Rust Security Explored

February 1, 2023—Two recent SEI Blog posts assess the security, vulnerability, and maturity of the Rust programming language. In Rust Software Security: A Current State Assessment and Rust Vulnerability Analysis and Maturity Challenges, SEI CERT Division researchers Joseph Sible, David Svoboda, and Garret Wassermann explore the promise of this popular language.

"While the memory safety and security features of the Rust programming language can be effective in many situations, Rust’s compiler is very particular on what constitutes good software design practices," write Wassermann and Svoboda in the second post. "Whenever design assumptions disagree with real-world data and assumptions, there is the possibility of security vulnerabilities—and malicious software that can take advantage of those vulnerabilities."

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