We use compiler emulator 8086 which is not case sensitive, that means if we write a keyword with mixing lowercase and uppercase letter it can identify easily without any trouble.

In assembly language every syntax has four fields

First field is label name. It follow the rules of valid identifier rules and any label name will be highest 35 characters. End of the label name there will be semicolon symbol (:), label name generally used for control a block of statement execution specially in loop control.

Second field is called mnemonic or operation code (abbreviation Opcode), it indicates microprocessor which operation should be performed by CPU. Example of Opcode are ADD, SUB, DIV, MUL, MOV, INT (interrupt), INC, DEC etc.

Third field is operands, it may be single or double. Two operands separated by comma symbol. As we use compiler emulator 8086, 8086 is a 16 bit microprocessor. It follows the syntax format Opcode <space> destinationOopreand, SourceOperand

destination operand generally copy the value of source operand in case of MOV operation. In arithmetic operation destination operand value generally override.

Fourth field is Comment field and it begins with semicolon(;) symbol

Every field must be separated with at least one space. We most of the time use two fields in our code. One is Opcode and other is operands.

Every assembly language program separated in three segments.

First is Stack segment (which we write as .stack) after declare stack segment it requires to specify memory space, for this reason we generally write .stack 100h

Second is data segment (which we write as .data). Variable declaration, may be memory variable, string variable etc we write here.

Third is code segment (which we write as .code).

These three segments are especially by default 64KB in size and are allocated RAM memory space.

Every assembly program there must be a main procedure and one or more than one sub-ordinate procedure which are operated under the main procedure.

But it's not mandatory to declare a procedure name like "main" as C/C++ compiler.

Procedure name also follow the rules of identifier rules, the format of write procedure name is:

PROCEDDURE_NAME < space > PROC ; procedure begin

PROCEDDURE_NAME < space > ENDP ; procedure end

END <space> PROCEDDURE_NAME ;exit from program

Here PROC is a keyword which means procedure ENDP is also a keyword which means end procedure

END also a keyword normally written to exit from program.

Registers that are available in compiler emulator 8086

AX (Accumulator register)

BX (Base register)

CX (Counter register)

DX (Data register)

They all are 16 bit in size because here uses a symbol "X" after every register name which indicate registers are in word size (16 bit)

Every registers are divided into two separate bytes High('H') byte and Low('L') byte (8 bit in size)

AH, AL

BH, BL

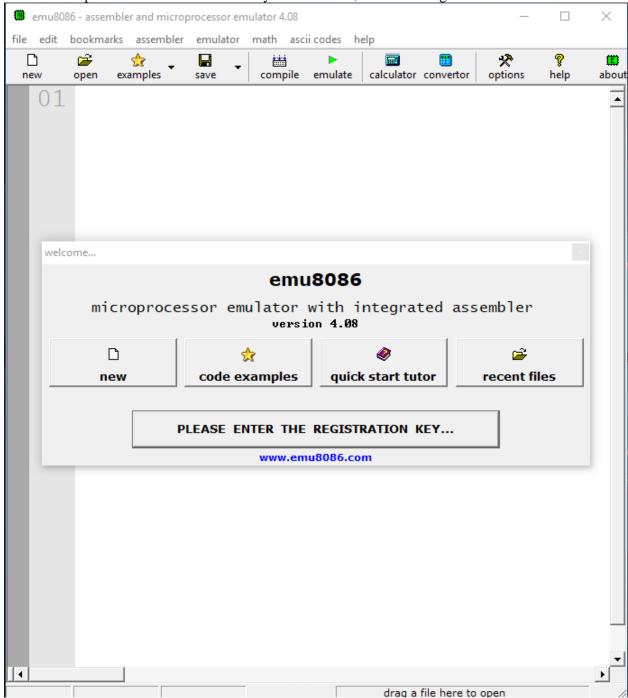
CH, CL

DH,DL

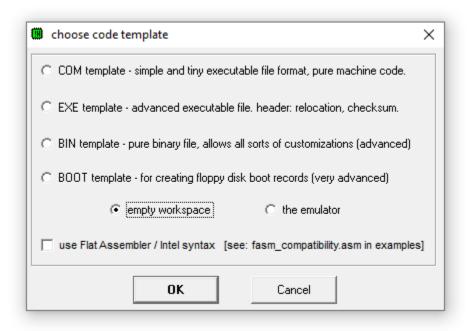
These 8 registers variables are available when we write code in this compiler. If we need more variables then we must declare it in data segment before used.

When we write code in a new file we select the new file as an "empty workspace"

At first we open the emulator software by double click, the following window will show:



Then we click NEW option, after that the following window will show:



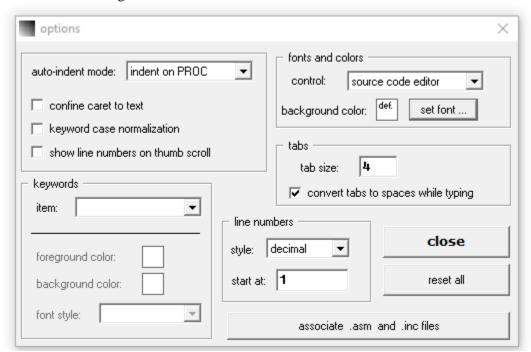
Here we select "empty workspace" and finally press OK button.

If you want to change the font size of this compiler you choose the following options:

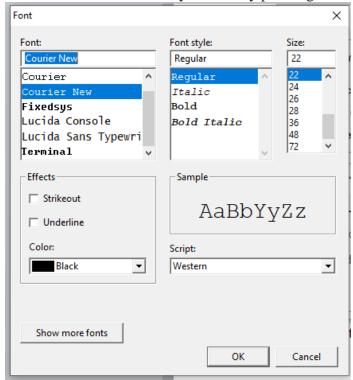
At first press



Then the following window will come as follows



You can select font size as you wish by pressing "set font" button as follows

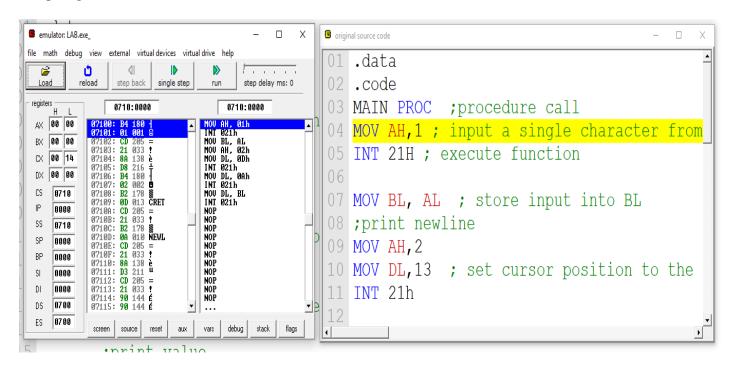


When we complete to write our code we must save the file with extension name assembly (.ASM) or (.asm).

When we want to run a program we press the following button



After pressing the above button you will show two window one is for debugging and other window contains your original source codes that indicates you which line compiler now compiling.



The blue color indicates that this line compiler is now compiling.

In this software every input that we are taking from keyboard are stored in accumulator register especially in AL part.

When we want to show any value in monitor console window we have to use data register DL or DH it is built in this compiler software.

In every compiler there is some built in function for input and output as like C compiler for input we declare scanf() and for output we declare printf().

In emulator 8086 compiler,

When we declare a function which is I/O related we must use AH register of the accumulator register, it also built in.

For input a single character we have to store value 1 in AH, for this we write, MOV AH, 1

For print a single character we have to store value 2 in AH, for this we write, MOV AH, 2

For print string we have to store value 9 in AH, for this we write, MOV AH, 9

These are the built in function declaration. To operate these functions we must have to execute them that's why we must call this function.

To perform this operation we write

INT 21H; interrupt routine which number is 33 in decimal or 21H in hexadecimal

If we don't write this line after function declaration actual operation will not perform.

Why we call this as interrupt:

In general CPU or microprocessor perform execution may be arithmetic or logical, we call them ALU (arithmetic and logic unit) operation.

To get input from keyboard or to show output in monitor CPU must have to connect with peripheral devices and these operations are not part of the microprocessor. That's why we call these operation as interrupt because here cpu must have to connect with peripheral devices to perform the required operation. To connect peripheral devices there is an interrupt routine which number is 33 in decimal or 21h in hexadecimal, so if we call this routine this operation will perform successfully. That's why we write INT 21H or INT 33.

Here in this software if we want to write decimal number we don't need to write any symbol letter after the number that means if we write any number it will consider as decimal For example

INT 33; 33 is decimal MOV AH, 2; 2 is decimal

if we want to write hexadecimal number we need to write symbol 'h' or 'H' letter after the number then it will consider as hexadecimal

For example

INT 21h; 21 is hexadecimal MOV AH, 20h; 20 is hexadecimal

if we want to write binary number we need to write symbol 'B' (or 'Y' some of the old compiler/assembler support) letter after the number then it will consider as binary For example

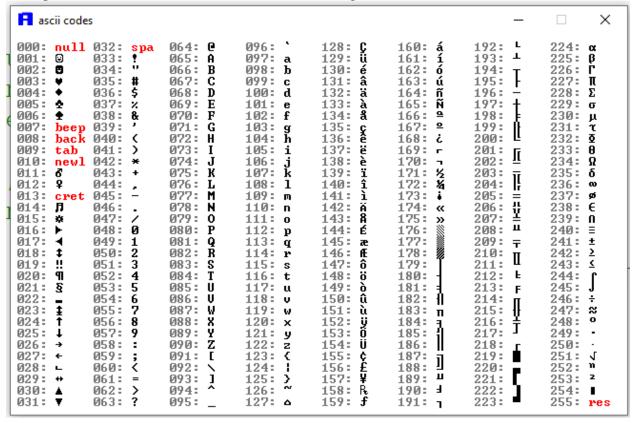
MOV BH, 10110011B; 10110011 is binary

Here one important thing we must remember whatever we input from keyboard in this compiler it will take the corresponding ASCII value (in hexadecimal) of that character.

If you want to show the details of ASCII characters, you simply press the "ascii codes"

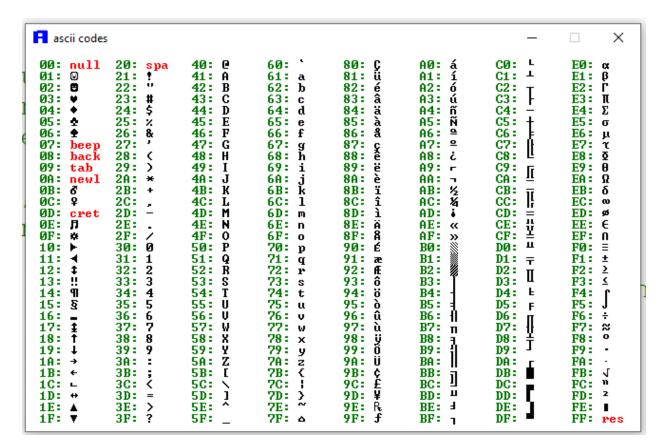


After press the "ascii codes" it will show the following window



It shows decimal values of every ascii characters,

you can also show the hexadecimal value of every ascii characters (support emulator 8086 version 4.0 or higher but not lower version), for this you have to place the mouse cursor to the any one of the decimal value of the above chart window and then press the mouse left button, it will automatically show the following window



DEBUG

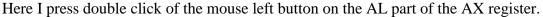
If we want to debug any program we have to press "single step" button. It will compile next line sequentially.

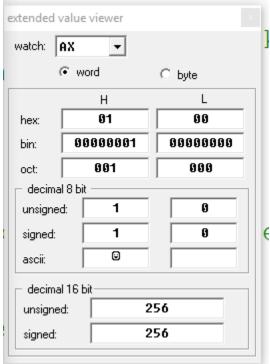
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And if we want to go back one step back of the compiling we need to press "step back"



You can show the specific values of every registers such as AL or AH or BL or BH or CL or CH or DL or DH by simply double click of the mouse left button. For this first you have to place the mouse left button on any one of the register and then press double click, you will show the following window:



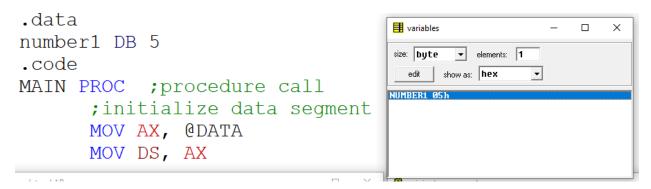


The above window will show you value of the register in hexadecimal, decimal, binary and octal of the corresponding ASCII character.

If we want to show the memory variables values when needs to execute program we simply click the button "vars"



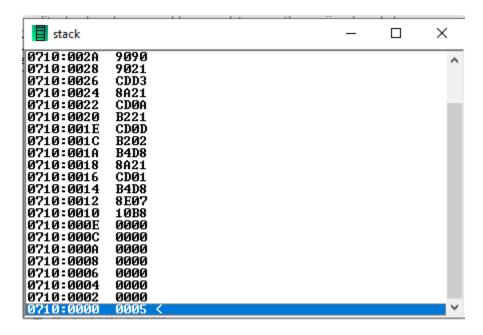
The following window will show after press the button "vars". As we declare variable name number 1 and set default value 5, the window shows the variable name and it's value in hexadecimal.



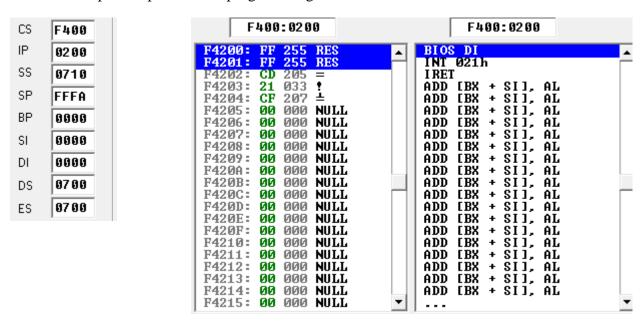
If we want to show the STACK memory values when needs to execute program we simply click the button "stack"



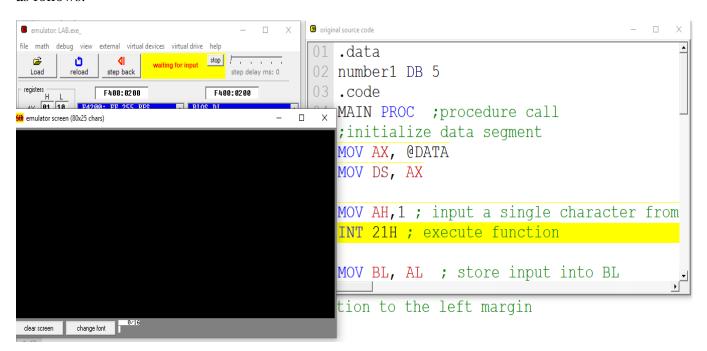
The following window will show after press the button "stack". If we use stack value will show in third column, as we don't use stack the third column is not show here. Blue color highlighting line indicates the starting position of the stack memory address or we can simply say the TOP of the stack location.



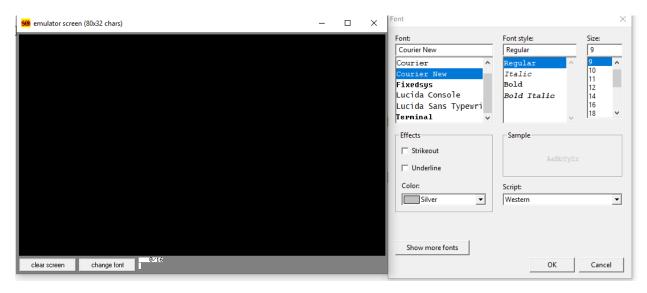
The following two windows value is not mandatory to understand clearly. It's mention the physical address of the memory RAM portion, that means actually which RAM portion now used this compiler to perform the programming task.



At the time of debugging when it needs to take input from keyboard a console window will show as follows:



You can also change font size of the console window, for this you have to press "change font" button of the console window which shows down side of the console window. When press "change font" button the following window will show as follows:



If you select font "Courier New" you can see the font size range up to 72. You can choose as you want.

If you want to debug from the beginning you can press the "reload" button, it will go back to you the first line of your code.

In this emulator8086 we use most of the time data type "DB" which means define byte. There are also some other data types such as DW (define word), DQ (define quad word –four consecutive words), DT (define ten bytes), DD (define double word –two consecutive words).