

What Is Rust Doing Behind the Curtains?



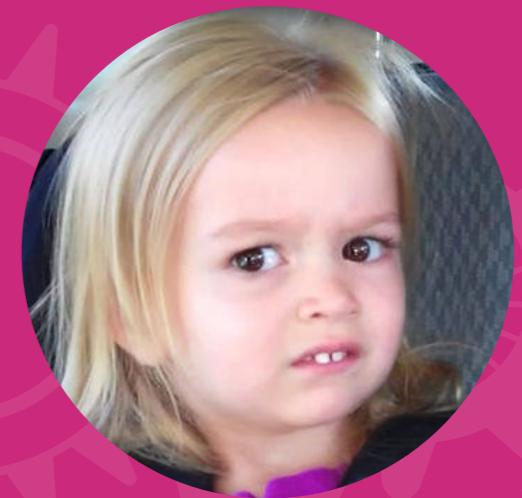
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Rust!

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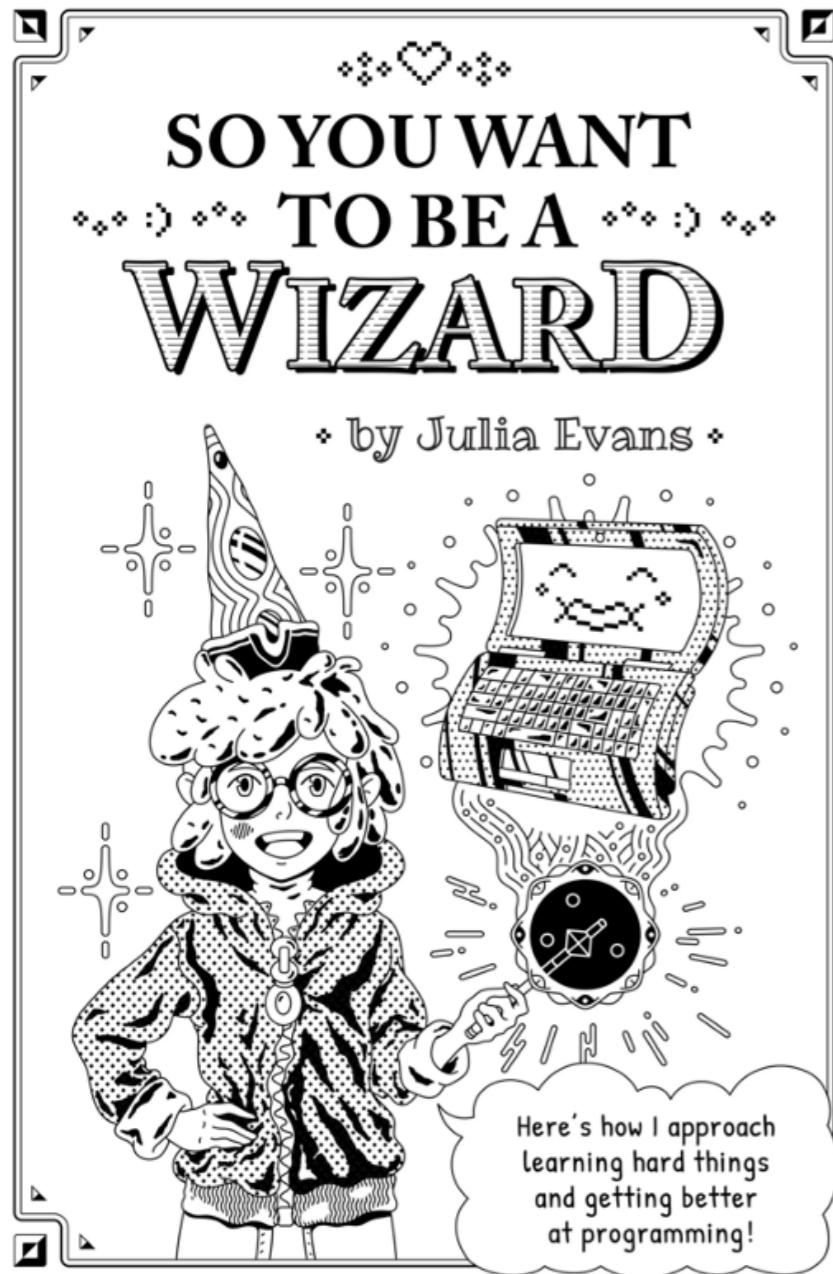




**Being curious is an amazing trait!
We should embrace it,
and help people be curious.**

Pascal Hertleif –
Rust's approach of getting things right

Julia Evans

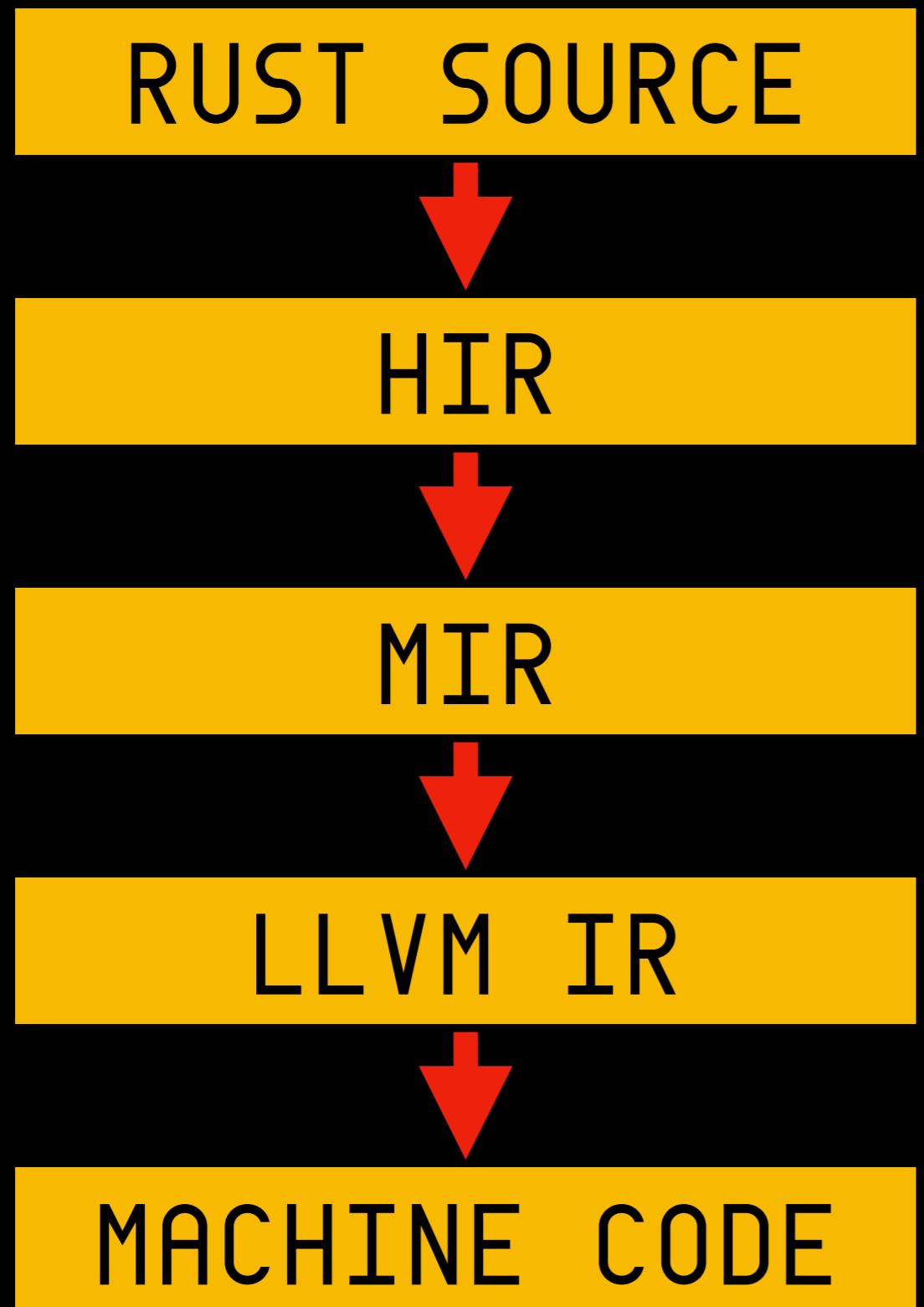


Why's Poignant Guide to Ruby





The Rust Compiler



Parsing
Desugaring

Borrow-checking
Optimization

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RUST SOURCE



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Desugaring...



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At last...

Code examples!

Example 1



```
fn main() {}
```

```
#[macro_use]
extern crate std;

#[prelude_import]
use std::prelude::v1::*;

fn main() {}
```

Types: `std::boxed::Box`
`std::option::Option::{self, Some, None}`
`std::result::Result::{self, Ok, Err}`
`std::string::String;`
`std::vec::Vec`

Traits: `std::borrow::ToOwned`
`std::clone::Clone`
`std::cmp::{PartialEq, PartialOrd, Eq, Ord }`
`std::convert::{AsRef, AsMut, Into, From}`
`std::default::Default`
`std::iter::{DoubleEndedIterator, ExactSizeIterator}`
`std::iter::{Iterator, Extend, IntoIterator}`
`std::marker::{Copy, Send, Sized, Sync}`
`std::ops::{Drop, Fn, FnMut, FnOnce}`
`std::slice::SliceConcatExt`
`std::string::ToString`

Functions: `std::mem::drop`

Types: [Box](#), [Option](#), [Result](#), [String](#), [Vec](#)

Traits: [PartialEq](#), [PartialOrd](#), [Eq](#), [Ord](#) Ordering things

[AsRef](#), [AsMut](#), [Into](#), [From](#), [ToOwned](#), [Clone](#), [ToString](#)

[Default](#) Default values Converting things

[DoubleEndedIterator](#), [ExactSizeIterator](#)
[Iterator](#), [Extend](#), [IntoIterator](#)

[Copy](#), [Send](#), [Sized](#), [Sync](#)

[Drop](#), [Fn](#), [FnMut](#), [FnOnce](#)

[SliceConcatExt](#)

Marker traits

Calling/Dropping objects

Concatenate objects
(like strings or vectors)

Example 2

Ranges



```
for i in 0..3 {  
    // do something with i  
}
```

```
let range = 0..3;  
for i in range {  
    // do something with i  
}
```

```
let range = Range {0, 3};  
for i in range {  
    // do something with i  
}
```

```
let range = Range {0, 3};  
for i in range {  
    // do something with i  
}
```

```
use std::ops::Range;
```

```
let range = Range { start: 0, end: 3 };
```

```
for i in range {  
    // do something with i  
}
```

```
use std::iter::IntoIterator;
use std::ops::Range;
```

```
let range = Range { start: 0, end: 3 };
let mut iter =
    IntoIterator::into_iter(range);

while let Some(i) = iter.next() {
    // do something with i
}
```

```
use std::iter::IntoIterator;
use std::ops::Range;

let range = Range { start: 0, end: 3 };
let mut iter =
    IntoIterator::into_iter(range);

loop {
    match iter.next() {
        Some(i) => { /* use i */ },
        None => break,
    }
}
```



cargo inspect

```
cargo-install cargo-inspect  
cargo inspect foo.rs
```

Example 3

Ranges - Part II



```
for i in [0..=3] {  
    // do something with i  
}
```

```
use std::iter::IntoIterator;
use std::ops::RangeInclusive;

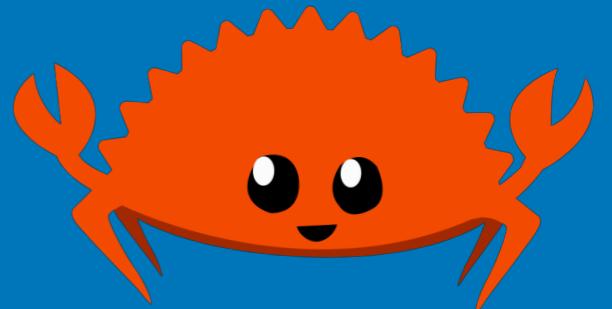
let range = RangeInclusive::new(0, 3);
let mut iter =
    IntoIterator::into_iter(range);

loop {
    match iter.next() {
        Some(i) => { /* use i */ },
        None => break,
    }
}
```

```
cargo inspect --diff foo.rs,bar.rs
```

Example 4

Opening Files



```
use std::fs::File;
use std::io::Error;

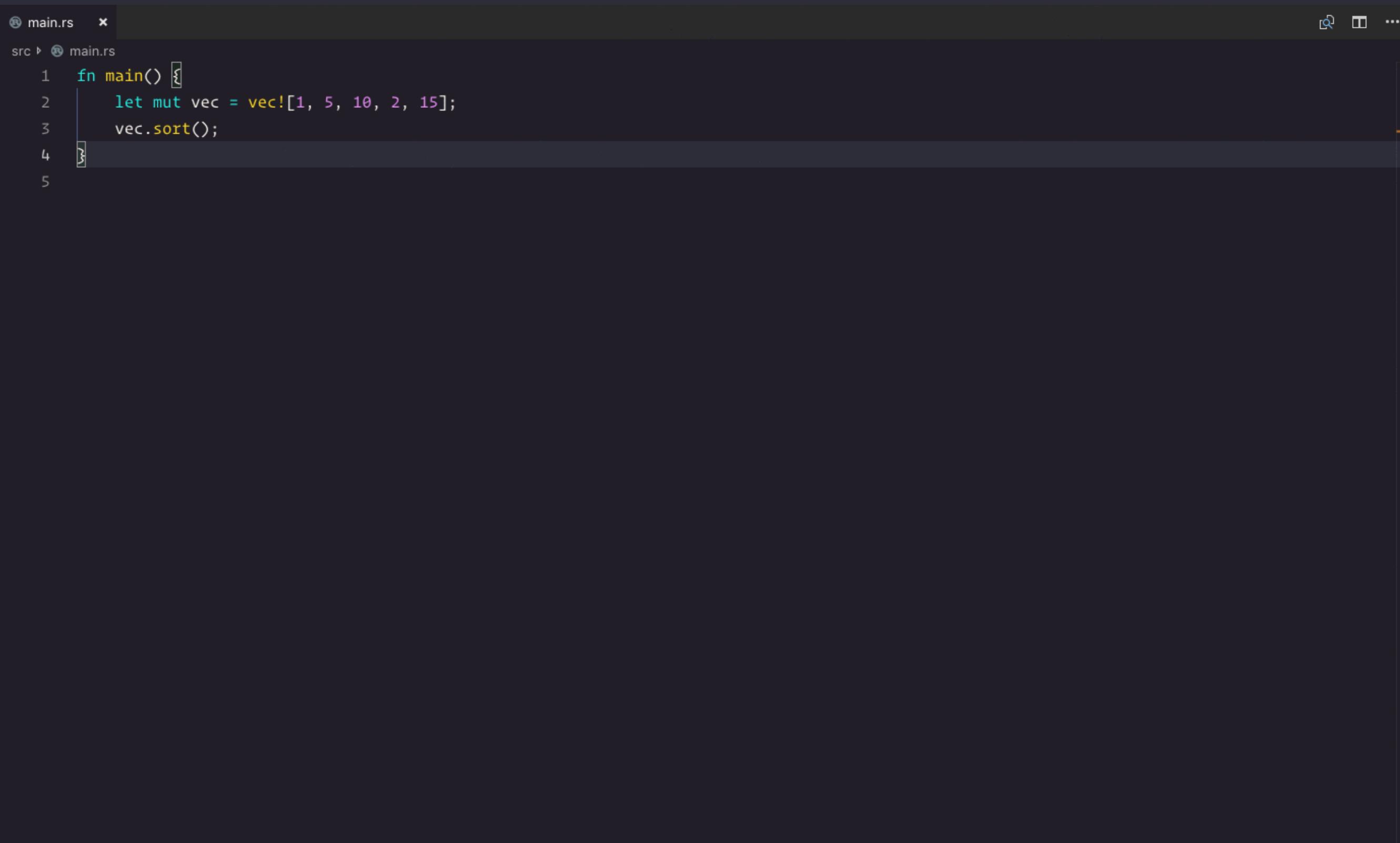
fn main() -> Result<(), Error> {
    let f = File::open("file.txt")?
    Ok(())
}
```

```
use std::fs::File;
use std::io::Error;

fn main() -> Result<(), Error> {
    let f = match File::open("file.txt") {
        Ok(file) => file,
        Err(err) => return Err(err),
    };
    Ok(())
}
```

```
use std::fs::File;
use std::io::Error;
use std::convert::From;

fn main() -> Result<(), Error> {
    let f = match File::open("file.txt") {
        Ok(file) => file,
        Err(err) => return Err(From::from(err)),
    };
    Ok(())
}
```

A screenshot of the Visual Studio Code (VS Code) interface. The title bar shows the file name "main.rs". The editor area displays the following Rust code:

```
fn main() {
    let mut vec = vec![1, 5, 10, 2, 15];
    vec.sort();
}
```

The code uses syntax highlighting where "fn", "let", "mut", "vec", "!", "[", "]", "1", "5", "10", "2", "15", "vec", ".sort()", and "();" are colored in various shades of blue, green, and yellow. A small yellow bracket icon is positioned next to the opening brace of the function block. The background of the code editor is dark gray.

cargo-inspect-vscode

More cargo tools!

- **cargo-expand**
- **cargo-asm**
- **cargo-bloat**



Rust Playground

```
1 pub fn square(num: i32) -> i32 {  
2     num * num  
3 }  
4
```

Execution

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```
bb0: {  
    StorageLive(_2);          // bb0[0]: scope 0 at src/lib.rs:2:5: 2:8  
    _2 = _1;                 // bb0[1]: scope 0 at src/lib.rs:2:5: 2:8  
    StorageLive(_3);          // bb0[2]: scope 0 at src/lib.rs:2:11: 2:14  
    _3 = _1;                 // bb0[3]: scope 0 at src/lib.rs:2:11: 2:14  
    _4 = CheckedMul(move _2, move _3); // bb0[4]: scope 0 at src/lib.rs:2:5: 2:14  
    assert(!move (_4.1: bool), "attempt to multiply with overflow") -> bb1; // bb0[5]: scope 0 at src/lib.rs:2:5: 2:14  
}  
  
bb1: {  
    _0 = move (_4.0: i32);      // bb1[0]: scope 0 at src/lib.rs:2:5: 2:14  
    StorageDead(_3);            // bb1[1]: scope 0 at src/lib.rs:2:13: 2:14  
    StorageDead(_2);            // bb1[2]: scope 0 at src/lib.rs:2:13: 2:14  
    return;                    // bb1[3]: scope 0 at src/lib.rs:3:2: 3:2  
}  
}
```

Compiler Explorer

COMPILER EXPLORER

Add... More ▾

Rust source #1 ×

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```
1 // Type your code here, or load an example.
2 pub fn square(num: i32) -> i32 {
3     num * num
4 }
```

Rust

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rustc 1.31.0 ✓ Compiler options...

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```
1 example::square:
2     push    rax
3     imul    edi, edi
4     seto    al
5     test    al, 1
6     mov     dword ptr [rsp + 4], edi
7     jne     .LBB0_2
8     mov     eax, dword ptr [rsp + 4]
9     pop     rcx
10    ret
11 .LBB0_2:
12     lea     rdi, [rip + .L__unnamed_1]
13     mov     qword ptr [rip + core::panicking::p
14     call    rax
15     ud2
16
17 str.0:
18     .ascii  "/tmp/compiler-explorer-compiler1181114-
19
20 str.1:
21     .ascii  "attempt to multiply with overflow"
22
23 .L__unnamed_1:
24     .quad   str.1
25     .quad   33
26     .quad   str.0
27     .quad   65
28     .long   3
29     .long   5
```

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godbolt.org

Lessons Learned

- Rust allows for lots of syntactic sugar
- It's good to be reminded about that sometimes
- Tools help us understand what's going on behind the curtains.



Now go and build cool things!

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