

## Lesson 2 Outline

- Recap Lesson 1
- Ownership
- Borrowing
- str & String
- Practice & Examples

<https://github.com/RustRome/corso-rust>



# Recap Lesson 1



# Variables

---

```
let a = 5;  
let b = "Rust Evangelism Strike Force";  
let b: &str = "Rust Evangelism Strike Force";  
let a = 34usize;  
let c = 12_usize;  
let c = 100_000;
```

---

With **mut** keyword for mutability



# Primitive Data Types

Ints: **i8, i16, i32, i64, u8, u16, u32, u64**

Floats: **f32, f64**

And: **bool, char, &str, array, tuple**



# Functions

---

```
fn add(a: i32, b: i32) → i32 {  
    a + b  
    // or  
    // return a + b;  
}
```



# C vs Rust



C

```
void main(){  
    const int n = 4;  
    //n++;  
    printf( "%d\n",n);  
    int* p_n = &n;  
    (*p_n)++;  
    printf( "%d\n",n);  
}
```



# Rust const

```
fn main() {  
  
    const N : i32 = 1;  
    let v = &mut N;  
    println!("{}", v);  
    *v = *v+1;  
    println!("{}", N);  
    println!("{}", v);  
  
}
```





# Rust static

```
fn main() {  
  
    static N : i32 = 1;  
    let v = &mut N;  
    println!("{}", v);  
    *v = *v+1;  
    println!("{}", N);  
    println!("{}", v);  
  
}
```

```
error[E0596]: cannot borrow immutable static item `N` as mutable  
--> src/main.rs:7:13
```

```
|  
7 |     let v = &mut N;  
|               ^^^^^^ cannot borrow as mutable
```



# Rust static unsafe

```
fn main() {  
  
    static mut N : i32 = 1;  
  
    unsafe {  
        N +=1;  
        println!("{}", N);  
    }  
  
}
```



# Key Concepts



## Key concepts

Rust is born with the aim to balance **control** and **security**.

That is, in other words:

operate at low level with high-level constructs.



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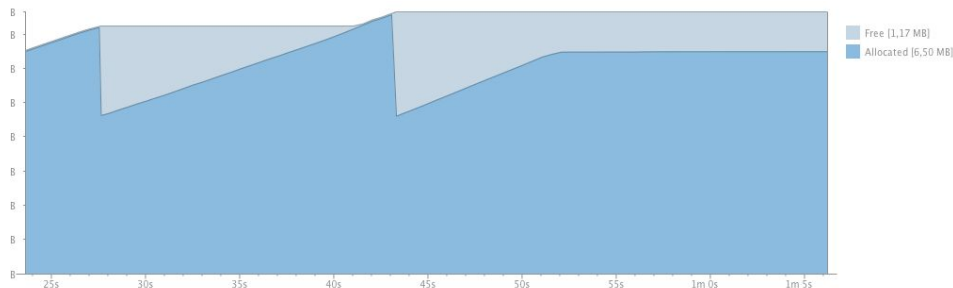
alias + mutable = 



# What about the garbage collector?

With the garbage collector:

- we lose control
- requires a **runtime!**



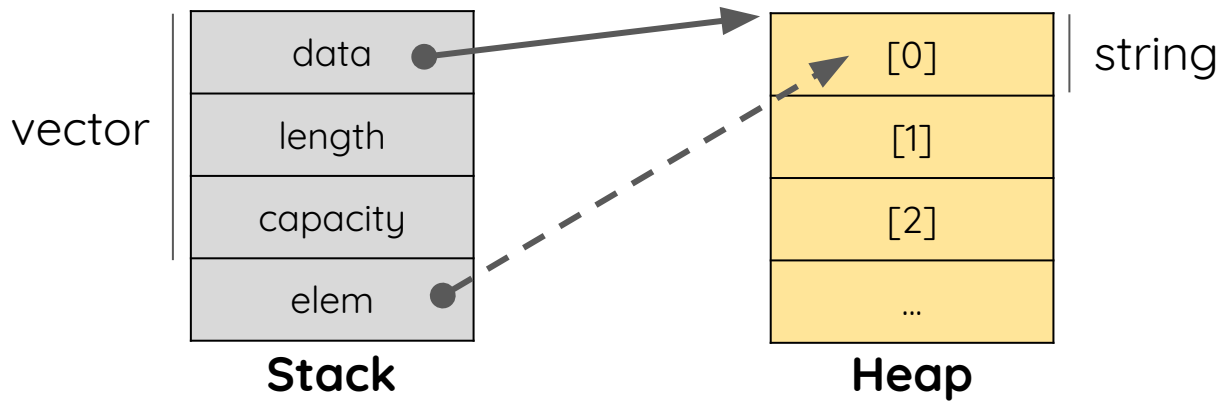
Anyway, it is **insufficient** to prevent data race or iterator invalidation.



# What control means?

C++

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    vector<string> vector;  
    ...  
    auto& elem = vector[0];  
}
```

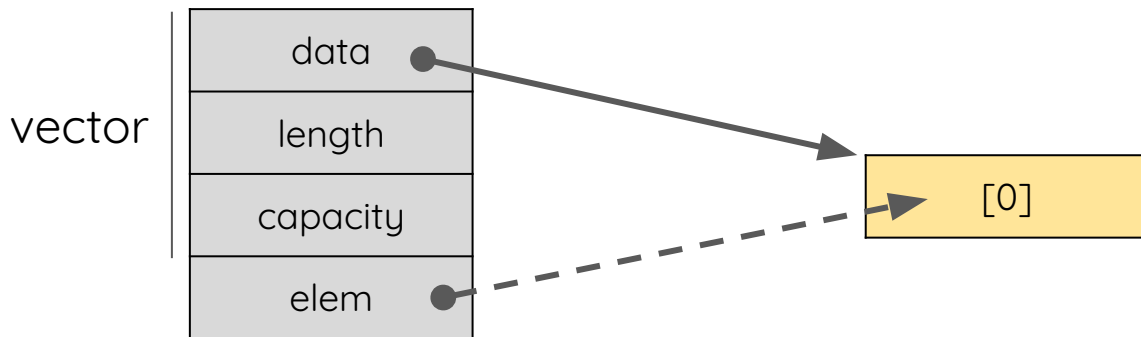




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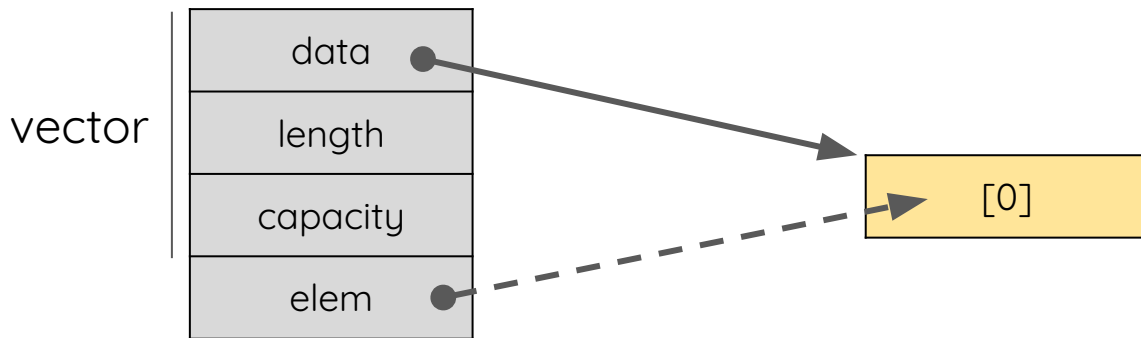
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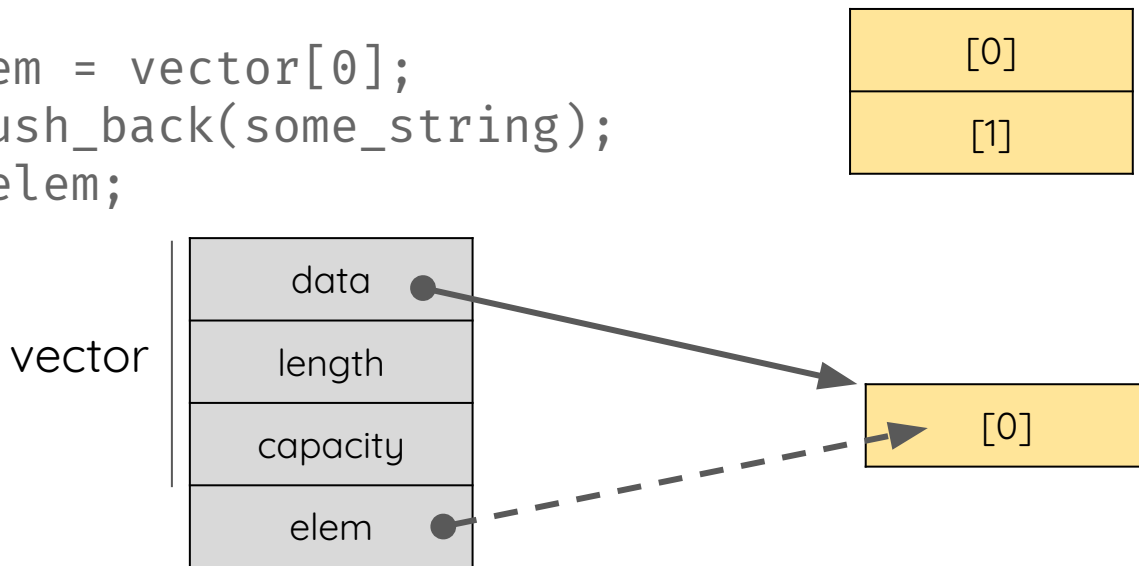
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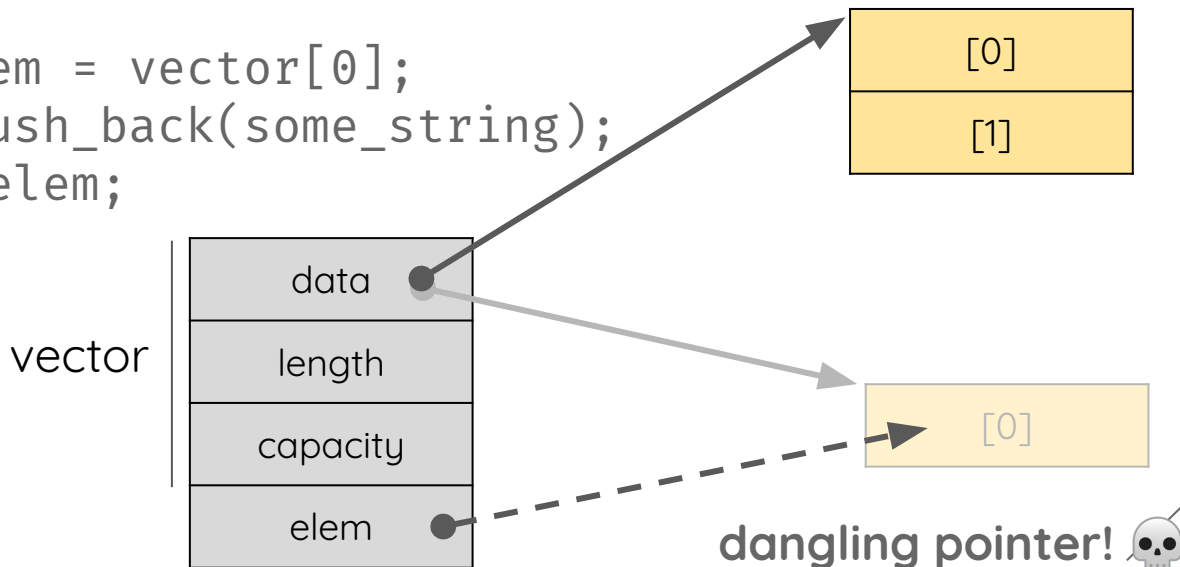
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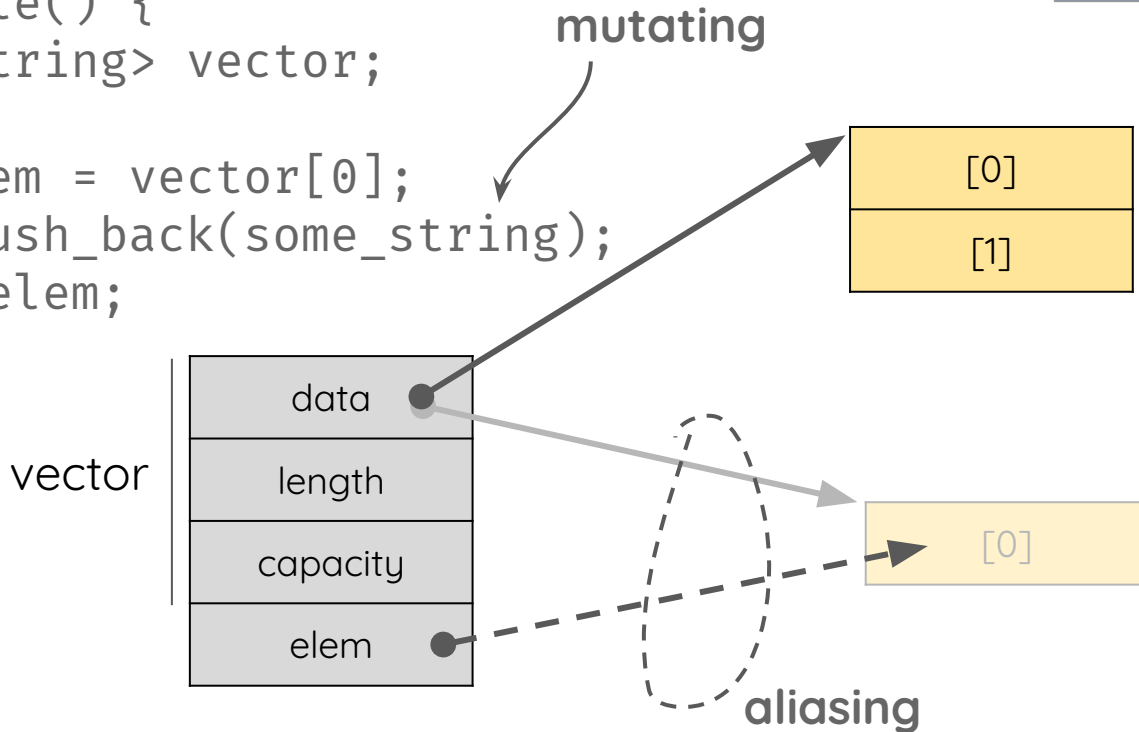
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# The Rust Way

Rust solution to achieve both control and safety is to push as much as possible checks at compile time.

This is achieved mainly through the concepts of

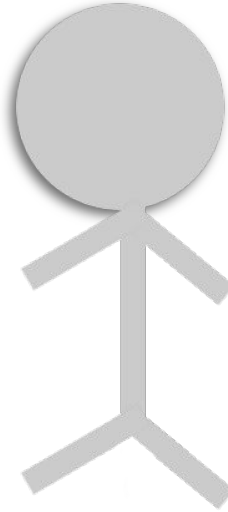
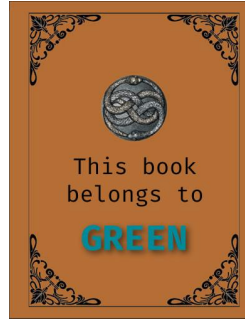
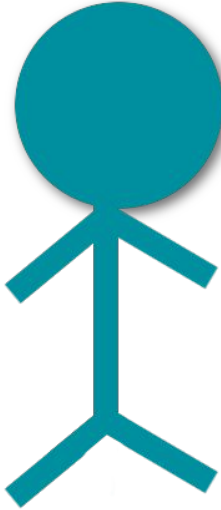
- **Ownership**
- **Borrowing**
- **Lifetimes**



# Ownership

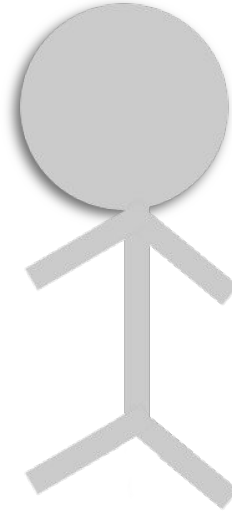
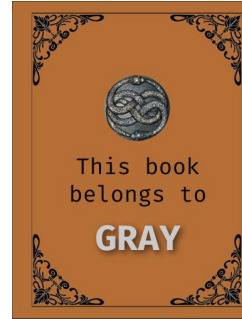
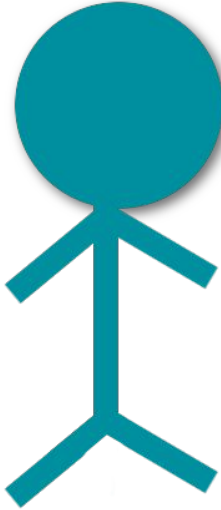


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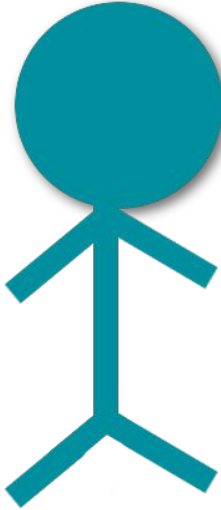




# Ownership



# Ownership



Green **doesn't own**  
the book anymore  
and **cannot use it**



# Ownership

Each value has a variable called **owner**, which can be only **one at time**.

The value is **dropped** when the owner goes out of scope.



# Ownership

```
let s1 = String::from("hello");  
let s2 = s1;  
  
println!("{}", world!", s1);
```



# Ownership (Error)

```
error[E0382]: use of moved value: `s1`
```

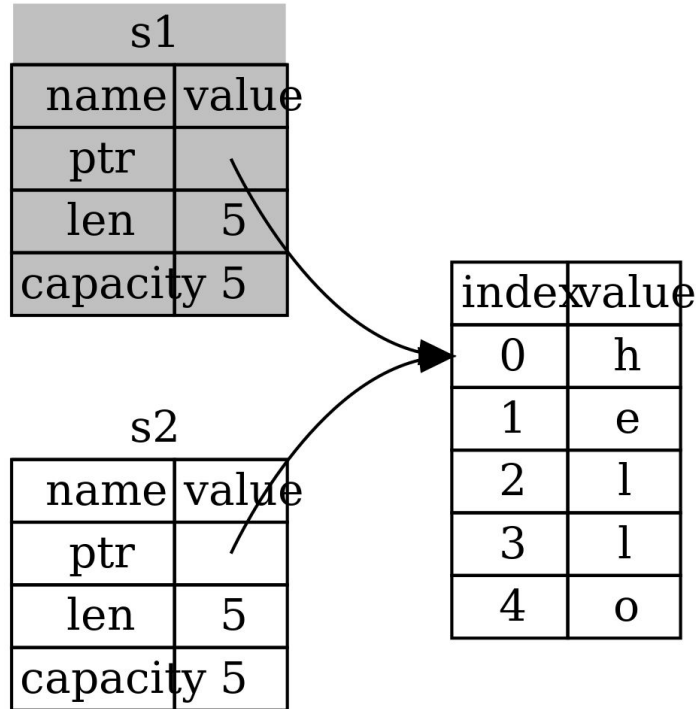
```
→ src/main.rs:5:28
```

```
|  
3 |     let s2 = s1;  
|     -- value moved here  
4 |  
5 |     println!("{}", world!", s1);  
|                               ^^ value used here after move  
|
```

```
= note: move occurs because `s1` has type `std::string::String`, which does  
not implement the `Copy` trait
```



# Ownership (Memory)



# Ownership

```
fn give() {  
  ➡ let mut vec = Vec::new();  
    vec.push(1);  
    vec.push(2);  
    take(vec);  
}
```

vec

data
length
capacity

```
fn take(vec: Vec<i32>) {  
  //...  
}
```

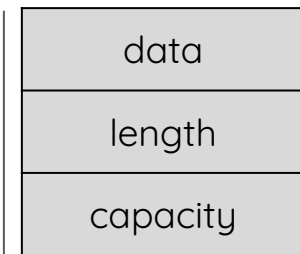


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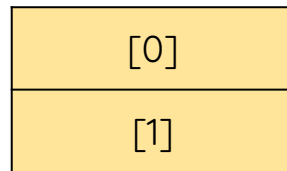
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vec



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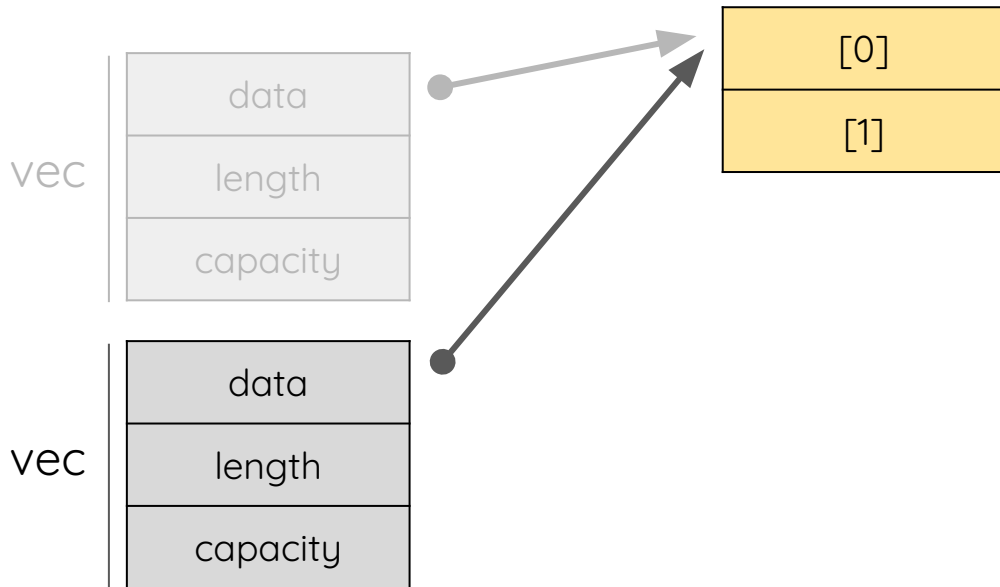


# Ownership

take ownership

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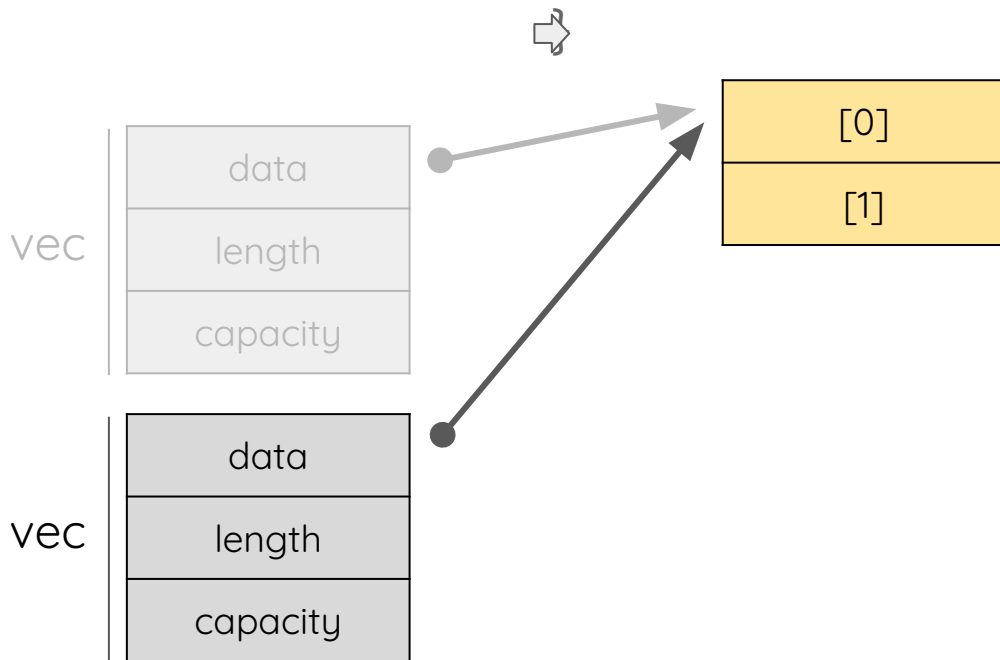
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vec



**cannot be used**  
because data is  
no longer  
available



# Ownership - Error

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    vec.push(2);  
    take(vec);  
    vec.push(3);  
}
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```

error[E0382]: use of moved value: `vec`

→ src/main.rs:6:5

5 |     take(vec);  
   |         --- value moved here

6 |     vec.push(3);  
   |     ^^^ value used here after move

= note: move occurs because `vec` has type `std::vec::Vec<i32>`, which does not implement the `Copy` trait



# Borrowing

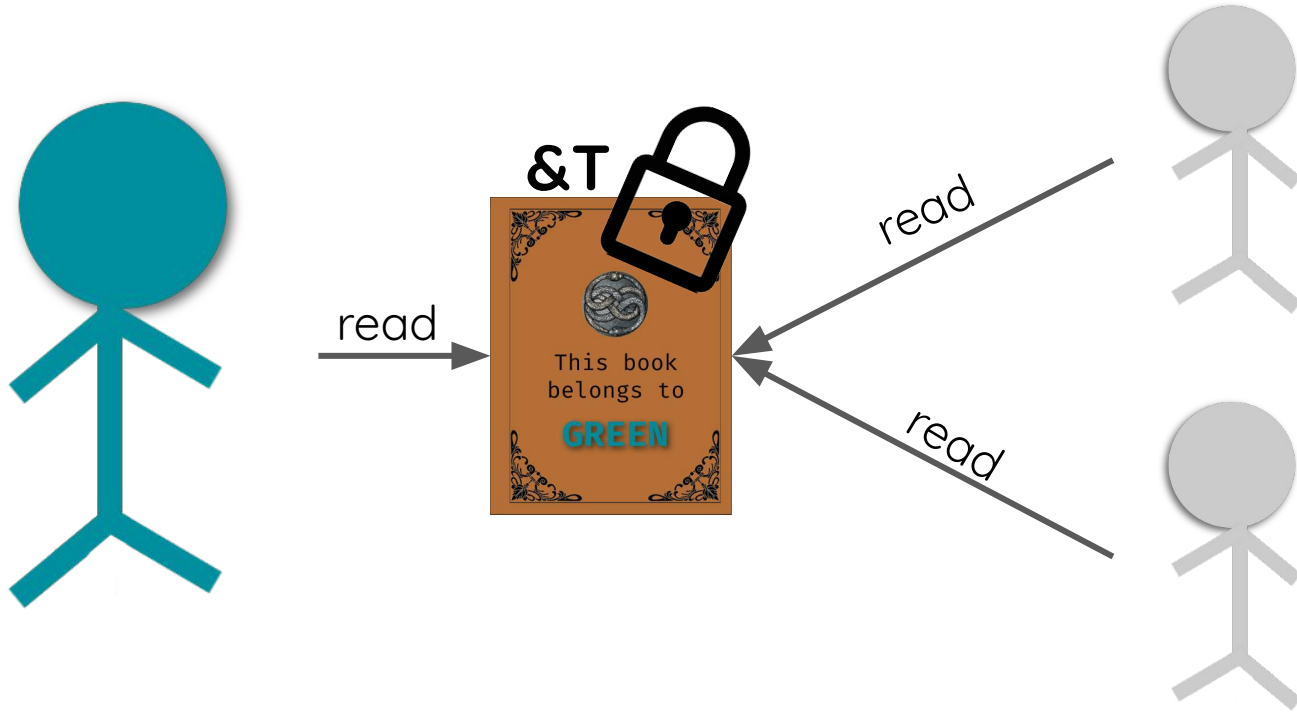


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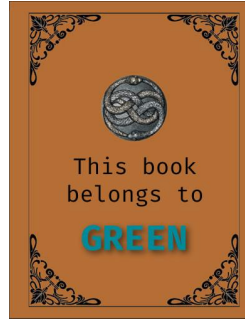
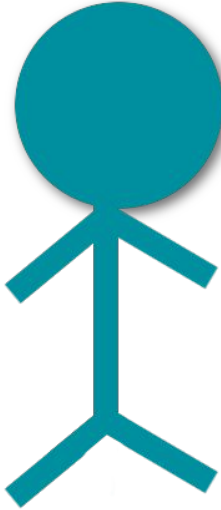
one or more references to a resource



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Green can use **its** book again



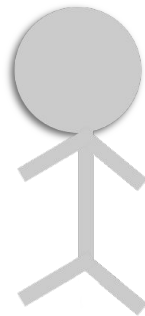
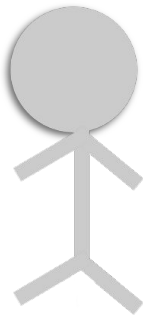
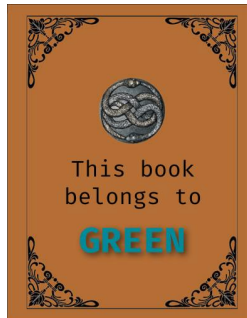
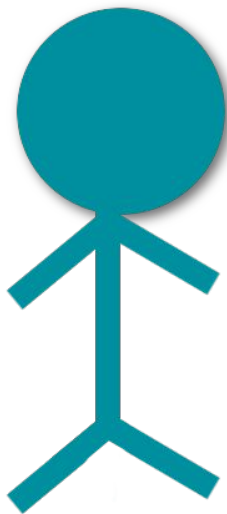


# Borrowing with **&mut T**

exactly one mutable reference

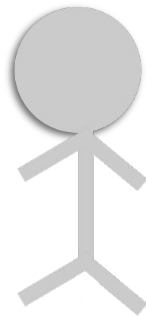
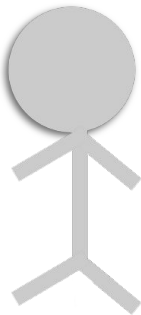
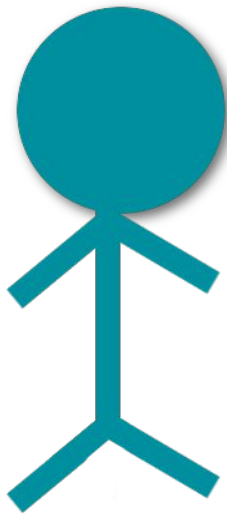


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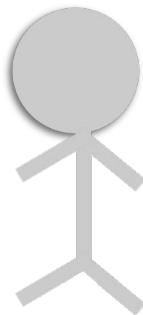
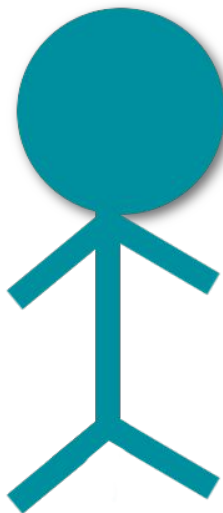


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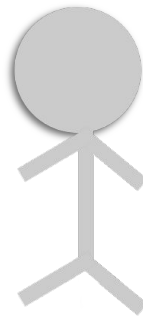
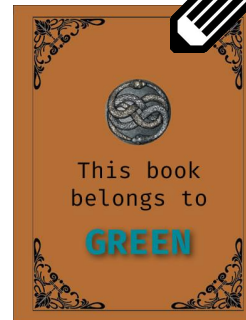
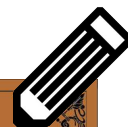
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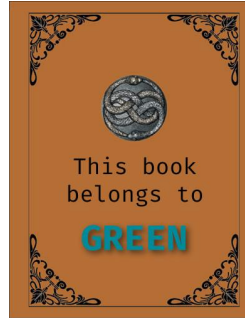
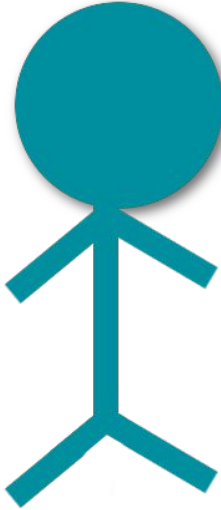
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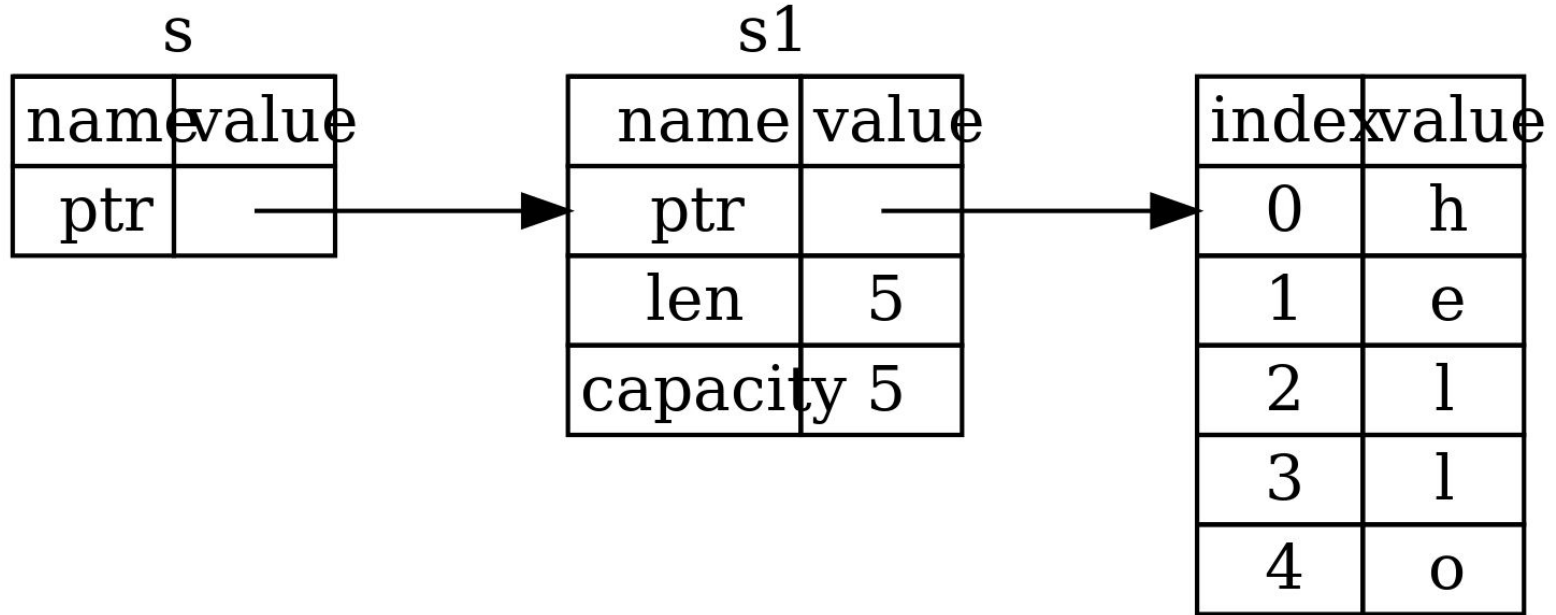


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println!("{}", world!", s);
```

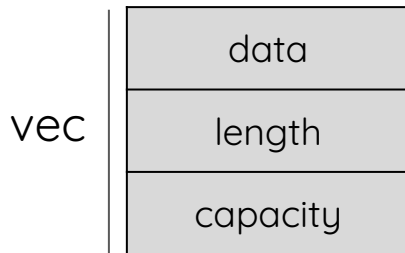


# Borrowing (Memory)



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fn lender() {  
    ➔ let mut vec = Vec::new();  
    vec.push(1);  
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    user(&vec);  
}
```



```
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```

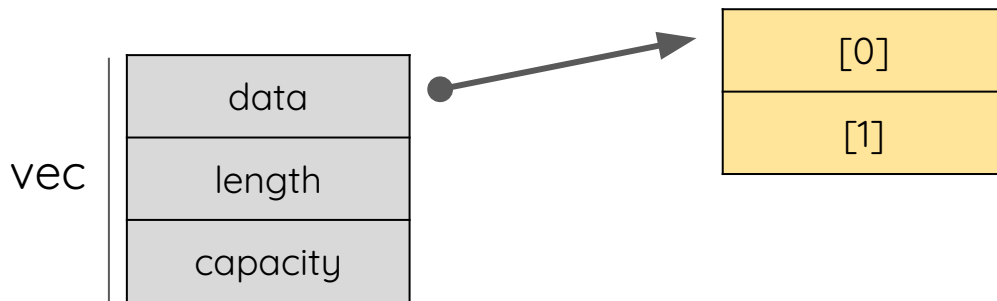




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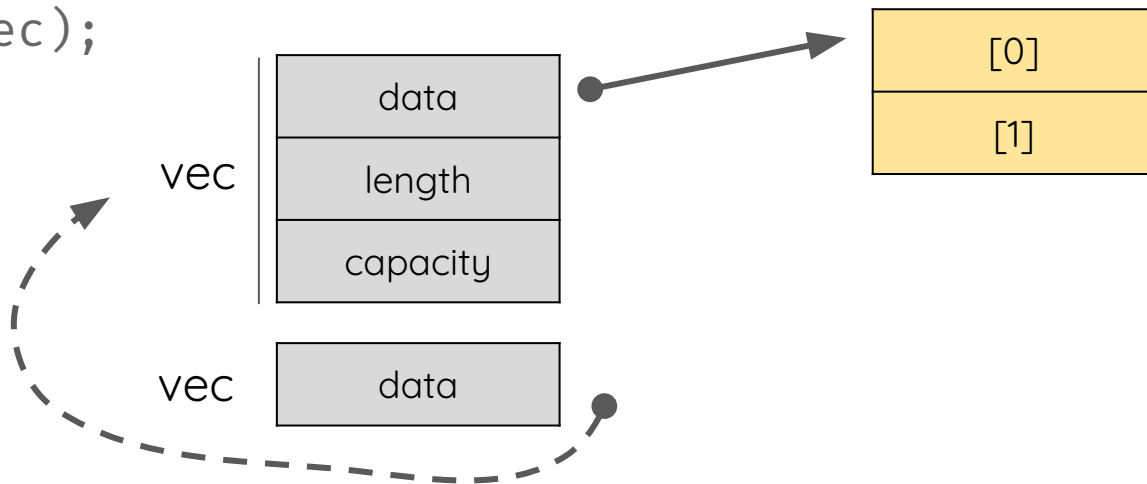
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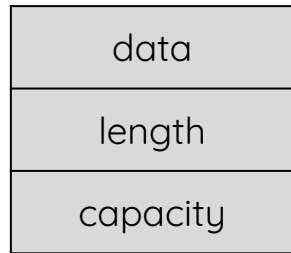
shared ref to vec

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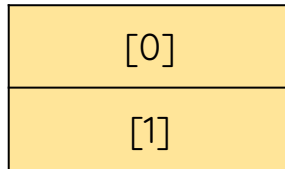
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```

loan out vec

vec



vec



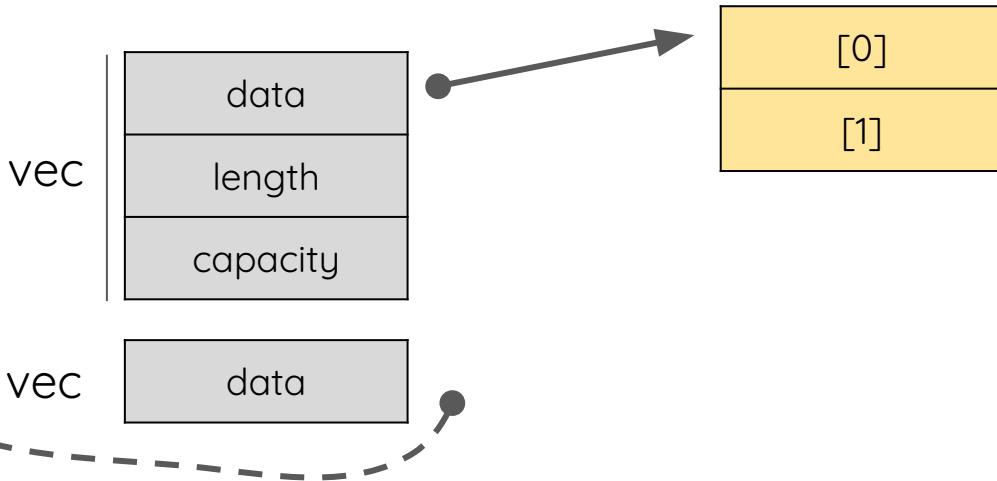
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what happens if I try to modify it?

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```

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}
```

loan out vec



# Borrowing (Error)

```
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    vec.push(2);  
    user(&vec);  
}
```

⇒

```
fn user(vec: &Vec<i32>) {  
    vec.push(3);  
}
```

**error: cannot borrow immutable borrowed content `*vec` as mutable**

→ src/main.rs:23:5

```
22 | fn user(vec: &Vec<i32>) {  
    |         ^^^^^ use &mut Vec<i32> here to make mutable  
23 |     vec.push(3);  
    |     ^^^
```



Lifetimes



# Lifetimes

Remember that the owner has always the ability to destroy (deallocate) a resource!

Define the scope for which a reference is valid.

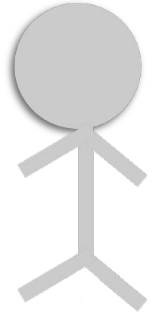
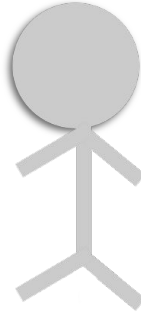
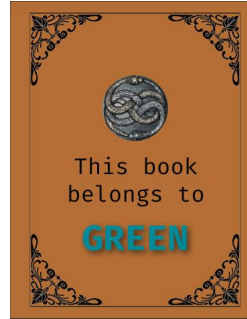
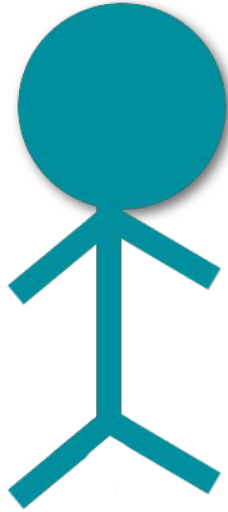
Every reference has a lifetime.

Most of the time inferred by the compiler.

In more complex scenarios compiler **needs an hint**.

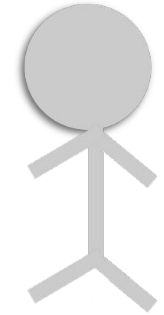
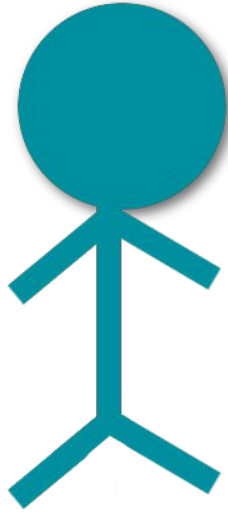


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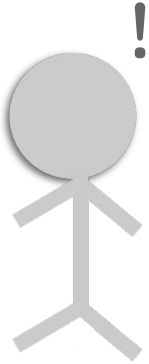
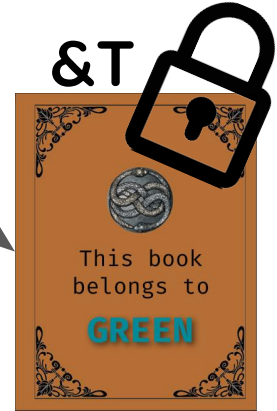
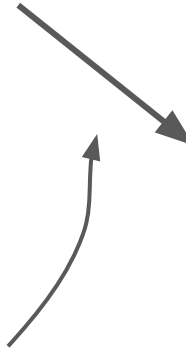
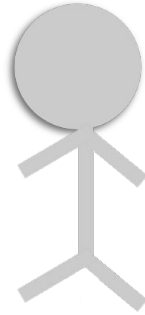
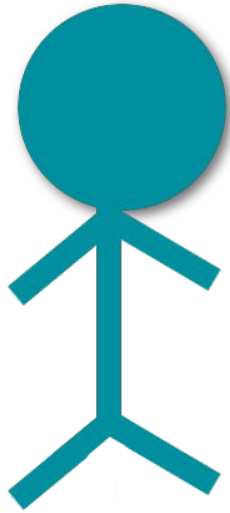




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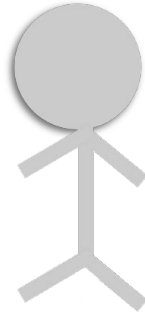


second  
borrowing

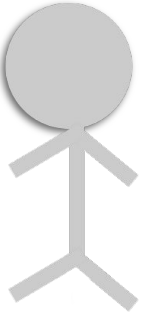


# Lifetimes

dangling pointer! 💀



&T



# Lifetime

```
struct Foo<'a> {  
    x: &'a i32,  
}  
  
fn main() {  
    let x;                                // -+ x goes into scope  
                                        // |  
    {                                    // |  
        let y = &5;                    // ---+ y goes into scope  
        let f = Foo { x: y };          // ---+ f goes into scope  
        x = &f.x;                      // | | error here  
    }                                  // ---+ f and y go out of scope  
                                        // |  
    println!("{}", x);                // |  
}                                      // -+ x goes out of scope
```



# Lifetime - first example

```
fn skip_prefix(line: &str, prefix: &str) -> &str {  
    let (s1,s2) = line.split_at(prefix.len());  
    s2  
}
```

```
fn print_hello() {  
    let line = "lang:en=Hello World!";  
    let v;  
    {  
        let p = "lang:en=";  
        v = skip_prefix(line, p);  
    }  
    println!("{}", v);  
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# Lifetime - first example

first borrowing

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fn skip_prefix(line: &str, prefix: &str) -> &str {  
    let (s1,s2) = line.split_at(prefix.len());  
    s2  
}
```

second borrowing

(we return something that is  
**not ours**)

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fn print_hello() {  
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```



# Lifetime - first example

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    s2  
}
```

second borrowing  
(we return something that is  
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```
fn print_hello() {  
    let line = "lang:en=Hello World!";  
    let v;  
    {  
        let p = "lang:en=";  
        v = skip_prefix(line, p);  
    }  
    println!("{}", v);  
}
```

we know that “s2” is valid as long  
as “line” is valid, but **compiler  
doesn't know**

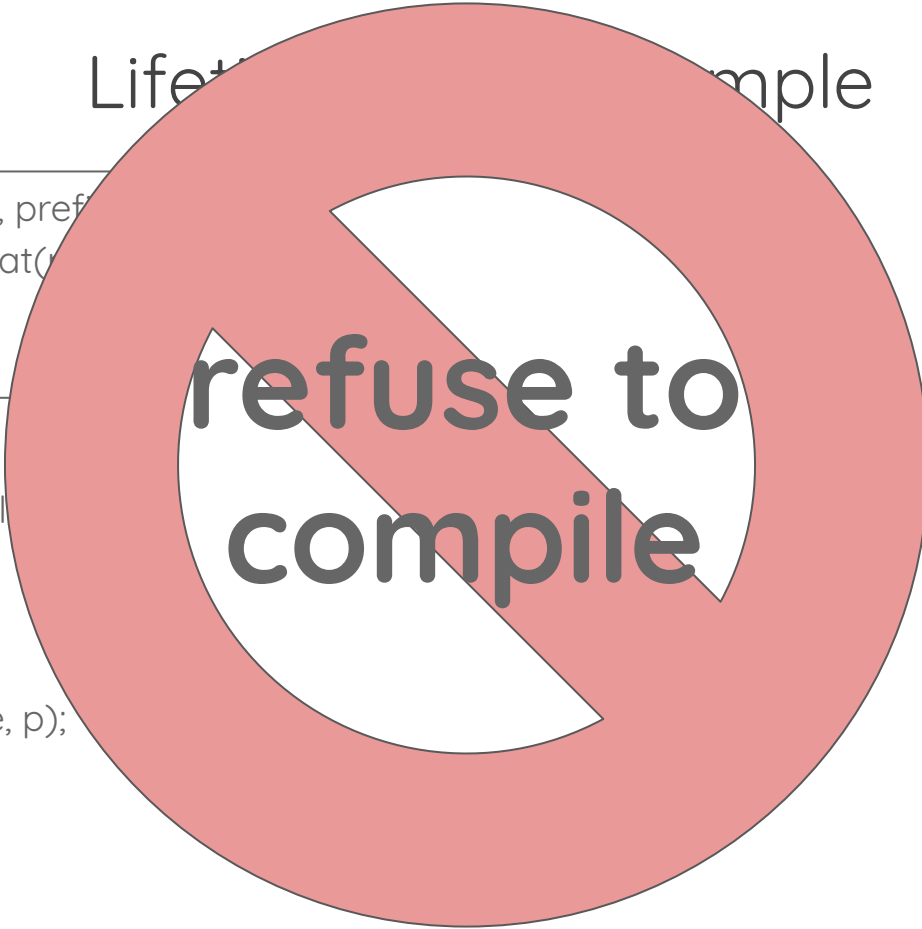




# Lifetime Example

```
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    let (s1,s2) = line.split_at(prefix.len());  
    s2  
}
```

```
fn print_hello() {  
    let line = "lang:en=Hello";  
    let v;  
    {  
        let p = "lang:en=";  
        v = skip_prefix(line, p);  
    }  
    println!("{}", v);  
}
```



**refuse to  
compile**



# Lifetime - first example

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fn skip_prefix(line: &str, prefix: &str) -> &str {  
    let (s1,s2) = line.split_at(prefix.len());  
    s2  
}
```

```
fn print_hello() {  
    let line = "lang:en=Hello World!";  
    let v;
```

**error[E0106]: missing lifetime specifier**

→ src/main.rs:37:45

```
37 | fn skip_prefix(line: &str, prefix: &str) → & str {  
    ^ expected lifetime parameter
```

**= help:** this function's return type contains a borrowed value, but the signature does not say whether it is borrowed from `line` or `prefix`

```
    print!("{}", v);
```

```
}
```



# Lifetime - example reviewed

```
fn skip_prefix<'a>(line: &'a str, prefix: &str) -> &'a str {  
    let (s1,s2) = line.split_at(prefix.len());  
    s2  
}
```

```
fn print_hello() {  
    let line = "lang:en=Hello World!";  
    let v;  
    {  
        let p = "lang:en=";  
        v = skip_prefix(line, p);  
    }  
    println!("{}", v);  
}
```



# Lifetime - example reviewed

```
fn skip_prefix(<'a>(line: &'a str, prefix: &str) -> &'a str {  
    let (s1,s2) = line.split_at(prefix.len());  
    s2  
}
```



borrowing source is now  
explicit, through the  
**lifetime parameter**

```
fn print_hello() {  
    let line = "lang:en=Hello World!";  
    let v;  
    {  
        let p = "lang:en=";  
        v = skip_prefix(line, p);  
    }  
    println!("{}", v);  
}
```

Hello World!



String vs &str



# str

**str** is a sequence of chars, and you can look at it as a string slice and they are stored with their len in memory

```
let s: &str = "Rust Evangelism Strike Force";
```



## Supports UTF-8

```
let hello: &str = "こんにちは";  
println!("{}", hello); // output: こんにちは
```



# **str** limitations

**str** size is unknown at compile time

**str** management is complicate (need **lifetime**)

two **str** cannot be added





Ugly to see and impossible to do

---

```
fn get_str() → str {  
    *("hello world")  
}
```



Compiling playground v0.0.1 (/playground)

error[E0277]: the size for values of type `str` cannot be known at compilation time

--> [src/main.rs:4:17](#)

```
4 | fn get_str() -> str {  
    |               ^^^ doesn't have a size known at compile-time  
= help: the trait `std::marker::Sized` is not implemented for `str`  
= note: to learn more, visit <https://doc.rust-lang.org/book/ch19-04-advanced-types.html#dynamically  
= note: the return type of a function must have a statically known size
```

error[E0277]: the size for values of type `str` cannot be known at compilation time

--> [src/main.rs:9:5](#)

```
9 | let s = get_str();  
    |     ^ doesn't have a size known at compile-time  
= help: the trait `std::marker::Sized` is not implemented for `str`  
= note: to learn more, visit <https://doc.rust-lang.org/book/ch19-04-advanced-types.html#dynamically  
= note: all local variables must have a statically known size  
= help: unsized locals are gated as an unstable feature
```

error[E0277]: the size for values of type `str` cannot be known at compilation time

--> [src/main.rs:9:9](#)

```
9 | let s = get_str();  
    |         ^^^^^^^ doesn't have a size known at compile-time  
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= note: the return type of a function must have a statically known size
```



Management is complicate due to rust  
Memory safety restrictions

```
// this not work, return size must be known at compile time  
fn get_str() → &str {  
    "hello world"  
}
```



## Needs lifetime

---

```
fn get_str<'a>() → &'a str {  
    "hello world"  
}
```



By default they are compiled as static

```
fn set_str<'a>(s: &'a mut str) → &'a str {  
    s = "hello world";  
    s  
}  
  
fn main() {  
    let mut s = "";  
    let s = set_str(s);  
    println!("{}", s);  
}
```

```
fn set_str<'a>(s: &'a mut str) → &'a str {  
    s = "hello world";  
    s  
}
```

```
fn main() {  
    let mut s = "";  
    // error: differs in mutability  
    let s = set_str(s);  
    println!("{}", s);  
}
```



```
fn set_str<'a>(s: &'a mut str) → &'a str {  
    // s is declared mut and "hello world" is static  
    s = "hello world";  
    s  
}
```

```
fn main() {  
    let mut s = "";  
    // error: differs in mutability  
    let s = set_str(s);  
    println!("{}", s);  
}
```

you cannot add two or more **str**

```
let rust = "Rust";  
let rome = "Rome";  
println!("{}", rust + " " + rome);
```





```
Compiling playground v0.0.1 (/playground)
error[E0369]: binary operation '+' cannot be applied to type '&str'
--> src/main.rs:7:21
```

```
7 | println!("{}", rust + " " + rome);
   |                      ---- ^ --- &str
   |                      |      |
   |                      |      '+' cannot be used to concatenate two '&str' strings
   |                      &str
```

help: `to\_owned()` can be used to create an owned `String` from a string reference. String concatenat

```
7 | println!("{}", rust.to_owned() + " " + rome);
   |                      ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^
```

error: aborting due to previous error

For more information about this error, try `rustc --explain E0369`.

error: could not compile `playground`.

To learn more, run the command again with --verbose.



# String

It is allocated memory string type

It has ownership over the content

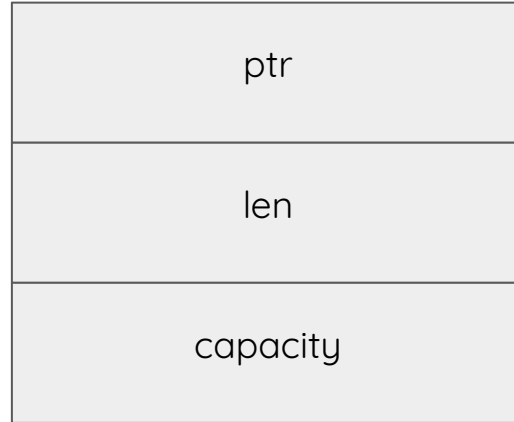
Supports UTF-8

No lifetime required

Easy **String** -> **&str** and **&str** -> **String**



# Memory layout



# String

```
let s: String = String::new();
```



# String

```
let s = String::from("Hello world");
```



# It is growable

```
let s = String::from("Hello world");  
s.push(" Rust!");  
println!("{}", s); // output: Hello world Rust!
```



No needs lifetime

```
fn get_string() → String {  
    String::from("Hello world")  
}  
let s = get_string();  
println!("{}", s); // output: Hello world
```



Can be added

```
let rust = "Rust".to_owned();  
let rome = "Rome";  
let space = " ";  
let r_r = rust + space + rome;  
println!("{}", r_r); // output: Rust Rome
```





Can be added

```
let rust = "Rust ".to_owned();  
let rome = "Rome".to_owned();  
let r_r = rust + rome;  
println!("{}", r_r); // output: Rust Rome
```



## Easy `&str` -> `String`

```
let s: String = "Hello world".into();  
let s = "Hello world".to_owned();
```



## Easy **String** -> **&str**

```
let s = "Hello world".to_owned();  
let s: &str = &s;
```



str vs String



```
struct Object<'a> {  
    field: &'a str,  
}  
  
impl<'a> Object<'a> {  
    fn new(s: &'a str) → Self {  
        Object { field: s }  
    }  
    fn field(&self) → &'a str {  
        self.field  
    }  
}
```



```
struct Object {  
    field: String,  
}  
  
impl Object {  
    fn new(s: String) → Self {  
        Object { field: s }  
    }  
    fn field(&self) → String {  
        self.field  
    }  
}
```



# Next lesson

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