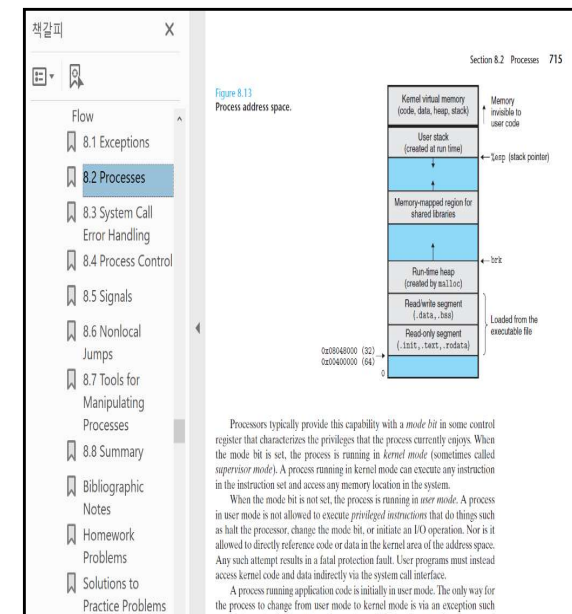
In this chapter, we look at the structure of a process, paying particular attention to the layout and contents of a process's virtual memory. We also examine some of the attributes of a process. In later chapters, we examine further process attributes (for example, process credentials in Chapter 9, and process priorities and scheduling in Chapter 35). In Chapters 24 to 27, we look at how processes are created, how they terminate, and how they can be made to execute new programs.

#### 6.1 Processes and Programs

A *process* is an instance of an executing program. In this section, we elaborate on this definition and clarify the distinction between a program and a process.

A *program* is a file containing a range of information that describes how to construct a process at run time. This information includes the following:

- **Binary format identification:** Each program file includes meta-information describing the format of the executable file. This enables the kernel to interpret the remaining information in the file. Historically, two widely used formats for UNIX executable files were the original *a.out* ("assembler output") format and the later, more sophisticated *COFF* (Common Object File Format). Nowadays, most UNIX implementations (including Linux) employ the Executable and Linking Format (ELF), which provides a number of advantages over the



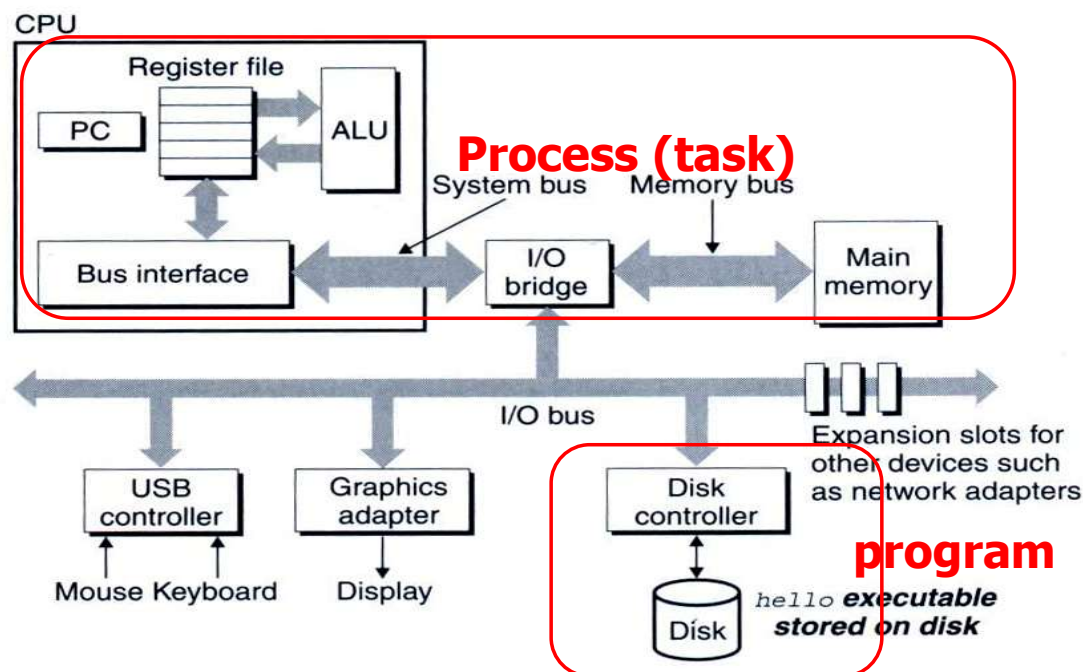
# Process Definition (1/2)

- What is a process (also called as task)?
  - ✓ Program in execution
  - ✓ Having its own memory space and CPU registers
  - ✓ Scheduling entity
  - ✓ Conflict each other for resource allocation
  - ✓ Parent-child relation (family)

Figure 1.4

Hardware organization of a typical system.

CPU: Central Processing Unit, ALU: Arithmetic/Logic Unit, PC: Program Counter, USB: Universal Serial Bus.



(Source: CSAPP)



# Process Definition (2/2)

## ■ Related terminology

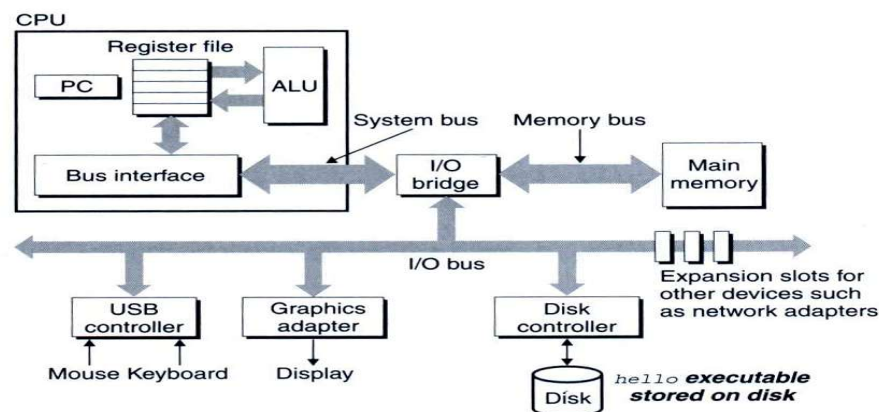
### ✓ Load

- from disk into main memory
- carried out by OS (e.g. page fault mechanism)
  - disk: file system (LN 3)
  - main memory: virtual memory (CSAPP 9, OS Course)

### ✓ Fetch

- from memory into CPU
- carried out by hardware
  - Transparent to OS
  - instruction fetch and data fetch (LN 7)

**Figure 1.4**  
Hardware organization  
of a typical system.  
CPU: Central  
Processing Unit, ALU:  
Arithmetic/Logic Unit, PC:  
Program Counter, USB:  
Universal Serial Bus.



# Process Structure (1/6)

- Conceptual structure
  - ✓ text, data, heap, stack

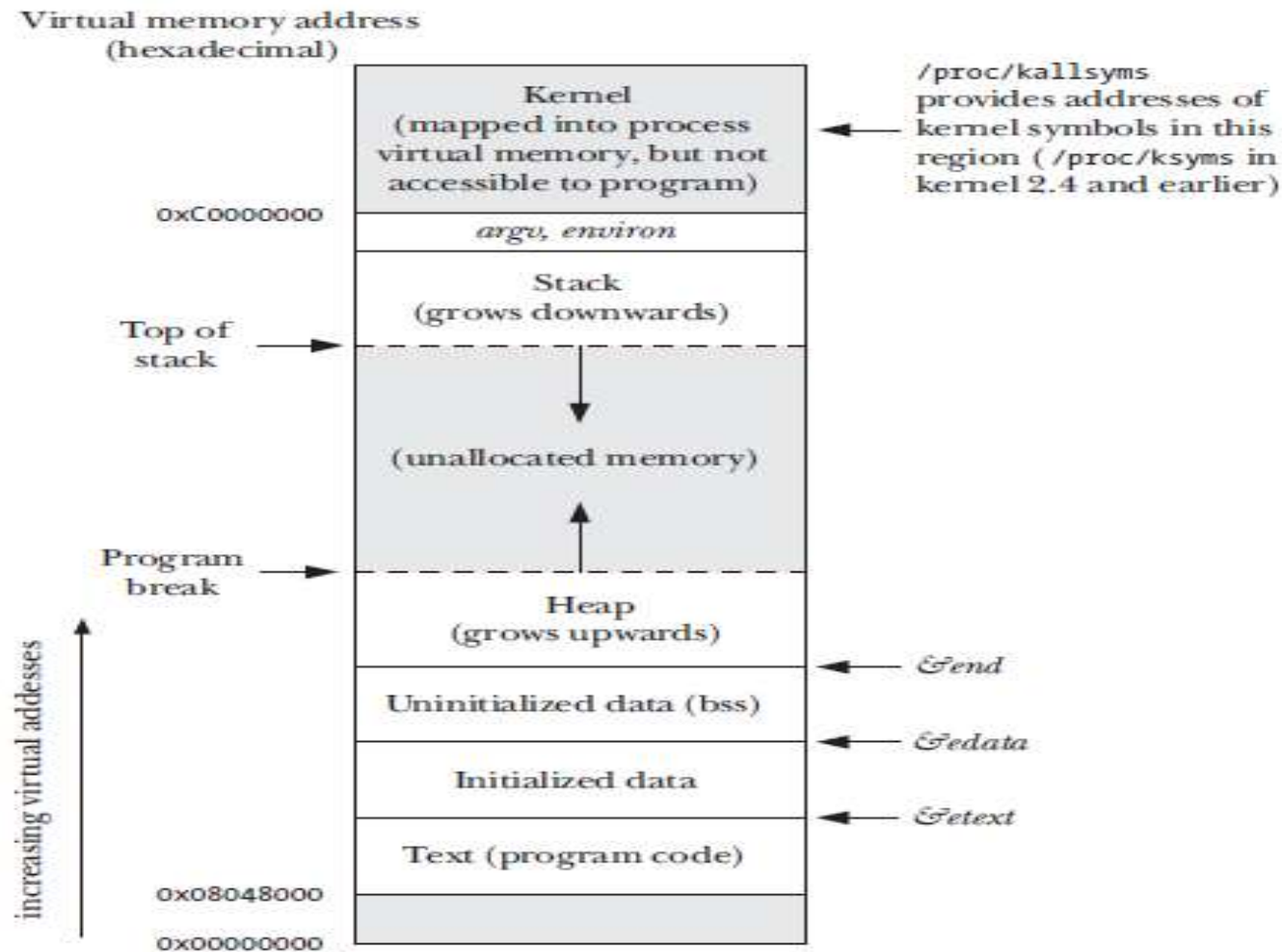


Figure 6-1: Typical memory layout of a process on Linux/x86-32

(Source: LPI)



# Process Structure (2/6)

## ■ Process structure in C program: function pointer

```
/* f_pointer.c: for function pointer exercise, by choijm, choijm@dku.edu */
#include <stdio.h>

int a = 10;

int func1(int arg1)
{
    printf("In func1: arg1 = %d\n", arg1);
}

int main()
{
    int *pa;
    int (*func_ptr)(int);

    pa = &a;
    printf("pa = %p, *pa = %d\n", pa, *pa);
    func1(3);

    func_ptr = func1;
    func_ptr(5);

    printf("Bye..^^\n");
}
```



# Process Structure (3/6)

## ■ Process structure in C program: address printing

```
/* task_struct.c: display addresses of variables and functions, choijm@dku.edu */
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>

int glob1, glob2;

int func2() {
    int f2_local1, f2_local2;

    printf("func2 local: \n\t%p, \n\t%p\n", &f2_local1, &f2_local2);
}

int func1() {
    int f1_local1, f1_local2;

    printf("func1 local: \n\t%p, \n\t%p\n", &f1_local1, &f1_local2);
    func2();
}

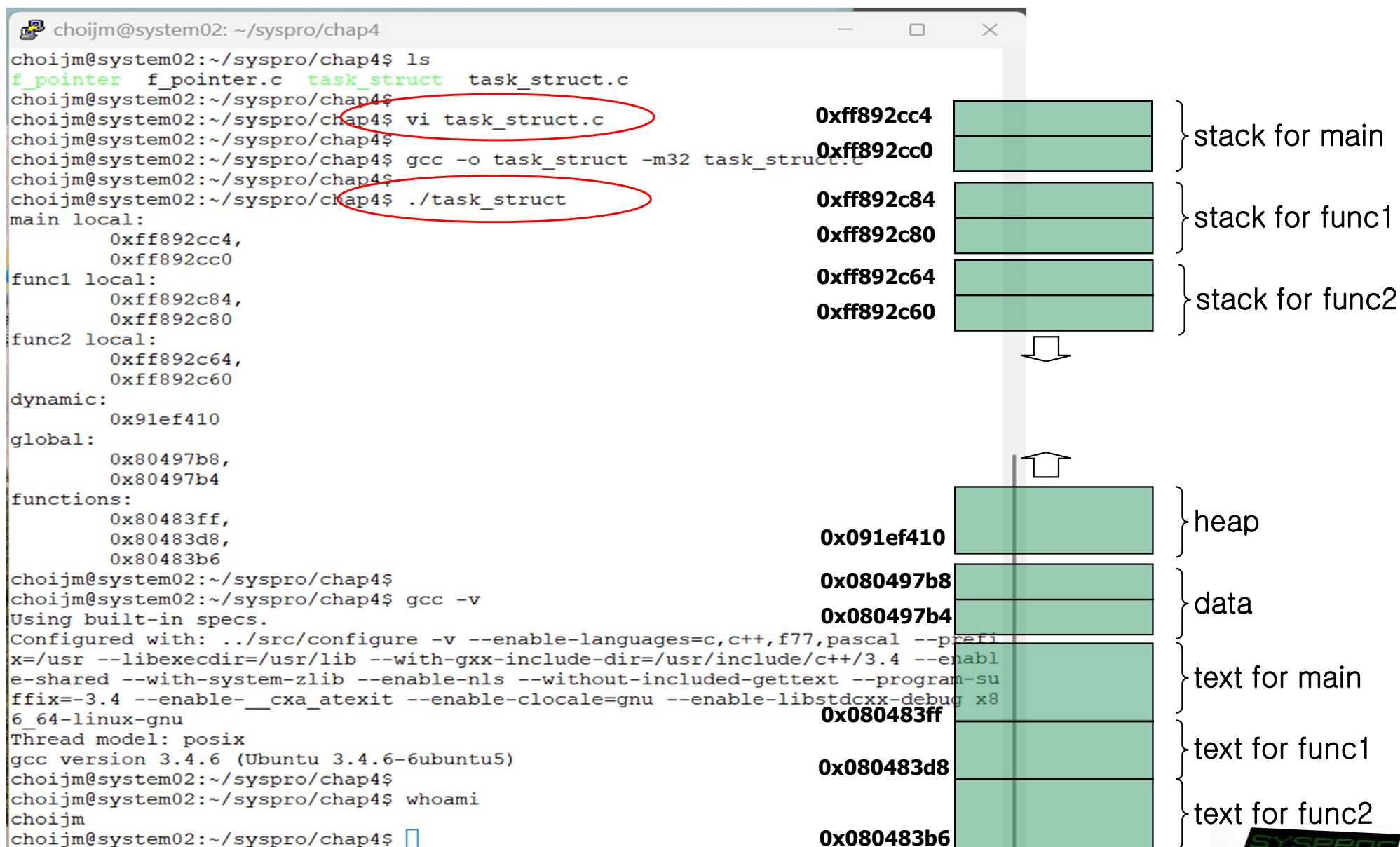
int main(){
    int m_local1, m_local2; int *dynamic_addr;

    printf("main local: \n\t%p, \n\t%p\n", &m_local1, &m_local2);
    func1();

    dynamic_addr = malloc(16);
    printf("dynamic: \n\t%p\n", dynamic_addr);
    printf("global: \n\t%p, \n\t%p\n", &glob2, &glob1);
    printf("functions: \n\t%p, \n\t%p, \n\t%p\n", main, func1, func2);
}
```

# Process Structure (4/6)

## ■ Process structure in C program: address printing



# Process Structure (5/6)

## ■ Summary

- ✓ Process: consist of four regions, text, data, stack and heap

Also called as **segment** or **vm\_object**

- ✓ Text

- Program code (assembly language)
- Go up to the higher address according to coding order

- ✓ Data

- Global variable
- Initialized and uninitialized data are managed separately (for the performance reason)

- ✓ Stack

- Local variable, argument, return address
- Go down to the lower address as functions invoked

- ✓ Heap

- Dynamic allocation area (malloc(), calloc(), ...)
- Go up to the higher address as allocated



# Process Structure (6/6)

## ■ Relation btw program and process

```
choijm@system02: ~/syspro/chap4
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ ls
f_pointer.c  f_pointer.c  task_struct.c  task_struct.c  test.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ vi test.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ more test.c
#include <stdio.h>

int a = 10;
int b = 20;
int c;

int main()
{
    c = a + b;
    printf("C = %d\n", c);
}

choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
```

```
choijm@system02: ~/syspro/chap4
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -S -m32 -mno-accumulate-outgoing-args test.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ more test.s
.file "test.c"

.globl a
.data
.align 4
.type a, @object
.size a, 4

a:
.long 10

.globl b
.align 4
.type b, @object
.size b, 4

b:
.long 20
.section .rodata
.LC0:
.string "C = %d\n"
.text
.globl main
.type main, @function
main:
pushl %ebp
movl %esp, %ebp
subl $8, %esp
andl $-16, %esp
movl $0, %eax
addl $15, %eax
addl $15, %eax
shrl $4, %eax
sall $4, %eax
subl %eax, %esp
movl b, %eax
addl a, %eax
movl %eax, c
subl $8, %esp
pushl c
pushl $.LC0
call printf
addl $16, %esp
leave
ret
.size main, .-main
.comm c, 4, 4
.section .note.GNU-stack,"",@progbits
.ident "GCC: (GNU) 3.4.6 (Ubuntu 3.4.6-6ubuntu5)"
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
```

data

text

stack

# Process Structure in CSAPP (Optional)

- Another viewpoint for process structure
  - ✓ text, data, heap, stack + **shared region**, **kernel**

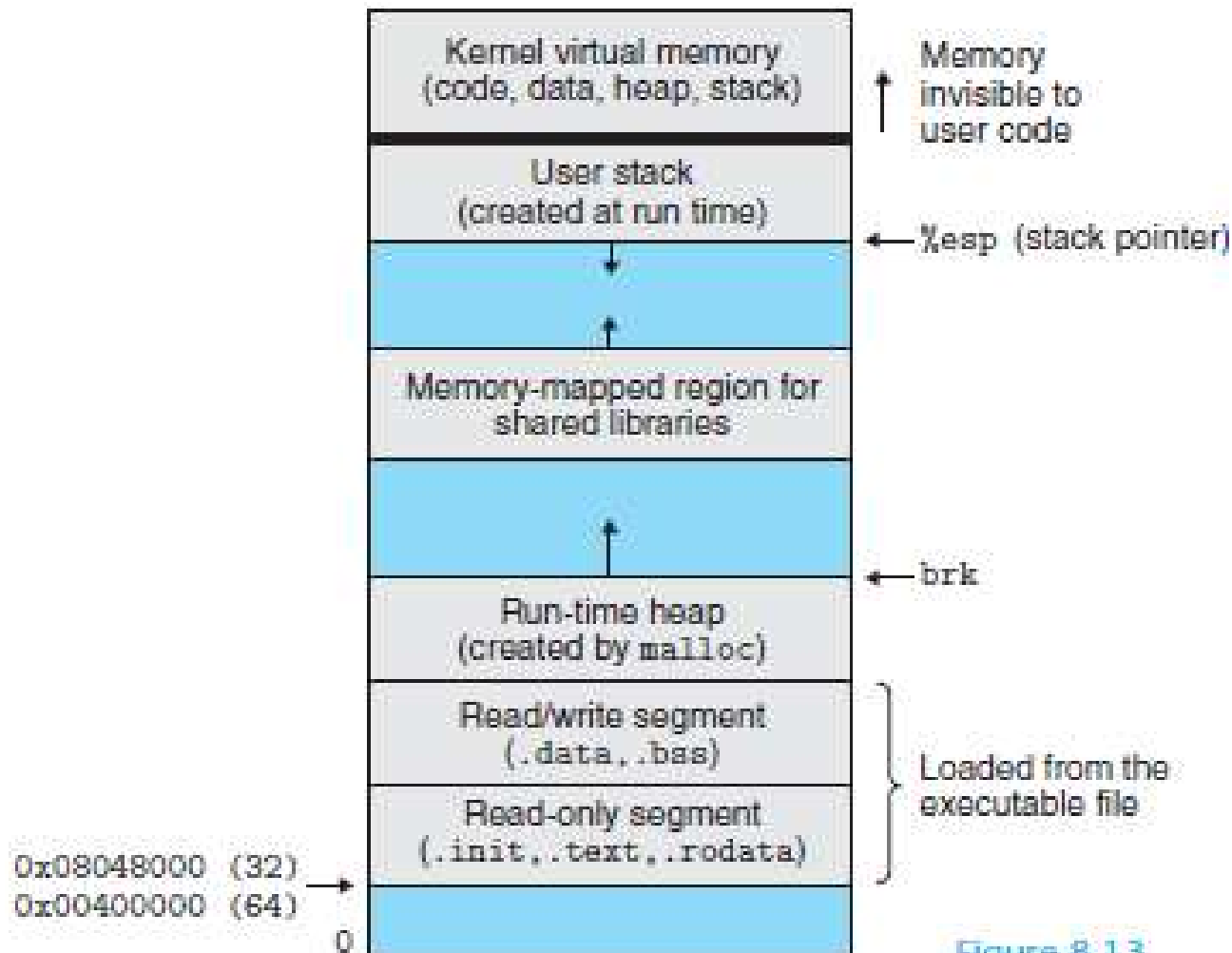


Figure 8.13  
Process address space.

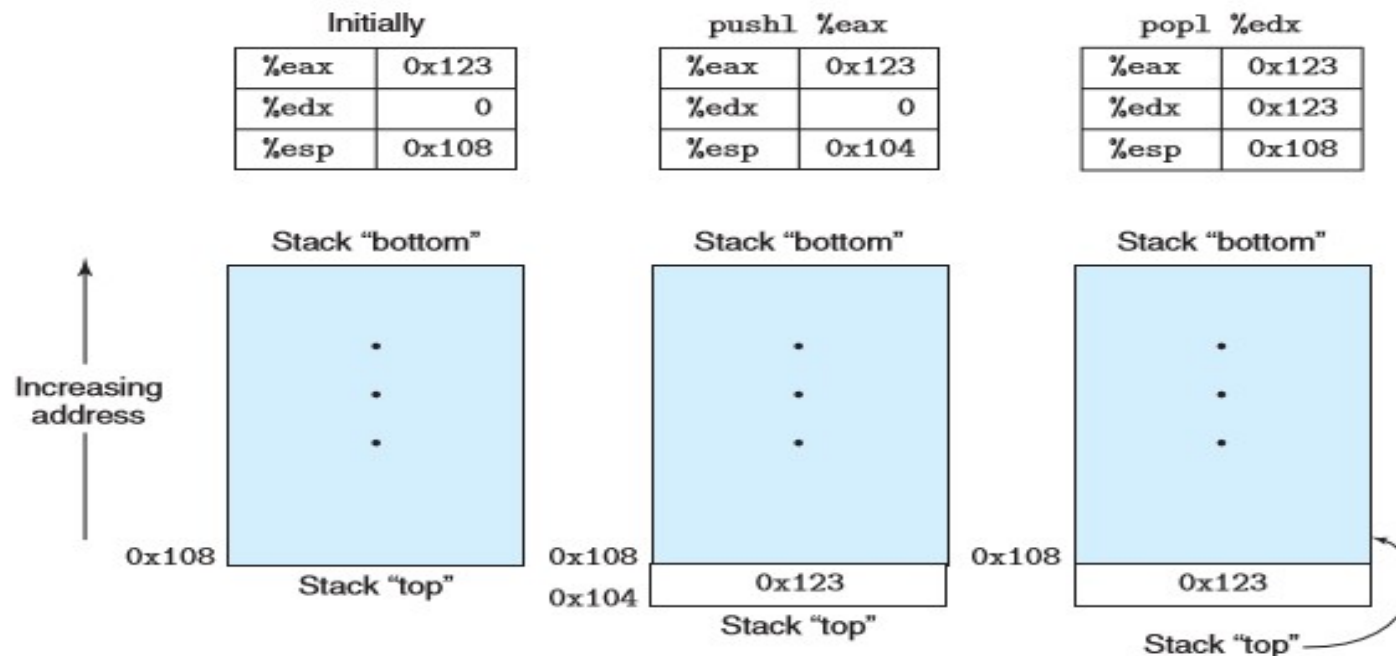
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# Stack Details (1/6)

## ■ What is Stack?

- ✓ A contiguous array of memory locations with **LIFO** property
  - Stack operation: push and pop
  - Stack management: base (bottom) and top (e.g. Stack Segment and ESP in intel)

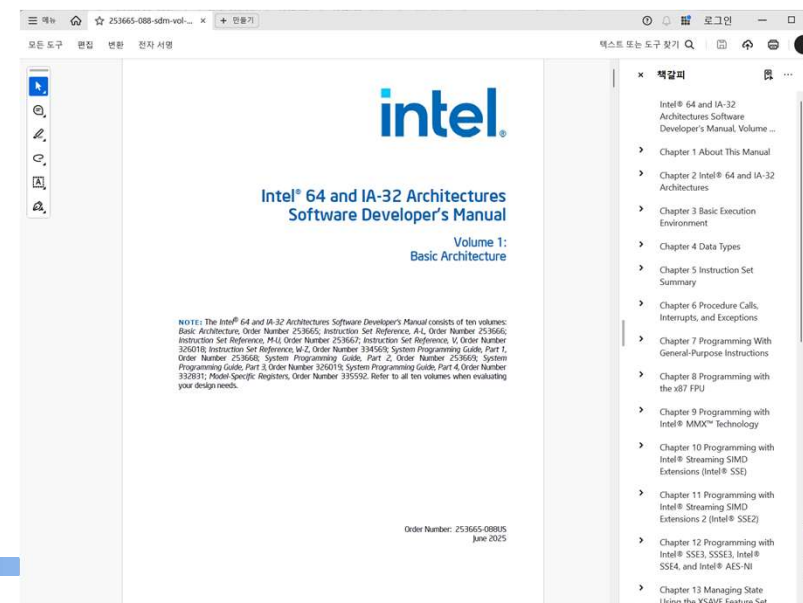
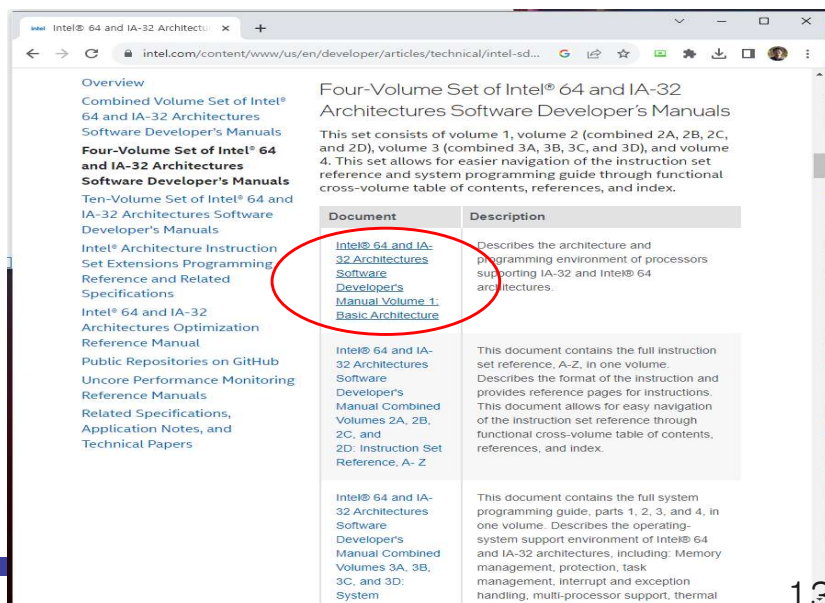
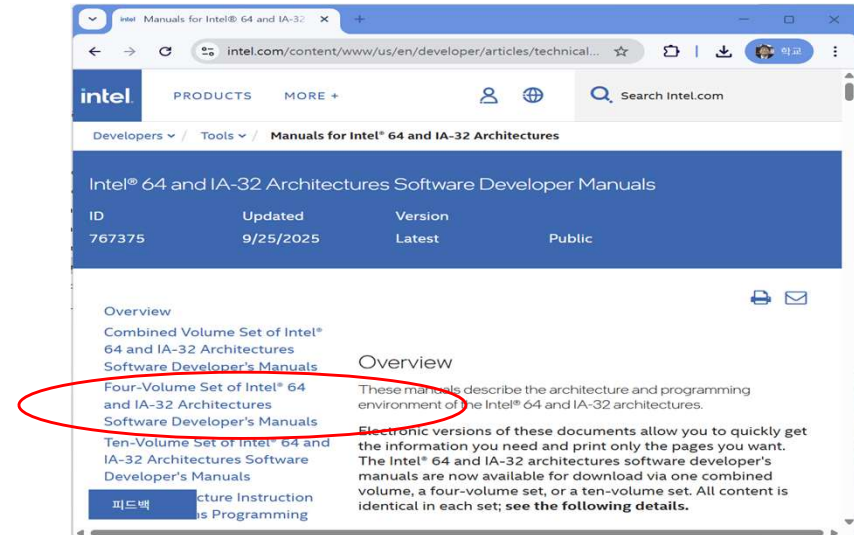
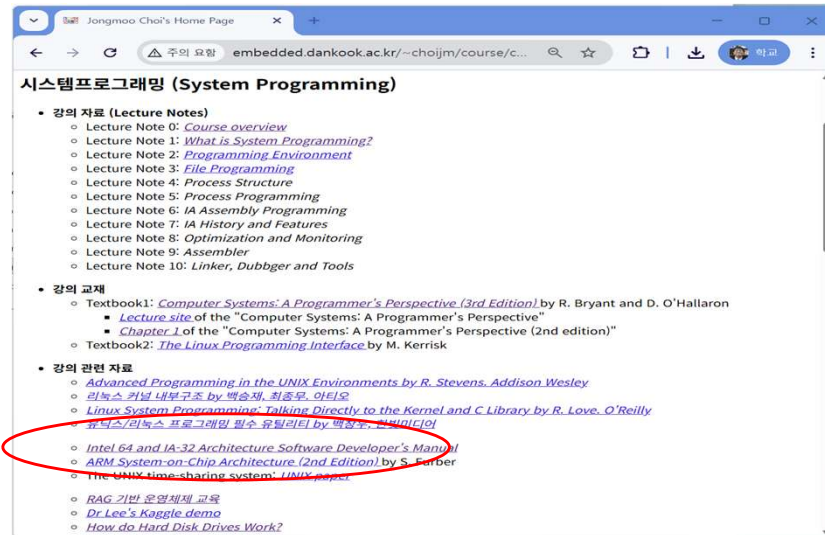


**Figure 3.5** Illustration of stack operation. By convention, we draw stacks upside down, so that the "top" of the stack is shown at the bottom. IA32 stacks grow toward lower addresses, so pushing involves decrementing the stack pointer (register %esp) and storing to memory, while popping involves reading from memory and incrementing the stack pointer.

(Source: CSAPP)



- Stack in Intel architecture
  - ✓ How to access Intel manual?



# Stack Details (3/6)

## ■ Stack in Intel architecture

### ✓ Real manipulation of push and pop

- ESP (Extended Stack Pointer): pointing the top position
- push: decrement the ESP and write data at the top of stack (down)
- pop: read data from the top and increment the ESP (up)

### ✓ What are in the stack?

- 1) argument (parameters), 2) return address, 3) local variable, ...
- Return address: an address that returns after finishing a function (usually an address of an instruction after “call”)

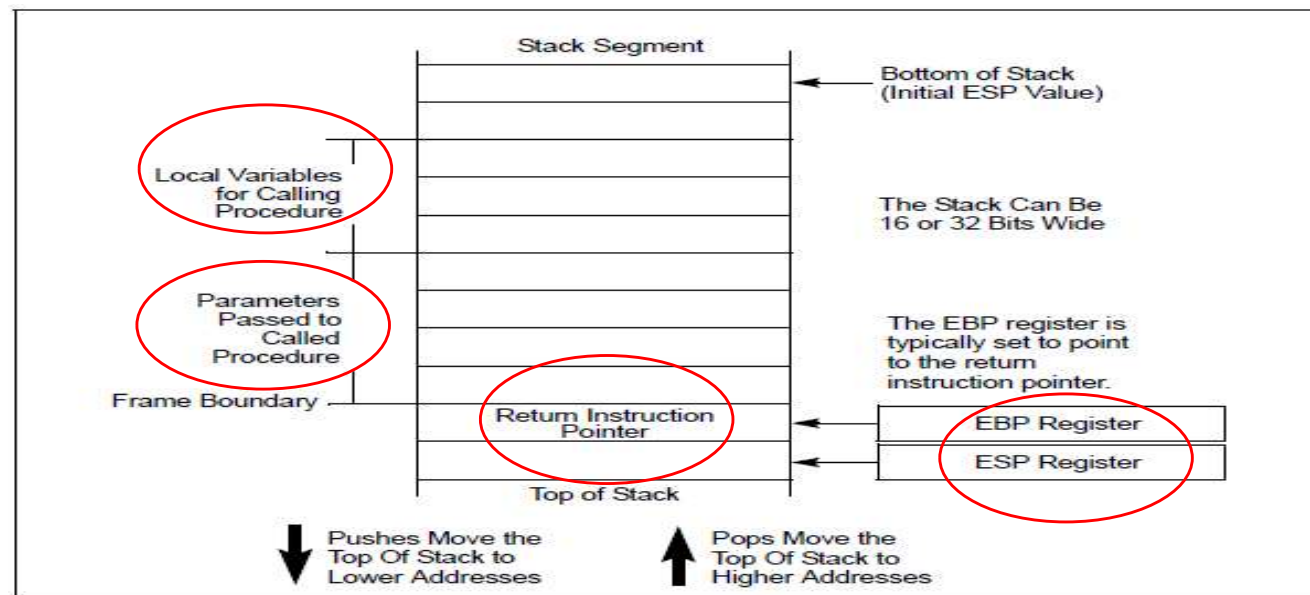


Figure 6-1. Stack Structure

(Source: Intel 64 and IA-32 Architectures Software Developer's Manual)



# Stack Details (4/6)

## ■ Stack in Linux

```
int func2(int x, int y) {  
    int f2_local1 = 21, f2_local2 = 22;  
    int *pointer, i;  
  
    ...  
}
```

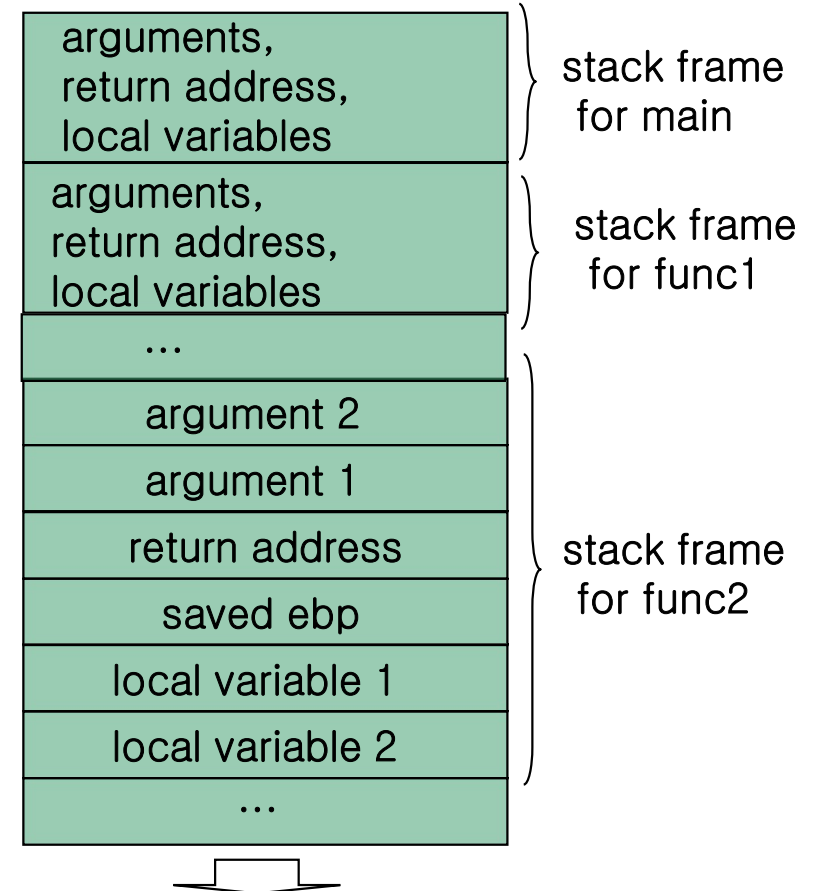
```
...
```

```
void func1()  
{  
    int ret_val;  
    int f1_local1 = 11, f1_local2 = 12;  
  
    ...  
    ret_val = func2(111, 112);  
    f1_local++;  
    ...  
}
```

```
...
```

```
int main()  
{  
    ...  
    func1();  
    ...  
}
```

- ☞ Compiler (and version) dependent (see **Appendix**)
- ☞ Especially, recent compiler makes use of obfuscation, where the locations of local variables are changed according to program contents.
- ☞ But, gcc 3.\* version comply with the Intel's suggestion (like this figure)  
For lecturing purpose, gcc 3.\* is more effective (Use 3.4 in this lecture note)



# Stack Details (5/6)

## ■ Stack example 1

```
/* stack_struct.c: stack structure analysis, by choijm. choijm@dku.edu */
#include <stdio.h>

int func2(int x, int y) {
    int f2_local1 = 21, f2_local2 = 22;
    int *pointer;

    printf("func2 local: \t%p, \t%p, \t%p\n", &f2_local1, &f2_local2, &pointer);
    pointer = &f2_local1;

    printf("\t%p \t%d\n", (pointer), *(pointer));
    printf("\t%p \t%d\n", (pointer-1), *(pointer-1));
    printf("\t%p \t%d\n", (pointer+3), *(pointer+3));

    *(pointer+4) = 333;
    printf("\ty = %d\n", y);
    return 222;
}

void func1() {
    int ret_val, f1_local1 = 11, f1_local2 = 12;

    ret_val = func2(111, 112);
}

int main() {
    func1();
}
```



# Stack Details (6/6)

## ■ Stack example 2

/\* stack\_destroy.c: 스택 구조 분석 2, 9월 19일, choijm@dku.edu \*/

#include <stdio.h>

```
void f1() {  
    int i;  
    printf("In func1\n");  
}
```

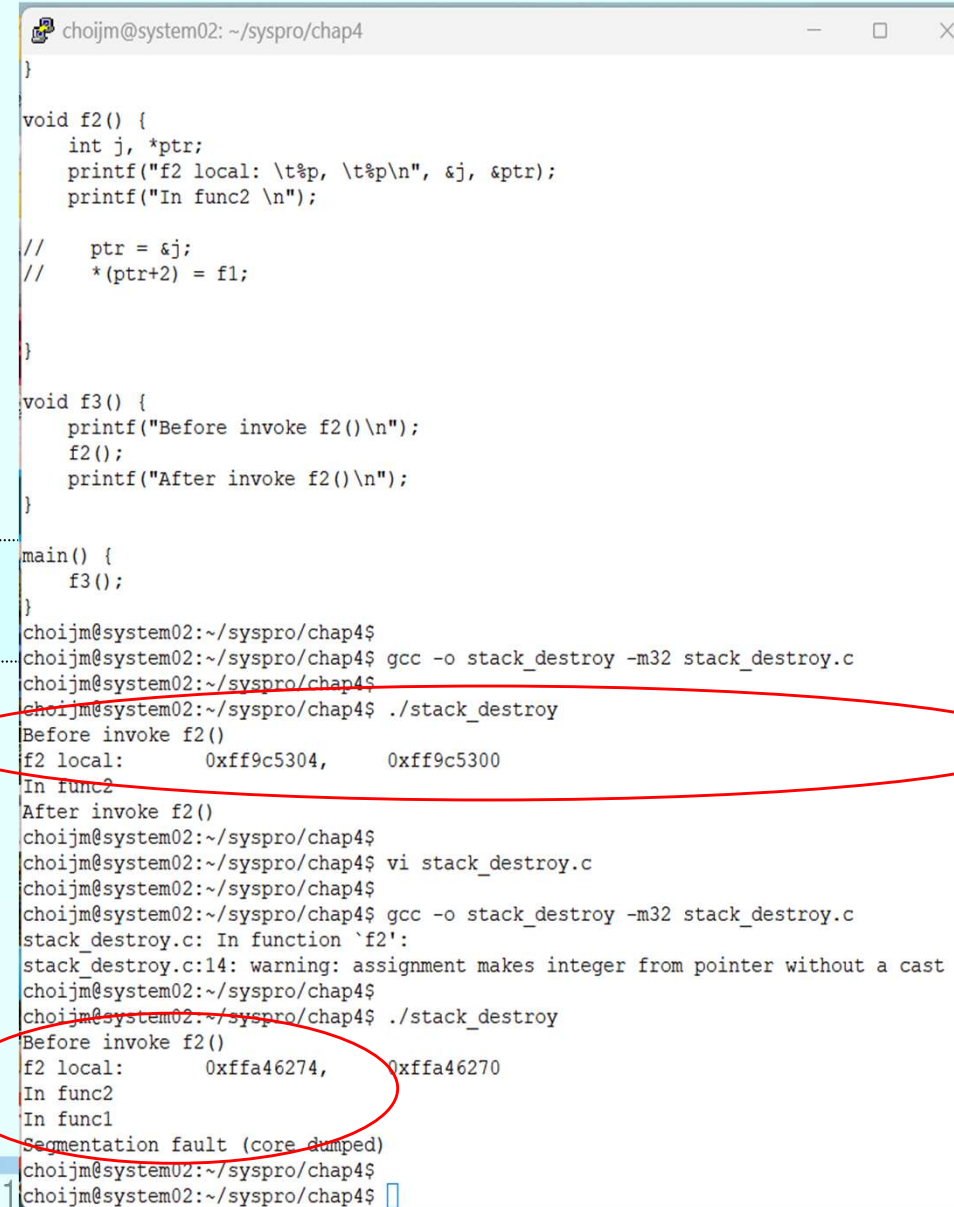
```
void f2() {  
    int j, *ptr;  
    printf("f2 local: %p, %p\n", &j, &ptr);  
    printf("In func2\n");  
}
```

```
    ptr = &j;  
    *(ptr+2) = f1;
```

```
}
```

```
void f3() {  
    printf("Before invoke f2()\n");  
    f2();  
    printf("After invoke f2()\n");  
}
```

```
main() {  
    f3();  
}
```



```
choijm@system02: ~/syspro/chap4  
}  
void f2() {  
    int j, *ptr;  
    printf("f2 local: %p, %p\n", &j, &ptr);  
    printf("In func2\n");  
  
    //    ptr = &j;  
    //    *(ptr+2) = f1;  
}  
void f3() {  
    printf("Before invoke f2()\n");  
    f2();  
    printf("After invoke f2()\n");  
}  
main() {  
    f3();  
}  
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -o stack_destroy -m32 stack_destroy.c  
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ ./stack_destroy  
Before invoke f2()  
f2 local:      0xff9c5304,      0xff9c5300  
In func2  
After invoke f2()  
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ vi stack_destroy.c  
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -o stack_destroy -m32 stack_destroy.c  
stack_destroy.c: In function 'f2':  
stack_destroy.c:14: warning: assignment makes integer from pointer without a cast  
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ ./stack_destroy  
Before invoke f2()  
f2 local:      0xffa46274,      0xffa46270  
In func2  
In func1  
Segmentation fault (core dumped)  
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$  
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
```

# Summary

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- Understand the differences between process and program
- Discuss the differences among text, data, heap and stack
- Find out the details of stack structure
  - ✓ Argument passing, Return address, Local variables
  - ✓ Stack overflow

☞ **Homework 4: Make a program of the stack example 2 and examine its results.**

## **1.1 Requirements**

- shows student's ID and date (using whoami and date)
- discuss why the segmentation fault occurs in this program

## **1.2 Bonus: overcome the segmentation fault problem**

## **1.3 Deadline: Next week (same time)**

## **1.4 How to submit? Send 1) report and 2) source code to google form**



# Homework 4: Snapshot example

```
choijm@system02: ~/syspro/chap4
printf("Before invoke f2()\n");
f2();
printf("After invoke f2()\n");
}

main() {
    f3();
}

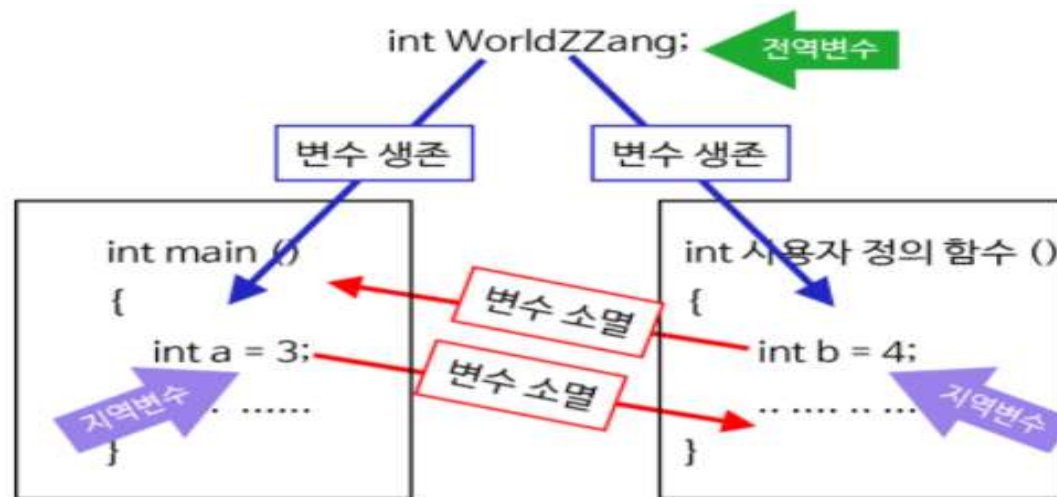
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -o stack_destroy -m32 stack_destroy.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ ./stack_destroy
Before invoke f2()
f2 local:      0xff9c5304,      0xff9c5300
In func2
After invoke f2()
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ vi stack_destroy.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -o stack_destroy -m32 stack_destroy.c
stack_destroy.c: In function `f2':
stack_destroy.c:14: warning: assignment makes integer from pointer without a cast
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ ./stack_destroy
Before invoke f2()
f2 local:      0xffa46274,      0xffa46270
In func2
In func1
Segmentation fault (core dumped)
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ vi stack_destroy.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -o stack_destroy -m32 stack_destroy.c
stack_destroy.c: In function `f2':
stack_destroy.c:15: warning: assignment makes integer from pointer without a cast
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ ./stack_destroy
Before invoke f2()
f2 local:      0xffc95bf4,      0xffc95bf0
In func2
In func1
After invoke f2()
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ whoami
choijm
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
```



# Quiz for this Lecture

## ■ Quiz

- ✓ 1. Explain the differences among 1) high-level program, 2) binary program, and 3) process.
- ✓ 2. In C language, the **scope** of local variables and global variables are different. Discuss the reason of the differences using the process structure.
- ✓ 3. Discuss the differences between stack and queue.
- ✓ 4. Describe what are in the stack? (three key components)



(Source: <https://dasima.xyz/c-local-global-variables/>)



# Appendix 1

## ■ Assembly differences with or without `-m32`

- ✓ Task structure

```
choijm@system02: ~/syspro/chap4
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ ls
f_pointer f_pointer.c task_struct task_struct.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ vi task_struct.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -o task_struct -m32 task_struct.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ ./task_struct
main local:
    0xff892cc4,
    0xff892cc0
func1 local:
    0xff892c84,
    0xff892c80
func2 local:
    0xff892c64,
    0xff892c60
dynamic:
    0x91ef410
global:
    0x80497b8,
    0x80497b4
functions:
    0x80483ff,
    0x80483d8,
    0x80483b6
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -v
Using built-in specs.
Configured with: ../src/configure -v --enable-languages=c,c++,f77,pascal --prefix=/usr --libexecdir=/usr/lib --with-gxx-include-dir=/usr/include/c++/3.4 --enable-shared --with-system-zlib --enable-nls --without-included-gettext --program-suffix=-3.4 --enable-__cxa_atexit --enable-clocale=gnu --enable-libstdcxx-debug x86_64-linux-gnu
Thread model: posix
gcc version 3.4.6 (Ubuntu 3.4.6-6ubuntu5)
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ whoami
choijm
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
```

(with `-m32` option)

```
choijm@system02: ~/syspro/chap4
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ ls
f_pointer f_pointer.c task_struct task_struct.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ vi task_struct.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -o task_struct task_struct.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ ./task_struct
main local:
    0x7ffcd5da4e6c,
    0x7ffcd5da4e68
func1 local:
    0x7ffcd5da4e4c,
    0x7ffcd5da4e48
func2 local:
    0x7ffcd5da4e2c,
    0x7ffcd5da4e28
dynamic:
    0x66b420
global:
    0x600ab8,
    0x600ab4
functions:
    0x400511,
    0x4004e6,
    0x4004c5
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -v
Using built-in specs.
Configured with: ../src/configure -v --enable-languages=c,c++,f77,pascal --prefix=/usr --libexecdir=/usr/lib --with-gxx-include-dir=/usr/include/c++/3.4 --enable-shared --with-system-zlib --enable-nls --without-included-gettext --program-suffix=-3.4 --enable-__cxa_atexit --enable-clocale=gnu --enable-libstdcxx-debug x86_64-linux-gnu
Thread model: posix
gcc version 3.4.6 (Ubuntu 3.4.6-6ubuntu5)
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ whoami
choijm
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
```

(without `-m32` option)



# Appendix 1

## ■ Assembly differences with or without `-m32`

### ✓ Assembly code

```
choijm@system02: ~/syspro/chap4
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ more test.c
#include <stdio.h>

int a = 10;
int b = 20;
int c;

int main()
{
    c = a + b;
    printf("C = %d\n", c);
}

choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -S -m32 test.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ more test.s
.file "test.c"
.globl a
.data
.align 4
.type a, @object
.size a, 4
a:
.long 10
.globl b
.align 4
.type b, @object
.size b, 4
b:
.long 20
.section .rodata
.LC0:
.string "C = %d\n"
.text
.globl main
.type main, @function
main:
    pushl %ebp
    movl %esp, %ebp
    subl $8, %esp
    andl $-16, %esp
    movl $0, %eax
    addl $15, %eax
    addl $15, %eax
    shrl $4, %eax
    sall $4, %eax
    subl %eax, %esp
    movl b, %eax
    addl a, %eax
    movl %eax, c
    movl c, %eax
    movl %eax, 4(%esp)
    movl $.LC0, (%esp)
    call printf
    leave
    ret
.size main, .-main
.comm c,4,4
.section .note.GNU-stack,"",@progbits
.ident "GCC: (GNU) 3.4.6 (Ubuntu 3.4.6-6ubuntu5)"
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
```

(with `-m32` option)

```
choijm@system02: ~/syspro/chap4
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -S test.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ more test.s
.file "test.c"
.globl a
.data
.align 4
.type a, @object
.size a, 4
a:
.long 10
.globl b
.align 4
.type b, @object
.size b, 4
b:
.long 20
.section .rodata
.LC0:
.string "C = %d\n"
.text
.globl main
.type main, @function
main:
.LFB2:
    pushq %rbp
.LCFI0:
    movq %rsp, %rbp
.LCFI1:
    movl b(%rip), %eax
    addl a(%rip), %eax
    movl %eax, c(%rip)
    movl c(%rip), %esi
    movl $.LC0, %edi
    movl $0, %eax
    call printf
    leave
    ret
.LFE2:
.size main, .-main
.comm c,4,4
.section .eh_frame,"a",@progbits
.Lframe1:
.long .LECIE1-.LSCIE1
.LSCIE1:
.long 0x0
.byte 0x1
.string ""
.uleb128 0x1
.sleb128 -8
.byte 0x10
.byte 0xc
.uleb128 0x7
.uleb128 0x8
.byte 0x90
.uleb128 0x1
.align 8
.LECIE1:
.LSFDE1:
.long .LEFDE1-.LASFDE1
.LASFDE1:
```

(without `-m32` option)

# Appendix 1

- Assembly differences with or without `-mpush-args` and `-mno-accumulate-outgoing-args`
  - ✓ Default: `accumulate-outgoing-args` → allocate stack using a `sub` instruction → good for performance (no `sp` adjustment per each argument due to reduced dependencies (enhanced pipeline

```
choijm@system02: ~/syspro/chap4
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ more test.c
#include <stdio.h>

int a = 10;
int b = 20;
int c;

int main()
{
    c = a + b;
    printf("C = %d\n", c);
}

choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -S -m32 test.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ more test.s
.file "test.c"
.globl a
.data
.align 4
.type a, @object
.size a, 4
a:
.long 10
.globl b
.align 4
.type b, @object
.size b, 4
b:
.long 20
.section .rodata
.LC0:
.string "C = %d\n"
.text
.globl main
.type main, @function
main:
    pushl   %ebp
    movl    %esp, %ebp
    subl   $8, %esp
    andl   $-16, %esp
    movl    $0, %eax
    addl    $15, %eax
    addl    $15, %eax
    shrl    $4, %eax
    sall    $4, %eax
    subl    %eax, %esp
    movl    b, %eax
    addl    a, %eax
    movl    %eax, c
    movl    c, %eax
    movl    %eax, 4(%esp)
    movl    $.LC0, 4(%esp)
    call    printf
    leave
    ret
.size      main, .-main
.comm      c,4,4
.section    .note.GNU-stack,"",@progbits
.ident     "GCC: (GNU) 3.4.6 (Ubuntu 3.4.6-6ubuntu5)"
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
```

(without args option)

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```
choijm@system02: ~/syspro/chap4
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ more test.c
#include <stdio.h>

int a = 10;
int b = 20;
int c;

int main()
{
    c = a + b;
    printf("C = %d\n", c);
}

choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -S -m32 -mno-accumulate-outgoing-args test.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ more test.s
.file "test.c"
.globl a
.data
.align 4
.type a, @object
.size a, 4
a:
.long 10
.globl b
.align 4
.type b, @object
.size b, 4
b:
.long 20
.section .rodata
.LC0:
.string "C = %d\n"
.text
.globl main
.type main, @function
main:
    pushl   %ebp
    movl    %esp, %ebp
    subl   $8, %esp
    andl   $-16, %esp
    movl    $0, %eax
    addl    $15, %eax
    addl    $15, %eax
    shrl    $4, %eax
    sall    $4, %eax
    subl    %eax, %esp
    movl    b, %eax
    addl    a, %eax
    movl    %eax, c
    subl    $8, %esp
    pushl    $.LC0
    call    printf
    addl    $16, %esp
    leave
    ret
.size      main, .-main
.comm      c,4,4
.section    .note.GNU-stack,"",@progbits
.ident     "GCC: (GNU) 3.4.6 (Ubuntu 3.4.6-6ubuntu5)"
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
```

(with args option)

# Appendix 2

## ■ Stack difference between different compilers

### ✓ Stack structure

```
choijm@system02: ~/syspro/chap4

printf("func2 local: %p, %p, %p\n", &f2_local1, &f2_local2, &pointer);
pointer = &f2_local1;

printf("%p %d\n", (pointer), *(pointer));
printf("%p %d\n", (pointer-1), *(pointer-1));
printf("%p %d\n", (pointer+3), *(pointer+3));

*(pointer+4) = 333;
printf("ty = %d\n", y);
return 222;
}

void func1() {
    int ret_val, f1_local1 = 11, f1_local2 = 12;

    ret_val = func2(111, 112);
}

int main() {
    func1();
}

choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -o stack_struct -m32 stack_struct.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ ./stack_struct
func2 local: 0xffb2bcb4, 0xffb2bcb0, 0xffb2bcac
0xffb2bcb4 21
0xffb2bcb0 22
0xffb2bcc0 111
y = 333
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -v
Using built-in specs.
Configured with: ../src/configure -v --enable-languages=c,c++,f77,pascal --prefix=/usr --libexecdir=/usr/lib --with-gxx-include-dir=/usr/include/c++/3.4 --enable-shared --with-system-zlib --enable-nls --without-included-gettext --program-suffix=-3.4 --enable-__cxa_atexit --enable-clocale=gnu --enable-libstdcxx-debug x86_64-linux-gnu
Thread model: posix
gcc version 3.4.6 (Ubuntu 3.4.6-6ubuntu5)
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
```

(gcc 3.4.6)

```
choijm@embedded: ~/syspro/chap4
ret_val = func2(111, 112);
}

int main() {
    func1();
}

choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -o stack_struct -m32 stack_struct.c
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ ./stack_struct
func2 local: 0xff861e20, 0xff861e24, 0xff861e28
0xff861e20 21
0xff861e1c -7987672
0xff861e2c -1448266752
y = 112
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -v
Using built-in specs.
COLLECT_GCC=gcc
COLLECT_LTO_WRAPPER=/usr/libexec/gcc/x86_64-linux-gnu/13/lto-wrapper
OFFLOAD_TARGET_NAMES=nvptx-none:amdgc-ndhsa
OFFLOAD_TARGET_DEFAULT=1
Target: x86_64-linux-gnu
Configured with: ../src/configure -v --with-pkgversion='Ubuntu 13.3.0-6ubuntu2~24.04' --with-bugurl=file:///usr/share/doc/gcc-13/README.Bugs --enable-languages=c,ada,c++,go,d,fortran,objc,obj-c++,m2 --prefix=/usr --with-gcc-major-version-only --program-suffix=-13 --program-prefix=x86_64-linux-gnu- --enable-shared --enable-linker-build-id --libexecdir=/usr/libexec --without-included-gettext --enable-threads=posix --libdir=/usr/lib --enable-nls --enable-bootstrap --enable-cloable=gnu --enable-libstdcxx-debug --enable-libstdcxx-time=yes --with-default-libstdcxx-abi=new --enable-libstdcxx-backtrace --enable-gnu-unique-object --disable-vtable-verify --enable-plugin --enable-default-pie --with-system-zlib --enable-libphobos-checking=release --with-target-system-zlib=auto --enable-objc-gc=auto --enable-multiarch --disable-werror --enable-cet --with-arch=32=i686 --with-abi=m64 --with-multilib-list=m32,m64,mx32 --enable-multilib --with-tune=generic --enable-offload-targets=nvptx-none=/build/gcc-13-fg75Ri/gcc-13-13.3.0/debian/tmp-nvptx/usr,amdgc-ndhsa=/build/gcc-13-fg75Ri/gcc-13-13.3.0/debian/tmp-gcn/usr --enable-offload-defaulted --without-cuda-driver --enable-checking=release --build=x86_64-linux-gnu --host=x86_64-linux-gnu --target=x86_64-linux-gnu --with-build-config=bootstrap-lto-lean --enable-link-serialization=2
Thread model: posix
Supported LTO compression algorithms: zlib zstd
gcc version 13.3.0 (Ubuntu 13.3.0-6ubuntu2~24.04)
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$
```

(gcc 13.3.0)



# Appendix 2

- Stack difference between different compilers
  - ✓ Assembly code: stack guard and obfuscation

```
choijm@system02: ~/syspro/chap4
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -S -m32 -mno-accumulate-outgoing-args stack_struct.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ more stack_struct.s
.file "stack_struct.c"
.section .rodata
.LC0:
.string "func2 local: %t%p, %t%p, %t%p\n"
.LC1:
.string "%t%p %t%d\n"
.LC2:
.string "%ty = %d\n"
.text
.globl func2
.type func2, @function
func2:
    pushl    %ebp
    movl    %esp, %ebp
    subl    $24, %esp
    movl    $21, -4(%ebp)
    movl    $22, -8(%ebp)
    leal    -12(%ebp), %eax
    pushl    %eax
    leal    -8(%ebp), %eax
    pushl    %eax
    leal    -4(%ebp), %eax
    pushl    %eax
    pushl    $.LC0
    call    printf
    addl    $16, %esp
    leal    -4(%ebp), %eax
    movl    %eax, -12(%ebp)
    subl    $4, %esp
    movl    -12(%ebp), %eax
    pushl    (%eax)
    pushl    -12(%ebp)
    pushl    $.LC1
    call    printf
    addl    $16, %esp
    subl    $4, %esp
    movl    -12(%ebp), %eax
    subl    $4, %eax
    pushl    (%eax)
    movl    -12(%ebp), %eax
    subl    $4, %eax
    pushl    %eax
```

(gcc 3.4.6)

```
choijm@embedded: ~/syspro/chap4
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -S -m32 -mno-accumulate-outgoing-args stack_struct.c
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ more stack_struct.s
.file "stack_struct.c"
.text
.section .rodata
.LC0:
.string "func2 local: %t%p, %t%p, %t%p\n"
.LC1:
.string "%t%p %t%d\n"
.LC2:
.string "%ty = %d\n"
.text
.globl func2
.type func2, @function
func2:
.LFB0:
    .cfi_startproc
    pushl    %ebp
    .cfi_def_cfa_offset 8
    .cfi_offset 5, -8
    movl    %esp, %ebp
    .cfi_def_cfa_register 5
    pushl    %ebx
    subl    $20, %esp
    .cfi_offset 3, -12
    call    __x86.get_pc_thunk.bx
    addl    $_GLOBAL_OFFSET_TABLE_, %ebx
    movl    %gs:20, %eax
    movl    %eax, -12(%ebp)
    xorl    %eax, %eax
    movl    $21, -24(%ebp)
    movl    $22, -20(%ebp)
    leal    -16(%ebp), %eax
    pushl    %eax
    leal    -20(%ebp), %eax
    pushl    %eax
    leal    -24(%ebp), %eax
    pushl    %eax
    leal    .LC0@GOTOFF(%ebx), %eax
    pushl    %eax
    call    printf@PLT
    addl    $16, %esp
    leal    -24(%ebp), %eax
    movl    %eax, -16(%ebp)
```

(gcc 13.3.0)



# Appendix 2

## ■ Stack destroy in gcc 13.3.0

- ✓ We can make use of options such as `-fno-stack-protector`, `-fno-omit-frame-pointer`, `-fno-pie`, `-no-pie`, and `-mpreferred-stack-boundary=2`

```
choijm@embedded: ~/syspro/chap4
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ vi stack_destroy.c
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -o stack_destroy -m32 stack_destroy.c
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ ./stack_destroy
Before invoke f2()
f2 local:      0xff972b74,      0xff972b78
In func2
After invoke f2()
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ vi stack_destroy.c
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -o stack_destroy -m32 stack_destroy.c
stack_destroy.c: In function 'f2':
stack_destroy.c:14:14: warning: assignment to 'int' from 'void (*)()' makes integer from pointer without a cast [-Wint-conversion]
   14 |         *(ptr+2) = f1;
      |         ^
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ ./stack_destroy
Before invoke f2()
f2 local:      0xffffbcf74,      0xffffbcf78
In func2
*** stack smashing detected ***: terminated
Aborted (core dumped)
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -v
Using built-in specs.
COLLECT_GCC=gcc
COLLECT_LTO_WRAPPER=/usr/libexec/gcc/x86_64-linux-gnu/13/lto-wrapper
OFFLOAD_TARGET_NAMES=mvptx-none:amdgcn-amdhsa
OFFLOAD_TARGET_DEFAULT=1
Target: x86_64-linux-gnu
Configured with: ../src/configure -v --with-pkgversion='Ubuntu 13.3.0-6ubuntu2~24.04' --with-bugurl=file:///usr/share/doc/gcc-13/README.Bugs --enable-languages=c,ada,c++,go,d,fortran,objc,obj-c++,m2 --prefix=/usr --with-gcc-major-version-only --program-suffix=-13 --program-prefix=x86_64-linux-gnu- --enable-shared --enable-linker-build-id --libexecdir=/usr/libexec --without-included-gettext --enable-threads=posix --libdir=/usr/lib --enable-nls --enable-bootstrap --enable-cloca-le-gnu --enable-libstdc++-debug --enable-libstdc++-time=yes --with-default-libstdc++-abi=new --enable-libstdc++-backtrace --enable-gnu-unique-object --disable-vtable-verify --enable-plugin --enable-default-pie --with-system-zlib --enable-libphobos-checking=release --with-target-system-zlib=auto --enable-objc-gc=auto --enable-multiarch --disable-werror --enable-cet --with-arch=32=i686 --with-abi=m64 --with-multilib-list=m32,m64,mx32 --enable-multilib --with-tune=generic --enable-offload-targets=mvptx-none=/build/gcc-13-fg75Ri/gcc-13-13.3.0/debian/tmp-nvptx/usr,amdgcn-amdhsa=/build/gcc-13-fg75Ri/gcc-13-13.3.0/debian/tmp-gcn/usr --enable-offload-defaulted --without-cuda-driver --enable-checking=release --build=x86_64-linux-gnu --host=x86_64-linux-gnu --target=x86_64-linux-gnu --with-build-config=bootstrap-lto-lean --enable-link-serialization=2
Thread model: posix
Supported LTO compression algorithms: zlib zstd
gcc version 13.3.0 (Ubuntu 13.3.0-6ubuntu2~24.04)
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$
```

(default in gcc 13.3.0)

```
choijm@embedded: ~/syspro/chap4
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ vi stack_destroy.c
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -o stack_destroy -m32 -fno-stack-protector -fno-omit-frame-pointer -fno-pie -no-pie -mpreferred-stack-boundary=2 stack_destroy.c
stack_destroy.c: In function 'f2':
stack_destroy.c:14:14: warning: assignment to 'int' from 'void (*)()' makes integer from pointer without a cast [-Wint-conversion]
   14 |         *(ptr+2) = f1;
      |         ^
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ ./stack_destroy
Before invoke f2()
f2 local:      0xff80db84,      0xff80db80
In func2
Segmentation fault (core dumped)
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ vi stack_destroy.c
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -o stack_destroy -m32 -fno-stack-protector -fno-omit-frame-pointer -fno-pie -no-pie -mpreferred-stack-boundary=2 stack_destroy.c
stack_destroy.c: In function 'f2':
stack_destroy.c:15:14: warning: assignment to 'int' from 'void (*)()' makes integer from pointer without a cast [-Wint-conversion]
   15 |         *(ptr+2) = f1;
      |         ^
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ ./stack_destroy
Before invoke f2()
f2 local:      0xffe5ec54,      0xffe5ec50
In func2
In func1
After invoke f2()
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc --version
gcc (Ubuntu 13.3.0-6ubuntu2~24.04) 13.3.0
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choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$
```

(make use of options in gcc 13.3.0)



# Appendix 2

## ■ Stack structure and assembly in gcc 13.3.0

- ✓ We can make use of options such as `-fno-stack-protector`, `-fno-omit-frame-pointer`, `-fno-pie`, `-no-pie`, and `-mpreferred-stack-boundary=2`

```
choijm@embedded: ~/syspro/chap4
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc --version
gcc (Ubuntu 13.3.0-6ubuntu2~24.04) 13.3.0
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warranty; not even for MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ vi stack_struct.c
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -o stack_struct -m32 stack_struct.c
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ ./stack_struct
func2 local: 0xffe90ab0, 0xffe90ab4, 0xffe90ab8
             0xffe90ab0    21
             0xffe90aac   -1504584
             0xffe90abc   1917765888
             y = 112
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -o stack_struct -m32 -fno-stack-protector -fno-omit-frame-pointer -fno-pie -no-pie -mpreferred-stack-boundary=2 stack_struct.c
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ ./stack_struct
func2 local: 0xffe41fe0, 0xffe41fdc, 0xffe41fd8
             0xffe41fe0    21
             0xffe41fdc    22
             0xffe41fec    111
             y = 333
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ cat stack_struct.c
/* stack_struct.c: stack structure analysis, by choijm. choijm@dku.edu */
#include <stdio.h>

int func2(int x, int y) {
    int f2_local1 = 21, f2_local2 = 22;
    int *pointer;

    printf("func2 local: %t%p, %t%p, %t%p\n", &f2_local1, &f2_local2, &pointer);
    pointer = &f2_local1;

    printf("%t%p %t%d\n", (pointer), *(pointer));
    printf("%t%p %t%d\n", (pointer-1), *(pointer-1));
    printf("%t%p %t%d\n", (pointer+3), *(pointer+3));

    *(pointer+4) = 333;
}
```

(revisit stack structure with options)

```
choijm@embedded: ~/syspro/chap4
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -S -fno-stack-protector -fno-omit-frame-pointer -fno-pie -no-pie -mpreferred-stack-boundary=3 test.c
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ cat test.s
.file "test.c"
.text
.globl a
.data
.align 4
.type a, @object
.size a, 4
a:
.long 10
.globl b
.align 4
.type b, @object
.size b, 4
b:
.long 20
.globl c
.bss
.align 4
.type c, @object
.size c, 4
c:
.zero 4
.section .rodata
.LC0:
.string "C = %d\n"
.text
.globl main
.type main, @function
main:
.LFB0:
.cfi_startproc
endbr64
pushq %rbp
.cfi_def_cfa_offset 16
.cfi_offset 6, -16
movq %rsp, %rbp
.cfi_def_cfa_register 6
movl a(%rip), %edx
movl b(%rip), %eax
addl %edx, %eax
movl %eax, c(%rip)
movl c(%rip), %eax
movl %eax, %esi
movl $.LC0, %edi
movl $0, %eax
call printf
movl $0, %eax
popq %rbp
.cfi_def_cfa 7, 8
ret
.cfi_endproc
.LFE0:
.size main, .-main
.ident "GCC: (Ubuntu 13.3.0-6ubuntu2~24.04) 13.3.0"
.section .note.GNU-stack,"",@progbits
```

(revisit assembly code with options)

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