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## Welcome to Comprehensive Rust

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This is a free Rust course developed by the Android team at Google. The course covers the full spectrum of Rust, from basic syntax to advanced topics like generics and error handling.

The latest version of the course can be found at <u>https://google.github.io/comprehensive-rust/</u>. If you are reading somewhere else, please check there for updates.

The goal of the course is to teach you Rust. We assume you don't know anything about Rust and hope to:

- Give you a comprehensive understanding of the Rust syntax and language.
- Enable you to modify existing programs and write new programs in Rust.
- Show you common Rust idioms.

We call the first four course days Rust Fundamentals.

Building on this, you're invited to dive into one or more specialized topics:

- <u>Android</u>: a half-day course on using Rust for Android platform development (AOSP). This includes interoperability with C, C++, and Java.
- <u>Chromium</u>: a half-day course on using Rust within Chromium based browsers. This includes interoperability with C++ and how to include third-party crates in Chromium.
- <u>Bare-metal</u>: a whole-day class on using Rust for bare-metal (embedded) development. Both microcontrollers and application processors are covered.
- <u>Concurrency</u>: a whole-day class on concurrency in Rust. We cover both classical concurrency (preemptively scheduling using threads and mutexes) and async/await concurrency (cooperative multitasking using futures).

#### **Non-Goals**

Rust is a large language and we won't be able to cover all of it in a few days. Some non-goals of this course are:

• Learning how to develop macros: please see <u>Chapter 19.5 in the Rust Book</u> and <u>Rust by</u> <u>Example</u> instead.

### Assumptions

The course assumes that you already know how to program. Rust is a statically-typed language and we will sometimes make comparisons with C and C++ to better explain or contrast the Rust approach.

If you know how to program in a dynamically-typed language such as Python or JavaScript, then you will be able to follow along just fine too.

This is an example of a *speaker note*. We will use these to add additional information to the slides. This could be key points which the instructor should cover as well as answers to typical questions which come up in class.

# **Running the Course**

This page is for the course instructor.

Here is a bit of background information about how we've been running the course internally at Google.

We typically run classes from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, with a 1 hour lunch break in the middle. This leaves 3 hours for the morning class and 3 hours for the afternoon class. Both sessions contain multiple breaks and time for students to work on exercises.

Before you run the course, you will want to:

- Make yourself familiar with the course material. We've included speaker notes to help highlight the key points (please help us by contributing more speaker notes!). When presenting, you should make sure to open the speaker notes in a popup (click the link with a little arrow next to "Speaker Notes"). This way you have a clean screen to present to the class.
- 2. Decide on the dates. Since the course takes at least three full days, we recommend that you schedule the days over two weeks. Course participants have said that they find it helpful to have a gap in the course since it helps them process all the information we give them.
- 3. Find a room large enough for your in-person participants. We recommend a class size of 15-25 people. That's small enough that people are comfortable asking questions it's also small enough that one instructor will have time to answer the questions. Make sure the room has *desks* for yourself and for the students: you will all need to be able to sit and work with your laptops. In particular, you will be doing a lot of live-coding as an instructor, so a lectern won't be very helpful for you.
- 4. On the day of your course, show up to the room a little early to set things up. We recommend presenting directly using mdbook serve running on your laptop (see the installation instructions). This ensures optimal performance with no lag as you change pages. Using your laptop will also allow you to fix typos as you or the course participants spot them.
- 5. Let people solve the exercises by themselves or in small groups. We typically spend 30-45 minutes on exercises in the morning and in the afternoon (including time to review the solutions). Make sure to ask people if they're stuck or if there is anything you can help with. When you see that several people have the same problem, call it out to the class and offer a solution, e.g., by showing people where to find the relevant information in the standard library.

That is all, good luck running the course! We hope it will be as much fun for you as it has been for us!

Please provide feedback afterwards so that we can keep improving the course. We would love to hear what worked well for you and what can be made better. Your students are also very welcome to send us feedback!

### **Course Structure**

This page is for the course instructor.

### **Rust Fundamentals**

The first three days make up <u>Rust Fundaments</u>. The days are fast paced and we cover a lot of ground!

Course schedule:

- Day 1 Morning (3 hours, including breaks)- Welcome (5 minutes)
- Hello, World (20 minutes)
- <u>Types and Values</u> (1 hour and 5 minutes)
- Control Flow Basics (1 hour)
- Day 1 Afternoon (2 hours and 55 minutes, including breaks)- Tuples and Arrays (1 hour)
- <u>References</u> (50 minutes)
- <u>User-Defined Types</u> (50 minutes)
- Day 2 Morning (3 hours and 15 minutes, including breaks)- Welcome (3 minutes)
- Pattern Matching (50 minutes)
- Methods and Traits (1 hour and 5 minutes)
- Generics (45 minutes)
- Day 2 Afternoon (3 hours, including breaks)- <u>Standard Library Types</u> (1 hour and 10 minutes)
- <u>Standard Library Traits</u> (1 hour and 40 minutes)
- Day 3 Morning (2 hours and 15 minutes, including breaks)- Welcome (3 minutes)
- Memory Management (1 hour and 10 minutes)
- Smart Pointers (45 minutes)
- Day 3 Afternoon (2 hours and 20 minutes, including breaks)- Borrowing (1 hour)

- <u>Slices and Lifetimes</u> (1 hour and 10 minutes)
- Day 4 Morning (3 hours and 10 minutes, including breaks)- Welcome (3 minutes)
- Iterators (45 minutes)
- Modules (45 minutes)
- <u>Testing</u> (1 hour and 5 minutes)
- Day 4 Afternoon (2 hours, including breaks)- Error Handling (45 minutes)
- <u>Unsafe Rust</u> (1 hour and 5 minutes)

#### **Deep Dives**

In addition to the 3-day class on Rust Fundamentals, we cover some more specialized topics:

#### **Rust in Android**

The <u>Rust in Android</u> deep dive is a half-day course on using Rust for Android platform development. This includes interoperability with C, C++, and Java.

You will need an AOSP checkout. Make a checkout of the course repository on the same machine and move the src/android/ directory into the root of your AOSP checkout. This will ensure that the Android build system sees the Android.bp files in src/android/.

Ensure that adb sync works with your emulator or real device and pre-build all Android examples using src/android/build\_all.sh. Read the script to see the commands it runs and make sure they work when you run them by hand.

#### **Rust in Chromium**

The <u>Rust in Chromium</u> deep dive is a half-day course on using Rust as part of the Chromium browser. It includes using Rust in Chromium's gn build system, bringing in third-party libraries ("crates") and C++ interoperability.

You will need to be able to build Chromium - a debug, component build is <u>recommended</u> for speed but any build will work. Ensure that you can run the Chromium browser that you've built.

#### **Bare-Metal Rust**

The <u>Bare-Metal Rust</u> deep dive is a full day class on using Rust for bare-metal (embedded) development. Both microcontrollers and application processors are covered.

For the microcontroller part, you will need to buy the <u>BBC micro:bit</u> v2 development board ahead of time. Everybody will need to install a number of packages as described on the <u>welcome page</u>.

#### **Concurrency in Rust**

The <u>Concurrency in Rust</u> deep dive is a full day class on classical as well as async/await concurrency.

You will need a fresh crate set up and the dependencies downloaded and ready to go. You can then copy/paste the examples into src/main.rs to experiment with them:

```
cargo init concurrency
cd concurrency
cargo add tokio --features full
cargo run
```

#### Format

The course is meant to be very interactive and we recommend letting the questions drive the exploration of Rust!

## **Keyboard Shortcuts**

There are several useful keyboard shortcuts in mdBook:

- Arrow-Left: Navigate to the previous page.
- Arrow-Right: Navigate to the next page.
- Ctrl + Enter: Execute the code sample that has focus.
- s: Activate the search bar.

### Translations

The course has been translated into other languages by a set of wonderful volunteers:

- Brazilian Portuguese by @rastringer, @hugojacob, @joaovicmendes, and @henrif75.
- Chinese (Simplified) by @suetfei, @wnghl, @anlunx, @kongy, @noahdragon, @superwhd, @SketchK, and @nodmp.
- Chinese (Traditional) by @hueich, @victorhsieh, @mingyc, @kuanhungchen, and @johnathan79717.
- · Korean by @keispace, @jiyongp, and @jooyunghan.
- Spanish by @deavid.

Use the language picker in the top-right corner to switch between languages.

#### **Incomplete Translations**

There is a large number of in-progress translations. We link to the most recently updated translations:

- Bengali by @raselmandol.
- French by @KookaS and @vcaen.
- German by @Throvn and @ronaldfw.
- Japanese by @CoinEZ-JPN and @momotaro1105.

If you want to help with this effort, please see our instructions for how to get going. Translations are coordinated on the issue tracker.

# **Using Cargo**

When you start reading about Rust, you will soon meet <u>Cargo</u>, the standard tool used in the Rust ecosystem to build and run Rust applications. Here we want to give a brief overview of what Cargo is and how it fits into the wider ecosystem and how it fits into this training.

### Installation

#### Please follow the instructions on https://rustup.rs/.

This will give you the Cargo build tool (cargo) and the Rust compiler (rustc). You will also get rustup, a command line utility that you can use to install to different compiler versions.

After installing Rust, you should configure your editor or IDE to work with Rust. Most editors do this by talking to rust-analyzer, which provides auto-completion and jump-to-definition functionality for VS Code, Emacs, Vim/Neovim, and many others. There is also a different IDE available called RustRover.

 On Debian/Ubuntu, you can also install Cargo, the Rust source and the Rust formatter via apt. However, this gets you an outdated rust version and may lead to unexpected behavior. The command would be:

sudo apt install cargo rust-src rustfmt

### **Rust Ecosystem**

The Rust ecosystem consists of a number of tools, of which the main ones are:

- rustc: the Rust compiler which turns .rs files into binaries and other intermediate formats.
- cargo: the Rust dependency manager and build tool. Cargo knows how to download dependencies, usually hosted on <u>https://crates.io</u>, and it will pass them to rustc when building your project. Cargo also comes with a built-in test runner which is used to execute unit tests.
- rustup: the Rust toolchain installer and updater. This tool is used to install and update rustc and cargo when new versions of Rust are released. In addition, rustup can also download documentation for the standard library. You can have multiple versions of Rust installed at once and rustup will let you switch between them as needed.

Key points:

- Rust has a rapid release schedule with a new release coming out every six weeks. New releases maintain backwards compatibility with old releases plus they enable new functionality.
- There are three release channels: "stable", "beta", and "nightly".
- New features are being tested on "nightly", "beta" is what becomes "stable" every six weeks.
- Dependencies can also be resolved from alternative registries, git, folders, and more.
- Rust also has editions: the current edition is Rust 2021. Previous editions were Rust 2015 and Rust 2018.
- The editions are allowed to make backwards incompatible changes to the language.
- To prevent breaking code, editions are opt-in: you select the edition for your crate via the Cargo.toml file.
- To avoid splitting the ecosystem, Rust compilers can mix code written for different editions.
- Mention that it is quite rare to ever use the compiler directly not through cargo (most users never do).
- It might be worth alluding that Cargo itself is an extremely powerful and comprehensive tool. It is capable of many advanced features including but not limited to:
- · Project/package structure
- workspaces
- · Dev Dependencies and Runtime Dependency management/caching
- build scripting
- global installation
- It is also extensible with sub command plugins as well (such as cargo clippy).
- Read more from the official Cargo Book

### **Code Samples**

For this training, we will mostly explore the Rust language through examples which can be executed through your browser. This makes the setup much easier and ensures a consistent experience for everyone.

Installing Cargo is still encouraged: it will make it easier for you to do the exercises. On the last day, we will do a larger exercise which shows you how to work with dependencies and for that you need Cargo.

The code blocks in this course are fully interactive:

```
,editable
fn main() {
    println!("Edit me!");
}
```

You can use Ctrl + Enter to execute the code when focus is in the text box.

Most code samples are editable like shown above. A few code samples are not editable for various reasons:

- The embedded playgrounds cannot execute unit tests. Copy-paste the code and open it in the real Playground to demonstrate unit tests.
- The embedded playgrounds lose their state the moment you navigate away from the page! This is the reason that the students should solve the exercises using a local Rust installation or via the Playground.

### **Running Cargo Locally**

If you want to experiment with the code on your own system, then you will need to first install Rust. Do this by following the instructions in the Rust Book. This should give you a working rustc and cargo. At the time of writing, the latest stable Rust release has these version numbers:

% rustc --version rustc 1.69.0 (84c898d65 2023-04-16) % cargo --version cargo 1.69.0 (6e9a83356 2023-04-12)

You can use any later version too since Rust maintains backwards compatibility.

With this in place, follow these steps to build a Rust binary from one of the examples in this training:

1. Click the "Copy to clipboard" button on the example you want to copy.

2. Use cargo new exercise to create a new exercise/ directory for your code:

```
$ cargo new exercise
Created binary (application) `exercise` package
```

1. Navigate into exercise/ and use cargo run to build and run your binary:

```
$ cd exercise
$ cargo run
Compiling exercise v0.1.0 (/home/mgeisler/tmp/exercise)
Finished dev [unoptimized + debuginfo] target(s) in 0.75s
Running `target/debug/exercise`
```

Hello, world!

1. Replace the boiler-plate code in src/main.rs with your own code. For example, using the example on the previous page, make src/main.rs look like

```
fn main() {
    println!("Edit me!");
}
```

1. Use cargo run to build and run your updated binary:

```
$ cargo run
Compiling exercise v0.1.0 (/home/mgeisler/tmp/exercise)
Finished dev [unoptimized + debuginfo] target(s) in 0.24s
Running `target/debug/exercise`
Edit me!
```

- 1. Use cargo check to quickly check your project for errors, use cargo build to compile it without running it. You will find the output in target/debug/ for a normal debug build. Use cargo build --release to produce an optimized release build in target/release/.
- 2. You can add dependencies for your project by editing Cargo.toml. When you run cargo commands, it will automatically download and compile missing dependencies for you.

Try to encourage the class participants to install Cargo and use a local editor. It will make their life easier since they will have a normal development environment.

Day 1: Morning

### Welcome

This is the first day of Rust Fundamentals. We will cover a lot of ground today:

- Basic Rust syntax: variables, scalar and compound types, enums, structs, references, functions, and methods.
- Types and type inference.
- Control flow constructs: loops, conditionals, and so on.
- User-defined types: structs and enums.
- Pattern matching: destructuring enums, structs, and arrays.

#### Schedule

In this session:

- <u>Welcome</u> (5 minutes)
- Hello, World (20 minutes)
- Types and Values (1 hour and 5 minutes)
- Control Flow Basics (1 hour)

Including 10 minute breaks, this session should take about 3 hours

Please remind the students that:

- They should ask questions when they get them, don't save them to the end.
- The class is meant to be interactive and discussions are very much encouraged!- As an
  instructor, you should try to keep the discussions relevant, i.e., keep the discussions related to
  how Rust does things vs some other language. It can be hard to find the right balance, but err
  on the side of allowing discussions since they engage people much more than one-way
  communication.
- The questions will likely mean that we talk about things ahead of the slides.- This is perfectly okay! Repetition is an important part of learning. Remember that the slides are just a support and you are free to skip them as you like.

The idea for the first day is to show the "basic" things in Rust that should have immediate parallels in other languages. The more advanced parts of Rust come on the subsequent days.

If you're teaching this in a classroom, this is a good place to go over the schedule. Note that there is an exercise at the end of each segment, followed by a break. Plan to cover the exercise

solution after the break. The times listed here are a suggestion in order to keep the course on schedule. Feel free to be flexible and adjust as necessary!

### Hello, World

In this segment:

- <u>What is Rust?</u> (10 minutes)
- Hello, World (5 minutes)
- Benefits of Rust (3 minutes)
- <u>Playground</u> (2 minutes)

This segment should take about 20 minutes

### What is Rust?

Rust is a new programming language which had its 1.0 release in 2015:

- Rust is a statically compiled language in a similar role as C++- rustc uses LLVM as its backend.
- Rust supports many platforms and architectures:- x86, ARM, WebAssembly, ...
- Linux, Mac, Windows, ...
- Rust is used for a wide range of devices:- firmware and boot loaders,
- smart displays,
- mobile phones,
- · desktops,
- servers.

Rust fits in the same area as C++:

- High flexibility.
- High level of control.
- Can be scaled down to very constrained devices such as microcontrollers.
- Has no runtime or garbage collection.
- Focuses on reliability and safety without sacrificing performance.

#### Hello, World

Let us jump into the simplest possible Rust program, a classic Hello World program:

```
,editable
fn main() {
    println!("Hello !");
}
```

What you see:

- · Functions are introduced with fn.
- · Blocks are delimited by curly braces like in C and C++.
- The main function is the entry point of the program.
- Rust has hygienic macros, println! is an example of this.
- · Rust strings are UTF-8 encoded and can contain any Unicode character.

This slide tries to make the students comfortable with Rust code. They will see a ton of it over the next three days so we start small with something familiar.

Key points:

- Rust is very much like other languages in the C/C++/Java tradition. It is imperative and it doesn't try to reinvent things unless absolutely necessary.
- Rust is modern with full support for things like Unicode.
- Rust uses macros for situations where you want to have a variable number of arguments (no function <u>overloading</u>).
- Macros being 'hygienic' means they don't accidentally capture identifiers from the scope they
  are used in. Rust macros are actually only <u>partially hygienic</u>.
- Rust is multi-paradigm. For example, it has powerful <u>object-oriented programming features</u>, and, while it is not a functional language, it includes a range of <u>functional concepts</u>.

### **Benefits of Rust**

Some unique selling points of Rust:

- · Compile time memory safety whole classes of memory bugs are prevented at compile time
- No uninitialized variables.
- · No double-frees.
- No use-after-free.
- No NULL pointers.
- No forgotten locked mutexes.
- No data races between threads.
- No iterator invalidation.
- No undefined runtime behavior what a Rust statement does is never left unspecified
- · Array access is bounds checked.
- Integer overflow is defined (panic or wrap-around).
- Modern language features as expressive and ergonomic as higher-level languages
- Enums and pattern matching.
- · Generics.
- No overhead FFI.
- · Zero-cost abstractions.
- Great compiler errors.
- Built-in dependency manager.
- Built-in support for testing.
- Excellent Language Server Protocol support.

Do not spend much time here. All of these points will be covered in more depth later.

Make sure to ask the class which languages they have experience with. Depending on the answer you can highlight different features of Rust:

• Experience with C or C++: Rust eliminates a whole class of *runtime errors* via the borrow checker. You get performance like in C and C++, but you don't have the memory unsafety issues. In addition, you get a modern language with constructs like pattern matching and built-in dependency management.

 Experience with Java, Go, Python, JavaScript...: You get the same memory safety as in those languages, plus a similar high-level language feeling. In addition you get fast and predictable performance like C and C++ (no garbage collector) as well as access to low-level hardware (should you need it)

### Playground

The <u>Rust Playground</u> provides an easy way to run short Rust programs, and is the basis for the examples and exercises in this course. Try running the "hello-world" program it starts with. It comes with a few handy features:

- Under "Tools", use the rust fmt option to format your code in the "standard" way.
- Rust has two main "profiles" for generating code: Debug (extra runtime checks, less optimization) and Release (fewer runtime checks, lots of optimization). These are accessible under "Debug" at the top.
- If you're interested, use "ASM" under "..." to see the generated assembly code.

As students head into the break, encourage them to open up the playground and experiment a little. Encourage them to keep the tab open and try things out during the rest of the course. This is particularly helpful for advanced students who want to know more about Rust's optimzations or generated assembly.

## **Types and Values**

In this segment:

- Variables (5 minutes)
- Values (10 minutes)
- Arithmetic (5 minutes)
- Strings (10 minutes)
- <u>Type Inference</u> (5 minutes)
- Exercise: Fibonacci (30 minutes)

This segment should take about 1 hour and 5 minutes

### Variables

Rust provides type safety via static typing. Variable bindings are made with let:

```
,editable
fn main() {
    let x: i32 = 10;
    println!("x: {x}");
    // x = 20;
    // println!("x: {x}");
}
```

- Uncomment the x = 20 to demonstrate that variables are immutable by default. Add the mut keyword to allow changes.
- The i32 here is the type of the variable. This must be known at compile time, but type inference (covered later) allows the programmer to omit it in many cases.

#### Values

Here are some basic built-in types, and the syntax for literal values of each type.

The types have widths as follows:

- iN, uN, and fN are *N* bits wide,
- isize and usize are the width of a pointer,
- char is 32 bits wide,
- bool is 8 bits wide.

There are a few syntaxes which are not shown above:

• All underscores in numbers can be left out, they are for legibility only. So 1\_000 can be written as 1000 (or 10\_00), and 123\_i64 can be written as 123i64.

### Arithmetic

```
,editable
fn interproduct(a: i32, b: i32, c: i32) -> i32 {
    return a * b + b * c + c * a;
}
fn main() {
    println!("result: {}", interproduct(120, 100, 248));
}
```

This is the first time we've seen a function other than main, but the meaning should be clear: it takes three integers, and returns an integer. Functions will be covered in more detail later.

Arithmetic is very similar to other languages, with similar precedence.

What about integer overflow? In C and C++ overflow of *signed* integers is actually undefined, and might do different things on different platforms or compilers. In Rust, it's defined.

Change the i32's to i16 to see an integer overflow, which panics (checked) in a debug build and wraps in a release build. There are other options, such as overflowing, saturating, and carrying. These are accessed with method syntax, e.g.,  $(a * b).saturating_add(b * c).saturating_add(c * a).$ 

In fact, the compiler will detect overflow of constant expressions, which is why the example requires a separate function.

### Strings

Rust has two types to represent strings, both of which will be covered in more depth later. Both *always* store UTF-8 encoded strings.

- String a modifiable, owned string.
- &str a read-only string. String literals have this type.

```
,editable
fn main() {
    let greeting: &str = "Greetings";
    let planet: &str = " ";
    let mut sentence = String::new();
    sentence.push_str(greeting);
    sentence.push_str(", ");
    sentence.push_str(planet);
    println!("final sentence: {}", sentence);
    println!("{:?}", &sentence[0..5]);
    //println!("{:?}", &sentence[12..13]);
}
```

This slide introduces strings. Everything here will be covered in more depth later, but this is enough for subsequent slides and exercises to use strings.

- Invalid UTF-8 in a string is UB, and this not allowed in safe Rust.
- String is a user-defined type with a constructor (::new()) and methods like s.push\_str(..).
- The & in &str indicates that this is a reference. We will cover references later, so for now just think of &str as a unit meaning "a read-only string".
- The commented-out line is indexing into the string by byte position. 12..13 does not end on a character boundary, so the program panics. Adjust it to a range that does, based on the error message.
- Raw strings allow you to create a &str value with escapes disabled: r"
- " == "\n". You can embed double-quotes by using an equal amount of # on either side of the quotes:

```
,editable
fn main() {
    println!(r#"<a href="link.html">link</a>"#);
    println!("<a href=\"link.html\">link</a>");
}
```

### **Type Inference**

Rust will look at how the variable is *used* to determine the type:

```
,editable
fn takes_u32(x: u32) {
    println!("u32: {x}");
}
fn takes_i8(y: i8) {
    println!("i8: {y}");
}
fn main() {
    let x = 10;
    let y = 20;
    takes_u32(x);
    takes_i8(y);
    // takes_u32(y);
}
```

This slide demonstrates how the Rust compiler infers types based on constraints given by variable declarations and usages.

It is very important to emphasize that variables declared like this are not of some sort of dynamic "any type" that can hold any data. The machine code generated by such declaration is identical to the explicit declaration of a type. The compiler does the job for us and helps us write more concise code.

When nothing constrains the type of an integer literal, Rust defaults to i32. This sometimes appears as {integer} in error messages. Similarly, floating-point literals default to f64.

```
,compile_fail
fn main() {
    let x = 3.14;
    let y = 20;
    assert_eq!(x, y);
    // ERROR: no implementation for `{float} == {integer}`
}
```

### **Exercise:** Fibonacci

The first and second Fibonacci numbers are both 1. For n>2, he n'th Fibonacci number is calculated recursively as the sum of the n-1'th and n-2'th Fibonacci numbers.

Write a function fib(n) that calculates the n'th Fibonacci number. When will this function panic?

```
,editable,should_panic
fn fib(n: u32) -> u32 {
    if n <= 2 {
        // The base case.
        todo!("Implement this")
    } else {
        // The recursive case.
        todo!("Implement this")
    }
}
fn main() {
    let n = 20;
    println!("fib(n) = {}", fib(n));
}</pre>
```

#### Solution

```
,editable
fn fib(n: u32) -> u32 {
    if n <= 2 {
        return 1;
    } else {
        return fib(n - 1) + fib(n - 2);
    }
}
fn main() {
    let n = 20;
    println!("fib(n) = {}", fib(n));
}</pre>
```

## **Control Flow Basics**

In this segment:

- Conditionals (5 minutes)
- Loops (5 minutes)
- break and continue (5 minutes)
- Blocks and Scopes (10 minutes)
- Functions (3 minutes)
- Macros (2 minutes)
- Exercise: Collatz conjecture (30 minutes)

This segment should take about 1 hour

### Conditionals

Much of the Rust syntax will be familiar to you from C, C++ or Java:

- · Blocks are delimited by curly braces.
- Line comments are started with //, block comments are delimited by /\* ... \*/.
- Keywords like if and while work the same.
- Variable assignment is done with =, comparison is done with ==.

#### if expressions

You use <u>if expressions</u> exactly like if statements in other languages:

```
,editable
fn main() {
    let x = 10;
    if x < 20 {
        println!("small");
    } else if x < 100 {
        println!("biggish");
    } else {
        println!("huge");
    }
}</pre>
```

In addition, you can use if as an expression. The last expression of each block becomes the value of the if expression:

```
,editable
fn main() {
    let x = 10;
    let size = if x < 20 {
        "small"
    } else {
        "large"
    };
    println!("number size: {}", size);
}</pre>
```

Because if is an expression and must have a particular type, both of its branch blocks must have the same type. Show what happens if you add ; after "small" in the second example.

When if is used in an expression, the expression must have a ; to separate it from the next statement. Remove the ; before println! to see the compiler error.

# Loops

There are three looping keywords in Rust: while, loop, and for:

### while

The <u>while keyword</u> works much like in other languages, executing the loop body as long as the condition is true.

```
,editable
fn main() {
    let mut x = 200;
    while x >= 10 {
        x = x / 2;
    }
    println!("Final x: {x}");
}
```

for

The for loop iterates over ranges of values:

```
,editable
fn main() {
    for x in 1..5 {
        println!("x: {x}");
    }
}
```

loop

The <u>loop statement</u> just loops forever, until a break.

```
,editable
fn main() {
    let mut i = 0;
    loop {
        i += 1;
        println!("{i}");
        if i > 100 {
            break;
        }
    }
}
```

• We will discuss iteration later; for now, just stick to range expressions.

• Note that the for loop only iterates to 4. Show the 1..=5 syntax for an inclusive range.

# break and continue

If you want to exit any kind of loop early, use <u>break</u>. For loop, this can take an optional expression that becomes the value of the loop expression.

If you want to immediately start the next iteration use <u>continue</u>.

```
,editable
fn main() {
    let (mut a, mut b) = (100, 52);
    let result = loop {
        if a == b {
            break a;
        }
        if a < b {
            b -= a;
        } else {
            a -= b;
        }
    };
    println!("{result}");
}</pre>
```

Both continue and break can optionally take a label argument which is used to break out of nested loops:

```
,editable
fn main() {
    'outer: for x in 1..5 {
        println!("x: {x}");
        let mut i = 0;
        while i < x {
            println!("x: {x}, i: {i}");
            i += 1;
            if i == 3 {
                break 'outer;
            }
        }
    }
}</pre>
```

In this case we break the outer loop after 3 iterations of the inner loop.

• Note that loop is the only looping construct which returns a non-trivial value. This is because it's guaranteed to be entered at least once (unlike while and for loops).

# **Blocks and Scopes**

# Blocks

A block in Rust contains a sequence of expressions. Each block has a value and a type, which are those of the last expression of the block:

```
,editable
fn main() {
    let z = 13;
    let x = {
        let y = 10;
        println!("y: {y}");
        z - y
    };
    println!("x: {x}");
}
```

If the last expression ends with ;, then the resulting value and type is ().

### **Scopes and Shadowing**

A variable's scope is limited to the enclosing block.

You can shadow variables, both those from outer scopes and variables from the same scope:

```
,editable
fn main() {
    let a = 10;
    println!("before: {a}");
    {
        let a = "hello";
        println!("inner scope: {a}");
        let a = true;
        println!("shadowed in inner scope: {a}");
    }
    println!("after: {a}");
```

}

• You can show how the value of the block changes by changing the last line in the block. For instance, adding/removing a semicolon or using a return.

• Show that a variable's scope is limited by adding a b` in the inner block in the last example, and then trying to access it outside that block.

- Shadowing is different from mutation, because after shadowing both variable's memory locations exist at the same time. Both are available under the same name, depending where you use it in the code.
- A shadowing variable can have a different type.
- Shadowing looks obscure at first, but is convenient for holding on to values after .unwrap().

# **Functions**

```
,editable
fn gcd(a: u32, b: u32) -> u32 {
    if b > 0 {
        gcd(b, a % b)
    } else {
        a
     }
}
fn main() {
    println!("gcd: {}", gcd(143, 52));
}
```

- Declaration parameters are followed by a type (the reverse of some programming languages), then a return type.
- The last expression in a function body (or any block) becomes the return value. Simply omit the ; at the end of the expression. The return keyword can be used for early return, but the "bare value" form is idiomatic at the end of a function (refactor gcd to use a return).
- Some functions have no return value, and return the 'unit type', (). The compiler will infer this if the -> () return type is omitted.
- Overloading is not supported each function has a single implementation.- Always takes a fixed number of parameters. Default arguments are not supported. Macros can be used to support variadic functions.
- Always takes a single set of parameter types. These types can be generic, which will be covered later.

# Macros

Macros are expanded into Rust code during compilation, and can take a variable number of arguments. They are distinguished by a ! at the end. The Rust standard library includes an assortment of useful macros.

- println!(format, ..) prints a line to standard output, applying formatting described in std::fmt.
- format!(format, ..) works just like println! but returns the result as a string.
- dbg!(expression) logs the value of the expression and returns it.
- todo!() marks a bit of code as not-yet-implemented. If executed, it will panic.
- unreachable! () marks a bit of code as unreachable. If executed, it will panic.

```
,editable
fn factorial(n: u32) -> u32 {
    let mut product = 1;
    for i in 1..=n {
        product *= dbg!(i);
    }
    product
}
fn fizzbuzz(n: u32) -> u32 {
    todo!()
}
fn main() {
    let n = 13;
    println!("{n}! = {}", factorial(4));
}
```

The takeaway from this section is that these common conveniences exist, and how to use them. Why they are defined as macros, and what they expand to, is not especially critical.

The course does not cover defining macros, but a later section will describe use of derive macros.

# **Exercise: Collatz conjecture**

The <u>Collatz Sequence</u> is defined as follows, for an arbitrary n1 greater than zero:

- If ni is 1, then the sequence terminates at ni.
- If *ni* is even, then ni+1 = ni/2.
- If *ni* is odd, then *ni*+1 = 3 \* *ni* + 1.

For example, beginning with n1 = 3:

- 3 is odd, so *n*2 = 3 \* 3 + 1 = 10;
- 10 is even, so *n*3 = 10 / 2 = 5;
- 5 is odd, so *n*4 = 3 \* 15 + 1 = 16;
- 16 is even, so *n5* = 16 / 2 = 8;
- 8 is even, so n6 = 8 / 2 = 4;
- 4 is even, so *n7* = 4 / 2 = 2;
- 2 is even, so *n8* = 1; and
- · the sequence terminates.

Write a function to calculate the length of the collatz sequence for a given initial n.

```
,should_panic
/// Determine the length of the collatz sequence beginning at `n`.
fn collatz_length(mut n: i32) -> u32 {
   todo!("Implement this")
}
fn main() {
   todo!("Implement this")
}
```

#### Solution

```
,editable
/// Determine the length of the collatz sequence beginning at `n`.
fn collatz_length(mut n: i32) -> u32 {
    let mut len = 1;
    while n > 1 {
        n = if n % 2 == 0 { n / 2 } else { 3 * n + 1 };
        len += 1;
    }
    len
}
```

```
#[test]
fn test_collatz_length() {
    assert_eq!(collatz_length(11), 15);
}
fn main() {
    println!("Length: {}", collatz_length(11));
}
```

# Day 1: Afternoon

# Welcome

In this session:

- <u>Tuples and Arrays</u> (1 hour)
- <u>References</u> (50 minutes)
- <u>User-Defined Types</u> (50 minutes)

Including 10 minute breaks, this session should take about 2 hours and 55 minutes

# **Tuples and Arrays**

In this segment:

- <u>Tuples and Arrays</u> (10 minutes)
- Array Iteration (3 minutes)
- Pattern Matching (10 minutes)
- <u>Destructuring</u> (5 minutes)
- Exercise: Nested Arrays (30 minutes)

This segment should take about 1 hour

### **Tuples and Arrays**

Tuples and arrays are the first "compound" types we have seen. All elements of an array have the same type, while tuples can accommodate different types. Both types have a size fixed at compile time.

Array assignment and access:

```
,editable
fn main() {
    let mut a: [i8; 10] = [42; 10];
    a[5] = 0;
    println!("a: {a:?}");
}
```

Tuple assignment and access:

```
,editable
fn main() {
    let t: (i8, bool) = (7, true);
    println!("t.0: {}", t.0);
    println!("t.1: {}", t.1);
}
```

Key points:

Arrays:

- A value of the array type [T; N] holds N (a compile-time constant) elements of the same type T. Note that the length of the array is *part of its type*, which means that [u8; 3] and [u8; 4] are considered two different types. Slices, which have a size determined at runtime, are covered later.
- Try accessing an out-of-bounds array element. Array accesses are checked at runtime. Rust can usually optimize these checks away, and they can be avoided using unsafe Rust.
- · We can use literals to assign values to arrays.
- The println! macro asks for the debug implementation with the ? format parameter: {} gives the default output, {:?} gives the debug output. Types such as integers and strings implement the default output, but arrays only implement the debug output. This means that we must use debug output here.
- Adding #, eg {a:#?}, invokes a "pretty printing" format, which can be easier to read.

Tuples:

- · Like arrays, tuples have a fixed length.
- Tuples group together values of different types into a compound type.
- Fields of a tuple can be accessed by the period and the index of the value, e.g. t.0, t.1.
- The empty tuple () is also known as the "unit type". It is both a type, and the only valid value of that type that is to say both the type and its value are expressed as (). It is used to indicate, for example, that a function or expression has no return value, as we'll see in a future slide.
- You can think of it as void that can be familiar to you from other programming languages.

### **Array Iteration**

The for statement supports iterating over arrays (but not tuples).

```
,editable
fn main() {
    let primes = [2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19];
    for prime in primes {
        for i in 2..prime {
            assert_ne!(prime % i, 0);
        }
    }
}
```

This functionality uses the IntoIterator trait, but we haven't covered that yet.

The assert\_ne! macro is new here. There are also assert\_eq! and assert! macros. These are always checked while, debug-only variants like debug\_assert! compile to nothing in release builds.

### **Pattern Matching**

The match keyword lets you match a value against one or more *patterns*. The comparisons are done from top to bottom and the first match wins.

The patterns can be simple values, similarly to switch in C and C++:

```
,editable
fn main() {
    let input = 'x';
    match input {
        'q' => println!("Quitting"),
        'a' | 's' | 'w' | 'd' => println!("Moving around"),
        '0'..='9' => println!("Number input"),
        key if key.is_lowercase() => println!("Lowercase: {key}"),
        _ => println!("Something else"),
    }
}
```

The \_ pattern is a wildcard pattern which matches any value. The expressions *must* be irrefutable, meaning that it covers every possibility, so \_ is often used as the final catch-all case.

Match can be used as an expression. Just like like if, each match arm must have the same type. The type is the last expression of the block, if any. In the example above, the type is ().

A variable in the pattern (key in this example) will create a binding that can be used within the match arm.

A match guard causes the arm to match only if the condition is true.

Key Points:

- · You might point out how some specific characters are being used when in a pattern
- | as an or
- · .. can expand as much as it needs to be
- 1..=5 represents an inclusive range
- \_ is a wild card
- Match guards as a separate syntax feature are important and necessary when we wish to concisely express more complex ideas than patterns alone would allow.
- They are not the same as separate if expression inside of the match arm. An if expression
  inside of the branch block (after =>) happens after the match arm is selected. Failing the if

condition inside of that block won't result in other arms of the original match expression being considered.

• The condition defined in the guard applies to every expression in a pattern with an |.

### Destructuring

Destructuring is a way of extracting data from a data structure by writing a pattern that is matched up to the data structure, binding variables to subcomponents of the data structure.

You can destructure tuples and arrays by matching on their elements:

### **Tuples**

```
,editable
fn main() {
    describe_point((1, 0));
}
fn describe_point(point: (i32, i32)) {
    match point {
        (0, _) => println!("on Y axis"),
        (_, 0) => println!("on X axis"),
        (x, _) if x < 0 => println!("left of Y axis"),
        (_, y) if y < 0 => println!("below X axis"),
        _ => println!("first quadrant"),
    }
}
```

### Arrays

```
,editable
#[rustfmt::skip]
fn main() {
    let triple = [0, -2, 3];
    println!("Tell me about {triple:?}");
    match triple {
        [0, y, z] => println!("First is 0, y = {y}, and z = {z}"),
        [1, ..] => println!("First is 1 and the rest were ignored"),
        _____ => println!("All elements were ignored"),
    }
}
```

- Create a new array pattern using \_ to represent an element.
- Add more values to the array.
- Point out that how ... will expand to account for different number of elements.
- Show matching against the tail with patterns [.., b] and [a@..,b]

#### **Exercise: Nested Arrays**

Arrays can contain other arrays:

let array = [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9]];

What is the type of this variable?

Use an array such as the above to write a function transpose which will transpose a matrix (turn rows into columns):

Hard-code both functions to operate on  $3 \times 3$  matrices.

Copy the code below to <u>https://play.rust-lang.org/</u> and implement the functions:

```
,should panic
// TODO: remove this when you're done with your implementation.
#![allow(unused_variables, dead_code)]
fn transpose(matrix: [[i32; 3]; 3]) -> [[i32; 3]; 3] {
    unimplemented!()
}
fn main() {
    let matrix = [
        [101, 102, 103], // <-- the comment makes rustfmt add a newline
        [201, 202, 203],
        [301, 302, 303],
    1;
    println!("matrix: {:#?}", matrix);
    let transposed = transpose(matrix);
    println!("transposed: {:#?}", transposed);
}
```

The transpose function takes its argument by value, but we haven't covered ownership yet. Try printing a matrix after it has been transposed, to show the "value has been moved" error, as a preview of ownership and move semantics.

#### Solution

```
,editable
fn transpose(matrix: [[i32; 3]; 3]) -> [[i32; 3]; 3] {
    let mut result = [[0; 3]; 3];
    for i in 0..3 {
        for j in 0..3 {
            result[j][i] = matrix[i][j];
        }
    }
    result
}
#[test]
fn test_transpose() {
    let matrix = [
        [101, 102, 103], //
        [201, 202, 203],
        [301, 302, 303],
    ];
    let transposed = transpose(matrix);
    assert_eq!(
        transposed,
        [
            [101, 201, 301], //
            [102, 202, 302],
            [103, 203, 303],
        ]
    );
}
fn main() {
    let matrix = [
        [101, 102, 103], // <-- the comment makes rustfmt add a newline</pre>
        [201, 202, 203],
        [301, 302, 303],
    ];
    println!("matrix: {:#?}", matrix);
    let transposed = transpose(matrix);
    println!("transposed: {:#?}", transposed);
}
```

# References

In this segment:

- <u>Shared References</u> (10 minutes)
- Exclusive References (10 minutes)
- Exercise: Geometry (30 minutes)

This segment should take about 50 minutes

### **Shared References**

A reference provides a way to access another value without taking responsibility for the value, and is also called "borrowing". Shared references are read-only, and the referenced data cannot change.

```
,editable
fn main() {
    let a = 'A';
    let b = 'B';
    let mut r: &char = &a;
    println!("r: {}", *r);
    r = &b;
    println!("r: {}", *r);
}
```

A shared reference to a type T has type &T. A reference value is made with the & operator. The \* operator "dereferences" a reference, yielding its value.

Rust will statically forbid dangling references:

```
,editable,compile_fail
fn x_axis(x: i32) -> &(i32, i32) {
    let point = (x, 0);
    return &point;
}
```

}

- A reference is said to "borrow" the value it refers to, and this is a good model for students not familiar with pointers: code can use the reference to access the value, but is still "owned" by the original variable. The course will get into more detail on ownership in day 3.
- References are implemented as pointers, and a key advantage is that they can be much smaller than the thing they point to. Students familiar with C or C++ will recognize references

as pointers. Later parts of the course will cover how Rust prevents the memory-safety bugs that come from using raw pointers.

- Rust does not automatically create references for you the & is always required.
- Rust will auto-dereference in some cases, in particular when invoking methods (try r.count\_ones()). There is no need for an -> operator like in C++.
- In this example, r is mutable so that it can be reassigned (r = &b). Note that this re-binds r, so that it refers to something else. This is different from C++, where assignment to a reference changes the referenced value.
- A shared reference does not allow modifying the value it refers to, even if that value was mutable. Try \*r = 'X'.
- Rust is tracking the lifetimes of all references to ensure they live long enough. Dangling references cannot occur in safe Rust. x\_axis would return a reference to point, but point will be deallocated when the function returns, so this will not compile.
- We will talk more about borrowing when we get to ownership.

# **Exclusive References**

Exclusive references, also known as mutable references, allow changing the value they refer to. They have type  $\delta mut T$ .

```
,editable
fn main() {
    let mut point = (1, 2);
    let x_coord = &mut point.0;
    *x_coord = 20;
    println!("point: {point:?}");
}
```

Key points:

- "Exclusive" means that only this reference can be used to access the value. No other references (shared or exclusive) can exist at the same time, and the referenced value cannot be accessed while the exclusive reference exists. Try making an &point.0 or changing point.
   0 while x\_coord is alive.
- Be sure to note the difference between let mut x\_coord: &i32 and let x\_coord: &mut i32. The first one represents a shared reference which can be bound to different values, while the second represents an exclusive reference to a mutable value.

# **Exercise: Geometry**

```
We will create a few utility functions for 3-dimensional geometry, representing a point as [f64;3]. It is up to you to determine the function signatures.
```

```
,compile fail
// Calculate the magnitude of a vector by summing the squares of its coordinates
// and taking the square root. Use the `sqrt()` method to calculate the square
// root, like `v.sqrt()`.
fn magnitude(...) -> f64 {
    todo!()
}
// Normalize a vector by calculating its magnitude and dividing all of its
// coordinates by that magnitude.
fn normalize(...) {
    todo!()
}
// Use the following `main` to test your work.
fn main() {
    println!(
        "Magnitude of a unit vector: {}",
        magnitude(&[0.0, 1.0, 0.0])
    );
    let mut v = [1.0, 2.0, 9.0];
    println!("Magnitude of {v:?}: {}", magnitude(&v));
    normalize(&mut v);
    println!("Magnitude of {v:?} after normalization: {}", magnitude(&v));
}
```

### Solution

```
,editable
/// Calculate the magnitude of the given vector.
fn magnitude(vector: &[f64; 3]) -> f64 {
    let mut mag_squared = 0.0;
    for coord in vector {
        mag_squared += coord * coord;
    }
```

```
mag_squared.sqrt()
}
/// Change the magnitude of the vector to 1.0 without changing its direction.
fn normalize(vector: &mut [f64; 3]) {
    let mag = magnitude(vector);
    vector[0] /= mag;
    vector[1] /= mag;
    vector[2] /= mag;
}
fn main() {
    println!(
        "Magnitude of a unit vector: {}",
        magnitude(&[0.0, 1.0, 0.0])
    );
    let mut v = [1.0, 2.0, 9.0];
    println!("Magnitude of {v:?}: {}", magnitude(&v));
    normalize(&mut v);
    println!("Magnitude of {v:?} after normalization: {}", magnitude(&v));
}
```

# **User-Defined Types**

In this segment:

- Named Structs (10 minutes)
- <u>Tuple Structs</u> (10 minutes)
- Enums (5 minutes)
- Static and Const (5 minutes)
- Type Aliases (2 minutes)
- Exercise: Elevator Events (15 minutes)

This segment should take about 50 minutes

# **Named Structs**

Like C and C++, Rust has support for custom structs:

```
,editable
struct Person {
    name: String,
    age: u8,
}
fn describe(person: &Person) {
    println!("{} is {} years old", person.name, person.age);
}
fn main() {
    let mut peter = Person {
        name: String::from("Peter"),
        age: 27,
    };
    describe(&peter);
    peter.age = 28;
    describe(&peter);
    let name = String::from("Avery");
    let age = 39;
    let avery = Person { name, age };
    describe(&avery);
    let jackie = Person {
```

```
name: String::from("Jackie"),
    ...avery
};
describe(&jackie);
}
```

Key Points:

- Structs work like in C or C++.- Like in C++, and unlike in C, no typedef is needed to define a type.
- Unlike in C++, there is no inheritance between structs.
- This may be a good time to let people know there are different types of structs.- Zero-sized structs (e.g. struct Foo;) might be used when implementing a trait on some type but don't have any data that you want to store in the value itself.
- The next slide will introduce Tuple structs, used when the field names are not important.
- If you already have variables with the right names, then you can create the struct using a shorthand.
- The syntax ...peter allows us to copy the majority of the fields from the old struct without having to explicitly type it all out. It must always be the last element.

# **Tuple Structs**

### **Tuple Structs**

If the field names are unimportant, you can use a tuple struct:

```
,editable
struct Point(i32, i32);
fn main() {
    let p = Point(17, 23);
    println!("({}, {})", p.0, p.1);
}
```

This is often used for single-field wrappers (called newtypes):

```
,editable,compile_fail
struct PoundsOfForce(f64);
struct Newtons(f64);
fn compute_thruster_force() -> PoundsOfForce {
   todo!("Ask a rocket scientist at NASA")
}
fn set_thruster_force(force: Newtons) {
   // ...
}
fn main() {
   let force = compute_thruster_force();
   set_thruster_force(force);
}
```

- Newtypes are a great way to encode additional information about the value in a primitive type, for example:- The number is measured in some units: Newtons in the example above.
- The value passed some validation when it was created, so you no longer have to validate it again at every use: PhoneNumber(String) or OddNumber(u32).
- Demonstrate how to add a f64 value to a Newtons type by accessing the single field in the newtype.- Rust generally doesn't like inexplicit things, like automatic unwrapping or for instance using booleans as integers.
- · Operator overloading is discussed on Day 3 (generics).
- The example is a subtle reference to the Mars Climate Orbiter failure.

# Enums

The enum keyword allows the creation of a type which has a few different variants:

```
,editable
#[derive(Debug)]
enum Direction {
   Left,
   Right,
}
#[derive(Debug)]
enum PlayerMove {
   Pass,
                               // Simple variant
   Run(Direction),
                               // Tuple variant
   Teleport { x: u32, y: u32 }, // Struct variant
}
fn main() {
   let m = PlayerMove::Run(Direction::Left);
   println!("On this turn: {:?}", m);
}
```

Key Points:

- · Enumerations allow you to collect a set of values under one type
- Direction has two variants, Left and Right. These are referred to with the Direction:... namespace.
- PlayerMove shows the three types of variants. Rust will also store a discriminant so that it can determine at runtime which variant is in a value.
- This might be a good time to compare Structs and Enums:- In both, you can have a simple version without fields (unit struct) or one with different types of fields (variant payloads).
- You could even implement the different variants of an enum with separate structs but then they wouldn't be the same type as they would if they were all defined in an enum.
- · Rust uses minimal space to store the discriminant.-

If necessary, it stores an integer of the smallest required size

- If the allowed variant values do not cover all bit patterns, it will use invalid bit patterns to encode the discriminant (the "niche optimization"). For example, 0ption<&u8> stores either a pointer to an integer or NULL for the None variant.
- You can control the discriminant if needed (e.g., for compatibility with C):

```
,editable
#[repr(u32)]
enum Bar {
    A, // 0
    B = 10000,
    C, // 10001
}
fn main() {
    println!("A: {}", Bar::A as u32);
    println!("B: {}", Bar::B as u32);
    println!("C: {}", Bar::C as u32);
}
```

Without repr, the discriminant type takes 2 bytes, because 10001 fits 2 bytes.

### More to Explore

Rust has several optimizations it can employ to make enums take up less space.

- Niche optimization: Rust will merge unused bit patterns for the enum discriminant.
- Null pointer optimization: For <u>some types</u>, Rust guarantees that size\_of::<T>() equals size\_of::<0ption<T>>().

Example code if you want to show how the bitwise representation *may* look like in practice. It's important to note that the compiler provides no guarantees regarding this representation, therefore this is totally unsafe.

```
,editable
use std::mem::transmute;
macro_rules! dbg_bits {
    ($e:expr, $bit_type:ty) => {
        println!("- {}: {:#x}", stringify!($e), transmute::<_, $bit_type>($e));
    };
}
fn main() {
    unsafe {
        println!("bool:");
        dbg_bits!(false, u8);
        dbg_bits!(true, u8);
        println!("Option<bool>:");
        dbg_bits!(None::<bool>, u8);
```

```
dbg_bits!(Some(false), u8);
dbg_bits!(Some(true), u8);
println!("Option<Option<bool>>:");
dbg_bits!(Some(Some(false)), u8);
dbg_bits!(Some(Some(true)), u8);
dbg_bits!(Some(None::<bool>), u8);
dbg_bits!(None::<Option<bool>>, u8);
println!("Option<&i32>:");
dbg_bits!(None::<&i32>, usize);
dbg_bits!(Some(&0i32), usize);
}
```

More complex example if you want to discuss what happens when we chain more than 256 Options together.

```
.editable
#![recursion limit = "1000"]
use std::mem::transmute;
macro_rules! dbg_bits {
    ($e:expr, $bit_type:ty) => {
        println!("- {}: {:#x}", stringify!($e), transmute::<_, $bit_type>($e));
    };
}
// Macro to wrap a value in 2^n Some() where n is the number of "@" signs.
// Increasing the recursion limit is required to evaluate this macro.
macro_rules! many_options {
    ($value:expr) => { Some($value) };
    ($value:expr, @) => {
        Some(Some($value))
    };
    ($value:expr, @ $($more:tt)+) => {
        many_options!(many_options!($value, $($more)+), $($more)+)
    };
}
fn main() {
    // TOTALLY UNSAFE. Rust provides no guarantees about the bitwise
    // representation of types.
    unsafe {
        assert_eq!(many_options!(false), Some(false));
        assert_eq!(many_options!(false, @), Some(Some(false)));
```

```
assert_eq!(many_options!(false, @@), Some(Some(Some(Some(false)))));
println!("Bitwise representation of a chain of 128 Option's.");
dbg_bits!(many_options!(false, @@@@@@@@@), u8);
println!("Bitwise representation of a chain of 256 Option's.");
dbg_bits!(many_options!(false, @@@@@@@@@), u16);
dbg_bits!(many_options!(true, @@@@@@@@@), u16);
println!("Bitwise representation of a chain of 257 Option's.");
dbg_bits!(many_options!(Some(false), @@@@@@@@), u16);
dbg_bits!(many_options!(Some(true), @@@@@@@@0, u16);
dbg_bits!(many_options!(Some(true), @@@@@@@@), u16);
dbg_bits!(many_options!(None::<bool>, @@@@@@@0, u16);
```

}

}

### **Static and Const**

Static and constant variables are two different ways to create globally-scoped values that cannot be moved or reallocated during the execution of the program.

const

Constant variables are evaluated at compile time and their values are inlined wherever they are used:

```
,editable
const DIGEST_SIZE: usize = 3;
const ZER0: Option<u8> = Some(42);
fn compute_digest(text: &str) -> [u8; DIGEST_SIZE] {
    let mut digest = [ZER0.unwrap_or(0); DIGEST_SIZE];
    for (idx, &b) in text.as_bytes().iter().enumerate() {
        digest[idx % DIGEST_SIZE] = digest[idx % DIGEST_SIZE].wrapping_add(b);
    }
    digest
}
fn main() {
    let digest = compute_digest("Hello");
    println!("digest: {digest:?}");
}
```

According to the Rust RFC Book these are inlined upon use.

Only functions marked const can be called at compile time to generate const values. const functions can however be called at runtime.

#### static

Static variables will live during the whole execution of the program, and therefore will not move:

```
,editable
static BANNER: &str = "Welcome to RustOS 3.14";
fn main() {
    println!("{BANNER}");
}
```

As noted in the Rust RFC Book, these are not inlined upon use and have an actual associated memory location. This is useful for unsafe and embedded code, and the variable lives through the entirety of the program execution. When a globally-scoped value does not have a reason to need object identity, const is generally preferred.

- Mention that const behaves semantically similar to C++'s constexpr.
- static, on the other hand, is much more similar to a const or mutable global variable in C++.
- static provides object identity: an address in memory and state as required by types with interior mutability such as Mutex<T>.
- It isn't super common that one would need a runtime evaluated constant, but it is helpful and safer than using a static.

### **Properties table:**

I Property I Static I Constant I I – I – I – I Has an address in memory I Yes I No (inlined) I I Lives for the entire duration of the program I Yes I No I I Can be mutable I Yes (unsafe) I No I I Evaluated at compile time I Yes (initialised at compile time) I Yes I I Inlined wherever it is used I No I Yes I

### More to Explore

Because static variables are accessible from any thread, they must be Sync. Interior mutability is possible through a Mutex, atomic or similar.

Thread-local data can be created with the macro std::thread\_local.

# **Type Aliases**

A type alias creates a name for another type. The two types can be used interchangeably.

```
,editable
enum CarryableConcreteItem {
    Left,
    Right,
}
```

type Item = CarryableConcreteItem;

```
// Aliases are more useful with long, complex types:
use std::{sync::{Arc, RwLock}, cell::RefCell};
type PlayerInventory = RwLock<Vec<Arc<RefCell<Item>>>>;
```

C programmers will recognize this as similar to a typedef.

# **Exercise: Elevator Events**

We will create a data structure to represent an event in an elevator control system. It is up to you to define the types and functions to construct various events. Use #[derive(Debug)] to allow the types to be formatted with {:?}.

```
,compile_fail
/// The car has arrived on the given floor.
fn car arrived(floor: i32) -> Event {
    todo!()
}
/// The car doors have opened.
fn car_door_opened() -> Event {
    todo!()
}
/// The car doors have closed.
fn car door closed() -> Event {
    todo!()
}
/// A directional button was pressed in an elevator lobby on the given floor.
fn lobby_call_button_pressed(floor: i32, dir: Direction) -> Event {
    todo!()
}
/// A floor button was pressed in the elevator car.
fn car floor button pressed(floor: i32) -> Event {
    todo!()
}
fn main() {
    println!(
        "A ground floor passenger has pressed the up button: {:?}",
        lobby_call_button_pressed(0, Direction::Up)
    );
    println!(
        "The car has arrived on the ground floor: {:?}",
        car_arrived(0)
    );
    println!("The car door opened: {:?}", car_door_opened());
    println!(
        "A passenger has pressed the 3rd floor button: {:?}",
        car_floor_button_pressed(3)
    );
```

```
println!("The car door closed: {:?}", car_door_closed());
println!("The car has arrived on the 3rd floor: {:?}", car_arrived(3));
}
```

This exercise only requires creating data structures. The next part of the course will cover getting data out of these structures.

### Solution

```
,editable
#[derive(Debug)]
/// An event in the elevator system that the controller must react to.
enum Event {
    /// A button was pressed.
    ButtonPressed(Button),
    /// The car has arrived at the given floor.
    CarArrived(Floor),
    /// The car's doors have opened.
    CarDoorOpened,
    /// The car's doors have closed.
    CarDoorClosed.
}
/// A floor is represented as an integer.
type Floor = i32;
/// A direction of travel.
#[derive(Debug)]
enum Direction {
    Up,
    Down,
}
/// A user-accessible button.
#[derive(Debug)]
enum Button {
    /// A button in the elevator lobby on the given floor.
    LobbyCall(Direction, Floor),
    /// A floor button within the car.
    CarFloor(Floor),
}
```

```
/// The car has arrived on the given floor.
fn car arrived(floor: i32) -> Event {
    Event::CarArrived(floor)
}
/// The car doors have opened.
fn car door opened() -> Event {
    Event::CarDoorOpened
}
/// The car doors have closed.
fn car_door_closed() -> Event {
    Event::CarDoorClosed
}
/// A directional button was pressed in an elevator lobby on the given floor.
fn lobby call button pressed(floor: i32, dir: Direction) -> Event {
    Event::ButtonPressed(Button::LobbyCall(dir, floor))
}
/// A floor button was pressed in the elevator car.
fn car_floor_button_pressed(floor: i32) -> Event {
    Event::ButtonPressed(Button::CarFloor(floor))
}
fn main() {
    println!(
        "A ground floor passenger has pressed the up button: {:?}",
        lobby call button pressed(0, Direction::Up)
    );
    println!(
        "The car has arrived on the ground floor: {:?}",
        car arrived(0)
    );
    println!("The car door opened: {:?}", car_door_opened());
    println!(
        "A passenger has pressed the 3rd floor button: {:?}",
        car_floor_button_pressed(3)
    );
    println!("The car door closed: {:?}", car door closed());
    println!("The car has arrived on the 3rd floor: {:?}", car_arrived(3));
}
```

Day 2: Morning

### Welcome

Now that we have seen a fair amount of Rust, today will focus on Rust's type system:

- Pattern matching: extracting data from structures.
- · Methods: associating functions with types.
- Traits: behaviors shared by multiple types.
- Generics: parameterizing types on other types.
- Standard library types and traits: a tour of Rust's rich standard library.

### Schedule

In this session:

- <u>Welcome</u> (3 minutes)
- Pattern Matching (50 minutes)
- Methods and Traits (1 hour and 5 minutes)
- Generics (45 minutes)

Including 10 minute breaks, this session should take about 3 hours and 15 minutes

### **Pattern Matching**

In this segment:

- Destructuring (10 minutes)
- Let Control Flow (10 minutes)
- Exercise: Expression Evaluation (30 minutes)

This segment should take about 50 minutes

#### Destructuring

Like tuples, structs and enums can also be destructured by matching:

#### Structs

```
,editable
struct Foo {
    x: (u32, u32),
    y: u32,
}
#[rustfmt::skip]
fn main() {
    let foo = Foo { x: (1, 2), y: 3 };
    match foo {
        Foo { x: (1, b), y } => println!("x.0 = 1, b = {b}, y = {y}"),
        Foo { y: 2, x: i } => println!("y = 2, x = {i:?}"),
        Foo { y, .. } => println!("y = {y}, other fields were ignored"),
    }
}
```

#### Enums

Patterns can also be used to bind variables to parts of your values. This is how you inspect the structure of your types. Let us start with a simple enum type:

```
,editable
enum Result {
    Ok(i32),
    Err(String),
}
fn divide_in_two(n: i32) -> Result {
```

```
if n % 2 == 0 {
    Result::Ok(n / 2)
} else {
    Result::Err(format!("cannot divide {n} into two equal parts"))
}

fn main() {
    let n = 100;
    match divide_in_two(n) {
        Result::Ok(half) => println!("{n} divided in two is {half}"),
        Result::Err(msg) => println!("sorry, an error happened: {msg}"),
    }
}
```

Here we have used the arms to *destructure* the Result value. In the first arm, half is bound to the value inside the 0k variant. In the second arm, msg is bound to the error message.

#### Structs

- Change the literal values in foo to match with the other patterns.
- Add a new field to Foo and make changes to the pattern as needed.
- The distinction between a capture and a constant expression can be hard to spot. Try changing the 2 in the second arm to a variable, and see that it subtly doesn't work. Change it to a const and see it working again.

#### Enums

Key points:

- The if/else expression is returning an enum that is later unpacked with a match.
- You can try adding a third variant to the enum definition and displaying the errors when running the code. Point out the places where your code is now inexhaustive and how the compiler tries to give you hints.
- The values in the enum variants can only be accessed after being pattern matched. The pattern binds references to the fields in the "match arm" after the =>.
- Demonstrate what happens when the search is inexhaustive. Note the advantage the Rust compiler provides by confirming when all cases are handled.

#### Let Control Flow

Rust has a few control flow constructs which differ from other languages. They are used for pattern matching:

- if let expressions
- while let expressions
- match expressions

#### if let expressions

The <u>if let expression</u> lets you execute different code depending on whether a value matches a pattern:

```
,editable
fn sleep_for(secs: f32) {
    let dur = if let 0k(dur) = std::time::Duration::try_from_secs_f32(secs) {
        dur
    } else {
            std::time::Duration::from_millis(500)
        };
        std::thread::sleep(dur);
        println!("slept for {:?}", dur);
}
fn main() {
        sleep_for(-10.0);
        sleep_for(0.8);
}
```

For the common case of matching a pattern and returning from the function, use <u>let else</u>. The "else" case must diverge (return, break, or panic - anything but falling off the end of the block).

```
,editable
fn hex_or_die_trying(maybe_string: Option<String>) -> Result<u32, String> {
    let s = if let Some(s) = maybe_string {
        s
     } else {
        return Err(String::from("got None"));
    };
    let first_byte_char = if let Some(first_byte_char) = s.chars().next() {
        first_byte_char
    } else {
        return Err(String::from("got empty string"));
    };
}
```

```
};
if let Some(digit) = first_byte_char.to_digit(16) {
    Ok(digit)
} else {
    Err(String::from("not a hex digit"))
}
fn main() {
    println!("result: {:?}", hex_or_die_trying(Some(String::from("foo"))));
}
```

Like with if let, there is a while let variant which repeatedly tests a value against a pattern:

```
,editable
fn main() {
    let mut name = String::from("Comprehensive Rust ");
    while let Some(c) = name.pop() {
        println!("character: {c}");
    }
    // (There are more efficient ways to reverse a string!)
}
```

Here <u>String::pop</u> returns Some(c) until the string is empty, after which it will return None. The while let lets us keep iterating through all items.

#### if-let

- Unlike match, if let does not have to cover all branches. This can make it more concise than match.
- A common usage is handling Some values when working with Option.
- Unlike match, if let does not support guard clauses for pattern matching.

#### let-else

if-lets can pile up, as shown. The let-else construct supports flattening this nested code. Rewrite the awkward version for students, so they can see the transformation.

The rewritten version is:

```
fn hex_or_die_trying(maybe_string: Option<String>) -> Result<u32, String> {
    let Some(s) = maybe_string else {
        return Err(String::from("got None"));
    };
```

```
let Some(first_byte_char) = s.chars().next() else {
    return Err(String::from("got empty string"));
};
let Some(digit) = first_byte_char.to_digit(16) else {
    return Err(String::from("not a hex digit"));
};
return Ok(digit);
```

#### while-let

}

- Point out that the while let loop will keep going as long as the value matches the pattern.
- You could rewrite the while let loop as an infinite loop with an if statement that breaks when there is no value to unwrap for name.pop(). The while let provides syntactic sugar for the above scenario.

#### **Exercise: Expression Evaluation**

Let's write a simple recursive evaluator for arithmetic expressions. Start with an enum defining the binary operations:

```
/// An operation to perform on two subexpressions.
#[derive(Debug)]
enum Operation {
    Add,
    Sub.
    Mul,
    Div,
}
/// An expression, in tree form.
#[derive(Debug)]
enum Expression {
    /// An operation on two subexpressions.
    0p {
        op: Operation,
        left: Box<Expression>,
        right: Box<Expression>,
    },
    /// A literal value
    Value(i64),
}
/// The result of evaluating an expression.
#[derive(Debug, PartialEq, Eq)]
enum Res {
    /// Evaluation was successful, with the given result.
    0k(i64),
    /// Evaluation failed, with the given error message.
    Err(String),
}
// Allow `Ok` and `Err` as shorthands for `Res::Ok` and `Res::Err`.
use Res::{Err, 0k};
fn eval(e: Expression) -> Res {
    todo!()
}
#[test]
fn test value() {
    assert_eq!(eval(Expression::Value(19)), 0k(19));
}
```

```
#[test]
fn test_sum() {
    assert eq!(
        eval(Expression::Op {
            op: Operation::Add,
            left: Box::new(Expression::Value(10)),
            right: Box::new(Expression::Value(20)),
        }),
        0k(30)
    );
}
#[test]
fn test_recursion() {
    let term1 = Expression::Op {
        op: Operation::Mul,
        left: Box::new(Expression::Value(10)),
        right: Box::new(Expression::Value(9)),
    };
    let term2 = Expression::Op {
        op: Operation::Mul,
        left: Box::new(Expression::Op {
            op: Operation::Sub,
            left: Box::new(Expression::Value(3)),
            right: Box::new(Expression::Value(4)),
        }),
        right: Box::new(Expression::Value(5)),
    };
    assert eq!(
        eval(Expression::Op {
            op: Operation::Add,
            left: Box::new(term1),
            right: Box::new(term2),
        }),
        0k(85)
    );
}
#[test]
fn test_error() {
    assert_eq!(
        eval(Expression::Op {
            op: Operation::Div,
            left: Box::new(Expression::Value(99)),
            right: Box::new(Expression::Value(0)),
        }),
```

```
Err(String::from("division by zero"))
);
}
```

The Box type here is a smart pointer, and will be covered in detail later in the course. An expression can be "boxed" with Box::new as seen in the tests. To evaluate a boxed expression, use the deref operator to "unbox" it: eval(\*boxed\_expr).

Some expressions cannot be evaluated and will return an error. The Res type represents either a successful value or an error with a message. This is very similar to the standard-library Result which we will see later.

Copy and paste the code into the Rust playground, and begin implementing eval. The final product should pass the tests. It may be helpful to use todo!() and get the tests to pass one-by-one. You can also skip a test temporarily with #[ignore]:

```
#[test]
#[ignore]
fn test_value() { .. }
```

If you finish early, try writing a test that results in an integer overflow. How could you handle this with Res::Err instead of a panic?

#### Solution

```
,editable
/// An operation to perform on two subexpressions.
#[derive(Debug)]
enum Operation {
    Add,
    Sub.
    Mul,
    Div,
}
/// An expression, in tree form.
#[derive(Debug)]
enum Expression {
    /// An operation on two subexpressions.
    0p {
        op: Operation,
        left: Box<Expression>,
        right: Box<Expression>,
    },
```

```
/// A literal value
    Value(i64).
}
/// The result of evaluating an expression.
#[derive(Debug, PartialEg, Eg)]
enum Res {
    /// Evaluation was successful, with the given result.
    0k(i64),
    /// Evaluation failed, with the given error message.
    Err(String),
}
// Allow `Ok` and `Err` as shorthands for `Res::Ok` and `Res::Err`.
use Res::{Err, 0k};
fn eval(e: Expression) -> Res {
    match e {
        Expression::Op { op, left, right } => {
            let left = match eval(*left) {
                0k(v) => v,
                Err(msg) => return Err(msg),
            };
            let right = match eval(*right) {
                Ok(v) \implies v,
                Err(msg) => return Err(msg),
            };
            Ok(match op {
                Operation::Add => left + right,
                Operation::Sub => left - right,
                Operation::Mul => left * right,
                Operation::Div => {
                    if right == 0 {
                         return Err(String::from("division by zero"));
                    } else {
                         left / right
                    }
                }
            })
        }
        Expression::Value(v) \Rightarrow 0k(v),
    }
}
#[test]
fn test_value() {
    assert eq!(eval(Expression::Value(19)), 0k(19));
}
```

```
#[test]
fn test_sum() {
    assert eq!(
        eval(Expression::Op {
            op: Operation::Add,
            left: Box::new(Expression::Value(10)),
            right: Box::new(Expression::Value(20)),
        }),
        0k(30)
    );
}
#[test]
fn test_recursion() {
    let term1 = Expression::Op {
        op: Operation::Mul,
        left: Box::new(Expression::Value(10)),
        right: Box::new(Expression::Value(9)),
    };
    let term2 = Expression::Op {
        op: Operation::Mul,
        left: Box::new(Expression::Op {
            op: Operation::Sub,
            left: Box::new(Expression::Value(3)),
            right: Box::new(Expression::Value(4)),
        }),
        right: Box::new(Expression::Value(5)),
    };
    assert eq!(
        eval(Expression::Op {
            op: Operation::Add,
            left: Box::new(term1),
            right: Box::new(term2),
        }),
        0k(85)
    );
}
#[test]
fn test_error() {
    assert_eq!(
        eval(Expression::Op {
            op: Operation::Div,
            left: Box::new(Expression::Value(99)),
            right: Box::new(Expression::Value(0)),
        }),
```

```
Err(String::from("division by zero"))
);
}
fn main() {
   let expr = Expression::Op {
      op: Operation::Sub,
      left: Box::new(Expression::Value(20)),
      right: Box::new(Expression::Value(10)),
   };
   println!("expr: {:?}", expr);
   println!("result: {:?}", eval(expr));
}
```

## **Methods and Traits**

In this segment:

- Methods (10 minutes)
- Traits (10 minutes)
- <u>Deriving</u> (5 minutes)
- <u>Trait Objects</u> (10 minutes)
- Exercise: GUI Library (30 minutes)

This segment should take about 1 hour and 5 minutes

### Methods

Rust allows you to associate functions with your new types. You do this with an impl block:

```
,editable
#[derive(Debug)]
struct Race {
    name: String,
    laps: Vec<i32>,
}
impl Race {
    fn new(name: &str) -> Self { // No receiver, a static method
        Race { name: String::from(name), laps: Vec::new() }
    }
    fn add_lap(&mut self, lap: i32) { // Exclusive borrowed read-write access to self
        self.laps.push(lap);
    }
    fn print_laps(&self) { // Shared and read-only borrowed access to self
        println!("Recorded {} laps for {}:", self.laps.len(), self.name);
        for (idx, lap) in self.laps.iter().enumerate() {
            println!("Lap {idx}: {lap} sec");
        }
    }
    fn finish(self) { // Exclusive ownership of self
        let total = self.laps.iter().sum::<i32>();
        println!("Race {} is finished, total lap time: {}", self.name, total);
    }
}
```

```
fn main() {
    let mut race = Race::new("Monaco Grand Prix");
    race.add_lap(70);
    race.add_lap(68);
    race.print_laps();
    race.add_lap(71);
    race.print_laps();
    race.finish();
    // race.add_lap(42);
}
```

The self arguments specify the "receiver" - the object the method acts on. There are several common receivers for a method:

- &self: borrows the object from the caller using a shared and immutable reference. The object can be used again afterwards.
- &mut self: borrows the object from the caller using a unique and mutable reference. The object can be used again afterwards.
- self: takes ownership of the object and moves it away from the caller. The method becomes the owner of the object. The object will be dropped (deallocated) when the method returns, unless its ownership is explicitly transmitted. Complete ownership does not automatically mean mutability.
- mut self: same as above, but the method can mutate the object.
- No receiver: this becomes a static method on the struct. Typically used to create constructors which are called new by convention.

Key Points:

- It can be helpful to introduce methods by comparing them to functions.- Methods are called on an instance of a type (such as a struct or enum), the first parameter represents the instance as self.
- Developers may choose to use methods to take advantage of method receiver syntax and to help keep them more organized. By using methods we can keep all the implementation code in one predictable place.
- Point out the use of the keyword self, a method receiver.- Show that it is an abbreviated term for self: Self and perhaps show how the struct name could also be used.
- Explain that Self is a type alias for the type the impl block is in and can be used elsewhere in the block.

- Note how self is used like other structs and dot notation can be used to refer to individual fields.
- This might be a good time to demonstrate how the &self differs from self by trying to run finish twice.
- Beyond variants on self, there are also <u>special wrapper types</u> allowed to be receiver types, such as Box<Self>.
- Note that references have not been covered yet. References in method receivers are a particularly "natural" form of reference, so there is no need to go into a great level of detail.

### Traits

Rust lets you abstract over types with traits. They're similar to interfaces:

```
,editable
struct Dog { name: String, age: i8 }
struct Cat { lives: i8 } // No name needed, cats won't respond anyway.
trait Pet {
    fn talk(&self) -> String;
    fn greet(&self) {
        println!("Oh you're a cutie! What's your name? {}", self.talk());
    }
}
impl Pet for Dog {
    fn talk(&self) -> String { format!("Woof, my name is {}!", self.name) }
}
impl Pet for Cat {
    fn talk(&self) -> String { String::from("Miau!") }
}
fn main() {
    let captain_floof = Cat { lives: 9 };
    let fido = Dog { name: String::from("Fido"), age: 5 };
    captain floof.greet();
    fido.greet();
}
```

- A trait defines a number of methods that types must have in order to implement the trait.
- Traits are implemented in an impl <trait> for <type> { .. } block.
- Traits may specify pre-implemented (provided) methods and methods that users are required to implement themselves. Provided methods can rely on required methods. In this case, greet is provided, and relies on talk.

### Deriving

Supported traits can be automatically implemented for your custom types, as follows:

```
,editable
#[derive(Debug, Clone, Default)]
struct Player {
    name: String,
    strength: u8,
    hit_points: u8,
}
fn main() {
    let p1 = Player::default(); // Default trait adds `default` constructor.
    let mut p2 = pl.clone(); // Clone trait adds `clone` method.
    p2.name = String::from("EldurScrollz");
    // Debug trait adds support for printing with `{:?}`.
    println!("{:?} vs. {:?}", pl, p2);
}
```

Derivation is implemented with macros, and many crates provide useful derive macros to add useful functionality. For example, serde can derive serialization support for a struct using #[derive(Serialize)].

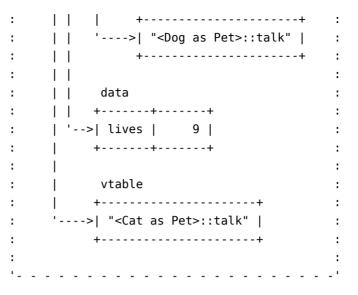
### **Trait Objects**

Trait objects allow for values of different types, for instance in a collection:

```
,editable
struct Dog { name: String, age: i8 }
struct Cat { lives: i8 } // No name needed, cats won't respond anyway.
trait Pet {
    fn talk(&self) -> String;
}
impl Pet for Dog {
   fn talk(&self) -> String { format!("Woof, my name is {}!", self.name) }
}
impl Pet for Cat {
    fn talk(&self) -> String { String::from("Miau!") }
}
fn main() {
    let pets: Vec<Box<dyn Pet>> = vec![
        Box::new(Cat { lives: 9 }),
        Box::new(Dog { name: String::from("Fido"), age: 5 }),
    1;
    for pet in pets {
        println!("Hello, who are you? {}", pet.talk());
    }
}
```

Memory layout after allocating pets:

St	tack		Неар	
:		:	:	:
:	pets	:	: ++	:
:	++	:	: ++>  F   i   d   o	:
:	ptr   o+-	+	+>  0 0   0 0     ++++	:
:	len   2	:	: +- - -+- -+ `	:
:	capacity   2	:	:       data	:
:	++	:	:       ++ +-	:
:		:	:       '>  name   o, 4, 4	:
:		:	:        age   5	:
`-		- '	:      +++	:
				:
			:       vtable	:



- Types that implement a given trait may be of different sizes. This makes it impossible to have things like Vec<dyn Pet> in the example above.
- dyn Pet is a way to tell the compiler about a dynamically sized type that implements Pet.
- In the example, pets is allocated on the stack and the vector data is on the heap. The two
  vector elements are *fat pointers*:- A fat pointer is a double-width pointer. It has two
  components: a pointer to the actual object and a pointer to the virtual method table (vtable) for
  the Pet implementation of that particular object.
- The data for the Dog named Fido is the name and age fields. The Cat has a lives field.
- · Compare these outputs in the above example:

```
,ignore
```

```
println!("{} {}", std::mem::size_of::<Dog>(), std::mem::size_of::<Cat>());
println!("{} {}", std::mem::size_of::<&Dog>(), std::mem::size_of::<&Cat>());
println!("{}", std::mem::size_of::<&dyn Pet>());
println!("{}", std::mem::size_of::<Box<dyn Pet>>());
```

### **Exercise: GUI Library**

Let us design a classical GUI library using our new knowledge of traits and trait objects. We'll only implement the drawing of it (as text) for simplicity.

We will have a number of widgets in our library:

- Window: has a title and contains other widgets.
- Button: has a label. In reality, it would also take a callback function to allow the program to do something when the button is clicked but we won't include that since we're only drawing the GUI.
- Label: has a label.

The widgets will implement a Widget trait, see below.

Copy the code below to <u>https://play.rust-lang.org/</u>, fill in the missing draw\_into methods so that you implement the Widget trait:

```
,compile fail
// TODO: remove this when you're done with your implementation.
#![allow(unused_imports, unused_variables, dead_code)]
pub trait Widget {
   /// Natural width of `self`.
    fn width(&self) -> usize;
    /// Draw the widget into a buffer.
    fn draw_into(&self, buffer: &mut dyn std::fmt::Write);
    /// Draw the widget on standard output.
    fn draw(&self) {
        let mut buffer = String::new();
        self.draw_into(&mut buffer);
        println!("{buffer}");
    }
}
pub struct Label {
    label: String,
}
impl Label {
    fn new(label: &str) -> Label {
        Label {
```

```
label: label.to owned(),
        }
    }
}
pub struct Button {
    label: Label,
}
impl Button {
    fn new(label: &str) -> Button {
        Button {
            label: Label::new(label),
        }
    }
}
pub struct Window {
    title: String,
    widgets: Vec<Box<dyn Widget>>,
}
impl Window {
    fn new(title: &str) -> Window {
        Window {
            title: title.to_owned(),
            widgets: Vec::new(),
        }
    }
    fn add_widget(&mut self, widget: Box<dyn Widget>) {
        self.widgets.push(widget);
    }
    fn inner_width(&self) -> usize {
        std::cmp::max(
            self.title.chars().count(),
            self.widgets.iter().map(|w| w.width()).max().unwrap_or(0),
        )
    }
}
// TODO: Implement `Widget` for `Label`.
// TODO: Implement `Widget` for `Button`.
// TODO: Implement `Widget` for `Window`.
```

```
fn main() {
    let mut window = Window::new("Rust GUI Demo 1.23");
    window.add_widget(Box::new(Label::new("This is a small text GUI demo.")));
    window.add_widget(Box::new(Button::new("Click me!")));
    window.draw();
}
```

The output of the above program can be something simple like this:

If you want to draw aligned text, you can use the <u>fill/alignment</u> formatting operators. In particular, notice how you can pad with different characters (here a '/') and how you can control alignment:

```
,editable
fn main() {
    let width = 10;
    println!("left aligned: |{:/<width$}|", "foo");
    println!("centered: |{:/^width$}|", "foo");
    println!("right aligned: |{:/>width$}|", "foo");
}
```

Using such alignment tricks, you can for example produce output like this:

```
+----+
| Rust GUI Demo 1.23 |
+----+
| This is a small text GUI demo. |
| +-----+
| Click me! |
| +-----+
|
```

#### Solution

```
,editable
pub trait Widget {
    /// Natural width of `self`.
```

```
fn width(&self) -> usize;
    /// Draw the widget into a buffer.
    fn draw into(&self, buffer: &mut dyn std::fmt::Write);
    /// Draw the widget on standard output.
    fn draw(&self) {
        let mut buffer = String::new();
        self.draw_into(&mut buffer);
        println!("{buffer}");
    }
}
pub struct Label {
    label: String,
}
impl Label {
    fn new(label: &str) -> Label {
        Label {
            label: label.to_owned(),
        }
    }
}
pub struct Button {
    label: Label,
}
impl Button {
    fn new(label: &str) -> Button {
        Button {
            label: Label::new(label),
        }
    }
}
pub struct Window {
    title: String,
    widgets: Vec<Box<dyn Widget>>,
}
impl Window {
    fn new(title: &str) -> Window {
        Window {
            title: title.to owned(),
            widgets: Vec::new(),
```

```
}
    }
    fn add widget(&mut self, widget: Box<dyn Widget>) {
        self.widgets.push(widget);
    }
    fn inner_width(&self) -> usize {
        std::cmp::max(
            self.title.chars().count(),
            self.widgets.iter().map(|w| w.width()).max().unwrap or(0),
        )
    }
}
impl Widget for Window {
    fn width(&self) -> usize {
        // Add 4 paddings for borders
        self.inner_width() + 4
    }
    fn draw_into(&self, buffer: &mut dyn std::fmt::Write) {
        let mut inner = String::new();
        for widget in &self.widgets {
            widget.draw into(&mut inner);
        }
        let inner_width = self.inner_width();
        // TODO: after learning about error handling, you can change
        // draw into to return Result<(), std::fmt::Error>. Then use
        // the ?-operator here instead of .unwrap().
        writeln!(buffer, "+-{:-<inner width$}-+", "").unwrap();</pre>
        writeln!(buffer, "| {:^inner_width$} |", &self.title).unwrap();
        writeln!(buffer, "+={:=<inner_width$}=+", "").unwrap();</pre>
        for line in inner.lines() {
            writeln!(buffer, "| {:inner_width$} |", line).unwrap();
        }
        writeln!(buffer, "+-{:-<inner_width$}-+", "").unwrap();</pre>
    }
}
impl Widget for Button {
    fn width(&self) -> usize {
        self.label.width() + 8 // add a bit of padding
    }
```

```
fn draw into(&self, buffer: &mut dyn std::fmt::Write) {
        let width = self.width();
        let mut label = String::new();
        self.label.draw into(&mut label);
        writeln!(buffer, "+{:-<width$}+", "").unwrap();</pre>
        for line in label.lines() {
            writeln!(buffer, "|{:^width$}|", &line).unwrap();
        }
        writeln!(buffer, "+{:-<width$}+", "").unwrap();</pre>
    }
}
impl Widget for Label {
    fn width(&self) -> usize {
        self.label
            .lines()
            .map(|line| line.chars().count())
            .max()
            .unwrap or(0)
    }
    fn draw into(&self, buffer: &mut dyn std::fmt::Write) {
        writeln!(buffer, "{}", &self.label).unwrap();
    }
}
fn main() {
    let mut window = Window::new("Rust GUI Demo 1.23");
    window.add widget(Box::new(Label::new("This is a small text GUI demo.")));
    window.add widget(Box::new(Button::new("Click me!")));
    window.draw();
}
```

# Generics

In this segment:

- Generic Functions (5 minutes)
- <u>Generic Data types</u> (15 minutes)
- Trait Bounds (10 minutes)
- Impl Trait (5 minutes)
- Exercise: Generic min (10 minutes)

This segment should take about 45 minutes

### **Generic Functions**

Rust supports generics, which lets you abstract algorithms or data structures (such as sorting or a binary tree) over the types used or stored.

```
,editable
/// Pick `even` or `odd` depending on the value of `n`.
fn pick<T>(n: i32, even: T, odd: T) -> T {
    if n % 2 == 0 {
        even
    } else {
        odd
    }
}
fn main() {
    println!("picked a number: {:?}", pick(97, 222, 333));
    println!("picked a tuple: {:?}", pick(28, ("dog", 1), ("cat", 2)));
}
```

• Rust infers a type for T based on the types of the arguments and return value.

- This is similar to C++ templates, but Rust partially compiles the generic function immediately, so that function must be valid for all types matching the constraints. For example, try modifying pick to return even + odd if n == 0. Even if only the pick instantiation with integers is used, Rust still considers it invalid. C++ would let you do this.
- Generic code is turned into non-generic code based on the call sites. This is a zero-cost abstraction: you get exactly the same result as if you had hand-coded the data structures without the abstraction.

### **Generic Data types**

You can use generics to abstract over the concrete field type:

```
,editable
#[derive(Debug)]
struct Point<T> {
    х: Т,
   у: Т,
}
impl<T> Point<T> {
    fn coords(&self) -> (&T, &T) {
        (&self.x, &self.y)
    }
   // fn set_x(&mut self, x: T)
}
fn main() {
    let integer = Point { x: 5, y: 10 };
    let float = Point { x: 1.0, y: 4.0 };
    println!("{integer:?} and {float:?}");
    println!("coords: {:?}", integer.coords());
}
```

- Q: Why T is specified twice in impl<T> Point<T> {}? Isn't that redundant?
- This is because it is a generic implementation section for generic type. They are independently generic.
- It means these methods are defined for any T.
- It is possible to write impl Point<u32> { .. }.- Point is still generic and you can use Point<f64>, but methods in this block will only be available for Point<u32>.
- Try declaring a new variable let p = Point { x: 5, y: 10.0 };. Update the code to allow points that have elements of different types, by using two type variables, e.g., T and U.

### **Trait Bounds**

When working with generics, you often want to require the types to implement some trait, so that you can call this trait's methods.

```
You can do this with T: Trait or impl Trait:
,editable
fn duplicate<T: Clone>(a: T) -> (T, T) {
    (a.clone(), a.clone())
}
// struct NotClonable;
fn main() {
    let foo = String::from("foo");
    let pair = duplicate(foo);
    println!("{pair:?}");
}
```

- Try making a NonClonable and passing it to duplicate.
- When multiple traits are necessary, use + to join them.
- Show a where clause, students will encounter it when reading code.

```
,ignore
fn duplicate<T>(a: T) -> (T, T)
where
    T: Clone,
{
        (a.clone(), a.clone())
}
```

- It declutters the function signature if you have many parameters.
- It has additional features making it more powerful.- If someone asks, the extra feature is that the type on the left of ":" can be arbitrary, like Option<T>.
- Note that Rust does not (yet) support specialization. For example, given the original duplicate, it is invalid to add a specialized duplicate(a: u32).

#### Impl Trait

Similar to trait bounds, an impl Trait syntax can be used in function arguments and return values:

```
,editable
// Syntactic sugar for:
// fn add 42 millions<T: Into<i32>>(x: T) -> i32 {
fn add 42 millions(x: impl Into<i32>) -> i32 {
    x.into() + 42 000 000
}
fn pair_of(x: u32) -> impl std::fmt::Debug {
    (x + 1, x - 1)
}
fn main() {
   let many = add 42 millions(42 i8);
    println!("{many}");
    let many_more = add_42_millions(10_000_000);
    println!("{many_more}");
    let debuggable = pair of(27);
    println!("debuggable: {debuggable:?}");
}
```

impl Trait allows you to work with types which you cannot name. The meaning of impl Trait is a bit different in the different positions.

- For a parameter, impl Trait is like an anonymous generic parameter with a trait bound.
- For a return type, it means that the return type is some concrete type that implements the trait, without naming the type. This can be useful when you don't want to expose the concrete type in a public API.

Inference is hard in return position. A function returning impl Foo picks the concrete type it
returns, without writing it out in the source. A function returning a generic type like collect<B>()
-> B can return any type satisfying B, and the caller may need to choose one, such as with let
x: Vec<\_> = foo.collect() or with the turbofish, foo.collect::<Vec<\_>>().

What is the type of debuggable? Try let debuggable: () =  $\dots$  to see what the error message shows.

### **Exercise: Generic min**

In this short exercise, you will implement a generic min function that determines the minimum of two values, using a LessThan trait.

```
,compile_fail
trait LessThan {
    /// Return true if self is less than other.
    fn less than(&self, other: &Self) -> bool;
}
#[derive(Debug, PartialEq, Eq, Clone, Copy)]
struct Citation {
    author: &'static str,
    year: u32,
}
impl LessThan for Citation {
    fn less_than(&self, other: &Self) -> bool {
        if self.author < other.author {</pre>
            true
        } else if self.author > other.author {
            false
        } else {
            self.year < other.year</pre>
        }
    }
}
// TODO: implement the `min` function used in `main`.
fn main() {
    let cit1 = Citation {
        author: "Shapiro",
        year: 2011,
    };
    let cit2 = Citation {
        author: "Baumann",
        year: 2010,
    };
    let cit3 = Citation {
        author: "Baumann",
        year: 2019,
    };
    debug_assert_eq!(min(cit1, cit2), cit2);
    debug_assert_eq!(min(cit2, cit3), cit2);
```

```
debug_assert_eq!(min(cit1, cit3), cit3);
```

#### Solution

}

```
,editable
trait LessThan {
    /// Return true if self is less than other.
    fn less_than(&self, other: &Self) -> bool;
}
#[derive(Debug, PartialEq, Eq, Clone, Copy)]
struct Citation {
    author: &'static str,
    year: u32,
}
impl LessThan for Citation {
    fn less_than(&self, other: &Self) -> bool {
        if self.author < other.author {</pre>
            true
        } else if self.author > other.author {
            false
        } else {
            self.year < other.year</pre>
        }
    }
}
fn min<T: LessThan>(l: T, r: T) -> T {
    if l.less_than(&r) {
        ι
    } else {
        r
    }
}
fn main() {
    let cit1 = Citation {
        author: "Shapiro",
        year: 2011,
    };
    let cit2 = Citation {
        author: "Baumann",
        year: 2010,
    };
    let cit3 = Citation {
```

```
author: "Baumann",
    year: 2019,
};
debug_assert_eq!(min(cit1, cit2), cit2);
debug_assert_eq!(min(cit2, cit3), cit2);
debug_assert_eq!(min(cit1, cit3), cit3);
```

}

# Day 2: Afternoon

### Welcome

In this session:

- Standard Library Types (1 hour and 10 minutes)
- Standard Library Traits (1 hour and 40 minutes)

Including 10 minute breaks, this session should take about 3 hours

# **Standard Library Types**

In this segment:

- Standard Library (3 minutes)
- Language Docs (5 minutes)
- Option (10 minutes)
- Result (10 minutes)
- <u>String</u> (10 minutes)
- <u>Vec</u> (10 minutes)
- <u>HashMap</u> (10 minutes)
- Exercise: Counter (10 minutes)

This segment should take about 1 hour and 10 minutes

For each of the slides in this section, spend some time reviewing the documentation pages, highlighting some of the more common methods.

### **Standard Library**

Rust comes with a standard library which helps establish a set of common types used by Rust libraries and programs. This way, two libraries can work together smoothly because they both use the same String type.

In fact, Rust contains several layers of the Standard Library: core, alloc and std.

- core includes the most basic types and functions that don't depend on libc, allocator or even the presence of an operating system.
- alloc includes types which require a global heap allocator, such as Vec, Box and Arc.
- Embedded Rust applications often only use core, and sometimes alloc.

#### Language Docs

Rust comes with extensive documentation of the language and the standard library.

For example:

- All of the details about loops.
- Primitive types like <u>u8</u>.
- Standard-library items like Option or BinaryHeap.

In fact, you can document your own code:

```
,editable
/// Determine whether the first argument is divisible by the second argument.
///
/// If the second argument is zero, the result is false.
fn is_divisible_by(lhs: u32, rhs: u32) -> bool {
    if rhs == 0 {
        return false;
    }
    lhs % rhs == 0
}
```

The contents are treated as Markdown. All published Rust library crates are automatically documented at <u>docs.rs</u> using the <u>rustdoc</u> tool. It is idiomatic to document all public items in an API using this pattern.

To document an item from inside the item (such as inside a module), use //! or /\*! .. \*/, called "inner doc comments":

,editable
//! This module contains functionality relating to divisibility of integers.
Show students the generated docs for the rand crate at docs.rs/rand.

#### Option

We have already seen some use of Option<T>. It stores either a value of type T or nothing. For example, <u>String::find</u> returns an Option<usize>.

```
,editable,should_panic
fn main() {
    let name = "Löwe 老虎 Léopard Gepardi";
    let mut position: Option<usize> = name.find('é');
    println!("find returned {position:?}");
    assert_eq!(position.unwrap(), 14);
    position = name.find('Z');
    println!("find returned {position:?}");
    assert_eq!(position.expect("Character not found"), 0);
}
```

- Option is widely used, not just in the standard library.
- unwrap will return the value in an Option, or panic. expect is similar but takes an error message.- You can panic on None, but you can't "accidentally" forget to check for None.
- It's common to unwrap/expect all over the place when hacking something together, but production code typically handles None in a nicer fashion.
- The niche optimization means that Option<T> often has the same size in memory as T.

#### Result

Result is similar to Option, but indicates the success or failure of an operation, each with a different type. This is similar to the Res defined in the expression exercise, but generic: Result<T, E> where T is used in the 0k variant and E appears in the Err variant.

```
.editable
use std::fs::File;
use std::io::Read;
fn main() {
    let file: Result<File, std::io::Error> = File::open("diary.txt");
    match file {
        Ok(mut file) => {
            let mut contents = String::new();
            if let Ok(bytes) = file.read to string(&mut contents) {
                println!("Dear diary: {contents} ({bytes} bytes)");
            } else {
                println!("Could not read file content");
            }
        },
        Err(err) => {
            println!("The diary could not be opened: {err}");
        }
    }
}
```

- As with Option, the successful value sits inside of Result, forcing the developer to explicitly extract it. This encourages error checking. In the case where an error should never happen, unwrap() or expect() can be called, and this is a signal of the developer intent too.
- Result documentation is a recommended read. Not during the course, but it is worth mentioning. It contains a lot of convenience methods and functions that help functional-style programming.
- Result is the standard type to implement error handling as we will see on Day 3.

#### String

String is the standard heap-allocated growable UTF-8 string buffer:

String implements Deref<Target = str>, which means that you can call all str methods on a String.

- String::new returns a new empty string, use String::with\_capacity when you know how much data you want to push to the string.
- String::len returns the size of the String in bytes (which can be different from its length in characters).
- String::chars returns an iterator over the actual characters. Note that a char can be different from what a human will consider a "character" due to grapheme clusters.
- When people refer to strings they could either be talking about &str or String.
- When a type implements Deref<Target = T>, the compiler will let you transparently call methods from T.- We haven't discussed the Deref trait yet, so at this point this mostly explains the structure of the sidebar in the documentation.
- String implements Deref<Target = str> which transparently gives it access to str's methods.
- Write and compare let s3 = s1.deref(); and let s3 = &\*s1;.
- String is implemented as a wrapper around a vector of bytes, many of the operations you see supported on vectors are also supported on String, but with some extra guarantees.
- Compare the different ways to index a String:- To a character by using s3.chars().nth(i).unwrap() where i is in-bound, out-of-bounds.
- To a substring by using s3[0..4], where that slice is on character boundaries or not.

#### Vec

Vec is the standard resizable heap-allocated buffer:

```
,editable
fn main() {
    let mut v1 = Vec::new();
    v1.push(42);
    println!("v1: len = {}, capacity = {}", v1.len(), v1.capacity());
    let mut v2 = Vec::with_capacity(v1.len() + 1);
    v2.extend(v1.iter());
    v2.push(9999);
    println!("v2: len = {}, capacity = {}", v2.len(), v2.capacity());
    // Canonical macro to initialize a vector with elements.
    let mut v3 = vec![0, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4];
    // Retain only the even elements.
    v3.retain(|x| x % 2 == 0);
    println!("{v3:?}");
    // Remove consecutive duplicates.
    v3.dedup();
    println!("{v3:?}");
}
```

Vec implements Deref<Target = [T]>, which means that you can call slice methods on a Vec.

- Vec is a type of collection, along with String and HashMap. The data it contains is stored on the heap. This means the amount of data doesn't need to be known at compile time. It can grow or shrink at runtime.
- Notice how Vec<T> is a generic type too, but you don't have to specify T explicitly. As always
  with Rust type inference, the T was established during the first push call.
- vec![...] is a canonical macro to use instead of Vec::new() and it supports adding initial elements to the vector.
- To index the vector you use [], but they will panic if out of bounds. Alternatively, using get will return an Option. The pop function will remove the last element.
- Slices are covered on day 3. For now, students only need to know that a value of type Vec gives access to all of the documented read-only slice methods, too.

#### HashMap

Standard hash map with protection against HashDoS attacks:

```
,editable
use std::collections::HashMap;
fn main() {
    let mut page counts = HashMap::new();
    page_counts.insert("Adventures of Huckleberry Finn".to_string(), 207);
    page counts.insert("Grimms' Fairy Tales".to string(), 751);
    page counts.insert("Pride and Prejudice".to string(), 303);
    if !page_counts.contains_key("Les Misérables") {
        println!("We know about {} books, but not Les Misérables.",
                 page_counts.len());
    }
    for book in ["Pride and Prejudice", "Alice's Adventure in Wonderland"] {
        match page_counts.get(book) {
            Some(count) => println!("{book}: {count} pages"),
            None => println!("{book} is unknown.")
        }
    }
    // Use the .entry() method to insert a value if nothing is found.
    for book in ["Pride and Prejudice", "Alice's Adventure in Wonderland"] {
        let page_count: &mut i32 = page_counts.entry(book.to_string()).or_insert(0);
        *page_count += 1;
    }
    println!("{page_counts:#?}");
}
```

• HashMap is not defined in the prelude and needs to be brought into scope.

 Try the following lines of code. The first line will see if a book is in the hashmap and if not return an alternative value. The second line will insert the alternative value in the hashmap if the book is not found.

```
,ignore
  let pcl = page_counts
    .get("Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone")
    .unwrap_or(&336);
  let pc2 = page_counts
    .entry("The Hunger Games".to_string())
    .or_insert(374);
```

- Unlike vec!, there is unfortunately no standard hashmap! macro.
- Although, since Rust 1.56, HashMap implements From<[(K, V); N]>, which allows us to easily initialize a hash map from a literal array:

```
,ignore
  let page_counts = HashMap::from([
    ("Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone".to_string(), 336),
    ("The Hunger Games".to_string(), 374),
]);
```

- Alternatively HashMap can be built from any Iterator which yields key-value tuples.
- We are showing HashMap<String, i32>, and avoid using &str as key to make examples easier. Using references in collections can, of course, be done, but it can lead into complications with the borrow checker.
- Try removing to\_string() from the example above and see if it still compiles. Where do you think we might run into issues?
- This type has several "method-specific" return types, such as std::collections::hash\_map::Keys. These types often appear in searches of the Rust docs.
  Show students the docs for this type, and the helpful link back to the keys method.

#### **Exercise: Counter**

In this exercise you will take a very simple data structure and make it generic. It uses a std::collections::HashMap to keep track of which values have been seen and how many times each one has appeared.

The initial version of Counter is hard coded to only work for u32 values. Make the struct and its methods generic over the type of value being tracked, that way Counter can track any type of value.

If you finish early, try using the <u>entry</u> method to halve the number of hash lookups required to implement the count method.

```
,compile fail,editable
use std::collections::HashMap;
/// Counter counts the number of times each value of type T has been seen.
struct Counter {
    values: HashMap<u32, u64>,
}
impl Counter {
    /// Create a new Counter.
    fn new() -> Self {
        Counter {
            values: HashMap::new(),
        }
    }
    /// Count an occurrence of the given value.
    fn count(&mut self, value: u32) {
        if self.values.contains_key(&value) {
            *self.values.get mut(&value).unwrap() += 1;
        } else {
            self.values.insert(value, 1);
        }
    }
    /// Return the number of times the given value has been seen.
    fn times_seen(&self, value: u32) -> u64 {
        self.values.get(&value).copied().unwrap_or_default()
    }
}
fn main() {
```

```
let mut ctr = Counter::new();
ctr.count(13);
ctr.count(14);
ctr.count(16);
ctr.count(14);
ctr.count(14);
ctr.count(11);
for i in 10..20 {
    println!("saw {} values equal to {}", ctr.times_seen(i), i);
}
let mut strctr = Counter::new();
strctr.count("apple");
strctr.count("orange");
strctr.count("apple");
println!("got {} apples", strctr.times_seen("apple"));
```

### Solution

}

```
,editable
use std::collections::HashMap;
use std::hash::Hash;
/// Counter counts the number of times each value of type T has been seen.
struct Counter<T: Eq + Hash> {
    values: HashMap<T, u64>,
}
impl<T: Eq + Hash> Counter<T> {
    /// Create a new Counter.
    fn new() -> Self {
        Counter {
            values: HashMap::new(),
        }
    }
    /// Count an occurrence of the given value.
    fn count(&mut self, value: T) {
        *self.values.entry(value).or_default() += 1;
    }
    /// Return the number of times the given value has been seen.
    fn times_seen(&self, value: T) -> u64 {
        self.values.get(&value).copied().unwrap_or_default()
    }
```

}

```
fn main() {
   let mut ctr = Counter::new();
    ctr.count(13);
   ctr.count(14);
   ctr.count(16);
   ctr.count(14);
    ctr.count(14);
    ctr.count(11);
   for i in 10..20 {
        println!("saw {} values equal to {}", ctr.times_seen(i), i);
   }
    let mut strctr = Counter::new();
    strctr.count("apple");
    strctr.count("orange");
    strctr.count("apple");
    println!("got {} apples", strctr.times_seen("apple"));
}
```

# **Standard Library Traits**

In this segment:

- <u>Comparisons</u> (10 minutes)
- Operators (10 minutes)
- From and Into (10 minutes)
- Casting (5 minutes)
- Read and Write (10 minutes)
- Default, struct update syntax (5 minutes)
- Closures (20 minutes)
- Exercise: ROT13 (30 minutes)

This segment should take about 1 hour and 40 minutes

As with the standard-library types, spend time reviewing the documentation for each trait.

This section is long. Take a break midway through.

# Comparisons

These traits support comparisons between values. All traits can be derived for types containing fields that implement these traits.

#### PartialEq and Eq

PartialEq is a partial equivalence relation, with required method eq and provided method ne. The == and != operators will call these methods.

```
,editable
struct Key { id: u32, metadata: Option<String> }
impl PartialEq for Key {
    fn eq(&self, other: &Self) -> bool {
        self.id == other.id
    }
}
```

Eq is a full equivalence relation (reflexive, symmetric, and transitive) and implies PartialEq. Functions that require full equivalence will use Eq as a trait bound.

#### PartialOrd and Ord

PartialOrd defines a partial ordering, with a partial\_cmp method. It is used to implement the <, <=, >=, and > operators.

```
,editable
use std::cmp::Ordering;
#[derive(Eq, PartialEq)]
struct Citation { author: String, year: u32 }
impl PartialOrd for Citation {
    fn partial_cmp(&self, other: &Self) -> Option<Ordering> {
        match self.author.partial_cmp(&other.author) {
            Some(Ordering::Equal) => self.year.partial_cmp(&other.year),
            author_ord => author_ord,
        }
    }
}
```

Ord is a total ordering, with cmp returning Ordering.

PartialEq can be implemented between different types, but Eq cannot, because it is reflexive:

```
,editable
struct Key { id: u32, metadata: Option<String> }
impl PartialEq<u32> for Key {
    fn eq(&self, other: &u32) -> bool {
        self.id == *other
    }
}
```

In practice, it's common to derive these traits, but uncommon to implement them.

### **Operators**

Operator overloading is implemented via traits in std::ops:

```
,editable
#[derive(Debug, Copy, Clone)]
struct Point { x: i32, y: i32 }
impl std::ops::Add for Point {
   type Output = Self;
   fn add(self, other: Self) -> Self {
      Self {x: self.x + other.x, y: self.y + other.y}
   }
}
fn main() {
   let p1 = Point { x: 10, y: 20 };
   let p2 = Point { x: 100, y: 200 };
   println!("{:?} + {:?} = {:?}", p1, p2, p1 + p2);
}
```

Discussion points:

- You could implement Add for &Point. In which situations is that useful?- Answer: Add:add consumes self. If type T for which you are overloading the operator is not Copy, you should consider overloading the operator for &T as well. This avoids unnecessary cloning on the call site.
- Why is Output an associated type? Could it be made a type parameter of the method?- Short answer: Function type parameters are controlled by the caller, but associated types (like Output) are controlled by the implementor of a trait.
- You could implement Add for two different types, e.g. impl Add<(i32, i32)> for Point would add a tuple to a Point.

# From and Into

Types implement From and Into to facilitate type conversions:

```
,editable
fn main() {
    let s = String::from("hello");
    let addr = std::net::Ipv4Addr::from([127, 0, 0, 1]);
    let one = i16::from(true);
    let bigger = i32::from(123i16);
    println!("{s}, {addr}, {one}, {bigger}");
}
```

Into is automatically implemented when From is implemented:

```
,editable
fn main() {
    let s: String = "hello".into();
    let addr: std::net::Ipv4Addr = [127, 0, 0, 1].into();
    let one: i16 = true.into();
    let bigger: i32 = 123i16.into();
    println!("{s}, {addr}, {one}, {bigger}");
}
```

- That's why it is common to only implement From, as your type will get Into implementation too.
- When declaring a function argument input type like "anything that can be converted into a String", the rule is opposite, you should use Into. Your function will accept types that implement From and those that *only* implement Into.

# Casting

Rust has no *implicit* type conversions, but does support explicit casts with as. These generally follow C semantics where those are defined.

```
,editable
fn main() {
    let value: i64 = 1000;
    println!("as u16: {}", value as u16);
    println!("as i16: {}", value as i16);
    println!("as u8: {}", value as u8);
}
```

The results of as are *always* defined in Rust and consistent across platforms. This might not match your intuition for changing sign or casting to a smaller type – check the docs, and comment for clarity.

Consider taking a break after this slide.

as is similar to a C++ static cast. Use of as in cases where data might be lost is generally discouraged, or at least deserves an explanatory comment.

This is common in casting integers to usize for use as an index.

# **Read and Write**

Using Read and BufRead, you can abstract over u8 sources:

```
,editable
use std::io::{BufRead, BufReader, Read, Result};
fn count_lines<R: Read>(reader: R) -> usize {
    let buf_reader = BufReader::new(reader);
    buf_reader.lines().count()
}
fn main() -> Result<()> {
    let slice: &[u8] = b"foo\nbar\nbaz\n";
    println!("lines in slice: {}", count_lines(slice));
    let file = std::fs::File::open(std::env::current_exe()?)?;
    println!("lines in file: {}", count_lines(file));
    ok(())
}
```

Similarly, Write lets you abstract over u8 sinks:

```
,editable
use std::io::{Result, Write};
fn log<W: Write>(writer: &mut W, msg: &str) -> Result<()> {
    writer.write_all(msg.as_bytes())?;
    writer.write_all("\n".as_bytes())
}
fn main() -> Result<()> {
    let mut buffer = Vec::new();
    log(&mut buffer, "Hello")?;
    log(&mut buffer, "World")?;
    println!("Logged: {:?}", buffer);
    Ok(())
}
```

### Default, struct update syntax

Default trait produces a default value for a type.

```
,editable
#[derive(Debug, Default)]
struct Derived {
    x: u32,
   y: String,
    z: Implemented,
}
#[derive(Debug)]
struct Implemented(String);
impl Default for Implemented {
    fn default() -> Self {
        Self("John Smith".into())
    }
}
fn main() {
    let default_struct = Derived::default();
    println!("{default struct:#?}");
    let almost_default_struct = Derived {
        y: "Y is set!".into(),
        ..Derived::default()
    };
    println!("{almost_default_struct:#?}");
    let nothing: Option<Derived> = None;
    println!("{:#?}", nothing.unwrap_or_default());
}
```

- It can be implemented directly or it can be derived via #[derive(Default)].
- A derived implementation will produce a value where all fields are set to their default values.-This means all types in the struct must implement Default too.
- Standard Rust types often implement Default with reasonable values (e.g. 0, "", etc).
- The partial struct copy works nicely with default.
- Rust standard library is aware that types can implement Default and provides convenience methods that use it.
- the ... syntax is called struct update syntax

# Closures

Closures or lambda expressions have types which cannot be named. However, they implement special <u>Fn</u>, <u>EnMut</u>, and <u>EnOnce</u> traits:

```
,editable
fn apply with log(func: impl FnOnce(i32) \rightarrow i32, input: i32) \rightarrow i32 {
    println!("Calling function on {input}");
    func(input)
}
fn main() {
    let add_3 = |x| + 3;
    println!("add_3: {}", apply_with_log(add_3, 10));
    println!("add_3: {}", apply_with_log(add_3, 20));
    let mut v = Vec::new();
    let mut accumulate = |x: i32| {
        v.push(x);
        v.iter().sum::<i32>()
    };
    println!("accumulate: {}", apply with log(&mut accumulate, 4));
    println!("accumulate: {}", apply_with_log(&mut accumulate, 5));
    let multiply sum = |x| x * v.into iter().sum::<i32>();
    println!("multiply_sum: {}", apply_with_log(multiply_sum, 3));
}
```

An Fn (e.g. add\_3) neither consumes nor mutates captured values, or perhaps captures nothing at all. It can be called multiple times concurrently.

An FnMut (e.g. accumulate) might mutate captured values. You can call it multiple times, but not concurrently.

If you have an FnOnce (e.g. multiply\_sum), you may only call it once. It might consume captured values.

FnMut is a subtype of FnOnce. Fn is a subtype of FnMut and FnOnce. I.e. you can use an FnMut wherever an FnOnce is called for, and you can use an Fn wherever an FnMut or FnOnce is called for.

The compiler also infers Copy (e.g. for add\_3) and Clone (e.g. multiply\_sum), depending on what the closure captures.

By default, closures will capture by reference if they can. The move keyword makes them capture by value.

```
,editable
fn make_greeter(prefix: String) -> impl Fn(&str) {
    return move |name| println!("{} {}", prefix, name)
}
fn main() {
    let hi = make_greeter("Hi".to_string());
    hi("there");
}
```

# **Exercise: ROT13**

In this example, you will implement the classic <u>"ROT13" cipher</u>. Copy this code to the playground, and implement the missing bits. Only rotate ASCII alphabetic characters, to ensure the result is still valid UTF-8.

```
,compile_fail
use std::io::Read;
struct RotDecoder<R: Read> {
    input: R,
    rot: u8,
}
// Implement the `Read` trait for `RotDecoder`.
fn main() {
    let mut rot = RotDecoder {
        input: "Gb trg gb gur bgure fvqr!".as bytes(),
        rot: 13,
    }:
    let mut result = String::new();
    rot.read to string(&mut result).unwrap();
    println!("{}", result);
}
#[cfq(test)]
mod test {
    use super::*;
    #[test]
    fn joke() {
        let mut rot = RotDecoder {
            input: "Gb trg gb gur bgure fvqr!".as bytes(),
            rot: 13,
        };
        let mut result = String::new();
        rot.read to string(&mut result).unwrap();
        assert_eq!(&result, "To get to the other side!");
    }
    #[test]
    fn binary() {
        let input: Vec<u8> = (0..=255u8).collect();
        let mut rot = RotDecoder::<&[u8]> {
            input: input.as_ref(),
```

```
rot: 13,
};
let mut buf = [0u8; 256];
assert_eq!(rot.read(&mut buf).unwrap(), 256);
for i in 0..=255 {
    if input[i] != buf[i] {
        assert!(input[i].is_ascii_alphabetic());
        assert!(buf[i].is_ascii_alphabetic());
        }
    }
}
```

What happens if you chain two RotDecoder instances together, each rotating by 13 characters?

#### Solution

```
,editable
use std::io::Read;
struct RotDecoder<R: Read> {
    input: R,
    rot: u8,
}
impl<R: Read> Read for RotDecoder<R> {
    fn read(&mut self, buf: &mut [u8]) -> std::io::Result<usize> {
        let size = self.input.read(buf)?;
        for b in &mut buf[..size] {
            if b.is_ascii_alphabetic() {
                let base = if b.is_ascii_uppercase() { 'A' } else { 'a' } as u8;
                *b = (*b - base + self.rot) % 26 + base;
            }
        }
        Ok(size)
    }
}
fn main() {
    let mut rot = RotDecoder {
        input: "Gb trg gb gur bgure fvqr!".as_bytes(),
        rot: 13,
    };
    let mut result = String::new();
    rot.read_to_string(&mut result).unwrap();
    println!("{}", result);
}
```

```
#[cfg(test)]
mod test {
    use super::*;
    #[test]
    fn joke() {
        let mut rot = RotDecoder {
            input: "Gb trg gb gur bgure fvqr!".as_bytes(),
            rot: 13,
        };
        let mut result = String::new();
        rot.read_to_string(&mut result).unwrap();
        assert_eq!(&result, "To get to the other side!");
    }
    #[test]
    fn binary() {
        let input: Vec<u8> = (0..=255u8).collect();
        let mut rot = RotDecoder::<&[u8]> {
            input: input.as_ref(),
            rot: 13,
        };
        let mut buf = [0u8; 256];
        assert_eq!(rot.read(&mut buf).unwrap(), 256);
        for i in 0..=255 {
            if input[i] != buf[i] {
                assert!(input[i].is_ascii_alphabetic());
                assert!(buf[i].is ascii alphabetic());
            }
        }
    }
}
```

Day 3: Morning

# Welcome

Today, we will cover:

- Memory management, lifetimes, and the borrow checker: how Rust ensures memory safety.
- Smart pointers: standard library pointer types.

# Schedule

In this session:

- <u>Welcome</u> (3 minutes)
- <u>Memory Management</u> (1 hour and 10 minutes)
- <u>Smart Pointers</u> (45 minutes)

Including 10 minute breaks, this session should take about 2 hours and 15 minutes

# **Memory Management**

In this segment:

- Review of Program Memory (5 minutes)
- Approaches to Memory Management (10 minutes)
- Ownership (5 minutes)
- Move semantics (10 minutes)
- <u>Clone</u> (2 minutes)
- <u>Copy Types</u> (5 minutes)
- <u>Drop</u> (10 minutes)
- Exercise: Builder Type (20 minutes)

This segment should take about 1 hour and 10 minutes

#### **Review of Program Memory**

Programs allocate memory in two ways:

- · Stack: Continuous area of memory for local variables.
- Values have fixed sizes known at compile time.
- · Extremely fast: just move a stack pointer.
- Easy to manage: follows function calls.
- · Great memory locality.
- Heap: Storage of values outside of function calls.
- · Values have dynamic sizes determined at runtime.
- · Slightly slower than the stack: some book-keeping needed.
- No guarantee of memory locality.

#### Example

Creating a String puts fixed-sized metadata on the stack and dynamically sized data, the actual string, on the heap:

```
,editable
fn main() {
    let s1 = String::from("Hello");
}
```

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- Mention that a String is backed by a Vec, so it has a capacity and length and can grow if mutable via reallocation on the heap.
- If students ask about it, you can mention that the underlying memory is heap allocated using the System Allocator and custom allocators can be implemented using the Allocator API

#### More to Explore

We can inspect the memory layout with unsafe Rust. However, you should point out that this is rightfully unsafe!

```
,editable
fn main() {
    let mut s1 = String::from("Hello");
    s1.push(' ');
    s1.push_str("world");
    // DON'T DO THIS AT HOME! For educational purposes only.
    // String provides no guarantees about its layout, so this could lead to
    // undefined behavior.
    unsafe {
        let (ptr, capacity, len): (usize, usize, usize) = std::mem::transmute(s1);
        println!("ptr = {ptr:#x}, len = {len}, capacity = {capacity}");
    }
}
```

### **Approaches to Memory Management**

Traditionally, languages have fallen into two broad categories:

- Full control via manual memory management: C, C++, Pascal, ...- Programmer decides when to allocate or free heap memory.
- Programmer must determine whether a pointer still points to valid memory.
- Studies show, programmers make mistakes.
- Full safety via automatic memory management at runtime: Java, Python, Go, Haskell, ...- A runtime system ensures that memory is not freed until it can no longer be referenced.
- Typically implemented with reference counting, garbage collection, or RAII.

Rust offers a new mix:

Full control and safety via compile time enforcement of correct memory management.

It does this with an explicit ownership concept.

This slide is intended to help students coming from other languages to put Rust in context.

- C must manage heap manually with malloc and free. Common errors include forgetting to call free, calling it multiple times for the same pointer, or dereferencing a pointer after the memory it points to has been freed.
- C++ has tools like smart pointers (unique\_ptr, shared\_ptr) that take advantage of language guarantees about calling destructors to ensure memory is freed when a function returns. It is still quite easy to mis-use these tools and create similar bugs to C.
- Java, Go, and Python rely on the garbage collector to identify memory that is no longer reachable and discard it. This guarantees that any pointer can be dereferenced, eliminating use-after-free and other classes of bugs. But, GC has a runtime cost and is difficult to tune properly.

Rust's ownership and borrowing model can, in many cases, get the performance of C, with alloc and free operations precisely where they are required – zero cost. It also provides tools similar to C++'s smart pointers. When required, other options such as reference counting are available, and there are even third-party crates available to support runtime garbage collection (not covered in this class).

### Ownership

All variable bindings have a *scope* where they are valid and it is an error to use a variable outside its scope:

```
,editable,compile_fail
struct Point(i32, i32);
fn main() {
    {
        {
            let p = Point(3, 4);
            println!("x: {}", p.0);
        }
        println!("y: {}", p.1);
}
```

We say that the variable owns the value. Every Rust value has precisely one owner at all times.

At the end of the scope, the variable is *dropped* and the data is freed. A destructor can run here to free up resources.

Students familiar with garbage-collection implementations will know that a garbage collector starts with a set of "roots" to find all reachable memory. Rust's "single owner" principle is a similar idea.

#### **Move semantics**

An assignment will transfer ownership between variables:

```
,editable
fn main() {
    let s1: String = String::from("Hello!");
    let s2: String = s1;
    println!("s2: {s2}");
    // println!("s1: {s1}");
}
```

• The assignment of s1 to s2 transfers ownership.

• When s1 goes out of scope, nothing happens: it does not own anything.

• When s2 goes out of scope, the string data is freed.

Before move to s2:

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#### After move to s2:

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```
: | capacity | 4 | :
: +----+ :
: : :
```

When you pass a value to a function, the value is assigned to the function parameter. This transfers ownership:

```
,editable
fn say_hello(name: String) {
    println!("Hello {name}")
}
fn main() {
    let name = String::from("Alice");
    say_hello(name);
    // say_hello(name);
}
```

- Mention that this is the opposite of the defaults in C++, which copies by value unless you use std::move (and the move constructor is defined!).
- It is only the ownership that moves. Whether any machine code is generated to manipulate the data itself is a matter of optimization, and such copies are aggressively optimized away.
- Simple values (such as integers) can be marked Copy (see later slides).
- In Rust, clones are explicit (by using clone).

In the say\_hello example:

- With the first call to say\_hello, main gives up ownership of name. Afterwards, name cannot be used anymore within main.
- The heap memory allocated for name will be freed at the end of the say\_hello function.
- main can retain ownership if it passes name as a reference (&name) and if say\_hello accepts a reference as a parameter.
- Alternatively, main can pass a clone of name in the first call (name.clone()).
- Rust makes it harder than C++ to inadvertently create copies by making move semantics the default, and by forcing programmers to make clones explicit.

#### More to Explore

Modern C++ solves this differently:

```
++
std::string s1 = "Cpp";
std::string s2 = s1; // Duplicate the data in s1.
```

- The heap data from s1 is duplicated and s2 gets its own independent copy.
- When s1 and s2 go out of scope, they each free their own memory.

Before copy-assignment:

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:  len   3	:	: ++ :
:   capacity   3	:	: :
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:	:	`
<b>`</b>	'	

#### After copy-assignment:

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:	len		3	:	: ++ :
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### Key points:

• C++ has made a slightly different choice than Rust. Because = copies data, the string data has to be cloned. Otherwise we would get a double-free when either string goes out of scope.

- C++ also has std::move, which is used to indicate when a value may be moved from. If the example had been s2 = std::move(s1), no heap allocation would take place. After the move, s1 would be in a valid but unspecified state. Unlike Rust, the programmer is allowed to keep using s1.
- Unlike Rust, = in C++ can run arbitrary code as determined by the type which is being copied or moved.

#### Clone

Sometimes you want to make a copy of a value. The Clone trait accomplishes this.

```
,editable
#[derive(Default)]
struct Backends {
    hostnames: Vec<String>,
    weights: Vec<f64>,
}
impl Backends {
    fn set_hostnames(&mut self, hostnames: &Vec<String>) {
        self.hostnames = hostnames.clone();
        self.weights = hostnames.iter().map(|_| 1.0).collect();
    }
}
```

The idea of Clone is to make it easy to spot where heap allocations are occurring. Look for .clone() and a few others like Vec::new or Box::new.

It's common to "clone your way out" of problems with the borrow checker, and return later to try to optimize those clones away.

# **Copy Types**

# **Copy Types**

While move semantics are the default, certain types are copied by default:

```
,editable
fn main() {
    let x = 42;
    let y = x;
    println!("x: {x}"); // would not be accessible if not Copy
    println!("y: {y}");
}
```

These types implement the Copy trait.

You can opt-in your own types to use copy semantics:

```
,editable
#[derive(Copy, Clone, Debug)]
struct Point(i32, i32);
fn main() {
    let p1 = Point(3, 4);
    let p2 = p1;
    println!("p1: {p1:?}");
    println!("p2: {p2:?}");
}
```

- After the assignment, both p1 and p2 own their own data.
- We can also use pl.clone() to explicitly copy the data.

Copying and cloning are not the same thing:

- · Copying refers to bitwise copies of memory regions and does not work on arbitrary objects.
- Copying does not allow for custom logic (unlike copy constructors in C++).
- Cloning is a more general operation and also allows for custom behavior by implementing the Clone trait.
- Copying does not work on types that implement the Drop trait.

In the above example, try the following:

- Add a String field to struct Point. It will not compile because String is not a Copy type.
- Remove Copy from the derive attribute. The compiler error is now in the println! for pl.
- Show that it works if you clone p1 instead.

### Drop

Values which implement Drop can specify code to run when they go out of scope:

```
,editable
struct Droppable {
    name: &'static str,
}
impl Drop for Droppable {
    fn drop(&mut self) {
        println!("Dropping {}", self.name);
    }
}
fn main() {
    let a = Droppable { name: "a" };
    {
        let b = Droppable { name: "b" };
        {
            let c = Droppable { name: "c" };
            let d = Droppable { name: "d" };
            println!("Exiting block B");
        }
        println!("Exiting block A");
    }
    drop(a);
    println!("Exiting main");
}
```

- Note that std::mem::drop is not the same as std::ops::Drop::drop.
- · Values are automatically dropped when they go out of scope.
- When a value is dropped, if it implements std::ops::Drop then its Drop::drop implementation will be called.
- All its fields will then be dropped too, whether or not it implements Drop.
- std::mem::drop is just an empty function that takes any value. The significance is that it takes ownership of the value, so at the end of its scope it gets dropped. This makes it a convenient way to explicitly drop values earlier than they would otherwise go out of scope.- This can be useful for objects that do some work on drop: releasing locks, closing files, etc.

### Discussion points:

- Why doesn't Drop::drop take self?- Short-answer: If it did, std::mem::drop would be called at the end of the block, resulting in another call to Drop::drop, and a stack overflow!
- Try replacing drop(a) with a.drop().

#### **Exercise: Builder Type**

In this example, we will implement a complex data type that owns all of its data. We will use the "builder pattern" to support building a new value piece-by-piece, using convenience functions.

Fill in the missing pieces.

```
,should_panic,editable
#[derive(Debug)]
enum Language {
    Rust,
    Java,
    Perl,
}
#[derive(Clone, Debug)]
struct Dependency {
    name: String,
    version_expression: String,
}
/// A representation of a software package.
#[derive(Debug)]
struct Package {
    name: String,
    version: String,
    authors: Vec<String>,
    dependencies: Vec<Dependency>,
    language: Option<Language>,
}
impl Package {
    fn as_dependency(&self) -> Dependency {
        todo!("1")
    }
}
/// A builder for a Package. Use `build()` to create the `Package` itself.
struct PackageBuilder(Package);
impl PackageBuilder {
    fn new(name: impl Into<String>) -> Self {
        todo!("2")
    }
    /// Set the package version.
```

```
fn version(mut self, version: impl Into<String>) -> Self {
        self.0.version = version.into();
        self
    }
    /// Set the package authors.
    fn authors(mut self, authors: Vec<String>) -> Self {
        todo!("3")
    }
    /// Add an additional dependency.
    fn dependency(mut self, dependency: Dependency) -> Self {
        todo!("4")
    }
    /// Set the language. If not set, language defaults to None.
    fn language(mut self, language: Language) -> Self {
        todo!("5")
    }
    fn build(self) -> Package {
        self.0
    }
}
fn main() {
    let base64 = PackageBuilder::new("base64").version("0.13").build();
    println!("base64: {base64:?}");
    let log = PackageBuilder::new("base64")
        .version("0.4")
        .language(Language::Rust)
        .build();
    println!("log: {log:?}");
    let serde = PackageBuilder::new("hawk")
        .authors(vec!["djmitche".into()])
        .version(String::from("4.0"))
        .dependency(base64.as_dependency())
        .dependency(log.as_dependency())
        .build();
    println!("serde: {serde:?}");
```

```
}
```

### Solution

```
,editable
#[derive(Debug)]
enum Language {
```

```
Rust,
    Java.
    Perl,
}
#[derive(Clone, Debug)]
struct Dependency {
    name: String,
    version_expression: String,
}
/// A representation of a software package.
#[derive(Debug)]
struct Package {
    name: String,
    version: String,
    authors: Vec<String>,
    dependencies: Vec<Dependency>,
    language: Option<Language>,
}
impl Package {
    fn as dependency(&self) -> Dependency {
        Dependency {
            name: self.name.clone(),
            version_expression: self.version.clone(),
        }
    }
}
/// A builder for a Package. Use `build()` to create the `Package` itself.
struct PackageBuilder(Package);
impl PackageBuilder {
    fn new(name: impl Into<String>) -> Self {
        Self(Package {
            name: name.into(),
            version: "0.1".into(),
            authors: vec![],
            dependencies: vec![],
            language: None,
        })
    }
    /// Set the package version.
    fn version(mut self, version: impl Into<String>) -> Self {
        self.0.version = version.into();
```

```
self
    }
    /// Set the package authors.
    fn authors(mut self, authors: Vec<String>) -> Self {
        self.0.authors = authors;
        self
    }
    /// Add an additional dependency.
    fn dependency(mut self, dependency: Dependency) -> Self {
        self.0.dependencies.push(dependency);
        self
    }
    /// Set the language. If not set, language defaults to None.
    fn language(mut self, language: Language) -> Self {
        self.0.language = Some(language);
        self
    }
    fn build(self) -> Package {
        self.0
    }
}
fn main() {
    let base64 = PackageBuilder::new("base64").version("0.13").build();
    println!("base64: {base64:?}");
    let log = PackageBuilder::new("base64")
        .version("0.4")
        .language(Language::Rust)
        .build();
    println!("log: {log:?}");
    let serde = PackageBuilder::new("hawk")
        .authors(vec!["djmitche".into()])
        .version(String::from("4.0"))
        .dependency(base64.as_dependency())
        .dependency(log.as_dependency())
        .build();
    println!("serde: {serde:?}");
}
```

# **Smart Pointers**

In this segment:

- Box (10 minutes)
- <u>Rc</u> (5 minutes)
- Exercise: Binary Tree (30 minutes)

This segment should take about 45 minutes

### Box

Box is an owned pointer to data on the heap:

```
,editable
fn main() {
  let five = Box::new(5);
  println!("five: {}", *five);
}
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                       :
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:
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```

Box<T> implements Deref<Target = T>, which means that you can <u>call methods from T directly</u> <u>On a Box<T></u>.

Recursive data types or data types with dynamic sizes need to use a Box:

```
,editable
#[derive(Debug)]
enum List<T> {
    Cons(T, Box<List<T>>),
    Nil,
}
fn main() {
```

```
let list: List<i32> = List::Cons(1, Box::new(List::Cons(2, Box::new(List::Nil))));
println!("{list:?}");
```

}

```
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 | Cons | 1 | 0--+---+--->| Cons | 2 | 0--+-->| Nil | // | // | :
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```

- Box is like std::unique\_ptr in C++, except that it's guaranteed to be not null.
- In the above example, you can even leave out the \* in the println! statement thanks to Deref.
- A Box can be useful when you:
- have a type whose size that can't be known at compile time, but the Rust compiler wants to know an exact size.
- want to transfer ownership of a large amount of data. To avoid copying large amounts of data on the stack, instead store the data on the heap in a Box so only the pointer is moved.
- If Box was not used and we attempted to embed a List directly into the List, the compiler would not compute a fixed size of the struct in memory (List would be of infinite size).
- Box solves this problem as it has the same size as a regular pointer and just points at the next element of the List in the heap.
- Remove the Box in the List definition and show the compiler error. "Recursive with indirection" is a hint you might want to use a Box or reference of some kind, instead of storing a value directly.

#### More to Explore

```
,editable
#[derive(Debug)]
enum List<T> {
    Cons(T, Box<List<T>>),
    Nil,
}
fn main() {
    let list: List<i32> = List::Cons(1, Box::new(List::Cons(2, Box::new(List::Nil))));
```

```
println!("{list:?}");
```

}

A Box cannot be empty, so the pointer is always valid and non-null. This allows the compiler to optimize the memory layout:

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: +	++	:	: ++ ++ :
:		:	: :
:		:	: :
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### Rc

Rc is a reference-counted shared pointer. Use this when you need to refer to the same data from multiple places:

```
,editable
use std::rc::Rc;
fn main() {
    let mut a = Rc::new(10);
    let mut b = Rc::clone(&a);
    println!("a: {a}");
    println!("b: {b}");
}
```

- See Arc and Mutex if you are in a multi-threaded context.
  - You can *downgrade* a shared pointer into a Weak pointer to create cycles that will get dropped.
  - Rc's count ensures that its contained value is valid for as long as there are references.
  - Rc in Rust is like std::shared\_ptr in C++.
  - Rc::clone is cheap: it creates a pointer to the same allocation and increases the reference count. Does not make a deep clone and can generally be ignored when looking for performance issues in code.
  - make\_mut actually clones the inner value if necessary ("clone-on-write") and returns a mutable reference.
  - Use Rc::strong\_count to check the reference count.
  - Rc::downgrade gives you a *weakly reference-counted* object to create cycles that will be dropped properly (likely in combination with RefCell, on the next slide).

### **Exercise: Binary Tree**

A binary tree is a tree-type data structure where every node has two children (left and right). We will create a tree where each node stores a value. For a given node N, all nodes in a N's left subtree contain smaller values, and all nodes in N's right subtree will contain larger values.

Implement the following types, so that the given tests pass.

```
,editable
#[derive(Debug)]
struct BinaryTreeNode<T: Ord + Copy> {
    value: T,
    left: BinaryTree<T>,
    right: BinaryTree<T>,
}
/// A container storing a set of values, using a binary tree.
///
/// If the same value is added multiple times, it is only stored once.
#[derive(Debug)]
pub struct BinaryTree<T: Ord + Copy>(Option<Box<BinaryTreeNode<T>>>);
// Implement `new`, `insert`, and `has`.
#[cfg(test)]
mod test {
   use super::*;
    #[test]
    fn len() {
        let mut tree = BinaryTree::new();
        assert_eq!(tree.len(), 0);
        tree.insert(2);
        assert_eq!(tree.len(), 1);
        tree.insert(1);
        assert_eq!(tree.len(), 2);
        tree.insert(2); // not a unique item
        assert_eq!(tree.len(), 2);
    }
    #[test]
    fn has() {
        let mut tree = BinaryTree::new();
        fn check has(tree: &BinaryTree<i32>, exp: &[bool]) {
            let got: Vec<bool> = (0..exp.len()).map(|i| tree.has(i as i32)).collect();
            assert_eq!(&got, exp);
```

```
}
    check_has(&tree, &[false, false, false, false, false]);
    tree.insert(0);
    check_has(&tree, &[true, false, false, false, false]);
    tree.insert(4);
    check_has(&tree, &[true, false, false, false, true]);
    tree.insert(4);
    check_has(&tree, &[true, false, false, false, true]);
    tree.insert(3);
    check has(&tree, &[true, false, false, true, true]);
}
#[test]
fn unbalanced() {
    let mut tree = BinaryTree::new();
    for i in 0..100 {
        tree.insert(i);
    }
    assert eq!(tree.len(), 100);
    assert!(tree.has(50));
}
```

Extra Credit: implement an iterator over a binary tree that returns the values in order.

#### Solution

}

```
,editable
#[derive(Debug)]
struct BinaryTreeNode<T: Ord + Copy> {
    value: T,
    left: BinaryTree<T>,
    right: BinaryTree<T>,
}
/// A container storing a set of values, using a binary tree.
///
/// If the same value is added multiple times, it is only stored once.
#[derive(Debug)]
pub struct BinaryTree<T: Ord + Copy>(Option<Box<BinaryTreeNode<T>>>);
impl<T: Ord + Copy> BinaryTree<T> {
    fn new() -> Self {
        Self(None)
    }
```

```
fn insert(&mut self, value: T) {
        match &mut self.0 {
            None => {
                self.0 = Some(Box::new(BinaryTreeNode {
                    value,
                     left: BinaryTree::new(),
                     right: BinaryTree::new(),
                }));
            }
            Some(ref mut n) => {
                if value < n.value {</pre>
                     n.left.insert(value);
                } else if value > n.value {
                    n.right.insert(value);
                }
            }
        }
    }
    fn has(&self, value: T) -> bool {
        match &self.0 {
            None => false,
            Some(n) \Rightarrow {
                if value == n.value {
                    true
                } else if value < n.value {</pre>
                     n.left.has(value)
                } else {
                     n.right.has(value)
                }
            }
        }
    }
    fn len(&self) -> usize {
        match &self.0 {
            None => 0,
            Some(n) => 1 + n.left.len() + n.right.len(),
        }
    }
fn main() {
    let mut tree = BinaryTree::new();
    tree.insert("foo");
    assert_eq!(tree.len(), 1);
    tree.insert("bar");
```

}

```
assert!(tree.has("foo"));
}
#[cfg(test)]
mod test {
    use super::*;
    #[test]
    fn len() {
        let mut tree = BinaryTree::new();
        assert eq!(tree.len(), 0);
        tree.insert(2);
        assert eq!(tree.len(), 1);
        tree.insert(1);
        assert_eq!(tree.len(), 2);
        tree.insert(2); // not a unique item
        assert_eq!(tree.len(), 2);
    }
    #[test]
    fn has() {
        let mut tree = BinaryTree::new();
        fn check has(tree: &BinaryTree<i32>, exp: &[bool]) {
            let got: Vec<bool> = (0..exp.len()).map(|i| tree.has(i as i32)).collect();
            assert eq!(&qot, exp);
        }
        check_has(&tree, &[false, false, false, false, false]);
        tree.insert(0);
        check has(&tree, &[true, false, false, false, false]);
        tree.insert(4);
        check_has(&tree, &[true, false, false, false, true]);
        tree.insert(4);
        check_has(&tree, &[true, false, false, false, true]);
        tree.insert(3);
        check has(&tree, &[true, false, false, true, true]);
    }
    #[test]
    fn unbalanced() {
        let mut tree = BinaryTree::new();
        for i in 0..100 {
            tree.insert(i);
        }
        assert_eq!(tree.len(), 100);
        assert!(tree.has(50));
```

Day 3: Morning

} }

# Day 3: Afternoon

## Welcome

In this session:

- Borrowing (1 hour)
- <u>Slices and Lifetimes</u> (1 hour and 10 minutes)

Including 10 minute breaks, this session should take about 2 hours and 20 minutes

### Borrowing

In this segment:

- <u>Borrowing a Value</u> (10 minutes)
- Borrow Checking (10 minutes)
- Interior Mutability (10 minutes)
- Exercise: Health Statistics (30 minutes)

This segment should take about 1 hour

#### **Borrowing a Value**

As we saw before, instead of transferring ownership when calling a function, you can let a function *borrow* the value:

```
,editable
#[derive(Debug)]
struct Point(i32, i32);
fn add(pl: &Point, p2: &Point) -> Point {
    Point(pl.0 + p2.0, pl.1 + p2.1)
}
fn main() {
    let p1 = Point(3, 4);
    let p2 = Point(10, 20);
    let p3 = add(&p1, &p2);
    println!("{p1:?} + {p2:?} = {p3:?}");
}
```

- The add function borrows two points and returns a new point.
- The caller retains ownership of the inputs.

This slide is a review of the material on references from day 1, expanding slightly to include function arguments and return values.

#### More to Explore

Notes on stack returns:

 Demonstrate that the return from add is cheap because the compiler can eliminate the copy operation. Change the above code to print stack addresses and run it on the Playground or look at the assembly in <u>Godbolt</u>. In the "DEBUG" optimization level, the addresses should change, while they stay the same when changing to the "RELEASE" setting:

```
,editable
#[derive(Debug)]
struct Point(i32, i32);
fn add(p1: &Point, p2: &Point) -> Point {
    let p = Point(p1.0 + p2.0, p1.1 + p2.1);
    println!("&p.0: {:p}", &p.0);
    p
}
pub fn main() {
    let p1 = Point(3, 4);
    let p2 = Point(10, 20);
    let p3 = add(&p1, &p2);
    println!("&p3.0: {:p}", &p3.0);
    println!("{p1:?} + {p2:?} = {p3:?}");
}
```

• The Rust compiler can do return value optimization (RVO).

 In C++, copy elision has to be defined in the language specification because constructors can have side effects. In Rust, this is not an issue at all. If RVO did not happen, Rust will always perform a simple and efficient memcpy copy.

#### **Borrow Checking**

Rust's *borrow checker* puts constraints on the ways you can borrow values. For a given value, at any time:

- · You can have one or more shared references to the value, or
- You can have exactly one exclusive reference to the value.

```
,editable,compile_fail
fn main() {
    let mut a: i32 = 10;
    let b: &i32 = &a;
    {
        let c: &mut i32 = &mut a;
        *c = 20;
    }
    println!("a: {a}");
    println!("b: {b}");
}
```

- Note that the requirement is that conflicting references not *exist* at the same point. It does not matter where the reference is dereferenced.
- The above code does not compile because a is borrowed as mutable (through c) and as immutable (through b) at the same time.
- Move the println! statement for b before the scope that introduces c to make the code compile.
- After that change, the compiler realizes that b is only ever used before the new mutable borrow of a through c. This is a feature of the borrow checker called "non-lexical lifetimes".
- The exclusive reference constraint is quite strong. Rust uses it to ensure that data races do not occur. Rust also *relies* on this constraint to optimize codes. For example, a value behind a shared reference can be safely cached in a register for the lifetime of that reference.
- The borrow checker is designed to accommodate many common patterns, such as taking exclusive references to different fields in a struct at the same time. But, there are some situations where it doesn't quite "get it" and this often results in "fighting with the borrow checker."

#### **Interior Mutability**

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Rust provides a few safe means of modifying a value given only a shared reference to that value. All of these replace copmile-time checks with runtime checks.

#### Cell and RefCell

<u>Cell</u> and <u>RefCell</u> implement what Rust calls *interior mutability:* mutation of values in an immutable context.

Cell is typically used for simple types, as it requires copying or moving values. More complex interior types typically use RefCell, which tracks shared and exclusive references at runtime and panics if they are misused.

```
,editable
use std::cell::RefCell;
use std::rc::Rc;
#[derive(Debug, Default)]
struct Node {
    value: i64,
    children: Vec<Rc<RefCell<Node>>>,
}
impl Node {
    fn new(value: i64) -> Rc<RefCell<Node>> {
        Rc::new(RefCell::new(Node { value, ..Node::default() }))
    }
    fn sum(\&self) -> i64 {
        self.value + self.children.iter().map(|c| c.borrow().sum()).sum::<i64>()
    }
}
fn main() {
    let root = Node::new(1);
    root.borrow_mut().children.push(Node::new(5));
    let subtree = Node::new(10);
    subtree.borrow_mut().children.push(Node::new(11));
    subtree.borrow_mut().children.push(Node::new(12));
    root.borrow_mut().children.push(subtree);
    println!("graph: {root:#?}");
```

```
println!("graph sum: {}", root.borrow().sum());
```

- }
- If we were using Cell instead of RefCell in this example, we would have to move the Node out of the Rc to push children, then move it back in. This is safe because there's always one, unreferenced value in the cell, but it's not ergonomic.
- To do anything with a Node, you must call a RefCell method, usually borrow or borrow\_mut.
- Demonstrate that reference loops can be created by adding root to subtree.children (don't try to print it!).
- To demonstrate a runtime panic, add a fn inc(&mut self) that increments self.value and calls the same method on its children. This will panic in the presence of the reference loop, with thread 'main' panicked at 'already borrowed: BorrowMutError'.

#### **Exercise: Health Statistics**

You're working on implementing a health-monitoring system. As part of that, you need to keep track of users' health statistics.

You'll start with some stubbed functions in an impl block as well as a User struct definition. Your goal is to implement the stubbed out methods on the User struct defined in the impl block.

Copy the code below to <u>https://play.rust-lang.org/</u> and fill in the missing methods:

```
// TODO: remove this when you're done with your implementation.
#![allow(unused_variables, dead_code)]
#![allow(dead code)]
pub struct User {
    name: String,
    age: u32,
    height: f32,
    visit count: usize,
    last_blood_pressure: Option<(u32, u32)>,
}
pub struct Measurements {
    height: f32,
    blood pressure: (u32, u32),
}
pub struct HealthReport<'a> {
    patient name: &'a str,
    visit_count: u32,
    height_change: f32,
    blood_pressure_change: Option<(i32, i32)>,
}
impl User {
    pub fn new(name: String, age: u32, height: f32) -> Self {
        Self {
            name,
            age,
            height,
            visit count: 0,
            last_blood_pressure: None,
        }
    }
```

```
pub fn visit doctor(&mut self, measurements: Measurements) -> HealthReport {
        todo!("Update a user's statistics based on measurements from a visit to the
doctor")
    }
}
fn main() {
    let bob = User::new(String::from("Bob"), 32, 155.2);
    println!("I'm {} and my age is {}", bob.name, bob.age);
}
#[test]
fn test visit() {
    let mut bob = User::new(String::from("Bob"), 32, 155.2);
    assert_eq!(bob.visit_count, 0);
    let report = bob.visit doctor(Measurements {
        height: 156.1,
        blood_pressure: (120, 80),
    });
    assert eq!(report.patient name, "Bob");
    assert eq!(report.visit count, 1);
    assert_eq!(report.blood_pressure_change, None);
    let report = bob.visit_doctor(Measurements {
        height: 156.1,
        blood_pressure: (115, 76),
    });
    assert eq!(report.visit count, 2);
    assert_eq!(report.blood_pressure_change, Some((-5, -4)));
}
```

### Solution

```
,editable
#![allow(dead_code)]
pub struct User {
    name: String,
    age: u32,
    height: f32,
    visit_count: usize,
    last_blood_pressure: Option<(u32, u32)>,
}
pub struct Measurements {
    height: f32,
```

```
blood_pressure: (u32, u32),
}
pub struct HealthReport<'a> {
    patient_name: &'a str,
    visit_count: u32,
    height_change: f32,
    blood_pressure_change: Option<(i32, i32)>,
}
impl User {
    pub fn new(name: String, age: u32, height: f32) -> Self {
        Self {
            name,
            age,
            height,
            visit_count: 0,
            last_blood_pressure: None,
        }
    }
    pub fn visit_doctor(&mut self, measurements: Measurements) -> HealthReport {
        self.visit count += 1;
        let bp = measurements.blood_pressure;
        let report = HealthReport {
            patient_name: &self.name,
            visit_count: self.visit_count as u32,
            height_change: measurements.height - self.height,
            blood pressure change: match self.last blood pressure {
                Some(lbp) => {
                    Some((bp.0 as i32 - lbp.0 as i32, bp.1 as i32 - lbp.1 as i32))
                }
                None => None,
            },
        };
        self.height = measurements.height;
        self.last_blood_pressure = Some(bp);
        report
    }
}
fn main() {
    let bob = User::new(String::from("Bob"), 32, 155.2);
    println!("I'm {} and my age is {}", bob.name, bob.age);
}
#[test]
```

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fn test_visit() {
    let mut bob = User::new(String::from("Bob"), 32, 155.2);
    assert_eq!(bob.visit_count, 0);
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        blood_pressure: (120, 80),
    });
    assert_eq!(report.patient_name, "Bob");
    assert_eq!(report.visit_count, 1);
    assert_eq!(report.blood_pressure_change, None);
    let report = bob.visit_doctor(Measurements {
        height: 156.1,
        blood_pressure: (115, 76),
    });
    assert_eq!(report.visit_count, 2);
    assert_eq!(report.blood_pressure_change, Some((-5, -4)));
}
```

# **Slices and Lifetimes**

In this segment:

- Slices: &[T] (10 minutes)
- <u>String References</u> (10 minutes)
- Lifetime Annotations (10 minutes)
- Lifetime Elision (5 minutes)
- <u>Struct Lifetimes</u> (5 minutes)
- Exercise: Protobuf Parsing (30 minutes)

This segment should take about 1 hour and 10 minutes

### Slices: &[T]

A slice gives you a view into a larger collection:

```
,editable
fn main() {
    let mut a: [i32; 6] = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60];
    println!("a: {a:?}");
    let s: &[i32] = &a[2..4];
    println!("s: {s:?}");
}
```

- Slices borrow data from the sliced type.
- Question: What happens if you modify a[3] right before printing s?
- We create a slice by borrowing a and specifying the starting and ending indexes in brackets.
- If the slice starts at index 0, Rust's range syntax allows us to drop the starting index, meaning that &a[0..a.len()] and &a[..a.len()] are identical.
- The same is true for the last index, so &a[2..a.len()] and &a[2..] are identical.
- To easily create a slice of the full array, we can therefore use &a[..].
- s is a reference to a slice of i32s. Notice that the type of s (&[i32]) no longer mentions the array length. This allows us to perform computation on slices of different sizes.
- Slices always borrow from another object. In this example, a has to remain 'alive' (in scope) for at least as long as our slice.

• The question about modifying a[3] can spark an interesting discussion, but the answer is that for memory safety reasons you cannot do it through a at this point in the execution, but you can read the data from both a and s safely. It works before you created the slice, and again after the println, when the slice is no longer used. More details will be explained in the borrow checker section.

### **String References**

#### **String References**

We can now understand the two string types in Rust: &str is almost like &[char], but with its data stored in a variable-length encoding (UTF-8).

```
,editable
fn main() {
    let s1: &str = "World";
    println!("s1: {s1}");
    let mut s2: String = String::from("Hello ");
    println!("s2: {s2}");
    s2.push_str(s1);
    println!("s2: {s2}");
    let s3: &str = &s2[6..];
    println!("s3: {s3}");
}
```

Rust terminology:

- &str an immutable reference to a string slice.
- String a mutable string buffer.
- &str introduces a string slice, which is an immutable reference to UTF-8 encoded string data stored in a block of memory. String literals ("Hello"), are stored in the program's binary.
- Rust's String type is a wrapper around a vector of bytes. As with a Vec<T>, it is owned.
- As with many other types String::from() creates a string from a string literal; String::new() creates a new empty string, to which string data can be added using the push() and push\_str() methods.
- The format!() macro is a convenient way to generate an owned string from dynamic values. It accepts the same format specification as println!().
- You can borrow &str slices from String via & and optionally range selection. If you select a byte range that is not aligned to character boundaries, the expression will panic. The chars iterator iterates over characters and is preferred over trying to get character boundaries right.
- For C++ programmers: think of &str as const char\* from C++, but the one that always points to a valid string in memory. Rust String is a rough equivalent of std::string from C++ (main difference: it can only contain UTF-8 encoded bytes and will never use a small-string optimization).

• Byte strings literals allow you to create a &[u8] value directly:

```
,editable
fn main() {
    println!("{:?}", b"abc");
    println!("{:?}", &[97, 98, 99]);
}
```

### **Lifetime Annotations**

A reference has a *lifetime*, which must "outlive" the value it refers to. This is verified by the borrow checker.

The lifetime can be implicit - this is what we have seen so far. Lifetimes can also be explicit: &'a Point, &'document str. Lifetimes start with ' and 'a is a typical default name. Read &'a Point as "a borrowed Point which is valid for at least the lifetime a".

Lifetimes are always inferred by the compiler: you cannot assign a lifetime yourself. Explicit lifetime annotations create constraints where there is ambiguity; the compiler verifies that there is a valid solution.

Lifetimes become more complicated when considering passing values to and returning values from functions.

```
,compile_fail
#[derive(Debug)]
struct Point(i32, i32);
fn left_most(p1: &Point, p2: &Point) -> &Point {
    if p1.0 < p2.0 { p1 } else { p2 }
}
fn main() {
    let p1: Point = Point(10, 10);
    let p2: Point = Point(20, 20);
    let p3 = left_most(&p1, &p2); // What is the lifetime of p3?
    println!("p3: {p3:?}");
}</pre>
```

In this example, the the compiler does not know what lifetime to infer for p3. Looking inside the function body shows that it can only safely assume that p3's lifetime is the shorter of p1 and p2. But just like types, Rust requires explicit annotations of lifetimes on function arguments and return values.

Add 'a appropriately to left\_most:
,ignore
fn left\_most<'a>(p1: &'a Point, p2: &'a Point) -> &'a Point {

This says, "given p1 and p2 which both outlive 'a, the return value lives for at least 'a.

In common cases, lifetimes can be elided, as described on the next slide.

### **Lifetime Elision**

Lifetimes for function arguments and return values must be fully specified, but Rust allows lifetimes to be elided in most cases with <u>a few simple rules</u>. This is not inference – it is just a syntactic shorthand.

- Each argument which does not have a lifetime annotation is given one.
- If there is only one argument lifetime, it is given to all un-annotated return values.
- If there are multiple argument lifetimes, but the first one is for self, that lifetime is given to all un-annotated return values.

```
.editable
#[derive(Debug)]
struct Point(i32, i32);
fn cab_distance(p1: &Point, p2: &Point) -> i32 {
    (p1.0 - p2.0).abs() + (p1.1 - p2.1).abs()
}
fn nearest<'a>(points: &'a [Point], query: &Point) -> Option<&'a Point> {
    let mut nearest = None;
    for p in points {
        if let Some((_, nearest_dist)) = nearest {
            let dist = cab distance(p, query);
            if dist < nearest_dist {</pre>
                nearest = Some((p, dist));
            }
        } else {
            nearest = Some((p, cab_distance(p, query)));
        };
    }
    nearest.map(|(p, _)| p)
}
fn main() {
    println!(
        "{:?}",
        nearest(
            &[Point(1, 0), Point(1, 0), Point(-1, 0), Point(0, -1),],
            &Point(0, 2)
        )
    );
}
```

In this example, cab\_distance is trivially elided.

The nearest function provides another example of a function with multiple references in its arguments that requires explicit annotation.

Try adjusting the signature to "lie" about the lifetimes returned:

```
,ignore
fn nearest<'a>(points: &'a [Point], query: &'q Point) -> Option<&'q Point> {
```

This won't compile, demonstrating that the annotations are checked for validity by the compiler. Note that this is not the case for raw pointers (unsafe), and this is a common source of errors with unsafe Rust.

### **Struct Lifetimes**

If a data type stores borrowed data, it must be annotated with a lifetime:

```
,editable
#[derive(Debug)]
struct Highlight<'doc>(&'doc str);
fn erase(text: String) {
    println!("Bye {text}!");
}
fn main() {
    let text = String::from("The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.");
    let fox = Highlight(&text[4..19]);
    let dog = Highlight(&text[35..43]);
    // erase(text);
    println!("{fox:?}");
    println!("{dog:?}");
}
```

- In the above example, the annotation on Highlight enforces that the data underlying the contained &str lives at least as long as any instance of Highlight that uses that data.
- If text is consumed before the end of the lifetime of fox (or dog), the borrow checker throws an error.
- Types with borrowed data force users to hold on to the original data. This can be useful for creating lightweight views, but it generally makes them somewhat harder to use.
- · When possible, make data structures own their data directly.
- Some structs with multiple references inside can have more than one lifetime annotation. This can be necessary if there is a need to describe lifetime relationships between the references themselves, in addition to the lifetime of the struct itself. Those are very advanced use cases.

### **Exercise: Protobuf Parsing**

In this exercise, you will build a parser for the <u>protobul binary encoding</u>. Don't worry, it's simpler than it seems! This illustrates a common parsing pattern, passing slices of data. The underlying data itself is never copied.

Fully parsing a protobul message requires knowing the types of the fields, indexed by their field numbers. That is typically provided in a proto file. In this exercise, we'll encode that information into match statements in functions that get called for each field.

We'll use the following proto:

```
message PhoneNumber {
   optional string number = 1;
   optional string type = 2;
}
message Person {
   optional string name = 1;
   optional int32 id = 2;
   repeated PhoneNumber phones = 3;
}
```

A proto message is encoded as a series of fields, one after the next. Each is implemented as a "tag" followed by the value. The tag contains a field number (e.g., 2 for the id field of a Person message) and a wire type defining how the payload should be determined from the byte stream.

Integers, including the tag, are represented with a variable-length encoding called VARINT. Luckily, parse\_varint is defined for you below. The given code also defines callbacks to handle Person and PhoneNumber fields, and to parse a message into a series of calls to those callbacks.

What remains for you is to implement the parse\_field function.

```
,editable,compile_fail
use std::convert::TryFrom;
use thiserror::Error;
#[derive(Debug, Error)]
enum Error {
    #[error("Invalid varint")]
    InvalidVarint,
    #[error("Invalid wire-type")]
```

```
InvalidWireType,
    #[error("Unexpected EOF")]
    UnexpectedEOF,
    #[error("Invalid length")]
    InvalidSize(#[from] std::num::TryFromIntError),
    #[error("Unexpected wire-type)")]
    UnexpectedWireType,
    #[error("Invalid string (not UTF-8)")]
    InvalidString,
}
/// A wire type as seen on the wire.
enum WireType {
    /// The Varint WireType indicates the value is a single VARINT.
    Varint.
   //I64, -- not needed for this exercise
    /// The Len WireType indicates that the value is a length represented as a VARINT
    /// followed by exactly that number of bytes.
    Len,
    /// The I32 WireType indicates that the value is precisely 4 bytes in little-endian
order
    /// containing a 32-bit signed integer.
    I32,
}
#[derive(Debug)]
/// A field's value, typed based on the wire type.
enum FieldValue<'a> {
    Varint(u64),
    //I64(i64), -- not needed for this exercise
    Len(\&'a [u8]),
    I32(i32),
}
#[derive(Debug)]
/// A field, containing the field number and its value.
struct Field<'a> {
    field_num: u64,
    value: FieldValue<'a>,
}
impl TryFrom<u64> for WireType {
    type Error = Error;
    fn try_from(value: u64) -> Result<WireType, Error> {
        Ok(match value {
            0 => WireType::Varint,
```

```
//1 => WireType::I64, -- not needed for this exercise
            2 => WireType::Len,
            5 => WireType::I32,
            => return Err(Error::InvalidWireType),
        })
    }
}
impl<'a> FieldValue<'a> {
    fn as string(&self) -> Result<&'a str, Error> {
        let FieldValue::Len(data) = self else {
            return Err(Error::UnexpectedWireType);
        };
        Ok(std::str::from_utf8(data).map_err(|_| Error::InvalidString)?)
    }
    fn as bytes(&self) -> Result<&'a [u8], Error> {
        let FieldValue::Len(data) = self else {
            return Err(Error::UnexpectedWireType);
        };
        Ok(data)
    }
    fn as u64(&self) -> Result<u64, Error> {
        let FieldValue::Varint(value) = self else {
            return Err(Error::UnexpectedWireType);
        };
        0k(*value)
    }
}
/// Parse a VARINT, returning the parsed value and the remaining bytes.
fn parse varint(data: &[u8]) -> Result<(u64, &[u8]), Error> {
    for i in 0..7 {
        let Some(b) = data.get(i) else {
            return Err(Error::InvalidVarint);
        };
        if b & 0x80 == 0 {
            // This is the last byte of the VARINT, so convert it to
            // a u64 and return it.
            let mut value = 0u64;
            for b in data[..=i].iter().rev() {
                value = (value << 7) | (b \& 0x7f) as u64;
            }
            return 0k((value, &data[i + 1..]));
        }
    }
```

```
// More than 7 bytes is invalid.
    Err(Error::InvalidVarint)
}
/// Convert a tag into a field number and a WireType.
fn unpack tag(tag: u64) -> Result<(u64, WireType), Error> {
    let field num = tag >> 3;
    let wire_type = WireType::try_from(tag & 0x7)?;
    0k((field num, wire type))
}
/// Parse a field, returning the remaining bytes
fn parse field(data: &[u8]) -> Result<(Field, &[u8]), Error> {
   // 1. Read and unpack the tag.
    // 2. Based on the wire type, build a Field, consuming as many bytes as
   // necessary.
    // 3. Return the field, and any un-consumed bytes.
    todo!()
}
/// Parse a message in the given data, calling `field callback` for each field in the
message.
///
/// The entire input is consumed.
fn parse message(
    mut data: &[u8],
    field callback: impl Fn(Field) -> Result<(), Error>,
) -> Result<(), Error> {
    while !data.is empty() {
        let parsed = parse_field(data)?;
        field callback(parsed.0)?;
        data = parsed.1;
    }
    0k(())
}
fn main() {
    /// Handle a field in a Person message.
    fn person_field(field: Field) -> Result<(), Error> {
        match field.field num {
            1 => println!("name: {}", field.value.as_string()?),
            2 => println!("id: {}", field.value.as_u64()?),
            3 => {
                println!("phone:");
                parse_message(field.value.as_bytes()?, phone_number_field)?;
```

```
}
            => {} // skip everything else
        }
        0k(())
    }
    /// Handle a field in a PhoneNumber message.
    fn phone number field(field: Field) -> Result<(), Error> {
        match field.field_num {
            1 => println!(" number: {}", field.value.as string()?),
            2 => println!(" type: {}", field.value.as_string()?),
            _ => {} // skip everything else
        }
        <mark>0k(())</mark>
    }
    parse_message(
        &[
            0x0a, 0x07, 0x6d, 0x61, 0x78, 0x77, 0x65, 0x6c, 0x6c, 0x10, 0x2a, 0x1a,
0x16,
            0x0a, 0x0e, 0x2b, 0x31, 0x32, 0x30, 0x32, 0x2d, 0x35, 0x35, 0x2d,
0x31.
            0x32, 0x31, 0x32, 0x12, 0x04, 0x68, 0x6f, 0x6d, 0x65, 0x1a, 0x18, 0x0a,
0x0e,
            0x2b, 0x31, 0x38, 0x30, 0x30, 0x2d, 0x38, 0x36, 0x37, 0x2d, 0x35, 0x33,
0x30,
            0x38, 0x12, 0x06, 0x6d, 0x6f, 0x62, 0x69, 0x6c, 0x65,
        ],
        person field,
    )
    .unwrap()
}
```

#### Solution

```
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use std::convert::TryFrom;
use thiserror::Error;
#[derive(Debug, Error)]
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    InvalidVarint,
    #[error("Invalid wire-type")]
    InvalidWireType,
    #[error("Unexpected EOF")]
    UnexpectedEOF,
```

```
#[error("Invalid length")]
    InvalidSize(#[from] std::num::TryFromIntError),
    #[error("Unexpected wire-type)")]
    UnexpectedWireType,
    #[error("Invalid string (not UTF-8)")]
    InvalidString,
}
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    /// The I32 WireType indicates that the value is precisely 4 bytes in little-endian
order
    /// containing a 32-bit signed integer.
    I32,
}
#[derive(Debug)]
/// A field's value, typed based on the wire type.
enum FieldValue<'a> {
    Varint(u64),
    //I64(i64), -- not needed for this exercise
    Len(&'a [u8]),
    I32(i32),
}
#[derive(Debug)]
/// A field, containing the field number and its value.
struct Field<'a> {
    field_num: u64,
    value: FieldValue<'a>,
}
impl TryFrom<u64> for WireType {
    type Error = Error;
    fn try_from(value: u64) -> Result<WireType, Error> {
        0k(match value {
            0 => WireType::Varint,
            //1 => WireType::I64, -- not needed for this exercise
            2 => WireType::Len,
            5 => WireType::I32,
```

```
_ => return Err(Error::InvalidWireType),
        })
    }
}
impl<'a> FieldValue<'a> {
    fn as_string(&self) -> Result<&'a str, Error> {
        let FieldValue::Len(data) = self else {
            return Err(Error::UnexpectedWireType);
        };
        Ok(std::str::from utf8(data).map err(| | Error::InvalidString)?)
    }
    fn as_bytes(&self) -> Result<&'a [u8], Error> {
        let FieldValue::Len(data) = self else {
            return Err(Error::UnexpectedWireType);
        };
        0k(data)
    }
    fn as u64(&self) -> Result<u64, Error> {
        let FieldValue::Varint(value) = self else {
            return Err(Error::UnexpectedWireType);
        };
        0k(*value)
    }
}
/// Parse a VARINT, returning the parsed value and the remaining bytes.
fn parse varint(data: &[u8]) -> Result<(u64, &[u8]), Error> {
    for i in 0..7 {
        let Some(b) = data.get(i) else {
            return Err(Error::InvalidVarint);
        };
        if b & 0x80 == 0 {
            // This is the last byte of the VARINT, so convert it to
            // a u64 and return it.
            let mut value = 0u64;
            for b in data[..=i].iter().rev() {
                value = (value << 7) | (b & 0x7f) as u64;
            }
            return 0k((value, &data[i + 1..]));
        }
    }
    // More than 7 bytes is invalid.
    Err(Error::InvalidVarint)
```

}

```
/// Convert a tag into a field number and a WireType.
fn unpack tag(tag: u64) -> Result<(u64, WireType), Error> {
    let field num = tag >> 3;
    let wire_type = WireType::try_from(tag & 0x7)?;
    0k((field_num, wire_type))
}
/// Parse a field, returning the remaining bytes
fn parse field(data: &[u8]) -> Result<(Field, &[u8]), Error> {
    let (tag, remainder) = parse_varint(data)?;
    let (field num, wire type) = unpack tag(tag)?;
    let (fieldvalue, remainder) = match wire_type {
        WireType::Varint => {
            let (value, remainder) = parse varint(remainder)?;
            (FieldValue::Varint(value), remainder)
        }
        WireType::Len => {
            let (len, remainder) = parse varint(remainder)?;
            let len: usize = len.try into()?;
            if remainder.len() < len as usize {</pre>
                return Err(Error::UnexpectedEOF);
            }
            let (value, remainder) = remainder.split at(len);
            (FieldValue::Len(value), remainder)
        }
        WireType::I32 => {
            if remainder.len() < 4usize {</pre>
                return Err(Error::UnexpectedEOF);
            }
            let (value, remainder) = remainder.split_at(4);
            // Unwrap error because `value` is definitely 4 bytes long.
            let value = i32::from_le_bytes(value.try_into().unwrap());
            (FieldValue::I32(value), remainder)
        }
    };
    0k((
        Field {
            field num,
            value: fieldvalue,
        },
        remainder,
    ))
}
```

/// Parse a message in the given data, calling `field\_callback` for each field in the

```
message.
///
/// The entire input is consumed.
fn parse_message(
    mut data: &[u8],
    field_callback: impl Fn(Field) -> Result<(), Error>,
) -> Result<(), Error> {
    while !data.is empty() {
        let parsed = parse_field(data)?;
        field callback(parsed.0)?;
        data = parsed.1;
    }
    0k(())
}
fn main() {
    /// Handle a field in a Person message.
    fn person_field(field: Field) -> Result<(), Error> {
        match field.field num {
            1 => println!("name: {}", field.value.as_string()?),
            2 => println!("id: {}", field.value.as u64()?),
            3 => {
                println!("phone:");
                parse_message(field.value.as_bytes()?, phone_number_field)?;
            }
            => {} // skip everything else
        }
        0k(())
    }
    /// Handle a field in a PhoneNumber message.
    fn phone_number_field(field: Field) -> Result<(), Error> {
        match field.field num {
            1 => println!(" number: {}", field.value.as_string()?),
            2 => println!(" type: {}", field.value.as_string()?),
            _ => {} // skip everything else
        }
        0k(())
    }
    parse_message(
        &[
            0x0a, 0x07, 0x6d, 0x61, 0x78, 0x77, 0x65, 0x6c, 0x6c, 0x10, 0x2a, 0x1a,
0x16,
            0x0a, 0x0e, 0x2b, 0x31, 0x32, 0x30, 0x32, 0x2d, 0x35, 0x35, 0x35, 0x2d,
0x31,
            0x32, 0x31, 0x32, 0x12, 0x04, 0x68, 0x6f, 0x6d, 0x65, 0x1a, 0x18, 0x0a,
```

```
0x0e,
            0x2b, 0x31, 0x38, 0x30, 0x30, 0x2d, 0x38, 0x36, 0x37, 0x2d, 0x35, 0x33,
0x30.
            0x38, 0x12, 0x06, 0x6d, 0x6f, 0x62, 0x69, 0x6c, 0x65,
        ],
        person_field,
    )
    .unwrap()
}
#[cfg(test)]
mod test {
    use super::*;
    #[test]
    fn as_string() {
        assert!(FieldValue::Varint(10).as_string().is_err());
        assert!(FieldValue::I32(10).as_string().is_err());
        assert_eq!(FieldValue::Len(b"hello").as_string().unwrap(), "hello");
    }
    #[test]
    fn as bytes() {
        assert!(FieldValue::Varint(10).as_bytes().is_err());
        assert!(FieldValue::I32(10).as bytes().is err());
        assert_eq!(FieldValue::Len(b"hello").as_bytes().unwrap(), b"hello");
    }
    #[test]
    fn as u64() {
        assert eq!(FieldValue::Varint(10).as u64().unwrap(), 10u64);
        assert!(FieldValue::I32(10).as_u64().is_err());
        assert!(FieldValue::Len(b"hello").as u64().is err());
    }
}
```

Day 4: Morning

# Welcome

Today we will cover topics relating to building large-scale software in Rust:

- Iterators: a deep dive on the Iterator trait.
- · Modules and visibility.
- Testing.
- Error handling: panics, Result, and the try operator ?.
- Unsafe Rust: the escape hatch when you can't express yourself in safe Rust.

### Schedule

In this session:

- <u>Welcome</u> (3 minutes)
- Iterators (45 minutes)
- <u>Modules</u> (45 minutes)
- <u>Testing</u> (1 hour and 5 minutes)

Including 10 minute breaks, this session should take about 3 hours and 10 minutes

# Iterators

In this segment:

- <u>Iterators</u> (5 minutes)
- Intolterator (5 minutes)
- FromIterator (5 minutes)
- Exercise: Iterator Method Chaining (30 minutes)

This segment should take about 45 minutes

### Iterators

### Iterators

The Iterator trait supports iterating over values in a collection. It requires a next method and provides lots of methods. Many standard library types implement Iterator, and you can implement it yourself, too:

```
,editable
struct Fibonacci {
    curr: u32,
    next: u32,
}
impl Iterator for Fibonacci {
    type Item = u32;
    fn next(&mut self) -> Option<Self::Item> {
        let new_next = self.curr + self.next;
        self.curr = self.next;
        self.next = new_next;
        Some(self.curr)
    }
}
fn main() {
    let fib = Fibonacci { curr: 0, next: 1 };
    for (i, n) in fib.enumerate().take(5) {
        println!("fib({i}): {n}");
    }
}
```

• The Iterator trait implements many common functional programming operations over collections (e.g. map, filter, reduce, etc). This is the trait where you can find all the

documentation about them. In Rust these functions should produce the code as efficient as equivalent imperative implementations.

 IntoIterator is the trait that makes for loops work. It is implemented by collection types such as Vec<T> and references to them such as &Vec<T> and &[T]. Ranges also implement it. This is why you can iterate over a vector with for i in some\_vec { ... } but some\_vec.next() doesn't exist.

#### Intolterator

The Iterator trait tells you how to *iterate* once you have created an iterator. The related trait IntoIterator defines how to create an iterator for a type. It is used automatically by the for loop.

```
,editable
struct Grid {
    x coords: Vec<u32>,
    y_coords: Vec<u32>,
}
impl IntoIterator for Grid {
    type Item = (u32, u32);
    type IntoIter = GridIter;
    fn into_iter(self) -> GridIter {
        GridIter { grid: self, i: 0, j: 0 }
    }
}
struct GridIter {
    grid: Grid,
    i: usize,
    j: usize,
}
impl Iterator for GridIter {
    type Item = (u32, u32);
    fn next(&mut self) -> Option<(u32, u32)> {
        self.i += 1;
        if self.i >= self.grid.x_coords.len() {
            self.i = 0;
            self.j += 1;
            if self.j >= self.grid.y_coords.len() {
                return None;
            }
        }
        Some((self.grid.x_coords[self.i], self.grid.y_coords[self.j]))
    }
}
fn main() {
    let grid = Grid {
        x_coords: vec![3, 5, 7, 9],
        y_coords: vec![10, 20, 30, 40],
```

```
};
for (x, y) in grid {
    println!("point = {x}, {y}");
}
```

Click through to the docs for IntoIterator. Every implementation of IntoIterator must declare two types:

- Item: the type to iterate over, such as i8,
- IntoIter: the Iterator type returned by the into\_iter method.

Note that IntoIter and Item are linked: the iterator must have the same Item type, which means that it returns Option<Item>

The example iterates over all combinations of x and y coordinates.

Try iterating over the grid twice in main. Why does this fail? Note that IntoIterator::into\_iter takes ownership of self.

Fix this issue by implementing IntoIterator for &Grid and storing a reference to the Grid in GridIter.

The same problem can occur for standard library types: for e in some\_vector will take ownership of some\_vector and iterate over owned elements from that vector. Use for e in &some\_vector instead, to iterate over references to elements of some\_vector.

### FromIterator

FromIterator lets you build a collection from an Iterator.

```
,editable
fn main() {
    let primes = vec![2, 3, 5, 7];
    let prime_squares = primes
        .into_iter()
        .map(|prime| prime * prime)
        .collect::<Vec<_>>();
    println!("prime_squares: {prime_squares:?}");
}
```

Iterator implements

```
,ignore
fn collect<B>(self) -> B
where
    B: FromIterator<Self::Item>,
    Self: Sized
```

There are two ways to specify B for this method:

- With the "turbofish": some\_iterator.collect::<COLLECTION\_TYPE>(), as shown. The \_ shorthand used here lets Rust infer the type of the Vec elements.
- With type inference: let prime\_squares: Vec<\_> = some\_iterator.collect(). Rewrite the example to use this form.

There are basic implementations of FromIterator for Vec, HashMap, etc. There are also more specialized implementations which let you do cool things like convert an Iterator<Item = Result<V, E>> into a Result<Vec<V>, E>.

### **Exercise: Iterator Method Chaining**

In this exercise, you will need to find and use some of the provided methods in the Iterator trait to implement a complex calculation.

Copy the following code to <u>https://play.rust-lang.org/</u> and make the tests pass. Use an iterator expression and collect the result to construct the return value.

```
/// Calculate the differences between elements of `values` offset by `offset`, wrapping
/// around from the end of `values` to the beginning.
///
/// Element `n` of the result is `values[(n+offset)%len] - values[n]`.
fn offset_differences<N>(offset: usize, values: Vec<N>) -> Vec<N>
where
    N: Copy + std::ops::Sub<Output = N>,
{
    unimplemented!()
}
#[test]
fn test offset one() {
    assert_eq!(offset_differences(1, vec![1, 3, 5, 7]), vec![2, 2, 2, -6]);
    assert_eq!(offset_differences(1, vec![1, 3, 5]), vec![2, 2, -4]);
    assert eq!(offset differences(1, vec![1, 3]), vec![2, -2]);
}
#[test]
fn test larger offsets() {
    assert_eq!(offset_differences(2, vec![1, 3, 5, 7]), vec![4, 4, -4, -4]);
    assert eq!(offset differences(3, vec![1, 3, 5, 7]), vec![6, -2, -2, -2]);
    assert eq!(offset differences(4, vec![1, 3, 5, 7]), vec![0, 0, 0, 0]);
    assert_eq!(offset_differences(5, vec![1, 3, 5, 7]), vec![2, 2, 2, -6]);
}
#[test]
fn test_custom_type() {
    assert eq!(
        offset_differences(1, vec![1.0, 11.0, 5.0, 0.0]),
        vec![10.0, -6.0, -5.0, 1.0]
    );
}
#[test]
fn test degenerate cases() {
    assert eq!(offset differences(1, vec![0]), vec![0]);
    assert_eq!(offset_differences(1, vec![1]), vec![0]);
```

```
let empty: Vec<i32> = vec![];
assert_eq!(offset_differences(1, empty), vec![]);
}
```

#### Solution

```
.editable
/// Calculate the differences between elements of `values` offset by `offset`, wrapping
/// around from the end of `values` to the beginning.
111
/// Element `n` of the result is `values[(n+offset)%len] - values[n]`.
fn offset_differences<N>(offset: usize, values: Vec<N>) -> Vec<N>
where
    N: Copy + std::ops::Sub<Output = N>,
{
    let a = (&values).into iter();
    let b = (&values).into iter().cycle().skip(offset);
    a.zip(b).map(|(a, b)| *b - *a).take(values.len()).collect()
}
#[test]
fn test offset one() {
    assert eq!(offset differences(1, vec![1, 3, 5, 7]), vec![2, 2, 2, -6]);
    assert eq!(offset differences(1, vec![1, 3, 5]), vec![2, 2, -4]);
    assert_eq!(offset_differences(1, vec![1, 3]), vec![2, -2]);
}
#[test]
fn test larger offsets() {
    assert eq!(offset differences(2, vec![1, 3, 5, 7]), vec![4, 4, -4, -4]);
    assert_eq!(offset_differences(3, vec![1, 3, 5, 7]), vec![6, -2, -2, -2]);
    assert_eq!(offset_differences(4, vec![1, 3, 5, 7]), vec![0, 0, 0, 0]);
    assert eq!(offset differences(5, vec![1, 3, 5, 7]), vec![2, 2, 2, -6]);
}
#[test]
fn test custom type() {
    assert eq!(
        offset_differences(1, vec![1.0, 11.0, 5.0, 0.0]),
        vec! [10.0, -6.0, -5.0, 1.0]
    );
}
#[test]
fn test_degenerate_cases() {
    assert_eq!(offset_differences(1, vec![0]), vec![0]);
    assert_eq!(offset_differences(1, vec![1]), vec![0]);
```

```
let empty: Vec<i32> = vec![];
assert_eq!(offset_differences(1, empty), vec![]);
}
```

fn main() {}

# Modules

In this segment:

- Modules (5 minutes)
- Filesystem Hierarchy (5 minutes)
- Visibility (5 minutes)
- use, super, self (10 minutes)
- Exercise: Modules for the GUI Library (20 minutes)

This segment should take about 45 minutes

# Modules

We have seen how impl blocks let us namespace functions to a type.

Similarly, mod lets us namespace types and functions:

```
,editable
mod foo {
    pub fn do_something() {
        println!("In the foo module");
    }
}
mod bar {
    pub fn do_something() {
        println!("In the bar module");
    }
}
fn main() {
    foo::do_something();
    bar::do_something();
}
```

- Packages provide functionality and include a Cargo.toml file that describes how to build a bundle of 1+ crates.
- Crates are a tree of modules, where a binary crate creates an executable and a library crate compiles to a library.
- Modules define organization, scope, and are the focus of this section.

## **Filesystem Hierarchy**

Omitting the module content will tell Rust to look for it in another file:

```
,editable,compile_fail
mod garden;
```

This tells rust that the garden module content is found at src/garden.rs. Similarly, a garden::vegetables module can be found at src/garden/vegetables.rs.

The crate root is in:

- src/lib.rs (for a library crate)
- src/main.rs (for a binary crate)

Modules defined in files can be documented, too, using "inner doc comments". These document the item that contains them – in this case, a module.

```
,editable,compile_fail
//! This module implements the garden, including a highly performant germination
//! implementation.
// Re-export types from this module.
pub use seeds::SeedPacket;
pub use garden::Garden;
/// Sow the given seed packets.
pub fn sow(seeds: Vec<SeedPacket>) { todo!() }
/// Harvest the produce in the garden that is ready.
pub fn harvest(garden: &mut Garden) { todo!() }
```

- Before Rust 2018, modules needed to be located at module/mod.rs instead of module.rs, and this is still a working alternative for editions after 2018.
- The main reason to introduce filename.rs as alternative to filename/mod.rs was because many files named mod.rs can be hard to distinguish in IDEs.
- Deeper nesting can use folders, even if the main module is a file:

```
src/
├── main.rs
└── top_module.rs
└── top_module/
└── sub_module.rs
```

• The place rust will look for modules can be changed with a compiler directive:

```
,ignore
#[path = "some/path.rs"]
mod some_module;
```

This is useful, for example, if you would like to place tests for a module in a file named some\_module\_test.rs, similar to the convention in Go.

### Visibility

Modules are a privacy boundary:

- · Module items are private by default (hides implementation details).
- · Parent and sibling items are always visible.
- In other words, if an item is visible in module foo, it's visible in all the descendants of foo.

```
,editable
mod outer {
    fn private() {
        println!("outer::private");
    }
    pub fn public() {
        println!("outer::public");
    }
    mod inner {
        fn private() {
            println!("outer::inner::private");
        }
        pub fn public() {
            println!("outer::inner::public");
            super::private();
        }
    }
}
fn main() {
    outer::public();
}
```

• Use the pub keyword to make modules public.

Additionally, there are advanced pub(...) specifiers to restrict the scope of public visibility.

- See the <u>Rust Reference</u>.
- Configuring pub(crate) visibility is a common pattern.
- · Less commonly, you can give visibility to a specific path.
- In any case, visibility must be granted to an ancestor module (and all of its descendants).

#### use, super, self

A module can bring symbols from another module into scope with use. You will typically see something like this at the top of each module:

```
,editable
use std::collections::HashSet;
use std::process::abort;
```

### Paths

Paths are resolved as follows:

- 1. As a relative path:
- foo or self:: foo refers to foo in the current module,
- super:: foo refers to foo in the parent module.
- 1. As an absolute path:
- crate::foo refers to foo in the root of the current crate,
- bar:: foo refers to foo in the bar crate.
- It is common to "re-export" symbols at a shorter path. For example, the top-level lib.rs in a crate might have

```
,ignore
mod storage;
pub use storage::disk::DiskStorage;
pub use storage::network::NetworkStorage;
```

making DiskStorage and NetworkStorage available to other crates with a convenient, short path.

- For the most part, only items that appear in a module need to be use'd. However, a trait must be in scope to call any methods on that trait, even if a type implementing that trait is already in scope. For example, to use the read\_to\_string method on a type implementing the Read trait, you need to use std::io::Read.
- The use statement can have a wildcard: use std::io::\*. This is discouraged because it is not clear which items are imported, and those might change over time.

# **Exercise: Modules for the GUI Library**

In this exercise, you will reorganize the GUI Library exercise from the "Methods and Traits" segment of the course into a collection of modules. It is typical to put each type or set of closely-related types into its own module, so each widget type should get its own module.

If you no longer have your version, that's fine - refer back to the provided solution.

### **Cargo Setup**

The Rust playground only supports one file, so you will need to make a Cargo project on your local filesystem:

cargo init gui-modules
cd gui-modules
cargo run

Edit src/main.rs to add mod statements, and add additional files in the src directory.

Encourage students to divide the code in a way that feels natural for them, and get accustomed to the required mod, use, and pub declarations. Afterward, discuss what organizations are most idiomatic.

### Solution

```
,ignore
// ---- src/widgets.rs ----
pub trait Widget {
    /// Natural width of `self`.
    fn width(&self) -> usize;
    /// Draw the widget into a buffer.
    fn draw_into(&self, buffer: &mut dyn std::fmt::Write);
    /// Draw the widget on standard output.
    fn draw(&self) {
        let mut buffer = String::new();
        self.draw_into(&mut buffer);
        println!("{buffer}");
    }
}
pub use button::Button;
```

```
pub use label::Label;
pub use window::Window;
,ignore
// ---- src/widgets/label.rs ----
use super::Widget;
pub struct Label {
    label: String,
}
impl Label {
    pub fn new(label: &str) -> Label {
        Label {
            label: label.to owned(),
        }
    }
}
impl Widget for Label {
    fn width(&self) -> usize {
        // ANCHOR_END: Label-width
        self.label
            .lines()
            .map(|line| line.chars().count())
            .max()
            .unwrap_or(0)
    }
    // ANCHOR: Label-draw_into
    fn draw_into(&self, buffer: &mut dyn std::fmt::Write) {
        // ANCHOR_END: Label-draw_into
        writeln!(buffer, "{}", &self.label).unwrap();
    }
}
,ignore
// ---- src/widgets/button.rs ----
use super::{Label, Widget};
pub struct Button {
    label: Label,
}
impl Button {
    pub fn new(label: &str) -> Button {
        Button {
            label: Label::new(label),
        }
```

```
}
}
impl Widget for Button {
    fn width(&self) -> usize {
        // ANCHOR END: Button-width
        self.label.width() + 8 // add a bit of padding
    }
    // ANCHOR: Button-draw into
    fn draw into(&self, buffer: &mut dyn std::fmt::Write) {
        // ANCHOR_END: Button-draw_into
        let width = self.width();
        let mut label = String::new();
        self.label.draw into(&mut label);
        writeln!(buffer, "+{:-<width$}+", "").unwrap();</pre>
        for line in label.lines() {
            writeln!(buffer, "|{:^width$}|", &line).unwrap();
        }
        writeln!(buffer, "+{:-<width$}+", "").unwrap();</pre>
    }
}
,ignore
// ---- src/widgets/window.rs ----
use super::Widget;
pub struct Window {
    title: String,
    widgets: Vec<Box<dyn Widget>>,
}
impl Window {
    pub fn new(title: &str) -> Window {
        Window {
            title: title.to_owned(),
            widgets: Vec::new(),
        }
    }
    pub fn add_widget(&mut self, widget: Box<dyn Widget>) {
        self.widgets.push(widget);
    }
    fn inner_width(&self) -> usize {
        std::cmp::max(
            self.title.chars().count(),
```

```
self.widgets.iter().map(|w| w.width()).max().unwrap or(0),
        )
    }
}
impl Widget for Window {
    fn width(&self) -> usize {
        // ANCHOR END: Window-width
        // Add 4 paddings for borders
        self.inner width() + 4
    }
    // ANCHOR: Window-draw into
    fn draw into(&self, buffer: &mut dyn std::fmt::Write) {
        // ANCHOR END: Window-draw into
        let mut inner = String::new();
        for widget in &self.widgets {
            widget.draw_into(&mut inner);
        }
        let inner width = self.inner width();
        // TODO: after learning about error handling, you can change
        // draw into to return Result<(), std::fmt::Error>. Then use
        // the ?-operator here instead of .unwrap().
        writeln!(buffer, "+-{:-<inner width$}-+", "").unwrap();</pre>
        writeln!(buffer, "| {:^inner_width$} |", &self.title).unwrap();
        writeln!(buffer, "+={:=<inner_width$}=+", "").unwrap();</pre>
        for line in inner.lines() {
            writeln!(buffer, "| {:inner_width$} |", line).unwrap();
        }
        writeln!(buffer, "+-{:-<inner_width$}-+", "").unwrap();</pre>
    }
}
,ignore
// ---- src/main.rs ----
use widgets::Widget;
fn main() {
    let mut window = widgets::Window::new("Rust GUI Demo 1.23");
    window.add widget(Box::new(widgets::Label::new(
        "This is a small text GUI demo.",
    )));
    window.add widget(Box::new(widgets::Button::new("Click me!")));
    window.draw();
}
```

# Testing

In this segment:

- <u>Test Modules</u> (5 minutes)
- Other Types of Tests (10 minutes)
- Useful Crates (3 minutes)
- GoogleTest (5 minutes)
- Mocking (5 minutes)
- Compiler lints and Clippy (5 minutes)
- Exercise: Luhn Algorithm (30 minutes)

This segment should take about 1 hour and 5 minutes

# **Test Modules**

Rust and Cargo come with a simple unit test framework:

- Unit tests are supported throughout your code.
- Integration tests are supported via the tests/ directory.

Tests are marked with #[test]. Unit tests are often put in a nested tests module, using #[cfg(test)] to conditionally compile them only when building tests.

```
,editable,ignore
fn first_word(text: &str) -> &str {
    match text.find(' ') {
        Some(idx) => &text[..idx],
        None => &text,
    }
}
#[cfg(test)]
mod test {
    use super::*;
    #[test]
    fn test_empty() {
        assert_eq!(first_word(""), "");
    }
    #[test]
```

```
fn test_single_word() {
    assert_eq!(first_word("Hello"), "Hello");
}
#[test]
fn test_multiple_words() {
    assert_eq!(first_word("Hello World"), "Hello");
}
• This lets you unit test private helpers.
```

• The #[cfg(test)] attribute is only active when you run cargo test.

Run the tests in the playground in order to show their results.

# **Other Types of Tests**

#### **Integration Tests**

If you want to test your library as a client, use an integration test.

Create a .rs file under tests/:

```
,ignore
// tests/my_library.rs
use my_library::init;
#[test]
fn test_init() {
    assert!(init().is_ok());
}
```

These tests only have access to the public API of your crate.

#### **Documentation Tests**

Rust has built-in support for documentation tests:

```
/// Shortens a string to the given length.
///
/// ```
/// # use playground::shorten_string;
/// assert_eq!(shorten_string("Hello World", 5), "Hello");
/// assert_eq!(shorten_string("Hello World", 20), "Hello World");
/// ```
pub fn shorten_string(s: &str, length: usize) -> &str {
    &s[..std::cmp::min(length, s.len())]
}
```

- Code blocks in /// comments are automatically seen as Rust code.
- The code will be compiled and executed as part of cargo test.
- Adding # in the code will hide it from the docs, but will still compile/run it.
- Test the above code on the <u>Rust Playground</u>.

# **Useful Crates**

Rust comes with only basic support for writing tests.

Here are some additional crates which we recommend for writing tests:

- googletest: Comprehensive test assertion library in the tradition of GoogleTest for C++.
- proptest: Property-based testing for Rust.
- <u>rstest</u>: Support for fixtures and parameterised tests.

### GoogleTest

The GoogleTest crate allows for flexible test assertions using matchers:

```
,ignore
use googletest::prelude::*;
#[googletest::test]
fn test_elements_are() {
    let value = vec!["foo", "bar", "baz"];
    expect_that!(value, elements_are!(eq("foo"), lt("xyz"), starts_with("b")));
}
```

If we change the last element to "!", the test fails with a structured error message pin-pointing the error:

```
---- test_elements_are stdout ----
Value of: value
Expected: has elements:
0. is equal to "foo"
1. is less than "xyz"
2. starts with prefix "!"
Actual: ["foo", "bar", "baz"],
where element #2 is "baz", which does not start with "!"
at src/testing/googletest.rs:6:5
Error: See failure output above
```

- GoogleTest is not part of the Rust Playground, so you need to run this example in a local environment. Use cargo add googletest to quickly add it to an existing Cargo project.
- The use googletest::prelude::\*; line imports a number of commonly used macros and types.
- This just scratches the surface, there are many builtin matchers.
- · A particularly nice feature is that mismatches in multi-line strings strings are shown as a diff:

```
,ignore
#[test]
fn test_multiline_string_diff() {
    let haiku = "Memory safety found,\n\
        Rust's strong typing guides the way,\n\
        Secure code you'll write.";
    assert_that!(
        haiku,
        eq("Memory safety found,\n\
        Rust's silly humor guides the way,\n\
        Secure code you'll write.")
```

```
);
}
```

shows a color-coded diff (colors not shown here):

```
Value of: haiku
Expected: is equal to "Memory safety found,\nRust's silly humor guides the way,\nSecure
code you'll write."
Actual: "Memory safety found,\nRust's strong typing guides the way,\nSecure code you'll
write.",
which isn't equal to "Memory safety found,\nRust's silly humor guides the way,\nSecure
code you'll write."
Difference(-actual / +expected):
Memory safety found,
-Rust's strong typing guides the way,
+Rust's silly humor guides the way,
Secure code you'll write.
at src/testing/googletest.rs:17:5
• The crate is a Rust port of GoogleTest for C++.
```

· GoogleTest is available for use in AOSP.

# Mocking

If you want to do mocking, we recommend Mockall. You need to refactor your code to use traits, which you can then quickly mock:

```
,ignore
use std::time::Duration;
#[mockall::automock]
pub trait Pet {
    fn is_hungry(&self, since_last_meal: Duration) -> bool;
}
#[test]
fn test_robot_pet() {
    let mut mock_dog = MockPet::new();
    mock_dog.expect_is_hungry().return_const(true);
    assert_eq!(mock_dog.is_hungry(Duration::from_secs(10)), true);
}
```

 Note that mocking is controversial: mocks allow you to completely isolate a test from its dependencies. The immediate result is faster and more stable test execution. On the other hand, the mocks can be configured wrongly and return output different from what the real dependencies would do.

If at all possible, it is recommended that you use the real dependencies. As an example, many databases allow you to configure an in-memory backend. This means that you get the correct behavior in your tests, plus they are fast and will automatically clean up after themselves.

Similarly, many web frameworks allow you to start an in-process server which binds to a random port on localhost. Always prefer this over mocking away the framework since it helps you test your code in the real environment.

- Mockall is not part of the Rust Playground, so you need to run this example in a local environment. Use cargo add mockall to quickly add Mockall to an existing Cargo project.
- Mockall has a lot more functionality. In particular, you can set up expectations which depend on the arguments passed:

```
,ignore
let mut mock_cat = MockPet::new();
mock_cat
    .expect_is_hungry()
    .with(mockall::predicate::gt(Duration::from_secs(3 * 3600)))
    .return_const(true);
```

```
mock_cat
   .expect_is_hungry()
   .return_const(true);
assert_eq!(mock_cat.is_hungry(Duration::from_secs(1 * 3600)), false);
assert_eq!(mock_cat.is_hungry(Duration::from_secs(5 * 3600)), true);
```

- You can use .times(n) to limit the number of times a mock method can be called to n the mock will automatically panic when dropped if this isn't satisfied.
- Mockall is available for use in AOSP.

# **Compiler lints and Clippy**

The Rust compiler produces fantastic error messages, as well as helpful built-in lints. <u>Clippy</u> provides even more lints, organized into groups that can be enabled per-project.

```
,editable,should_panic
#[deny(clippy::cast_possible_truncation)]
fn main() {
    let x = 3;
    while (x < 70000) {
        x *= 2;
    }
    println!("X probably fits in a ul6, right? {}", x as ul6);
}
```

Run the code sample and examine the error message. There are also lints visible here, but those will not be shown once the code compiles. Switch to the Playground site to show those lints.

After resolving the lints, run clippy on the playground site to show clippy warnings. Clippy has extensive documentation of its lints, and adds new lints (including default-deny lints) all the time.

```
Note that errors or warnings with help: ... can be fixed with cargo fix or via your editor.
```

# **Exercise: Luhn Algorithm**

### Luhn Algorithm

The <u>Luhn algorithm</u> is used to validate credit card numbers. The algorithm takes a string as input and does the following to validate the credit card number:

- · Ignore all spaces. Reject number with less than two digits.
- Moving from **right to left**, double every second digit: for the number 1234, we double 3 and 1. For the number 98765, we double 6 and 8.
- After doubling a digit, sum the digits if the result is greater than 9. So doubling 7 becomes 14 which becomes 1 + 4 = 5.
- · Sum all the undoubled and doubled digits.
- The credit card number is valid if the sum ends with 0.

The provided code provides a buggy implementation of the luhn algorithm, along with two basic unit tests that confirm that most the algorithm is implemented correctly.

Copy the code below to <u>https://play.rust-lang.org/</u> and write additional tests to uncover bugs in the provided implementation, fixing any bugs you find.

```
pub fn luhn(cc_number: &str) -> bool {
    let mut sum = 0;
    let mut double = false;
    for c in cc_number.chars().rev() {
        if let Some(digit) = c.to_digit(10) {
            if double {
                let double_digit = digit * 2;
                sum += if double digit > 9 {
                    double_digit - 9
                } else {
                    double_digit
                };
            } else {
                sum += digit;
            }
            double = !double;
        } else {
            continue;
        }
    }
```

```
sum % 10 == 0
}
#[cfg(test)]
mod test {
    use super::*;
    #[test]
    fn test valid cc number() {
        assert!(luhn("4263 9826 4026 9299"));
        assert!(luhn("4539 3195 0343 6467"));
        assert!(luhn("7992 7398 713"));
    }
    #[test]
    fn test_invalid_cc_number() {
        assert!(!luhn("4223 9826 4026 9299"));
        assert!(!luhn("4539 3195 0343 6476"));
        assert!(!luhn("8273 1232 7352 0569"));
    }
}
```

```
Solution
```

```
,editable
// This is the buggy version that appears in the problem.
#[cfg(never)]
pub fn luhn(cc_number: &str) -> bool {
    let mut sum = 0;
    let mut double = false;
    for c in cc_number.chars().rev() {
        if let Some(digit) = c.to_digit(10) {
            if double {
                let double_digit = digit * 2;
                sum += if double_digit > 9 {
                    double_digit - 9
                } else {
                    double digit
                };
            } else {
                sum += digit;
            }
            double = !double;
        } else {
            continue;
```

```
}
    }
    sum % 10 == 0
}
// This is the solution and passes all of the tests below.
pub fn luhn(cc_number: &str) -> bool {
    let mut sum = 0;
    let mut double = false;
    let mut digits = 0;
    for c in cc_number.chars().rev() {
        if let Some(digit) = c.to_digit(10) {
            digits += 1;
            if double {
                let double_digit = digit * 2;
                sum += if double_digit > 9 {
                    double_digit - 9
                } else {
                    double_digit
                };
            } else {
                sum += digit;
            }
            double = !double;
        } else if c.is_whitespace() {
            continue;
        } else {
            return false;
        }
    }
    digits >= 2 && sum % 10 == 0
}
fn main() {
    let cc_number = "1234 5678 1234 5670";
    println!(
        "Is {cc number} a valid credit card number? {}",
        if luhn(cc_number) { "yes" } else { "no" }
    );
}
#[cfg(test)]
mod test {
    use super::*;
```

```
#[test]
fn test_valid_cc_number() {
    assert!(luhn("4263 9826 4026 9299"));
    assert!(luhn("4539 3195 0343 6467"));
    assert!(luhn("7992 7398 713"));
}
#[test]
fn test invalid cc number() {
    assert!(!luhn("4223 9826 4026 9299"));
    assert!(!luhn("4539 3195 0343 6476"));
    assert!(!luhn("8273 1232 7352 0569"));
}
#[test]
fn test_non_digit_cc_number() {
    assert!(!luhn("foo"));
    assert!(!luhn("foo 0 0"));
}
#[test]
fn test_empty_cc_number() {
    assert!(!luhn(""));
    assert!(!luhn(" "));
    assert!(!luhn(" "));
   assert!(!luhn(" "));
}
#[test]
fn test_single_digit_cc_number() {
    assert!(!luhn("0"));
}
#[test]
fn test_two_digit_cc_number() {
    assert!(luhn(" 0 0 "));
}
```

}

# Day 4: Afternoon

## Welcome

In this session:

- Error Handling (45 minutes)
- Unsafe Rust (1 hour and 5 minutes)

Including 10 minute breaks, this session should take about 2 hours

### **Error Handling**

In this segment:

- Panics (3 minutes)
- <u>Try operator</u> (5 minutes)
- <u>Try Conversions</u> (5 minutes)
- Error Trait (5 minutes)
- thiserror and anyhow (5 minutes)
- Exercise: Rewriting with Result (20 minutes)

This segment should take about 45 minutes

#### Panics

Rust handles fatal errors with a "panic".

Rust will trigger a panic if a fatal error happens at runtime:

```
,editable,should_panic
fn main() {
    let v = vec![10, 20, 30];
    println!("v[100]: {}", v[100]);
}
```

- Panics are for unrecoverable and unexpected errors.- Panics are symptoms of bugs in the program.
- · Runtime failures like failed bounds checks can panic
- Assertions (such as assert!) panic on failure
- Purpose-specific panics can use the panic! macro.
- A panic will "unwind" the stack, dropping values just as if the functions had returned.
- Use non-panicking APIs (such as Vec::get) if crashing is not acceptable.

By default, a panic will cause the stack to unwind. The unwinding can be caught:

```
,editable
use std::panic;
fn main() {
    let result = panic::catch_unwind(|| {
        "No problem here!"
    });
```

```
println!("{result:?}");
let result = panic::catch_unwind(|| {
    panic!("oh no!");
});
println!("{result:?}");
}
```

- Catching is unusual; do not attempt to implement exceptions with catch\_unwind!
- This can be useful in servers which should keep running even if a single request crashes.
- This does not work if panic = 'abort' is set in your Cargo.toml.

#### **Try operator**

Runtime errors like connection-refused or file-not-found are handled with the Result type, but matching this type on every call can be cumbersome. The try-operator ? is used to return errors to the caller. It lets you turn the common

```
,ignore
match some_expression {
    Ok(value) => value,
    Err(err) => return Err(err),
}
```

into the much simpler

,ignore
some\_expression?

We can use this to simplify our error handling code:

```
,editable
use std::{fs, io};
use std::io::Read;
fn read_username(path: &str) -> Result<String, io::Error> {
    let username file result = fs::File::open(path);
    let mut username_file = match username_file_result {
        0k(file) => file,
        Err(err) => return Err(err),
    };
    let mut username = String::new();
    match username_file.read_to_string(&mut username) {
        0k(_) => 0k(username),
        Err(err) => Err(err),
    }
}
fn main() {
    //fs::write("config.dat", "alice").unwrap();
    let username = read_username("config.dat");
    println!("username or error: {username:?}");
}
```

Simplify the read\_username function to use ?.

#### Key points:

- The username variable can be either Ok(string) Or Err(error).
- Use the fs::write call to test out the different scenarios: no file, empty file, file with username.
- Note that main can return a Result<(), E> as long as it implements std::process:Termination. In practice, this means that E implements Debug. The executable will print the Err variant and return a nonzero exit status on error.

#### **Try Conversions**

The effective expansion of ? is a little more complicated than previously indicated:

```
,ignore
expression?
works the same as
,ignore
match expression {
    Ok(value) => value,
    Err(err) => return Err(From::from(err)),
}
```

The From::from call here means we attempt to convert the error type to the type returned by the function. This makes it easy to encapsulate errors into higher-level errors.

#### Example

```
,editable
use std::error::Error;
use std::fmt::{self, Display, Formatter};
use std::fs::{self, File};
use std::io::{self, Read};
#[derive(Debug)]
enum ReadUsernameError {
    IoError(io::Error),
    EmptyUsername(String),
}
impl Error for ReadUsernameError {}
impl Display for ReadUsernameError {
    fn fmt(&self, f: &mut Formatter) -> fmt::Result {
        match self {
            Self::IoError(e) => write!(f, "IO error: {e}"),
            Self::EmptyUsername(filename) => write!(f, "Found no username in
{filename}"),
        }
    }
}
impl From<io::Error> for ReadUsernameError {
    fn from(err: io::Error) -> ReadUsernameError {
```

```
ReadUsernameError::IoError(err)
    }
}
fn read username(path: &str) -> Result<String, ReadUsernameError> {
    let mut username = String::with capacity(100);
    File::open(path)?.read to string(&mut username)?;
    if username.is empty() {
        return Err(ReadUsernameError::EmptyUsername(String::from(path)));
    }
    Ok(username)
}
fn main() {
    //fs::write("config.dat", "").unwrap();
    let username = read username("config.dat");
    println!("username or error: {username:?}");
}
```

The return type of the function has to be compatible with the nested functions it calls. For instance, a function returning a Result<T, Err> can only apply the ? operator on a function returning a Result<AnyT, Err>. It cannot apply the ? operator on a function returning an Option<AnyT> or Result<T, OtherErr> unless OtherErr implements From<Err>. Reciprocally, a function returning an Option<T> can only apply the ? operator on a function returning an Option<AnyT>.

You can convert incompatible types into one another with the different Option and Result methods such as Option::ok\_or, Result::ok, Result::err.

It is good practice for all error types that don't need to be no\_std to implement std::error::Error, which requires Debug and Display. The Error crate for core is only available in <u>nightly</u>, so not fully no\_std compatible yet.

It's generally helpful for them to implement Clone and Eq too where possible, to make life easier for tests and consumers of your library. In this case we can't easily do so, because io::Error doesn't implement them.

A common alternative to a From implementation is Result::map\_err, especially when the conversion only happens in one place.

#### **Error Trait**

Sometimes we want to allow any type of error to be returned without writing our own enum covering all the different possibilities. The std::error::Error trait makes it easy to create a trait object that can contain any error.

```
.editable
use std::error::Error;
use std::fs;
use std::io::Read;
fn read_count(path: &str) -> Result<i32, Box<dyn Error>>> {
    let mut count_str = String::new();
    fs::File::open(path)?.read_to_string(&mut_count_str)?;
    let count: i32 = count str.parse()?;
    Ok(count)
}
fn main() {
    fs::write("count.dat", "1i3").unwrap();
    match read count("count.dat") {
        Ok(count) => println!("Count: {count}"),
        Err(err) => println!("Error: {err}"),
    }
}
```

The read\_count function can return std::io::Error (from file operations) or std::num::ParseIntError (from String::parse).

Boxing errors saves on code, but gives up the ability to cleanly handle different error cases differently in the program. As such it's generally not a good idea to use Box<dyn Error> in the public API of a library, but it can be a good option in a program where you just want to display the error message somewhere.

#### thiserror and anyhow

The <u>thiserror</u> and <u>anyhow</u> crates are widley used to simplify error handling. thiserror helps create custom error types that implement From<T>. anyhow helps with error handling in functions, including adding contextual information to your errors.

```
,editable,compile_fail
use std::{fs, io};
use std::io::Read;
use anyhow::{Context, Result, bail};
#[derive(Clone, Debug, Eq, Error, PartialEq)]
#[error("Found no username in {0}")]
struct EmptyUsernameError(String);
fn read username(path: &str) -> Result<String> {
    let mut username = String::with_capacity(100);
    fs::File::open(path)
        .with context(|| format!("Failed to open {path}"))?
        .read_to_string(&mut username)
        .context("Failed to read")?;
    if username.is_empty() {
        bail!(EmptyUsernameError(path));
    }
    0k(username)
}
fn main() {
   //fs::write("config.dat", "").unwrap();
   match read username("config.dat") {
        Ok(username) => println!("Username: {username}"),
        Err(err) => println!("Error: {err:?}"),
    }
}
```

- The Error derive macro is provided by thiserror, and has lots of useful attributes like #[error] to help define a useful error type.
- anyhow::Result<V> is a type alias for Result<V, anyhow::Error>.
- anyhow: :Error is essentially a wrapper around Box<dyn Error>. As such it's again generally
  not a good choice for the public API of a library, but is widely used in applications.
- · Actual error type inside of it can be extracted for examination if necessary.
- Functionality provided by anyhow: :Result<T> may be familiar to Go developers, as it provides similar usage patterns and ergonomics to (T, error) from Go.

#### **Exercise: Rewriting with Result**

The following implements a very simple parser for an expression language. However, it handles errors by panicking. Rewrite it to instead use idiomatic error handling and propagate errors to a return from main. Feel free to use thiserror and anyhow.

HINT: start by fixing error handling in the parse function. Once that is working correctly, update Tokenizer to implement Iterator<Item=Result<Token, TokenizerError>> and handle that in the parser.

```
,editable
use std::iter::Peekable;
use std::str::Chars;
/// An arithmetic operator.
#[derive(Debug, PartialEq, Clone, Copy)]
enum Op {
    Add,
    Sub,
}
/// A token in the expression language.
#[derive(Debug, PartialEq)]
enum Token {
    Number(String),
    Identifier(String),
    Operator(Op),
}
/// An expression in the expression language.
#[derive(Debug, PartialEq)]
enum Expression {
    /// A reference to a variable.
    Var(String),
    /// A literal number.
    Number(u32),
    /// A binary operation.
    Operation(Box<Expression>, Op, Box<Expression>),
}
fn tokenize(input: &str) -> Tokenizer {
    return Tokenizer(input.chars().peekable());
}
struct Tokenizer<'a>(Peekable<Chars<'a>>);
```

```
impl<'a> Iterator for Tokenizer<'a> {
    type Item = Token:
    fn next(&mut self) -> Option<Token> {
        let Some(c) = self.0.next() else {
            return None;
        };
        match c {
            '0'..='9' => {
                let mut num = String::from(c);
                while let Some(c @ '0'..='9') = self.0.peek() {
                    num.push(*c);
                    self.0.next();
                }
                Some(Token::Number(num))
            }
            'a'..='z' => {
                let mut ident = String::from(c);
                while let Some(c @ 'a'..='z' | c @ '_' | c @ '0'..='9') = self.0.peek()
{
                    ident.push(*c);
                    self.0.next();
                }
                Some(Token::Identifier(ident))
            }
            '+' => Some(Token::Operator(Op::Add)),
            '-' => Some(Token::Operator(Op::Sub)),
            _ => panic!("Unexpected character {c}"),
        }
    }
}
fn parse(input: &str) -> Expression {
    let mut tokens = tokenize(input);
    fn parse expr<'a>(tokens: &mut Tokenizer<'a>) -> Expression {
        let Some(tok) = tokens.next() else {
            panic!("Unexpected end of input");
        };
        let expr = match tok {
            Token::Number(num) => {
                let v = num.parse().expect("Invalid 32-bit integer'");
                Expression::Number(v)
            }
            Token::Identifier(ident) => Expression::Var(ident),
            Token::Operator( ) => panic!("Unexpected token {tok:?}"),
        };
```

```
// Look ahead to parse a binary operation if present.
match tokens.next() {
    None => expr,
    Some(Token::Operator(op)) => {
        Expression::Operation(Box::new(expr), op, Box::new(parse_expr(tokens)))
      }
      Some(tok) => panic!("Unexpected token {tok:?}"),
    }
    }
    parse_expr(&mut tokens)
}
fn main() {
    let expr = parse("10+foo+20-30");
    println!("{expr:?}");
}
```

#### Solution

```
,editable,compile_fail
use thiserror::Error;
use std::iter::Peekable;
use std::str::Chars;
/// An arithmetic operator.
#[derive(Debug, PartialEq, Clone, Copy)]
enum Op {
    Add,
    Sub,
}
/// A token in the expression language.
#[derive(Debug, PartialEg)]
enum Token {
    Number(String),
    Identifier(String),
    Operator(Op),
}
/// An expression in the expression language.
#[derive(Debug, PartialEq)]
enum Expression {
    /// A reference to a variable.
    Var(String),
    /// A literal number.
    Number(u32),
```

```
/// A binary operation.
    Operation(Box<Expression>, Op, Box<Expression>),
}
fn tokenize(input: &str) -> Tokenizer {
    return Tokenizer(input.chars().peekable());
}
#[derive(Debug, Error)]
enum TokenizerError {
    #[error("Unexpected character '{0}' in input")]
    UnexpectedCharacter(char),
}
struct Tokenizer<'a>(Peekable<Chars<'a>>);
impl<'a> Iterator for Tokenizer<'a> {
    type Item = Result<Token, TokenizerError>;
    fn next(&mut self) -> Option<Result<Token, TokenizerError>>> {
        let Some(c) = self.0.next() else {
            return None:
        };
        match c {
            '0'..='9' => {
                let mut num = String::from(c);
                while let Some(c @ '0'..='9') = self.0.peek() {
                    num.push(*c);
                    self.0.next();
                }
                Some(Ok(Token::Number(num)))
            }
            'a'..='z' => {
                let mut ident = String::from(c);
                while let Some(c @ 'a'..='z' | c @ '_' | c @ '0'..='9') = self.0.peek()
{
                    ident.push(*c);
                    self.0.next();
                }
                Some(Ok(Token::Identifier(ident)))
            }
            '+' => Some(Ok(Token::Operator(Op::Add))),
            '-' => Some(Ok(Token::Operator(Op::Sub))),
            => Some(Err(TokenizerError::UnexpectedCharacter(c))),
        }
    }
}
```

```
#[derive(Debug, Error)]
enum ParserError {
    #[error("Tokenizer error: {0}")]
    TokenizerError(#[from] TokenizerError),
    #[error("Unexpected end of input")]
    UnexpectedEOF,
    #[error("Unexpected token {0:?}")]
    UnexpectedToken(Token),
    #[error("Invalid number")]
    InvalidNumber(#[from] std::num::ParseIntError),
}
fn parse(input: &str) -> Result<Expression, ParserError> {
    let mut tokens = tokenize(input);
    fn parse expr<'a>(tokens: &mut Tokenizer<'a>) -> Result<Expression, ParserError> {
        let Some(tok) = tokens.next().transpose()? else {
            return Err(ParserError::UnexpectedEOF);
        };
        let expr = match tok {
            Token::Number(num) => {
                let v = num.parse()?;
                Expression::Number(v)
            }
            Token::Identifier(ident) => Expression::Var(ident),
            Token::Operator() => return Err(ParserError::UnexpectedToken(tok)),
        };
        // Look ahead to parse a binary operation if present.
        Ok(match tokens.next() {
            None => expr,
            Some(Ok(Token::Operator(op))) => {
                Expression::Operation(Box::new(expr), op, Box::new(parse expr(tokens)?))
            }
            Some(Err(e)) => return Err(e.into()),
            Some(Ok(tok)) => return Err(ParserError::UnexpectedToken(tok)),
        })
    }
    parse expr(&mut tokens)
}
fn main() -> anyhow::Result<()> {
    let expr = parse("10+foo+20-30")?;
    println!("{expr:?}");
    Ok(())
}
```

## **Unsafe Rust**

In this segment:

- Unsafe (5 minutes)
- Dereferencing Raw Pointers (10 minutes)
- Mutable Static Variables (5 minutes)
- Unions (5 minutes)
- Unsafe Functions (5 minutes)
- Unsafe Traits (5 minutes)
- Exercise: FFI Wrapper (30 minutes)

This segment should take about 1 hour and 5 minutes

### Unsafe

The Rust language has two parts:

- · Safe Rust: memory safe, no undefined behavior possible.
- Unsafe Rust: can trigger undefined behavior if preconditions are violated.

We saw mostly safe Rust in this course, but it's important to know what Unsafe Rust is.

Unsafe code is usually small and isolated, and its correctness should be carefully documented. It is usually wrapped in a safe abstraction layer.

Unsafe Rust gives you access to five new capabilities:

- Dereference raw pointers.
- · Access or modify mutable static variables.
- Access union fields.
- Call unsafe functions, including extern functions.
- Implement unsafe traits.

We will briefly cover unsafe capabilities next. For full details, please see <u>Chapter 19.1 in the</u> <u>Rust Book</u> and the <u>Rustonomicon</u>.

Unsafe Rust does not mean the code is incorrect. It means that developers have turned off some compiler safety features and have to write correct code by themselves. It means the compiler no longer enforces Rust's memory-safety rules.

### **Dereferencing Raw Pointers**

Creating pointers is safe, but dereferencing them requires unsafe:

```
,editable
fn main() {
    let mut s = String::from("careful!");
    let r1 = &mut s as *mut String;
    let r2 = r1 as *const String;
   // Safe because r1 and r2 were obtained from references and so are
   // guaranteed to be non-null and properly aligned, the objects underlying
   // the references from which they were obtained are live throughout the
    // whole unsafe block, and they are not accessed either through the
    // references or concurrently through any other pointers.
    unsafe {
        println!("r1 is: {}", *r1);
        *r1 = String::from("uhoh");
        println!("r2 is: {}", *r2);
    }
   // NOT SAFE. DO NOT DO THIS.
    /*
   let r3: &String = unsafe { \&*r1 };
   drop(s);
    println!("r3 is: {}", *r3);
    */
}
```

It is good practice (and required by the Android Rust style guide) to write a comment for each unsafe block explaining how the code inside it satisfies the safety requirements of the unsafe operations it is doing.

In the case of pointer dereferences, this means that the pointers must be *valid*, i.e.:

- The pointer must be non-null.
- The pointer must be *dereferenceable* (within the bounds of a single allocated object).
- · The object must not have been deallocated.
- There must not be concurrent accesses to the same location.
- If the pointer was obtained by casting a reference, the underlying object must be live and no reference may be used to access the memory.

In most cases the pointer must also be properly aligned.

The "NOT SAFE" sectoin gives an example of a common kind of UB bug: \*r1 has the 'static lifetime, so r3 has type & static String, and thus outlives s. Creating a reference from a pointer requires *great care*.

#### **Mutable Static Variables**

It is safe to read an immutable static variable:

```
,editable
static HELLO_WORLD: &str = "Hello, world!";
fn main() {
    println!("HELLO_WORLD: {HELLO_WORLD}");
}
```

However, since data races can occur, it is unsafe to read and write mutable static variables:

```
,editable
static mut COUNTER: u32 = 0;
fn add_to_counter(inc: u32) {
    unsafe { COUNTER += inc; } // Potential data race!
}
fn main() {
    add_to_counter(42);
    unsafe { println!("COUNTER: {COUNTER}"); } // Potential data race!
}
```

- The program here is safe because it is single-threaded. However, the Rust compiler is conservative and will assume the worst. Try removing the unsafe and see how the compiler explains that it is undefined behavior to mutate a static from multiple threads.
- Using a mutable static is generally a bad idea, but there are some cases where it might make sense in low-level no\_std code, such as implementing a heap allocator or working with some C APIs.

### Unions

Unions are like enums, but you need to track the active field yourself:

```
,editable
#[repr(C)]
union MyUnion {
    i: u8,
    b: bool,
}
fn main() {
    let u = MyUnion { i: 42 };
    println!("int: {}", unsafe { u.i });
    println!("bool: {}", unsafe { u.b }); // Undefined behavior!
}
```

Unions are very rarely needed in Rust as you can usually use an enum. They are occasionally needed for interacting with C library APIs.

If you just want to reinterpret bytes as a different type, you probably want <u>std::mem::transmute</u> or a safe wrapper such as the <u>zerocopy</u> crate.

### **Unsafe Functions**

#### **Calling Unsafe Functions**

A function or method can be marked unsafe if it has extra preconditions you must uphold to avoid undefined behaviour:

```
,editable
extern "C" {
    fn abs(input: i32) -> i32;
}
fn main() {
   let emojis = " \in ";
    // Safe because the indices are in the correct order, within the bounds of
    // the string slice, and lie on UTF-8 sequence boundaries.
    unsafe {
        println!("emoji: {}", emojis.get_unchecked(0..4));
        println!("emoji: {}", emojis.get unchecked(4..7));
        println!("emoji: {}", emojis.get unchecked(7..11));
    }
    println!("char count: {}", count chars(unsafe { emojis.get unchecked(0..7) }));
    unsafe {
       // Undefined behavior if abs misbehaves.
        println!("Absolute value of -3 according to C: {}", abs(-3));
    }
   // Not upholding the UTF-8 encoding requirement breaks memory safety!
    // println!("emoji: {}", unsafe { emojis.get_unchecked(0..3) });
   // println!("char count: {}", count_chars(unsafe { emojis.get_unchecked(0..3) }));
}
fn count_chars(s: &str) -> usize {
    s.chars().count()
}
```

#### Writing Unsafe Functions

You can mark your own functions as unsafe if they require particular conditions to avoid undefined behaviour.

```
,editable
/// Swaps the values pointed to by the given pointers.
///
/// # Safety
///
/// The pointers must be valid and properly aligned.
unsafe fn swap(a: *mut u8, b: *mut u8) {
   let temp = *a;
    *a = *b;
    *b = temp;
}
fn main() {
   let mut a = 42;
   let mut b = 66;
   // Safe because ...
   unsafe {
        swap(&mut a, &mut b);
    }
    println!("a = {}, b = {}", a, b);
}
```

#### **Calling Unsafe Functions**

get\_unchecked, like most \_unchecked functions, is unsafe, because it can create UB if the range is incorrect. abs is incorrect for a different reason: it is an external function (FFI). Calling external functions is usually only a problem when those functions do things with pointers which might violate Rust's memory model, but in general any C function might have undefined behaviour under any arbitrary circumstances.

The "C" in this example is the ABI; other ABIs are available too.

#### Writing Unsafe Functions

We wouldn't actually use pointers for a swap function - it can be done safely with references.

Note that unsafe code is allowed within an unsafe function without an unsafe block. We can prohibit this with #[deny(unsafe\_op\_in\_unsafe\_fn)]. Try adding it and see what happens. This will likely change in a future Rust edition.

### **Unsafe Traits**

Like with functions, you can mark a trait as unsafe if the implementation must guarantee particular conditions to avoid undefined behaviour.

For example, the zerocopy crate has an unsafe trait that looks something like this:

```
,editable
use std::mem::size_of_val;
use std::slice;
/// ...
/// # Safety
/// The type must have a defined representation and no padding.
pub unsafe trait AsBytes {
    fn as_bytes(&self) -> &[u8] {
        unsafe {
            slice::from_raw_parts(self as *const Self as *const u8, size_of_val(self))
            }
        }
      // Safe because u32 has a defined representation and no padding.
unsafe impl AsBytes for u32 {}
```

There should be a # Safety section on the Rustdoc for the trait explaining the requirements for the trait to be safely implemented.

The actual safety section for AsBytes is rather longer and more complicated.

The built-in Send and Sync traits are unsafe.

### **Exercise: FFI Wrapper**

Rust has great support for calling functions through a *foreign function interface* (FFI). We will use this to build a safe wrapper for the libc functions you would use from C to read the names of files in a directory.

You will want to consult the manual pages:

- <u>opendir(3)</u>
- <u>readdir(3)</u>
- <u>closedir(3)</u>

You will also want to browse the std::ffi module. There you find a number of string types which you need for the exercise:

You will convert between all these types:

- &str to CString: you need to allocate space for a trailing \0 character,
- CString to \*const i8: you need a pointer to call C functions,
- \*const i8 to &CStr: you need something which can find the trailing \0 character,
- &CStr to &[u8]: a slice of bytes is the universal interface for "some unknown data",
- &[u8] to &OsStr: &OsStr is a step towards OsString, use OsStrExt to create it,
- &OsStr to OsString: you need to clone the data in &OsStr to be able to return it and call readdir again.

The Nomicon also has a very useful chapter about FFI.

Copy the code below to <u>https://play.rust-lang.org/</u> and fill in the missing functions and methods:

```
,should_panic
// TODO: remove this when you're done with your implementation.
#![allow(unused_imports, unused_variables, dead_code)]
mod ffi {
    use std::os::raw::{c_char, c_int};
    #[cfg(not(target_os = "macos"))]
    use std::os::raw::{c_long, c_uchar, c_ulong, c_ushort};
```

```
// Opaque type. See https://doc.rust-lang.org/nomicon/ffi.html.
#[repr(C)]
pub struct DIR {
    data: [<mark>u8</mark>; 0],
    _marker: core::marker::PhantomData<(*mut u8, core::marker::PhantomPinned)>,
}
// Layout according to the Linux man page for readdir(3), where ino t and
// off t are resolved according to the definitions in
// /usr/include/x86 64-linux-gnu/{sys/types.h, bits/typesizes.h}.
#[cfg(not(target os = "macos"))]
#[repr(C)]
pub struct dirent {
    pub d_ino: c_ulong,
    pub d off: c long,
    pub d reclen: c ushort,
    pub d_type: c_uchar,
    pub d_name: [c_char; 256],
}
// Layout according to the macOS man page for dir(5).
#[cfg(all(target_os = "macos"))]
#[repr(C)]
pub struct dirent {
    pub d fileno: u64,
    pub d seekoff: u64,
    pub d reclen: u16,
    pub d_namlen: u16,
    pub d type: u8,
    pub d_name: [c_char; 1024],
}
extern "C" {
    pub fn opendir(s: *const c_char) -> *mut DIR;
    #[cfg(not(all(target os = "macos", target arch = "x86 64")))]
    pub fn readdir(s: *mut DIR) -> *const dirent;
    // See https://github.com/rust-lang/libc/issues/414 and the section on
    // DARWIN FEATURE 64 BIT INODE in the macOS man page for stat(2).
    11
    // "Platforms that existed before these updates were available" refers
    // to macOS (as opposed to iOS / wearOS / etc.) on Intel and PowerPC.
    #[cfg(all(target_os = "macos", target_arch = "x86_64"))]
    #[link_name = "readdir$INODE64"]
    pub fn readdir(s: *mut DIR) -> *const dirent;
```

```
pub fn closedir(s: *mut DIR) -> c_int;
    }
}
use std::ffi::{CStr, CString, 0sStr, 0sString};
use std::os::unix::ffi::OsStrExt;
#[derive(Debug)]
struct DirectoryIterator {
    path: CString,
    dir: *mut ffi::DIR,
}
impl DirectoryIterator {
    fn new(path: &str) -> Result<DirectoryIterator, String> {
        // Call opendir and return a Ok value if that worked,
        // otherwise return Err with a message.
        unimplemented!()
    }
}
impl Iterator for DirectoryIterator {
    type Item = OsString;
    fn next(&mut self) -> Option<OsString> {
        // Keep calling readdir until we get a NULL pointer back.
        unimplemented!()
    }
}
impl Drop for DirectoryIterator {
    fn drop(&mut self) {
        // Call closedir as needed.
        unimplemented!()
    }
}
fn main() -> Result<(), String> {
    let iter = DirectoryIterator::new(".")?;
    println!("files: {:#?}", iter.collect::<Vec<_>>());
    0k(())
}
```

### Solution

```
,editable
mod ffi {
    use std::os::raw::{c_char, c_int};
```

```
#[cfg(not(target os = "macos"))]
use std::os::raw::{c_long, c_uchar, c_ulong, c_ushort};
// Opaque type. See https://doc.rust-lang.org/nomicon/ffi.html.
#[repr(C)]
pub struct DIR {
    _data: [u8; 0],
    _marker: core::marker::PhantomData<(*mut u8, core::marker::PhantomPinned)>,
}
// Layout according to the Linux man page for readdir(3), where ino t and
// off_t are resolved according to the definitions in
// /usr/include/x86 64-linux-gnu/{sys/types.h, bits/typesizes.h}.
#[cfg(not(target_os = "macos"))]
#[repr(C)]
pub struct dirent {
    pub d ino: c ulong,
    pub d_off: c_long,
    pub d_reclen: c_ushort,
    pub d type: c uchar,
    pub d_name: [c_char; 256],
}
// Layout according to the macOS man page for dir(5).
#[cfg(all(target os = "macos"))]
#[repr(C)]
pub struct dirent {
    pub d_fileno: u64,
    pub d seekoff: u64,
    pub d reclen: u16,
    pub d namlen: u16,
    pub d_type: u8,
    pub d name: [c char; 1024],
}
extern "C" {
    pub fn opendir(s: *const c_char) -> *mut DIR;
    #[cfg(not(all(target_os = "macos", target_arch = "x86_64")))]
    pub fn readdir(s: *mut DIR) -> *const dirent;
    // See https://github.com/rust-lang/libc/issues/414 and the section on
    // _DARWIN_FEATURE_64_BIT_INODE in the macOS man page for stat(2).
    //
    // "Platforms that existed before these updates were available" refers
    // to macOS (as opposed to iOS / wearOS / etc.) on Intel and PowerPC.
    #[cfg(all(target_os = "macos", target_arch = "x86_64"))]
```

```
#[link name = "readdir$INODE64"]
        pub fn readdir(s: *mut DIR) -> *const dirent;
        pub fn closedir(s: *mut DIR) -> c int;
    }
}
use std::ffi::{CStr, CString, OsStr, OsString};
use std::os::unix::ffi::OsStrExt;
#[derive(Debug)]
struct DirectoryIterator {
    path: CString,
    dir: *mut ffi::DIR,
}
impl DirectoryIterator {
    fn new(path: &str) -> Result<DirectoryIterator, String> {
        // Call opendir and return a Ok value if that worked,
        // otherwise return Err with a message.
        let path = CString::new(path).map_err(|err| format!("Invalid path: {err}"))?;
        // SAFETY: path.as_ptr() cannot be NULL.
        let dir = unsafe { ffi::opendir(path.as ptr()) };
        if dir.is null() {
            Err(format!("Could not open {:?}", path))
        } else {
            Ok(DirectoryIterator { path, dir })
        }
    }
}
impl Iterator for DirectoryIterator {
    type Item = OsString;
    fn next(&mut self) -> Option<OsString> {
        // Keep calling readdir until we get a NULL pointer back.
        // SAFETY: self.dir is never NULL.
        let dirent = unsafe { ffi::readdir(self.dir) };
        if dirent.is_null() {
            // We have reached the end of the directory.
            return None;
        }
        // SAFETY: dirent is not NULL and dirent.d name is NUL
        // terminated.
        let d_name = unsafe { CStr::from_ptr((*dirent).d_name.as_ptr()) };
        let os_str = 0sStr::from_bytes(d_name.to_bytes());
        Some(os str.to owned())
    }
```

}

```
impl Drop for DirectoryIterator {
    fn drop(&mut self) {
        // Call closedir as needed.
        if !self.dir.is null() {
            // SAFETY: self.dir is not NULL.
            if unsafe { ffi::closedir(self.dir) } != 0 {
                panic!("Could not close {:?}", self.path);
            }
        }
    }
}
fn main() -> Result<(), String> {
    let iter = DirectoryIterator::new(".")?;
    println!("files: {:#?}", iter.collect::<Vec<_>>());
    0k(())
}
#[cfq(test)]
mod tests {
    use super::*;
    use std::error::Error;
    #[test]
    fn test nonexisting directory() {
        let iter = DirectoryIterator::new("no-such-directory");
        assert!(iter.is err());
    }
    #[test]
    fn test empty directory() -> Result<(), Box<dyn Error>> {
        let tmp = tempfile::TempDir::new()?;
        let iter = DirectoryIterator::new(
            tmp.path().to str().ok or("Non UTF-8 character in path")?,
        )?;
        let mut entries = iter.collect::<Vec<_>>();
        entries.sort();
        assert eq!(entries, &[".", ".."]);
        0k(())
    }
    #[test]
    fn test_nonempty_directory() -> Result<(), Box<dyn Error>>> {
        let tmp = tempfile::TempDir::new()?;
        std::fs::write(tmp.path().join("foo.txt"), "The Foo Diaries\n")?;
```

```
std::fs::write(tmp.path().join("bar.png"), "<PNG>\n")?;
std::fs::write(tmp.path().join("crab.rs"), "//! Crab\n")?;
let iter = DirectoryIterator::new(
    tmp.path().to_str().ok_or("Non UTF-8 character in path")?,
)?;
let mut entries = iter.collect::<Vec<_>>();
entries.sort();
assert_eq!(entries, &[".", "..", "bar.png", "crab.rs", "foo.txt"]);
Ok(())
}
```

}

# Android

#### Welcome

Rust is supported for system software on Android. This means that you can write new services, libraries, drivers or even firmware in Rust (or improve existing code as needed).

We will attempt to call Rust from one of your own projects today. So try to find a little corner of your code base where we can move some lines of code to Rust. The fewer dependencies and "exotic" types the better. Something that parses some raw bytes would be ideal.

The speaker may mention any of the following given the increased use of Rust in Android:

- Service example: DNS over HTTP
- Libraries: <u>Rutabaga Virtual Graphics Interface</u>
- Kernel Drivers: Binder
- Firmware: pKVM firmware

### Setup

We will be using a Cuttlefish Android Virtual Device to test our code. Make sure you have access to one or create a new one with:

source build/envsetup.sh
lunch aosp\_cf\_x86\_64\_phone-trunk\_staging-userdebug
acloud create

Please see the Android Developer Codelab for details.

Key points:

- Cuttlefish is a reference Android device designed to work on generic Linux desktops. MacOS support is also planned.
- The Cuttlefish system image maintains high fidelity to real devices, and is the ideal emulator to run many Rust use cases.

# **Build Rules**

The Android build system (Soong) supports Rust via a number of modules:

| Module Type | Description | | -----|

Produces a Rust binary. II rust\_library | Produces a Rust library, and provides both rlib and dylib variants. II rust\_ffi | Produces a Rust C library usable by cc modules, and provides both static and shared variants. II rust\_proc\_macro | Produces a proc-macro Rust library. These are analogous to compiler plugins. II rust\_test | Produces a Rust test binary that uses the standard Rust test harness. II rust\_fuzz | Produces a Rust fuzz binary leveraging libfuzzer. II rust\_protobuf | Generates source and produces a Rust library that provides an interface for a particular protobuf. II rust\_bindgen | Generates source and produces a Rust library that provides a Rust library containing Rust bindings to C libraries. I

We will look at rust\_binary and rust\_library next.

Additional items speaker may mention:

- cargo is not optimized for multi-language repos, and also downloads packages from the internet.
- For compliance and performance, Android must have crates in-tree. It must also interop with C/C++/Java code. Soong fills that gap.
- Soong has many similarities to Bazel, which is the open-source variant of Blaze (used in google3).
- There is a plan to transition Android, ChromeOS, and Fuchsia to Bazel.
- · Learning Bazel-like build rules is useful for all Rust OS developers.
- Fun fact: Data from Star Trek is a Soong-type Android.

## **Binary**

Let us start with a simple application. At the root of an AOSP checkout, create the following files:

*hello\_rust/Android.bp*:

```
rust_binary {
    name: "hello_rust",
    crate_name: "hello_rust",
```

```
srcs: ["src/main.rs"],
}
```

#### hello\_rust/src/main.rs:

```
//! Rust demo.
/// Prints a greeting to standard output.
fn main() {
    println!("Hello from Rust!");
}
```

You can now build, push, and run the binary:

```
m hello_rust
adb push "$ANDROID_PRODUCT_OUT/system/bin/hello_rust" /data/local/tmp
adb shell /data/local/tmp/hello_rust
Hello from Rust!
```

# Library

You use rust\_library to create a new Rust library for Android.

Here we declare a dependency on two libraries:

- libgreeting, which we define below,
- libtextwrap, which is a crate already vendored in external/rust/crates/.

#### *hello\_rust/Android.bp*:

```
rust_binary {
    name: "hello_rust_with_dep",
    crate_name: "hello_rust_with_dep",
    srcs: ["src/main.rs"],
    rustlibs: [
        "libgreetings",
        "libtextwrap",
    ],
  }
rust_library {
    name: "libgreetings",
    crate_name: "greetings",
    srcs: ["src/lib.rs"],
  }
}
```

hello\_rust/src/main.rs:

# ,ignore //! Rust demo.

```
use greetings::greeting;
use textwrap::fill;
```

```
/// Prints a greeting to standard output.
fn main() {
    println!("{}", fill(&greeting("Bob"), 24));
}
```

```
hello_rust/src/lib.rs:
```

```
,ignore
//! Greeting library.
```

```
/// Greet `name`.
pub fn greeting(name: &str) -> String {
    format!("Hello {name}, it is very nice to meet you!")
}
```

You build, push, and run the binary like before:

```
m hello_rust_with_dep
adb push "$ANDROID_PRODUCT_OUT/system/bin/hello_rust_with_dep" /data/local/tmp
adb shell /data/local/tmp/hello_rust_with_dep
Hello Bob, it is very
nice to meet you!
```

# AIDL

The Android Interface Definition Language (AIDL) is supported in Rust:

- · Rust code can call existing AIDL servers,
- You can create new AIDL servers in Rust.

# Interface

You declare the API of your service using an AIDL interface:

birthday\_service/aidl/com/example/birthdayservice/IBirthdayService.aidl:

```
package com.example.birthdayservice;
/** Birthday service interface. */
interface IBirthdayService {
    /** Generate a Happy Birthday message. */
    String wishHappyBirthday(String name, int years);
}
```

birthday\_service/aidl/Android.bp:

```
aidl_interface {
    name: "com.example.birthdayservice",
    srcs: ["com/example/birthdayservice/*.aidl"],
    unstable: true,
    backend: {
        rust: { // Rust is not enabled by default
            enabled: true,
        },
    },
}
```

Add vendor\_available: true if your AIDL file is used by a binary in the vendor partition.

# Implementation

```
We can now implement the AIDL service:
```

```
birthday_service/src/lib.rs:
```

```
,ignore
//! Implementation of the `IBirthdayService` AIDL interface.
use
com_example_birthdayservice::aidl::com::example::birthdayservice::IBirthdayService::IBirthdayService;
use com_example_birthdayservice::binder;
/// The `IBirthdayService` implementation.
```

```
pub struct BirthdayService;
```

```
impl binder::Interface for BirthdayService {}
```

```
impl IBirthdayService for BirthdayService {
    fn wishHappyBirthday(&self, name: &str, years: i32) -> binder::Result<String> {
        Ok(format!(
            "Happy Birthday {name}, congratulations with the {years} years!"
        ))
    }
}
```

```
birthday_service/Android.bp:
```

```
rust_library {
    name: "libbirthdayservice",
    srcs: ["src/lib.rs"],
    crate_name: "birthdayservice",
    rustlibs: [
        "com.example.birthdayservice-rust",
        "libbinder_rs",
    ],
}
```

# Server

Finally, we can create a server which exposes the service:

```
birthday _service/src/server.rs:
```

```
,ignore
```

```
//! Birthday service.
```

use birthdayservice::BirthdayService;

```
use
```

com\_example\_birthdayservice::aidl::com::example::birthdayservice::IBirthdayService::BnBirthdayService; use com\_example\_birthdayservice::binder;

```
const SERVICE_IDENTIFIER: &str = "birthdayservice";
```

```
/// Entry point for birthday service.
fn main() {
    let birthday_service = BirthdayService;
    let birthday_service_binder = BnBirthdayService::new_binder(
        birthday_service,
        binder::BinderFeatures::default(),
    );
    binder::add_service(SERVICE_IDENTIFIER, birthday_service_binder.as_binder())
        .expect("Failed to register service");
    binder::ProcessState::join_thread_pool()
}
```

```
birthday_service/Android.bp:
```

```
rust_binary {
    name: "birthday_server",
    crate_name: "birthday_server",
    srcs: ["src/server.rs"],
    rustlibs: [
        "com.example.birthdayservice-rust",
        "libbinder_rs",
        "libbirthdayservice",
    ],
}
```

# Deploy

We can now build, push, and start the service:

```
m birthday server
adb push "$ANDROID PRODUCT OUT/system/bin/birthday server" /data/local/tmp
adb shell /data/local/tmp/birthday_server
In another terminal, check that the service runs:
adb shell service check birthdayservice
Service birthdayservice: found
You can also call the service with service call:
adb shell service call birthdayservice 1 s16 Bob i32 24
Result: Parcel(
  0x00000000: 00000000 00000036 00610048 00700070 '....6...H.a.p.p.'
  0x00000010: 00200079 00690042 00740072 00640068 'y. .B.i.r.t.h.d.'
  0x00000020: 00790061 00420020 0062006f 0020002c 'a.y. .B.o.b.,. .'
  0x00000030: 006f0063 0067006e 00610072 00750074 'c.o.n.g.r.a.t.u.'
  0x00000040: 0061006c 00690074 006e006f 00200073 'l.a.t.i.o.n.s. .'
  0x00000050: 00690077 00680074 00740020 00650068 'w.i.t.h. .t.h.e.'
  0x00000060: 00320020 00200034 00650079 00720061 ' .2.4. .y.e.a.r.'
  0x0000070: 00210073 0000000
                                                  's.!.... ')
```

# Client

Finally, we can create a Rust client for our new service.

```
birthday_service/src/client.rs:
```

#### ,ignore

```
//! Birthday service.
```

use

com\_example\_birthdayservice::aidl::com::example::birthdayservice::IBirthdayService::IBirthdayService; use com\_example\_birthdayservice::binder;

```
const SERVICE_IDENTIFIER: &str = "birthdayservice";
```

```
/// Connect to the BirthdayService.
pub fn connect() -> Result<binder::Strong<dyn IBirthdayService>, binder::StatusCode> {
    binder::get_interface(SERVICE_IDENTIFIER)
}
/// Call the birthday service.
fn main() -> Result<(), binder::Status> {
    let name = std::env::args()
        .nth(1)
        .unwrap or else(|| String::from("Bob"));
    let years = std::env::args()
        .nth(2)
        .and_then(|arg| arg.parse::<i32>().ok())
        .unwrap_or(42);
    binder::ProcessState::start thread pool();
    let service = connect().expect("Failed to connect to BirthdayService");
    let msg = service.wishHappyBirthday(&name, years)?;
    println!("{msg}");
    0k(())
}
```

```
birthday_service/Android.bp:
```

```
rust_binary {
    name: "birthday_client",
    crate_name: "birthday_client",
    srcs: ["src/client.rs"],
    rustlibs: [
        "com.example.birthdayservice-rust",
        "libbinder_rs",
```

], }

Notice that the client does not depend on libbirthdayservice.

Build, push, and run the client on your device:

```
m birthday_client
adb push "$ANDROID_PRODUCT_OUT/system/bin/birthday_client" /data/local/tmp
adb shell /data/local/tmp/birthday_client Charlie 60
Happy Birthday Charlie, congratulations with the 60 years!
```

# **Changing API**

Let us extend the API with more functionality: we want to let clients specify a list of lines for the birthday card:

```
package com.example.birthdayservice;
/** Birthday service interface. */
interface IBirthdayService {
    /** Generate a Happy Birthday message. */
    String wishHappyBirthday(String name, int years, in String[] text);
}
```

# Logging

You should use the log crate to automatically log to logcat (on-device) or stdout (on-host):

hello \_rust \_logs/Android.bp:

```
rust_binary {
    name: "hello_rust_logs",
    crate_name: "hello_rust_logs",
    srcs: ["src/main.rs"],
    rustlibs: [
        "liblog_rust",
        "liblogger",
    ],
    host_supported: true,
}
```

#### hello \_rust \_logs/src/main.rs:

```
,ignore
//! Rust logging demo.
use log::{debug, error, info};
/// Logs a greeting.
fn main() {
    logger::init(
        logger::Config::default()
            .with_tag_on_device("rust")
            .with_tag_on_device("rust")
            .with_min_level(log::Level::Trace),
    );
    debug!("Starting program.");
    info!("Things are going fine.");
    error!("Something went wrong!");
}
```

Build, push, and run the binary on your device:

```
m hello_rust_logs
adb push "$ANDROID_PRODUCT_OUT/system/bin/hello_rust_logs" /data/local/tmp
adb shell /data/local/tmp/hello_rust_logs
```

The logs show up in adb logcat:

adb logcat -s rust

Android

 09-08
 08:38:32.454
 2420
 2420 D rust: hello\_rust\_logs: Starting program.

 09-08
 08:38:32.454
 2420
 2420 I rust: hello\_rust\_logs: Things are going fine.

 09-08
 08:38:32.454
 2420
 2420 E rust: hello\_rust\_logs: Something went wrong!

# Interoperability

Rust has excellent support for interoperability with other languages. This means that you can:

- Call Rust functions from other languages.
- · Call functions written in other languages from Rust.

When you call functions in a foreign language we say that you're using a *foreign function interface*, also known as FFI.

# With C

Rust has full support for linking object files with a C calling convention. Similarly, you can export Rust functions and call them from C.

You can do it by hand if you want:

```
extern "C" {
    fn abs(x: i32) -> i32;
}
fn main() {
    let x = -42;
    let abs_x = unsafe { abs(x) };
    println!("{x}, {abs_x}");
}
```

We already saw this in the Safe FFI Wrapper exercise.

This assumes full knowledge of the target platform. Not recommended for production.

We will look at better options next.

## Calling C with Bindgen

The bindgen tool can auto-generate bindings from a C header file.

First create a small C library:

interoperability/bindgen/libbirthday.h:

```
typedef struct card {
   const char* name;
   int years;
} card;
void print_card(const card* card);
```

interoperability/bindgen/libbirthday.c:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include "libbirthday.h"
void print_card(const card* card) {
    printf("+-----\n");
    printf("| Happy Birthday %s!\n", card->name);
    printf("| Congratulations with the %i years!\n", card->years);
    printf("+-----\n");
}
```

Add this to your Android.bp file:

interoperability/bindgen/Android.bp:

```
cc_library {
    name: "libbirthday",
    srcs: ["libbirthday.c"],
}
```

Create a wrapper header file for the library (not strictly needed in this example):

interoperability/bindgen/libbirthday\_wrapper.h:

#include "libbirthday.h"

You can now auto-generate the bindings:

interoperability/bindgen/Android.bp:

```
rust_bindgen {
    name: "libbirthday_bindgen",
    crate_name: "birthday_bindgen",
    wrapper_src: "libbirthday_wrapper.h",
    source_stem: "bindings",
    static_libs: ["libbirthday"],
}
```

Finally, we can use the bindings in our Rust program:

```
interoperability/bindgen/Android.bp:
```

```
rust_binary {
    name: "print_birthday_card",
    srcs: ["main.rs"],
    rustlibs: ["libbirthday_bindgen"],
}
```

#### interoperability/bindgen/main.rs:

,compile\_fail
//! Bindgen demo.
use birthday\_bindgen::{card, print\_card};
fn main() {
 let name = std::ffi::CString::new("Peter").unwrap();
 let card = card {
 name: name.as\_ptr(),
 years: 42,
 };
 unsafe {
 print\_card(&card as \*const card);
 }
}

Build, push, and run the binary on your device:

```
m print_birthday_card
adb push "$ANDROID_PRODUCT_OUT/system/bin/print_birthday_card" /data/local/tmp
adb shell /data/local/tmp/print_birthday_card
```

Finally, we can run auto-generated tests to ensure the bindings work:

```
interoperability/bindgen/Android.bp:
```

```
rust_test {
    name: "libbirthday_bindgen_test",
    srcs: [":libbirthday_bindgen"],
    crate_name: "libbirthday_bindgen_test",
    test_suites: ["general-tests"],
    auto_gen_config: true,
    clippy_lints: "none", // Generated file, skip linting
```

```
lints: "none",
}
atest libbirthday_bindgen_test
```

#### **Calling Rust from C**

Exporting Rust functions and types to C is easy:

#### interoperability/rust/libanalyze/analyze.rs

```
,editable
//! Rust FFI demo.
#![deny(improper_ctypes_definitions)]
use std::os::raw::c_int;
/// Analyze the numbers.
#[no_mangle]
pub extern "C" fn analyze_numbers(x: c_int, y: c_int) {
    if x < y {
        println!("x ({x}) is smallest!");
    } else {
        println!("y ({y}) is probably larger than x ({x})");
    }
}
```

interoperability/rust/libanalyze/analyze.h

```
#ifndef ANALYSE_H
#define ANALYSE_H
extern "C" {
void analyze_numbers(int x, int y);
}
```

#endif

interoperability/rust/libanalyze/Android.bp

```
rust_ffi {
    name: "libanalyze_ffi",
    crate_name: "analyze_ffi",
    srcs: ["analyze.rs"],
    include_dirs: ["."],
}
```

We can now call this from a C binary:

interoperability/rust/analyze/main.c

```
#include "analyze.h"
int main() {
    analyze_numbers(10, 20);
    analyze_numbers(123, 123);
    return 0;
}
```

interoperability/rust/analyze/Android.bp

```
cc_binary {
    name: "analyze_numbers",
    srcs: ["main.c"],
    static_libs: ["libanalyze_ffi"],
}
```

Build, push, and run the binary on your device:

```
m analyze_numbers
adb push "$ANDROID_PRODUCT_OUT/system/bin/analyze_numbers" /data/local/tmp
adb shell /data/local/tmp/analyze_numbers
```

#[no\_mangle] disables Rust's usual name mangling, so the exported symbol will just be the name of the function. You can also use #[export\_name = "some\_name"] to specify whatever name you want.

## With C++

The CXX crate makes it possible to do safe interoperability between Rust and C++.

The overall approach looks like this:

#### The Bridge Module

CXX relies on a description of the function signatures that will be exposed from each language to the other. You provide this description using extern blocks in a Rust module annotated with the #[cxx::bridge] attribute macro.

```
,ignore
#[allow(unsafe op in unsafe fn)]
#[cxx::bridge(namespace = "org::blobstore")]
mod ffi {
    // Shared structs with fields visible to both languages.
    struct BlobMetadata {
        size: usize,
        tags: Vec<String>,
    }
    // Rust types and signatures exposed to C++.
    extern "Rust" {
        type MultiBuf;
        fn next_chunk(buf: &mut MultiBuf) -> &[u8];
    }
    // C++ types and signatures exposed to Rust.
    unsafe extern "C++" {
        include!("include/blobstore.h");
        type BlobstoreClient;
        fn new_blobstore_client() -> UniquePtr<BlobstoreClient>;
        fn put(self: Pin<&mut BlobstoreClient>, parts: &mut MultiBuf) -> u64;
        fn tag(self: Pin<&mut BlobstoreClient>, blobid: u64, tag: &str);
        fn metadata(&self, blobid: u64) -> BlobMetadata;
    }
}
```

• The bridge is generally declared in an ffi module within your crate.

• From the declarations made in the bridge module, CXX will generate matching Rust and C++ type/function definitions in order to expose those items to both languages.

- To view the generated Rust code, use cargo-expand to view the expanded proc macro. For most of the examples you would use cargo expand ::ffi to expand just the ffi module (though this doesn't apply for Android projects).
- To view the generated C++ code, look in target/cxxbridge.

#### **Rust Bridge**

```
,ignore
#[cxx::bridge]
mod ffi {
    extern "Rust" {
        type MyType; // Opaque type
        fn foo(&self); // Method on `MyType`
        fn bar() -> Box<MyType>; // Free function
    }
}
struct MyType(i32);
impl MyType {
    fn foo(&self) {
        println!("{}", self.0);
    }
}
fn bar() -> Box<MyType> {
    Box::new(MyType(123))
}
```

• Items declared in the extern "Rust" reference items that are in scope in the parent module.

 The CXX code generator uses your extern "Rust" section(s) to produce a C++ header file containing the corresponding C++ declarations. The generated header has the same path as the Rust source file containing the bridge, except with a .rs.h file extension.

#### Generated C++

```
,ignore
#[cxx::bridge]
mod ffi {
    // Rust types and signatures exposed to C++.
    extern "Rust" {
        type MultiBuf;
        fn next_chunk(buf: &mut MultiBuf) -> &[u8];
    }
}
```

Results in (roughly) the following C++:

```
struct MultiBuf final : public ::rust::Opaque {
    ~MultiBuf() = delete;

private:
    friend ::rust::layout;
    struct layout {
        static ::std::size_t size() noexcept;
        static ::std::size_t align() noexcept;
    };
};
```

```
::rust::Slice<::std::uint8_t const> next_chunk(::org::blobstore::MultiBuf &buf)
noexcept;
```

#### C++ Bridge

```
,ignore
#[cxx::bridge]
mod ffi {
    // C++ types and signatures exposed to Rust.
    unsafe extern "C++" {
        include!("include/blobstore.h");
        type BlobstoreClient;
        fn new_blobstore_client() -> UniquePtr<BlobstoreClient>;
        fn put(self: Pin<&mut BlobstoreClient>, parts: &mut MultiBuf) -> u64;
        fn tag(self: Pin<&mut BlobstoreClient>, blobid: u64, tag: &str);
        fn metadata(&self, blobid: u64) -> BlobMetadata;
    }
}
```

Results in (roughly) the following Rust:

```
,ignore
#[repr(C)]
pub struct BlobstoreClient {
    _private: ::cxx::private::Opaque,
}
pub fn new_blobstore_client() -> ::cxx::UniquePtr<BlobstoreClient> {
    extern "C" {
        #[link name = "org$blobstore$cxxbridge1$new blobstore client"]
        fn __new_blobstore_client() -> *mut BlobstoreClient;
    }
    unsafe { ::cxx::UniquePtr::from_raw(__new_blobstore_client()) }
}
impl BlobstoreClient {
    pub fn put(&self, parts: &mut MultiBuf) -> u64 {
        extern "C" {
            #[link name = "org$blobstore$cxxbridge1$BlobstoreClient$put"]
            fn put(
                _: &BlobstoreClient,
                parts: *mut ::cxx::core::ffi::c_void,
            ) -> u64;
        }
        unsafe {
            __put(self, parts as *mut MultiBuf as *mut ::cxx::core::ffi::c_void)
        }
    }
```

// ...

- The programmer does not need to promise that the signatures they have typed in are accurate. CXX performs static assertions that the signatures exactly correspond with what is declared in C++.
- unsafe extern blocks allow you to declare C++ functions that are safe to call from Rust.

}

#### **Shared Types**

```
,ignore
#[cxx::bridge]
mod ffi {
    #[derive(Clone, Debug, Hash)]
    struct PlayingCard {
        suit: Suit,
        value: u8, // A=1, J=11, Q=12, K=13
    }
    enum Suit {
        Clubs,
        Diamonds,
        Hearts,
        Spades,
    }
}
```

- Only C-like (unit) enums are supported.
- A limited number of traits are supported for #[derive()] on shared types. Corresponding functionality is also generated for the C++ code, e.g. if you derive Hash also generates an implementation of std::hash for the corresponding C++ type.

#### **Shared Enums**

```
,ignore
#[cxx::bridge]
mod ffi {
    enum Suit {
        Clubs,
        Diamonds,
        Hearts,
        Spades,
    }
}
Generated Rust:
#[derive(Copy, Clone, PartialEq, Eq)]
#[repr(transparent)]
pub struct Suit {
    pub repr: u8,
}
#[allow(non_upper_case_globals)]
impl Suit {
    pub const Clubs: Self = Suit { repr: 0 };
    pub const Diamonds: Self = Suit { repr: 1 };
    pub const Hearts: Self = Suit { repr: 2 };
    pub const Spades: Self = Suit { repr: 3 };
}
Generated C++:
++
enum class Suit : uint8_t {
  Clubs = 0,
  Diamonds = 1,
  Hearts = 2,
  Spades = 3,
```

};

 On the Rust side, the code generated for shared enums is actually a struct wrapping a numeric value. This is because it is not UB in C++ for an enum class to hold a value different from all of the listed variants, and our Rust representation needs to have the same behavior.

#### **Rust Error Handling**

```
,ignore
#[cxx::bridge]
mod ffi {
    extern "Rust" {
        fn fallible(depth: usize) -> Result<String>;
    }
}
fn fallible(depth: usize) -> anyhow::Result<String> {
    if depth == 0 {
        return Err(anyhow::Error::msg("fallible1 requires depth > 0"));
    }
    Ok("Success!".into())
}
```

- Rust functions that return Result are translated to exceptions on the C++ side.
- The exception thrown will always be of type rust::Error, which primarily exposes a way to get the error message string. The error message will come from the error type's Display impl.
- A panic unwinding from Rust to C++ will always cause the process to immediately terminate.

# C++ Error Handling

```
,ignore
#[cxx::bridge]
mod ffi {
    unsafe extern "C++" {
        include!("example/include/example.h");
        fn fallible(depth: usize) -> Result<String>;
    }
}
fn main() {
    if let Err(err) = ffi::fallible(99) {
        eprintln!("Error: {}", err);
        process::exit(1);
    }
}
```

- C++ functions declared to return a Result will catch any thrown exception on the C++ side and return it as an Err value to the calling Rust function.
- If an exception is thrown from an extern "C++" function that is not declared by the CXX bridge to return Result, the program calls C++'s std::terminate. The behavior is equivalent to the same exception being thrown through a noexcept C++ function.

## **Additional Types**

- These types can be used in the fields of shared structs and the arguments and returns of extern functions.
- Note that Rust's String does not map directly to std::string. There are a few reasons for this:- std::string does not uphold the UTF-8 invariant that String requires.
- The two types have different layouts in memory and so can't be passed directly between languages.
- std::string requires move constructors that don't match Rust's move semantics, so a std::string can't be passed by value to Rust.

#### Building for Android: C++

Create a cc\_library\_static to build the C++ library, including the CXX generated header and source file.

```
cc_library_static {
    name: "libcxx_test_cpp",
    srcs: ["cxx_test.cpp"],
    generated_headers: [
        "cxx-bridge-header",
        "libcxx_test_bridge_header"
    ],
    generated_sources: ["libcxx_test_bridge_code"],
}
```

- Point out that libcxx\_test\_bridge\_header and libcxx\_test\_bridge\_code are the dependencies for the CXX-generated C++ bindings. We'll show how these are setup on the next slide.
- Note that you also need to depend on the cxx-bridge-header library in order to pull in common CXX definitions.
- Full docs for using CXX in Android can be found in the Android docs. You may want to share that link with the class so that students know where they can find these instructions again in the future.

#### **Building for Android: Genrules**

Create two genrules: One to generate the CXX header, and one to generate the CXX source file. These are then used as inputs to the cc\_library\_static.

```
// Generate a C++ header containing the C++ bindings
// to the Rust exported functions in lib.rs.
genrule {
    name: "libcxx_test_bridge_header",
    tools: ["cxxbridge"],
    cmd: "$(location cxxbridge) $(in) --header > $(out)",
    srcs: ["lib.rs"],
    out: ["lib.rs.h"],
}
// Generate the C++ code that Rust calls into.
genrule {
    name: "libcxx_test_bridge_code",
    tools: ["cxxbridge"],
    cmd: "$(location cxxbridge) $(in) > $(out)",
    srcs: ["lib.rs"],
    out: ["lib.rs.cc"],
}
```

- The cxxbridge tool is a standalone tool that generates the C++ side of the bridge module. It is included in Android and available as a Soong tool.
- By convention, if your Rust source file is lib.rs your header file will be named lib.rs.h and your source file will be named lib.rs.cc. This naming convention isn't enforced, though.

## **Building for Android: Rust**

Create a rust\_binary that depends on libcxx and your cc\_library\_static.

```
rust_binary {
    name: "cxx_test",
    srcs: ["lib.rs"],
    rustlibs: ["libcxx"],
    static_libs: ["libcxx_test_cpp"],
}
```

## With Java

Java can load shared objects via <u>Java Native Interface (JNI</u>). The <u>jni crate</u> allows you to create a compatible library.

First, we create a Rust function to export to Java:

interoperability/java/src/lib.rs:

```
,compile fail
//! Rust <-> Java FFI demo.
use jni::objects::{JClass, JString};
use jni::sys::jstring;
use jni::JNIEnv;
/// HelloWorld::hello method implementation.
#[no mangle]
pub extern "system" fn Java_HelloWorld_hello(
    env: JNIEnv,
    _class: JClass,
    name: JString,
) -> jstring {
    let input: String = env.get string(name).unwrap().into();
    let greeting = format!("Hello, {input}!");
    let output = env.new string(greeting).unwrap();
    output.into_inner()
}
```

```
interoperability/java/Android.bp:
```

```
rust_ffi_shared {
    name: "libhello_jni",
    crate_name: "hello_jni",
    srcs: ["src/lib.rs"],
    rustlibs: ["libjni"],
}
```

Finally, we can call this function from Java:

interoperability/java/HelloWorld.java:

```
class HelloWorld {
    private static native String hello(String name);
```

```
static {
    System.loadLibrary("hello_jni");
}
public static void main(String[] args) {
    String output = HelloWorld.hello("Alice");
    System.out.println(output);
}
```

interoperability/java/Android.bp:

```
java_binary {
    name: "helloworld_jni",
    srcs: ["HelloWorld.java"],
    main_class: "HelloWorld",
    required: ["libhello_jni"],
}
```

Finally, you can build, sync, and run the binary:

```
m helloworld_jni
adb sync # requires adb root && adb remount
adb shell /system/bin/helloworld_jni
```

# **Exercises**

This is a group exercise: We will look at one of the projects you work with and try to integrate some Rust into it. Some suggestions:

- Call your AIDL service with a client written in Rust.
- Move a function from your project to Rust and call it.

No solution is provided here since this is open-ended: it relies on someone in the class having a piece of code which you can turn in to Rust on the fly.

# Chromium

### Welcome

Rust is supported for third-party libraries in Chromium, with first-party glue code to connect between Rust and existing Chromium C++ code.

Today, we'll call into Rust to do something silly with strings. If you've got a corner of the code where you're displaying a UTF8 string to the user, feel free to follow this recipe in your part of the codebase instead of the exact part we talk about.

### Setup

Make sure you can build and run Chromium. Any platform and set of build flags is OK, so long as your code is relatively recent (commit position 1223636 onwards, corresponding to November 2023):

gn gen out/Debug
autoninja -C out/Debug chrome
out/Debug/chrome # or on Mac, out/Debug/Chromium.app/Contents/MacOS/Chromium

(A component, debug build is recommended for quickest iteration time. This is the default!)

See <u>How to build Chromium</u> if you aren't already at that point. Be warned: setting up to build Chromium takes time.

It's also recommended that you have Visual Studio code installed.

#### About the exercises

This part of the course has a series of exercises which build on each other. We'll be doing them spread throughout the course instead of just at the end. If you don't have time to complete a certain part, don't worry: you can catch up in the next slot.

# Using cargo for experimental tools

Rust community typically uses cargo and libraries from crates.io. Chromium is built using gn and ninja and a curated set of dependencies.

When writing code in Rust, your choices are:

- Use gn and ninja with the help of the templates from //build/rust/\*.gni (e.g. rust\_static\_library that we'll meet later). This uses Chromium's audited toolchain and crates.
- Use cargo, but restrict yourself to Chromium's audited toolchain and crates
- Use cargo, trusting a toolchain and/or crates downloaded from the internet

From here on we'll be focusing on gn and ninja, because this is how Rust code can be built into the Chromium browser. At the same time, Cargo is an important part of the Rust ecosystem and you should keep it in your toolbox.

#### Mini exercise

Split into small groups and:

- Brainstorm scenarios where cargo may offer an advantage and assess the risk profile of these scenarios.
- Discuss which tools, libraries, and groups of people need to be trusted when using gn and ninja, offline cargo, etc.

Ask students to avoid peeking at the speaker notes before completing the exercise. Assuming folks taking the course are physically together, ask them to discuss in small groups of 3-4 people.

Notes/hints related to the first part of the exercise ("scenarios where Cargo may offer an advantage"):

- It's fantastic that when writing a tool, or prototyping a part of Chromium, one has access to the rich ecosystem of crates.io libraries. There is a crate for almost anything and they are usually quite pleasant to use. (clap for command-line parsing, serde for serializing/ deserializing to/from various formats, itertools for working with iterators, etc.).
- cargo makes it easy to try a library (just add a single line to Cargo.toml and start writing code)
- It may be worth comparing how CPAN helped make perl a popular choice. Or comparing with python + pip.

- Development experience is made really nice not only by core Rust tools (e.g. using rustup to switch to a different rustc version when testing a crate that needs to work on nightly, current stable, and older stable) but also by an ecosystem of third-party tools (e.g. Mozilla provides cargo vet for streamlining and sharing security audits; criterion crate gives a streamlined way to run benchmarks).
- cargo makes it easy to add a tool via cargo install --locked cargo-vet.
- It may be worth comparing with Chrome Extensions or VScode extensions.
- Broad, generic examples of projects where cargo may be the right choice:
- Perhaps surprisingly, Rust is becoming increasingly popular in the industry for writing command line tools. The breadth and ergonomics of libraries is comparable to Python, while being more robust (thanks to the rich typesystem) and running faster (as a compiled, rather than interpreted language).
- Participating in the Rust ecosystem requires using standard Rust tools like Cargo. Libraries that want to get external contributions, and want to be used outside of Chromium (e.g. in Bazel or Android/Soong build environments) should probably use Cargo.
- Examples of Chromium-related projects that are cargo-based:
- serde\_json\_lenient (experimented with in other parts of Google which resulted in PRs with performance improvements)
- Fontations libraries like font-types
- gnrt tool (we will meet it later in the course) which depends on clap for command-line parsing and on toml for configuration files.- Disclaimer: a unique reason for using cargo was unavailability of gn when building and bootstrapping Rust standard library when building Rust toolchain.)
- run\_gnrt.py uses Chromium's copy of cargo and rustc. gnrt depends on third-party libraries downloaded from the internet, by run\_gnrt.py asks cargo that only --locked content is allowed via Cargo.lock.)

Students may identify the following items as being implicitly or explicitly trusted:

- rustc (the Rust compiler) which in turn depends on the LLVM libraries, the Clang compiler, the rustc sources (fetched from GitHub, reviewed by Rust compiler team), binary Rust compiler downloaded for bootstrapping
- rustup (it may be worth pointing out that rustup is developed under the umbrella of the <a href="https://github.com/rust-lang/">https://github.com/rust-lang/</a> organization same as rustc)
- cargo, rustfmt, etc.
- Various internal infrastructure (bots that build rustc, system for distributing the prebuilt toolchain to Chromium engineers, etc.)

- Cargo tools like cargo audit, cargo vet, etc.
- Rust libraries vendored into //third\_party/rust (audited by security@chromium.org)
- Other Rust libraries (some niche, some quite popular and commonly used)

# Policy

Chromium does not yet allow first-party Rust except in rare cases as approved by Chromium's <u>Area Tech Leads</u>.

Chromium's policy on third party libraries is outlined <u>here</u> - Rust is allowed for third party libraries under various circumstances, including if they're the best option for performance or for security.

Very few Rust libraries directly expose a C/C++ API, so that means that nearly all such libraries will require a small amount of first-party glue code.

C++	Rus	st			
: :	:				:
: Existing Chromium :	:	Chromium Rust		Existing Rust	:
: "C++" :	:	"wrapper"		crate	:
: ++ :	: +	++		++	- :
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First-party Rust glue code for a particular third-party crate should normally be kept in third\_party/rust/<crate>/<version>/wrapper.

Because of this, today's course will be heavily focused on:

- Bringing in third-party Rust libraries ("crates")
- Writing glue code to be able to use those crates from Chromium C++.

If this policy changes over time, the course will evolve to keep up.

### **Build Rules**

Rust code is usually built using cargo. Chromium builds with gn and ninja for efficiency — its static rules allow maximum parallelism. Rust is no exception.

#### Adding Rust code to Chromium

In some existing Chromium BUILD.gn file, declare a rust\_static\_library:

```
import("//build/rust/rust_static_library.gni")
rust_static_library("my_rust_lib") {
    crate_root = "lib.rs"
    sources = [ "lib.rs" ]
}
```

You can also add deps on other Rust targets. Later we'll use this to depend upon third party code.

You must specify *both* the crate root, *and* a full list of sources. The crate\_root is the file given to the Rust compiler representing the root file of the compilation unit — typically lib.rs. sources is a complete list of all source files which ninja needs in order to determine when rebuilds are necessary.

(There's no such thing as a Rust source\_set, because in Rust, an entire crate is a compilation unit. A static\_library is the smallest unit.)

Students might be wondering why we need a gn template, rather than using gn's built-in support for Rust static libraries. The answer is that this template provides support for cxx interop, Rust features, and unit tests, some of which we'll use later.

#### Unsafe code

Unsafe Rust code is forbidden in rust\_static\_library by default — it won't compile. If you need unsafe Rust code, add allow\_unsafe = true to the gn target. (Later in the course we'll see circumstances where this is necessary.)

```
import("//build/rust/rust_static_library.gni")
rust_static_library("my_rust_lib") {
    crate_root = "lib.rs"
    sources = [
```

```
"lib.rs",
    "hippopotamus.rs"
]
allow_unsafe = true
}
```

# Depending on Rust code from Chromium C++

Simply add the above target to the deps of some Chromium C++ target.

```
import("//build/rust/rust_static_library.gni")
rust_static_library("my_rust_lib") {
    crate_root = "lib.rs"
    sources = [ "lib.rs" ]
}
# or source_set, static_library etc.
component("preexisting_cpp") {
    deps = [ ":my_rust_lib" ]
}
```

# **Visual Studio code**

Types are elided in Rust code, which makes a good IDE even more useful than for C++. Visual Studio code works well for Rust in Chromium. To use it,

- Ensure your VSCode has the rust-analyzer extension, not earlier forms of Rust support
- gn gen out/Debug --export-rust-project (or equivalent for your output directory)
- ln -s out/Debug/rust-project.json rust-project.json

A demo of some of the code annotation and exploration features of rust-analyzer might be beneficial if the audience are naturally skeptical of IDEs.

The following steps may help with the demo (but feel free to instead use a piece of Chromiumrelated Rust that you are most familiar with):

- Open components/qr\_code\_generator/qr\_code\_generator\_ffi\_glue.rs
- Place the cursor over the QrCode::new call (around line 26) in `qr \_code \_generator \_ffi \_glue.rs
- Demo **show documentation** (typical bindings: vscode = ctrl k i; vim/CoC = K).
- Demo go to definition (typical bindings: vscode = F12; vim/CoC = g d). (This will take you to //third\_party/rust/.../qr\_code-.../src/lib.rs.)
- Demo **outline** and navigate to the QrCode::with\_bits method (around line 164; the outline is in the file explorer pane in vscode; typical vim/CoC bindings = space o)
- Demo **type annotations** (there are quote a few nice examples in the QrCode::with\_bits method)

It may be worth pointing out that gn gen ... --export-rust-project will need to be rerun after editing BUILD.gn files (which we will do a few times throughout the exercises in this session).

### Exercise

In your Chromium build, add a new Rust target to //ui/base/BUILD.gn containing:

```
#[no_mangle]
pub extern "C" fn hello_from_rust() {
    println!("Hello from Rust!")
}
```

**Important**: note that no\_mangle here is considered a type of unsafety by the Rust compiler, so you'll need to to allow unsafe code in your gn target.

Add this new Rust target as a dependency of //ui/base:base. Declare this function at the top of ui/base/resource/resource\_bundle.cc (later, we'll see how this can be automated by bindings generation tools):

```
extern "C" void hello_from_rust();
```

Call this function from somewhere in ui/base/resource/resource\_bundle.cc - we suggest the top of ResourceBundle::MaybeMangleLocalizedString. Build and run Chromium, and ensure that "Hello from Rust!" is printed lots of times.

If you use VSCode, now set up Rust to work well in VSCode. It will be useful in subsequent exercises. If you've succeeded, you will be able to use right-click "Go to definition" on println!.

#### Where to find help

- The options available to the rust\_static\_library gn template
- Information about #[no\_mangle]
- Information about extern "C"
- Information about gn's --export-rust-project switch
- · How to install rust-analyzer in VSCode

This example is unusual because it boils down to the lowest-common-denominator interop language, C. Both C++ and Rust can natively declare and call C ABI functions. Later in the course, we'll connect C++ directly to Rust.

allow\_unsafe = true is required here because #[no\_mangle] might allow Rust to generate two functions with the same name, and Rust can no longer guarantee that the right one is called.

If you need a pure Rust executable, you can also do that using the rust\_executable gn template.

# Interoperability with C++

The Rust community offers multiple options for C++/Rust interop, with new tools being developed all the time. At the moment, Chromium uses a tool called "cxx".

You describe your whole language boundary in an interface definition language (which looks a lot like Rust) and then cxx tools generate declarations for functions and types in both Rust and C++.

See the CXX tutorial for a full example of using this.

Talk through the diagram. Explain that behind the scenes, this is doing just the same as you previously did. Point out that automating the process has the following benefits:

- The tool guarantees that the C++ and Rust sides match (e.g. you get compile errors if the #[cxx::bridge] doesn't match the actual C++ or Rust definitions, but with out-of-sync manual bindings you'd get Undefined Behavior)
- The tool automates generation of FFI thunks (small, C-ABI-compatible, free functions) for non-C features (e.g. enabling FFI calls into Rust or C++ methods; manual bindings would require authoring such top-level, free functions manually)
- The tool and the library can handle a set of core types for example:- &[T] can be passed across the FFI boundary, even though it doesn't guarantee any particular ABI or memory layout. With manual bindings std::span<T> / &[T] have to be manually destructured and rebuilt out of a pointer and length - this is error-prone given that each language represents empty slices slightly differently)
- Smart pointers like std::unique\_ptr<T>, std::shared\_ptr<T>, and/or Box are natively supported. With manual bindings, one would have to pass C-ABI-compatible raw pointers, which would increase lifetime and memory-safety risks.
- rust::String and CxxString types understand and maintain differences in string representation across the languages (e.g. rust::String::lossy can build a Rust string from non-UTF8 input and rust::String::c\_str can NUL-terminate a string).

# **Example bindings**

cxx requires that the whole C++/Rust boundary is declared in cxx::bridge "modules" inside .rs source code.

,ignore
#[cxx::bridge]
mod ffi {

```
extern "Rust" {
    type MultiBuf;
    fn next_chunk(buf: &mut MultiBuf) -> &[u8];
}
unsafe extern "C++" {
    include!("example/include/blobstore.h");
    type BlobstoreClient;
    fn new_blobstore_client() -> UniquePtr<BlobstoreClient>;
    fn put(self: &BlobstoreClient, buf: &mut MultiBuf) -> Result<u64>;
}
// Definitions of Rust types and functions go here
```

Point out:

- Native support for C++'s std::unique\_ptr in Rust
- · Native support for Rust slices in C++
- Calls from C++ to Rust, and Rust types (in the top part)
- Calls from Rust to C++, and C++ types (in the bottom part)

**Common misconception**: It *looks* like a C++ header is being parsed by Rust, but this is misleading. This header is never interpreted by Rust, but simply #included in the generated C+ + code for the benefit of C++ compilers.

### Limitations of cxx

By far the most useful page when using cxx is the type reference.

cxx fundamentally suits cases where:

- Your Rust-C++ interface is sufficiently simple that you can declare all of it.
- You're using only the types natively supported by cxx already, for example std::unique\_ptr, std::string, &[u8] etc.

It has many limitations — for example lack of support for Rust's Option type.

These limitations constrain us to using Rust in Chromium only for well isolated "leaf nodes" rather than for arbitrary Rust-C++ interop. When considering a use-case for Rust in Chromium, a good starting point is to draft the cxx bindings for the language boundary to see if it appears simple enough.

You should also discuss some of the other sticky points with cxx, for example:

- Its error handling is based around C++ exceptions (given on the next slide)
- Function pointers are awkward to use.

#### cxx error handling

cxx's support for Result<T, E> relies on C++ exceptions, so we can't use that in Chromium. Alternatives:

• Where success can be represented as a simple Boolean, as done in our QR code generator: Return a Boolean representing success, and record results using out-parameters:

```
,ignore
#[cxx::bridge(namespace = "qr_code_generator")]
mod ffi {
    extern "Rust" {
        fn generate_qr_code_using_rust(
            data: &[u8],
            min_version: i16,
            out_pixels: Pin<&mut CxxVector<u8>>,
            out_qr_size: &mut usize,
        ) -> bool;
    }
}
```

 Where success is more complex, provide a Rust object which can be queried for details of success or failure:

The best way to learn cxx is by doing, so, another exercise!

### Using cxx in Chromium

In Chromium, we define an independent #[cxx::bridge] mod for each leaf-node where we want to use Rust. You'd typically have one for each rust\_static\_library. Just add

```
cxx_bindings = [ "my_rust_file.rs" ]
    # list of files containing #[cxx::bridge], not all source files
allow unsafe = true
```

to your existing rust\_static\_library target alongside crate\_root and sources.

C++ headers will be generated at a sensible location, so you can just

```
#include "ui/base/my_rust_file.rs.h"
```

You will find some utility functions in //base to convert to/from Chromium C++ types to cxx Rust types — for example SpanToRustSlice.

```
Students may ask — why do we still need allow_unsafe = true?
```

The broad answer is that no C/C++ code is "safe" by the normal Rust standards. Calling back and forth to C/C++ from Rust may do arbitrary things to memory, and compromise the safety of Rust's own data layouts. Presence of *too many* unsafe keywords in C/C++ interop can harm the signal-to-noise ratio of such a keyword, and is controversial, but strictly, bringing any foreign code into a Rust binary can cause unexpected behavior from Rust's perspective.

The narrow answer lies in the diagram at the top of this page — behind the scenes, cxx generates Rust unsafe and extern "C" functions just like we did manually in the previous section.

# Exercise

#### Part one

- In the Rust file you previously created, add a #[cxx::bridge] which specifies a single function, to be called from C++, called hello\_from\_rust, taking no parameters and returning no value.
- Modify your previous hello\_from\_rust function to remove extern "C" and #[no\_mangle]. This is now just a standard Rust function.
- Modify your gn target to build these bindings.
- In your C++ code, remove the forward-declaration of hello\_from\_rust. Instead, include the generated header file.
- · Build and run!

### Part two

It's a good idea to play with cxx a little. It helps you think about how flexible Rust in Chromium actually is.

Some things to try:

- Call back into C++ from Rust. You will need:- An additional header file which you can include! from your cxx::bridge. You'll need to declare your C++ function in that new header file.
- An unsafe block to call such a function, or alternatively specify the unsafe keyword in your #[cxx::bridge] as described here.
- You may also need to #include "third\_party/rust/cxx/v1/crate/include/cxx.h"
- Pass a C++ string from C++ into Rust.
- Pass a reference to a C++ object into Rust.
- Intentionally get the Rust function signatures mismatched from the #[cxx::bridge], and get used to the errors you see.
- Intentionally get the C++ function signatures mismatched from the #[cxx::bridge], and get used to the errors you see.
- Pass a std::unique\_ptr of some type from C++ into Rust, so that Rust can own some C++ object.
- Create a Rust object and pass it into C++, so that C++ owns it. (Hint: you need a Box).
- Declare some methods on a C++ type. Call them from Rust.
- Declare some methods on a Rust type. Call them from C++.

#### Part three

Now you understand the strengths and limitations of cxx interop, think of a couple of use-cases for Rust in Chromium where the interface would be sufficiently simple. Sketch how you might define that interface.

#### Where to find help

- The cxx binding reference
- The rust\_static\_library gn template

Some of the questions you may encounter:

- I'm seeing a problem initializing a variable of type X with type Y, where X and Y are both function types. This is because your C++ function doesn't quite match the declaration in your cxx::bridge.
- I seem to be able to freely convert C++ references into Rust references. Doesn't that risk UB? For cxx's *opaque* types, no, because they are zero-sized. For cxx trivial types yes, it's *possible* to cause UB, although cxx's design makes it quite difficult to craft such an example.

# Adding third party crates

Rust libraries are called "crates" and are found at crates.io. It's *very easy* for Rust crates to depend upon one another. So they do!

| Property | C++ library | Rust crate | | - | - | Build system | Lots | Consistent: Cargo.toml | Typical library size | Large-ish | Small | | Transitive dependencies | Few | Lots |

For a Chromium engineer, this has pros and cons:

- All crates use a common build system so we can automate their inclusion into Chromium...
- ... but, crates typically have transitive dependencies, so you will likely have to bring in multiple libraries.

We'll discuss:

- · How to put a crate in the Chromium source code tree
- · How to make gn build rules for it
- · How to audit its source code for sufficient safety.

# **Configuring Cargo.toml**

Chromium has a single set of centrally-managed direct crate dependencies. These are managed through a single Cargo.toml:

```
[dependencies]
bitflags = "1"
cfg-if = "1"
cxx = "1"
# lots more...
```

As with any other Cargo.toml, you can specify more details about the dependencies — most commonly, you'll want to specify the features that you wish to enable in the crate.

When adding a crate to Chromium, you'll often need to provide some extra information in an additional file, gnrt\_config.toml, which we'll meet next.

# Configuring gnrt \_config.toml

Alongside Cargo.toml is gnrt\_config.toml. This contains Chromium-specific extensions to crate handling.

If you add a new crate, you should specify at least the group. This is one of:

# 'safe': The library satisfies the rule-of-2 and can be used in any process.
# 'sandbox': The library does not satisfy the rule-of-2 and must be used in
# a sandboxed process such as the renderer or a utility process.
# 'test': The library is only used in tests.

For instance,

[crate.my-new-crate]
group = 'test' # only used in test code

Depending on the crate source code layout, you may also need to use this file to specify where its LICENSE file(s) can be found.

Later, we'll see some other things you will need to configure in this file to resolve problems.

# **Downloading crates**

A tool called gnrt knows how to download crates and how to generate BUILD.gn rules.

To start, download the crate you want like this:

```
cd chromium/src
vpython3 tools/crates/run_gnrt.py -- vendor
```

Although the gnrt tool is part of the Chromium source code, by running this command you will be downloading and running its dependencies from crates.io. See the earlier section discussing this security decision.

This vendor command may download:

- · Your crate
- · Direct and transitive dependencies
- New versions of other crates, as required by cargo to resolve the complete set of crates required by Chromium.

Chromium maintains patches for some crates, kept in //third\_party/rust/chromium\_crates\_io/ patches. These will be reapplied automatically, but if patching fails you may need to take manual action.

### Generating gn build rules

Once you've downloaded the crate, generate the BUILD.gn files like this:

vpython3 tools/crates/run\_gnrt.py -- gen

Now run git status. You should find:

- At least one new crate source code in third\_party/rust/chromium\_crates\_io/vendor
- At least one new BUILD.gn in third\_party/rust/<crate name>/v<major semver version>
- An appropriate README.chromium

The "major semver version" is a Rust "semver" version number.

Take a close look, especially at the things generated in third\_party/rust.

Talk a little about semver — and specifically the way that in Chromium it's to allow multiple incompatible versions of a crate, which is discouraged but sometimes necessary in the cargo ecosystem.

### **Resolving problems**

If your build fails, it may be because of a build.rs: programs which do arbitrary things at build time. This is fundamentally at odds with the design of gn and ninja which aim for static, deterministic, build rules to maximize parallelism and repeatability of builds.

Some build.rs actions are automatically supported; others require action:

I build script effect I Supported by our gn templates I Work required by you I I - - I - - I I Checking rustc version to configure features on and off I Yes I None I I Checking platform or CPU to configure features on and off I Yes I None I I Generating code I Yes I Yes - specify in gnrt\_config.toml I Building C/C++ I No I Patch around it I I Arbitrary other actions I No I Patch around it I

Fortunately, most crates don't contain a build script, and fortunately, most build scripts only do the top two actions.

#### Build scripts which generate code

If ninja complains about missing files, check the build.rs to see if it writes source code files.

If so, modify gnrt\_config.toml to add build-script-outputs to the crate. If this is a transitive dependency, that is, one on which Chromium code should not directly depend, also add allow-first-party-usage=false. There are several examples already in that file:

```
[crate.unicode-linebreak]
allow-first-party-usage = false
build-script-outputs = [ "tables.rs" ]
```

Now rerun gnrt.py -- gen to regenerate BUILD.gn files to inform ninja that this particular output file is input to subsequent build steps.

#### Build scripts which build C++ or take arbitrary actions

Some crates use the cc crate to build and link C/C++ libraries. Other crates parse C/C++ using bindgen within their build scripts. These actions can't be supported in a Chromium context — our gn, ninja and LLVM build system is very specific in expressing relationships between build actions.

So, your options are:

- · Avoid these crates
- Apply a patch to the crate.

Patches should be kept in third\_party/rust/chromium\_crates\_io/patches/<crate> - see for example the patches against the cxx crate - and will be applied automatically by gnrt each time it upgrades the crate.

### Depending on a crate

Once you've added a third-party crate and generated build rules, depending on a crate is simple. Find your rust\_static\_library target, and add a dep on the :lib target within your crate.

Specifically,

```
+-----+ +----+
"//third_party/rust" | crate name | "/v" | major semver version | "/:lib"
+-----+ +----+
```

For instance,

```
rust_static_library("my_rust_lib") {
  crate_root = "lib.rs"
  sources = [ "lib.rs" ]
  deps = [ "//third_party/rust/example_rust_crate/v1:lib" ]
}
```

### **Reviews and audits**

Adding new libraries is subject to Chromium's standard policies, but of course also subject to security review. As you may be bringing in not just a single crate but also transitive dependencies, there may be a lot of code to review. On the other hand, safe Rust code can have limited negative side effects. How should you review it?

Over time Chromium aims to move to a process based around cargo vet.

Meanwhile, for each new crate addition, we are checking for the following:

- Understand why each crate is used. What's the relationship between crates? If the build system for each crate contains a build.rs or procedural macros, work out what they're for. Are they compatible with the way Chromium is normally built?
- · Check each crate seems to be reasonably well maintained
- Use cd third-party/rust/chromium\_crates\_io; cargo audit to check for known vulnerabilities (first you'll need to cargo install cargo-audit, which ironically involves downloading lots of dependencies from the internet2)
- · Ensure any unsafe code is good enough for the Rule of Two
- Check for any use of fs or net APIs
- Read all the code at a sufficient level to look for anything out of place that might have been maliciously inserted. (You can't realistically aim for 100% perfection here: there's often just too much code.)

These are just guidelines — work with reviewers from security@chromium.org to work out the right way to become confident of the crate.

# Checking into Chromium source code

git status should reveal:

- Crate code in //third\_party/rust/chromium\_crates\_io
- Metadata (BUILD.gn and README.chromium) in //third\_party/rust/<crate>/<version>

Please also add an OWNERS file in the latter location.

You should land all this, along with your Cargo.toml and gnrt\_config.toml changes, into the Chromium repo.

**Important**: you need to use git add -f because otherwise .gitignore files may result in some files being skipped.

As you do so, you might find presubmit checks fail because of non-inclusive language. This is because Rust crate data tends to include names of git branches, and many projects still use non-inclusive terminology there. So you may need to run:

infra/update\_inclusive\_language\_presubmit\_exempt\_dirs.sh > infra/ inclusive\_language\_presubmit\_exempt\_dirs.txt git add -p infra/inclusive\_language\_presubmit\_exempt\_dirs.txt # add whatever changes are yours

# Keeping crates up to date

As the OWNER of any third party Chromium dependency, you are expected to keep it up to date with any security fixes. It is hoped that we will soon automate this for Rust crates, but for now, it's still your responsibility just as it is for any other third party dependency.

# Exercise

Add uwuify to Chromium, turning off the crate's default features. Assume that the crate will be used in shipping Chromium, but won't be used to handle untrustworthy input.

(In the next exercise we'll use uwuify from Chromium, but feel free to skip ahead and do that now if you like. Or, you could create a new rust\_executable target which uses uwuify).

The total crates needed are: uwuify, smallvec, scopeguard, parking \_lot, parking \_lot \_core, lock \_api and instant. If students are downloading even more than that, they probably forgot to turn off the default features.

Thanks to Daniel Liu for this crate!

# **Bringing it together - Exercise**

In this exercise, you're going to add a whole new Chromium feature, bringing together everything you already learned.

#### The brief from Product Management

A community of pixies has been discovered living in a remote rainforest. It's important that we get Chromium for Pixies delivered to them as soon as possible.

The requirement is to translate all Chromium's UI strings into Pixie language.

There's not time to wait for proper translations, but fortunately pixie language is very close to English, and it turns out there's a Rust crate which does the translation.

In fact, you already imported that crate in the previous exercise.

(Obviously, real translations of Chrome require incredible care and diligence. Don't ship this!)

#### Steps

Modify ResourceBundle::MaybeMangleLocalizedString so that it uwuifies all strings before display. In this special build of Chromium, it should always do this irrespective of the setting of mangle\_localized\_strings\_.

If you've done everything right across all these exercises, congratulations, you should have created Chrome for pixies!

- UTF16 vs UTF8. Students should be aware that Rust strings are always UTF8, and will probably decide that it's better to do the conversion on the C++ side using base::UTF16ToUTF8 and back again.
- If students decide to do the conversion on the Rust side, they'll need to consider String::from\_utf16, consider error handling, and consider which cxx supported types can transfer a lot of u16s.
- Students may design the C++/Rust boundary in several different ways, e.g. taking and returning strings by value, or taking a mutable reference to a string. If a mutable reference is used, cxx will likely tell the student that they need to use Pin. You may need to explain what Pin does, and then explain why cxx needs it for mutable references to C++ data: the answer is that C++ data can't be moved around like Rust data, because it may contain self-referential pointers.

- The C++ target containing ResourceBundle::MaybeMangleLocalizedString will need to depend on a rust\_static\_library target. The student probably already did this.
- The rust\_static\_library target will need to depend on //third\_party/rust/uwuify/v0\_2:lib.

Bare Metal: Morning

### Welcome

This is a standalone one-day course about bare-metal Rust, aimed at people who are familiar with the basics of Rust (perhaps from completing the Comprehensive Rust course), and ideally also have some experience with bare-metal programming in some other language such as C.

Today we will talk about 'bare-metal' Rust: running Rust code without an OS underneath us. This will be divided into several parts:

- What is no\_std Rust?
- Writing firmware for microcontrollers.
- · Writing bootloader / kernel code for application processors.
- · Some useful crates for bare-metal Rust development.

For the microcontroller part of the course we will use the <u>BBC micro:bit</u> v2 as an example. It's a <u>development board</u> based on the Nordic nRF51822 microcontroller with some LEDs and buttons, an I2C-connected accelerometer and compass, and an on-board SWD debugger.

To get started, install some tools we'll need later. On gLinux or Debian:

```
sudo apt install gcc-aarch64-linux-gnu gdb-multiarch libudev-dev picocom pkg-config
qemu-system-arm
rustup update
rustup target add aarch64-unknown-none thumbv7em-none-eabihf
rustup component add llvm-tools-preview
cargo install cargo-binutils cargo-embed
```

And give users in the plugdev group access to the micro:bit programmer:

```
echo 'SUBSYSTEM=="usb", ATTR{idVendor}=="0d28", MODE="0664", GROUP="plugdev"' |\
   sudo tee /etc/udev/rules.d/50-microbit.rules
   sudo udevadm control --reload-rules
```

#### On MacOS:

```
xcode-select --install
brew install gdb picocom qemu
brew install --cask gcc-aarch64-embedded
rustup update
rustup target add aarch64-unknown-none thumbv7em-none-eabihf
rustup component add llvm-tools-preview
cargo install cargo-binutils cargo-embed
```

no \_std

core

alloc

std

- Slices, &str, CStr
- NonZeroU8...
- Option, Result
- Display, Debug, write!...
- Iterator
- panic!, assert\_eq!...
- NonNull and all the usual pointer-related functions
- Future and async/await
- fence, AtomicBool, AtomicPtr, AtomicU32...
- Duration
- Box, Cow, Arc, Rc
- Vec, BinaryHeap, BtreeMap, LinkedList, VecDeque
- String, CString, format!
- Error
- HashMap
- Mutex, Condvar, Barrier, Once, RwLock, mpsc
- File and the rest of fs
- println!, Read, Write, Stdin, Stdout and the rest of io
- Path, OsString
- net
- Command, Child, ExitCode
- spawn, sleep and the rest of thread
- SystemTime, Instant
- HashMap depends on RNG.
- std re-exports the contents of both core and alloc.

### **A Minimal Example**

,editable,compile\_fail
#![no\_main]
#![no\_std]

use core::panic::PanicInfo;

```
#[panic_handler]
fn panic(_panic: &PanicInfo) -> ! {
    loop {}
```

}

- This will compile to an empty binary.
- std provides a panic handler; without it we must provide our own.
- It can also be provided by another crate, such as panic-halt.
- Depending on the target, you may need to compile with panic = "abort" to avoid an error about eh\_personality.
- Note that there is no main or any other entry point; it's up to you to define your own entry point. This will typically involve a linker script and some assembly code to set things up ready for Rust code to run.

### alloc

To use alloc you must implement a global (heap) allocator.

```
,editable,compile fail
#![no main]
#![no_std]
extern crate alloc;
extern crate panic_halt as _;
use alloc::string::ToString;
use alloc::vec::Vec;
use buddy_system_allocator::LockedHeap;
#[global_allocator]
static HEAP_ALLOCATOR: LockedHeap<32> = LockedHeap::<32>::new();
static mut HEAP: [u8; 65536] = [0; 65536];
pub fn entry() {
    // Safe because `HEAP` is only used here and `entry` is only called once.
    unsafe {
        // Give the allocator some memory to allocate.
        HEAP ALLOCATOR
            .lock()
            .init(HEAP.as_mut_ptr() as usize, HEAP.len());
    }
    // Now we can do things that require heap allocation.
    let mut v = Vec::new();
    v.push("A string".to_string());
}
```

- buddy\_system\_allocator is a third-party crate implementing a basic buddy system allocator. Other crates are available, or you can write your own or hook into your existing allocator.
- The const parameter of LockedHeap is the max order of the allocator; i.e. in this case it can allocate regions of up to 2\*\*32 bytes.
- If any crate in your dependency tree depends on alloc then you must have exactly one global allocator defined in your binary. Usually this is done in the top-level binary crate.
- extern crate panic\_halt as \_ is necessary to ensure that the panic\_halt crate is linked in so we get its panic handler.
- This example will build but not run, as it doesn't have an entry point.

# **Microcontrollers**

The cortex\_m\_rt crate provides (among other things) a reset handler for Cortex M microcontrollers.

```
,editable,compile_fail
#![no_main]
#![no_std]
extern crate panic_halt as _;
mod interrupts;
use cortex_m_rt::entry;
#[entry]
fn main() -> ! {
    loop {}
}
```

Next we'll look at how to access peripherals, with increasing levels of abstraction.

- The cortex\_m\_rt::entry macro requires that the function have type fn() -> !, because returning to the reset handler doesn't make sense.
- Run the example with cargo embed --bin minimal

## **Raw MMIO**

Most microcontrollers access peripherals via memory-mapped IO. Let's try turning on an LED on our micro:bit:

```
,editable,compile_fail
#![no_main]
#![no_std]
extern crate panic_halt as _;
mod interrupts;
use core::mem::size_of;
use cortex_m_rt::entry;
/// GPI0 port 0 peripheral address
```

```
const GPIO PO: usize = 0x5000 0000;
// GPIO peripheral offsets
const PIN CNF: usize = 0x700;
const OUTSET: usize = 0x508;
const OUTCLR: usize = 0x50c;
// PIN CNF fields
const DIR OUTPUT: u32 = 0x1;
const INPUT DISCONNECT: u32 = 0x1 << 1;</pre>
const PULL DISABLED: u32 = 0x0 \ll 2;
const DRIVE_S0S1: u32 = 0x0 << 8;</pre>
const SENSE DISABLED: u32 = 0x0 << 16;</pre>
#[entry]
fn main() -> ! {
    // Configure GPIO 0 pins 21 and 28 as push-pull outputs.
    let pin_cnf_21 = (GPI0_P0 + PIN_CNF + 21 * size_of::<u32>()) as *mut u32;
    let pin_cnf_28 = (GPI0_P0 + PIN_CNF + 28 * size_of::<u32>()) as *mut u32;
    // Safe because the pointers are to valid peripheral control registers, and
    // no aliases exist.
    unsafe {
        pin cnf 21.write volatile(
            DIR OUTPUT | INPUT DISCONNECT | PULL DISABLED | DRIVE SOS1 | SENSE DISABLED,
        ):
        pin cnf 28.write volatile(
            DIR OUTPUT | INPUT DISCONNECT | PULL DISABLED | DRIVE S0S1 | SENSE DISABLED,
        );
    }
    // Set pin 28 low and pin 21 high to turn the LED on.
    let gpio0_outset = (GPI0_P0 + OUTSET) as *mut u32;
    let gpio0 outclr = (GPIO P0 + OUTCLR) as *mut u32;
    // Safe because the pointers are to valid peripheral control registers, and
    // no aliases exist.
    unsafe {
        gpio0_outclr.write_volatile(1 << 28);</pre>
        gpio0_outset.write_volatile(1 << 21);</pre>
    }
    loop {}
```

}

• GPIO 0 pin 21 is connected to the first column of the LED matrix, and pin 28 to the first row.

Run the example with:

cargo embed --bin mmio

## PACs

<u>svd2rust</u> generates mostly-safe Rust wrappers for memory-mapped peripherals from <u>CMSIS-</u> <u>SVD</u> files.

```
,editable,compile_fail
#![no_main]
#![no std]
extern crate panic_halt as _;
use cortex_m_rt::entry;
use nrf52833_pac::Peripherals;
#[entry]
fn main() -> ! {
    let p = Peripherals::take().unwrap();
    let gpio0 = p.P0;
    // Configure GPIO 0 pins 21 and 28 as push-pull outputs.
    gpio0.pin_cnf[21].write(|w| {
        w.dir().output();
        w.input().disconnect();
        w.pull().disabled();
        w.drive().s0s1();
        w.sense().disabled();
        w
    });
    gpio0.pin_cnf[28].write(|w| {
        w.dir().output();
        w.input().disconnect();
        w.pull().disabled();
        w.drive().s0s1();
        w.sense().disabled();
        W
    });
    // Set pin 28 low and pin 21 high to turn the LED on.
    gpio0.outclr.write(|w| w.pin28().clear());
    gpio0.outset.write(|w| w.pin21().set());
    loop {}
}
```

- SVD (System View Description) files are XML files typically provided by silicon vendors which describe the memory map of the device.- They are organised by peripheral, register, field and value, with names, descriptions, addresses and so on.
- SVD files are often buggy and incomplete, so there are various projects which patch the mistakes, add missing details, and publish the generated crates.
- cortex-m-rt provides the vector table, among other things.
- If you cargo install cargo-binutils then you can run cargo objdump --bin pac -- -d --noshow-raw-insn to see the resulting binary.

Run the example with:

cargo embed --bin pac

### **HAL Crates**

<u>HAL crates</u> for many microcontrollers provide wrappers around various peripherals. These generally implement traits from <u>embedded-hal</u>.

```
,editable,compile_fail
#![no_main]
#![no std]
extern crate panic_halt as _;
use cortex m rt::entry;
use nrf52833_hal::gpio::{p0, Level};
use nrf52833_hal::pac::Peripherals;
use nrf52833_hal::prelude::*;
#[entry]
fn main() -> ! {
    let p = Peripherals::take().unwrap();
    // Create HAL wrapper for GPIO port 0.
    let gpio0 = p0::Parts::new(p.P0);
    // Configure GPIO 0 pins 21 and 28 as push-pull outputs.
    let mut col1 = gpio0.p0_28.into_push_pull_output(Level::High);
    let mut row1 = gpio0.p0_21.into_push_pull_output(Level::Low);
    // Set pin 28 low and pin 21 high to turn the LED on.
    coll.set_low().unwrap();
    rowl.set_high().unwrap();
    loop {}
}
```

- set\_low and set\_high are methods on the embedded\_hal OutputPin trait.
- HAL crates exist for many Cortex-M and RISC-V devices, including various STM32, GD32, nRF, NXP, MSP430, AVR and PIC microcontrollers.

Run the example with:

cargo embed --bin hal

## **Board Support Crates**

Board support crates provide a further level of wrapping for a specific board for convenience.

```
,editable,compile_fail
#![no_main]
#![no_std]
extern crate panic_halt as _;
use cortex_m_rt::entry;
use microbit::hal::prelude::*;
use microbit::Board;
#[entry]
fn main() -> ! {
    let mut board = Board::take().unwrap();
    board.display_pins.coll.set_low().unwrap();
    board.display_pins.rowl.set_high().unwrap();
    loop {}
}
```

- In this case the board support crate is just providing more useful names, and a bit of initialisation.
- The crate may also include drivers for some on-board devices outside of the microcontroller itself.- microbit-v2 includes a simple driver for the LED matrix.

Run the example with:

```
cargo embed --bin board_support
```

# The Type State Pattern

```
,editable,compile fail
#[entry]
fn main() -> ! {
    let p = Peripherals::take().unwrap();
    let gpio0 = p0::Parts::new(p.P0);
    let pin: P0 01<Disconnected> = gpio0.p0 01;
    // let gpio0_01_again = gpio0.p0_01; // Error, moved.
    let pin input: P0 01<Input<Floating>> = pin.into floating input();
    if pin_input.is_high().unwrap() {
        // ...
    }
    let mut pin output: P0 01<Output<OpenDrain>> = pin input
        .into open drain output(OpenDrainConfig::DisconnectOStandard1, Level::Low);
    pin_output.set_high().unwrap();
    // pin input.is high(); // Error, moved.
    let _pin2: P0_02<Output<OpenDrain>> = gpio0
        .p0 02
        .into open drain output(OpenDrainConfig::DisconnectOStandard1, Level::Low);
    let _pin3: P0_03<Output<PushPull>> = gpio0.p0_03.into_push_pull_output(Level::Low);
```

loop {}

}

- Pins don't implement Copy or Clone, so only one instance of each can exist. Once a pin is moved out of the port struct nobody else can take it.
- Changing the configuration of a pin consumes the old pin instance, so you can't keep use the old instance afterwards.
- The type of a value indicates the state that it is in: e.g. in this case, the configuration state of a GPIO pin. This encodes the state machine into the type system, and ensures that you don't try to use a pin in a certain way without properly configuring it first. Illegal state transitions are caught at compile time.
- You can call is\_high on an input pin and set\_high on an output pin, but not vice-versa.
- Many HAL crates follow this pattern.

## embedded-hal

The <u>embedded-hal</u> crate provides a number of traits covering common microcontroller peripherals.

- GPIO
- ADC
- I2C, SPI, UART, CAN
- RNG
- Timers
- Watchdogs

Other crates then implement <u>drivers</u> in terms of these traits, e.g. an accelerometer driver might need an I2C or SPI bus implementation.

- There are implementations for many microcontrollers, as well as other platforms such as Linux on Raspberry Pi.
- There is work in progress on an async version of embedded-hal, but it isn't stable yet.

### probe-rs, cargo-embed

probe-rs is a handy toolset for embedded debugging, like OpenOCD but better integrated.

- · SWD (Serial Wire Debug) and JTAG via CMSIS-DAP, ST-Link and J-Link probes
- · GDB stub and Microsoft DAP (Debug Adapter Protocol) server
- · Cargo integration

cargo-embed is a cargo subcommand to build and flash binaries, log RTT (Real Time Transfers) output and connect GDB. It's configured by an Embed.toml file in your project directory.

- <u>CMSIS-DAP</u> is an Arm standard protocol over USB for an in-circuit debugger to access the CoreSight Debug Access Port of various Arm Cortex processors. It's what the on-board debugger on the BBC micro:bit uses.
- ST-Link is a range of in-circuit debuggers from ST Microelectronics, J-Link is a range from SEGGER.
- The Debug Access Port is usually either a 5-pin JTAG interface or 2-pin Serial Wire Debug.
- probe-rs is a library which you can integrate into your own tools if you want to.
- The <u>Microsoft Debug Adapter Protocol</u> lets VSCode and other IDEs debug code running on any supported microcontroller.
- · cargo-embed is a binary built using the probe-rs library.
- RTT (Real Time Transfers) is a mechanism to transfer data between the debug host and the target through a number of ringbuffers.

### Debugging

### Embed.toml:

```
[default.general]
chip = "nrf52833_xxAA"
```

[debug.gdb]
enabled = true

In one terminal under src/bare-metal/microcontrollers/examples/:

cargo embed --bin board\_support debug

In another terminal in the same directory:

On gLinux or Debian:

gdb-multiarch target/thumbv7em-none-eabihf/debug/board\_support --eval-command="target remote :1337"

On MacOS:

arm-none-eabi-gdb target/thumbv7em-none-eabihf/debug/board\_support --evalcommand="target remote :1337"

In GDB, try running:

b src/bin/board\_support.rs:29
b src/bin/board\_support.rs:30
b src/bin/board\_support.rs:32
c
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c
c
c

## **Other Projects**

- RTIC- "Real-Time Interrupt-driven Concurrency"
- · Shared resource management, message passing, task scheduling, timer queue
- Embassy- async executors with priorities, timers, networking, USB
- <u>TockOS</u>- Security-focused RTOS with preemptive scheduling and Memory Protection Unit support
- <u>Hubris</u>- Microkernel RTOS from Oxide Computer Company with memory protection, unprivileged drivers, IPC
- Bindings for FreeRTOS
- · Some platforms have std implementations, e.g. esp-idf.
- RTIC can be considered either an RTOS or a concurrency framework.- It doesn't include any HALs.
- It uses the Cortex-M NVIC (Nested Virtual Interrupt Controller) for scheduling rather than a proper kernel.
- · Cortex-M only.
- Google uses TockOS on the Haven microcontroller for Titan security keys.
- FreeRTOS is mostly written in C, but there are Rust bindings for writing applications.

# **Exercises**

We will read the direction from an I2C compass, and log the readings to a serial port.

After looking at the exercises, you can look at the solutions provided.

## Compass

We will read the direction from an I2C compass, and log the readings to a serial port. If you have time, try displaying it on the LEDs somehow too, or use the buttons somehow.

Hints:

- Check the documentation for the <u>lsm303agr</u> and <u>microbit-v2</u> crates, as well as the <u>micro:bit</u> <u>hardware</u>.
- The LSM303AGR Inertial Measurement Unit is connected to the internal I2C bus.
- TWI is another name for I2C, so the I2C master peripheral is called TWIM.
- The LSM303AGR driver needs something implementing the embedded\_hal::blocking::i2c::WriteRead trait. The microbit::hal::Twim struct implements this.
- You have a microbit::Board struct with fields for the various pins and peripherals.
- You can also look at the <u>nRF52833 datasheet</u> if you want, but it shouldn't be necessary for this exercise.

Download the exercise template and look in the compass directory for the following files.

src/main.rs:

```
,compile_fail
#![no_main]
#![no_std]
extern crate panic_halt as _;
use core::fmt::Write;
use cortex_m_rt::entry;
use microbit::{hal::uarte::{Baudrate, Parity, Uarte}, Board};
#[entry]
fn main() -> ! {
    let board = Board::take().unwrap();
```

```
// Configure serial port.
let mut serial = Uarte::new(
    board.UARTE0,
    board.uart.into(),
    Parity::EXCLUDED,
    Baudrate::BAUD115200,
);
// Set up the I2C controller and Inertial Measurement Unit.
// TOD0
writeln!(serial, "Ready.").unwrap();
loop {
    // Read compass data and log it to the serial port.
    // TOD0
}
```

### Cargo.toml (you shouldn't need to change this):

[workspace]

}

```
[package]
name = "compass"
version = "0.1.0"
edition = "2021"
publish = false
[dependencies]
cortex-m-rt = "0.7.3"
embedded-hal = "0.2.6"
lsm303agr = "0.2.2"
microbit-v2 = "0.13.0"
panic-halt = "0.2.0"
```

Embed.toml (you shouldn't need to change this):

```
[default.general]
chip = "nrf52833_xxAA"
[debug.gdb]
enabled = true
[debug.reset]
halt_afterwards = true
```

.cargo/config.toml (you shouldn't need to change this):

```
[build]
target = "thumbv7em-none-eabihf" # Cortex-M4F
[target.'cfg(all(target_arch = "arm", target_os = "none"))']
rustflags = ["-C", "link-arg=-Tlink.x"]
```

See the serial output on Linux with:

picocom --baud 115200 --imap lfcrlf /dev/ttyACM0

Or on Mac OS something like (the device name may be slightly different):

picocom --baud 115200 --imap lfcrlf /dev/tty.usbmodem14502

Use Ctrl+A Ctrl+Q to quit picocom.

### **Solutions**

#### Compass

(back to exercise)

```
,compile fail
#![no main]
#![no_std]
extern crate panic_halt as _;
use core::fmt::Write;
use cortex m rt::entry;
use core::cmp::{max, min};
use lsm303agr::{AccelOutputDataRate, Lsm303agr, MagOutputDataRate};
use microbit::display::blocking::Display;
use microbit::hal::prelude::*;
use microbit::hal::twim::Twim;
use microbit::hal::uarte::{Baudrate, Parity, Uarte};
use microbit::hal::Timer;
use microbit::pac::twim0::frequency::FREQUENCY_A;
use microbit::Board:
const COMPASS SCALE: i32 = 30000;
const ACCELEROMETER SCALE: i32 = 700;
#[entry]
fn main() -> ! {
    let board = Board::take().unwrap();
    // Configure serial port.
    let mut serial = Uarte::new(
        board.UARTE0,
        board.uart.into(),
        Parity::EXCLUDED,
        Baudrate::BAUD115200,
    );
    // Set up the I2C controller and Inertial Measurement Unit.
    writeln!(serial, "Setting up IMU...").unwrap();
    let i2c = Twim::new(board.TWIM0, board.i2c_internal.into(), FREQUENCY_A::K100);
    let mut imu = Lsm303agr::new with i2c(i2c);
    imu.init().unwrap();
    imu.set_mag_odr(MagOutputDataRate::Hz50).unwrap();
    imu.set_accel_odr(AccelOutputDataRate::Hz50).unwrap();
```

```
let mut imu = imu.into mag continuous().ok().unwrap();
// Set up display and timer.
let mut timer = Timer::new(board.TIMER0);
let mut display = Display::new(board.display pins);
let mut mode = Mode::Compass;
let mut button pressed = false;
writeln!(serial, "Ready.").unwrap();
loop {
    // Read compass data and log it to the serial port.
    while !(imu.mag_status().unwrap().xyz_new_data
        && imu.accel status().unwrap().xyz new data)
    {}
    let compass reading = imu.mag data().unwrap();
    let accelerometer_reading = imu.accel_data().unwrap();
    writeln!(
        serial,
        "{},{},{}\t{},{}",
        compass_reading.x,
        compass reading.y,
        compass_reading.z,
        accelerometer reading.x,
        accelerometer reading.y,
        accelerometer reading.z,
    )
    .unwrap();
    let mut image = [[0; 5]; 5];
    let (x, y) = match mode {
        Mode::Compass => (
            scale(-compass_reading.x, -COMPASS_SCALE, COMPASS_SCALE, 0, 4) as usize,
            scale(compass_reading.y, -COMPASS_SCALE, COMPASS_SCALE, 0, 4) as usize,
        ),
        Mode::Accelerometer => (
            scale(
                accelerometer_reading.x,
                -ACCELEROMETER SCALE,
                ACCELEROMETER_SCALE,
                0,
                4,
            ) as usize,
            scale(
                accelerometer reading.y,
                -ACCELEROMETER_SCALE,
```

```
ACCELEROMETER SCALE,
                    0,
                    4,
                ) as usize,
            ),
        };
        image[y][x] = 255;
        display.show(&mut timer, image, 100);
        // If button A is pressed, switch to the next mode and briefly blink all LEDs
on.
        if board.buttons.button_a.is_low().unwrap() {
            if !button pressed {
                mode = mode.next();
                display.show(&mut timer, [[255; 5]; 5], 200);
            }
            button_pressed = true;
        } else {
            button_pressed = false;
        }
    }
}
#[derive(Copy, Clone, Debug, Eq, PartialEq)]
enum Mode {
    Compass,
    Accelerometer,
}
impl Mode {
    fn next(self) -> Self {
        match self {
            Self::Compass => Self::Accelerometer,
            Self::Accelerometer => Self::Compass,
        }
    }
}
fn scale(value: i32, min_in: i32, max_in: i32, min_out: i32, max_out: i32) -> i32 {
    let range_in = max_in - min_in;
    let range_out = max_out - min_out;
    cap(
        min_out + range_out * (value - min_in) / range_in,
        min_out,
        max_out,
    )
}
```

```
fn cap(value: i32, min_value: i32, max_value: i32) -> i32 {
    max(min_value, min(value, max_value))
}
```

Bare Metal: Afternoon

## **Application Processors**

So far we've talked about microcontrollers, such as the Arm Cortex-M series. Now let's try writing something for Cortex-A. For simplicity we'll just work with QEMU's aarch64 <u>virt</u> board.

- Broadly speaking, microcontrollers don't have an MMU or multiple levels of privilege (exception levels on Arm CPUs, rings on x86), while application processors do.
- QEMU supports emulating various different machines or board models for each architecture. The 'virt' board doesn't correspond to any particular real hardware, but is designed purely for virtual machines.

### **Getting Ready to Rust**

Before we can start running Rust code, we need to do some initialisation.

```
.section .init.entry, "ax"
.global entry
entry:
    /*
     * Load and apply the memory management configuration, ready to enable MMU and
     * caches.
     */
    adrp x30, idmap
    msr ttbr0_el1, x30
    mov_i x30, .Lmairval
    msr mair ell, x30
    mov i x30, .Ltcrval
    /* Copy the supported PA range into TCR EL1.IPS. */
    mrs x29, id_aa64mmfr0_el1
    bfi x30, x29, #32, #4
    msr tcr_el1, x30
    mov i x30, .Lsctlrval
    /*
     * Ensure everything before this point has completed, then invalidate any
     * potentially stale local TLB entries before they start being used.
     */
    isb
    tlbi vmalle1
    ic iallu
    dsb nsh
```

```
/*
     * Configure sctlr ell to enable MMU and cache and don't proceed until this
     * has completed.
     */
    msr sctlr el1, x30
    isb
    /* Disable trapping floating point access in EL1. */
    mrs x30, cpacr el1
    orr x30, x30, #(0x3 << 20)
    msr cpacr ell, x30
    isb
    /* Zero out the bss section. */
    adr_l x29, bss_begin
    adr_l x30, bss_end
0: cmp x29, x30
    b.hs 1f
    stp xzr, xzr, [x29], #16
    b 0b
1: /* Prepare the stack. */
    adr_l x30, boot_stack_end
    mov sp, x30
    /* Set up exception vector. */
    adr x30, vector table el1
    msr vbar el1, x30
    /* Call into Rust code. */
    bl main
    /* Loop forever waiting for interrupts. */
2: wfi
    b 2b
```

isb

- This is the same as it would be for C: initialising the processor state, zeroing the BSS, and setting up the stack pointer.- The BSS (block starting symbol, for historical reasons) is the part of the object file which containing statically allocated variables which are initialised to zero. They are omitted from the image, to avoid wasting space on zeroes. The compiler assumes that the loader will take care of zeroing them.
- The BSS may already be zeroed, depending on how memory is initialised and the image is loaded, but we zero it to be sure.

- We need to enable the MMU and cache before reading or writing any memory. If we don't:-Unaligned accesses will fault. We build the Rust code for the aarch64-unknown-none target which sets +strict-align to prevent the compiler generating unaligned accesses, so it should be fine in this case, but this is not necessarily the case in general.
- If it were running in a VM, this can lead to cache coherency issues. The problem is that the VM is accessing memory directly with the cache disabled, while the host has cacheable aliases to the same memory. Even if the host doesn't explicitly access the memory, speculative accesses can lead to cache fills, and then changes from one or the other will get lost when the cache is cleaned or the VM enables the cache. (Cache is keyed by physical address, not VA or IPA.)
- For simplicity, we just use a hardcoded pagetable (see idmap.S) which identity maps the first 1 GiB of address space for devices, the next 1 GiB for DRAM, and another 1 GiB higher up for more devices. This matches the memory layout that QEMU uses.
- We also set up the exception vector (vbar\_el1), which we'll see more about later.
- All examples this afternoon assume we will be running at exception level 1 (EL1). If you need to run at a different exception level you'll need to modify entry.S accordingly.

### **Inline Assembly**

Sometimes we need to use assembly to do things that aren't possible with Rust code. For example, to make an HVC (hypervisor call) to tell the firmware to power off the system:

```
,editable,compile fail
#![no_main]
#![no std]
use core::arch::asm;
use core::panic::PanicInfo;
mod exceptions;
const PSCI SYSTEM OFF: u32 = 0x84000008;
#[no_mangle]
extern "C" fn main( x0: u64, x1: u64, x2: u64, x3: u64) {
    // Safe because this only uses the declared registers and doesn't do
    // anything with memory.
    unsafe {
        asm!("hvc #0",
            inout("w0") PSCI_SYSTEM_OFF => _,
            inout("w1") 0 => _,
            inout("w2") 0 => ,
            inout("w3") 0 => _,
            inout("w4") 0 => _,
            inout("w5") 0 => ,
            inout("w6") 0 => _,
            inout("w7") 0 => _,
            options(nomem, nostack)
        );
    }
    loop {}
}
```

(If you actually want to do this, use the smccc crate which has wrappers for all these functions.)

- PSCI is the Arm Power State Coordination Interface, a standard set of functions to manage system and CPU power states, among other things. It is implemented by EL3 firmware and hypervisors on many systems.
- The 0 => \_ syntax means initialise the register to 0 before running the inline assembly code, and ignore its contents afterwards. We need to use inout rather than in because the call could potentially clobber the contents of the registers.

- This main function needs to be #[no\_mangle] and extern "C" because it is called from our entry point in entry.S.
- \_x0-\_x3 are the values of registers x0-x3, which are conventionally used by the bootloader to pass things like a pointer to the device tree. According to the standard aarch64 calling convention (which is what extern "C" specifies to use), registers x0-x7 are used for the first 8 arguments passed to a function, so entry.S doesn't need to do anything special except make sure it doesn't change these registers.
- Run the example in QEMU with make qemu\_psci under src/bare-metal/aps/examples.

#### MMIO

- Use pointer::read\_volatile and pointer::write\_volatile.
- Never hold a reference.
- addr\_of! lets you get fields of structs without creating an intermediate reference.
- Volatile access: read or write operations may have side-effects, so prevent the compiler or hardware from reordering, duplicating or eliding them.- Usually if you write and then read, e.g. via a mutable reference, the compiler may assume that the value read is the same as the value just written, and not bother actually reading memory.
- Some existing crates for volatile access to hardware do hold references, but this is unsound. Whenever a reference exist, the compiler may choose to dereference it.
- Use the addr\_of! macro to get struct field pointers from a pointer to the struct.

### Let's Write a UART Driver

The QEMU 'virt' machine has a PL011 UART, so let's write a driver for that.

```
,editable
const FLAG REGISTER OFFSET: usize = 0x18;
const FR BUSY: u8 = 1 \ll 3;
const FR TXFF: u8 = 1 \ll 5;
/// Minimal driver for a PL011 UART.
#[derive(Debug)]
pub struct Uart {
    base_address: *mut u8,
}
impl Uart {
    /// Constructs a new instance of the UART driver for a PL011 device at the
    /// given base address.
    ///
    /// # Safety
    ///
    /// The given base address must point to the 8 MMIO control registers of a
    /// PL011 device, which must be mapped into the address space of the process
    /// as device memory and not have any other aliases.
    pub unsafe fn new(base address: *mut u8) -> Self {
        Self { base_address }
    }
    /// Writes a single byte to the UART.
    pub fn write_byte(&self, byte: u8) {
        // Wait until there is room in the TX buffer.
        while self.read_flag_register() & FR_TXFF != 0 {}
        // Safe because we know that the base address points to the control
        // registers of a PL011 device which is appropriately mapped.
        unsafe {
            // Write to the TX buffer.
            self.base_address.write_volatile(byte);
        }
        // Wait until the UART is no longer busy.
        while self.read_flag_register() & FR_BUSY != 0 {}
    }
    fn read_flag_register(&self) -> u8 {
        // Safe because we know that the base address points to the control
        // registers of a PL011 device which is appropriately mapped.
```

```
unsafe { self.base_address.add(FLAG_REGISTER_OFFSET).read_volatile() }
}
```

- Note that Uart::new is unsafe while the other methods are safe. This is because as long as the caller of Uart::new guarantees that its safety requirements are met (i.e. that there is only ever one instance of the driver for a given UART, and nothing else aliasing its address space), then it is always safe to call write\_byte later because we can assume the necessary preconditions.
- We could have done it the other way around (making new safe but write\_byte unsafe), but that would be much less convenient to use as every place that calls write\_byte would need to reason about the safety
- This is a common pattern for writing safe wrappers of unsafe code: moving the burden of proof for soundness from a large number of places to a smaller number of places.

### **More Traits**

}

We derived the Debug trait. It would be useful to implement a few more traits too.

```
,editable,compile_fail
use core::fmt::{self, Write};
impl Write for Uart {
    fn write_str(&mut self, s: &str) -> fmt::Result {
        for c in s.as_bytes() {
            self.write_byte(*c);
            }
            Ok(())
        }
}
// Safe because it just contains a pointer to device memory, which can be
// accessed from any context.
unsafe impl Send for Uart {}
```

- Implementing Write lets us use the write! and writeln! macros with our Uart type.
- Run the example in QEMU with make <code>qemu\_minimal under src/bare-metal/aps/examples</code>.

## **A Better UART Driver**

The PL011 actually has a bunch more registers, and adding offsets to construct pointers to access them is error-prone and hard to read. Plus, some of them are bit fields which would be nice to access in a structured way.

 I Offset | Register name | Width | | - - | - - - | - - | 0x00 | DR | 12 | | 0x04 | RSR | 4 | |

 0x18 | FR | 9 | | 0x20 | ILPR | 8 | | 0x24 | IBRD | 16 | | 0x28 | FBRD | 6 | | 0x2c | LCR \_H | 8 | |

 0x30 | CR | 16 | | 0x34 | IFLS | 6 | | 0x38 | IMSC | 11 | | 0x3c | RIS | 11 | | 0x40 | MIS | 11 | | 0x44 | ICR | 11 | | 0x48 | DMACR | 3 |

· There are also some ID registers which have been omitted for brevity.

### Bitflags

The **bitflags** crate is useful for working with bitflags.

```
,editable,compile fail
use bitflags::bitflags;
bitflags! {
    /// Flags from the UART flag register.
    #[repr(transparent)]
    #[derive(Copy, Clone, Debug, Eq, PartialEq)]
    struct Flags: u16 {
        /// Clear to send.
        const CTS = 1 \ll 0;
        /// Data set ready.
        const DSR = 1 \ll 1;
        /// Data carrier detect.
        const DCD = 1 \ll 2;
        /// UART busy transmitting data.
        const BUSY = 1 \ll 3;
        /// Receive FIFO is empty.
        const RXFE = 1 << 4;</pre>
        /// Transmit FIFO is full.
        const TXFF = 1 \ll 5;
        /// Receive FIFO is full.
        const RXFF = 1 \ll 6;
        /// Transmit FIFO is empty.
        const TXFE = 1 \ll 7;
        /// Ring indicator.
        const RI = 1 \ll 8;
    }
}
```

• The bitflags! macro creates a newtype something like Flags(u16), along with a bunch of method implementations to get and set flags.

### **Multiple Registers**

We can use a struct to represent the memory layout of the UART's registers.

```
,editable,compile fail
#[repr(C, align(4))]
struct Registers {
    dr: <mark>u16</mark>,
    reserved0: [u8; 2],
    rsr: ReceiveStatus,
    _reserved1: [u8; 19],
    fr: Flags,
    _reserved2: [u8; 6],
    ilpr: <mark>u8</mark>,
    reserved3: [u8; 3],
    ibrd: <mark>u16</mark>,
    _reserved4: [u8; 2],
    fbrd: u8,
    _reserved5: [u8; 3],
    lcr_h: <mark>u8</mark>,
    _reserved6: [u8; 3],
    cr: u16,
    _reserved7: [u8; 3],
    ifls: u8,
    reserved8: [u8; 3],
    imsc: u16,
    _reserved9: [u8; 2],
    ris: u16,
    _reserved10: [u8; 2],
    mis: u16,
    _reserved11: [u8; 2],
    icr: u16,
    _reserved12: [u8; 2],
    dmacr: u8,
    _reserved13: [u8; 3],
}
```

 #[repr(C)] tells the compiler to lay the struct fields out in order, following the same rules as C. This is necessary for our struct to have a predictable layout, as default Rust representation allows the compiler to (among other things) reorder fields however it sees fit.

### Driver

Now let's use the new Registers struct in our driver.

```
,editable,compile fail
/// Driver for a PL011 UART.
#[derive(Debug)]
pub struct Uart {
    registers: *mut Registers,
}
impl Uart {
    /// Constructs a new instance of the UART driver for a PL011 device at the
   /// given base address.
   ///
   /// # Safety
    ///
    /// The given base address must point to the 8 MMIO control registers of a
    /// PL011 device, which must be mapped into the address space of the process
    /// as device memory and not have any other aliases.
    pub unsafe fn new(base address: *mut u32) -> Self {
        Self {
            registers: base_address as *mut Registers,
        }
    }
    /// Writes a single byte to the UART.
    pub fn write byte(&self, byte: u8) {
        // Wait until there is room in the TX buffer.
        while self.read_flag_register().contains(Flags::TXFF) {}
        // Safe because we know that self.registers points to the control
        // registers of a PL011 device which is appropriately mapped.
        unsafe {
            // Write to the TX buffer.
            addr_of_mut!((*self.registers).dr).write_volatile(byte.into());
        }
        // Wait until the UART is no longer busy.
        while self.read_flag_register().contains(Flags::BUSY) {}
    }
    /// Reads and returns a pending byte, or `None` if nothing has been received.
    pub fn read byte(&self) -> Option<u8> {
        if self.read_flag_register().contains(Flags::RXFE) {
            None
        } else {
```

```
let data = unsafe { addr_of!((*self.registers).dr).read_volatile() };
    // TODO: Check for error conditions in bits 8-11.
    Some(data as u8)
    }
}
fn read_flag_register(&self) -> Flags {
    // Safe because we know that self.registers points to the control
    // registers of a PL011 device which is appropriately mapped.
    unsafe { addr_of!((*self.registers).fr).read_volatile() }
}
```

• Note the use of addr\_of! / addr\_of\_mut! to get pointers to individual fields without creating an intermediate reference, which would be unsound.

### Using It

Let's write a small program using our driver to write to the serial console, and echo incoming bytes.

```
,editable,compile fail
#![no_main]
#![no_std]
mod exceptions;
mod pl011;
use crate::pl011::Uart;
use core::fmt::Write;
use core::panic::PanicInfo;
use log::error;
use smccc::psci::system_off;
use smccc::Hvc;
/// Base address of the primary PL011 UART.
const PL011_BASE_ADDRESS: *mut u32 = 0x900_0000 as _;
#[no_mangle]
extern "C" fn main(x0: u64, x1: u64, x2: u64, x3: u64) {
    // Safe because `PL011 BASE ADDRESS` is the base address of a PL011 device,
    // and nothing else accesses that address range.
    let mut uart = unsafe { Uart::new(PL011_BASE_ADDRESS) };
    writeln!(uart, "main({x0:#x}, {x1:#x}, {x2:#x}, {x3:#x})").unwrap();
    loop {
        if let Some(byte) = uart.read_byte() {
            uart.write_byte(byte);
            match byte {
                b'\r' => {
                    uart.write_byte(b'\n');
                }
                b'q' => break,
                _ => {}
            }
        }
    }
    writeln!(uart, "Bye!").unwrap();
    system off::<Hvc>().unwrap();
}
```

- As in the <u>inline assembly</u> example, this main function is called from our entry point code in entry.S. See the speaker notes there for details.
- Run the example in QEMU with make gemu under src/bare-metal/aps/examples.

# Logging

It would be nice to be able to use the logging macros from the log crate. We can do this by implementing the Log trait.

```
,editable,compile_fail
use crate::pl011::Uart;
use core::fmt::Write;
use log::{LevelFilter, Log, Metadata, Record, SetLoggerError};
use spin::mutex::SpinMutex;
static LOGGER: Logger = Logger {
    uart: SpinMutex::new(None),
};
struct Logger {
    uart: SpinMutex<Option<Uart>>,
}
impl Log for Logger {
    fn enabled(&self, _metadata: &Metadata) -> bool {
        true
    }
    fn log(&self, record: &Record) {
        writeln!(
            self.uart.lock().as_mut().unwrap(),
            "[{}] {}",
            record.level(),
            record.args()
        )
        .unwrap();
    }
    fn flush(&self) {}
}
/// Initialises UART logger.
pub fn init(uart: Uart, max_level: LevelFilter) -> Result<(), SetLoggerError> {
    LOGGER.uart.lock().replace(uart);
    log::set_logger(&LOGGER)?;
    log::set_max_level(max_level);
    0k(())
}
```

• The unwrap in log is safe because we initialise LOGGER before calling set\_logger.

#### Using It

We need to initialise the logger before we use it.

```
,editable,compile fail
#![no main]
#![no_std]
mod exceptions;
mod logger;
mod pl011;
use crate::pl011::Uart;
use core::panic::PanicInfo;
use log::{error, info, LevelFilter};
use smccc::psci::system_off;
use smccc::Hvc:
/// Base address of the primary PL011 UART.
const PL011_BASE_ADDRESS: *mut u32 = 0x900_0000 as _;
#[no mangle]
extern "C" fn main(x0: u64, x1: u64, x2: u64, x3: u64) {
    // Safe because `PL011 BASE ADDRESS` is the base address of a PL011 device,
    // and nothing else accesses that address range.
    let uart = unsafe { Uart::new(PL011_BASE_ADDRESS) };
    logger::init(uart, LevelFilter::Trace).unwrap();
    info!("main({x0:#x}, {x1:#x}, {x2:#x}, {x3:#x})");
    assert_eq!(x1, 42);
    system_off::<Hvc>().unwrap();
}
#[panic_handler]
fn panic(info: &PanicInfo) -> ! {
    error!("{info}");
    system_off::<Hvc>().unwrap();
    loop {}
}
```

Note that our panic handler can now log details of panics.

• Run the example in QEMU with make qemu\_logger under src/bare-metal/aps/examples.

## Exceptions

AArch64 defines an exception vector table with 16 entries, for 4 types of exceptions (synchronous, IRQ, FIQ, SError) from 4 states (current EL with SP0, current EL with SPx, lower EL using AArch64, lower EL using AArch32). We implement this in assembly to save volatile registers to the stack before calling into Rust code:

```
,editable,compile_fail
use log::error;
use smccc::psci::system_off;
use smccc::Hvc;
#[no mangle]
extern "C" fn sync_exception_current(_elr: u64, _spsr: u64) {
    error!("sync exception current");
    system_off::<Hvc>().unwrap();
}
#[no mangle]
extern "C" fn irq_current(_elr: u64, _spsr: u64) {
    error!("irq_current");
    system off::<Hvc>().unwrap();
}
#[no_mangle]
extern "C" fn fiq current( elr: u64, spsr: u64) {
    error!("fiq_current");
    system off::<Hvc>().unwrap();
}
#[no mangle]
extern "C" fn serr current( elr: u64, spsr: u64) {
    error!("serr_current");
    system_off::<Hvc>().unwrap();
}
#[no_mangle]
extern "C" fn sync_lower(_elr: u64, _spsr: u64) {
    error!("sync_lower");
    system_off::<Hvc>().unwrap();
}
#[no mangle]
extern "C" fn irq_lower(_elr: u64, _spsr: u64) {
    error!("irq_lower");
    system_off::<Hvc>().unwrap();
```

```
#[no_mangle]
extern "C" fn fiq_lower(_elr: u64, _spsr: u64) {
    error!("fiq_lower");
    system_off::<Hvc>().unwrap();
}
#[no_mangle]
extern "C" fn serr_lower(_elr: u64, _spsr: u64) {
    error!("serr_lower");
    system_off::<Hvc>().unwrap();
}
```

}

- EL is exception level; all our examples this afternoon run in EL1.
- For simplicity we aren't distinguishing between SP0 and SPx for the current EL exceptions, or between AArch32 and AArch64 for the lower EL exceptions.
- For this example we just log the exception and power down, as we don't expect any of them to actually happen.
- We can think of exception handlers and our main execution context more or less like different threads. Send and Sync will control what we can share between them, just like with threads. For example, if we want to share some value between exception handlers and the rest of the program, and it's Send but not Sync, then we'll need to wrap it in something like a Mutex and put it in a static.

## **Other Projects**

- <u>oreboot</u>- "coreboot without the C"
- Supports x86, aarch64 and RISC-V.
- · Relies on LinuxBoot rather than having many drivers itself.
- <u>Rust RaspberryPi OS tutorial</u>- Initialisation, UART driver, simple bootloader, JTAG, exception levels, exception handling, page tables
- Some dodginess around cache maintenance and initialisation in Rust, not necessarily a good example to copy for production code.
- <u>cargo-call-stack</u>- Static analysis to determine maximum stack usage.
- The RaspberryPi OS tutorial runs Rust code before the MMU and caches are enabled. This
  will read and write memory (e.g. the stack). However:- Without the MMU and cache,
  unaligned accesses will fault. It builds with aarch64-unknown-none which sets +strict-align to
  prevent the compiler generating unaligned accesses so it should be alright, but this is not
  necessarily the case in general.
- If it were running in a VM, this can lead to cache coherency issues. The problem is that the VM is accessing memory directly with the cache disabled, while the host has cacheable aliases to the same memory. Even if the host doesn't explicitly access the memory, speculative accesses can lead to cache fills, and then changes from one or the other will get lost. Again this is alright in this particular case (running directly on the hardware with no hypervisor), but isn't a good pattern in general.

# **Useful Crates**

We'll go over a few crates which solve some common problems in bare-metal programming.

#### zerocopy

The zerocopy crate (from Fuchsia) provides traits and macros for safely converting between byte sequences and other types.

```
,editable,compile_fail
use zerocopy::AsBytes;
#[repr(u32)]
#[derive(AsBytes, Debug, Default)]
enum RequestType {
    #[default]
    In = 0,
    0ut = 1,
    Flush = 4,
}
#[repr(C)]
#[derive(AsBytes, Debug, Default)]
struct VirtioBlockRequest {
    request_type: RequestType,
    reserved: u32,
    sector: u64,
}
fn main() {
    let request = VirtioBlockRequest {
        request_type: RequestType::Flush,
        sector: 42,
        ..Default::default()
    };
    assert_eq!(
        request.as_bytes(),
        &[4, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 42, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]
    );
}
```

This is not suitable for MMIO (as it doesn't use volatile reads and writes), but can be useful for working with structures shared with hardware e.g. by DMA, or sent over some external interface.

- FromBytes can be implemented for types for which any byte pattern is valid, and so can safely be converted from an untrusted sequence of bytes.
- Attempting to derive FromBytes for these types would fail, because RequestType doesn't use all possible u32 values as discriminants, so not all byte patterns are valid.
- zerocopy::byteorder has types for byte-order aware numeric primitives.
- Run the example with cargo run under src/bare-metal/useful-crates/zerocopy-example/. (It won't run in the Playground because of the crate dependency.)

## aarch64-paging

The aarch64-paging crate lets you create page tables according to the AArch64 Virtual Memory System Architecture.

```
,editable,compile_fail
use aarch64_paging::{
    idmap::IdMap,
    paging::{Attributes, MemoryRegion},
};
const ASID: usize = 1;
const ROOT_LEVEL: usize = 1;
// Create a new page table with identity mapping.
let mut idmap = IdMap::new(ASID, ROOT LEVEL);
// Map a 2 MiB region of memory as read-only.
idmap.map range(
    &MemoryRegion::new(0x80200000, 0x80400000),
    Attributes::NORMAL | Attributes::NON_GLOBAL | Attributes::READ_ONLY,
).unwrap();
// Set `TTBR0 EL1` to activate the page table.
idmap.activate();
```

- For now it only supports EL1, but support for other exception levels should be straightforward to add.
- This is used in Android for the Protected VM Firmware.
- There's no easy way to run this example, as it needs to run on real hardware or under QEMU.

## buddy \_system \_allocator

buddy\_system\_allocator is a third-party crate implementing a basic buddy system allocator. It can be used both for LockedHeap implementing GlobalAlloc so you can use the standard alloc crate (as we saw before), or for allocating other address space. For example, we might want to allocate MMIO space for PCI BARs:

```
,editable,compile_fail
use buddy_system_allocator::FrameAllocator;
use core::alloc::Layout;

fn main() {
    let mut allocator = FrameAllocator::<32>::new();
    allocator.add_frame(0x200_0000, 0x400_0000);

    let layout = Layout::from_size_align(0x100, 0x100).unwrap();
    let bar = allocator
        .alloc_aligned(layout)
        .expect("Failed to allocate 0x100 byte MMIO region");
    println!("Allocated 0x100 byte MMIO region at {:#x}", bar);
}
```

- PCI BARs always have alignment equal to their size.
- Run the example with cargo run under src/bare-metal/useful-crates/allocator-example/. (It won't run in the Playground because of the crate dependency.)

## tinyvec

Sometimes you want something which can be resized like a Vec, but without heap allocation. tinyvec provides this: a vector backed by an array or slice, which could be statically allocated or on the stack, which keeps track of how many elements are used and panics if you try to use more than are allocated.

```
,editable,compile_fail
use tinyvec::{array_vec, ArrayVec};
fn main() {
    let mut numbers: ArrayVec<[u32; 5]> = array_vec!(42, 66);
    println!("{numbers:?}");
    numbers.push(7);
    println!("{numbers:?}");
    numbers.remove(1);
    println!("{numbers:?}");
}
```

- tinyvec requires that the element type implement Default for initialisation.
- The Rust Playground includes tinyvec, so this example will run fine inline.

### spin

std::sync::Mutex and the other synchronisation primitives from std::sync are not available in core or alloc. How can we manage synchronisation or interior mutability, such as for sharing state between different CPUs?

The spin crate provides spinlock-based equivalents of many of these primitives.

```
,editable,compile_fail
use spin::mutex::SpinMutex;
static counter: SpinMutex<u32> = SpinMutex::new(0);
fn main() {
    println!("count: {}", counter.lock());
    *counter.lock() += 2;
    println!("count: {}", counter.lock());
}
```

- · Be careful to avoid deadlock if you take locks in interrupt handlers.
- spin also has a ticket lock mutex implementation; equivalents of RwLock, Barrier and Once from std::sync and Lazy for lazy initialisation.
- The once\_cell crate also has some useful types for late initialisation with a slightly different approach to spin::once::Once.
- The Rust Playground includes spin, so this example will run fine inline.

# Android

To build a bare-metal Rust binary in AOSP, you need to use a rust\_ffi\_static Soong rule to build your Rust code, then a cc\_binary with a linker script to produce the binary itself, and then a raw\_binary to convert the ELF to a raw binary ready to be run.

```
rust_ffi_static {
    name: "libvmbase_example",
    defaults: ["vmbase_ffi_defaults"],
    crate_name: "vmbase_example",
    srcs: ["src/main.rs"],
    rustlibs: [
        "libvmbase",
    ],
}
cc_binary {
    name: "vmbase example",
    defaults: ["vmbase_elf_defaults"],
    srcs: [
        "idmap.S",
    ],
    static_libs: [
        "libvmbase_example",
    ],
    linker_scripts: [
        "image.ld",
        ":vmbase_sections",
    ],
}
raw_binary {
    name: "vmbase_example_bin",
    stem: "vmbase_example.bin",
    src: ":vmbase example",
    enabled: false,
    target: {
        android_arm64: {
            enabled: true,
        },
    },
}
```

### vmbase

For VMs running under crosvm on aarch64, the vmbase library provides a linker script and useful defaults for the build rules, along with an entry point, UART console logging and more.

```
,compile_fail
#![no_main]
#![no_std]
use vmbase::{main, println};
main!(main);
pub fn main(arg0: u64, arg1: u64, arg2: u64, arg3: u64) {
    println!("Hello world");
}
```

• The main! macro marks your main function, to be called from the vmbase entry point.

• The vmbase entry point handles console initialisation, and issues a PSCI\_SYSTEM\_OFF to shutdown the VM if your main function returns.

# **Exercises**

We will write a driver for the PL031 real-time clock device.

After looking at the exercises, you can look at the solutions provided.

## **RTC Driver**

The QEMU aarch64 virt machine has a PL031 real-time clock at 0x9010000. For this exercise, you should write a driver for it.

- 1. Use it to print the current time to the serial console. You can use the chrono crate for date/ time formatting.
- 2. Use the match register and raw interrupt status to busy-wait until a given time, e.g. 3 seconds in the future. (Call core::hint::spin\_loop inside the loop.)
- 3. *Extension if you have time:* Enable and handle the interrupt generated by the RTC match. You can use the driver provided in the arm-gic crate to configure the Arm Generic Interrupt Controller.- Use the RTC interrupt, which is wired to the GIC as IntId::spi(2).
- Once the interrupt is enabled, you can put the core to sleep via arm\_gic::wfi(), which will cause the core to sleep until it receives an interrupt.

Download the exercise template and look in the rtc directory for the following files.

src/main.rs:

```
,compile_fail
#![no_main]
#![no_std]
mod exceptions;
mod logger;
mod pl011;
use crate::pl011::Uart;
use arm_gic::gicv3::GicV3;
use core::panic::PanicInfo;
use log::{error, info, trace, LevelFilter};
use smccc::psci::system_off;
use smccc::Hvc;
```

```
/// Base addresses of the GICv3.
const GICD_BASE_ADDRESS: *mut u64 = 0x800_0000 as _;
```

```
const GICR BASE ADDRESS: *mut u64 = 0x80A 0000 as ;
/// Base address of the primary PL011 UART.
const PL011 BASE ADDRESS: *mut u32 = 0x900 0000 as ;
#[no mangle]
extern "C" fn main(x0: u64, x1: u64, x2: u64, x3: u64) {
   // Safe because `PL011 BASE ADDRESS` is the base address of a PL011 device,
   // and nothing else accesses that address range.
   let uart = unsafe { Uart::new(PL011 BASE ADDRESS) };
   logger::init(uart, LevelFilter::Trace).unwrap();
   info!("main({:#x}, {:#x}, {:#x})", x0, x1, x2, x3);
   // Safe because `GICD BASE ADDRESS` and `GICR BASE ADDRESS` are the base
   // addresses of a GICv3 distributor and redistributor respectively, and
   // nothing else accesses those address ranges.
   let mut gic = unsafe { GicV3::new(GICD_BASE_ADDRESS, GICR_BASE_ADDRESS) };
   gic.setup();
   // TODO: Create instance of RTC driver and print current time.
   // TODO: Wait for 3 seconds.
   system off::<Hvc>().unwrap();
}
#[panic_handler]
fn panic(info: &PanicInfo) -> ! {
   error!("{info}");
    system off::<Hvc>().unwrap();
   loop {}
```

}

src/exceptions.rs (you should only need to change this for the 3rd part of the exercise):

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```
use arm gic::gicv3::GicV3;
use log::{error, info, trace};
use smccc::psci::system off;
use smccc::Hvc;
#[no mangle]
extern "C" fn sync exception current( elr: u64, spsr: u64) {
    error!("sync_exception_current");
    system off::<Hvc>().unwrap();
}
#[no mangle]
extern "C" fn irq_current(_elr: u64, _spsr: u64) {
    trace!("irq_current");
    let intid = GicV3::get_and_acknowledge_interrupt().expect("No pending interrupt");
    info!("IRQ {intid:?}");
}
#[no mangle]
extern "C" fn fiq_current(_elr: u64, _spsr: u64) {
    error!("fig current");
    system_off::<Hvc>().unwrap();
}
#[no mangle]
extern "C" fn serr current( elr: u64, spsr: u64) {
    error!("serr current");
    system_off::<Hvc>().unwrap();
}
#[no_mangle]
extern "C" fn sync_lower(_elr: u64, _spsr: u64) {
    error!("sync_lower");
    system_off::<Hvc>().unwrap();
}
#[no_mangle]
extern "C" fn irq_lower(_elr: u64, _spsr: u64) {
    error!("irq_lower");
    system_off::<Hvc>().unwrap();
}
```

```
#[no_mangle]
```

```
extern "C" fn fiq_lower(_elr: u64, _spsr: u64) {
    error!("fiq_lower");
    system_off::<Hvc>().unwrap();
}
#[no_mangle]
extern "C" fn serr_lower(_elr: u64, _spsr: u64) {
    error!("serr_lower");
    system_off::<Hvc>().unwrap();
}
```

src/logger.rs (you shouldn't need to change this):

```
,compile fail
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// limitations under the License.
// ANCHOR: main
use crate::pl011::Uart;
use core::fmt::Write;
use log::{LevelFilter, Log, Metadata, Record, SetLoggerError};
use spin::mutex::SpinMutex;
static LOGGER: Logger = Logger {
    uart: SpinMutex::new(None),
};
struct Logger {
    uart: SpinMutex<Option<Uart>>,
}
impl Log for Logger {
    fn enabled(&self, _metadata: &Metadata) -> bool {
        true
    }
```

```
fn log(&self, record: &Record) {
        writeln!(
            self.uart.lock().as_mut().unwrap(),
            "[{}] {}",
            record.level(),
            record.args()
        )
        .unwrap();
    }
    fn flush(&self) {}
}
/// Initialises UART logger.
pub fn init(uart: Uart, max_level: LevelFilter) -> Result<(), SetLoggerError> {
    LOGGER.uart.lock().replace(uart);
    log::set_logger(&LOGGER)?;
    log::set_max_level(max_level);
    0k(())
}
```

*src/pl011.rs* (you shouldn't need to change this):

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#![allow(unused)]
```

```
use core::fmt::{self, Write};
use core::ptr::{addr_of, addr_of_mut};
```

// ANCHOR: Flags
use bitflags::bitflags;

```
bitflags! {
    /// Flags from the UART flag register.
    #[repr(transparent)]
    #[derive(Copy, Clone, Debug, Eq, PartialEq)]
    struct Flags: u16 {
        /// Clear to send.
        const CTS = 1 \ll 0;
        /// Data set ready.
        const DSR = 1 \ll 1;
        /// Data carrier detect.
        const DCD = 1 \ll 2;
        /// UART busy transmitting data.
        const BUSY = 1 \ll 3;
        /// Receive FIFO is empty.
        const RXFE = 1 \ll 4;
        /// Transmit FIFO is full.
        const TXFF = 1 \ll 5;
        /// Receive FIFO is full.
        const RXFF = 1 \ll 6;
        /// Transmit FIFO is empty.
        const TXFE = 1 \ll 7:
        /// Ring indicator.
        const RI = 1 \ll 8;
    }
}
// ANCHOR END: Flags
bitflags! {
    /// Flags from the UART Receive Status Register / Error Clear Register.
    #[repr(transparent)]
    #[derive(Copy, Clone, Debug, Eq, PartialEq)]
    struct ReceiveStatus: u16 {
        /// Framing error.
        const FE = 1 \ll 0;
        /// Parity error.
        const PE = 1 \ll 1;
        /// Break error.
        const BE = 1 \ll 2;
        /// Overrun error.
        const OE = 1 << 3;
    }
}
// ANCHOR: Registers
#[repr(C, align(4))]
struct Registers {
    dr: u16,
```

```
_reserved0: [u8; 2],
    rsr: ReceiveStatus.
    _reserved1: [u8; 19],
    fr: Flags,
    _reserved2: [u8; 6],
    ilpr: u8,
    _reserved3: [u8; 3],
    ibrd: u16,
    _reserved4: [u8; 2],
    fbrd: u8,
    reserved5: [u8; 3],
    lcr_h: <mark>u8</mark>,
    _reserved6: [u8; 3],
    cr: u16,
    _reserved7: [u8; 3],
    ifls: u8,
    _reserved8: [u8; 3],
    imsc: u16,
    _reserved9: [u8; 2],
    ris: u16,
    _reserved10: [u8; 2],
    mis: u16,
    reserved11: [u8; 2],
    icr: u16,
    _reserved12: [u8; 2],
    dmacr: u8,
    _reserved13: [u8; 3],
}
// ANCHOR END: Registers
// ANCHOR: Uart
/// Driver for a PL011 UART.
#[derive(Debug)]
pub struct Uart {
    registers: *mut Registers,
}
impl Uart {
```

```
/// Constructs a new instance of the UART driver for a PL011 device at the
/// given base address.
///
/// # Safety
///
/// The given base address must point to the MMIO control registers of a
/// PL011 device, which must be mapped into the address space of the process
/// as device memory and not have any other aliases.
pub unsafe fn new(base_address: *mut u32) -> Self {
```

```
Self {
            registers: base address as *mut Registers,
        }
    }
    /// Writes a single byte to the UART.
    pub fn write byte(&self, byte: u8) {
        // Wait until there is room in the TX buffer.
        while self.read_flag_register().contains(Flags::TXFF) {}
        // Safe because we know that self.registers points to the control
        // registers of a PL011 device which is appropriately mapped.
        unsafe {
            // Write to the TX buffer.
            addr of mut!((*self.registers).dr).write volatile(byte.into());
        }
        // Wait until the UART is no longer busy.
        while self.read_flag_register().contains(Flags::BUSY) {}
    }
    /// Reads and returns a pending byte, or `None` if nothing has been received.
    pub fn read byte(&self) -> Option<u8> {
        if self.read flag register().contains(Flags::RXFE) {
            None
        } else {
            let data = unsafe { addr of!((*self.registers).dr).read volatile() };
            // TODO: Check for error conditions in bits 8-11.
            Some(data as u8)
        }
    }
    fn read flag register(&self) -> Flags {
        // Safe because we know that self.registers points to the control
        // registers of a PL011 device which is appropriately mapped.
        unsafe { addr of!((*self.registers).fr).read volatile() }
    }
// ANCHOR_END: Uart
impl Write for Uart {
    fn write str(&mut self, s: &str) -> fmt::Result {
        for c in s.as_bytes() {
            self.write_byte(*c);
        }
        0k(())
    }
```

}

// Safe because it just contains a pointer to device memory, which can be
// accessed from any context.
unsafe impl Send for Uart {}

Cargo.toml (you shouldn't need to change this):

}

```
[workspace]
[package]
name = "rtc"
version = "0.1.0"
edition = "2021"
publish = false
[dependencies]
arm-gic = "0.1.0"
bitflags = "2.0.0"
chrono = { version = "0.4.24", default-features = false }
log = "0.4.17"
smccc = "0.1.1"
spin = "0.9.8"
[build-dependencies]
cc = "1.0.73"
```

build.rs (you shouldn't need to change this):

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use cc::Build; use std::env;

```
fn main() {
    #[cfg(target_os = "linux")]
    env::set_var("CROSS_COMPILE", "aarch64-linux-gnu");
    #[cfg(not(target_os = "linux"))]
    env::set_var("CROSS_COMPILE", "aarch64-none-elf");
    Build::new()
        .file("entry.S")
        .file("exceptions.S")
        .file("idmap.S")
        .compile("empty")
```

}

entry.S (you shouldn't need to change this):

```
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* limitations under the License.
*/
.macro adr_l, reg:req, sym:req
 adrp \reg, \sym
 add \reg, \reg, :lo12:\sym
.endm
.macro mov_i, reg:req, imm:req
 movz \reg, :abs g3:\imm
 movk \reg, :abs_g2_nc:\imm
 movk \reg, :abs g1 nc:\imm
 movk \reg, :abs_g0_nc:\imm
.endm
.set .L_MAIR_DEV_nGnRE, 0x04
.set .L_MAIR_MEM_WBWA, 0xff
.set .Lmairval, .L_MAIR_DEV_nGnRE | (.L_MAIR_MEM_WBWA << 8)
```

```
/* 4 KiB granule size for TTBR0 EL1. */
.set .L TCR TG0 4KB, 0x0 << 14
/* 4 KiB granule size for TTBR1_EL1. */
.set .L TCR TG1 4KB, 0x2 << 30
/* Disable translation table walk for TTBR1 EL1, generating a translation fault instead.
*/
.set .L TCR EPD1, 0x1 << 23
/* Translation table walks for TTBR0 EL1 are inner sharable. */
.set .L_TCR_SH_INNER, 0x3 << 12
/*
 * Translation table walks for TTBR0 EL1 are outer write-back read-allocate write-
allocate
 * cacheable.
*/
.set .L TCR RGN OWB, 0x1 << 10
/*
 * Translation table walks for TTBR0 EL1 are inner write-back read-allocate write-
allocate
 * cacheable.
*/
.set .L TCR RGN IWB, 0x1 << 8
/* Size offset for TTBR0_EL1 is 2**39 bytes (512 GiB). */
.set .L TCR T0SZ 512, 64 - 39
.set .Ltcrval, .L_TCR_TG0_4KB | .L_TCR_TG1_4KB | .L_TCR_EPD1 | .L_TCR_RGN_0WB
.set .Ltcrval, .Ltcrval | .L TCR RGN IWB | .L TCR SH INNER | .L TCR T0SZ 512
/* Stage 1 instruction access cacheability is unaffected. */
.set .L_SCTLR_ELx_I, 0x1 << 12
/* SP alignment fault if SP is not aligned to a 16 byte boundary. */
.set .L SCTLR ELx SA, 0x1 << 3
/* Stage 1 data access cacheability is unaffected. */
.set .L_SCTLR_ELx_C, 0x1 << 2
/* ELO and EL1 stage 1 MMU enabled. */
.set .L SCTLR ELx M, 0x1 << 0
/* Privileged Access Never is unchanged on taking an exception to EL1. */
.set .L SCTLR EL1 SPAN, 0x1 << 23
/* SETEND instruction disabled at EL0 in aarch32 mode. */
.set .L_SCTLR_EL1_SED, 0x1 << 8
/* Various IT instructions are disabled at ELO in aarch32 mode. */
.set .L SCTLR EL1 ITD, 0x1 << 7
.set .L_SCTLR_EL1_RES1, (0x1 << 11) | (0x1 << 20) | (0x1 << 22) | (0x1 << 28) | (0x1 <<
29)
.set .Lsctlrval, .L_SCTLR_ELx_M | .L_SCTLR_ELx_C | .L_SCTLR_ELx_SA | .L_SCTLR_EL1_ITD
| .L SCTLR EL1 SED
.set .Lsctlrval, .Lsctlrval | .L_SCTLR_ELx_I | .L_SCTLR_EL1_SPAN | .L_SCTLR_EL1_RES1
```

```
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```

```
* This is a generic entry point for an image. It carries out the operations required to
prepare the
 * loaded image to be run. Specifically, it zeroes the bss section using registers x25
and above,
 * prepares the stack, enables floating point, and sets up the exception vector. It
preserves x0-x3
 * for the Rust entry point, as these may contain boot parameters.
 */
.section .init.entry, "ax"
.global entry
entry:
  /* Load and apply the memory management configuration, ready to enable MMU and caches.
*/
  adrp x30, idmap
  msr ttbr0 el1, x30
  mov i x30, .Lmairval
  msr mair_el1, x30
  mov i x30, .Ltcrval
  /* Copy the supported PA range into TCR EL1.IPS. */
  mrs x29, id_aa64mmfr0_el1
  bfi x30, x29, #32, #4
  msr tcr ell, x30
  mov i x30, .Lsctlrval
  /*
   * Ensure everything before this point has completed, then invalidate any potentially
stale
   * local TLB entries before they start being used.
   */
  isb
  tlbi vmalle1
  ic iallu
  dsb nsh
  isb
  /*
   * Configure sctlr_ell to enable MMU and cache and don't proceed until this has
completed.
   */
  msr sctlr_el1, x30
  isb
  /* Disable trapping floating point access in EL1. */
```

```
mrs x30, cpacr el1
  orr x30, x30, #(0x3 << 20)
 msr cpacr_el1, x30
  isb
  /* Zero out the bss section. */
  adr l x29, bss begin
  adr l x30, bss end
0: cmp x29, x30
 b.hs 1f
  stp xzr, xzr, [x29], #16
  b Ob
1: /* Prepare the stack. */
  adr_l x30, boot_stack_end
  mov sp, x30
 /* Set up exception vector. */
  adr x30, vector_table_el1
  msr vbar_el1, x30
  /* Call into Rust code. */
  bl main
 /* Loop forever waiting for interrupts. */
2: wfi
  b 2b
```

*exceptions.S* (you shouldn't need to change this):

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 */
```

```
* Saves the volatile registers onto the stack. This currently takes 14
* instructions, so it can be used in exception handlers with 18 instructions
* left.
* On return, x0 and x1 are initialised to elr el2 and spsr el2 respectively,
* which can be used as the first and second arguments of a subsequent call.
*/
.macro save volatile to stack
  /* Reserve stack space and save registers x0-x18, x29 & x30. */
 stp x0, x1, [sp, #-(8 * 24)]!
  stp x2, x3, [sp, #8 * 2]
  stp x4, x5, [sp, #8 * 4]
  stp x6, x7, [sp, #8 * 6]
  stp x8, x9, [sp, #8 * 8]
  stp x10, x11, [sp, #8 * 10]
  stp x12, x13, [sp, #8 * 12]
  stp x14, x15, [sp, #8 * 14]
  stp x16, x17, [sp, #8 * 16]
  str x18, [sp, #8 * 18]
  stp x29, x30, [sp, #8 * 20]
  /*
   * Save elr ell & spsr ell. This such that we can take nested exception
  * and still be able to unwind.
  */
 mrs x0, elr el1
 mrs x1, spsr ell
  stp x0, x1, [sp, #8 * 22]
.endm
/**
* Restores the volatile registers from the stack. This currently takes 14
* instructions, so it can be used in exception handlers while still leaving 18
* instructions left; if paired with save_volatile_to_stack, there are 4
* instructions to spare.
*/
.macro restore_volatile_from_stack
 /* Restore registers x2-x18, x29 & x30. */
 ldp x2, x3, [sp, #8 * 2]
 ldp x4, x5, [sp, #8 * 4]
 ldp x6, x7, [sp, #8 * 6]
 ldp x8, x9, [sp, #8 * 8]
 ldp x10, x11, [sp, #8 * 10]
 ldp x12, x13, [sp, #8 * 12]
 ldp x14, x15, [sp, #8 * 14]
 ldp x16, x17, [sp, #8 * 16]
 ldr x18, [sp, #8 * 18]
```

```
ldp x29, x30, [sp, #8 * 20]
  /* Restore registers elr_el1 & spsr_el1, using x0 & x1 as scratch. */
 ldp x0, x1, [sp, #8 * 22]
  msr elr el1, x0
 msr spsr ell, x1
 /* Restore x0 & x1, and release stack space. */
 ldp x0, x1, [sp], #8 * 24
.endm
/**
* This is a generic handler for exceptions taken at the current EL while using
* SP0. It behaves similarly to the SPx case by first switching to SPx, doing
* the work, then switching back to SPO before returning.
* Switching to SPx and calling the Rust handler takes 16 instructions. To
* restore and return we need an additional 16 instructions, so we can implement
* the whole handler within the allotted 32 instructions.
*/
.macro current exception sp0 handler:req
 msr spsel, #1
  save volatile to stack
 bl \handler
  restore volatile from stack
 msr spsel, #0
  eret
.endm
/**
* This is a generic handler for exceptions taken at the current EL while using
* SPx. It saves volatile registers, calls the Rust handler, restores volatile
* registers, then returns.
* This also works for exceptions taken from ELO, if we don't care about
* non-volatile registers.
* Saving state and jumping to the Rust handler takes 15 instructions, and
* restoring and returning also takes 15 instructions, so we can fit the whole
* handler in 30 instructions, under the limit of 32.
*/
.macro current_exception_spx handler:req
 save_volatile_to_stack
 bl \handler
  restore_volatile_from_stack
  eret
.endm
```

```
.section .text.vector_table_el1, "ax"
.global vector_table_el1
.balign 0x800
vector_table_el1:
sync_cur_sp0:
  current_exception_sp0 sync_exception_current
.balign 0x80
irq cur sp0:
  current_exception_sp0 irq_current
.balign 0x80
fiq_cur_sp0:
  current_exception_sp0 fiq_current
.balign 0x80
serr_cur_sp0:
  current_exception_sp0 serr_current
.balign 0x80
sync_cur_spx:
  current_exception_spx sync_exception_current
.balign 0x80
irq_cur_spx:
  current_exception_spx irq_current
.balign 0x80
fiq_cur_spx:
  current_exception_spx fiq_current
.balign 0x80
serr_cur_spx:
  current_exception_spx serr_current
.balign 0x80
sync_lower_64:
  current_exception_spx sync_lower
.balign 0x80
irq_lower_64:
  current_exception_spx irq_lower
.balign 0x80
fiq_lower_64:
  current_exception_spx fiq_lower
```

```
.balign 0x80
serr_lower_64:
  current exception spx serr lower
.balign 0x80
sync_lower_32:
  current_exception_spx sync_lower
.balign 0x80
irq lower 32:
  current_exception_spx irq_lower
.balign 0x80
fiq_lower_32:
  current_exception_spx fiq_lower
.balign 0x80
serr_lower_32:
  current_exception_spx serr_lower
idmap.S (you shouldn't need to change this):
/*
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 * limitations under the License.
 */
.set .L_TT_TYPE_BLOCK, 0x1
.set .L_TT_TYPE_PAGE, 0x3
.set .L_TT_TYPE_TABLE, 0x3
/* Access flag. */
.set .L_TT_AF, 0x1 << 10
/* Not global. */
.set .L_TT_NG, 0x1 << 11
```

```
.set .L TT XN, 0x3 << 53
.set .L_TT_MT_DEV, 0x0 << 2 // MAIR #0 (DEV_nGnRE)</pre>
.set .L TT MT MEM, (0x1 << 2) | (0x3 << 8) // MAIR #1 (MEM WBWA), inner shareable
.set .L BLOCK DEV, .L TT TYPE BLOCK | .L TT MT DEV | .L TT AF | .L TT XN
.set .L_BLOCK_MEM, .L_TT_TYPE_BLOCK | .L_TT_MT_MEM | .L_TT_AF | .L_TT_NG
.section ".rodata.idmap", "a", %progbits
.global idmap
.align 12
idmap:
 /* level 1 */
  .quad
        .L BLOCK DEV | 0x0 // 1 GiB of device mappings
        .L BLOCK MEM | 0x40000000 // 1 GiB of DRAM
  .quad
  .fill 254, 8, 0x0
                        // 254 GiB of unmapped VA space
  .quad .L BLOCK DEV | 0x4000000000 // 1 GiB of device mappings
  .fill 255, 8, 0x0 // 255 GiB of remaining VA space
```

*image.ld* (you shouldn't need to change this):

```
/*
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 * limitations under the License.
 */
/*
 * Code will start running at this symbol which is placed at the start of the
 * image.
 */
ENTRY(entry)
MEMORY
{
  image : ORIGIN = 0x40080000, LENGTH = 2M
}
```

```
SECTIONS
{
 /*
  * Collect together the code.
  */
  .init : ALIGN(4096) {
   text_begin = .;
   *(.init.entry)
   *(.init.*)
  } >image
  .text : {
   *(.text.*)
  } >image
  text_end = .;
  /*
  * Collect together read-only data.
  */
  .rodata : ALIGN(4096) {
    rodata_begin = .;
    *(.rodata.*)
  } >image
  .got : {
   *(.got)
  } >image
  rodata_end = .;
  /*
   * Collect together the read-write data including .bss at the end which
  * will be zero'd by the entry code.
   */
  .data : ALIGN(4096) {
    data_begin = .;
    *(.data.*)
   /*
     * The entry point code assumes that .data is a multiple of 32
    * bytes long.
    */
    = ALIGN(32);
    data_end = .;
  } >image
  /* Everything beyond this point will not be included in the binary. */
  bin_end = .;
  /* The entry point code assumes that .bss is 16-byte aligned. */
```

```
.bss : ALIGN(16) {
    bss_begin = .;
    *(.bss.*)
   *(COMMON)
    = ALIGN(16);
    bss end = .;
  } >image
  .stack (NOLOAD) : ALIGN(4096) {
    boot stack begin = .;
    . += 40 * 4096;
    . = ALIGN(4096);
    boot stack end = .;
  } >image
  = ALIGN(4K);
  PROVIDE(dma region = .);
  /*
   * Remove unused sections from the image.
   */
  /DISCARD/ : {
    /* The image loads itself so doesn't need these sections. */
    *(.gnu.hash)
    *(.hash)
    *(.interp)
    *(.eh_frame_hdr)
    *(.eh_frame)
    *(.note.gnu.build-id)
 }
}
```

#### Makefile (you shouldn't need to change this):

```
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#
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```

```
UNAME := $(shell uname -s)
ifeq ($(UNAME),Linux)
  TARGET = aarch64-linux-gnu
else
  TARGET = aarch64-none-elf
endif
OBJCOPY = $(TARGET)-objcopy
.PHONY: build gemu minimal gemu gemu logger
all: rtc.bin
build:
 cargo build
rtc.bin: build
  $(OBJCOPY) -0 binary target/aarch64-unknown-none/debug/rtc $@
qemu: rtc.bin
  qemu-system-aarch64 -machine virt,gic-version=3 -cpu max -serial mon:stdio -display
none -kernel $< -s</pre>
clean:
  cargo clean
  rm -f *.bin
.cargo/config.toml (you shouldn't need to change this):
```

[build] target = "aarch64-unknown-none" rustflags = ["-C", "link-arg=-Timage.ld"]

Run the code in QEMU with make gemu.

### **Solutions**

#### **RTC driver**

(back to exercise)

main.rs:

```
,compile_fail
#![no main]
#![no_std]
mod exceptions;
mod logger;
mod pl011;
mod pl031;
use crate::pl031::Rtc;
use arm_gic::gicv3::{IntId, Trigger};
use arm gic::{irq enable, wfi};
use chrono::{TimeZone, Utc};
use core::hint::spin_loop;
use crate::pl011::Uart;
use arm_gic::gicv3::GicV3;
use core::panic::PanicInfo;
use log::{error, info, trace, LevelFilter};
use smccc::psci::system_off;
use smccc::Hvc;
/// Base addresses of the GICv3.
const GICD_BASE_ADDRESS: *mut u64 = 0x800_0000 as _;
const GICR_BASE_ADDRESS: *mut u64 = 0x80A_0000 as _;
/// Base address of the primary PL011 UART.
const PL011_BASE_ADDRESS: *mut u32 = 0x900_0000 as _;
/// Base address of the PL031 RTC.
const PL031_BASE_ADDRESS: *mut u32 = 0x901_0000 as _;
/// The IRQ used by the PL031 RTC.
const PL031_IRQ: IntId = IntId::spi(2);
#[no mangle]
extern "C" fn main(x0: u64, x1: u64, x2: u64, x3: u64) {
    // Safe because `PL011_BASE_ADDRESS` is the base address of a PL011 device,
```

// and nothing else accesses that address range.

let uart = unsafe { Uart::new(PL011\_BASE\_ADDRESS) };

```
logger::init(uart, LevelFilter::Trace).unwrap();
info!("main({:#x}, {:#x}, {:#x})", x0, x1, x2, x3);
// Safe because `GICD BASE ADDRESS` and `GICR BASE ADDRESS` are the base
// addresses of a GICv3 distributor and redistributor respectively, and
// nothing else accesses those address ranges.
let mut gic = unsafe { GicV3::new(GICD BASE ADDRESS, GICR BASE ADDRESS) };
gic.setup();
// Safe because `PL031 BASE ADDRESS` is the base address of a PL031 device,
// and nothing else accesses that address range.
let mut rtc = unsafe { Rtc::new(PL031 BASE ADDRESS) };
let timestamp = rtc.read();
let time = Utc.timestamp opt(timestamp.into(), 0).unwrap();
info!("RTC: {time}");
GicV3::set_priority_mask(0xff);
gic.set_interrupt_priority(PL031_IRQ, 0x80);
gic.set trigger(PL031 IRQ, Trigger::Level);
irg enable();
gic.enable_interrupt(PL031_IRQ, true);
// Wait for 3 seconds, without interrupts.
let target = timestamp + 3;
rtc.set match(target);
info!(
    "Waiting for {}",
    Utc.timestamp opt(target.into(), 0).unwrap()
);
trace!(
    "matched={}, interrupt pending={}",
    rtc.matched(),
    rtc.interrupt_pending()
);
while !rtc.matched() {
    spin_loop();
}
trace!(
    "matched={}, interrupt pending={}",
    rtc.matched(),
    rtc.interrupt pending()
);
info!("Finished waiting");
// Wait another 3 seconds for an interrupt.
```

```
let target = timestamp + 6;
```

```
info!(
        "Waiting for {}",
        Utc.timestamp_opt(target.into(), 0).unwrap()
    );
    rtc.set_match(target);
    rtc.clear interrupt();
    rtc.enable_interrupt(true);
    trace!(
        "matched={}, interrupt_pending={}",
        rtc.matched(),
        rtc.interrupt pending()
    );
    while !rtc.interrupt_pending() {
        wfi();
    }
    trace!(
        "matched={}, interrupt_pending={}",
        rtc.matched(),
        rtc.interrupt_pending()
    );
    info!("Finished waiting");
    system_off::<Hvc>().unwrap();
#[panic handler]
```

```
fn panic(info: &PanicInfo) -> ! {
    error!("{info}");
    system off::<Hvc>().unwrap();
    loop {}
}
```

```
pl031.rs:
```

}

```
use core::ptr::{addr_of, addr_of_mut};
#[repr(C, align(4))]
struct Registers {
    /// Data register
    dr: u32,
    /// Match register
    mr: u32,
    /// Load register
    lr: u32,
    /// Control register
    cr: <mark>u8</mark>,
    _reserved0: [u8; 3],
```

```
/// Interrupt Mask Set or Clear register
    imsc: u8.
    _reserved1: [u8; 3],
    /// Raw Interrupt Status
    ris: u8.
    reserved2: [u8; 3],
    /// Masked Interrupt Status
    mis: u8,
    _reserved3: [u8; 3],
    /// Interrupt Clear Register
    icr: u8,
    _reserved4: [u8; 3],
}
/// Driver for a PL031 real-time clock.
#[derive(Debug)]
pub struct Rtc {
    registers: *mut Registers,
}
impl Rtc {
    /// Constructs a new instance of the RTC driver for a PL031 device at the
    /// given base address.
    ///
    /// # Safety
    ///
    /// The given base address must point to the MMIO control registers of a
    /// PL031 device, which must be mapped into the address space of the process
    /// as device memory and not have any other aliases.
    pub unsafe fn new(base_address: *mut u32) -> Self {
        Self {
            registers: base_address as *mut Registers,
        }
    }
    /// Reads the current RTC value.
    pub fn read(&self) -> u32 {
        // Safe because we know that self.registers points to the control
        // registers of a PL031 device which is appropriately mapped.
        unsafe { addr of!((*self.registers).dr).read volatile() }
    }
    /// Writes a match value. When the RTC value matches this then an interrupt
    /// will be generated (if it is enabled).
    pub fn set_match(&mut self, value: u32) {
        // Safe because we know that self.registers points to the control
        // registers of a PL031 device which is appropriately mapped.
```

```
unsafe { addr of mut!((*self.registers).mr).write volatile(value) }
   }
   /// Returns whether the match register matches the RTC value, whether or not
   /// the interrupt is enabled.
    pub fn matched(&self) -> bool {
       // Safe because we know that self.registers points to the control
       // registers of a PL031 device which is appropriately mapped.
       let ris = unsafe { addr_of!((*self.registers).ris).read_volatile() };
       (ris & 0x01) != 0
   }
   /// Returns whether there is currently an interrupt pending.
   ///
   /// This should be true if and only if `matched` returns true and the
   /// interrupt is masked.
   pub fn interrupt pending(&self) -> bool {
       // Safe because we know that self.registers points to the control
       // registers of a PL031 device which is appropriately mapped.
       let ris = unsafe { addr of!((*self.registers).mis).read volatile() };
        (ris & 0x01) != 0
   }
   /// Sets or clears the interrupt mask.
   ///
   /// When the mask is true the interrupt is enabled; when it is false the
   /// interrupt is disabled.
   pub fn enable_interrupt(&mut self, mask: bool) {
       let imsc = if mask { 0x01 } else { 0x00 };
       // Safe because we know that self.registers points to the control
       // registers of a PL031 device which is appropriately mapped.
       unsafe { addr_of_mut!((*self.registers).imsc).write_volatile(imsc) }
   }
   /// Clears a pending interrupt, if any.
   pub fn clear interrupt(&mut self) {
       // Safe because we know that self.registers points to the control
       // registers of a PL031 device which is appropriately mapped.
       unsafe { addr_of_mut!((*self.registers).icr).write_volatile(0x01) }
   }
// Safe because it just contains a pointer to device memory, which can be
// accessed from any context.
```

```
unsafe impl Send for Rtc {}
```

}

**Concurrency: Morning** 

### Welcome

Rust has full support for concurrency using OS threads with mutexes and channels.

The Rust type system plays an important role in making many concurrency bugs compile time bugs. This is often referred to as *fearless concurrency* since you can rely on the compiler to ensure correctness at runtime.

# Threads

Rust threads work similarly to threads in other languages:

```
,editable
use std::thread;
use std::time::Duration;
fn main() {
    thread::spawn(|| {
        for i in 1..10 {
            println!("Count in thread: {i}!");
            thread::sleep(Duration::from_millis(5));
        }
    });
    for i in 1..5 {
        println!("Main thread: {i}");
        thread::sleep(Duration::from_millis(5));
    }
}
```

- Threads are all daemon threads, the main thread does not wait for them.
- Thread panics are independent of each other.- Panics can carry a payload, which can be unpacked with downcast\_ref.

Key points:

- Notice that the thread is stopped before it reaches 10 the main thread is not waiting.
- Use let handle = thread::spawn(...) and later handle.join() to wait for the thread to finish.
- Trigger a panic in the thread, notice how this doesn't affect main.
- Use the Result return value from handle.join() to get access to the panic payload. This is a good time to talk about Any.

## **Scoped Threads**

Normal threads cannot borrow from their environment:

```
,editable,compile_fail
use std::thread;
fn foo() {
    let s = String::from("Hello");
```

```
thread::spawn(|| {
     println!("Length: {}", s.len());
   });
}
fn main() {
   foo();
}
```

However, you can use a scoped thread for this:

```
,editable
use std::thread;
fn main() {
    let s = String::from("Hello");
    thread::scope(|scope| {
        scope.spawn(|| {
            println!("Length: {}", s.len());
        });
    });
}
```

• The reason for that is that when the thread::scope function completes, all the threads are guaranteed to be joined, so they can return borrowed data.

 Normal Rust borrowing rules apply: you can either borrow mutably by one thread, or immutably by any number of threads.

# Channels

Rust channels have two parts: a Sender<T> and a Receiver<T>. The two parts are connected via the channel, but you only see the end-points.

```
,editable
use std::sync::mpsc;
fn main() {
    let (tx, rx) = mpsc::channel();
    tx.send(10).unwrap();
    tx.send(20).unwrap();
    println!("Received: {:?}", rx.recv());
    println!("Received: {:?}", rx.recv());
    let tx2 = tx.clone();
    tx2.send(30).unwrap();
    println!("Received: {:?}", rx.recv());
}
```

- mpsc stands for Multi-Producer, Single-Consumer. Sender and SyncSender implement Clone (so you can make multiple producers) but Receiver does not.
- send() and recv() return Result. If they return Err, it means the counterpart Sender or Receiver is dropped and the channel is closed.

# **Unbounded Channels**

You get an unbounded and asynchronous channel with mpsc::channel():

```
,editable
use std::sync::mpsc;
use std::thread;
use std::time::Duration;
fn main() {
    let (tx, rx) = mpsc::channel();
    thread::spawn(move || {
        let thread_id = thread::current().id();
        for i in 1..10 {
            tx.send(format!("Message {i}")).unwrap();
            println!("{thread_id:?}: sent Message {i}");
        }
```

```
println!("{thread_id:?}: done");
});
thread::sleep(Duration::from_millis(100));
for msg in rx.iter() {
    println!("Main: got {msg}");
}
```

# **Bounded Channels**

With bounded (synchronous) channels, send can block the current thread:

```
,editable
use std::sync::mpsc;
use std::thread;
use std::time::Duration;
fn main() {
    let (tx, rx) = mpsc::sync_channel(3);
    thread::spawn(move || {
        let thread_id = thread::current().id();
        for i in 1..10 {
            tx.send(format!("Message {i}")).unwrap();
            println!("{thread_id:?}: sent Message {i}");
        }
        println!("{thread id:?}: done");
    });
    thread::sleep(Duration::from millis(100));
    for msg in rx.iter() {
        println!("Main: got {msg}");
    }
}
```

- Calling send will block the current thread until there is space in the channel for the new message. The thread can be blocked indefinitely if there is nobody who reads from the channel.
- A call to send will abort with an error (that is why it returns Result) if the channel is closed. A channel is closed when the receiver is dropped.
- A bounded channel with a size of zero is called a "rendezvous channel". Every send will block the current thread until another thread calls read.

# Send and Sync

How does Rust know to forbid shared access across threads? The answer is in two traits:

- Send: a type T is Send if it is safe to move a T across a thread boundary.
- Sync: a type T is Sync if it is safe to move a &T across a thread boundary.

Send and Sync are unsafe traits. The compiler will automatically derive them for your types as long as they only contain Send and Sync types. You can also implement them manually when you know it is valid.

- One can think of these traits as markers that the type has certain thread-safety properties.
- They can be used in the generic constraints as normal traits.

## Send

A type T is Send if it is safe to move a T value to another thread.

The effect of moving ownership to another thread is that *destructors* will run in that thread. So the question is when you can allocate a value in one thread and deallocate it in another.

As an example, a connection to the SQLite library must only be accessed from a single thread.

## Sync

A type T is Sync if it is safe to access a T value from multiple threads at the same time.

More precisely, the definition is:

T is Sync if and only if &T is Send

This statement is essentially a shorthand way of saying that if a type is thread-safe for shared use, it is also thread-safe to pass references of it across threads.

This is because if a type is Sync it means that it can be shared across multiple threads without the risk of data races or other synchronization issues, so it is safe to move it to another thread. A reference to the type is also safe to move to another thread, because the data it references can be accessed from any thread safely.

# **Examples**

Send + Sync

Most types you come across are Send + Sync:

- i8, f32, bool, char, &str, ...
- (T1, T2), [T; N], &[T], struct { x: T }, ...
- String, Option<T>, Vec<T>, Box<T>, ...
- Arc<T>: Explicitly thread-safe via atomic reference count.
- Mutex<T>: Explicitly thread-safe via internal locking.
- AtomicBool, AtomicU8, ...: Uses special atomic instructions.

The generic types are typically Send + Sync when the type parameters are Send + Sync.

Send + !Sync

These types can be moved to other threads, but they're not thread-safe. Typically because of interior mutability:

- mpsc::Sender<T>
- mpsc::Receiver<T>
- Cell<T>
- RefCell<T>

#### !Send + Sync

These types are thread-safe, but they cannot be moved to another thread:

• MutexGuard<T: Sync>: Uses OS level primitives which must be deallocated on the thread which created them.

!Send + !Sync

These types are not thread-safe and cannot be moved to other threads:

- Rc<T>: each Rc<T> has a reference to an RcBox<T>, which contains a non-atomic reference count.
- \*const T, \*mut T: Rust assumes raw pointers may have special concurrency considerations.

# **Shared State**

Rust uses the type system to enforce synchronization of shared data. This is primarily done via two types:

- Arc<T>, atomic reference counted T: handles sharing between threads and takes care to deallocate T when the last reference is dropped,
- Mutex<T>: ensures mutually exclusive access to the T value.

# Arc

Arc<T> allows shared read-only access via Arc::clone:

```
,editable
use std::thread;
use std::sync::Arc;
fn main() {
    let v = Arc::new(vec![10, 20, 30]);
    let mut handles = Vec::new();
    for _ in 1..5 {
        let v = Arc::clone(&v);
        handles.push(thread::spawn(move || {
            let thread id = thread::current().id();
            println!("{thread_id:?}: {v:?}");
        }));
    }
    handles.into_iter().for_each(|h| h.join().unwrap());
    println!("v: {v:?}");
}
```

- Arc stands for "Atomic Reference Counted", a thread safe version of Rc that uses atomic operations.
- Arc<T> implements Clone whether or not T does. It implements Send and Sync if and only if T implements them both.
- Arc::clone() has the cost of atomic operations that get executed, but after that the use of the T is free.
- Beware of reference cycles, Arc does not use a garbage collector to detect them.std::sync::Weak can help.

## **Mutex**

Mutex<T> ensures mutual exclusion *and* allows mutable access to T behind a read-only interface:

```
,editable
use std::sync::Mutex;
fn main() {
    let v = Mutex::new(vec![10, 20, 30]);
    println!("v: {:?}", v.lock().unwrap());
    {
        let mut guard = v.lock().unwrap());
        guard.push(40);
    }
    println!("v: {:?}", v.lock().unwrap());
}
```

Notice how we have a impl<T: Send> Sync for Mutex<T> blanket implementation.

- Mutex in Rust looks like a collection with just one element the protected data.- It is not possible to forget to acquire the mutex before accessing the protected data.
- You can get an &mut T from an &Mutex<T> by taking the lock. The MutexGuard ensures that the &mut T doesn't outlive the lock being held.
- Mutex<T> implements both Send and Sync iff (if and only if) T implements Send.
- A read-write lock counterpart: RwLock.
- Why does lock() return a Result? If the thread that held the Mutex panicked, the Mutex becomes "poisoned" to signal that the data it protected might be in an inconsistent state.
   Calling lock() on a poisoned mutex fails with a PoisonError. You can call into\_inner() on the error to recover the data regardless.

# Example

Let us see Arc and Mutex in action:

```
,editable,compile_fail
use std::thread;
// use std::sync::{Arc, Mutex};
fn main() {
    let v = vec![10, 20, 30];
    let handle = thread::spawn(|| {
        v.push(10);
    });
    v.push(1000);
    handle.join().unwrap();
    println!("v: {v:?}");
}
```

Possible solution:

```
,editable
use std::sync::{Arc, Mutex};
use std::thread;
fn main() {
    let v = Arc::new(Mutex::new(vec![10, 20, 30]));
    let v2 = Arc::clone(\&v);
    let handle = thread::spawn(move || {
        let mut v2 = v2.lock().unwrap();
        v2.push(10);
    });
    {
        let mut v = v.lock().unwrap();
        v.push(1000);
    }
    handle.join().unwrap();
    println!("v: {v:?}");
}
```

Notable parts:

- v is wrapped in both Arc and Mutex, because their concerns are orthogonal.- Wrapping a Mutex in an Arc is a common pattern to share mutable state between threads.
- v: Arc<\_> needs to be cloned as v2 before it can be moved into another thread. Note move was added to the lambda signature.
- Blocks are introduced to narrow the scope of the LockGuard as much as possible.

# **Exercises**

Let us practice our new concurrency skills with

- · Dining philosophers: a classic problem in concurrency.
- Multi-threaded link checker: a larger project where you'll use Cargo to download dependencies and then check links in parallel.

After looking at the exercises, you can look at the solutions provided.

# **Dining Philosophers**

The dining philosophers problem is a classic problem in concurrency:

Five philosophers dine together at the same table. Each philosopher has their own place at the table. There is a fork between each plate. The dish served is a kind of spaghetti which has to be eaten with two forks. Each philosopher can only alternately think and eat. Moreover, a philosopher can only eat their spaghetti when they have both a left and right fork. Thus two forks will only be available when their two nearest neighbors are thinking, not eating. After an individual philosopher finishes eating, they will put down both forks.

You will need a local <u>Cargo installation</u> for this exercise. Copy the code below to a file called src/main.rs, fill out the blanks, and test that cargo run does not deadlock:

```
,compile_fail
use std::sync::{mpsc, Arc, Mutex};
use std::thread;
use std::time::Duration;
struct Fork;
struct Philosopher {
    name: String,
    // left_fork: ...
    // right_fork: ...
    // right_fork: ...
    // thoughts: ...
}
impl Philosopher {
    fn think(&self) {
        self.thoughts
        .send(format!("Eureka! {} has a new idea!", &self.name))
```

```
.unwrap();
    }
    fn eat(&self) {
       // Pick up forks...
        println!("{} is eating...", &self.name);
        thread::sleep(Duration::from_millis(10));
    }
}
static PHILOSOPHERS: &[&str] =
   &["Socrates", "Hypatia", "Plato", "Aristotle", "Pythagoras"];
fn main() {
   // Create forks
   // Create philosophers
   // Make each of them think and eat 100 times
   // Output their thoughts
}
```

You can use the following Cargo.toml:

```
[package]
name = "dining-philosophers"
version = "0.1.0"
edition = "2021"
```

### **Multi-threaded Link Checker**

Let us use our new knowledge to create a multi-threaded link checker. It should start at a webpage and check that links on the page are valid. It should recursively check other pages on the same domain and keep doing this until all pages have been validated.

For this, you will need an HTTP client such as request. Create a new Cargo project and request it as a dependency with:

cargo new link-checker
cd link-checker
cargo add --features blocking,rustls-tls reqwest

If cargo add fails with error: no such subcommand, then please edit the Cargo.toml file by hand. Add the dependencies listed below.

You will also need a way to find links. We can use scraper for that:

cargo add scraper

Finally, we'll need some way of handling errors. We use thiserror for that:

cargo add thiserror

The cargo add calls will update the Cargo.toml file to look like this:

```
[package]
name = "link-checker"
version = "0.1.0"
edition = "2021"
publish = false
[dependencies]
reqwest = { version = "0.11.12", features = ["blocking", "rustls-tls"] }
scraper = "0.13.0"
thiserror = "1.0.37"
```

You can now download the start page. Try with a small site such as https://www.google.org/.

Your src/main.rs file should look something like this:

```
,compile_fail
use reqwest::{blocking::Client, Url};
use scraper::{Html, Selector};
```

```
use thiserror::Error;
#[derive(Error, Debug)]
enum Error {
    #[error("request error: {0}")]
    RegwestError(#[from] regwest::Error),
    #[error("bad http response: {0}")]
    BadResponse(String),
}
#[derive(Debug)]
struct CrawlCommand {
    url: Url,
    extract_links: bool,
}
fn visit page(client: &Client, command: &CrawlCommand) -> Result<Vec<Url>, Error> {
    println!("Checking {:#}", command.url);
    let response = client.get(command.url.clone()).send()?;
    if !response.status().is success() {
        return Err(Error::BadResponse(response.status().to_string()));
    }
    let mut link urls = Vec::new();
    if !command.extract links {
        return Ok(link urls);
    }
    let base url = response.url().to owned();
    let body text = response.text()?;
    let document = Html::parse_document(&body_text);
    let selector = Selector::parse("a").unwrap();
    let href_values = document
        .select(&selector)
        .filter map(|element| element.value().attr("href"));
    for href in href_values {
        match base_url.join(href) {
            0k(link_url) => {
                link urls.push(link url);
            }
            Err(err) => {
                println!("On {base_url:#}: ignored unparsable {href:?}: {err}");
            }
        }
    }
    0k(link_urls)
```

```
fn main() {
    let client = Client::new();
    let start_url = Url::parse("https://www.google.org").unwrap();
    let crawl_command = CrawlCommand{ url: start_url, extract_links: true };
    match visit_page(&client, &crawl_command) {
        Ok(links) => println!("Links: {links:#?}"),
        Err(err) => println!("Could not extract links: {err:#}"),
    }
}
```

Run the code in src/main.rs with

cargo run

#### Tasks

}

- Use threads to check the links in parallel: send the URLs to be checked to a channel and let a few threads check the URLs in parallel.
- Extend this to recursively extract links from all pages on the www.google.org domain. Put an upper limit of 100 pages or so so that you don't end up being blocked by the site.

## Solutions

#### **Dining Philosophers**

```
(back to exercise)
use std::sync::{mpsc, Arc, Mutex};
use std::thread;
use std::time::Duration;
struct Fork;
struct Philosopher {
    name: String,
    left_fork: Arc<Mutex<Fork>>,
    right_fork: Arc<Mutex<Fork>>,
    thoughts: mpsc::SyncSender<String>,
}
impl Philosopher {
    fn think(&self) {
        self.thoughts
            .send(format!("Eureka! {} has a new idea!", &self.name))
            .unwrap();
    }
    fn eat(&self) {
        println!("{} is trying to eat", &self.name);
        let _left = self.left_fork.lock().unwrap();
        let right = self.right fork.lock().unwrap();
        println!("{} is eating...", &self.name);
        thread::sleep(Duration::from_millis(10));
    }
}
static PHILOSOPHERS: &[&str] =
    &["Socrates", "Hypatia", "Plato", "Aristotle", "Pythagoras"];
fn main() {
    let (tx, rx) = mpsc::sync_channel(10);
    let forks = (0..PHILOSOPHERS.len())
        .map(|_| Arc::new(Mutex::new(Fork)))
        .collect::<Vec<_>>();
```

```
for i in 0..forks.len() {
    let tx = tx.clone();
    let mut left_fork = Arc::clone(&forks[i]);
    let mut right fork = Arc::clone(&forks[(i + 1) % forks.len()]);
    // To avoid a deadlock, we have to break the symmetry
    // somewhere. This will swap the forks without deinitializing
    // either of them.
    if i == forks.len() - 1 {
        std::mem::swap(&mut left fork, &mut right fork);
    }
    let philosopher = Philosopher {
        name: PHILOSOPHERS[i].to_string(),
        thoughts: tx,
        left_fork,
        right_fork,
    };
    thread::spawn(move || {
        for _ in 0..100 {
            philosopher.eat();
            philosopher.think();
        }
    });
}
drop(tx);
for thought in rx {
    println!("{thought}");
}
```

#### Link Checker

}

```
(back to exercise)
```

```
,compile_fail
use std::{sync::mpsc, sync::Arc, sync::Mutex, thread};
use reqwest::{blocking::Client, Url};
use scraper::{Html, Selector};
use thiserror::Error;
#[derive(Error, Debug)]
enum Error {
    #[error("request error: {0}")]
```

```
ReqwestError(#[from] reqwest::Error),
    #[error("bad http response: {0}")]
    BadResponse(String),
}
#[derive(Debug)]
struct CrawlCommand {
    url: Url,
    extract_links: bool,
}
fn visit_page(client: &Client, command: &CrawlCommand) -> Result<Vec<Url>, Error> {
    println!("Checking {:#}", command.url);
    let response = client.get(command.url.clone()).send()?;
    if !response.status().is success() {
        return Err(Error::BadResponse(response.status().to_string()));
    }
    let mut link urls = Vec::new();
    if !command.extract links {
        return Ok(link_urls);
    }
    let base_url = response.url().to_owned();
    let body text = response.text()?;
    let document = Html::parse_document(&body_text);
    let selector = Selector::parse("a").unwrap();
    let href values = document
        .select(&selector)
        .filter map(|element| element.value().attr("href"));
    for href in href_values {
        match base url.join(href) {
            0k(link_url) => {
                link_urls.push(link_url);
            }
            Err(err) => {
                println!("On {base_url:#}: ignored unparsable {href:?}: {err}");
            }
        }
    }
    0k(link_urls)
}
struct CrawlState {
    domain: String,
    visited_pages: std::collections::HashSet<String>,
```

```
}
```

```
impl CrawlState {
    fn new(start url: &Url) -> CrawlState {
        let mut visited pages = std::collections::HashSet::new();
        visited pages.insert(start url.as str().to string());
        CrawlState {
            domain: start url.domain().unwrap().to string(),
            visited_pages,
        }
    }
    /// Determine whether links within the given page should be extracted.
    fn should_extract_links(&self, url: &Url) -> bool {
        let Some(url domain) = url.domain() else {
            return false;
        };
        url_domain == self.domain
    }
    /// Mark the given page as visited, returning false if it had already
    /// been visited.
    fn mark visited(&mut self, url: &Url) -> bool {
        self.visited pages.insert(url.as str().to string())
    }
}
type CrawlResult = Result<Vec<Url>, (Url, Error)>;
fn spawn crawler threads(
    command receiver: mpsc::Receiver<CrawlCommand>,
    result sender: mpsc::Sender<CrawlResult>,
    thread_count: u32,
) {
    let command_receiver = Arc::new(Mutex::new(command_receiver));
    for in 0..thread count {
        let result_sender = result_sender.clone();
        let command_receiver = command_receiver.clone();
        thread::spawn(move || {
            let client = Client::new();
            loop {
                let command result = {
                    let receiver_guard = command_receiver.lock().unwrap();
                    receiver_guard.recv()
                };
                let 0k(crawl command) = command result else {
                    // The sender got dropped. No more commands coming in.
```

```
break;
                };
                let crawl_result = match visit_page(&client, &crawl_command) {
                    0k(link urls) => 0k(link urls),
                    Err(error) => Err((crawl_command.url, error)),
                };
                result sender.send(crawl result).unwrap();
            }
        });
    }
}
fn control crawl(
    start_url: Url,
    command_sender: mpsc::Sender<CrawlCommand>,
    result_receiver: mpsc::Receiver<CrawlResult>,
) -> Vec<Url> {
    let mut crawl_state = CrawlState::new(&start_url);
    let start_command = CrawlCommand {
        url: start url,
        extract_links: true,
    };
    command sender.send(start command).unwrap();
    let mut pending_urls = 1;
    let mut bad urls = Vec::new();
    while pending urls > 0 {
        let crawl_result = result_receiver.recv().unwrap();
        pending urls -= 1;
        match crawl_result {
            0k(link_urls) => {
                for url in link urls {
                    if crawl_state.mark_visited(&url) {
                        let extract_links = crawl_state.should_extract_links(&url);
                        let crawl command = CrawlCommand { url, extract links };
                        command_sender.send(crawl_command).unwrap();
                        pending_urls += 1;
                    }
                }
            }
            Err((url, error)) => {
                bad_urls.push(url);
                println!("Got crawling error: {:#}", error);
                continue;
            }
        }
```

```
}
bad_urls
}
fn check_links(start_url: Url) -> Vec<Url> {
    let (result_sender, result_receiver) = mpsc::channel::<CrawlResult>();
    let (command_sender, command_receiver) = mpsc::channel::<CrawlCommand>();
    spawn_crawler_threads(command_receiver, result_sender, 16);
    control_crawl(start_url, command_sender, result_receiver)
}
fn main() {
    let start_url = reqwest::Url::parse("https://www.google.org").unwrap();
    let bad_urls = check_links(start_url);
    println!("Bad URLs: {:#?}", bad_urls);
}
```

Concurrency: Afternoon

## **Async Basics**

"Async" is a concurrency model where multiple tasks are executed concurrently by executing each task until it would block, then switching to another task that is ready to make progress. The model allows running a larger number of tasks on a limited number of threads. This is because the per-task overhead is typically very low and operating systems provide primitives for efficiently identifying I/O that is able to proceed.

Rust's asynchronous operation is based on "futures", which represent work that may be completed in the future. Futures are "polled" until they signal that they are complete.

Futures are polled by an async runtime, and several different runtimes are available.

#### Comparisons

- Python has a similar model in its asyncio. However, its Future type is callback-based, and not polled. Async Python programs require a "loop", similar to a runtime in Rust.
- JavaScript's Promise is similar, but again callback-based. The language runtime implements the event loop, so many of the details of Promise resolution are hidden.

#### async/await

At a high level, async Rust code looks very much like "normal" sequential code:

```
,editable,compile_fail
use futures::executor::block_on;
async fn count_to(count: i32) {
    for i in 1..=count {
        println!("Count is: {i}!");
    }
}
async fn async_main(count: i32) {
    count_to(count).await;
}
fn main() {
    block_on(async_main(10));
}
```

Key points:

- Note that this is a simplified example to show the syntax. There is no long running operation or any real concurrency in it!
- · What is the return type of an async call?
- Use let future: () = async\_main(10); in main to see the type.
- The "async" keyword is syntactic sugar. The compiler replaces the return type with a future.
- You cannot make main async, without additional instructions to the compiler on how to use the returned future.
- You need an executor to run async code. block\_on blocks the current thread until the provided future has run to completion.
- .await asynchronously waits for the completion of another operation. Unlike block\_on, .await doesn't block the current thread.
- .await can only be used inside an async function (or block; these are introduced later).

### **Futures**

<u>Future</u> is a trait, implemented by objects that represent an operation that may not be complete yet. A future can be polled, and poll returns a <u>Poll</u>.

```
use std::pin::Pin;
use std::task::Context;
pub trait Future {
   type Output;
   fn poll(self: Pin<&mut Self>, cx: &mut Context<'_>) -> Poll<Self::Output>;
}
pub enum Poll<T> {
   Ready(T),
   Pending,
}
```

An async function returns an impl Future. It's also possible (but uncommon) to implement Future for your own types. For example, the JoinHandle returned from tokio::spawn implements Future to allow joining to it.

The .await keyword, applied to a Future, causes the current async function to pause until that Future is ready, and then evaluates to its output.

- The Future and Poll types are implemented exactly as shown; click the links to show the implementations in the docs.
- We will not get to Pin and Context, as we will focus on writing async code, rather than building new async primitives. Briefly:
- Context allows a Future to schedule itself to be polled again when an event occurs.
- Pin ensures that the Future isn't moved in memory, so that pointers into that future remain valid. This is required to allow references to remain valid after an .await.

#### Runtimes

A *runtime* provides support for performing operations asynchronously (a *reactor*) and is responsible for executing futures (an *executor*). Rust does not have a "built-in" runtime, but several options are available:

- <u>Tokio</u>: performant, with a well-developed ecosystem of functionality like <u>Hyper</u> for HTTP or <u>Tonic</u> for gRPC.
- <u>async-std</u>: aims to be a "std for async", and includes a basic runtime in async::task.
- smol: simple and lightweight

Several larger applications have their own runtimes. For example, <u>Fuchsia</u> already has one.

- Note that of the listed runtimes, only Tokio is supported in the Rust playground. The playground also does not permit any I/O, so most interesting async things can't run in the playground.
- Futures are "inert" in that they do not do anything (not even start an I/O operation) unless there is an executor polling them. This differs from JS Promises, for example, which will run to completion even if they are never used.

#### Tokio

Tokio provides:

- · A multi-threaded runtime for executing asynchronous code.
- · An asynchronous version of the standard library.
- A large ecosystem of libraries.

```
,editable,compile_fail
use tokio::time;
async fn count_to(count: i32) {
   for i in 1..=count {
      println!("Count in task: {i}!");
      time::sleep(time::Duration::from_millis(5)).await;
   }
}
#[tokio::main]
async fn main() {
   tokio::spawn(count_to(10));
   for i in 1..5 {
```

```
println!("Main task: {i}");
time::sleep(time::Duration::from_millis(5)).await;
}
```

- With the tokio::main macro we can now make main async.
- The spawn function creates a new, concurrent "task".
- Note: spawn takes a Future, you don't call .await on count\_to.

#### Further exploration:

- Why does count\_to not (usually) get to 10? This is an example of async cancellation. tokio::spawn returns a handle which can be awaited to wait until it finishes.
- Try count\_to(10).await instead of spawning.
- Try awaiting the task returned from tokio::spawn.

## Tasks

Rust has a task system, which is a form of lightweight threading.

A task has a single top-level future which the executor polls to make progress. That future may have one or more nested futures that its poll method polls, corresponding loosely to a call stack. Concurrency within a task is possible by polling multiple child futures, such as racing a timer and an I/O operation.

```
,compile_fail
use tokio::io::{self, AsyncReadExt, AsyncWriteExt};
use tokio::net::TcpListener;
#[tokio::main]
async fn main() -> io::Result<()> {
    let listener = TcpListener::bind("127.0.0.1:6142").await?;
  println!("listening on port 6142");
    loop {
        let (mut socket, addr) = listener.accept().await?;
        println!("connection from {addr:?}");
        tokio::spawn(async move {
            if let Err(e) = socket.write all(b"Who are you?\n").await {
                println!("socket error: {e:?}");
                return;
            }
            let mut buf = vec![0; 1024];
            let reply = match socket.read(&mut buf).await {
                0k(n) => \{
                    let name = std::str::from_utf8(&buf[..n]).unwrap().trim();
                    format!("Thanks for dialing in, {name}!\n")
                }
                Err(e) => {
                    println!("socket error: {e:?}");
                    return;
                }
            };
            if let Err(e) = socket.write_all(reply.as_bytes()).await {
                println!("socket error: {e:?}");
            }
        });
```

}

}

Copy this example into your prepared src/main.rs and run it from there.

Try connecting to it with a TCP connection tool like nc or telnet.

- Ask students to visualize what the state of the example server would be with a few connected clients. What tasks exist? What are their Futures?
- This is the first time we've seen an async block. This is similar to a closure, but does not take any arguments. Its return value is a Future, similar to an async fn.
- Refactor the async block into a function, and improve the error handling using ?.

## **Async Channels**

Several crates have support for asynchronous channels. For instance tokio:

```
,editable,compile fail
use tokio::sync::mpsc::{self, Receiver};
async fn ping handler(mut input: Receiver<()>) {
    let mut count: usize = 0;
    while let Some( ) = input.recv().await {
        count += 1;
        println!("Received {count} pings so far.");
    }
    println!("ping_handler complete");
}
#[tokio::main]
async fn main() {
    let (sender, receiver) = mpsc::channel(32);
    let ping_handler_task = tokio::spawn(ping_handler(receiver));
    for i in 0..10 {
        sender.send(()).await.expect("Failed to send ping.");
        println!("Sent {} pings so far.", i + 1);
    }
    drop(sender);
    ping handler task.await.expect("Something went wrong in ping handler task.");
}
```

- Change the channel size to 3 and see how it affects the execution.
- Overall, the interface is similar to the sync channels as seen in the morning class.
- Try removing the std::mem::drop call. What happens? Why?
- The <u>Flume</u> crate has channels that implement both sync and async send and recv. This can be convenient for complex applications with both IO and heavy CPU processing tasks.
- What makes working with async channels preferable is the ability to combine them with other futures to combine them and create complex control flow.

# **Control Flow**

Futures can be combined together to produce concurrent compute flow graphs. We have already seen tasks, that function as independent threads of execution.

- Join
- <u>Select</u>

## Join

A join operation waits until all of a set of futures are ready, and returns a collection of their results. This is similar to Promise.all in JavaScript or asyncio.gather in Python.

```
,editable,compile_fail
use anyhow::Result;
use futures::future;
use reqwest;
use std::collections::HashMap;
async fn size_of_page(url: &str) -> Result<usize> {
    let resp = regwest::get(url).await?;
    0k(resp.text().await?.len())
}
#[tokio::main]
async fn main() {
    let urls: [&str; 4] = [
        "https://google.com",
        "https://httpbin.org/ip",
        "https://play.rust-lang.org/",
        "BAD_URL",
    1;
    let futures_iter = urls.into_iter().map(size_of_page);
    let results = future::join_all(futures_iter).await;
    let page_sizes_dict: HashMap<&str, Result<usize>> =
        urls.into iter().zip(results.into iter()).collect();
    println!("{:?}", page_sizes_dict);
}
```

Copy this example into your prepared src/main.rs and run it from there.

- For multiple futures of disjoint types, you can use std::future::join! but you must know how many futures you will have at compile time. This is currently in the futures crate, soon to be stabilised in std::future.
- The risk of join is that one of the futures may never resolve, this would cause your program to stall.
- You can also combine join\_all with join! for instance to join all requests to an http service as well as a database query. Try adding a tokio::time::sleep to the future, using futures::join!. This is not a timeout (that requires select!, explained in the next chapter), but demonstrates join!.

### Select

A select operation waits until any of a set of futures is ready, and responds to that future's result. In JavaScript, this is similar to Promise.race. In Python, it compares to asyncio.wait(task\_set, return\_when=asyncio.FIRST\_COMPLETED).

Similar to a match statement, the body of select! has a number of arms, each of the form pattern = future => statement. When the future is ready, the statement is executed with the variables in pattern bound to the future's result.

```
,editable,compile fail
use tokio::sync::mpsc::{self, Receiver};
use tokio::time::{sleep, Duration};
#[derive(Debug, PartialEq)]
enum Animal {
    Cat { name: String },
    Dog { name: String },
}
async fn first_animal_to_finish_race(
    mut cat rcv: Receiver<String>,
    mut dog_rcv: Receiver<String>,
) -> Option<Animal> {
    tokio::select! {
        cat_name = cat_rcv.recv() => Some(Animal::Cat { name: cat_name? }),
        dog name = dog rcv.recv() => Some(Animal::Dog { name: dog name? })
    }
}
#[tokio::main]
async fn main() {
    let (cat_sender, cat_receiver) = mpsc::channel(32);
    let (dog_sender, dog_receiver) = mpsc::channel(32);
    tokio::spawn(async move {
        sleep(Duration::from_millis(500)).await;
        cat sender
            .send(String::from("Felix"))
            .await
            .expect("Failed to send cat.");
    });
    tokio::spawn(async move {
        sleep(Duration::from_millis(50)).await;
        dog sender
            .send(String::from("Rex"))
```

```
.await
    .expect("Failed to send dog.");
});
let winner = first_animal_to_finish_race(cat_receiver, dog_receiver)
    .await
    .expect("Failed to receive winner");
println!("Winner is {winner:?}");
}
```

- In this example, we have a race between a cat and a dog. first\_animal\_to\_finish\_race listens to both channels and will pick whichever arrives first. Since the dog takes 50ms, it wins against the cat that take 500ms.
- You can use oneshot channels in this example as the channels are supposed to receive only one send.
- Try adding a deadline to the race, demonstrating selecting different sorts of futures.
- Note that select! drops unmatched branches, which cancels their futures. It is easiest to use when every execution of select! creates new futures.
- An alternative is to pass &mut future instead of the future itself, but this can lead to issues, further discussed in the pinning slide.

# Pitfalls

Async / await provides convenient and efficient abstraction for concurrent asynchronous programming. However, the async/await model in Rust also comes with its share of pitfalls and footguns. We illustrate some of them in this chapter:

- Blocking the Executor
- <u>Pin</u>
- <u>Async Traits</u>
- <u>Cancellation</u>

# **Blocking the Executor**

Most async runtimes only allow IO tasks to run concurrently. This means that CPU blocking tasks will block the executor and prevent other tasks from being executed. An easy workaround is to use async equivalent methods where possible.

```
,editable,compile_fail
use futures::future::join_all;
use std::time::Instant;
async fn sleep_ms(start: &Instant, id: u64, duration_ms: u64) {
    std::thread::sleep(std::time::Duration::from millis(duration ms));
    println!(
        "future {id} slept for {duration_ms}ms, finished after {}ms",
        start.elapsed().as_millis()
    );
}
#[tokio::main(flavor = "current thread")]
async fn main() {
    let start = Instant::now();
    let sleep futures = (1..=10).map(|t| sleep ms(&start, t, t * 10));
    join_all(sleep_futures).await;
}
```

- Run the code and see that the sleeps happen consecutively rather than concurrently.
- The "current\_thread" flavor puts all tasks on a single thread. This makes the effect more obvious, but the bug is still present in the multi-threaded flavor.
- Switch the std::thread::sleep to tokio::time::sleep and await its result.

- Another fix would be to tokio::task::spawn\_blocking which spawns an actual thread and transforms its handle into a future without blocking the executor.
- You should not think of tasks as OS threads. They do not map 1 to 1 and most executors will allow many tasks to run on a single OS thread. This is particularly problematic when interacting with other libraries via FFI, where that library might depend on thread-local storage or map to specific OS threads (e.g., CUDA). Prefer tokio::task::spawn\_blocking in such situations.
- Use sync mutexes with care. Holding a mutex over an .await may cause another task to block, and that task may be running on the same thread.

### Pin

When you await a future, all local variables (that would ordinarily be stored on a stack frame) are instead stored in the Future for the current async block. If your future has pointers to data on the stack, those pointers might get invalidated. This is unsafe.

Therefore, you must guarantee that the addresses your future points to don't change. That is why we need to pin futures. Using the same future repeatedly in a select! often leads to issues with pinned values.

```
,editable,compile fail
use tokio::sync::{mpsc, oneshot};
use tokio::task::spawn;
use tokio::time::{sleep, Duration};
// A work item. In this case, just sleep for the given time and respond
// with a message on the `respond_on` channel.
#[derive(Debug)]
struct Work {
    input: u32,
    respond_on: oneshot::Sender<u32>,
}
// A worker which listens for work on a queue and performs it.
async fn worker(mut work_queue: mpsc::Receiver<Work>) {
    let mut iterations = 0;
    loop {
        tokio::select! {
            Some(work) = work_queue.recv() => {
                sleep(Duration::from_millis(10)).await; // Pretend to work.
                work.respond on
                    .send(work.input * 1000)
                    .expect("failed to send response");
                iterations += 1;
            }
            // TODO: report number of iterations every 100ms
        }
    }
}
// A requester which requests work and waits for it to complete.
async fn do_work(work_queue: &mpsc::Sender<Work>, input: u32) -> u32 {
    let (tx, rx) = oneshot::channel();
    work_queue
        .send(Work {
```

```
input,
            respond_on: tx,
        })
        .await
        .expect("failed to send on work queue");
    rx.await.expect("failed waiting for response")
}
#[tokio::main]
async fn main() {
    let (tx, rx) = mpsc::channel(10);
    spawn(worker(rx));
    for i in 0..100 {
        let resp = do_work(&tx, i).await;
        println!("work result for iteration {i}: {resp}");
    }
}
```

- You may recognize this as an example of the actor pattern. Actors typically call select! in a loop.
- · This serves as a summation of a few of the previous lessons, so take your time with it.
- Naively add a \_ = sleep(Duration::from\_millis(100)) => { println!(..) } to the select!.
  This will never execute. Why?
- Instead, add a timeout\_fut containing that future outside of the loop:

```
,compile_fail
let mut timeout_fut = sleep(Duration::from_millis(100));
loop {
    select! {
        ..,
        _ = timeout_fut => { println!(..); },
    }
}
```

• This still doesn't work. Follow the compiler errors, adding &mut to the timeout\_fut in the select! to work around the move, then using Box::pin:

```
,compile_fail
let mut timeout_fut = Box::pin(sleep(Duration::from_millis(100)));
loop {
    select! {
        ...,
        _ = &mut timeout_fut => { println!(..); },
    }
}
```

- This compiles, but once the timeout expires it is Poll::Ready on every iteration (a fused future would help with this). Update to reset timeout\_fut every time it expires.
- Box allocates on the heap. In some cases, std::pin::pin! (only recently stabilized, with older code often using tokio::pin!) is also an option, but that is difficult to use for a future that is reassigned.
- Another alternative is to not use pin at all but spawn another task that will send to a oneshot channel every 100ms.

# **Async Traits**

Async methods in traits are not yet supported in the stable channel (<u>An experimental feature</u> exists in nightly and should be stabilized in the mid term.)

The crate <u>async trait</u> provides a workaround through a macro:

```
,editable,compile fail
use async_trait::async_trait;
use std::time::Instant;
use tokio::time::{sleep, Duration};
#[async_trait]
trait Sleeper {
    async fn sleep(&self);
}
struct FixedSleeper {
    sleep ms: u64,
}
#[async_trait]
impl Sleeper for FixedSleeper {
    async fn sleep(&self) {
        sleep(Duration::from_millis(self.sleep_ms)).await;
    }
}
async fn run_all_sleepers_multiple_times(sleepers: Vec<Box<dyn Sleeper>>, n_times:
usize) {
    for _ in 0...n_times {
        println!("running all sleepers..");
        for sleeper in &sleepers {
            let start = Instant::now();
            sleeper.sleep().await;
            println!("slept for {}ms", start.elapsed().as_millis());
        }
    }
}
#[tokio::main]
async fn main() {
    let sleepers: Vec<Box<dyn Sleeper>> = vec![
        Box::new(FixedSleeper { sleep ms: 50 }),
        Box::new(FixedSleeper { sleep_ms: 100 }),
    1;
```

```
run_all_sleepers_multiple_times(sleepers, 5).await;
```

}

- async\_trait is easy to use, but note that it's using heap allocations to achieve this. This heap allocation has performance overhead.
- The challenges in language support for async trait are deep Rust and probably not worth describing in-depth. Niko Matsakis did a good job of explaining them in <u>this post</u> if you are interested in digging deeper.
- Try creating a new sleeper struct that will sleep for a random amount of time and adding it to the Vec.

## Cancellation

Dropping a future implies it can never be polled again. This is called *cancellation* and it can occur at any await point. Care is needed to ensure the system works correctly even when futures are cancelled. For example, it shouldn't deadlock or lose data.

```
,editable,compile_fail
use std::io::{self, ErrorKind};
use std::time::Duration;
use tokio::io::{AsyncReadExt, AsyncWriteExt, DuplexStream};
struct LinesReader {
    stream: DuplexStream,
}
impl LinesReader {
    fn new(stream: DuplexStream) -> Self {
        Self { stream }
    }
    async fn next(&mut self) -> io::Result<Option<String>> {
        let mut bytes = Vec::new();
        let mut buf = [0];
        while self.stream.read(&mut buf[..]).await? != 0 {
            bytes.push(buf[0]);
            if buf[0] == b' \setminus n' \{
                break;
            }
        }
        if bytes.is_empty() {
            return Ok(None)
        }
        let s = String::from utf8(bytes)
            .map_err(|_| io::Error::new(ErrorKind::InvalidData, "not UTF-8"))?;
        Ok(Some(s))
    }
}
async fn slow_copy(source: String, mut dest: DuplexStream) -> std::io::Result<()> {
    for b in source.bytes() {
        dest.write_u8(b).await?;
        tokio::time::sleep(Duration::from_millis(10)).await
    }
    0k(())
}
```

```
#[tokio::main]
async fn main() -> std::io::Result<()> {
    let (client, server) = tokio::io::duplex(5);
    let handle = tokio::spawn(slow copy("hi\nthere\n".to owned(), client));
    let mut lines = LinesReader::new(server);
    let mut interval = tokio::time::interval(Duration::from millis(60));
    loop {
        tokio::select! {
            = interval.tick() => println!("tick!"),
            line = lines.next() => if let Some(l) = line? {
                print!("{}", l)
            } else {
                break
            },
        }
    }
    handle.await.unwrap()?;
    0k(())
}
```

• The compiler doesn't help with cancellation-safety. You need to read API documentation and consider what state your async fn holds.

- Unlike panic and ?, cancellation is part of normal control flow (vs error-handling).
- · The example loses parts of the string.
- Whenever the tick() branch finishes first, next() and its buf are dropped.
- LinesReader can be made cancellation-safe by making buf part of the struct:

```
,compile_fail
struct LinesReader {
    stream: DuplexStream,
    bytes: Vec<u8>,
    buf: [u8; 1],
}
impl LinesReader {
    fn new(stream: DuplexStream) -> Self {
        Self { stream, bytes: Vec::new(), buf: [0] }
    }
    async fn next(&mut self) -> io::Result<Option<String>> {
        // prefix buf and bytes with self.
        // ...
        let raw = std::mem::take(&mut self.bytes);
        let s = String::from_utf8(raw)
        // ...
```

}

}

- Interval::tick is cancellation-safe because it keeps track of whether a tick has been 'delivered'.
- <u>AsyncReadExt::read</u> is cancellation-safe because it either returns or doesn't read data.
- <u>AsyncBufReadExt::read\_line</u> is similar to the example and *isn't* cancellation-safe. See its documentation for details and alternatives.

# **Exercises**

To practice your Async Rust skills, we have again two exercises for you:

- Dining philosophers: we already saw this problem in the morning. This time you are going to implement it with Async Rust.
- A Broadcast Chat Application: this is a larger project that allows you experiment with more advanced Async Rust features.

After looking at the exercises, you can look at the solutions provided.

# **Dining Philosophers**

See <u>dining philosophers</u> for a description of the problem.

As before, you will need a local <u>Cargo installation</u> for this exercise. Copy the code below to a file called src/main.rs, fill out the blanks, and test that cargo run does not deadlock:

```
,compile fail
use std::sync::Arc;
use tokio::time:
use tokio::sync::mpsc::{self, Sender};
use tokio::sync::Mutex;
struct Fork;
struct Philosopher {
    name: String,
    // left fork: ...
   // right_fork: ...
    // thoughts: ...
}
impl Philosopher {
    async fn think(&self) {
        self.thoughts
            .send(format!("Eureka! {} has a new idea!", &self.name)).await
            .unwrap();
    }
    async fn eat(&self) {
        // Pick up forks...
        println!("{} is eating...", &self.name);
```

```
time::sleep(time::Duration::from_millis(5)).await;
}
static PHILOSOPHERS: &[&str] =
    &["Socrates", "Hypatia", "Plato", "Aristotle", "Pythagoras"];
#[tokio::main]
async fn main() {
    // Create forks
    // Create philosophers
    // Make them think and eat
    // Output their thoughts
}
```

Since this time you are using Async Rust, you'll need a tokio dependency. You can use the following Cargo.toml:

```
[package]
name = "dining-philosophers-async-dine"
version = "0.1.0"
edition = "2021"
[dependencies]
tokio = {version = "1.26.0", features = ["sync", "time", "macros", "rt-multi-thread"]}
```

Also note that this time you have to use the Mutex and the mpsc module from the tokio crate.

· Can you make your implementation single-threaded?

# **Broadcast Chat Application**

In this exercise, we want to use our new knowledge to implement a broadcast chat application. We have a chat server that the clients connect to and publish their messages. The client reads user messages from the standard input, and sends them to the server. The chat server broadcasts each message that it receives to all the clients.

For this, we use a broadcast channel on the server, and tokio\_websockets for the communication between the client and the server.

Create a new Cargo project and add the following dependencies:

#### Cargo.toml:

```
[package]
name = "chat-async"
version = "0.1.0"
edition = "2021"
[dependencies]
futures-util = { version = "0.3.28", features = ["sink"] }
http = "0.2.9"
tokio = { version = "1.28.1", features = ["full"] }
tokio-websockets = { version = "0.4.0", features = ["client", "fastrand", "server",
"shal_smol"] }
```

### The required APIs

You are going to need the following functions from tokio and tokio\_websockets. Spend a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the API.

- StreamExt::next() implemented by WebsocketStream: for asynchronously reading messages from a Websocket Stream.
- SinkExt::send() implemented by WebsocketStream: for asynchronously sending messages on a Websocket Stream.
- Lines::next \_line(): for asynchronously reading user messages from the standard input.
- Sender::subscribe(): for subscribing to a broadcast channel.

#### **Two binaries**

Normally in a Cargo project, you can have only one binary, and one src/main.rs file. In this project, we need two binaries. One for the client, and one for the server. You could potentially

make them two separate Cargo projects, but we are going to put them in a single Cargo project with two binaries. For this to work, the client and the server code should go under src/bin (see the documentation).

Copy the following server and client code into src/bin/server.rs and src/bin/client.rs, respectively. Your task is to complete these files as described below.

#### src/bin/server.rs:

```
,compile_fail
use futures util::sink::SinkExt;
use futures_util::stream::StreamExt;
use std::error::Error;
use std::net::SocketAddr;
use tokio::net::{TcpListener, TcpStream};
use tokio::sync::broadcast::{channel, Sender};
use tokio_websockets::{Message, ServerBuilder, WebsocketStream};
async fn handle connection(
    addr: SocketAddr,
    mut ws stream: WebsocketStream<TcpStream>,
    bcast_tx: Sender<String>,
) -> Result<(), Box<dyn Error + Send + Sync>> {
    // TODO: For a hint, see the description of the task below.
}
#[tokio::main]
async fn main() -> Result<(), Box<dyn Error + Send + Sync>> {
    let (bcast_tx, _) = channel(16);
    let listener = TcpListener::bind("127.0.0.1:2000").await?;
    println!("listening on port 2000");
    loop {
        let (socket, addr) = listener.accept().await?;
        println!("New connection from {addr:?}");
        let bcast_tx = bcast_tx.clone();
        tokio::spawn(async move {
            // Wrap the raw TCP stream into a websocket.
            let ws_stream = ServerBuilder::new().accept(socket).await?;
            handle connection(addr, ws stream, bcast tx).await
        });
```

```
}
```

```
src/bin/client.rs:
```

```
,compile_fail
use futures_util::stream::StreamExt;
use futures_util::SinkExt;
use http::Uri;
use tokio::io::{AsyncBufReadExt, BufReader};
use tokio_websockets::{ClientBuilder, Message};
#[tokio::main]
async fn main() -> Result<(), tokio_websockets::Error> {
    let (mut ws_stream, _) =
        ClientBuilder::from_uri(Uri::from_static("ws://127.0.0.1:2000"))
           .connect()
           .await?;
    let stdin = tokio::io::stdin();
```

```
let mut stdin = BufReader::new(stdin).lines();
```

// TODO: For a hint, see the description of the task below.

}

#### **Running the binaries**

Run the server with:

cargo run --bin server

and the client with:

cargo run --bin client

#### Tasks

• Implement the handle\_connection function in src/bin/server.rs.- Hint: Use tokio::select! for concurrently performing two tasks in a continuous loop. One task receives messages from the client and broadcasts them. The other sends messages received by the server to the client.

- Complete the main function in src/bin/client.rs.- Hint: As before, use tokio::select! in a continuous loop for concurrently performing two tasks: (1) reading user messages from standard input and sending them to the server, and (2) receiving messages from the server, and displaying them for the user.
- Optional: Once you are done, change the code to broadcast messages to all clients, but the sender of the message.

## Solutions

#### **Dining Philosophers – Async**

```
(back to exercise)
```

```
,compile_fail
use std::sync::Arc;
use tokio::time;
use tokio::sync::mpsc::{self, Sender};
use tokio::sync::Mutex;
```

```
struct Fork;
```

```
struct Philosopher {
    name: String,
    left_fork: Arc<Mutex<Fork>>,
    right fork: Arc<Mutex<Fork>>,
    thoughts: Sender<String>,
}
impl Philosopher {
    async fn think(&self) {
        self.thoughts
            .send(format!("Eureka! {} has a new idea!", &self.name)).await
            .unwrap();
    }
    async fn eat(&self) {
        // Pick up forks...
        let _first_lock = self.left_fork.lock().await;
        // Add a delay before picking the second fork to allow the execution
        // to transfer to another task
        time::sleep(time::Duration::from_millis(1)).await;
        let _second_lock = self.right_fork.lock().await;
        println!("{} is eating...", &self.name);
        time::sleep(time::Duration::from_millis(5)).await;
        // The locks are dropped here
    }
}
static PHILOSOPHERS: &[&str] =
    &["Socrates", "Hypatia", "Plato", "Aristotle", "Pythagoras"];
```

```
#[tokio::main]
async fn main() {
    // Create forks
    let mut forks = vec![];
    (0..PHILOSOPHERS.len()).for_each(|_| forks.push(Arc::new(Mutex::new(Fork))));
    // Create philosophers
    let (philosophers, mut rx) = {
        let mut philosophers = vec![];
        let (tx, rx) = mpsc::channel(10);
        for (i, name) in PHILOSOPHERS.iter().enumerate() {
            let left_fork = Arc::clone(&forks[i]);
            let right fork = Arc::clone(&forks[(i + 1) % PHILOSOPHERS.len()]);
            // To avoid a deadlock, we have to break the symmetry
            // somewhere. This will swap the forks without deinitializing
            // either of them.
            if i == 0 {
                std::mem::swap(&mut left_fork, &mut right_fork);
            }
            philosophers.push(Philosopher {
                name: name.to string(),
                left_fork,
                right fork,
                thoughts: tx.clone(),
            });
        }
        (philosophers, rx)
        // tx is dropped here, so we don't need to explicitly drop it later
    };
    // Make them think and eat
    for phil in philosophers {
        tokio::spawn(async move {
            for _ in 0..100 {
                phil.think().await;
                phil.eat().await;
            }
        });
    }
    // Output their thoughts
   while let Some(thought) = rx.recv().await {
        println!("Here is a thought: {thought}");
    }
}
```

#### **Broadcast Chat Application**

#### (back to exercise)

```
src/bin/server.rs:
```

```
,compile fail
use futures util::sink::SinkExt;
use futures_util::stream::StreamExt;
use std::error::Error;
use std::net::SocketAddr;
use tokio::net::{TcpListener, TcpStream};
use tokio::sync::broadcast::{channel, Sender};
use tokio websockets::{Message, ServerBuilder, WebsocketStream};
async fn handle connection(
    addr: SocketAddr,
    mut ws stream: WebsocketStream<TcpStream>,
    bcast_tx: Sender<String>,
) -> Result<(), Box<dyn Error + Send + Sync>> {
    ws stream
        .send(Message::text("Welcome to chat! Type a message".into()))
        .await?;
    let mut bcast_rx = bcast_tx.subscribe();
   // A continuous loop for concurrently performing two tasks: (1) receiving
    // messages from `ws_stream` and broadcasting them, and (2) receiving
    // messages on `bcast_rx` and sending them to the client.
    loop {
        tokio::select! {
            incoming = ws_stream.next() => {
                match incoming {
                    Some(Ok(msg)) => {
                        if let Some(text) = msg.as_text() {
                            println!("From client {addr:?} {text:?}");
                            bcast tx.send(text.into())?;
                        }
                    }
                    Some(Err(err)) => return Err(err.into()),
                    None => return Ok(()),
                }
            }
            msg = bcast_rx.recv() => {
                ws_stream.send(Message::text(msg?)).await?;
            }
        }
```

```
}
}
#[tokio::main]
async fn main() -> Result<(), Box<dyn Error + Send + Sync>> {
    let (bcast_tx, _) = channel(16);
    let listener = TcpListener::bind("127.0.0.1:2000").await?;
    println!("listening on port 2000");
    loop {
        let (socket, addr) = listener.accept().await?;
        println!("New connection from {addr:?}");
        let bcast_tx = bcast_tx.clone();
        tokio::spawn(async move {
            // Wrap the raw TCP stream into a websocket.
            let ws stream = ServerBuilder::new().accept(socket).await?;
            handle_connection(addr, ws_stream, bcast_tx).await
        });
    }
}
src/bin/client.rs:
,compile fail
use futures_util::stream::StreamExt;
use futures util::SinkExt;
use http::Uri;
use tokio::io::{AsyncBufReadExt, BufReader};
use tokio_websockets::{ClientBuilder, Message};
#[tokio::main]
async fn main() -> Result<(), tokio_websockets::Error> {
    let (mut ws_stream, _) =
        ClientBuilder::from uri(Uri::from static("ws://127.0.0.1:2000"))
            .connect()
            .await?;
    let stdin = tokio::io::stdin();
    let mut stdin = BufReader::new(stdin).lines();
    // Continuous loop for concurrently sending and receiving messages.
    loop {
        tokio::select! {
            incoming = ws_stream.next() => {
                match incoming {
```

```
Some(Ok(msg)) => {
                        if let Some(text) = msg.as_text() {
                            println!("From server: {}", text);
                        }
                    },
                    Some(Err(err)) => return Err(err.into()),
                    None => return Ok(()),
                }
            }
            res = stdin.next_line() => {
                match res {
                    0k(None) => return 0k(()),
                    Ok(Some(line)) =>
ws_stream.send(Message::text(line.to_string())).await?,
                    Err(err) => return Err(err.into()),
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

# **Final Words**

# Thanks!

*Thank you for taking Comprehensive Rust* ! We hope you enjoyed it and that it was useful.

We've had a lot of fun putting the course together. The course is not perfect, so if you spotted any mistakes or have ideas for improvements, please get in <u>contact with us on GitHub</u>. We would love to hear from you.

# Glossary

The following is a glossary which aims to give a short definition of many Rust terms. For translations, this also serves to connect the term back to the English original.

• allocate:

Dynamic memory allocation on the heap.

• argument:

Information that is passed into a function or method.

Bare-metal Rust:

Low-level Rust development, often deployed to a system without an operating system. See <u>Bare-metal Rust</u>.

block:

See <u>Blocks</u> and *scope*.

• borrow:

See <u>Borrowing</u>.

borrow checker:

The part of the Rust compiler which checks that all borrows are valid.

• brace:

{ and }. Also called *curly brace*, they delimit *blocks*.

• build:

The process of converting source code into executable code or a usable program.

• call:

To invoke or execute a function or method.

• channel:

Used to safely pass messages between threads.

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• concurrency:

The execution of multiple tasks or processes at the same time.

· Concurrency in Rust:

See Concurrency in Rust.

• constant:

A value that does not change during the execution of a program.

• control flow:

The order in which the individual statements or instructions are executed in a program.

crash:

An unexpected and unhandled failure or termination of a program.

• enumeration:

A data type that consists of named constant values.

• error:

An unexpected condition or result that deviates from the expected behavior.

• error handling:

The process of managing and responding to errors that occur during program execution.

• exercise:

A task or problem designed to practice and test programming skills.

• function:

A reusable block of code that performs a specific task.

• garbage collector:

A mechanism that automatically frees up memory occupied by objects that are no longer in use. • generics:

A feature that allows writing code with placeholders for types, enabling code reuse with different data types.

• immutable:

Unable to be changed after creation.

• integration test:

A type of test that verifies the interactions between different parts or components of a system.

• keyword:

A reserved word in a programming language that has a specific meaning and cannot be used as an identifier.

· library:

A collection of precompiled routines or code that can be used by programs.

• macro:

Rust macros can be recognized by a ! in the name. Macros are used when normal functions are not enough. A typical example is format!, which takes a variable number of arguments, which isn't supported by Rust functions.

• main function:

Rust programs start executing with the main function.

• match:

A control flow construct in Rust that allows for pattern matching on the value of an expression.

• memory leak:

A situation where a program fails to release memory that is no longer needed, leading to a gradual increase in memory usage.

• method:

A function associated with an object or a type in Rust.

• module:

A namespace that contains definitions, such as functions, types, or traits, to organize code in Rust.

move:

The transfer of ownership of a value from one variable to another in Rust.

• mutable:

A property in Rust that allows variables to be modified after they have been declared.

• ownership:

The concept in Rust that defines which part of the code is responsible for managing the memory associated with a value.

• panic:

An unrecoverable error condition in Rust that results in the termination of the program.

• parameter:

A value that is passed into a function or method when it is called.

• pattern:

A combination of values, literals, or structures that can be matched against an expression in Rust.

payload:

The data or information carried by a message, event, or data structure.

• program:

A set of instructions that a computer can execute to perform a specific task or solve a particular problem.

• programming language:

A formal system used to communicate instructions to a computer, such as Rust.

• receiver:

The first parameter in a Rust method that represents the instance on which the method is called.

• reference counting:

A memory management technique in which the number of references to an object is tracked, and the object is deallocated when the count reaches zero.

• return:

A keyword in Rust used to indicate the value to be returned from a function.

Rust:

A systems programming language that focuses on safety, performance, and concurrency.

· Rust Fundamentals:

Days 1 to 3 of this course.

• Rust in Android:

See Rust in Android.

• Rust in Chromium:

See Rust in Chromium.

safe:

Refers to code that adheres to Rust's ownership and borrowing rules, preventing memoryrelated errors.

· scope:

The region of a program where a variable is valid and can be used.

• standard library:

A collection of modules providing essential functionality in Rust.

static:

A keyword in Rust used to define static variables or items with a 'static lifetime.

• string:

A data type storing textual data. See <u>String vs str</u> for more.

struct:

A composite data type in Rust that groups together variables of different types under a single name.

test:

A Rust module containing functions that test the correctness of other functions.

thread:

A separate sequence of execution in a program, allowing concurrent execution.

thread safety:

The property of a program that ensures correct behavior in a multithreaded environment.

trait:

A collection of methods defined for an unknown type, providing a way to achieve polymorphism in Rust.

type:

A classification that specifies which operations can be performed on values of a particular kind in Rust.

• type inference:

The ability of the Rust compiler to deduce the type of a variable or expression.

· undefined behavior:

Actions or conditions in Rust that have no specified result, often leading to unpredictable program behavior.

• union:

A data type that can hold values of different types but only one at a time.

• unit test:

Rust comes with built-in support for running small unit tests and larger integration tests. See <u>Unit Tests</u>.

• unsafe:

The subset of Rust which allows you to trigger undefined behavior. See Unsafe Rust.

• variable:

A memory location storing data. Variables are valid in a scope.

# **Other Resources**

The Rust community has created a wealth of high-quality and free resources online.

### **Official Documentation**

The Rust project hosts many resources. These cover Rust in general:

- <u>The Rust Programming Language</u>: the canonical free book about Rust. Covers the language in detail and includes a few projects for people to build.
- <u>Rust By Example</u>: covers the Rust syntax via a series of examples which showcase different constructs. Sometimes includes small exercises where you are asked to expand on the code in the examples.
- Rust Standard Library: full documentation of the standard library for Rust.
- <u>The Rust Reference</u>: an incomplete book which describes the Rust grammar and memory model.

More specialized guides hosted on the official Rust site:

- <u>The Rustonomicon</u>: covers unsafe Rust, including working with raw pointers and interfacing with other languages (FFI).
- <u>Asynchronous Programming in Rust</u>: covers the new asynchronous programming model which was introduced after the Rust Book was written.
- <u>The Embedded Rust Book</u>: an introduction to using Rust on embedded devices without an operating system.

### **Unofficial Learning Material**

A small selection of other guides and tutorial for Rust:

- Learn Rust the Dangerous Way: covers Rust from the perspective of low-level C programmers.
- <u>Rust for Embedded C Programmers</u>: covers Rust from the perspective of developers who write firmware in C.
- <u>Rust for professionals</u>: covers the syntax of Rust using side-by-side comparisons with other languages such as C, C++, Java, JavaScript, and Python.
- Rust on Exercism: 100+ exercises to help you learn Rust.
- <u>Ferrous Teaching Material</u>: a series of small presentations covering both basic and advanced part of the Rust language. Other topics such as WebAssembly, and async/await are also covered.

- <u>Beginner's Series to Rust</u> and <u>Take your first steps with Rust</u>: two Rust guides aimed at new developers. The first is a set of 35 videos and the second is a set of 11 modules which covers Rust syntax and basic constructs.
- Learn Rust With Entirely Too Many Linked Lists: in-depth exploration of Rust's memory management rules, through implementing a few different types of list structures.

Please see the Little Book of Rust Books for even more Rust books.

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