

1. Introduction & Setup

- A. What is Rust? — System-level programming language overview
- B. Rust's history, features and motivations (speed, safety, no garbage collection)
- C. Difference vs C/C++, Java, and other languages
- D. Installing Rust toolchain (rustup)
- E. Using Cargo (build tool and package manager)
- F. IDE setup (VSCode, IntelliJ Rust, Rust Analyzer)

2. Basic Language Concepts

- A. Rust syntax and program structure
- B. Comments, formatting, compiling
- C. Variables, mutability, scope and shadowing
- D. Data types — scalar and compound
- E. Constants and static variables
- F. Expressions vs statements
- G. Printing and basic input/output

3. Control Flow

- A. Conditional statements (if, else)
- B. match expression and pattern matching
- C. Loops — loop, while, for
- D. Early exit and conditional expressions
- E. Flow control with enums and patterns

4. Functions & Modules

- A. Defining functions
- B. Parameters and return types
- C. Modules, packages, crates
- D. Visibility (pub)
- E. Cargo workspace and project structure

5. Ownership, Borrowing & Lifetimes (Core Rust Concept)

- A. Ownership rules and memory model
- B. Borrowing & references
- C. Mutable and immutable references
- D. Lifetimes and lifetime elision rules
- E. Move vs Copy semantics

F. Slices and string basics

6. Structs and Enums

- A. Defining and using structs
- B. Tuple structs and unit structs
- C. Enums and match with enums
- D. Using Option and Result types
- E. Data modeling with enums

7. Traits and Generics

- A. Generic functions and types
- B. Trait definitions and implementations
- C. Trait bounds
- D. Associated types
- E. Default implementations
- F. Using derive for common traits

8. Error Handling

- A. Panic! and error handling theory
- B. Result type and pattern matching
- C. Error propagation (? operator)
- D. Custom error types
- E. Logging and debugging basics

9. Collections & Iterators

- A. Vectors, Strings, HashMap
- B. Iterators and Iterator trait
- C. Functional style with iterators
- D. Closures and anonymous functions

10. Smart Pointers & Memory Management

- A. Box pointers
- B. Reference counting (Rc, Arc)
- C. Interior mutability (RefCell)
- D. Avoiding reference cycles
- E. Comparison with manual memory management

11. Concurrency

- A. Safe concurrency principles in Rust
- B. Threads and std::thread
- C. Shared state concurrency
- D. Mutex and message passing
- E. Send and Sync traits

12. Advanced Topics

- A. Asynchronous programming (async/await)
- B. Macros
- C. Unsafe Rust and FFI (Foreign Function Interface)
- D. Testing & benchmarking
- E. Cargo features and build profiles
- F. Documentation with rustdoc

13. Project Work / Applications

- A. Command-line application with arguments
- B. Building a systems utility tool
- C. Web or network service using Rust (basic)
- D. Performance benchmarking and optimization
- E. Using third-party crates (e.g., Serde, Tokio)

Practical:

Hands-on exercises include:

- Rust environment setup & first programs
- Debugging and using Cargo commands
- Ownership and borrowing practice
- Structs & enums projects
- Generic & trait based exercises
- Error handling implementations
- Multithreaded sample applications
- Mini project integrating multiple modules