

**Variables can have longer lifetimes - registers \$s0 to \$s7**

## Function in C

```
int bar(int x) {  
    return f(x) + g(x) + h(x);  
}
```

## Code

The function is non-leaf, so we have to save the return address.

Register allocation: the value of x is in \$s0,

f(x) will be in \$s1, f(x) + g(x) will be in \$s2.

The convention says: if we use a register in the set \$s0 to \$s7, we have to save and restore the previous contents. So:

```
bar:    addi    $sp,$sp,-16  
        sw     $ra,12($sp)  
        sw     $s0,8($sp)  
        sw     $s1,4($sp)  
        sw     $s2,0($sp)    # end of prologue  
  
        move   $s0,$a0      # x is now in $s0  
  
        jal    f  
        move   $s1,$v0      # f(x) is in $s1  
  
        move   $a0,$s0      # x: argument for g()  
        jal    g  
        add    $s2,$s1,$v0  # f(x) + g(x) in $s2  
  
        move   $a0,$s0      # x: argument for h()  
        jal    h  
        add    $v0,$s2,$v0  # f(x) + g(x) + h(x) in $v0  
  
        lw     $s2,0($sp)   # epilogue  
        lw     $s1,4($sp)  
        lw     $s0,8($sp)  
        lw     $ra,12($sp)  
        addi   $sp,$sp,16  
  
        jr     $ra
```