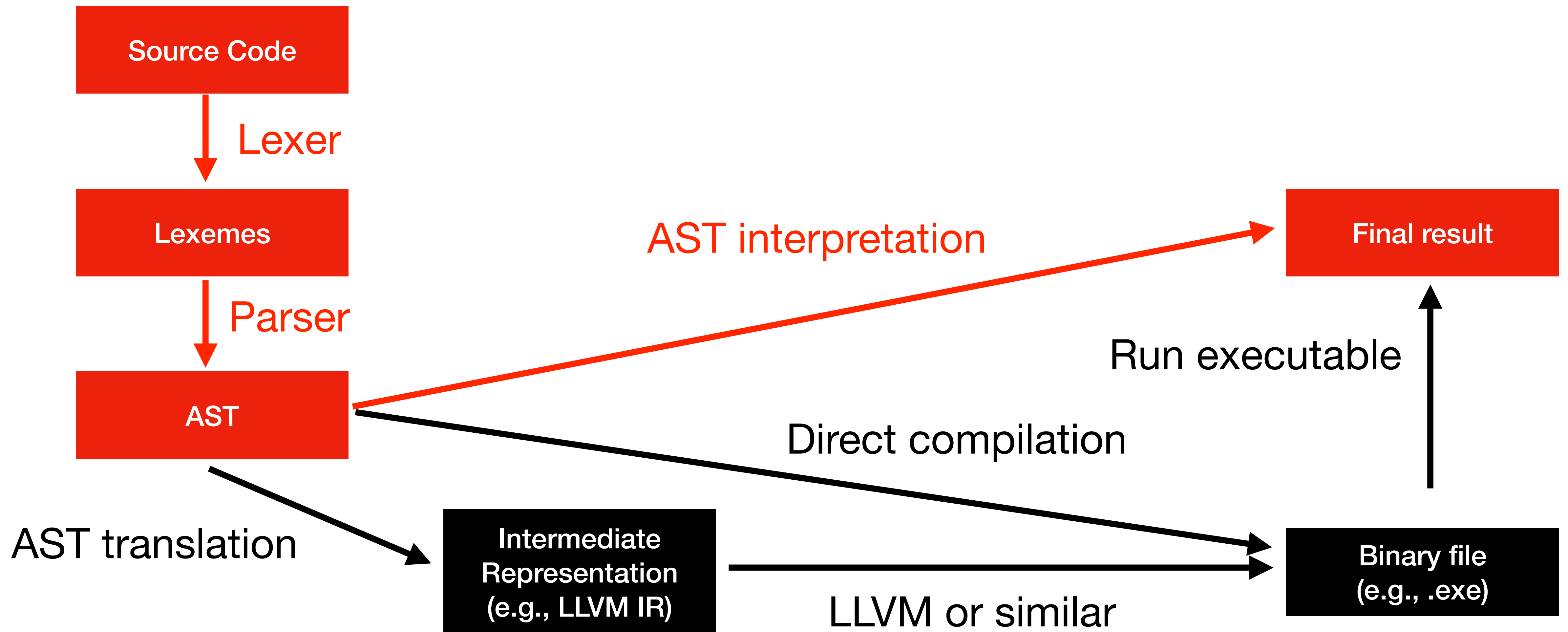


Process overview - what we will discuss



What is a file?

- String of characters that defines a program in some format
- Can interpret these characters differently depending on context - e.g., C++ vs. Python (plaintext), vs. the a MS Word file or an image (has some encoding)
- Almost all programming languages (all mainstream ones at least) use plaintext, or plain characters, to describe their programs
- Because of this, we can read our program code as a file directly, just like any other file in the filesystem