


Lesson 5 - Rust - ownership

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- Informative educational programming around how to get started on Solana, DeFi, NFTs, as well as workshops, panels, and presentations from partners.

Date and time

Mon, June 26, 2023 10:00 AM

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Thu, June 29, 2023 8:00 PM

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Rust continued

Lifetime constraints on references

```
let x;  
{  
    let a = 2;  
    ...  
    x = &a;  
    ...  
}  
assert_eq!(*x,2);
```

This is a problem because

1. For a variable `a`, any reference to `a` must not outlive `a` itself.
The variable's lifetime must enclose that of the reference.
=> how *large* a reference's lifetime can be
The lifetime of `&a` must not be outside the dots
2. If you store a reference in a variable `x` the reference's type must be good for the lifetime of the variable.
The reference's lifetime must enclose that of the variable.
=> how *small* a reference's lifetime can be.

We should have

```
let a = 2;  
{  
    let x = &a;  
    assert_eq!(*x,2);  
}
```

Slices

Slices are similar to arrays, but their length is not known at compile time. Instead, a slice is a two-word object, the first word is a pointer to the data, and the second word is the length of the slice. The word size is the same as `usize`, determined by the processor architecture eg 64 bits on an x86-64.

Slices can be used to borrow a section of an array, and have the type signature `&[T]`."

```
use std::mem;

// This function borrows a slice
fn analyze_slice(slice: &[i32]) {
    println!("first element of the slice: {}", slice[0]);
    println!("the slice has {} elements", slice.len());
}

fn main() {
    // Fixed-size array (type signature is superfluous)
    let xs: [i32; 5] = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];

    // All elements can be initialized to the same value
    let ys: [i32; 500] = [0; 500];

    // Indexing starts at 0
    println!("first element of the array: {}", xs[0]);
    println!("second element of the array: {}", xs[1]);

    // `len` returns the count of elements in the array
    println!("number of elements in array: {}", xs.len());

    // Arrays are stack allocated
    println!("array occupies {} bytes", mem::size_of_val(&xs));

    // Arrays can be automatically borrowed as slices
    println!("borrow the whole array as a slice");
    analyze_slice(&xs);

    // Slices can point to a section of an array
    // They are of the form [starting_index..ending_index]
    // starting_index is the first position in the slice
    // ending_index is one more than the last position in the slice
    println!("borrow a section of the array as a slice");
    analyze_slice(&ys[1 .. 4]);

    // Out of bound indexing causes compile error
```

```
println!("{}", xs[5]);  
}
```

See

[Arrays - Tutorialspoint](#)

[Arrays and Slices - RustBook](#)

Printing / Outputting

See [Docs](#)

There are many options

- `format!`: write formatted text to `String`
- `print!`: same as `format!` but the text is printed to the console (`io::stdout`).
- `println!`: same as `print!` but a newline is appended.
- `eprint!`: same as `print!` but the text is printed to the standard error (`io::stderr`).
- `eprintln!`: same as `eprint!` but a newline is appended.

We commonly use `println!`

The braces `{}` are used to format the output and will be replaced by the arguments
For example

```
println!("{}", 31);
```

You can have positional or named arguments

For *positional* specify an index

For example

```
println!("{0}, this is {1}. {1}, this is {0}", "Alice", "Bob");
```

For *named* add the name of the argument within the braces

```
println!("{subject} {verb} {object}",  
         object="the lazy dog",  
         subject="the quick brown fox",  
         verb="jumps over");
```

Packages, crates and modules

A `crate` is a binary or library, a number of these (plus other resources) can form a `package`, which will contain a *Cargo.toml* file that describes how to build those crates.

A crate is meant to group together some functionality in a way that can be easily shared with other projects.

A package can contain at most one library crate, but any number of binary crates.

There can be further refinement with the use of `modules` which organise code within a crate and can specify the privacy (public or private) of the code.

Module code is private by default, but you can make definitions public by adding the `pub` keyword.

Macros

see [Docs](#)

Macros allow us to avoid code duplication, or define syntax for DSLs.

Examples of Macros we have seen are

`vec!` to create a Vector

```
let names = vec!["Bob", "Frank", "Ferris"];
```

`println!` to output a line

```
println!("The value of number is: {}", number);
```

Hashmaps

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and [examples](#)

Where vectors store values by an integer index, `HashMap`s store values by key. `HashMap` keys can be booleans, integers, strings, or any other type that implements the `Eq` and `Hash` traits.

Like vectors, `HashMap`s are growable, but HashMaps can also shrink themselves when they have excess space.

You can create a `HashMap` with a certain starting capacity

using `HashMap::with_capacity(uint)`, or use `HashMap::new()` to get a `HashMap` with a default initial capacity (recommended).

An example inserting values

```
use std::collections::HashMap;
let mut scores = HashMap::new();
scores.insert(String::from("Blue"), 10);
scores.insert(String::from("Yellow"), 50);
```

You can use an iterator to get values from the hashmap

```
let mut balances = HashMap::new();

balances.insert("132681", 12);
balances.insert("234987", 9);

for (address, balance) in balances.iter() {
    ...
}
```

Using the get method

The `get` method on a `HashMap` returns an `Option<V>` where `V` is the type of the value

```
fn main() {
    use std::collections::HashMap;

    let mut scores = HashMap::new();

    scores.insert(String::from("Blue"), 10);
    scores.insert(String::from("Yellow"), 50);

    let team_name = String::from("Blue");
    let score = scores.get(&team_name).copied().unwrap_or(0);
}
```

This program handles the `Option` by calling `copied` to get an `Option<i32>` rather than an `Option<&i32>`, then `unwrap_or` to set `score` to zero if `scores` doesn't have an entry for the key.

Rust - (more) pattern matching

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Ignoring values and matching literals

We can use `_` to show we are ignoring a value, or to show a default match, where we don't care about the actual value.

```
let x = ...;

match x {
    1 => println!("one"),
    3 => println!("three"),
    5 => println!("five"),
    _ => println!("some other value"),
}
```

Ranges

Use `..=`

For example

```
let x = 5;
match x {
    1..=5 => println!("one through five"),
    _ => println!("something else"),
}
```

Variables

Be aware the match starts a new scope, so if you use a variable it may shadow an existing variable.

```
let x = Some(5);
let y = 10;
match x {
    Some(50) => println!("Got 50"),
    Some(y) => println!("Matched, y = {y}"),
    _ => println!("Default case, x = {:?}", x),
}
println!("at the end: x = {:?}", y = {y}", x);
```

What we get printed out is

Matched, y = 5.

x = Some(5), y = 10.

Destructuring

We can destructure structs and match on their constituent parts

For example

```
fn main() {
let p = Point { x: 0, y: 7 };
match p {
    Point { x, y: 0 } => println!("On the x axis at {}", x),
    Point { x: 0, y } => println!("On the y axis at {}", y),
    Point { x, y } => println!("On neither axis: ({}, {})", x, y), }
}
```

Adding further expressions

```
let num = Some(4);
match num {
    Some(x) if x % 2 == 0 => println!("The number {} is even", x),
    Some(x) => println!("The number {} is odd", x),
    None => (),
}
```

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Writing tests in Rust

See [Docs](#)

See [examples](#)

A test in Rust is a function that's annotated with the `test` attribute

To change a function into a test function, add `#[test]` on the line before `fn`.

When you run your tests with the `cargo test` command, Rust builds a test runner binary that runs the annotated functions and reports on whether each test function passes or fails.

```
#[cfg(test)] mod tests {  
#[test]  
fn simple_example() {  
    let result = 3 + 5;  
    assert_eq!(result, 8);  
}  
}
```

The `#[cfg(test)]` annotation on the tests module tells Rust to compile and run the test code only when you run `cargo test`, not when you run `cargo build`.