



Introduction to Rust (Day 2)



Security concepts in Rust



Security concepts in Rust Ownership



Ownership

n. The act, state, or right of possessing something.

- Ownership rules:
 - Each value in Rust has a variable that's **called its owner.**
 - There can **only** be **one owner** at a time.
 - When the owner goes out of scope, the **value will be dropped.**
- One of the most important concepts in Rust.
 - Provide memory and thread safety guarantees at compile time
 - no runtime garbage collector needed!
 - o Prevent sharing an already deallocated variable
 - prevent use after free, double moves, etc..
- Further readings:
 - The Rust book / What Is Ownership? <u>link</u>
 - Rust doc 1.8.0 / Ownership <u>link</u>
 - Rust By Example / Ownership and moves <u>link</u>
 - Learning Rust / Ownership <u>link</u>
 - o 28 Days of Rust Part 1: Ownership and the Borrow Checker <u>link</u>
 - Ownership in Rust <u>part#1</u>, <u>part#2</u>





Ownership & Scope

```
let s1 = "Hello world!".to_string();
let s2 = s1;
println!("{{}}", s1);
```

This code fails. Ownership of string "Hello world!" was moved from s1 to s2 and therefore binding s1 is invalidated and inaccessible any more.

```
error[E0382]: borrow of moved value: `s1`
    --> src/main.rs:10:20

1    | let s1 = "Hello world!".to_string();
    | -- move occurs because `s1` has type `std::string::String`, which does not impl
2    | let s2 = s1;
    | -- value moved here
3    | println!("{}", s1);
    | ^^ value borrowed here after move
```

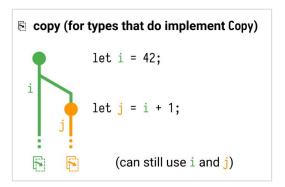


Move, Clone and Copy semantics

- Move trait*
 - When we transfer ownership, we've 'moved' the thing we refer to.
 - o It's the default behavior for heap variable (like String, Vector, etc.)
- Clone trait*
 - When a data is cloned, it **creates an exactly identical copy** of the data.
 - This variable is **independent** of the original data.
- Copy trait*
 - Basic variable types stored in the stack implement Copy by default
 - like int, float, bool, char, tuples (containing copy types)
 - All types that implements the Copy trait
 - will be copied bit-by-bit at the surface level, when the data is duplicated.
- Further readings:
 - Moving, Cloning, and Copying Coloring Books in Rust <u>link</u>
 - Rust Move vs Copy <u>link</u>
 - Wrapper Types in Rust: Choosing Your Guarantees <u>link</u>

^{*}trait is a language feature that tells the Rust compiler about functionality a type must provide.





Security concepts in Rust Borrowing



Borrowing

v. To receive something with the promise of returning it.

- Borrowing mechanism
 - Two types of Borrowing, shared and mutable.
 - Access to data without taking ownership over it.
 - Instead of passing objects by value (T)
 - objects can be passed by reference (&T).
- Shared Borrowing (&T)
 - A piece of data can be borrowed by a single or multiple users
 - but data should not be altered (immutable)
- Further readings:
 - The Rust book / References and Borrowing <u>link</u>
 - o Rust doc 1.8.0 / References and Borrowing <u>link</u>
 - Rust by Example / Borrowing <u>link</u>
 - Learning Rust / Borrowing <u>link</u>
 - Fear not the Rust Borrow Checker link

```
fn main() {
    let a = [1, 2, 3];
    let b = &a;
    println!("{:?} {}", a, b[0]); // [1, 2, 3] 1
}
```

```
fn main() {
    let s1 = String::from("hello");

    let len = calculate_length(&s1);

    println!("The length of '{}' is {}.", s1, len);
}

fn calculate_length(s: &String) -> usize {
    s.len()
}

The length of 'hello' is 5.
```



Mutable borrowing

- Mutable Borrowing (&mut T)
 - A piece of data can be borrowed and altered by a single user (mutable)
 - but the data should not be accessible for any other users at that time.

```
fn main() {
    let mut a = [1, 2, 3];
    let b = &mut a;
    b[0] = 4;
    println!("{:?}", b); // [4, 2, 3]
}
```

- The rules of borrowing/references:
 - You cannot borrow a mutable reference from an immutable object
 - You cannot borrow more than one mutable reference
 - You can borrow multiple immutable references
 - A mutable and an immutable reference cannot exist simultaneously
 - References must always be valid.
 - The lifetime of a borrowed reference must end before the lifetime from the owner object



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

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

Shared vs Mutable references

- Shared references &T
 - nonexclusive control (can be Copy)
 - o **immutable**, like bindings.
 - cannot Move referent

{ let r = &s;

(can copy r)

(can still &s)

(cannot &mut s)

(cannot move s)

must end before referent's lifetime

let s = String::from("hello");

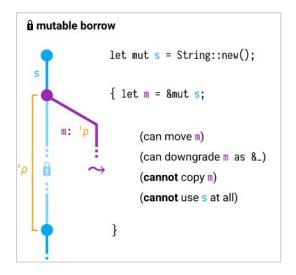
Ref: &T

Value: T

Ref: &mut T

(Exclusivity guaranteed at compile time)

- Mutable references &mut T
 - exclusive (can be Move)
 - o **mutable**, like bindings.
 - cannot Move referent
 - must end before referent's lifetime





* borrow

Security concepts in Rust Lifetimes



Lifetimes and scopes

- Lifetimes is the mechanism that tags a piece of code with a life scope.
 - This information is used by the compiler to set how long referenced resources should be alive.
 - The Lifetime is the length of time a variable is usable

- Further readings:
 - Rust book / Validating References with Lifetimes <u>link</u>
 - Rust doc 1.8.0 / Lifetimes <u>link</u>
 - Rust By Example / Lifetimes <u>link</u>
 - Learning Rust / Lifetimes <u>link</u>
 - The Rustonomicon / Lifetimes <u>link</u>
 - Understanding Rust Lifetimes <u>link</u>
 - Lifetime Reference <u>link</u>
 - Reading Lifetimes <u>link</u>

```
fn main() {
    let i = 3; // Lifetime for `i` starts.
        let borrowl = &i: // `borrowl` lifetime starts.
        println!("borrow1: {}", borrow1); //
        let borrow2 = &i: // `borrow2` lifetime starts. -
        println!("borrow2: {}", borrow2); //
```



Today's project



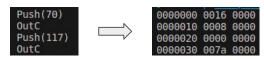
EXERCISE: Create a simple Stack-based Virtual Machine

Goal:

Write a fully functional Stack
 Machine

Features:

 It should be able to compile small programs from .svm to .bin



- It should be able to run/interpret those programs
- Programs should be able to take user inputs from stdin
- Programs should be able to print numbers and characters

```
cargo run -- -p ./examples/fuzzinglabs.bin -m runner
Compiling stack_vm v0.1.0 (/home/tanguy/Documents/Cours_ESIEA/Rust/stack_vm)
Finished dev [unoptimized + debuginfo] target(s) in 0.37s
Running `target/debug/stack_vm -p ./examples/fuzzinglabs.bin -m runner`

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EXERCISE #1 Compiler & Disassembler



REMINDER: Stack-based Virtual Machine

- Can be seen as a very simple processor emulation
- Virtual Machine that uses a stack as memory to store data
- In our case it uses a small number of instructions mostly to do math
- Similar to the REPL calculator you did in Java
- Wiki: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stack machine

```
# stack contents (leftmost = top = most recent):
push A
push B
push C
subtract
                      B-C
multiply
                             A*(B-C)
push D
                             A*(B-C)
push E
                             A*(B-C)
add
                             A*(B-C)
                      D+E
add
                             A*(B-C)+(D+E)
```



STEP 1-1: Instructions for the StackVm

- Steps:
 - Create a new project using cargo
 - Create a new file called *instruction.rs* in the *src* directory
 - Create an enum with instructions the vm will understand

```
pub enum Instruction {
    Push(u32),
    Pop,
    Dup, // Duplicate the top of the stack
    Swap, // Swap the two values at the top of the stack
}
```

- Add instructions
 - o Add, mul, div, jump, etc.
- Solution on the next slide



SOLUTION: Instructions for the StackVm

```
pub enum Instruction {
         Push (u32),
         Pop,
        Dup, // Duplicate the top of the stack
        Swap, // Swap the two values at the top of the stack
        Add.
         Sub.
        Mul,
        In. // Read number from stdin
        OutC, // Print char if possible
         Jmp(u32), // Jump to instruction
        Jnz(u32), // Jump to instruction if top of stack is not 0
        Halt, // Stop the vm
        Unknown,
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```



STEP 1-2: Serde for serialization and deserialization

Serde

- Framework for serializing and deserializing Rust data structures
- Doc: https://serde.rs/derive.html

• Steps:

- Read the documentation to find how to serialize and serialize the **Instruction** enum
- Modify the code according to the documentation

The <u>Rust Playground</u>

- Allows you to experiment with Rust without installing anything or creating new projects
 - Run and share code snippets in your browser

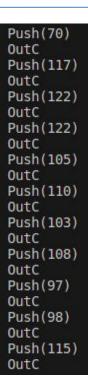
```
use serde::{Deserialize, Serialize};
/// Instructions that the virtual machine is able to understand
#[derive(Serialize, Deserialize, PartialEq, Debug)]
#[allow(dead code)]
4 implementations
pub enum Instruction {
    Pop.
    Dup. // Duplicate the top of the stack
    Swap, // Swap the two values at the top of the stack
    Add,
         // Read number from stdin
    OutC, // Print char if possible
    Jmp(u32), // Jump to instruction
    Jz(u32), // Jump to instruction if top of stack is 0
    Jnz(u32), // Jump to instruction if top of stack is not 0
```



STEP 2: Bin file loader & printer

- Write a function to read a binary file and deserialize, call it disassemble
- Steps:
 - Create a new disassembler.rs file
 - Create the disassemble function
 - Read the file
 - Deserialize it
 - Return the vector of instructions
- Write a function to pretty print the instructions
- Solution on the next slide

```
0000080 0000 0000 0073 0000 0008 0000
000008c
stack vm on [ master [?] is ** v0.1.0 via ** v1.73.0
```





SOLUTION: Bin file loader & printer

```
use crate::instruction::Instruction;
    pub fn disassemble(path: &str) -> Vec<Instruction> {
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        // Read binary file
        let binary: Vec<u8> = std::fs::read(path).expect(msg: "Could not read file !");
        // Deserialize binary to instructions
        bincode::deserialize(bytes: &binary[..]).expect(msg: "Could not deserialize compiled file !")
    pub fn pretty print(instructions: &Vec<Instruction>) {
         for instruction: &Instruction in instructions {
             println!("{:?}", instruction);
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```



STEP 3: Basic Instructions unit-tests

- Rust unit-test
 - https://doc.rust-lang.org/book/ch11-01-writing-tests.html
- Steps:
 - One to test serialization
 - Vec<Instruction> → Vec<u8>
 - One to test deserialization
 - test.bin → Vec<Instruction>
- Solution on the next slide

```
#[cfg(test)]
mod tests {
    #[test]
    fn exploration() {
        assert_eq!(2 + 2, 4);
    }
}
```



SOLUTION: Basic Instructions unit-tests

- One to test serialization
 - ∨ Vec<Instruction> → Vec<u8>

- One to test **deserialization**
 - o test.bin → Vec<Instruction>

```
#[test]
    Run Test|Debug
fn test_serialize() {
    let instructions: Vec<Instruction> = vec![Instruction::Push(1), Instruction::Pop];
    bincode::serialize(&instructions).unwrap();
}
```

```
#[test]
    Run Test | Debug
fn test_deserialize() {
        // Read binary file
        let binary: Vec<u8> = std::fs::read(path: "./examples/fuzzinglabs.bin").ex
        // Deserialize binary to instructions
        bincode::deserialize(bytes: &binary[..]).unwrap()
}
```



STEP 4: Handling arguments

- clap
 - Command Line Argument Parser for Rust
 - Doc: https://docs.rs/clap/latest/clap/
- Steps:
 - Add the clap crate to your project
 - Handle the following arguments:

```
./vm -p test.bin -m disassembler-p Path-m Mode
```

 Disassembler mode should call the disassemble function from the step-2

Solution on the next slide

```
use clap::Parser;
/// Simple program to greet a person
#[derive(Parser, Debug)]
struct Args {
   /// Name of the person to greet
    name: String,
    /// Number of times to greet
    count: u8,
fn main() {
    let args = Args::parse();
    for _ in 0..args.count {
        println!("Hello {}!", args.name)
```



SOLUTION: Handling arguments

```
#[derive(Debug, Copy, Clone, PartialEq, Eq, PartialOrd, Ord, ValueEnum)]
# implementations

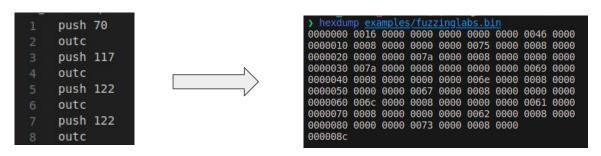
# command of the file to compile or run
# [arg(short, long)]
# mode: Mode,
# [arg(short, long)]
```

```
fn main() {
    let args: Args = Args::parse();
    match args.mode {
        Mode::Disassembler => {
            let instructions: Vec<Instruction> = disassemble(&args.path);
            pretty_print(&instructions);
        }
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        49
        50      }
    }
}
```



STEP 5-1: Compiler, Basic instructions

- Steps:
 - Create another file called compiler.rs
 - Write a compile function that reads a sym file line by line and converts the content to a vector of Instruction
 - Split each line into tokens
 - Use a match to get the right instruction
 - Just write the code for the push, pop, dup, swap, out and outc instructions for now
 - Serialize the vector of instructions
 - Write the vector of instructions to the file by adding .bin to the path



Solution on the next slide



SOLUTION: Compiler, Basic instructions

```
use std::fs::read to string;
pub fn compile(path: &str) -> Vec<Instruction> {
    let mut instructions: Vec<Instruction> = vec![];
    for line: &str in read to string(path).expect(msg: "Could not read file").lines()
        let line: String = line.to string();
        if line.is empty() {
        let mut tokens: Split<' , &str> = line.split(" ");
        if let Some(instruction token: &str) = tokens.next() {
            let instruction: Instruction = match instruction token {
                    if let Some(number token: &str) = tokens.next() {
                        if let Ok(n: u32) = number token.to string().parse() {
                        } else {
                            panic!("Could get number !")
                    else {
                        panic!("Missing argument to push instruction !")
                "pop" => Instruction::Pop,
                "dup" => Instruction::Dup,
                "swap" => Instruction::Swap,
                "out" => Instruction::Out,
```



SOLUTION: Compiler, Basic instructions



STEP 5-2: Compiler, Math instructions

- Steps:
 - Add the following instructions to the compiler
 - Add, Sub, Mul, Div, In

- Steps:
 - Add the following instructions to the compiler
 - Jmp, Jz, Jnz, Halt
- Solution on the next slide

```
"add" => Instruction::Add,
"sub" => Instruction::Sub,
"mul" => Instruction::Mul,
"div" => Instruction::Div,
"in" => Instruction::In,
```

```
"jmp" => {
    if let Some(number_token: &str) = tokens.next() {
        if let Ok(n: u32) = number_token.to_string().parse() {
            Instruction::Jmp(n)
        } else {
            panic!("Could get number !")
        }
    } else {
        panic!("Missing argument to push instruction !")
    }
}
```



SOLUTION: Compiler, Jump instructions

```
if let Some(number token: &str) = tokens.next() {
       if let Ok(n: u32) = number token.to string().parse() {
            Instruction::Jz(n)
        } else {
           panic!("Could get number !")
       panic!("Missing argument to push instruction !")
   if let Some(number token: &str) = tokens.next() {
       if let Ok(n: u32) = number token.to string().parse() {
           Instruction::Jnz(n)
       } else {
            panic!("Could get number !")
       panic!("Missing argument to push instruction !")
"halt" => Instruction::Halt,
```



STEP 5-3: Write tests

- simple compilation test
 - Write a **test** to check the **compilation** process

- diff test
 - Write a test to check if:
 - compile file.svm
 - disassemble file.bin
 - does it gave the same result?

Solution on the next slide

```
#[cfg(test)]
▶ Run Tests | Debug
mod tests {
    use super::compile;
    #[test]
    ▶ Run Test | Debug
    fn simple compilation test() {
        let instructions: Vec<Instruction> = compile(path: "./examples/fuzzinglabs");
        assert eq!(instructions, vec![
            Instruction::Push(70).
            Instruction::Push(117),
            Instruction::Push(122),
            Instruction::Push(122),
            Instruction::Push(105).
            Instruction::Push(103),
```



SOLUTION: Write tests

```
#[test]

Run Test|Debug

fn simple_compilation_test() {

let instructions: Vec<Instruction> = compile(path: "./examples/fuzzinglabs");

assert_eq!(instructions, vec![

Instruction::Push(70),

Instruction::OutC,

Instruction::Push(117),

Instruction::OutC,

Instruction::OutC,

Instruction::OutC,

Instruction::Push(122),
```

```
#[test]
    Run Test|Debug
fn diff_test() {
    let compile: Vec<Instruction> = compile(path: "./examples/fuzzinglabs");
    let disassemble: Vec<Instruction> = disassemble(path: "./examples/fuzzinglabs.bin");
    assert_eq!(compile, disassemble);
}
```



EXERCISE #2 Interpreter



What is an Interpreter?

- Interpreter
 - Directly execute the code, without converting it into machine code
 - o In our case, it will **execute** the vector of **Instruction**
 - Wiki: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Interpreter (computing) Interpreter push 70 outc Vec<Instruction> push 117 outc .svm .bin Disassembler Compiler



Methods for Structures in Rust

- Similar to function but defined in the context of a structure
- Use the keyword impl to create them
- They can have the same name as a field

```
impl Rectangle {
    fn width(&self) -> bool {
        self.width > 0
    }
}

fn main() {
    let rect1 = Rectangle {
        width: 30,
        height: 50,
    };

    if rect1.width() {
        println!("The rectangle has a nonzero width; it is {}", rect1.width);
    }
}
```

```
#[derive(Debug)]
struct Rectangle {
    width: u32,
    height: u32,
impl Rectangle {
    fn area(&self) -> u32 {
        self.width * self.height
fn main() {
    let rect1 = Rectangle {
        width: 30,
        height: 50,
    };
    println!(
        "The area of the rectangle is {} square pixels.",
       rectl.area()
```



STEP 6: Creating the stack structure

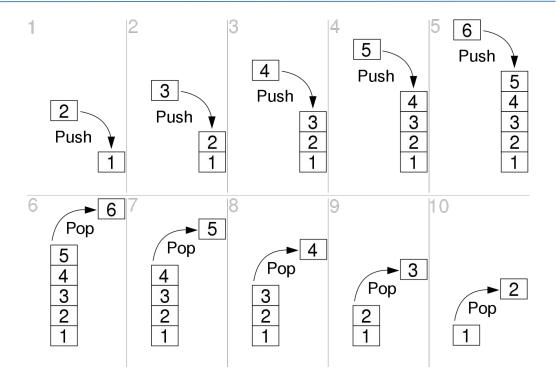
• Steps:

- Create a new file called stack.rs in the src directory
- Create a new structure called **Stack** with the necessary fields
- Implement methods new, push, pop and peek for the structure

Test:

 Create a test to check if the stack works properly

Solution on the next slide





SOLUTION: Creating the Stack structure

```
#[derive(Debug)]
2 implementations
pub struct Stack {
    stack: Vec<u32>,
impl Stack {
    pub fn new() -> Self {
        Stack { stack: vec![] }
    pub fn push(&mut self, n: u32) {
        self.stack.push(n)
    pub fn pop(&mut self) -> Option<u32> {
        self.stack.pop()
    pub fn peek(&self) -> Option<&u32> {
        self.stack.last()
```

```
#[cfg(test)]
     ▶ Run Tests | Debug
     mod tests {
         use super::Stack:
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         #[test]
         ▶ Run Test | Debug
         fn simple stack test() {
              let mut stack: Stack = Stack::new();
              stack.push(1);
              stack.push(2);
              stack.pop();
              assert eq!(Some(1), stack.peek().copied());
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```



STEP 7-1: Implement VM struct

• Steps:

- Create a new file vm.rs in the src directory
- Create a new structure called Vm, it should contain the following
 - The **instructions** Vector
 - The stack
 - A program counter (to keep track of the instruction to execute)
- Create a **new method** to initialize the structure
- Create an empty run method

```
pub struct Vm {
    /// Program counter
   pc: usize,
    instructions: Vec<Instruction>,
    stack: Stack,
impl Vm {
    pub fn new(instructions: Vec<Instruction>) -> Self {
        Vm {
            pc: 0,
            instructions,
            stack: Stack::new(),
    pub fn run(&mut self) {
```



STEP 7-2: The run function for basic instructions

- Steps:
 - Loop through the instructions vector using the program counter
 - Use a match to execute the right instruction, do it for:
 - push, pop, dup, swap, out, outc
 - Write a test to see if your VM can run step7_2.bin

Solution on the next slide

```
pub fn run(&mut self) {
    while self.pc < self.instructions.len() {</pre>
        match self.instructions[self.pc] {
            Instruction::Push(value: u32) => self.stack.push(value),
            Instruction::Pop => {
                let ret: Option<u32> = self.stack.pop();
            Instruction::Dup => -
                let n: &u32 = self.stack.peek().expect(msg: "Peeked on an empty stack !");
                self.stack.push(*n);
            Instruction::Swap => {
                let a: u32 = self.stack.pop().expect(msg: "Popped on an empty stack !");
                let b: u32 = self.stack.pop().expect(msg: "Popped on an empty stack !");
                self.stack.push(a);
                self.stack.push(b)
            Instruction::Out => {
                let n: &u32 = self.stack.peek().expect(msq: "Peeked on an empty stack !");
            Instruction::OutC => {
                let n: &u32 = self.stack.peek().expect(msg: "Peeked on an empty stack !");
                if let Some(c: char) = std::char::from u32(*n) {
                } else {
```



SOLUTION: Test for basic instructions



STEP 7-3: Math and In instructions

- Steps:
 - Use a match to execute the right instruction, do it for:
 - add, sub, mul, div, in
 - Write a test to see if your vm can run step7_3.bin

Solution on the next slide

```
Instruction::Add => {
    let a: u32 = self.stack.pop().expect(msg: "Popped on an empty stack !");
    let b: u32 = self.stack.pop().expect(msq: "Popped on an empty stack !");
    self.stack.push(a + b)
Instruction::Sub => {
    let a: u32 = self.stack.pop().expect(msg: "Popped on an empty stack !");
    let b: u32 = self.stack.pop().expect(msq: "Popped on an empty stack !");
    self.stack.push(b - a)
Instruction::Mul => {
    let a: u32 = self.stack.pop().expect(msg: "Popped on an empty stack !");
    let b: u32 = self.stack.pop().expect(msg: "Popped on an empty stack !");
    self.stack.push(a * b)
Instruction::Div => {
    let a: u32 = self.stack.pop().expect(msg: "Popped on an empty stack !");
    let b: u32 = self.stack.pop().expect(msg: "Popped on an empty stack !");
    if b == 0 {
        panic! ("Division by 0 !")
    self.stack.push(a / b)
Instruction::In => {
    let mut buffer: String = String::new();
    let stdin: Stdin = io::stdin();
    stdin Stdin
        .read line(buf: &mut buffer) Result<usize, Error>
        .expect(msg: "Could not read input !");
    let n: u32 = buffer.trim().parse().expect(msg: "Input is not a number !");
    self.stack.push(n)
```



SOLUTION: Test for math instructions



STEP 7-4: Jump and halt instructions

- Steps:
 - Use a match to execute the right instruction, do it for:
 - jmp, jz, jnz, halt
 - Write a test to see if your vm can run step7_4.bin

Solution on the next slide

```
if n as usize >= self.instructions.len()
        panic!("Jump to unknown instructions");
       self.pc = n as usize;
Instruction::Jz(n: u32) => {
    if n as usize >= self.instructions.len() {
        panic!("Jump to unknown instructions");
    } else {
       if self.stack.peek() == Some(&0) {
            self.pc = n as usize;
Instruction::Jnz(n: u32) => {
    if n as usize >= self.instructions.len() {
       panic!("Jump to unknown instructions");
    } else {
       if self.stack.peek() != Some(&0) {
            self.pc = n as usize:
Instruction::Halt => std::process::exit(code: 0),
Instruction::Unknown => panic!("Instruction unknown, panicking !"),
```



SOLUTION: Test for jump instructions

```
#[test]

Run Test|Debug

fn test_jump_instructions() {

let instructions: Vec<Instruction> = disassemble(path: "./examples/step7_4.bin");

let mut vm: Vm = Vm::new(instructions);

vm.run();

}
```



STEP 8: Add runner mode

Steps:

- Add new modes runner and compiler that calls the run method of the Vm structure and the compile function:
 - ./vm -p -m runner|compiler|disassembler
 - p Path
 - -m Mode
- Test your VM with the game.svm program!

```
fn main() {
         let args: Args = Args::parse();
         match args.mode {
             Mode::Compiler => {
                 let = compile(&args.path);
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             Mode::Disassembler => {
                 let instructions: Vec<Instruction> = disassemble(&args.path);
                 pretty print(&instructions);
             Mode::Runner => {
                 let instructions: Vec<Instruction> = disassemble(&args.path);
                 let mut vm: Vm = Vm::new(instructions);
                 vm.run();
```



EXTRA EXERCISE: Going deeper

Create new programs

- Improve game.svm
 - to loop until answer is found without quitting after each input verification
- Create a fibonacci program
- Create a factorial program

Etc.

<u>VM improvement</u>

- Add new Instructions
 - o jump if less than, cmp, etc.
- Add a **Memory** Instructions to the VM
 - like store and load instructions
- Add Labels and relative jumps Instructions



Questions?

