# Building Infrastructure for Rust Decompilation (and more!)

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- Works okay for understanding assembly
  - Maybe not so much for understanding the program

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- Better optimizations than C

#### **Rust Stack Optimization**

```
local 40 = i32 > :: fmt:
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/* ... */
std :: io :: stdio :: _print(&local_78);
/* ... */
|oca| 40 = (code *)0x4;
|oca| 30 = (code *)0x3;
std :: io :: stdio :: _print(&local_48);
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- Funded through NGI Zero Entrust
  - Currently very rough prototype
  - Next milestone: Write Plugins in other languages than  $C{++}$

# Ideas, Wishes, Contributions?

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