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Thread: [Did R*st just commit suicide?](#)

MavenGradle - April 12, 2023, 11:06 am

I don't know. Sure feels like it. Even though it's just a 'draft', it feels like this will be hanging over R*st's shoulders for a long time to come.

[Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gutR_LNoZw0]

Cl0ser - April 12, 2023, 12:12 pm

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MavenGradle - April 12, 2023, 4:55 pm

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They just sent out a notice about 2 hours ago. Guess they finally figured out that no one, and I do mean absolutely no one, supports the foundation:

<https://blog.rust-lang.org/inside-rust/2023/04/12/trademark-policy-draft-feedback.html>

F indeed. It does not address any of the issues the community has. It's like a giant fuck you, we don't care and also we will sue you and enforce our policies!

What a trash thing to do. RIP.

ItachiUchiha - April 13, 2023, 4:52 am

I also didn't know that you could buy a \$10 shitty template and then attempt to trademark it!

You've used their trade name in the post title and in the post. I hope they don't come for you :D Well, I was always confused between RUUST and GO (I know Python and wanted to expand to some other language). Now, I have got a clear winner.

Dirty - April 13, 2023, 6:35 am

Saw this few days ago, very out of touch and incredibly stupid. I wonder how this is going to progress going forward

Faith Connors - April 13, 2023, 7:23 am

ok but in all fairness, theprimeagen, as much as i love his content, is not being charitable with his interpretation of the draft.

take the section of 'user groups' for instance.

he only mentions discord as the only possible 'user group' possible to have, and considering that it's free, factors that into the entire section.

unfortunately, he casually omits the last point in that section which clarifies:

Quote:Any charge to attend meetings is to cover the cost of the venue, food and drink only.

meaning that they are primarily talking about in-person meetups, or in other words, not just discord servers.

or, as another example, with the code of conduct rule:

every major discussion place for rustaceans already has a fairly strict code of conduct because they try to adhere with rust's policy already.

literally, here is the official rustlang discord server:

(it says updated dec21 22, but i think they just linked the original one instead of copy-pasting it, because the CoC was always there in some form)

and, despite all the backlash that the concept of a 'code of conduct' has gotten years ago, it's not like it's something harmful.

literally [read it and see how straightforward it is](#).

and another example, just to prove my point:

the whole 'using a word similar to ours in a trademark'

its like if i opened a cell phone company tomorrow and called it 'appel' because that is french for 'call'

i will get one million letters from apple lawyers overnight.

"but faith that is because your theoretical company does basically the same thing that apple does!!!"

and sure enough, the rust policy clearly states that you cannot use 'rust' 'rost' 'rusty' 'cargo net' etc. [...] for a similar or compatible product or service.

and keep in mind, this document primarily limits the corporate/commercial usage of rust IP (logos, names, etc., not even the language/toolchain itself) and not much for individual's usage.

you can still make a funny rust memes discord server with your friends and not need to worry about rust lawyers.

the problem is when shopify makes a rust memes discord with a green rust logo to try and promote their own company

(if you are curious about why i bring up shopify, its because they wrote the latest ruby yjit in rust [earlier this year](#))

ofc, i am not completely bootlicking. there are things i disagree with personally, but i can still see the rationale behind them: eg., separating community from foundation in crate naming, in creating rust content, etc.

it's a bit of a pain for creators, but not really as harmful as prime makes it sound. my best guess is that it has something to do with liabilities

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Yeah. In favor of not getting sued I propose we call it the Shit Foundation and the Shit language. Let me rewrite all this in Shit.

I am also obliged to say that I am not affiliated with the Rust Foundation - wait shit I'm liable again for using the word R*ST. Shit! Worse than brainfuck.

You can't make this stuff up. In their latest blog post they were claiming to be the victims. Oh I'm sure they meant so well (sarcasm) with that draft that could make so many people and entities liable. Fuck em.

Faith Connors - April 13, 2023, 9:13 am

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I read your comments and it sounds like reading it all through rose-colored glasses or even, and please do apologize me, sometimes naive. I read my comments and it sounds like doom and end of the world stuff. You ask why I did not cherry pick your comment apart, it's because they are both valid ways to look at things.

It's just completely weird. I've never in my life seen a programming language try not to meddle in politics by meddling in politics. I've never seen a programming language foundation tell you that guns are bad and you should not have them. You can hopefully understand how restrictive this all is in nature, and how they might mean well but in the future this could be one of the worst disasters for R*st programmers.

You could definitely argue that the foundation isn't going to sue anyone, because of money, but trademarks need to be enforced and as such it is unavoidable for them to sue someone. That is a fact, unless they want to lose their trademark.

Regardless, the question is why. Why would they need it to be a brand if the foundation itself is non-profit, the language is completely open source, and no one in their right mind would start a new language now called R*st because we already have a R*st. This all reads like a hammer looking for a non-existent nail. Legalese in search of problems that they themselves invented.

In simpler terms, they want to be inclusive, yet ban people who love guns. How is that inclusive? It's not. It never has been. Their code of conduct is not one that is inclusive because it excludes a lot of people and that just does not sit right with me, because such a policy can and has been abused in the past, and for what. Just let us program in peace without all this shit. So what if some bad actor at some point uses R*st to build malware.. You can't stop that from happening.

In my opinion they don't need all this stuff. They don't need a trademark, they're a non profit. Linus Torvalds holds a patent of the penguin logo, and I'm fine with that, they can have patents on their logo's. Whatever, who cares. But to take it as far as to say that R*st is now a term that needs to be preceded by 'I am not a member of the Rust Foundation' is completely nuts. It's so far removed from what is even legally possible and enforceable that it sometimes reads like satire.

Like 'You can use the Ferris logo', why is that even in there? They don't hold any marks over it, so why do they feel the need to 'allow' us to use it if they don't have shit to say over the Ferris logo to begin with.

Just comes to say they lost a lot of R*st evangelists over the last couple of days over the various social media platforms and as such even I can't recommend people R*st over this draft anymore, let alone touch the language again, as I have not touched it since the draft feedback form was opened. I'm sorry but they let me down big time, and I hope to see some form of apology soon so I can write in my favorite language again without feeling like an idiot.

Stanley - April 13, 2023, 8:39 pm

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Thanks,
Stanley

MavenGradle - April 13, 2023, 8:41 pm

Okay so small update. Had some discussions on Reddit with some of the Core members of Rust in which they admit the draft is essentially shit with some major oversights in regards to crate names and more.. They have yet to release an actual official apology or statement with something real in it to fix this shitshow though. They don't use the words shit though and did not admit to it being shit, not using those words anyway, because you know, they're a 'friendly and inclusive' bunch. I see an apology statement and course correction coming in 5...

Love these guys for bringing us Rust but damn does it sometimes feel like they live on a different planet.

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