

Dove — user-defined functions, compile-time errors

## Syntax

$\langle \text{program} \rangle ::= \langle \text{declaration-list} \rangle ? \langle \text{expr} \rangle$   
 $\langle \text{declaration-list} \rangle ::= \langle \text{declaration} \rangle$   
 $\quad | \langle \text{declaration} \rangle \langle \text{declaration-list} \rangle$   
 $\langle \text{declaration} \rangle ::= \text{def } \langle \text{identifier} \rangle (\langle \text{param-list} \rangle) \langle \text{expr} \rangle \text{ end}$   
 $\quad | \text{def } \langle \text{identifier} \rangle () \langle \text{expr} \rangle \text{ end}$  } ← fun decl  
 $\langle \text{param-list} \rangle ::= \langle \text{param} \rangle$   
 $\quad | \langle \text{param} \rangle , \langle \text{param-list} \rangle$   
 $\langle \text{param} \rangle ::= \langle \text{identifier} \rangle$   
 $\langle \text{expr} \rangle ::= \dots$   
 $\quad | \langle \text{identifier} \rangle (\langle \text{arg-list} \rangle)$  ← fn call  
 $\langle \text{arg-list} \rangle ::= \langle \text{arg} \rangle$   
 $\quad | \langle \text{arg} \rangle , \langle \text{arg-list} \rangle$   
 $\langle \text{arg} \rangle ::= \langle \text{expr} \rangle$

def f(x, y)

f(2, 4)

f(if 6 then 3 else false)

## Semantics

- \* call fn: evaluate arg exprs left to right
- \* assign results to fn params
- \* evaluate fn body
- \* result is fn result

printValue(0x8)    8 → rdi  
 f(4)                4 → stack

## Bird Calling Conventions

- \* Just like x86-64 POSIX C conventions
- \* Except that all arguments are passed on stack
- \* And that rdi and rsi are caller-saved instead

C  
 caller-saved    rax, rcx, rdx, r8-r11  
 callee-saved    rbx, rsp, rbp, r12-r15, rsi, rdi

Bird  
 rax, rcx, rdx, r8-r11, rsi, rdi  
 rbx, rsp, rbp, r12-r15

# Example

```
def dbl(n)
  n * 2
end
dbl(4)
```

compiled in an env with  $n \rightarrow [rbp+16]$  and offset = -8

call instruction:  
1. Save RIP to top stack  
2. Jump to label

## fn\_dbl:

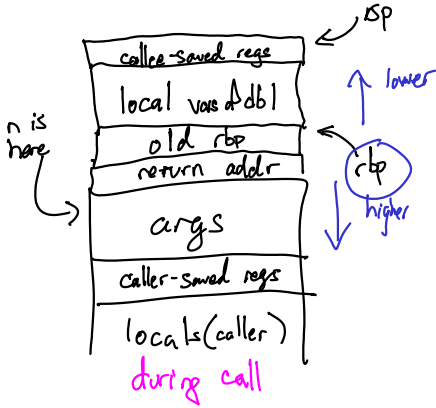
```
push rbp
mov rbp, rsp
sub rsp, 16
...
mov rsp, rbp
pop rbp
ret
```

; save rbp  
; new stack frame  
; make locals space  
; save callee-saved regs  
; calculate  $n * 2$ , leave in rax  
; restore callee-saved regs  
; remove stack frame  
; return

## bird-main:

```
mov rax, 4
mov [rbp-8], rax
...
mov eax, [rbp-8]
push eax
call fn_dbl
...
...
```

; eval arg } eval args  
; store arg }  
; save callee-saved regs  
; put args on stack  
  
; call fn  
; remove args from stack  
; restore caller-saved regs



## Notes from a question asked after lecture:

