

RUST BASICS

- Variables are bound with `let`:
`let x = 17;`
- Bindings are implicitly-typed: the compiler infers based on context.
- The compiler can't always determine the type of a variable, so sometimes you have to add type annotations.
`let x: i16 = 17;`
- Variables are inherently immutable:
`let x = 5;
x += 1; // error: re-assignment of immutable variable x
let mut y = 5;
y += 1; // OK!`
- (Almost!) everything is an expression: something which returns a value.
 - o Exception: variable bindings are not expressions.

You infer type of variable from declaration

- Primitive types ↴
 - bool, char, numerics (i8, i16, ..., u8, u16, ...)
- Arrays
 - Arrays are generically of type $[T; N]$.
 - N is a compile-time constant. Arrays cannot be resized.
 - Array access is bounds-checked at runtime.
 - Arrays are indexed with `[]` as in C

- Strings
- Tuples (fixed-sized heterogenous lists)
- Structs, unions, ...
- Unit type (contains a single value - ())
- No void type

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FUNCTIONS

```
// comment          Declined by keyword fn
fn main() {
    println!("Hello, world!");
}
```

Hello, world!

Recursive functions

```
fn fact(n:i32) -> i32
{
    if n == 0 { 1 }
    else {
        let x = fact(n-1);
        n * x
    }
}

fn main() {
    let res = fact(6);
    println!("fact(6) = {}", res);
}
```

fact(6) = 720

- You can declare recursive functions normally

↑ let for f declaration is needed for Ocaml but there is a complete match

OCAML VS RUST

```
let f (m : int) (n : int) : int =  
  let mm = 2 * m in  
  mm + n    ;;
```

```
fn f(m: i32, n: i32) -> i32 {  
  let mm = 2 * m;  
  mm + n  
}
```

```
let main () =  
  Printf.printf "%d" (f 3 5)    ;;
```

```
fn main() {  
  println!("{}", f(3, 5));  
}
```

RUST is expression-oriented.

The semicolon in let x = y; z has basically the role of the in keyword in Ocaml:
it defines an expression, not a statement as in C

short way of saying x is y in z

- * An expression is not a statement

When we say **Rust is expression-oriented**, we mean that **almost everything in Rust produces a value**, and that **value can be used as part of a larger expression**. This is in contrast to languages like C, where many things (like `if`, `while`, or even a `let` declaration) are **statements**, meaning they *do* something, but don't **return** a value you can use directly.

So what's the difference?

- A **statement** does something, like declaring a variable or calling a function, but it **doesn't return a value** you can use.
- An **expression**, on the other hand, **evaluates to a value**. You can use that value inside other expressions.

You're saying:

Bind `x` to the value of `y`, then evaluate the expression `z`, using that binding of `x`. The whole thing is an **expression that evaluates to the result of `z`**.

IF expressions (not statements)

```
fn main() {  
    let n = 5;  
    if n < 0 {  
        print!("{} is negative", n);  
    } else if n > 0 {  
        print!("{} is positive", n);  
    } else {  
        print!("{} is zero", n);  
    }  
}
```

5 is positive

LET

- By default, Rust variables are immutable
 - Usage checked by the compiler
- **mut** is used to declare a resource as mutable.

```
fn main() {  
    let a: i32 = 0;  
    a = a + 1;  
    println!("{}" , a);  
}
```

```
fn main() {  
    let mut a: i32 = 0;  
    a = a + 1;  
    println!("{}" , a);  
}
```

Compile error

LET BY EXAMPLES

```
{  
  let x = 37;  
  let y = x + 5;  
  y  
}//42
```

```
{  
  let x = 37;  
  x = x + 5;//err  
  x  
}
```

```
{ //err:  
  let x:u32 = -1;  
  let y = x + 5;  
  y  
}
```

```
{  
  let x = 37;  
  let x = x + 5;  
  x  
}//42
```

```
{  
  let mut x = 37;  
  x = x + 5;  
  x  
}//42
```

```
{  
  let x:i16 = -1;  
  let y:i16 =  
x+5;  
  y  
}//4
```

Redefining a variable *shadows* it (like OCaml)

Assigning to a variable only allowed if **mut**

Type annotations must be consistent (may override defaults)

When you explicitly write Type of variable

QUIZ: What does this evaluate to?

```
{ let x = 6;  
  let y = "hi";  
  if x == 5 { y } else { 5 };  
  7  
}
```

- A. 6
- B. 7
- C. 5
- D. Error

' ; ' means ;
• 3 and 4 are of different types.
Expressions can be placed in composition
with other expressions, but the
conditional expression cannot return
either a string or an int. This is
an expression oriented prog. language.

QUIZ #1: What does this evaluate to?

```
{ let x = 6;
  let y = "hi";
  if x == 5 { y } else { 5 };
  7
}
```

- A. 6
- B. 7
- C. 5
- D. Error – if and else have incompatible types

Mutation and Loop

```
fn fact(n: u32) -> u32 {  
    let mut x = n;  
    let mut a = 1;  
    loop {  
        if x <= 1 { break; }  
        a = a * x;  
        x = x - 1;  
    }  
    a  
}
```

You can have loops of course. The break specifies how to exit from loop.

infinite loop
(break out)

Looping constructs

- **while, for ..., loop ...**
- These looping constructs are *expressions*
 - They return the final computed value
 - unit, if none

break may take an expression argument, which is the final result of the loop

```
let mut x = 5;
let y = loop {
    x += x - 3;
    println!("{}" , x); // 7 11 19 35
    x % 5 == 0 { break x; }
};
print!("{}" , y); //35
```

Scalar type

- Integers
 - `i8, i16, i32, i64, isize`
 - `u8, u16, u32, u64, usize`
 - Characters (unicode)
 - `char`
 - Booleans
 - `bool = { true, false }`
 - Floating point numbers
 - `f32, f64`
 - Note: arithmetic operators (+, -, etc.) overloaded
- Machine word size
- Defaults (from inference) without mention you have a default to start

tuples

in Rust, can you define a tuple with a series of expressions? Like:
let tuple = (3 + 2, 2.4 + 3.0, 1 + 1)

Yes, absolutely Giovanni — what you wrote is perfectly valid in Rust!

Tuples

- n-tuple type (t_1, \dots, t_n)
 - `unit ()` is just the 0-tuple
 - n-tuple expression (e_1, \dots, e_n)
 - Accessed by pattern matching or like a record field
- Sequence of expressions. You can use pattern matching to go inside tuple

```
fn main() {  
    let tup = (500, 6.4, 1);  
  
    let (x, y, z) = tup; → x=500, y=6.4, z=1.  
  
    println!("The value of y is: {}", y);  
}
```

Can use a pattern to refer contents of the tuple directly

Type of tuple is cartesian product of components: in this case is $\text{Int} \times \text{Real} \times \text{Int}$. It does not need to be homogeneous.

```
fn main() {
    let x: (i32, f64, u8) = (500, 6.4, 1);

    let five_hundred = x.0; pattern match to go inside tuple
    let six_point_four = x.1;

    let one = x.2;

    println!("The value of five_hundred is: {}", five_hundred);
    println!("The value of six_point_four is: {}", six_point_four);
    println!("The value of one: {}", one);
}
```

RUN ►

...

DEBUG ▾

STABLE ▾

...

```
4  let five_hundred = x.0;
5
6  let six_point_four = x.1;
7
8  let one = x.2;
9
10 println!("The value of five_hundred is: {}", five_hundred);
11
12 println!("The value of six_point_four is: {}", six_point_four);
13
14 println!("The value of one: {}", one);
15
16 }
17
```

:::

Execution

Standard Error

```
Compiling playground v0.0.1 (/playground)
Finished dev [unoptimized + debuginfo] target(s) in 1.57s
Running `target/debug/playground`
```

Standard Output

```
The value of five_hundred is: 500
The value of six_point_four is: 6.4
The value of one: 1
```

Arrays

Standard operations

- Creating an array (can be mutable or not)
 - But must be of fixed length
- Indexing an array
- Assigning at an array index (only if mutable)

```
let nums = [1,2,3];
let strs = ["Monday", "Tuesday", "Wednesday"];
let x = nums[0]; // 1
let s = strs[1]; // "Tuesday"
let mut xs = [1,2,3];
xs[0] = 1; // OK, since xs mutable
let i = 4;
let y = nums[i]; //fails (panics) at run-time
```

↑
out of bounds: C doesn't give problems, no checks on size.
Here rust gives failure at compile time. In C panic at run time.

- Rust provides a way to iterate over a collection
 - Including arrays

```
let a = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50];
for element in a.iter() {
    println!("the value is: {}", element);
}
```

- `a.iter()` produces an iterator, like a Java iterator

A dark, blurred background image showing a close-up of a computer keyboard and a portion of a circuit board with various electronic components.

Rust also has strings, algebraic
data types, recursive types, and
polymorphism just like OCaml.

We have polymorphic data structures

// Polymorphic record for points. Equivalent to type 'a point = {x : 'a; y : 'a}.

```
struct Point<T> { base type T;  
  x: T, y: T  
}
```

We define a generic structure of a pair of elements

↑ We can add constraints

// Polymorphic function. T: ToString means "all types T where T has a to_string // method." ToString is a trait, which we will discuss later.

```
fn point_print<T: ToString>(p: Point<T>) {  
  println!("({}, {})", p.x.to_string(), p.y.to_string());  
}
```

↑ We have a pair as input, Point<T> in which T is ToStringable.

Management of S and H is different:

Data allocation in memory: Stack vs Heap

The stack

- constant-time, automatic (de)allocation
 - Data size and lifetime must be known at compile-time
- CONTAINS*
- Function parameters and locals of known (constant) size

The heap

- Dynamically sized data, with non-fixed lifetime
- Slightly slower to access than stack via a reference

References

(implies)

Reference types are written with an `&`: `&i32`.

References can be taken with `&` (like C/C++).

References can be *dereferenced* with `*` (like C/C++).

References are guaranteed to be valid.

- Validity is enforced through compile-time checks!

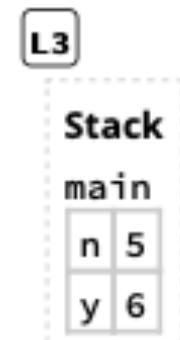
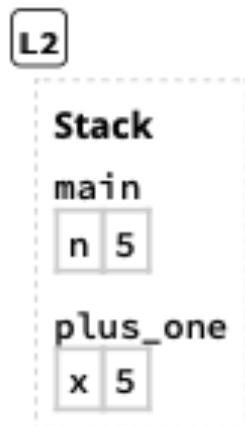
These are *not* the same as pointers!

```
let x = 12;
let ref_x = &x;
println!("{}", *ref_x); // 12
```

Stack allocation

```
fn main() {  
    let n = 5; L1  
    let y = plus_one(n); L3  
    println!("The value of y is: {y}");  
}
```

```
fn plus_one(x: i32) -> i32 {  
    L2 x + 1  
}
```



We have AR of plus_one w/mapping x and 5.
plus_one does its job and after that
we put 6 in mapping for y. At
runtime we don't have names.

We have n and 5 in stack. Before conv

We already have space allocated for y. But to assign value we call plus-one

Stack allocation

```
let a = [0; 1_000_000]; L1  
let b = a; L2
```

L1

Stack

main

a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	...	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	-----	---

↗ stack contains 10^6 elements of array.

L2

Stack

main

a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	...	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	-----	---

b	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	...	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	-----	---

↗ This wouldn't make any sense to manage array allocations

if you do:
let a = [0; 10];
let b = a;

Stack allocation

```
let a = [0; 1_000_000]; L1  
let b = a; L2
```

L1

Stack

main

a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	...	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	-----	---

L2

Stack

main

a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	...	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	-----	---

b	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	...	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	-----	---

Rust moves the value of a into b — or copies it, if the type implements the Copy trait.

Now, [0; 10] is an array of 10 integers, and since Rust arrays (of fixed size and simple types like i32) implement Copy, the whole array gets copied, not moved.

So after that line:

- a still exists and can be used.
- b now contains a separate copy of that array.

If instead it were something like a Vec*i32* (which is heap-allocated and does not implement Copy), you'd get a move, and trying to use a after assigning it to b would trigger a compiler error — unless you clone it manually.

Copying a into b causes the main AR to contain 2 million elements!!!!

Boxes lives in the Heap

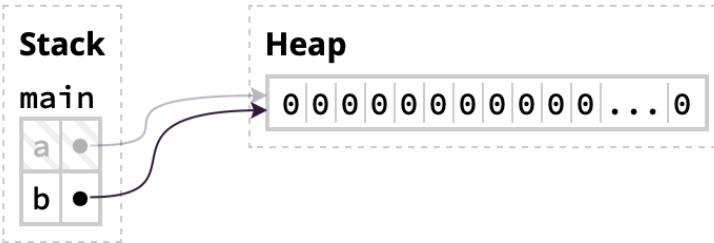
```
let a = Box::new([0; 1_000_000]); L1  
let b = a; L2
```

L1



The statement `let b = a` copies the pointer from `a` into `b`, but the pointed-to data is not copied.

L2



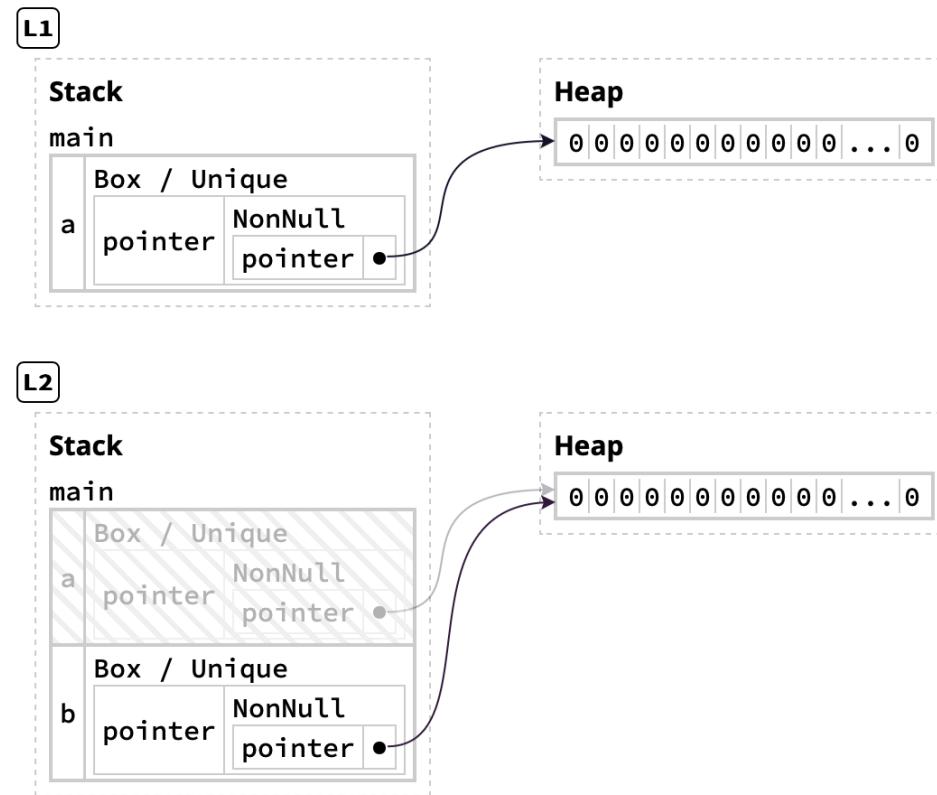
Note that `a` is now grayed out because it has been moved.

We have just a pointer movement.
The pointer from `a` to the heap is grayed (will see).

You cannot use `a` anymore

Boxes lives in the Heap

```
let a = Box::new([0; 1_000_000]); L1  
let b = a; L2
```



In many programs, before you have metadata to perform checks: for arrays or heap, Box means entirely allocated on the heap, a pointer (they specifies if it's null or non null). In this case it is NonNull and content is actual pointer.

RUST: safe memory management

- Rust heap memory management: **without GC**

- Type checking ensures **no dangling pointers**
- unsafe idioms are disallowed

You have a **ptr** to heap: you either use a **GC** or **manual management**.

Rust: **no GC but no manual management**.
Management of heap does not rely on programmer

entity on the heap (Rust adopts notation of Box)

IDEA
(if other conditions are met)

Box deallocation principle (almost correct):

If a variable is bound to a box, when Rust deallocates the variable's frame, then Rust deallocate^{AR}s the box's heap memory.

↳ in which you find variable

Variable is in stack: There's pth hunting element of stack to heap

Rust removes from
heap Data Structure

GARBAGE COLLECTOR:

- **Mark and Sweep:** you start from stack variables (active vars in a program) and you follow root to elements in heap and mark as live those elements.

```

fn main() {
    ↑ init value a_num
    let a_num = 4;
    L1 make_and_drop(); L3
}

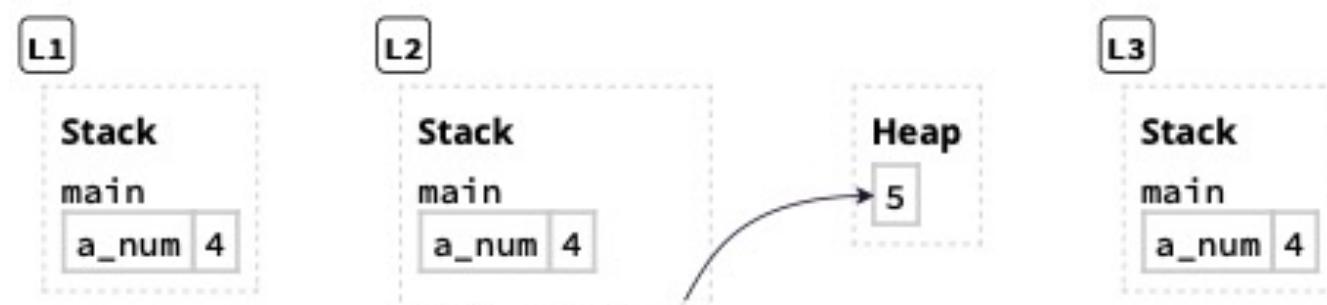
```

allocates a box containing 5 over the heap

```

fn make_and_drop() {
    let a_box = Box::new(5); L2
}

```



REFERENCE

bind between var and num

and a ph to heap

When make_and_drop terminates, we also remove 5 from heap.

Boxes data work well!! What if

```
let a = Box::new([0; 1_000_000]);  
let b = a;
```

The boxed array has now been bound to both a and b (alias).

By applying the "almost correct" principle, Rust would try to free the box's heap memory twice on behalf of both variables.

That's undefined behavior too!

b might also have been declared before

Here: OWNERSHIP: when you have a var bound to a Data Structure (DS), that var is the owner of that DS. A piece of data might have at most 1 owner at a time.

Ownership

A variable binding takes ownership of its data.

A piece of data can only have one owner at a time.

When a binding goes out of scope, ① the bound data is released automatically. Because there is only one owner.

For heap-allocated data, this means heap-deallocation.

① Variable is removed from stack at end of its scope: variable on stack that is the owner of DS in heap

Ownership Example

```
fn foo() {  
    // Creates a Vec object.  
    // Gives ownership of the Vec object to v1.  
    let mut v1 = vec![1, 2, 3];  
    v1.pop();  
    v1.push(4);  
    // At the end of the scope, v1 goes out of scope.  
    // v1 still owns the Vec object, so it can be cleaned up.  
}
```

The notion of “move”

- When a variable is assigned to another variable, ownership is transferred: moved in Rust jargon

```
let s1 = String::from("hello");
let s2 = s1; // ownership moves to s2
// s1 is now invalid
```

→ Create element from stack space of *s1* into the heap. *s1* is owner and bound to heap memory place.

In rust a var has a notion of ownership. Assignment behaves not only on binding on data structure, but also on ownership.

s2 is bound to piece of stack and moves ownership.

• Note: *s1* still is bound to heap data technically

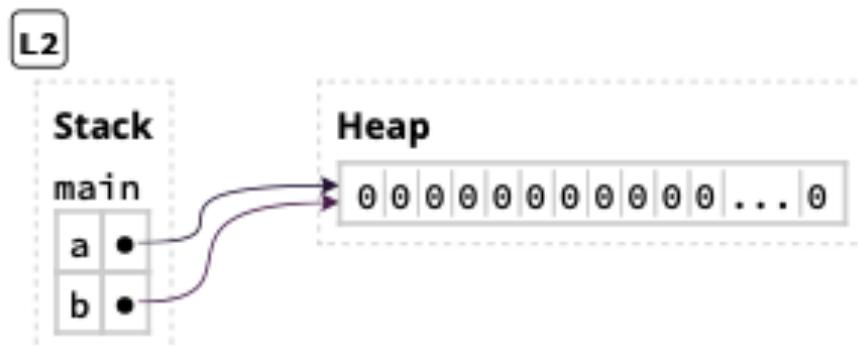
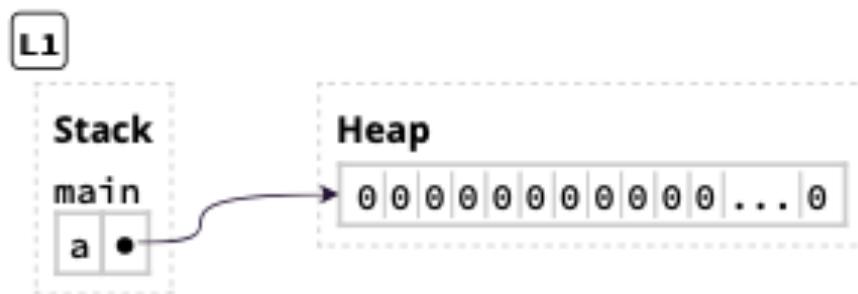
Ownership: the move semantics

```
let v1 = vec![1, 2, 3];
let v2 = v1;    // Ownership of the Vec object moves to v2.
println!("", v1[2]); // error: use of moved value 'v1'
```

- let v2 = v1;
 - We don't want to copy the data, since that's expensive.
 - The data cannot have multiple owners.
 - **Solution:** move the Vec's ownership into v2, and declare v1 invalid.
→ v1 is not anymore the owner
- println!("{}", v1[2]);
 - We know that v1 is no longer a valid variable binding, ∴ error!
 - Rust can reason about this at compile time, ∴ compiler error.
 - Moving ownership is a compile-time semantic.
It doesn't involve moving data during your program.

Move (of ownership) at run-time

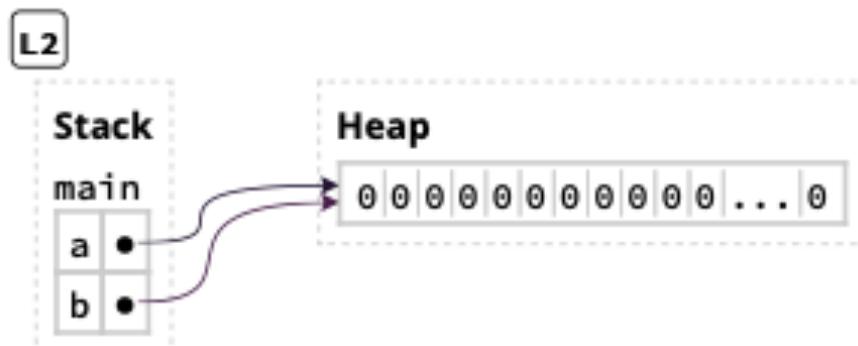
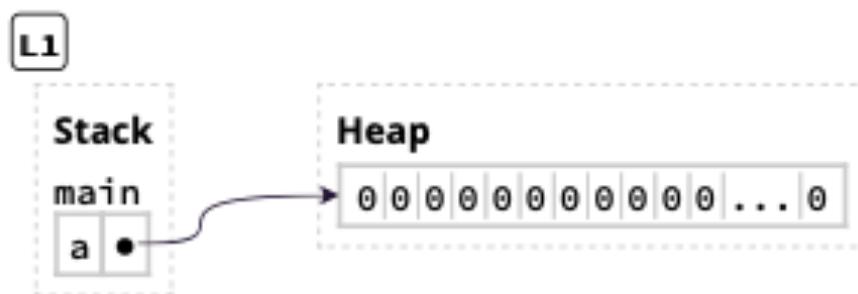
```
let a = Box::new([0; 1_000_000]); L1  
let b = a; L2
```



From implementation POV, reference is there, but after $b=a$, a is not the owner anymore and you cannot access vector through a . There is no ownership but at runtime because ownership is checked statically.
Idea: you don't care at runtime because you solve this problem statically.

Move at run-time

```
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let b = a; L2
```



Common question:

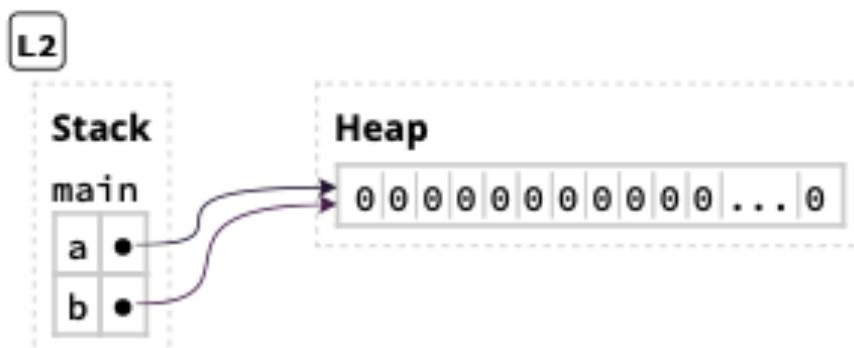
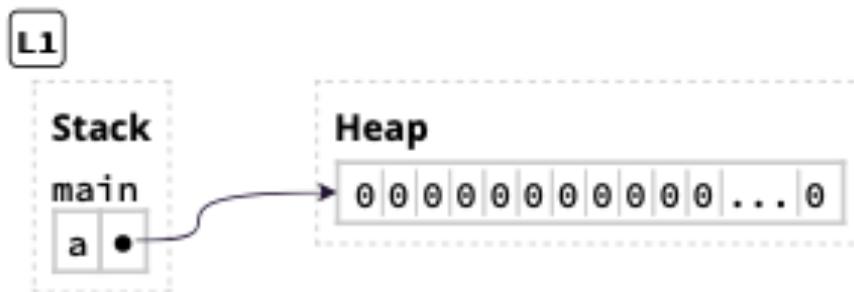
if a is moved at L2, why is it still in the run-time?

Shouldn't a disappear, or gray out, or otherwise "move" somewhere?

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Move at run-time

```
let a = Box::new([0; 1_000_000]); L1  
let b = a; L2
```



At runtime, nothing happens to a when it is moved.
There is no "ownership bit" that gets flipped in memory.
Ownership only exists at compile-time.

The picture does not show how the compiler "thinks" about the program. It shows how the program actually executes at runtime. At runtime, a move is just a copy. At compile-time, a move is a transfer of ownership.

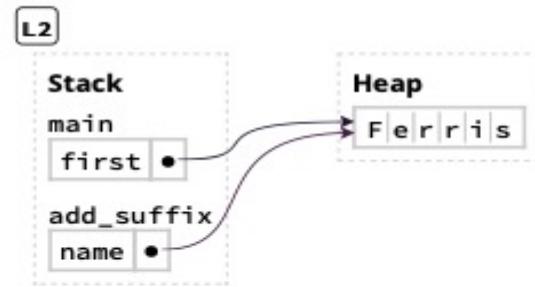
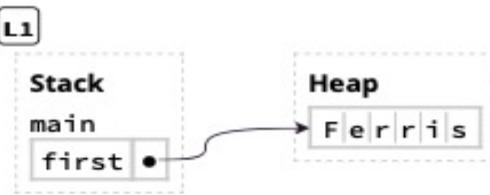
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```
fn main() {
    let first = String::from("Ferris"); L1
    let full = add_suffix(first); L4
    println!("{}"); L5
}
fn add_suffix(mut name: String) -> String
    L2 name.push_str(" Jr."); L3
    name
}
```

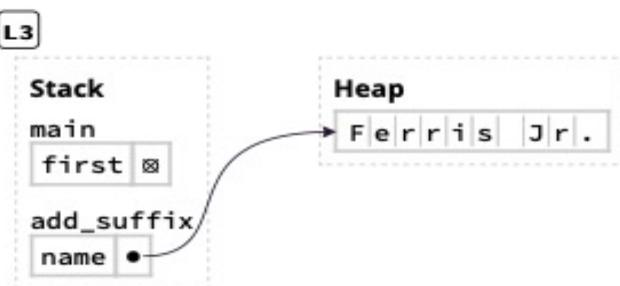
↗ We take a mutable reference

→ we have a mutable name and add `!r`.

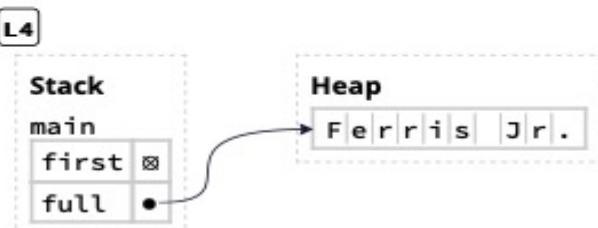
At L1, the string "Ferris" has been allocated on the heap.
It is owned by first.



Share name on the heap because
of param passing



First is not anymore the owner



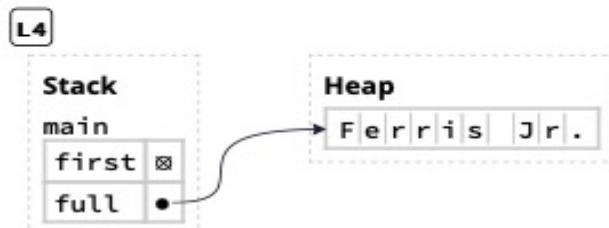
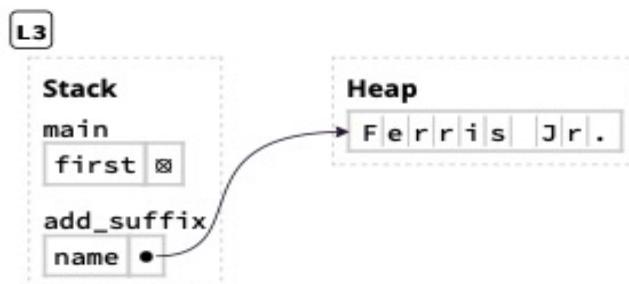
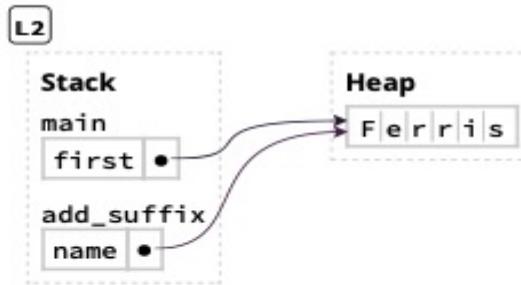
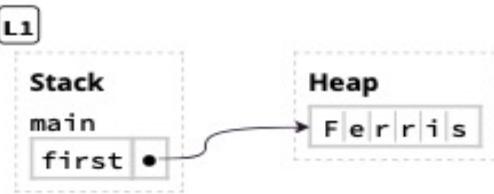
Full contains element correctly.

```

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    println!("{}"); L5
}

fn add_suffix(mut name: String) -> String {
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    name
}

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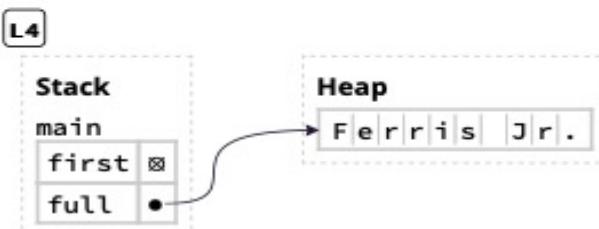
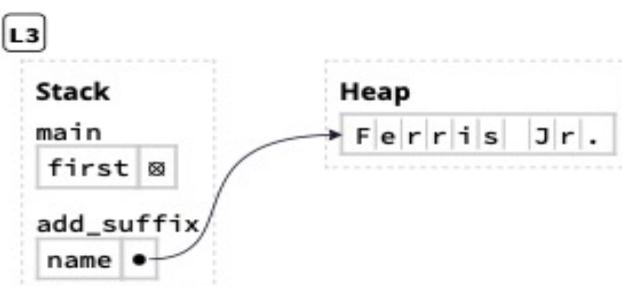
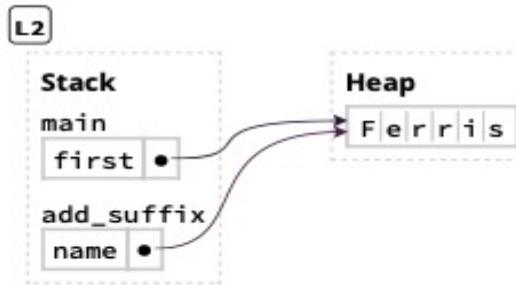
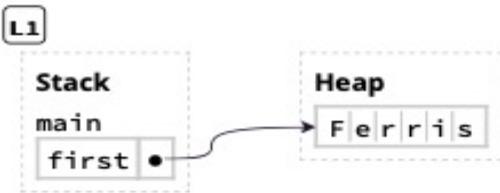
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This moves ownership of the string from first to name.
The string data is not copied, but the pointer
to the data is copied.

```

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    let first = String::from("Ferris"); L1
    let full = add_suffix(first); L4
    println!("{}"); L5
}

fn add_suffix(mut name: String) -> String {
    L2 name.push_str(" Jr."); L3
    name
}

```



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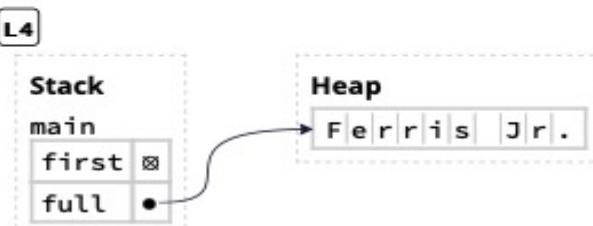
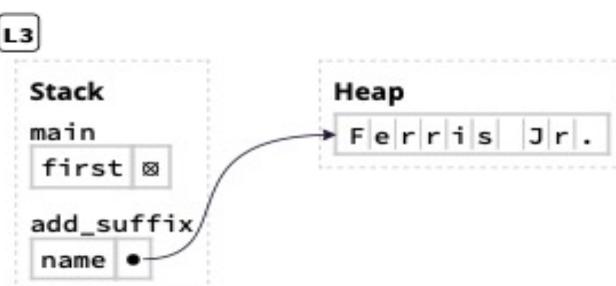
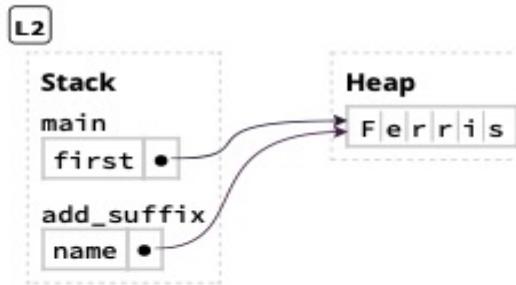
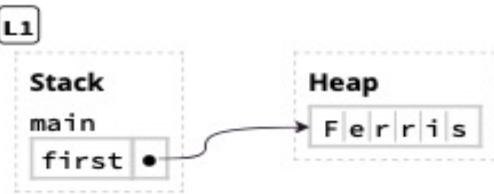
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At L4 the ownership of the result is moved to full.

```
rust
```

Copia

Modifica

```
let first = String::from("Ferris");
```

Here, `first` owns a `String`. It's **immutable**, which just means you **can't change what `first` points to or call mutating methods on `first` while it's still `first`**.

But when you do:

```
rust
```

Copia

Modifica

```
let full = add_suffix(first);
```

You are **moving ownership** of the `String` from `first` into the `name` parameter of `add_suffix`.

At that point, `first` is **gone** — it's invalid, done, dead to the world — and `name` is now the new owner of the `String`. And guess what? Inside the function, `name` is **declared as `mut`**, so *within that scope*, you're allowed to mutate it.

It doesn't matter that `first` wasn't `mut` — it only matters that `name` is.

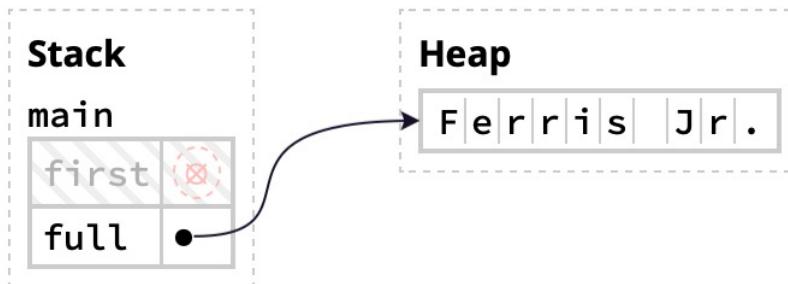
- You don't need `first` to be `mut` because you're not mutating `first`; you're moving it.
- Once `first` is moved into `name`, the function owns it.
- `name` is **mutable**, so the function can change it.

You are just saying that your formal parameter is mutable

Variables cannot be used after being moved

```
fn main() {  
    let first = String::from("Ferris");  
    let full = add_suffix(first);  
    println!("{}{}, originally {}", full, first); L1 // first is now used here  
}  
  
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}
```

L1 undefined behavior: pointer used
after its pointee is freed



The screenshot shows a Rust playground interface with the following components:

- Toolbar:** Includes buttons for RUN, DEBUG, STABLE, and other options.
- Code Editor:** Displays the following Rust code:

```
1 fn main() {
2     let first = String::from("Ferris");
3     let full = add_suffix(first);
4     println!("{}{}, originally {}", full, first); // first is now used here
5 }
6
7 fn add_suffix(mut name: String) -> String {
8     name.push_str(" Jr.");
9     name
10 }
```
- Execution Tab:** Shows the output "Exited with status 101".
- Errors Tab:** Shows the error message:

```
Compiling playground v0.0.1 (/playground)
error[E0382]: borrow of moved value: `first`
--> src/main.rs:4:34
   |
2 |     let first = String::from("Ferris");
   |     ---- move occurs because `first` has type `String`, which does not implement the `Copy` trait
3 |     let full = add_suffix(first);
   |             ---- value moved here
4 |     println!("{}{}, originally {}", full, first); // first is now used here
```

Moved heap data principle: if a variable **x** moves ownership of heap data to another variable **y**, then **x** cannot be used after the move.

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Example 2: Move of a purely stack value (like a struct)

rust

Copia

Modi

```
struct Point { x: i32, y: i32 }

fn main() {
    let p1 = Point { x: 3, y: 4 };
    let p2 = p1; // move!
    // p1 is no longer usable
}
```

Even though `Point` is stored entirely on the stack, its ownership still gets moved from `p1` to `p2`.

It's not about heap vs. stack. It's about:

Who gets to "own" this value, and is that value allowed to be duplicated (via `Copy`) or not?

if not copyable, it is moved

Typing Rust: the basic principle

- The key principle of the Rust type system is the *exclusion principle*, also known as *mutability XOR aliasing*:
- Data can *either* be mutated exclusively through *one unique pointer*, or it can be *immutable* shared amongst many parties—but **not both at the same time**.

◆ Mutability XOR Aliasing

- **Mutability** means being able to change (or mutate) the data.
- **Aliasing** means having multiple references to the same data (i.e., the data is shared by multiple parts of the program).

The key idea in Rust is that you **cannot have both** mutability and aliasing (multiple references to the same data) at the same time.

You can have:

- **Exclusive mutability:** One reference to data, and you can change it (mutate it).
- **Immutable sharing:** Multiple references to the same data, but **no one** is allowed to mutate it.

◆ Why does Rust enforce this?

Rust's ownership and borrowing rules are designed to prevent data races and undefined behavior in concurrent environments.

- If a piece of data is **mutable and shared** (i.e., multiple threads are modifying it at the same time), this can lead to unpredictable behavior or corruption of data.
- If data is **immutable and shared**, there's no risk of modification, so the data can be safely accessed by multiple parties.

- Ownership is modified by assignment

Typing Rust: ownership

- The type of a variable not only represents information about the values it can take—it also represents *ownership* of resources related to the variable such as memory or file descriptors.
- When a variable gets passed between functions or threads, the associated ownership is *transferred* or “moved” with it.

Rule of ownership

1. Each value in Rust has a variable that's its **owner**
2. There can only be **one owner at a time**
3. When the **owner goes out of scope** the value will be **dropped** (freed)

Box deallocation principles

If a variable **owns** a box, when Rust deallocates the variable's frame, then Rust deallocates the box's heap memory (**drop**).

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Scope rules ... as usual

```
fn main() {  
    // s is not valid here, it's not yet declared  
    let s = "hello";  
        // s is valid from this point forward  
    // do stuff with s  
}  
    // this scope is now over, and s is no longer valid
```

When **s** comes *into scope*, it is valid.

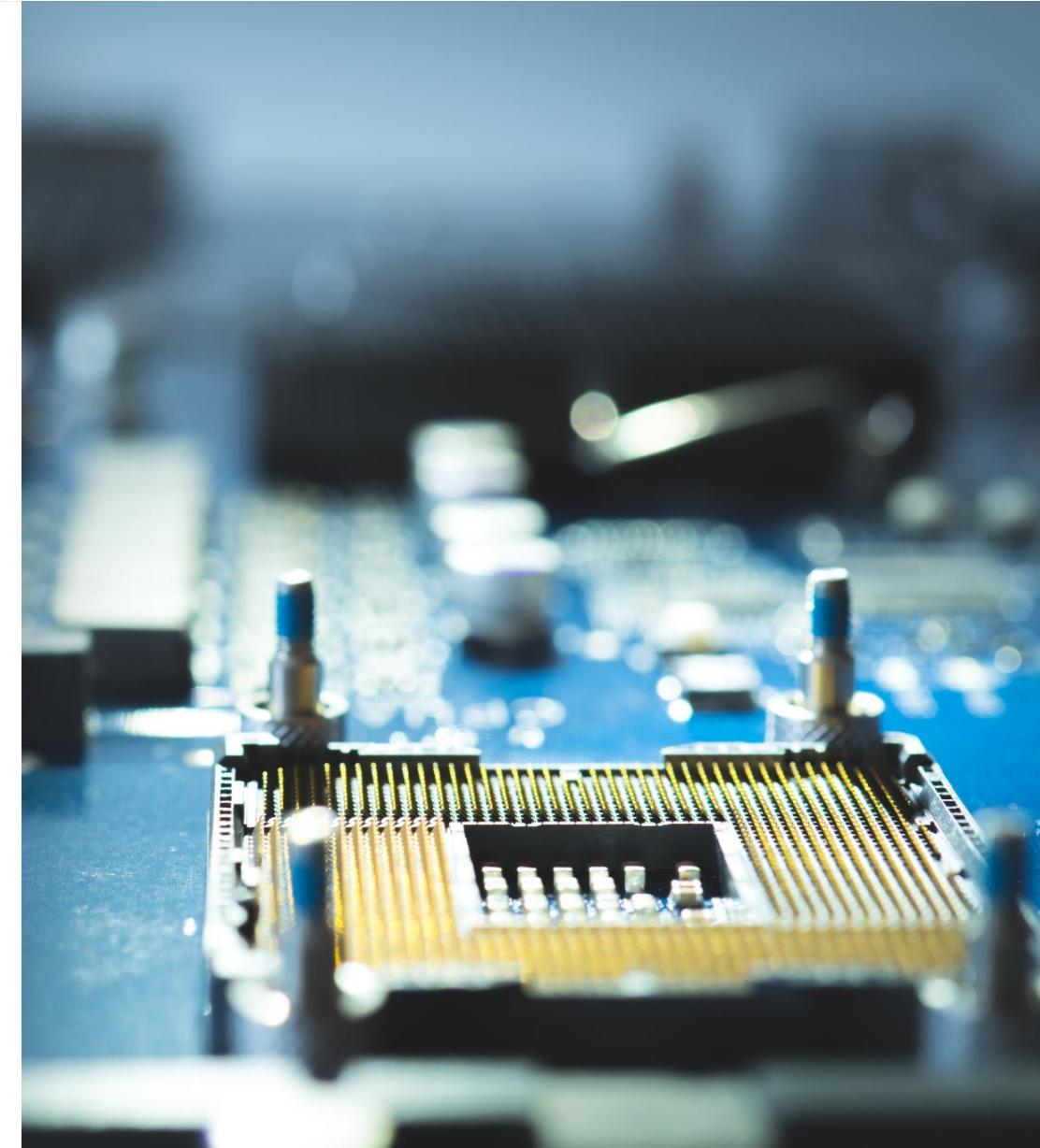
It remains valid until it goes *out of scope*.

Memory usage (1)

The memory must be requested from the memory allocator at runtime (standard in PL!!!)

We need a way of returning this memory to the allocator when we're done with our dynamic data.

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!!Doing this correctly has historically been a difficult programming problem!!

If we forget, we'll waste memory (**garbage**).

If we do it too early, we'll have an invalid variable (**dangling references**).

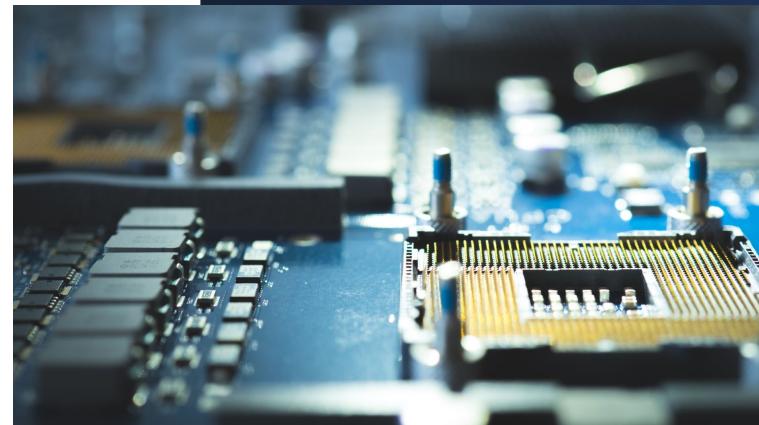
What about RUST?

RUST: drop

When a variable goes out of scope, Rust calls the special run-time function **drop**

(roughly a free())

Rust calls the drop function automatically at the closing of blocks.



String: dynamically sized mutable data

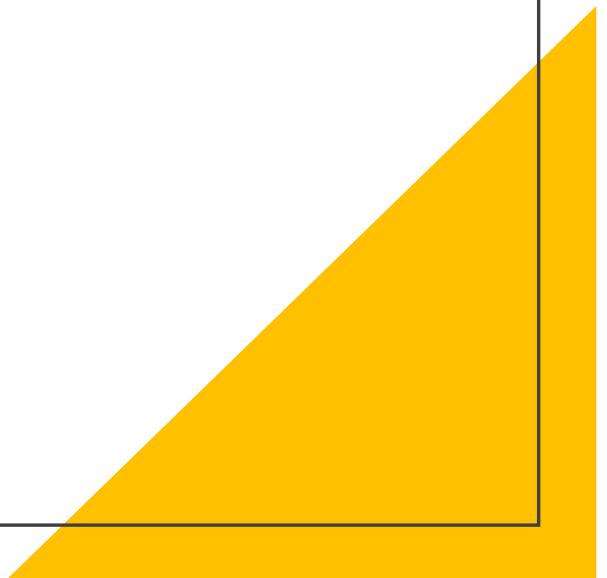
```
{  
    let mut s = String::from("hello"); // namespace  
    s.push_str(", world!"); // appends to s  
    println!("{}", s); // prints hello, world!  
} // s's data is freed by calling s.drop()
```

- The contents of string **s** is allocated on the heap
 - Pointer to data is internal to the **String** object rep
 - When appending to **s**, the old data is freed and new data is allocated
- **s** is the *owner* of this data
 - When **s** goes out of scope, its **drop** method is called, which frees the data

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Intermezzo

Deep vs shallow copy



Memory usage: heap allocate data

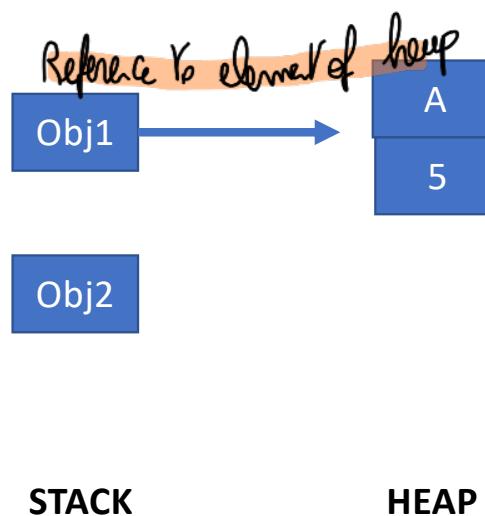
HEAP ALLOCATED DATA

A Obj1 = new A(5);

A Obj2 = null;

:

↓
No reference to elements
of heap



Imagine you have class A
and Two obs. of type A.

Memory usage: heap allocate data

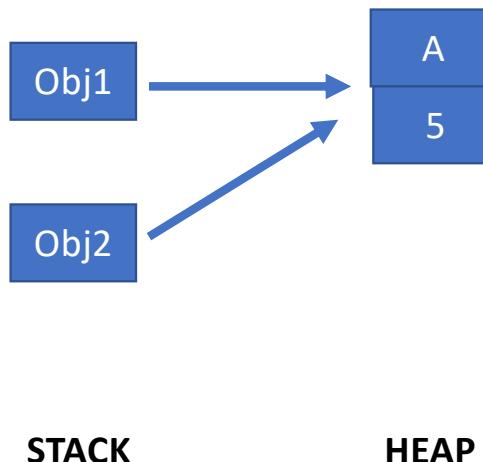
**HEAP ALLOCATED DATA ARE USUALLY COPIED BY REFERENCE
(AKA SHALLOW COPY)**

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```

```
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```

```
:
```

```
Obj2 = Obj1;
```



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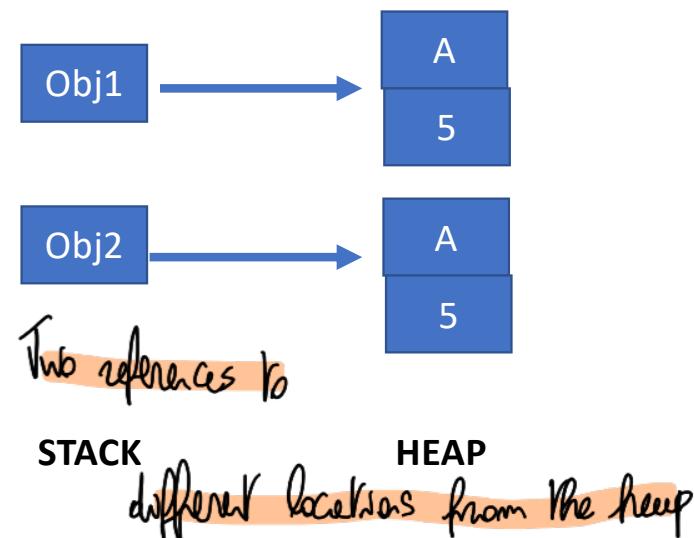
HEAP ALLOCATED DATA: DEEP COPY (via cloning)

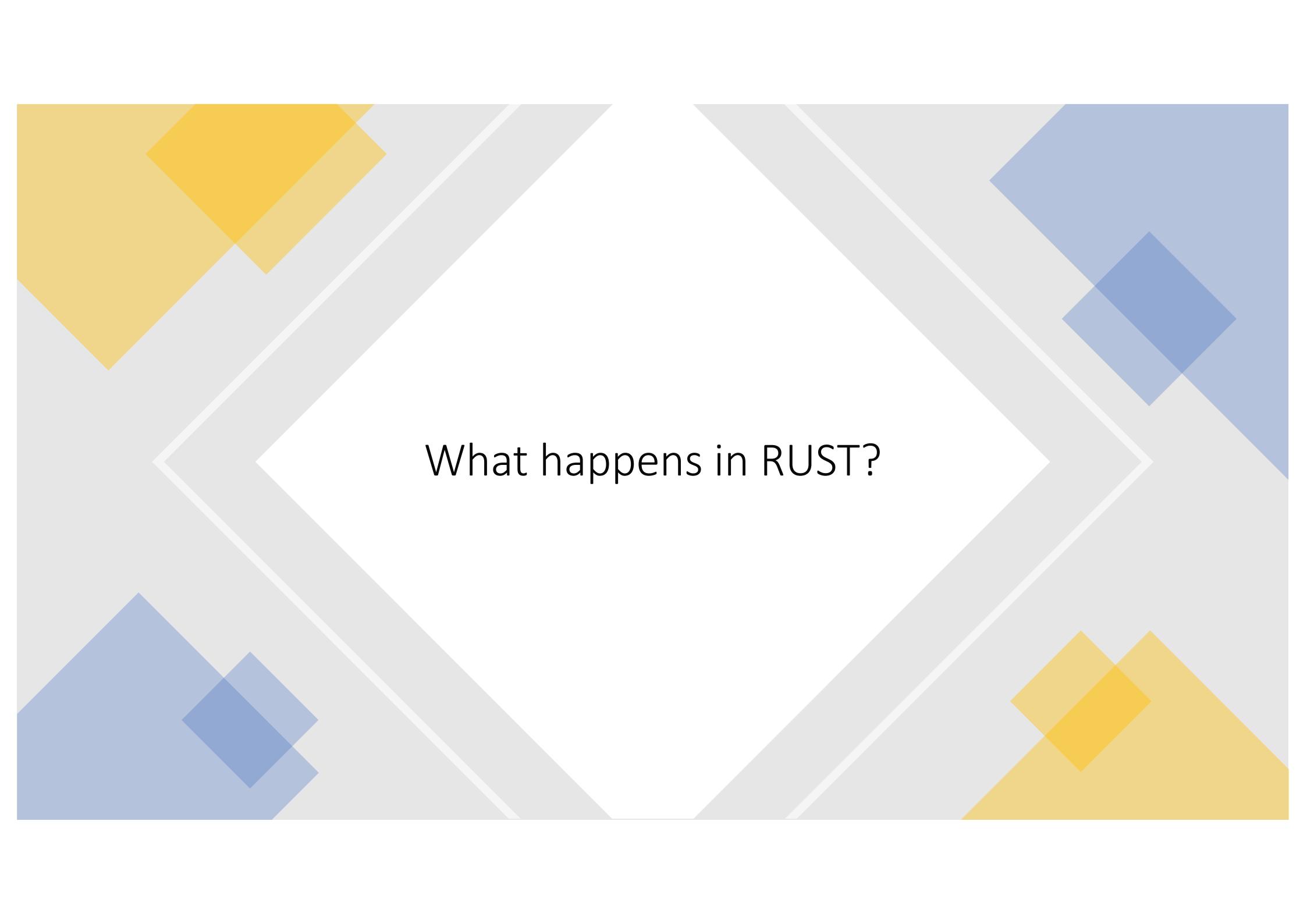
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:

Obj2 = Obj1.clone();





What happens in RUST?

Run time representation

s1		Run-time data	
ptr		index	value
length	5	0	h
capacity	5	1	e
		2	i
		3	i
		4	o

S1 and S2 were strings.
S1 in stack has a lot of metadata.
ptr is heap, length and capacity.
Capacity might be < length of your
available space.

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3	l
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s2	
bookkeeping data	
ptr	
length	5
capacity	5

The meta data (the pointer, the length, and the capacity) are deep copied

If you do $s_2 = s_1$ you do deep copy of metadata (ptr, length, capacity) but shallow on the heap (for references) are shallow copied.

The data on the heap that the pointer refers to are shallow copied

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The meta data (the pointer, the length, and the capacity) **are deep copied**

The data on the heap **are moved from s1 to s2**
↓
Ownership is transferred

A screenshot of a web-based playground interface for a programming language. The top navigation bar includes buttons for RUN, DEBUG, STABLE, and various configuration options like SHARE, TOOLS, and CONFIG. The main area shows a code editor with the following Rust-like code:

```
1 fn main() {  
2     let s1 = String::from("Hello");  
3     let s2= s1;  
4     println!("{} Word!", s2);  
5 }  
6  
7
```

The execution results are displayed below, showing the output of the compilation and execution process:

Execution

```
Compiling playground v0.0.1 (/playground)  
Finished dev [unoptimized + debuginfo] target(s) in 0.59s  
Running `target/debug/playground`
```

Standard Error

Standard Output

```
Hello Word!
```

BORROWING





Our old friend:
assignment

$$X = Y$$

Our old friend: assignment (statically)

The type of X is τ

X = Y

Y has type τ

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash X : \tau, \Gamma \vdash Y : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash X = Y : \text{unit}}$$

To say that $X := Y$ as
assignment, thus works of types
are compatible

↑
result is unit; static transformation, it does not
have any value

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Y has type $\tau_1 < \tau$

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This also works if
 τ_1 is a subtype of τ .

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Flow from Y (β) to X (α)

We can devise that assignment has a flow

$$\frac{\text{flow}(Y) = \beta. \quad \text{flow}(X) = \alpha}{\beta \leq \alpha}$$

We represent statically a flow from Y to X.

Security level included: standard type system + security level

Our old friend: assignment (statically)

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{X} = \text{op}(X) & \frac{\Gamma \vdash X : \tau, X : (R, W) \quad \Gamma \vdash \text{op}(X) : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash X = \text{op}(X) : \text{unit}} \\ \text{X is mutable} & \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{X is immutable} & \frac{\Gamma \vdash X : \tau, \quad X : \{R\} \quad \Gamma \vdash \text{op}(X) : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash X = Y : \text{error}} \end{array}$$

Rust assignment (statically)

Context: map from $PVar$ to types (whole type system). This is enough for type checking

$\Gamma: PVar \rightarrow Types$ Γ = typing context mapping variables to types (e.g., String, i32, etc.)

$\Sigma: PVar \rightarrow Status$ Σ = resource context mapping variables to ownership status
(e.g. Owned, Moved, etc.)
→ Manage moves of ownership with this mapping

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① Types need to be compatible ↑ and x must be owner
to be able to perform assignment

↑ is $y=x$ well typed? ① If x is owner yes, and x is not owner anymore

② Data structure associated to x is owned by x .

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"Oxide: The Essence of Rust" by Matthew Flatt et al..

Move Safety Invariant

A **move-safe program** satisfies the property;

For any variable v , once $\Sigma(v) = \text{Moved}$, there are no future dereferences or usages of v .

This ensures:

- No double-free.
- No use-after-move.

Clone

If we do want to **deeply copy** the heap data, not just the stack data, we can use a common method called **clone**.

Deep copy retains ownership

Make clones (copies) to avoid ownership loss

```
let x = String::from("hello");
let y = x.clone(); //x no longer moved
println!("{}, world!", y); //ok
println!("{}, world!", x); //ok
```

RUN ▶

...

DEBUG ▼

STABLE ▼

...

```
1 fn main() {  
2     let s1 = String::from("hello");  
3     let s2 = s1.clone();  
4  
5     println!("s1 = {}, s2 = {}", s1, s2);  
6 }
```

⋮⋮⋮

Execution

Standard Error

```
Compiling playground v0.0.1 (/playground)  
Finished dev [unoptimized + debuginfo] target(s) in 1.42s  
Running `target/debug/playground`
```

Standard Output

```
s1 = hello, s2 = hello
```

Run time representation (copy -- clone)

s1	
Run-time data	
ptr	5
length	5
capacity	5

→

index	value
0	h
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3	l
4	o

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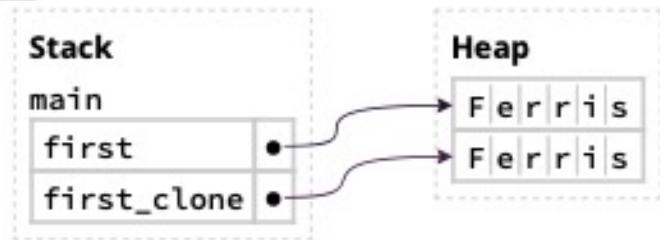
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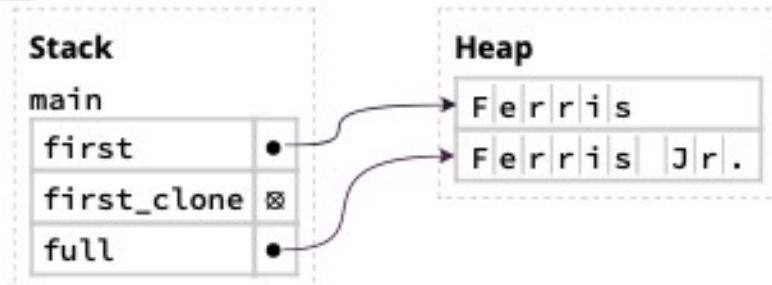
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    println!("{} , originally {}", full, first);
}
```

```
fn add_suffix(mut name: String) -> String {
    name.push_str(" Jr.");
    name
}
```

L1



L2



Parameter passing

- Ownership of DS is moved to the formal parameter

The parameter passing is an assignment of the value of the actual parameter to the formal parameter

The move and copy concepts apply as well!!

```
fn main() {
    let s1 = String::from("hello");
    println!("{}",s1);
    let s2 = id(s1); //s1 moved to id param
                    //id's result moved to s2
    println!("{}",s2);
    println!("{}",s1); //fails
}
fn id(s:String) -> String {
    s
}
```

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    s  
}
```

let s1 = String::from("hello");
| -- move occurs because `s1` has type `String`, which does
not implement the `Copy` trait 3
| let s2 = id(s1);
| -- value moved here ...
| println!("{}",s1);
^ value borrowed here after move

Copy is done using shallow copy; deep copy only for metadata.



Pass by
moving

Extension of call by value
Call by moving =
Call by value +
Transfer of the ownership
from the actual argument
to the formal argument

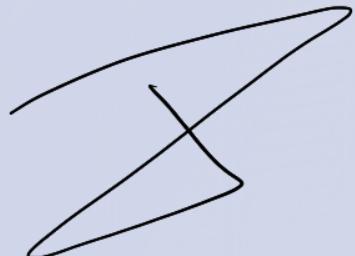


We learned (hopefully)

Ownership is a discipline of heap management

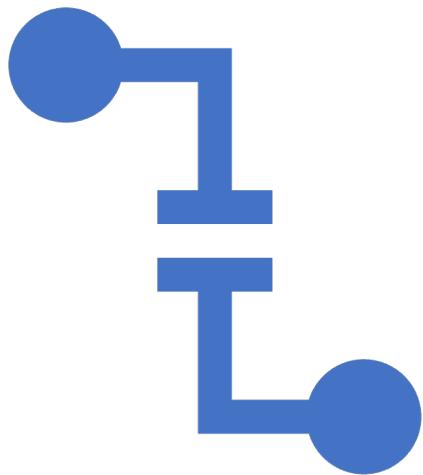
- All heap data must be owned by exactly one variable.
- Rust deallocates heap data once its owner goes out of scope.
- Ownership can be transferred by moves, which happen on assignments and function calls.
- Heap data can only be accessed through its current owner, not a previous owner.

These notions should help you with interpreting Rust's error messages. They should also help you design more Rustic APIs.



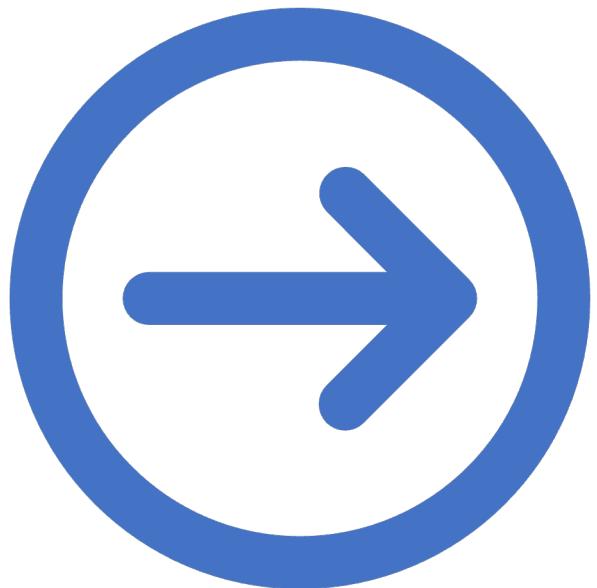
You supply a routine some data and supply data back,

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Parameter passing (again)

- Parameter passing allows the values of local variables within the caller to be shared and used within multiple the callee without the need to create or use global variables.
- One fundamental difference among programming languages concerns the mechanisms adopted for parameter passing
 - C, C++ and Java only support call by value.



The move behavior is inconvenient when programs need to use a data more than once.

```

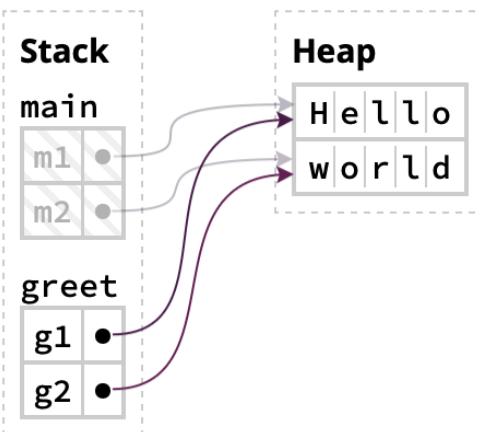
fn main() {
    let m1 = String::from("Hello");
    let m2 = String::from("world");
    greet(m1, m2); L2 You would like to move m1 and m2 again
    let s = format!("{} {}", m1, m2); L3 // Error: m1 and m2 are moved
}

fn greet(g1: String, g2: String) {
    println!("{} {}", g1, g2); L1
}

```



L1



L2



L3

undefined behavior: pointer used after its pointee is freed



```

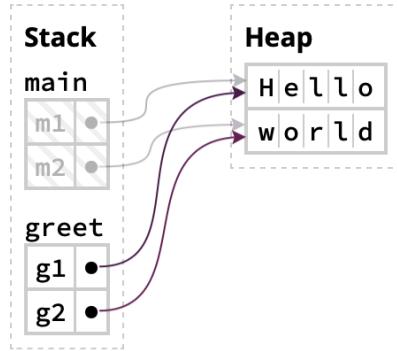
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    println!("{} {}", g1, g2); L1
}

```



L1

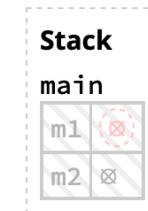


L2



L3

undefined behavior: pointer used after its pointee is freed



The strings are dropped at the end of the call of greet, and therefore cannot be used within main. If we try to read them like in the operation format!(..), then that would be undefined behavior. The Rust compiler rejects this program.

IDEA

Programs often need to use a value more than once.

An alternative approach could return ownership of the parameter.



In our example the alternative greet could return ownership of the strings passed as actual parameters.

```

fn main() {
    let m1 = String::from("Hello");
    let m2 = String::from("world"); L1
    let (m1_again, m2_again) = greet(m1, m2);
    let s = format!("{} {}", m1_again, m2_again); L2
}

```

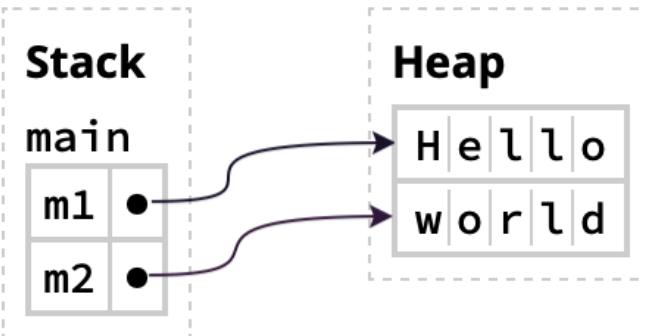
```

fn greet(g1: String, g2: String) -> (String, String) {
    println!("{} {}", g1, g2);
    (g1, g2)
}

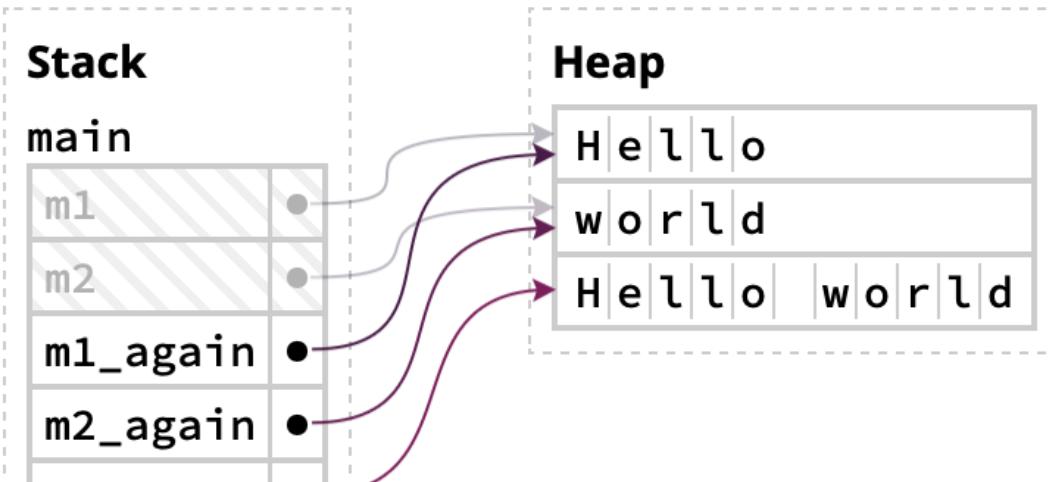
```

- You could work like this

L1



L2



Evaluation

It works!!! Good new.

However, this style of program is quite verbose.

You want a notion of movement by using references, avoiding values.

Rust solution: the language provides a concise style of reading and writing without moves through references.

Rust uses concept of Borrowing To solve problem.

Rust approach: references are non-owning pointers

```
fn main() {  
    let m1 = String::from("Hello");  
    let m2 = String::from("world");  
    greet(&m1, &m2); // note the type of parameter passing  
    let s = format!("{} {}", m1, m2);  
}  
  
fn greet(g1: &String, g2: &String) { // note the ampersands  
    println!("{} {}", g1, g2);  
}
```

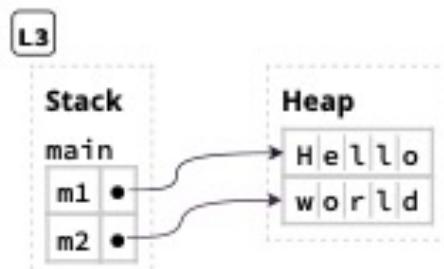
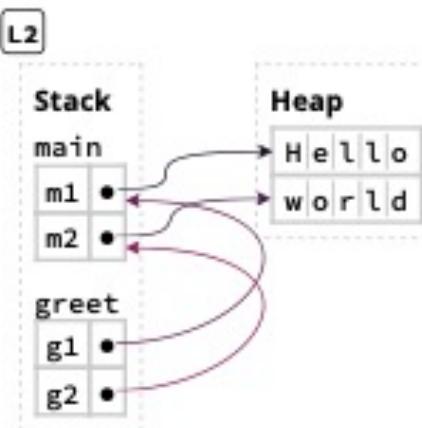
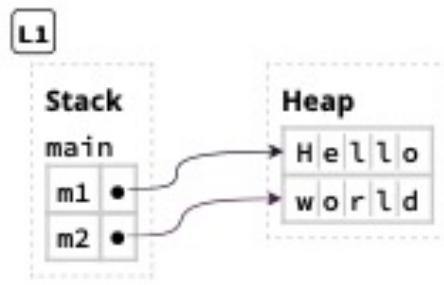
The expression **&m1** exploit the ampersand operator to create a *reference* to (or "borrow") m1. The type of the greet parameter g1 is changed to **&String**, meaning "*a reference to a String*".

```

fn main() {
    let m1 = String::from("Hello");
    let m2 = String::from("world"); L1
    greet(&m1, &m2); L3 // note the ampersands
    let s = format!("{} {}", m1, m2);
}

fn greet(g1: &String, g2: &String) { // note the ampersands
    L2 println!("{} {}", g1, g2);
}

```



References Are Non-Owning Pointers

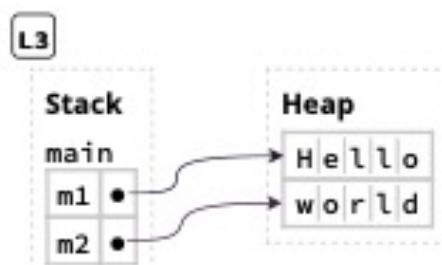
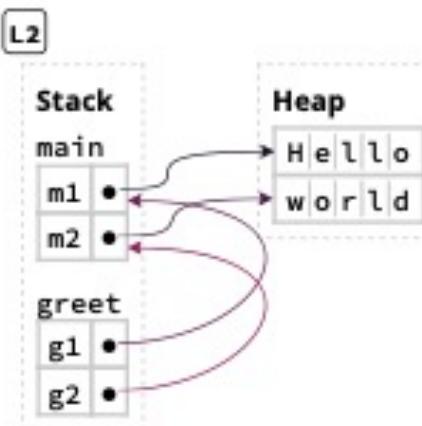
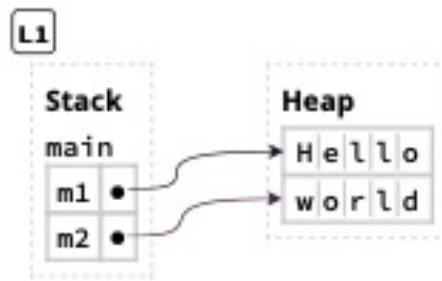
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fn main() {
    let m1 = String::from("Hello");
    let m2 = String::from("world"); L1
    greet(&m1, &m2); L3 // note the ampersands
    let s = format!("{} {}", m1, m2);
}

fn greet(g1: &String, g2: &String) { // note the ampersands
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}

```



References Are Non-Owning Pointers

The expression `&m1` creates a reference to (or "**borrow**") `m1`. The type of the parameter `g1` is changed to `&String`, meaning "a reference to a String".

`m1` owns the heap data "Hello", `g1` does *not* own either `m1` or "Hello".

When the function terminates the program reaches L3, no heap data has been deallocated.

Borrowing

Instead of transferring ownership, we can borrow data.

A variable's data can be borrowed by taking a reference to the variable (i.e., aliasing); but ownership doesn't change.

When a reference goes out of scope, the borrow is over.

The original variable retains ownership throughout

Ownership vs Borrowing

- Is borrowing consistent with Rust *Moved Heap Data Principle*?
- The idea is that references are **non-owning pointers**, because they do not own the data they point to.
 - In our example variable g1 did not own "Hello", Rust did not deallocate "Hello" on behalf of g1.



Parameter passing: borrowing

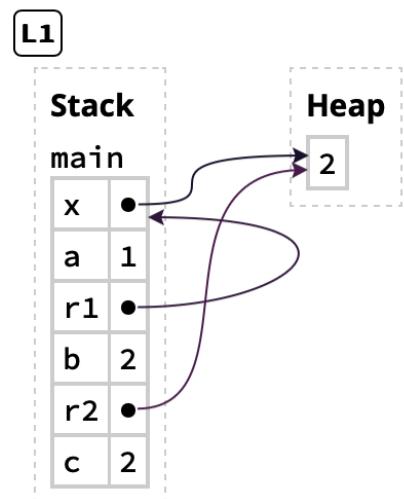
**functions may take a reference to an object
as a parameter instead of taking ownership
of the value.**

Remark on (de)references

```
let mut x: Box<i32> = Box::new(1);
let a: i32 = *x;           // *x reads the heap value, so a = 1
*x += 1;                  // *x on the left-side modifies the heap value,
                           //     so x points to the value 2

let r1: &Box<i32> = &x;   // r1 points to x on the stack
let b: i32 = **r1;         // two dereferences get us to the heap value

let r2: &i32 = &*x;        // r2 points to the heap value directly
let c: i32 = *r2; [L1]    // so only one dereference is needed to read it
```



Implicit/explicit (de)references

```
let x: Box<i32> = Box::new(-1);
let x_abs1 = i32::abs(*x); // explicit dereference
let x_abs2 = x.abs();    // implicit dereference
assert_eq!(x_abs1, x_abs2);

let r: &Box<i32> = &x;
let r_abs1 = i32::abs(**r); // explicit dereference (twice)
let r_abs2 = r.abs();    // implicit dereference (twice)
assert_eq!(r_abs1, r_abs2);

let s = String::from("Hello");
let s_len1 = str::len(&s); // explicit reference
let s_len2 = s.len();    // implicit reference
assert_eq!(s_len1, s_len2);
```

Mutable references

```
fn main() {
    let mut s = String::from("hello");

    change(&mut s);
    println!("The value of s is '{}'", s);
}

fn change(some_string: &mut String) {
    some_string.push_str(", world");
}
```

RUN ▶

...

DEBUG ▼

STABLE ▼

...

```
1 fn main() {
2     let mut s = String::from("hello");
3
4     change(&mut s);
5     println!("The value of s is '{}'", s);
6 }
7
8 fn change(some_string: &mut String) {
9     some_string.push_str(", world");
10}
11
12
13
```

⋮

Execution

Standard Error

```
Compiling playground v0.0.1 (/playground)
Finished dev [unoptimized + debuginfo] target(s) in 3.15s
Running `target/debug/playground`
```

Standard Output

```
The value of s is 'hello, world'
```

RUN ▶

...

DEBUG ▼

STABLE ▼

...

```
1 fn main() {  
2     let mut s = String::from("hello");  
3  
4     let r1 = &mut s;  
5     let r2 = &mut s;  
6  
7     println!("{} , {}", r1, r2);  
8 }  
9  
10  
11  
12
```

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Execution

Standard Error

```
Compiling playground v0.0.1 (/playground)  
error[E0499]: cannot borrow `s` as mutable more than once at a time  
--> src/main.rs:5:14
```

```
4     let r1 = &mut s;  
      ----- first mutable borrow occurs here  
5     let r2 = &mut s;  
      ^^^^^^ second mutable borrow occurs here  
6  
7     println!("{} , {}", r1, r2);  
      -----
```

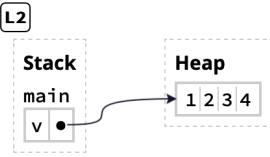
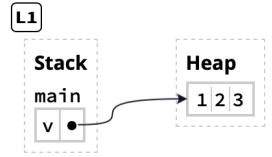
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fn main() {  
    let mut s = String::from("hello");  
  
    let r1 = &mut s;  
    let r2 = &mut s;  
  
    println!("{{}, {}}", r1, r2);  
}
```

**Constraint on
mutable
references:** **we can
have only one
mutable reference
to a particular
piece of data in a
particular scope**

Mutable data and aliasing

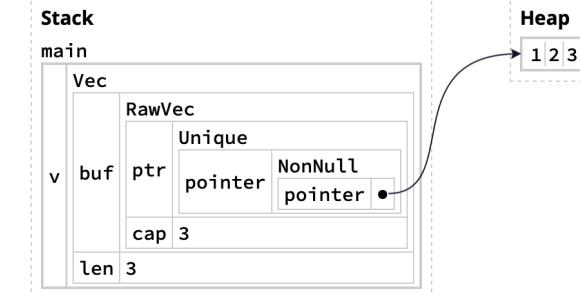
- References are a powerful programming abstractions ... but they enable aliasing.
- Aliasing is accessing the same data through different variables.
- On its own, aliasing is harmless. But combined with mutation, we have a recipe for disaster.

```
let mut v: Vec<i32> = vec![1, 2, 3]; L1  
v.push(4); L2
```



```
let mut v: Vec<i32> = vec![1, 2, 3]; L1
```

L1



```
let mut vec: Vec<i32> = vec![1, 2, 3];
let num: &i32 = &vec[2];
vec.push(4);
println!("Third element is {}", *num);
```

RUN ▶ ... DEBUG ▼ STABLE ▼ ...

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```
1 fn main() {  
2     let mut vec: Vec<i32> = vec![1, 2, 3];  
3     let num: &i32 = &vec[2];  
4     vec.push(4);  
5     println!("Third element is {}", *num);  
6 }  
7  
8
```

5

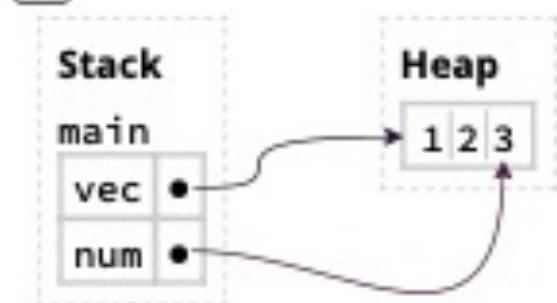
Standard Error

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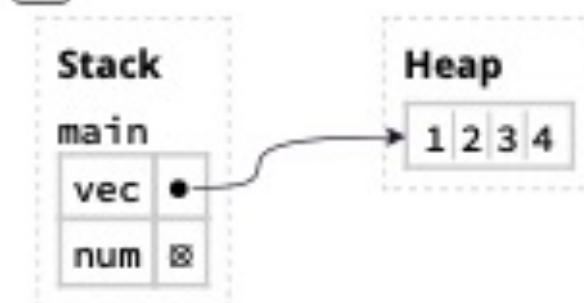
let mut vec: Vec<i32> = vec![1, 2, 3];
let num: &i32 = &vec[2]; L1
vec.push(4); L2
println!("Third element is {}", *num); L3

```

L1

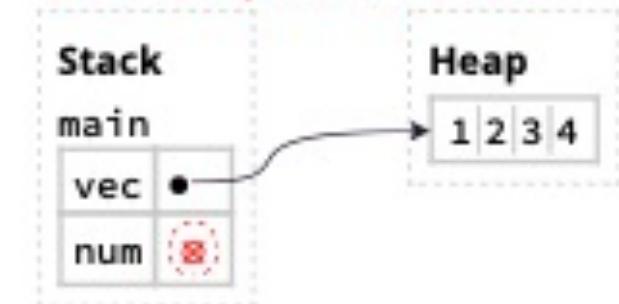


L2



L3

undefined behavior: pointer used
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Pointer Safety Principle:

data should never be
aliased and mutated at the
same time.

Pointer safety: borrow checker

- By design, references are meant to temporarily create aliases.
- Rust ensures the safety of references through the **borrow checker**.

Static information

- Rust variables have three kinds of **type attributes** (sometimes called **permissions**) on their data:
 - **Read (R)**: data can be copied to another location.
 - **Write (W)**: data can be mutated in-place.
 - **Own (O)**: data can be moved or dropped.
- These attributes are static: they don't exist at runtime
 - They describe how the compiler "operates" over programs before the program is executed.
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Mutable vs Immutable revisited

- Immutable variables have read/own type attributes (**RO**) on their data.
- Mutable variables are also annotated the write the write attribute (**W**).
- The key idea: **references can temporarily remove these type information.**

```
fn main() {  
let mut vec: Vec<i32> = vec![1, 2, 3];
```



```
let num: &i32 = &vec[2];
```



```
println!("Third element is {}", *num);
```



```
vec.push(4);
```



```
}
```

```

fn main() {
let mut vec: Vec<i32> = vec![1, 2, 3];           «-- vec ↗ +R +W +O
let num: &i32 = &vec[2];                         «-- vec → R W O
                                                num ↗ +R - +O
                                                *num ↗ +R - -
println!("Third element is {}", *num);           «-- vec ↤ R +W +O
                                                num ↴ X - O
                                                *num ↴ X - -
vec.push(4);                                     «-- vec ↴ X W O
}

```



vec	→	R	W	O
num	↗	+R	-	+O
*num	↗	+R	-	-

vec	↗	R	W	O
num	↘	X	-	O
*num	↘	X	-	-



The execution of `let mut vec = (...)`, initializes variable `vec` (graphically indicated by the return arrow). It gains `+R+W+O` attributes (the plus sign indicates gain).

<code>fn main() {</code>	<code>vec</code>	<code>↑ +R +W +O</code>
<code>let mut vec: Vec<i32> = vec![1, 2, 3];</code>	<code>vec</code>	<code>→ R W O</code>
<code>let num: &i32 = &vec[2];</code>	<code>num</code>	<code>↑ +R - +O</code>
	<code>*num</code>	<code>↑ +R - -</code>
<code>println!("Third element is {}", *num);</code>	<code>vec</code>	<code>○ R +W +O</code>
	<code>num</code>	<code>↓ R - O</code>
	<code>*num</code>	<code>↓ R - -</code>
<code>vec.push(4);</code>	<code>vec</code>	<code>↓ R W O</code>
<code>}</code>		

The execution of `num = &vec[2]`, makes the data in `vec` **borrowed** by `num` (indicated by the righarrow). The borrow removes **WO** attributes (vec cannot be written or owned, but it can still be read). The variable `num` has gained **RO** attributes but `num` is not writable The access path `*num` has gained the **R** permission.

```

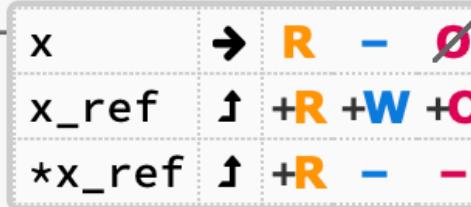
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    let mut vec: Vec<i32> = vec![1, 2, 3];
    let num: &i32 = &vec[2];
    println!("Third element is {}", *num);
    vec.push(4);
}

```

The diagram illustrates the state of variables and memory after each operation in the code. It consists of three rows of tables:

- Row 1:** Shows the initial state of `vec` (mutable vector) and `num` (reference to the third element of `vec`). `vec` has attributes `+R +W +O`. `num` has attributes `+R - +O`.
- Row 2:** Shows the state after `println!`. `vec` now has attribute `-` (read-only). `num` and `*num` both have attributes `+R - -`.
- Row 3:** Shows the state after `vec.push(4)`. `vec` now has attribute `-` (read-only). `num` and `*num` both have attributes `- - -`.

After the execution of `vec.push(4)`, then `vec` is no longer in use, and it loses all of its attributes.

<code>let x = 0;</code>	
<code>let mut x_ref = &x;</code>	

`x_ref` has the `W` attribute, while `*x_ref` does not.

Overall:

we can assign a different reference to the `x_ref` variable (e.g. `x_ref = &y`), but we cannot mutate the data it points to (e.g. `*x_ref += 1`).

```
fn main() {  
    let x=0;  
    let mut xref = &x;  
    println!(" x value = {}", x);  
    println!("x via xref {}", *xref);  
    *xref+=1;  
}
```

error[E0594]: cannot assign to `*xref`, which is behind a `&` reference -->
[src/main.rs:6:1](#)

```
| *xref+=1;  
| ^^^^^^^^^ `xref` is a `&` reference, so the data it refers to cannot be written  
| help: consider changing this to be a mutable reference  
| let mut xref = &mut x;
```

<code>let x = 0;</code>	
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`x_ref` has the `W` attribute, while `*x_ref` does not.

`x_ref = &y` is a type correct assignment

`*x_ref += 1` is not type correct: we cannot mutate the pointed data.

Static annotations: paths

- A path is anything that can put on the left-hand side of an assignment
 1. **Variables** (`a`)
 2. **Dereferences of paths** (`*a`)
 3. **Array accesses of paths** (`a[0]`)
 4. **Fields of paths for tuples or field for structs**
 5. **Any combination of the (1-4) above, `(*((*a)[0].1)`)**

Borrow Checking (on path attributes)

The *Pointer Safety Principle*:
data should not be aliased and
mutated.

The borrow checker looks for
potentially unsafe operations
involving references (by
exploiting path attributes)

Back to our example: path checking

```
fn main() {  
    let mut vec: Vec<i32> = vec![1, 2, 3];           «→ vec ↑ +R +W +O  
  
    let num: &i32 = &R vec[2];                         «→  
    «→  
    vec R .push(4);  
    println!("Third element is {}", *num);  
}
```

vec	→	R	W	O
num	↑	+R	-	+O
*num	↑	+R	-	-

Back to our example: path checking

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fn main() {  
    let mut vec: Vec<i32> = vec![1, 2, 3];           «→ vec ↑ +R +W +O  
  
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    vec R W.push(4);  
    println!("Third element is {}", *num);  
}
```



vec	→	R	W	∅
num	↑	+R	-	+O
*num	↑	+R	-	-

the borrow **&vec[2]** requires that **vec** is readable.

Back to our example: path checking

```
fn main() {  
    let mut vec: Vec<i32> = vec![1, 2, 3];           «-- vec ↑ +R +W +O  
  
    let num: &i32 = &R vec[2];                         «-->  
  
    vec R W .push(4);  
    println!("Third element is {}", *num);  
}
```

		R	W	O
vec	→	+R	-	-
num	↑	+R	-	+O
*num	↑	+R	-	-

vec.push(4) requires that `vec` is readable and writable. However, `vec` does not have write attribute (it is borrowed by `num`): that the write attribute is *expected* but `vec` does not have it.

The screenshot shows a Rust playground interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'RUN' (highlighted in red), '...', 'DEBUG', 'STABLE', and '...'. Below the tabs is a code editor window containing the following Rust code:

```
1 fn main() {  
2     let mut vec: Vec<i32> = vec![1, 2, 3];  
3     let num: &i32 = &vec[2];  
4     vec.push(4);  
5     println!("Third element is {}", *num);  
6 }  
7  
8 |
```

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Execution

Standard Error

```
Compiling playground v0.0.1 (/playground)  
error[E0502]: cannot borrow `vec` as mutable because it is also borrowed as immutable  
--> src/main.rs:4:1  
|  
3 |     let num: &i32 = &vec[2];  
|             --- immutable borrow occurs here  
4 |     vec.push(4);  
|     ^^^^^^^^^^ mutable borrow occurs here  
5 |     println!("Third element is {}", *num);  
|             ---- immutable borrow later used here
```

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2     let mut vec: Vec<i32> = vec![1, 2, 3];
3     let num: &i32 = &vec[2];
4     vec.push(4);
5     println!("Third element is {}", *num);
6 }
7
8
```

The line `vec.push(4);` is highlighted with a yellow background. Below the code editor is a terminal window divided into three tabs: Execution, Standard Error, and Standard Output. The Execution tab shows the command `Compiling playground v0.0.1 (/playground)` followed by an error message:

```
error[E0502]: cannot borrow 'vec' as mutable because it is also borrowed as immutable
--> src/main.rs:4:1
|
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|             --- immutable borrow occurs here
4 |     vec.push(4);
|             ^^^^^^^^^^ mutable borrow occurs here
5 |     println!("Third element is {}", *num);
|             ---- immutable borrow later used here
```

The error message explains that v cannot be mutated while the reference num is in use. The underlying issue is that num could be invalidated by push. Hence, Rust catches that potential violation of memory safety.

Immutable references

- Read-only **immutable references** (also called **shared references**): permit aliasing but disallow mutation



However

It is useful to temporarily provide mutable access to data without moving it.

The Rust mechanism for this is **mutable references** (also called **unique references**).

Mutable references

```
let mut vec: Vec<i32> = vec![1, 2, 3];           «-- vec |↑ +R +W +O
let num: &mut i32 = &mut vec[2];                  «-- vec |→ ✘ W O
                                                num |↑ +R - +O
                                                *num |↑ +R +W -
*num += 1;
println!("Third element is {}", *num);             «-- vec |○ +R +W +O
                                                num |↓ ✘ - ○
                                                *num |↓ ✘ W -
println!("Vector is now {:?}", vec);              «-- vec |↓ ✘ W ○
```

```
1 fn main() {  
2     let mut vec: Vec<i32> = vec![1, 2, 3];  
3     let num: &mut i32 = &mut vec[2];  
4     *num += 1;  
5     println!("Third element is {}", *num);  
6     println!("Vector is now {:?}", vec);  
7 }
```

:::

Execution

Standard Error

```
Compiling playground v0.0.1 (/playground)  
Finished dev [unoptimized + debuginfo] target(s) in 0.59s  
Running `target/debug/playground`
```

Standard Output

```
Third element is 4  
Vector is now [1, 2, 4]
```

```

let mut vec: Vec<i32> = vec![1, 2, 3];
    ↪ vec ↑ +R +W +O

let num: &mut i32 = &mut vec[2];
    ↪ num ↑ +R - +O
    ↪ *num ↑ +R +W -
    ↪ num ↑ +R - +O
    ↪ *num ↑ +R +W - +O

*num += 1;
println!("Third element is {}", *num);
    ↪ num ↑ +R - +O
    ↪ *num ↑ +R +W - +O

println!("Vector is now {:?}", vec);
    ↪ vec ↑ +R +W +O

```

The diagram consists of three rows of tables, each representing the state of variables and memory at a different point in the code execution.

- Row 1:** Shows the initial state. The variable `vec` contains the elements [1, 2, 3]. The pointer `num` points to the second element (2). The dereference `*num` also points to the second element (2). All operations are marked as Read (+R), Write (+W), or Ownership (+O).
- Row 2:** Shows the state after the mutation `*num += 1;`. The variable `vec` is now [1, 3, 3]. The pointer `num` still points to the second element (3). The dereference `*num` also points to the second element (3). The ownership of the third element has been transferred to `*num`, so it is marked as +O. The original ownership of the third element in `vec` is marked as -.
- Row 3:** Shows the final state after printing. The variable `vec` is now [1, 3, 3]. The pointer `num` no longer points to the second element. The dereference `*num` also no longer points to the second element. Both are marked as -.

Why mutable references are *safe*? Mutable references allow mutation but prevent aliasing.

```

let mut vec: Vec<i32> = vec![1, 2, 3];
    <<- vec ↗ +R +W +O

let num: &mut i32 = &mut vec[2];
    <<- vec ↗ X W O
    <<- num ↗ +R - +O
    <<- *num ↗ +R +W -

* *num += 1;
println!("Third element is {}", *num);
    <<- vec ↗ C +R +W +O
    <<- num ↗ X - O
    <<- *num ↗ X W - 

println!("Vector is now {:?}", vec);
    <<- vec ↗ X W O

```

The borrowed path `vec` becomes temporarily unusable, so effectively not an alias.

Why mutable references are *safe*. Mutable references allow mutation but prevent aliasing.

```

let mut vec: Vec<i32> = vec![1, 2, 3];
let num: &mut i32 = &mut vec[2];
*num += 1;
println!("Third element is {}", *num);
println!("Vector is now {:?}", vec);

```

Diagram illustrating the state of variables and memory after each step:

- Initial State:** The variable `vec` is a vector of three elements: 1, 2, and 3. It has attributes: +R (Read) and +W (Write). The variable `num` is a mutable reference to the second element of `vec`. It has attributes: +R (Read) and - (No Write).
- After `*num += 1;`:** The value at index 2 of `vec` is now 2. The attribute for `vec` changes to - (No Read) and +W (Write). The attribute for `num` changes to - (No Read) and - (No Write).
- After `println!("Third element is {}", *num);`:** The value at index 2 of `vec` is now 2. The attribute for `vec` changes to - (No Read) and - (No Write). The attribute for `num` changes to - (No Read) and - (No Write).
- Final State:** The value at index 2 of `vec` is now 2. The attribute for `vec` changes to - (No Read) and - (No Write).

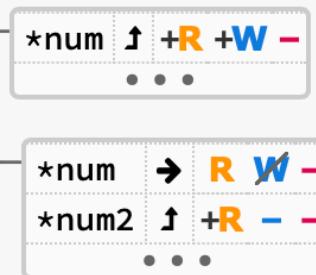
The borrowed path `vec` becomes temporarily unusable, so effectively not an alias.

`vec[2]` can be mutated through `*num`. `*num` has the `W` attributed, but `num` does not..

Why mutable references are *safe*. Mutable references allow mutation but prevent aliasing.

Downgrading mutable references

```
let mut v: Vec<i32> = vec![1, 2, 3];  
let num: &mut i32 = &mut v[2];  
let num2: &i32 = &*num;  
println!("{} {}", *num, *num2);
```



Quiz

ILLUSTRATE THE PERMISSIONS OF X

```
fn main() {  
    let mut x = 1;  
    let y = &x;  
    let z = *y;  
    x += z;  
}
```

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fn main() {  
    let mut x = 1;      

|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| x | ↑ | R | W | O |
|---|---|---|---|---|

  
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    let z = *y;          x → R - -  
    x += z;  
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X	↑	R	W	O
---	---	---	---	---

X	→	R	-	-
---	---	---	---	---

X	↖	R	W	O
---	---	---	---	---

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|---|---|---|---|---|

  
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    let z = *y;  
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|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| X | → | R | - | - |
|---|---|---|---|---|

  
}  


|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| X | ↖ | R | W | O |
|---|---|---|---|---|


```

The **W** permission on x is returned to x after the lifetime of y has ended,

QUIZ

```
fn main() {
    let mut s = String::from("hello");

    let r1 = &s;
    let r2 = &s;
    let r3 = &mut s;

    println!("{}, {}, and {}", r1, r2, r3);
}
```

QUIZ

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```

Execution
Standard Error

```
Compiling playground v0.0.1 (/playground)
error[E0502]: cannot borrow `s` as mutable because it is also borrowed as immutable
--> src/main.rs:6:14
4 |     let r1 = &s;
5 |         -- immutable borrow occurs here
6 |     let r2 = &s;
7 |     let r3 = &mut s;
8 |         ^^^^^^ mutable borrow occurs here
9 |
10    println!("{}, {}, and {}", r1, r2, r3);
11        -- immutable borrow later used here
```

QUIZ

```
fn main() {
    let mut s = String::from("hello");

    let r1 = &s;
    let r2 = &s;
    println!("{} and {}", r1, r2);
}

let r3 = &mut s;

println!("{}", r3);
}
```

RUN ►

...

DEBUG ▾

STABLE ▾

...

```
1 fn main() {
2     let mut s = String::from("hello");
3
4     let r1 = &s; // no problem
5     let r2 = &s; // no problem
6     println!("{} and {}", r1, r2);
7     // r1 and r2 are no longer used after this point
8
9     let r3 = &mut s; // no problem
10    println!("{}", r3);
11 }
```

⋮⋮⋮

Execution

Standard Error

```
Compiling playground v0.0.1 (/playground)
Finished dev [unoptimized + debuginfo] target(s) in 1.89s
Running `target/debug/playground`
```

Standard Output

```
hello and hello
hello
```