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# DAY 2: "Hello Rust!", using QEMU

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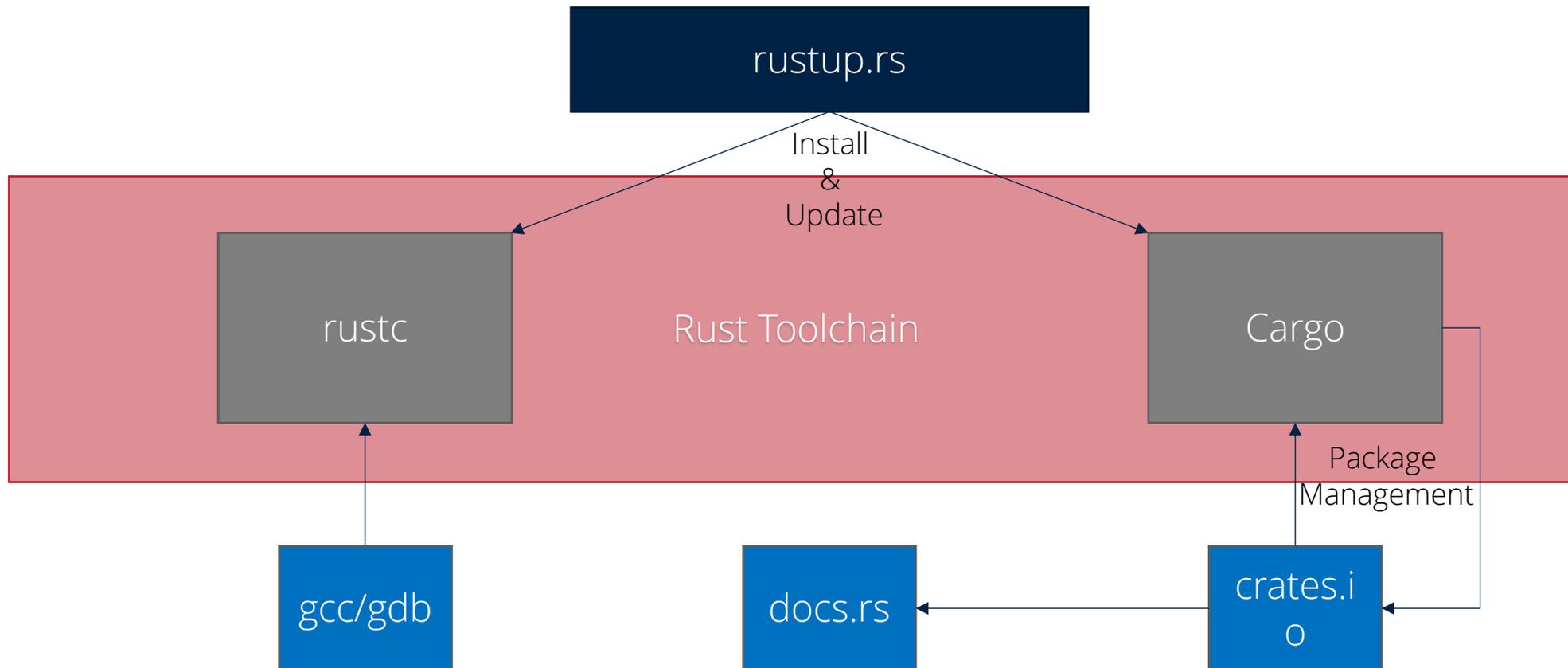
## Course Sessions

- Introduction to Rust for Embedded Systems
- "Hello Rust!", using QEMU
- "Hello Rust!", using the STM32F3
- Interfacing to Peripherals in Rust
- Becoming a Rust Expert

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# Installing Rust

# The Rust Toolchain



# Rustup

Visit <https://rustup.rs/>

- Follow install instructions

```
beningo@Jacobs-MacBook-Pro ~ % rustc -V
rustc 1.65.0 (897e37553 2022-11-02)
beningo@Jacobs-MacBook-Pro ~ %
```

To install Rust, if you are running Unix, run the following in your terminal, then follow the onscreen instructions.

```
$ curl --proto '=https' --tlsv1.2 -sSf https://sh.rustup.rs | sh
```



If you are running Windows 64-bit, download and run **rustup-init.exe** then follow the onscreen instructions.

If you are running Windows 32-bit, download and run **rustup-init.exe** then follow the onscreen instructions.

## Additional Tools

Visit <https://docs.rust-embedded.org/discovery/f3discovery/03-setup/index.html>

- itmdump
- cargo-binutils
- arm-none-eabi-gdb
- OpenOCD

```
~  
$ cargo new test-size  
   Created binary (application) `test-size` package  
  
~  
$ cd test-size  
  
~/test-size (main)  
$ cargo run  
   Compiling test-size v0.1.0 (~/test-size)  
   Finished dev [unoptimized + debuginfo] target(s) in 0.26s  
   Running `target/debug/test-size`  
Hello, world!  
  
~/test-size (main)  
$ cargo size -- --version  
   Finished dev [unoptimized + debuginfo] target(s) in 0.00s  
LLVM (http://llvm.org/):  
LLVM version 11.0.0-rust-1.50.0-stable  
Optimized build.  
Default target: x86_64-unknown-linux-gnu  
Host CPU: znver2
```

Will you be installing Rust to follow along?

- Yes
- No

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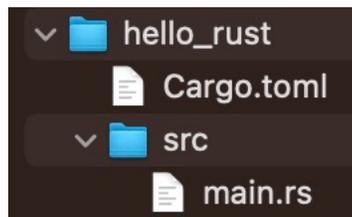
# Hello Rust!

# Creating a Hello Rust Application

Use cargo to create, manage, and build your projects:

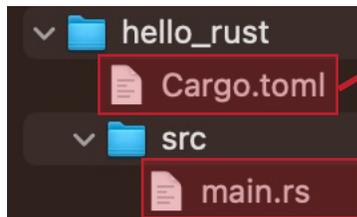
```
beningo@Jacobs-MacBook-Pro rust % cargo new hello_rust
Created binary (application) `hello_rust` package
beningo@Jacobs-MacBook-Pro rust %
```

Created project:



# Creating a Hello Rust Application

Created project:



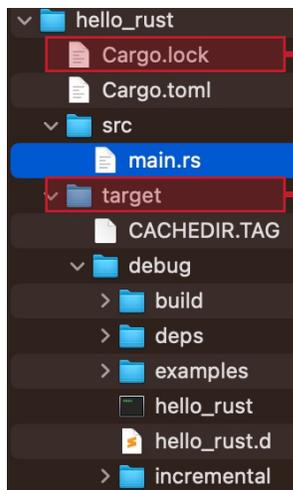
```
1 [package]
2 name = "hello_rust"
3 version = "0.1.0"
4 edition = "2021"
5
6 # See more keys and their definitions at https://doc.rust-lang.org/cargo/reference/manifest.html
7
8 [dependencies]
9
```

```
1 fn main() {
2     println!("Hello, world!");
3 }
```

Change to: "Hello Rust!"

# Building Hello Rust

```
[beningo@Jacobs-MacBook-Pro hello_rust % cargo build
  Compiling hello_rust v0.1.0 (/Users/beningo/rust/hello_rust)
  Finished dev [unoptimized + debuginfo] target(s) in 9.04s
beningo@Jacobs-MacBook-Pro hello_rust %
```



Contains exact information about our dependencies.  
Automatically generated

Contains all the build information.

```
1 # This file is automatically @generated by Cargo.
2 # It is not intended for manual editing.
3 version = 3
4
5 [[package]]
6 name = "hello_rust"
7 version = "0.1.0"
```

# Running Hello Rust

```
beningo@Jacobs-MacBook-Pro hello_rust % cargo run
Finished dev [unoptimized + debuginfo] target(s) in 0.00s
Running `target/debug/hello_rust`
Hello Rust!
beningo@Jacobs-MacBook-Pro hello_rust %
```

Run command

Compile Time

Program Output

What rust tool will you find yourself running the most when developing an application?

- rustup
- rustc
- cargo
- other

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# Hello Rust! (QEMU Style)

## Hello Rust! (QEMU Style)

**Goal:** Compile, Emulate, and debug a Rust application on an Arm Cortex-M3

Make sure that you have cargo-generate installed:  
`cargo install cargo-generate`

Create a new project:

```
cargo generate --git https://github.com/rust-embedded/cortex-m-quickstart
```

# Hello Rust! (QEMU Style)

```
beningo@Jacobs-MacBook-Pro rust % cargo generate --git https://github.com/rust-embedded/cortex-m-quickstart
Project Name: qemu-hello-rust
Destination: /Users/beningo/rust/qemu-hello-rust ...
project-name: qemu-hello-rust ...
Generating template ...
[ 1/25] Done: .cargo/config.toml
[ 2/25] Done: .cargo
[ 3/25] Done: .gitignore
[ 4/25] Done: .vscode/README.md
[ 5/25] Done: .vscode/extensions.json
[ 6/25] Done: .vscode/launch.json
[ 7/25] Done: .vscode/tasks.json
[ 8/25] Done: .vscode
[ 9/25] Done: Cargo.toml
[10/25] Done: README.md
[11/25] Done: build.rs
[12/25] Done: examples/allocator.rs
[13/25] Done: examples/crash.rs
[14/25] Done: examples/device.rs
[15/25] Done: examples/exception.rs
[16/25] Done: examples/hello.rs
[17/25] Done: examples/itm.rs
[18/25] Done: examples/panic.rs
[19/25] Done: examples/test_on_host.rs
[20/25] Done: examples
[21/25] Done: memory.x
[22/25] Done: openocd.cfg
[23/25] Done: openocd.gdb
[24/25] Done: src/main.rs
[25/25] Done: src
Moving generated files into: `/Users/beningo/rust/qemu-hello-rust`...
Initializing a fresh Git repository
Done! New project created /Users/beningo/rust/qemu-hello-rust
beningo@Jacobs-MacBook-Pro rust %
```



# Hello Rust! (QEMU Style)

Don't link to the  
standard crate!

Don't want to  
link to nightly

Define the entry  
function into  
application

Define how panics are handled

Divergent Function. Only process running  
on target hardware

```
1  #![no_std]
2  #![no_main]
3
4  // pick a panicking behavior
5  use panic_halt as _; // you can put a breakpoint on `rust_begin_unwind` to catch panics
6  // use panic_abort as _; // requires nightly
7  // use panic_itm as _; // logs messages over ITM; requires ITM support
8  // use panic_semihosting as _; // logs messages to the host stderr; requires a debugger
9
10 use cortex_m::asm;
11 use cortex_m_rt::entry;
12
13 #[entry]
14 fn main() -> ! {
15     asm::nop(); // To not have main optimize to abort in release mode, remove when you add code
16
17     loop {
18         // your code goes here
19     }
20 }
21
```

# Hello Rust! (QEMU Style)

More about `#![no_std]`

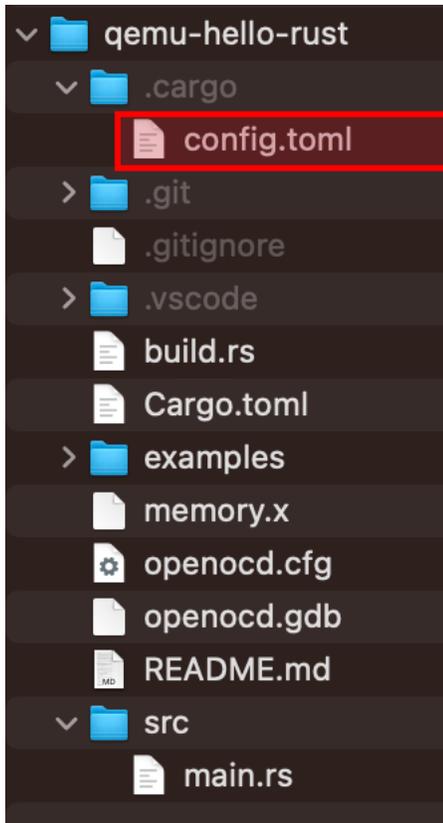
| feature                                      | no_std | std |
|--|--------|-----|
| heap (dynamic memory)                        | *      | ✓   |
| collections (Vec, BTreeMap, etc)             | **     | ✓   |
| stack overflow protection                    | ✗      | ✓   |
| runs init code before main                   | ✗      | ✓   |
| libstd available                             | ✗      | ✓   |
| libcore available                            | ✓      | ✓   |
| writing firmware, kernel, or bootloader code | ✓      | ✗   |

\* Only if you use the `alloc` crate and use a suitable allocator like `alloc-cortex-m`.

\*\* Only if you use the `collections` crate and configure a global default allocator.

\*\* HashMap and HashSet are not available due to a lack of a secure random number generator.

# Hello Rust! (QEMU Style)



```
1 [target.thumbv7m-none-eabi]
2 # uncomment this to make `cargo run` execute programs on QEMU
3 # runner = "qemu-system-arm -cpu cortex-m3 -machine lm3s6965evb -nographic -semihosting-config
4   enable=on,target=native -kernel"
5
6 [target.'cfg(all(target_arch = "arm", target_os = "none"))']
7 # uncomment ONE of these three option to make `cargo run` start a GDB session
8 # which option to pick depends on your system
9 # runner = "arm-none-eabi-gdb -q -x openocd.gdb"
10 # runner = "gdb-multiarch -q -x openocd.gdb"
11 # runner = "gdb -q -x openocd.gdb"
12
13 rustflags = [
14   # This is needed if your flash or ram addresses are not aligned to 0x10000 in memory.x
15   # See https://github.com/rust-embedded/cortex-m-quickstart/pull/95
16   "-C", "link-arg=--nmagic",
17
18   # LLD (shipped with the Rust toolchain) is used as the default linker
19   "-C", "link-arg=-Tlink.x",
20
21   # if you run into problems with LLD switch to the GNU linker by commenting out
22   # this line
23   # "-C", "linker=arm-none-eabi-ld",
24
25   # if you need to link to pre-compiled C libraries provided by a C toolchain
26   # use GCC as the linker by commenting out both lines above and then
27   # uncommenting the three lines below
28   # "-C", "linker=arm-none-eabi-gcc",
29   # "-C", "link-arg=-Wl,-Tlink.x",
30   # "-C", "link-arg=-nostartfiles",
31 ]
32
33 [build]
34 # Pick ONE of these compilation targets
35 # target = "thumbv6m-none-eabi" # Cortex-M0 and Cortex-M0+
36 # target = "thumbv7m-none-eabi" # Cortex-M3
37 target = "thumbv7em-none-eabi" # Cortex-M4 and Cortex-M7 (no FPU)
38 # target = "thumbv7em-none-eabihf" # Cortex-M4F and Cortex-M7F (with FPU)
39 # target = "thumbv8m.base-none-eabi" # Cortex-M23
40 # target = "thumbv8m.main-none-eabi" # Cortex-M33 (no FPU)
41 # target = "thumbv8m.main-none-eabihf" # Cortex-M33 (with FPU)
```

## Hello Rust! (QEMU Style)

Compile the application for a Cortex-M4

- `rustup target add thumbv7m-none-eabi`
- `cargo build`

Use the following to verify the elf file is arm

- `cargo readobj --bin qemu-hello-rust -- --file-headers`

```
beningo@Jacobs-MacBook-Pro qemu-hello-rust % cargo build
  Updating crates.io index
  Downloaded cortex-m v0.7.7
  Downloaded 1 crate (141.5 KB) in 0.44s
  Compiling semver-parser v0.7.0
  Compiling typenum v1.16.0
  Compiling proc-macro2 v1.0.51
  Compiling cortex-m v0.7.7
  Compiling version_check v0.9.4
  Compiling quote v1.0.23
  Compiling nb v1.0.0
  Compiling unicode-ident v1.0.6
  Compiling vcell v0.1.3
  Compiling void v1.0.2
  Compiling syn v1.0.107
  Compiling stable_deref_trait v1.2.0
  Compiling cortex-m-rt v0.6.15
  Compiling bitfield v0.13.2
  Compiling cortex-m v0.6.7
  Compiling cortex-m-semihosting v0.3.7
  Compiling qemu-hello-rust v0.1.0 (/Users/beningo/rust/qemu-hello-rust)
  Compiling nb v0.1.3
  Compiling volatile-register v0.2.1
  Compiling r0 v0.2.2
  Compiling embedded-hal v0.2.7
  Compiling semver v0.9.0
  Compiling panic-halt v0.2.0
  Compiling generic-array v0.14.6
  Compiling rustc_version v0.2.3
  Compiling bare-metal v0.2.5
  Compiling generic-array v0.12.4
  Compiling generic-array v0.13.3
  Compiling as-slice v0.1.5
  Compiling aligned v0.3.5
  Compiling cortex-m-rt-macros v0.6.15
  Finished dev [unoptimized + debuginfo] target(s) in 10.98s
beningo@Jacobs-MacBook-Pro qemu-hello-rust %
```

## Hello Rust! (QEMU Style)

```
[beningo@Jacobs-MacBook-Pro qemu-hello-rust % cargo readobj --bin qemu-hello-rust -- --file-headers
  Finished dev [unoptimized + debuginfo] target(s) in 0.05s
ELF Header:
  Magic:   7f 45 4c 46 01 01 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
  Class:                   ELF32
  Data:                     2's complement, little endian
  Version:                  1 (current)
  OS/ABI:                   UNIX - System V
  ABI Version:              0
  Type:                     EXEC (Executable file)
  Machine:                  ARM
  Version:                  0x1
  Entry point address:      0x401
  Start of program headers: 52 (bytes into file)
  Start of section headers: 809096 (bytes into file)
  Flags:                    0x5000200
  Size of this header:      52 (bytes)
  Size of program headers:  32 (bytes)
  Number of program headers: 4
  Size of section headers:  40 (bytes)
  Number of section headers: 22
  Section header string table index: 20
beningo@Jacobs-MacBook-Pro qemu-hello-rust %
```

# Hello Rust! (QEMU Style)

```
beningo@Jacobs-MacBook-Pro qemu-hello-rust % cargo size --bin qemu-hello-rust --release -- -A
Finished release [optimized + debuginfo] target(s) in 0.04s
qemu-hello-rust :
section      size      addr
.vector_table 1024      0x0
.text        664      0x400
.rodata      0         0x698
.data        0         0x2000000
.bss         0         0x2000000
.uninit      0         0x2000000
.debug_loc   346      0x0
.debug_abbrev 1419     0x0
.debug_info  9304     0x0
.debug_aranges 680      0x0
.debug_ranges 1480     0x0
.debug_str   13768    0x0
.debug_pubnames 4862     0x0
.debug_pubtypes 1635     0x0
.ARM.attributes 50       0x0
.debug_frame 1420     0x0
.debug_line  6509     0x0
.comment     19       0x0
Total        43180
```

```
beningo@Jacobs-MacBook-Pro qemu-hello-rust % cargo objdump --bin qemu-hello-rust --release --
--disassemble --no-show-raw-insn --print-imm-hex
Finished release [optimized + debuginfo] target(s) in 0.04s
qemu-hello-rust:          file format elf32-littlearm

Disassembly of section .text:

00000400 <Reset>:
400:      push   {r7, lr}
402:      mov    r7, sp
404:      bl    0x494 <__pre_init>      @ imm = #0x8c
408:      movw  r0, #0x0
40c:      movw  r1, #0x0
410:      movt  r0, #0x2000
414:      movt  r1, #0x2000
418:      cmp   r1, r0
41a:      bhs  0x446 <Reset+0x46>      @ imm = #0x28
41c:      movw  r1, #0x0
420:      movs  r2, #0x0
422:      movt  r1, #0x2000
426:      str   r2, [r1], #4
42a:      cmp   r1, r0
42c:      bhs  0x446 <Reset+0x46>      @ imm = #0x16
42e:      str   r2, [r1], #4
432:      cmp   r1, r0
434:      itt  lo
```

# Hello Rust! (QEMU Style)

```
1  //! Prints "Hello, world!" on the host console using semihosting
2  #![no_main]
3  #![no_std]
4
5  // pick a panicking behavior
6  use panic_halt as _; // you can put a breakpoint on `rust_begin_unwind` to catch panics
7  // use panic_abort as _; // requires nightly
8  // use panic_itm as _; // logs messages over ITM; requires ITM support
9  // use panic_semihosting as _; // logs messages to the host stderr; requires a debugger
10
11 use cortex_m_rt::entry;
12 use cortex_m_semihosting::{debug, hprintln};
13
14 #[entry]
15 fn main() -> ! {
16     hprintln!("Hello Rust!").unwrap();
17
18     // exit QEMU
19     // NOTE do not run this on hardware; it can corrupt OpenOCD state
20     debug::exit(debug::EXIT_SUCCESS);
21
22     loop {}
23 }
```

# Hello Rust! (QEMU Style)

Run the application in QEMU:

```
qemu-system-arm \  
-cpu cortex-m3 \  
-machine lm3s6965evb \  
-nographic \  
-semihosting-config enable=on,target=native \  
-kernel target/thumbv7m-none-eabi/debug/examples/hello
```

```
beningo@Jacobs-MacBook-Pro qemu-hello-rust % qemu-system-arm \  
-cpu cortex-m3 \  
-machine lm3s6965evb \  
-nographic \  
-semihosting-config enable=on,target=native \  
-kernel target/thumbv7m-none-eabi/debug/qemu-hello-rust  
Timer with period zero, disabling  
Hello Rust!  
beningo@Jacobs-MacBook-Pro qemu-hello-rust %
```

What method do you think you prefer?

- Running on the host without emulation
- Running on the host with emulation
- Running on the target hardware
- A combination of the above
- Other

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# Going Further

## Rust Resources

- [Rust Website](#)
- [Rust Book](#)
- [Rust for Embedded Book](#)
- [Learning Rust for Embedded Systems](#)
- [Rust By Example](#)
- [RTIC: Real-Time Interrupt Driven Concurrency](#)







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