

Audit

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Chapter 1

Introduction

Chapter 2

ABI Distribution

The maximum number of ABIs defined in a single file.

```
by_count <- late_abi %>% group_by(crate_name) %>% summarize(n=n())  
print(max(by_count$n))
```

```
## [1] 4
```

The number of ABI occurrences in files.

Chapter 3

Improper Type Errors

We observed 16,771 type errors in foreign bindings. There were 480 unique errors which occurred for 229 unique crates. Of these crates,

There were 46 crates that globally disabled the `improper_ctypes` lint, there were 12 crates that globally disabled the `improper_types_definitions` lint, and there were 10 crates that globally disabled both lints.

There were 51 crates that selectively disabled the `improper_ctypes` lint, there were 9 crates that selectively disabled the `improper_types_definitions` lint, and there were 0 crates that selectively disabled both lints.

When combined, there were 97 crates that disabled the `improper_ctypes` in some fashion, there were 21 crates that selectively disabled the `improper_types_definitions` lint in some fashion, and there were 10 crates that disabled both lints in some fashion.

This provides us with a sample of 107 crates that hid improper type errors.

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 7
##   Category      `# Crates` `# Unique Errors` Total      Mean St.Dev Max
##   <chr>         <chr>      <chr>          <chr>      <chr> <chr> <chr>
## 1 Foreign Functions 144 / 93    14 / 14        16140 / 144~ 112.~ 473.6~ 5375~
## 2 Rust Functions   78 / 15     13 / 9         437 / 195    5.6 ~ 15.8 ~ 136 ~
## 3 Static Items     15 / 6      8 / 4          194 / 171    12.9~ 25.3 ~ 99 /~
## 4 All              229 / 107   35 / 27        16771 / 148~ 73.2~ 385.1~ 5474~

## # A tibble: 16 x 7
##   Type      Error Unique `Foreign Funct~` `Foreign Items` `Rust Functions` Total
##   <chr>    <chr>  <int>      <dbl>          <dbl>          <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 Adt     EnumN~    2          4              0              0      4
## 2 Adt     EnumN~    3          29             7             21     57
## 3 Adt     Struc~    3         8286          161            7    8454
```

##	4	Adt	Struc~	1	2	0	0	2
##	5	Adt	Union~	3	912	2	10	924
##	6	Adt	OnlyP~	1	1	0	0	1
##	7	Array	--	2	21	0	0	21
##	8	Char	--	2	19	0	0	19
##	9	Dynamic	Dyn	3	3	0	4	7
##	10	FnPtr	--	3	295	1	0	296
##	11	Int	Num12~	2	1	0	66	67
##	12	Slice	--	2	1	0	1	2
##	13	Str	--	2	0	0	4	4
##	14	Tuple	--	3	7	0	24	31
##	15	Uint	Num12~	3	4856	0	58	4914
##	16	All	--	35	14437	171	195	14803

```

# large <- function(x){
#   paste0('\textbf{', x, '}')
# }
# addtorow <- list()
# addtorow$pos <- list(0, 0)
# addtorow$command <- c("& & & \multicolumn{4}{c}{\|# Occurrences} \\\n",
# "Category & \|# Crates & \|# Unique & Total & Mean & St.Dev. & Max \\\n")
# xt_counts = xtable(
#   count_summary,
#   type = "latex",
#   digits=c(0,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,0),
# )

# align(xt_counts) <- "llcc/cccc"
# print(xt_counts,
#   include.rownames = FALSE,
#   add.to.row = addtorow,
#   file = "../latex/err_counts.tex",
#   include.colnames = FALSE,
#   sanitize.colnames.function = large,
#   floating=FALSE,
#   latex.environments=NULL
# )

# addtorow <- list()
# addtorow$pos <- list(0, 0)
# addtorow$command <- c("& & & \multicolumn{4}{c}{\|# Hidden Occurrences} \\\n",
# "Error Category & Error & \|# Unique & Foreign Functions & Foreign Items & Rust Func
# xt_type_counts <- xtable(
#   filtered,
#   type = "latex",

```

```
#  digits=c(0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0),
#  floating=FALSE,
#  latex.environments=NULL
# )
# align(xt_type_counts) <- "lllc/cccc"
# print(xt_type_counts,
#       include.rownames = FALSE,
#       add.to.row = addtorow,
#       file = "../latex/err_type_counts.tex",
#       include.colnames = FALSE,
#       sanitize.colnames.function = large,
#       floating=FALSE,
#       latex.environments=NULL
# )
```


Chapter 4

Quantitative Results

We began with a snapshot of the crates.io database taken on 12/20/2022, which contained 102,359 crates. After filtering out crates without any valid published versions, 98,501 crates remained. We ran our linting tool on this population. Prior to linting, we found that the latest version of 57 crates contained an empty archive when downloaded from crates.io. For crates with non-empty archives, 85,694 passed the early linting stage, while 12,807 failed it. Of those that passed the early linting stage, 83,533 passed the late linting stage, while 2,161 failed it. We use the subset of crates that passed both linting stages as the basis for our study, which comprises **82% of all crates** in the database. Though 474 crates that passed the late linting stage failed to compile, we still include these in our sample to avoid excluding crates that have valid Rust code but are missing dependencies that cargo cannot provide.

4.1 ABI Distribution

```
## # A tibble: 7 x 2
##   abi                `sum(count)`
##   <chr>                <dbl>
## 1 C                    84310
## 2 C-unwind              1
## 3 platform-intrinsic   46
## 4 Rust                 95021
## 5 stdcall              128
## 6 system                415
## 7 win64                 2
```

Both the early and late lints recorded the number of occurrences of each ABI for the rust functions, foreign functions, and static items declared in each crate. There were 4,155 crates that only appeared in results from the early lint. How-

ever, there were 3,437 crates that had one or more foreign ABIs that were *only* detected in the early lint.

For qualitative analysis, we focus on the subset of improper type errors that were explicitly hidden by developers that disabling the corresponding lint.