

# LunarRED Assembler

The LRA (Lunar RED-Assembler) is a cross-platform assembler for x86-64 devices. The LunarRED Assembler was designed by Kai D. Gonzalez in 2023 as a complement to the bytecode formats OpenLUD and NexFUSE. The LunarRED Assembler is compatible with **both** bytecode formats, producing supportive code and allowing the writer to understand their limits, as defined by different bytecode formats. Visit the website at this link



[\*https://thekaigonzalez.github.io/LunarRED/\*](https://thekaigonzalez.github.io/LunarRED/)

LunarRED works by producing the same bytecode as listed in the documentation for a multitude of supported bytecode formats, and limits the code-generation and will let the caller know when they may be overstepping. LunarRED is designed to be easy to use and portable, being around 2000 lines of code, LunarRED has a very minimal overhead, allowing it to be run on multiple different kinds of devices.

## What is Bytecode? (Simple Rundown)

Intermediate Bytecode, as defined in CS Textbooks and such, is a level between machine code and the higher level code like the code you will see in Python & JavaScript files, a majority of programming languages compile into their own set of bytecode which is called “*instructions*”. These instructions allow the programming language interpreter to get out of the way of execution, creating two separate parts of a programming language that can easily be modified and expanded upon.

LunarRED is able to compile into two high-performance bytecode formats, OpenLUD & NexFUSE. Both of which LunarRED respects their features and byte shift, operating in a way that is performative and good for low compilation overhead.

LunarRED follows similar syntax to this example:

```
# Copyright 2019-2023 Kai D. Gonzalez

@M:
    echo 0x41
    null
    echo 0x0a
    null

    halt
```

Do note however, that LR is not meant to be a programming language itself, more like reference data for other compilers to use as a foundation for their own specific programming languages. LR was designed in 3 days and can still be improved.

## LunarRED Support List

LunarRED contains support for formats OpenLUD, NexFUSE, and any standard bytecode format. You can choose what kinds of features to support by specifying *-n* or *-o* flags into the compiler. In the source code (*lunar.c*) it is made prevalent of another flag, *-b*. This flag will specify both compilers, essentially eliminating all of the warnings/errors that the compiler will generate about version information. **THIS OPTION IS HIGHLY UNRECOMMENDED FOR MULTIPLE REASONS INCLUDING FORMAT INCOMPATIBILITY!**