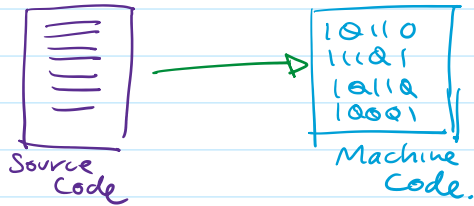


2 Programming Language Implementation

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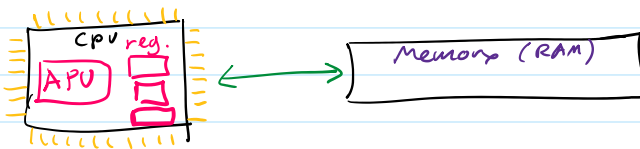
How are programming languages implemented?

Objective:



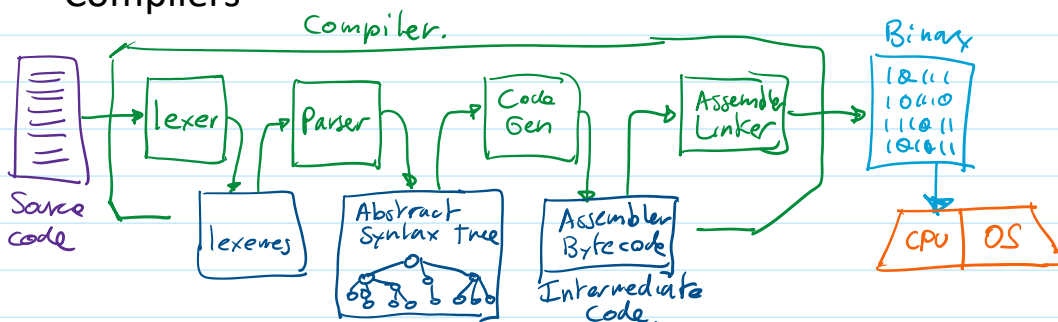
- 3 Basic types
- Compilers
 - Interpreters
 - Hybrid (combination of Both)

Note: Machine code is "relatively" simple.



- 1.- perform operations on values on registers + - ÷ *
- 2.- fetch data from memory
- 3.- store data in memory
- 4.- move, change or modify the "instruction pointer" (to skip or repeat instructions)

• Compilers



• lexer: splits texts into atomic components

E.g. apple = |banana| * (|orange| + |7.3|) ; |

• Parser: recognize whether the lexemes form a valid program under the rules of the language.

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Eg apple = 3dFx / [* orange + (|) 7]

Compilers:

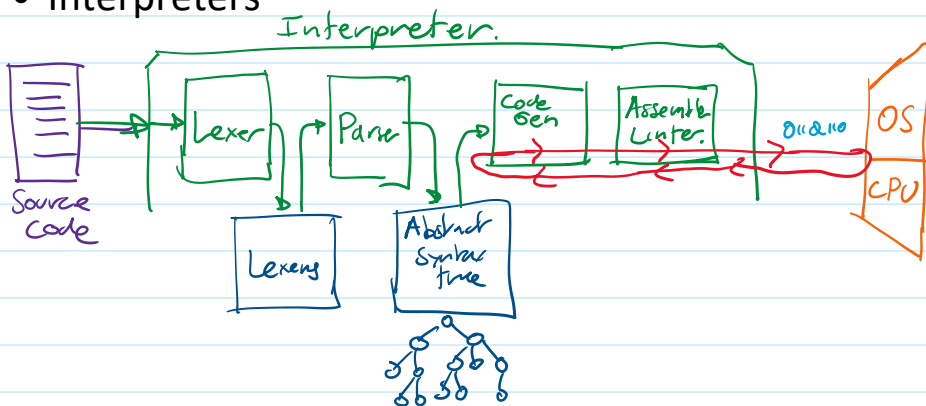
FORTRAN, C, C++, Pascal, D, Go, Rust.

Pro: - Speed of final program.
- Some F.P. protection

Cons: - Portability
- Speed of development.
↳ compilation speed can be slow.



• Interpreters



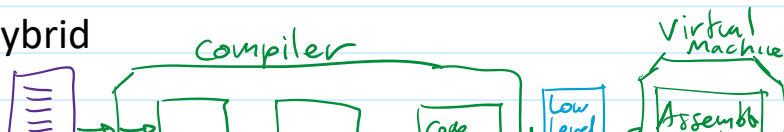
REPL: Read-Evaluate-Print Loop

Eg: LISP, Python, JavaScript, Ruby, ML, BASIC

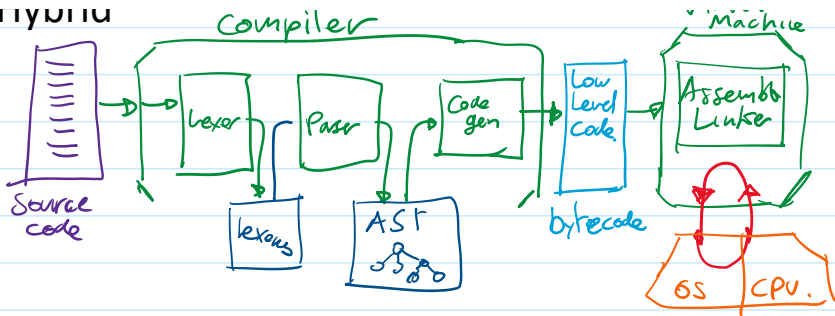
Pro: + Interactivity via REPL
+ Speedy Program Development
+ Portability

Cons: - Speed of execution
- no IP protection. (code is not hidden)

• Hybrid



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E.G. Java, C#, Scala, Kotlin, Pascal.

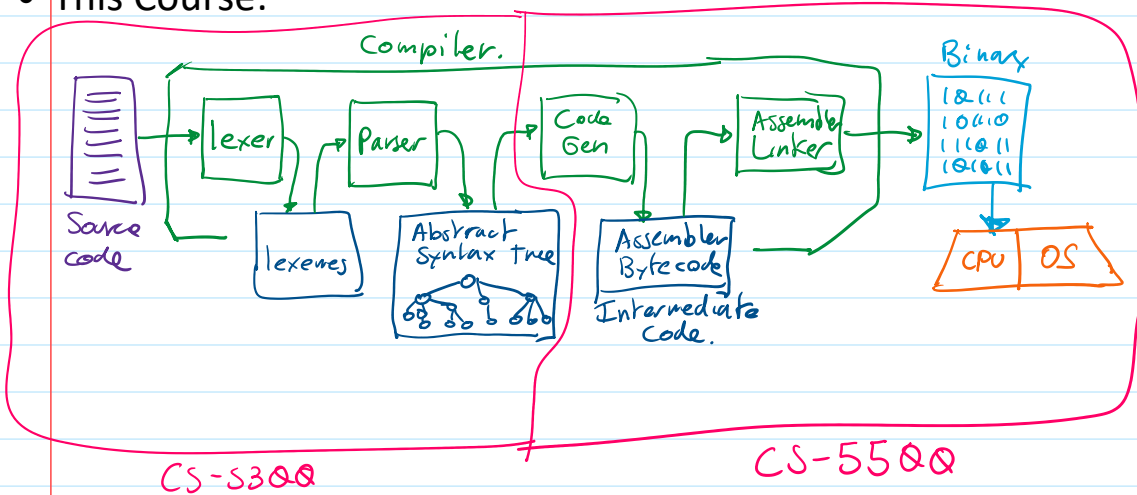
- Pros:
- + Speed > Interpreters
 - + portability
 - + I.P. Protection.
 - + inter-Language operability

- Cons:
- Speed < Compilers
 - Memory use of Virtual Machines
 - no REPL.

• The "Web Browser"

- Most web browsers are interpreters JavaScript
- Turn web browsers into virtual Machines Web ASM.

• This Course:



• EOF