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The Cairo Programming Language Book

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Description

This repository contains the source of "The Cairo Programming Language" book, a comprehensive documentation of the Cairo 1 programming language. This documentation is your go-to resource for mastering Cairo, created and maintained by the Starknet community. You can read the book [\[online\]](https://book.cairo-lang.org/).

Created by builders, for builders

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Setup

- Rust related packages:
 - Install toolchain providing `cargo` using [\[rustup\]](https://rustup.rs/).
 - Install [\[mdBook\]](https://rust-lang.github.io/mdBook/guide/installation.html) and the required extensions:


```

cargo install mdbook mdbook-i18n-helpers mdbook-last-changed
          
```
- Host machine packages:
 - Install [\[gettext\]](https://www.gnu.org/software/gettext/) for translations, usually available with regular package manager: `sudo apt install gettext`.
 - Install [\[mdbook-quizzes\]](https://github.com/cairo-book/mdbook-quizzes) following the instructions [\[here\]](https://github.com/cairo-book/mdbook-quizzes#installation) to be able to add interactive quizzes.
- Clone this repository.
- Install mdbook-cairo to process references and labels, and custom tags.


```

cargo install --path mdbook-cairo
      
```

Guidelines

Read the [\[CONTRIBUTING.md\]](#) file for more details on the style guide and guidelines for contributions to the book.

Work locally (english, main language)

All the Markdown files **MUST** be edited in english. To work locally in english:

- Start a local server with `mdbook serve` and visit [\[localhost:3000\]](http://localhost:3000)

localhost:3000) to view the book.

You can use the `--open` flag to open the browser automatically: `mdbook serve --open`.

- Make changes to the book and refresh the browser to see the changes.
- Open a PR with your changes.

Work locally (translations)

This book is targeting international audience, and aims at being gradually translated in several languages.

****All files in the `src` directory MUST be written in english**.** This ensures that all the translation files can be auto-generated and updated by translators.

To work with translations, these are the steps to update the translated content:

- Run a local server for the language you want to edit: `./translations.sh es` for instance. If no language is provided, the script will only extract translations from english.
- Open the translation file you are interested in `po/es.po` for instance. You can also use editors like [poedit](https://poedit.net/) to help you on this task.
- When you are done, you should only have changes into the `po/xx.po` file. Commit them and open a PR.

The PR must start with `i18n` to let the maintainers know that the PR is only changing translation.

The translation work is inspired from [Comprehensive Rust repository](https://github.com/google/comprehensive-rust/blob/main/TRANSLATIONS.md).

Initiate a new translation for your language

If you wish to initiate a new translation for your language without running a local server, consider the following tips:

- Execute the command `./translations.sh new xx` (replace `xx` with your language code). This method can generate the `xx.po` file of your language for you.
- To update your `xx.po` file, execute the command `./translations.sh xx` (replace `xx` with your language code), as mentioned in the previous chapter.
- If the `xx.po` file already exists (which means you are not initiating a new translation), you should not run this command.

Verifying your Cairo Programs

The `cairo-listings` CLI tool is designed to wrap all Cairo and Starknet plugins for quickly verifying Cairo programs. You can verify that listings are correct with the `verify` argument, and generate the corresponding output with the `output` argument.

Install this tool with:

Setup

Firstly, you need to have `scarb` resolved in your path. See [here][installation] for more details.

To run the `cairo-listings` helper tool and verify Cairo programs, ensure that you are at the root of the repository (same directory of this `README.md` file), and run:

```
```sh
cargo run --bin cairo-listings verify
```
```

Alternatively, you can also install the tool with:

```
```sh
```

```
cargo install --path cairo-listings
...
```

and then run:

```
```sh
cairo-listings verify
...
```

[installation]: ./src/ch01-01-installation.md

Usage

The tool scans for all `*.cairo`` files in the specified directory and performs the following actions:

For a Starknet contract:

- ``scarb build``
- If it has tests: ``scarb test``

Cairo program:

- If it has a ``main`` function: ``scarb cairo-run --available-gas=200000000``
- Else, ``scarb build``
- If it has tests: ``scarb test``
- ``scarb fmt -c``

To specify which tests to run, you can add a comment at the top of your file with the following format:

```
```cairo
// TAG: <tag1>
// TAGS: <tag1>, <tag2>
...
```

Here is a list of available tags:

- ``does_not_compile``: don't run ``scarb build``
- ``does_not_run``: don't run ``scarb cairo-run --available-gas=200000000``
- ``ignore_fmt``: don't run ``scarb fmt``
- ``tests_fail``: don't run ``scarb test``

The mdbook-cairo is a mdbook preprocessor that only removes the ``// TAG`` lines in code blocks.

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