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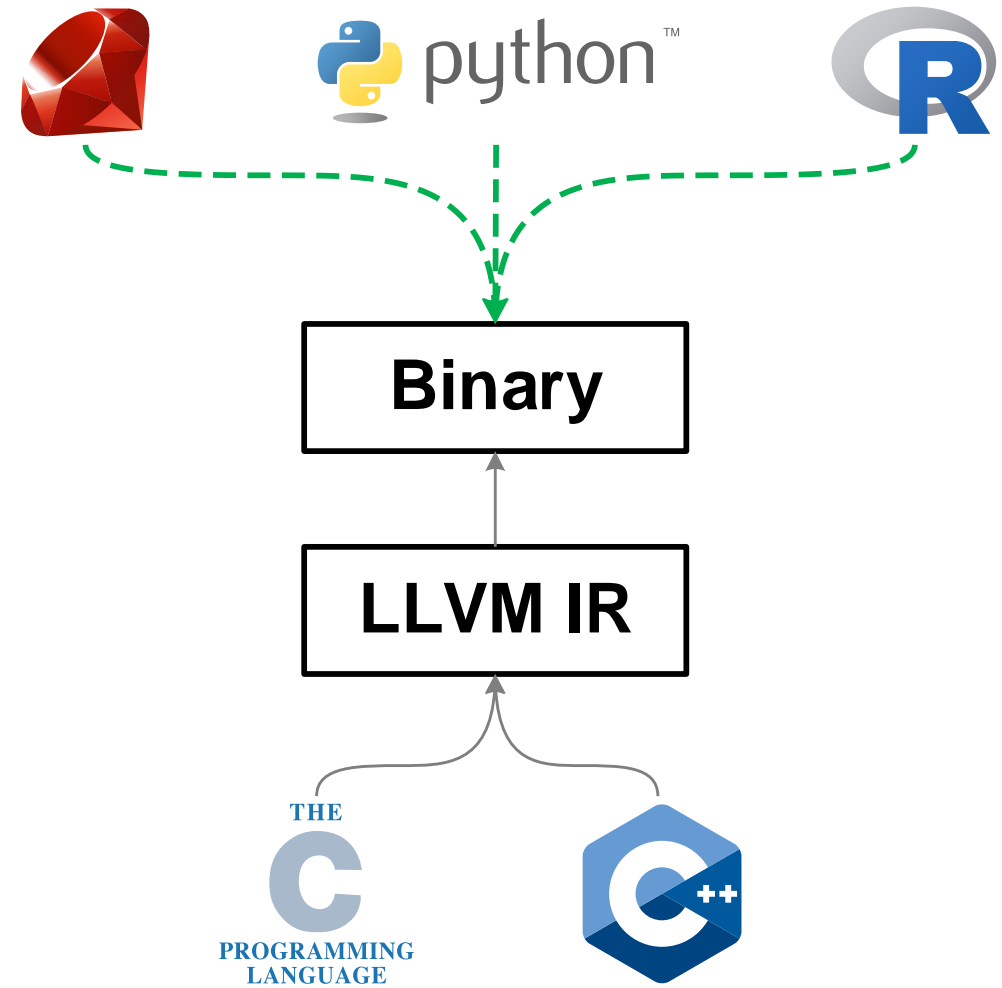


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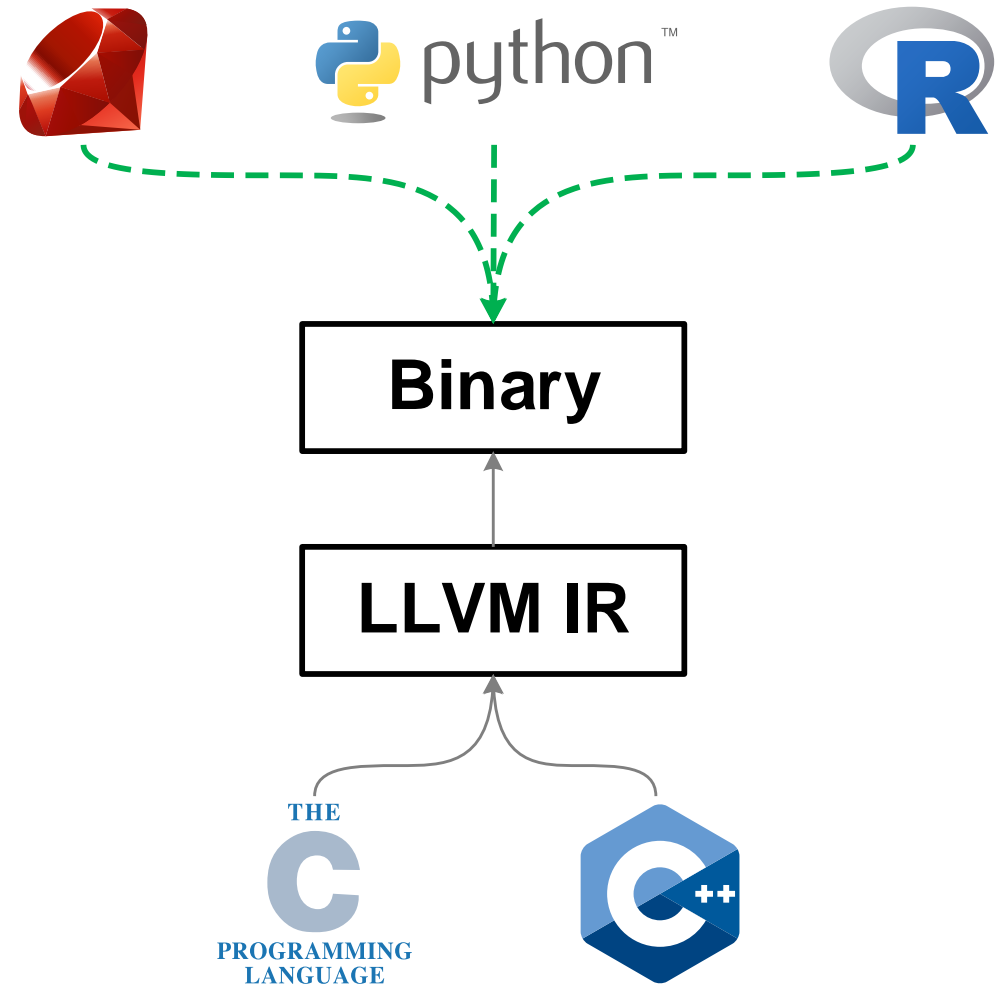


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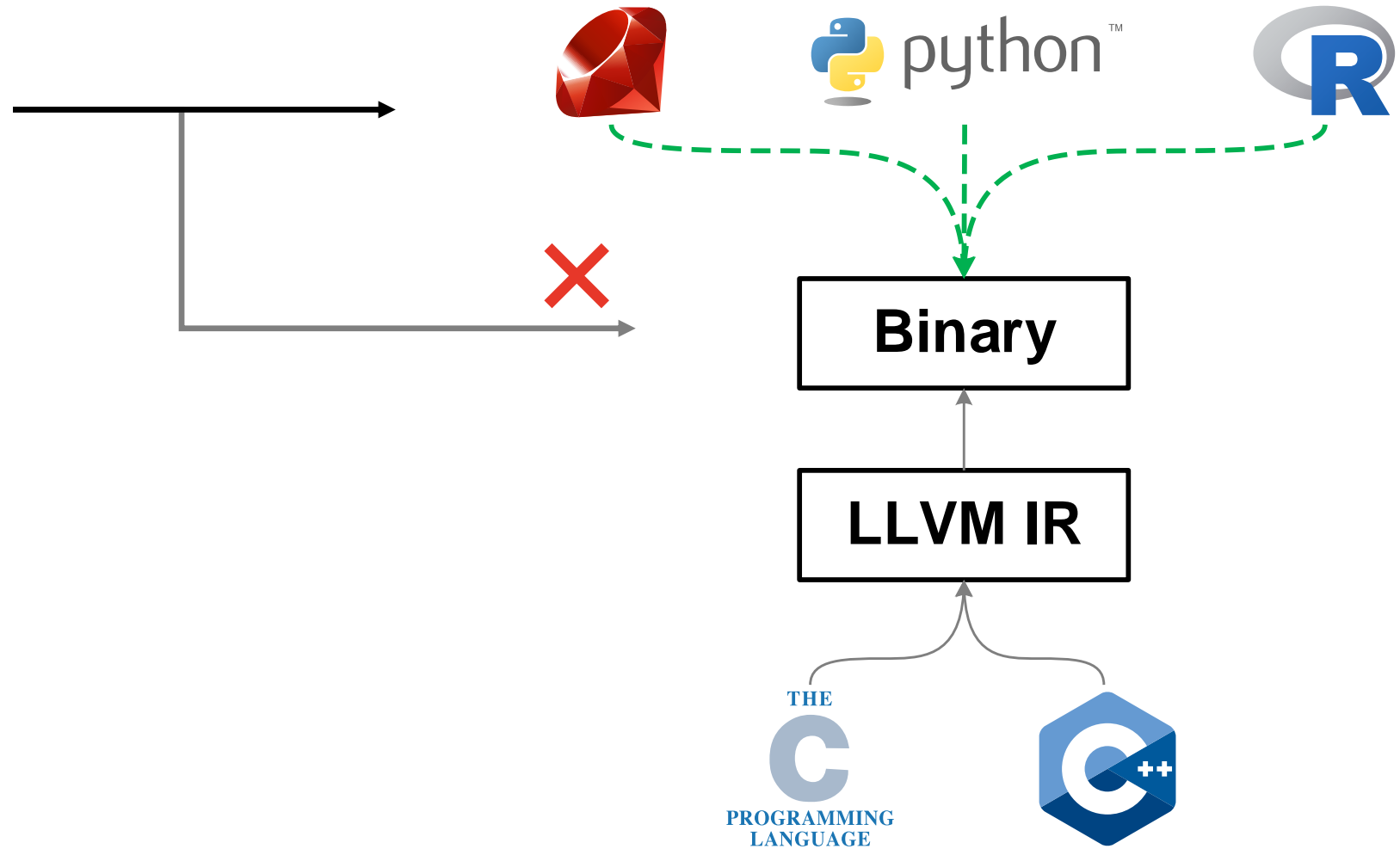
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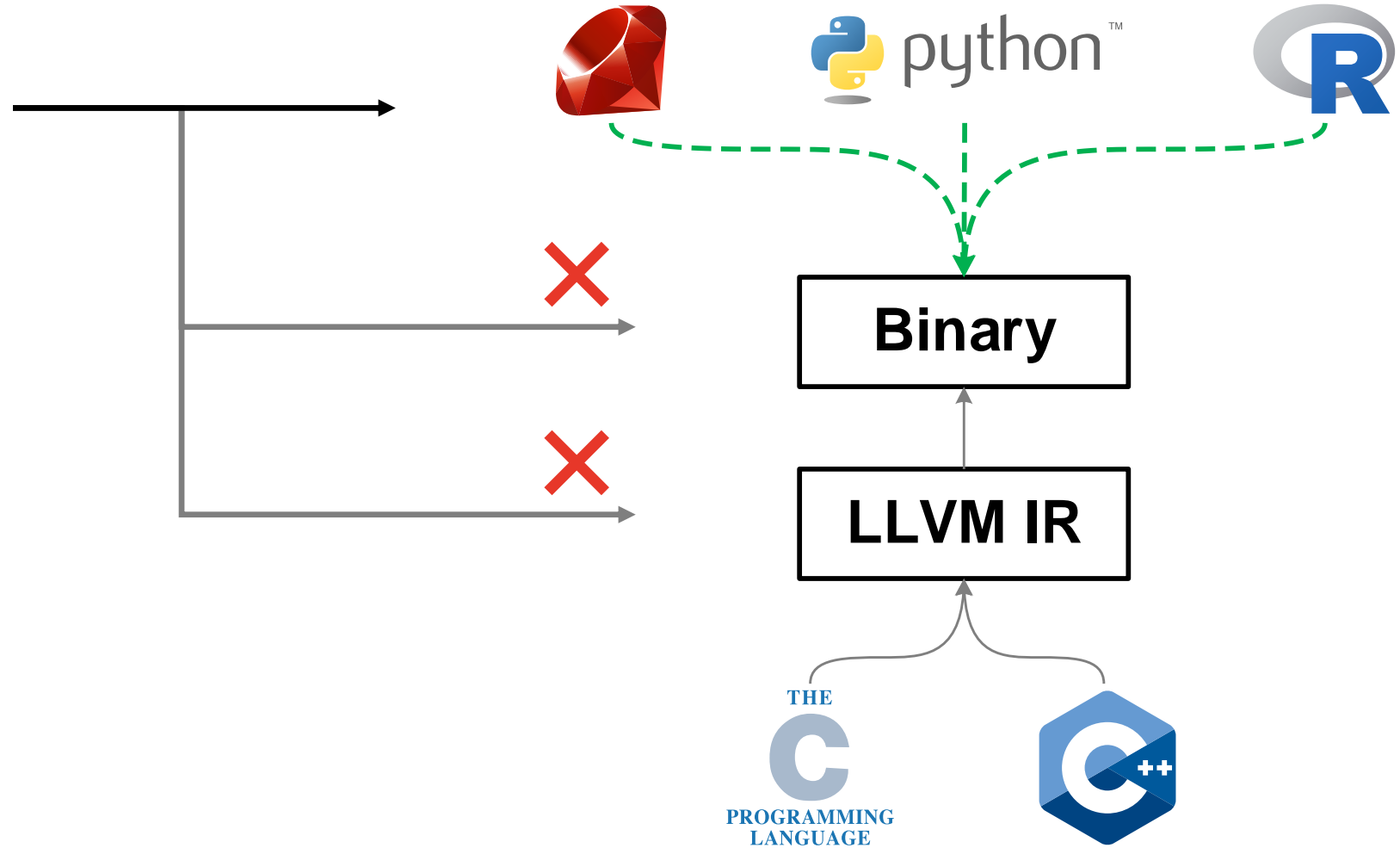
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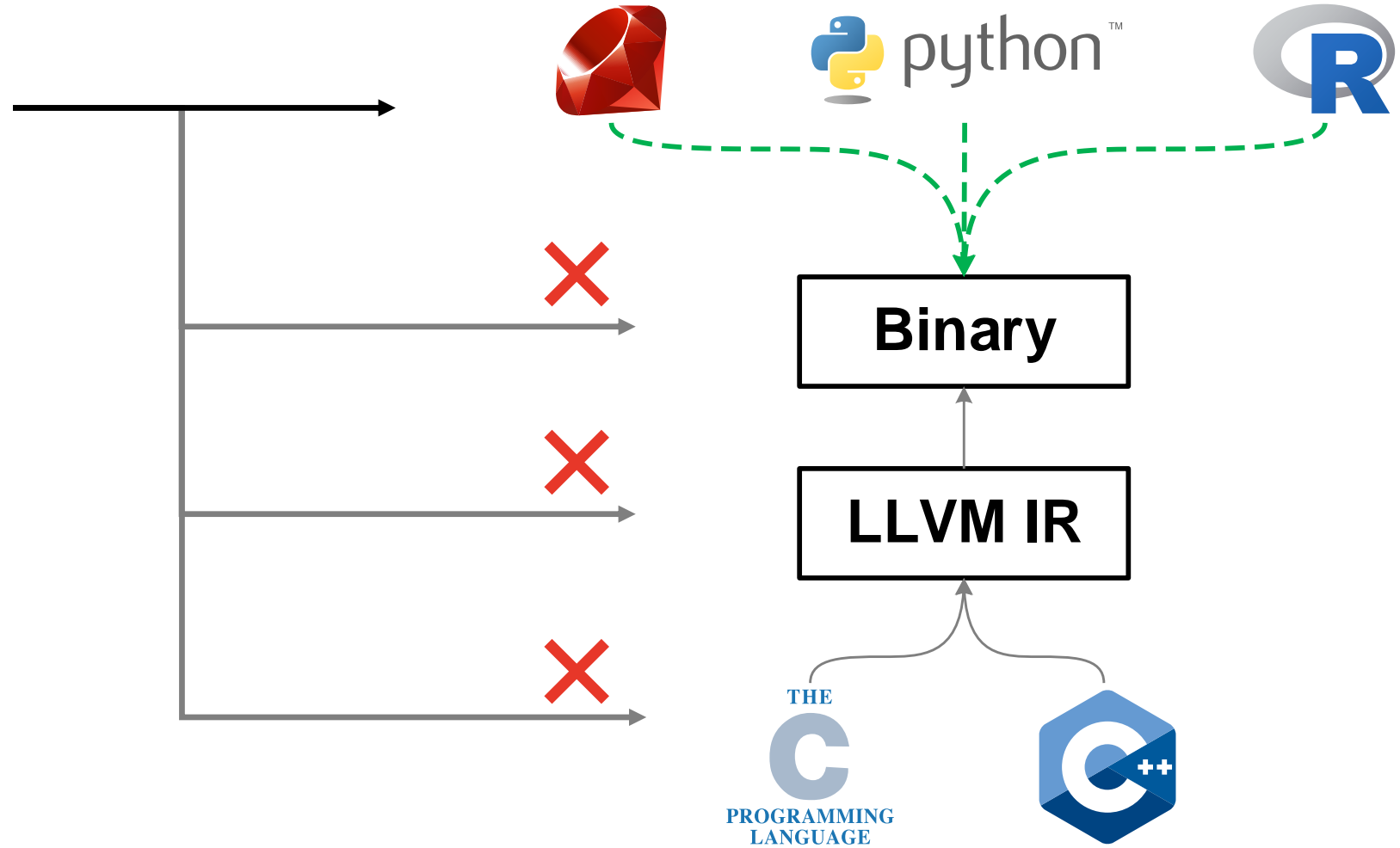
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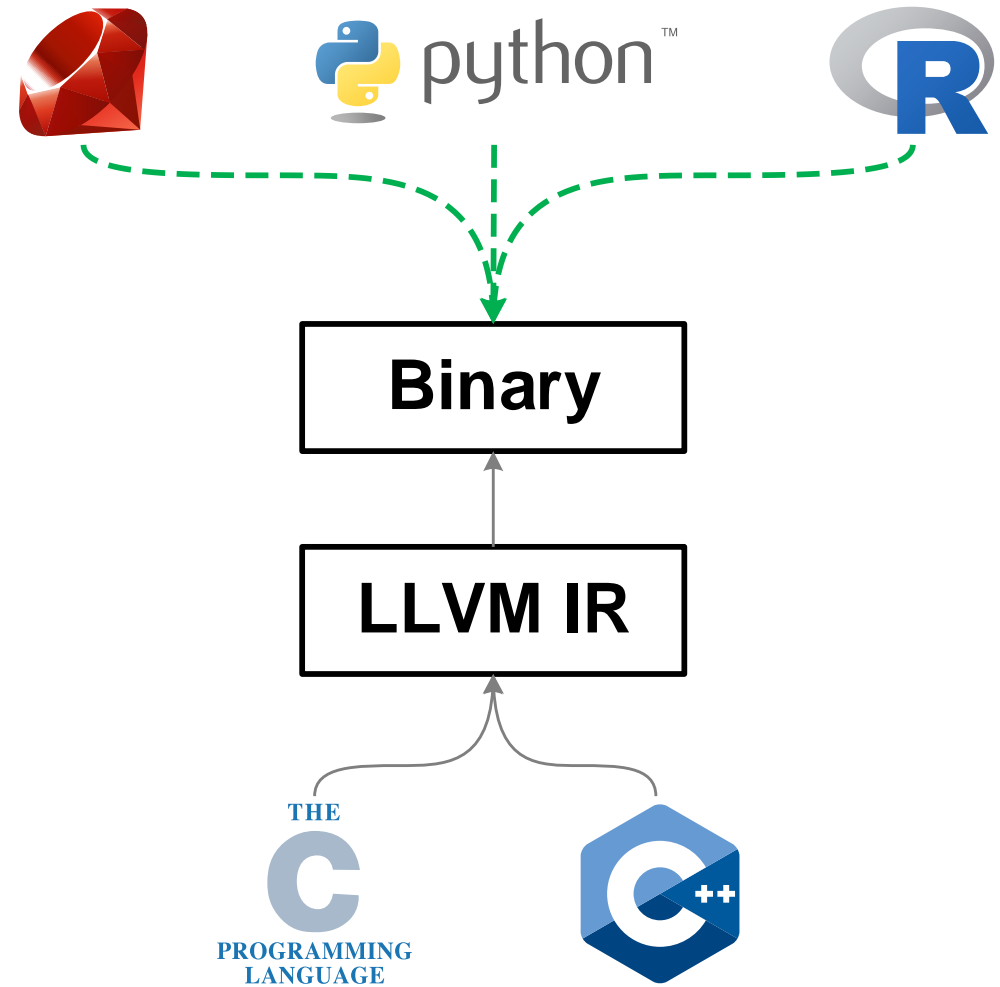
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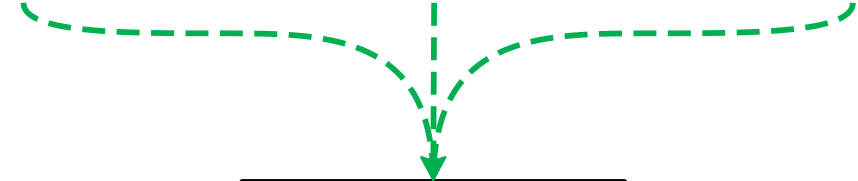
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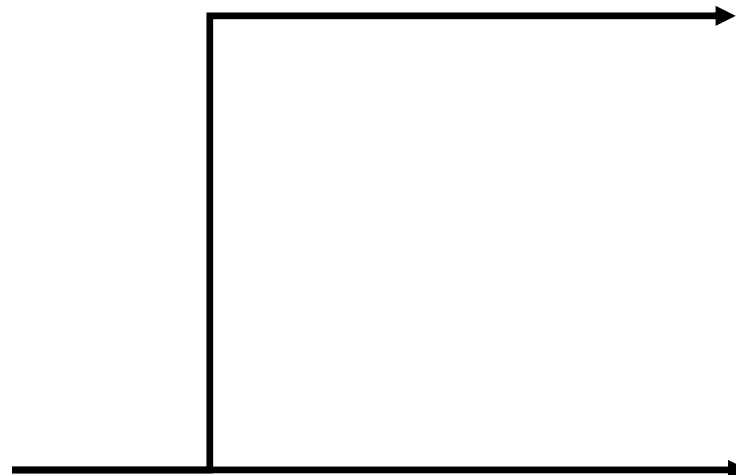
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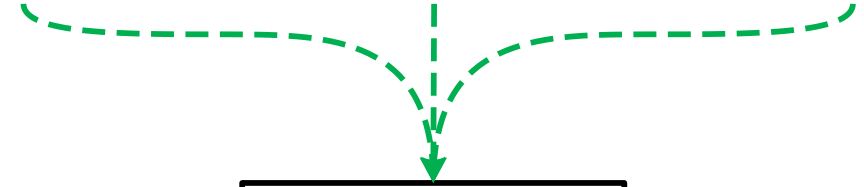
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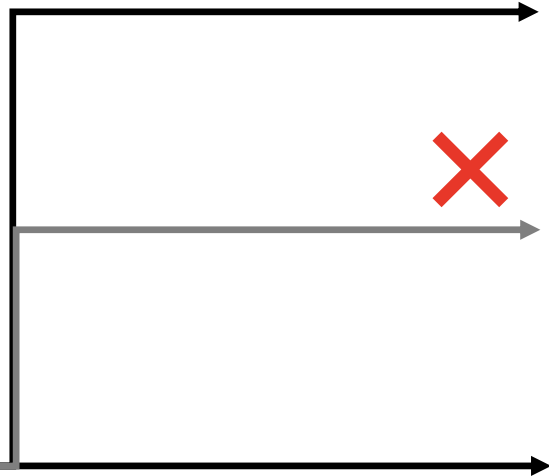
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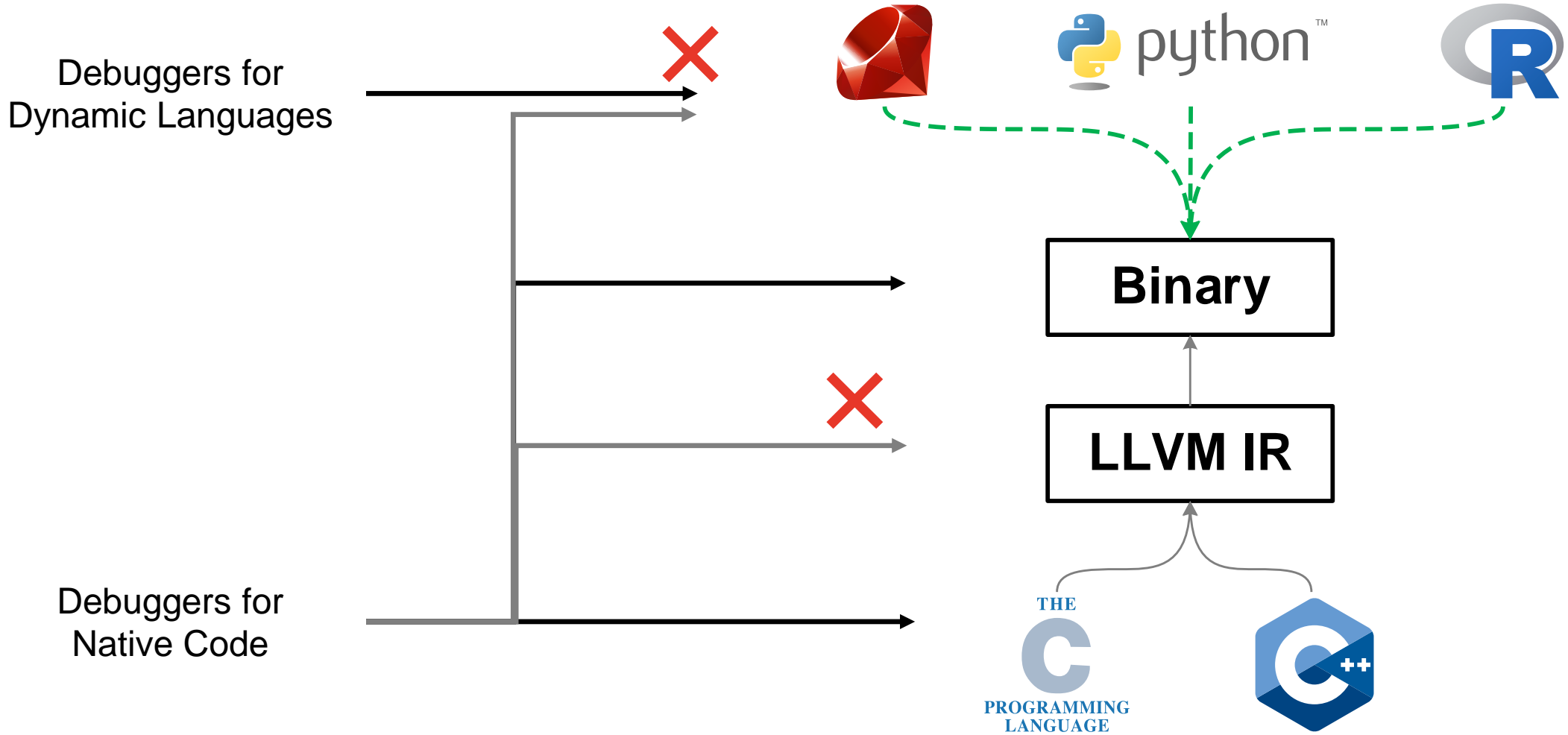
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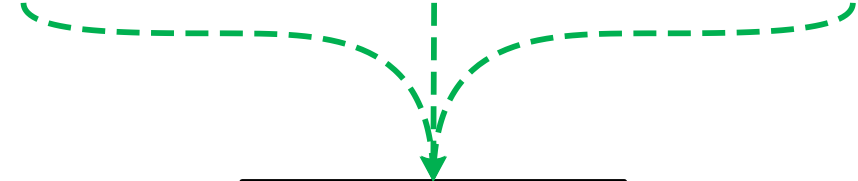


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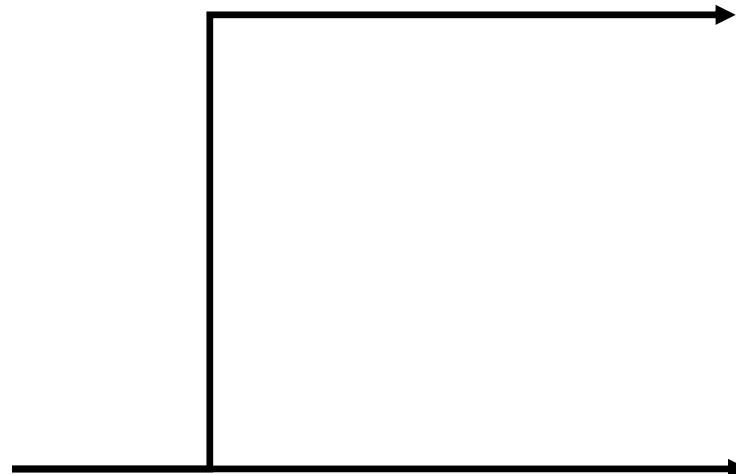
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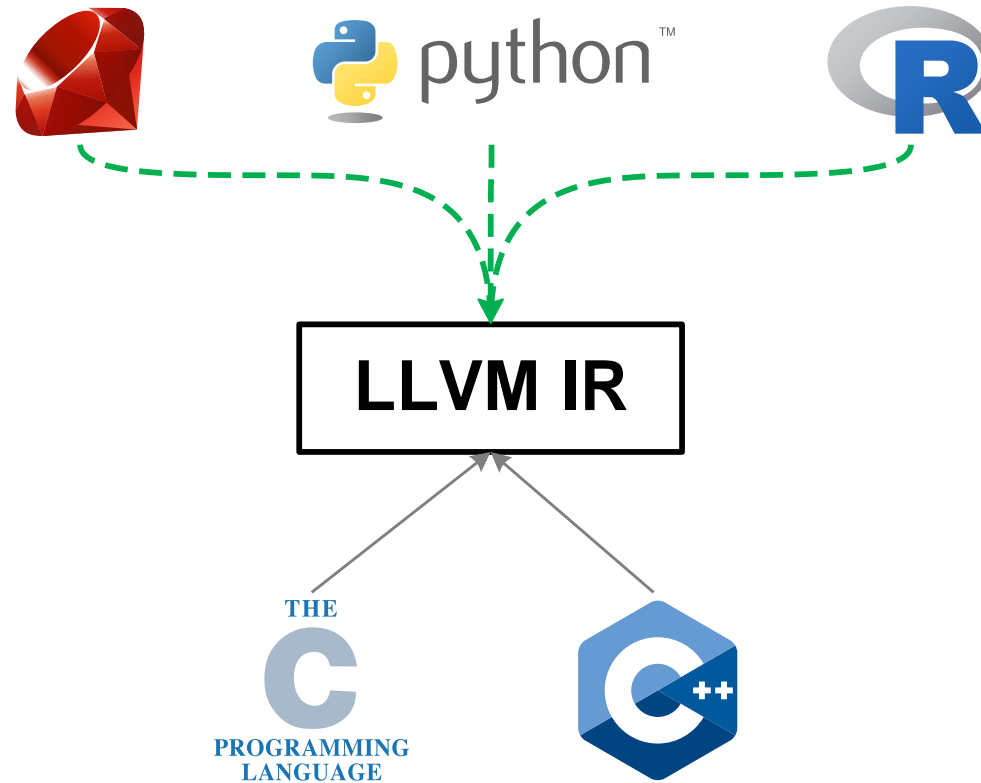


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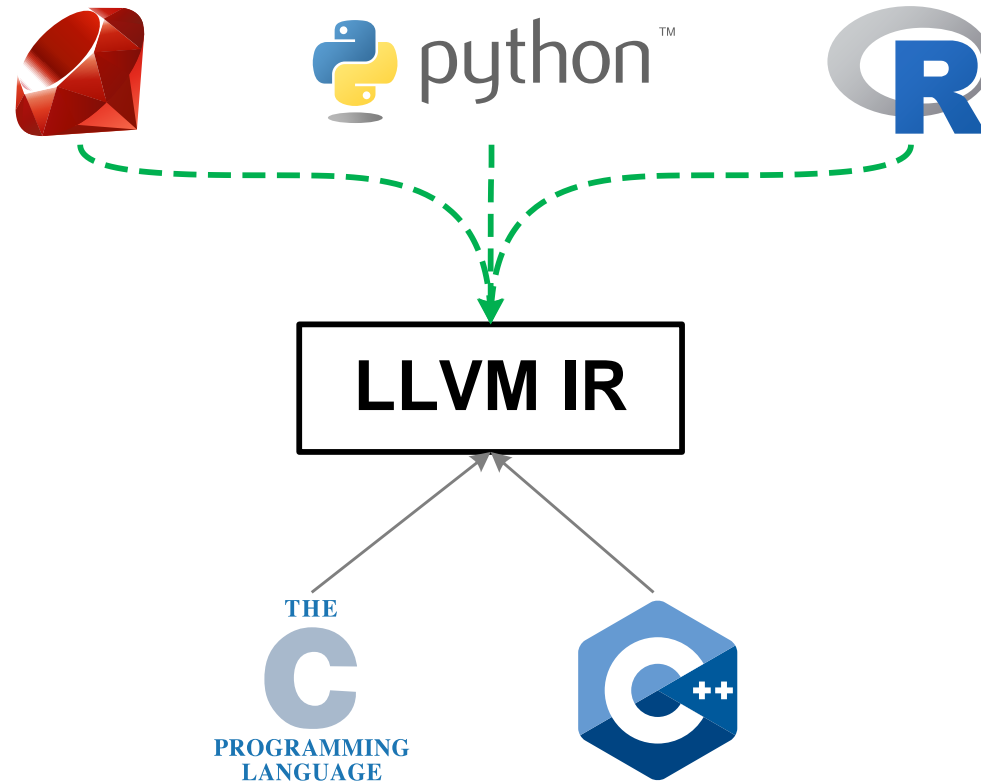


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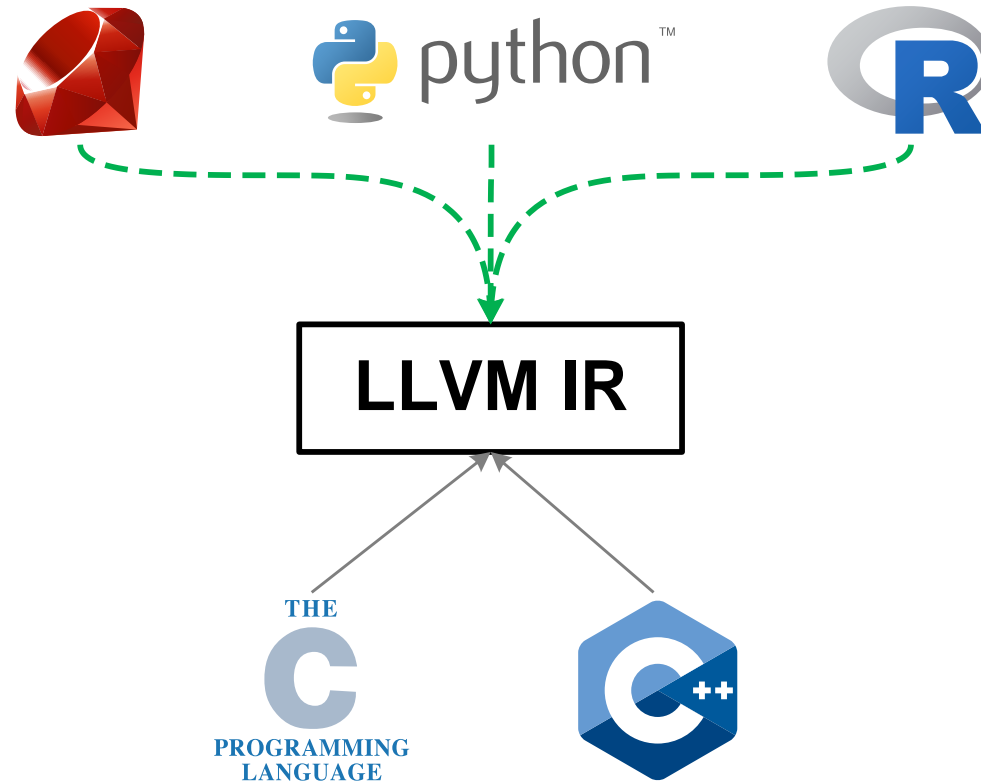
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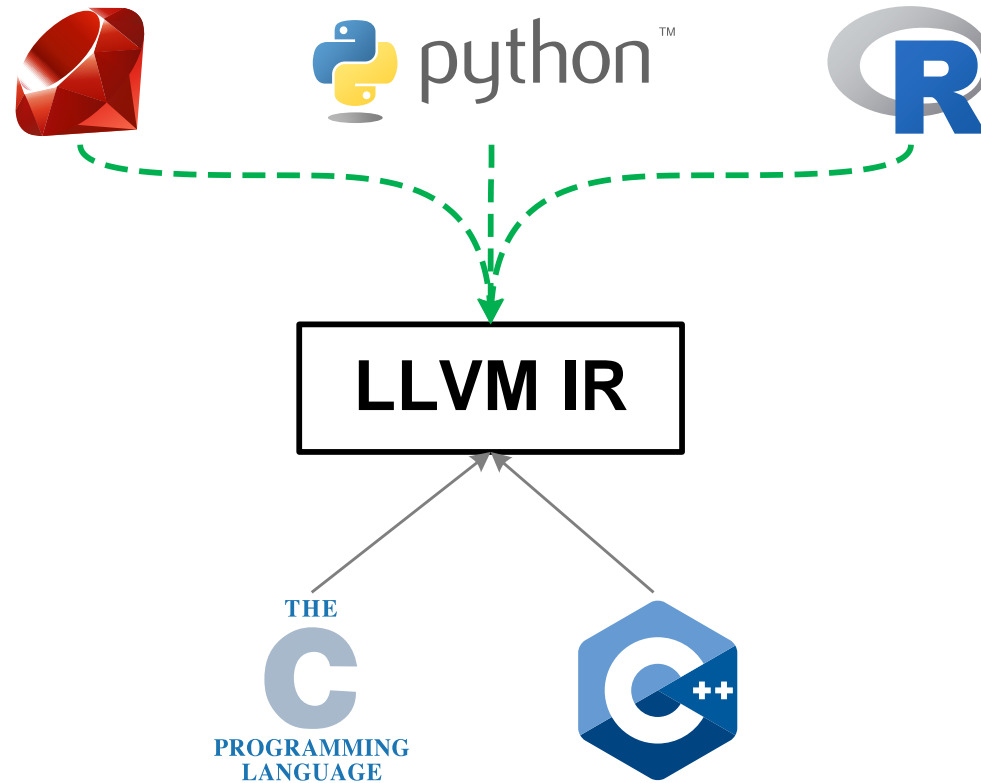
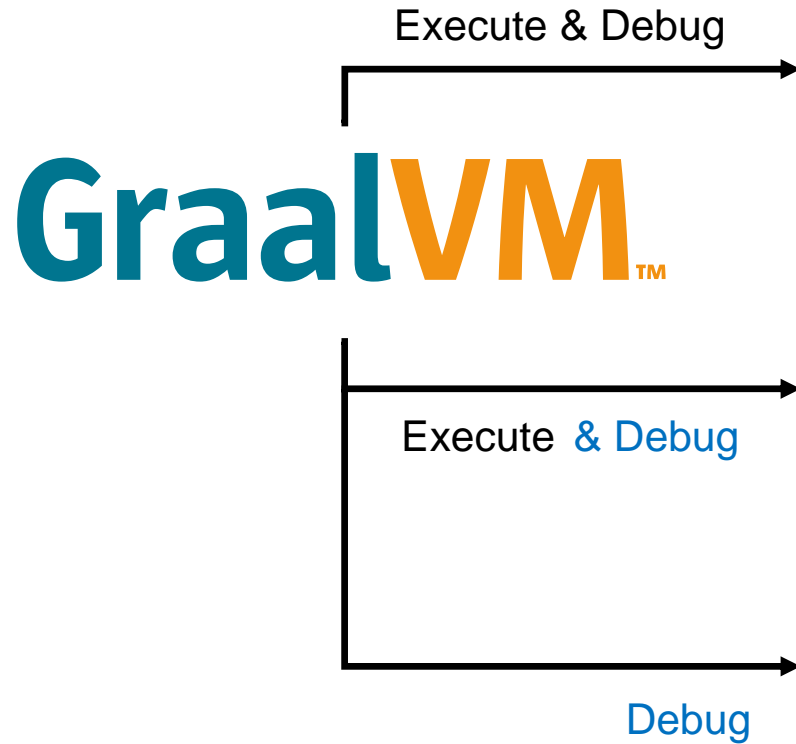
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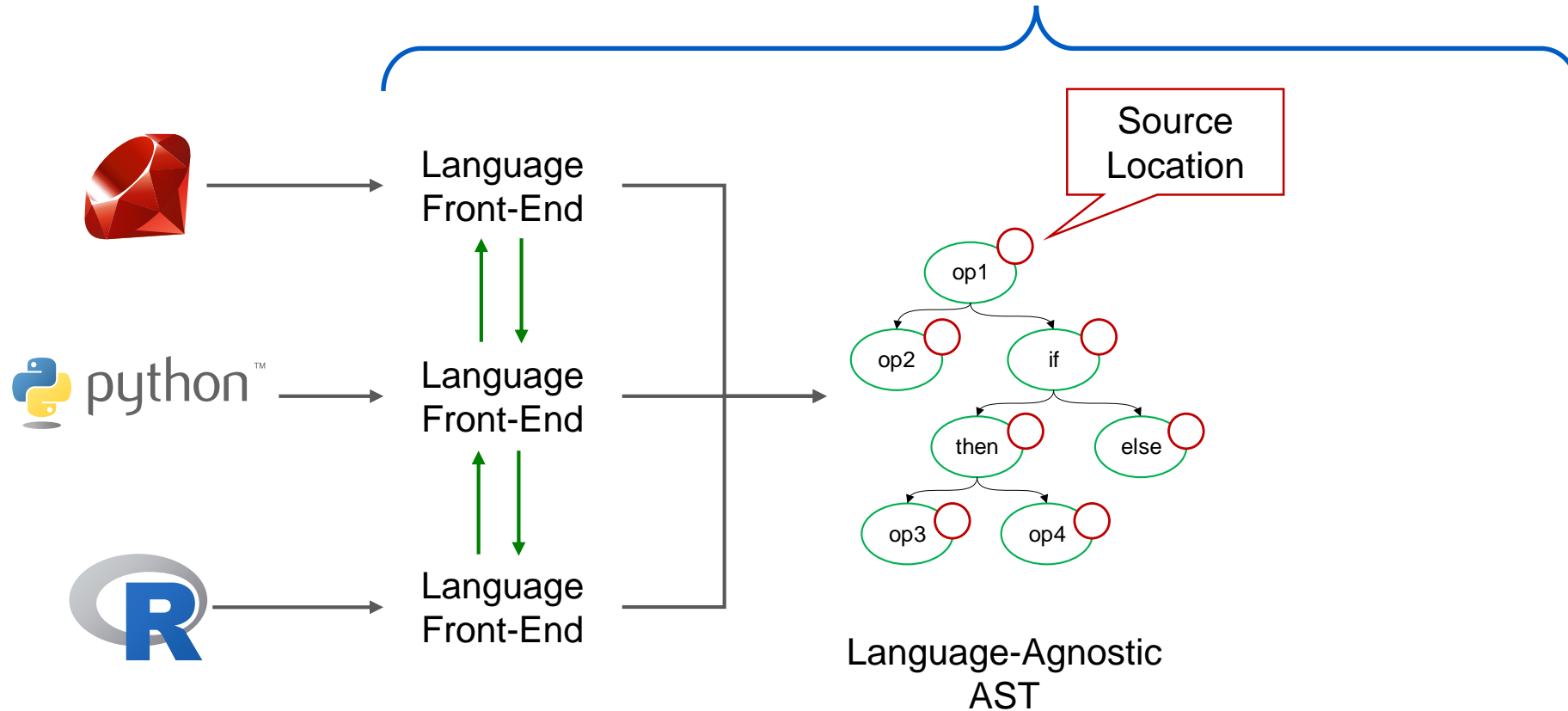
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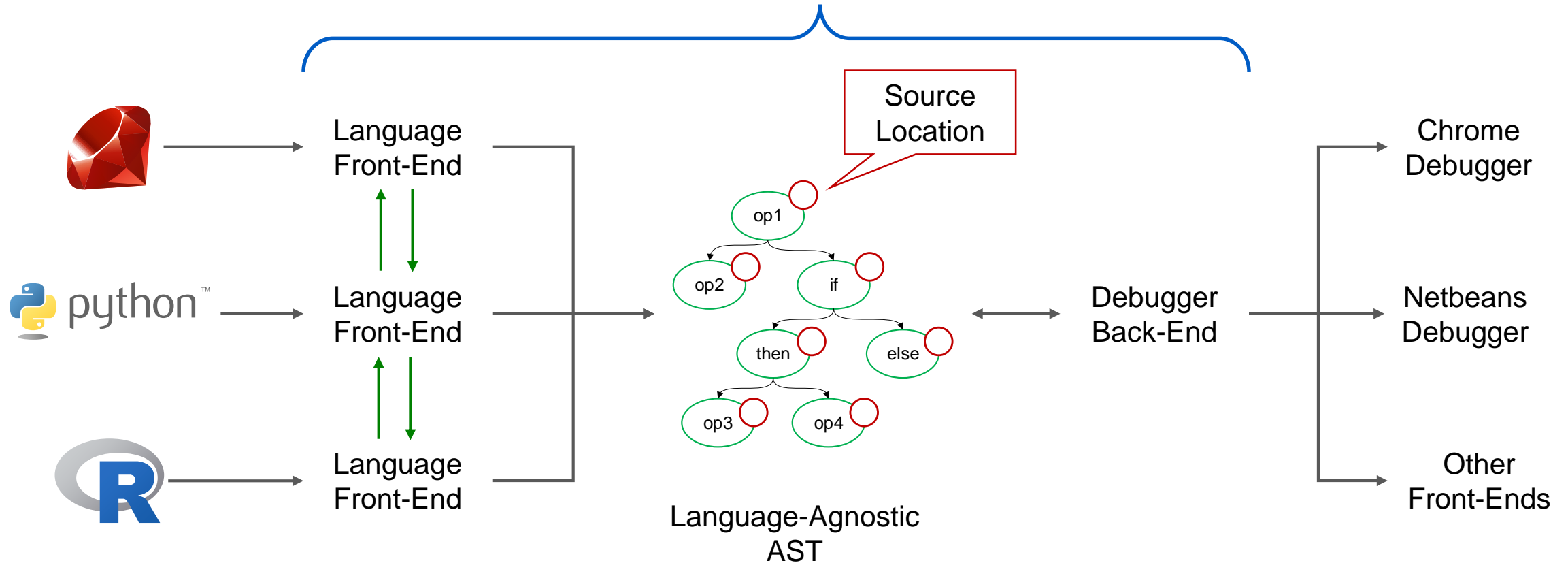
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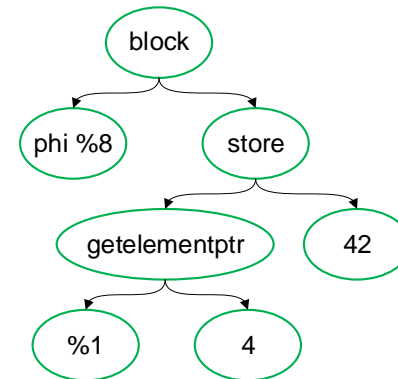
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LLVM-IR

Sulong



Language-Agnostic  
AST (IR-Level)

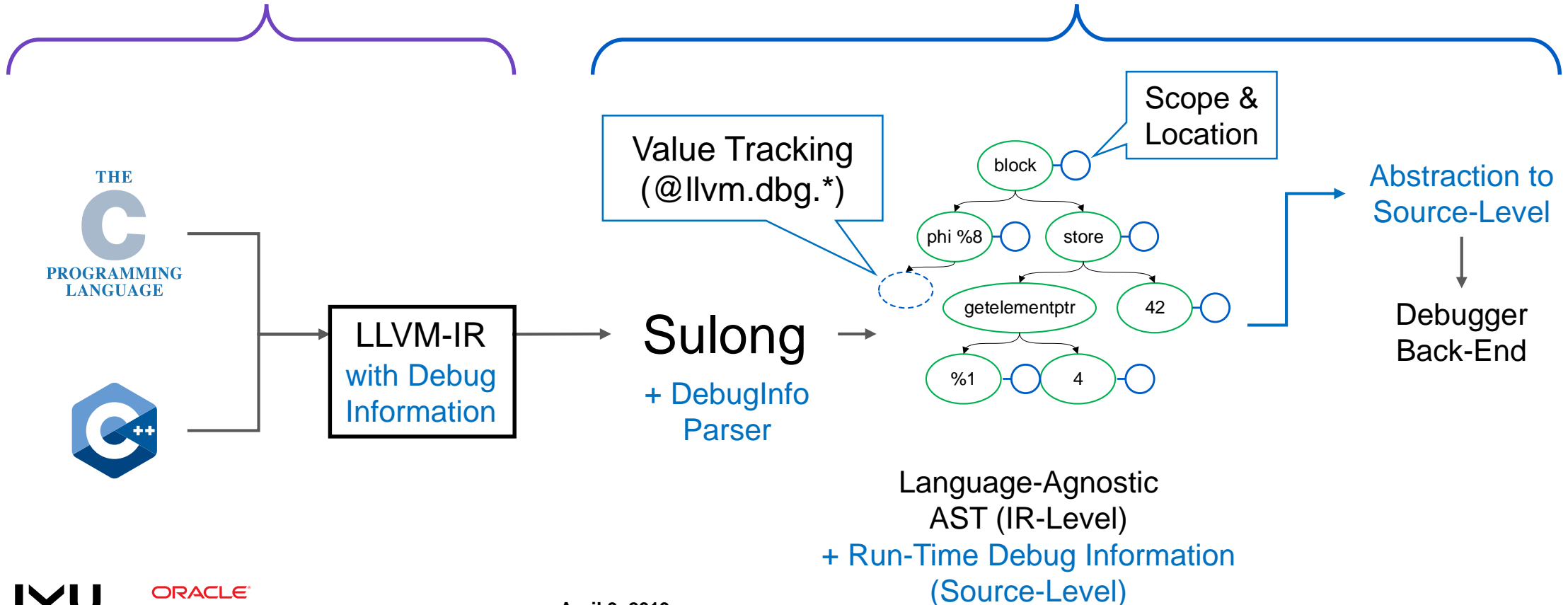


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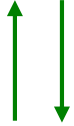
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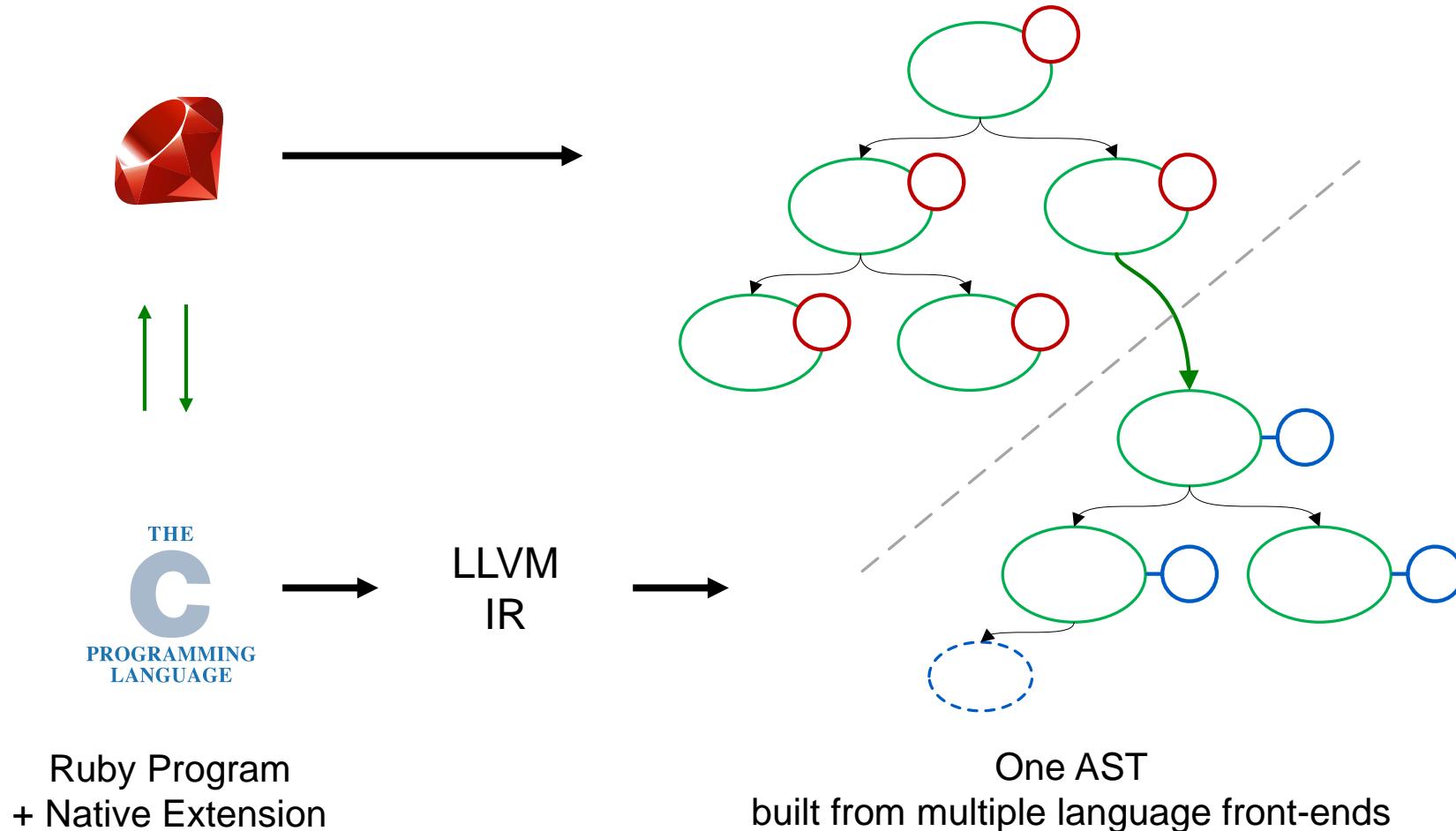
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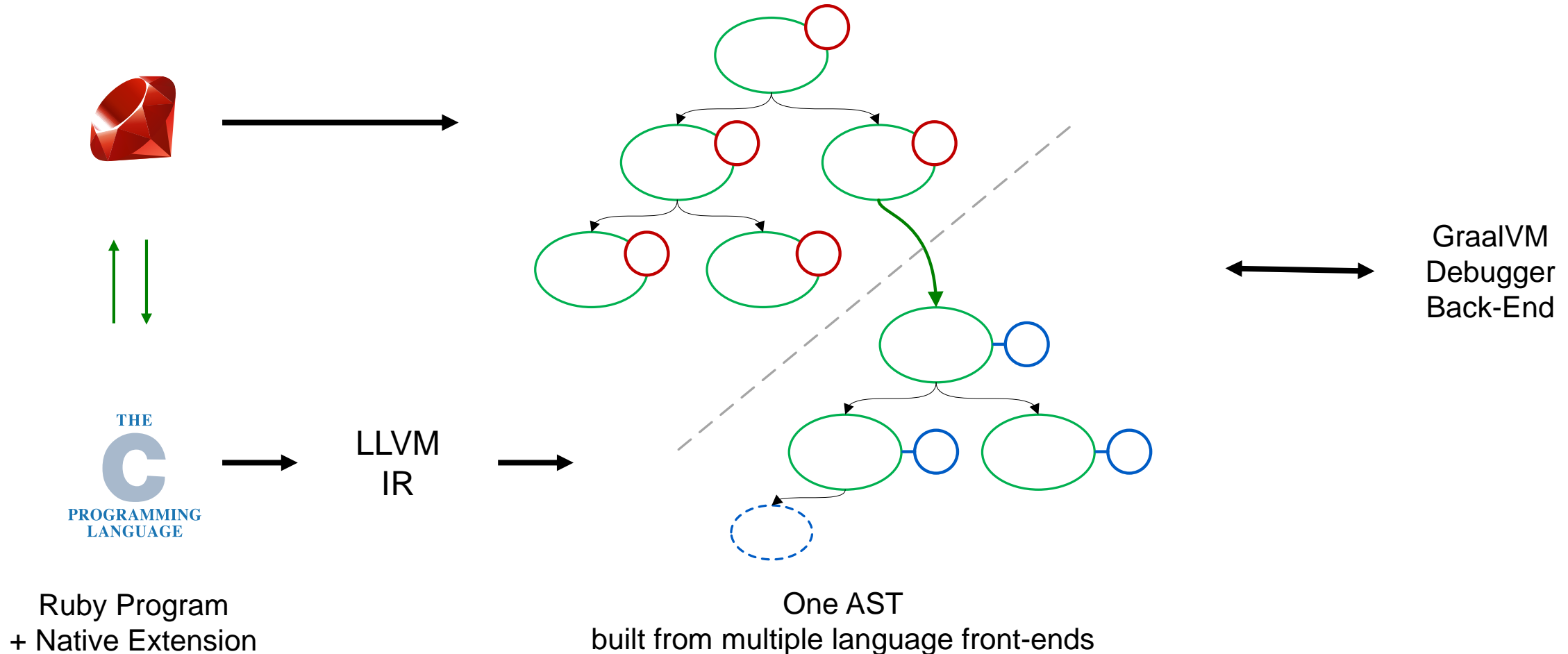


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One AST  
built from multiple language front-ends

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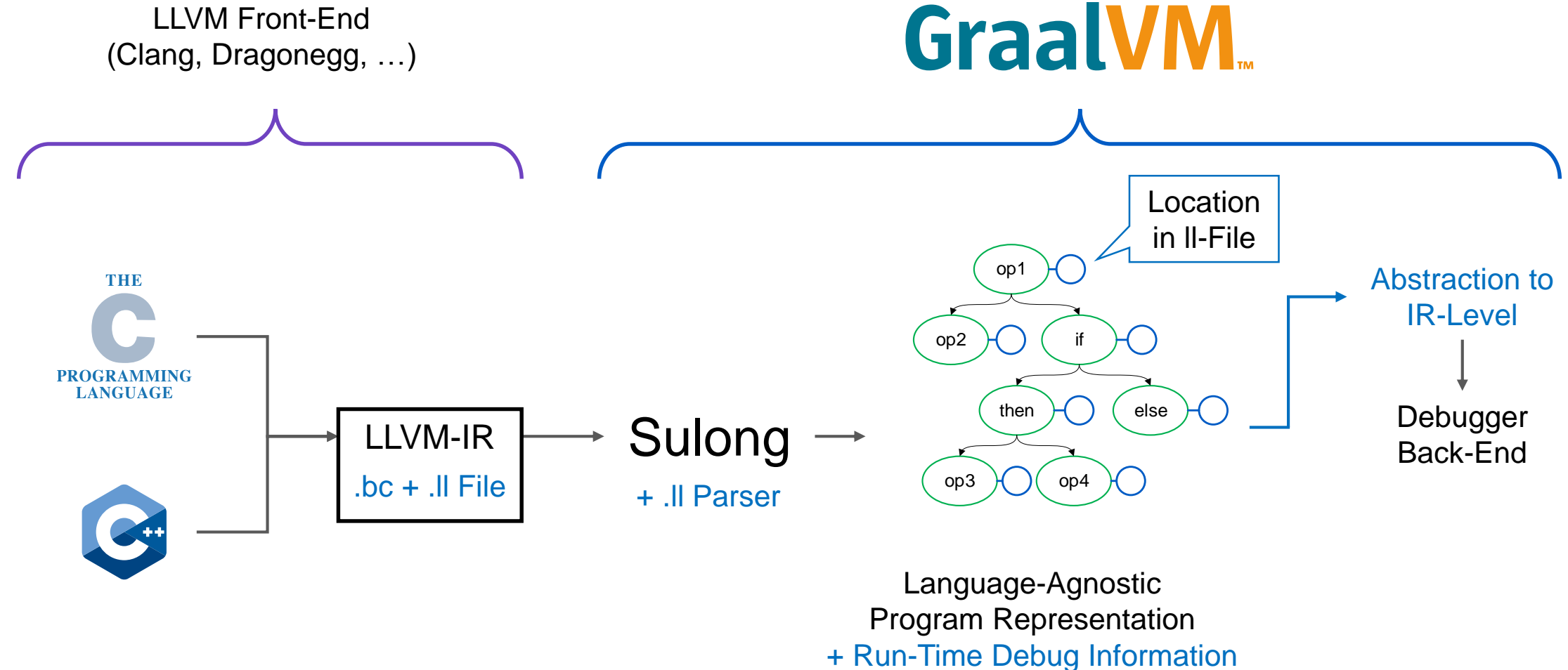


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Debugging a C-Extension for a Ruby Program with Sulong/TruffleRuby

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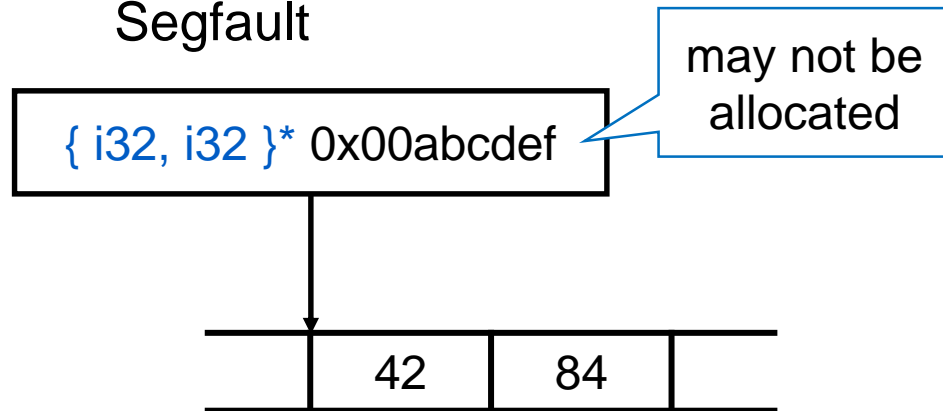


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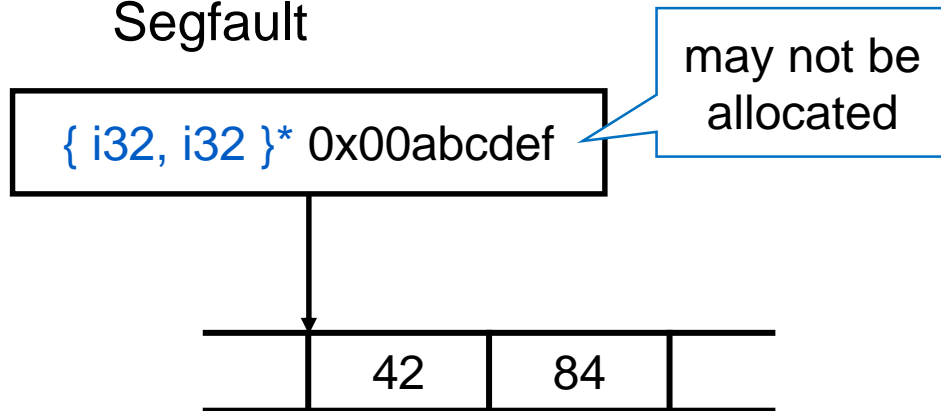
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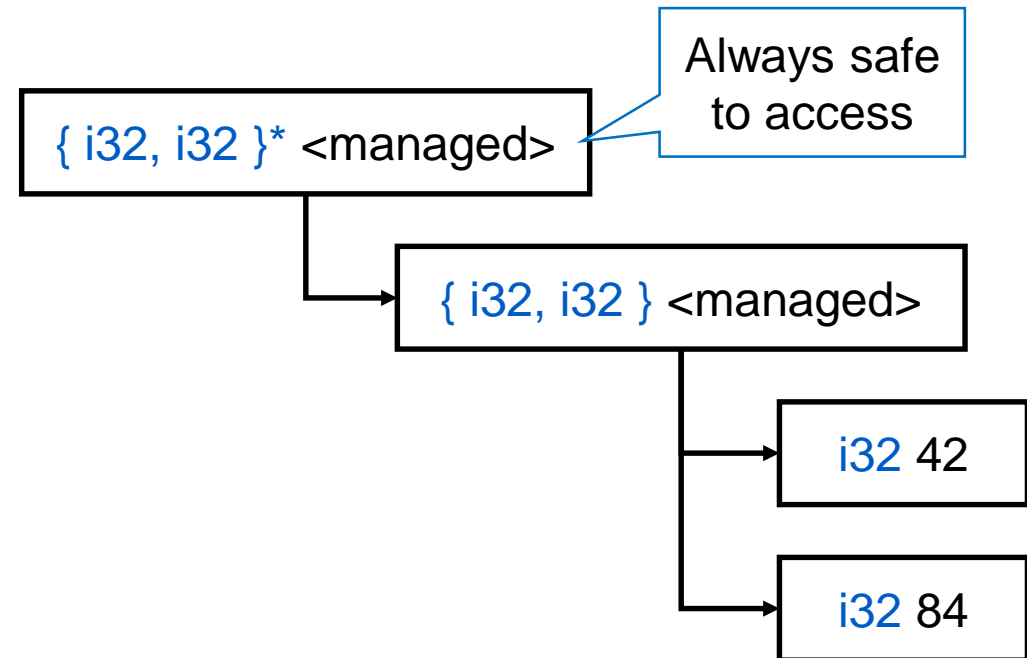
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## ■ Sandboxed Mode

- All allocations as Java objects
- Only in GraalVM Enterprise Edition
- Guaranteed memory safety



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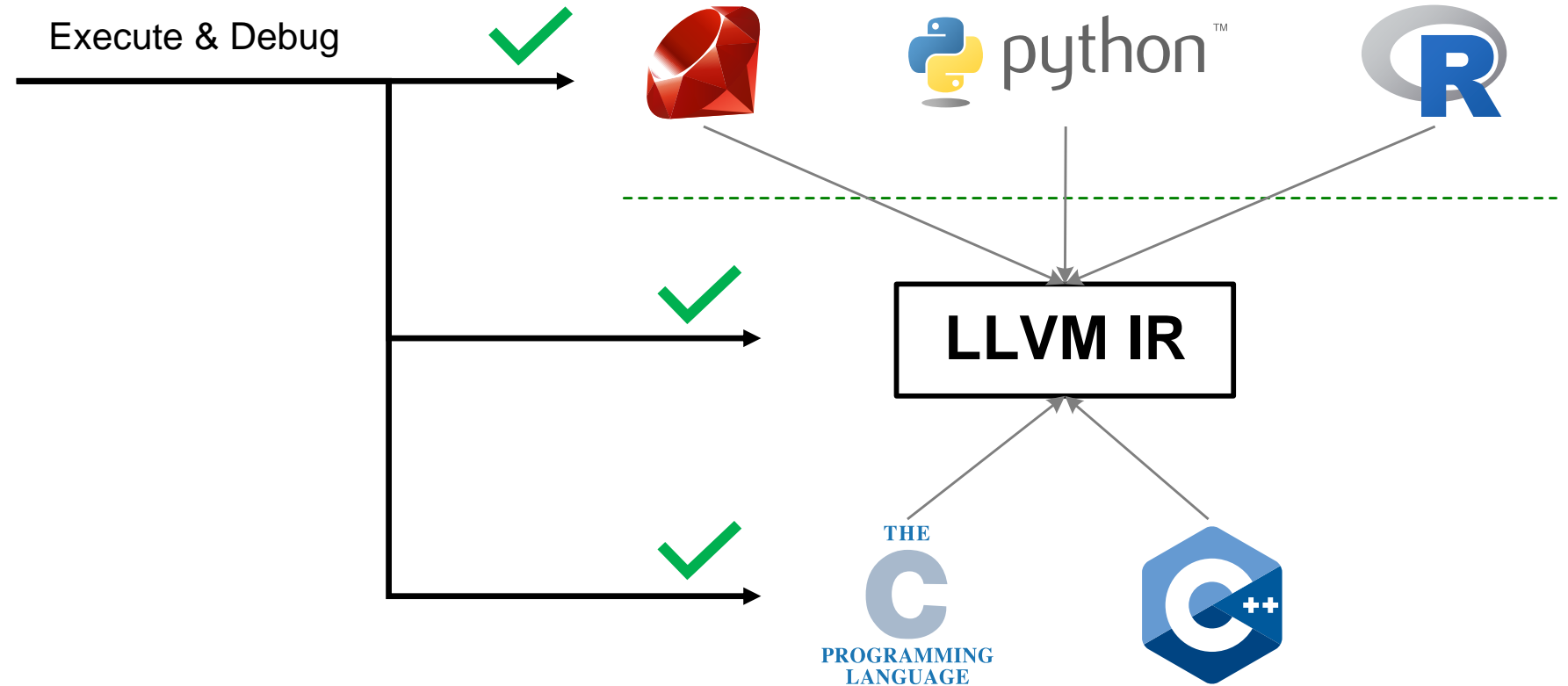
Debugging & Tracing a C-Program at IR-Level with Managed Sulong

# YOU CAN TRY IT YOURSELF

- Download GraalVM at <https://www.graalvm.org/>
- GraalVM Community Edition is Open Source: <https://github.com/oracle/graal>

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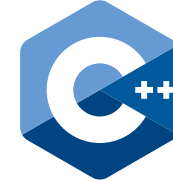
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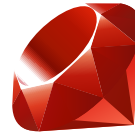


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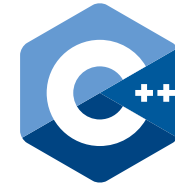
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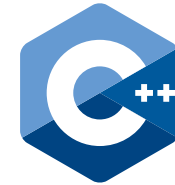
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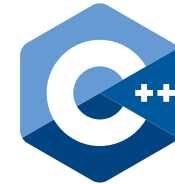
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# SYSTEM OVERVIEW

