Rust 1.49.0 Released and Related News

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  The Rust team is happy to announce a new version of Rust, 1.49.0. Rust is a programming language that is empowering everyone to build reliable and efficient software.

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  That said, I've talked to a number of people in the Rust community who feel nervous about this change. After all, we've worked hard to build an open source organization that values curiosity, broad collaboration, and uplifting others. As more companies form Rust teams, there's a chance that some of that could be lost, even if everyone has the best of intentions. While we all want to see more people paid to work on Rust, that can also result in part time contributors feeling edged out.

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  I want to zoom out a bit to the broader picture. As I said in the intro, we are entering a new
phase for Rust, one where there are multiple active Rust teams at different companies, all working as part of the greater Rust community to build and support Rust. This is something to celebrate. I think it will go a long way towards making Rust development more sustainable for everyone.

Even as we celebrate, it’s worth recognizing that in many ways this exciting future is already here. Supporting Rust doesn’t require forming a full-time Rust team. The Google Fuchsia team, for example, has always made a point of not only using Rust but actively contributing to the community. Ferrous Microsystems has a number of folks who work within the Rust compiler and embedded teams. In truth, there are a lot of employers who give their employees time to work on Rust? way too many to list, even if I knew all their names. Then we have companies like Embark and others that actively fund work on their dependencies (shout-out to cargo-fund, an awesome tool developed by the equally awesome azfoltzer, who ? as it happens ? works at Fastly, another company that has been an active supporter of Rust).

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