STUNIR Rust Emitters Guide

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Overview

This guide documents the Rust implementation of STUNIR's 24 semantic IR emitters. All emitters are designed to produce identical output to their Ada SPARK and Python counterparts (confluence property).

Architecture

Directory Structure

```
tools/rust/semantic_ir/emitters/
├── src/
│   ├── lib.rs                  # Main library entry point
│   ├── types.rs                # Core IR types
│   ├── base.rs                 # Base emitter trait
│   ├── visitor.rs              # IR visitor pattern
│   ├── codegen.rs              # Code generation utilities
│   ├── core/                   # Core category emitters (5)
│   │   ├── embedded.rs         # Embedded systems (ARM, AVR, RISC-V, etc.)
│   │   ├── gpu.rs              # GPU computing (CUDA, OpenCL, Metal, etc.)
│   │   ├── wasm.rs             # WebAssembly (WASM, WASI, SIMD)
│   │   ├── assembly.rs         # Assembly (x86, ARM, ARM64)
│   │   └── polyglot.rs         # Multi-language (C89, C99, Rust)
│   ├── language_families/      # Language family emitters (2)
│   │   ├── lisp.rs             # Lisp family (8 dialects)
│   │   └── prolog.rs           # Prolog family (8 dialects)
│   └── specialized/            # Specialized emitters (17)
│       ├── business.rs         # Business languages (COBOL, BASIC, VB)
│       ├── fpga.rs             # FPGA (VHDL, Verilog, SystemVerilog)
│       ├── grammar.rs          # Grammar specs (ANTLR, PEG, BNF, etc.)
│       ├── lexer.rs            # Lexer generators
│       ├── parser.rs           # Parser generators
│       ├── expert.rs           # Expert systems (CLIPS, Jess, Drools)
│       ├── constraints.rs      # Constraint programming
│       ├── functional.rs       # Functional languages
│       ├── oop.rs              # Object-oriented languages
│       ├── mobile.rs           # Mobile platforms
│       ├── scientific.rs       # Scientific computing
│       ├── bytecode.rs         # Bytecode formats
│       ├── systems.rs          # Systems programming
│       ├── planning.rs         # AI planning
│       ├── asm_ir.rs           # Compiler IRs
│       ├── beam.rs             # BEAM VM languages
│       └── asp.rs              # Answer Set Programming
├── tests/                      # Integration tests
│   ├── test_core.rs            # Core emitter tests (8 tests)
│   ├── test_language_families.rs # Language family tests (5 tests)
│   └── test_specialized.rs     # Specialized emitter tests (17 tests)
├── benches/                    # Performance benchmarks
│   └── emitter_benchmarks.rs   # Criterion.rs benchmarks
└── Cargo.toml                  # Project configuration

**Total: 24 emitters, 60+ tests**
```

Core Concepts

BaseEmitter Trait

All emitters implement the `BaseEmitter` trait:

```rust
pub trait BaseEmitter {
    /// Emit code from IR module
    fn emit(&self, ir_module: &IRModule) -> Result<EmitterResult, EmitterError>;

    /// Validate IR module structure
    fn validate_ir(&self, ir_module: &IRModule) -> bool;

    /// Compute SHA-256 hash of file content
    fn compute_file_hash(&self, content: &str) -> String;

    /// Write content to file and return generated file record
    fn write_file(
        &self,
        output_dir: &Path,
        relative_path: &str,
        content: &str,
    ) -> Result<GeneratedFile, EmitterError>;
}
```

IR Module Structure

```rust
pub struct IRModule {
    pub ir_version: String,
    pub module_name: String,
    pub types: Vec<IRType>,
    pub functions: Vec<IRFunction>,
    pub docstring: Option<String>,
}
```

Emitter Result

```rust
pub struct EmitterResult {
    pub status: EmitterStatus,
    pub files: Vec<GeneratedFile>,
    pub total_size: usize,
    pub error_message: Option<String>,
}
```

Emitter Categories

1. Core Category (5 emitters)

Embedded Systems Emitter

- **Path:** `src/core/embedded.rs`
- **Architectures:** ARM, ARM64, RISC-V, MIPS, AVR, x86
- **Output:** Bare-metal C code with linker scripts
- **Memory Safety:** Stack/heap configuration, fixed-width types

GPU Computing Emitter

- **Path:** `src/core/gpu.rs`
- **Platforms:** CUDA, OpenCL, Metal, ROCm, Vulkan
- **Output:** Compute kernels with thread indexing
- **Features:** Work group configuration, platform-specific optimizations

WebAssembly Emitter

- **Path:** `src/core/wasm.rs`
- **Targets:** WASM Core, WASI, SIMD
- **Output:** WAT (WebAssembly Text) format
- **Features:** Memory management, WASI imports

Assembly Emitter

- **Path:** `src/core/assembly.rs`
- **Architectures:** x86, x86_64, ARM, ARM64
- **Syntax:** AT&T, Intel, ARM
- **Output:** Assembly with prologue/epilogue generation

Polyglot Emitter

- **Path:** `src/core/polyglot.rs`
- **Languages:** C89, C99, Rust (2015/2018/2021 editions)
- **Output:** Multi-language code with proper headers
- **Features:** Type mapping, syntax adaptation

2. Language Families (2 emitters)

Lisp Family Emitter

- **Path:** `src/language_families/lisp.rs`
- **Dialects:** 8 (Common Lisp, Scheme, Clojure, Racket, Emacs Lisp, Guile, Hy, Janet)
- **Output:** S-expression based code
- **Features:** Dialect-specific syntax, package/module declarations

Prolog Family Emitter

- **Path:** `src/language_families/prolog.rs`
- **Dialects:** 8 (SWI, GNU, SICStus, YAP, XSB, Ciao, B-Prolog, ECLiPSe)
- **Output:** Prolog predicates and facts
- **Features:** Logic programming constructs, module system

3. Specialized Category (17 emitters)

All specialized emitters follow a consistent pattern:
- Configuration struct
- Variant enumeration
- Code generation methods
- Comprehensive testing

Usage Examples

Example 1: Embedded ARM Code Generation

```
use stunir_emitters::base::{BaseEmitter, EmitterConfig};
use stunir_emitters::core::{EmbeddedConfig, EmbeddedEmitter};
use stunir_emitters::types::{Architecture, IRModule, IRFunction, IRDataType};

// Create configuration
let base_config = EmitterConfig::new("/output/path", "my_module");
let config = EmbeddedConfig::new(base_config, Architecture::ARM);
let emitter = EmbeddedEmitter::new(config);

// Create IR module
let ir_module = IRModule {
    ir_version: "1.0".to_string(),
    module_name: "my_module".to_string(),
    types: vec![],
    functions: vec![/* ... */],
    docstring: Some("My embedded module".to_string()),
};

// Generate code
let result = emitter.emit(&ir_module)?;
println!("Generated {} files, total size: {} bytes",
         result.files.len(), result.total_size);
```

Example 2: GPU CUDA Kernel Generation

```
use stunir_emitters::core::{GPUConfig, GPUEmitter, GPUPlatform};

let base_config = EmitterConfig::new("/output/cuda", "vector_add");
let mut config = GPUConfig::new(base_config, GPUPlatform::CUDA);
config.work_group_size = (256, 1, 1);
config.compute_capability = Some("sm_75".to_string());

let emitter = GPUEmitter::new(config);
let result = emitter.emit(&ir_module)?;
```

Example 3: Polyglot C99 Generation

```
use stunir_emitters::core::{PolyglotConfig, PolyglotEmitter, PolyglotLanguage};

let base_config = EmitterConfig::new("/output/c99", "math_lib");
let config = PolyglotConfig::new(base_config, PolyglotLanguage::C99);
let emitter = PolyglotEmitter::new(config);

let result = emitter.emit(&ir_module)?;
// Generates: math_lib.h, math_lib.c
```

Testing

Running Tests

```
# Run all tests
cargo test

# Run specific category tests
cargo test --test test_core
cargo test --test test_language_families
cargo test --test test_specialized

# Run with verbose output
cargo test -- --nocapture

# Run specific test
cargo test test_embedded_arm
```

Test Coverage

```
Total Tests: 60+
- Unit tests: 30 (in src/)
- Integration tests: 30 (in tests/)
- Core category: 8 tests
- Language families: 5 tests
- Specialized: 17 tests
```

Performance Benchmarking

Running Benchmarks

```
# Run all benchmarks
cargo bench

# Run specific benchmark
cargo bench embedded_arm

# Generate HTML report
cargo bench --features html_reports
# Open target/criterion/report/index.html
```

Benchmark Results

Preliminary benchmarks show:
- **Embedded emitter:** ~50-100µs per module
- **GPU emitter:** ~80-150µs per module
- **WASM emitter:** ~60-120µs per module
- **Assembly emitter:** ~40-90µs per module
- **Polyglot emitter:** ~100-200µs per module

Note: Performance may vary based on IR complexity and output size.

Memory Safety

All Rust emitters are designed with memory safety in mind:

1. **No unsafe code:** `#![deny(unsafe_code)]` enabled
2. **Error handling:** Result types throughout
3. **Bounded buffers:** No unbounded allocations
4. **Type safety:** Strong typing for all IR structures
5. **RAII:** Automatic resource cleanup

Confluence Property

All Rust emitters maintain **strict confluence** with SPARK and Python implementations:

```
IR Module → SPARK Emitter  → Output A
          → Python Emitter → Output A
          → Rust Emitter   → Output A
```

Verification:
- Hash-based output comparison
- Character-by-character diff
- Whitespace normalization
- Deterministic generation

Error Handling

EmitterError Types

```rust
pub enum EmitterError {
    InvalidIR(String),
    WriteFailed(String),
    UnsupportedType(String),
    BufferOverflow(String),
    InvalidArchitecture(String),
    IoError(std::io::Error),
}
```

Best Practices

1. Always validate IR before emission
2. Check file write permissions
3. Handle architecture-specific errors
4. Provide detailed error messages
5. Use `?` operator for error propagation

API Documentation

Generate rustdoc documentation:

```
cargo doc --no-deps --open
```

Integration with STUNIR

Build Integration

The Rust emitters are integrated into STUNIR's build system via `scripts/build.sh`:

```
# Priority order:
1. Precompiled SPARK binaries (if available)
2. Locally built SPARK tools
3. Rust emitters (this implementation)
4. Python reference implementation
5. Shell fallback
```

Tool Selection

```
# Force Rust emitters
export STUNIR_EMITTER_IMPL=rust
./scripts/build.sh

# Auto-detect (prefers SPARK, falls back to Rust)
./scripts/build.sh
```

Future Enhancements

Phase 4 (Planned)

1. **Advanced optimizations:**
   - Inline expansion
   - Dead code elimination
   - Constant folding

2. **Extended architecture support:**
   - SPARC, Alpha, HPPA
   - Custom ISAs

3. **LLVM backend:**
   - Direct LLVM IR emission
   - Optimization passes

4. **Parallel emission:**
   - Multi-threaded code generation
   - Rayon integration

Troubleshooting

Common Issues

Issue: Build fails with "missing types"

```
cargo clean && cargo build
```

Issue: Tests timeout

```
cargo test -- --test-threads=1
```

Issue: Benchmark fails to compile

```
cargo bench --no-run
```

Contributing

Code Style

- Follow Rust naming conventions
- Use `cargo fmt` before committing
- Run `cargo clippy` for linting
- Add rustdoc comments for public APIs
- Include unit tests for new features

Pull Request Checklist

- [ ] All tests pass (`cargo test`)
- [ ] Code formatted (`cargo fmt`)
- [ ] No clippy warnings (`cargo clippy`)
- [ ] Documentation updated
- [ ] Changelog entry added
- [ ] Confluence verified with SPARK/Python

References

- **SPARK Implementation:** `tools/spark/`
- **Python Implementation:** `targets/`
- **IR Schema:** `schemas/semantic_ir_v1.json`
- **DO-178C Guidelines:** `docs/DO178C_COMPLIANCE.md`

Support

For questions or issues:
- Open an issue on GitHub
- Consult `ENTRYPOINT.md` for project structure
- Review SPARK implementation for reference

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