This is my simplified guide of "Getting started with Assembly" by Ahmed Shafeek

First, we want to download MS Visual Studio IDE using the link below.

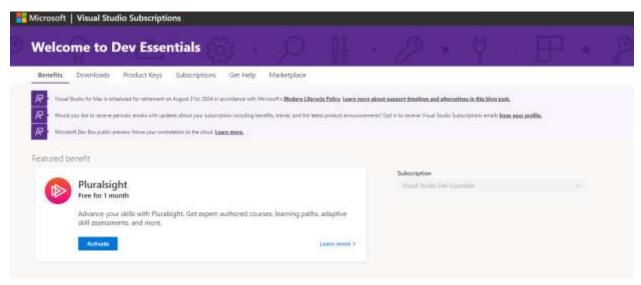
For this semester we want the 2019 version since it is what the professor will be using in guides.

https://visualstudio.microsoft.com/vs/older-downloads/

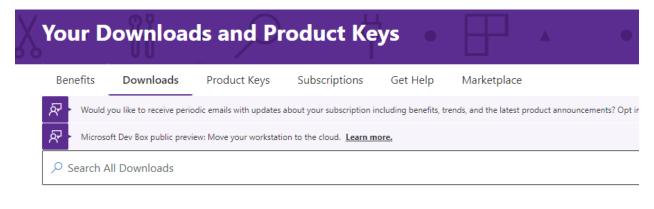
Still want an older version?

Select a product below and click on the download button to log in to your Visual Studio (MSDN) subscription or join the five Dwy Essentials program, to gain access to the older versions. Expand All → Collapse All → 2019 Visual Studio 2019 To download any product from the following list, click the download button and log in with your Visual Studio Subscription account when prompted. If you don't have a Visual Studio Subscription, you can create one for free and other Products by dicking on "Create a new Microsoft account" on the login page. Visual Studio Professional 2019: Visual Studio Enterprise 2019; Visual Studio 2019 for Mac Build Tools for Visual Studio 2019 Visual Studio Team Explorer 2019 Agents for Visual Studio 2019 IntelliTrace Standalone Collector for Visual Studio 2019 Performance Tools for Visual Studio 2019 Remote Tools for Visual Studio 2019 Microsoft Visual C++ Redistributable for Visual Studio 2019

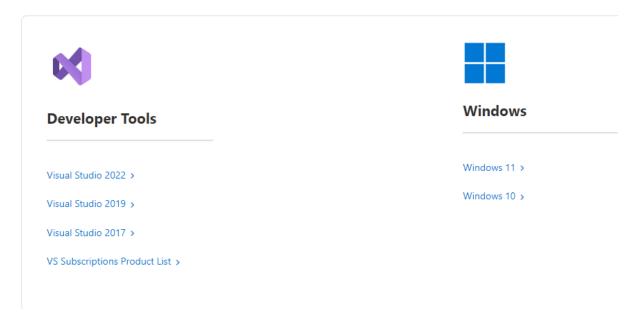
Using this link above, you want to go to the 2019 dropdown and click download on the right. The download button should bring you to a portal where you need to fill in some information. After it has been filled out it should bring you to a homepage like this



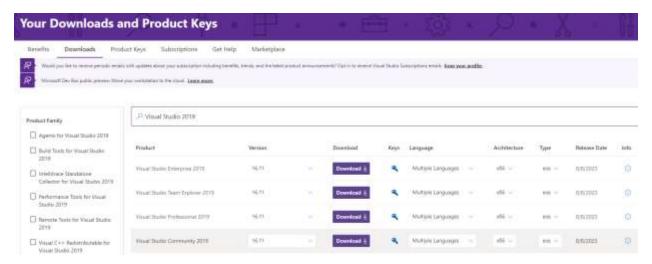
Now click on downloads tab at the top left of the screen. Then you want to select Visual Studio 2019



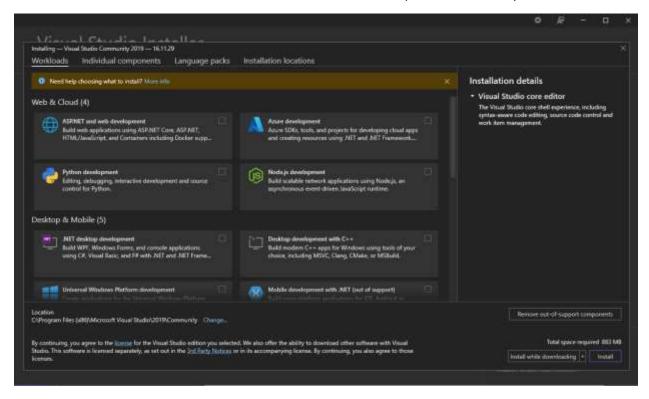
Quick search for popular downloads



You want to find the "Visual Studio Community 2019".(it should be 4th one down)

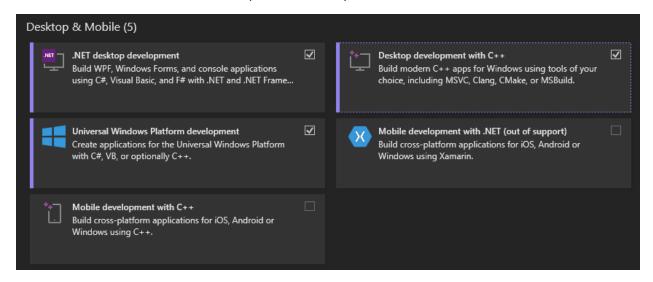


Click download, run the exe file, and continue to press what it tells you.

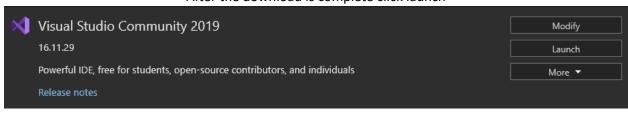


Afterwards you should end up with a screen like this ^

Under the Desktop & Mobile Tab you want to select the first 3

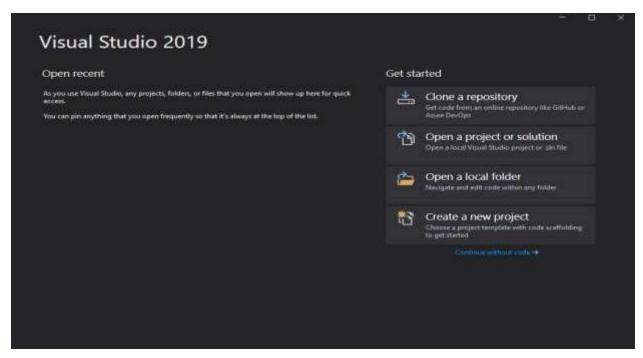


After the download is complete click launch

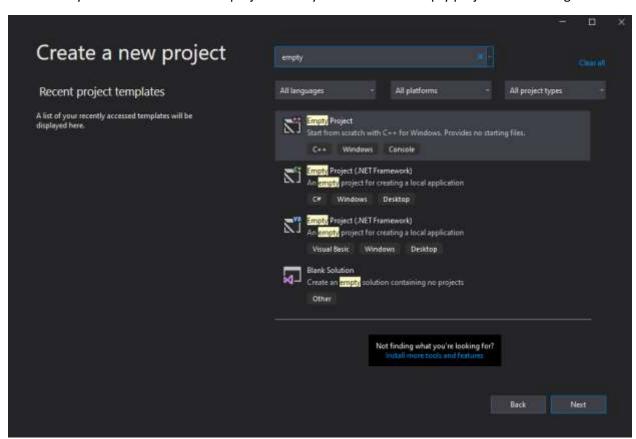


Sign in to your uwinsor account and select your UI mode and keep development settings on general.

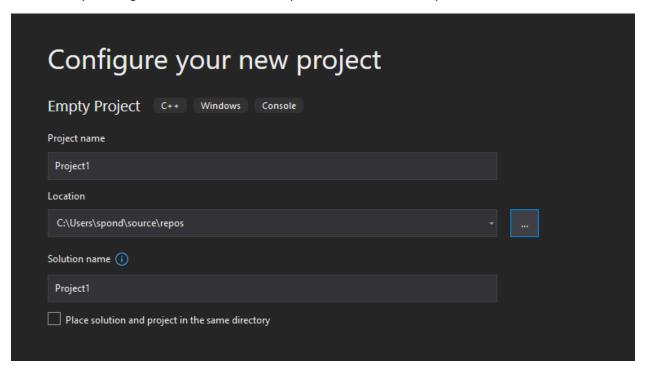
Afterwards you should have a screen like this.



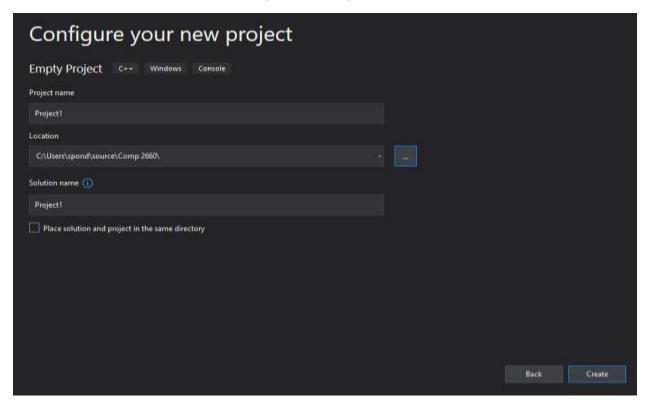
Now you want to create a new project. Here you want to find empty project with the tag c++



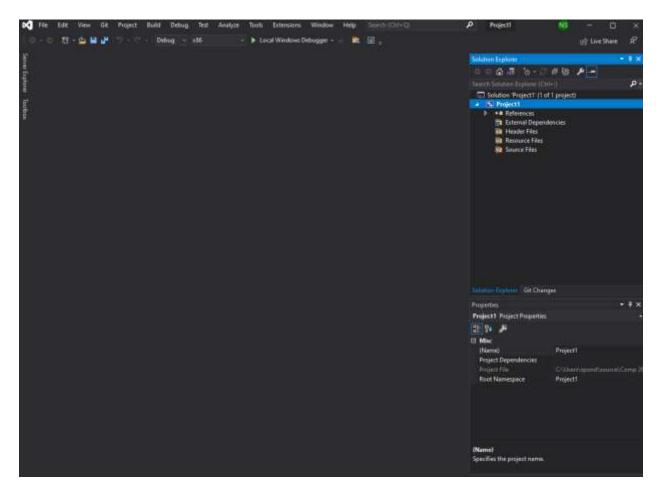
Next you will get a screen like this. Here you want to edit the file path to create a new folder



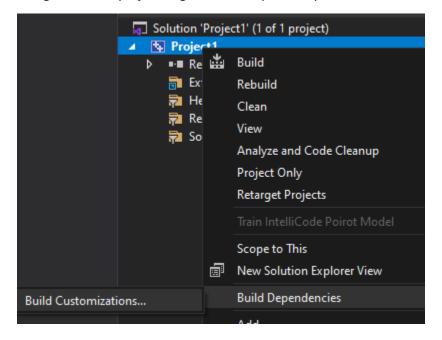
By clicking the highlighted box above you want to go into the file explorer, go back to source folder, and create a new folder for Comp 2660. After you are done it should be like this.



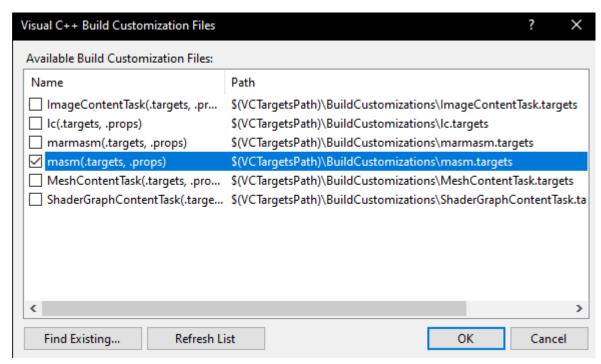
Now click create and you will be greeted with a screen like this.



Now you want to right click the project to go to build dependency and select build customizations.



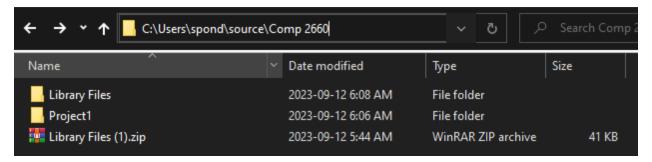
So after you click that you want to select masm(.target, .props) and then click "ok"



We are almost done. We want to install Assembly Library Files

https://github.com/NahiyanSayeed/FallTermProjects/blob/main/COMP2660/Library%20Files%20(1).zip

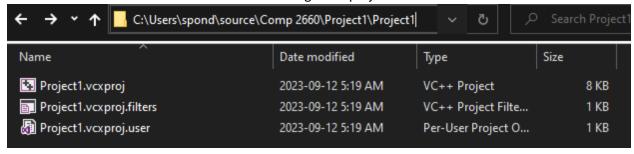
After the installation you want to extract the zip file in your default assembly folder



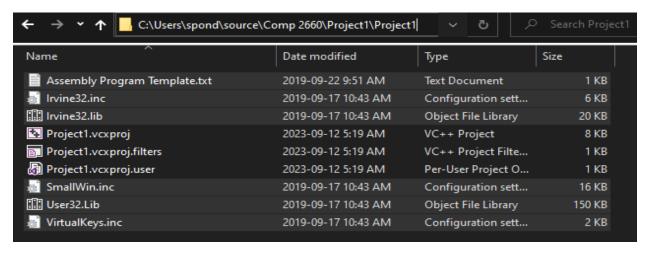
We did this so we can have quick access to Library files since we will need it for every project.

(I put the txt file into "Library Files")

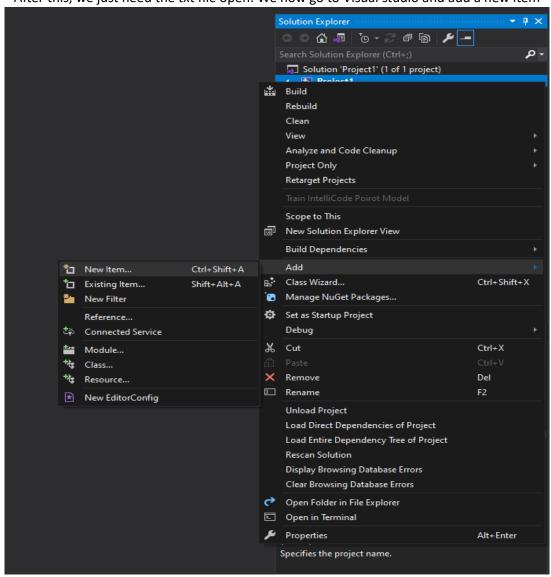
Now we want to go into project1 twice



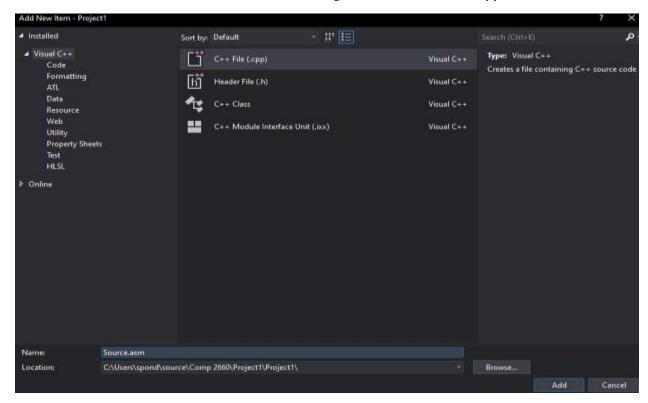
Now we copy paste the contents of "Library files" to this folder



After this, we just need the txt file open. We now go to Visual studio and add a new item



Select C++ file, and in the name tab change the extension from ".cpp" to ".asm"



A terminal will open and we just need to copy paste from "assembly program template.txt"

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Source.asm*

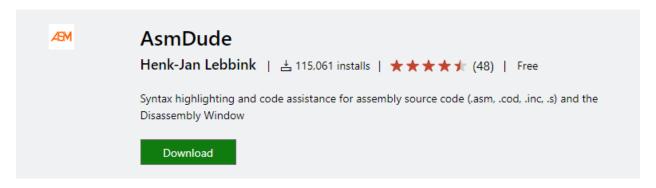
→ X
          TITLE
          ; Name:
           Date:
           ID:
          ; Description:
          INCLUDE Irvine32.inc
          INCLUDELIB Irvine32.lib
          .data
              ; data declarations go here
          .code
         main PROC
              ; program syntax here
              call DumpRegs; displays registers in console
              exit
          main ENDP
         END main
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Congratulations we are now set up and ready to go.

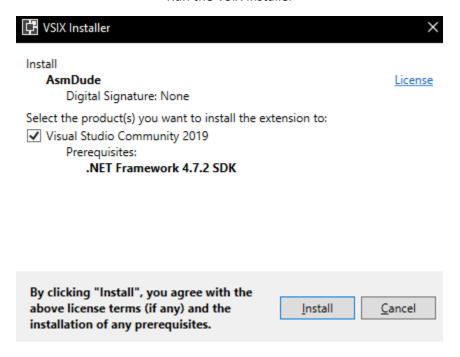
If you want the colour code like in VS Code follow along for a few extra steps.

Go to this website and download the addon

https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=Henk-JanLebbink.AsmDude



Run the VSIX installer



Click Install and let it finish, then restart visual studio and the end result should look like this

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Source.asm → X

1 TITLE
2
3 □; Name:
4 |; Date:
5 |; ID:
6 |; Description:
7
8 INCLUDE Irvine32.inc
9 INCLUDELIB Irvine32.lib
10
11 .data
12
13 |; data declarations go here
14
15 .code
16 □ main PROC
17
18 |; program syntax here
19
20 | call DumpRegs ; displays registers in console
21
22 | exit
23
24 | main ENDP
25 | END main
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Thank you for reading the guide, if you have any questions contact me on discord (#Spondy_2511)

