

Lecture 1: Hello, Rust!

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What is this course about?

The Rust programming language, it's basic and advanced features.

- Basics: syntax, collections, traits...
- Some nightly features, such as trait specialization.
- Parallel and concurrent computing.
- Metaprogramming.
- Tooling around language.
- System safety.

Prerequisites

- Solid knowledge of C++, including C++20 standard.
- Understanding of parallel computing and concurrency.
- Comprehension of computer architecture and operating systems.
- Passion for backend engineering.

Are you ready? :)

The creation of Rust: Short history background

A brief history of programming languages

Machine codes

Pros:

- Direct execution of code written by engineer.
- Don't require any runtime.

Cons:

- Very easy to make a mistake when "typing".
- Very hard to read.
- Difficult to debug.
- Hard to reuse existing code.
- Requires a lot of time to write even a simple program.
- Code changes from machine to machine.

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Assembly language

Pros:

- Direct execution of code written by engineer.
- Don't require any runtime.
- Not possible to type nonexistent command or write incorrect offset.
- Mnemonics easier to read than machine codes.

Cons:

- Difficult to debug.
- Still hard to write complex logic.
- Hard to reuse existing code.
- Requires a lot of time to write even a simple program.
- Usually still requires code changes from machine to machine.

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C language

Pros:

- Don't require any runtime.
- Provides thin layer of abstraction, allowing to write complex but still readable code: structures, functions, pointers...
- Abstraction over hardware.

Cons:

- Segfaults, buffer overflows, null pointers, data races, **undefined behaviour...**
- Not very productive, lacks syntax sugar.
- No unified build system and dependency management.

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CVE-2008-0166

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- `srandom()` - set seed for non-cryptographic pseudorandom number generator.
- If read from `/dev/random` failed, the following code is executed:

```
struct timeval tv;  
unsigned long junk;  
gettimeofday(&tv, NULL);  
srandom((getpid() << 16) ^ tv.tv_sec ^ tv.tv_usec ^ junk);
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One day, compiler decided to remove everything except junk :D

Remember dreadful memory unsafety?

Memory unsafety

- Code has full access to memory of the whole process.
- Side effects can be unpredictable.

```
char line[1024];  
ssize_t len = getline(&line, sizeof(line), stdin);
```

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- Summer 2010: software developers from Intel added a patch to `glibc`. Now `memcpy()` sometimes can copy from right to left.
- September 29, 2010: Fedora Linux user found a bug - Flash Player cracks instead of playing sound.

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A story about memcpy: Who is at fault?

The only stupidity is crap software violating well known rules that have existed forever.

Andreas Schwab, glibc developer

You can call it "crap software" all you like, but the thing is, if memcpy doesn't warn about overlaps, there's no test coverage, and in that case even well-designed software will have bugs.

Linus Torvalds

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C++ language

Pros:

- Don't require any runtime.
- Provides thick layer of abstraction, allowing to write complex readable code: classes, templates, lambda functions, iterators...
- Abstraction over hardware and memory due to OOP.

Cons:

- Segfaults, buffer overflows, null pointers, data races, **undefined behaviour...**
- Cluttered standard with a lot of gaps due to previous decisions.
- No unified build system and dependency management.

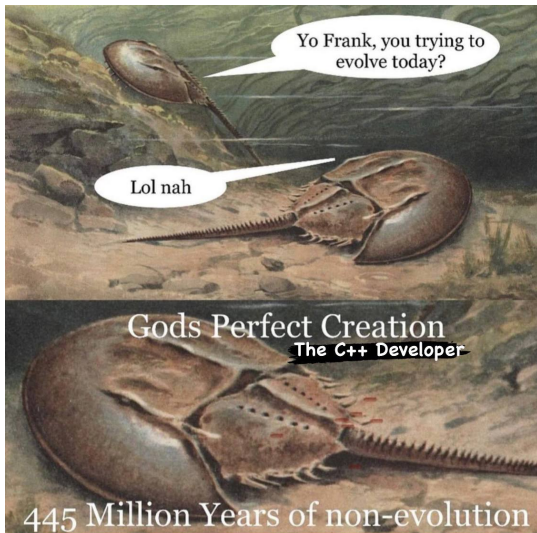
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An example of regular C++'s UB

```
std::vector<std::string> createStrings() {  
    // Some code  
}  
  
for (char c : createStrings().at(0)) {  
    // undefined behaviour  
}
```

I love C++!

Fun fact: will not be fixed until C++26, because proposal in C++23 was rejected.



A brief history of programming languages

At the meantime: languages such with garbage collection.

Java, C# and similar languages

Pros:

- Require runtime but execution is quite fast due to JIT.
- In general, provide thick layer of abstraction.
- Run code everywhere where runtime exists.
- Safer than C, C++ or similar languages, but implementation-defined and unspecified behavior exist.

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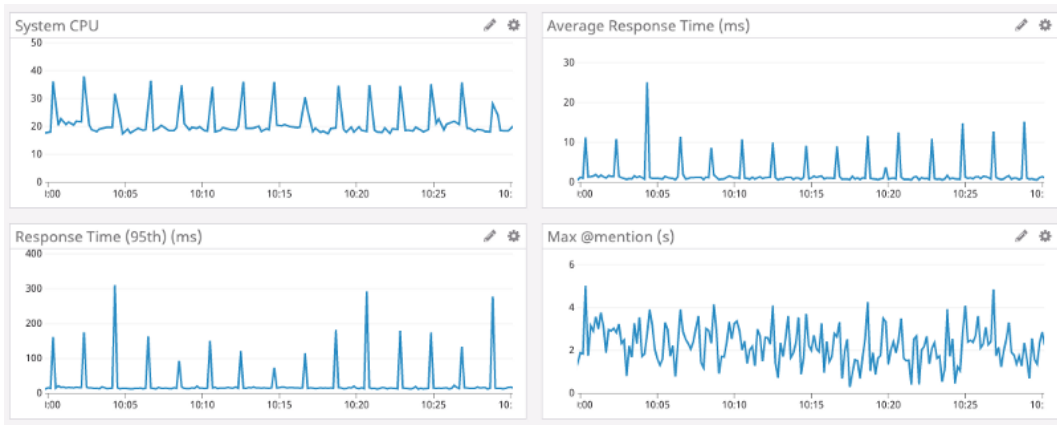
Cons:¹

- Expensive: no matter what type of garbage collection is used, there will always be nontrivial memory overhead.
- Disruptive: drop what you're doing - it's time for GC!
- Non-deterministic: when will the next GC pause be? Who knows! Depends on how much memory is being used.

¹CS110L Lecture 1 Slides.

Garbage Collection cons

Why Discord is swithing from Go to Rust?



Eliminating Large JVM GC Pauses Caused by Background IO Traffic

In our production environments, we have seen unexplainable large STW pauses (> 5 seconds) in our mission-critical Java applications.

LinkedIn Engineering

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Cons:

- Precludes manual optimization: in some situations, you may want to structure your data in memory in a specific way in order to achieve high cache performance. GC can't know how you will use memory, so it optimizes for the average use case.
- Bad interoperability.
- **Are not suitable for system programming.²**

²Actually suitable, but GC limits use cases.

A brief history of programming languages

What is system programming?

System programming - the process of creation of programs that communicate with hardware and other programs, not users.

Examples:

- Operating systems, firmware.
- Databases: PostgreSQL, MySQL
- Virtual machines: JVM, CLR.
- Browsers and their engines: Blink, WebKit, Servo.

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Usual properties:

- Fast execution time with stable latency.
- High sensitivity to bugs.
- High security.

At the same time we try to pursue two goals: performance and safety.

A brief history of programming languages

Why C is still used for system programming?

- Assembly is "strictly better" than Machine codes.
- C is nearly "strictly better" than Assembly.
- C++ **is not** "strictly better" than C.
- Languages with runtime **is not** "strictly better" than C.

Will there be a language "strictly better" than C?

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Rust language

Pros:

- Don't require any runtime.
- Provides thick layer of abstraction, allowing to write complex readable code: structures, generics, traits, closures, iterators...
- **No memory unsafety and undefined behaviour.**³
- Modern standard without any⁴ incorrect decisions.
- Unified build system and dependency management.

According to [Microsoft](#) and [Chromium](#), 70% of bugs involve memory unsafety.

³Unless you or your dependencies use `unsafe` incorrectly.

⁴There exist not good decisions.

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Rust language

Cons:

- Difficult to use and especially learn.
- Compiled, thus no such simple coding as in, for instance, Python.
- If you're using a lot of optimizations, or writing a software that frequently works with pointers, you'll have to use **a lot of unsafe**. May be inconvenient.

What is safety after all?

Let's take a look at [C code of simple vector](#) and find some bugs on it to intuitively understand the Rust's features.

What is safety after all?

Dangling pointers

```
Vec* vec_new() {  
    Vec vec;  
    vec.data = NULL;  
    vec.length = 0;  
    vec.capacity = 0;  
    return &vec;  
}
```

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```

Wouldn't it be nice if the compiler realized that `vec` “lives” within those two curly braces and therefore its address shouldn't be returned from the function?

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Double frees

```
void main() {  
    Vec *vec = vec_new();  
  
    /* ... */  
  
    free(vec->data);  
    vec_free(vec);  
}
```


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```

Wouldn't it be nice if the compiler enforced that free is called on a variable, that variable can no longer be used?

What is safety after all?

Iterator Invalidation

```
void main() {  
    /* ... */  
  
    int *n = &vec->data[0];  
    vec_push(vec, 110);  
    printf("%d\n", *n);  
  
    /* ... */  
}
```

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```
void main() {  
    /* ... */  
  
    int *n = &vec->data[0];  
    vec_push(vec, 110);  
    const char* format = "%d\n";  
    printf(format, *n); // I'm sorry for 'format'  
  
    /* ... */  
}
```

Wouldn't it be nice if the compiler stopped us from modifying the data `n` was pointing to (as it does in `vec_push`)?

What is safety after all?

Memory leaks

```
void vec_push(Vec *vec, int n) {  
    if (vec->length == vec->capacity) {  
        /* ... */  
  
        vec->data = new_data;  
        vec->capacity = new_capacity;  
    }  
  
    /* ... */  
}
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    /* ... */  
}
```

Wouldn't it be nice if the compiler noticed when a piece of heap data no longer had anything pointing to it? (and so then could easily be freed?)

Is Rust safe?

Rust is theoretically proven to be safe.



Understanding and Evolving the Rust Programming Language, Ralf Jung, August 2020.

Awards:

- 2021 Otto Hahn Medal.
- Honorable Mention for the 2020 ACM Doctoral Dissertation Award.
- 2021 ETAPS Doctoral Dissertation Award.

Is Rust safe?

RustBelt - formal model of Rust that includes core conceptions of language (borrowing, lifetimes, lifetime inclusion).

- Proof of safety of Safe⁵ Rust.
- Definition of sufficiency conditions for every type `T` to consider it safe abstraction.
- Proof of soundness using Coq + Iris: `Cell`, `RefCell`, `thread::spawn`, `rayon::join`, `Mutex`, `RwLock`, `Arc`.

⁵There exists Unsafe Rust, but we will return to it later.

A brief history of Rust⁶

1. **(2006-2010)** Started at Mozilla by Graydon Hoare as a personal project.
2. **(2010-2012)** Rust is now a Mozilla project.
 - The team slowly grows allowing Rust to grow faster.
 - The aim is to make language that can catch critical mistakes before code even compiles.
3. **(2012-2014)** Rust improves type system.
 - To make the language safe, the team thought they need a garbage collector, but they figured out they don't need it: everything can be done in the level of type system!
 - Birth of Cargo - the Rust package manager. Influenced by **ruby** and **npm**.
4. **(2014-present)** Rust grows!

⁶The History of Rust talk.

Is it popular of just a niche language?

Google

- Pushing Rust to Linux Kernel.
- Developing new OS Fuchsia in Rust.⁷
- Enabled support of Rust in Android.

Meta ⁸

- Mononoke - version control system.
- Diem - blockchain.
- Metaverse - virtual reality.

⁷Count of lines of code in different languages.

⁸A brief history of Rust at Facebook

Is it popular of just a niche language?

Amazon⁹

- Hired core developers of Tokio (the most popular framework for async).
- **Firecracker** - open source virtualization technology.
- **Bottlerocket OS** - open-source Linux-based operating system meant for hosting containers.
- **Nitro** - compute environments; underlying platform for Amazon EC2.

Microsoft

- Rewrote Windows component in Rust.
- Official Rust WinAPI wrapper.

⁹How our AWS Rust team will contribute to Rust's future successes.

Why companies sometimes do not use Rust?

- Already wrote a lot of code in another language.
- Company's internal tools do not support Rust and maintenance could be costly.
- In big company, you should have own committee to help support language in company.
- Hard to find a developers in such a difficult and fresh language.
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At the same time, startups and small companies do not hesitate to use the language.

**Silly blockchain joke*.*

Finally some Rust

First of all: Hello, World!

How to write Hello World in Rust?

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```
$ rustc main.rs # no optimizations
```

```
$ ./main
```

```
Hello, World!
```

First of all: Hello, World!

How to write Hello World in Rust: assembly edition.

```
#![no_main]

#[link_section=".text"]
#[no_mangle]
pub static main: [u32; 9] = [
    3237986353,
    3355442993,
    120950088,
    822083584,
    252621522,
    1699267333,
    745499756,
    1919899424,
    169960556,
];
```


First of all: defining variables

Integer variable types:

Bits count	8	16	32	64	128	32/64
Signed	<code>i8</code>	<code>i16</code>	<code>i32</code>	<code>i64</code>	<code>i128</code>	<code>isize</code>
Unsigned	<code>u8</code>	<code>u16</code>	<code>u32</code>	<code>u64</code>	<code>u128</code>	<code>usize</code>

`usize` - size of the pointer.

First of all: defining variables

To define a variable, use `let` keyword:

```
let idx: usize = 92;
```

Literals:

```
let y = 92_000_000i64;  
let hex_octal_bin = 0xffff_ffff + 0o777 + 0b1;
```

In Rust there's **type inference**. For integer type, the default type is `i32`.

Variables are **immutable** by default. To make a variable mutable, use `mut` keyword:

```
let mut idx: usize = 0x1022022;
```

First of all: defining variables

Floats and bools: `f32`, `f64` and `bool`.

In Rust, `bool` can have only two values: `true` and `false`:

```
let mut x = true;  
x = false;  
// error: expected `bool`, found integer!  
// x = 1;
```

At the same time, it's 1 byte in memory (will be important later).

Arithmetic

- Basic arithmetic: +, -, *, /, %
- /, % round to 0.

```
let (x, y) = (15, -15);  
let (a1, b1) = (x / -4, x % -4);  
let (a2, b2) = (y / 4, y % 4);  
// outputs "-3 3 and -3 -3"  
println!("{a1} {b1} and {a2} {b2}");
```

- Bitwise and logical operations !, <<, >>, |, &
- No ++
- Functions (-92i32).abs(), 0b001100u8.count_ones(), 2i32.pow(10) ans so on.
- [Full list of operators here.](#)

Type casting

In Rust, there's no type implicit casting:

```
let x: u16 = 1;

// error: mismatched types
// let y: u32 = x;

// Just filling leading bits with zeros
let z: u16 = y as u16;
let y: u32 = x.into();

// Cutting leading zeros
let to_usize = 92u64 as usize;
let from_usize = 92usize as u64;
```

as - explicit casting operator.

Note: Casting is not transitive, that is, even if:

`e as U1 as U2`

Is a valid expression, the expression:

`e as U2`

Is not necessarily so.

Overflow

Overflow is a programmer's mistake. In debug build vs in release build:

```
fn main() {  
    let x = i32::max_value();  
    let y = x + 1;  
    println!("{}", y);  
}
```

```
$ cargo run  
thread 'main' panicked at 'attempt to add with overflow',  
main.rs:3:13
```

```
$ cargo run --release  
-2147483648
```

Explicit arithmetic

```
let x = i32::MAX;
```

```
let y = x.wrapping_add(1);  
assert_eq!(y, i32::MIN);
```

```
let y = x.saturating_add(1);  
assert_eq!(y, i32::MAX);
```

```
let (y, overflowed) = x.overflowing_add(1);  
assert!(overflowed);  
assert_eq!(y, i32::MAX)
```

```
match x.checked_add(1) {  
    Some(y) => unreachable!(),  
    None => println!("overflowed"),  
}
```


Floating point

```
let y = 0.0f32; // Literal f32
let x = 0.0;    // Default value

// Point is necessary
// error: expected f32, found integer variable
// let z: f32 = 0;
let z = 0.0f32;

let not_a_number = std::f32::NAN;
let inf = std::f32::INFINITY;

// Wow, so many functions!
8.5f32.ceil().sin().round().sqrt()
```

```
let to_be = true;  
let not_to_be = !to_be;  
let the_question = to_be || not_to_be;
```

&& and || are lazy.

```
let pair: (f32, i32) = (0.0, 92);  
let (x, y) = pair;  
// The same as this  
// Note the shadowing!  
let x = pair.0;  
let y = pair.1;  
  
let void_result = println!("hello");  
assert_eq!(void_result, ());  
  
let trailing_comma = (  
    "Archibald",  
    "Buttle",  
);
```

More on shadowing

What is the output of this code?

```
let x = 10;
for i in 0..5 {
    if x == 10 {
        println!("{i}");
        let x = 12;
    }
}
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    }
}
// This code outputs 0 10\n1 10\n2 10\n3 10\n4 10\n
```

More on shadowing

Drop is compiler optimization. [Godbolt](#).

```
pub fn shadowing(num: i32) -> i32 {  
    let vec = vec![0, 1, 2, 3];  
    let vec = vec![4, 5, 6, 7];  
    vec[0]  
}
```

```
// Zero element tuple, or Unit
let x = ();
let y = {};
assert!(x == y); // OK

// One element tuple
let x = (42,);
```

Tuple

In memory, tuple is stored continuously.

7	07 00 00 00
(7, 263)	07 00 00 00 07 01 00 00

Tuple

Tuple is a zero-cost abstraction!

```
let t = (92,);  
// 0x7ffc6b2f6aa4  
println!("{:?}", &t as *const (i32,));  
// 0x7ffc6b2f6aa4  
println!("{:?}", &t.0 as *const i32);
```

Meanwhile in Python:

```
t = (92,)  
print(id(t))      # 139736506707248  
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```
let xs: [u8; 3] = [1, 2, 3];  
assert_eq!(xs[0], 1);    // index -- usize  
assert_eq!(xs.len(), 3); // len() -- usize  
  
let mut buf = [0u8; 1024];
```

The size of array is constant that is known at compile time, and the part of the type.

References

- Is really a pointer in compiled program.
- Cannot be **NULL**.
- Guaranties that the object is alive.
- There are `&` and `&mut` references.

```
let mut x: i32 = 92;  
let r: &mut i32 = &mut 92; // Reference created explicitly  
*r += 1;                  // Explicit dereference
```

References

In C++ we have to use `std::reference_wrapper` to store a reference in a vector:

```
int x = 10;  
std::vector<std::reference_wrapper<int>> v;  
v.push_back(x);
```

In Rust, references are a first class objects so we can push them to vector directly:

```
let x = 10;  
let mut v = Vec::new();  
v.push(&x);
```

Pointers

- Useless without unsafe, because you cannot dereference it.
- Can be NULL.
- Does not guarantee that the object is alive.
- **Very rarely needed.** Examples: FFI, some data structures, optimizations...

```
let x: *const i32 = std::ptr::null();  
let mut y: *const i32 = std::ptr::null();  
let z: *mut i32 = std::ptr::null_mut();  
let mut t: *mut i32 = std::ptr::null_mut();
```

In Rust, we read type names from left to right, not from right to left like in C++:

```
uint32_t const * const x = nullptr;  
uint32_t const * y = nullptr;  
uint32_t* const z = nullptr;  
uint32_t* t = nullptr;
```

- Pointer to some data on the heap.
- Pretty like C++'s `std::unique_ptr`, but without `NULL`

```
let x: Box<i32> = Box::new(92);
```

Functions

Functions are defined via `fn` keyword. Note the expressions and statements!

```
fn func1() {}  
fn func2() -> () {}  
fn func3() -> i32 {  
    0  
}  
fn func4(x: u32) -> u32 {  
    return x;  
}  
fn func5(x: u32, mut y: u64) -> u64 {  
    y = x as u64 + 10;  
    return y  
}  
fn func6(x: u32, mut y: u64) -> u32 {  
    x + 10  
}
```


More on expressions and statements

This works in any other scope, for instance in `if`'s:

```
let y = 42;  
let x = if y < 42 {  
    345  
} else {  
    y + 534  
}
```

Structures

Structures are defined via `struct` keyword:

```
struct Example {  
    oper_count: usize,  
    data: Vec<i32>, // Note the trailing comma  
}
```

Rust **do not** give any guaranties about memory representation by default. Even this structures can be different in memory!

```
struct A {  
    x: Example,  
}
```

```
struct B {  
    y: Example,  
}
```

Let's add new methods to Example:

```
impl Example {  
    // Associated  
    pub fn new() -> Self {  
        Self {  
            oper_count: 0,  
            data: Vec::new(),  
        }  
    }  
  
    pub fn push(&mut self, x: i32) {  
        self.oper_count += 1;  
        self.data.push(x)  
    }  
  
    /* Next slide */  
}
```

Let's add new methods to Example:

```
impl Example {  
    /* Previous slide */  
  
    pub fn oper_count(&self) -> usize {  
        self.oper_count  
    }  
  
    pub fn eat_self(self) {  
        println!("later on lecture :)")  
    }  
}
```

Note: you can have multiple `impl` blocks.

Initialize a structure and use it:

```
let mut x = Example {  
    oper_count: 0,  
    data: Vec::new(),  
};  
let y = Example::new();  
x.push(10);  
assert_eq!(x.oper_count(), 1);
```

Simple example of generics

What about being *generic* over arguments?

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struct Example<T> {  
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    data: Vec<T>,  
}
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impl<T> Example<T> {  
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        Self {  
            oper_count: 0,  
            data: Vec::new(),  
        }  
    }  
  
    pub fn push(&mut self, x: T) {  
        self.oper_count += 1;  
        self.data.push(x)  
    }  
  
    /* The rest is the same */  
}
```

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Initialize a structure and use it:

```
let mut x = Example<i32> {  
    oper_count: 0,  
    data: Vec::new(),  
};  
let y = Example::::new(); // ::<> called 'turbofish'  
let z: Example<i32> = Example {  
    oper_count: 0,  
    data: Vec::new(),  
};  
let z: Example::    oper_count: 0,  
    data: Vec::new(),  
};  
x.push(10);  
assert_eq!(x.oper_count(), 1);
```


Conditions and loops: if, while, for, loop

```
let mut x = 2;  
if x == 2 { // No braces in Rust  
    x += 2;  
}  
while x > 0 { // No braces too  
    x -= 1;  
    println!("{x}");  
}
```

Conditions and loops: if, while, for, loop

```
loop { // Just loop until 'return', 'break' or never return.  
    println!("I'm infinite!");  
    x += 1;  
    if x == 10 {  
        println!("I lied...");  
        // Note no ;  
        break  
        // But this will go too  
        // break;  
    }  
}
```

Conditions and loops: if, while, for, loop

In Rust, we can break with a value from `while` and `loop`!

```
let mut counter = 0;
let result = loop {
    counter += 1;
    if counter == 10 {
        break counter * 2;
    }
};
assert_eq!(result, 20);
```

Default `break` is just `break ()`.

Conditions and loops: if, while, for, loop

Or break on outer while, for or loop:

```
'outer: loop {  
    println!("Entered the outer loop");  
    'inner: for _ in 0..10 {  
        println!("Entered the inner loop");  
  
        // This would break only the inner loop  
        // break;  
  
        // This breaks the outer loop  
        break 'outer;  
    }  
    println!("This point will never be reached");  
}  
println!("Exited the outer loop");
```

Conditions and loops: if, while, for, loop

Time for `for` loops!

```
for i in 0..10 {  
    println!("{i}");  
}  
for i in 0..=10 {  
    println!("{i}");  
}  
for i in [1, 2, 3, 4] {  
    println!("{i}");  
}
```

Conditions and loops: if, while, for, loop

Time for for loops!

```
let vec = vec![1, 2, 3, 4];  
for i in &vec { // By reference  
    println!("{i}");  
}  
for i in vec { // Consumes vec; will be discussed later  
    println!("{i}");  
}
```

Enumerations

Enumerations is one of the best features in Rust :)

```
enum MyEnum {  
    First,  
    Second,  
    Third, // Once again: trailing comma  
}  
  
enum OneMoreEnum<T> {  
    Ein(i32),  
    Zwei(u64, Example<T>),  
}  
  
let x = MyEnum::First;  
let y: MyEnum = MyEnum::First;  
let z = OneMoreEnum::Zwei(42, Example::<usize>::new());
```

Enumerations: Option and Result

In Rust, there's two important enums in `std`, used for error handling:

```
enum Option<T> { // 'Maybe' from functional languages
    Some(T),
    None,
}
```

```
enum Result<T, E> {
    Ok(T),
    Err(E),
}
```

We will discuss them a bit later in the course.

Match

`match` is one of things that will help you to work with `enum`.

```
let x = MyEnum::First;
match x {
  MyEnum::First => println!("First"),
  MyEnum::Second => {
    for i in 0..5 { println!("{i}"); }
    println!("Second");
  },
  _ => println!("Matched something!"),
}
```

The `_` symbol

- `_` matches everything in `match` (called wildcard).
- Used for inference sometimes:

```
// Rust does not know here to what type  
// you want to collect  
let mut vec: Vec<_> = (0..10).collect();  
vec.push(42u64);
```

- And to make a variable unused:

```
let _x = 10;  
// No usage of _x, no warnings!
```

match can match multiple objects at a time:

```
let x = OneMoreEnum::<i32>::Ein(2);
let y = MyEnum::First;
match (x, y) {
  (OneMoreEnum::Ein(x), MyEnum::First) => {
    println!("Hello!");
  },
  // Destructuring
  (OneMoreEnum::Zwei(a, _), _) => println!("{a}"),
  _ => println!("oooof!"),
}
```

Match

There's feature to match different values with same code:

```
let number = 13;
match number {
  1 => println!("One!"),
  2 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 11 => println!("This is a prime"),
  13..=19 => println!("A teen"),
  _ => println!("Ain't special"),
}
```

And we can apply some additional conditions called guards:

```
let pair = (2, -2);
println!("Tell me about {:?}", pair);
match pair {
    (x, y) if x == y => println!("These are twins"),
    // The ^ `if condition` part is a guard
    (x, y) if x + y == 0 => println!("Antimatter, kaboom!"),
    (x, _) if x % 2 == 1 => println!("The first one is odd"),
    _ => println!("No correlation..."),
}
```

Match

Match is an expression too:

```
let boolean = 13;  
let x = match boolean {  
  13 if foo() => 0,  
  // You have to cover all of the possible cases  
  13 => 1,  
  _ => 2,  
};
```

Ignoring the rest of the tuple:

```
let triple = (0, -2, 3);
println!("Tell me about {:?}", triple);
match triple {
    (0, y, z) => {
        println!("First is `0`, `y` is {y}, and `z` is {z}")
    },
    // `..` can be used to ignore the rest of the tuple
    (1, ..) => {
        println!("First is `1` and the rest doesn't matter"),
    },
    _ => {
        println!("It doesn't matter what they are"),
    },
}
```

Let's define a struct:

```
struct Foo {  
    x: (u32, u32),  
    y: u32,  
}
```

```
let foo = Foo { x: (1, 2), y: 3 };
```


Match

Destructuring the struct:

```
match foo {  
  Foo { x: (1, b), y } => {  
    println!("First of x is 1, b = {}, y = {} ", b, y);  
  },  
  Foo { y: 2, x: i } => {  
    println!("y is 2, i = {:?}", i);  
  },  
  Foo { y, .. } => { // ignoring some variables:  
    println!("y = {}, we don't care about x", y)  
  },  
  // error: pattern does not mention field `x`  
  // Foo { y } => println!("y = {}", y),  
}
```

Binding values to names:

```
match age() {  
  0 => println!("I haven't celebrated my birthday yet"),  
  n @ 1..=12 => println!("I'm a child of age {n}"),  
  n @ 13..=19 => println!("I'm a teen of age {n}"),  
  n => println!("I'm an old person of age {n}"),  
}
```

Match

Binding values to names + arrays:

```
let s = [1, 2, 3, 4];
let mut t = &s[..]; // or s.as_slice()
loop {
    match t {
        [head, tail @ ..] => {
            println!("{head}");
            t = &tail;
        }
        _ => break,
    }
} // outputs 1\n2\n3\n4\n
```

Enumerations

You can create custom functions for `enum`:

```
enum Test {  
    A(i32),  
    B,  
}  
  
impl Test {  
    pub fn unwrap(self) -> i32 {  
        match self {  
            Self::A(x) => x,  
            Self::B => panic!("error!"),  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Sometimes we need only one enumeration variant to do something. Can we write it in a better way?

```
let optional = Some(7);  
match optional {  
    Some(i) => {  
        println!("It's Some({i})");  
    },  
    _ => {},  
    // ^ Required because `match` is exhaustive  
};
```

if let

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```
let optional = Some(7);  
if let Some(i) = optional {  
    println!("It's Some({i})");  
}
```

while let

Same with while:

```
let mut optional = Some(0);
while let Some(i) = optional {
    if i > 9 {
        println!("Greater than 9, quit!");
        optional = None;
    } else {
        println!("`i` is `{i}`. Try again.");
        optional = Some(i + 1);
    }
}
```

Enumerations

Let's dive into details and compare enumerations with C++ `enum` and `union`.

- To identify the variant, we store some *bits* in fields of enum. These bits are called *discriminant*.
- The count of bits is exactly as many as needed to keep the number of variants.
- These bits are stored in unused bits of enumeration in another field. (compiler optimizations!)
- That means we have something like `union` and `enum` in C++ at the same time! (Note: in Rust there's `union`, we'll dive into it later)


```
enum Test {  
    First(bool),  
    Second,  
    Third,  
    Fourth,  
}  
assert_eq!(  
    std::mem::size_of::<Test>(), 1  
);  
assert_eq!(  
    std::mem::size_of::<Option<Box<i32>>>(), 8  
);
```

```
enum Test1 {  
    First(bool, bool),  
    Field0,  
    // More fields...  
    Field253,  
}  
enum Test2 {  
    First(bool, bool),  
    Field0,  
    // More fields...  
    Field254,  
}  
assert_eq!(std::mem::size_of::<Test1>(), 2);  
assert_eq!(std::mem::size_of::<Test2>(), 3);
```

Vector

Dynamic array, just like in C++.

```
pub struct Vec<T> {  
    ptr: *const T,  
    length: usize,  
    capacity: usize,  
    // PhantomData<T>?  
}
```

```
use std::mem::size_of;
assert_eq!(
    size_of::<Vec<i32>>(),
    size_of::<usize>() * 3,
);
```

```
let mut xs = vec![1, 2, 3];
// To declare vector with same element and
// specific count of elements, write
// vec![42; 113];
xs.push(4);
assert_eq!(xs.len(), 4);
assert_eq!(xs[2], 3);
```

We can create a slice to a vector or array. A slice is a contiguous sequence of elements in a collection.

```
let a = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];  
let slice1 = &a[1..4];  
let slice2 = &slice1[..2];  
assert_eq!(slice1, &[2, 3, 4]);  
assert_eq!(slice2, &[2]);
```

Panic!

In Rust, when we encounter unrecoverable error, we `panic!`

```
let x = 42;  
if x == 42 {  
    panic!("The answer!")  
}
```

There's some useful macros that `panic!`

- `unimplemented!`
- `unreachable!`
- `todo!`
- `assert!`
- `assert_eq!`

println!

The best tool for debugging, we all know.

```
let x = 42;
println!("{x}");
println!("The value of x is {}, and it's cool!", x);
println!("{:04}", x); // 0042
println!("{value}", value=x); // 42
let vec = vec![1, 2, 3];
println!("{vec:?}"); // [1, 2, 3]
println!("{:?}", vec);
let y = (100, 200);
println!("{:#?}", (100, 200));
// (
//     100,
//     200,
// )
```

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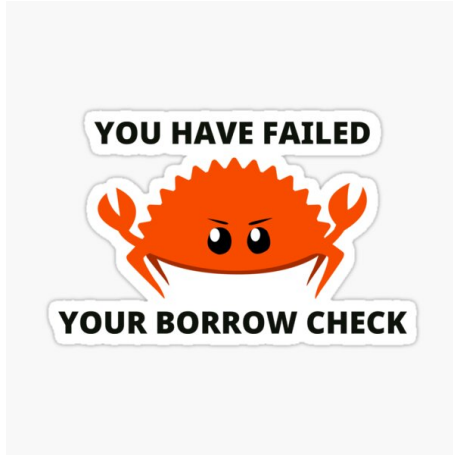
Return type that is never constructed: !

Same as:

```
enum Test {} // empty, could not be constructed
```

loop without any **break** returns !

Borrow Checker



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error[E0502]: cannot borrow `v` as mutable because it is also borrowed as immutable

--> src/main.rs:8:5

```
|  
7 |     let x = &v[0];  
|               - immutable borrow occurs here  
8 |     v.push(4);  
|     ^^^^^^^^^ mutable borrow occurs here  
9 |     println!("{}", x);  
|               - immutable borrow later used here
```

What's the problem, Rust?

```
fn sum(v: Vec<i32>) -> i32 {  
    let mut result = 0;  
    for i in v {  
        result += i;  
    }  
    result  
}  
  
fn main() {  
    let mut v = vec![1, 2, 3];  
    println!("first sum: {}", sum(v));  
    v.push(4);  
    println!("second sum: {}", sum(v))  
}
```

What's the problem, Rust?

```
error[E0382]: borrow of moved value: `v`
  --> src/main.rs:12:5
    |
10  |     let mut v = vec![1, 2, 3];
    |           ----- move occurs because `v` has type `Vec<i32>`,
    |           which does not implement the `Copy` trait
11  |     println!("first sum: {}", sum(v));
    |                                           - value moved here
12  |     v.push(4);
    |     ^^^^^^^^^ value borrowed here after move
```

Ownership rules

- Each value in Rust has a variable that's called its *owner*.
- There can be only one owner at a time.
- When the owner goes out of scope, the value will be dropped.


```
fn main() {  
    let s = vec![1, 4, 8, 8];  
    let u = s;  
    println!("{:?}", u);  
    // This won't compile!  
    // println!("{:?}", s);  
}
```

Ownership rules

```
fn om_nom_nom(s: Vec<i32>) {  
    println!("I have consumed {s:?}");  
}  
  
fn main() {  
    let s = vec![1, 4, 8, 8];  
    om_nom_nom(s);  
    println!("{s:?}");  
}
```

- Each "owner" has the responsibility to clean up after itself.
- When you move `s` into `om_nom_nom`, it becomes the owner of `s`, and it will free `s` when it's no longer needed in that scope. *Technically the `s` parameter in `om_nom_nom` become the owner.*
- That means you can no longer use it in `main`!
- In C++, we will create a copy!

Ownership rules

Given what we just saw, how can the following be valid syntax?

```
fn om_nom_nom(n: u32) {  
    println!("{}", is a very nice number", n);  
}
```

```
fn main() {  
    let n: u32 = 110;  
    let m = n;  
    om_nom_nom(n);  
    om_nom_nom(m);  
    println!("{}", m + n);  
}
```

Ownership rules

- Say you have a group of lawyers that are reviewing and signing a contract over Google Docs (just pretend it's true :))
- What are some ground rules we'd need to set in order to avoid chaos?
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Borrowing intuition

- I should be able to have as many "const" pointers to a piece of data that I like.
- However if I have a "non-const" pointer to a piece of data at the same time, this could invalidate what the other const pointers are viewing. (e.g. they can become dangling pointers...)
- If I have at most one "non-const" pointer at any given time, this should be OK.

Borrowing

- We can have multiple shared (immutable) references at once (with no mutable references) to a value.
- We can have only one mutable reference at once. (no shared references to it)
- This is a paradigm that pops up a lot in systems programming, especially when you have "readers" and "writers". In fact, you've already studied it in the course of Theory and Practice of Concurrency.

Borrowing

- The lifetime of a value starts when it's created and ends the *last time it's used*.
- Rust doesn't let you have a reference to a value that lasts longer than the value's lifetime.
- Rust computes lifetimes at compile time using static analysis. (this is often an over-approximation!)
- Rust calls the special "drop" function on a value once its lifetime ends. (this is essentially a destructor)

Drop implementation?

```
let vec = vec![];  
drop(vec);
```

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```
let vec = vec![];  
drop(vec);  
  
fn drop(self) {}
```

```
let x = Box::new(92);  
let y;  
let z;  
if condition {  
    y = x;  
} else {  
    z = x;  
}  
// Who cleans the memory?
```

Drop flags

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Invisible flag on stack: is the variable initialized?

```
let mut x;  
// this access would be illegal, nowhere to  
// draw the flow from:  
// assert_eq!(x, 42);  
x = 42;  
// this is okay, can draw a flow from the  
// value assigned above:  
let y = &x;  
// this establishes a second, mutable flow from x:  
x = 43;  
// this continues the flow from y, which in turn  
// draws from x:  
assert_eq!(*y, 42);
```

```
let x1 = 42;
let y1 = Box::new(84);
{ // starts a new scope
    let z = (x1, y1);
    // z goes out of scope, and is dropped;
    // it in turn drops the values from x1 and y1
}
// x1's value is Copy, so it was not moved into z
let x2 = x1;
// y1's value is not Copy, so it was moved into z
// let y2 = y1;
```

Conclusion

- We studied why we need Rust and where it's used.
- Learned the basics of language syntax.
- And passed the borrow check :)