Lab Session 12

High Level Language Interface

Objectives

- General Conventions, Model Directive
- Implementing Inline Assembly Code

.Model Directive

.MODEL directive determines

- memory model type
- procedure naming scheme
- parameter passing convention

.MODEL memorymodel [, modeloptions]

Memory Model

Model	Description
Tiny	A single segment, containing both code and data. This model is used by programs having a .com extension in their filenames.
Small	One code segment and one data segment. All code and data are near, by default.
Medium	Multiple code segments and a single data segment.
Compact	One code segment and multiple data segments.
Large	Multiple code and data segments.
Huge	Same as the large model, except that individual data items may be larger than a single segment.
Flat	Protected mode. Uses 32-bit offsets for code and data. All data and code (including system resources) are in a single 32-bit segment.

Memory Options

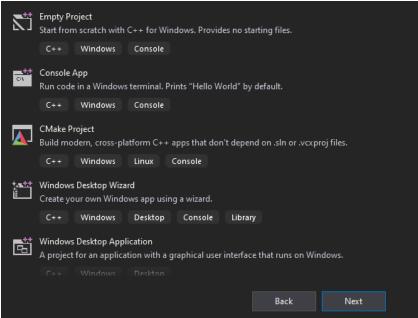
Language specifier -> determines calling and naming conventions for procedures and public symbols Stack distance -> can be NEARSTACK (the default) or FARSTACK

We mostly uses .model flat, STDCALL

STDCALL is the language specifier used when calling MS-Windows functions.

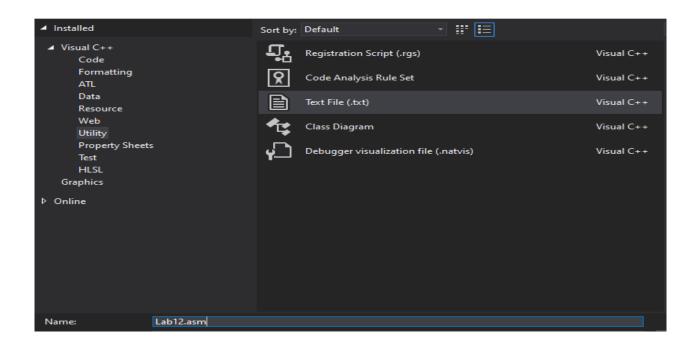
Steps to follow

1. Select New Project > Console Application

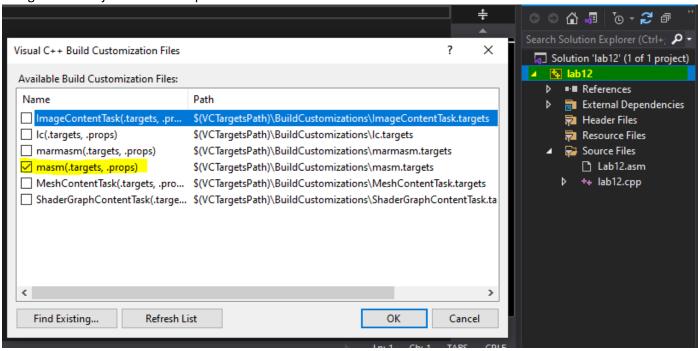


2. Build the example Code.

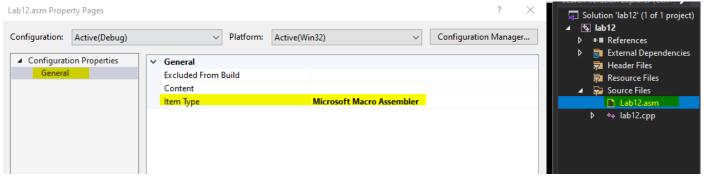
3. Add Source File. Utility >> .txt file. Change the name and extension to .asm.



4. Right Click Project >> Build Dependencies >> Build Customization >> Select MASM.



5. Right Click on .asm File.>> Properties >> General >> Item Type >> MASM.



- 6. Copy C++ code in .cpp file.
- 7. Copy Assembly Code in .asm file.
- 8. Build solution and observe result.

Example:

C++ Code:

```
#include <stdio.h>
// extern "C" instruct the compiler to use C calling conventions
extern "C" void clear();
int main()
{
       clear();
       //define variables
       unsigned short src_opnd, dst_opnd, src_rslt, dst_rslt;
       printf("Enter two 4-digit hex numbers - src, dst: \n");
       scanf_s("%hX %hX", &src_opnd, &dst_opnd); // in scanf_s it is necessary to
       //specifiy length
              //switch to assembly
             _asm
       {
             MOV AX, src_opnd
             MOV BX, dst_opnd
             SHRD BX, AX, 10; shift AX : BX right 10 bits
             MOV src rslt, AX
             MOV dst rslt, BX
       printf("\nSource result = %X\n Destination result = %X\n\n", src_rslt, dst_rslt);
       return 0;
}
```

Assembly Code:

```
.686
                            ;Target processor. Use instructions for Pentium class machines
.MODEL FLAT, C
                            ;Use the flat memory model. Use C calling conventions
                            ;Define a stack segment of 1KB (Not required for this example)
.STACK 2048
.DATA
                            ;Create a near data segment. Local variables are declared after
                            ;this directive (Not required for this example)
var_1 dword 10
str_1 byte 50,100,34,5,6,78,12,45,67
str 2 byte 5000 dup(?)
.CODE
                            ;Indicates the start of a code segment.
clear PROC
xor eax, eax
xor ebx, ebx
ret
clear ENDP
END
```

Output:

```
Enter two 4-digit hex numbers - src, dst:
1234
1245

Source result = 1234
Destination result = 8D04

Press any key to continue . . .
```

ACTIVITIES:

- 1. Write a program in C++ which takes input from user and contains a procedure in assembly named **ThreeProd** that displays the product of three numeric parameters passed in a function argument.
- 2. Write a program in C++ which takes input from user and contains a procedure in assembly named **GCD**(Greatest common divisor) which calculates their GCD.