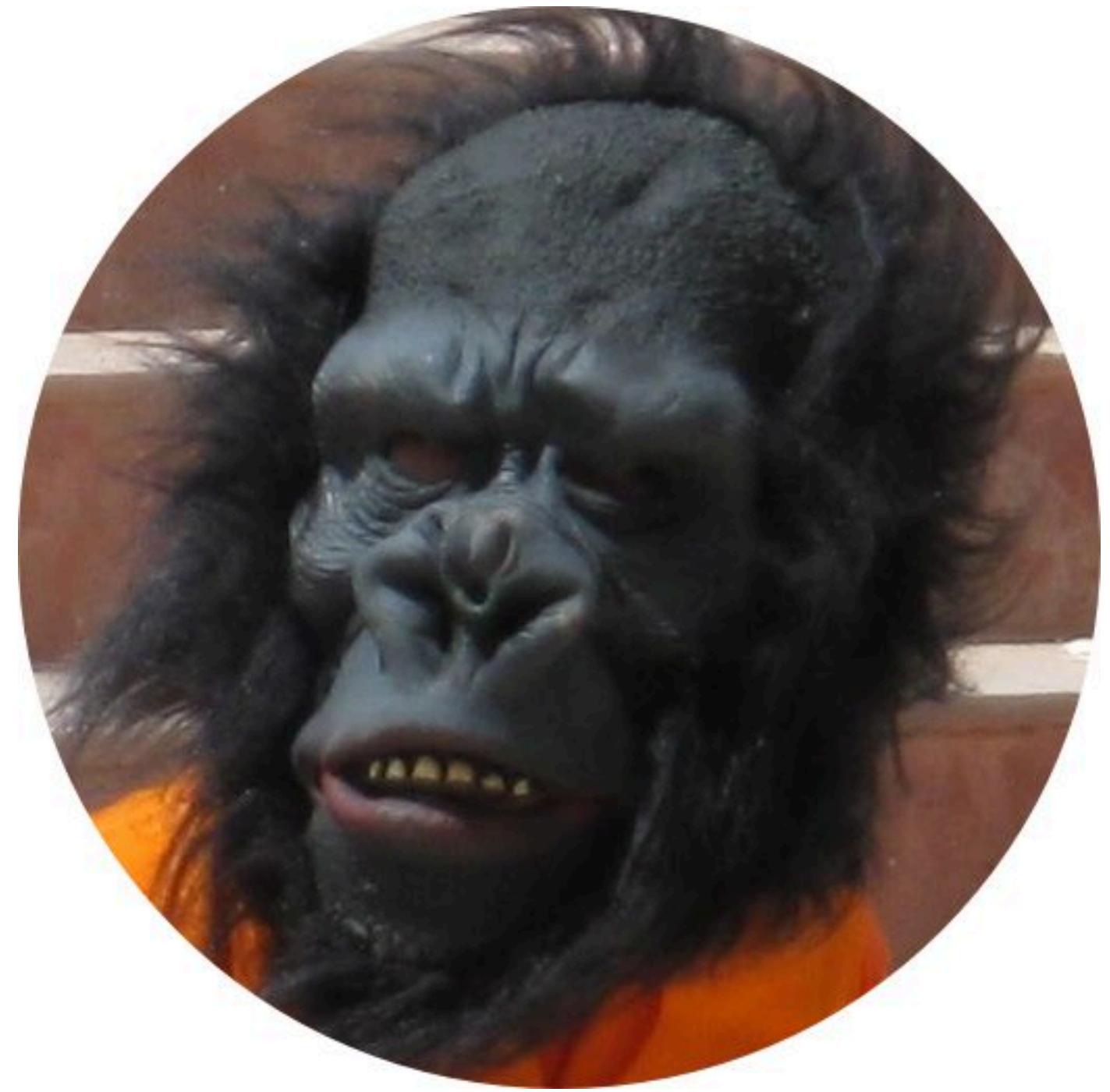


ETERNAL SUNSHINE OF THE RASTAFMT'ED MIND





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WHY FORMAT?

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Developer

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Ecosystem

FORMATTING IS HARD

```
fn foo() { }
```

```
fn foo() {  
    ...  
}
```

```
fn foo();
```

```
fn foo() -> String {  
    ...  
}
```

```
fn foo() -> Result<&'_ str, some::Err<String>> {  
    ...  
}
```

```
pub fn foo() -> String {  
    ...  
}
```

```
pub(super) fn foo() -> String {  
    ...  
}
```

```
# [inline]
fn foo() -> String {
    ...
}
```

```
fn foo(x: String) -> String {  
    ...  
}
```

```
fn foo(  
    &self,  
    x: String,  
    y: String,  
    z: String,  
) -> String {  
    ...  
}
```

```
fn foo(  
    Foo { mut x, y, .. }: Foo<String>,  
) -> String {  
    ...  
}
```

```
fn foo<T>(x: T) -> String {  
    ...  
}
```

```
fn foo<T: Into<String>>(x: T) -> String {  
    ...  
}
```

```
fn foo<  
    T: for'a > Fn(&'a (u8, u16)) -> &'a u8,  
> (x: T) -> String {  
    ...  
}
```

```
fn foo(x: impl Into<String>) -> String {  
    ...  
}
```

```
fn foo<'a>(x: &'a str) -> String {  
    ...  
}
```

```
fn foo<const N: usize>(x: [i32; N]) -> String
{
    ...
}
```

```
fn foo<'a, T, U>(x: &'a (T, U)) -> String {  
    ...  
}
```

```
fn foo<  
    'a: 'static,  
    T: Into<String>,  
    U: Iterator<Item = String>,  
> (x: &'a (T, U)) -> String {  
    ...  
}
```

```
fn foo<'a, T, U>(x: &'a (T, U)) -> String  
where  
  'a: 'static,  
  T: Into<String>,  
  U: Iterator<Item = String>,  
{  
  ...  
}
```

```
fn  mod  struct  
enum trait  
impl type use  
const static  
macro_rules!
```

...

```
self.result.push_str(&self.text[start..end]);
```

```
self.result.push_str(&self.text[start..end]);  
      ^^          ^^          ^^^          ^^          ^^          ^  ^    ^^^^
```

```
self.result.push_str(&self.text[start..end]);  
          ^^           ^^           ^^^^          ^^           ^^           ^  ^    ^^^^
```

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```
self.result.push_str(  
    &self.text[start..end],  
);
```

```
self.  
    result.  
    push_str(&self.text[start..end]) ;
```

```
self
    .result
    .push_str(&self.text[start..end]);
```

```
self
    .result
    .push_str(
        &self.text[start..end],
    ) ;
```

```
self
    .result
    .push_str(
        &self.text[
            start..end
        ],
    );
}
```

```
self.result.push_str(&self  
    .text[start..end]);
```



```
fn foo() {  
    println!("hello!");  
}
```

```
fn foo() {  
    println!("hello!");  
}
```

```
fn foo() {  
    ... println!("hello!");  
}
```

```
fn foo() {  
    → println!("hello!");  
}
```

SEMANTICS PRESERVATION

```
foo(a_long_arg, another_long_arg);
```

```
foo(  
    a_long_arg,  
    another_long_arg  
) ;
```

```
foo(  
    a_long_arg,  
    another_long_arg,  
) ;
```

```
foo(a_long_arg, another_long_arg, );
```

(42 ,)

a_macro! (42,)

use:: { b, a, c } ;

use:: { a, b, c } ;

```
match {  
    Some(s) => { s }  
    None => { panic!() }  
}
```

```
match {  
    Some(s) => s,  
    None => panic!(),  
}
```

try! (foo())

foo()?

```
let matrix = [
    0.0,      1.0, 10.1,
    10.0, 100.0, 0.1,
    0.0,      1.0, 10.1,
];
```

```
let matrix = [  
    0.0,      1.0, 10.1,  
    10.0, 100.0, 0.1,  
    0.0,      1.0, 10.1,  
];
```

```
let matrix = [  
    0.0, 1.0, 10.1,  
    10.0, 100.0,  
    0.1, 0.0, 1.0,  
    10.1,  
];
```

COMMENTS

```
foo( // comments can be anywhere
      a_long_arg,
      another_long_arg
) ;
```

```
fn foo( // here
&self /* or here */ ,
/* or here */x: String,
y/* or here */: String,
z/* or here */ String,
) -> /* or here */ String {
    ...
}
```

```
fn foo( // here
&self /* or here */,
/* or here */x: String,
y/* or here */: String,
z/* or here */ String,
) -> /* or here */ String {
    ...
}
```

```
fn foo( // here &self,
        /* or here */x: String,
        y/* or here */: String,
        z/* or here */ String,
    ) -> /* or here */ String {
    ...
}
```

```
foo(  
    a, // comment about a  
    b,  
) ;
```

```
foo(  
    a, // comment about a  
    b,  
) ;
```

```
foo(  
    a,  
    // comment about a?  
    b,  
) ;
```

SUCCESS

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Success requires whole-ecosystem adoption

TWO STORIES

Technical

Social

THE STYLE RFC PROCESS

STYLE RFC PROCESS

Separate specification from implementation

STYLE RFC PROCESS

Style RFCs

Style team

Well-defined

STYLE RFC PROCESS

Open

Consensus-based

Thorough

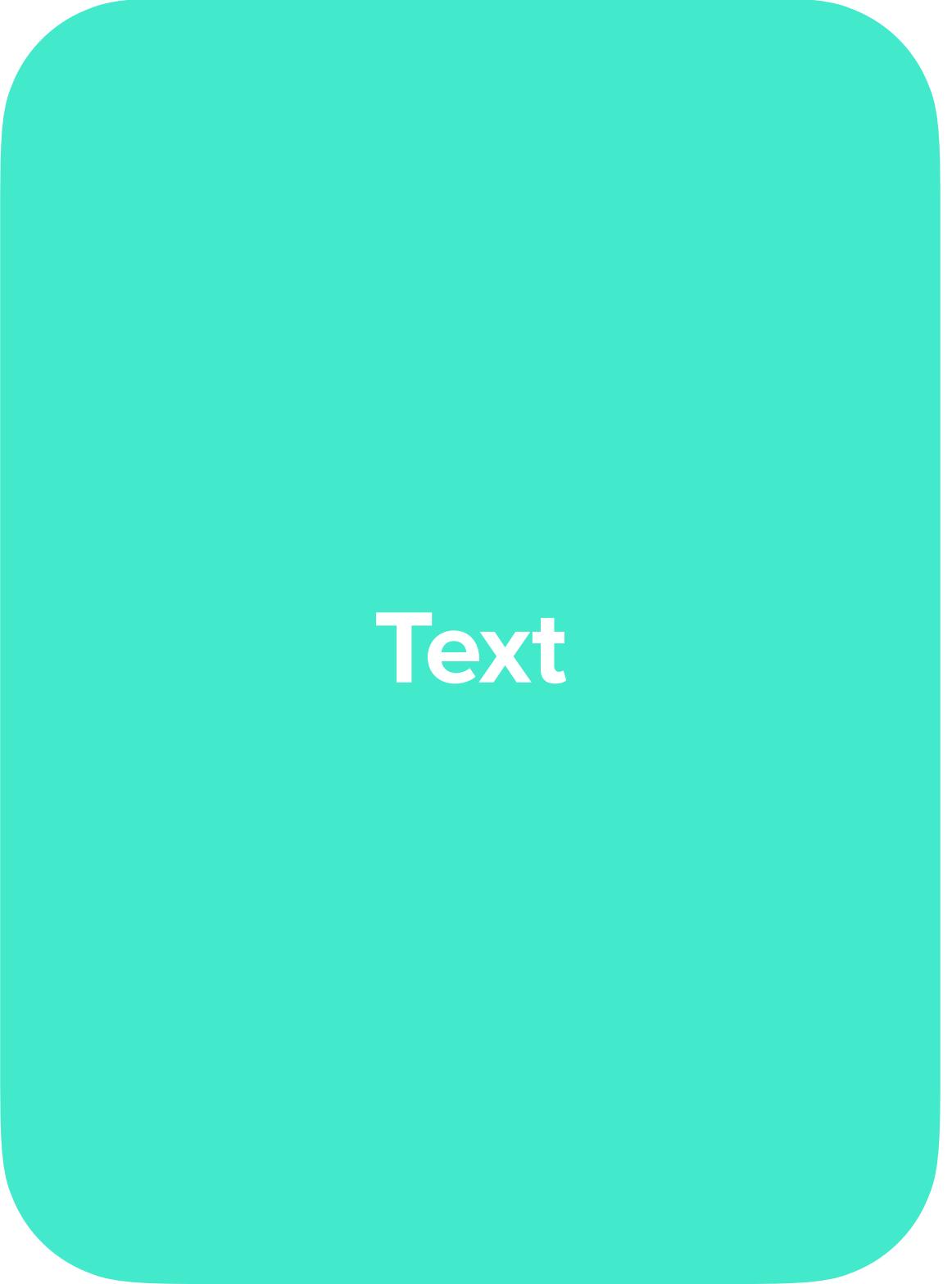
FORMATTING

String -> IR -> String

String -> **IR** -> **String**

String -> **IR** -> **String**

REPRESENTATION



Text

REPRESENTATION

The diagram illustrates the concept of representation. At the top, the word "REPRESENTATION" is written in large, bold, black capital letters. Below it, two rounded rectangular boxes are positioned side-by-side. The left box is light blue and contains the word "Text" in white. The right box is light orange and contains the word "Tokens" in white. Both boxes have a slight shadow, giving them a three-dimensional appearance.

Text

Tokens

TOKENS

```
foo(a, b);
```

TOKENS

```
let foo =  
    thing1 + thing2;
```

```
let foo = thing1  
        + thing2;
```

REPRESENTATION

Text

Tokens

AST

AST

// comments

REPRESENTATION

Semantics

Formatting

OUTPUT

- Walk the IR
- Build up context
- Follow formatting rules
- Try not to backtrack

RUSTFMT

REQUIREMENTS

Configurability

Flexibility

Stability

IMPLEMENTATION

rustc's AST

Low abstraction

IMPLEMENTATION

```
fn foo(&self,  
       a: String,  
       b: i32) -> u32  
{  
    ...  
}
```

```
fn foo(  
       &self,  
       a: String,  
       b: i32  
    ) -> u32 {  
    ...  
}
```

IMPLEMENTATION

rustc's AST

Low abstraction

REFLECTION

RUSTFMT

We delivered

RUSTFMT

Output is good

Versatile

RUSTFMT

Slow

Maintenance

Macros

RUSTFMT

Different context



Different requirements



Different design

RUSTFMT

Custom
representation

RUSTFMT

Custom representation

No options

RUSTFMT

Custom representation

No options

Tolerant

STYLE RFC PROCESS

Output is good

Time and energy

ADOPTION

Widespread

Defaults are
common

People seem
happy?

ADOPTION

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Respected
community norms

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Respected
community norms

Built trust

ADOPTION

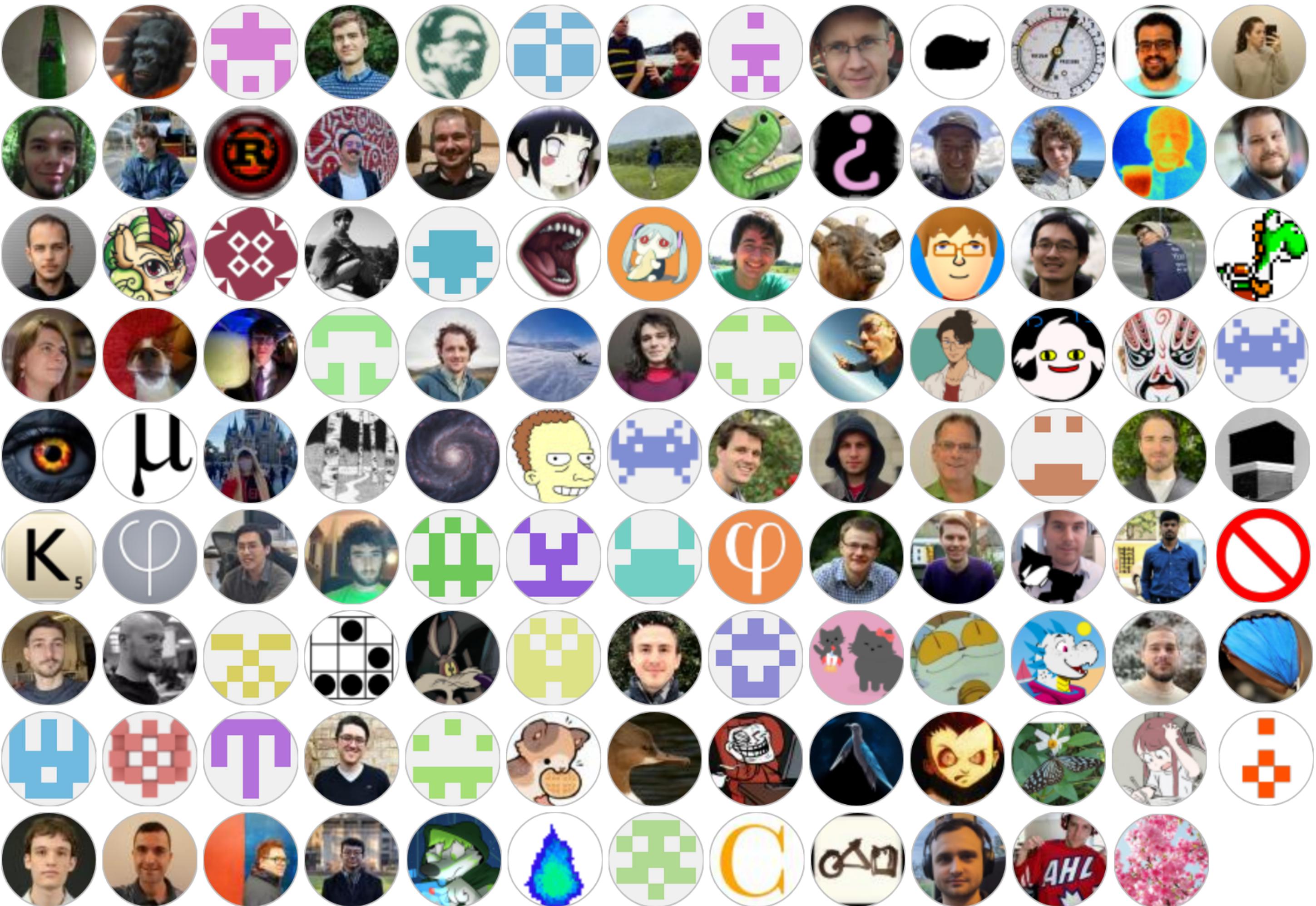
Respected
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Built trust

Make it easy

THE END

THANK YOU!



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