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- **The CLR - Common Language Run-time**
  The run-time environment - the "JVM"

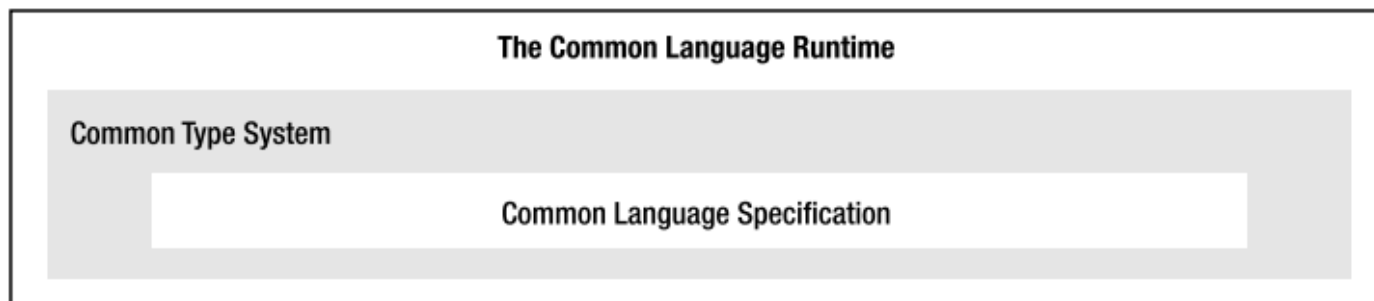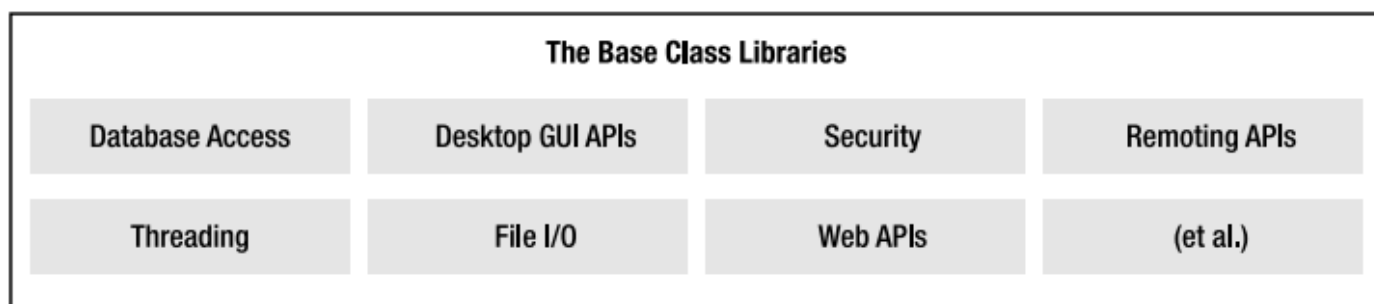- **The CTS - Common Type System**
  All the supported types

- **The CLS - Common Language Specification**
  What every language needs to do

- Plus **the Base Class Libraries**
  A collection of useful methods all .NET programs can use

The Base Class Libraries			
Database Access	Desktop GUI APIs	Security	Remoting APIs
Threading	File I/O	Web APIs	(et al.)

The Common Language Runtime
Common Type System
Common Language Specification

Remember, all of this stuff is provided by .NET to every language that runs in the .NET environment. So far, none of this stuff is specific to C#.