



CLI

(Common Language Infrastructure)

.NET

*The **Common Language Infrastructure (CLI)** is an open specification developed by Microsoft and standardized by ISO and ECMA that describes executable code and a runtime environment that allows multiple high-level languages to be used on different computer platforms without being rewritten for specific architectures.*

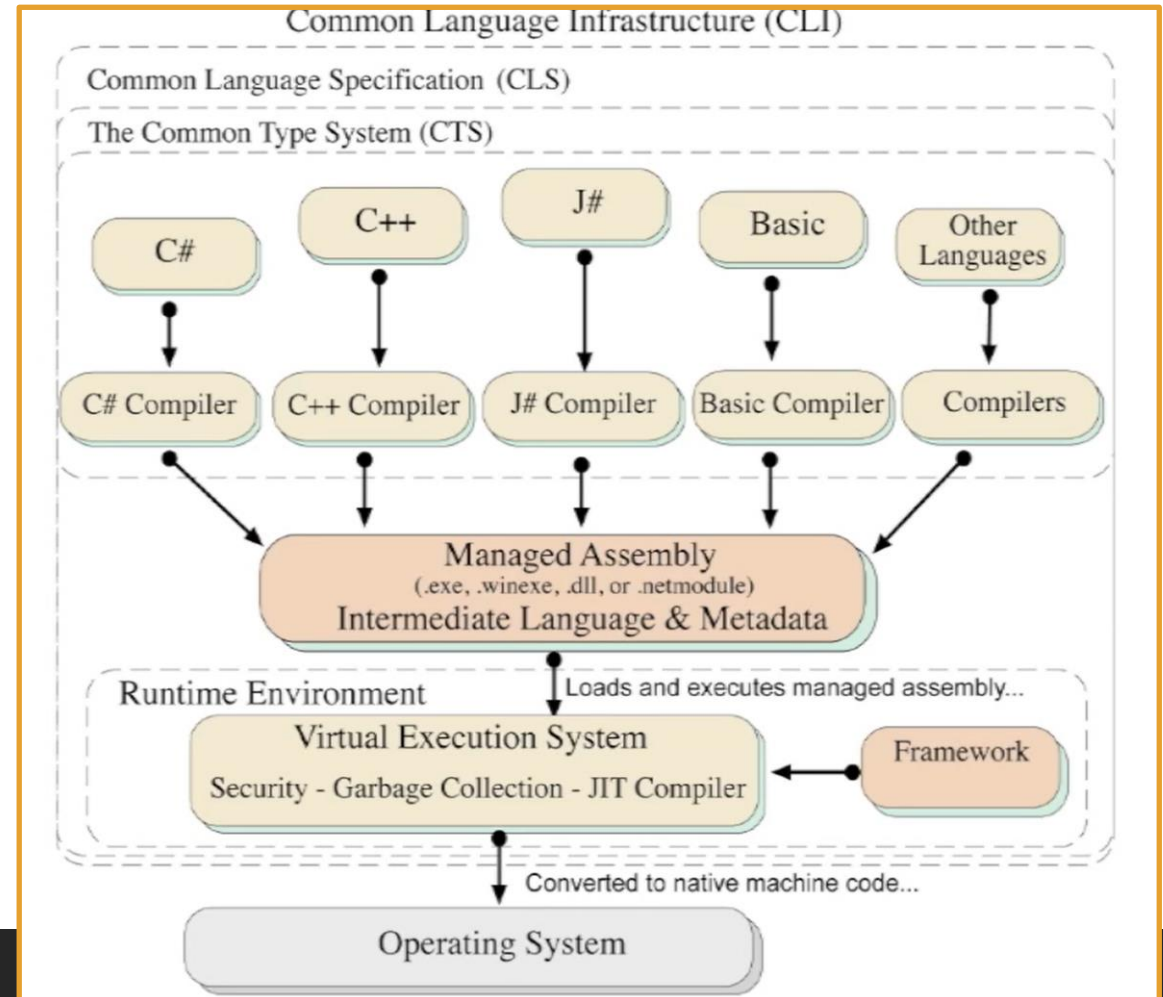
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Part of Microsoft's .NET strategy, **Common Language Infrastructure (CLI)** enables an application program written in any programming language to be run on any operating system (OS) using a “common” runtime program rather than a language-specific one.

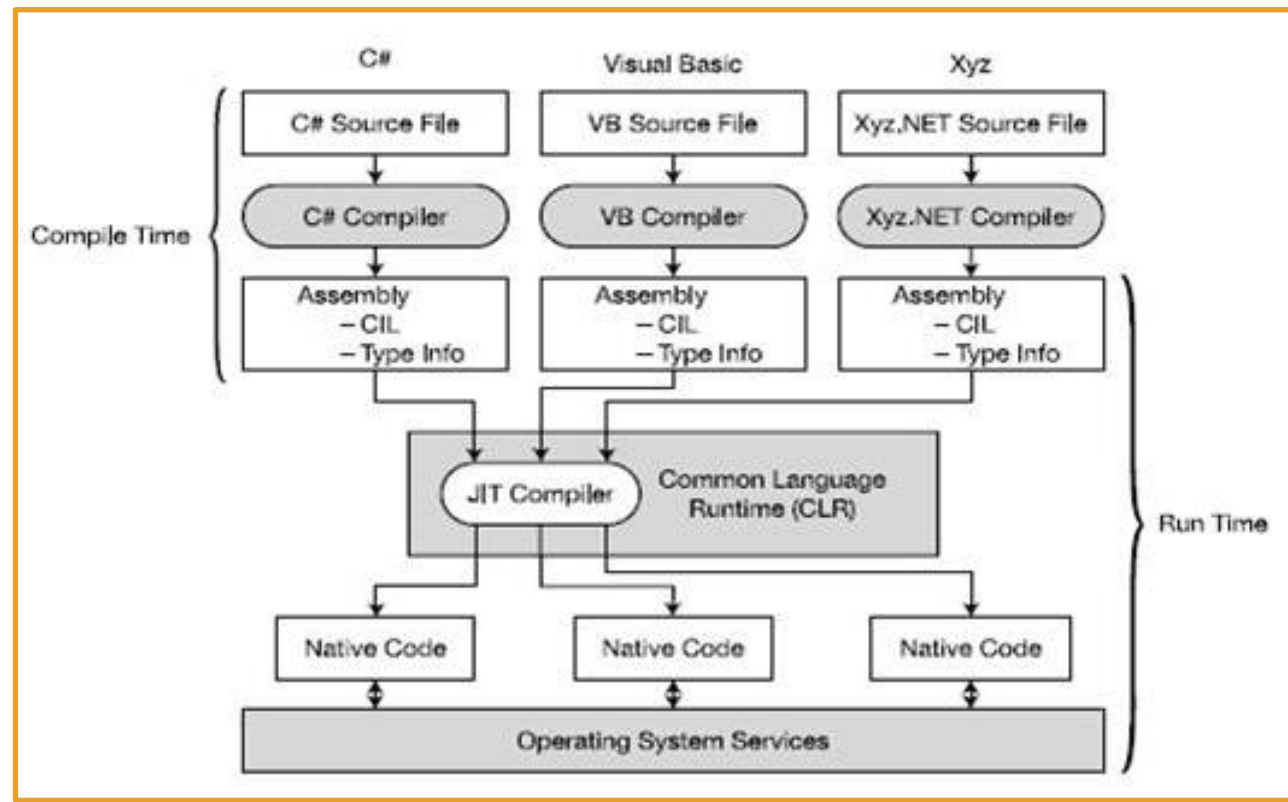
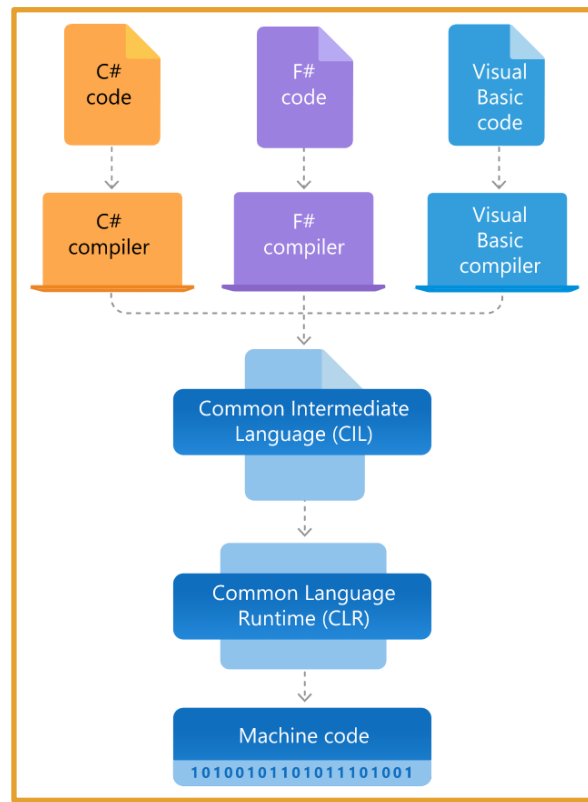
Common Language Infrastructure provides a virtual execution environment comparable to the one provided by Sun Microsystems for Java programs.



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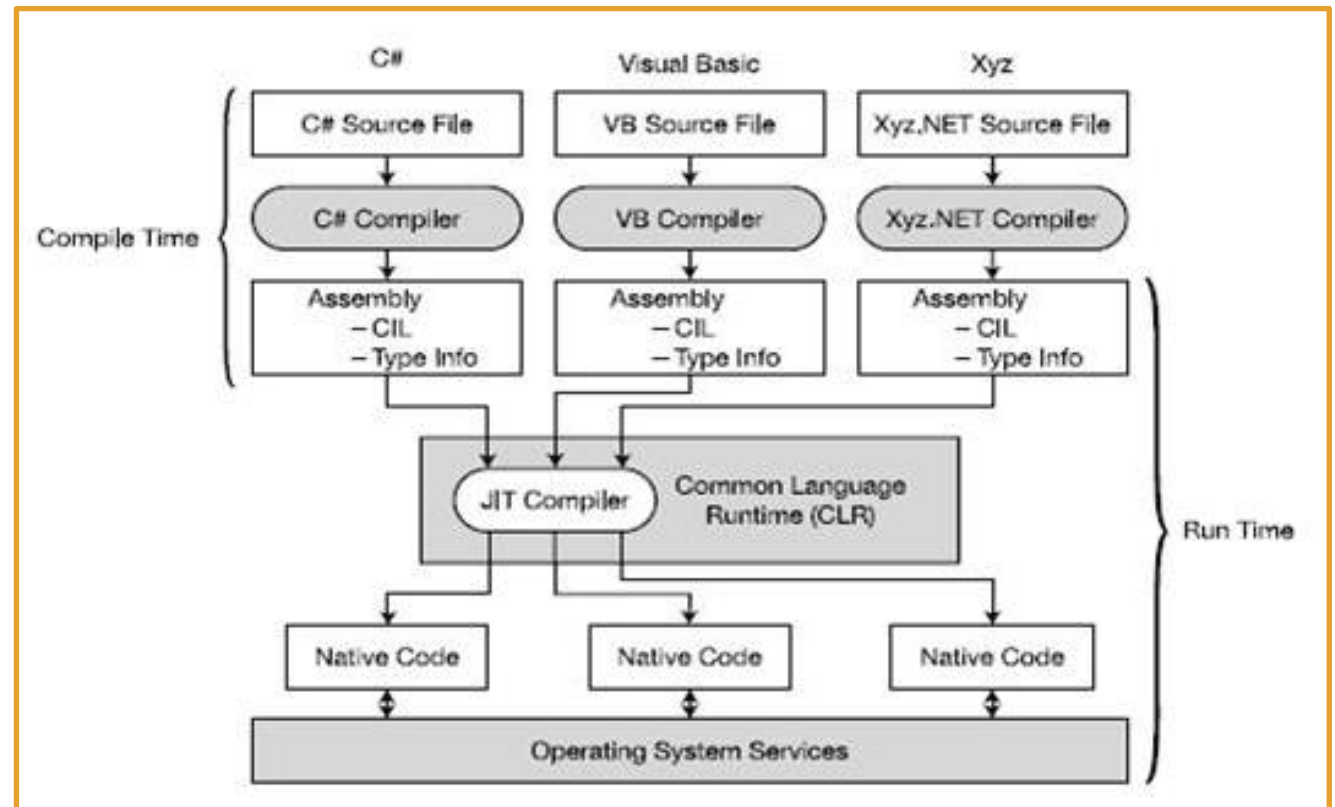
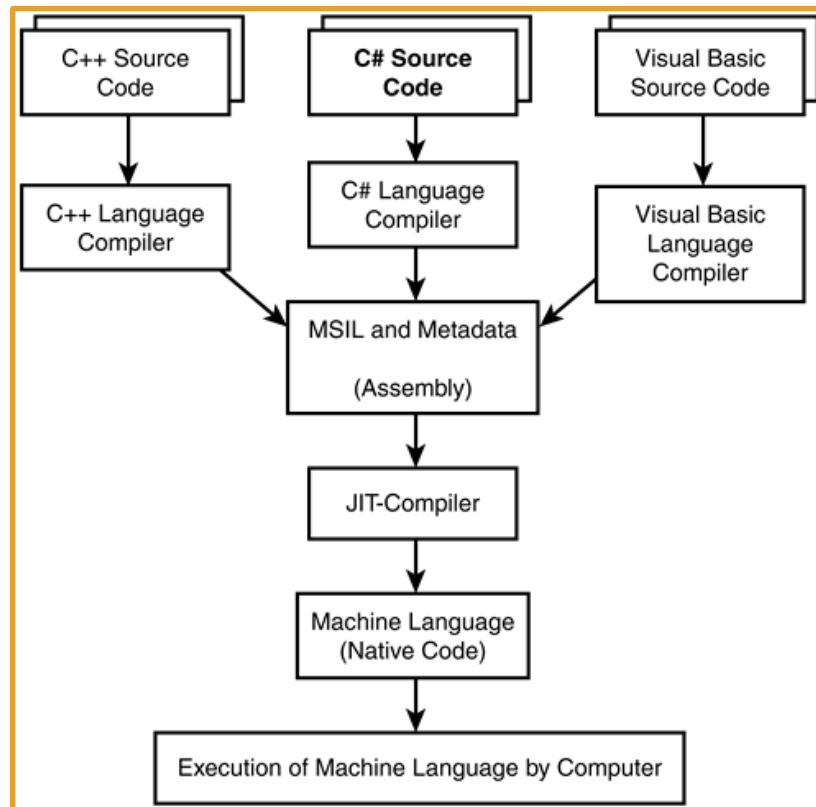
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CLI - Two views, one model

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CTS (Common Type System)

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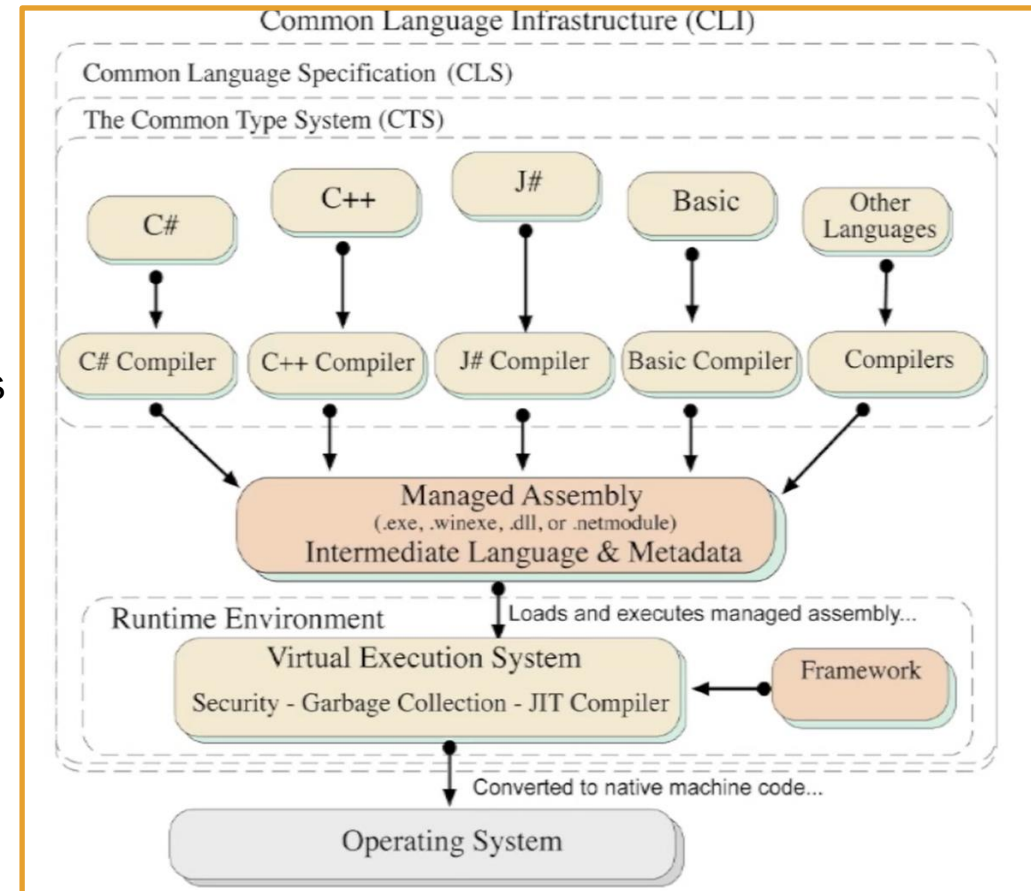
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The **CTS** is used by the **CLR** to enforce strict **typing** and code verification.

To ensure that all compilers generate managed code that conforms to the **CTS**, the **CTS**:

1. describes all data types and all related constructs which are supported by the **CLR**
2. details how they must be represented in the .NET metadata format
3. specifies how entities can interact with each other

This means that **managed code** can consume other managed types and instances, while strictly enforcing type fidelity and type safety.



CTS (Common Type System)

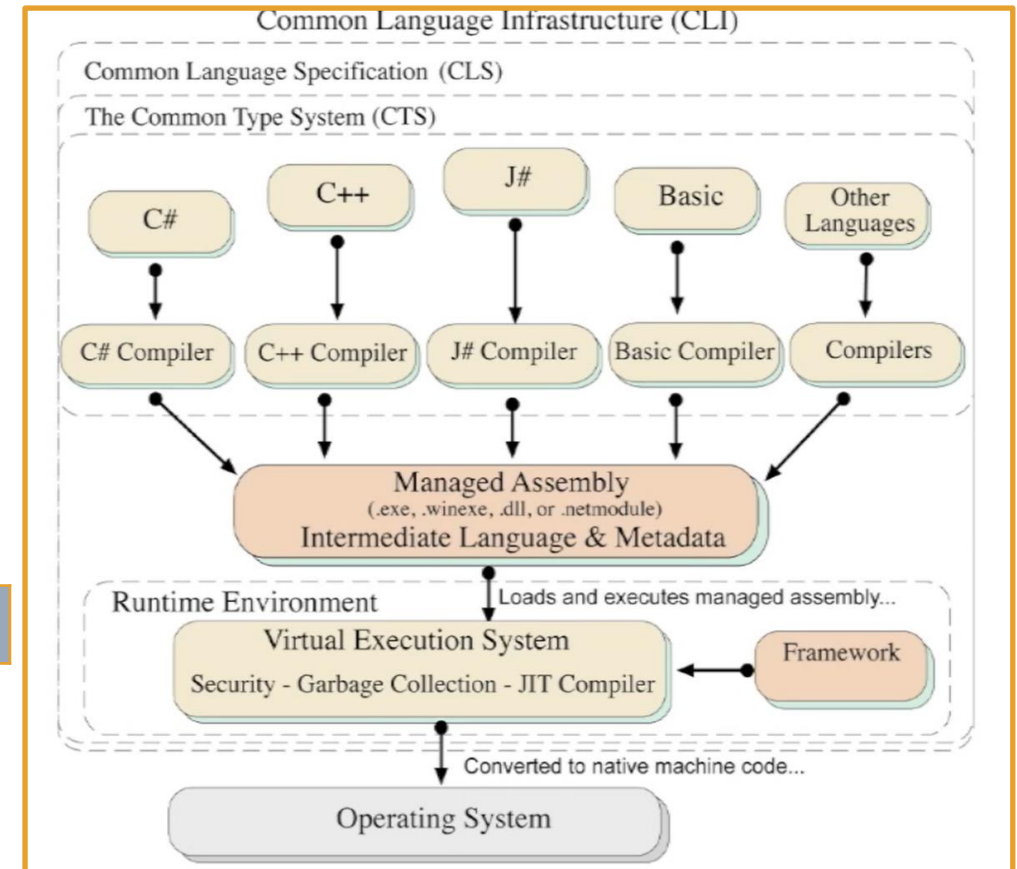
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The **CTS** provides a library of the basic primitive data **types** to be used in application development.

- **CTS** defines the two main **types** (reference and value types) that should be supported.
- **CTS** defines several categories of **types**, each with their specific semantics and usage:

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|---------|---------|-------|------------|-----------|
| Classes | Structs | Enums | Interfaces | Delegates |
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- **CTS** defines all other properties of the **types** (access modifiers, valid type members, how inheritance and overloading works, etc).



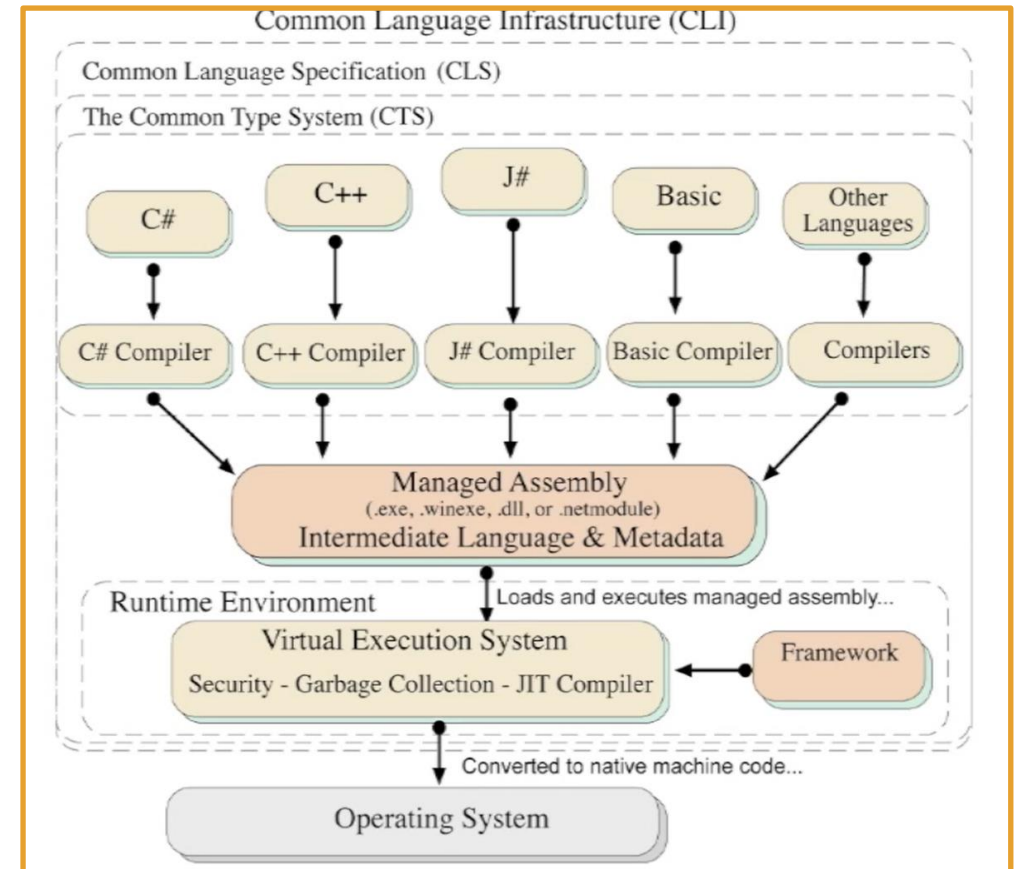
CLS (Common Language Specification)

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/dotnet/standard/common-type-system>

Since there are numerous different languages, .NET has specified the commonalities required to enable full interoperability between languages into something called the **Common Language Specification (CLS)**.

CLS is a subset of the **CTS**. This means that all rules of the **CTS** apply to the **CLS** also.

CLS defines a set of rules and restrictions that every language must follow which runs under the .NET framework. It provides a sort of recipe for any language that is implemented on top of .NET on what it must support.



CIL (Common Intermediate Language)

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/dotnet/standard/managed-execution-process#compiling-to-msil>

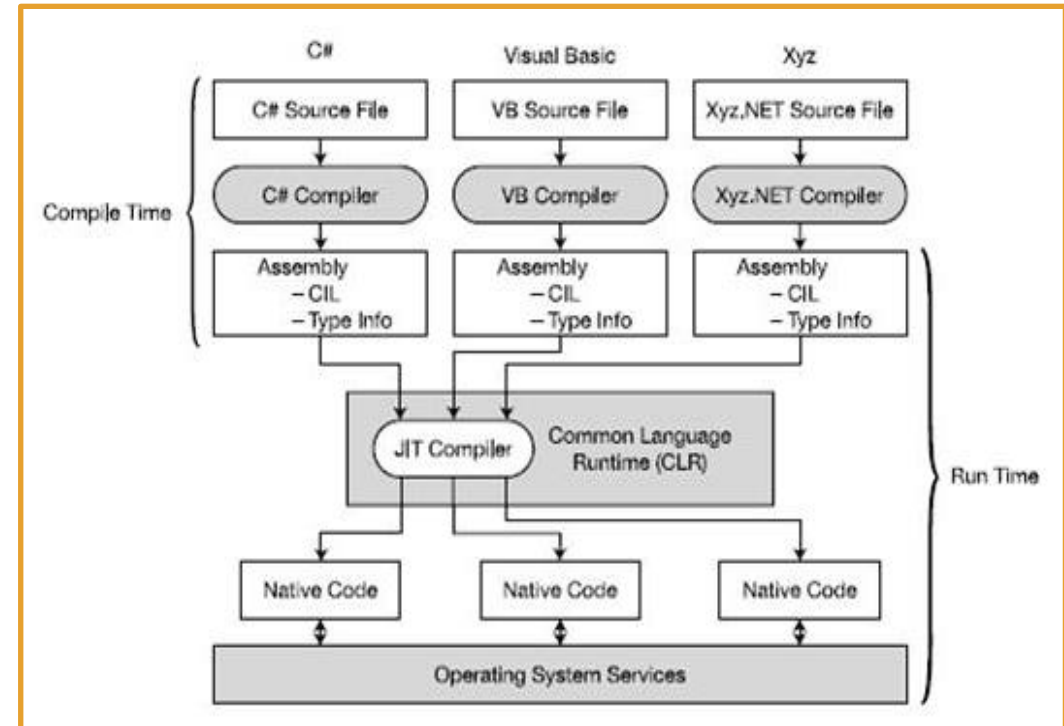
*Common Intermediate Language (CIL)**

is the intermediate language binary instruction set defined within the *Common Language Infrastructure (CLI)*.

CIL instructions are executed by the *Common Language Runtime*.

Languages which target the *CLI* compile to *CIL*.

Runtimes *Just-In-Time(JIT)* compile *CIL* instructions into native code.



*CIL was formerly called *Microsoft Intermediate Language (MSIL)* or *Intermediate Language (IL)*.

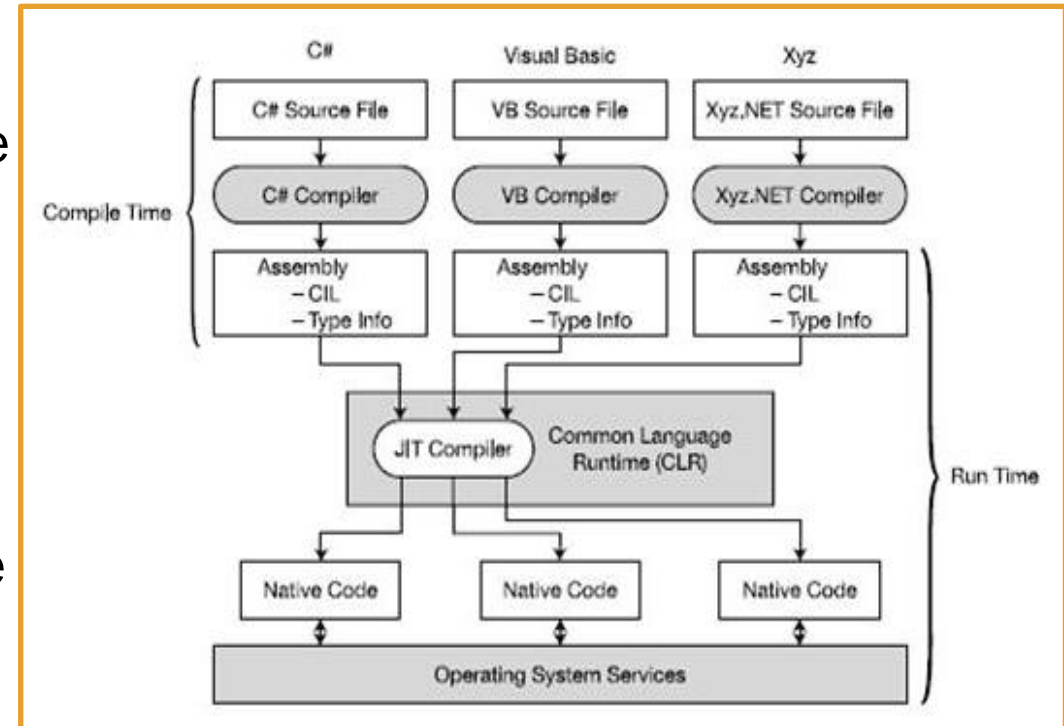
JIT (Just In Time Compiler)

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Just-In-Time (JIT) compilation involves compilation of a program at run time.

JIT compilation assumes that some code might never be called during execution. Instead of using time and memory to convert all the **CIL** in a **PE (portable executable)** file to native code, it converts the **CIL** as needed during execution and stores the resulting native code in memory so that it is accessible for subsequent calls in the context of that process.



VES (Virtual Execution System)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virtual_Execution_System

A **Virtual Execution System (VES)** is a run-time system of the **Common Language Infrastructure (CLI)** which provides an environment for executing **managed code** where the **Common Intermediate Language (CIL)** instruction set can be executed.

The **Common Language Runtime (CLR)** is the .NET Framework's implementation of a VES. It provides direct support for a set of built-in data types. It defines:

- a hypothetical machine with an associated machine model and state,
- a set of control flow constructs, and
- an exception handling model.

