Generally it can be said that there is no difference: in MS Windows OS executables have names

*.exe, but in *nix-like OS executables can be named whatever you like and are called "binary files".

L'exe' k window । उम्रामिह पूर्व But it doesn't mean that every binary file is executable (like *.exe): binaries could be just a kind of information storages. For example, database files (such as MyISAM or InnoDB files for MySQL databases) are binary files too (but not executable).