Rust

for JS/TS developers



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Open source hooliganism and the TypeScript meltdown

Types in the past

```
int main() {
  int x = 0;
  long int y = (long) x;
  println("%d", y);
}
```

- 1. slow to compile
- 2. type inference wasn't a thing
- 3. tooling

```
unresolved external symbol "void cdecl
importStoredClients(class
std::basic fstream<char,struct std::char traits<char> > const
&, class
std::vector<class Client,class std::allocator<class Client> >
&)"(?
importStoredClients@@YAXABV?$basic fstream@DU?
$char traits@D@std@@astd@@AAV?
$vector@VClient@@V?$allocator@VClient@@@std@@@2@@Z)
referenced in function
main DataTracker
```

1 + "2" == 3

Undefined is not a function

2. Types of Typings

Structural Typing (Typescript, OCaml, ...)

```
type Foo = { x: number, y: string };
type Bar = { x: number };
let x: Foo = { x: 1, y: "hello" };
// works
let y: Bar = x;
console.log(y)
// => { x: 1, y: "hello" }
```

Nominal Typing (Rust, C/C++, ...)

```
struct Foo { x: i32, y: String };
struct Bar { x: i32 };
fn main() {
 let x: Foo = Foo { x: 1, y: "hello".to_string() };
 // this would not compile
 // let y: Bar = x;
 // works (explicit conversion needs to be defined)
 let y: Bar = x.into();
```

What makes Rust good?

"If it compiles, it works"

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not to be taken literally

it's how strongly typed programming feels

"Making illegal states unrepresentable"

1. Types, but comfortably

"Making illegal states unrepresentable"

```
let list: Vec<u32> =
  vec![1u32, 2u32, 3u32]
    .iter()
    .map(|v: u32| v + 1)
    .collect::<Vec<u32>>()
```

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integer types are easily inferred
(u8, 16, u32, ...)
```

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closure arguments are inferred 99% of the time

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    .collect::<Vec<u32>>()
```

```
let list: Vec<u32> =
  vec![1, 2, 3]
    .iter()
    .map(|v| v + 1)
    .collect::<Vec<_>>()
```

elements in collections are inferred 99% of the time

```
let list: Vec<u32> =
  vec![1u32, 2u32, 3u32]
    .iter()
    .map(|v: u32| v + 1)
    .collect::<Vec<u32>>()
```

```
let list: Vec<u32> =
  vec![1, 2, 3]
    .iter()
    .map(|v| v + 1)
    .collect()
```

actually, the entire collect type and list type are redundant

```
let list: Vec<u32> =
  vec![1u32, 2u32, 3u32]
    .iter()
    .map(|v: u32| v + 1)
    .collect::<Vec<u32>>()
```

```
let list: Vec<_> =
  vec![1, 2, 3]
    .iter()
    .map(|v| v + 1)
    .collect()
```

and the Vec element itself is inferred from numbers

"Making illegal states unrepresentable"

Type inference eliminates most noise.

Exceptions: function headers; ambiguity.

```
fn increment_and_dedup(v: Vec<u32>) -> HashSet<u32> {
   v.iter().map(|v| v + 1).collect()
}
```

2. Borrow checker

Ownership and References

```
type Foo = { x: number };

function add(foo: Foo) {
  foo.x += 1;
}

error[E0594]: cannot assign to foo.x, as
  foo is not declared as mutable
```

Ownership and References

```
type Foo = { x: number };

function add(foo: Foo) {
  foo.x += 1;
}

error[E0594]: cannot assign to foo.x,
  which is behind a & reference
```

Ownership and References

```
type Foo = { x: number };

function add(foo: Foo) {
  foo.x += 1;
}

struct Foo { x: &mut u32 }

fn add(foo: mut Foo) {
  foo.x += 1;
}
```

3. Algebraic types

Product types

when you have one thing AND another thing

```
struct Rectangle {
  width: u32,
  height: u32
}
```

Sum types

when you have one thing OR another thing

```
enum Option<T> {
    None,
    Some(T)
}
enum Result<T, E> {
    Ok(T),
    Err(E)
}
```

3. Zero cost abstractions

"Making illegal states unrepresentable"

The ability to use higher-level features without incurring additional runtime cost.

The trade-off: compile-time complexity

4. Tooling

TODO rust-analyzer screenshot

TODO cargo



What's "built with Rust"?

just

```
alias b := build
host := `uname -a`

# build main
build:
    cc *.c -o main

# test everything
test-all: build
    ./test --all

# run a specific test
test TEST: build
    ./test --test {{TEST}}

: just -l

Available recipes:
    build # build main
    b # alias for `build`
    test TEST # run a specific test
test-all # test everything

: 

# run a specific test
test TEST: build
    ./test --test {{TEST}}
```

delta

```
<u>redis-cli.c</u>
static sds cliReadLine(int fd) {
              while(1) {
                  char c;
     138
                  ssize_t ret;
                  if (read(fd,&c,1) == -1) {
                  ret = read(fd, &c, 1);
    : 140
    141
                  if (ret == -1) {
                      sdsfree(line);
                      return NULL;
                  } else if (c == '\n') {
                  } else if ((ret == 0) || (c == '\n')) {
    : 144
                      break;
                  } else {
                      line = sdscatlen(line,&c,1);
```

Typst

```
#set page(width: 10cm, height: auto)
#set heading(numbering: "1.")
= Fibonacci sequence
The Fibonacci sequence is defined through the
recurrence relation F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}.
It can also be expressed in _closed form:_
$ F_n = round(1 / sqrt(5) phi.alt^n), quad
 phi.alt = (1 + sqrt(5)) / 2 $
#let count = 8
\#let nums = range(1, count + 1)
\#let fib(n) = (
 if n <= 2 { 1 }
 else { fib(n-1) + fib(n-2) }
The first #count numbers of the sequence are:
#align(center, table(
 columns: count,
  ..nums.map(n => F_{ms}),
  ..nums.map(n \Rightarrow str(fib(n))),
))
```

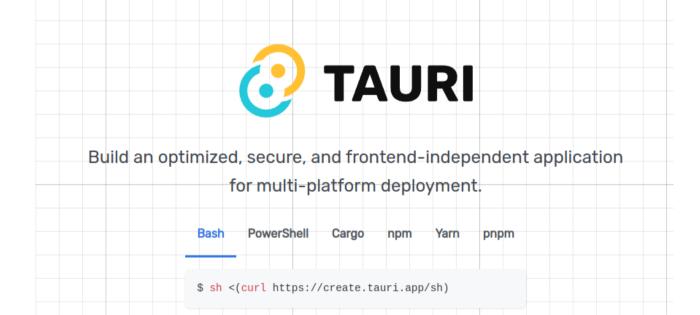
1. Fibonacci sequence

The Fibonacci sequence is defined through the recurrence relation $F_n=F_{n-1}+F_{n-2}.$ It can also be expressed in *closed form*:

$$F_n = \left\lfloor \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \phi^n \right
vert, \quad \phi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

The first 8 numbers of the sequence are:

F_1	F_2	F_3	F_4	F_5	F_6	F_7	F_8
1	1	2	3	5	8	13	21

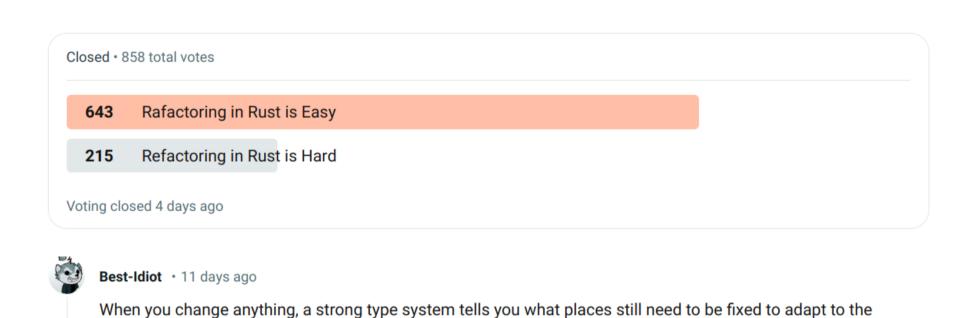


Quick Start

Why NOT Rust?

Refactoring is a slog

(Fact Checking)







Compare this to something like python, where you won't know that you missed changing something until you get a runtime exception for it, which sometimes might be missed until it's live in production.



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