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RUSTikales Rust for beginners



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 - Rust toolchain
 - IDE
 - rust-analyzer



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- `rustc` → Rust Compiler
 - The heart of the language
 - Turns your `source code` (e.g. `main.rs`) into an `executable`



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- `rustc` → Rust Compiler
- `cargo` → Package Manager
 - Manages `packages` (crates), like third-party libraries
 - Many utility functions such as `cargo run` or `cargo new`
 - Overkill for 99% of the things we're doing, but extremely useful in general



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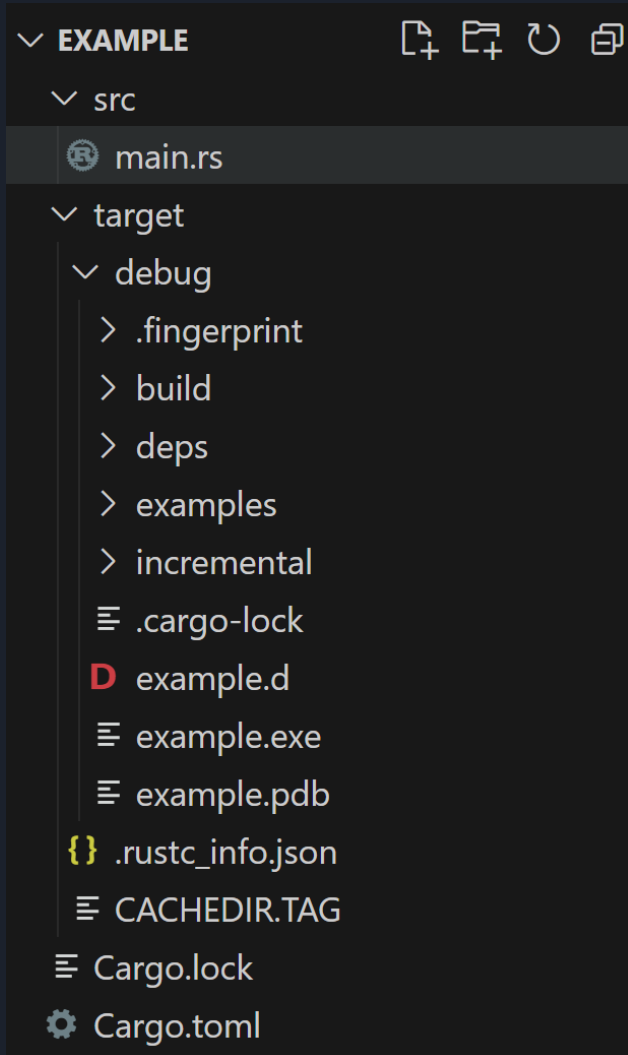
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 - Rust comes in different versions: `stable`, `beta`, `nightly`
 - Allows us to update the version of the Compiler, or switch to different toolchains (e.g. for `cross-compilation`)



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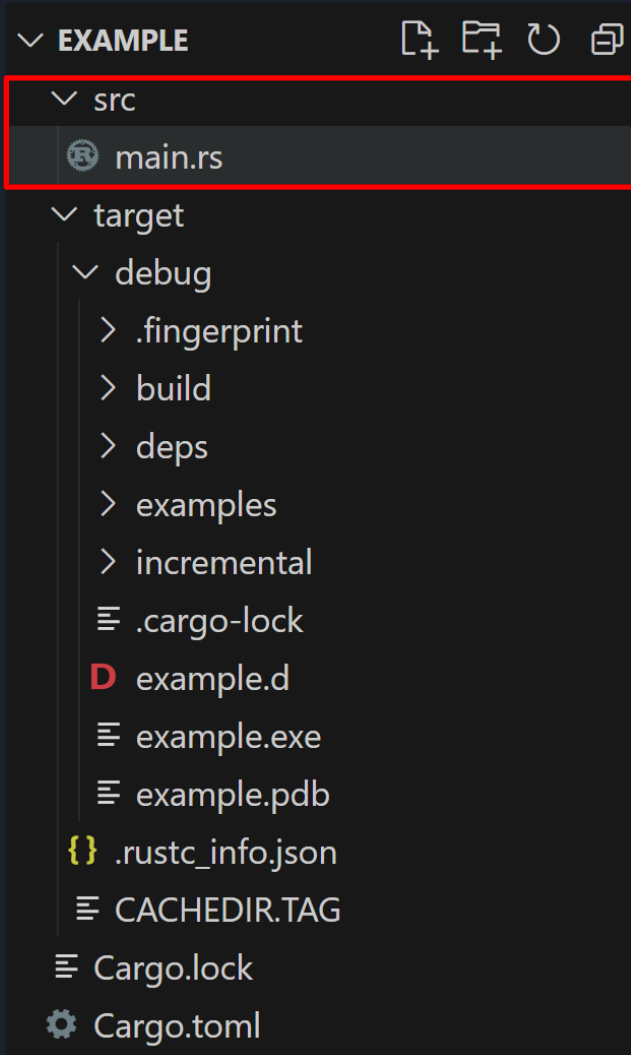
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- `cargo new <name>` creates a new package in the directory `<name>`
 - Unless specified otherwise, it's a `binary (application) package` → Executable
 - We can then open that directory in an IDE and start programming

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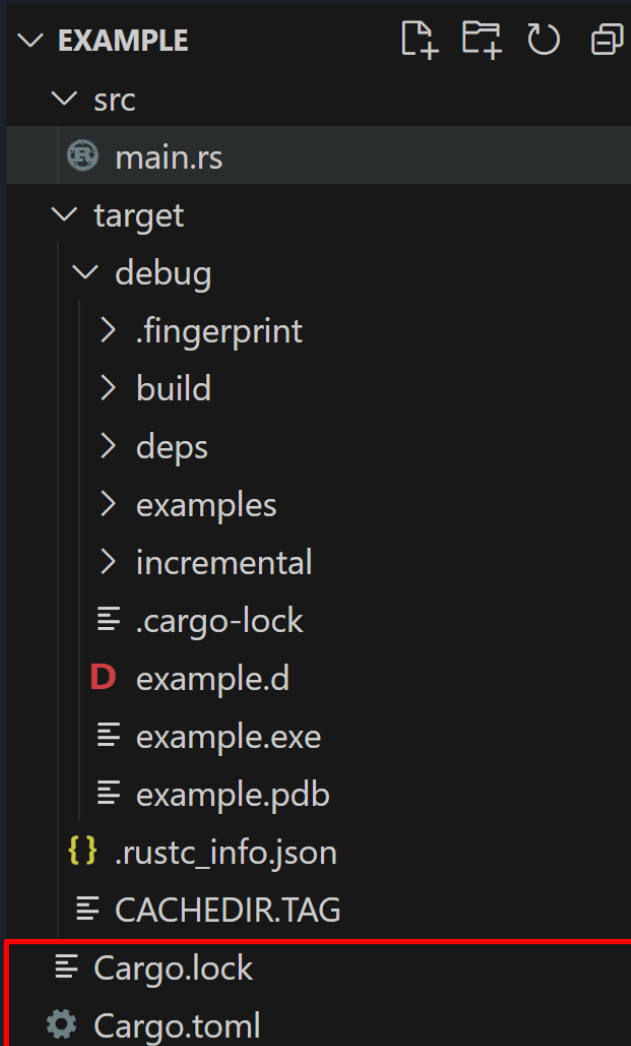
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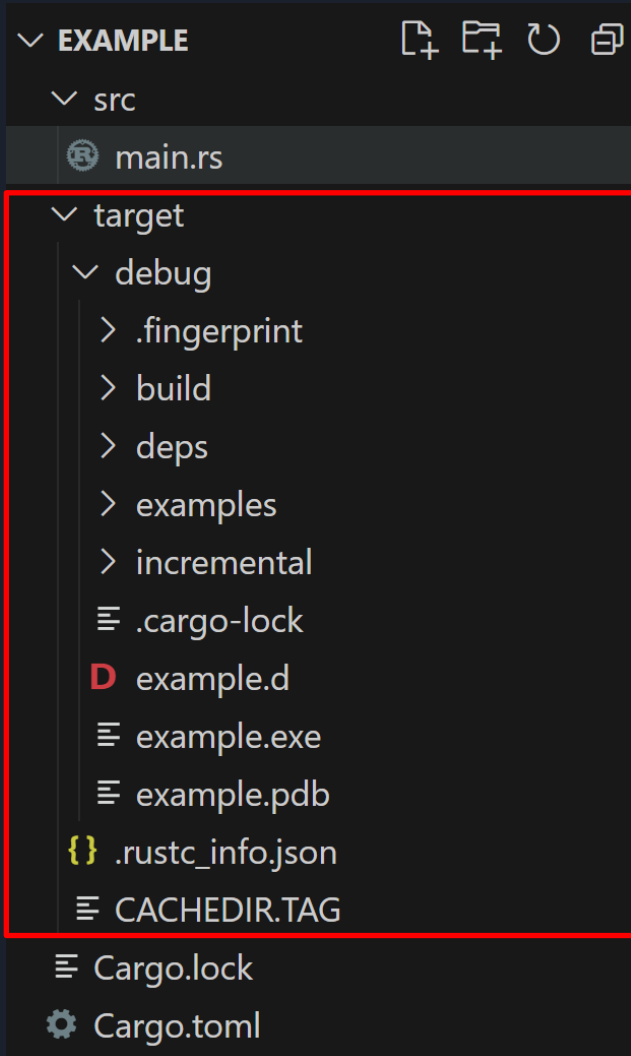
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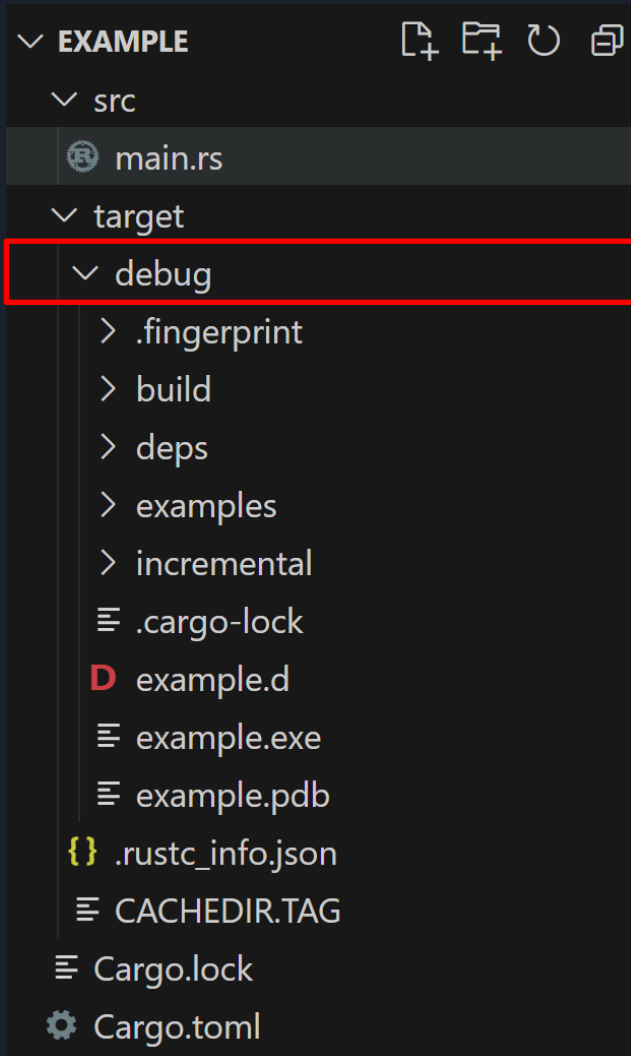
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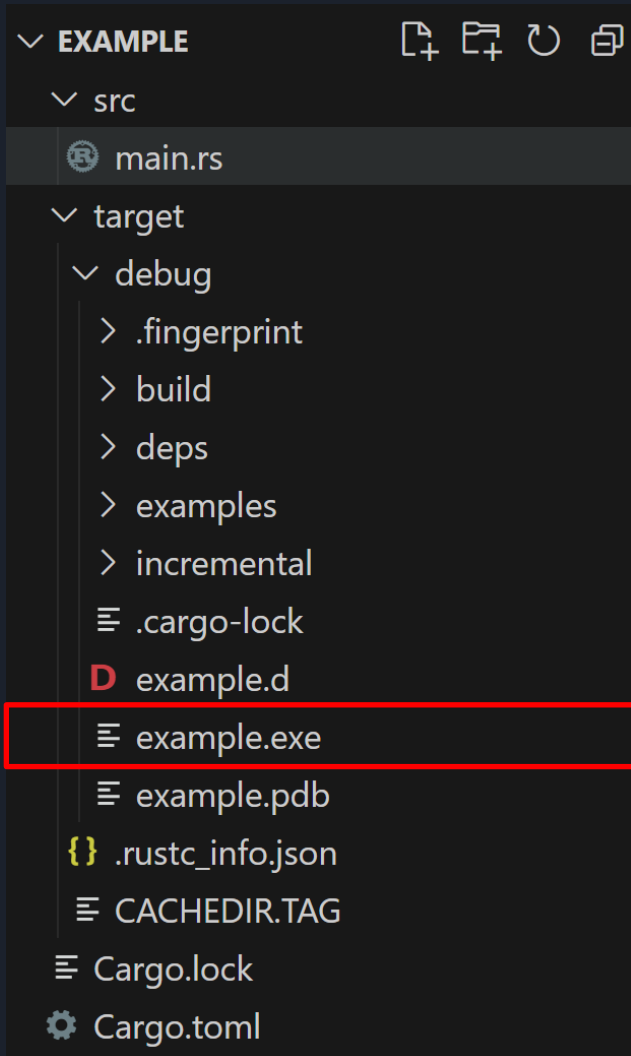
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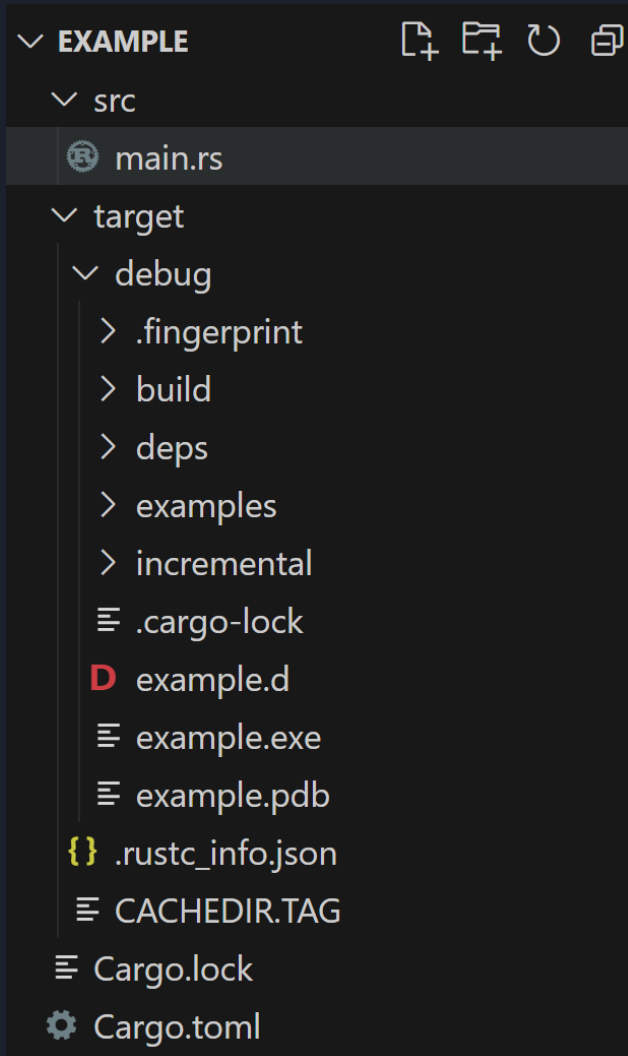
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 - all optimizations enabled

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- `cargo run [--release]` builds the project and runs it



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 - Type must be known at compile time
 - You can't change that type



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6 |     f(a);  
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 - Inserting an `u8` into an array of `f32`

```
let mut a: [f32; 2] = [0.0; 2];  
a[0] = 5u8;
```

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error[E0308]: mismatched types  
--> src/main.rs:5:12  
5 |         a[0] = 5u8;  
   |         ----   ^^^ expected `f32`, found `u8`  
   |         |  
   |         expected due to the type of this binding
```




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- Rust is a statically typed language
- The compiler statically type checks your code
- Very useful, because we can easily reason about our code, and prevent many bugs
 - Types are always known, and not changeable
 - Contrast to variables in dynamic languages
 - Assign any value to any variable at any point
 - Hope it doesn't crash at runtime



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 - **Integer** → whole numbers, **signed** or **unsigned**
 - **Floating Point** → fractions, big numbers
 - **boolean** → either **true** or **false**
 - **character** → Unicode → `abcäøóáßð` 😊 🍰



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 - **array** → Fixed length collection of values of the same type
 - **tuple** → Fixed length collection of values of (possibly) different types
 - **struct** → User-defined collections of values



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- Today we will only look at integers, other types will be introduced later



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 - **i32** is a **signed 32bit** integer
 - **u16** is an **unsigned 16bit** integer



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- The bitsize shows how big a number can be
 - More bits, bigger numbers
 - 32bits can store numbers as big as $2^{32}-1 = 4.294.967.295$
 - Bigger numbers require more space in memory



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- The bitsize shows how big a number can be
- **signed** means the number can be negative
 - **one bit** needed to specify the **sign**, so the number range is smaller
 - **i32** can **not** represent **4.294.967.295**
 - **i32** can represent **-420**



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Type	Meaning	Min Value	Max Value
i8	signed 8bit	$-(2^7) = -128$	$2^7-1 = 127$
u8	unsigned 8bit	0	$2^8-1 = 255$
i16	signed 16bit	$-(2^{15}) = -32768$	$2^{15}-1 = 32767$
u16	unsigned 16bit	0	$2^{16}-1 = 65535$

The pattern repeats up to **i128** and **u128**, doubling the amount of bits every time



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 - Used for indexing, sizes, offsets
 - Everything involving memory and pointer arithmetics
 - 32bit systems can't make use of 64bit memory addresses → Must be flexible



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- If you want to index into an array or vector, your index needs to be of type `usize`



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→ `Type Inference` infers the type based on the context in which the variable is used



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This code snippet creates four variables

Name	Mutable	Type	Value
a	no	i8	-128
b	no	u8	14
c	no	i32 (inferred)	20
d	yes	i32 (inferred)	129



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```
error[E0384]: cannot assign twice to immutable variable `a`  
--> src/main.rs:5:5  
4 |     let a: i8 = -128;  
   |     -  
   |     first assignment to `a`  
   |     help: consider making this binding mutable: `mut a`  
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 - Easier to reason your code, make it explicit what you're expecting to change
 - Very useful when we get to references and the borrow checker
 - Prevents a lot of bugs and oversights
 - TLDR: More control over what is happening

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- When we assign values to variables, two things can happen:
 - The value is `copied`
 - The value is `moved`
 - Will be covered when we talk about `Ownership`



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 - We'll skip over all technical details, and how the source code turns into machine code



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 - go step by step through the program, do you get the same output as the computer?



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- Time for exercises!

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Nope, you can't add `i32` and `u32` :^)

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error[E0308]: mismatched types  
--> src\main.rs:6:22  
6 |         let e: i32 = b + c;  
   |                        ^ expected `i32`, found `u32`  
  
error[E0277]: cannot add `u32` to `i32`  
--> src\main.rs:6:20  
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   |                      ^ no implementation for `i32 + u32`
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Intermission - Exercise

2/3

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Variable **a** is of type **i32**

→ used in the context of **b**

Variable **d** is of type **usize**

→ Read **a**, take its value, interpret as **usize**

Variable **e** is of type **i32**

→ Arrays will be covered next time, but all elements of **arr** are of type **i32**



4. Next time

- Arrays
- Vectors