

Compiler

Vs.

Interpreter

- Scans the whole code & convert into machine code, doesn't require source code.

- Fast execution

- CPU utilization is high as needs to compile first.

- Difficult error analysis

- Cannot be changed during runtime hence less flexible.

- For e.g. C, C++, Java.

- Translates line by line, machine code is not stored anywhere so need source code.

- Slow execution

- CPU utilization is relatively low

- Easy error analysis

- Can be changed during runtime, more flexible.

- For e.g. Python, PERL, PHP, Ruby, JS.

Note:-

→ The compiler and interpreter are more of method of implementation rather than any language's property, so let's say if your system has Java interpreter then you can run it like an interpreter.

→ Can interpreter be faster than compiler in future as the execution time gap seems to be lowering in both?

Ans: Technically NO, as both runs the machine code which our CPU understand so it can be equal but not

surpass it. Also, it may vary language to language but in general we can see the gap getting close to null.