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Introduction to .NET

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Windows Development Before .NET

- Fragmentation of development stacks (VB, C, C++ | Win32 API, MFC, COM, etc)
- Inconsistency between stacks, language constructs, a lot of time spent on "plumbing" tasks like memory management, etc.
- Wasn't designed for internet development



Goals of .NET

Execution Environment

- Security
- Multiple Platform Support (desktop os, server os, phone os, etc)
- Performance

Development Environment

- Object Oriented
- Consistent Programming Experience
- Industry Standard Support (HTTP, XML, SOAP, JSON, WSDL)
- Language Independence
- Interoperability

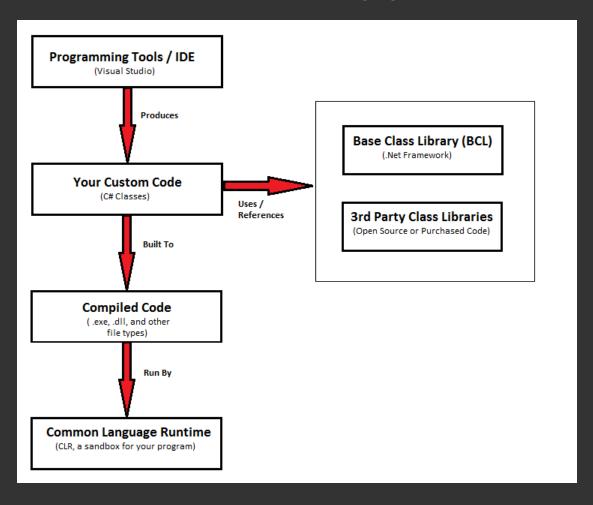


Components of .NET

- Programming Tools
 - Visual Studio, other IDEs (Integrated Development Environment) and Debuggers
 - .NET Compilers (C#, VB, F#, Iron Ruby, C++, etc)
 - Server Side Tech (ASP.NET, WCF, etc)
- Base Class Library (BCL/FCL)
 - Built-In Classes that expose common tasks methods (working with files, encryption, security, etc)
- Common Language Runtime (CLR)
 - Memory Management, Garbage Collection, Code Safety, Exception Handling, Thread Management



Overview: How .NET Apps Are Created



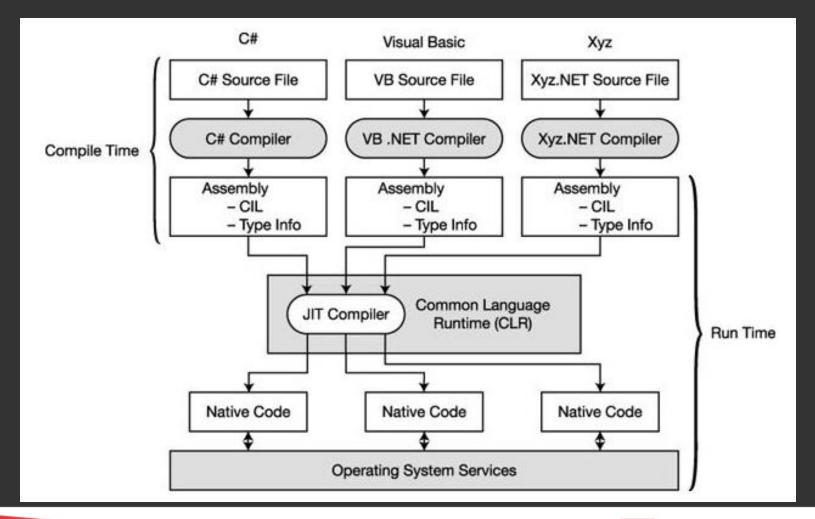


Additional Perks

- Automatic Garbage Collection
- Interoperability
 - Mix .NET Language Assemblies, pInvoke, and COM support
- Simplified Deployment
- Type Safety
- Rich Framework Library Built-In

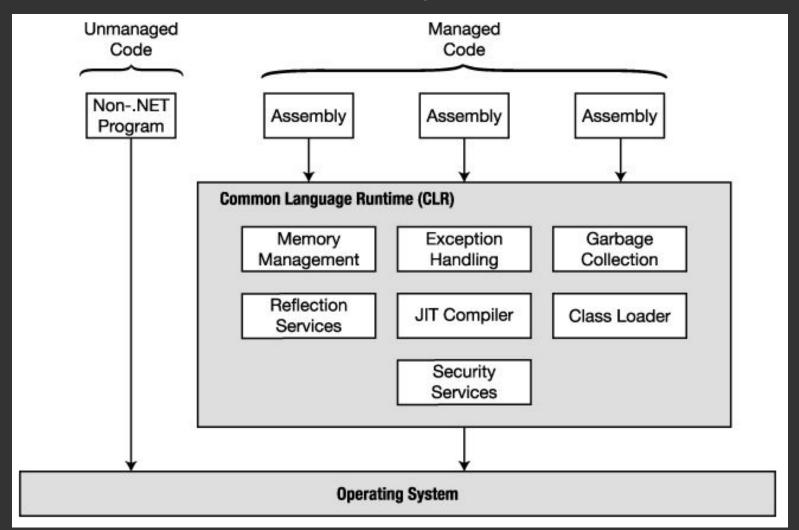


Detailed Overview of Application





The CLR and Why It's Awesome





CTS / CLI

- Common Type System and Common Language Infrastructure are ECMA open Standards
- Contains all the type and data information to ensure that any .NET language compiles to the same IL



In Conclusion...

- The .NET Framework supports many languages besides C# and VB.NET
- Applications and Assemblies are compiled into the Intermediate Language and at run-time converted to native code
- Any computer or device running the .NET
 Framework version you target can run your code
- .NET supports calls into unmanaged code and can interact directly with low level APIs

