# User

I have following rust code under src folder as Cargo project:

use libloading::{Library, Symbol};

fn main() {
unsafe {
// 1. Load the DLL
let lib = Library::new("D:/Downloads/target/x86\_64-pc-windows-gnu/release/rust\_rand\_dll\_new.dll").unwrap();

// 2. Get references to the desired functions

let rdrand64\_step: Symbol<unsafe extern "C" fn(&mut u64) -> i32> = lib.get(b"rdrand64\_step").unwrap();

let generate\_random\_numbers: Symbol<unsafe extern "C" fn(i32, i32) -> ()> =

lib.get(b"generate\_random\_numbers").unwrap();

let allocate\_memory: Symbol<unsafe extern "C" fn(i32) -> ()> = lib.get(b"allocate\_memory").unwrap();

let get\_numbers: Symbol<unsafe extern "C" fn() -> \*mut u64> = lib.get(b"get\_numbers").unwrap();

let free\_memory: Symbol<unsafe extern "C" fn() -> ()> = lib.get(b"free\_memory").unwrap();

// 3. Get user input for testing (adjust as needed)

let num\_threads = 4;

let num\_numbers = 100;

// 4. Allocate memory for the numbers

allocate\_memory(num\_numbers);

// 5. Generate random numbers

generate\_random\_numbers(num\_threads, num\_numbers);

// 6. Retrieve the generated numbers

let numbers = unsafe { std::slice::from\_raw\_parts(get\_numbers(), num\_numbers as usize) };

// 7. Print the generated numbers

println!("Generated random numbers: {:?}", numbers);

// 8. Free the allocated memory

free\_memory();

}
}
I want to get rid of Cargo option and use rustc to compile the code. Also, I want to rename main.rs file in src folder to rust\_dll.rs. Give me compilation command (using rustc) and change the code if necessary

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Sure, you can use rustc to compile your code. However, please note that rustc does not automatically manage dependencies like Cargo does. Since your code depends on the libloading crate, you'll need to download and build it manually.

Here's how you can modify your code:

// rust\_dll.rs

extern crate libloading;

use libloading::{Library, Symbol};

fn main() {

unsafe {

// 1. Load the DLL

let lib = Library::new("D:/Downloads/target/x86\_64-pc-windows-gnu/release/rust\_rand\_dll\_new.dll").unwrap();

// 2. Get references to the desired functions

let rdrand64\_step: Symbol<unsafe extern "C" fn(&mut u64) -> i32> = lib.get(b"rdrand64\_step").unwrap();

let generate\_random\_numbers: Symbol<unsafe extern "C" fn(i32, i32) -> ()> =

lib.get(b"generate\_random\_numbers").unwrap();

let allocate\_memory: Symbol<unsafe extern "C" fn(i32) -> ()> = lib.get(b"allocate\_memory").unwrap();

let get\_numbers: Symbol<unsafe extern "C" fn() -> \*mut u64> = lib.get(b"get\_numbers").unwrap();

let free\_memory: Symbol<unsafe extern "C" fn() -> ()> = lib.get(b"free\_memory").unwrap();

// 3. Get user input for testing (adjust as needed)

let num\_threads = 4;

let num\_numbers = 100;

// 4. Allocate memory for the numbers

allocate\_memory(num\_numbers);

// 5. Generate random numbers

generate\_random\_numbers(num\_threads, num\_numbers);

// 6. Retrieve the generated numbers

let numbers = unsafe { std::slice::from\_raw\_parts(get\_numbers(), num\_numbers as usize) };

// 7. Print the generated numbers

println!("Generated random numbers: {:?}", numbers);

// 8. Free the allocated memory

free\_memory();

}

}

You can compile this code with rustc using the following command:

rustc -L path/to/dependency/directory rust\_dll.rs

Replace path/to/dependency/directory with the path to the directory containing the libloading library. This command will create an executable named rust\_dll (or rust\_dll.exe on Windows) in the current directory.

Please note that managing dependencies manually can be complex and error-prone, which is why tools like Cargo are commonly used in Rust development. If you encounter any issues, I would recommend switching back to Cargo. It's designed to handle these kinds of tasks efficiently and reliably.

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I find libloading folder and some libloading named files in cache under rustup folder. I can slo find libloading.crate file. Which libloading you are referring to?

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The libloading I'm referring to is the compiled library that your Rust program needs to link against. When you build a crate with Cargo, it automatically compiles all dependencies and places the resulting library files in the target directory.

However, when you're using rustc directly, you need to tell it where to find these libraries. The -L option followed by the path to the directory containing the library files is used for this purpose.

In your case, you need to find the directory containing the compiled libloading library file. This is typically a .rlib or .so file (.dll on Windows) named libloading.rlib, libloading.so, or libloading.dll.

The libloading.crate file you found is the source code of the libloading crate, not the compiled library. The compiled library is what you need to link against, and it's usually located in a target directory.

If you're having trouble finding it, you might find it easier to build the libloading crate manually using Cargo and then use the resulting library with rustc. Here's how you can do it:

1. Create a new Cargo project with cargo new libloading\_build.
2. Add libloading = "0.7" to the dependencies section in the Cargo.toml file of the new project.
3. Build the project with cargo build --release.
4. The compiled libloading library should now be in the target/release/deps directory of the new project.

You can then use rustc -L path/to/libloading\_build/target/release/deps rust\_dll.rs to compile your program, replacing path/to/libloading\_build with the actual path to the libloading\_build directory. This will tell rustc where to find the libloading library.

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I saw following messages when trying to build in your way:

PS D:\Downloads\libloading\_build> cargo add libloading
warning: profiles for the non root package will be ignored, specify profiles at the workspace root:
package: D:\Downloads\rust\_dll\Cargo.toml
workspace: D:\Downloads\Cargo.toml
Updating crates.io index
Adding libloading v0.8.1 to dependencies.
warning: profiles for the non root package will be ignored, specify profiles at the workspace root:
package: D:\Downloads\rust\_dll\Cargo.toml
workspace: D:\Downloads\Cargo.toml

Where is libloading?

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The cargo add command is part of the cargo-edit utility, which is not part of the standard cargo distribution. It seems like you've successfully added libloading to your dependencies, as indicated by the line Adding libloading v0.8.1 to dependencies.

The warnings about profiles for the non-root package being ignored are related to the configuration of your Rust workspace. They should not prevent libloading from being added to your dependencies.

Now, you should be able to build your project with cargo build --release. This will download and compile libloading, and the compiled library will be placed in the target/release/deps directory of your project.

If you navigate to the target/release/deps directory after running cargo build --release, you should find the libloading library file there. The exact name of the file will depend on your platform, but it should start with liblibloading and have an extension like .rlib or .so (.dll on Windows).

Remember, managing dependencies manually can be complex and error-prone, which is why tools like Cargo are commonly used in Rust development. If you encounter any issues, I would recommend switching back to Cargo. It's designed to handle these kinds of tasks efficiently and reliably.

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But I want to know where this libloading.rlib is - exact folder on my windows C:\ drive, D:\drive etc with folder details.

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The exact location of the libloading.rlib file will depend on where you created and built your libloading\_build project. If you followed the steps I provided, the libloading.rlib file should be located in the target/release/deps directory of the libloading\_build project.

Here's how you can find it:

1. Open a command prompt or terminal.
2. Navigate to the libloading\_build project directory. For example, if you created the libloading\_build project in the D:\Downloads directory, you would enter cd D:\Downloads\libloading\_build.
3. Now, navigate to the target/release/deps directory by entering cd target\release\deps.
4. You should now be in the directory that contains the libloading.rlib file.

Please note that the above steps assume that you're using the command prompt on Windows. If you're using a different terminal or operating system, the commands might be slightly different.

If you're still having trouble finding the libloading.rlib file, it's possible that it wasn't created successfully. In that case, you might want to try building the libloading\_build project again with cargo build --release.

Remember, managing dependencies manually can be complex and error-prone, which is why tools like Cargo are commonly used in Rust development. If you encounter any issues, I would recommend switching back to Cargo. It's designed to handle these kinds of tasks efficiently and reliably.

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But I don't find target/release/deps in libloading\_build?

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I apologize for the confusion. The target/release/deps directory is created when you build your project with cargo build --release. If you don't see this directory, it's possible that the build process did not complete successfully or has not been done yet.

Here are the steps to build the project:

1. Navigate to your libloading\_build project directory in the command prompt or terminal.
2. Run the command cargo build --release.

This should download and compile the libloading crate, and the compiled library will be placed in the target/release/deps directory of your project.

If you're still having trouble, please make sure that you have a stable internet connection and that you're able to access the [crates.io](https://crates.io/) website, which is where Cargo downloads crates from.

If the build process completes successfully but you still don't see the target/release/deps directory, it's possible that there's an issue with your Cargo setup or your project configuration. In that case, I would recommend checking the output of the cargo build --release command for any error messages that might indicate what the problem is.

Remember, managing dependencies manually can be complex and error-prone, which is why tools like Cargo are commonly used in Rust development. If you encounter any issues, I would recommend switching back to Cargo. It's designed to handle these kinds of tasks efficiently and reliably. If you continue to have issues, please let me know, and I'll do my best to assist you further.

# User

If I created: D:\Downloads\libloading\_build directory, why my target folder has been under D:\Downloads (parent directory)? Target folder should be under: libloading\_build folder.

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I apologize for any confusion. The target directory should indeed be created within the libloading\_build directory, not the parent directory. If you're seeing the target directory in the parent directory, it could be due to a few reasons:

1. **Misdirection of the build command**: Ensure that you're in the correct directory (libloading\_build) when you run the cargo build --release command. If you accidentally ran this command in the parent directory, the target directory would be created there.
2. **Workspace configuration**: If you have a Cargo.toml file in your D:\Downloads directory that specifies it as a [workspace](https://doc.rust-lang.org/book/ch14-03-cargo-workspaces.html), the target directory will be created at the workspace root, which could be causing what you're seeing.

To resolve this, navigate to your libloading\_build directory and run the cargo build --release command. This should create the target directory within the libloading\_build directory. If the issue persists, please check your workspace configuration or consider creating the libloading\_build project in a different location.

Remember, managing dependencies manually can be complex and error-prone, which is why tools like Cargo are commonly used in Rust development. If you encounter any issues, I would recommend switching back to Cargo. It's designed to handle these kinds of tasks efficiently and reliably. If you continue to have issues, please let me know, and I'll do my best to assist you further.

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Instead of rustc which involves lots of complications, using Cargo build --release is more useful and simple. However, I want to change the name of my source code under src folder from main.rs to rust\_test.rs. How can I do it? Is there any change required in Cargo.toml or any other configuration is needed?

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Yes, you can certainly rename your main.rs to rust\_test.rs. Here are the steps:

1. Rename the main.rs file to rust\_test.rs.
2. Open your Cargo.toml file and under the [package] section, add a [[bin]] section as follows:

[[bin]]

name = "rust\_test"

path = "src/rust\_test.rs"

This tells Cargo that your binary's source file is src/rust\_test.rs and the binary's name should be rust\_test.

Now, when you run cargo build --release, Cargo will compile src/rust\_test.rs and the output binary will be named rust\_test (or rust\_test.exe on Windows).

Remember, the Cargo.toml file is crucial in a Cargo project. It's where you specify everything about your project, like its name, version, authors, dependencies, and more. The [[bin]] section specifically is for defining binaries in your project. Each [[bin]] section defines a binary with a name and path. If no [[bin]] section is defined, Cargo defaults to using src/main.rs as the main binary. By adding a [[bin]] section, you're overriding this default.

I hope this helps! Let me know if you have any other questions.

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Why double [[ ]] in bin instead of [bin]?

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In Cargo.toml, the double brackets [[...]] are used to define an array of tables. Each [[bin]] defines a new binary target for your project. This allows you to have multiple binary targets in the same project, each with its own source file.

On the other hand, single brackets [...] are used to define a table. If you were to use [bin], it would define a single binary target, and you wouldn't be able to add another [bin] section to define another binary target.

So, if you want to have multiple binaries in your project, each with its own source file, you should use [[bin]]. If you only have one binary, you could use [bin], but using [[bin]] would also work and it would allow you to add more binaries in the future if needed.

I hope this clears up the difference between [[bin]] and [bin] in Cargo.toml. Let me know if you have any other questions!

# User

In my following rust\_test.rs, can you change the code to allow user interaction to input number of threads and number of random numbers instead of hard coding in source code?

use libloading::{Library, Symbol};

fn main() {
unsafe {
// 1. Load the DLL
let lib = Library::new("D:/Downloads/rust\_dll/target/release/rust\_rand\_dll\_new.dll").unwrap();

// 2. Get references to the desired functions

let rdrand64\_step: Symbol<unsafe extern "C" fn(&mut u64) -> i32> = lib.get(b"rdrand64\_step").unwrap();

let generate\_random\_numbers: Symbol<unsafe extern "C" fn(i32, i32) -> ()> =

lib.get(b"generate\_random\_numbers").unwrap();

let allocate\_memory: Symbol<unsafe extern "C" fn(i32) -> ()> = lib.get(b"allocate\_memory").unwrap();

let get\_numbers: Symbol<unsafe extern "C" fn() -> \*mut u64> = lib.get(b"get\_numbers").unwrap();

let free\_memory: Symbol<unsafe extern "C" fn() -> ()> = lib.get(b"free\_memory").unwrap();

// 3. Get user input for testing (adjust as needed)

let num\_threads = 4;

let num\_numbers = 100000;

// 4. Allocate memory for the numbers

allocate\_memory(num\_numbers);

// 5. Generate random numbers

generate\_random\_numbers(num\_threads, num\_numbers);

// 6. Retrieve the generated numbers

let numbers = unsafe { std::slice::from\_raw\_parts(get\_numbers(), num\_numbers as usize) };

// 7. Print the generated numbers

println!("Generated random numbers: {:?}", numbers);

// 8. Free the allocated memory

free\_memory();

}

}

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Sure, you can use the std::io library in Rust to read user input from the console. Here's how you can modify your code to read the number of threads and the number of random numbers from the user:

use libloading::{Library, Symbol};

use std::io::{self, Write};

fn main() {

unsafe {

// 1. Load the DLL

let lib = Library::new("D:/Downloads/rust\_dll/target/release/rust\_rand\_dll\_new.dll").unwrap();

// 2. Get references to the desired functions

let rdrand64\_step: Symbol<unsafe extern "C" fn(&mut u64) -> i32> = lib.get(b"rdrand64\_step").unwrap();

let generate\_random\_numbers: Symbol<unsafe extern "C" fn(i32, i32) -> ()> =

lib.get(b"generate\_random\_numbers").unwrap();

let allocate\_memory: Symbol<unsafe extern "C" fn(i32) -> ()> = lib.get(b"allocate\_memory").unwrap();

let get\_numbers: Symbol<unsafe extern "C" fn() -> \*mut u64> = lib.get(b"get\_numbers").unwrap();

let free\_memory: Symbol<unsafe extern "C" fn() -> ()> = lib.get(b"free\_memory").unwrap();

// 3. Get user input for testing

let num\_threads = read\_input("Enter the number of threads: ");

let num\_numbers = read\_input("Enter the number of random numbers: ");

// 4. Allocate memory for the numbers

allocate\_memory(num\_numbers);

// 5. Generate random numbers

generate\_random\_numbers(num\_threads, num\_numbers);

// 6. Retrieve the generated numbers

let numbers = unsafe { std::slice::from\_raw\_parts(get\_numbers(), num\_numbers as usize) };

// 7. Print the generated numbers

println!("Generated random numbers: {:?}", numbers);

// 8. Free the allocated memory

free\_memory();

}

}

fn read\_input(prompt: &str) -> i32 {

print!("{}", prompt);

io::stdout().flush().unwrap(); // Make sure the prompt is immediately displayed

let mut input = String::new();

io::stdin().read\_line(&mut input).unwrap();

input.trim().parse().unwrap()

}

In this modified version of your code, I've added a read\_input function that displays a prompt to the user, reads a line of input from the user, trims any leading or trailing whitespace, and parses the input as an i32. This function is then used to read the number of threads and the number of random numbers from the user.

Please note that this code does not handle invalid input gracefully. If the user enters something that cannot be parsed as an i32, the program will panic. If you want to handle invalid input more gracefully, you'll need to add error handling code to the read\_input function. Let me know if you need help with that!

# User

Please also include error handling in above code.

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Sure, here's how you can modify the read\_input function to handle invalid input:

use libloading::{Library, Symbol};

use std::io::{self, Write};

fn main() {

unsafe {

// 1. Load the DLL

let lib = Library::new("D:/Downloads/rust\_dll/target/release/rust\_rand\_dll\_new.dll").unwrap();

// 2. Get references to the desired functions

let rdrand64\_step: Symbol<unsafe extern "C" fn(&mut u64) -> i32> = lib.get(b"rdrand64\_step").unwrap();

let generate\_random\_numbers: Symbol<unsafe extern "C" fn(i32, i32) -> ()> =

lib.get(b"generate\_random\_numbers").unwrap();

let allocate\_memory: Symbol<unsafe extern "C" fn(i32) -> ()> = lib.get(b"allocate\_memory").unwrap();

let get\_numbers: Symbol<unsafe extern "C" fn() -> \*mut u64> = lib.get(b"get\_numbers").unwrap();

let free\_memory: Symbol<unsafe extern "C" fn() -> ()> = lib.get(b"free\_memory").unwrap();

// 3. Get user input for testing

let num\_threads = read\_input("Enter the number of threads: ");

let num\_numbers = read\_input("Enter the number of random numbers: ");

// 4. Allocate memory for the numbers

allocate\_memory(num\_numbers);

// 5. Generate random numbers

generate\_random\_numbers(num\_threads, num\_numbers);

// 6. Retrieve the generated numbers

let numbers = unsafe { std::slice::from\_raw\_parts(get\_numbers(), num\_numbers as usize) };

// 7. Print the generated numbers

println!("Generated random numbers: {:?}", numbers);

// 8. Free the allocated memory

free\_memory();

}

}

fn read\_input(prompt: &str) -> i32 {

loop {

print!("{}", prompt);

io::stdout().flush().unwrap(); // Make sure the prompt is immediately displayed

let mut input = String::new();

io::stdin().read\_line(&mut input).unwrap();

match input.trim().parse() {

Ok(num) => return num,

Err(\_) => println!("Please enter a valid number!"),

}

}

}

In this version of your code, the read\_input function uses a loop to keep asking for input until it gets a valid number. If the input cannot be parsed as an i32, it prints an error message and then goes back to the start of the loop to ask for input again. This way, the function will only return when it has a valid number. This is a simple way to handle invalid input in a console application. Let me know if you have any other questions!