

X86_64 Discovery

X86-64 Registers

64-bit	32-bit	16-bit	8-bit	Use / Function's Duty
RAX	EAX	AX	AL	Return Value / Not preserved
RBX	EBX	BX	BL	Temporary / Preserve
RCX	ECX	CX	CL	4th Argument / Not preserved
RDX	EDX	DX	DL	3rd Argument / Not preserved
RSI	ESI	SI	SIL	2nd Argument / Not Preserved
RDI	EDI	DI	DIL	1st Argument / Not Preserved
RBP	EBP	BP	BPL	Current Stack-Frame Pointer / Preserve
RSP	ESP	SP	SPL	Stack Pointer / Preserve
R8	R8D	R8W	R8B	5th Argument / Not preserved
R9	R9D	R9W	R9B	6th Argument / Not preserved
R10	R10D	R10W	R10B	Temporary / Not preserved
R11	R11D	R11W	R11B	Temporary / Not preserved
R12	R12D	R12W	R12B	— / Preserve
R13	R13D	R13W	R13B	— / Preserve
R14	R14D	R14W	R14B	— / Preserve
R15	R15D	R15W	R15B	— / Preserve
RIP				Instruction Pointer

Code:

```
long add_two_longs(long a, long b) {
    long result = a + b;
    return result;
}

void add_two_longPtrs(long* a, long* b, long* r) {
    *r = *a + *b;
}
```

Generated Code (Optimized):

```
add_two_longs:
    leaq    (%rdi,%rsi), %rax
    ret

add_two_longPtrs:
    movq   (%rsi), %rax
    addq   (%rdi), %rax
    movq   %rax, (%rdx)
    ret
```

Generated Code (Not Optimized):

```
add_two_longs:
    pushq  %rbp
    movq   %rsp, %rbp
    movq   %rdi, -24(%rbp)
    movq   %rsi, -32(%rbp)
    movq   -24(%rbp), %rdx
    movq   -32(%rbp), %rax
    addq   %rdx, %rax
    movq   %rax, -8(%rbp)
    movq   -8(%rbp), %rax
    popq   %rbp
    ret

add_two_longPtrs:
    pushq  %rbp
    movq   %rsp, %rbp
    movq   %rdi, -8(%rbp)
    movq   %rsi, -16(%rbp)
    movq   %rdx, -24(%rbp)
    movq   -8(%rbp), %rax
    movq   (%rax), %rdx
    movq   -16(%rbp), %rax
    movq   (%rax), %rax
    addq   %rax, %rdx
    movq   -24(%rbp), %rax
    movq   %rdx, (%rax)
    nop
    popq   %rbp
```

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Code:

```
long fact(long n) {
    if (n < 1)
        return 1;
    long result = fact(n-1);
    return result * n;
}
```

Generated Code (Optimized):

```
fact:
    movl    $1, %eax
    testq  %rdi, %rdi
    jle    .L5
    pushq  %rbp
    movq   %rsp, %rbp
    pushq  %rbx
    subq   $8, %rsp
    movq   %rdi, %rbx
    leaq  -1(%rdi), %rdi
    call  fact
    imulq %rbx, %rax
    movq  -8(%rbp), %rbx
    leave
    ret

.L5:
    ret
```

Generated Code (Not Optimized):

```
fact:
    pushq  %rbp
    movq   %rsp, %rbp
    subq   $32, %rsp
    movq   %rdi, -24(%rbp)
    cmpq   $0, -24(%rbp)
    jg     .L2
    movl   $1, %eax
    jmp    .L3

.L2:
    movq   -24(%rbp), %rax
    subq   $1, %rax
    movq   %rax, %rdi
    call  fact
    movq   %rax, -8(%rbp)
    movq   -8(%rbp), %rax
    imulq -24(%rbp), %rax

.L3:
    leave
    ret
```

Code:

```
long do_add1(long a, long b) {
    long x = a;
    long y = b;
    long z = add_two_longs(a, b);
    return z;
}
```

```
long do_add2(long a, long b) {
    long x = a;
    long y = b;
    long z;
    add_two_longPtrs(&x, &y, &z);
    return z;
}
```

Generated Code:

```
do_add1:
    pushq  %rbp
    movq   %rsp, %rbp
    call  add_two_longs
    popq   %rbp
    ret

do_add2:
    pushq  %rbp
    movq   %rsp, %rbp
    subq   $32, %rsp
    movq   %rdi, -8(%rbp)
    movq   %rsi, -16(%rbp)
    leaq  -24(%rbp), %rdx
    leaq  -16(%rbp), %rsi
    leaq  -8(%rbp), %rdi
    call  add_two_longPtrs
    movq  -24(%rbp), %rax
    leave
    ret
```