Embedded Rust, by example of RIOT-OS applications

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Embedded Devices

- ▶ 10kB 1MB ROM
- ► 1kB 100kB RAM
- ► Typical hardware: ARM Cortex-M3, eg. STM32

Embedded Devices

- ► allocation: static or on stack
- Someone needs to initialize the RAM
- CPU specific linker scripts
- ► Software shipped via hardware debugger or using a bootloader

Options 1: Bare metal

- ▶ cortex-m-rt
- peripherals wrapped from svd2rust (eg. rp2040-pac)
- device drivers (eg. rp2040-hal)
- board support crate (eg. rp-pico)

See rp-pico crate for examples (eg. "blinky")

Options 2: Rust operating systems or frameworks

- ▶ rtic has highly performant and precise descriptive concurrency
- embassy is a framework focused on asynchronous processing
- ► TockOS is a full operating system
- ▶ 2018: Limited hardware support and networking
- ➤ 2023: Much better, but still not quite there

Options 3: RIOT-OS

- ► Operating system written in C
- ► Trusted processes (cooperative or preemtive)
- ► Mature network stack
- Large community
- Good hardware support

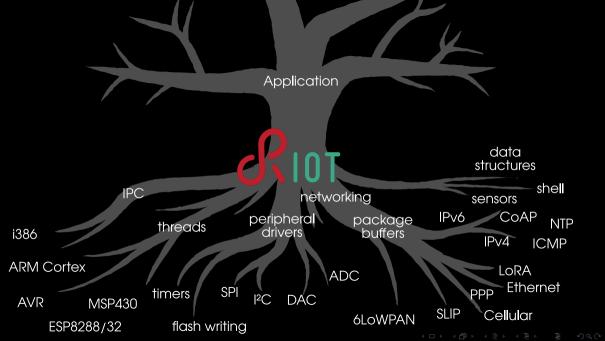
Which to pick?

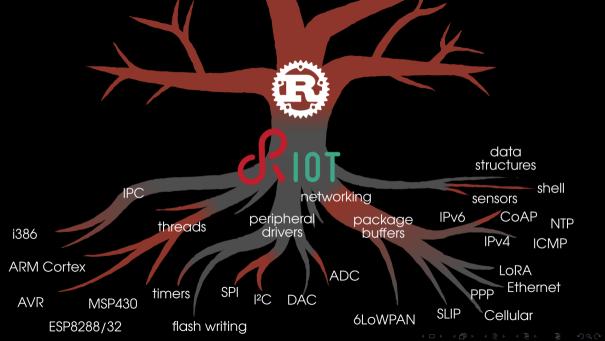
Does it matter?

RIOT Operating System



https://riot-os.org





Build system integration

```
$ make BOARD=stk3700 all flash term
make -C ./RIOT/boards/stk3700
make -C ./RIOT/cpu/cortexm_common/periph
RIOT_CFLAGS="-D... -I ... " cargo build --target arm-... --release
Compiling riot-sys v0.2.2
Compiling demo v0.1.0
    Finished release [optimized + debuginfo] target(s) in 1m 09s
arm-none-eabi-gcc .../*.o target/.../libdemo.a <u>-o bin/demo.elf</u>
### Flashing Target ###
main(): This is RIOT! (Version: ...)
Hello, world!
>
```

Application setup

```
#! [no std]
use riot_wrappers::{riot_main, i2c};
use embedded_hal::blocking::i2c::WriteRead as _;
use si7021::*;
fn main() {
    let bus = i2c::I2CDevice(0);
    let mut sensor = Si7021::new(i2c, SI7021_I2C_ADDRESS);
riot_main!(main);
```

Open issues

- ► Header files with static inline vs. bindgen
- ▶ no constant propagation across languages
- ► API mappings are incomplete
- ► Not enough users ;-)

Thanks for your attention

Slides and more links on https://github.com/RustVienna/meetup-history/tree/master/2023-05/rust-on-riot/





