# Felix S. Klock II

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**OBJECTIVE** 

"Stop the bugs; save the world." Innovative software development, leveraging my experience in compiler and language runtime technology, in a challenging environment with an enthusiastic, smart, and respected peer group.

SOFTWARE
DEVELOPMENT
SKILLS &
INTERESTS

Programming languages: runtime design, memory management, JIT, static analysis Software engineering: functional programming, debugging tool design, CS education Languages: Rust, C/C++, Scheme/Lisp, Java, Python, C#, assembly (x86, ARM).

EDUCATION

Languages: Rust, C/C++, Scheme/Lisp, Java, Python, C#, assembly (x86, ARM).

Northeastern University, CCIS, Boston, MA

2003 - 2010

Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

1996 - 2001

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, 2000

Master of Engineering in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, 2001

Professional Experience

### Amazon Web Services, remote

October 2020 – present

Principal Engineer, Rust Platform Team

Roles: (1) Rust compiler team co-lead, (2) Rust compiler developer, and (3) Language design team member.

Project home page: https://www.rust-lang.org/

Achievements: TurboWish performance debugging initiative, yielding tokio-console deliverable. Drove "Hurry Up and .await" workshop at AWS re:Invent. Screencasted using rr to debug Rust programs. Compiler team management, triaging issues and chasing down bugs.

Mozilla, Paris, France and remote

 $2012-August\ 2020$ 

Staff Research Engineer, Rust language

Achievements: Spun up working groups: wg-prioritization (delegating compiler bug triage) and wg-incr-comp (improving incremental compilation in Rust). Oversaw non-lexical lifetimes (NLL; Rust RFC 2094) development and staged migration from lexical to NLL. Designed future-incompatibility reporting (Rust RFC 2834), user-defined destructors with type and lifetime parameters (Rust RFC 769), non-zeroing dynamic drop (Rust RFC 320), and Rust's user-defined allocators (Rust RFC 1398).

## Adobe Systems Incorporated, Waltham, MA

2010 - 2012

Computer Scientist, Actionscript 3 Virtual Machine (aka Tamarin) for Flash Runtime Roles: Garbage Collection (GC) expert, integration lead, cross-platform build.

Project history through May 2012: http://hg.mozilla.org/tamarin-redux/ Achievements: Improved telescoping GC inverse load-factor, reducing overhead from  $20 \times$  to  $4 \times$  mark/cons ratio. Implemented Native JSON integrated with AS3, and extended with serialization of public members of AS3 classes. Added JIT-support for efficient indexing of "simple dense" ArrayObject, yielding 10-20% speedup.

#### Northeastern University, Boston, MA

2005 - 2010

Developer and maintainer of Larceny Scheme compiler and runtime system

Project history: http://github.com/larcenists/larceny/

Achievements: Designed regional GC, with formal bounds on mutator utilization (MMU). Revised Intel x86 backend to emit machine code in-heap. Implemented dynamic in-heap .NET bytecode emission for Common Larceny.

#### Green Hills Software, Santa Barbara, CA

2001 - 2003

Software Engineer for End-User Compiler Product Development

Achievements: Implemented move-coalescing register allocation, data-load optimizations, and reassignment of zero-initialized and uninitialized arrays to blank static segment (bss).

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

2000 - 2001

Teaching Assistant

Assistant for 6.170, Laboratory in Software Engineering, Spring, Fall 2000, Spring 2001. Head Teaching Assistant Fall 2000.

MIT Laboratory for Computer Science, Cambridge, MA

1999 - 2001

Undergraduate Research Assistant for Computer Architecture Group

Assisted with implementation of FLEX compiler for transforming Java byte-code to machine code.

MIT Media Laboratory, Cambridge, MA

1997 - 1998

Undergraduate Research Assistant for Software Agents Group

Helped develop *Footprints*, a tool for visualizing navigation of users on Web.

Research **PUBLICATIONS**  Felix S Klock II, "A Declarative DSL for Customized Rendering of Text-Based Art", in Proceedings of the 2017 International Symposium on Practical Aspects of Declarative Languages, PADL 2017, Paris, France January 2017.

Felix S Klock II and William D Clinger. "Bounded-latency regional garbage collection", In Proceedings of the 2011 Dynamic Languages Symposium, DLS 2011, Portland, OR, 24 October 2011, pages 73-83.

William D Clinger and Felix S Klock II. "Scalable Garbage Collection with Guaranteed MMU", In Proceedings of the 2009 Workshop on Scheme and Functional Programming, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, 22 August 2009

Felix S Klock II, "The Layers of Larceny's Foreign Function Interface", In Proceedings of the 2009 Workshop on Scheme and Functional Programming, Victoria, British Columbia, 20 September 2008

SELECTED Presentations

"Rust: Fearless at all levels" Algolia Search Party 2018 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9QuI2Z0stbs&t=2755

"Subtyping in Rust and Clarke's Third Law" Rust Fest 2016

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fI4RG\_uq-WU

"Rust: A type system you didn't know you wanted" Curry On 2015

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q71QCgnNWU0&t=152s

Honors and AWARDS

Teaching Award, Northeastern University, 2008

Northern Telecom/BNR Digital Systems Laboratory Project Award, 2001

Interests Cooking; reading, especially historical discussions of mathematics, logic, and language

development; skiing; graphics programming