

Terminals Are Just Text?

Think Again 

# Raphael Amorim

[github.com/raphamorim](https://github.com/raphamorim)



Meet Rio | Rio Terminal

rioterm.com

Support Rio Terminal via [GitHub Sponsors](#)

Install Config Features Changelog Blog Discord

English GitHub Search

# Rio Terminal

A modern terminal for the 21st century.

Install

Star 5,900



⚡ 🧠 🖼️

Pinned



Raphael Amorim

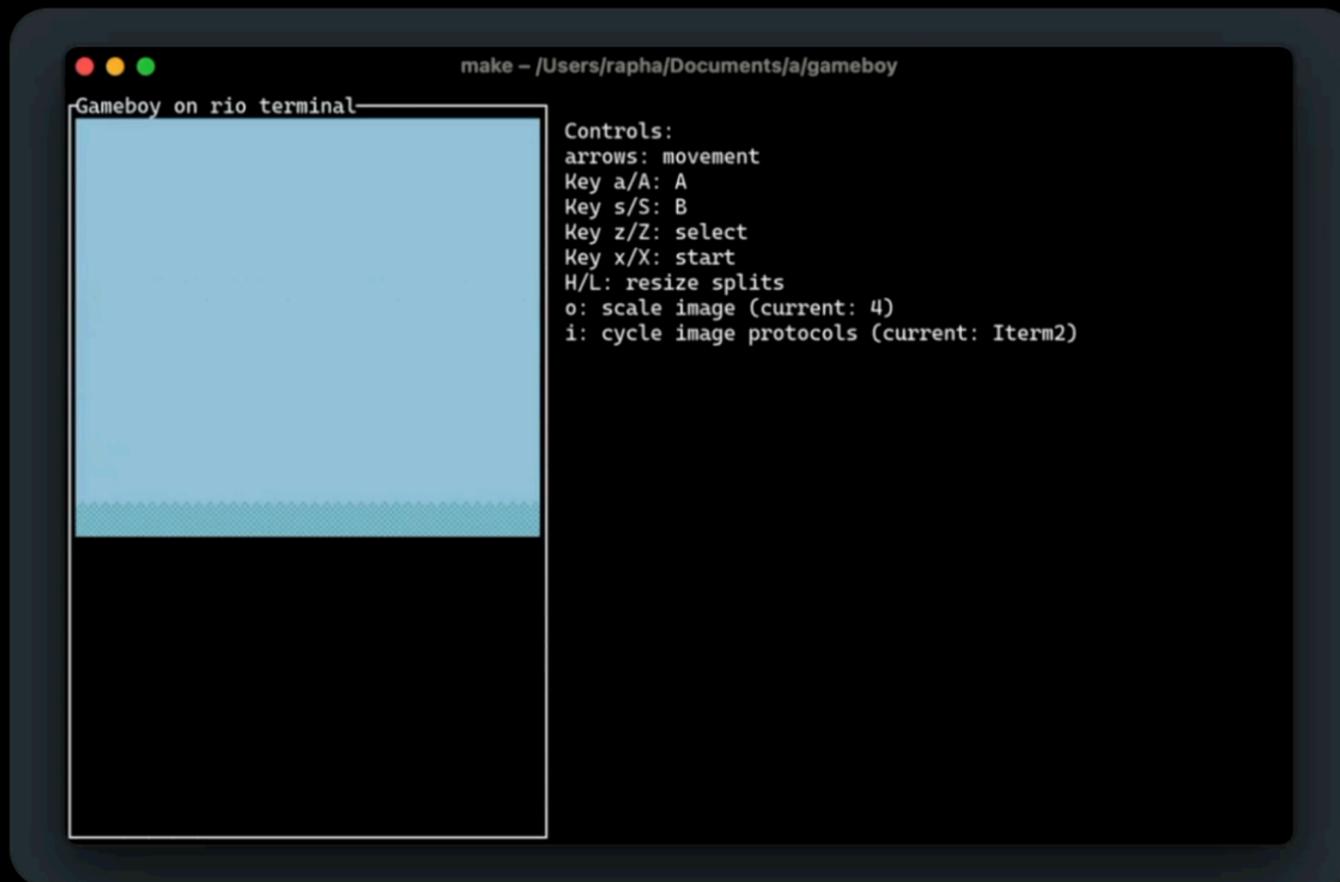
@raphamorims



Now you can play GAMEBOY GAMES ON TERMINAL. Any good terminal that can run Sixel, iTerm2 or Kitty image protocol.

(P.S: I wrote this at Christmas time, so still have to fix audio and normalize keyup)

[github.com/raphamorim/gam...](https://github.com/raphamorim/gam...)



3:06 pm · 30 Dec 2024 · 130.2K Views

View post engagements

34

254

2K

1K

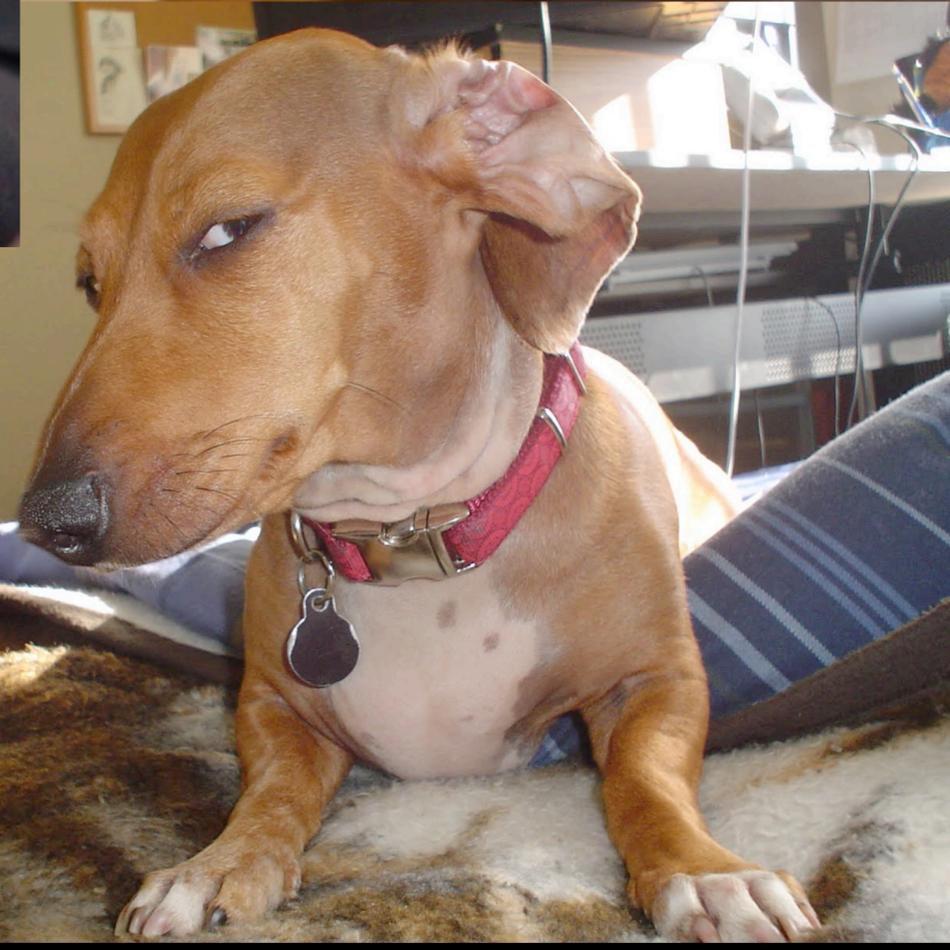


I ❤️  
Terminals

## Disclaimer

This talk will focus on Unix-based operating systems. I wanted to cover others as well, but due to time constraints, that would have meant overlooking the Unix side. ■

Ok, let's dive in 



# Most of us use terminal every day.

```
gum
~ gum spin --spinner dot --title
  "Buying Bubble Gum ..." -- sleep 5
  Buying Bubble Gum ...
```

```
24.2%] 4[
20.8%] 5[
11.9%] 6[
7.8%]
|||||12.2G/2
|||1.49G/3
```

```
superjoy main
parser_test.go test_content.go lexer_generator.go package parser_test scanner_test.go style.g
honey/parser/parser_test.go
1 package parser_test
2
3 import (
4     "context"
5     "fmt"
)
superjoy - git log
commit f5111613c6774673790370de2564e733d0b23b9b (HEAD -> main, origin/main, origin/HEAD)
Author: Raphael Amorim <rapha850@gmail.com>
Date: Sun Oct 19 14:59:28 2025 +0200
fix: formatting
commit 0d9bb42b4319d83a519b493eebe88e3afbe002fd
Author: Raphael Amorim <rapha850@gmail.com>
Date: Sun Oct 19 14:58:05 2025 +0200
fix: add some tests
```

S	CPU%	MEM%	TI
?	13.8	5.2	9h0
?	7.9	1.6	12:2
?	3.3	0.3	18:0
?	3.3	0.1	11:0
?	3.1	1.6	0:1
?	2.2	0.1	10:4
?	1.7	1.8	8:4
?	1.6	0.1	5:4
?	1.2	0.6	0:2
?	0.6	1.6	2:3
?	0.6	0.7	7:2
?	0.6	0.7	17:2
?	0.6	2.4	1:1
?	0.3	0.3	3:5
?	0.3	0.4	2:2
?	0.2	0.2	2:5
?	0.2	0.1	0:0
R	0.2	0.0	0:0
?	0.2	0.7	0:0
?	0.1	0.0	3:1

```
htop
nvim
#[inline(always)]
fn advance_csi_entry<P: Perform>(&mut self, performer: &mut P, byte: u8) {
    match byte {
        0x00..=0x17 | 0x19 | 0x1C..=0x1F => performer.execute(byte),
        0x20..=0x2F => {
            self.action_collect(byte);
            self.state = State::CsiIntermediate
        }
        0x30..=0x39 => {
            self.action_paramnext(byte);
            self.state = State::CsiParam
        }
        0x3A => {
            self.action_subparam();
            self.state = State::CsiParam
        }
        0x3B => {
            self.action_param();
            self.state = State::CsiParam
        }
        0x3C..=0x3F => {
            self.action_collect(byte);
            self.state = State::CsiParam
        }
        0x40..=0x7E => self.action_csi_dispatch(performer, byte),
        _ => self.anywhere(performer, byte),
    }
}
#[inline(always)]
fn advance_csi_ignore<P: Perform>(&mut self, performer: &mut P, byte: u8) {
    match byte {
        0x00..=0x17 | 0x19 | 0x1C..=0x1F => performer.execute(byte),
        0x20..=0x3F => (),
        0x40..=0x7E => self.state = State::Ground,
        0x7F => (),
        _ => self.anywhere(performer, byte),
    }
}
#[inline(always)]
fn advance_csi_intermediate<P: Perform>(&mut self, performer: &mut P, byte: u8) {
    match byte {
        0x00..=0x17 | 0x19 | 0x1C..=0x1F => performer.execute(byte),
        0x20..=0x2F => self.action_collect(byte),
        0x30..=0x3F => self.state = State::CsiIgnore,
    }
}
```

```
55745 rapha 17 0 415G 170M ?
581 rapha 17 0 415G 7216 ?
F1Help F2Setup F3Search F4Filter F5Tree F6SortBy F7Nice
```

In conventional ways and

unconventional ways!

Update README

```
commit a726b515db1540592082314dee701d8dc7493e11
Author: Hayaki Saito <user@zuse.jp>
Date: Thu Aug 14 12:44:55 2014 +0900
```

Introduce -dropframe, -ignoredelay options

```
commit 43c9f7a3386a3655dc98cd49e0366e5eea83ba8f
Author: Hayaki Saito <user@zuse.jp>
Date: Wed Aug 13 17:12:36 2014 +0900
```

Introduce new options: -fixedpal, -diffuse, -scene-threshold

```
commit 76b5463a9fb220d414617677a5260de8c69da460
Author: Hayaki Saito <user@zuse.jp>
Date: Wed Aug 13 00:14:12 2014 +0900
```

Update README

```
commit b7a1b5b7efcac561af7e743d3bdabbbf56cac1fcb
Author: Hayaki Saito <user@zuse.jp>
Date: Tue Aug 12 23:59:10 2014 +0900
```

Add some options: -reqcolors, -row, -col

```
commit 95f5e0b27e8e5029b6746e978bc7766862a8eb65
Author: Hayaki Saito <user@zuse.jp>
Date: Thu Aug 7 17:23:28 2014 +0900
```

Use av\_calloc instead of the pair of malloc/memset

```
VPS FFmpeg-SIXEL% (sixel) time █/ffmpeg -i 'https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ixaMZPPmVG0' -pix_fmt rg
b24 -f sixel -loglevel quiet -s 800x450 -
bck-i-search: ./_
```



Administrator

インターネット  
Internet Explorer電子メール  
Outlook Express

Windows XP ツアー



Windows Media Player



Windows Messenger



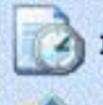
MSN



ファイルと設定の転送ウィザード



マイ ドキュメント



最近使ったファイル(D)



マイ ピクチャ



マイ ミュージック



マイ コンピュータ



コントロール パネル(C)

プログラムのアクセスと既定の設  
定

プリンタと FAX



ヘルプとサポート(H)



検索(S)



ファイル名を指定して実行(R)...

すべてのプログラム(P)

**i** 表示できない項目がいくつかあります

[スタート]メニューに追加したすべての項目を表示する領域がありません。表示するには、小さいメニューアイコンを選択したり、項目数を減らしたりしてください。

スタート

IPS  
KANA

15:33

events: 2558 button: [0] cursor: ( 77, 300)



PROVIDED BY 3A FREE OF CHARGE = SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE \$9.00 = 3A SOFTWARE, ©1993

```
~/terminal-doom 19 main ⚡ echo $TERM_PROGRAM_VERSION
0.1.0-main+4f8a7d32
```

```
~/terminal-doom 19 main ⚡ ghostty +version
Ghostty 0.1.0-main+4f8a7d32
```

#### Build Config

```
- Zig version: 0.13.0
- build mode : builtin.OptimizeMode.ReleaseFast
- app runtime: apprt.Runtime.none
- font engine: font.main.Backend.coretext
- renderer   : renderer.Metal
- libxev     : main.Backend.kqueue
```

```
~/terminal-doom 19 main ⚡
```

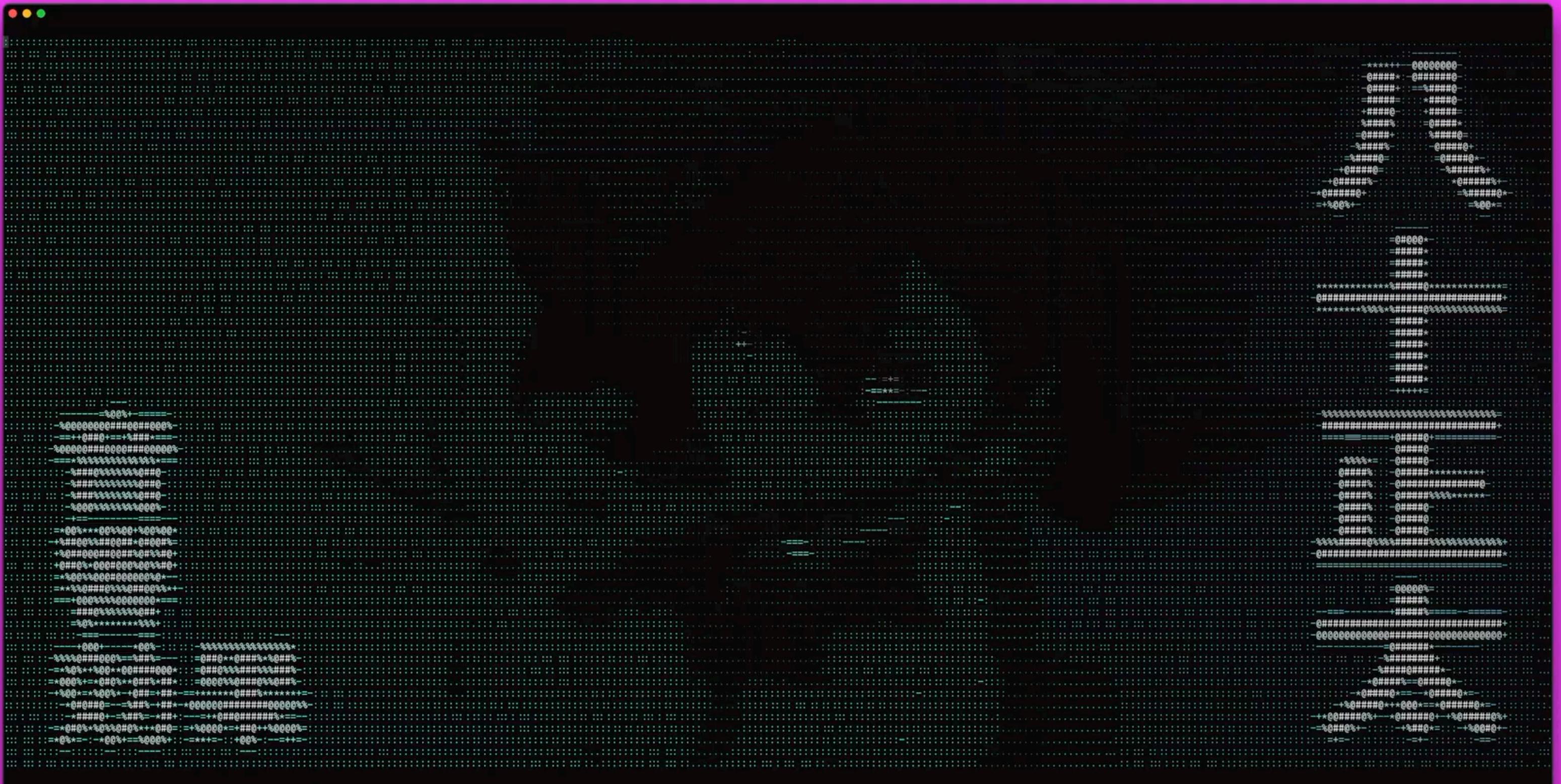
```
55 pub export fn DG_DrawFrame() callconv(.C) void {
56     // We need to have a window size before continuing
57     const win = state.loop.vaxis.window();
58     if (win.screen.width == 0) {
59         while (state.loop.tryEvent()) |event| {
60             switch (event) {
61                 .winSize => |ws| state.loop.vaxis.resize(std.heap.c_alloca
62                 else => {},
63             }
64         }
65         return;
66     }
67     translateDoomBufferToRGBA();
68
69     var pixels = zigimg.Image{
70         .width = 640,
71         .height = 400,
72         .pixels = zigimg.color.PixelStorage.initRawPixels(&DG_ScreenBuffer
73     };
```

NOR 18% main src/main.zig

1 sel 67:1

```
config.sub      Makefile.am
configure       Makefile.in
configure.ac    missing
converters      NEWS
depcomp         package.json
examples        package.json.in
gnuplot         package.json.in.in
images          perl
img2sixel.exe.core  php
include         py-compile
install-sh      python
libsixel.pc     README.md
libsixel.pc.in  ruby
libtool         src
LICENSE         stamp-h1
LICENSE.images  tools
LICENSE.pngsuite  wic
(reverse-i-search)`:|
```





Terminals are used in many different use cases.

But how it actually works?



# Teletypes

\* Tom Hanks is not really connected to our talk, I just thought he has a nice collection



# Teletype Writers (TTYs)

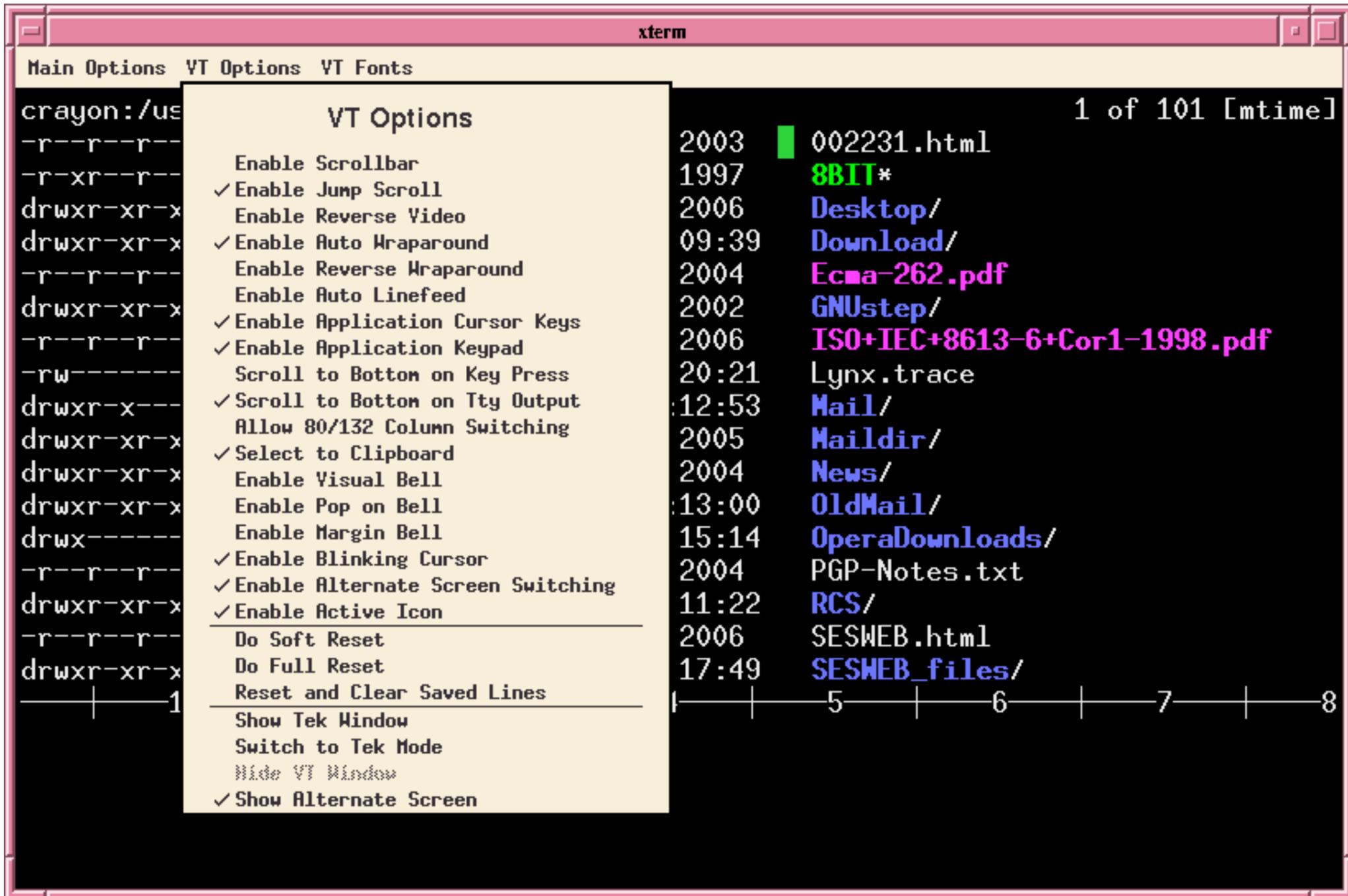
```
zsh  
~ tty  
/dev/ttys003  
~ █
```

# DEC VT05



# VT100





# XTerm

Created in 1984.

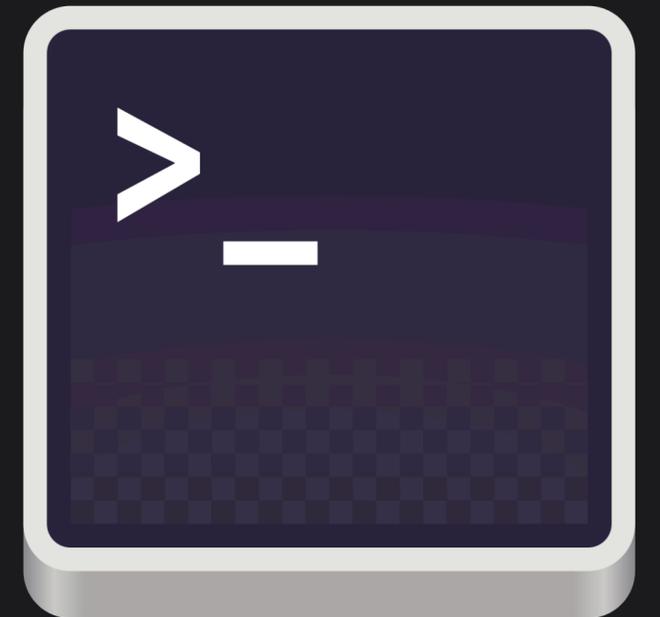
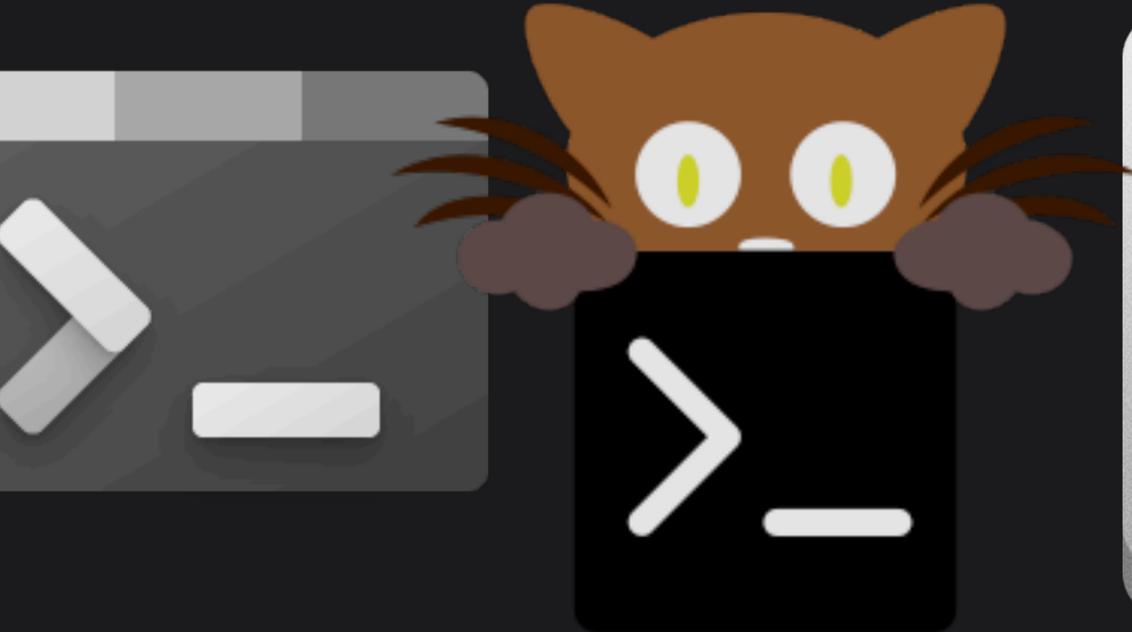
It started based on the DEC VT102 terminal specs and later incorporated features from other DEC terminals like the VT220, VT320, VT420, VT520, and Tektronix 4014.

# PTY (Pseudo-Terminal)

In some operating systems, including Unix-like systems, a pseudoterminal, pseudotty, or PTY is a pair of pseudo-device endpoints (files) which establish an asynchronous, bidirectional communication (IPC) channel (with two ports) between two or more processes



# Terminal Emulators



Terminal Emulator <-> PTY <-> Process\*

\* Bash, Fish, Vim, etc..

User input →

terminal writes to Pty input buffer →

shell reads Pty input buffer and interprets them →

shell writes to Pty output buffer →

terminal interprets them →

renders

Program writes →  
terminal reads Pty →  
terminal parsers buffer →  
(optionally) update terminal view/state →  
renders.

```
zsh
~ tty
/dev/ttys008
~ cat /dev/ttys008
ok folks
how is it going
█

~ echo "ok folks" >> /dev/ttys008
~ echo "how is it going" >> /dev/ttys008
█
```

The buffer frequently contains ANSI escape codes.

ANSI escape sequences are a standard for in-band signaling to control cursor location, color, font styling, and other options.



```
~ cat /dev/tty008  
Gimme some bright red  
█
```

```
~ echo "\x1b[91m  
Gimme some bright  
red\x1b[0m" >> /  
dev/tty008  
~ █
```

ANSI sequences were introduced in the 1970s to replace vendor-specific sequences and became widespread in the computer equipment market by the early 1980s.

\* Although hardware text terminals have become increasingly rare in the 21st century, the relevance of the ANSI standard persists because a great majority of terminal emulators and command consoles interpret at least a portion of the ANSI standard.

Certain sequences of bytes, most starting with an ASCII escape character and a bracket character, are embedded into text. The terminal interprets these sequences as commands, rather than text to display verbatim.

### Popular C0 control codes (not an exhaustive list)

<b>^</b>	<b>C0</b>	<b>Abbr</b>	<b>C escape sequence</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Effect</b>
^G	0x07	BEL	<code>\a</code>	Bell	Makes an audible noise.
^H	0x08	BS	<code>\b</code>	Backspace	Moves the cursor left (but may "backwards wrap" if cursor is at start of line).
^I	0x09	HT	<code>\t</code>	Tab	Moves the cursor right to next tab stop.
^J	0x0A	LF	<code>\n</code>	Line Feed	Moves to next line, scrolls the display up if at bottom of the screen. Usually does not move horizontally, though programs should not rely on this.
^L	0x0C	FF	<code>\f</code>	Form Feed	Move a printer to top of next page. Usually does not move horizontally, though programs should not rely on this. Effect on video terminals varies.
^M	0x0D	CR	<code>\r</code>	Carriage Return	Moves the cursor to column zero.
^[	0x1B	ESC	<code>\x1B</code> , <code>\033</code>	Escape	Starts all the escape sequences

**Some type Fe (C1 set element) ANSI escape sequences (not an exhaustive list)**

Code	C1	Abbr	Name	Effect
ESC N	0x8E	SS2	Single Shift Two	Select a single character from one of the <a href="#">alternative character sets</a> . SS2 selects the G2 character set, and SS3 selects the G3 character set. <sup>[17]</sup> In a 7-bit environment, this is followed by one or more GL bytes (0x20–0x7F) specifying a character from that set. <sup>[15]:9.4</sup> In an 8-bit environment, these may instead be GR bytes (0xA0–0xFF). <sup>[15]:8.4</sup>
ESC O	0x8F	SS3	Single Shift Three	
ESC P	0x90	DCS	Device Control String	Terminated by ST. <sup>[16]:5.6</sup> Xterm's uses of this sequence include defining User-Defined Keys, and requesting or setting Termcap/Terminfo data. <sup>[17]</sup>
ESC [	0x9B	CSI	<a href="#">Control Sequence Introducer</a>	Starts most of the useful sequences, terminated by a byte in the range 0x40 through 0x7E. <sup>[16]:5.4</sup>
ESC \	0x9C	ST	String Terminator	Terminates strings in other controls. <sup>[16]:8.3.143</sup>
ESC ]	0x9D	OSC	<a href="#">Operating System Command</a>	Starts a control string for the operating system to use, terminated by ST. <sup>[16]:8.3.89</sup>
ESC X	0x98	SOS	Start of String	Takes an argument of a string of text, terminated by ST. <sup>[16]:5.6</sup> The uses for these string control sequences are defined by the application <sup>[16]:8.3.2,8.3.128</sup> or privacy discipline. <sup>[16]:8.3.94</sup> These functions are rarely implemented and the arguments are ignored by xterm. <sup>[17]</sup> Some <a href="#">Kermit</a> clients allow the server to automatically execute Kermit commands on the client by embedding them in APC sequences; this is a potential security risk if the server is untrusted. <sup>[18]</sup>
ESC ^	0x9E	PM	Privacy Message	
ESC _	0x9F	APC	Application Program Command	

### Some ANSI control sequences (not an exhaustive list)

Code <sup>[a]</sup>	Abbr	Name	Effect
CSI <i>n</i> A	CUU	Cursor Up	Moves the cursor <i>n</i> (default <code>1</code> ) cells in the given direction. If the cursor is already at the edge of the screen, this has no effect.
CSI <i>n</i> B	CUD	Cursor Down	
CSI <i>n</i> C	CUF	Cursor Forward	
CSI <i>n</i> D	CUB	Cursor Back	
CSI <i>n</i> E	CNL	Cursor Next Line	Moves cursor to beginning of the line <i>n</i> (default <code>1</code> ) lines down. (not <a href="#">ANSI.SYS</a> )
CSI <i>n</i> F	CPL	Cursor Previous Line	Moves cursor to beginning of the line <i>n</i> (default <code>1</code> ) lines up. (not <a href="#">ANSI.SYS</a> )
CSI <i>n</i> G	CHA	Cursor Horizontal Absolute	Moves the cursor to column <i>n</i> (default <code>1</code> ). (not <a href="#">ANSI.SYS</a> )
CSI <i>n</i> ; <i>m</i> H	CUP	Cursor Position	Moves the cursor to row <i>n</i> , column <i>m</i> . The values are 1-based, and default to <code>1</code> (top left corner) if omitted. A sequence such as <code>CSI ;5H</code> is a synonym for <code>CSI 1;5H</code> as well as <code>CSI 17;H</code> is the same as <code>CSI 17H</code> and <code>CSI 17;1H</code>
CSI <i>n</i> J	ED	Erase in Display	Clears part of the screen. If <i>n</i> is <code>0</code> (or missing), clear from cursor to end of screen. If <i>n</i> is <code>1</code> , clear from cursor to beginning of the screen. If <i>n</i> is <code>2</code> , clear entire screen (and moves cursor to upper left on DOS <a href="#">ANSI.SYS</a> ). If <i>n</i> is <code>3</code> , clear entire screen and delete all lines saved in the scrollback buffer (this feature was added for <a href="#">xterm</a> and is supported by other terminal applications).
CSI <i>n</i> K	EL	Erase in Line	Erases part of the line. If <i>n</i> is <code>0</code> (or missing), clear from cursor to the end of the line. If <i>n</i> is <code>1</code> , clear from cursor to beginning of the line. If <i>n</i> is <code>2</code> , clear entire line. Cursor position does not change.
CSI <i>n</i> S	SU	Scroll Up	Scroll whole page up by <i>n</i> (default <code>1</code> ) lines. New lines are added at the bottom. (not <a href="#">ANSI.SYS</a> )
CSI <i>n</i> T	SD	Scroll Down	Scroll whole page down by <i>n</i> (default <code>1</code> ) lines. New lines are added at the top.

### Some popular private sequences

Code	Abbr	Name	Effect
CSI s	SCP, SCOSC	Save Current Cursor Position	Saves the cursor position/state in SCO console mode. <sup>[19]</sup> In vertical split screen mode, instead used to set (as <code>CSI n ; n s</code> ) or reset left and right margins. <sup>[20]</sup>
CSI u	RCP, SCORC	Restore Saved Cursor Position	Restores the cursor position/state in SCO console mode. <sup>[21]</sup>
CSI ? 25 h	DECTCEM		Shows the cursor, from the <a href="#">VT220</a> .
CSI ? 25 l	DECTCEM		Hides the cursor.
CSI ? 1004 h			Enable reporting focus. Reports whenever terminal emulator enters or exits focus as <code>ESC [I</code> and <code>ESC [O</code> , respectively.
CSI ? 1004 l			Disable reporting focus.
CSI ? 1049 h			Enable alternative screen buffer, from xterm
CSI ? 1049 l			Disable alternative screen buffer, from xterm
CSI ? 2004 h			Turn on bracketed paste mode. <sup>[22]</sup> In bracketed paste mode, text pasted into the terminal will be surrounded by <code>ESC [200~</code> and <code>ESC [201~</code> ; programs running in the terminal should not treat characters bracketed by those sequences as commands ( <a href="#">Vim</a> , for example, does not treat them as commands). <sup>[23]</sup> From xterm <sup>[24]</sup>
CSI ? 2004 l			Turn off bracketed paste mode.

# CSI *n* m (Select Graphic Rendition parameters)

<i>n</i>	Name	Note
0	Reset <i>or</i> normal	All attributes become turned off
1	Bold or increased intensity	As with faint, the color change is a PC (SCO / CGA) invention. <sup>[26]</sup> <sup>[better source needed]</sup>
2	Faint, decreased intensity, <i>or</i> dim	May be implemented as a light font weight like bold. <sup>[27]</sup>
3	Italic	Not widely supported. Sometimes treated as inverse or blink. <sup>[26]</sup>
4	Underline	Style extensions exist for Kitty, VTE, mintty, iTerm2 and Konsole. <sup>[28]</sup> <sup>[29]</sup> <sup>[30]</sup>
5	Slow blink	Sets blinking to less than 150 times per minute
6	Rapid blink	MS-DOS ANSI.SYS, 150+ per minute; not widely supported
7	Reverse video <i>or</i> invert	Swap foreground and background colors; inconsistent emulation <sup>[31]</sup> <sup>[dubious – discuss]</sup>
8	Conceal <i>or</i> hide	Not widely supported.
9	Crossed-out, <i>or</i> strike	Characters legible but marked as if for deletion. Not supported in Terminal.app.
10	Primary (default) font	
11–19	Alternative font	Select alternative font <i>n</i> – 10
20	Fraktur (Gothic)	Rarely supported
21	Doubly underlined; <i>or</i> : not bold	Double-underline per ECMA-48, <sup>[16]</sup> :8.3.117 but instead disables bold intensity on several terminals, including in the Linux kernel's console before version 4.17. <sup>[32]</sup>

**Of course you have terminal protocols extensions.**

**Extensions started from DEC, which provided  
backwards-compatible series, extending from the  
first ANSI-compatible model introduced in 1978  
(the VT100)**

**Sixel,**  
**iTerm2 (inline) Image Protocol,**  
**Kitty Keyboard Protocol,**  
**Kitty Image Protocol,**  
**...**

```
zsh
~ cat /dev/tty008

~ img2sixel /Users/rapha/Downloads/tiger.png >> /dev/tty008
~ █
```

**There's actually much more  
stuff but for now let's focus  
on what we just learned.**

Program writes \033[2J

CSI 2J: Erase entire screen

Program writes \033[2J

Program writes "hello peeps!"

CSI 2J Erase entire screen

Text Hello peeps!



Parsing data

```
zsh
~ echo "\033[91mR\033[93ma\033[92mp\033[96mh\033[94ma\033[
95me\033[91ml\033[0m" | sequin
CSI 91m: ANSI foreground color: Bright Red
Text R
CSI 93m: ANSI foreground color: Bright Yellow
Text a
CSI 92m: ANSI foreground color: Bright Green
Text p
CSI 96m: ANSI foreground color: Bright Cyan
Text h
CSI 94m: ANSI foreground color: Bright Blue
Text a
CSI 95m: ANSI foreground color: Bright Magenta
Text e
CSI 91m: ANSI foreground color: Bright Red
Text l
CSI 0m: Reset style
Ctrl \n: Line feed
~ █
```

charmbracelet/sequin

# GNU Teseq

```
$ # Wow! it must have some special characters to do that.
$ cat -A file
Printing with ^[[1m^[[5m^[[31m^[[4mstyle!^[[m^O$
$ # Hm, well that's not very explanatory...
$ teseq --color file
|Printing with |
: Esc [ 1 m
& SGR: SELECT GRAPHIC RENDITION
" Set bold text.
: Esc [ 5 m
& SGR: SELECT GRAPHIC RENDITION
" Set slowly blinking text.
: Esc [ 31 m
& SGR: SELECT GRAPHIC RENDITION
" Set foreground color red.
: Esc [ 4 m
& SGR: SELECT GRAPHIC RENDITION
" Set underlined text.
|style!|
: Esc [ m
& SGR: SELECT GRAPHIC RENDITION
" Clear graphic rendition to defaults.
. SI/^O LF/^J
$ # Oh, cool, now I know how it does it!
```



```

1  //! Parse input from stdin and log actions on stdout
2  use std::io::{self, Read};
3
4  use vte::{Params, Parser, Perform};
5
6  /// A type implementing Perform that just logs actions
7  struct Log;
8
9  impl Perform for Log {
10     fn print(&mut self, c: char) {
11         println!("[print] {:?}", c);
12     }
13
14     fn execute(&mut self, byte: u8) {
15         println!("[execute] {:02x}", byte);
16     }
17
18     fn hook(&mut self, params: &Params, intermediates: &[u8], ignore: bool, c: char) {
19         println!(
20             "[hook] params={:?}", intermediates={:?}", ignore={:?}", char={:?}",
21             params, intermediates, ignore, c
22         );
23     }
24
25     fn put(&mut self, byte: u8) {
26         println!("[put] {:02x}", byte);
27     }
28
29     fn unhook(&mut self) {
30         println!("[unhook]");
31     }
32
33     fn osc_dispatch(&mut self, params: &[&[u8]], bell_terminated: bool) {
34         println!("[osc_dispatch] params={:?}", bell_terminated={}, params, bell_terminated);
35     }
36
37     fn csi_dispatch(&mut self, params: &Params, intermediates: &[u8], ignore: bool, c: char) {
38         println!(
39             "[csi_dispatch] params={:#?}", intermediates={:?}", ignore={:?}", char={:?}",
40             params, intermediates, ignore, c
41         );
42     }
43
44     fn esc_dispatch(&mut self, intermediates: &[u8], ignore: bool, byte: u8) {
45         println!(
46             "[esc_dispatch] intermediates={:?}", ignore={:?}", byte={:02x}",
47             intermediates, ignore, byte
48         );
49     }
50 }

```

```
52 fn main() {
53     let input = io::stdin();
54     let mut handle = input.lock();
55
56     let mut statemachine = Parser::new();
57     let mut performer = Log;
58
59     let mut buf = [0; 2048];
60
61     loop {
62         match handle.read(&mut buf) {
63             Ok(0) => break,
64             Ok(n) => statemachine.advance(&mut performer, &buf[..n]),
65             Err(err) => {
66                 println!("err: {}", err);
67                 break;
68             },
69         }
70     }
71 }
```

Pty

## openpty(3) — Linux manual page

[NAME](#) | [LIBRARY](#) | [SYNOPSIS](#) | [DESCRIPTION](#) | [RETURN VALUE](#) | [ERRORS](#) | [ATTRIBUTES](#) | [STANDARDS](#) | [HISTORY](#) | [BUGS](#) | [SEE ALSO](#) | [COLOPHON](#)

***openpty*(3)**                      **Library Functions Manual**                      ***openpty*(3)**

**NAME**                      [top](#)

openpty, login\_tty, forkpty – terminal utility functions

**LIBRARY**                      [top](#)

System utilities library (*libutil*, *-lutil*)

**SYNOPSIS**                      [top](#)

```
#include <pty.h>
```

```
int openpty(int *amaster, int *aslave, char *name,
            const struct termios *termp,
            const struct winsize *winp);
pid_t forkpty(int *amaster, char *name,
              const struct termios *termp,
              const struct winsize *winp);
```

```
#include <utmp.h>
```

```
int login_tty(int fd);
```

**DESCRIPTION**                      [top](#)

The **openpty()** function finds an available pseudoterminal and returns file descriptors for the master and slave in *amaster* and *aslave*. If *name* is not NULL, the filename of the slave is returned in *name*. If *termp* is not NULL, the terminal parameters of the slave will be set to the values in *termp*. If *winp* is not NULL, the window size of the slave will be set to the values in *winp*.

The **login\_tty()** function prepares for a login on the terminal referred to by the file descriptor *fd* (which may be a real terminal device, or the slave of a pseudoterminal as returned by **openpty()**) by creating a new session, making *fd* the controlling terminal for the calling process, setting *fd* to be the standard input, output, and error streams of the current process, and closing *fd*.

The **forkpty()** function combines **openpty()**, **fork(2)**, and **login\_tty()** to create a new process operating in a pseudoterminal. A file descriptor referring to master side of the pseudoterminal is returned in *amaster*. If *name* is not NULL, the buffer it points to is used to return the filename of the slave. The *termp* and *winp* arguments, if not NULL, will determine the terminal attributes and window size of the slave side of the pseudoterminal.

**RETURN VALUE**                      [top](#)

## forkpty

### Name

forkpty -- Create a new process attached to an available pseudo-terminal

### Synopsis

```
#include <pty.h>
```

```
int forkpty(int *amaster, char *name, struct termios *termp, struct winsize *w.
```

### Description

The **forkpty()** function shall find and open a pseudo-terminal device pair in the same manner as the pseudo-terminal is available, **forkpty()** shall create a new process in the same manner as the **fork()** new process for login in the same manner as **login\_tty()**.

If *termp* is not null, it shall refer to a **termios** structure that shall be used to initialize the characterist is not null, it shall refer to a **winsize** structure used to initialize the window size of the slave device.

### Return Value

On success, the parent process shall return the process id of the child, and the child shall return 0. Or created, -1 shall be returned, and **errno** shall be set appropriately. On success, the parent process sha the master side of the pseudo-terminal in the location referenced by *amaster*, and, if *name* is not NUI device in *name*.

### Errors

EAGAIN

Unable to create a new process.

ENOENT

There are no available pseudo-terminals.

ENOMEM

Insufficient memory was available.

## posix\_openpt(3) — Linux manual page

[NAME](#) | [LIBRARY](#) | [SYNOPSIS](#) | [DESCRIPTION](#) | [RETURN VALUE](#) | [ERRORS](#) | [ATTRIBUT](#) | [STANDARDS](#) | [HISTORY](#) | [NOTES](#) | [SEE ALSO](#) | [COLOPHON](#)

***posix\_openpt*(3)**                      **Library Functions Manual**                      ***posix\_openpt***

**NAME**                      [top](#)

posix\_openpt – open a pseudoterminal device

**LIBRARY**                      [top](#)

Standard C library (*libc*, *-lc*)

**SYNOPSIS**                      [top](#)

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <fcntl.h>
```

```
int posix_openpt(int flags);
```

Feature Test Macro Requirements for glibc (see [feature\\_test\\_macros\(7\)](#)):

```
posix_openpt():
    _XOPEN_SOURCE >= 600
```

```

pub fn create_pty_with_spawn(
    let res = unsafe {
        openpty(
            &mut main as *mut _,
            &mut child as *mut _,
            ptr::null_mut(),
            &term as *const libc::termios,
            &winsize as *const _,
        )
    };

    if res < 0 {
        return Err(Error::other("openpty failed"));
    }

    let mut shell_program = shell;

    let user = match ShellUser::from_env() {
        Ok(data) => data,
        Err(..) => ShellUser {
            shell: shell.to_string(),
            ..Default::default()
        },
    };

    if shell.is_empty() {
        shell_program = &user.shell;
    }

    tracing::info!("spawn {:?} {:?}", shell_program, args);

```

rio / teletypewriter / src / unix / mod.rs

Code

Blame

1001 lines (871 loc) · 29.1 KB

```

29     #[cfg(all(target_os = "linux", not(target_env = "musl")))]
30     const TIOCSWINSZ: libc::c_ulong = 0x5414;
31     #[cfg(all(target_os = "linux", target_env = "musl"))]
32     const TIOCSWINSZ: libc::c_int = 0x5414;
33     #[cfg(target_os = "freebsd")]
34     const TIOCSWINSZ: libc::c_ulong = 0x80087467;
35     #[cfg(target_os = "macos")]
36     const TIOCSWINSZ: libc::c_ulong = 2148037735;
37
38     #[link(name = "util")]
39     extern "C" {
40         fn forkpty(
41             main: *mut libc::c_int,
42             name: *mut libc::c_char,
43             termp: *const libc::termios,
44             winsize: *const Winsize,
45         ) -> libc::pid_t;
46
47         fn openpty(
48             main: *mut libc::c_int,
49             child: *mut libc::c_int,
50             name: *mut libc::c_char,
51             termp: *const libc::termios,
52             winsize: *const Winsize,
53         ) -> libc::pid_t;
54
55         fn waitpid(

```

	<b>cbarrete</b> Fix syscall_info (#2653)	e1e630f · last month	🕒 3,315 Commits
📁 .github	Fix Solaris CI after solaris-vm was upda...		4 months ago
📁 changelog	Fix syscall_info (#2653)		last month
📁 examples	Fix syscall_info (#2653)		last month
📁 src	Fix syscall_info (#2653)		last month
📁 test	Expose UDP GSO/GRO on android (#26...		last month
📄 .cirrus.yml	ci: migrate aarch64/Linux CI to GA (#26...		8 months ago
📄 .gitattributes	use better merge algorithm for CHANG...		8 years ago
📄 .gitignore	30X performance improvement in with_...		3 years ago
📄 CHANGELOG.md	chore: drop 0.30.1		5 months ago

### About

Rust friendly bindings to \*nix APIs

- rust
- unix
- rust-bindings
- libc

- 📖 Readme
- 📄 MIT license
- 👤 Contributing
- 📈 Activity
- 📄 Custom properties
- ⭐ 2.9k stars
- 👁 28 watching
- 🍴 716 forks
- Report repository

### Releases



crates.io

Type 'S' or '/' to search



Browse All Crates



Log in with GitHub

# teletypewriter v2.0.1

Rust crate to create a pseudoterminal (pty) that emulates a tty, which is a command in Unix and Unix-like operating systems to print the file name of the terminal connected to standard input. tty stands for TeleTYpewriter. This project is created and maintained for Rio terminal purposes but feel free to use it.

Readme

77 Versions

Dependencies

Dependents

## Teletypewriter

Rust crate to create a pseudoterminal (pty) that emulates a tty, which is a command in Unix and Unix-like operating systems to print the file name of the terminal connected to standard input. tty stands for TeleTYpewriter. This project is created and maintained for [Rio terminal](#) purposes but feel free to use it.

### Metadata

[pkg:cargo/teletypewriter...](#) ⓘ

📅 over 2 years ago

📅 2021 edition

⚖️ MIT

</> 1 462 SLoC

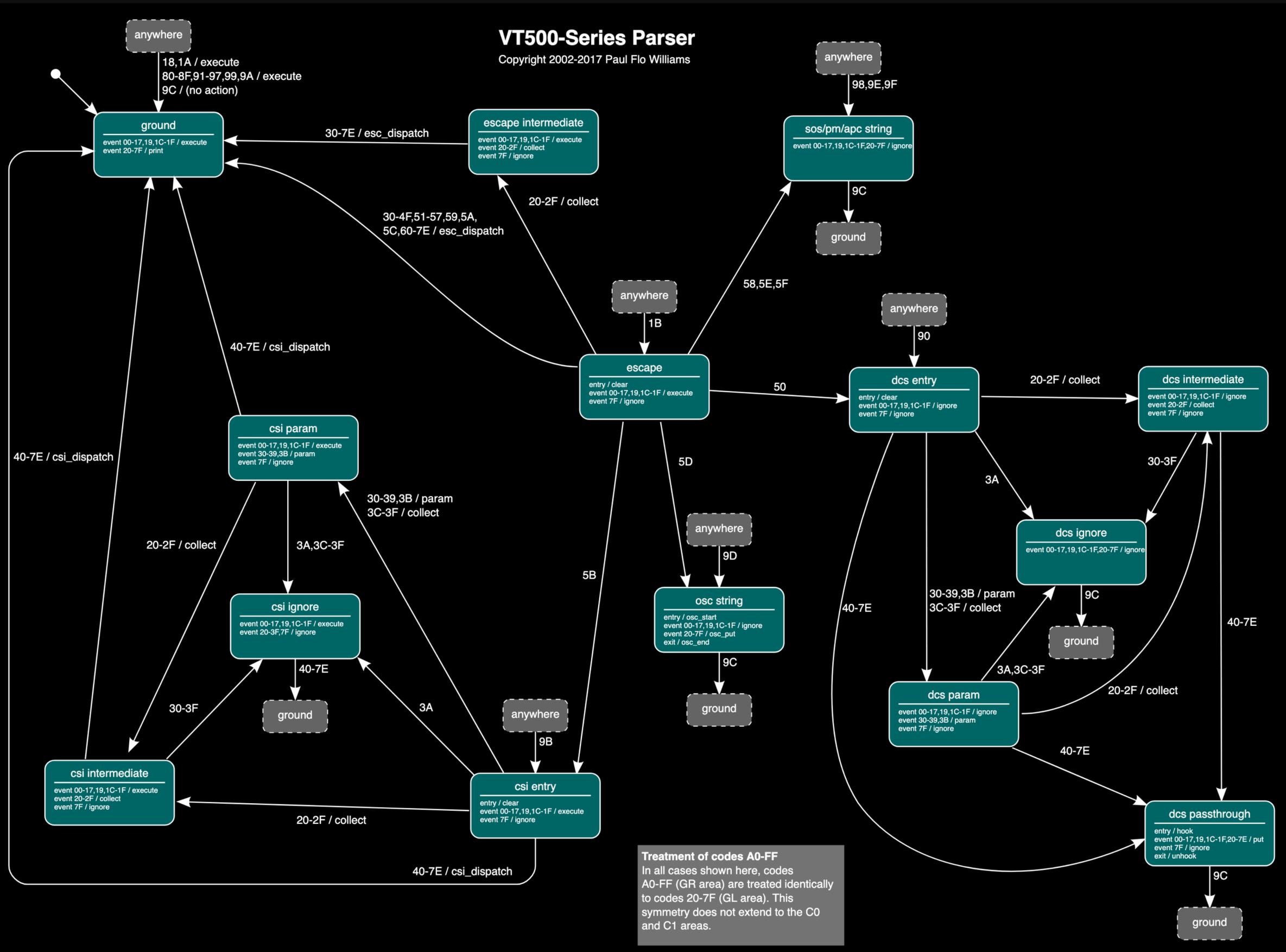
📦 18,8 KiB

### Install

# The State Diagram

## VT500-Series Parser

Copyright 2002-2017 Paul Flo Williams



**Treatment of codes A0-FF**  
 In all cases shown here, codes A0-FF (GR area) are treated identically to codes 20-7F (GL area). This symmetry does not extend to the C0 and C1 areas.

# Actions

ignore

print

execute

clear

collect

param

esc\_dispatch

csi\_dispatch

hook

put

unhook

osc\_start

osc\_put

osc\_end

ground, escape, escape  
intermediate, csi entry, csi param,  
csi intermediate, csi ignore, dcs  
entry, dcs param, dcs intermediate,  
dcs passthrough, dcs ignore, osc  
string, sos/pm/apc string



# Managing The Terminal Emulator

# Terminal

1. Receives PTY updates
2. Parses it
3. Manage it's own state

```

#[derive(Debug)]
pub struct Crosswords<U>
where
    U: EventListener,
{
    active_charset: CharSetIndex,
    mode: Mode,
    pub vi_mode_cursor: ViModeCursor,
    semantic_escape_chars: String,
    pub grid: Grid<Square>,
    inactive_grid: Grid<Square>,
    scroll_region: Range<Line>,
    tabs: TabStops,
    event_proxy: U,
    pub selection: Option<Selection>,
    pub colors: TermColors,
    pub title: String,
    damage: TermDamageState,
    pub graphics: Graphics,
    pub cursor_shape: CursorShape,
    pub default_cursor_shape: CursorShape,
    pub blinking_cursor: bool,
    pub window_id: WindowId,
    pub route_id: usize,
    title_stack: Vec<String>,
    pub current_directory: Option<std::path::PathBuf>,

    // The stack for the keyboard modes.
    keyboard_mode_stack: [u8; KEYBOARD_MODE_STACK_MAX_DEPTH],
    keyboard_mode_idx: usize,
    inactive_keyboard_mode_stack: [u8; KEYBOARD_MODE_STACK_MAX_DEPTH],
    inactive_keyboard_mode_idx: usize,
}

```

# OSC dispatch

```
// Reset foreground color.
b"110" => self.handler.reset_color(NamedColor::Foreground as usize),

// Reset background color.
b"111" => self.handler.reset_color(NamedColor::Background as usize),

// Reset text cursor color.
b"112" => self.handler.reset_color(NamedColor::Cursor as usize),

// OSC 1337 is not necessarily only used by iTerm2 protocol
// OSC 1337 is equal to xterm OSC 50
b"1337" => {
    if let Some(graphic) = iterm2_image_protocol::parse(params) {
        self.handler.insert_graphic(graphic, None);
    }
}
```

# Update Terminal State

```
#[inline]
fn reset_color(&mut self, index: usize) {
    // Damage terminal if the color changed and it's not the cursor.
    if index != NamedColor::Cursor as usize && self.colors[index].is_some() {
        self.mark_fully_damaged();
    }

    self.colors[index] = None;
}
```

# Render

(Decide CPU or GPU path (e.g: Metal, Vulkan, DX12, OpenGL, etc.))

From Terminal User Interface Perspective

# termios(3) — Linux manual page

[NAME](#) | [LIBRARY](#) | [SYNOPSIS](#) | [DESCRIPTION](#) | [RETURN VALUE](#) | [ATTRIBUTES](#) | [STANDARDS](#) | [HISTORY](#) | [NOTES](#) | [BUGS](#) | [SEE ALSO](#) | [COLOPHON](#)

 **termios(3)**

Library Functions Manual

**termios(3)****NAME** [top](#)

termios, tcgetattr, tcsetattr, tcsendbreak, tcdrain, tcflush, tcflow, cfmakeraw, cfgetospeed, cfgetispeed, cfsetispeed, cfsetospeed, cfsetspeed – get and set terminal attributes, line control, get and set baud rate

**LIBRARY** [top](#)

Standard C library (*libc*, *-lc*)

**SYNOPSIS** [top](#)

```
#include <termios.h>
#include <unistd.h>

int tcgetattr(int fd, struct termios *termios_p);
int tcsetattr(int fd, int optional_actions,
              const struct termios *termios_p);

int tcsendbreak(int fd, int duration);
int tcdrain(int fd);
int tcflush(int fd, int queue_selector);
int tcflow(int fd, int action);

void cfmakeraw(struct termios *termios_p);

speed_t cfgetispeed(const struct termios *termios_p);
speed_t cfgetospeed(const struct termios *termios_p);

int cfsetispeed(struct termios *termios_p, speed_t speed);
int cfsetospeed(struct termios *termios_p, speed_t speed);
int cfsetspeed(struct termios *termios_p, speed_t speed);
```

Feature Test Macro Requirements for glibc (see [feature\\_test\\_macros\(7\)](#)):

```
cfsetspeed(), cfmakeraw():
  Since glibc 2.19:
    _DEFAULT_SOURCE
  glibc 2.19 and earlier:
    _BSD_SOURCE
```

**DESCRIPTION** [top](#)

The termios functions describe a general terminal interface that is provided to control asynchronous communications ports.

**The termios structure**

Many of the functions described here have a *termios\_p* argument that is a pointer to a *termios* structure. This structure contains at least the following members:

github.com/crossterm-rs/crossterm

crossterm-rs / crossterm

Code Issues 150 Pull requests 38 Actions Projects Wiki Security Insights

crossterm Public Watch 22 Fork 317 Star 3.8k

master Go to file Code

About

Cross platform terminal library rust

console color terminal cross-platform input tui cursor

Readme

gavincrawford feat: add try\_read function (#1003) 6af9116 · 3 months ago

.github	ci: remove deprecated Windows 2...	3 months ago
docs	Fix some comments (#899)	last year
examples	fix: clippy lints (#1000)	3 months ago
src	feat: add try_read function (#1003)	3 months ago
.gitignore	Sub-crates separation (#251)	6 months ago
.travis.yml	Remove all feature flags except ev...	6 months ago
CHANGELOG.md	0.29 (#984)	6 months ago
Cargo.toml	feat: make document-features cra...	5 months ago
LICENSE	Create LICENSE (#108)	6 months ago
README.md	Add copying to clipboard using O...	6 months ago

README Contributing MIT license

crates.io

termwiz - crates.io: Rust Packag...

crates.io/crates/termwiz

termwiz v0.23.3

Terminal Wizardry for Unix and Windows

#console #curses #readline #terminal

Readme 27 Versions Dependencies Dependents

Terminal Wizardry

This is a rust crate that provides a number of support functions for applications interested in either displaying data to a terminal or in building a terminal emulator.

It is currently in active development and subject to fairly wild sweeping changes.

Included functionality:

- Surface models a terminal display and its component Cells

Metadata

- pkg:cargo/termwiz@0.23.3
- 7 months ago
- 2018 edition
- MIT
- 101K SLoC
- 391 KiB

Install

Run the following Cargo command in your project directory

termion

master termion

4.0.5

Jeremy Soller authored 6 months ago

Verified 68f09b25 History

Name	Last commit	Last update
examples	Fix logic error in Ctrl-Arrow and clean u...	1 year ago
src	4.0.5	6 months ago
.gitignore	Add README	9 years ago
.gitlab-ci.yml	Fix redoxer in CI.	1 year ago
.travis.yml	run travis builds on osx also	8 years ago

Project information

A bindless library for controlling terminals/TTY.

- 346 Commits
- 5 Branches
- 17 Tags

README MIT License CHANGELOG

Created on June 10, 2018

```
pub(crate) struct Backend {
    original_termios: Option<Termios>,
    initialized: bool,
}

#[cfg(unix)]
use std::os::unix::io::AsRawFd;

#[cfg(unix)]
struct Termios {
    termios: libc::termios,
}

#[cfg(not(unix))]
struct Termios;

impl Backend {
    fn new() -> Self {
        Self {
            original_termios: None,
            initialized: false,
        }
    }
}

pub(crate) fn init() -> Result<()> {
    let backend = BACKEND.get_or_init(|| Mutex::new(Backend::new()));
    let mut guard = backend.lock().unwrap();

    if guard.initialized {
        return Err(Error::AlreadyInitialized);
    }

    guard.enable_raw_mode()?;
    guard.initialized = true;
}
```

```
use std::io::{self, Write};
pub struct Tui;
impl Tui {
    pub fn clear() {
        print!("\x1B[2J\x1B[H");
    }

    pub fn goto(x: u16, y: u16) {
        print!("\x1B[{};{}H", y, x);
    }

    pub fn print(x: u16, y: u16, text: &str) {
        Self::goto(x, y);
        print!("{}", text);
    }

    pub fn color(fg: u8) {
        print!("\x1B[38;5;{}m", fg);
    }

    pub fn reset_color() {
        print!("\x1B[0m");
    }

    pub fn flush() {
        io::stdout().flush().unwrap();
    }

    pub fn hide_cursor() {
        print!("\x1B[?25l");
    }

    pub fn show_cursor() {
        print!("\x1B[?25h");
    }
}
```

```
fn main() {
    Tui::clear();
    Tui::hide_cursor();

    Tui::print(5, 2, "Hello, TUI!");

    Tui::color(196); // Red
    Tui::print(5, 4, "Colored text!");
    Tui::reset_color();

    Tui::print(5, 6, "Press any key...");
    Tui::flush();

    // Wait for input
    let mut buf = String::new();
    io::stdin().read_line(&mut buf).unwrap();

    Tui::show_cursor();
    Tui::clear();
}
```

# raphamorim/zaz

The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for `raphamorim/zaz`. The browser address bar shows `github.com/raphamorim/zaz`. The repository is owned by `raphamorim` and is named `zaz`. It is a public repository with 5 stars, 0 forks, and 0 watches. The repository description is "cross-platform textual UI toolkit with bindings for Rust, C++, Zig and etc.". The repository has 49 commits. The commit history shows three recent commits: `update bindings` (2 hours ago), `wip rewrite cell layout` (9 hours ago), and `format code` (2 hours ago). The repository has a `main` branch and a `Code` button. The repository also has a `Readme` and a `MIT license`.

raphamorim / zaz

Type / to search

Code Issues Pull requests Actions Projects Wiki Security Insights Settings

zaz Public Sponsor Pin Watch 0 Fork 0 Star 5

main Go to file Code

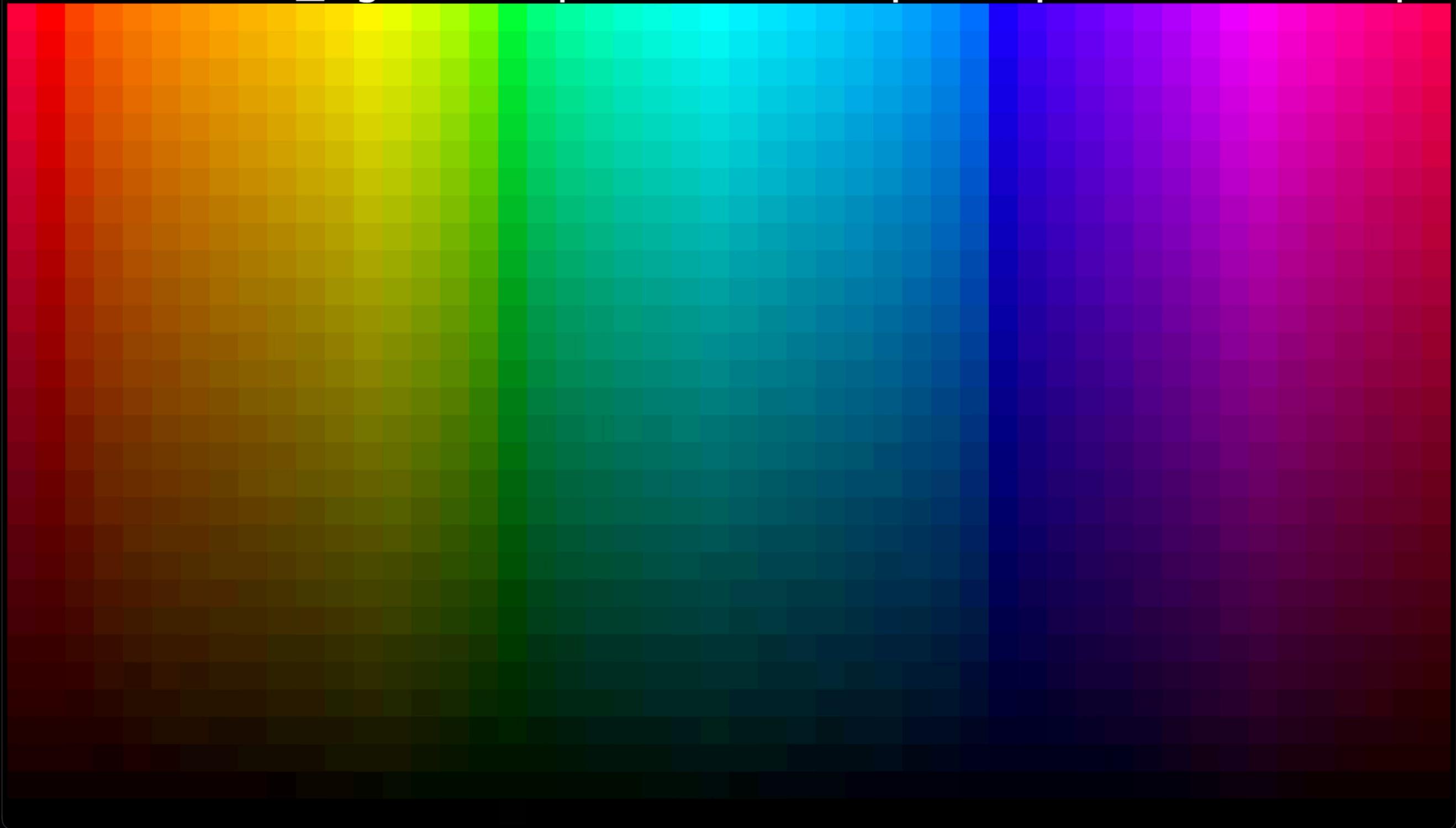
About  
cross-platform textual UI toolkit with bindings for Rust, C++, Zig and etc.  
Readme  
MIT license

raphamorim	update bindings	d8e0334 · 2 hours ago	49 Commits
.github	wip rewrite cell layout		9 hours ago
benches	format code		2 hours ago



cargo run --release

colors\_rgb example. Press q to quit 51.3 fps



## References:

- [https://vt100.net/emu/dec\\_ansi\\_parser](https://vt100.net/emu/dec_ansi_parser)
- <https://vt100.net/emu/>
- [github.com/charmbracelet/sequin](https://github.com/charmbracelet/sequin)
- [github.com/charmbracelet/gum](https://github.com/charmbracelet/gum)
- [github.com/charmbracelet/ultraviolet](https://github.com/charmbracelet/ultraviolet)
- [github.com/saitoha/libsixel](https://github.com/saitoha/libsixel)
- [github.com/cryptocode/terminal-doom](https://github.com/cryptocode/terminal-doom)
- <https://sw.kovidgoyal.net/kitty/graphics-protocol/>
- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sixel>
- <https://github.com/raphamorim/zaz>



Rio terminal stickers!



Thank you!

Obrigado!

Grazie!

