

# Emu8086

- Open emu8086 (Figure 1)



Figure 1

- Click Continue... (Figure 2)



Figure 2

- From Tool Bar choose "NEW" (Figure 3)



Figure 3

- Choose COM or EXE Template  
A) COM File (Figure 4)

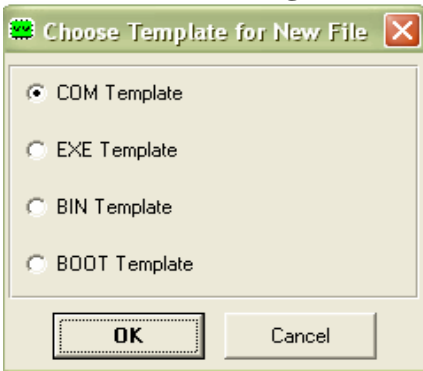


Figure 4

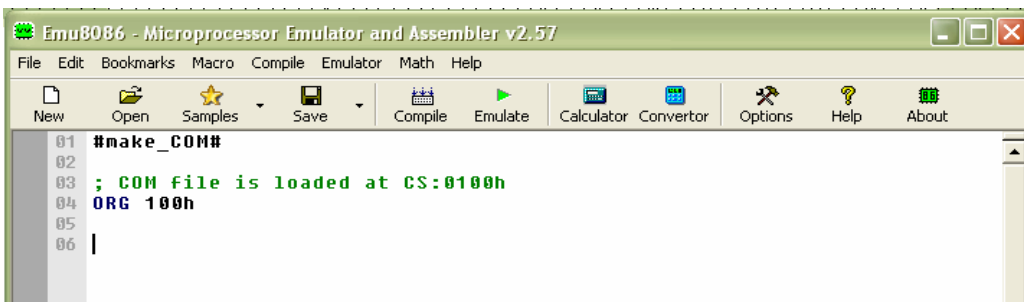


Figure 5

## B) EXE File (Figure 6)

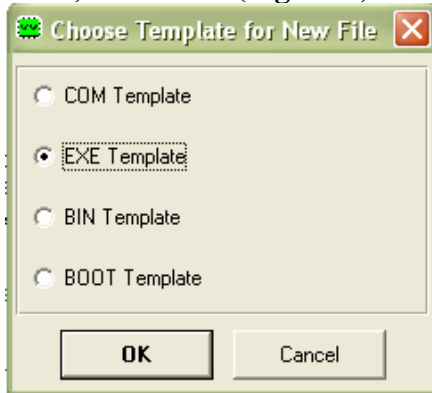


Figure 6

The screenshot shows the Emu8086 interface with the following assembly code:

```
11      #MAKE_EXE#
12
13 DSEG  SEGMENT 'DATA'
14
15 ; TODO: add your data here!!!!
16
17 DSEG  ENDS
18
19 SSEG  SEGMENT STACK 'STACK'
20 DW    100h     DUP(?)
21 SSEG  ENDS
22
23 CSEG  SEGMENT 'CODE'
24
25 ;*****
26
27 START PROC FAR
28
29 ; Store return address to OS:
30 PUSH  DS
31 MOV   AX, 0
32 PUSH  AX
33
34 ; set segment registers:
35 MOV   AX, DSEG
36 MOV   DS, AX
37 MOV   ES, AX
38
39
40 ; TODO: add your code here!!!!
41
42 ; return to operating system:
43 RET
```

Figure7

- Example: Create COM file and write these tow instructions as shown in (Figure 8)

The screenshot shows the following assembly code:

```
01 #make_COM#
02
03 ; COM file is loaded at CS:0100h
04 ORG 100h
05
06 mov ax,2
07 mov bx,ax
```

Figure 8

- Compile, correct errors if any, and then run (Emulate)... (Figure 9)

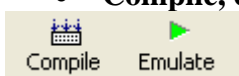


Figure 9

- When you press Emulate, this window (Figure 10) will appear, it displays the value of all Registers, flags, block of memory (1K) at a time as Hex value, Decimal value, and ASCII char, and disassembled machine code. You can watch and change them during the executing of your code.

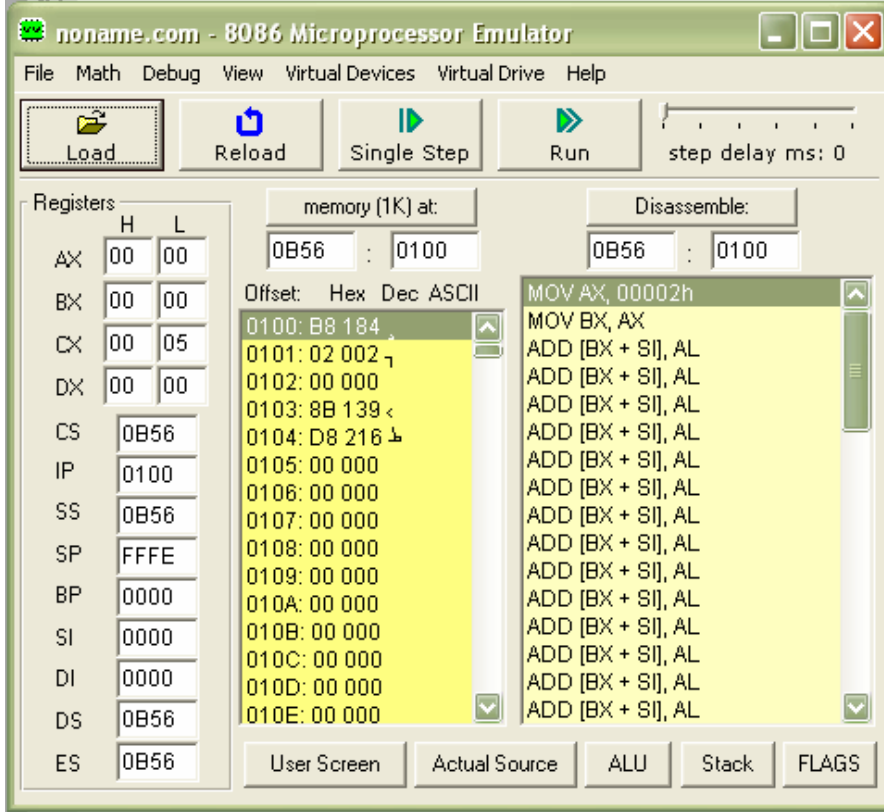


Figure 10

- This window (Figure 11) views the source code; the highlighted instruction is the next one to be executed

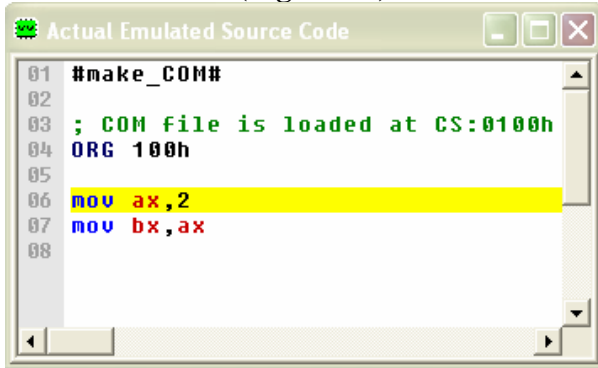


Figure 11

- To change any register or any memory location, double click on the register (Figure 10), this window (Figure 12) will appear, from Watch select the register then change it as HEX, BIN, or OCT

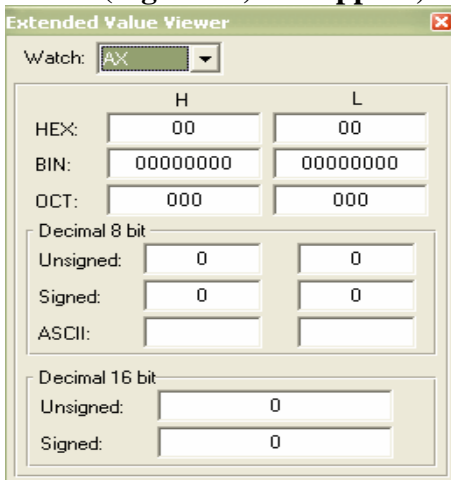


Figure 12

Here we changed the lower byte of AX to 5E instead of 00 (Figure 13)

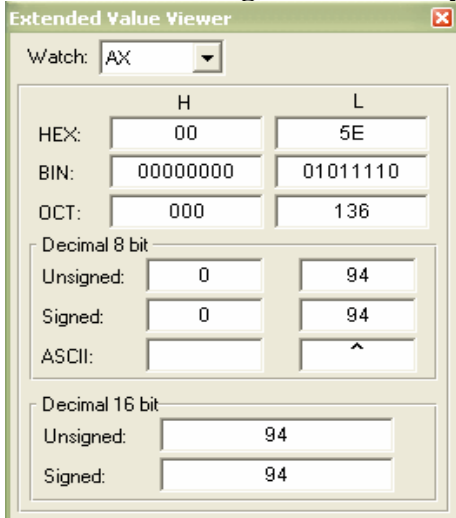


Figure 13

Close the window in Figure 13; the value of AX is changed (blue color) (Figure 14)



Figure 14

• Here we will change two memory locations at 0B56:0106

1) Select MEM from Watch (Figure 15).

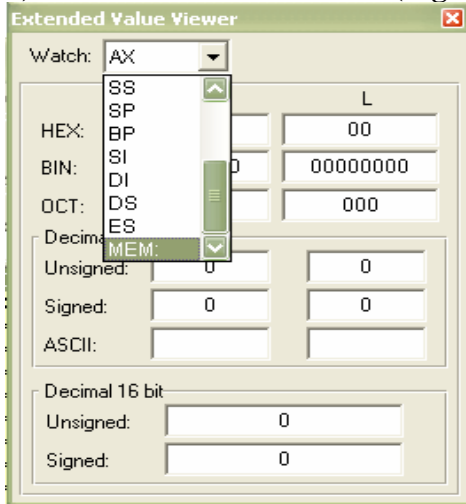


Figure 15

2) Write the address "segment: offset" 0B56:0106 (Figure 16)

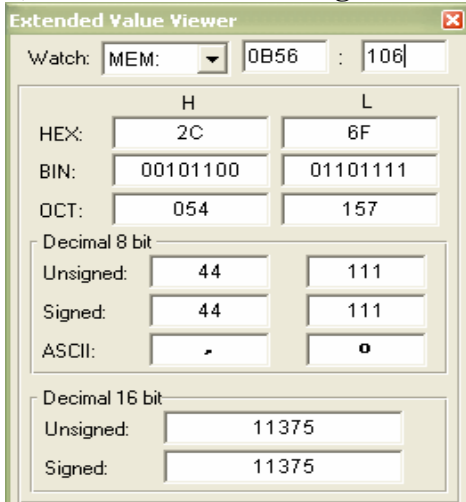


Figure 16

3) Change 0B56:0106 to 01 and 0B56:0107 to A6h. (Figure 17)

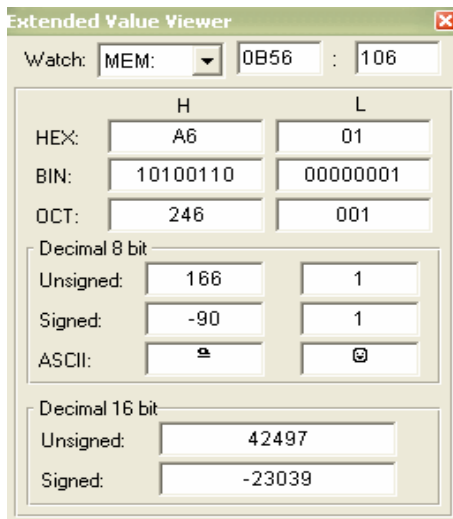


Figure 17

4) Close the window in Figure 17; the value at offset 0106 and 0107 is changed (Figure 18)

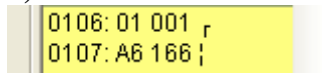


Figure 18

- To start Running:  
Press on Single Step (Figure 19)

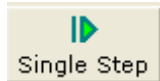


Figure 19

At CS:IP one instruction will be executed at a time.

- Figure 20 & 21 show the changes after executing MOV AX, 2

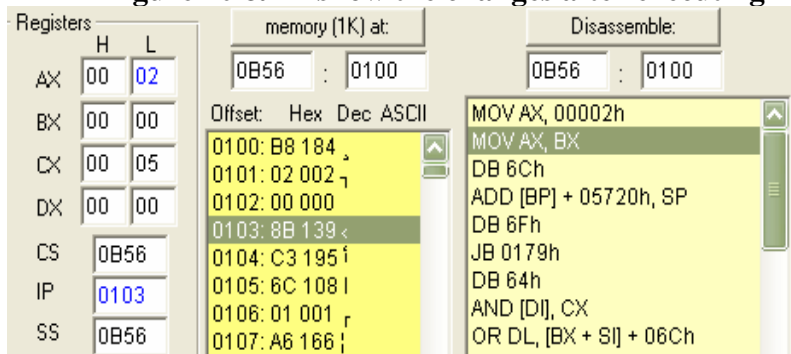


Figure 20

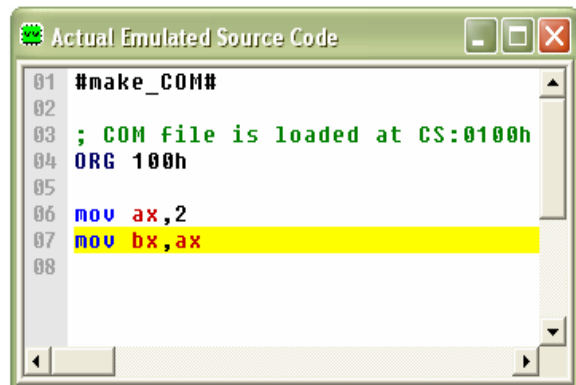


Figure 21

- Then press again on Single Step for the next instruction until you finish your code.

- NOTE: Emulator has a complete 8086 instruction set, press on HELP



- [Complete 8086 instruction set](#)

## Complete 8086 instruction set

Quick reference:

<a href="#">AAA</a>	<a href="#">CMPSB</a>	<a href="#">JAE</a>	<a href="#">JNBE</a>	<a href="#">JPO</a>	<a href="#">MOV</a>	<a href="#">RCR</a>	<a href="#">SCASB</a>
<a href="#">AAD</a>	<a href="#">CMPSW</a>	<a href="#">JB</a>	<a href="#">JNC</a>	<a href="#">JS</a>	<a href="#">MOUSB</a>	<a href="#">REP</a>	<a href="#">SCASW</a>
<a href="#">AAH</a>	<a href="#">DAA</a>	<a href="#">JBE</a>	<a href="#">JNE</a>	<a href="#">JZ</a>	<a href="#">MOUSW</a>	<a href="#">REPE</a>	<a href="#">SHL</a>
<a href="#">ABS</a>	<a href="#">DAS</a>	<a href="#">JC</a>	<a href="#">JNG</a>	<a href="#">LAHF</a>	<a href="#">MUL</a>	<a href="#">REPNE</a>	<a href="#">SHR</a>
<a href="#">ADC</a>	<a href="#">DEC</a>	<a href="#">JCXZ</a>	<a href="#">JNGE</a>	<a href="#">LDS</a>	<a href="#">NEG</a>	<a href="#">REPZ</a>	<a href="#">STC</a>
<a href="#">ADD</a>	<a href="#">DIU</a>	<a href="#">JE</a>	<a href="#">JNL</a>	<a href="#">LEA</a>	<a href="#">NOP</a>	<a href="#">REPZ</a>	<a href="#">STD</a>
<a href="#">AND</a>	<a href="#">HLT</a>	<a href="#">JG</a>	<a href="#">JNLE</a>	<a href="#">LES</a>	<a href="#">NOT</a>	<a href="#">REI</a>	<a href="#">STI</a>
<a href="#">CALL</a>	<a href="#">IDIU</a>	<a href="#">JGE</a>	<a href="#">JNO</a>	<a href="#">LODSB</a>	<a href="#">OR</a>	<a href="#">RET</a>	<a href="#">STOSB</a>
<a href="#">CBW</a>	<a href="#">IMUL</a>	<a href="#">JL</a>	<a href="#">JNP</a>	<a href="#">LODSW</a>	<a href="#">OUT</a>	<a href="#">RETF</a>	<a href="#">STOSW</a>
<a href="#">CLC</a>	<a href="#">IN</a>	<a href="#">JLE</a>	<a href="#">JNS</a>	<a href="#">LOOP</a>	<a href="#">POP</a>	<a href="#">ROL</a>	<a href="#">SUB</a>
<a href="#">CLD</a>	<a href="#">INC</a>	<a href="#">JMP</a>	<a href="#">JNZ</a>	<a href="#">LOOPE</a>	<a href="#">POPA</a>	<a href="#">ROR</a>	<a href="#">TEST</a>
<a href="#">CLI</a>	<a href="#">INT</a>	<a href="#">JNA</a>	<a href="#">JO</a>	<a href="#">LOOPNE</a>	<a href="#">POPF</a>	<a href="#">SAHF</a>	<a href="#">XLATB</a>
<a href="#">CMC</a>	<a href="#">INTO</a>	<a href="#">JNAE</a>	<a href="#">JP</a>	<a href="#">LOOPNZ</a>	<a href="#">PUSH</a>	<a href="#">SAL</a>	<a href="#">XCHG</a>
<a href="#">CMP</a>	<a href="#">IRET</a>	<a href="#">JNB</a>	<a href="#">JPE</a>	<a href="#">LOOPZ</a>	<a href="#">PUSHA</a>	<a href="#">SAR</a>	<a href="#">XLATB</a>
	<a href="#">JA</a>				<a href="#">PUSHF</a>	<a href="#">SBB</a>	<a href="#">XOR</a>
					<a href="#">RCL</a>		

- Choose the instruction you want (i.e. ADC)

<b>ADC</b>	<pre>REG, memory memory, REG REG, REG memory, immediate REG, immediate</pre>	<p>Add with Carry.</p> <p>Algorithm:</p> <p><b>operand1 = operand1 + operand2 + CF</b></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>STC      ; set CF = 1 MOV AL, 5 ; AL = 5 ADC AL, 1 ; AL = 7 RET</pre> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> <table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td>C</td><td>Z</td><td>S</td><td>O</td><td>P</td><td>A</td> </tr> <tr> <td>r</td><td>r</td><td>r</td><td>r</td><td>r</td><td>r</td> </tr> </table> </div>	C	Z	S	O	P	A	r	r	r	r	r	r
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**NOTE:** The stack memory area is set by SS (Stack Segment) register, and SP (Stack Pointer) register. Generally operating system sets values of these registers on program start.

"PUSH source" instruction does the following:

- Subtract 2 from SP register.
- Write the value of source to the address SS:SP.

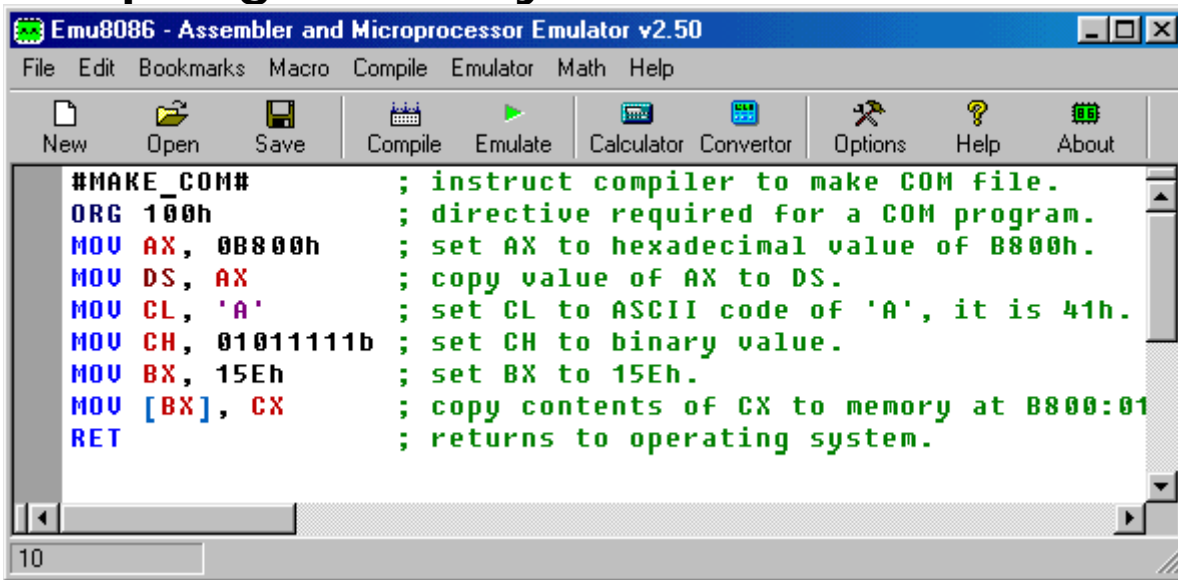
"POP destination" instruction does the following:

- Write the value at the address SS:SP to destination.
- Add 2 to SP register.

The current address pointed by SS:SP is called the top of the stack.

For COM files stack segment is generally the code segment, and stack pointer is set to value of 0FFFFeh. At the address SS:0FFFFeh stored a return address for RET instruction that is executed in the end of the program.

# Compiling Assembly Code



Type your code inside the text area, and click [Compile] button. You will be asked for a place where to save the compiled file.

After successful compilation you can click [Emulate] button to load the compiled file in emulator.

## The Output File Type Directives:

```
#MAKE_COM#  
#MAKE_BIN#  
#MAKE_BOOT#  
#MAKE_EXE#
```

You can insert these directives in the source code to specify the required output type for the file. Only if compiler cannot find any of these directives it will ask you for output type before creating the file.

## Description of Output File Types:

**#MAKE\_COM#** - the oldest and the simplest format of an executable file, such files are loaded with 100h prefix (256 bytes). Compiler directive ORG 100h should be added before the code. Execution always starts from the first byte of the file.

Supported by DOS and Windows Command Prompt.

ORG 100h is a compiler directive (it tells compiler how to handle the source code). This directive is very important when you work with variables. It tells compiler that the executable file will be loaded at the offset of 100h (256 bytes), so compiler should calculate the correct address for all variables when it replaces the variable names with their offsets.

Why executable file is loaded at offset of 100h? Operating system keeps some data about the program in the first 256 bytes of the CS (code segment), such as command line parameters and etc.

**#MAKE\_EXE#** - more advanced format of an executable file. Not limited by size and number of segments. Stack segment should be defined in the program. You may select EXE Template from the New menu in to create a simple EXE program with defined Data, Stack, and Code segments.

Entry point (where execution starts) is defined by a programmer.

Supported by DOS and Windows Command Prompt.

**#MAKE\_BIN#** - a simple executable file. You can define the values of all registers, segment and offset for memory area where this file will be loaded. Execution starts from values in CS:IP.

This file type is unique to Emu8086 emulator.

**#MAKE\_BOOT#** - this type is a copy of the first track of a floppy disk (boot sector).

Compiler directive **ORG 7C00h** should be added before the code, when computer starts it loads first track of a floppy disk at the address **0000:7C00**.

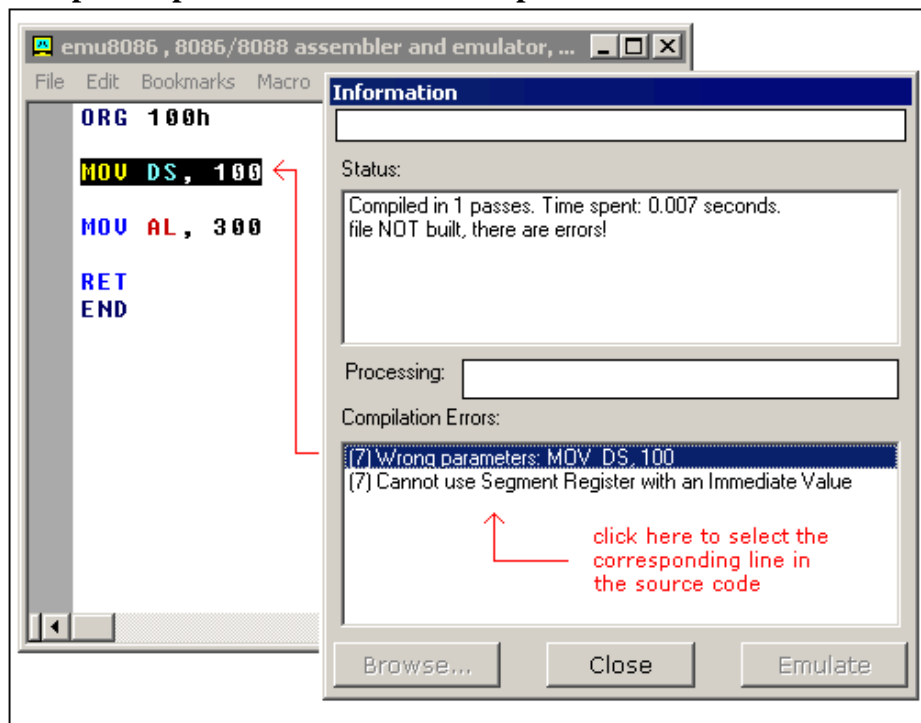
The size of a **.BOOT** file should be less than 512 bytes (limited by the size of a disk sector).

Execution always starts from the first byte of the file.

This file type is unique to **Emu8086** emulator.

## Error Processing

Compiler reports about errors in a separate information window:



`MOV DS, 100` - is illegal instruction because segment registers cannot be set directly, general purpose register should be used:

`MOV AX, 100`

`MOV DS, AX`

`MOV AL, 300` - is illegal instruction because `AL` register has only 8 bits, and thus maximum value for it is 255 (or 1111111b), and the minimum is -128.

Compiler makes several passes before generating the correct machine code; if it finds an error and does not complete the required number of passes it may show incorrect error messages. For example:

`#make_COM#`

`ORG 100h`

`MOV AX, 0`

`MOV CX, 5`

`m1: INC AX`

`LOOP m1` ; not a real error!

`MOV AL, 0FFFFh` ; error is here.

`RET`

List of generated errors:

(7) Condition Jump out of range!: `LOOP m1`



**(9) Wrong parameters: MOV AL, 0FFFFh**

**(9) Operands do not match: Second operand is over 8 bits!**

**First error message (7) is incorrect, compiler did not finish calculating the offsets for labels, so it presumes that the offset of m1 label is 0000, that address is out of the range because we start at offset 100h.**

**Make correction to this line: MOV AL, 0FFFFh (AL cannot hold 0FFFFh value). This fixes both errors! For example:**

```
#make_COM#
```

```
ORG 100h
```

```
MOV AX, 0
```

```
MOV CX, 5
```

```
m1: INC AX
```

```
LOOP m1 ; same code no error!
```

```
MOV AL, 0FFh ; fixed!
```

```
RET
```