

Intel x86: Subroutine Code (2)

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endloop:

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    movl -4(%ebp), %eax
    movl %ebp, %esp
    popl %ebp
    ret
```

set up

esp



local variables (8 bytes)

saved registers (empty)

ebp

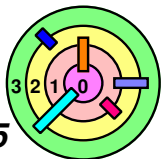
eip

args

stack
frame
for
sub()

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    for (i=0; i<y; i++)
        result *= x;
    return(result);
}
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restore



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movl %esp, %ebp } enter

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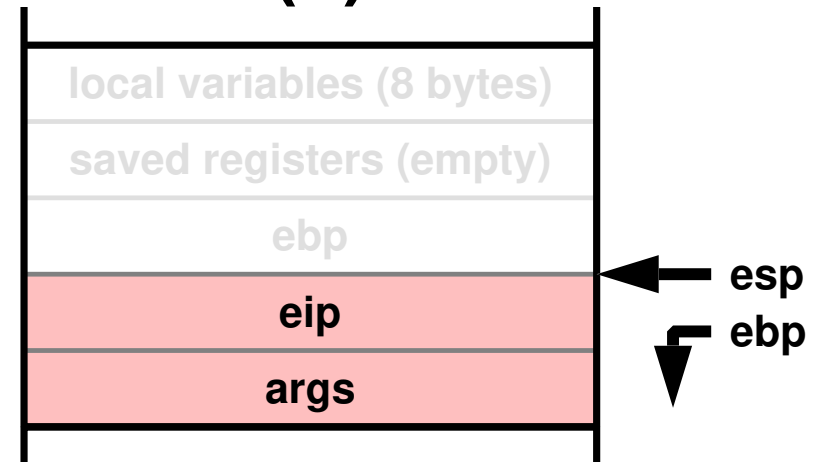
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ret

} leave



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} set up

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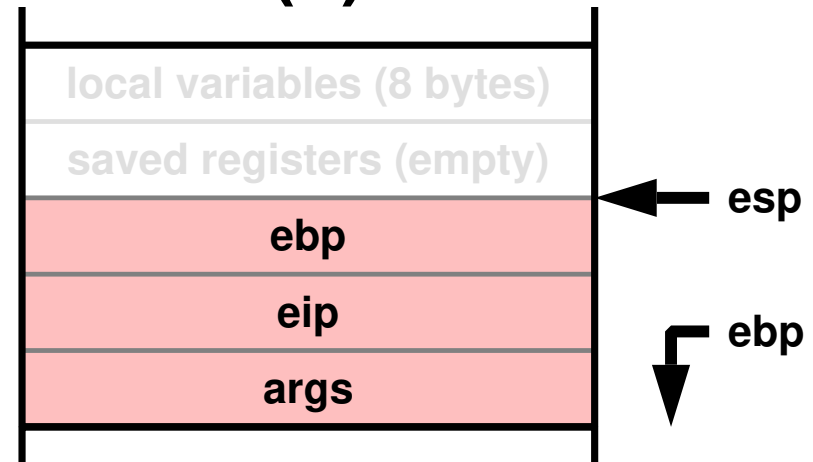
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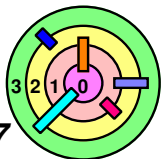
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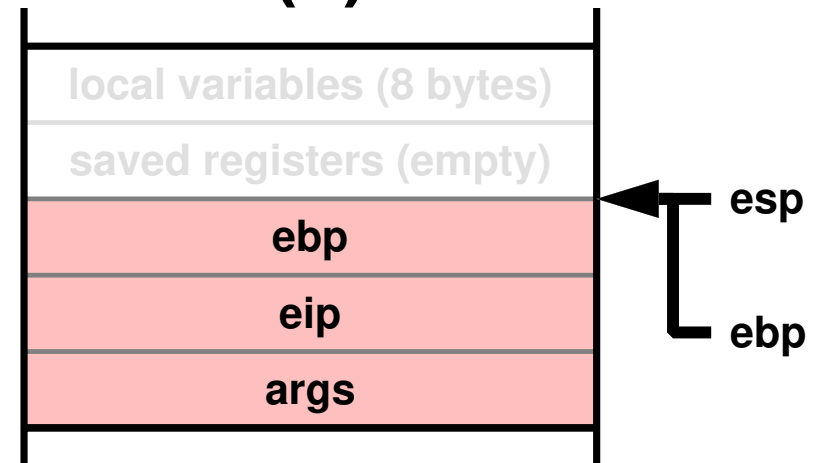
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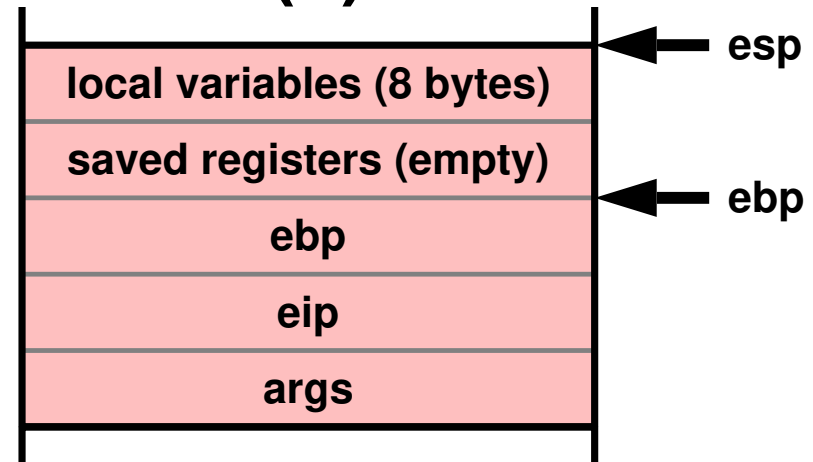
popl %ebp

ret

} set up

} *not* local var
initialization

} restore



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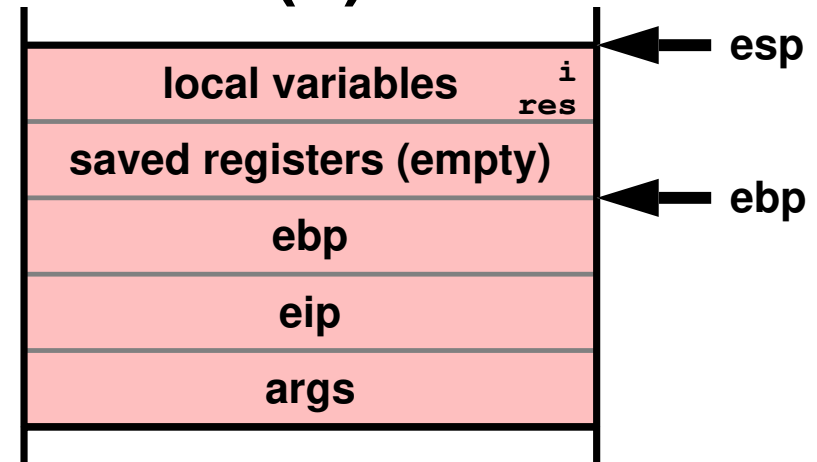
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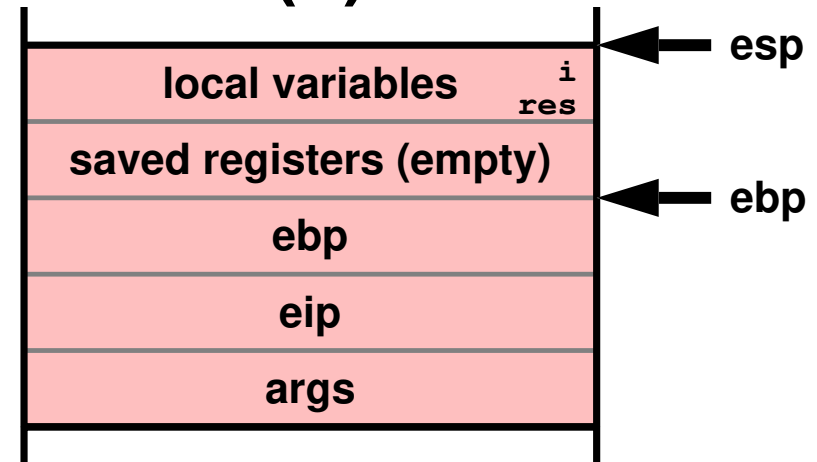
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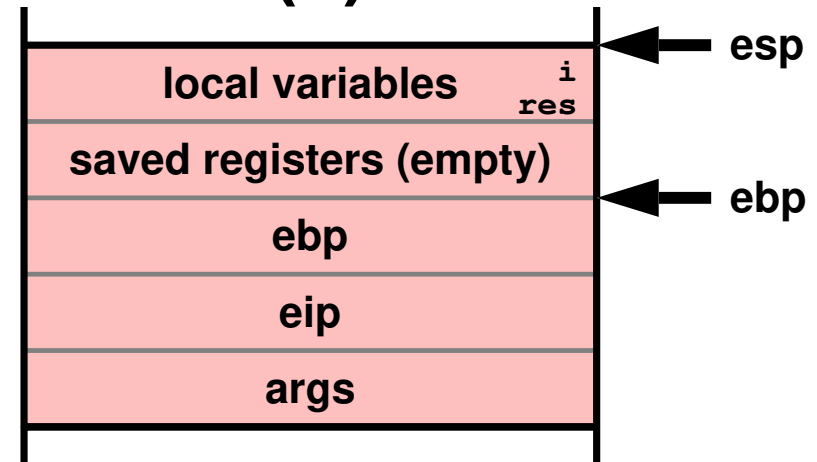
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} set up

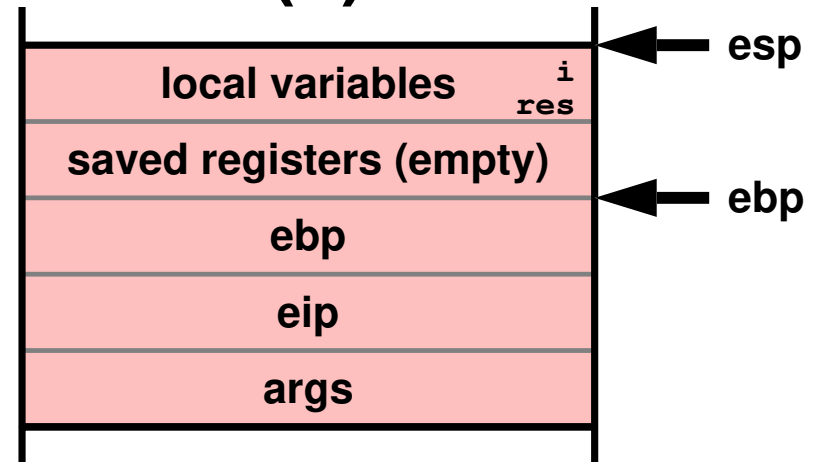
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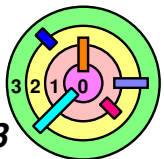
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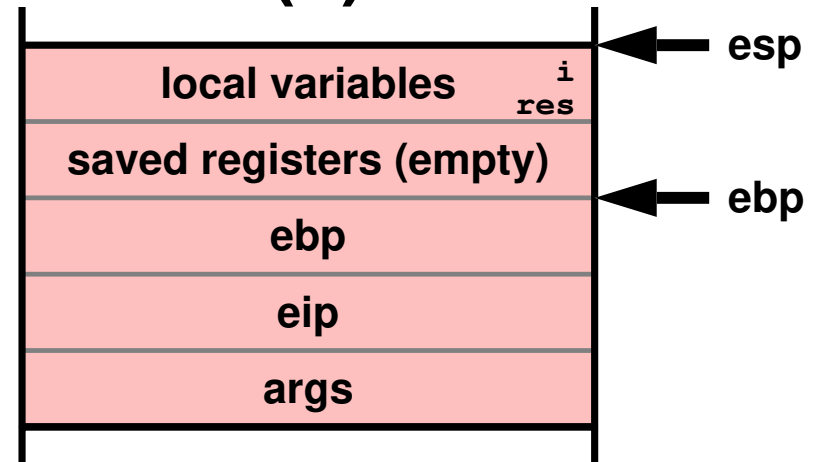
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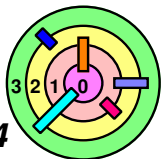
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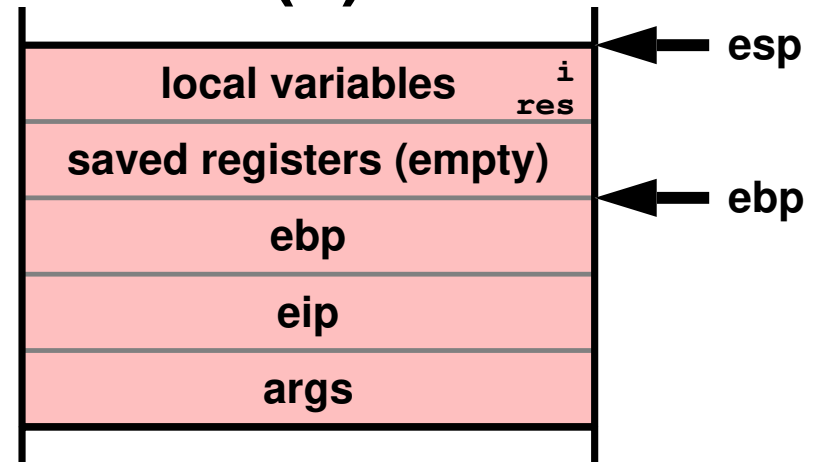
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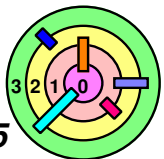
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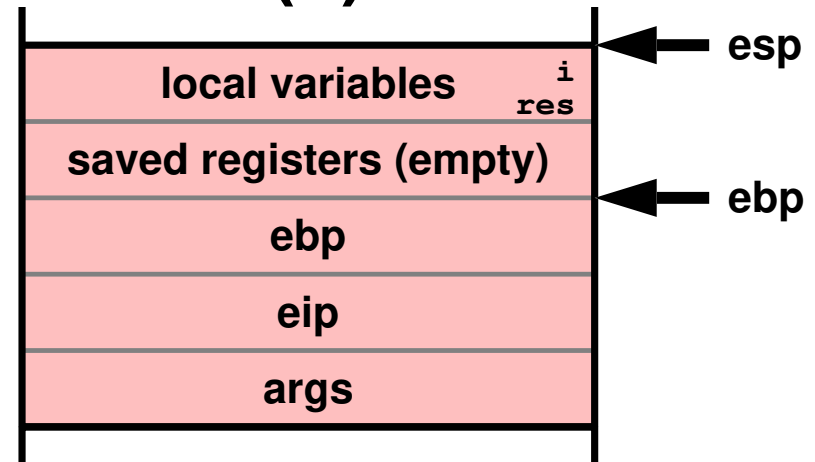
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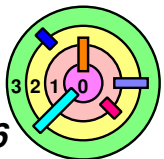
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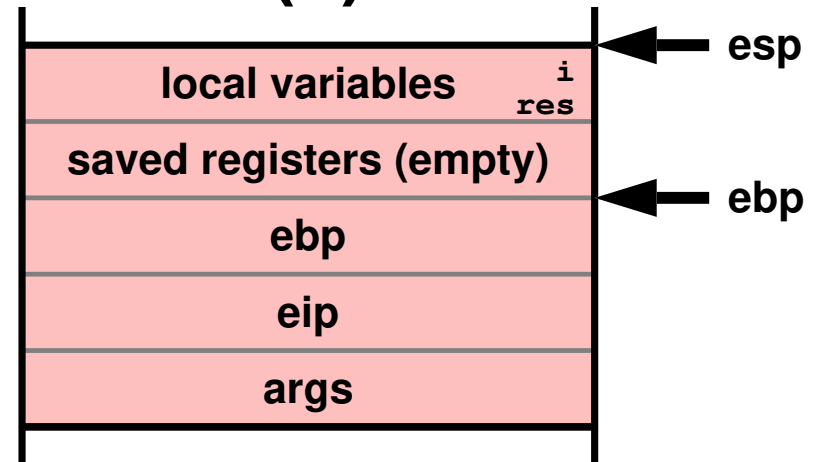
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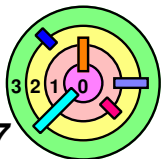
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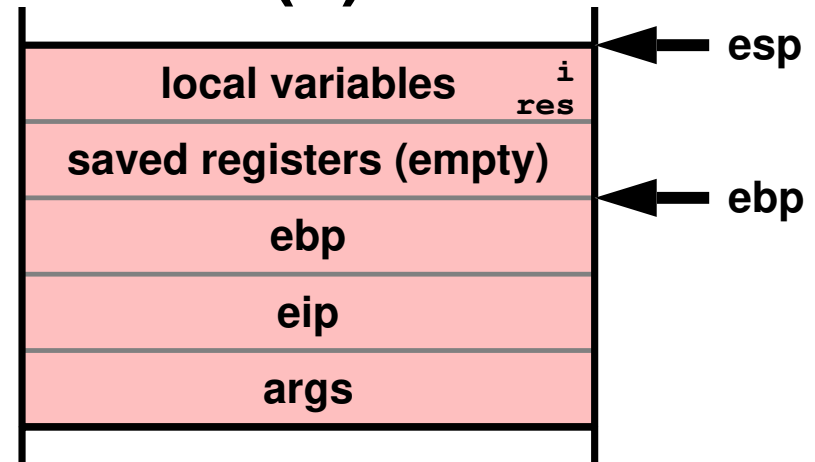
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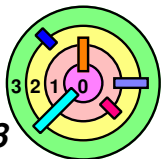
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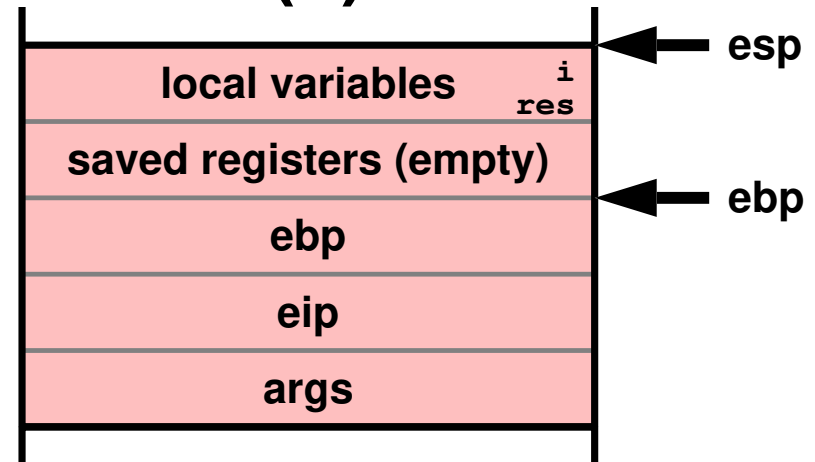
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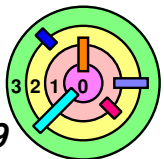
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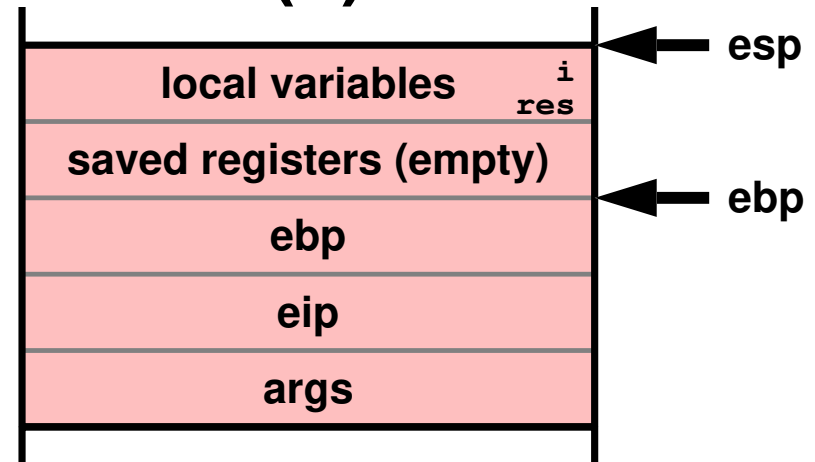
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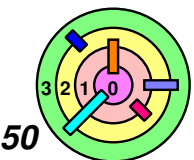
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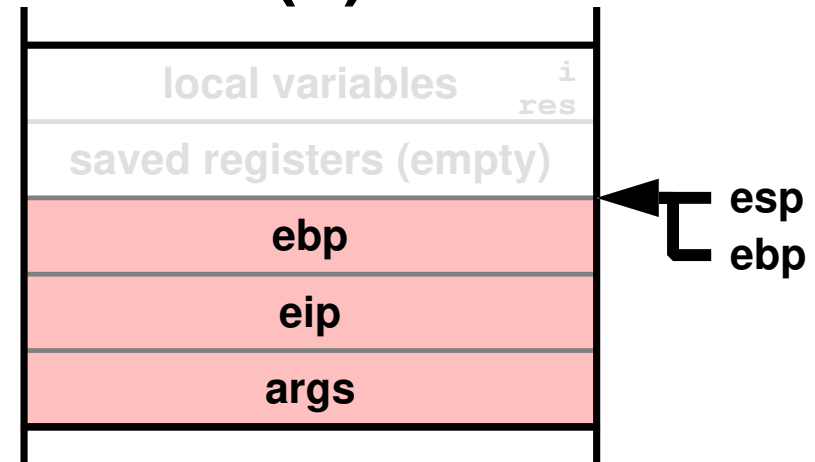
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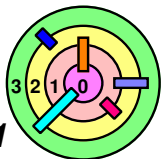
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    → popl %ebp
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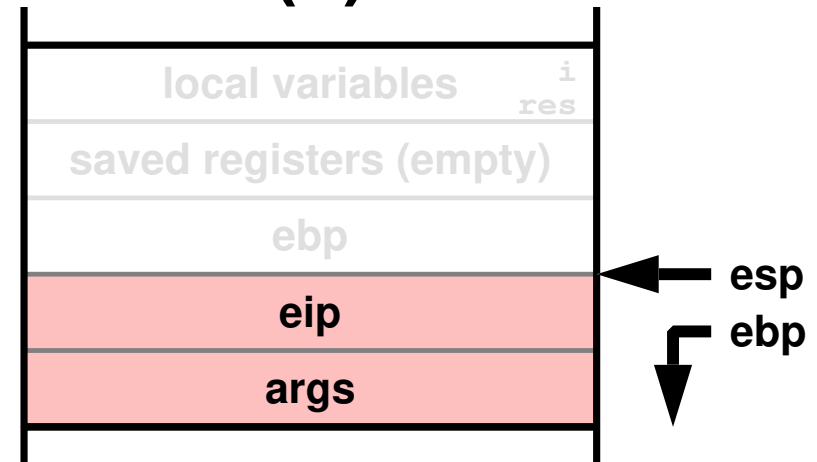
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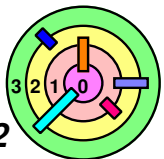
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→ ret



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Intel x86: Subroutine Code (1)

main:

```
pushl %ebp
movl %esp, %ebp
pushl %esi
pushl %edi
subl $8, %esp
...
```

set up
stack frame

```
pushl $1
movl -12(%ebp), %eax
pushl %eax
call sub
```

push args

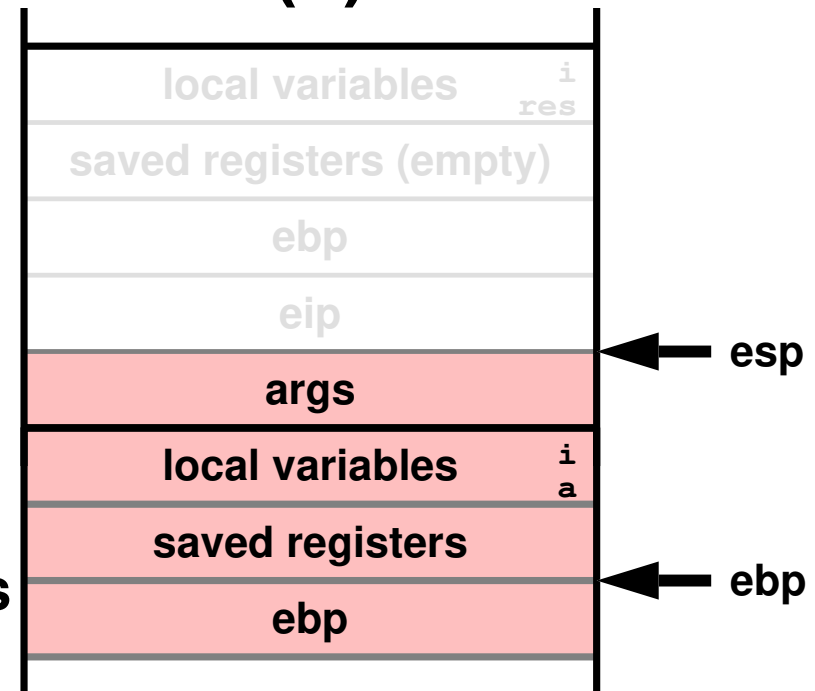
➔

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addl $8, %esp
movl %eax, -16(%ebp)
```

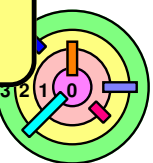
pop args;
get result

```
...
addl $8, %esp
movl $0, %eax
popl %edi
popl %esi
movl %ebp, %esp
popl %ebp
ret
```

set return
value and
restore frame



```
int main() {
    int i;
    int a;
    ...
    i = sub(a, 1);
    ...
    return(0);
}
```



SPARC Architecture

return address	i7	r31
frame pointer	i6	r30
	i5	r29
	i4	r28
	i3	r27
	i2	r26
	i1	r25
	i0	r24

Input Registers

	o7	r15
stack pointer	o6	r14
	o5	r13
	o4	r12
	o3	r11
	o2	r10
	o1	r9
	o0	r8

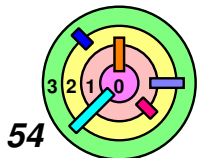
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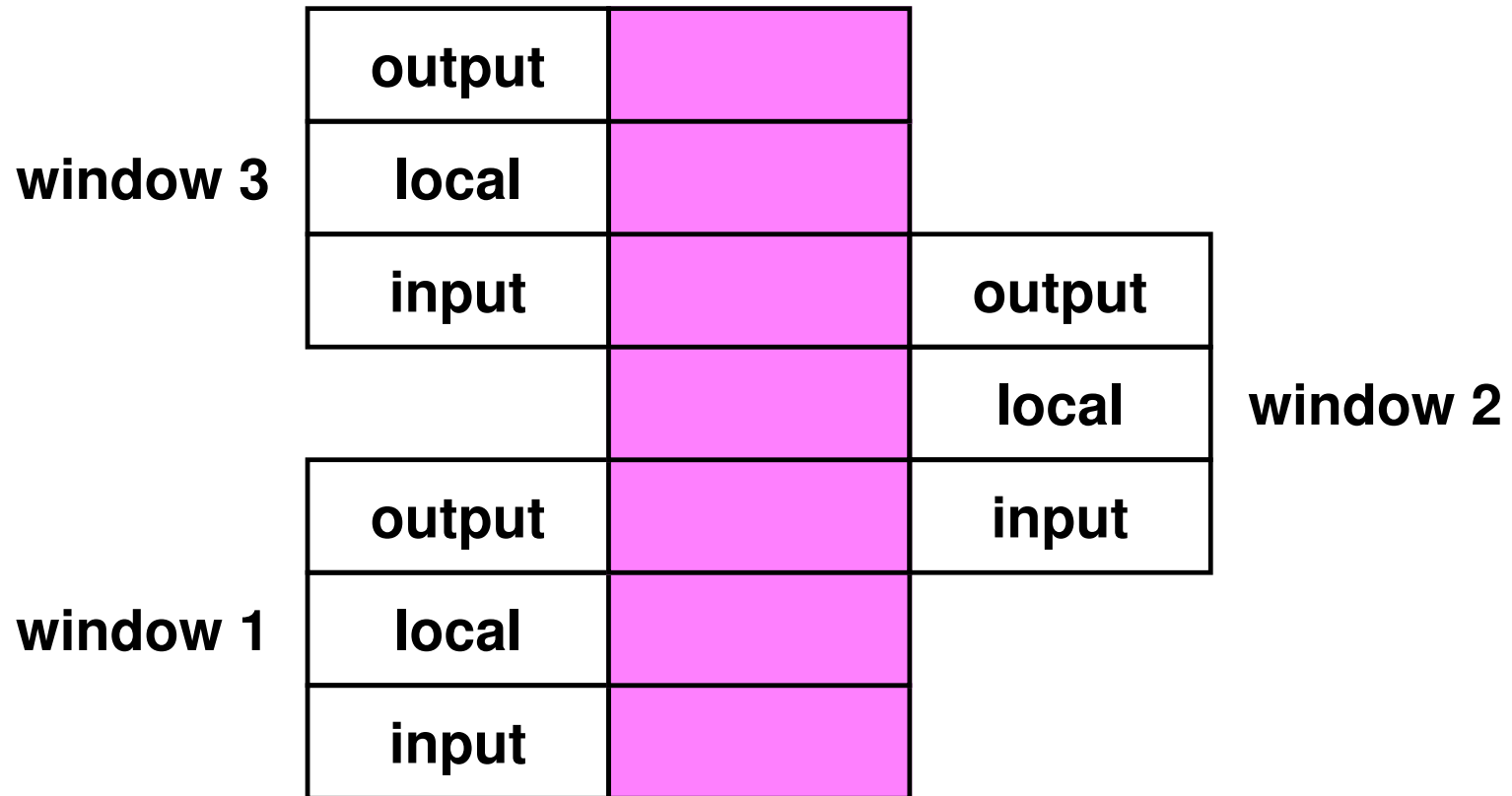
Local Registers

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0	g0	r0

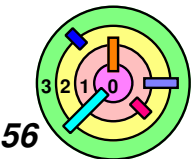
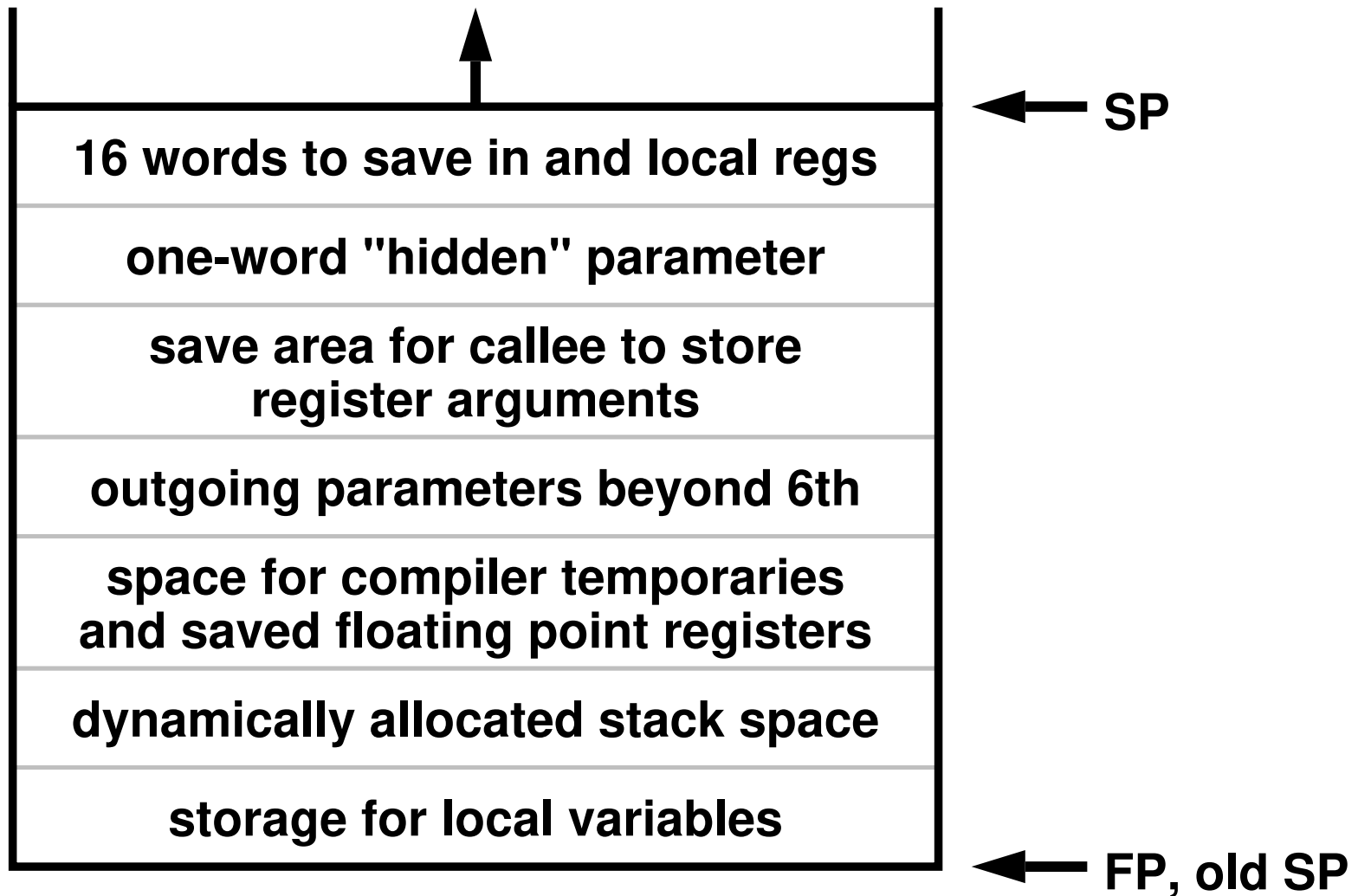
Global Registers



SPARC Architecture: Register Windows

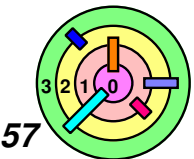


SPARC Architecture: Stack



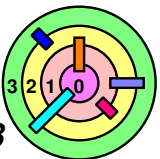
SPARC Architecture: Subroutine Code

```
ld [%fp-8], %o0
! put local var (a) into out register
mov 1, %o1
! deal with 2nd parameter
call sub
nop
st %o0, [%fp-4]
! store result into local var (i)
...
sub:
save %sp, -64, %sp
! push a new stack frame
add %i0, %i1, %i0
! compute sum
ret
! return to caller
restore
! pop frame off stack (in delay slot)
```



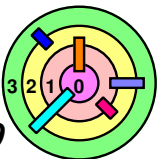
3.1 Context Switching

- ➡ Procedures
- ➡ *Threads & Coroutines*
- ➡ Systems Calls
- ➡ Interrupts



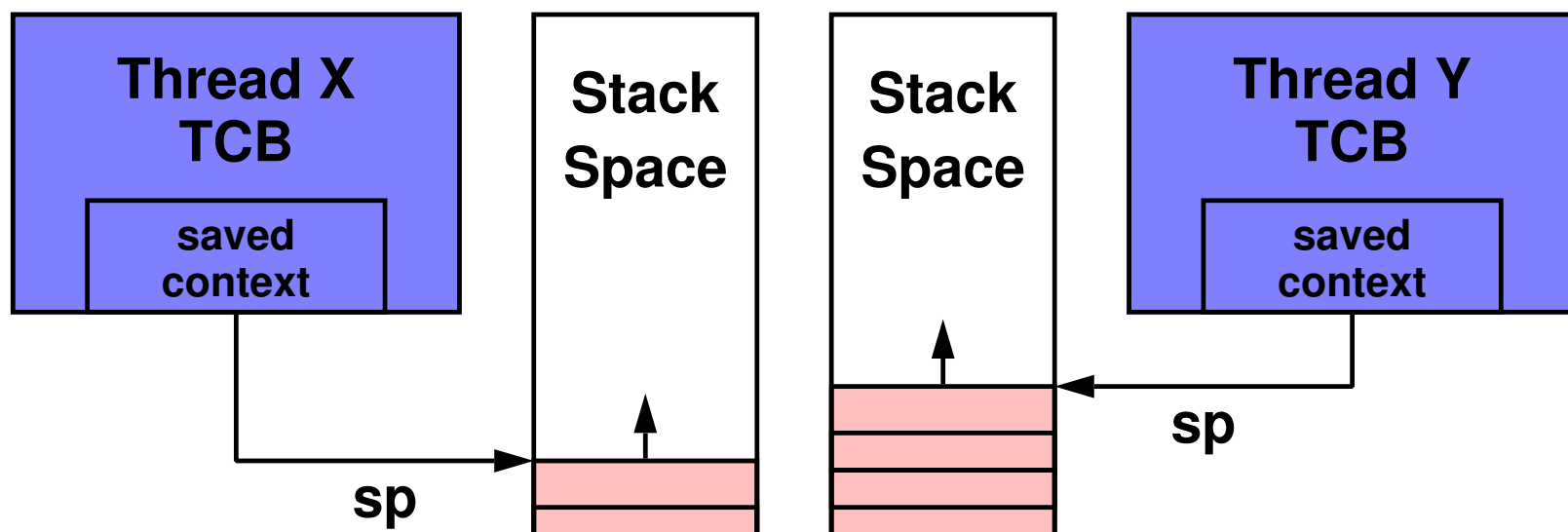
Threads & Coroutines

- ➡ Normally, threads are independent of one another and don't directly control one another's execution
 - ▬ threads can be made aware of each other and be able to *transfer control* from one thread to another
 - this is known as *coroutine linkage*

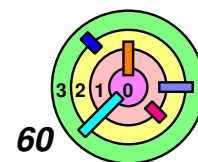


Representing Threads

- ➡ A thread's context
- its *stack*, its *register state*
 - can be stored in a *Thread Control Block (TCB)*
 - this is what *sleeping* threads look like

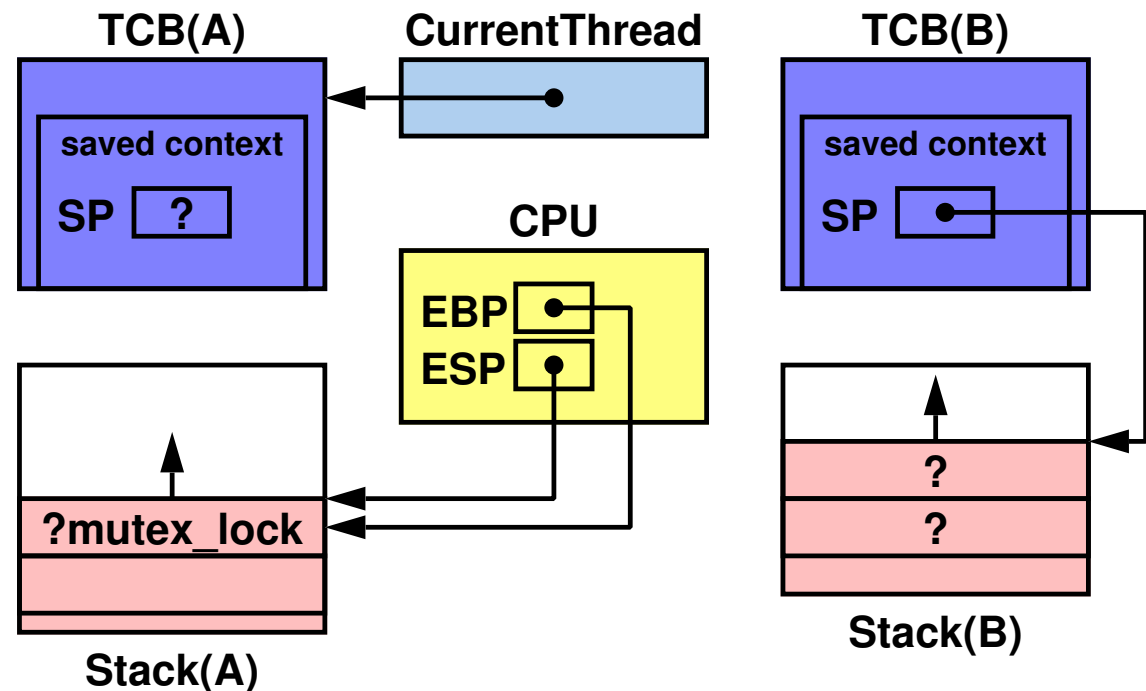


- to transfer control from one thread to another is equivalent to copying the thread control block of the target thread into the "*Current Thread context*"
 - we will look at the single CPU case

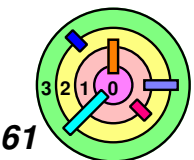


Switching Between Threads

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}
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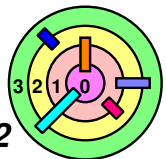
- thread A calls `switch()` to switch to thread B
- thread B's TCB has the *exact context* of thread B right before thread B was *last suspended*
- context information in thread A's TCB is *out-dated*



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}
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```
switch:
    ;enter switch, creating new stack frame
    pushl %ebp ;push FP
    movl %esp,%ebp ;set FP to point to new frame
    pushl %esi ;save esi register
    movl CurrentThread,%esi ;load address of caller's TCB
    movl %esp,SP(%esi) ;save SP in control block
    movl 8(%ebp),CurrentThread ;store target TCB address
                                ;into CurrentThread
    movl CurrentThread,%esi ;put new TCB address into esi
    movl SP(%esi),%esp ;restore target thread's SP
    ;we're now in the context of the target thread!
    popl %esi ;restore target thread's esi register
    popl %ebp ;pop target thread's FP
    ret ;return to caller within target thread
```

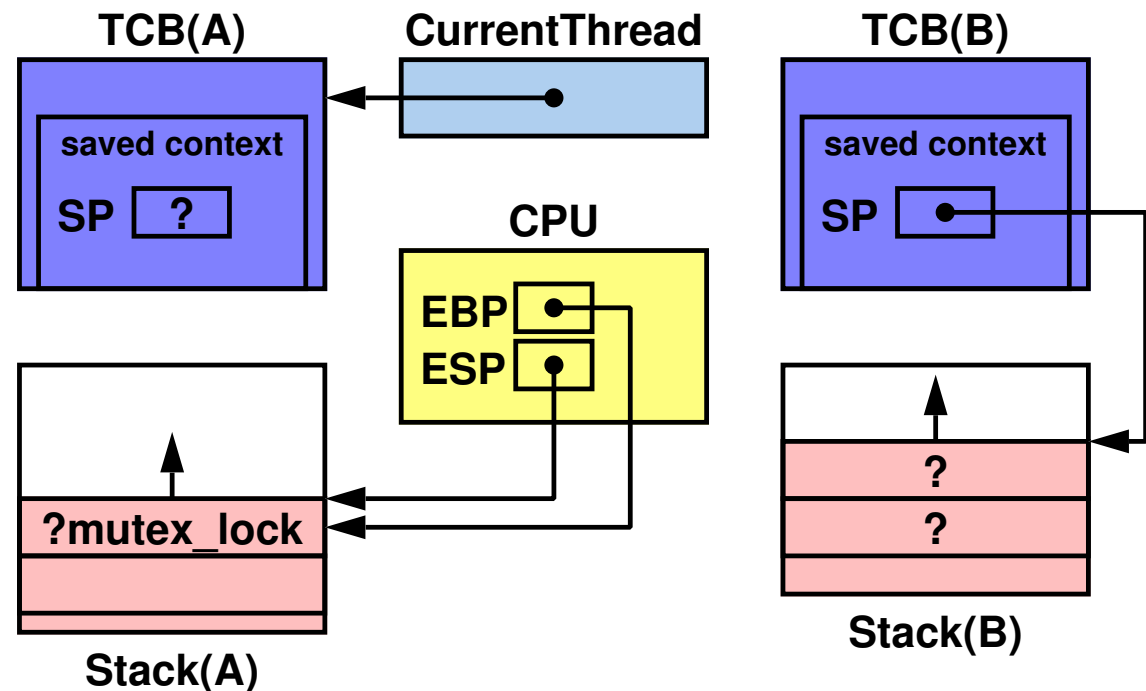


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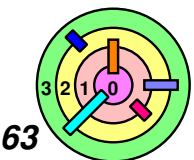
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    return;
}

```



— why is `switch()` called?

- may be because thread A called `pthread_mutex_lock()` and the mutex is not available

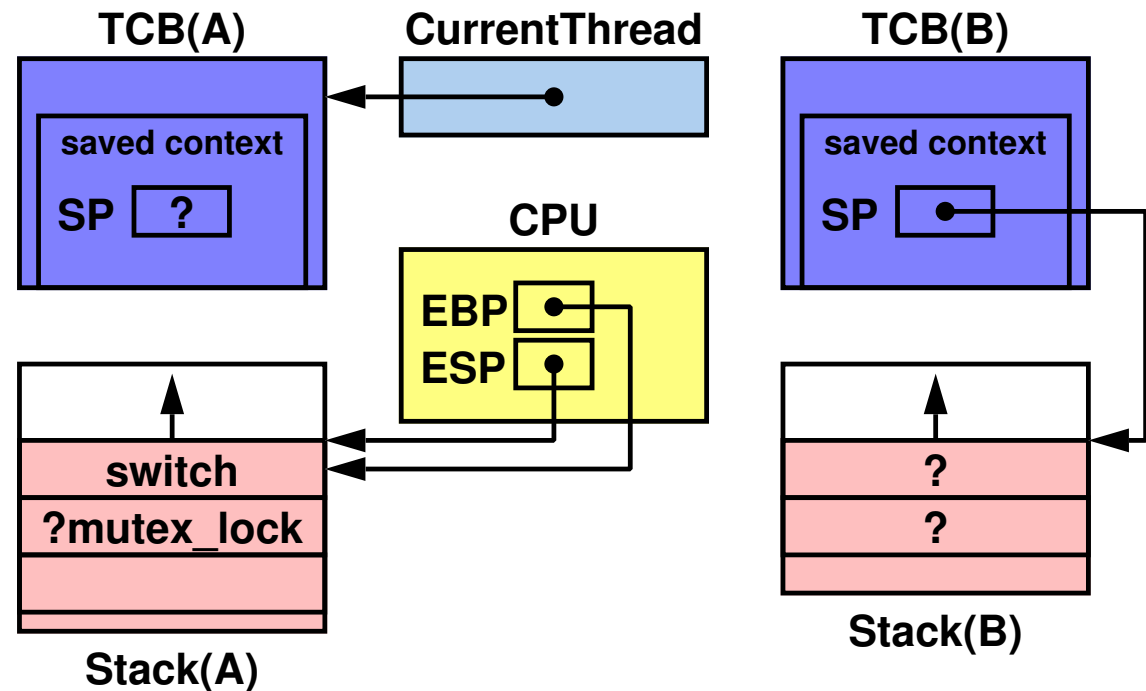


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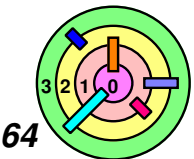
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➡ on entry into `switch()`, the caller's registers are saved!

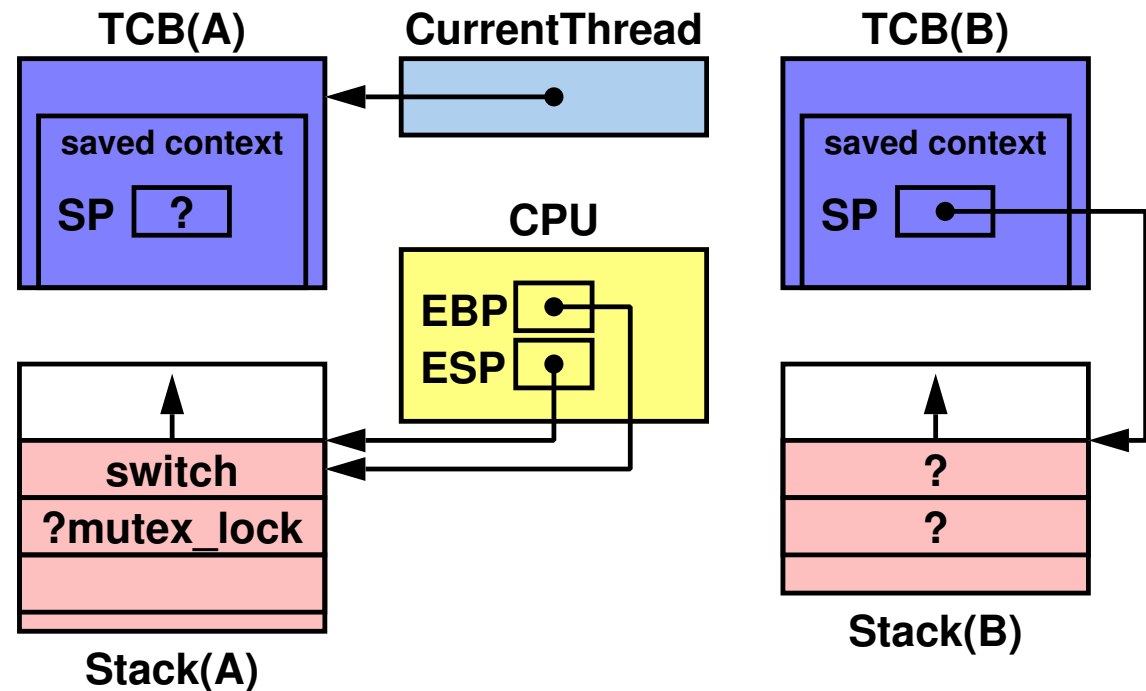


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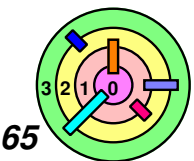
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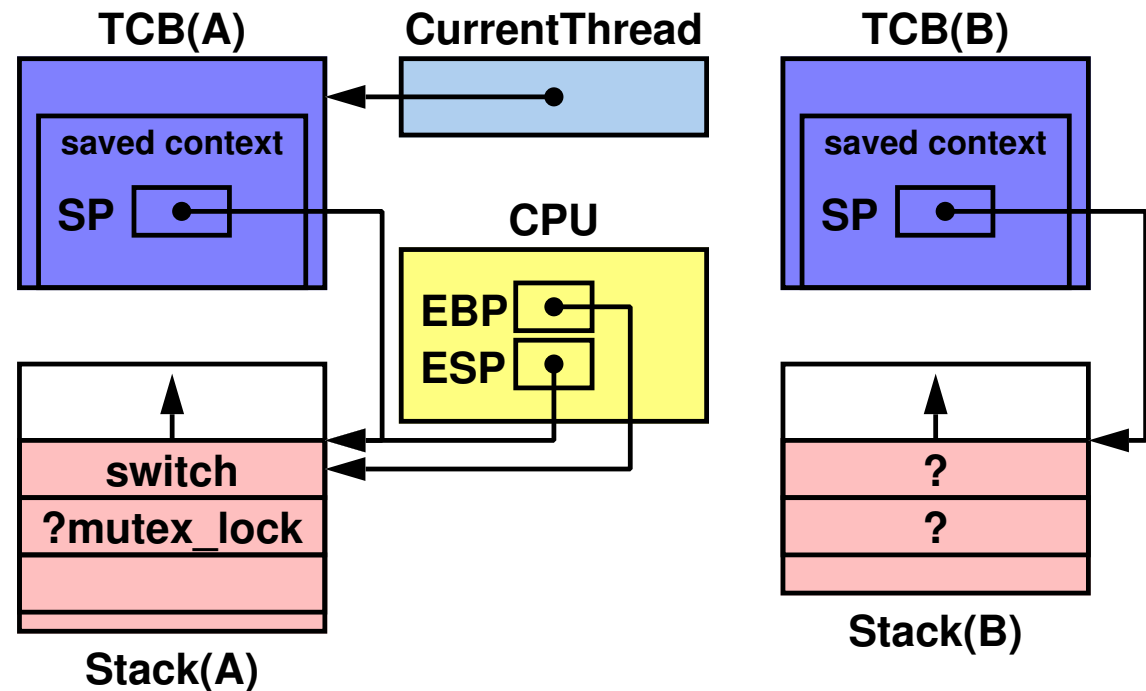


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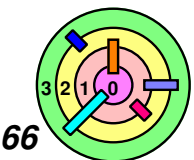
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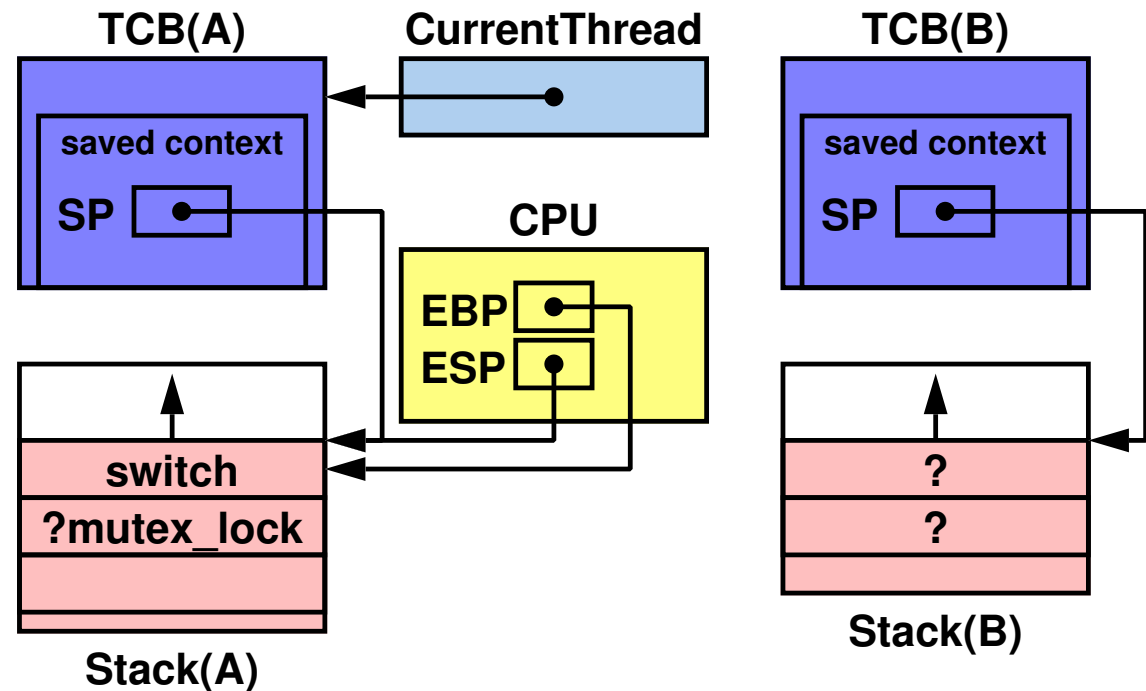


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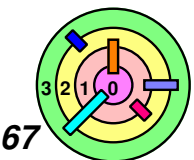
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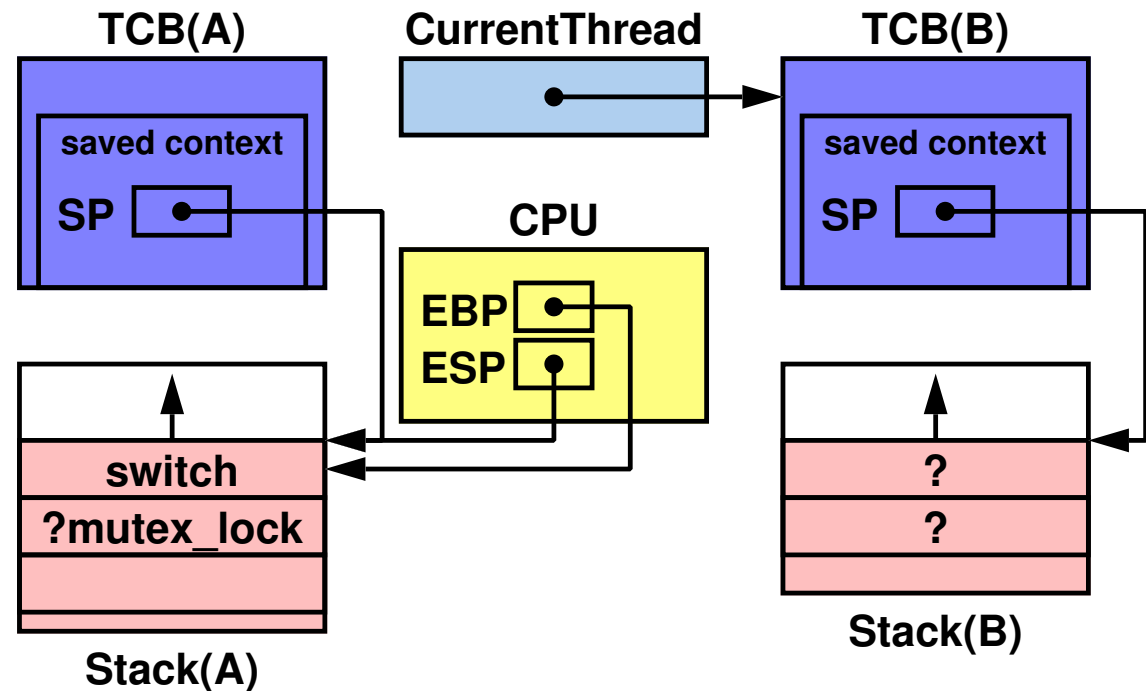


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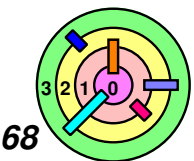
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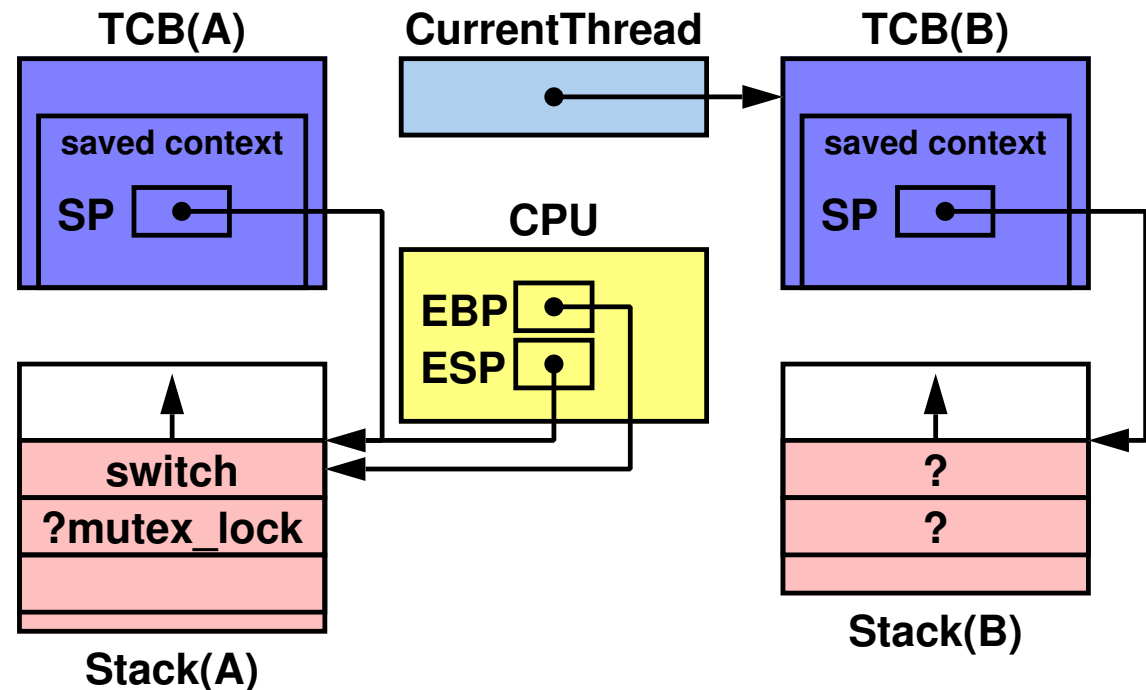


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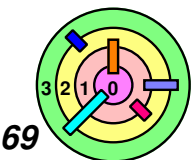
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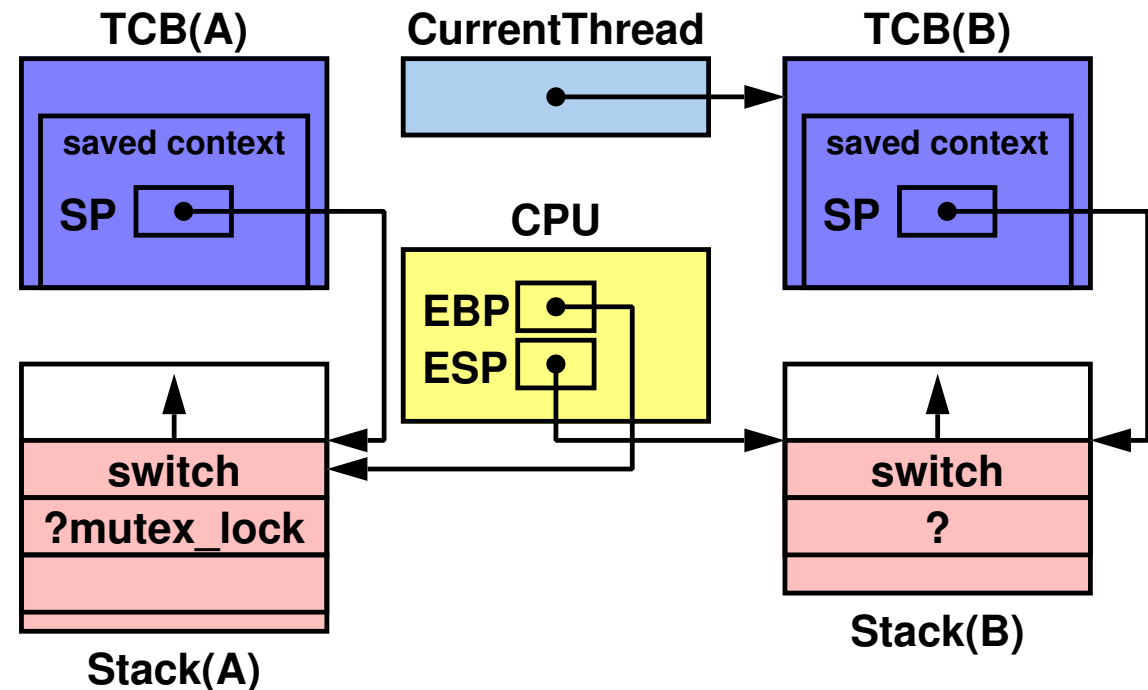


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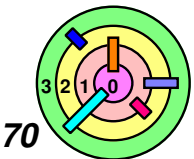
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 - hmm... which thread executes this?
 - ◆ does it matter? what about EIP?

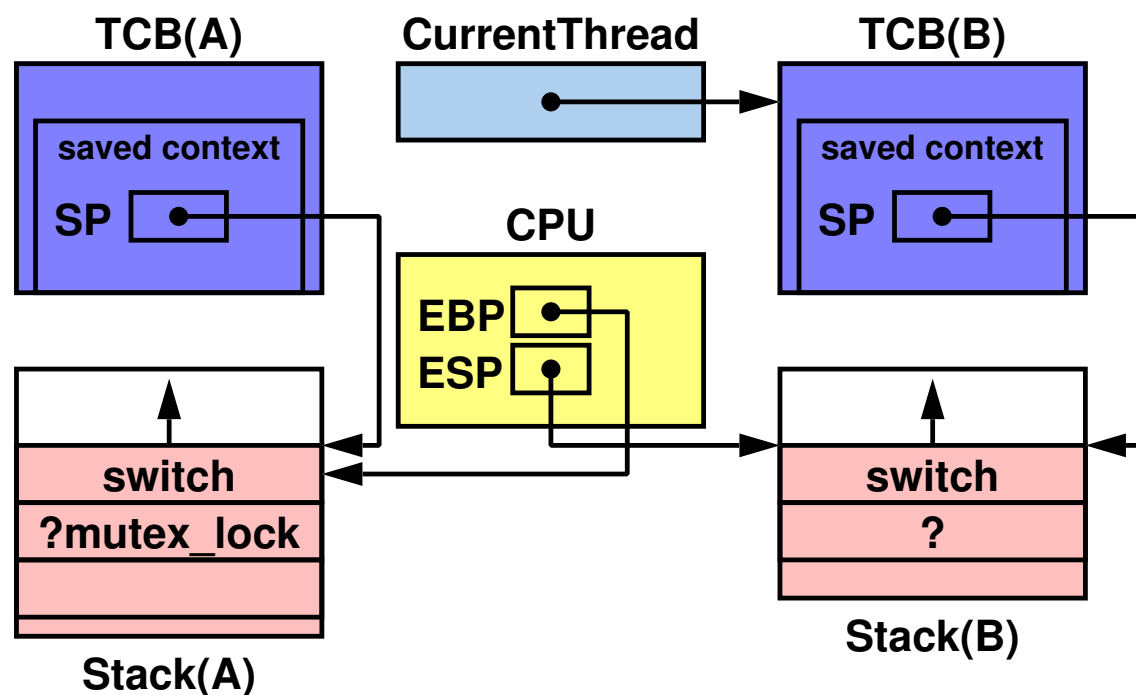


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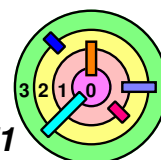
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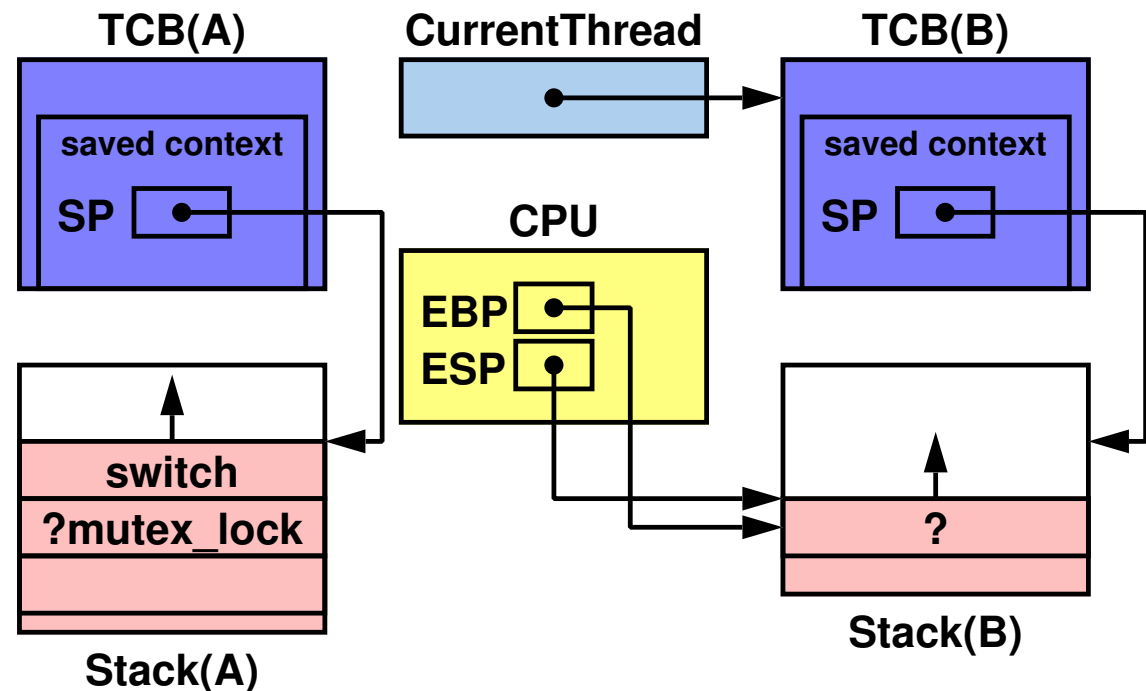


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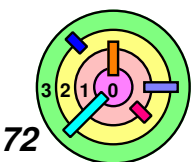


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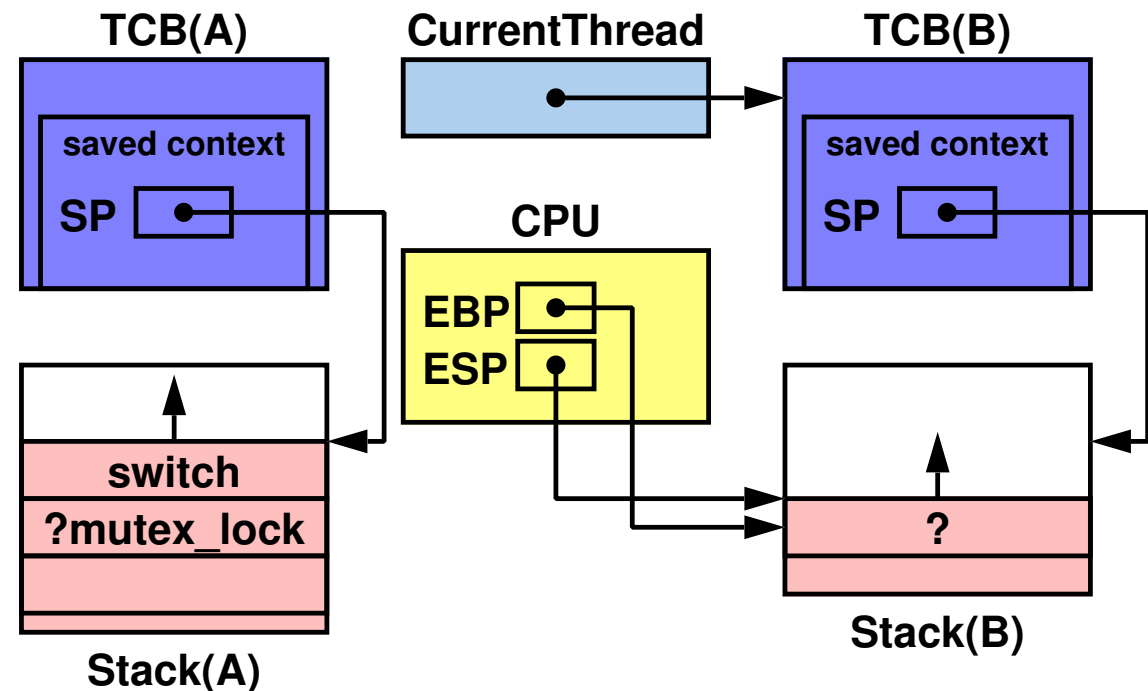


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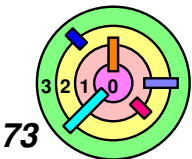
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- if thread control blocks were user-space data structures, threads were switched *without* getting the kernel involved!

➡ Note: SP field inside TCB(B) *no longer* tracks ESP in CPU



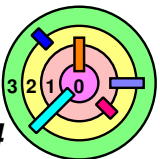
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```



Note: one very interesting thing happened in this call

- usually, a single thread executes the entire procedure call
- with `switch()`, at the beginning of the procedure call, one thread is executing
 - half way through the procedure call, another thread starts to execute
 - so, one thread enters the `switch()` call, and *a different thread* leaves the `switch()` call!
 - but from whose perspective?!

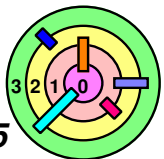


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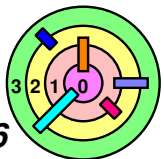
- ⇒ that's from the *system's perspective*
- ⇒ from the *calling thread's perspective*, it fell asleep in `switch()`
- ⇒ from the *next_thread's perspective*, it woke up in `switch()`
 - it fell asleep a while back and now woke up somehow
- ⇒ from the *CPU's perspective*
 - "I did what?! What's a thread?"
 - *thread* is just an *abstraction*, CPU doesn't really know about threads



Switching Between Threads

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    SP = CurrentThread->SP;  
    return;  
}
```

- ➡ This is an elegant way of switching threads
 - all threads come here to switch to another thread
- ➡ This code is incomplete
 - what if `next_thread` is `NULL`?
 - it saves *some* of the CPU registers, but we need to save *all* of the CPU registers
 - will revisit in Ch 5



... in x86 Assembler

switch:

```

;enter switch, creating new thread
pushl %ebp ;push FP
movl %esp,%ebp ;set FP to current stack pointer
pushl %esi ;save esi register
movl CurrentThread,%esi ;store current thread's TCB address
movl %esp,SP(%esi) ;save current thread's SP
movl 8(%ebp),CurrentThread ;store target TCB address
                           ;into CurrentThread
movl CurrentThread,%esi ;put new TCB address into esi
movl SP(%esi),%esp ;restore target thread's SP
;we're now in the context of the target thread!
popl %esi ;restore target thread's esi register
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ret ;return to caller within target thread

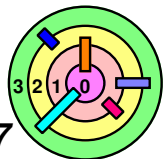
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- ➡ The above is *hand-written* and not compiler generated
- can easily change it to save more registers

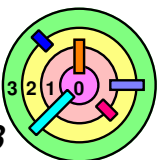


... in SPARC Assembler

switch:

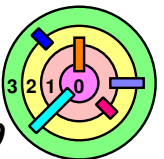
```

save %sp, -64, %sp    ! Push a new stack frame.
t      3              ! Trap into the OS to force
                    ! window overflow.
st      %sp, [%g0+SP]  ! Save CurrentThread's SP in
                    ! control block.
mov     %i0, %g0       ! Set CurrentThread to be
                    ! target thread.
ld      [%g0+SP], %sp  ! Set SP to that of target thread
ret                                           ! return to caller (in target
                    ! thread's context).
restore              ! Pop frame off stack (in delay
                    ! slot).
```



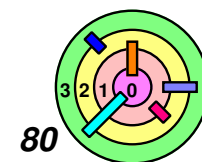
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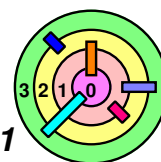
System Calls

- ➡ A system call involves the transfer of control from user code to system/kernel code and back
- ➡ there is *no thread switching!*
 - although there was a *context switch*
 - ➡ depending on the OS implementation (and as far as this class is concerned), this can view this as a user thread *change status* and becomes a kernel thread
 - and executes in *privileged mode*
 - and executing operating-system code
 - ◆ effectively, it's part of the OS
 - in reality, more complex than just changing status
 - ➡ it then changed back to a user thread eventually



System Calls

- ➡ Most systems provide threads with *two stacks*
- one for use in user mode
 - and one for use in kernel mode (as far as this class is concerned)
 - in some systems (not common these days), one kernel stack is shared by all threads in the same user process (Ch 5)
 - therefore, when a thread performs a system call and switches from user mode to kernel mode
 - it switches to use its kernel-mode stack
 - the kernel cannot use the user-space stack because it *cannot trust* the user process
 - ◆ what if the user process has almost used up the stack space?



System Calls

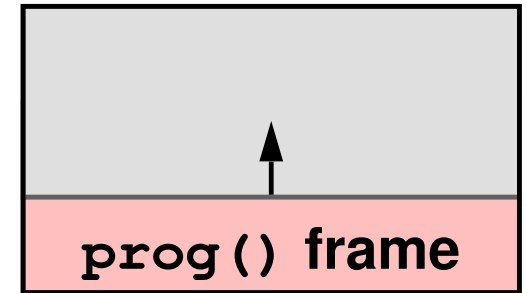
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prog( ) {
```

```
    ...
    ➡ write(fd, buffer, size);
    ...
}
```

```
write( ) {
```

```
    ...
    trap(write_code);
    ...
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```



User Stack

User

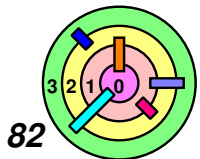
Kernel

```
intr_handler(intr_code) {
    ...
    if (intr_code == SYSCALL)
        syscall_handler( );
    ...
}
```

```
syscall_handler(trap_code) {
    ...
    if (trap_code == write_code)
        write_handler( );
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```



Kernel Stack



System Calls

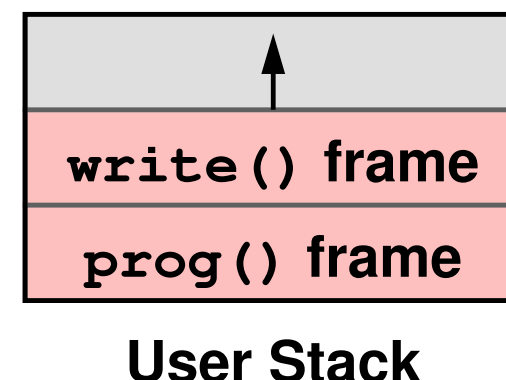
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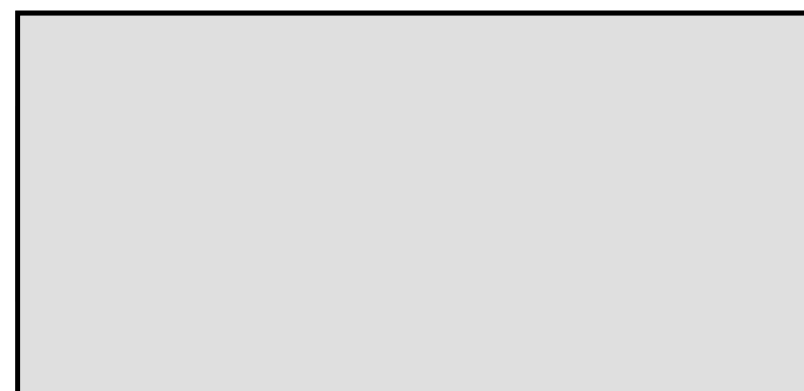
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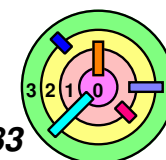
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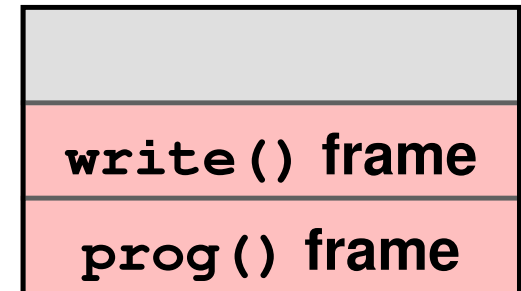


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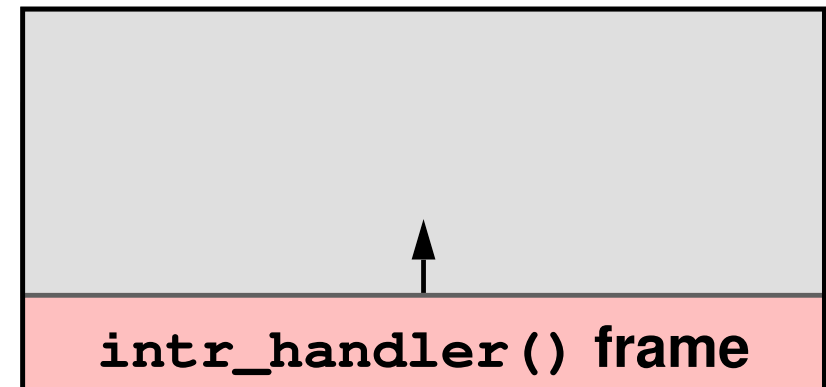
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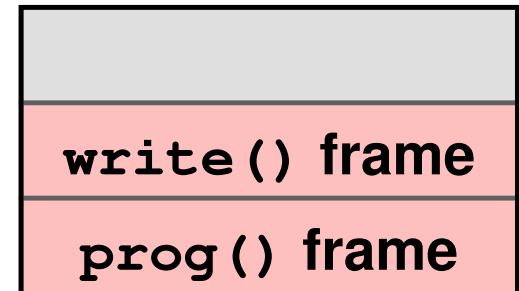
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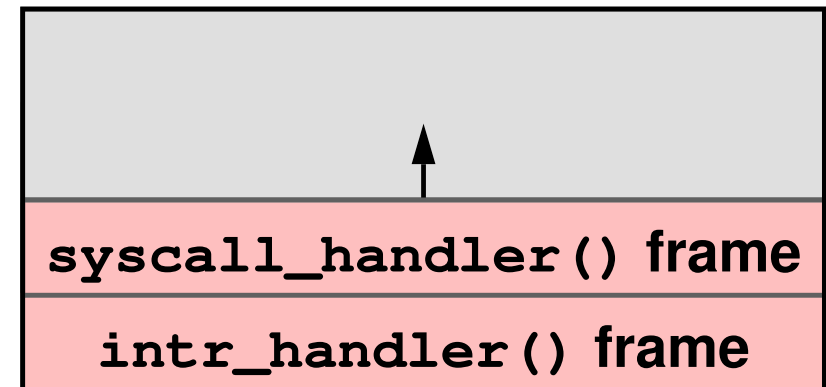
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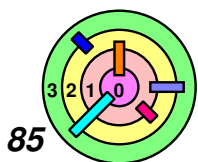
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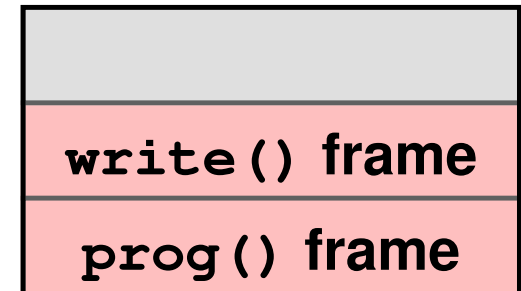


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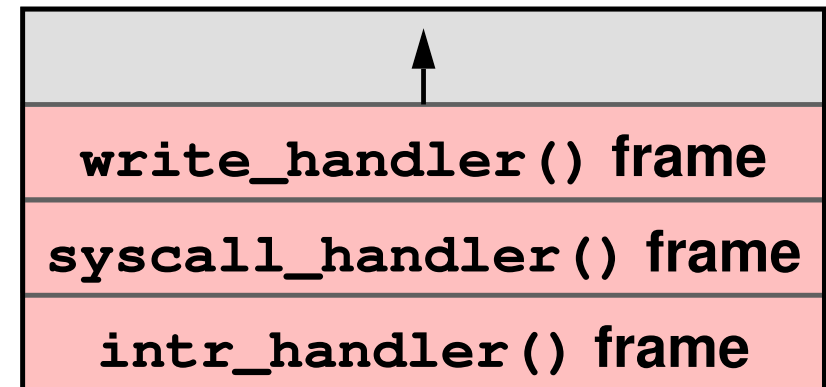
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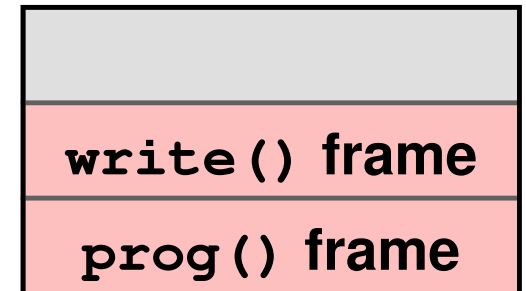
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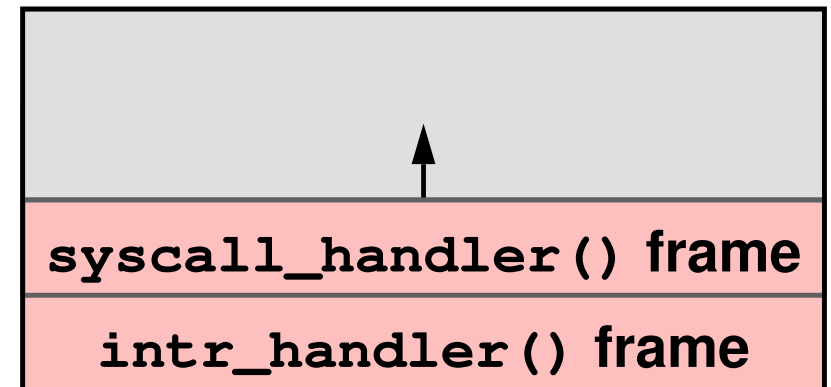
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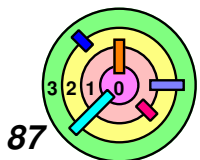
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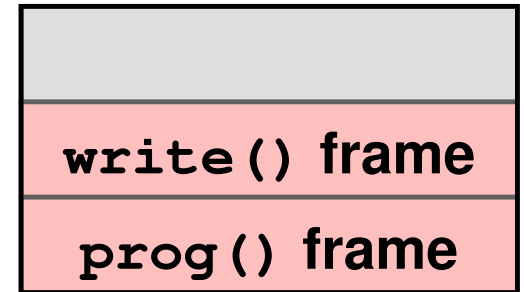


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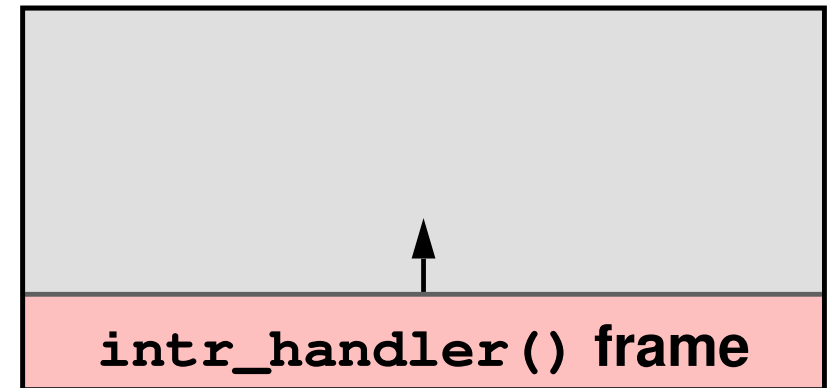
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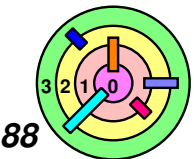
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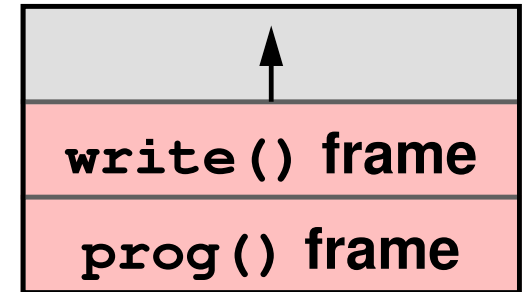
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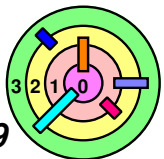
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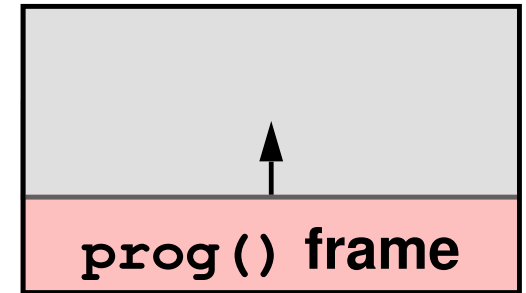
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