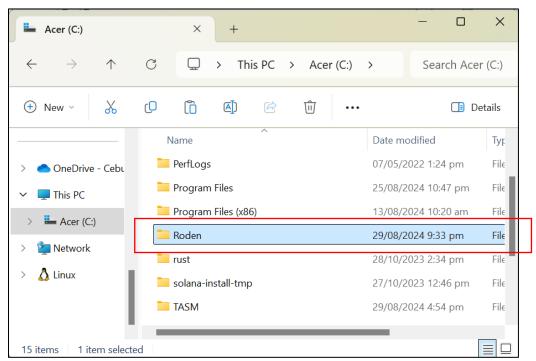
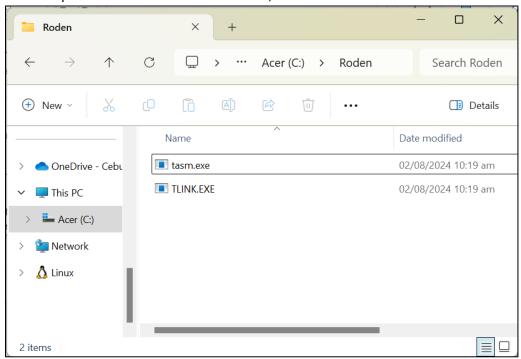
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1. Create a local folder in Drive C. You may use any folder name, with 8 or less characters. For example: **Roden**

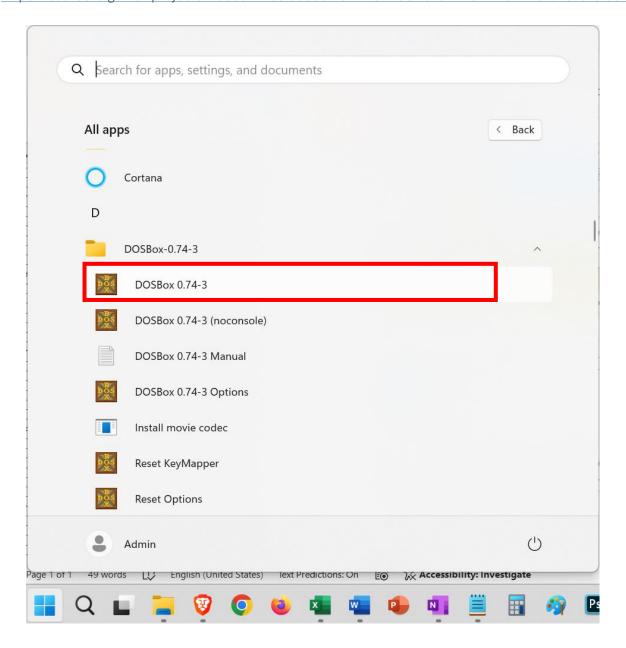


2. Open your folder and put the TASM.EXE and TLINK.EXE, as well as the other files from our Teams, inside it.



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3. Run DOS Box. If not yet installed, download and install DOS Box from this site: https://sourceforge.net/projects/dosbox/files/dosbox/0.74-3/DOSBox0.74-3-win32-installer.exe/download



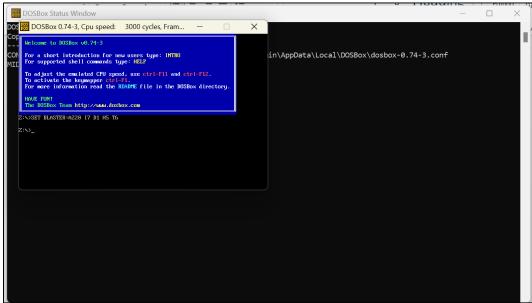
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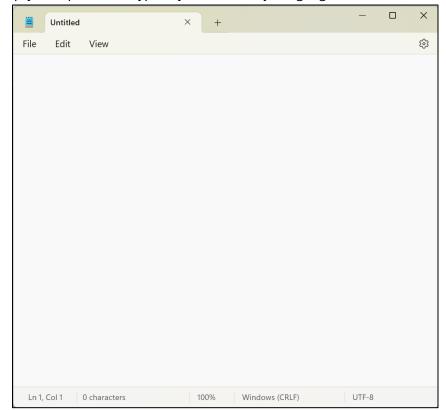
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4. Once DOS Box is running, it will look like this:



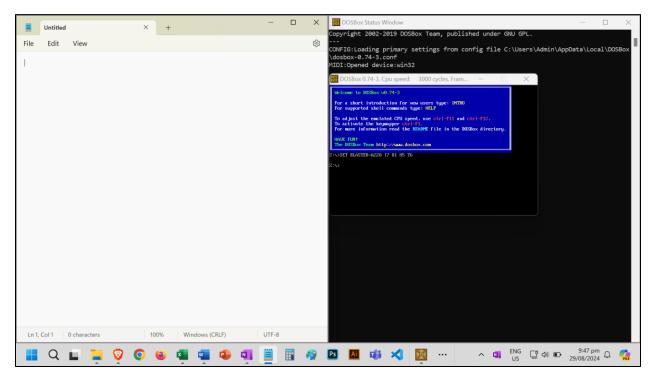
5. Open a new and empty Notepad file to type in your Assembly Language code.



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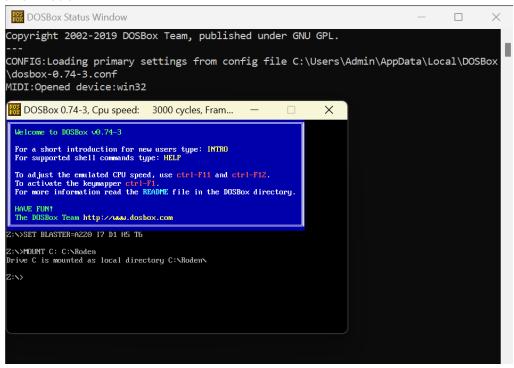
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6. Arrange Notepad and DOS Box windows such that they are side-by-side.



7. Mount your Drive C folder in DOS Box. This assigns a short cut drive letter to your Drive C folder. Type in the Z:\> prompt:

Z:\>MOUNT C: C:\Roden



If successfully mounted, it will display: Drive C is mounted as local directory C:\Roden\

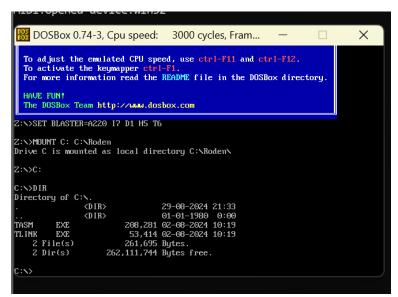
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8. Change drive from Z to C. Type in Z:\> prompt then press Enter key: Z:\> C:



Check contents of drive C by typing DIR then press Enter key. C:\>DIR



You should see the TASM.EXE and TLINK.EXE files, as well as other files.

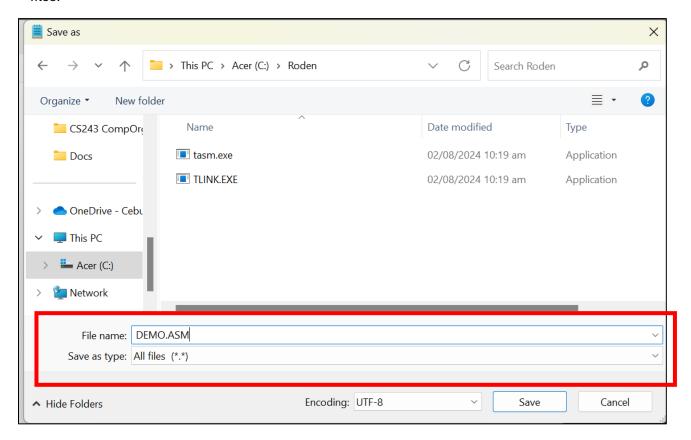
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10. Type in your Assembly Language code in Notepad.

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\times
    ; Filename Demo.asm
File
     Edit
           View
                                                                   £
; Filename: Demo.asm
; Displaying single characters, numbers, and symbols
; Name: Roden Jurado Ugang
; Date: August 29, 2024
.model small
.code
.stack 100
start:
         mov ah,02h
         mov cl,41h; 41h is capital A
         mov dl,cl
         int 21h
int 27h ; terminate
end start ; end program
                             100%
                                     Windows (CRLF)
                                                        UTF-8
Ln 18, Col 1
          275 characters
```

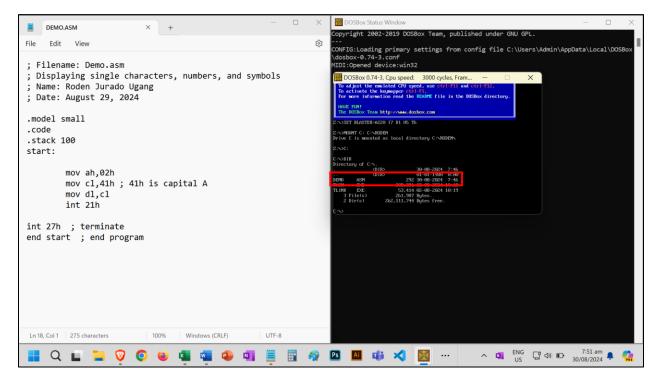
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11. Save your file with a filename extension of .ASM. Example: **DEMO.ASM**. Make sure to choose "**All files (*.*)**" in the **Save as type:** box. Save your ASM file in the same folder containing the TASM.EXE and TLINK.EXE files.



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12. After saving your Assembly Language code, your screen should be looking something like the one below. If you make a DIR in DOS Box, you should see your DEMO.ASM listed together with TASM.EXE and TLINK.EXE.



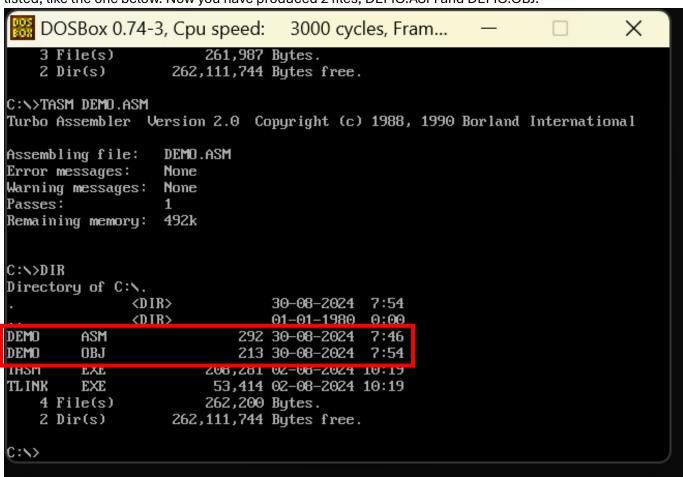
13. To compile or assemble your Assembly Language code, type in the C:\> prompt, then press Enter: C:\>TASM DEMO.ASM

```
DOSBox 0.74-3, Cpu speed:
                                                                            X
                                  3000 cycles, Fram...
Drive C is mounted as local directory C:\RODEN\
Z:\>C:
C:\>DIR
Directory of C:\.
               <DIR>
                                30-08-2024
                                            7:46
                                01-01-1980
                                            0:00
DEMO
                            292 30-08-2024
         ASM
                                            7:46
TASM
         EXE
                        208,281 02-08-2024 10:19
TLINK
         EXE
                         53,414 02-08-2024 10:19
    3 File(s)
                        261,987 Bytes.
                    262,111,744 Bytes free.
    2 Dir(s)
C:\>TASM_DEMO.ASM
Turbo Assembler Version 2.0 Copyright (c) 1988, 1990 Borland International
Assembling file:
                   DEMO.ASM
                   None
Error messages:
Warning messages:
                   None
Remaining memory:
                   492k
C:/>_
```

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You should see the compilation or assembly result, like the one above. If "Error messages:" is None, then you have successfully compiled or assembled your Assembly Language code. The compilation or assembly process produces an object file, like DEMO.OBJ. If you type DIR in DOS Box, you should see the DEMO.OBJ listed, like the one below. Now you have produced 2 files, DEMO.ASM and DEMO.OBJ.



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14. The next step is to produce an executable file by running the TLINK.EXE program. You must use the DEMO.OBJ (NOT the DEMO.ASM) with the TLINK.EXE. Type in the C:\> prompt:

C:\>TLINK DEMO.OBJ

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DOSBox 0.74-3, Cpu speed: 3000 cycles, Fram...
                                                                            X
C:>>TASM_DEMO.ASM
Turbo Assembler Version 2.0 Copyright (c) 1988, 1990 Borland International
Assembling file:
                   DEMO.ASM
Error messages:
                   None
Warning messages:
                   None
Passes:
Remaining memory:
                   492k
C:\>DIR
Directory of C:\.
               <DIR>
                                30-08-2024
               <DIR>
                                01-01-1980
                                            0:00
DEMO
                            292 30-08-2024
         asm
                                            7:46
DEMO
         obj
                            213 30-08-2024
         EXE
                        208,281 02-08-2024 10:19
Tasm
TLINK
         EXE
                         53,414 02-08-2024 10:19
   4 File(s)
                        262,200 Bytes.
   2 Dir(s)
                    262,111,744 Bytes free.
C:\>TLINK DEMO.OBJ
Turbo Link Version 3.0 Copyright (c) 1987, 1990 Borland International
0:55
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The TLINK program links DEMO.OBJ with other needed files and libraries. If the linking process is successful, you should see the message:

Turbo Link Version 3.0 Copyright (c) 1987, 1990 Borland International

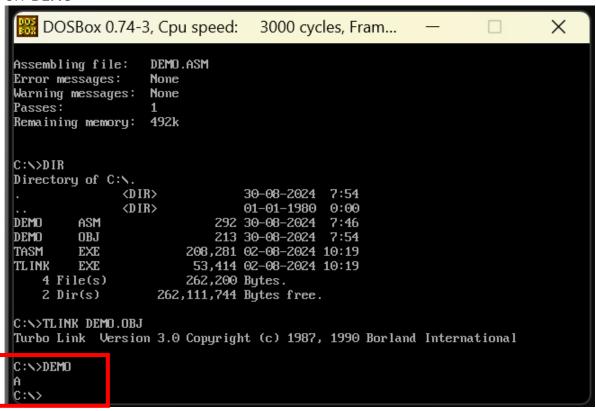
Now you have produced 3 files: DEMO.ASM, DEMO.OBJ, and DEMO.EXE

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15. Now you can run your program by typing the filename of your Assembly Language program, without the EXE filename extension, and press Enter key. Example:

C:\>DEMO



The DEMO Assembly Language program displays the capital letter A on the screen.

- 16. Every time you add or edit your Assembly Language source code, you need to repeat the following process:
 - 1) Type in the Assembly Language code in Notepad.
 - 2) Save the code.
 - 3) Compile or assemble the code by typing in C:\> prompt: C:\>TASM DEMO.ASM <ENTER>
 - 4) Link your DEMO.OBJ by typing in C:\> prompt: C:\>TLINK DEMO.OBJ <ENTER>
 - 5) Run your DEMO executable file by typing in C:\> prompt: C:\> DEMO < ENTER>

*****NOTHING FOLLOWS****