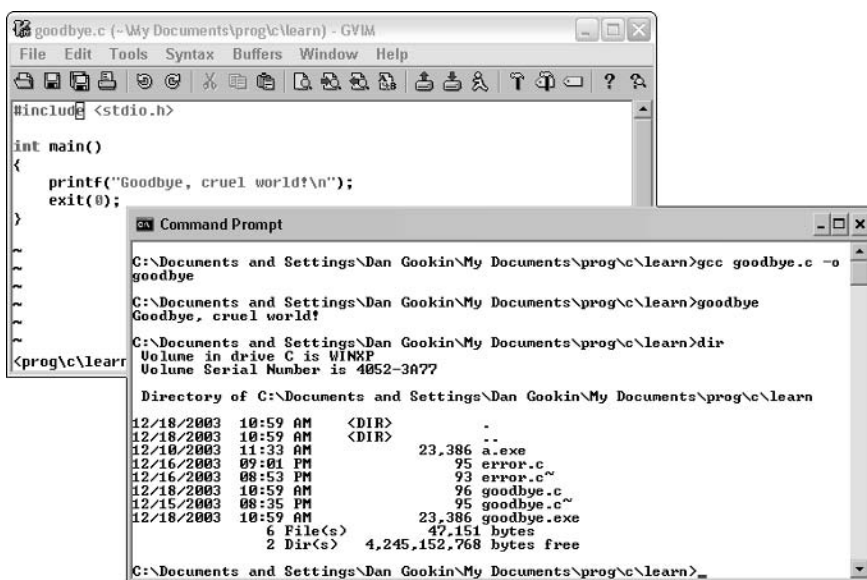


## Keep Your Editor Open in Another Window

The preceding tip can be null and void if you use your operating system's graphical environment. Keep a command prompt open in one window, and keep your text editor open in another window (see Figure 28-1). As long as you can remember to *save* your source code, it's perfectly fine to open a separate window for your editor and use it to edit your source code file. Then, in the other window, run a command prompt so that you can compile the source code as well as run the result.



**Figure 28-1:** Switching between editor and command-prompt windows.

Switch between windows by clicking the mouse in one or the other. Or, use the Alt+Tab key to switch windows, which seems to work in most graphical environments.



The key is to remember to *save* the document in one window before compiling in another window.

## Use a Context-Colored Text Editor

This is why I recommend the Vim editor: As long as you put that `.c` on the end of the source code filename, Vim recognizes your C language code and