

The Rust programming language

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1 Data Types

1.1 Basic Types

```
// boolean
bool

// signed integers
i8, i16, i32, i64, i128, isize

// unsigned integers
u8, u16, u32, u64, u128, usize

// floating points
f32, f64

// Text
char, String, str
```

1.2 Tuples

Tuples are a combination of multiple types. Tuples can contain any number of types and/or other tuples.

```
let coordinates = (101, 3, 4);
let person = ("Paolo", "Bettellini", 18);
let status: (bool, (u128, i32)) = (true, (1u128, 2));
```

1.3 Arrays

1.3.1 Definition

An array is defined by its type and length.

```
let values = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];
// with explicit type
let values: [i32; 5] = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];
```

We can also initialize an array by specifying its default value and length

```
let values = [0; 5]; // [0, 0, 0, 0, 0]
```

1.3.2 Indexing

We can index an array element using the square brackets

```
let first = values[0];
let second = values[1];
```

1.3.3 Slices

We can point to a portion of the array using slices

```
let slice = &values[1..5];
let slice = &values[1..=5];
let slice = &values[..5];
let slice = &values[1..];
let slice = &values[..];
```

2 Loops

2.1 Returning from loops

```
let mut counter = 0;

let result = loop {
    counter += 1;

    if counter == 10 {
        break counter;
    }
};
```

2.2 Labels

```
'outer: loop {
    'inner: loop {
        // This breaks the inner loop
        break;
        // This breaks the outer loop
        break 'outer;
    }
}
```

2.3 Returning from labelled loops

```
let mut counter = 0;

let result = 'outer: loop {
    counter += 1;

    if counter == 10 {
        break 'outer counter;
    }
};
```

3 Pattern Matching

3.1 Basic

```
let x = 5;
```

```
match x {  
  // matching literals  
  1 => println!("one"),  
  // matching multiple patterns  
  2 | 3 => println!("two or three"),  
  // matching ranges  
  4..=9 => println!("within range"),  
  // matching named variables  
  x => println!("{}", x),  
  // default case (ignores value)  
  _ => println!("default Case")  
}
```

3.2 Destructuring

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

let p = Point { x: 0, y: 7 };

match p {
  Point { x, y: 0 } => {
    println!("{}", x);
  },
  Point { x, y } => {
    println!("{}", x, y);
  },
}

enum Shape {
  Rectangle { width: i32, height: i32 },
  Circle(i32),
}

let shape = Shape::Circle(10);

match shape {
  Shape::Rectangle { x, y } => //...
  Shape::Circle(radius) => //...
}
```

3.3 Ignoring values

```
struct SemVer(i32, i32, i32);

let version = SemVer(1, 32, 2);

match version {
  SemVer(major, _, _) => {
    println!("{}", major);
  }
}

let numbers = (2, 4, 8, 16, 32);

match numbers {
  (first, .., last) => {
    println!("{}", first, last);
  }
}
```

3.4 Match guards

```
let num = Some(4);

match num {
  Some(x) if x < 5 => println!("less than five: {}", x),
  Some(x) => println!("{}", x),
  None => (),
}
```

3.5 @ bindings

Bind value to a name

```
match beaufort() {
  v @ 0..1    => println!("Calm : {} km/h", v),
  v @ 1..=5   => println!("Light Air : {} km/h", v),
  v @ 5..=11  => println!("Light Breeze : {} km/h", v),
  v @ 11..=19 => println!("Gentle Breeze : {} km/h", v)
}
```

4 Option

A function that may fail might enclose its return value in an **Option** enum, to notify whether the action was successful.

```
fn sqrt(v: f64) -> Option<(f64, f64)> {  
    if v < 0.0 {  
        return None;  
    }  
  
    let sqrt = v.sqrt();  
    Some((sqrt, -sqrt))  
}
```

5 Result

5.1 Definition

The **Result** enum is similar to **Option** but it specifies why the function has failed.

When the function doesn't really need to return anything other than the **Result** status, `()` can be used.

```
enum ErrorType {  
    NegativeBase,  
    NegativeArgument,  
    BaseOne  
}  
  
fn log(base: f64, arg: f64) -> Result<f64, ErrorType> {  
    if base <= 0.0 {  
        return Err(ErrorType::NegativeBase);  
    }  
  
    if base == 1.0 {  
        return Err(ErrorType::BaseOne);  
    }  
  
    if arg <= 0.0 {  
        return Err(ErrorType::NegativeArgument);  
    }  
  
    let result = arg.log(base);  
    Ok(result)  
}
```

5.2 ? operator

The ? operator is syntax sugar for **Result** handling.

This operator can be placed at the end of a **Result** type. If the result is an error, the function returns it, otherwise unwraps its value.

```
fn log(base: f64, arg: f64) -> Result<f64, ErrorType> { ... }

fn something() -> Result<f64, ErrorType> {
    let v = match log(2.718, 3.14) {
        Ok(v) => v,
        Err(e) => return Err(e)
    };

    // use `v`
}
```

can be written as

```
fn log(base: f64, arg: f64) -> Result<f64, ErrorType> { ... }

fn something() -> Result<f64, ErrorType> {
    let v = log(2.718, 3.14)?;

    // use `v`
}
```