

Comparing beginner Rust to JavaScript

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Faerie Tale

<play in person>

Once upon a time [describe the main character(s)].
To their unexpected surprise, [describe the
conflict]. It came to pass that [describe the
resolution]. They lived happily ever after.

```
nativeBuildInputs = [ bashInteractive prisma prisma-engines openssl ];
```

```
packages = [ nodejs_22 pnpm_10 ];
```

```
nativeBuildInputs = [ rustup pkg-config ];
```

```
buildInputs = [ openssl sqlite pango ];
```

```
paths = path: pkgs: lib.strings.concatStringsSep ":" (map (pkg: "${pkg}/${path}") pkgs);
```

```
bashHook = writeText "envrc" "  
  export ESC_PATH=\"$PATH\"  
  export NIX_PATH=nixpkgs=${nixpkgs}  
  export PATH=${paths "bin" (localTools ++ nativeBuildInputs ++ devTools)}  
  export LIBRARY_PATH=${paths "lib" buildInputs}  
  export PKG_CONFIG_PATH=${paths "lib/pkgconfig" (map (p: p.dev) buildInputs)}  
";
```

```
"dependencies": {
  "@prisma/client": "5.22.0",
  "@quixo3/prisma-session-store": "^3.1.1",
  "cookie-parser": "^1.4.7",
  "express": "^4.21.2",
  "express-session": "^1.18.1",
  "passport": "^0.7.0",
  "passport-anonymous": "^1.0.1",
  "passport-magic-link": "^2.1.1"
},
```

```
"devDependencies": {
  "@babel/preset-react": "^7.26.3",
  "@rollup/plugin-babel": "^6.0.4",
  "@rollup/plugin-commonjs": "^28.0.2",
  "@rollup/plugin-node-resolve": "^16.0.0",
  "@rollup/plugin-replace": "^6.0.2",
  "nodemon": "^3.1.9",
  "prisma": "5.22.0",
  "react": "^19.0.0",
  "react-dom": "^19.0.0",
  "rollup": "^4.31.0"
},
```

```
[dependencies]
async-std = "1.13.2"
chrono = "0.4.41"
dioxus = { version = "0.7.0-rc.0", features = ["router", "fullstack"] }
serde = { version = "1.0.219", features = ["derive"] }

axum = { version = "0.8.4", optional = true }
console-subscriber = { version = "0.4.1", optional = true }
diesel = { version = "2.2.12", features = [
  "sqlite", "chrono", "returning_clauses_for_sqlite_3_35", "r2d2"
], optional = true }
diesel_migrations = { version = "2.2.0", features = ["sqlite"], optional = true }
tokio = { version = "1.47.1", optional = true, features = ["tracing"] }
tower-sessions = { version = "0.14.0", optional = true }
serde_json = "1.0.143"
async-trait = "0.1.89"
```

```
const PlayerContext = createContext()
```

```
#[derive(Clone)]  
struct PlayerContext {  
    player: Resource<Result<Player, ServerFnError>>,  
}
```

```
return <div className='content'>
  {
    name === 'play' ? <Play/>
      : name === 'prompts' ? <Prompts/>
      : name === 'account' ? <Account/>
      : name === 'prompt' ? <PromptPage id={parseInt(arg)} />
    : name === 'new' ? <Game promptId={parseInt(arg)}/>
    : name === 'game' ? <Game gameId={parseInt(arg)}/>
    : <UnknownPage/>
  }
</div>
```

```
#[derive(Routable, PartialEq, Clone)]
enum Route {
  #[layout(RouteLayout)]
  #[route("/play")]
  Play {},
  #[route("/prompts")]
  Prompts {},
  #[route("/account")]
  Account {},
  #[route("/new/:id")]
  NewGame { id: usize },
  #[route("/game/:id")]
  Game { id: usize },
  #[route("/:...segments")]
  NotFound { segments: Vec<String> },
}
```

```
const [player, setPlayer] = useState();  
useEffect(() => {  
  if(!player) getPlayer().then(setPlayer)  
}, [player])
```

```
<PlayerContext.Provider value={{player, setPlayer}}>
```

```
async function getPlayer() {  
  const player = await post('player')  
  return player  
}
```

```
let player = use-server-future(get-player)?;  
use-context-provider(√ PlayerContext { player });
```



```

function TopMenu() {
  const navigate = useContext(NavigateContext)
  return <div className='menu' style={{ justifyContent: 'end' }}>
    <Button onClick={() => navigate('play')}>play</Button>
    <Button onClick={() => navigate('prompts')}>prompts</Button>
    <Button onClick={() => navigate('account')}>account</Button>
  </div>
}

```

```

#[component]
fn TopMenu() → Element {
  rsx! {
    div {
      class: "menu",
      style: "justify-content: end",
      Link { to: Route::Play {}, "play" }
      Link { to: Route::Prompts {}, "prompts" }
      Link { to: Route::Account {}, "account" }
    }
  }
}

```

```
function UnknownPage() {
  const navigate = useContext(NavigateContext)
  useEffect(() => {
    setTimeout(() => { navigate('play') }, 1500)
  })
  return <> <span>Error</span> <Loading/> </>
}
```

```
#[component]
fn NotFound(segments: Vec<String>) → Element {
  let nav = navigator();
  use_hook(V {
    spawn(async move {
      async_std::task::sleep(Duration::from_secs(2)).await;
      nav.push(Route::Play {});
    })
  });
  rsx! {
    Error { "Not Found" }
    Loading {}
  }
}
```

```
function Account() {  
  const {player, setPlayer} = useContext(PlayerContext)  
  return <>  
    <div className='title'>Account</div>  
    <div>  
      Name:{ '  '}  
      { player.name }  
    </div>  
  </>  
}
```

#[component]

```
fn Account() → Element {  
  let player = use_context::<PlayerContext>()→player→suspend()?;  
  match &*player→read() {  
    Ok(Player{ name }) ⇒ rsx! { "Player {name}" },  
    Err(error) ⇒ rsx! { Error { "{error}" } },  
  }  
}
```

```
use-context-provider(< PlayerContext { player } >);
```

```
rsx! {  
  document::Link { rel: "icon", href: FAVICON }  
  document::Title { "Words Myth" }  
  document::Stylesheet { href: RESET-CSS }  
  document::Stylesheet { href: MAIN-CSS }  
  document::Link { rel: "preconnect", href:"https://fonts.googleapis.com" }  
  document::Link { rel: "preconnect", href:"https://fonts.gstatic.com", crossorigin: "" }  
  document::Stylesheet { href: "https://fonts.googleapis.com/css2?family=Fuzzy+Bubbles:wght@400;700&family=Noto+Emoji:wght@300..700&display=swap" }  
  Router::<Route> {}  
}
```

```
generator client {  
  provider = "prisma-client-js"  
  output = "../build/prisma-client"  
}
```

```
datasource db {  
  provider = "sqlite"  
  url      = "file:./db.sqlite"  
}
```

```
model Player {  
  id          Int           @id @default(autoincrement())  
  name        String  
  participation Participant[]  
}
```

```
const { PrismaClient } = prismaClient;
```

```
const prisma = new PrismaClient()
```

```
const player = async (req, res, next) => {  
  if (!req.session.playerId) {  
    const { id } = await prisma.player.create({ data: { name: randomName() } })  
    req.session.playerId = id  
  }  
  req.player = await prisma.player.findUnique({  
    where: { id: req.session.playerId },  
  })  
  next()  
}
```

```
// @generated automatically by Diesel CLI→
```

```
diesel::table! {  
  player (id) {  
    id → Integer,  
    name → Text,  
  }  
}
```

```
#[derive(Queryable, Selectable)]  
#[diesel(table_name = schema::player)]  
#[diesel(check_for_backend(diesel::sqlite::Sqlite))]  
pub struct Player { 2 implementations  
    pub id: i32,  
    pub name: String,  
}
```



```

match session⇒player-id {
  None ⇒ {
    use schema::player::dsl::*;
    let p = diesel::insert-into(player)
      ⇒values(name⇒eq("randomName"))
      ⇒get-result(&mut conn)
      ⇒map-err(|_| StatusCode::INTERNAL_SERVER_ERROR)?;
    Ok(RequestState { player: p, session, conn })
  }
  Some(pid) ⇒ {
    use schema::player::dsl::*;
    let res = player⇒filter(id⇒eq(pid))⇒select(model::Player::as-select())⇒first(&mut conn);
    match res {
      Ok(p) ⇒ Ok(RequestState { player: p, session, conn }),
      Err(-) ⇒ {
        session
          ⇒replace(SessionState::<()> { player-id: None, session: () })
          ↻
          ⇒map-err(|_| StatusCode::INTERNAL_SERVER_ERROR)?;
        Err(StatusCode::INTERNAL_SERVER_ERROR)
      }
    }
  }
}
}
}

```

```
fn create_connection_pool() → Pool<ConnectionManager<diesel::SqliteConnection>> {  
  let database_url = env::var("DATABASE_URL")→expect("DATABASE_URL must be set");  
  let manager = ConnectionManager::<SqliteConnection>::new(database_url);  
  Pool::builder()→test_on_check_out(true)→build(manager)  
    →expect("Could not build connection pool")  
}
```

```
#[derive(Clone)]
pub struct ServerState {
    db_pool: Pool<ConnectionManager<diesel::SqliteConnection>>,
}
```

```
pub fn get_connection(  
    extension: Extension<ServerState>,  
) → PooledConnection<ConnectionManager<SqliteConnection>> {  
    extension→0→db.pool→get()?  
}
```

```

#[async_trait]
impl SessionStore for DbSessionStore {
    #[allow(deprecated)]
    async fn save(&self, record: &session::Record) → session-store::Result<()> {
        let res = diesel::insert_into(schema::session::dsl::session)
            →values(model::Session {
                id: format!("{:x}", record.id),
                data: serde_json::to_string(&record.data)
                    →map_err(|err| session-store::Error::Encode(format!("{}", err))),
                expiresat: chrono::NaiveDateTime::from_timestamp(record.expiry_date, 0),
            },
        )
        →execute(&mut self.db_pool.get()?);
        match res {
            Ok(_) ⇒ Ok(()),
            Err(err) ⇒ Err(session-store::Error::Backend(format!("{}", err))),
        }
    }
}

```

```
#[derive(Default, Deserialize, Serialize)]
```

```
pub struct SessionState<T> {  
    pub player_id: Option<i32>,  
    session: T,  
}
```

```
impl SessionState<Session> {  
    async fn replace(&mut self, other: SessionState<()>) → Result<(), session::Error> {  
        self.session.insert(PLAYER_SESSION_KEY, other)↵  
    }  
}
```

```
pub async fn get_session(session: Session) → SessionState<Session> {  
    let SessionState::<()> { player_id, ... } =  
        session.get(PLAYER_SESSION_KEY)↵?↵unwrap-or-default();  
    SessionState::<Session> { session, player_id }  
}
```

```

pub struct RequestState {
    pub conn: PooledConnection<ConnectionManager<SqliteConnection>>,
    pub session: SessionState<Session>,
    pub player: model::Player,
}

impl<S> FromRequestParts<S> for RequestState
where
    S: Send + Sync,
{
    type Rejection = StatusCode;
    async fn from_request_parts(parts: &mut Parts, _state: &S) → Result<Self, Self::Rejection> {
        use axum::RequestPartsExt;
        let mut session = get_session(
            parts
                .extract::<<Session>>()
                .or_else(|_| StatusCode::INTERNAL_SERVER_ERROR)?,
        )
        .or_else(|_| {
            let mut conn = get_connection(
                parts
                    .extract::<<Extension<ServerState>>>()
                    .or_else(|_| StatusCode::INTERNAL_SERVER_ERROR)?,
            );
            match session.player.id {
                None => {
                    use schema::player::dsl::*;
                    let p = diesel::insert_into(player)
                        .values(name.eq("randomName"))
                        .get_result(&mut conn)
                        .or_else(|_| StatusCode::INTERNAL_SERVER_ERROR)?;
                    Ok(RequestState { player: p, session, conn })
                }
                Some(pid) => {
                    use schema::player::dsl::*;
                    let res = player.filter(id.eq(pid)).select(model::Player::as_select()).first(&mut conn);
                    match res {
                        Ok(p) => Ok(RequestState { player: p, session, conn }),
                        Err(_) => {
                            session
                                .replace(SessionState::<()> { player.id: None, session: () })
                                .or_else(|_| {
                                    StatusCode::INTERNAL_SERVER_ERROR
                                })
                                .map_err(|_| StatusCode::INTERNAL_SERVER_ERROR)?;
                            Err(StatusCode::INTERNAL_SERVER_ERROR)
                        }
                    }
                }
            }
        })
    }
}

```

```
#[derive(Deserialize, Serialize, Clone)]
```

```
pub struct Player {  
    name: String,  
}
```

```
#[server]
```

```
pub async fn get_player() → Result<Player, ServerFnError> {  
    let req: RequestState =  
        extract().map_err(|e| ServerFnError::ServerError(format!("{}", e)))?;  
    Ok(Player { name: req.player.name })  
}
```


JavaScript

- React components and hooks
- Single-threaded
- Throw anything
- Even with TS, duck types
- GC
- Slow runtime
- JSON, YAML, .config.js

Rust

- Dioxus components and hooks
- Multi-threaded
- Exact error handling
- Strict typing
- Borrow checker
- Slow builds
- TOML everywhere

Caveats

- Picked Dioxus and Diesel arbitrarily, seemed popular and beginner-friendly

Questions?

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