

Rust in the Linux ecosystem

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Credits & Acknowledgments

Rust

...for being a breath of fresh air

Kernel maintainers

...for being open-minded

Everyone that has helped Rust for Linux

(see credits in the <u>RFC</u> & <u>patch</u> series)





History

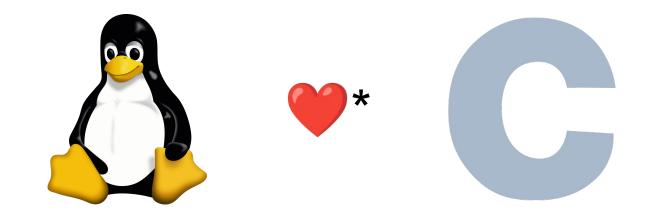




30 years of Linux

30 years of ISO C

Love story*



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* Terms and Conditions Apply.

"Do you see any language except C which is suitable for development of operating systems?"

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> "I like interacting with hardware from a software perspective. And I have yet to see a language that comes even close to C."

— Linus Torvalds 2012

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Fast

low-level

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Simple

Fits the domain

But...



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Undefined Behavior

3.4.3

1 undefined behavior

behavior, upon use of a nonportable or erroneous program construct or of erroneous data, for which this document imposes no requirements

- 2 **Note 1 to entry:** Possible undefined behavior ranges from ignoring the situation completely with unpredictable results, to behaving during translation or program execution in a documented manner characteristic of the environment (with or without the issuance of a diagnostic message), to terminating a translation or execution (with the issuance of a diagnostic message).
- 3 Note 2 to entry: J.2 gives an overview over properties of C programs that lead to undefined behavior.
- 4 **EXAMPLE** An example of undefined behavior is the behavior on dereferencing a null pointer.

— N2596 C2x Working Draft

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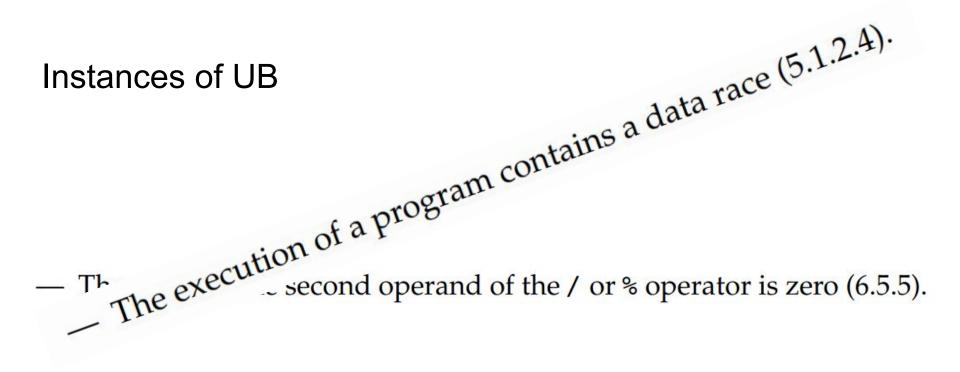
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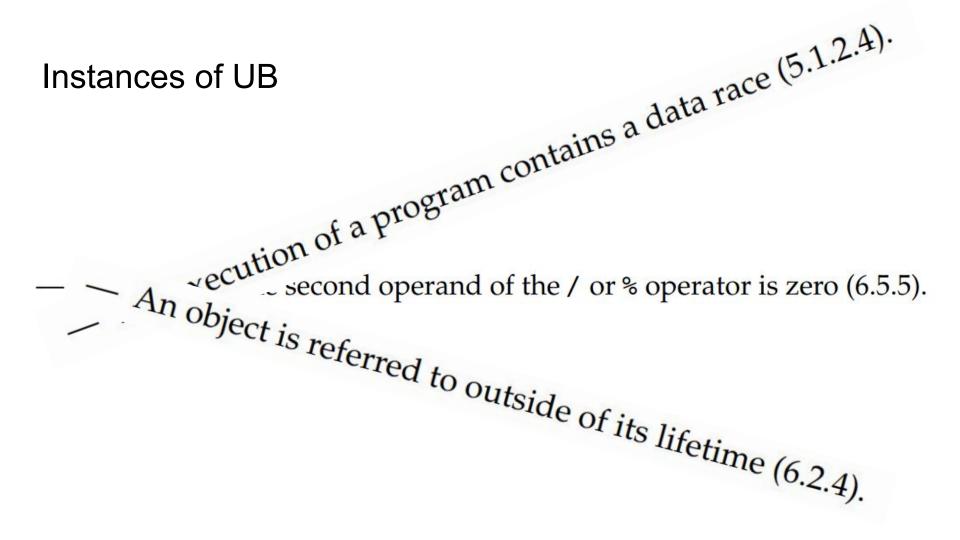
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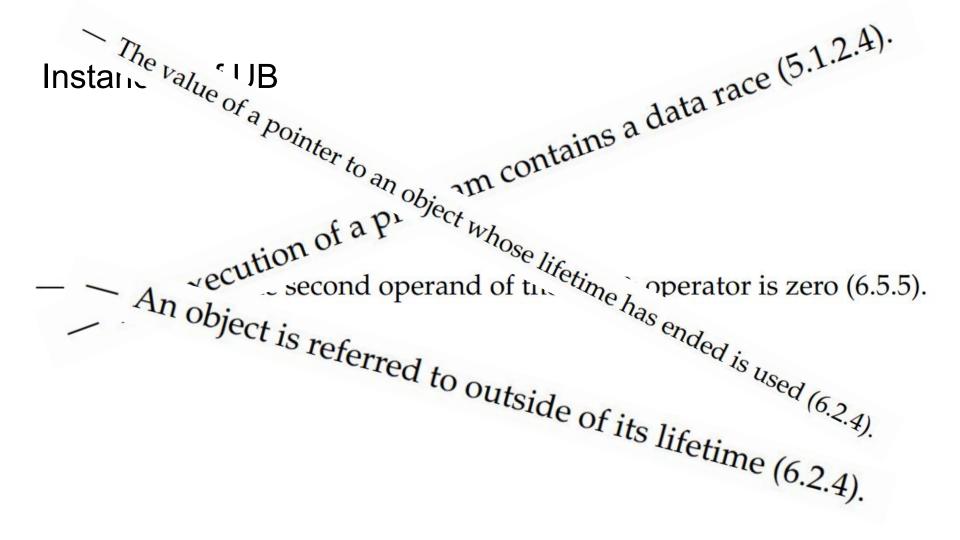
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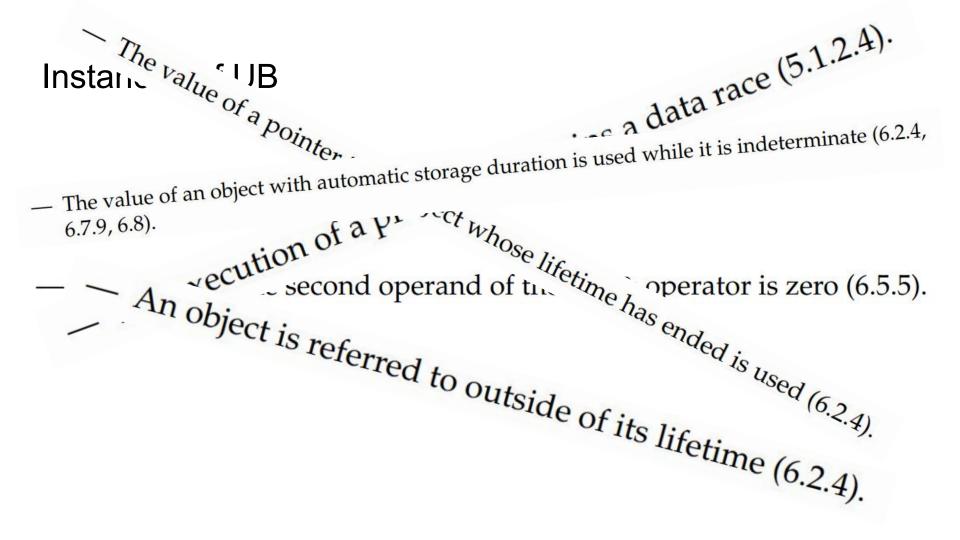
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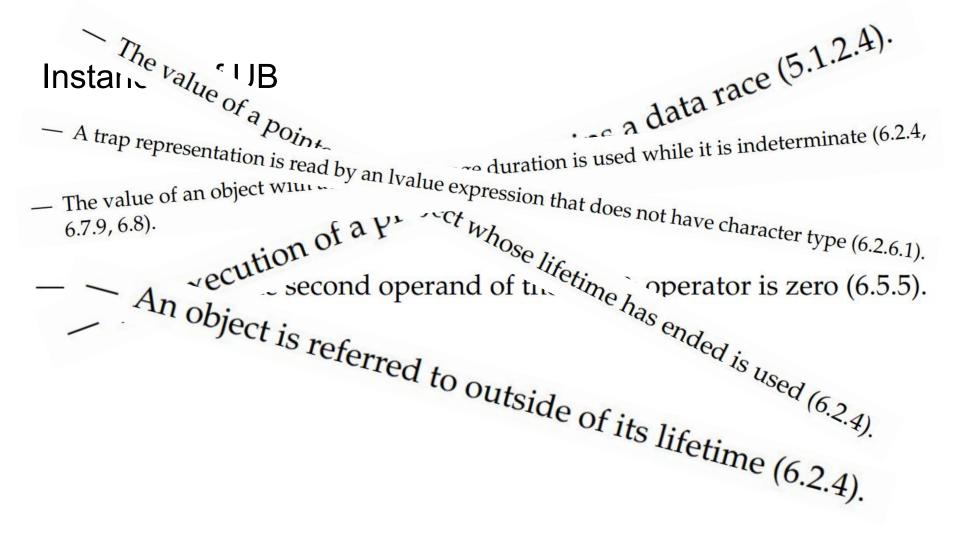
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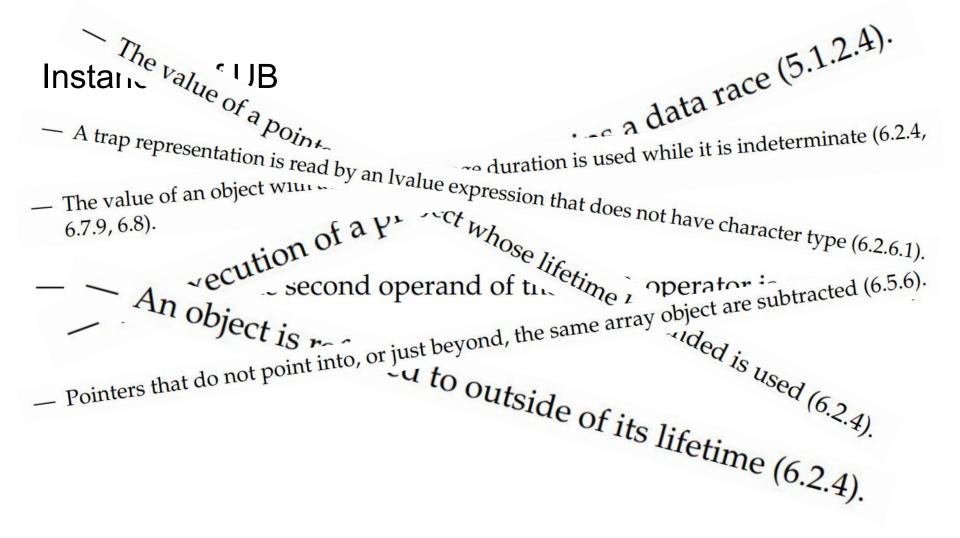


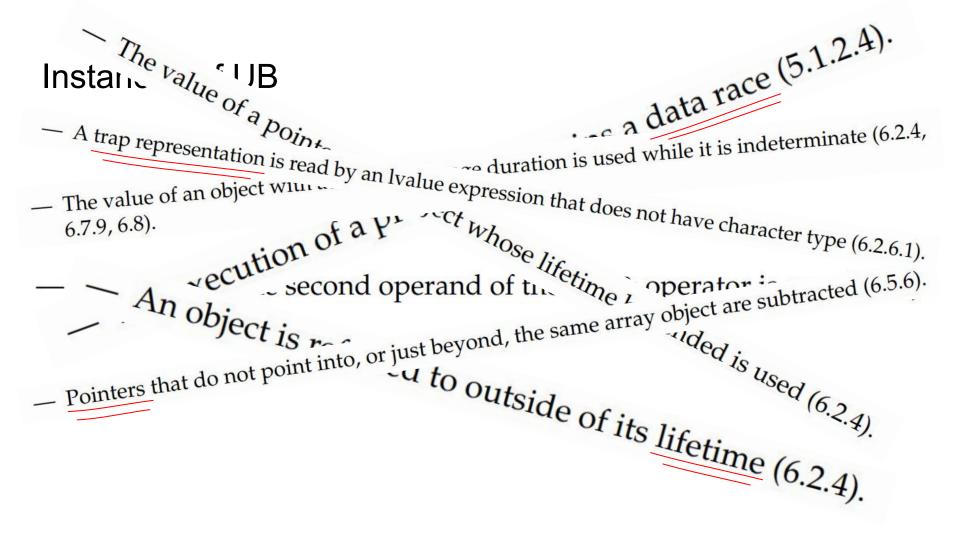












So, what does Rust offer?





Safety in Rust

No undefined behavior



Safety in Rust

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Safety in "safety-critical"

as in functional safety (DO-178B/C, ISO 26262, EN 50128...)



abort()s in C

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abort()s in C ⇒ are

Rust-safe

Even if your company goes bankrupt.

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Even if your company goes bankrupt.

Even if somebody is injured.

Avoiding UB

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 if (b == 0)
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f is a safe function

Rust panics

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Kernel panics

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OOB accesses, uninitialized memory reads,

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Rust-safe

Even if your system still works.

Race conditions

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Memory leaks

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Deadlocks

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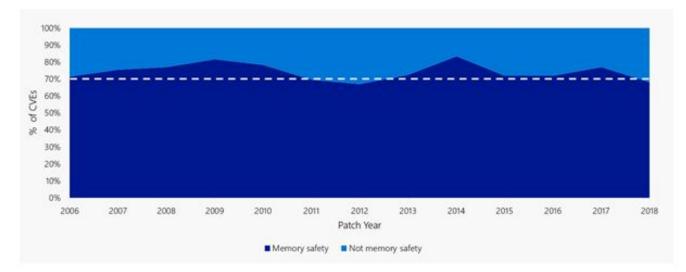
Integer overflows

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~70%

of vulnerabilities in C/C++ projects come from UB



~70% of the vulnerabilities Microsoft assigns a CVE each year continue to be memory

safety issues

- https://msrc-blog.microsoft.com/2019/07/18/we-need-a-safer-systems-programming-language/

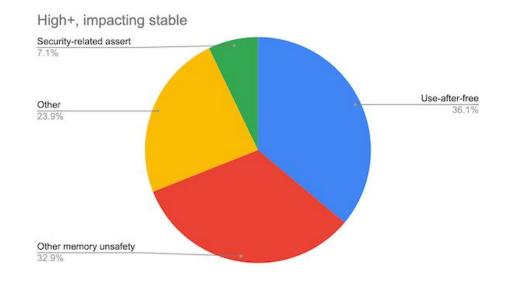
Mojave (aka macOS 10.14)

Apple released macOS 10.14 Mojave on September 24, 2018 and subsequently has issued 6 point releases.

Total CVE Count	Memory Unsafety Bugs	Percentage	Release	
44	36	81.8%	10.14.6	
45	40	88.9%	10.14.5	
38	20	52.6%	10.14.4	
23	22	95.7%	10.14.3	
13	11	84.6%	10.14.2	
71	40	56.3%	10.14.1	
64	44	68.8%	10.14	

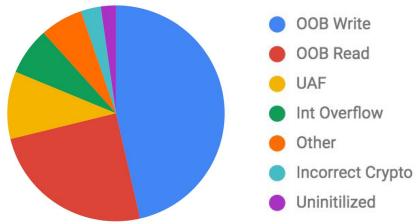
- https://langui.sh/2019/07/23/apple-memory-safety/

The Chromium project finds that around 70% of our serious security bugs are <u>memory safety</u> <u>problems</u>. Our next major project is to prevent such bugs at source.



- <u>https://www.chromium.org/Home/chromium-security/memory-safety</u>

Most of Android's vulnerabilities occur in the media and bluetooth components. Use-after-free (UAF), integer overflows, and out of bounds (OOB) reads/writes comprise 90% of vulnerabilities with OOB being the most common.



- https://security.googleblog.com/2019/05/queue-hardening-enhancements.html



Fish in a Barrel @LazyFishBarrel · Sep 9 5/8 vulnerabilities fixed in Firefox 92 are memory unsafety mozilla.org/en-US/security... #memoryunsafety



Security Vulnerabilities fixed in Firefox 92 & mozilla.org



Fish in a Barrel @LazyFishBarrel · Sep 1 13/19 (5/5 high) vulnerabilities fixed in Google Chrome 93.0.4577.63 are memory unsafety chromereleases.googleblog.com/2021/08/stable... #memoryunsafety



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Stable Channel Update for Desktop

The Chrome team is delighted to announce the promotion of Chrome 93 to the stable channel for \dots \mathscr{O} chromereleases.googleblog.com

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...but does Rust really help, though?

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Fuzzing 100+ open source projects with OSS-Fuzz - lessons learned.

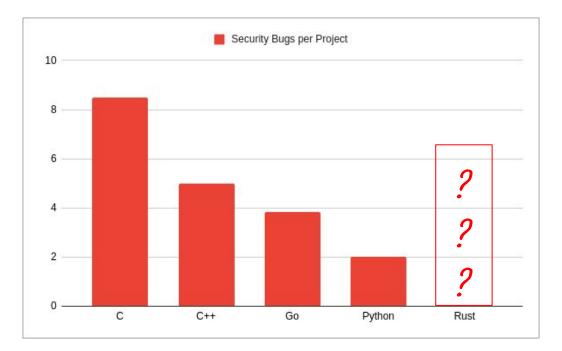
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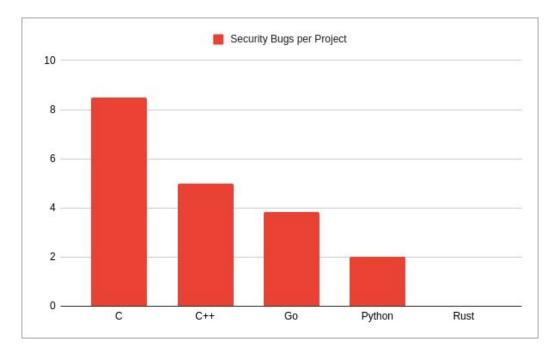


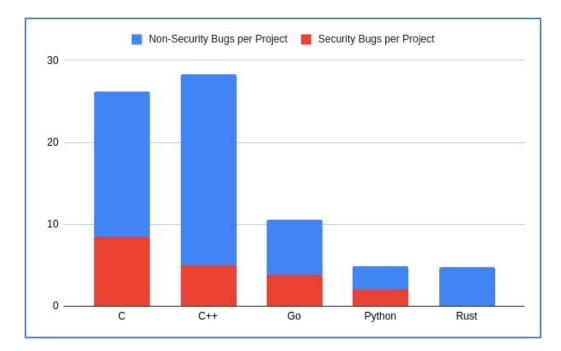
David Korczynski & Adam Korczynski, Security Research & Security Engineering

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37	blackfriday			1	0	1	0
38	caddy			8	2	1	0
39	cascadia			5	11	1	0
40	cctz			1	0	0	0
41	cfengine			2	0	0	0
42	cilium			0	5	0	0
43	Civetweb			1	0	1	0
44	Clib			11	0	4	0
45	containerd			3	3	1	0
46	dgraph			3	3	1	0

- https://adalogics.com/blog/fuzzing-100-open-source-projects-with-oss-fuzz







Language

Shared & exclusive references

Modules & visibility

Generics

Lifetimes

Stricter type system

Language

Pattern matching

Safe/unsafe split

RAII

Sum types

Powerful hygienic and procedural macros

Standard library

Pinning

Vocabulary types like Result and Option

Formatting

Networking

Standard library

Collections

Iterators

Processes & Threads

Checked, saturating & wrapping integer arithmetic primitives

Paths & Filesystem

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plus the usual friends: gdb, lldb, perf, valgrind...



The Rust community's crate registry

±	Install Cargo	P *	Getting	Started

Instantly publish your crates and install them. Use the API to interact and find out more information about available crates. Become a contributor and enhance the site with your work.





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New Crates		Most Downloaded		Just Updated
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rustfuck v0.1.1	>	syn	>	retroqwest v0.0.1-rc.4
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key-format v0.0.0	>	libc	>	viz v0.1.0-alpha.13

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An extra language to learn \Rightarrow Logistics & maintenance burden

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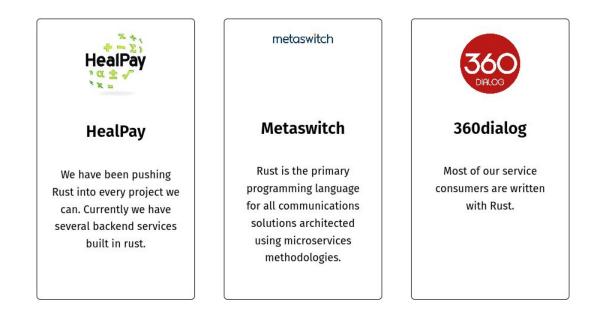
Who is using Rust?



<u>Community</u> <u>Blog</u>

English (en-US) 🗸 🗸

Production users



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Mozilla

Building the <u>Servo</u> browser engine, <u>integrating into Firefox</u>, other projects. A ATLASSIAN

Atlassian

We use Rust in a service for analyzing petabytes of source code. system76

System76

As a Linux-based computer-manufacture, much of our infrastructure and desktop Linux projects are written in Rust. From hardware certification, flashing, and imaging; to system services and GTK3 desktop applications.

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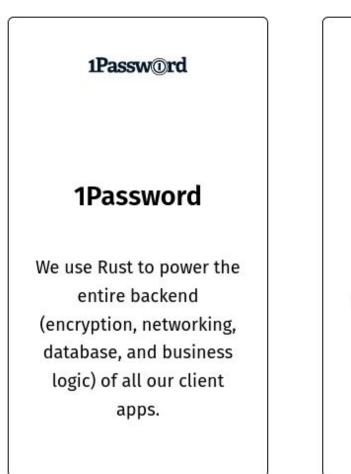
Dropbox

<u>Optimizing cloud file-</u> <u>storage</u>.



Cloudflare

We are <u>using Rust</u> as a replacement for memoryunsafe languages (particularly C) and are using it in our core edge logic.





Deliveroo

We are using Rust to quickly make assignment decisions in our food delivery network. CANONICAL

Canonical

Everything from server monitoring to middleware!

Projects written in Rust



Servo's mission is to provide an independent, modular, embeddable web engine, which allows developers to deliver content and applications using web standards.

Servo is written in Rust, and shares code with Mozilla Firefox and the wider Rust ecosystem. Since its creation in 2012, Servo has contributed to W3C/WHATWG web standards by reporting specification issues and submitting new cross-browser automated tests, and core team members have co-edited new standards that have been adopted by other browsers. As a result, the Servo project helps drive the entire web platform forward while building on a platform of reusable, modular technologies that implement web standards.



Support and donations 🔗

Interested in helping out the Servo Project? Please do! You could write code ^Gor documentation, test nightlies and file issues, or donate ^Gto help cover the project's CI and hosting costs. If you know a company that would like to support the Servo Project, please have a look at our Participation Agreement get in touch: info@servo.org.

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The Rust Programming Language

This is the main source code repository for Rust. It contains the compiler, standard library, and documentation.

Note: this README is for *users* rather than *contributors*. If you wish to *contribute* to the compiler, you should read the Getting Started section of the rustc-dev-guide instead.

Quick Start

Read "Installation" from The Book.

Installing from Source

The Rust build system uses a Python script called x, py to build the compiler, which manages the bootstrapping process. It lives in the root of the project.

The x.py command can be run directly on most systems in the following format:

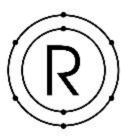
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./x.py <subcommand> [flags]
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This is how the documentation and examples assume you are running x.py.

Systems such as Ubuntu 20.04 LTS do not create the necessary python command by default when Python is installed that allows x.py to be run directly. In that case you can either create a symlink for python (Ubuntu provides the python-is-python3 package for this), or run x.py using Python itself:

```
# Python 3
python3 x.py <subcommand> [flags]
```

Python 2.7



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Redox is a Unix-like Operating System written in **Rust**, aiming to bring the innovations of Rust to a modern microkernel and full set of applications.

- Implemented in Rust
- Microkernel Design
- Includes optional GUI Orbital
- Supports Rust Standard Library



Screenshots

- MIT Licensed
- Drivers run in Userspace
- Includes common Unix commands
- Custom libc written in Rust (relibc)

Terminal

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Firecracker

Our mission is to enable secure, multi-tenant, minimal-overhead execution of container and function workloads.

Read more about the Firecracker Charter here.

What is Firecracker?

Firecracker is an open source virtualization technology that is purpose-built for creating and managing secure, multitenant container and function-based services that provide serverless operational models. Firecracker runs workloads in lightweight virtual machines, called microVMs, which combine the security and isolation properties provided by hardware virtualization technology with the speed and flexibility of containers.

Overview

The main component of Firecracker is a virtual machine monitor (VMM) that uses the Linux Kernel Virtual Machine (KVM) to create and run microVMs. Firecracker has a minimalist design. It excludes unnecessary devices and guest-facing functionality to reduce the memory footprint and attack surface area of each microVM. This improves security, decreases the startup time, and increases hardware utilization. Firecracker has also been integrated in container runtimes, for example Kata Containers and Weaveworks Ignite.

Firecracker was developed at Amazon Web Services to accelerate the speed and efficiency of services like AWS

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ripgrep (rg)

ripgrep is a line-oriented search tool that recursively searches the current directory for a regex pattern. By default, ripgrep will respect gitignore rules and automatically skip hidden files/directories and binary files. ripgrep has first class support on Windows, macOS and Linux, with binary downloads available for every release. ripgrep is similar to other popular search tools like The Silver Searcher, ack and grep.

C ci passing crates.io v13.0.0 in repositories 33

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CHANGELOG

Please see the CHANGELOG for a release history.

Documentation quick links

- Installation
- User Guide
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Regex syntax
- Configuration files
- Shell completions
- Building
- Translations

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- Statistical analysis across multiple runs.
- Support for arbitrary shell commands.
- Constant feedback about the benchmark progress and current estimates.
- Warmup runs can be executed before the actual benchmark.
- Cache-clearing commands can be set up before each timing run.
- Statistical outlier detection to detect interference from other programs and caching effects.

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Languages

Rust 92.4%
 JavaScript 7.5%
 Other 0.1%

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wgpu

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Codecov 3%

wgpu is a cross-platform, safe, pure-rust graphics api. It runs natively on Vulkan, Metal, D3D12, D3D11, and OpenGLES; and on top of WebGPU on wasm.

The api is based on the WebGPU standard. It serves as the core of the WebGPU integration in Firefox, Servo, and Deno.

Repo Overview

The repository hosts the following libraries:

- wgpu v0.10.1 docs passing User facing Rust API.
- wgpu-core v0.10.2 docs passing Internal WebGPU implementation.
- wgpu-hal v0.10.7 docs passing Internal unsafe GPU API abstraction layer.
- wgpu-types v0.10.0 docs passing Rust types shared between all crates.
- deno_webgpu vo.18.0
 WebGPU implementation for the Deno JavaScript/TypeScript runtime

The folowing binaries:

- cts_runner WebGPU Conformance Test Suite runner using deno_webgpu .
- player standalone application for replaying the API traces.



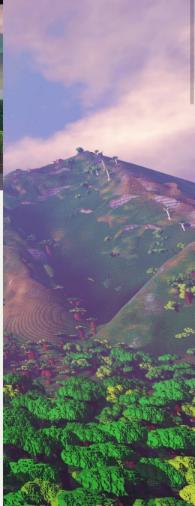


Welcome to Veloren!

Veloren is a multiplayer voxel RPG written in Rust. It is inspired by games such as Cube World, Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild, Dwarf Fortress and Minecraft.

Veloren is fully open-source, licensed under GPL 3. It uses original graphics, musics and other assets created by its community. Being contributor-driven, its development community and user community is one and the same: developers, players, artists and musicians come together to develop the game.





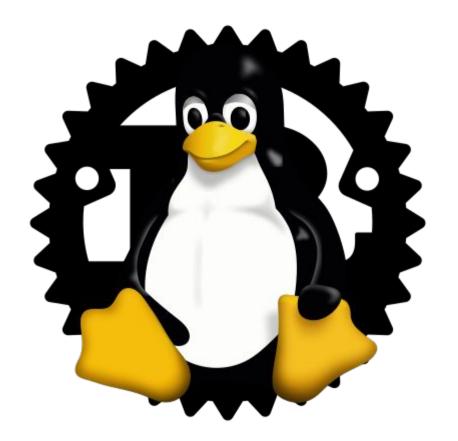
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Links

https://servo.org/

- https://github.com/rust-lang/rust
- https://www.redox-os.org/
- https://github.com/firecracker-microvm/firecracker
- https://github.com/BurntSushi/ripgrep
- https://github.com/sharkdp/hyperfine
- https://github.com/gfx-rs/wgpu
- https://veloren.net/
- https://rg3d.rs

Projects looking to take advantage of Rust



Rust for Linux

Memory safety

for the Internet's most critical infrastructure

What	is	Memory	/ Safety?
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Initiatives

NTP

Let's create a memory safe NTP implementation.

View initiative

Project Status: Pending funding



Support this Work

curl

Let's make TLS and HTTP networking code in curl memory-safe.

View initiative

Project Status: In progress



Rustls

Let's get the RustIs TLS library ready to replace OpenSSL in as many projects as possible.



Project Status: In progress

mod tis

Let's make it possible to use memory safe TLS networking in Apache httpd.





View initiative

Project Status: In progress

Entities supporting Rust



Members Blog



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Founding Platinum





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In the kernel...

"Google supports and contributes directly to the Rust for Linux project.

Our Android team is evaluating a new Binder implementation and considering other drivers where Rust could be adopted."



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In the kernel...

"**Arm** recognises the Rust value proposition and is actively working with the Rust community to improve Rust for Arm based systems.

A good example is Arm's RFC contribution to the Rust language which made Linux on 64-bit Arm systems a Tier-1 Rust supported platform.

Rustaceans at Arm are excited about the Rust for Linux initiative and look forward to assisting in this effort."



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In the kernel...

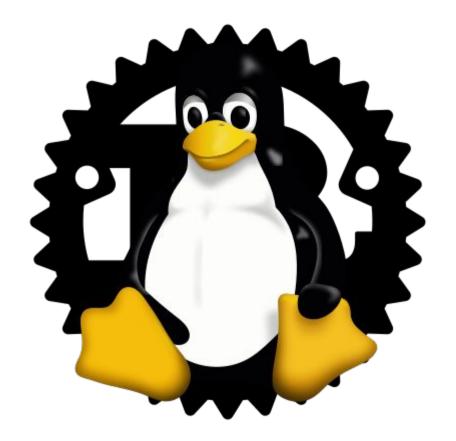
"Microsoft's Linux Systems Group is interested in contributing to getting Rust into Linux kernel.

Hopefully we will be able to submit select Hyper-V drivers written in

Rust in the coming months."



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Rust in the Linux ecosystem

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Backup slides

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C Charter

6. **Keep the spirit of C.** The Committee kept as a major goal to preserve the traditional spirit of C. There are many facets of the spirit of C, but the essence is a community sentiment of the underlying principles upon which the C language is based. The C11 revision added a new facet **f** to the original list of facets. The new spirit of C can be summarized in phrases like:

- (a) Trust the programmer.
- (b) Don't prevent the programmer from doing what needs to be done.
- (c) Keep the language small and simple.
- (d) Provide only one way to do an operation.
- (e) Make it fast, even if it is not guaranteed to be portable.
- (f) Make support for safety and security demonstrable.

— N2086 C2x Charter - Original Principles

12. *Trust the programmer*, as a goal, is outdated in respect to the security and safety programming communities. While it should not be totally disregarded as a facet of the spirit of C, the C11 version of the C Standard should take into account that programmers need the ability to check their work.

- N2086 C2x Charter - Additional Principles for C11