

# Rust in the Linux Kernel

My journey to a ArchLinux kernel with support for Rust modules

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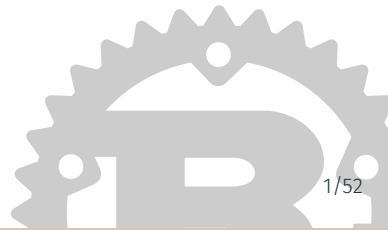
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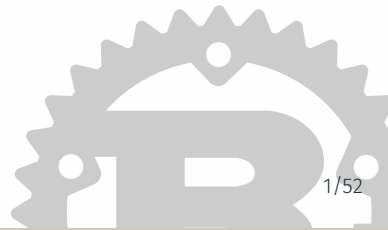
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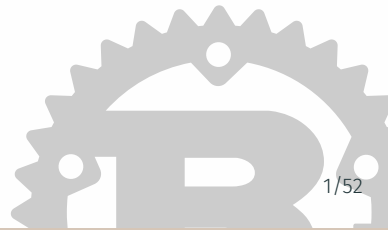


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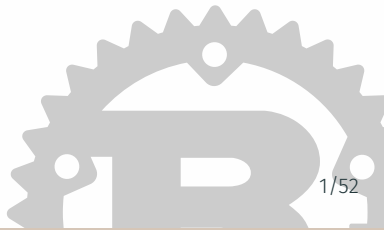
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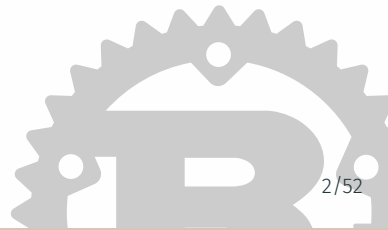
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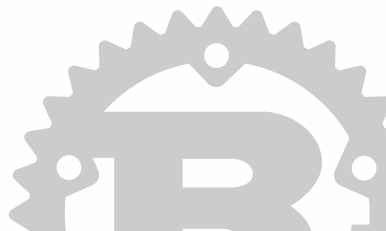
# Disclaimer

- I use Rust since early 2015
- I have some experience in Embedded Rust
- But I'm not a Linux kernel developer!



# Outline

1. Quickstart
2. A brief history of Rust in Linux
3. My Journey
4. Some Outlook



# Quickstart

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# Install the kernel

```
# Edit /etc/makepkg.conf and make sure it uses  
# all your cores by adding the following:  
MAKEFLAGS="-j8"  
$ git clone https://aur.archlinux.org/linux-rust.git  
$ cd linux-rust  
$ makepkg # this takes some minutes  
$ sudo pacman -U linux-rust-headers-6.3.9.*pkg.tar.zst  
$ sudo pacman -U linux-rust-6.3.9*.pkg.tar.zst  
# Reboot into the new kernel. You may need to configure  
# your bootloader for that.
```

# Compile and load the out-of-tree module

```
$ git clone git@github.com:Rust-for-Linux/rust-out-of-tree-module.git
$ cd rust-out-of-tree-module
$ make LLVM=1
# Or if you don't run the Rust kernel yet
$ make KDIR=/lib/modules/6.3.9-arch1-1-rust/build LLVM=1
$ dmesg --follow # in a seperate terminal
$ sudo insmod rust_out_of_tree.ko
```

# A brief history of Rust in Linux

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<sup>2</sup><https://lssna19.sched.com/event/RHaT>

<sup>3</sup><https://github.com/fishinabarrel/linux-kernel-module-rust>

# How did it look like?

Kenel Module from the slides of the LSS talk

```
struct HelloWorldModule;
impl KernelModule for HelloWorldModule {
    fn init() -> KernelResult<Self> {
        println!("Hello world!");
        Ok(HelloWorldModule)
    }
}
kernel_module!(HelloWorldModule, license: "GPL");
```

# Plans for mainline

- July 2020: Discussion on LKML for a session at LPC <sup>4</sup>
- July/August 2020: Session about obstacles to accepting Rust upstream<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>4</sup>[https://lore.kernel.org/lkml/CANiq72=rFzxMyxDNkobdnMZohT\\_qT0KfGCincYBteyoJbtr2Gw@mail.gmail.com/](https://lore.kernel.org/lkml/CANiq72=rFzxMyxDNkobdnMZohT_qT0KfGCincYBteyoJbtr2Gw@mail.gmail.com/)

<sup>5</sup><https://lwn.net/Articles/829858/>

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- July 2021 - September 2022: V2 - V10 of the patch set

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December 2022 — The naïve start



# Install and try it

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2. Install Linux 6.1 from the testing repository
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# Well...

```
rust-out-of-tree-module (git)-[main] % make
make -C /lib/modules/`uname -r`/build M=$PWD
make[1]: Entering directory '/usr/lib/modules/6.1.0-arch1-1/build'
  RUSTC [M] ~/projects/github/Rust-for-Linux/rust-out-of-tree-module
error: target file "./rust/target.json" does not exist

make[2]: *** [scripts/Makefile.build:307: ~/projects/github/Rust-for-Linux/rust-out-of-tree-module] Error 1
make[1]: *** [Makefile:1992: ~/projects/github/Rust-for-Linux/rust-out-of-tree-module] Error 1
make[1]: Leaving directory '/usr/lib/modules/6.1.0-arch1-1/build'
make: *** [Makefile:6: default] Error 2
```



# RTF README

*The kernel tree (KDIR) requires the Rust metadata to be available. These are generated during the kernel build, but may not be available for installed/distributed kernels (the scripts that install/distribute kernel headers etc. for the different package systems and Linux distributions are not updated to take into account Rust support yet).*

README from <https://github.com/Rust-for-Linux/rust-out-of-tree-module>

# Trying it in Kernel

1. Clone <https://github.com/Rust-for-Linux/linux>
2. RTFM<sup>12</sup>
3. Verify that we can build that kernel and build the out-of-tree module against that.

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<sup>12</sup><https://www.kernel.org/doc/html/latest/rust/quick-start.html>

# Well...

```
Rust-for-Linux/linux (git)-[rust] % make LLVM=1 rustavailable
***
*** Rust compiler 'rustc' is too new. This may or may not work.
***   Your version:      1.66.0
***   Expected version: 1.62.0
***
***
*** Rust bindings generator 'bindgen' is too new. This may or may not work.
***   Your version:      0.63.0
***   Expected version: 0.56.0
***
Rust is available!
```

# We can fix that!

```
rustup override set $(scripts/min-tool-version.sh rustc)
rustup component add rust-src
cargo install --locked --version $(scripts/min-tool-version.sh bindgen)
↪ bindgen
```

# Trying it in Kernel

1. Switch some stuff in `make menuconfig`<sup>13</sup>
2. Compile the kernel `make LLVM=1` → works
3. Switch to the kernel sources matching my running kernel and compile again → works

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<sup>13</sup>In hindsight this was an important hint

Now it just *has* to work, right?



# Now it just *has* to work, right?

```
rust-out-of-tree-module (git)-[main] % make KDIR=../linux LLVM=1
...
error: proc macro panicked
  --> ~/github/Rust-for-Linux/rust-out-of-tree-module/rust_out_of_tree.rs:7:
      |
7  | / module! {
8  | |     type: RustOutOfTree,
9  | |     name: "rust_out_of_tree",
10 | |     author: "Rust for Linux Contributors",
11 | |     description: "Rust out-of-tree sample",
12 | |     license: "GPL",
13 | | }
    | | ^
    |
= help: message: Expected byte string
```

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Just change every string to `b"string"` and fix the other compile errors <sup>14</sup>

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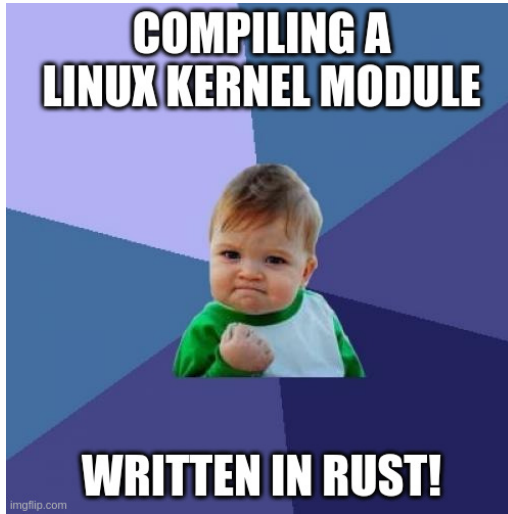
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```
Rust-for-Linux/rust-out-of-tree-module (git)-[main] % make KDIR=../linux LLVM=clang
make -C ../linux M=$PWD
make[1]: Entering directory '~/projects/github/Rust-for-Linux/linux'
  RUSTC [M] ~/projects/github/Rust-for-Linux/rust-out-of-tree-module/rust_out_of_tree_module.o
  MODPOST ~/projects/github/Rust-for-Linux/rust-out-of-tree-module/Module.symvers
  LD [M] ~/projects/github/Rust-for-Linux/rust-out-of-tree-module/rust_out_of_tree_module.o
make[1]: Leaving directory '~/projects/github/Rust-for-Linux/linux'
```

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It compiles!



# Now load it!

```
$ sudo insmod rust_out_of_tree.ko
insmod: ERROR: could not insert module rust_out_of_tree.ko: Invalid
↳ module format
$ dmesg | grep rust_out_of_tree
[24593.691184] rust_out_of_tree: version magic '6.1.0-arch1 SMP preempt
↳ mod_unload ' should be '6.1.0-arch1-1 SMP preempt mod_unload '
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Alright I made a tiny mistake in defining the kernel version...

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insmod: ERROR: could not insert module rust_out_of_tree.ko: Unknown  
↪ symbol in module
```

```
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```

```
[25300.463334] rust_out_of_tree: Unknown symbol _RNvNtNtCsFATHBUcknU9_6kerne  
[25300.463353] rust_out_of_tree: Unknown symbol _RNvNtCsFATHBUcknU9_6kernel5  
[25300.463371] rust_out_of_tree: Unknown symbol __rust_dealloc (err -2)  
[25300.463386] rust_out_of_tree: Unknown symbol __rust_realloc (err -2)  
[25300.463400] rust_out_of_tree: Unknown symbol __rust_alloc (err -2)  
...
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```

Hmm...

# Investigating

Try to use the ArchLinux config file directly and recompile

```
% make KDIR=../linux LLVM=1
make -C ../linux M=$PWD
make[1]: Entering directory '~/projects/github/Rust-for-Linux/linux'
  MODPOST ../Module.symvers
ERROR: modpost: "_RNVNtNtCsfATHBUcknU9_6kernel5print14format_strings4INFO" [
ERROR: modpost: "_RNVNtCsfATHBUcknU9_6kernel5print11call_printk" [.../rust_o
ERROR: modpost: "__rust_dealloc" [.../rust_out_of_tree.ko] undefined!
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```

This looks oddly familiar!



# The end

The ArchLinux kernel doesn't have Rust support. make menuconfig reveals, that options which conflict with CONFIG\_HAVE\_RUST=y are enabled:

```
.config - Linux/ARM 4.19-arch1 Kernel Configuration
> Search (RUST)

Search Results

Symbol: RUST [=n]
Type : bool
Defined at init/Kconfig:1959
  Prompt: Rust support
  Depends on: HAVE_RUST [=y] && RUST_IS_AVAILABLE [=y] && !MODVERSIONS [=n] && !GCC_PLUGINS [=y] && !
  Location:
  (1) -> General setup
    -> Rust support (RUST [=n])
  Selects: CONSTRUCTORS [=n]

Symbol: HAVE_RUST [=y]
Type : bool
Defined at arch/Kconfig:358
Selected by [y]:
  - X86 [=y] && X86_64 [=y]

< Exit > ( 4%)
```

# What did we learn?

- Rust support needs to compile the kernel with clang/LLVM
- The kernel only attempts to load modules which have the same version magic
- It needs a specific *stable* Rust version (since it uses the `RUSTC_BOOTSTRAP=1` trick to enable unstable features on stable compilers)
- The module interface is (of course) still in flux
- The kernel has automatic configuration variables which detect if stuff can be enabled (`CONFIG_RUST_IS_AVAILABLE`)
- Actual Rust support depends on a combination of multiple variables

# My Journey

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January 2023 — Compiling our own  
kernel



# Building our own kernel

- The ArchLinux kernel doesn't support Rust modules
- I want to have a bootable / useable kernel → take the ArchLinux kernel as base and only do minimal changes
- Alternative: Just use the Rust-for-Linux kernel

# Building our own kernel

- Create <https://aur.archlinux.org/packages/linux-rust>
- Take the ArchLinux kernel package
- Run `make menuconfig`
- Enhance the build process with Rust specific stuff
- Build kernel, reboot, profit<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>15</sup>Of course this needed some iterations in the build process

# First successes!

```
$ make
```

```
↳ KDIR=~/projects/archpkg/linux-rust/src/archlinux-linux
```

```
↳ LLVM=1
```

```
$ sudo insmod rust_out_of_tree.ko
```

```
# dmesg output
```

```
[ 451.297415] rust_out_of_tree: loading out-of-tree module
```

```
↳ taints kernel.
```

```
[ 451.297460] rust_out_of_tree: module verification
```

```
↳ failed: signature and/or required key missing -
```

```
↳ tainting kernel
```

```
[ 451.297724] rust_out_of_tree: Rust out-of-tree sample
```

```
↳ (init)
```

# First successes!



# A small issue...

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# A small issue...

- Did you notice our workaround?
- Right: `KDIR=~/projects/archpkg/linux-rust/src/archlinux-linux`
- This means we need the sources of our kernel build around.  
Not nice if we want to enable people to install it via package manager

# Remember build metadata?



- Remember the quote about build metadata in the readme?
- Let's try to package this correctly!<sup>a</sup>

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<sup>a</sup>The build metadata goes in the linux-rust-headers package. The name is slightly misleading, because it contains various other build artifacts

# Just follow the errors

My strategy:

- Try to build the out-of-tree module
- Check the errors
- Add files to the metadata which should fix the issue
- `makepkg --repackage -f` is our friend

## First error: target.json

```
rust-out-of-tree-module (git)-[main] % make LLVM=1
make -C /lib/modules/`uname -r`/build M=$PWD
make[1]: Entering directory '/usr/lib/modules/6.1.5-arch2-1-rust'
RUSTC [M] ~/projects/github/Rust-for-Linux/rust-out-of-tree-mo
error: target file "./rust/target.json" does not exist
```

→ Let's add `install -Dt "$builddir/rust" -m644 scripts/target.json`

## Next error: core library

```
make -C /lib/modules/`uname -r`/build M=$PWD
make[1]: Entering directory '/usr/lib/modules/6.1.5-arch2-1-rust
  RUSTC [M] ~/projects/github/Rust-for-Linux/rust-out-of-tree-mo
error[E0463]: can't find crate for `core`
|
= note: the `target` target may not be installed
= help: consider downloading the target with `rustup target add`
= help: consider building the standard library from source with
```

→ Let's just add everything from **rust/**!<sup>16</sup>

<sup>16</sup>This decision happened after several iterations...

## Next error: Rust version

```
error[E0514]: found crate `core` compiled by an
↳ incompatible version of rustc
  = note: the following crate versions were found:
           crate `core` compiled by rustc 1.62.0 (a8314ef7d
           ↳ 2022-06-27): /usr/lib/modules/6.1.5-arch2-1-
           ↳ rust/build/rust/libcore.rmeta
  = help: please recompile that crate using this compiler
           ↳ (rustc 1.66.0 (69f9c33d7 2022-12-12)) (consider
           ↳ running `cargo clean` first)
```

→ We need to put **rust-toolchain** file into  
**/usr/lib/modules/...**, not the out-of-tree module folder!

# Target tripple what?

```
make -C /lib/modules/`uname -r`/build M=$PWD
make[1]: Entering directory
↳ '/usr/lib/modules/6.1.5-arch2-1-rust/build'
  RUSTC [M] /home/roughl/projects/github/Rust-for-
    ↳ Linux/rust-out-of-tree-module/rust_out_of_tree.o
error[E0461]: couldn't find crate `core` with expected
↳ target triple target-12809083303779448358
|
= note: the following crate versions were found:
      crate `core`, target triple
        ↳ target-3911737072772191946:
        ↳ /usr/lib/modules/6.1.5-arch2-1-
        ↳ rust/build/rust/libcore.rmeta
```

# Target tripple what?

- WAT?
- Target tripples define for what you want to compile (`x86_64-unknown-linux-gnu` for example)
- What was that strange number? Don't we have a custom `target.json` anyway?



# What did we learn? (part 2)

- Building our own workable kernel was surprisingly easy!
- Packaging the correct build metadata not
- **target.json** is used to describe the kernel environment to the Rust compiler
- The kernel uses it's own Rust library (mostly std libcore, but with custom liballoc for example)
- out-of-tree module builds get executed in the context of the build metadata and are passed the directory of the module.

# My Journey

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June 2023 — Packing the correct  
metadata



# Motivation

- I did update my kernel a few times to keep it up to date and checked if anything changed with Linux 6.2<sup>17</sup>
- I did propose to do this talk
- I had some nice interactions with Miguel Ojeda from the Rust-for-Linux project!

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<sup>17</sup>Here I needed to change back the changes we made to the out-of-tree module  
<https://github.com/Rust-for-Linux/rust-out-of-tree-module/pull/5>

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# Compiling with 1.63.0

Wrong! We only get some minor warnings in the output:

```
*** Rust compiler 'rustc' is too new. This may or may not work.
***   Your version:      1.63.0
***   Expected version: 1.62.0
warning: the feature `nll` has been stable since 1.63.0 and no longer
--> rust/alloc/lib.rs:170:12
    |
170 | #![feature(nll)] // Not necessary, but here to test the `nll`
    |             ^^^
    |
= note: `#[warn(stable_features)]` on by default
```

# Getting the necessary build metadata

- `rust/target.json` the custom target description
- `rust/*.rmeta` the compiled rust libraries
- `rust/*.so` the pre-compiled procedural macros
- `rust-toolchain` such that we use the same Rust compiler version that was used to compile the kernel

# What did we learn? (part 3)

- Sometimes it *is* the compiler
- Just upgrading one version of the Rust compiler was safe (A stabilized feature should probably not change from the last release)

# My Journey

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Wrong!

```
rust-out-of-tree-module (git)-[main] % make LLVM=1  
make -C /lib/modules/6.3.8-arch1-1-rust/build M=$PWD  
RUSTC [M] rust-out-of-tree-module/rust_out_of_tree.o  
error: could not write output to  
↳ rust_out_of_tree.rust_out_of_tree.ad9c6f77-  
↳ cgu.0.rcgu.o: Permission denied  
  
error: aborting due to previous error
```

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Asking on the Rust-for-Linux chat<sup>19</sup>

`rustc` writes temporary files to the current directory<sup>20</sup>, even if we specify with `--emit` where we want our output file.

We need to pass `--out-dir`

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<sup>19</sup><https://rust-for-linux.zulipchat.com/#narrow/stream/291565-Help/topic/Out.20of.20tree.20module.20for.20mainline.20kernel>

<sup>20</sup>Which is in `/lib/modules/...` for the module build



# Updating to 6.3

```
diff --git a/scripts/Makefile.build
    ↪ b/scripts/Makefile.build
index 94d67252df4e..261e51c0af59 100644
--- a/scripts/Makefile.build
+++ b/scripts/Makefile.build
@@ -287,7 +287,7 @@ rust_common_cmd = \
     --extern alloc --extern kernel \
     --crate-type rlib -L $(objtree)/rust/ \
     --crate-name $(basename $(notdir $@)) \
-    --emit=dep-info=$(depfile)
+    --out-dir $(dir $@) --emit=dep-info=$(depfile)
```

# What did we learn? (part 4)

- Nobody except me cares for out-of-tree Rust kernel modules so far 😏
- The Rust-for-Linux community is very helpful! 🎉

## Some Outlook

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# Linux 6.4

- Got released recently → I will update the package
- Mainlines a few more things like the 'pin-init' API<sup>21</sup>
- Maybe I'll actually *start* with playing around with kernel modules in Rust 😊

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<sup>21</sup><https://lore.kernel.org/lkml/20230429012119.421536-1-ojeda@kernel.org>

# Linux 6.5

- Will upgrade rustc to 1.68.2<sup>22</sup>
- Also the start of a new rustc version policy

*This is the first such upgrade, and we will try to update it often from now on, in order to remain close to the latest release, until a minimum version (which is "in the future") can be established.*

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<sup>22</sup>[https:](https://lore.kernel.org/lkml/20230618161558.1051269-1-ojeda@kernel.org)

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# Interesting Stuff happening

- Apple M1 GPU driver<sup>23</sup>
- Rust null block driver (for experimenting with the block device API)<sup>24</sup>
- Rust abstractions for network device drivers<sup>25</sup>

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<sup>23</sup><https://asahilinux.org/2022/11/tales-of-the-m1-gpu/>

<sup>24</sup><https://lore.kernel.org/linux-block/20230503090708.2524310-1-nmi@metaspace.dk/>

<sup>25</sup><https://lore.kernel.org/rust-for-linux/01010188843258ec-552cca54-4849-4424-b671-7a5bf9b8651a-0000000@us-west-2.amazonses.com/>

# Thank you!

<https://coredump.ch>

<https://renuo.ch/>

Slides: <https://github.com/rust-zurichsee/meetups/>



# Appendix

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# target.json

```
{  
  "arch": "x86_64",  
  "data-layout": "e-m:e-p270:32:32-p271:32:32-p272:64:64-  
→ i64:64-f80:128-n8:16:32:64-S128",  
  "features": "-3dnow,-3dnowa,-mmx,+soft-  
→ float,+retpoline-external-thunk",  
  "llvm-target": "x86_64-linux-gnu",  
  "target-pointer-width": "64",  
  "emit-debug-gdb-scripts": false,  
  "frame-pointer": "may-omit",  
  "stack-probes": {"kind": "none"}  
}
```

