

Rust

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What is Rust?

"Rust is a systems programming language that runs blazingly fast, prevents nearly all segfaults, and guarantees thread safety."

– rust-lang.org

Fast

- Compiles to native code
- No garbage collector
- Most abstractions have zero cost

Functional

- Closures
- Algebraic Data Types
- Pattern matching

- Ownership
- Borrowing
- Lifetime

Try it

- <https://play.rust-lang.org/>
- rustup: the Rust toolchain installer

rustup installs The Rust Programming Language from the official release channels, enabling you to easily switch between stable, beta, and nightly compilers and keep them updated.

Cargo, Rusts Package Manager

Cargo downloads your Rust projects dependencies and compiles your project.

hello, world!

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cargo new --bin helloworld
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Borrowing

Newcomers to Rust often find themselves "fighting with the borrow checker" trying to get their code to compile

Borrowing Rules

- You can't keep borrowing something after it stops existing.
- One object may have many immutable references to it ($\&T$).
- OR exactly one mutable reference ($\&\text{mut } T$) (not both).

Demonstration

How will a beginner fight with the borrow checker