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The following inline assembly sample will retrieve the current EIP value whilst preserving the call-stack in 32-bit/WoW64 applications:

```
#define GET_EIP(EIP_VALUE) _asm push eax \  
_asm push ebx \  
_asm lea ebx, EIP_VALUE \  
_asm _emit 0xE8 \  
_asm _emit 0x00 \  
_asm _emit 0x00 \  
_asm _emit 0x00 \  
_asm _emit 0x00 \  
_asm _emit 0x8B \  
_asm _emit 0x04 \  
_asm _emit 0x24 \  
_asm _emit 0x83 \  
_asm _emit 0x04 \  
_asm _emit 0x24 \  
_asm _emit 0x08 \  
_asm _emit 0xC3 \  
_asm _emit 0x83 \  
_asm _emit 0xC0 \  
_asm _emit 0x0F \  
_asm _emit 0x89 \  
_asm _emit 0x03 \  
_asm _emit 0x5B \  
_asm _emit 0x58
```

The opcodes must be written directly using `_emit` to allow relative calls to be used - this also makes it easier to count the number of bytes to jump forward.

This generates the following assembly block:

```
; preserve registers
```

00401012 [50] PUSH EAX

00401013 [53] PUSH EBX

; get output address

00401014 [8D9D FCFFFFFF] LEA EBX, DWORD PTR SS:[EBP - 4]

; call 0x00000000 (relative)

0040101A [E8 00000000] CALL 0x0040101F

; store original return address from stack

0040101F [8B0424] MOV EAX, DWORD PTR SS:[ESP]

; add 0x8 to the return address (to return to 0x401027 in this example)

00401022 [830424 08] ADD DWORD PTR SS:[ESP], 0x8

00401026 [C3] RETN

; add 0xF to the original return value (to store the address directly after this block - 0x40102E in this example)

00401027 [83C0 0F] ADD EAX, 0xF

; store the eip

0040102A [8903] MOV DWORD PTR DS:[EBX], EAX

; restore register values

0040102C [5B] POP EBX

0040102D [58] POP EAX

Example of use:

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    DWORD dwEIP = 0;
```

```
    // break
```

```
    _asm int 3
```

```

// add 'nop' instructions for reference
_asm nop
_asm nop
_asm nop

// get EIP
GET_EIP(dwEIP)

// add 'nop' instructions for reference
_asm nop
_asm nop
_asm nop

// print previously stored EIP value
printf("dwEIP: 0x%08x\n", dwEIP);

// break
_asm int 3

return 0;
}

```

The output value is correct as shown below:

