

functional Rust→eBPF Aya pipeline (bpfel-unknown-none):

1. BPF Linker

- **Install bpf-linker (cargo install bpf-linker) on your dev container.**
- **Configure Cargo to use bpf-linker for the BPF target (see config below).**

2. Cargo & Rustflags

- **Ensure nightly Rust toolchain (which you have!).**
- **Pass all the right flags:**
 - **-Z build-std=core,alloc for cargo build (no std!)**
 - **--target bpfel-unknown-none (explicit)**
 - **Rustflags:**
 - **-C linker=bpf-linker**
 - **-C panic=abort**
 - **-C lto=yes**
 - **-C codegen-units=1**
 - **(optionally) -C debuginfo=2 -C link-arg=--btf for BTF support**

Cargo Config Example:

In kernel/aya/lock-ebpf/.cargo/config.toml (preferred: per eBPF crate!):

[build]

target = "bpfel-unknown-none"

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linker = "bpf-linker"

rustflags = [

"-C", "panic=abort",

"-C", "lto=yes",

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"-C", "codegen-units=1",  
"-C", "debuginfo=2",  
"-C", "link-arg=--btf"  
]
```

Do NOT put this at the workspace root or all crates will try to build for BPF.
You want only the eBPF program to see these settings.

3. Build Command (as in xtask or script):

Your xtask or build script should call:

cargo +nightly build --target bpfel-unknown-none -Z build-std=core,alloc --release

- Use **--release** for optimized code (eBPF code size matters).
 - This will invoke **bpf-linker** if your config is correct.
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4. Kernel Requirements:

- **Minimum: Linux 4.18** (BTF support starts here).
 - **Best experience: 5.2+** (new BPF features, more stable CO-RE/fentry).
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5. Verification:

- Check output with file **target/bpfel-unknown-none/release/lock** — must say “ELF 64-bit LSB relocatable, eBPF, version 1”.
 - (Optional) Use **llvm-objdump -S** to see BPF instructions.
 - Try loading with **bpftool prog load ...** if you want to be certain.
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6. Custom Script / xtask Tips:

- The script should:
 - Set up the working directory so that relative paths are correct.
 - Clean output first if needed (**cargo clean**).

- Build with above flags.
- Copy the output ELF where you want (xtask usually does this!).
- Never force the whole workspace to build for BPF.
- Example snippet for an xtask:

```
let status = std::process::Command::new("cargo")
```

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.args([
    "+nightly", "build",
    "--target", "bpfel-unknown-none",
    "-Z", "build-std=core,alloc",
    "--release"
])
.current_dir("lock-ebpf")
.status()?;
```

7. Final Checklist

- Only your eBPF crate has `no_std`, special target, and linker settings.
 - `bpf-linker` is installed and in `PATH` in the container.
 - Your user-space loader is built for native (`x86_64-unknown-linux-gnu`) — never for `bpfel-unknown-none`.
 - You build your eBPF binary with the full set of flags above.
 - Your build output is a real ELF eBPF file (see above for verification).
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Summary:

You need a working per-crate Cargo config for the eBPF program (pointing to `bpf-linker`, not at the workspace root), correct build flags in xtask, and a kernel new enough for BTF and your required eBPF features.

The xtask/script just needs to invoke cargo with those flags and handle output ELF file copying