

Manual Compilation & Linking

1. Writing the Assembly code in prog.asm
2. Manually compiling it with nasm:
3. `nasm -f elf32 -g -F stabs -l lst.l -o obj.o prog.asm`
4. Then manually linking it with ld:
5. `ld -m elf_i386 -o exe.x obj.o`

Why?

This approach helps **beginners understand**:

- What NASM and LD do separately
 - The role of object files (.o)
 - The process of converting human-readable code into an executable
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Using a Makefile (Automated with Makefile)

Now, instead of running those two commands every time, a Makefile is introduced:

```
exe.x: obj.o
    ld -o exe.x obj.o

obj.o: prog.asm
    nasm -f elf -g -F stabs -l lst.l -o obj.o prog.asm
```

Then you run:

`make`

Why?

- To **automate** the build process
- To **avoid repetition** of long commands
- To **ensure dependencies** are respected (e.g., only recompiling if the source changes)
- It's standard in real-world software projects

Steps for automating

1. mkdir folder1
2. cd folder1
3. vim prog.asm
4. type :-

```
section .data

section .bss
    buf resb 1
section .text
    global _start

_start:
    mov eax, 3 ;sys call
    mov ebx, 0
    mov ecx, buf
    mov edx, 1
    int 0x80

    mov al, Byte[buf]
    inc al
    mov byte[buf],al

    mov eax, 4
    mov ebx, 1
    mov ecx, buf
    mov edx, 1
    int 0x80

    mov eax, 1
    mov ebx, 0
    int 0x80
```

5. nano Makefile
6. inside it :-

```
exe.x: obj.o
    ld -m elf_i386 -o exe.x obj.o

obj.o: prog.asm
    nasm -f elf32 -g -F stabs -l lst.l -o obj.o prog.asm
```

7. To Save the File:

Press **Ctrl + O** → then Enter to save

Press **Ctrl + X** to exit

8. make

9. ./exe.x

10. Type a letter

11. If we typed 'a' , then it will print 'b' .(the next letter)