

Speeding up Python

with  Rust



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WTF is up with Python

Python is **useful**

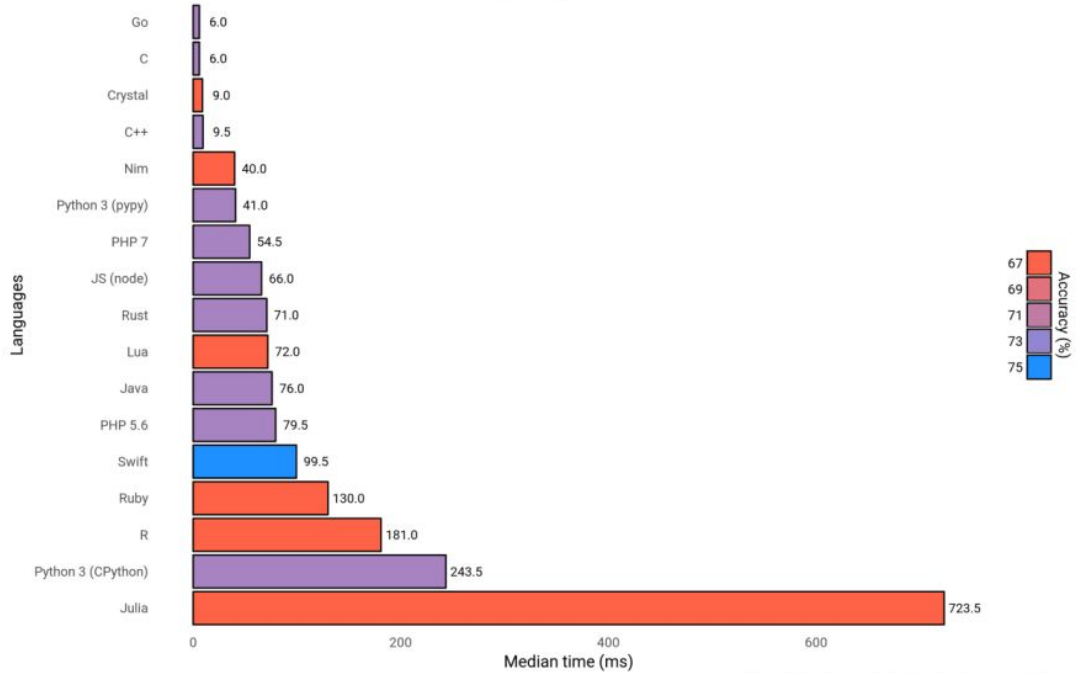
What do you use Python for?



Python is **slow**

Speed comparison of various programming languages

Method: calculating π through the Leibniz formula x times



<https://github.com/niklas-heer/speed-comparison>

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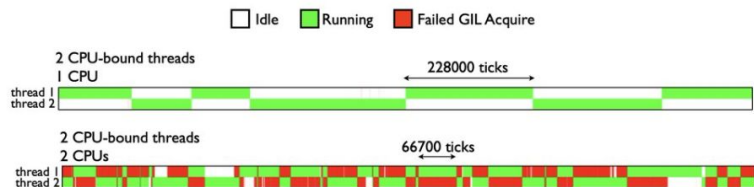
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Basically, in `#Python` only one thread can run the interpreter at the same time (the famous Global Interpreter Lock).

Two cores may fight for the GIL with a very bad timing, failing to acquire it for hundreds of times and wasting a lot of CPU.

One of the threads starves.

GIL Battle (In Pictures)

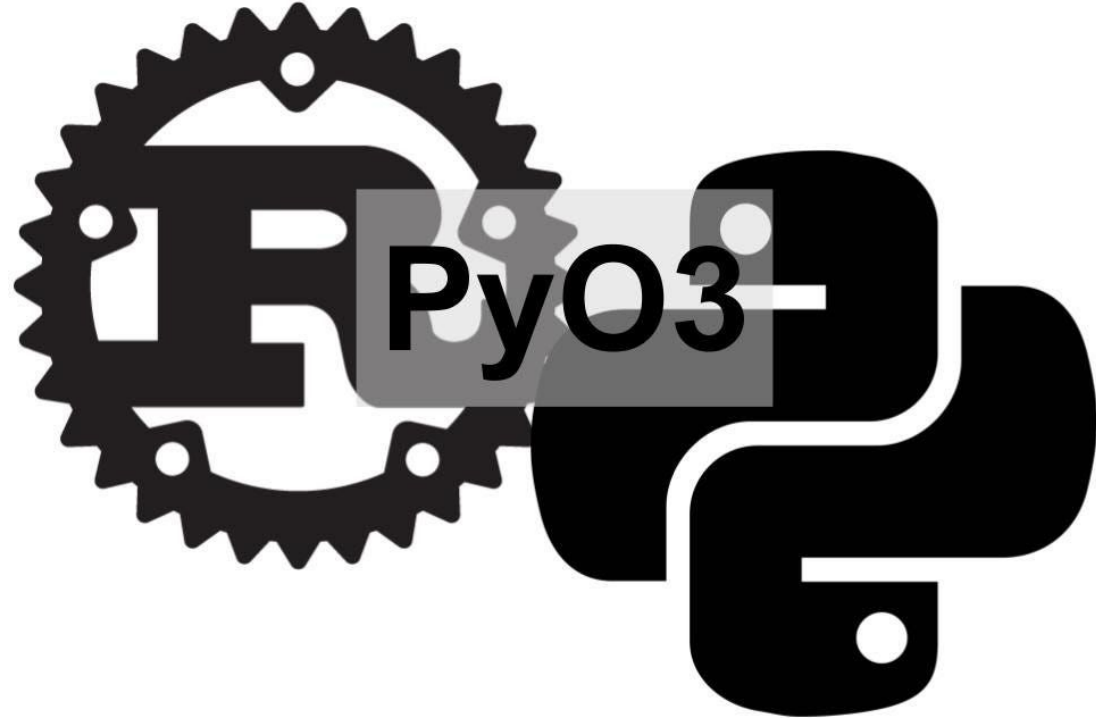


Commentary: Even hard-core Python developers had no idea that this was going on with multicore



What should I do?

Alternatives



Mojo 

```
8 def py_fib(n: int) -> int:
9     ... if n < 2:
10         ... return n
11     ... return py_fib(n - 1) + py_fib(n - 2)
```

```
3  ✓ fn calculate(n: u32) -> u32 {
4  ✓  |····· match n {
5  |····· |····· 0 => 0,
6  |····· |····· 1 => 1,
7  |····· |····· _ => calculate(n - 1) + calculate(n - 2),
8  |····· |····· }
9  |····· }
```

```
pip install maturin
mkdir fib && cd fib
maturin init # scaffold stuff
```

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8  |····· }
9  }

10
11  /// Calculate the nth Fibonacci number.
12  #[pyfunction]
13  ✓ fn fibonacci(n: u32) -> PyResult<u32> {
14  |····· Ok(calculate(n))
15  }

16
17  /// A Python module implemented in Rust.
18  #[pymodule]
19  ✓ fn fib(_py: Python, m: &PyModule) -> PyResult<()> {
20  |····· m.add_function(wrap_pyfunction!(fibonacci, m)?)?;
21  |····· Ok(())
22  }
```

```
maturin develop --release
```

```
1 import fib
2
3
4 def rust_fib(n: int) -> int:
5     return fib.fibonacci(n)
6
7
8 def py_fib(n: int) -> int:
9     if n < 2:
10        return n
11        return py_fib(n - 1) + py_fib(n - 2)
12
13
14 def test_rust_fib() -> None:
15     assert rust_fib(10) == py_fib(10)
16
```

`fib(40)`

Vanilla Python: 18.99s

Cythonized Python: 6.52s

Rust Py03: 0.63282s  **>40x faster**


```
# added to Cargo.toml
[profile.release]
debug = true          # Debug symbols for our profiler.
lto = true            # Link-time optimization.
codegen-units = 1    # Slower compilation but faster code.
```

```
pyspy record --native -- python fib.py
```



```
maturin build --release  
maturin publish
```

Thank you!

<https://pyo3.rs>

[Making Python 100x faster with less than 100 lines of Rust](#)

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