Stylus Rust SDK overview

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To provide feedback, click the Request an update button at the top of this document to under the Arbitrum Discord, or reach out to our team directly by completing this form. This document provides an in-depth overview of the features provided by the Stylus Rust SDK. For information about deploying Rust smart contracts, see the cargo stylus CLI Tool. For a conceptual introduction to Stylus, see Stylus: A Gentle Introduction. To deploy your first Stylus smart contract using Rust, refer to the Quickstart.

The Stylus Rust SDK is built on top of Alloy, a collection of crates empowering the Rust Ethereum ecosystem. Because the SDK uses the same Rust primitives for Ethereum types, Stylus is compatible with existing Rust libraries.

info Many of the affordances use macros. Though this document details what each does, it may be helpful to us<u>eargo</u> expand to see what they expand into if you're doing advanced work in Rust. Stylus programs should use #[no_std]to avoid including the Rust standard library and keep code small. Many crates that build without the standard library make for great dependencies to use in Stylus programs, as long as the total, compressed WASM size is within the 24Kb code size limit.

Stylus VM supportsrustc 'swasm32-unknown-unknown target triple. In the future we may addwasm32-wasi too, along with floating point and SIMD, which the Stylus VM does not yet support.

Storage

Rust smart contracts may use state that persists across transactions. There's two primary ways to define storage, depending on if you want to use Rust or Solidity definitions. Both are equivalent, and are up to the developer depending on their needs.

#[solidity_storage]

The #[solidity_storage] macro allows a Rust struct to be used in persistent storage.

[solidity_storage]

pub	
struct	
Contract	
{ owner :	
StorageAddress , active :	
StorageBool , sub_struct :	
SubStruct , }	

[solidity storage]

pub

struct

SubStruct

{ // types implementing the StorageType trait. } Any type implementing the StorageType trait may be used as a field, including other structs, which will implement the trait automatically when #[solidity_storage] is applied. You can even implement StorageType yourself to define custom storage types. However, we've gone ahead and implemented the common ones.

Type Info <u>StorageBool</u> Stores a bool <u>StorageAddress</u> Stores an Alloy<u>Address StorageUint</u> Stores an Alloy<u>Lint StorageSigned</u> Stores an Alloy<u>Signed StorageFixedBytes</u> Stores an Alloy<u>FixedBytes StorageBytes</u> Stores a Solidity bytes <u>StorageString</u> Stores a Solidity string <u>StorageVec</u> Stores a vector of <u>StorageType StorageMap</u> Stores a mapping of <u>StorageType StorageType StorageArray</u> Stores a fixed-sized array of <u>StorageType EveryAlloy primitive</u> has a

corresponding<u>StorageType</u> implementation with the wordStorage before it. This includes aliases, lik<u>&torageU256</u> and <u>StorageB64</u>.

sol storage!

The types in #[solidity_storage] are laid out in the EVM state trie exactly as they are in solidity. This means that the fields of a struct definition will map to the same storage slots as they would in EVM programming languages.

Because of this, it is often nice to define your types using Solidity syntax, which makes that guarantee easier to see. For example, the earlier Rust struct can re-written to:

```
sol_storage!
{ pub
struct
Contract
{ address owner;
// becomes a StorageAddress bool active;
// becomes a StorageBool SubStruct sub_struct,}
pub
struct
SubStruct
{ // other solidity fields, such as mapping ( address => uint ) balances;
// becomes a StorageMap Delegate delegates [];
// becomes a StorageVec } The above will expand to the equivalent definitions in Rust, each structure implementing the StorageType trait. Many contracts, likeour example ERC 20, do exactly this.
```

Because the layout is identical to Solidity's, existing Solidity smart contracts can upgrade to Rust without fear of storage

tip Existing Solidity smart contracts can upgrade to Rust if they use proxy patterns. Consequently, the order of fields will affect the JSON ABIs produced that explorers and tooling might use. Most developers won't need to worry about this though and can freely order their types when working on a Rust contract from scratch.

Reading and writing storage

slots not lining up. You simply copy-paste your type definitions.

You can access storage types via getters and setters. For example, the Contract struct from earlier might access itsowner address as follows.

```
impl
Contract
{ /// Gets the owner from storage. pub
fn
owner ( & self )
->
Result < Address ,
Vec < u8
{ Ok ( self . owner . get ( ) ) }
/// Updates the owner in storage pub
```

fn

```
set_owner ( & mut
self , new_owner :
Address )
->
Result < ( ) ,
Vec < u8
{ if
  msg :: sender ( )
==
  self . owner ( ) ?
{</pre>
```

// we'll discuss msg::sender later self . owner . set (new_owner) ; } Ok (()) } In Solidity, one has to be very careful about storage access patterns. Getting or setting the same value twice doubles costs, leading developers to avoid storage access at all costs. By contrast, the Stylus SDK employs an optimal storage-caching policy that avoids the underlying SLOAD or SSTORE operations.

tip Stylus uses storage caching, so multiple accesses of the same variable is virtually free. However it must be said that storage is ultimately more expensive than memory. So if a value doesn't need to be stored in state, you probably shouldn't do it.

Collections

Collections like<u>StorageVec</u> and<u>StorageMap</u> are dynamic and have methods like<u>push</u> ,<u>insert</u> ,<u>replace</u> , and similar.

```
impl
SubStruct
{ pub
fn
add_delegate ( & mut
self, delegate:
Delegate)
Result < (),
Vec < u8
{ self . delegates . push ( delegate ) ; }
pub
fn
track_balance ( & mut
self, address:
Address)
Result < U256,
Vec < u8
```

{ self . balances . insert (address , address . balance ()) ; } } You may notice that some methods return types like <u>StorageGuard</u> and <u>StorageGuardMut</u> . This allows us to leverage the Rust borrow checker for storage mistakes, just like it does for memory. Here's an example that will fail to compile.

```
fn
mistake ( vec :
& mut
StorageVec < StorageU64
)
->
U64
{ let value = vec . setter ( 0 ) ; let alias = vec . setter ( 0 ) ; value . set ( 32 . into ( ) ) ; alias . set ( 48 . into ( ) ) ; value . get ( )
```

// uh, oh. what value should be returned? } Under the hood<u>vec.setter()</u> returns a <u>StorageGuardMut</u> instead of a<u>&mut StorageVec</u> lifetime, value and alias cannot be alive simultaneously. This causes the Rust compiler to reject the above code, saving you from entire classes of storage aliasing errors.

In this way the Stylus SDK safeguards storage access the same way Rust ensures memory safety. It should never be possible to alias Storage withoutunsafe Rust.

SimpleStorageType

You may run into scenarios where a collection's methods likeoush and insert aren't available. This is because only primitives, which implement a special trait called SimpleStorageType, can be added to a collection by value. For nested collections, one instead uses the equivalent grow and setter.

```
fn
nested vec (vec:
& mut
StorageVec < StorageU8
          )
{ let
mut inner = vec . grow ();
// adds a new element accessible viainner inner . push ( 0 . into ( ) );
// inner is a guard to a StorageVec }
fn
nested map (map:
& mut
StorageMap < u32,
StorageVec < U8
          )
{ let
mut slot = map . setter (0); slot . push (0);
```

Erase

and#[derive(Erase)]

Some<u>StorageType</u> values implement<u>Erase</u>, which provides an<u>erase()</u> method for clearing state. We've implemented<u>Erase</u> for all primitives, and for vectors of primitives, but not maps. This is because a solidity<u>mapping</u> does not provide iteration, and so it's generally impossible to know which slots to set to zero.

Structs may also be <u>Erase</u> if all of the fields are <u>#[derive(Erase)]</u> lets you do this automatically.

```
sol_storage!
```

[derive(Erase)]

```
pub
struct
Contract
{ address owner ;
// can erase primitive uint256 [] hashes ;
// can erase vector of primitive }
pub
struct
NotErase
{ mapping ( address => uint ) balances ;
// can't erase a map mapping ( uint => uint ) [] roots ;
```

// can't erase vector of maps } } You can also implemen <u>Frase</u> manually if desired. Note that the reason we care abou <u>Frase</u> at all is that you get storage refunds when clearing state, lowering fees. There's also minor implications for patterns usingunsafe Rust.

The storage cache

The Stylus SDK employs an optimal storage-caching policy that avoids the underlying or or operations needed to get and set state. For the vast majority of use cases, this happens in the background and requires no input from the user.

However, developers working withunsafe Rust implementing their own custom Storage Type collections, the Storage Cache type enables direct control over this data structure. Included areunsafe methods for manipulating the cache directly, as well as for bypassing it altogether.

Immutables and Phantom Data

So that generics are possible insol_interface! ,core::marker::PhantomData implementsStorageType and takes up zero space, ensuring that it won't cause storage slots to change. This can be useful when writing libraries.

pub
trait
Erc20Params
{ const
NAME :
& 'static
str; const
SYMBOL:

& 'static

```
str ; const

DECIMALS :

u8 ; }

sol_storage!
{ pub

struct

Erc20 < T
{ mapping ( address => uint256 ) balances ; PhantomData < T
```

phantom; } } The above allows consumers of Erc20 to choose immutable constants via specialization. See our <u>WETH sample contract</u> for a full example of this feature.

Future storage work

The Stylus SDK is currently in alpha and will improve in the coming versions. Something you may notice is that storage access patterns are often a bit verbose. This will change soon when we implement DerefMut for most types.

Methods

Just as with storage, Stylus SDK methods are Solidity ABI equivalent. This means that contracts written in different programming languages are fully interoperable. As detailed in this section, you can even automatically export your Rust contract as a Solidity interface so that others can add it to their Solidity projects.

tip Stylus programs compose regardless of programming language. For example, existing Solidity DEXs can list Rust ERC-20s without modification.

#[external]

This macro makes methods "external" so that other contracts can call them by implementing the souter trait.

[external]

```
impl
Contract
{ // our owner method is now callable by other contracts pub
fn
owner ( & self )
->
Result < Address ,
Vec < u8
{ Ok ( self . owner . get ( ) ) } }
impl
Contract
{ // our set_owner method is not pub
fn
set_owner ( & mut
self , new_owner :</pre>
```

```
Address)
->
Result < (),
Vec < u8
```

{ ... } Note that, currently, all external methods must return Result with the error typeVec. We intend to change this very soon. In the current model, Vec becomes the program's revert data, which we intend to both make optional and richly typed.

#[payable]

As in Solidity, methods may accept ETH as call value.

[external]

```
impl
Contract
```

[payable]

```
pub
fn
credit ( & mut
self )
->
Result < ( ) ,
Vec < u8
{ self . erc20 . add_balance ( msg :: sender ( ) ,</pre>
```

msg :: value ()) } } In the above,msg::value is the amount of ETH passed to the contract in wei, which may be used to pay for something depending on the contract's business logic. Note that you have to annotate the method with#[payable], or else calls to it will revert. This is required as a safety measure to prevent users losing funds to methods that didn't intend to accept ether.

#[pure]

```
,#[view], and#[write]
```

For aesthetics, these additional purity attributes exist to clarify that a method is view, orwrite. They aren't necessary though, since the <code>#[external]</code> macro can figure purity out for you based on the types of the arguments.

For example, if a method includes an&self, it's at leas<u>triew</u>. If you'd prefer it bewrite, applying#[write] will make it so. Note however that the reverse is not allowed. An&mut self method cannot be made#[view], since it might mutate state.

#[entrypoint]

This macro allows you to define the entrypoint, which is where Stylus execution begins. Without it, the contract will fail to passcargo stylus check. Most commonly, the macro is used to annotate the top level storage struct.

```
sol_storage!
{
```

[entrypoint]

pub
struct
Contract
{ ... }
// only one entrypoint is allowed pub
struct

SubStruct

{ ... } } The above will make the external methods of Contract the first to consider during invocation. In a later section we'll discuss inheritance, which will allow the #[external] methods of other types to be invoked as well.

Bytes-in, bytes-out programming

A less common usage of [entrypoint] is for low-level, bytes-in bytes-out programming. When applied to a free-standing function, a different way of writing smart contracts becomes possible, where the Rust SDK's macros and storage types are entirely optional.

[entrypoint]

```
fn
entrypoint ( calldata :

Vec < u8

)
->
ArbResult
{ // bytes-in, bytes-out programming }
```

Reentrancy

If a contract calls another that then calls the first, it is said to be reentrant. By default, all Stylus programs revert when this happens. However, you can opt out of this behavior by enabling thereentrant feature flag.

stylus

sdk

```
{ version =

"0.3.0", features =

[ "reentrant"]
```

} This is dangerous, and should be done only after careful review — ideally by 3rd party auditors. Numerous exploits and hacks have in Web3 are attributable to developers misusing or not fully understanding reentrant patterns.

If enabled, the Stylus SDK will flush the storage cache in between reentrant calls, persisting values to state that might be used by inner calls. Note that preventing storage invalidation is only part of the battle in the fight against exploits. You can tell if a call is reentrant viamsg::reentrant, and condition your business logic accordingly.

TopLevelStorage

The #[entrypoint] macro will automatically implement the TopLevelStorage trait for the annotated struct. The single type implementing TopLevelStorage is special in that mutable access to it represents mutable access to the entire program's state. This idea will become important when discussing calls to other programs in later sections.

Inheritance,#[inherit]

```
, and#[borrow] .
```

Composition in Rust follows that of Solidity. Types that implement nuter , the trait that [external] provides, can be connected via inheritance.

[external]

[inherit(Erc20)]

impl
Token
{ pub
fn
mint (& mut
self , amount :
U256)
->
Result < () ,
Vec < u8
{ ... } }

[external]

impl
Erc20
{ pub
fn
balance_of ()
->
Result < U256

 $\{ \dots \} \}$ BecauseToken inheritsErc20 in the above, ifToken has the [entrypoint], calls to the contract will first check if the requested method exists withinToken. If a matching function is not found, it will then try the Erc20. Only after trying everythingToken inherits will the call revert.

Note that because methods are checked in that order, if both implement the same method, the one inToken will override the one inErc20, which won't be callable. This allows for patterns where the developer imports a crate implementing a standard, like the ERC 20, and then adds or overrides just the methods they want to without modifying the importedErc20 type.

Inheritance can also be chained.#[inherit(Erc20, Erc721)] will inherit bothErc20 and Erc721, checking for methods in that order. Erc20 and Erc721 may also inherit other types themselves. Method resolution finds the first matching method by $\underline{\text{Depth}}$ $\underline{\text{First Search}}$.

Note that for the above to work, Token must implement Borrow. You can implement this yourself, but for simplicity **golidity** storage and sol storage provide a floor annotation.

```
sol_storage!
```

[entrypoint]

pub struct Token

[borrow]

Erc20 erc20 ; ... }
pub
struct

Erc20

{ ... } In the future we plan to simplify the SDK so that reded and so that red and so that reded and so that red an

Exporting a Solidity interface

Recall that Stylus contracts are fully interoperable across all languages, including Solidity. The Stylus SDK provides tools for exporting a Solidity interface for your contract so that others can call it. This is usually done with the cargo stylus CLI tool, but we'll detail how to do it manually here.

The SDK does this automatically for you via a feature flag calledexport-abi that causes the #[external] and #[entrypoint] macros to generate amain function that prints the Solidity ABI to the console.

cargo run

- features export - abi - - target < triple

Note that because the above actually generates amain function that you need to run, the target can't bewasm32-unknown-unknown like normal. Instead you'll need to pass in your target triple, which cargo stylus figures out for you. This main function is also why the following commonly appears in the main.rs file of Stylus contracts.

![cfg_attr(not(feature =

"export-abi"), no_main)] Here's an example output. Observe that the method names change from Rust'ssnake_case to Solidity'scamelCase . For compatibility reasons, onchain method selectors are alwayscamelCase . We'll provide the ability to customize selectors very soon. Note too that you can use argument names likeaddress without fear. The SDK will prepend an_when necessary.

interface Erc20

{ function

name ()

external

pure

returns

(string

```
memory);
function
balanceOf (address address)
external
view
returns
( uint256 );}
interface
Weth
is Erc20 { function
mint ()
external
payable;
function
burn (uint256 amount)
external; }
```

Calls

Just as with storage and methods, Stylus SDK calls are Solidity ABI equivalent. This means you never have to know the implementation details of other contracts to invoke them. You simply import the Solidity interface of the target contract, which can be auto-generated via thecargo stylus CLI tool.

tip You can call contracts in any programming language with the Stylus SDK.

sol interface!

IService, user:

Address)

```
This macro defines astruct for each of the Solidity interfaces provided.

sol_interface!
{ interface | Service
{ function makePayment ( address user ) payable returns
( string ) ; function getConstant () pure returns
( bytes32 ) }
interface | Tree
{ // other interface methods } } The above will definelService and | Tree for calling the methods of the two contracts.

For example, | Service will have amake_payment method that accepts an | Address | and returns a | B256 |.

pub
fn
do_call ( & mut
self , account :
```

```
Result < String ,

Error

{ account . make payment ( self , user )
```

// note the snake case } Observe the casing change<u>sol_interface!</u> computes the selector based on the exact name passed in, which should almost always beCamelCase . For aesthetics, the rust functions will instead usesnake_case .

Configuring gas and value with Call

Call lets you configure a call via optional configuration methods. This is similar to how one would configure opening <u>€ile</u> in Rust.

```
pub
fn
do_call ( account :
IService , user :
Address )
->
Result < String ,
Error
{ let config =
    Call :: new ( ) . gas ( evm :: gas_left ( )
    /
    2 )
// limit to half the gas left . value ( msg :: value ( ) ) ;
// set the callvalue</pre>
```

account . make_payment (config , user) } By defaul Call supplies all gas remaining and zero value, which often means Call::new() may be passed to the method directly. Additional configuration options are available in cases of reentrancy.

Reentrant calls

Contracts that opt into reentrancy via thereentrant feature flag require extra care. When thestorage-cache feature is enabled, cross-contract calls must<u>flush</u> or<u>clear</u> the <u>StorageCache</u> to safeguard state. This happens automatically via the type system.

```
sol_interface!
{ interface IMethods
{ function pureFoo ( ) pure ; function viewFoo ( ) view ; function writeFoo ( ) ; function payableFoo ( ) payable ; } }
```

[external]

```
impl
Contract
```

{ pub

fn

```
Result < (),
Vec < u8
{ Ok ( methods . pure_foo ( self ) ? )
// pure methods might lie about not beingview }
pub
fn
call_view ( & self , methods :
IMethods)
->
Result < (),
Vec < u8
{ Ok ( methods . view_foo ( self ) ? ) }
pub
fn
call_write ( & mut
self, methods:
IMethods)
->
Result < (),
Vec < u8
{ methods . view_foo ( self ) ?;
// allows pure and view methods too Ok ( methods . write_foo ( self ) ? ) }
[payable]
pub
fn
call_payable ( & mut
self, methods:
IMethods)
->
Result < (),
Vec < u8
{ methods . write_foo ( Call :: new_in ( self ) ) ? ;
// these are the same Ok ( methods . payable_foo ( self ) ? )
// -----} } In the above, we're able to pass&self and&mut self becauseContract implementsopLevelStorage, which
```

call_pure (& self , methods :

IMethods)

means that a reference to it entails access to the entirety of the contract's state. This is the reason it is sound to make a call, since it ensures all cached values are invalidated and/or persisted to state at the right time.

When writing Stylus libraries, a type might not be<u>TopLevelStorage</u> and therefore&self or&mut self won't work. Building a<u>Call</u> from a generic parameter vianew in is the usual solution.

```
pub
fn
do call (storage:
& mut
impl
TopLevelStorage,
// can be generic, but often just &mut self account :
IService,
// serializes as an Address user :
Address,)
Result < String,
Error
let config =
Call:: new in (storage)
// take exclusive access to all contract storage . gas ( evm :: gas left ( )
2)
// limit to half the gas left . value ( msg :: value ( ) ) ;
// set the callvalue
account . make_payment ( config , user )
```

// note the snake case } Note that in the context of ar#[external] call, the&mut impl argument will correctly distinguish the method as beingwrite orpayable. This means you can write library code that will work regardless of whether the reentrant feature flag is enabled.

Note too that <u>Call::new_in</u> should be used instead of <u>Call::new</u> since the former provides access to storage. Code that previously compiled with reentrancy disabled may require modification in order to type-check. This is done to ensure storage changes are persisted and that the storage cache is properly managed before calls.

call

```
,static_call, anddelegate_call
```

Thoughsol interface! and Call form the most common idiom to invoke other contracts, their underlying all and static call are exposed for direct access.

```
let return data =
```

call (Call :: new () , contract , call_data) ? ; In each case the calldata is supplied as $\underline{\texttt{dec}}$. The return result is either the raw return data on success, or a call $\underline{\texttt{Error}}$ on failure.

<u>delegate_call</u> is also available, though it'sunsafe and doesn't have a richly-typed equivalent. This is because a delegate call must trust the other contract to uphold safety requirements. Though this function clears any cached values, the other contract may arbitrarily change storage, spend ether, and do other things one should never blindly allow other contracts to

transfer eth

This method provides a convenient shorthand for transferring ether.

Note that this method invokes the other contract, which may in turn call others. All gas is supplied, which the recipient may burn. If this is not desired, the <u>call</u> function may be used instead.

```
transfer_eth ( recipient , value ) ?;
// these two are equivalent
call ( Call :: new ( ) . value ( value ) , recipient ,
& [ ] ) ?;
// these two are equivalent
```

RawCall

andunsafe calls

Occasionally, an untyped call to another contract is necessary RawCall lets you configure anunsafe call by calling optional configuration methods. This is similar to how one would configure opening a File in Rust.

```
let data =

RawCall :: new_delegate ( )

// configure a delegate call . gas ( 2100 )

// supply 2100 gas . limit_return_data ( 0 ,

32 )

// only read the first 32 bytes back . flush_storage_cache ( )

// flush the storage cache before the call . call ( contract , calldata ) ? ;

// do the call Note that the call method is unsafe when reentrancy is enabled. See flush_storage_cache and clear_storage_cache for more information.
```

RawDeploy

andunsafe deployments

Right now the only way to deploy a contract from inside Rust is to us<u>RawDeploy</u>, similar to<u>RawCall</u>. As with<u>RawCall</u>, this mechanism is inherently unsafe due to reentrancy concerns, and requires manual management of the <u>StorageCache</u>.

Note that the EVM allows init code to make calls to other contracts, which provides a vector for reentrancy. This means that this technique may enable storage aliasing if used in the middle of a storage reference's lifetime and if reentrancy is allowed.

When configured with asalt <u>RawDeploy</u> will use <u>CREATE2</u> instead of the default <u>CREATE</u>, facilitating address determinism.

Events

Emitting Solidity-style events is supported out-of-the-box with the Rust SDK. They can be defined in Solidity syntax using Alloy's sol! macro, and then used as input arguments to even::log. The function accepts any type that implements Alloy's SolEvent trait.

```
sol!
```

```
\{ event\ Transfer\ ( \ address\ indexed\ from\ ,\ address\ indexed\ to\ ,\ uint256\ value\ )\ ;\ event\ Approval\ ( \ address\ indexed\ owner\ ,\ address\ indexed\ spender\ ,\ uint256\ value\ )\ ;\ \}
```

fn

foo()

```
{ ... evm :: log ( Transfer

{ from :

Address :: ZERO , to : address , value , } ) ; } The SDK also exposes a low-levedvm::raw_log that takes in raw bytes and topics:

/// Emits an evm log from combined topics and data. The topics come first. fn

emit_log ( bytes :

& [ u8 ] , topics :

usize )
```

EVM affordances

The SDK contains several modules for interacting with the EVM, which can be imported like so.

```
use
stylus_sdk :: { block , contract , crypto , evm , msg , tx } ;
let callvalue =
```

msg :: value () ; Rust SDK Module Description<u>block</u> block info for the number, timestamp, etc. <u>contract</u> contract info, such as its address, balance <u>crypto</u> VM accelerated cryptography <u>evm</u> ink / memory access functions<u>msg</u> sender, value, and reentrancy detection <u>tx</u> gas price, ink price, origin, and other tx-level info<u>Edit this page</u> Last updatedonMar 22, 2024 <u>Previous Opcode and host I/O pricing Next Stylus SDK repositories</u>