## Sustaining Rust's Soul

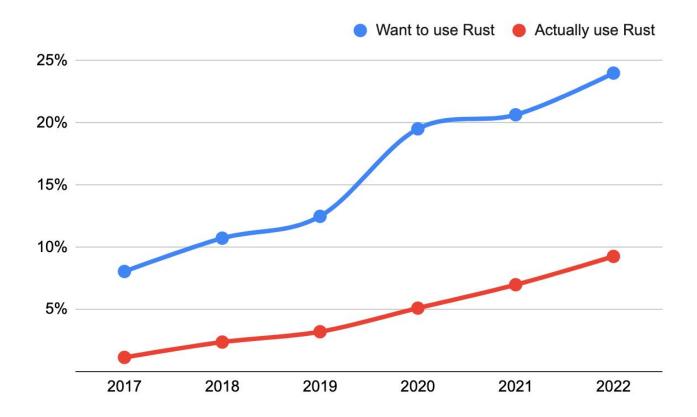
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StackOverflow most wanted language

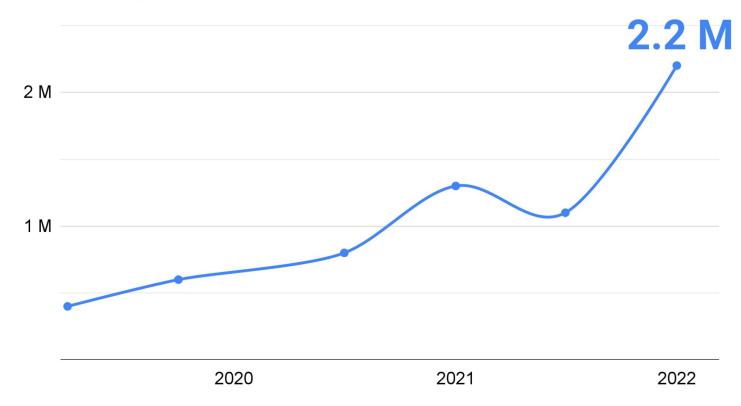




Source: StackOverflow



#### Rust Developers, Global



Source: SlashData





i guess there are now three kinds of languages: the ones everyone complains about, the ones nobody uses, and Rust



Ingredients of Rust's success

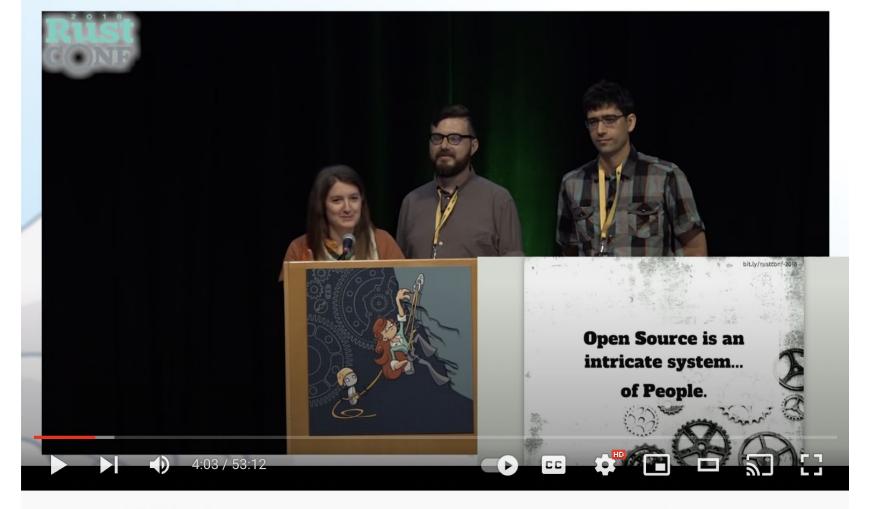
How to scale them

How to embody them



If you want to go fast, go alone.
If you want to go far, go together.







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### Treasure dissent.





### Stay curious.





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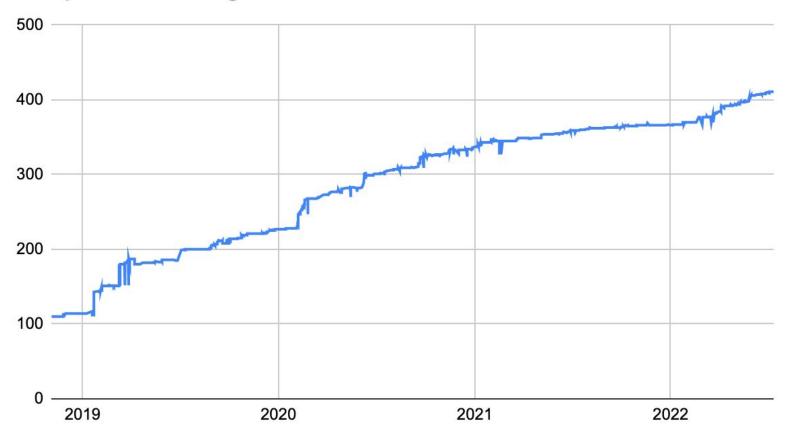
inclusion (n.): seeking out different perspectives and making space for them



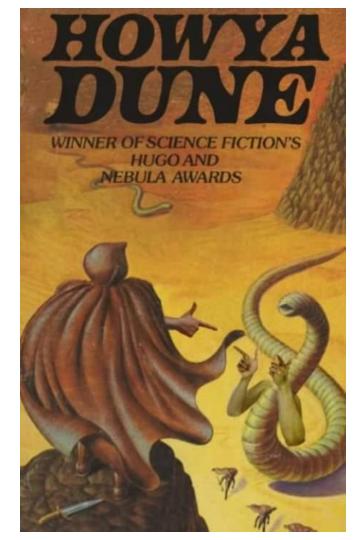
The soul of Rust is a radical commitment to openness and inclusion.



#### People in rust-lang/team







"We document, we mentor, we tag issues"

"reviewers are very kind and helpful"

"You can feel the good intentions from a mile away"



"slow-moving"

"This patch has been sitting for 20 days with no review"

"PRs are just forever ignored"

# 30%

who attempt to contribute to Rust don't succeed



## 8%

interested to participate
on rust-lang GitHub
report **never** feeling welcome



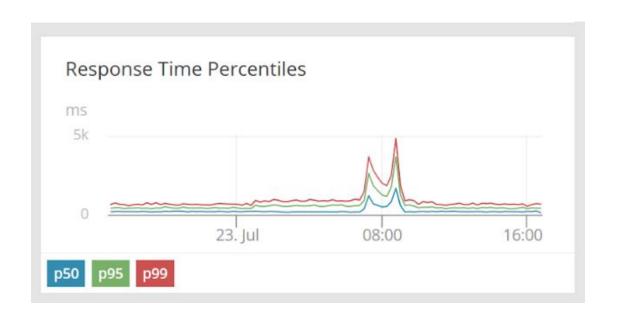
# People Systems Programming



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- Seek out underrepresented groups.
- Notice the people who don't come back.
- Practice openness and curiosity.



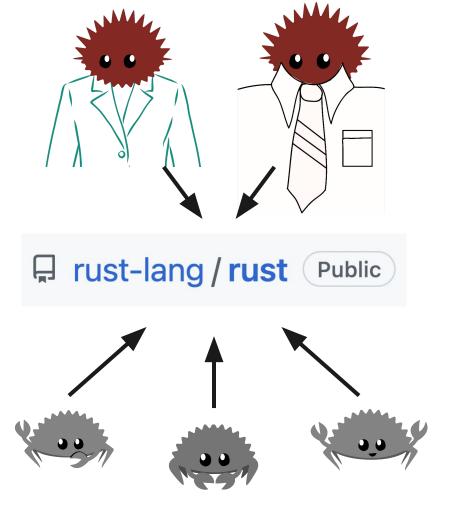
#### **People Systems Engineering**

- **Don't** let implicit power structures lie.
- Don't hide your progress and thinking.
- Don't prioritize only people you know.

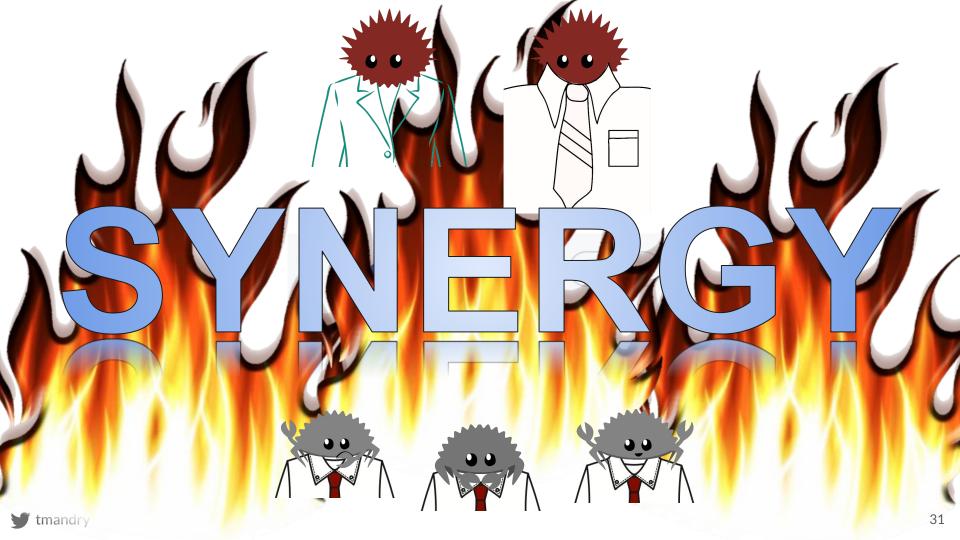


What to expect when you're expecting (to contribute to Rust)

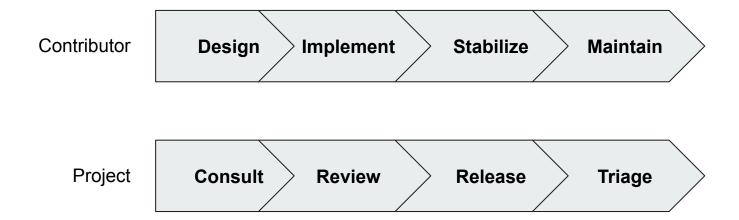
















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It sounds like you also value A, but you think C is more important. Would something like R or S work for you?



# OSS Collaboration is a skill.



Openness and inclusion are critical to Rust's success.

We need scalable structures that support these values.

You can help by affirming and sustaining them.

