

Primitive Data Types

The Stylus SDK makes use of the popular Alloy library (from the developers of ethers-rs and Foundry) to represent various native Solidity types as Rust types and to seamlessly convert between them when needed. These are needed since there are a number of custom types (like address) and large integers that are not natively supported in Rust.

In this section, we'll focus on the following types:

- U256
- I256
- Address
- Boolean
- Bytes

More in-depth documentation about the available methods and types in the Alloy library can be found in their docs. It also helps to cross-reference with Solidity docs if you don't already have a solid understanding of those types.

Learn More

- [Alloy docs \(v0.7.6\)](#)
- - [Address](#)
- - [Signed](#)
- - [Uint](#)
- [Stylus Rust SDK](#)
- - [Bytes](#)
- [Solidity docs \(v0.8.19\)](#)

Integers

Alloy defines a set of convenient Rust types to represent the typically sized integers used in Solidity. The type `U256` represents a 256-bit unsigned integer, meaning it cannot be negative. The range for a `U256` number is 0 to $2^{256} - 1$.

Negative numbers are allowed for `I` types, such as `I256`. These represent signed integers.

- U256
- `maps::tuint256`
- ...I256
- `maps::toint256`
- U128
- `maps::tuint128`
- ...I128
- `maps::toint128`
- ...
- U8
- `maps::tuint8`
- ...I8
- `maps::toint8`

Integer Usage

note This code has yet to be audited. Please use at your own risk. // Unsigned let eight_bit :

U8

=

U8 :: from (1) ; let two_fifty_six_bit :

U256

=

U256 :: from (0xff_u64) ;

```
// Out: Stylus says: '8-bit: 1 | 256-bit: 255' console! ( "8-bit: {} | 256-bit: {}" , eight_bit , two_fifty_six_bit ) ;
```

```
// Signed let eight_bit :
```

```
l8
```

```
=
```

```
l8 :: unchecked_from ( - 1 ) ; let two_fifty_six_bit :
```

```
l256
```

```
=
```

```
l256 :: unchecked_from ( 0xff_u64 ) ;
```

```
// Out: Stylus says: '8-bit: -1 | 256-bit: 255' console! ( "8-bit: {} | 256-bit: {}" , eight_bit , two_fifty_six_bit ) ;
```

Expanded Integer Usage

```
// Use try_from if you're not sure it'll fit let a =
```

```
l256 :: try_from ( 20003000 ) . unwrap ( ) ; // Or parse from a string let b =
```

```
"100" . parse :: < l256
```

```
( ) . unwrap ( ) ; // With hex characters let c =
```

```
"-0x138f" . parse :: < l256
```

```
( ) . unwrap ( ) ; // Underscores are ignored let d =
```

```
"1_000_000" . parse :: < l256
```

```
( ) . unwrap ( ) ;
```

```
// Math works great let e = a * b + c - d ; // Out: Stylus says: '20003000 * 100 + -5007 - 1000000 = 1999294993' console! ( "{}  
* {} + {} - {} = {}" , a , b , c , d , e ) ;
```

```
// Useful constants let f =
```

```
l256 :: MAX ; let g =
```

```
l256 :: MIN ; let h =
```

```
l256 :: ZERO ; let i =
```

```
l256 :: MINUS_ONE ;
```

```
// Stylus says: '5789...9967, -5789...9968, 0, -1' console! ( "{f}, {g}, {h}, {i}" ) ; // As hex: Stylus says: '0x7fff...ffff,  
0x8000...0000, 0x0, 0xffff...ffff' console! ( "{: #x}, {: #x}, {: #x}, {: #x}" , f , g , h , i ) ;
```

Address

Ethereum addresses are 20 bytes in length, or 160 bits. Alloy provides a number of helper utilities for converting to addresses from strings, bytes, numbers, and addresses.

Address Usage

```
// From a 20 byte slice, all 1s let addr1 =
```

```
Address :: from ( [ 0x11 ;
```

```
20 ] ) ; // Out: Stylus says: '0x1111111111111111111111111111111111111111111111111111111111111111' console! ( "{addr1}" ) ;
```

```
// Use the address! macro to parse a string as a checksummed address let addr2 =
```

```
address! ( "d8da6bf26964af9d7eed9e03e53415d37aa96045" ) ; // Out: Stylus says:  
'0xd8dA6BF26964aF9D7eEd9e03E53415D37aA96045' console! ( "{addr2}" ) ;
```

```
// Format compressed addresses for output // Out: Stylus says: '0xd8dA...6045' console! ( "{addr2: #}" ) ;
```

Boolean

Use native Rust primitives where it makes sense and where no equivalent Alloy primitive exists.

Boolean Usage

```
let frightened :
bool
=
true ; // Out: Stylus says: 'Bool Did I scare you?' console! ( "Bool Did I scare you?" ) ;
let response =
match frightened { true
=>
"Yes!" . to_string ( ) , false
=>
"No!" . to_string ( ) , } ;
// Out: Stylus says: 'Yes!' console! ( "{response}" ) ;
```

Bytes

The Stylus SDK provides this wrapper type around `Vec` to represent a bytes value in Solidity.

```
let vec =
vec! [ 108 ,
27 ,
56 ,
87 ] ; let b =
Bytes :: from ( vec ) ; // Out: Stylus says: '0x6c1b3857' console! ( String :: from_utf8_lossy ( b . as_slice ( ) ) ) ;
let b =
Bytes :: from ( b"Hello!" . to_vec ( ) ) ; // Out: Stylus says: 'Hello!' console! ( String :: from_utf8_lossy ( b . as_slice ( ) ) ) ;
Note: Return the Bytes type on your Rust function if you want to return the ABI bytes memory type.
```

Boilerplate

src/lib.rs

#![cfg_attr(not(any(feature =

```
"export-abi" , test)), no_main)] extern
crate
alloc ; use
alloc :: { string :: ToString ,
vec :: Vec } ;
use
stylus_sdk :: { alloy_primitives :: { address ,
```

```
Address ,  
I256 ,  
I8 ,  
U256 ,  
U8 } , console ,  
prelude :: * ,  
ArbResult } ;
```

[storage]

[entrypoint]

```
pub  
struct  
Data  
{  
}
```

[public]

```
impl  
Data  
{ fn  
user_main ( _input :  
Vec < u8  
    )  
->  
ArbResult  
{ // Use native Rust primitives where they make sense // and where no equivalent Alloy primitive exists let frightened :  
bool  
=  
true ; // Out: Stylus says: 'Bool Did I scare you?' console! ( "Bool Did I scare you?" ) ;  
let _response =  
match frightened { true  
=>  
"Yes!" . to_string ( ) , false  
=>  
"No!" . to_string ( ) , } ;  
// Out: Stylus says: 'Yes!' console! ( "{_response}" ) ;  
  
// U256 stands for a 256-bit unsigned integer, meaning it cannot be // negative. The range for a U256 number is 0 to 2^256 -
```

1. Alloy provides // a set of unsigned integer types to represent the various sizes available // in the EVM. // U256 maps to uint256 // U128 maps to uint128 // ... // U8 maps to uint8 let _eight_bit :

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=

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U256

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=

I8 :: unchecked_from (- 1) ; let _two_fifty_six_bit :

I256

=

I256 :: unchecked_from (0xff_u64) ;

// Out: Stylus says: '8-bit: -1 | 256-bit: 255' console! ("8-bit: {} | 256-bit: {}" , _eight_bit , _two_fifty_six_bit) ;

// Additional usage of integers

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() . unwrap () ; // With hex characters let c =

"-0x138f" . parse :: < I256

() . unwrap () ; // Underscores are ignored let d =

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() . unwrap () ;

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I256 :: MAX ; let _g =

I256 :: MIN ; let _h =

I256 :: ZERO ; let _i =

I256 :: MINUS_ONE ;

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```
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// Format compressed addresses for output // Out: Stylus says: '0xd8dA...6045' console! ( "{_addr2:#}" ) ;  
  
Ok ( Vec :: new ( ) ) } }
```

Cargo.toml

```
[ package ] name
=
"stylus_data_example" version
=
"0.1.7" edition
=
"2021" license
=
"MIT OR Apache-2.0" keywords
=
[ "arbitrum" ,
"ethereum" ,
"stylus" ,
"alloy" ]
[ dependencies ] alloy-primitives
=
"=0.7.6" alloy-sol-types
=
"=0.7.6" mini-alloc
=
"0.4.2" stylus-sdk
=
"0.6.0" hex
=
"0.4.3"
[ dev-dependencies ] tokio
=
{
version
=
"1.12.0" ,
```

features

=

["full"]

} ethers

=

"2.0" eyre

=

"0.6.8"

[features] export-abi

=

["stylus-sdk/export-abi"]

[lib] crate-type

=

["lib" ,

"cdylib"]

[profile.release] codegen-units

=

1 strip

=

true lto

=

true panic

=

"abort" opt-level

=

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