Introduction to the Rust programming Language



Following along The Rust Book from the official source

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Project overview - Going through "The Rust Programming Language"

The Rust Programming Language by Steve Klabnik and Carol Nichols



Book overview:

- Official guide to the Rust programming language
- Covers the basics (syntax, types, functions)
- Build tool and package manager (Cargo)
- Advanced and Rust-specific features:
 - Ownership, borrowing, lifetimes
 - Unique error handling
 - Concurrency

Theoretical concepts - Key topics covered

- 1. Common Programming Concepts (variables, types, control flow)
- 2. Understanding Ownership (memory management)
- 3. Structs, Enums and Pattern Matching
- 4. Containers/Collections
- 5. Error Handling
- 6. Generics, Traits and Lifetimes
- 7. Functional and OO features
- 8. Smart pointers and Concurrency
- 9. Patterns and matching + Advanced features

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New Practical project #1 - Write an I/O CLI program

Halfway project for a grep clone CLI app covers:

- 1. Code organization (crates, modules)
- 2. Use of containers and strings
- 3. Error handling
- 4. Using traits and lifetimes
- 5. Testing and documentation

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Practical project #2 - Building a Multithreaded Web Server

Final Project from the book includes:

- 1. Learn TCP/IP networking and HTTP
- 2. Listen to TCP connections on a socket
- 3. Parse HTTP requests
- 4. Generate HTTP responses
- 5. Handle multiple requests concurrently with a thread pool

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Rust Overview

- Systems programming language focused on safety and performance
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Currently known projects

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Predicted use cases

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PROS:

- Memory safety: No null pointers, dangling pointers, or buffer overflows
- Error handling: With the Result and Option types
- Concurrency: Safe and efficient with the ownership system
- **Performance**: Comparable to C/C++ with zero-cost abstractions
- **Ecosystem**: Growing with a strong community and package manager (**Cargo**)
- Helpful compiler: Provides detailed error messages and warnings

CONS:

- Learning curve: Ownership, borrowing, and lifetimes can be challenging
- **Tooling and prevalence**: Not as mature as other languages (C/C++, Python, etc.)
- Syntax: Can be verbose and complex compared to other languages



Installation

1. Install Rust using rustup (Rust toolchain installer)

Package and library management

- Crates are Rust packages that can be shared and reused
- Managed with Cargo, the Rust package manager



Installation and Cargo/Crates example





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