Porting Rust to Morello A safe software layer for a safe hardware layer

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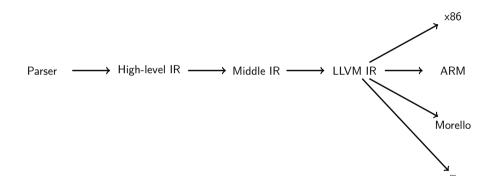
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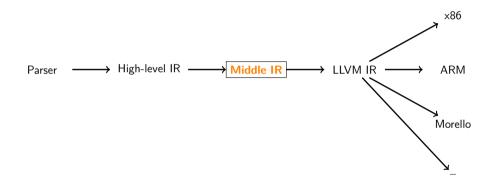


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Compiler changes — plumbing

The first task is hooking Rust up with Morello LLVM.

- We added a target, and set the appropriate options
- ▶ We hooked up Morello clang as the linker for the Rust compiler
- We extended the Rust target options to allow us to describe object layout differences...



Compiler changes — object layout

Object layout differences, you say?

- usize is a type which must represent the whole range of addresses a pointer can dereference.
- It is used for array indexing, and array bounds.
- ► We don't want usize to be 128 bits, memory isn't 128 bit on Morello[†].
- ► So, we needed to change the layout of a pointer instead.

[†]This approach was explored by Nicholas Sim in his Masters Thesis.



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Compiler changes — constant evaluation

- Rust's IR is interpreted within the compiler to do constant evaluation.
- If it attempts to read uninitialised data that's considered an error.
- We cannot initialise the metadata of these pointers at compile time, so we had to patch up that divide.



Compiler changes — code generation

There are some baked in assumptions in the Rust compiler about valid operations on pointers, for example...

```
if ty.is_unsafe_ptr() {
    // Some platforms do not support atomic operations on pointers,
    // so we cast to integer first.
    let ptr_llty = bx.type_ptr_to(bx.type_isize());
    ptr = bx.pointercast(ptr, ptr_llty);
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Standard library changes

- ► We're not done here, yet.
- The worst so far has been in a concurrency library which casts pointers to/from integers to tag them with metadata in the lower bits.
- Some bits of the FFI needed some tweaks, integer types being replaced with pointer types.

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pub unsafe fn cast_from_usize(signal_ptr: usize) -> SignalToken {
    SignalToken { inner: mem::transmute(signal_ptr) }
}
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Demo



Remaining challenges

- Porting the rest of the standard library.
- Looking at some code-gen bugs which appear to come from LLVM.
- ▶ Port substantial 3rd party software built in Rust to Morello.
- ► Two optimisations are disabled: SROA, and Function Merging.



What's next?

- 1. *Performance measurements*: how much does the Rust runtime cost, how much does Morello cost?
 - ► We have some early work on this. Rust runtime checks look to be on the order of 10% in our testing[†].
- 2. *Semantic modelling*: how much of the semantics of Morello subsumes the guarantees in safe Rust?
- 3. *Compiler optimisation*: will the semantics of Morello allow us to remove some dynamic checks from Rust code, but retain Rust's safety properties?
- 4. *Compiler optimisation*: can we use the Morello prototype's hybrid mode to have zero-overhead statically verified code, and capability checked unsafe code?

[†]Very early results, not science (yet)!



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Thanks for listening! Any questions?

