

Linting with Dylint

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Overview

- Rust linting
- Five categories of lints Dylint is good for
- `cargo-dylint` and `dylint-link`
- Example Dylint lint: `try_io_result`
- Resources
- Future work

```
cargo install cargo-dylint dylint-link
```

Rust linting

Lint

- From Wikipedia's Lint (software):

Lint, or a linter, is a static code analysis tool used to flag programming errors, bugs, stylistic errors and suspicious constructs.

Rust linters

- The Rust compiler itself (`rustc`) includes many lints, e.g., `unreachable_code`, `unused_imports`, etc.
- Clippy is “a collection of lints to catch common mistakes and improve your Rust code”.
- 📌 Dylint 📌 runs lints from dynamic libraries named by the user, allowing developers to maintain their own personal lint collections.
👉 The subject of this talk

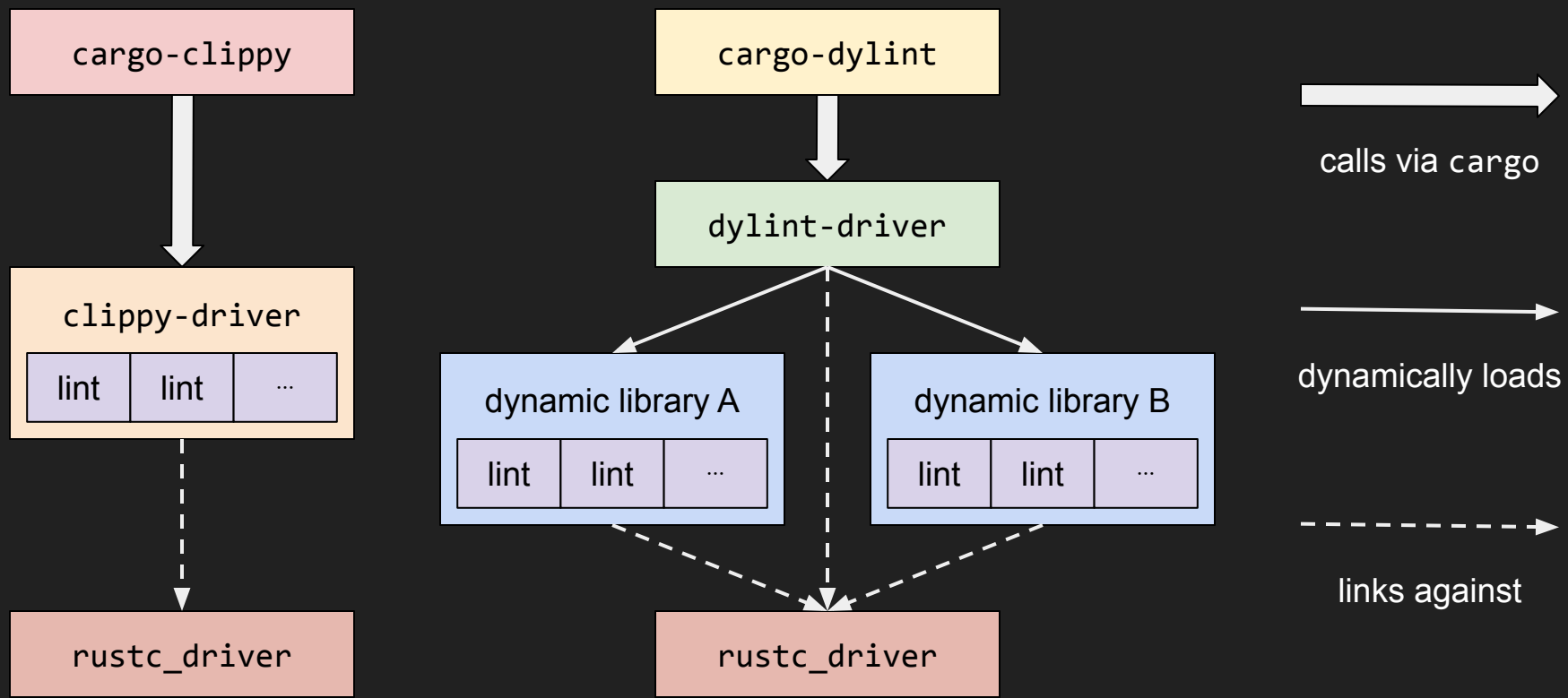
A Rust lint is a Rust lint is a Rust lint...

- A Dylint lint...
 - Is essentially no different than a Rust compiler lint...
 - Is essentially no different than a Clippy lint.
- Each use the same *unstable(!)* Rust compiler APIs.*

* Marker (due largely to Fridtjof Stoldt aka @xFrednet) is an attempt to create a stable linting interface on top of the Rust compiler APIs.

Clippy

Dylint



Stages of a compiled program

- AST - abstract syntax tree
 - Comments and whitespace have been removed, major syntactic constructs (e.g., functions, statements) have been identified
- HIR - high-level intermediate representation
 - Names have been resolved, types have been checked, ...

Types of lints

- Pre-expansion
 - Run on the AST before macros are expanded
- Early
 - Run on the AST after macros have been expanded
- Late
 - Run on the HIR, i.e., after names have been resolved, types have been checked, ...

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When starting a new lint, you nearly always want a late lint.

Five categories of lints
Dylint is good for

“I have an idea for a lint...

Why would I write a Dylint lint?

Why not just submit a pull request to Clippy?”

Five categories of lints Dylint is good for

- Lints involving third-party crates
 - Clippy has a policy of not linting third-party APIs

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- Obscure or exceedingly complex lints
 - To save Clippy maintainers the maintenance burden

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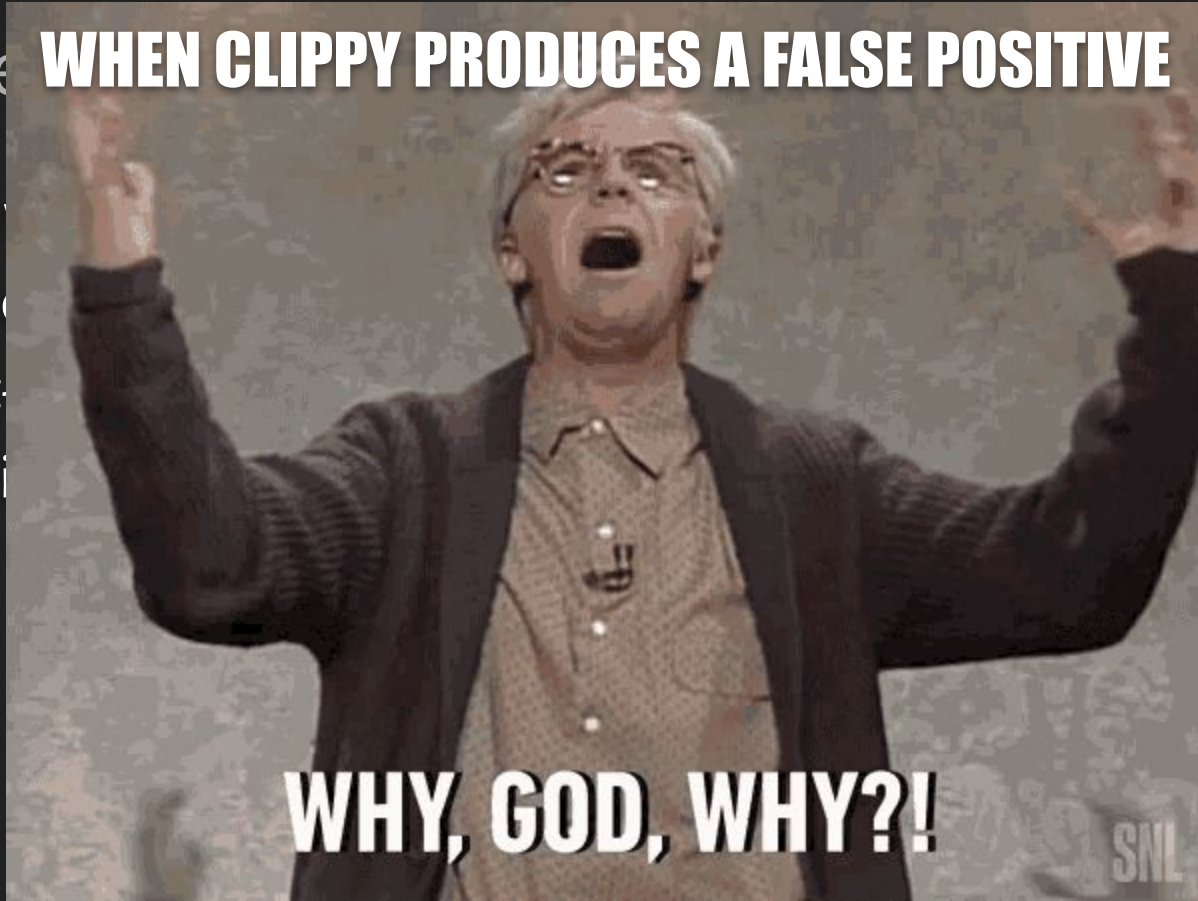
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- Project-specific lints
 - E.g., lints involving a project's internal functions

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 - ...

Five categories

- Lints in
- Obscure
- Project
- Lints with
 - ...



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- Proprietary lints
 - E.g., analyses whose details you would prefer not to share

cargo-dylint and
dylint-link

cargo-dylint and dylint-link

- `cargo-dylint` allows you to, e.g.:
 - run the lints in a library
 - list the lints in a library
 - create new a new library package
 - upgrade a library package to a more recent toolchain
- `dylint-link` builds libraries with filenames that Dylint recognizes

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```
$ cargo dylint new my_new_lint
```

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```
$ █
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$ tree -a my_new_lint
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```
my_new_lint
```

```
|— .cargo  
|   └─ config.toml  
|— .gitignore  
|— Cargo.toml  
|— README.md  
|— rust-toolchain  
|— src  
|   └─ lib.rs  
└─ ui  
    └─ main.rs  
        └─ main.stderr
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├── .gitignore
```

```
├── Cargo.toml [target.'cfg(all())']
```

```
├── README.md rustflags = ["-C", "linker=dylink-link"]
```

```
├── rust-toolchain
```

```
├── src
```

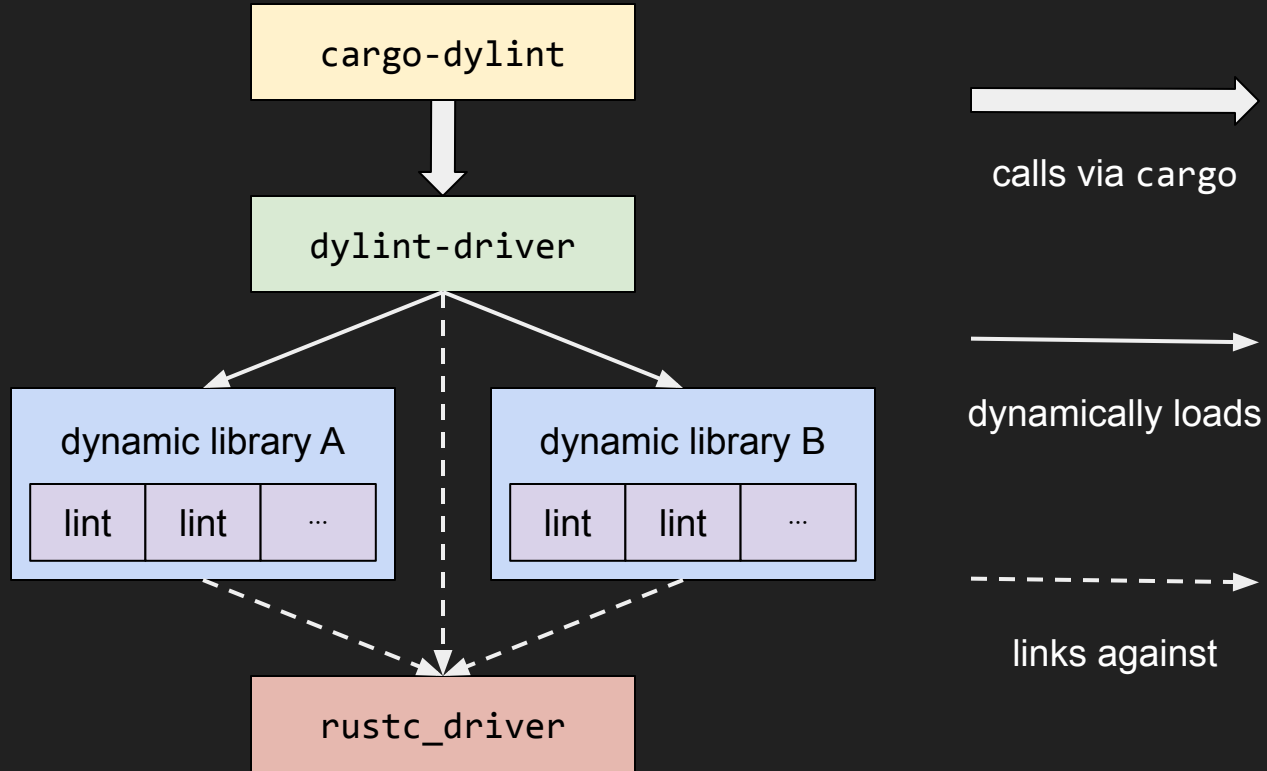
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│   └── lib.rs
```

```
└── ui
```

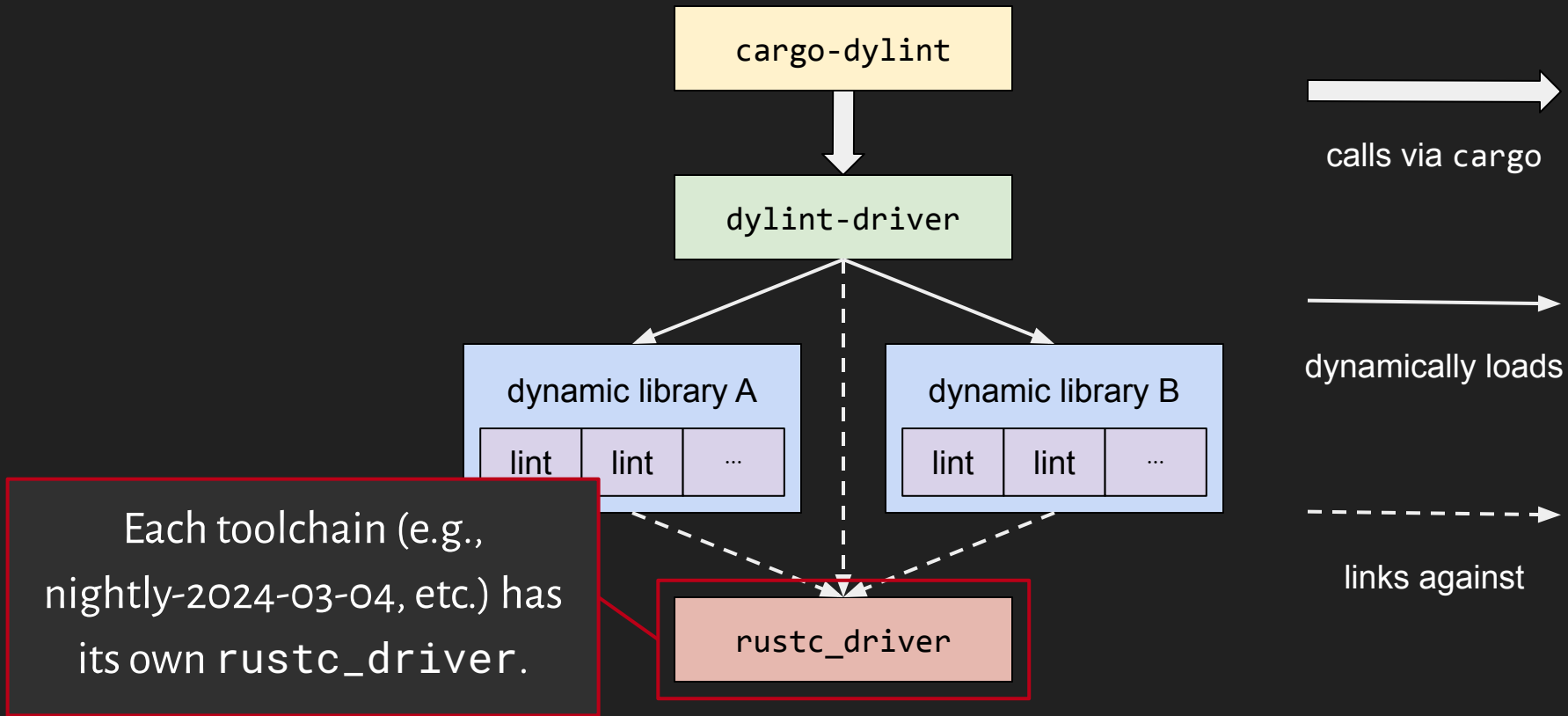
```
    ├── main.rs
```

```
    └── main.stderr
```

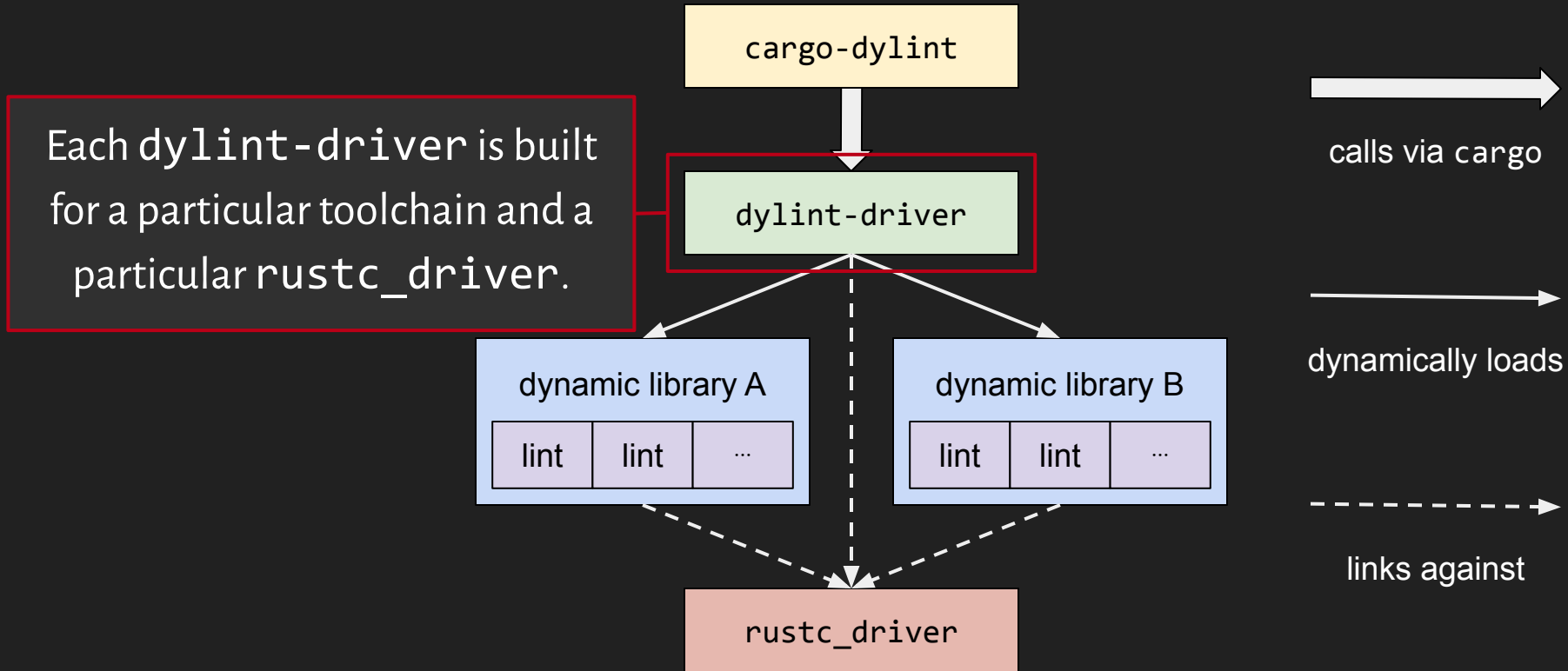
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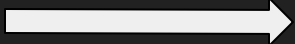
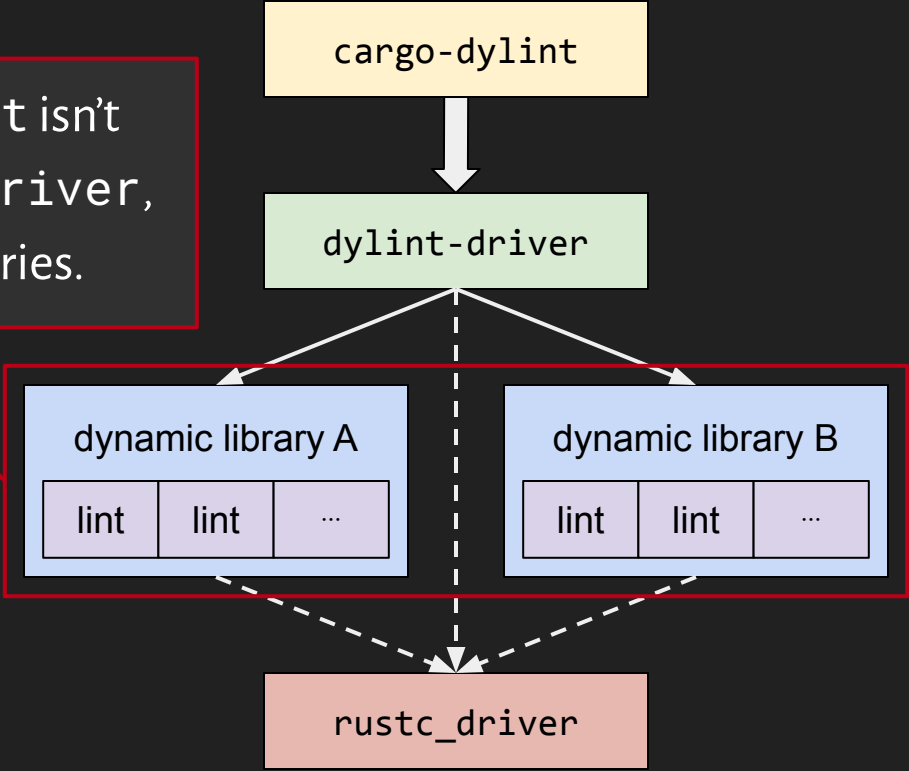


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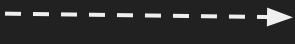
But cargo-dylint isn't given the dylint-driver, it's given the libraries.



calls via cargo



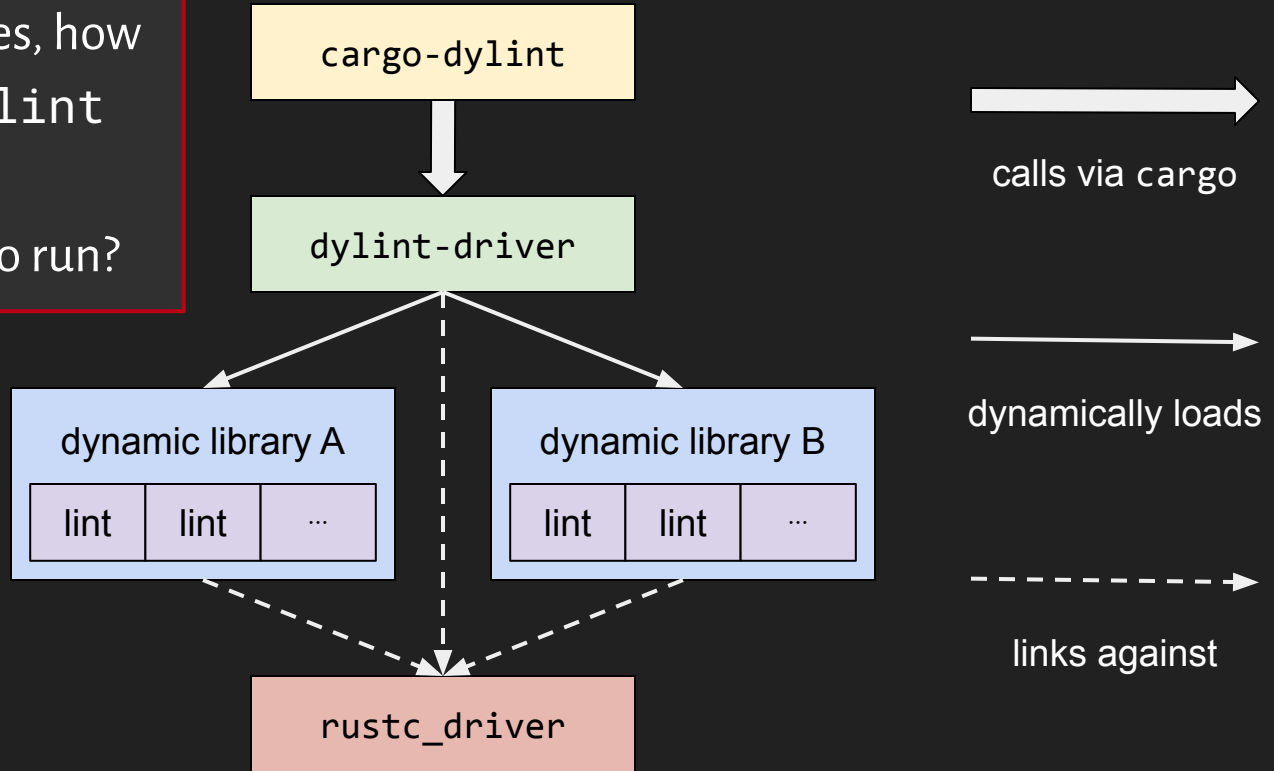
dynamically loads



links against

Dylint

Given a set of libraries, how should `cargo-dylint` know which `dylint-driver` to run?



Form of a Dylint library filename

DLL_PREFIX LIBRARY_NAME '@' TOOLCHAIN DLL_SUFFIX

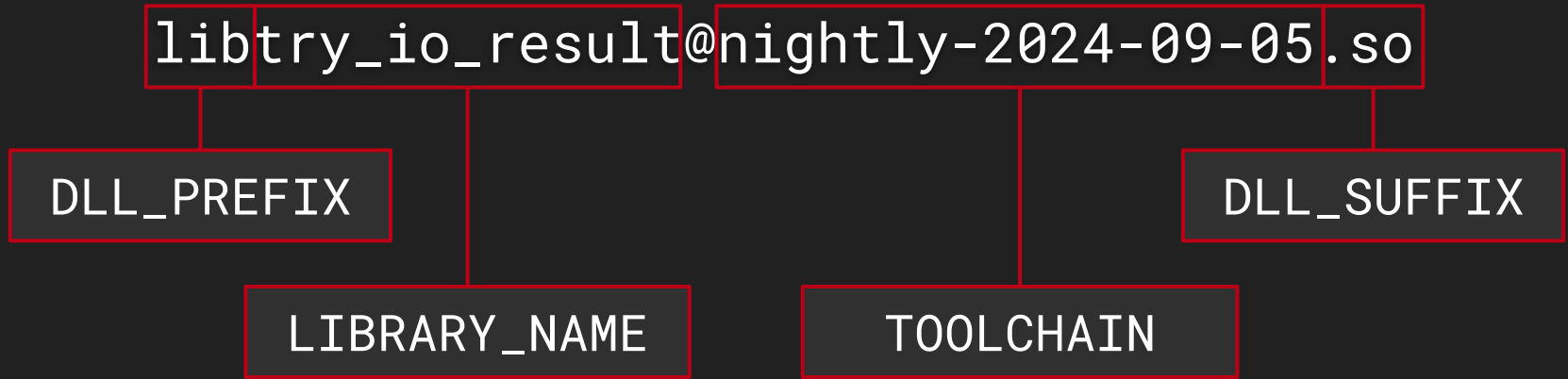
Concrete example on Linux:

libtry_io_result@nightly-2024-09-05.so

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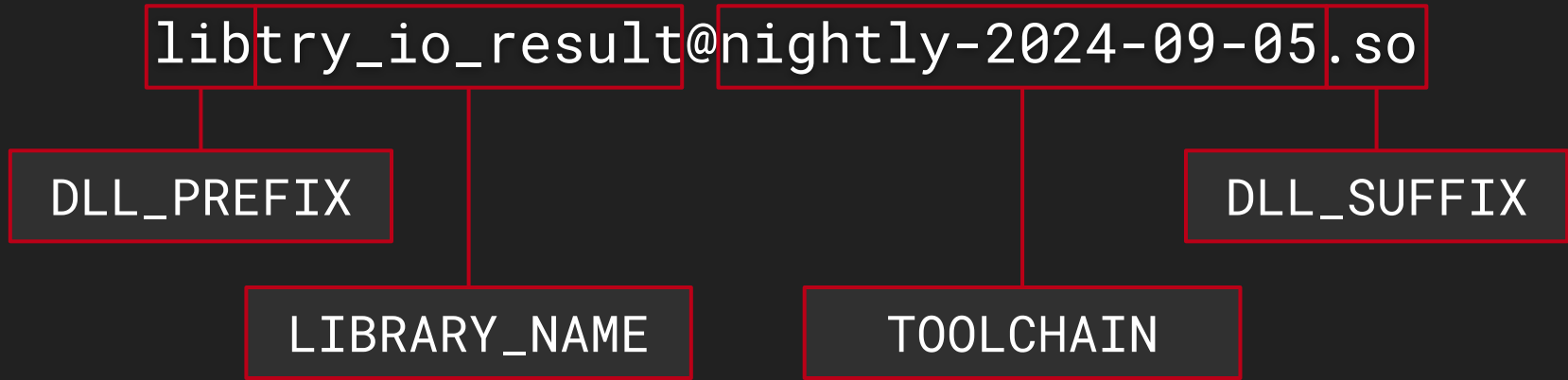
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Concrete example on Linux:



`dylint-link` creates a copy of your library with a filename of this form.

Example Dylint lint: try_io_result

https://github.com/trailofbits/dylint/tree/master/examples/restriction/try_io_result



\$ |

```
$ cargo amaze --maximize=wow-factor █
```



```
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```

```
|
```

```
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```
Error: No such file or directory (os error 2)
```

```
$ █
```

What file or directory?

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**What were you trying
to do with it?**

What file or directory?

```
$ cargo run --maximize-wow-factor  
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$ █
```

**You can't even tell me whether
it was a file or a directory?**

**What were you trying
to do with it?**

```
fn foo() -> anyhow::Result<()> {  
    let _ = File::open("/nonexistent");  
    Ok(())  
}
```

A function's return type allows additional information to be returned, but it goes unused.

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Something like `File::open` returns a non-descript `std::io::Result`.

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    let _ = File::open("/nonexistent")  
        .with_context(|| "could not open `/nonexistent`");  
    Ok(())  
}
```

```
cargo dylint --git https://github.com/trailofbits/dylint  
--pattern examples/restriction/try_io_result
```

\$

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Structure of `try_io_result/src/lib.rs`

[features, `extern crate` declarations, and imports]

```
dylint_linting::declare_late_lint! {
```

```
    ...
```

```
}
```

```
impl<'tcx> LateLintPass<'tcx> for TryIoResult {
```

```
    ...
```

```
}
```

```
fn is_io_result(cx: &LateContext<'_, ty: Ty) -> bool { ... }
```

```
#[test]
```

```
fn ui() {
```

```
    dylint_testing::ui_test_examples(env!("CARGO_PKG_NAME"));
```

```
}
```

Structure of `try_io_result/src/lib.rs`

[features, `extern crate` declarations, and imports]

```
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    ...  
}
```

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    ...  
}
```

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Mostly boilerplate.

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    ...  
}  
  
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    ...  
}
```

Suffice it to say `is_io_result` determines whether `ty` refers to a `std::io::Result`.

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try_io_result/ui/main.rs (slightly reduced)

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[...]

```
fn foo() -> anyhow::Result<()> {  
    let _ = File::open("/nonexistent"?);  
    Ok(())  
}
```

```
fn foo_with_context() -> anyhow::Result<()> {  
    let _ = File::open("/nonexistent").with_context(|| "could not open `/nonexistent`"?);  
    Ok(())  
}
```

```
fn bar() -> io::Result<()> {  
    let _ = File::open("/nonexistent"?);  
    Ok(())  
}
```

try_io_result/ui/main.rs (slightly reduced)

[...]

```
fn foo() -> anyhow::Result<()> {
```

```
    let _ = File::open("/nonexistent")?; ✗ Should flag
```

```
    Ok(())
```

```
}
```

```
fn foo_with_context() -> anyhow::Result<()> { ✓ Should not flag
```

```
    let _ = File::open("/nonexistent").with_context(|| "could not open `/nonexistent`")?;
```

```
    Ok(())
```

```
}
```

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```

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```

```
}
```

```
try_io_result/ui/main.stderr
```

try_io_result/ui/main.stderr

warning: returning a `std::io::Result` could discard relevant context (e.g., files or paths involved)

--> \$DIR/main.rs:9:13

|

LL | let _ = File::open("/nonexistent");

|

^^

|

= help: return a type that includes relevant context

= note: `#[warn(try_io_result)]` on by default

warning: 1 warning emitted

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declare_late_lint! for try_io_result

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dylint_linting::declare_late_lint! {  
    /// ### What it does  
    /// Checks for `?` operators applied to values of type `std::io::Result`.  
    ///  
    /// ### Why is this bad?  
    /// Returning a `std::io::Result` could mean relevant context (e.g., files or paths  
    /// involved) is lost. The problem is discussed under "Verbose IO errors" in Yoshua Wuyts'  
    /// [Error Handling Survey].  
    ///  
    /// ### Known problems  
    /// No interprocedural analysis is done. ...  
    [...]  
    pub TRY_IO_RESULT,  
    Warn,  
    "`?` operator applied to `std::io::Result`"  
}
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    /// Checks for `?` operators applied to values of type `std::io::Result`.  
    ///  
    /// ### Why is this bad?  
    /// Returns a Lint struct that is used to generate lint messages. Paths  
    /// involve the try_io_result crate. Shua Wuyts'  
    /// [Error] dylint_linting::declare_late_lint!  
    ///  
    /// ### Known issues  
    /// No interprocedural analysis is done. ...  
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Under the hood,
`dylint_linting::declare_late_lint!`
declares a `Lint` struct and prepares it to be run as a late lint.

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Rustdoc comment describing the lint

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```

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}
```

Lint name

Lint level (usually Warn)

Short description for when a library's contents are listed

Structure of `try_io_result/src/lib.rs`

[features, `extern crate` declarations, and imports]

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```

```
    ...
```

```
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```

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```
fn is_io_result(cx: &LateContext<'_, ty: Ty) -> bool { ... }
```

```
#[test]
```

```
fn ui() {  
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}
```


LateLintPass implementation for try_io_result

```
impl<'tcx> LateLintPass<'tcx> for TryIoResult {  
    fn check_expr(&mut self, cx: &LateContext<'tcx>, expr: &'tcx Expr<'_>) {  
        if let ExprKind::Match(scrutinee, _, MatchSource::TryDesugar(_)) = expr.kind  
            && let ExprKind::Call(callee, [arg]) = scrutinee.kind  
            && let ExprKind::Path(path) = &callee.kind  
            && matches!(path, QPath::LangItem(LangItem::TryTraitBranch, _))  
            && let arg_ty = cx.typeck_results().node_type(arg.hir_id)  
            && is_io_result(cx, arg_ty)  
            && let body_owner_hir_id = cx.tcx.hir().enclosing_body_owner(expr.hir_id)  
            && let body = cx.tcx.hir().body_owned_by(body_owner_hir_id)  
            && let body_ty = cx.typeck_results().expr_ty(body.value)  
            // smoelius: If the body's return type is `std::io::Result`, do not flag, because  
            // the return type cannot carry any additional information.  
            && !is_io_result(cx, body_ty)  
    }  
}
```

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LateLintPass implementation for try_io_result

```
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    fn check_expr(&mut self, cx: &LateContext<'tcx>, expr: &'tcx Expr<'_>) {  
        if let ExprKind::Match(scrutinee, _, MatchSource::TryDesugar(_)) = expr.kind  
        {  
            let scrutinee_ty = cx.typeck_results().node_type(scrutinee.hir_id)  
            && is_io_result(cx, scrutinee_ty)  
            && let body_owner_hir_id = cx.tcx.hir().enclosing_body_owner(expr.hir_id)  
            && let body = cx.tcx.hir().body_owned_by(body_owner_hir_id)  
            && let body_ty = cx.typeck_results().expr_ty(body.value)  
            // smoelius: If the body's return type is `std::io::Result`, do not flag, because  
            // the return type cannot carry any additional information.  
            && !is_io_result(cx, body_ty)  
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    }  
}
```

Called on each expression in the crate being checked.

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            && let ExprKind::Call(callee, [arg]) = scrutinee.kind  
            && let ExprKind::Path(path) = &callee.kind  
            && matches!(path, QPath::LangItem(LangItem::TryTraitBranch, _))  
            && let arg_ty = cx.typeck_results().node_type(arg.hir_id)  
            && is_io_result(cx, arg_ty)  
            && let body_owner_hir_id = cx.tcx.hir().enclosing_body_owner(expr.hir_id)  
            && let body = cx.tcx.hir().body_owned_by(body_owner_hir_id)  
            && let body_ty = cx.typeck_results().expr_ty(body.value)  
            // smoelius: If the body's return type is `std::io::Result`, do not flag, because  
            // the return type cannot carry any additional information.  
            && !is_io_result(cx, body_ty)  
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        if let ExprKind::Match(scrutinee, _, MatchSource::TryDesugar(_)) = expr.kind
            && let ExprKind::Call(callee, [arg]) = scrutinee.kind
            && let ExprKind::Path(path) = &callee.kind
            && matches!(path, QPath::LangItem(LangItem::TryTraitBranch, _))
            && let arg_ty = cx.typeck_results().node_type(arg.hir_id)
            && is_io_result(arg_ty)
            && let body_owner = cx.tcx.hir().body_owner_of(expr.hir_id)
            && let body = cx.tcx.hir().body_owned_by(body_owner.hir_id)
            && let body_ty = cx.typeck_results().expr_ty(body.value)
            // smoelius: If the body's return type is `std::io::Result`, do not flag, because
            // the return type cannot carry any additional information.
            && !is_io_result(cx, body_ty)
        {

```

Is the expression an application of ?.

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            && let ExprKind::Call(callee, [arg]) = scrutinee.kind  
            && let ExprKind::Path(path) = &callee.kind  
            && matches!(path, QPath::LangItem(LangItem::TryTraitBranch, _))  
            && let arg_ty = cx.typeck_results().node_type(arg.hir_id)  
            && is_io_result(cx, arg_ty)  
            && let body_owner_hir_id = cx.tcx.hir().enclosing_body_owner(expr.hir_id)  
            && let body = cx.tcx.hir().body_owned_by(body_owner_hir_id)  
            && let body_ty = cx.typeck_results().expr_ty(body.value)  
            // smoelius: If the body's return type is `std::io::Result`, do not flag, because  
            // the return type cannot carry any additional information.  
            && !is_io_result(cx, body_ty)  
    }  
}
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        if let ExprKind::Match(scrutinee, _, MatchSource::TryDesugar(_)) = expr.kind  
            && let ExprKind::Call(callee, [arg]) = scrutinee.kind  
            && let ExprKind::Path(path) = &callee.kind  
            && matches!(path.segments.iter().last(), Some(ResolvedPath::MethodBranch, _))  
            && let arg_ty = cx.typeck_results().expr_ty(arg).hir_id  
            && is_io_result(cx, arg_ty) {  
            && let body_owner_hir_id = cx.tcx.hir().enclosing_body_owner(expr.hir_id)  
            && let body = cx.tcx.hir().body_owned_by(body_owner_hir_id)  
            && let body_ty = cx.typeck_results().expr_ty(body.value)  
            // smoelius: If the body's return type is `std::io::Result`, do not flag, because  
            // the return type cannot carry any additional information.  
            && !is_io_result(cx, body_ty)  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Notably, `arg` is the expression to which the `?` was applied.

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            && let ExprKind::Call(callee, [arg]) = scrutinee.kind  
            && let ExprKind::Path(path) = &callee.kind  
            && matches!(path, QPath::LangItem(LangItem::TryTraitBranch, _))  
            && let arg_ty = cx.typeck_results().node_type(arg.hir_id)  
            && is_io_result(cx, arg_ty)  
            && let body_owner_hir_id = cx.tcx.hir().enclosing_body_owner(expr.hir_id)  
            && let body = cx.tcx.hir().body_owned_by(body_owner_hir_id)  
            && let body_ty = cx.typeck_results().expr_ty(body.value)  
            // smoelius: If the body's return type is `std::io::Result`, do not flag, because  
            // the return type cannot carry any additional information.  
            && !is_io_result(cx, body_ty)  
    }  
}
```

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impl<'tcx> LateLintPass<'tcx> for TryIoResult {
  fn check_expr(&mut self, cx: &LateContext<'tcx>, expr: &'tcx Expr<'_>) {
    if let ExprKind::Match(scrutinee, _, MatchSource::TryDesugar(_)) = expr.kind
      && let ExprKind::Call(callee, [arg]) = scrutinee.kind
      && let ExprKind::Path(path) = &callee.kind
      && matches!(path, QPath::LangItem(LangItem::TryTraitBranch, _))
      && let arg_ty = cx.typeck_results().node_type(arg.hir_id)
      && is_io_result(cx, arg_ty)
      && let body_owner_hir_id = cx.tcx.hir().enclosing_body_owner(expr.hir_id)
      && let body_ty = cx.typeck_results().node_type(body_owner_hir_id)
      && let value = cx.typeck_results().node_value(body_owner_hir_id)
      // smoelius: If the body's return type is `std::io::Result`, do not flag, because
      // the return type cannot carry any additional information.
      && !is_io_result(cx, body_ty)
  }
}
```

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LateLintPass implementation for try_io_result

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    fn check_expr(&mut self, cx: &LateContext<'tcx>, expr: &'tcx Expr<'_>) {
        if let ExprKind::Match(scrutinee, _, MatchSource::TryDesugar(_)) = expr.kind
            && let ExprKind::Call(callee, [arg]) = scrutinee.kind
            && let ExprKind::Path(path) = &callee.kind
            && matches!(path, QPath::LangItem(LangItem::TryTraitBranch, _))
            && let arg_ty = cx.typeck_results().node_type(arg.hir_id)
            && is_io_result(cx, arg_ty)
            && let body_owner_hir_id = cx.tcx.hir().enclosing_body_owner(expr.hir_id)
            && let body = cx.tcx.hir().body_owned_by(body_owner_hir_id)
            && let body_ty = cx.typeck_results().expr_ty(body.value)
            // smoelius: If the body's return type is `std::io::Result`, do not flag, because
            // the return type cannot carry any additional information.
            && !is_io_result(cx, body_ty)
        {
```

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    fn check_expr(&mut self, cx: &LateContext<'tcx>, expr: &'tcx Expr<'_>) {  
        if let ExprKind::Match { pat, body, .. } = expr.kind {  
            && let ExprKind::Match { pat, body, .. } = pat.kind {  
                && let ExprKind::Match { pat, body, .. } = pat.kind {  
                    && matches!(path, Path::Ctor(..)) {  
                        && let arg_ty = ...  
                        && is_io_result(cx, arg_ty)  
                        && let body_owner_hir_id = cx.tcx.hir().enclosing_body_owner(expr.hir_id)  
                        && let body = cx.tcx.hir().body_owned_by(body_owner_hir_id)  
                        && let body_ty = cx.typeck_results().expr_ty(body.value)  
                        // smoelius: If the body's return type is `std::io::Result`, do not flag, because  
                        // the return type cannot carry any additional information.  
                        && !is_io_result(cx, body_ty)  
                    }  
                }  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Is the type of the body from which the
result is returned `std::io::Result`?
If so, don't flag.

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            && matches!(path, QPath::LangItem(LangItem::TryTraitBranch, _))
            && let arg_ty = cx.typeck_results().node_type(arg.hir_id)
            && is_io_result(cx, arg_ty)
            && let body_owner_hir_id = cx.tcx.hir().enclosing_body_owner(expr.hir_id)
            && let body = cx.tcx.hir().body_owned_by(body_owner_hir_id)
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            // smoelius: If the body's return type is `std::io::Result`, do not flag, because
            // the return type cannot carry any additional information.
            && !is_io_result(cx, body_ty)
        {
```

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impl<'tcx> LateLintPass<'tcx> for TryIoResult {
    fn check_expr(&mut self, cx: &LateContext<'tcx>, expr: &'tcx Expr<'_>) {
        if [...]
        {
            span_lint_and_help(
                cx,
                TRY_IO_RESULT,
                expr.span,
                "returning a `std::io::Result` could discard relevant context (e.g., files \
                or paths involved)",
                None,
                "return a type that includes relevant context",
            );
        }
    }
}
```

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    if [...] {  
      {  
        span_lint_and_help(  
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          expr.span,  
          "returning a `std::io::Result` could discard relevant context (e.g., files \\  
          or paths involved)",  
          None,  
          "return a type that includes relevant context",  
        );  
      }  
    }  
  }  
}
```

Lint name

Span to highlight

Warning message

Help message

try_io_result/ui/main.stderr

warning: returning a `std::io::Result` could discard relevant context (e.g., files or paths involved)

--> \$DIR/main.rs:9:13

|

LL | let _ = File::open("/nonexistent");

|

^^

|

= help: return a type that includes relevant context

= note: `#[warn(try_io_result)]` on by default

warning: 1 warning emitted

try_io_result/ui/main.stderr

```
warning: returning a `std::io::Result` could discard relevant context (e.g., files or paths involved)
```

```
--> $DIR/main.rs:9:13
```

```
|  
LL |     let _ = File::open("/nonexistent");  
|           ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^  
|
```

Warning message

Span to highlight

```
= help: return a type that includes relevant context
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Help message

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= note: `#[warn(try_io_result)]` on by default
```

```
warning: 1 warning emitted
```

Resources

Resources (1 of 2)

- [Clippy Documentation: Adding a new lint](#)
- [Clippy's `author` attribute](#)
- [Rust Compiler Development Guide](#)

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Resources (2 of 2)

- `rustc_lint::LateContext`
- `rustc_middle::ty::typeck_results::TypeckResults`
 - Returned by `rustc_lint::LateContext::typeck_results`
- `rustc_middle::ty::context::TyCtxt`
 - Type of `rustc_lint::LateContext`'s `tcx` field
- `rustc_middle::hir::map::Map`
 - Returned by `rustc_middle::ty::context::TyCtxt::hir`
- `clippy_utils`
 - Generously provided by the Clippy team! 🙏

Future work

Future work

- Make writing Rust lints easier, generally!
- Automatically infer and apply fixes required for API changes
 - Clippy is mirrored in the Rust repo.
 - Fixes required for API changes are in Clippy's commit history.
 - Would it be possible to extract them and apply them to other code relying on the same APIs?

Dylint

<https://github.com/trailofbits/dylint>



Thank you. Questions?

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