

Improvements to Eppic and Rust support in the crash-utility

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Improvements to Eppic

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What is eppic

- Embedable Pre-Processor and Interpreter for C

1) A c-like language interpreter, pre-improvement:

```
string pid_opt() { return ""; }
string pid_usage() { return ""; }
string pid_help() { return ""; }

int pid()
{
    struct task_struct *p = &init_task;
    unsigned long offset = (unsigned long)&(p->tasks) - (unsigned long)p;

    do {
        printf("%d %s\n", (int)(p->pid), getstr(&(p->comm)));
        p = (struct task_struct *)((unsigned long)(p->tasks.next) - offset);
    } while (p != &init_task);

    return 0;
}
```

```
crash> load /tmp/test.c
crash> pid
0 swapper/0
1 systemd
2 kthreadd
3 pool_workqueue_
4 kworker/R-rcu_g
5 kworker/R-sync_
6 kworker/R-slub_
7 kworker/R-netns
8 kworker/0:0
9 kworker/0:1
10 kworker/0:0H
11 kworker/u64:0
12 kworker/u64:1
13 kworker/R-mm_pe
14 rcu_tasks_kthre
15 rcu_tasks_rude_
command : pid - pid
```

What is eppic

1) A c-like language interpreter, after improvement:

```
int main()  
{  
    struct task_struct *p = &init_task;  
    unsigned long offset = (unsigned long)&(p->tasks) - (unsigned long)p;  
  
    do {  
        printf("%d %s\n", (int)(p->pid), getstr(&(p->comm)));  
        p = (struct task_struct *)((unsigned long)(p->tasks.next) - offset);  
    } while (p != &init_task);  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

```
crash> eppic /tmp/test.c  
0 swapper/0  
1 systemd  
2 kthreadd  
3 pool_workqueue_  
4 kworker/R-rcu_g  
5 kworker/R-sync_  
6 kworker/R-slub_  
7 kworker/R-netns  
8 kworker/0:0  
9 kworker/0:1  
10 kworker/0:0H  
11 kworker/u64:0  
12 kworker/u64:1  
13 kworker/R-mm_pe  
14 rcu_tasks_kthre  
15 rcu_tasks_rude_  
16 rcu_tasks_trace  
17 ksoftirqd/0  
18 rcu_preempt  
19 rcu_exp_par_gp_  
20 rcu_exp_gp_kthr  
21 migration/0  
22 idle_inject/0  
23 cpuhp/0
```

What is eppic

Let's take a deeper look at the eppic program:

```
int main()
{
    struct task_struct *p = &init_task;
    unsigned long offset = (unsigned long)&(p->tasks) - (unsigned long)p;

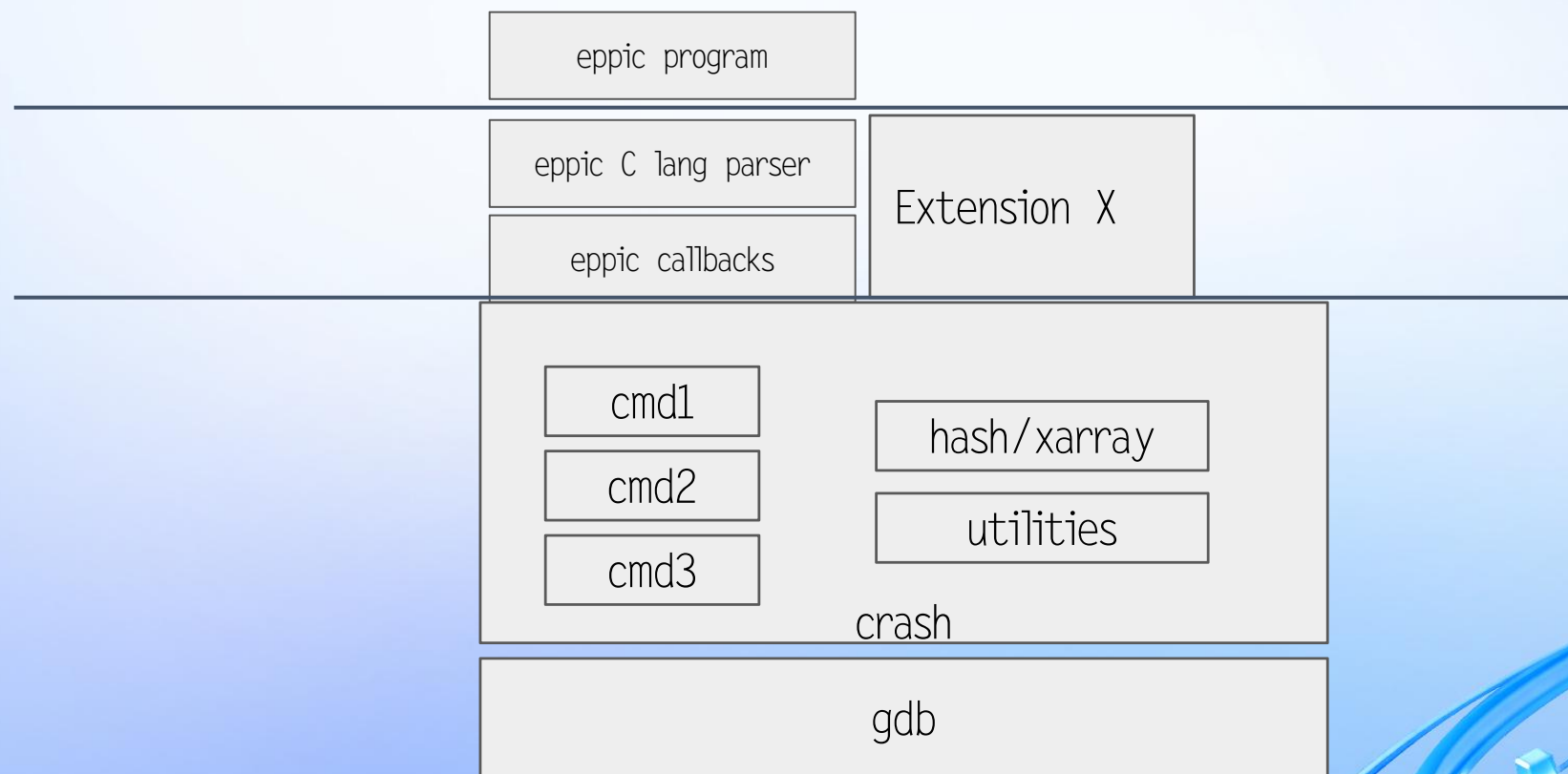
    do {
        printf("%d %s\n", (int)(p->pid), getstr(&(p->comm)));
        p = (struct task_struct *)((unsigned long)(p->tasks.next) - offset);
    } while (p != &init_task);

    return 0;
}
```



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What's the relationship between crash and eppic



Why improve eppic

Let's look again at the program, doesn't it look similar to a kernel program?

```
int main()
{
    struct task_struct *p = &init_task;
    unsigned long offset = (unsigned long)&(p->tasks) - (unsigned long)p;

    do {
        printf("%d %s\n", (int)(p->pid), getstr(&(p->comm)));
        p = (struct task_struct *)((unsigned long)(p->tasks.next) - offset);
    } while (p != &init_task);

    return 0;
}
```

That's the beauty of eppic program:

- 1) Write kernel-c-like programs to inspect kernel, easy for kernel developers. Considering how to iterate linked-list in python?
- 2) Coding like within kernel, and without kernel's constraints, no need to worry kernel's crash.



How to use eppic

1) compile crash and eppic:

```
$ make -j<thread_num> lzo zstd snappy
```

and

```
$ make extensions
```

2) crash loading for core dump or live debugging:

```
$ crash vmcore vmlinux
```

or

```
$ crash /proc/kcore vmlinux
```

```
$ extend extensions/eppic.so
```

```
$ vim <your_program.c> or
```

```
crash> edit -f <your_program.c> # there will be code samples/references as code comment
```

3) run eppic program:

```
crash> eppic <your_program.c>
```

Reference:

A) [Conservative improvement](#)

B) [Aggressive improvement](#)



Rust support in crash-utility

- Why does the crash-utility need to support Rust?
- Linux kernel is adding Rust support, kernel modules and drivers can be written in Rust.
- Rust is becoming part of the stack we need to inspect, without Rust-aware support, crash-utility won't give useful information for Rust programs/drivers.
- Without demangling, you will see long mangled symbols(not human-readable symbols).
- As Rust adoption grows in kernel, not supporting it makes crash tool less useful for a growing class of incidents and users.
- Better diagnostics, human-readable symbols and backtraces make debugging faster and more accurate. Let debugging focus on the bug itself.

Rust support in crash-utility

- What would you see if Rust is not supported?

```
crash> bt
PID: 3520      TASK: ffff8f240f670000  CPU: 1      COMMAND: "insmod"
#0 [ffffd08c4f063a20] machine_kexec at ffffffff9575e60e
#1 [ffffd08c4f063a40] __crash_kexec at ffffffff958db711
#2 [ffffd08c4f063b00] panic at ffffffff9560cede
#3 [ffffd08c4f063b80] _RNvCscb18lrEyTSA_10rust_panic10area_in_hp at ffffffff9c07fe107 [rust_panic]
#4 [ffffd08c4f063c20] _RNvMCscb18lrEyTSA_10rust_panicNtB2_10HelloPanic8step_two at ffffffff9c07fe160
#5 [ffffd08c4f063cf0] do_one_initcall at ffffffff956c7aaa
#6 [ffffd08c4f063d60] do_init_module at ffffffff958a4690
#7 [ffffd08c4f063d80] init_module_from_file at ffffffff958a5d38
#8 [ffffd08c4f063e50] idempotent_init_module at ffffffff958a5ea4
#9 [ffffd08c4f063ed8] __x64_sys_finit_module at ffffffff958a61ad
#10 [ffffd08c4f063f08] do_syscall_64 at ffffffff968bf6a4
#11 [ffffd08c4f063f50] entry_SYSCALL_64_after_hwframe at ffffffff9540012f
RIP: 00007fd92caff5fd  RSP: 00007ffde0acc848  RFLAGS: 00000246
RAX: ffffffffda  RBX: 00005559f35ed780  RCX: 00007fd92caff5fd
RDX: 0000000000000000  RSI: 00005559b92e9715  RDI: 0000000000000003
RBP: 00007ffde0acc800  R8: 00007fd92cbf6b20  R9: 00005559b92e99bb
```


Rust support in crash-utility

- What would you see if Rust is not supported?

```
ffffffff956c5d00 (T) _RNvNvNtNtCs4PRTW8KaKqS_4core10intrinsics3mir11StorageDead19panic_cold_explicit
ffffffff956c5d00 (T) _RNvNvNtNtCs4PRTW8KaKqS_4core10intrinsics3mir11StorageLive19panic_cold_explicit
ffffffff956c5d00 (T) _RNvNvNtNtCs4PRTW8KaKqS_4core10intrinsics3mir11Unreachable19panic_cold_explicit
ffffffff956c5d00 (T) _RNvNvNtNtCs4PRTW8KaKqS_4core10intrinsics3mir11__debuginfo19panic_cold_explicit
ffffffff956c5d00 (T) _RNvNvNtNtCs4PRTW8KaKqS_4core10intrinsics3mir12CastPtrToPtr19panic_cold_explicit
ffffffff956c5d00 (T) _RNvNvNtNtCs4PRTW8KaKqS_4core10intrinsics3mir12CopyForDeref19panic_cold_explicit
ffffffff956c5d00 (T) _RNvNvNtNtCs4PRTW8KaKqS_4core10intrinsics3mir12Discriminant19panic_cold_explicit
ffffffff956c5d00 (T) _RNvNvNtNtCs4PRTW8KaKqS_4core10intrinsics3mir12UnwindResume19panic_cold_explicit
ffffffff956c5d00 (T) _RNvNvNtNtCs4PRTW8KaKqS_4core10intrinsics3mir13CastTransmute19panic_cold_explicit
ffffffff956c5d00 (T) _RNvNvNtNtCs4PRTW8KaKqS_4core10intrinsics3mir13UnwindCleanup19panic_cold_explicit
ffffffff956c5d00 (T) _RNvNvNtNtCs4PRTW8KaKqS_4core10intrinsics3mir14UnwindContinue19panic_cold_explicit
ffffffff956c5d00 (T) _RNvNvNtNtCs4PRTW8KaKqS_4core10intrinsics3mir15SetDiscriminant19panic_cold_explicit
ffffffff956c5d00 (T) _RNvNvNtNtCs4PRTW8KaKqS_4core10intrinsics3mir15UnwindTerminate19panic_cold_explicit
ffffffff956c5d00 (T) _RNvNvNtNtCs4PRTW8KaKqS_4core10intrinsics3mir17UnwindUnreachable19panic_cold_explicit
ffffffff956c5d00 (T) _RNvNvNtNtCs4PRTW8KaKqS_4core10intrinsics3mir21__internal_make_place19panic_cold_explicit
ffffffff956c5d00 (T) _RNvNvNtNtCs4PRTW8KaKqS_4core10intrinsics3mir3Len19panic_cold_explicit
ffffffff956c5d00 (T) _RNvNvNtNtCs4PRTW8KaKqS_4core10intrinsics3mir4Call19panic_cold_explicit
ffffffff956c5d00 (T) _RNvNvNtNtCs4PRTW8KaKqS_4core10intrinsics3mir4Drop19panic_cold_explicit
ffffffff956c5d00 (T) _RNvNvNtNtCs4PRTW8KaKqS_4core10intrinsics3mir4Goto19panic_cold_explicit
ffffffff956c5d00 (T) _RNvNvNtNtCs4PRTW8KaKqS_4core10intrinsics3mir4Move19panic_cold_explicit
ffffffff956c5d00 (T) _RNvNvNtNtCs4PRTW8KaKqS_4core10intrinsics3mir5Field19panic_cold_explicit
ffffffff956c5d00 (T) _RNvNvNtNtCs4PRTW8KaKqS_4core10intrinsics3mir5Retag19panic_cold_explicit
```


Rust support in crash-utility

- Implementation details
- Add rustfilt command to demangle Rust symbol names

```
ffffff956c5d00 (T) _RNVNvNtNtCs4PRTW8KaKqS_4core10intrinsics3mir11StorageDead19panic_cold_explicit
ffffff956c5d00 (T) _RNVNvNtNtCs4PRTW8KaKqS_4core10intrinsics3mir11StorageLive19panic_cold_explicit
ffffff956c5d00 (T) _RNVNvNtNtCs4PRTW8KaKqS_4core10intrinsics3mir11Unreachable19panic_cold_explicit
ffffff956c5d00 (T) _RNVNvNtNtCs4PRTW8KaKqS_4core10intrinsics3mir11___debuginfo19panic_cold_explicit
ffffff956c5d00 (T) _RNVNvNtNtCs4PRTW8KaKqS_4core10intrinsics3mir12CastPtrToPtr19panic_cold_explicit
ffffff956c5d00 (T) _RNVNvNtNtCs4PRTW8KaKqS_4core10intrinsics3mir12CopyForDeref19panic_cold_explicit
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ffffff956c5d00 (T) _RNVNvNtNtCs4PRTW8KaKqS_4core10intrinsics3mir15UnwindTerminate19panic_cold_explicit
ffffff956c5d00 (T) _RNVNvNtNtCs4PRTW8KaKqS_4core10intrinsics3mir17UnwindUnreachable19panic_cold_explicit
crash> 
crash> rustfilt _RNVNvNtNtCs4PRTW8KaKqS_4core10intrinsics3mir17UnwindUnreachable19panic_cold_explicit
core::intrinsics::mir::UnwindUnreachable::panic_cold_explicit
crash>
```

Rust support in crash-utility

- Implementation details
 - Add rustfilt command to demangle Rust symbol names

```
crash> rustfilt _RNvNtCsaKJxZrNGG1B_6kernel5print11call_printk
kernel::print::call_printk
crash> gdb disassemble 'rust_panic::area_in_hp'
Dump of assembler code for function _RNvCscb18lrEyTSA_10rust_panic10area_in_hp:
   0xfffffffffc07fe010 <+0>:      push    %rbx
   0xfffffffffc07fe011 <+1>:      sub     $0x90,%rsp
   0xfffffffffc07fe018 <+8>:      mov     %rdi,%rbx
   0xfffffffffc07fe01b <+11>:     movq    $0xfffffffffc0bd5020, (%rsp)
   0xfffffffffc07fe023 <+19>:     movq    $0x1,0x8(%rsp)
   0xfffffffffc07fe02c <+28>:     movq    $0x0,0x20(%rsp)
   0xfffffffffc07fe035 <+37>:     movq    $0x8,0x10(%rsp)
   0xfffffffffc07fe03e <+46>:     movq    $0x0,0x18(%rsp)
   0xfffffffffc07fe047 <+55>:     mov     %rsp,%rcx
   0xfffffffffc07fe04a <+58>:     mov     $0xc,%edx
   0xfffffffffc07fe04f <+63>:     mov     $0xffffffff96afb62c,%rdi
   0xfffffffffc07fe056 <+70>:     mov     $0xfffffffffc0bd5118,%rsi
   0xfffffffffc07fe05d <+77>:     call   0xffffffff95fcb2e0 <_RNvNtCsaKJxZrNGG1B_6kernel5print11call_printk>
   0xfffffffffc07fe062 <+82>:     movq    $0xfffffffffc0bd50d0,0x30(%rsp)
```

Rust support in crash-utility

- Implementation details
- Demangle Rust symbol names in all outputs

```
crash> mod -s rust_panic rust_panic.ko
```

MODULE	NAME	TEXT_BASE	SIZE	OBJECT	FILE
fffffffffc0bd3040	rust_panic	fffffffffc07fe000	12288	rust_panic.ko	

```
crash> bt
```

PID: 3520 TASK: ffff8f240f670000 CPU: 1 COMMAND: "insmod"

```
#0 [ffffd08c4f063a20] machine_kexec at ffffffff9575e60e
#1 [ffffd08c4f063a40] __crash_kexec at ffffffff958db711
#2 [ffffd08c4f063b00] panic at ffffffff9560cede
#3 [ffffd08c4f063b80] rust_panic::area_in_hp at fffffffffc07fe107 [rust_panic]
#4 [ffffd08c4f063c20] <rust_panic::HelloPanic>::step_two at ffffffff958db711 [rust_panic]
#5 [ffffd08c4f063cf0] do_one_initcall at ffffffff956c7aaa
#6 [ffffd08c4f063d60] do_init_module at ffffffff958a4690
#7 [ffffd08c4f063d80] init_module_from_file at ffffffff958a5d38
#8 [ffffd08c4f063e50] idempotent_init_module at ffffffff958a5ea4
#9 [ffffd08c4f063ed8] __x64_sys_finit_module at ffffffff958a61ad
#10 [ffffd08c4f063f08] do_syscall_64 at ffffffff968bf6a4
#11 [ffffd08c4f063f50] entry_SYSCALL_64_after_hwframe at ffffffff9540012f
```


Rust support in crash-utility

- Implementation details
- Demangle Rust symbol names in all outputs

```
crash> gdb bt
#0  0xffffffff958db684 in crash_setup_regs (newregs=0xfffffd08c4f063a48, oldregs=0x0) at ./arch/x86/include/asm/kexec.h:108
#1  0xffffffff958db711 in __crash_kexec (regs=regs@entry=0x0) at kernel/crash_core.c:122
#2  0xffffffff9560cede in panic (fmt=<optimized out>) at kernel/panic.c:401
#3  0xfffffffcc07fe107 in rust_panic::HelloPanic::trigger_panic (self=0x1) at rust_panic.rs:59
#4  rust_panic::HelloPanic::step_three (self=0x1) at rust_panic.rs:53
#5  rust_panic::area_in_hp (rectangle=0xfffffd08c4f063c38) at rust_panic.rs:24
#6  0xfffffffcc07fe160 in rust_panic::HelloPanic::step_two (self=<optimized out>) at rust_panic.rs:46
#7  0xfffffffcc0c5d067 in ?? ()
crash> frame 5
#5  rust_panic::area_in_hp (rectangle=0xfffffd08c4f063c38) at rust_panic.rs:24
24      HelloPanic.step_three();
crash> whatis rectangle
*mut rust_panic::RectangleHP
crash> p *rectangle
$3 = rust_panic::RectangleHP {
    width: 30,
    height: 50
}
crash>
```


Rust support in crash-utility

– Implementation details

● Demangle Rust symbol names in all outputs

```
crash> sym "rust_panic::area_in_hp"
fffffffffc07fe010 (t) rust_panic::area_in_hp [rust_panic] /root/linux-6.16.3/samples/rust/rust_panic.rs: 22
crash> sym fffffffffc07fe010
fffffffffc07fe010 (t) rust_panic::area_in_hp [rust_panic] /root/linux-6.16.3/samples/rust/rust_panic.rs: 22
crash> dis "rust_panic::area_in_hp"
0xfffffffffc07fe010 <rust_panic::area_in_hp>::area_in_hp>:      push    %rbx
0xfffffffffc07fe011 <rust_panic::area_in_hp+1>::area_in_hp+1>:  sub     $0x90,%rsp
0xfffffffffc07fe018 <rust_panic::area_in_hp+8>::area_in_hp+8>:  mov     %rdi,%rbx
0xfffffffffc07fe01b <rust_panic::area_in_hp+11>::area_in_hp+11>:  movq    $0xfffffffffc0bd5020, (%rsp)
0xfffffffffc07fe023 <rust_panic::area_in_hp+19>::area_in_hp+19>:  movq    $0x1,0x8(%rsp)
0xfffffffffc07fe02c <rust_panic::area_in_hp+28>::area_in_hp+28>:  movq    $0x0,0x20(%rsp)
0xfffffffffc07fe035 <rust_panic::area_in_hp+37>::area_in_hp+37>:  movq    $0x8,0x10(%rsp)
0xfffffffffc07fe03e <rust_panic::area_in_hp+46>::area_in_hp+46>:  movq    $0x0,0x18(%rsp)
0xfffffffffc07fe047 <rust_panic::area_in_hp+55>::area_in_hp+55>:  mov     %rsp,%rcx
0xfffffffffc07fe04a <rust_panic::area_in_hp+58>::area_in_hp+58>:  mov     $0xc,%edx
0xfffffffffc07fe04f <rust_panic::area_in_hp+63>::area_in_hp+63>:  mov     $0xffffffff96afb62c,%rdi
0xfffffffffc07fe056 <rust_panic::area_in_hp+70>::area_in_hp+70>:  mov     $0xfffffffffc0bd5118,%rsi
0xfffffffffc07fe05d <rust_panic::area_in_hp+77>::area_in_hp+77>:  call    0xffffffff95fcb2e0 <kernel::print::call_printk>
0xfffffffffc07fe062 <rust_panic::area_in_hp+82>::area_in_hp+82>:  movq    $0xfffffffffc0bd50d0,0x30(%rsp)
0xfffffffffc07fe06b <rust_panic::area_in_hp+91>::area_in_hp+91>:  movq    $0x1,0x38(%rsp)
0xfffffffffc07fe074 <rust_panic::area_in_hp+100>::area_in_hp+100>:  movq    $0x0,0x50(%rsp)
0xfffffffffc07fe07d <rust_panic::area_in_hp+109>::area_in_hp+109>:  movq    $0x8,0x40(%rsp)
0xfffffffffc07fe086 <rust_panic::area_in_hp+118>::area_in_hp+118>:  movq    $0x0,0x48(%rsp)
0xfffffffffc07fe08f <rust_panic::area_in_hp+127>::area_in_hp+127>:  lea     0x30(%rsp),%rcx
0xfffffffffc07fe094 <rust_panic::area_in_hp+132>::area_in_hp+132>:  mov     $0xc,%edx
0xfffffffffc07fe099 <rust_panic::area_in_hp+137>::area_in_hp+137>:  mov     $0xffffffff96afb62c,%rdi
0xfffffffffc07fe0a0 <rust_panic::area_in_hp+144>::area_in_hp+144>:  mov     $0xfffffffffc0bd5118,%rsi
0xfffffffffc07fe0a7 <rust_panic::area_in_hp+151>::area_in_hp+151>:  call    0xffffffff95fcb2e0 <kernel::print::call_printk>
0xfffffffffc07fe0ac <rust_panic::area_in_hp+156>::area_in_hp+156>:  movq    $0xfffffffffc0bd5108,0x60(%rsp)
```

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- Implementation details
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```
[ 2159.839216] PEFILE: Unsigned PE binary
[ 2174.225607] rust_panic: loading out-of-tree module taints kernel.
[ 2174.232454] rust_panic: module verification failed: signature and/or required key missing - tainting kernel
[ 2174.249872] hello_panic: step_one called
[ 2174.254265] hello_panic: area_in_hp called
[ 2174.258841] hello_panic: step_three called
[ 2174.263420] hello_panic: About to panic in Rust kernel module!
[ 2174.269937] Kernel panic - not syncing: Triggered kernel panic from Rust!
[ 2174.277515] CPU: 1 UID: 0 PID: 3520 Comm: insmod Kdump: loaded Tainted: G S          OE          6.16.3 #1 PREEMPT(lazy)
[ 2174.289360] Tainted: [S]=CPU_OUT_OF_SPEC, [O]=OOT_MODULE, [E]=UNSIGNED_MODULE
[ 2174.297322] Hardware name: Intel Corporation S2600CWR/S2600CWR, BIOS SE5C610.86B.01.01.0018.072020161249 07/20/2016
[ 2174.308966] Call Trace:
[ 2174.311693]  <TASK>
[ 2174.314033]  dump_stack_lvl+0x5d/0x80
[ 2174.318125]  panic+0x156/0x32a
[ 2174.321539]  rust_panic::area_in_hp+0xf7/0x120 [rust_panic]
[ 2174.329700]  ? console_unlock+0x9c/0x140
[ 2174.334080]  ? irq_work_queue+0x2d/0x50
[ 2174.338352]  ? __pfx_init_module+0x10/0x10 [rust_panic]
[ 2174.344183]  <rust_panic::HelloPanic>::step_two+0x20/0xe0 [rust_panic]
[ 2174.353698]  ? _printk+0x6b/0x90
[ 2174.357303]  init_module+0x57/0xff0 [rust_panic]
[ 2174.362456]  ? __pfx_init_module+0x10/0x10 [rust_panic]
[ 2174.368286]  do_one_initcall+0x5a/0x310
[ 2174.372574]  do_init_module+0x90/0x270
[ 2174.376761]  init_module_from_file+0x88/0xd0
[ 2174.381525]  idempotent_init_module+0x114/0x310
[ 2174.386580]  __x64_sys_finit_module+0x6d/0xd0
```

Rust support in crash-utility

- challenges for Rust support
- Rust mangling changed(v0→v1), crash needs to support both demangling schemes.
- Some Rust expression does not implement in gdb
- No stable ABI for Rust-level types across compiler versions; layouts may change unless repr(C) is used.
- ...

Q&A

- Upstream
 - devel@lists.crash-utility.osci.io
 - lijiang@redhat.com
 - ltao@redhat.com
- git repo:
 - <https://github.com/crash-utility/crash>
- Test case & Demo:
 - Please let me know if you would like to try

THANKS