

Concepts of programming languages

Language XXXX

The authors



What problems does Rust (intent to) solve?

- ▶ Memory safety
- ▶ “Fearless” concurrency
- ▶ Performance



Memory safety

Null pointers

- ▶ Easy to forget
- ▶ The Option enum (similar to Maybe in Haskell)
- ▶ The Result enum



Memory safety

Null pointers

```
enum Option<T> {  
    Some(T),  
    None,  
}  
  
enum Result<T, E> {  
    Ok(T),  
    Err(E),  
}
```



Memory safety

Dangling references

- ▶ No garbage collector!
- ▶ Borrowing rules/Lifetimes



Memory safety

Buffer overruns

- ▶ Safety
- ▶ Index in array
- ▶ Compile/Runtime checks



“Fearless” concurrency

Borrowing rules

- ▶ Only one owner
- ▶ No aliasing
- ▶ Easier debugging



“Fearless” concurrency

Message passing

```
let (tx, rx) = mpsc::channel();

thread::spawn(move || {
    let val = 5;
    tx.send(val).unwrap();
});

let received = rx.recv().unwrap();
```



“Fearless” concurrency

Shared state

```
let m = Mutex::new(0);  
  
thread::spawn(move || {  
    let mut num = m.lock().unwrap();  
    *num = 5;  
});
```



Performance

- ▶ No garbage collector
- ▶ Fewer run time checks

