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# Rust in the Enterprise

**Taking control with a modern,  
sustainable approach  
to software engineering**

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# What are we talking about today?

- How does Rust help solve the problems that Enterprises care about?
  - What do we mean by a modern, sustainable approach?
- Where does the resistance to adopting Rust come from?
- How do we go about introducing Rust into an Enterprise?
- Beer and Pizza
- Crux overview
  - How Rust can help an Enterprise build high quality, sustainable digital product, cheaper and faster.
- Crux deep dive. Demos. Q&A.

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# Quality

Software that is *delightful*

This means:

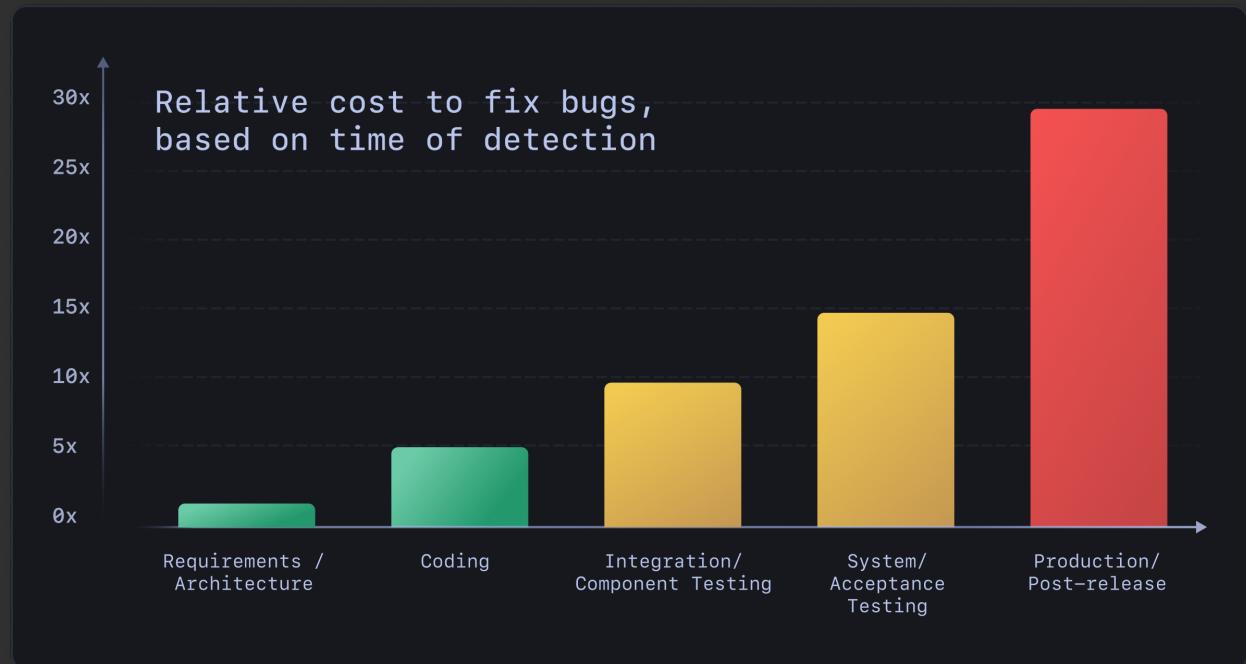
- It is well designed (from a UX perspective)
- It does what it is supposed to do
- It is easy to use and accessible for everyone
- It is fast, reliable and secure
- It is maintainable, extensible and testable



# Shifting left

**Remove the long tail of bugs  
that are expensive to fix**

"Rust is the language where you  
have the hangover first!"



<https://deepsource.com/blog/exponential-cost-of-fixing-bugs>

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# Sustainability

**Software that is easy to maintain and extend**

This means:

- It is easy to understand
- It is easy to test
- It is easy to deploy
- It is easy to change



# Where does your brain power go?

"Free up your teams to work on the most important problems — those that are *unique* to your business"

- Rust's guardrails prevent us wasting time on bugs
- Rust's toolchain is the best there is
  - removes bike-shedding
  - reduces yak-shaving
- A large codebase won't descend into chaos
- "It just works"™
  - no long tail — means you can leave it alone



# Sustainable Software Engineering

"Everyone has a part to play." "Sustainability is enough, all by itself, to justify our work."

- Find as many "Carbon Proxies" as you can, e.g.
  - Time-to-interactive and Page weight
  - Average server response time
  - Cost of your services
  - The utilisation of your servers

	Energy	Time	Mb
(c) C	1.00	1.00	1.00
(c) Rust	1.03	1.04	1.05
(c) C++	1.34	1.56	1.17
(c) Ada	1.70	1.85	1.24
(v) Java	1.98	1.89	1.34
(c) Pascal	2.14	2.14	1.47
(c) Chapel	2.18	2.18	1.54
(v) Lisp	2.27	2.83	1.92
(c) Ocaml	2.40	3.02	2.45
(c) Fortran	2.52	3.09	2.57
(c) Swift	2.79	3.14	2.71
(c) Haskell	3.10	3.40	2.80
(v) C#	3.14	3.55	2.82
(c) Go	3.23	4.20	2.85
(i) Dart	3.83	4.20	3.34
(v) F#	4.13	6.30	3.52
(i) JavaScript	4.45	6.52	3.97
(v) Racket	7.91	6.67	4.00
(i) TypeScript	21.50	11.27	4.25
(i) Hack	24.02	26.99	4.59
(i) PHP	29.30	27.64	4.69
(v) Erlang	42.23	36.71	4.69
(i) Lua	45.98	43.44	6.01
(i) Jruby	46.54	46.20	6.62
(i) Ruby	69.91	59.34	6.72
(i) Python	75.88	65.79	7.20
(i) Perl	79.58	71.90	8.64
(i) Dart		82.91	19.84

sustainability with rust sustainable software engineering overview how to measure and reduce  
the carbon footprint of your application

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# Security

## Software that is secure by design

This means:

- It is easy to reason about
- It is solid and reliable
- It is built on a secure foundation
- It is open



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# Cost/Speed

"Rust will speed up your development and reduce your costs"

## 5 Rumours about Rust

1. Rust takes more than 6 months to learn – Debunked! 😊
2. The Rust compiler is not as fast as people would like – Confirmed! 😭
3. Unsafe code and interop are always the biggest challenges – Debunked! 😊
4. Rust has amazing compiler error messages – Confirmed! 😍
5. Rust code is high quality – Confirmed! 😎

from over 1,000 Google developers

<https://opensource.googleblog.com/2023/06/rust-fact-vs-fiction-5-insights-from-googles-rust-journey-2022.html>

# Time until confident writing Rust

Still ramping up

8.6%

More than 4 months

9.0%

3 - 4 months

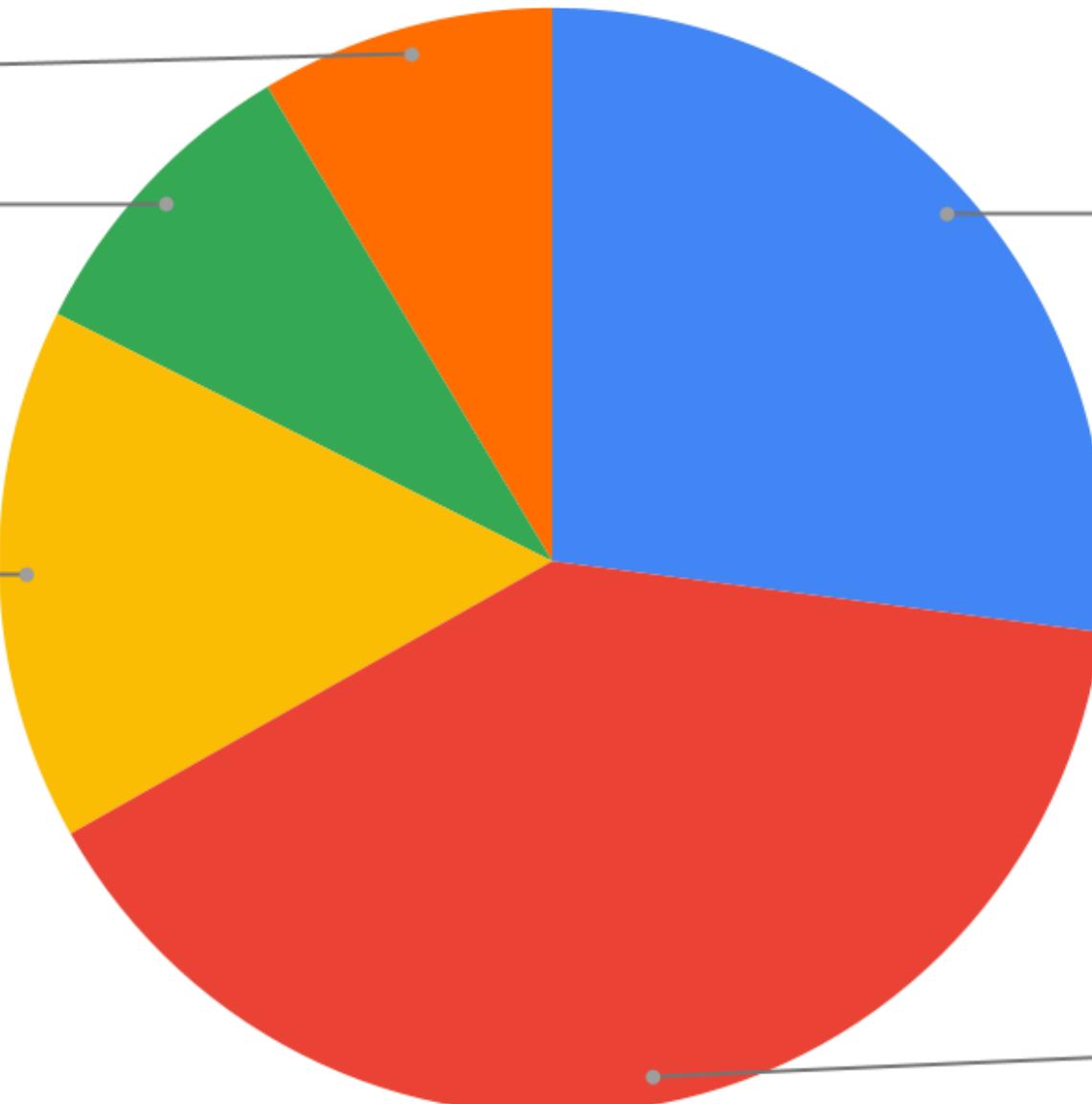
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2 - 3 weeks

27.0%

1 - 2 months

39.8%



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# Control/Risk/Compliance

- Rust is a trusted, open source language
- you can write software that is
  - memory safe
  - safe from data races and concurrency bugs
  - easy to test
  - easy to audit and maintain
- a great fit for regulated industries



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# Innovation/Talent/Culture

"Managers need to know that their hard-won employees are gainfully employed and are not frustrated, bored, or flight risks"

- attract and retain talent — become a "destination"
- build a culture of engineering excellence
- Rust helps you become a better software engineer
- "Most loved/desired" on Stack Overflow for 8 years in a row



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# Where does the resistance come from?

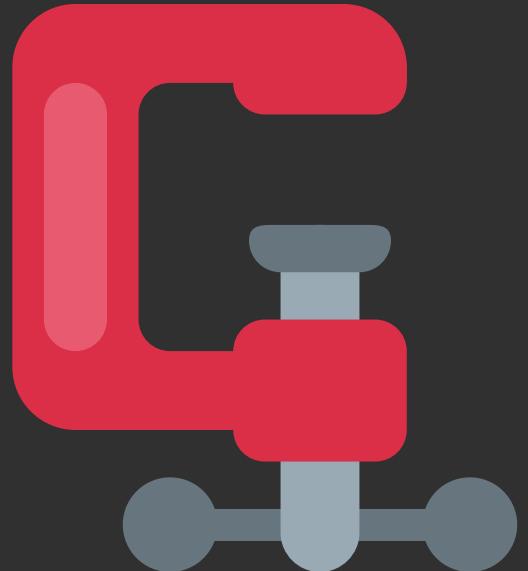
- **Risk** — "We don't want to be the first to do this"
- **Cost** — "We don't have the budget"
- **Speed** — "We don't have the time"
- **Culture** — "We don't have the talent"



| This is all FEAR talking — FUD!

# Pincer movement!

- **Top down** — "We need to do this"
- **Bottom up** — "We want to do this"



# How do we get there?

## Top down

- Talk to the CIO. Find a buddy to help you
- Find the open source owner (OSPO)
- Find a champion (and a project goal)
  - Might not be a technology champion
  - Would be great to have a product sponsor
- Run a 2-horse race



# Skunk Works

a group within an organization  
given a high degree of autonomy  
and unhampered by bureaucracy,  
with the task of working on  
advanced or secret projects



"We don't want to be first, but we can't be third!"

But if you're not starting now, you'll already be behind when  
it matters

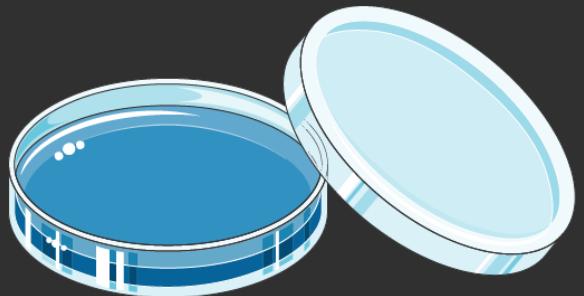


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## Bottom up

- Learn it yourself
- Write some tools
- Start small and stay small
- Build a mini community, hold meetups
- Infect your organisation

Think of a petri dish — a culture pops up in a few places and then eventually it's everywhere



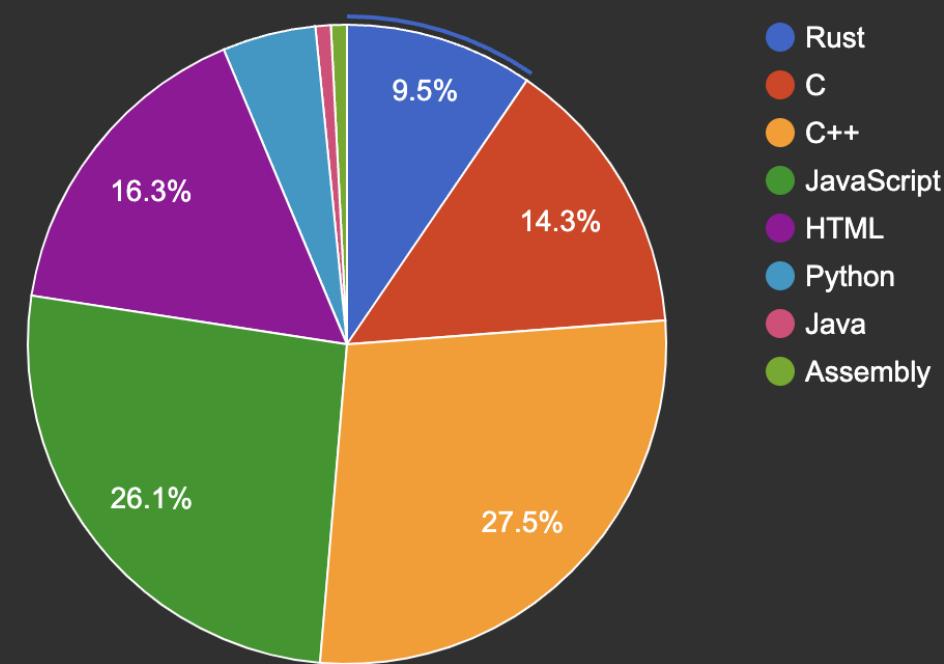
## Also...

Don't "Rewrite it in Rust"™!

Rust was born at Mozilla in 2009...

...but in 2023, Firefox is still less than 10% Rust

Firefox languages in SLOC



# And finally...

## Rust and WebAssembly

- Rust and Wasm are a perfect match
- Wasm is becoming a game-changer for cloud native
- The sandboxed execution environment is a great fit for enterprise



# Something to think about...

## Rust and Copilot

Despite being risk averse, enterprises need the productivity gains of AI coding assistants...

...thank goodness the Rust compiler is strict and precise!



Let's have a break!





## Let's talk Crux!

Crux is a great example of how  
Rust can help the enterprise build  
better quality software with less  
effort (cost) and more Joy™

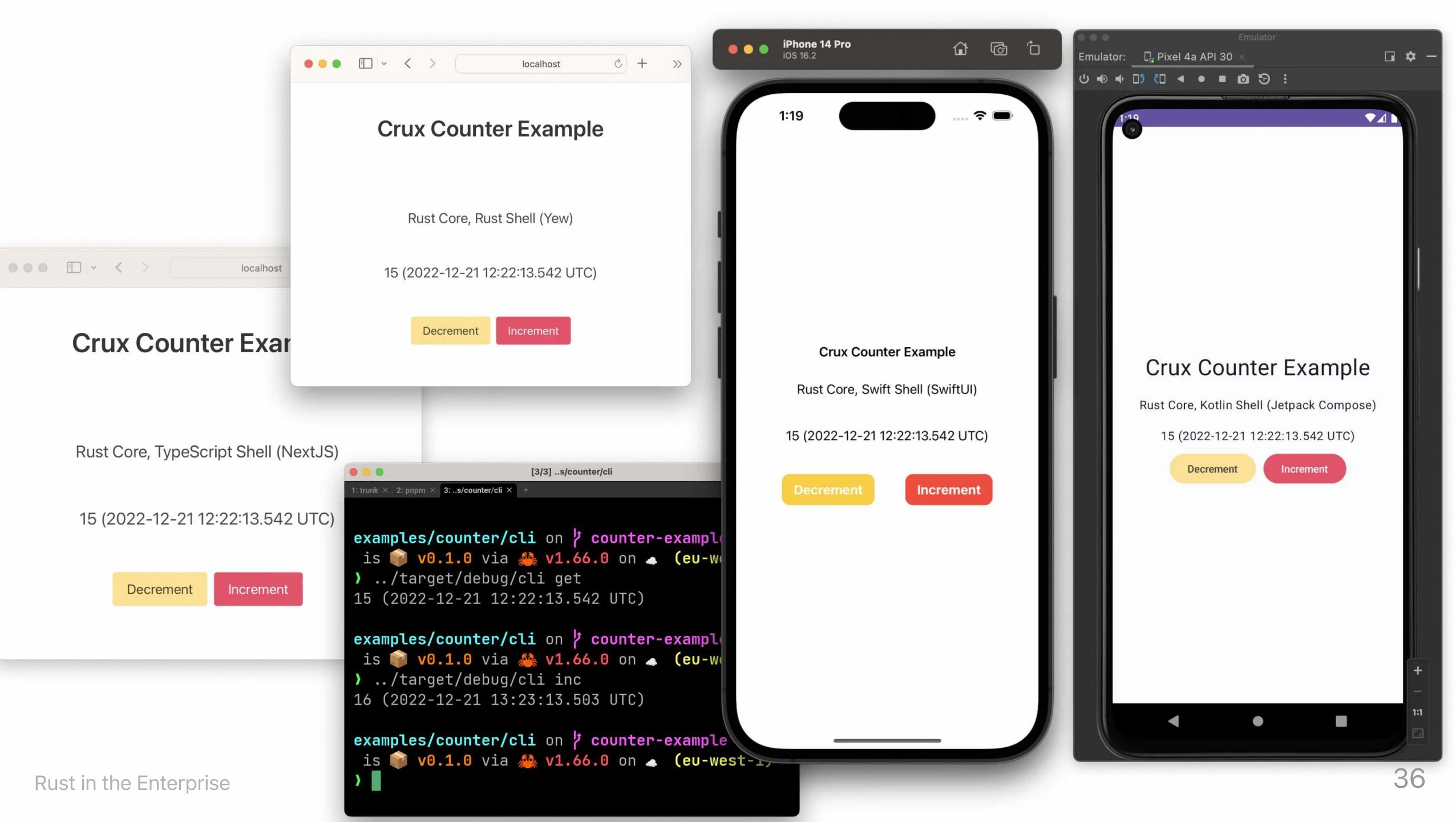


But first...



Or 17ms...

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crux/examples/notes on ⚡ remix [!] via 🐀 v1.71.0 on ⚡ (eu-west-1)
❯ cargo nextest run
    Finished test [unoptimized + debuginfo] target(s) in 0.06s
    Starting 25 tests across 3 binaries
        PASS [  0.005s] shared app::editing_tests::removes_selection_on_backspace
        PASS [  0.006s] shared app::editing_tests::inserts_text_at_cursor_and_renders
        PASS [  0.006s] shared app::editing_tests::changes_selection
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# iOS, Android and Web apps in Rust

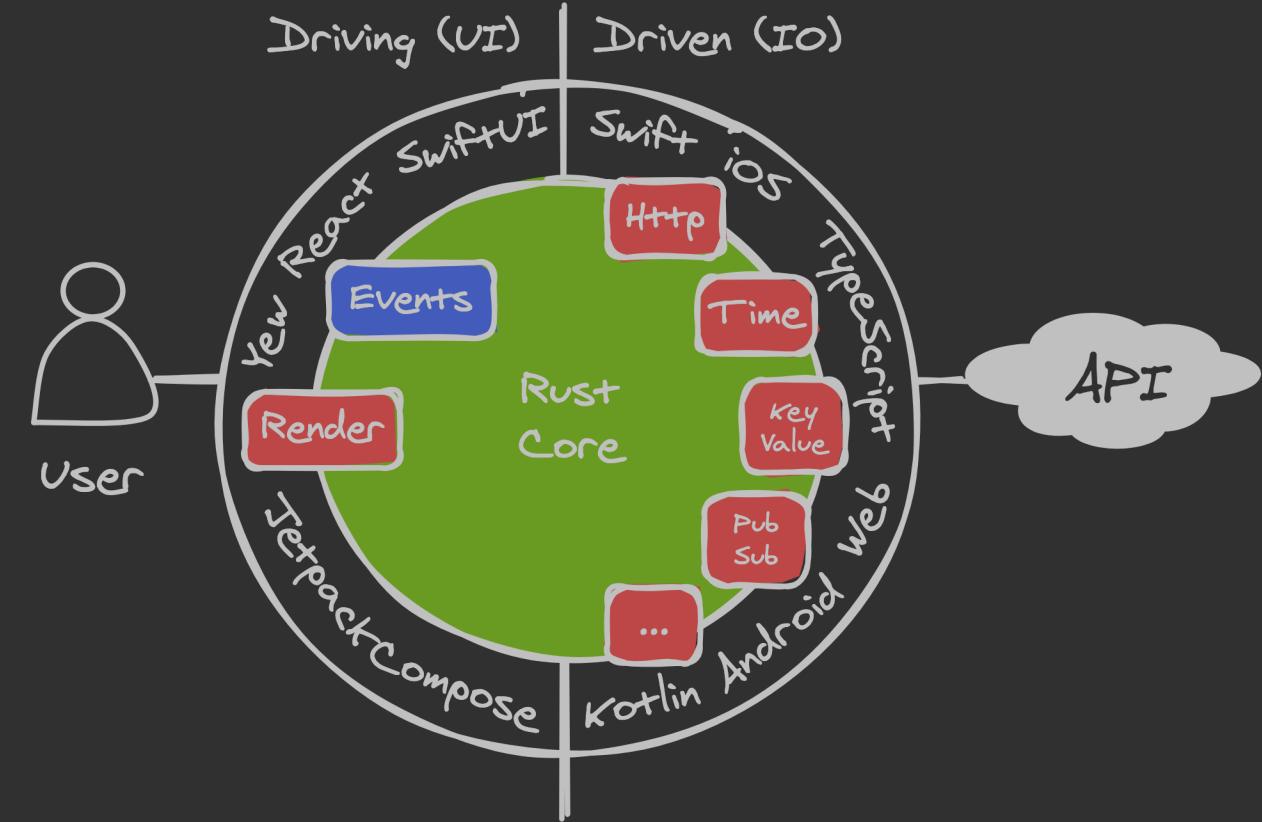
a.k.a. Headless apps

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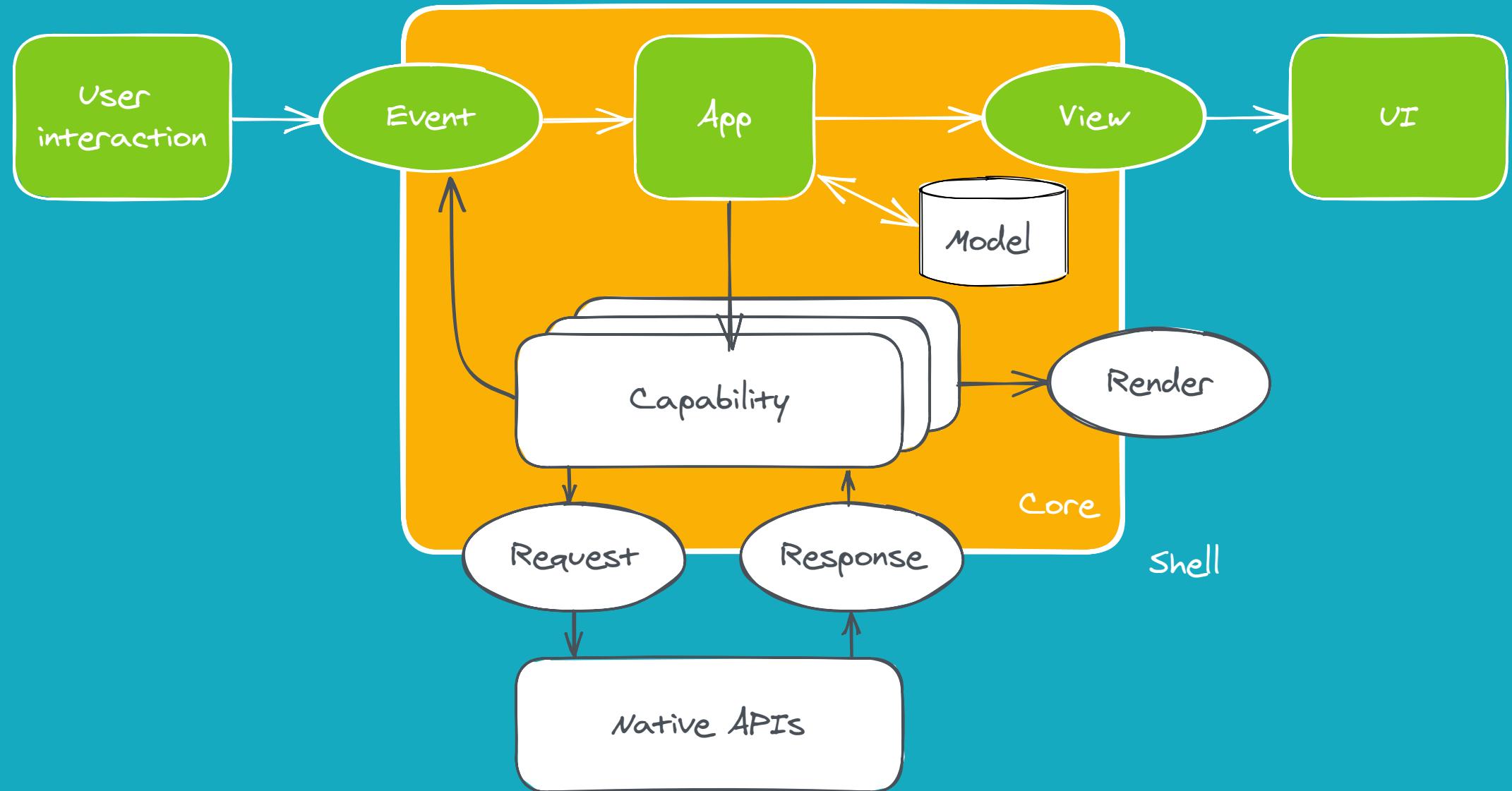


# Rust Nation '23



# Building a multi-platform app (don't @ me!)

	Platform Native	Kotlin MM	React Native	Capacitor Ionic	Flutter	Crux
Native UX	✓	✓	😐	✗	✗	✓
Web?	✗	😐	😐	✓	✓	✓
Development	😐	✓	😐	✓	✓	✓
Testing	😐	😐	😱	😱	😐	🤩
Maintenance	😐	✓	😡	😡	✓	✓
Effort	3x	2x	2x	1.5x	1.4x	1.4x



# Deep dive into Crux



Thank you!



# Why Rust?

- <https://aws.amazon.com/blogsopensource/sustainability-with-rust/>
- <https://www.wired.com/story/rust-secure-programming-language-memory-safe/>
- <https://content.red-badger.com/resources/how-to-use-rust-to-build-networked-services>
- <https://www.technologyreview.com/2023/02/14/1067869/rust-worlds-fastest-growing-programming-language>
- <https://www.techspot.com/news/97654-how-broken-elevator-led-one-most-loved-programming.html>

# Rust adoption in the enterprise

- <https://www.infoq.com/presentations/rust-adoption-journey/>
- <https://rustmagazine.org/issue-1/2022-review-the-adoption-of-rust-in-business/>
- <https://vercel.com/blog/turborepo-migration-go-rust>
- <https://opensource.googleblog.com/2023/06/rust-fact-vs-fiction-5-insights-from-googles-rust-journey-2022.html>
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# Crux

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- <https://rebdar.github.io/crux/>
- <https://red-badger.com/crux>
- [https://docs.rs/crux\\_core/latest/crux\\_core/](https://docs.rs/crux_core/latest/crux_core/)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cWCZms92-1g&t=5s>

