

# ECE 220

## Lecture x0007 - 09/17

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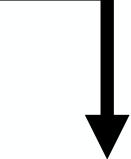
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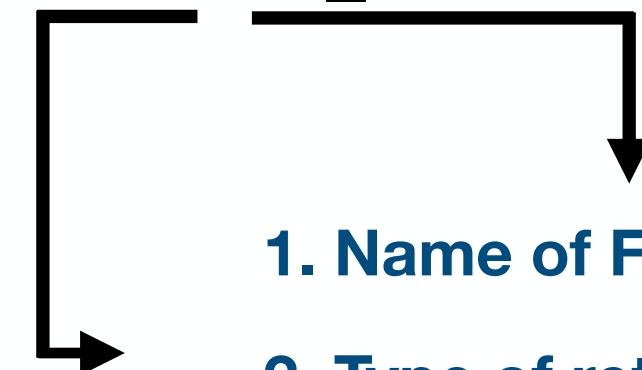
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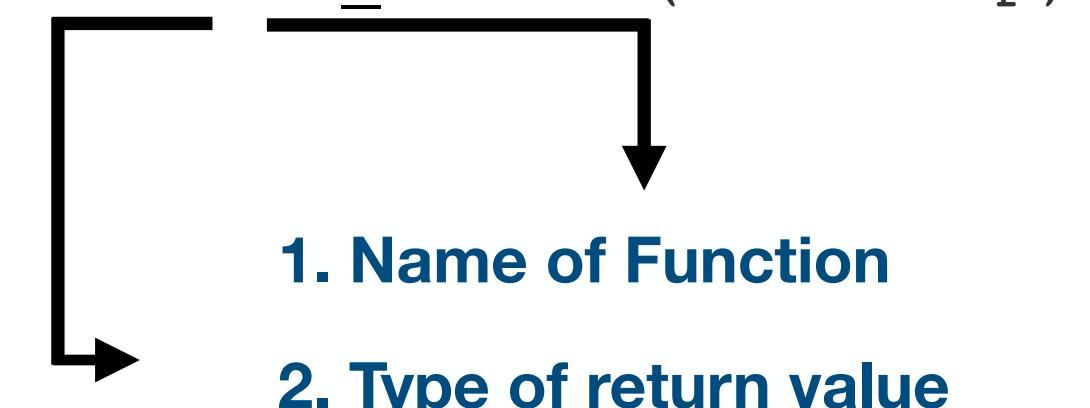
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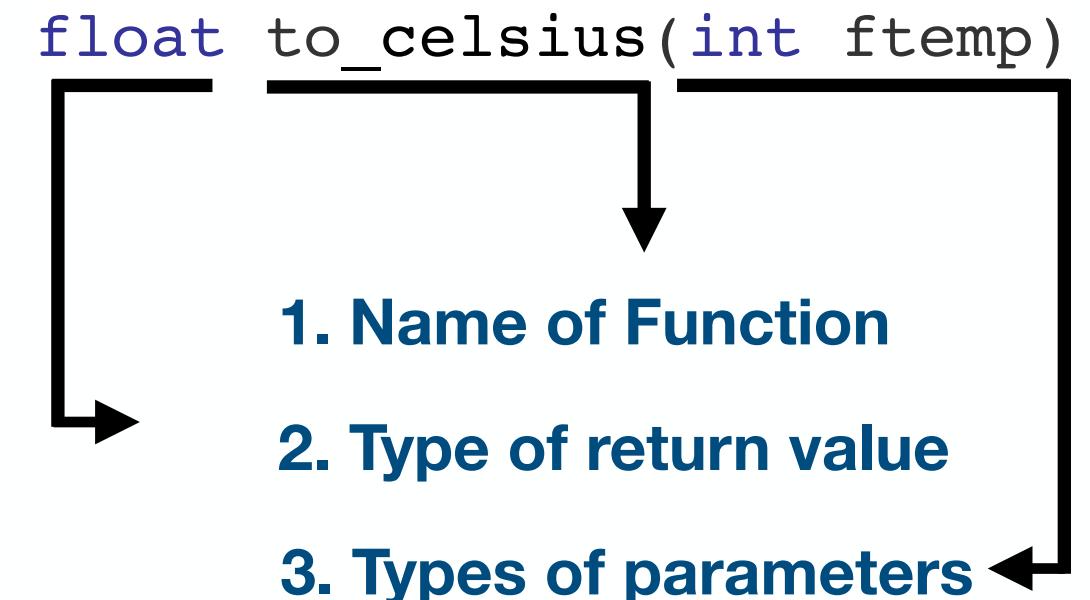


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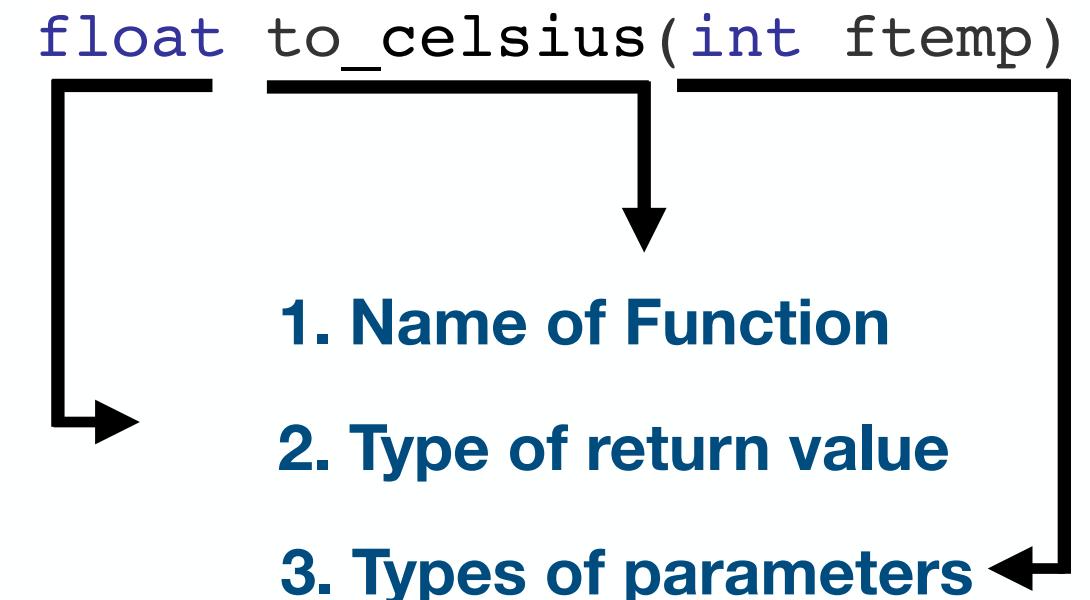


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Let us go over this line by line

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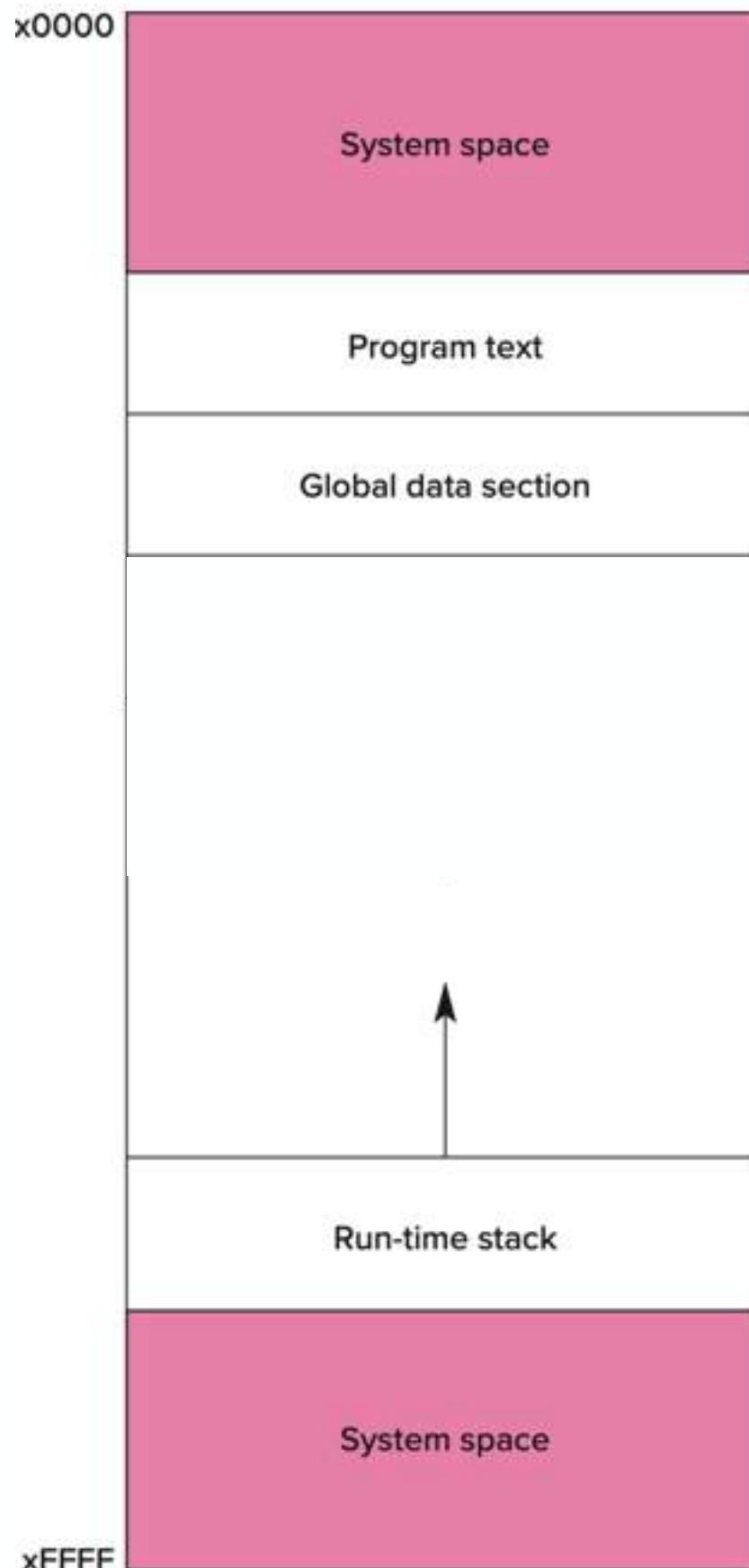
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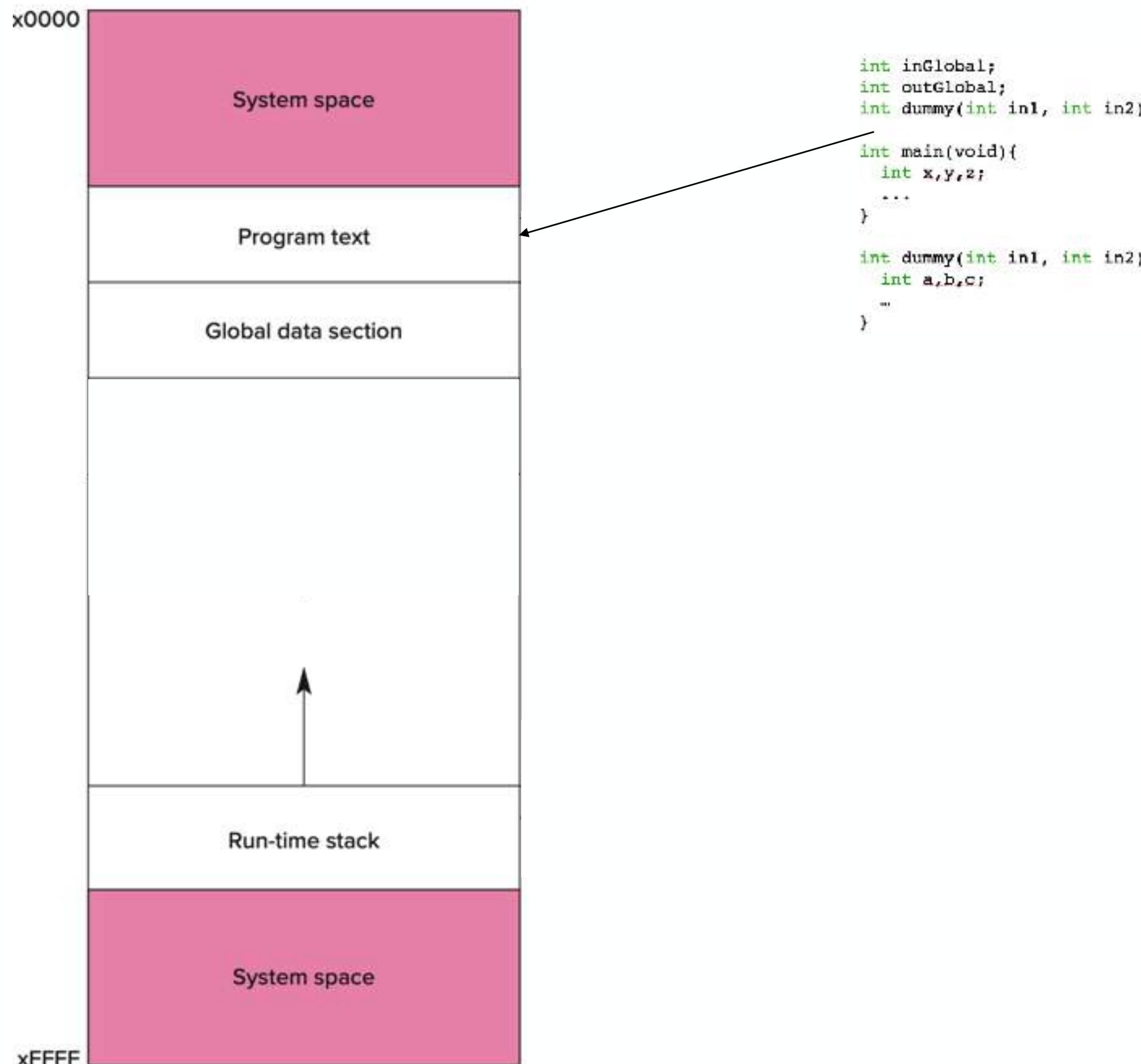
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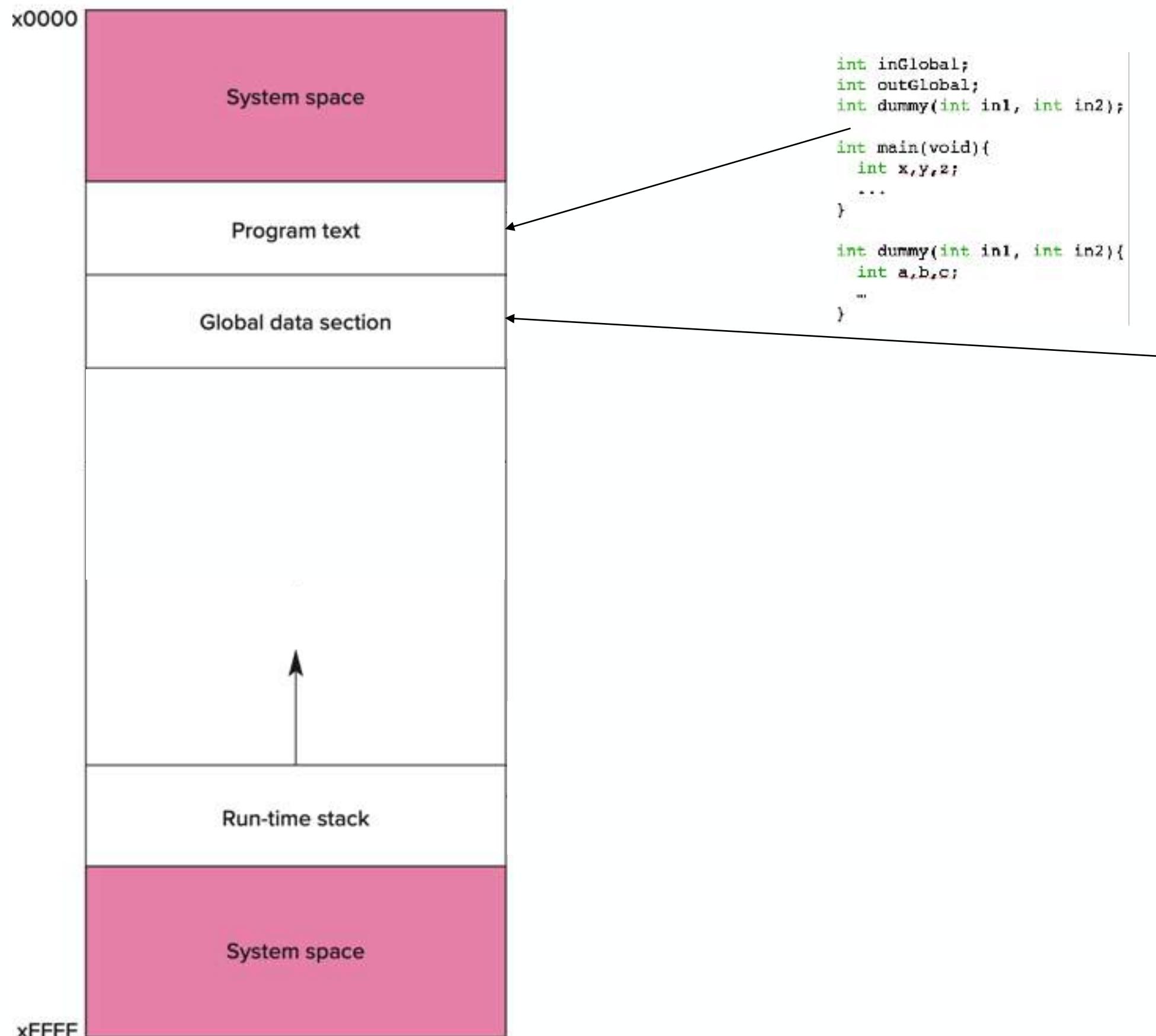
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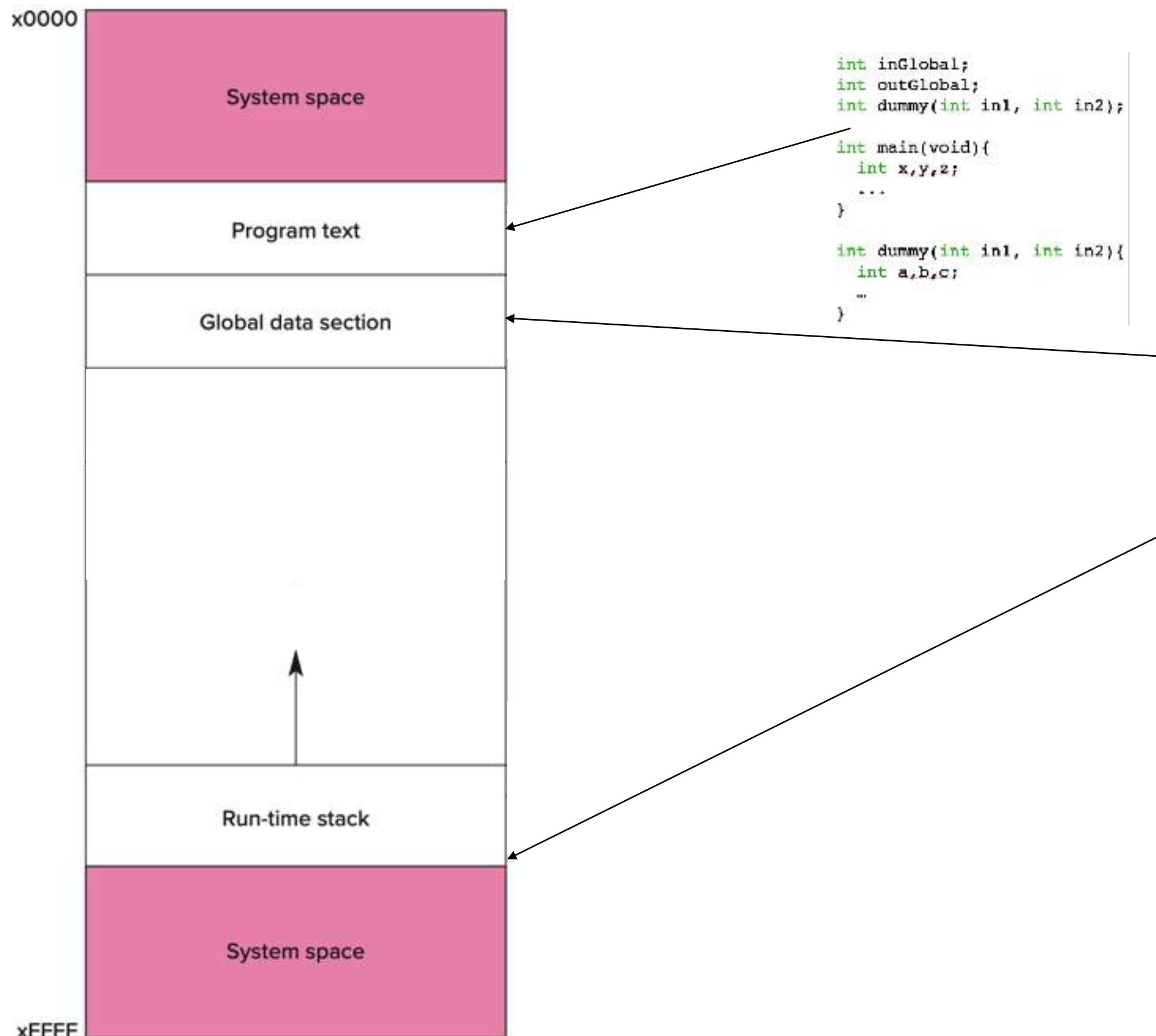
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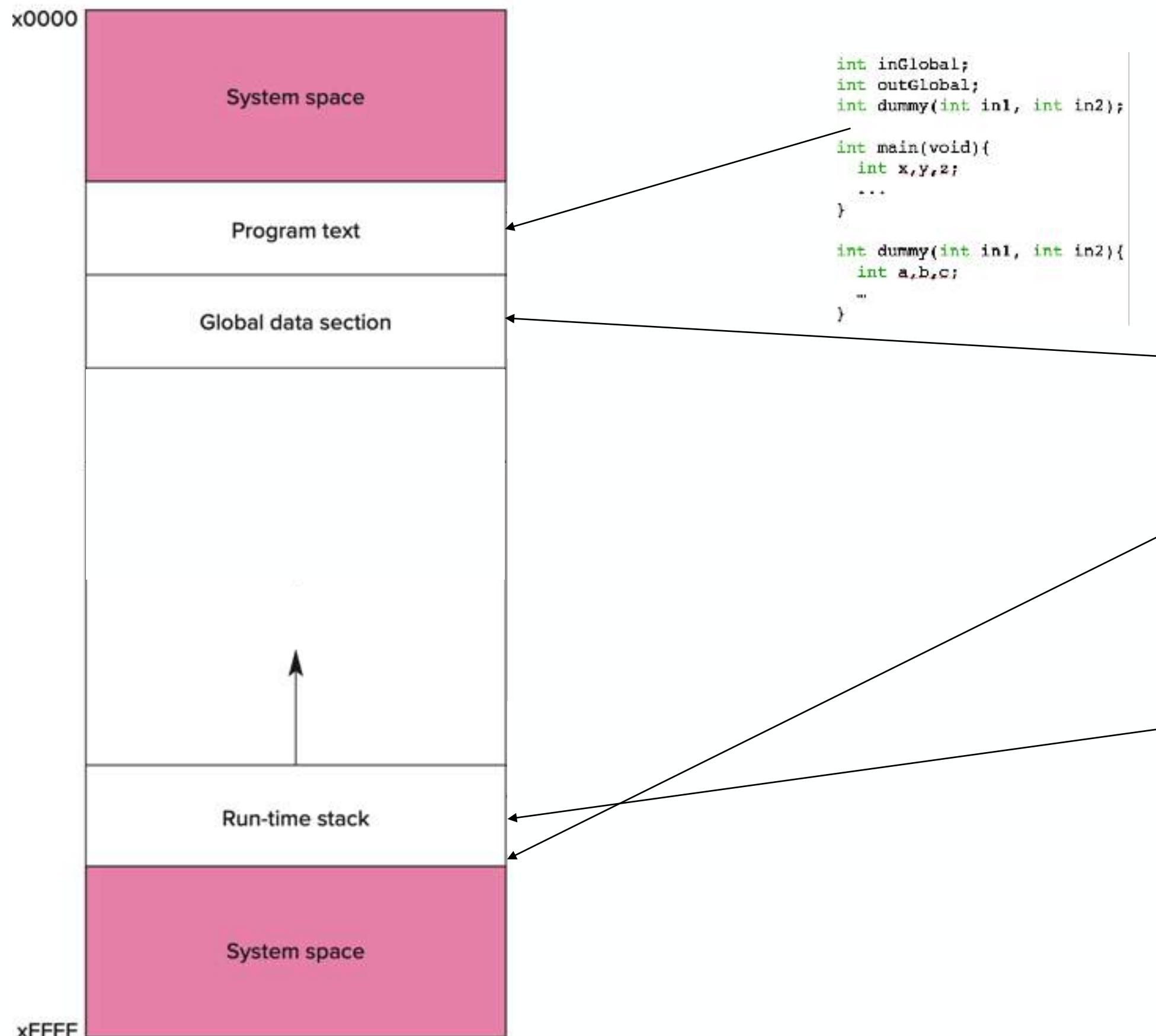
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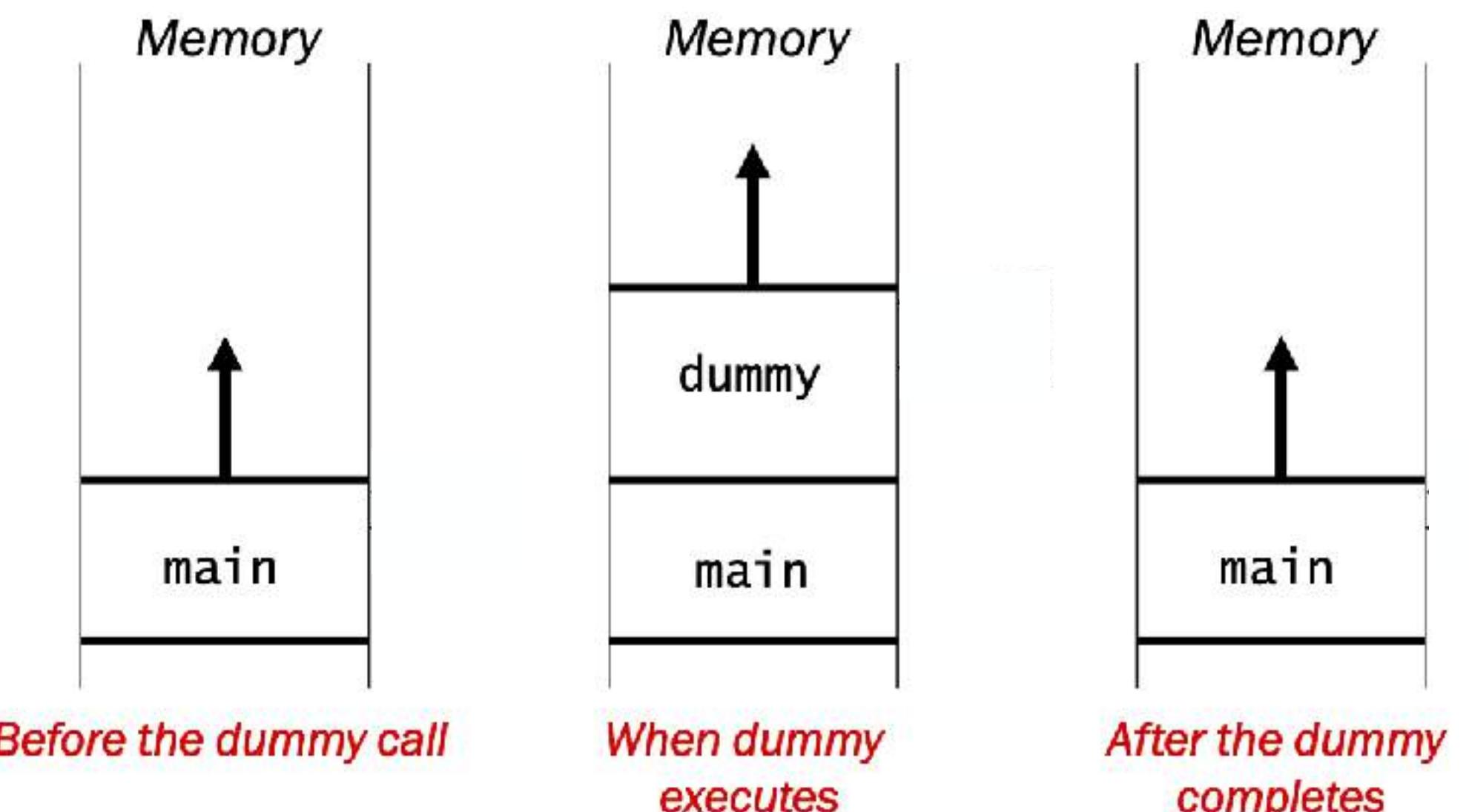
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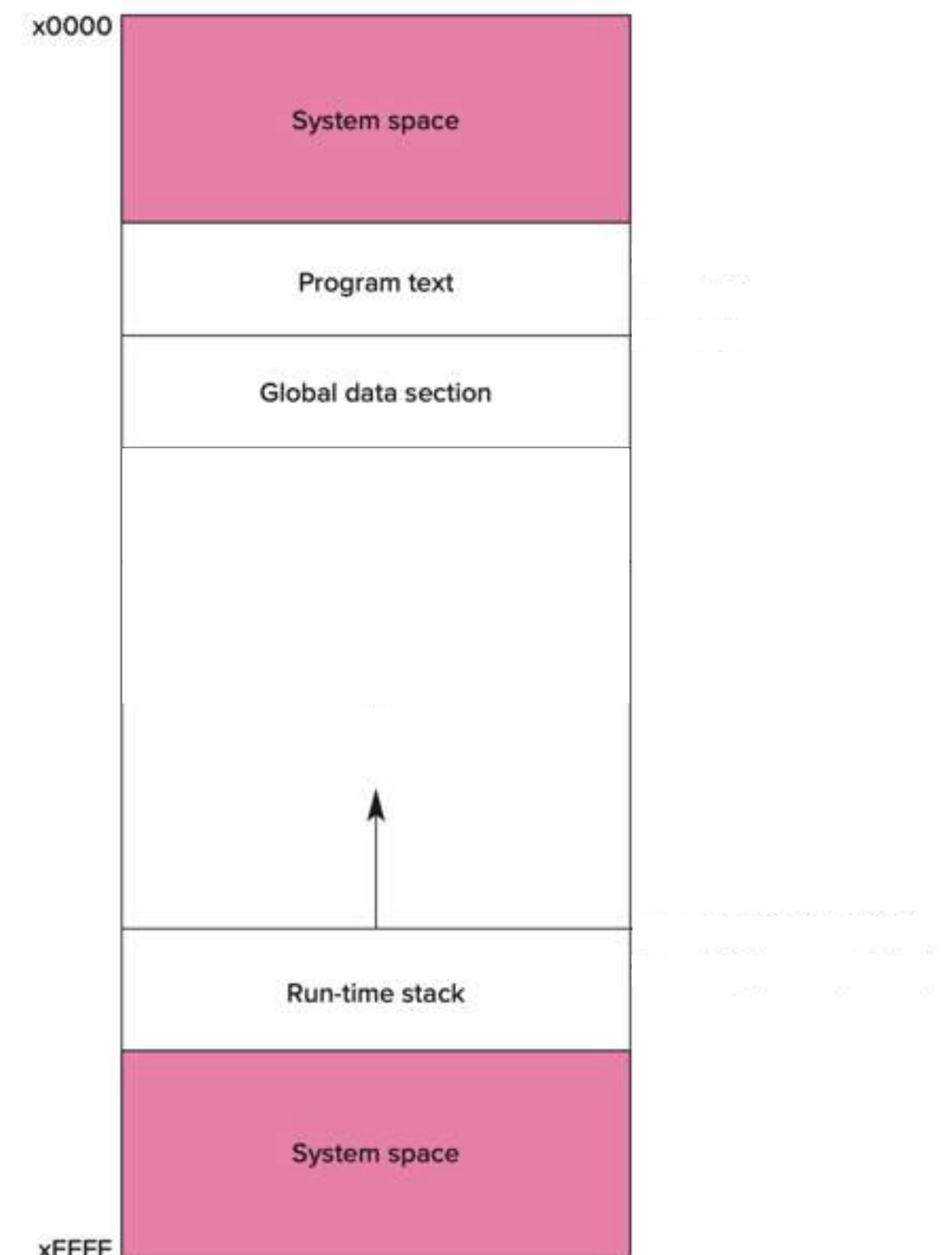
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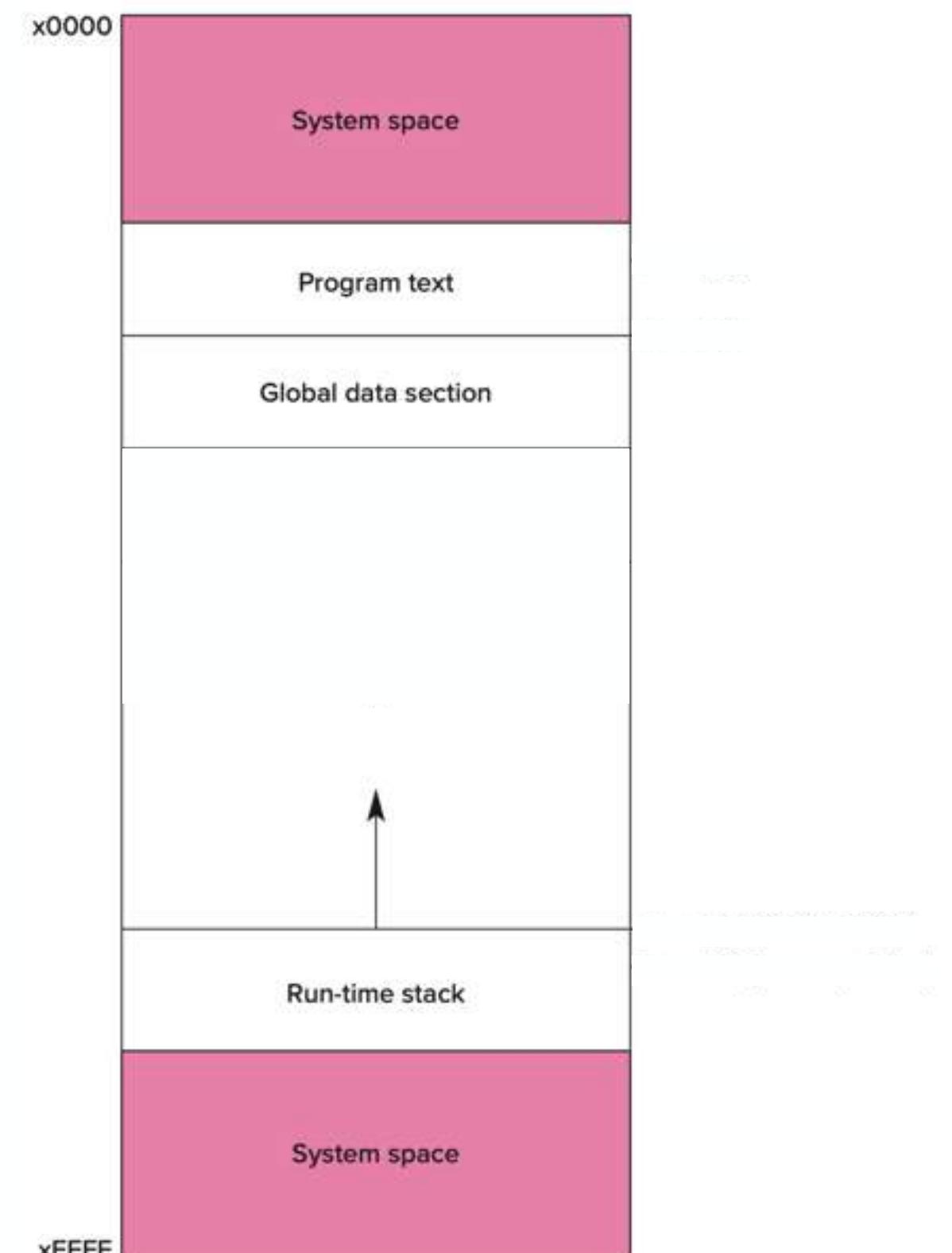


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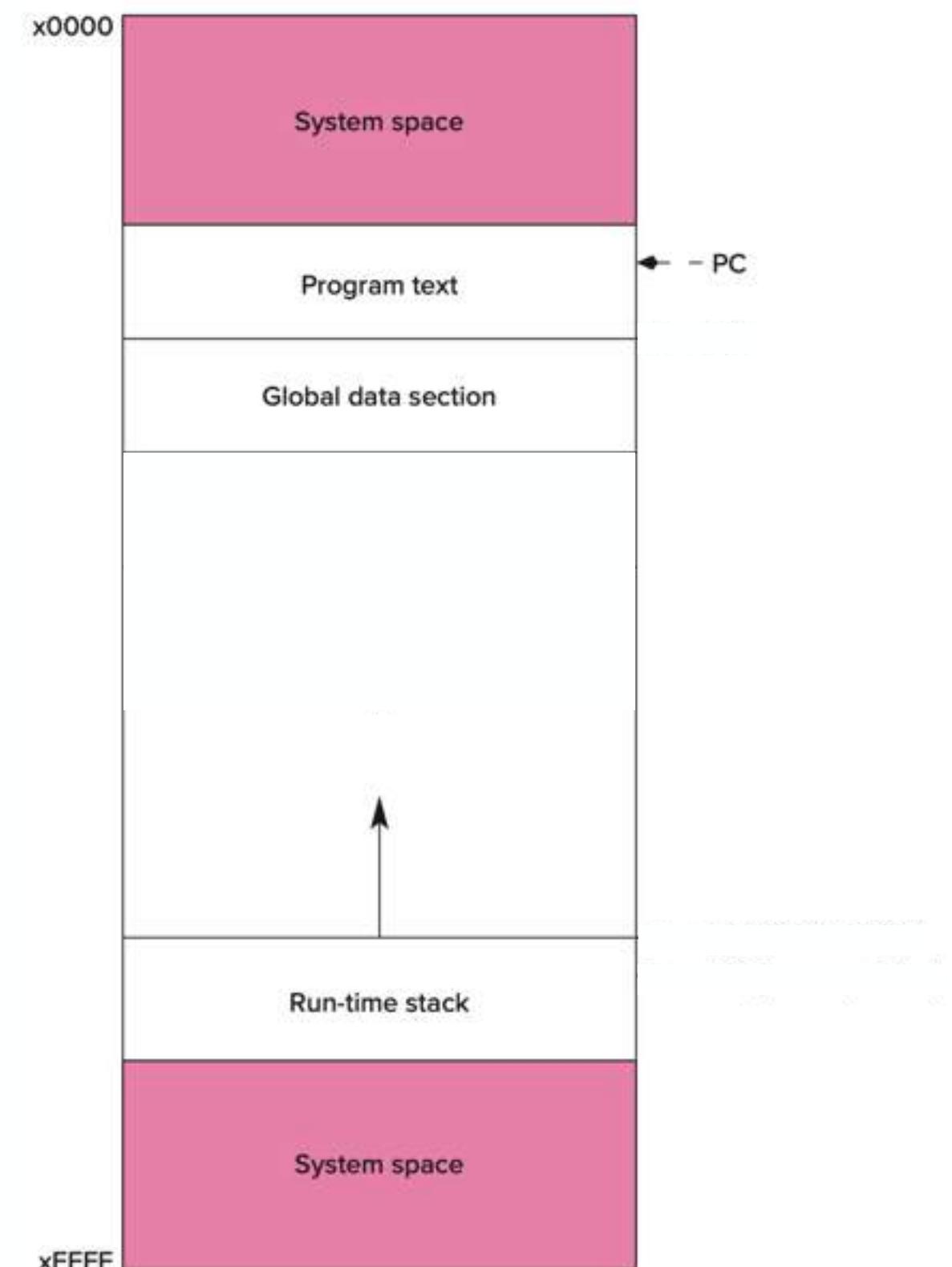
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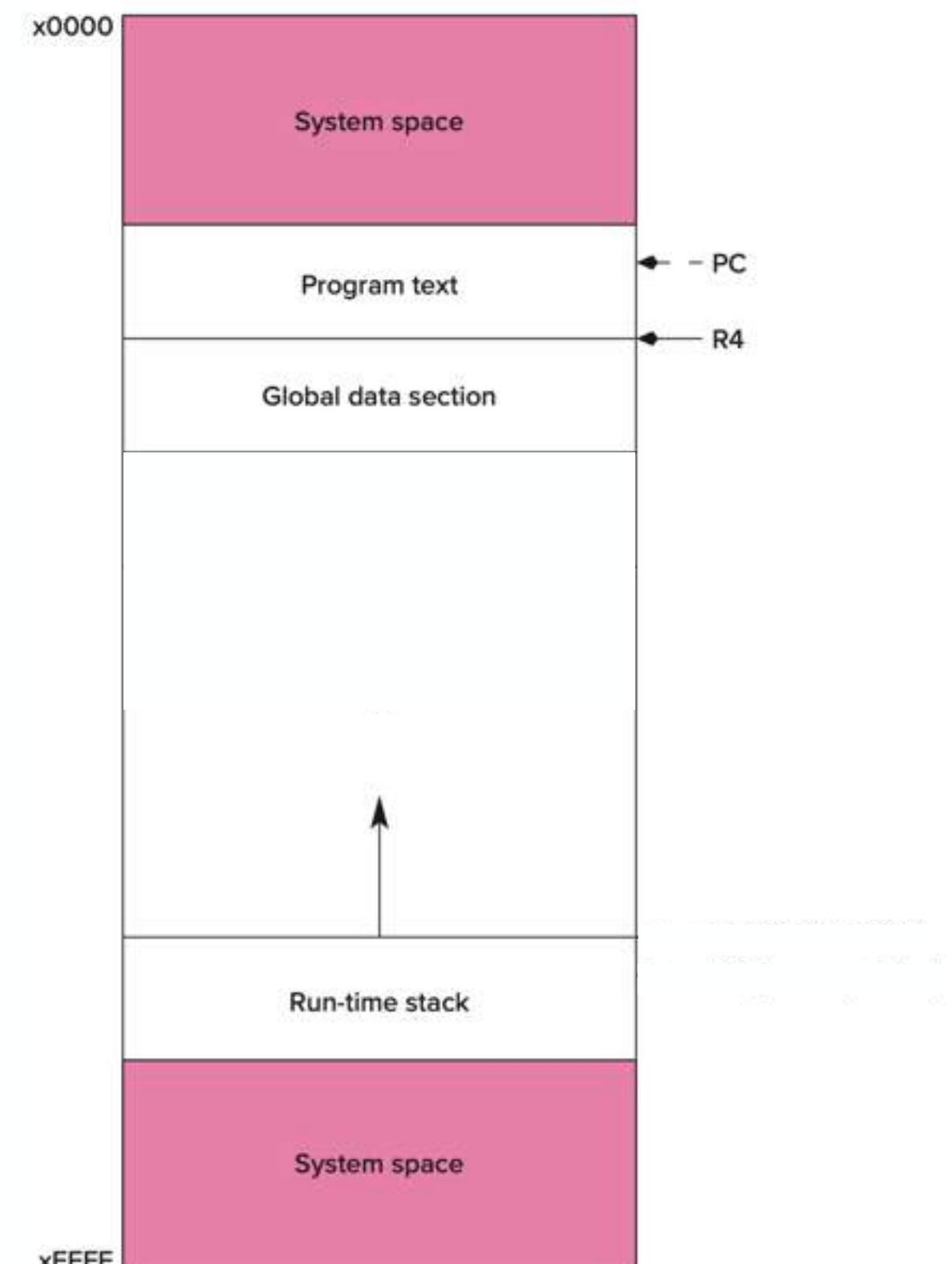
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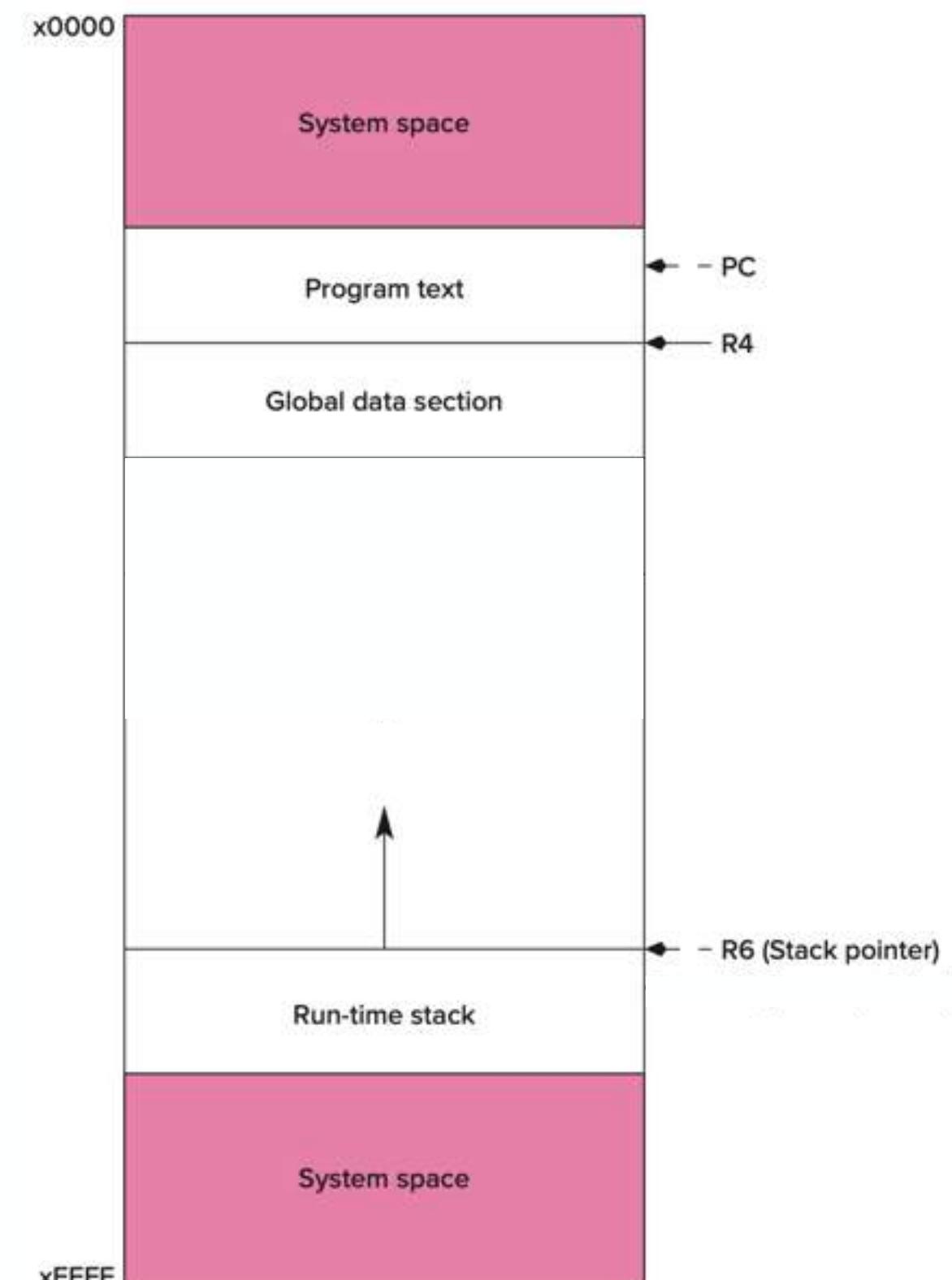
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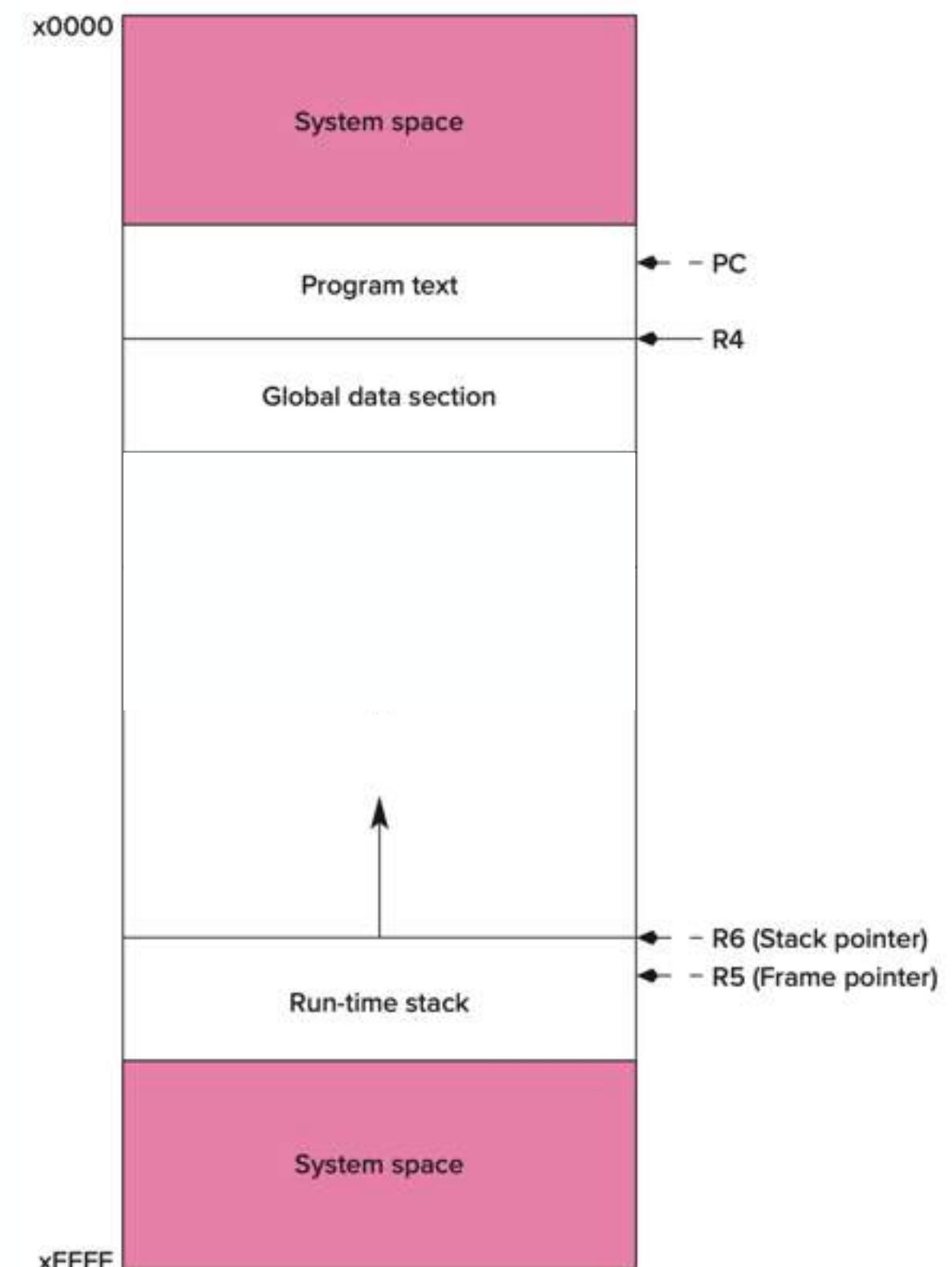
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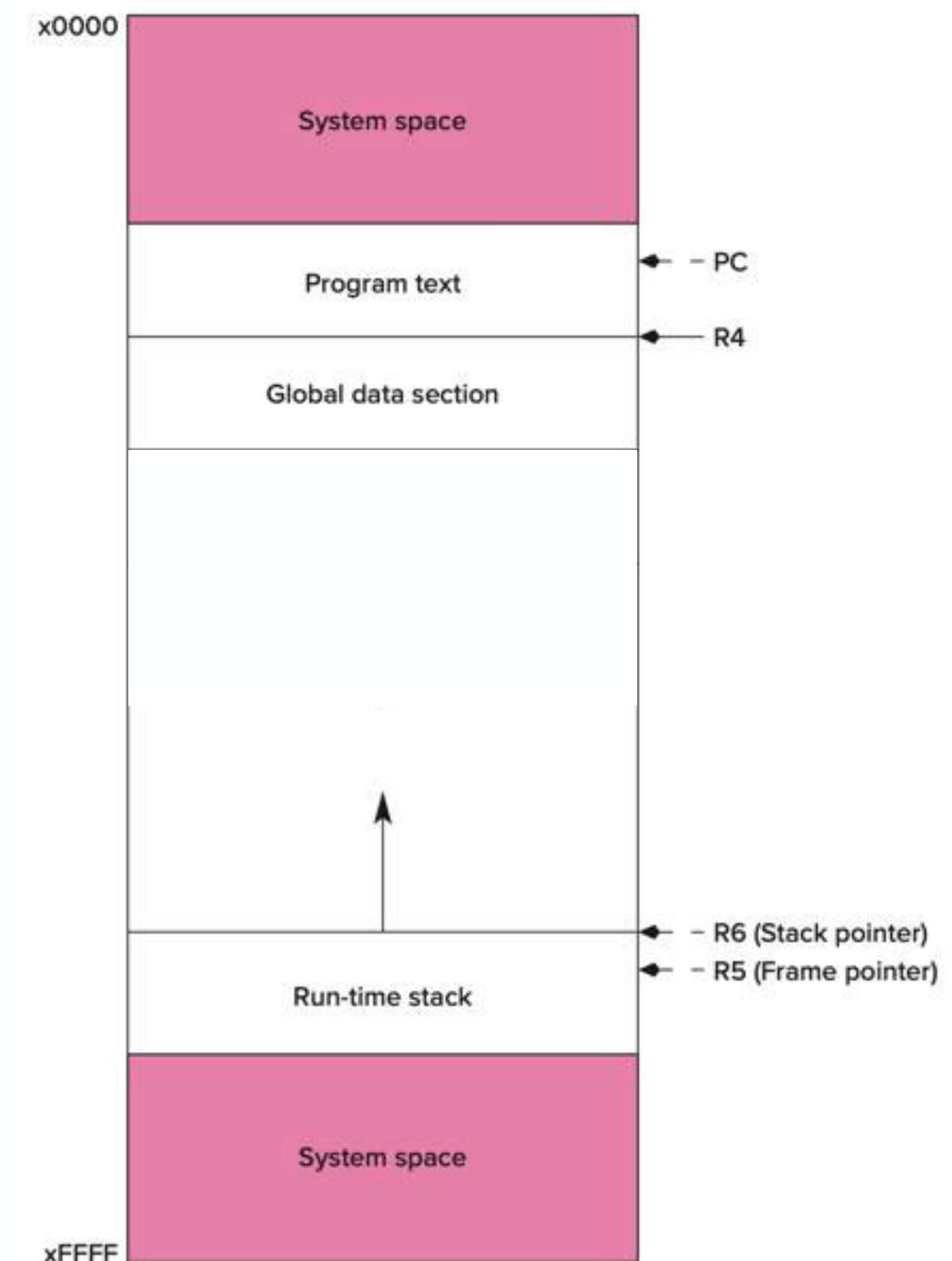
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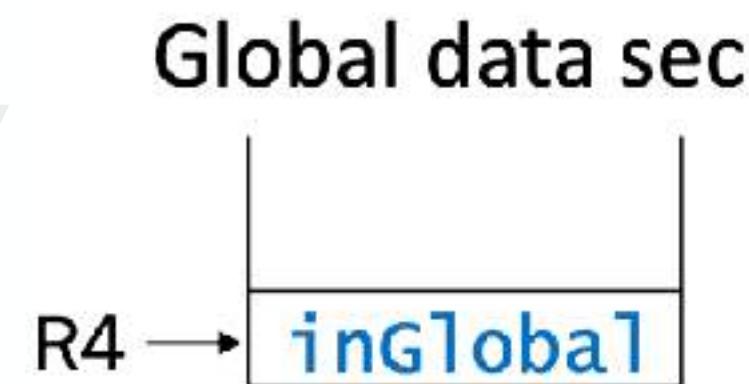
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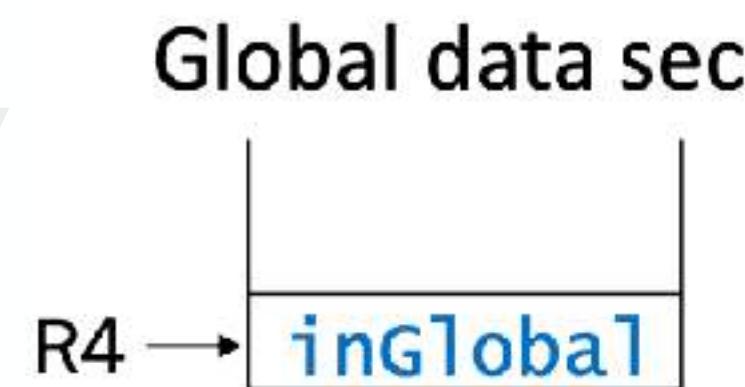
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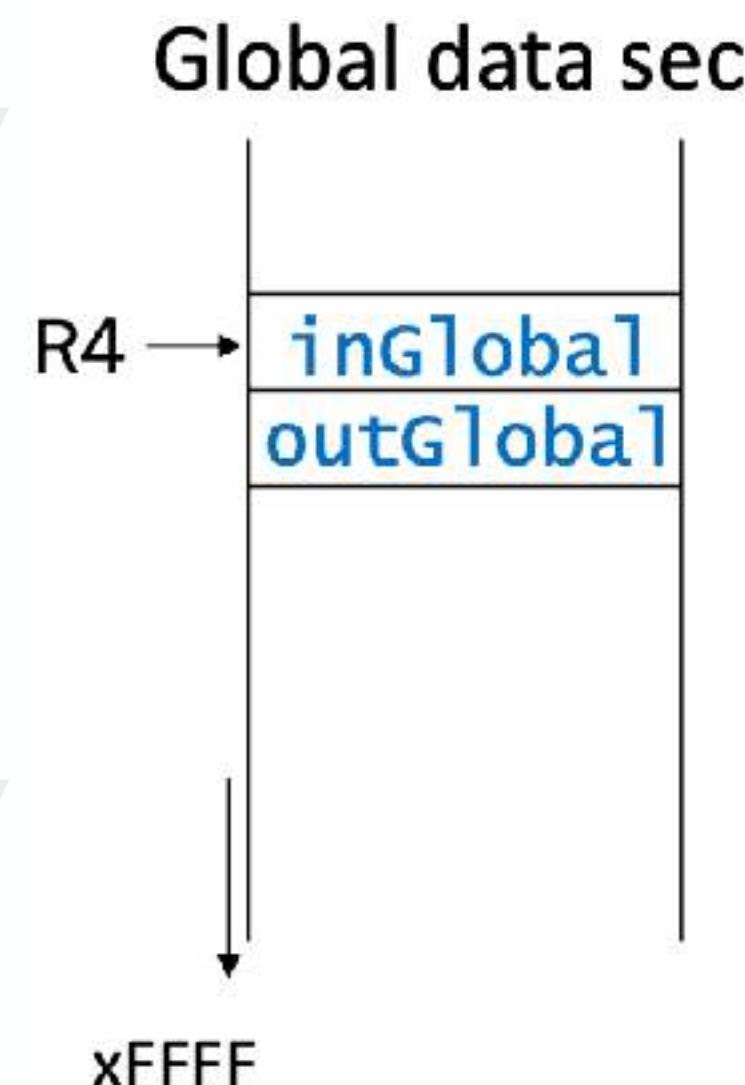
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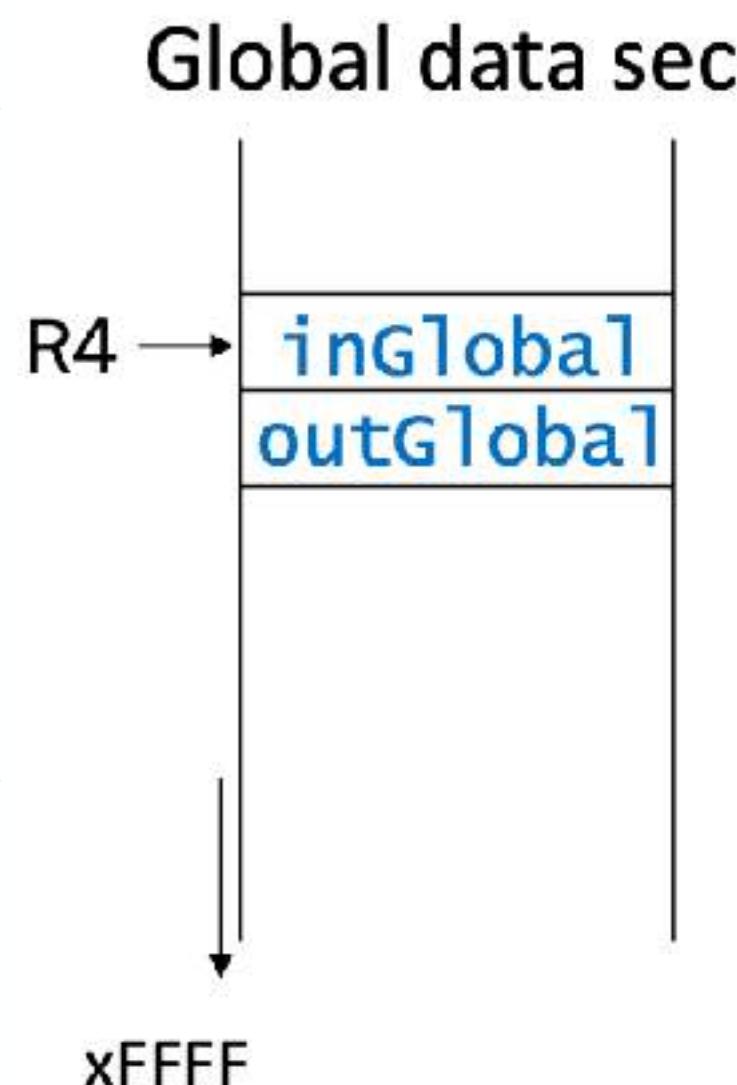
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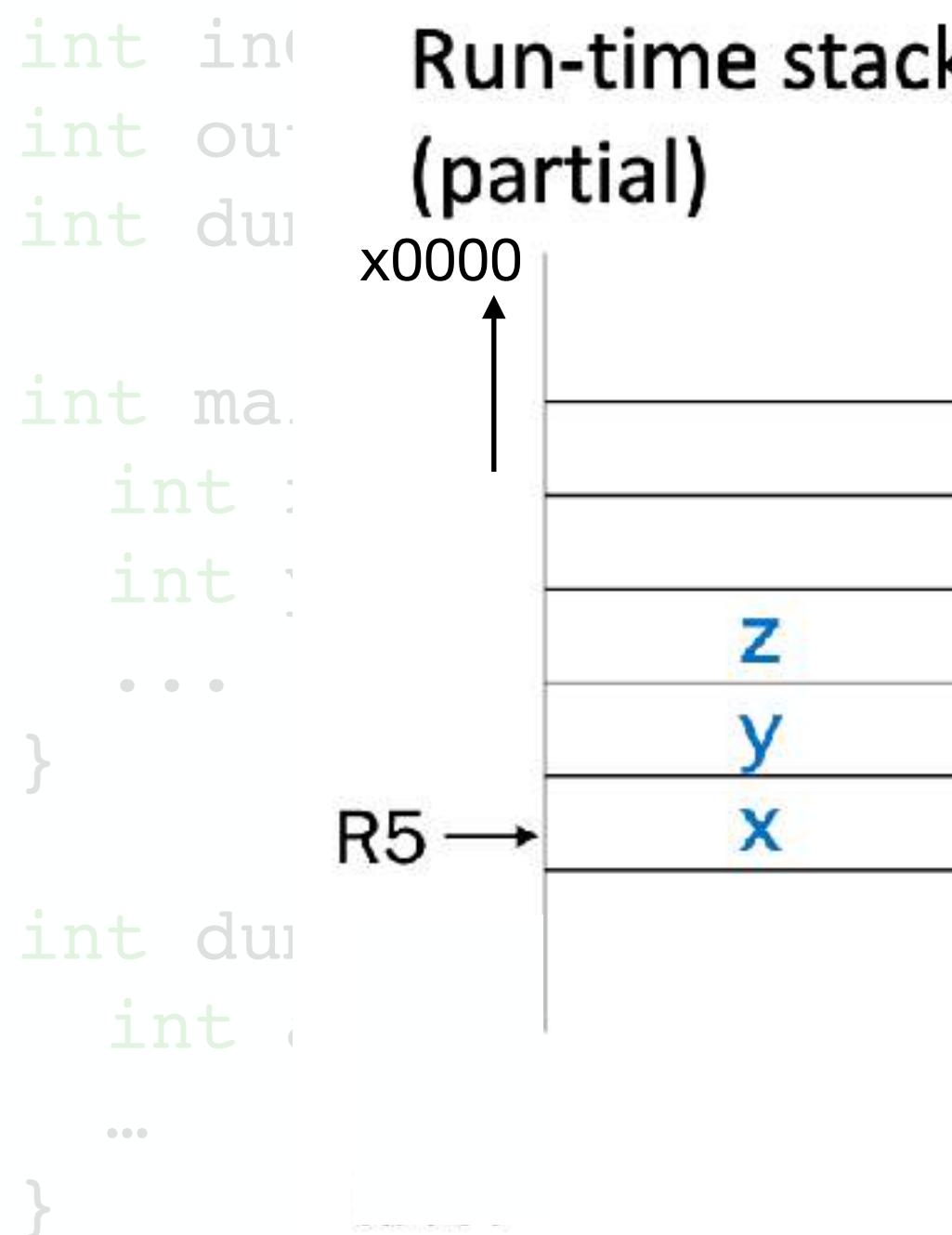
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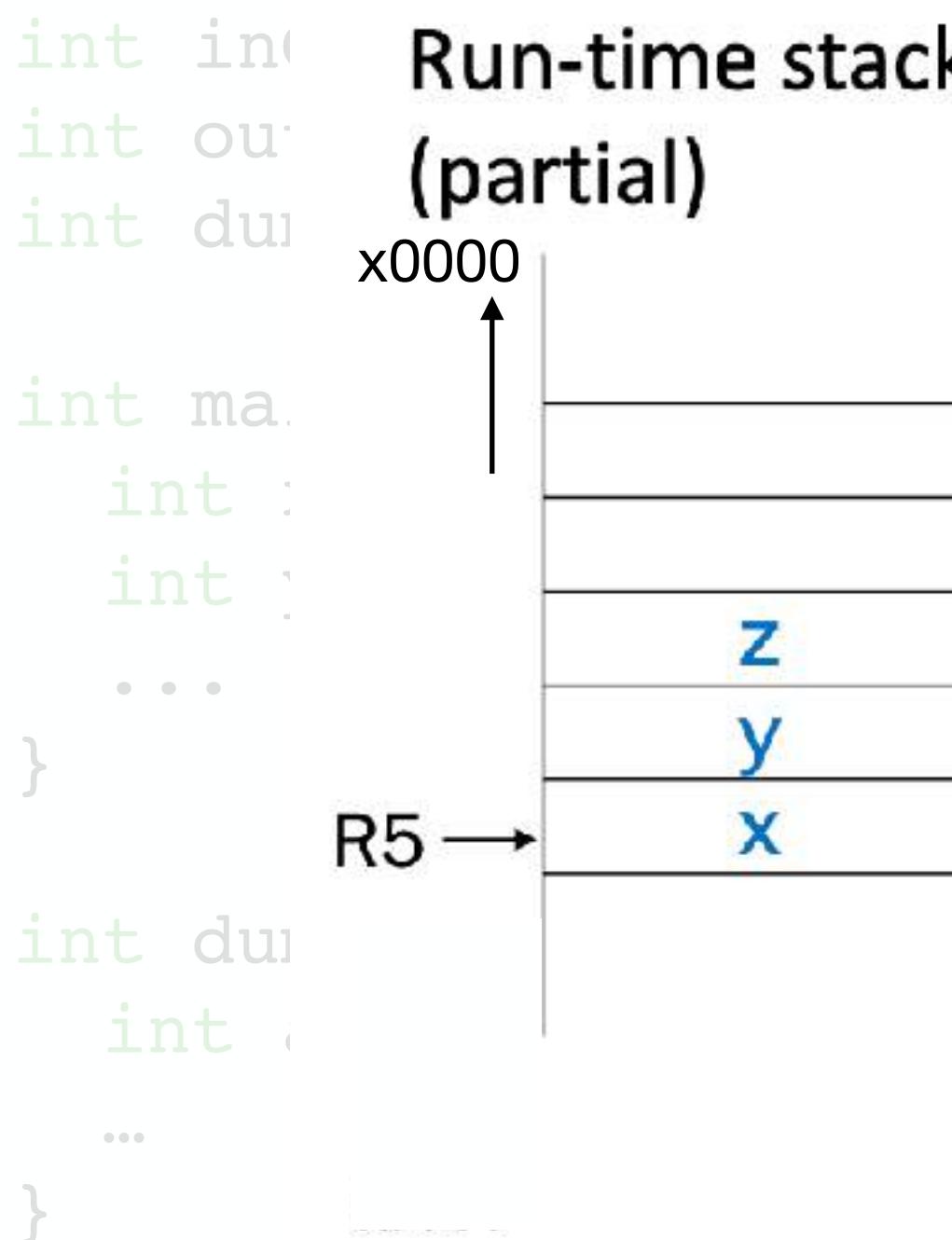
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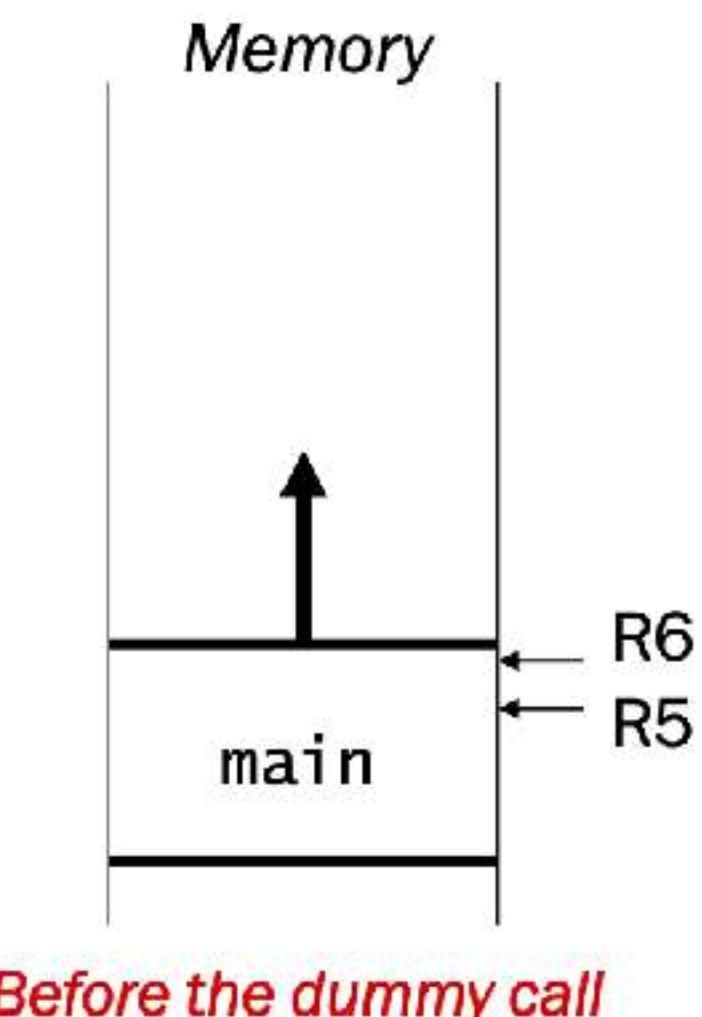
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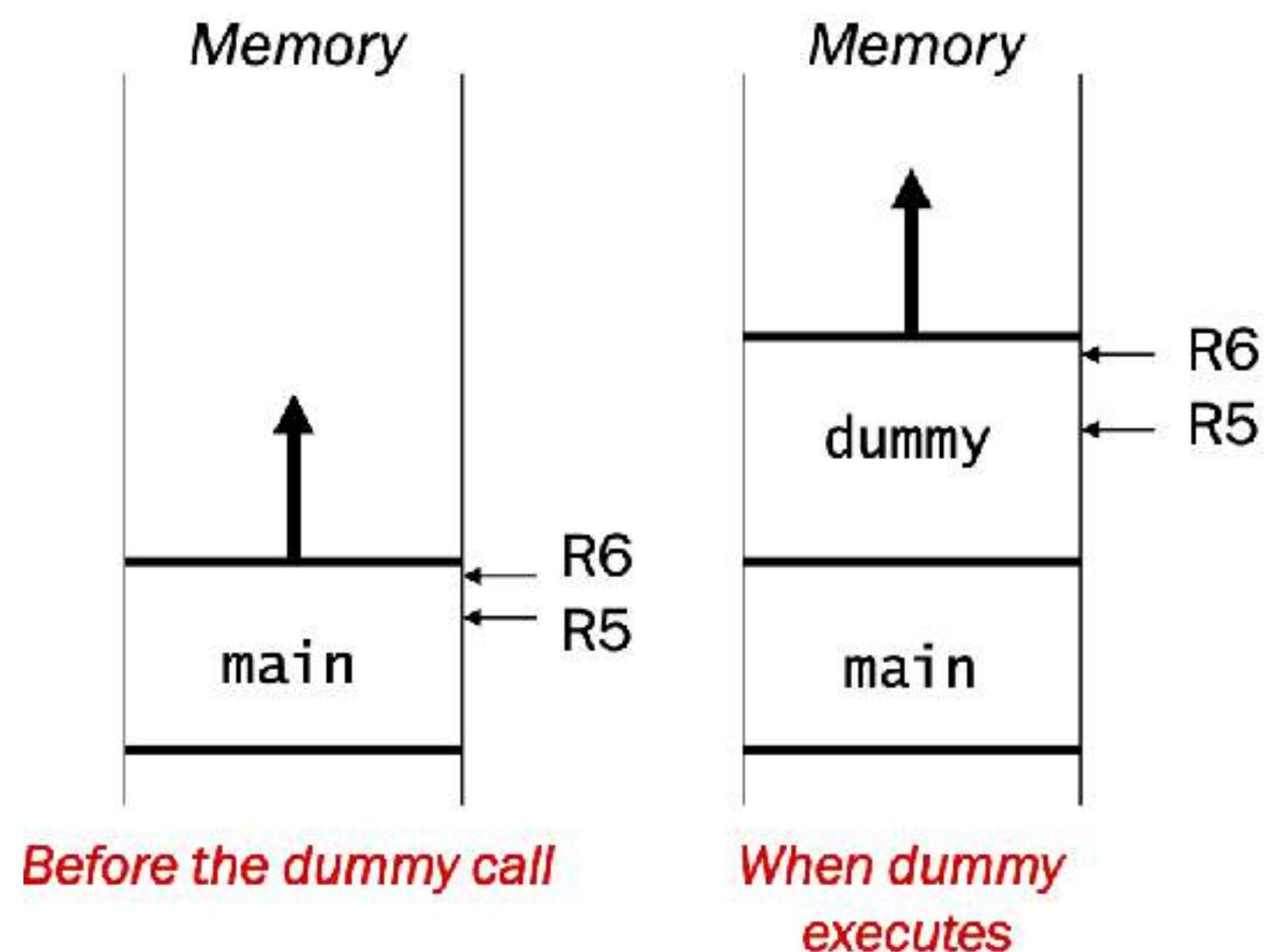
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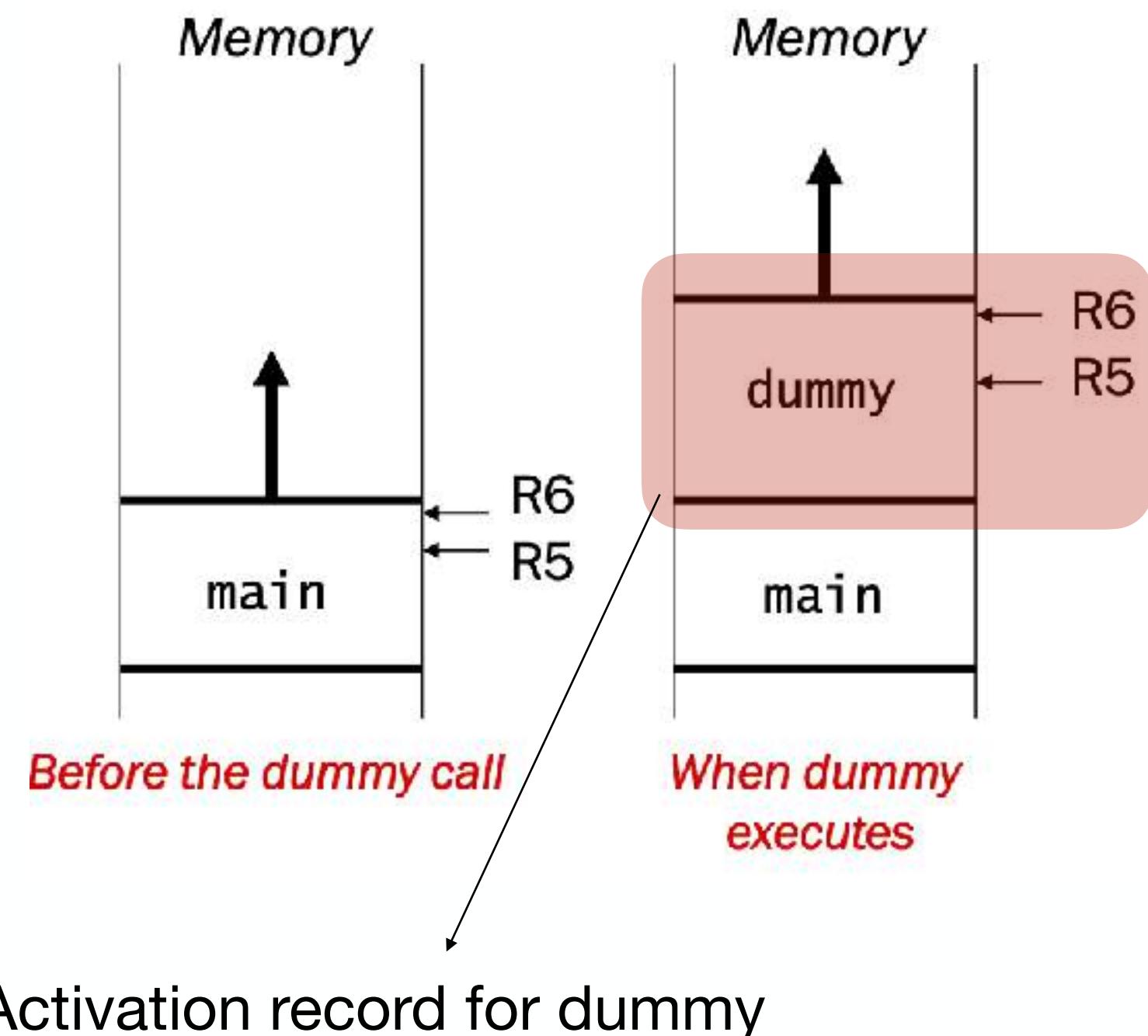


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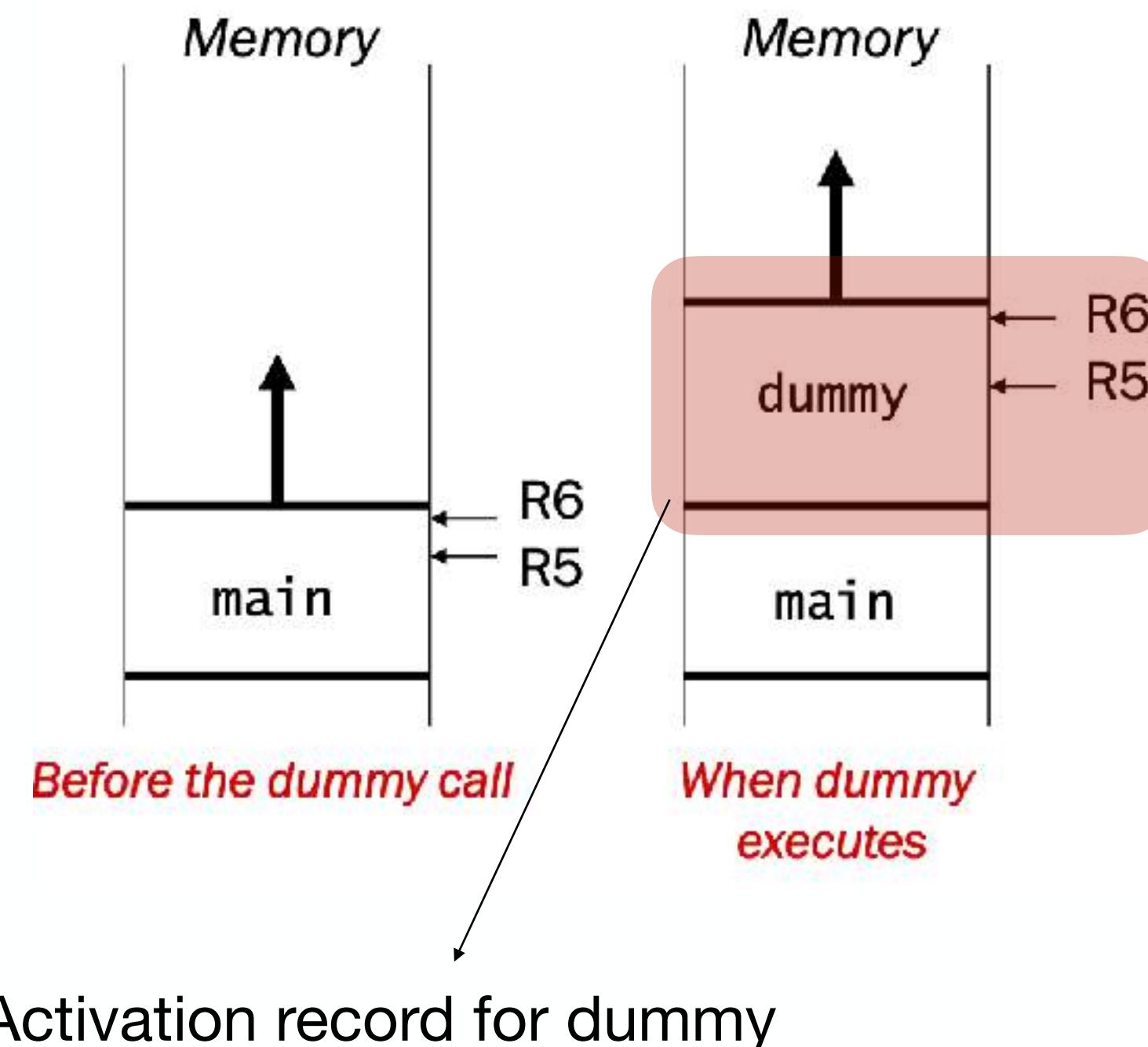


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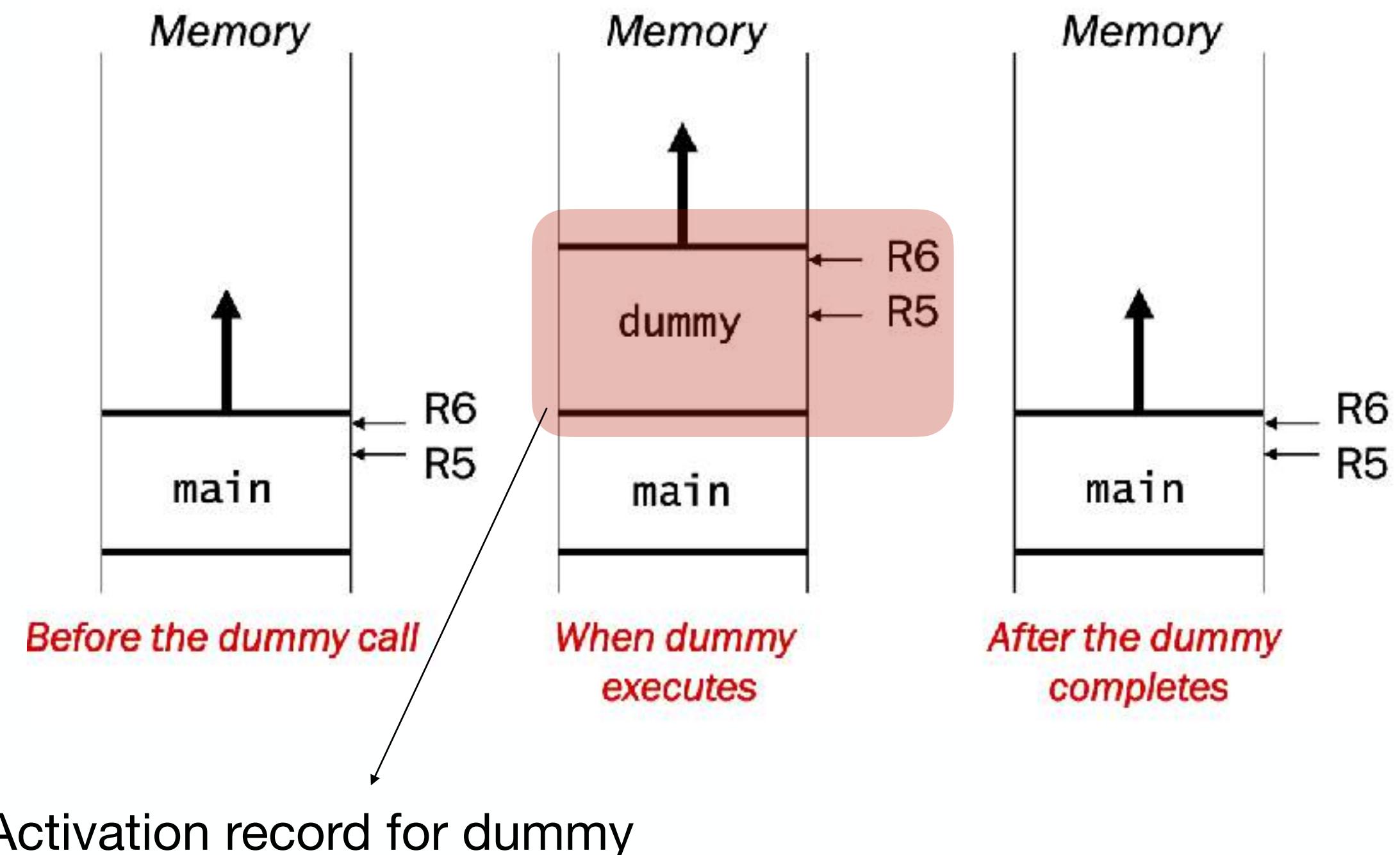
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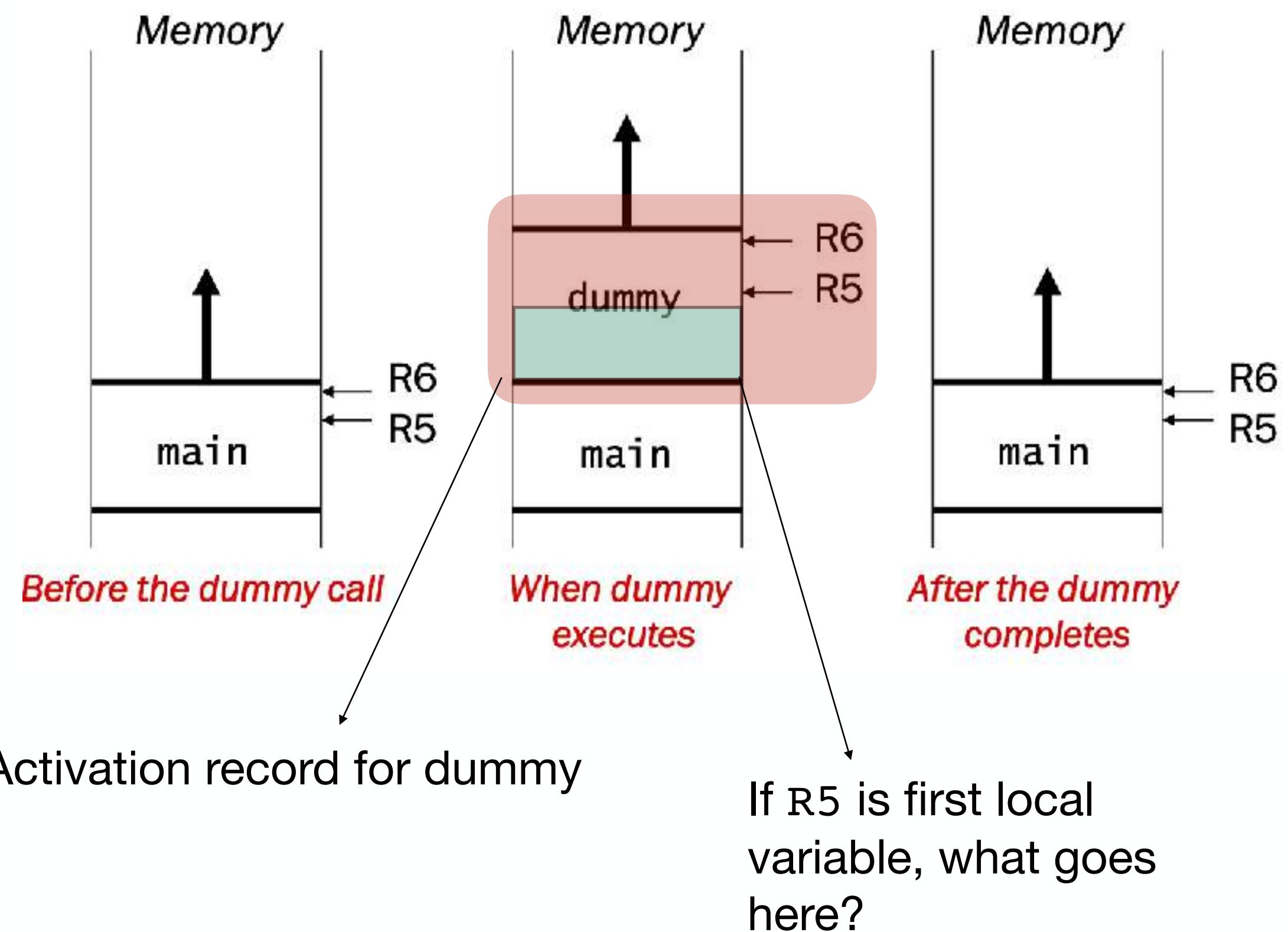


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