

# RUST

*Safe low-level programming*

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# What is Rust?

Rust is a systems programming language that runs blazingly fast, yet still guarantees memory and thread safety.



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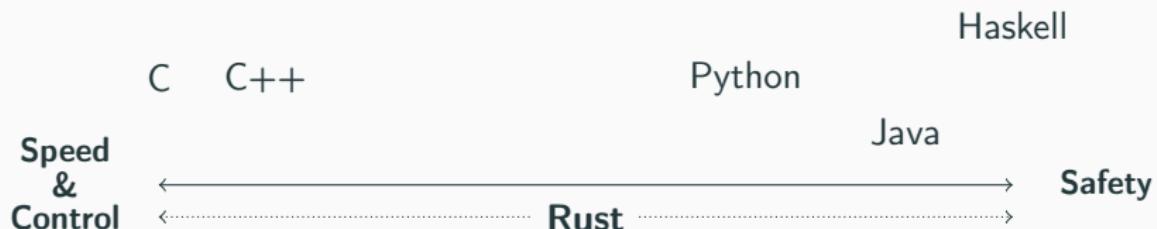
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- Advanced type system for safety and expressivity
- Like Haskell: when code type-checks → program does not go wrong

# Introduction



- *No segfaults*
- *No double free*
- *No uninitialised memory*
- *No dangling pointers*
- *No null pointers*
- *No race conditions*

*Without run-time costs, e.g. no garbage collector!*

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“robust, distributed, and parallel”

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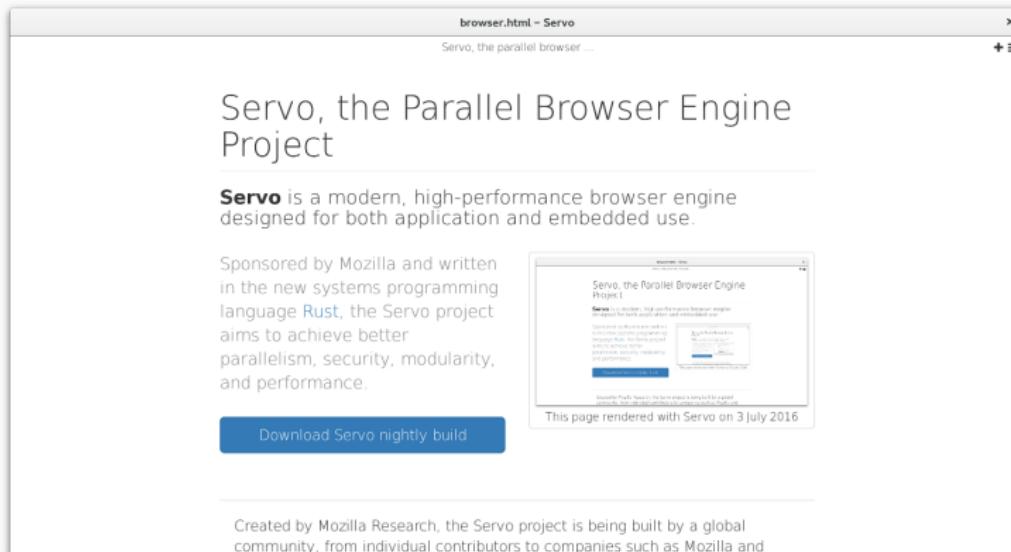
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## Introducing: Rust

- **Rust** is a language that mostly cribbs from past languages. **Nothing new.**
- Unapologetic interest in the static, structured, concurrent, large-systems language niche.
  - Not for scripting, prototyping or casual hacking.
  - Not for research or exploring a new type system.

# What are people doing with Rust?

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Project Quantum (2017):

- Integrating parts of Servo into Firefox's Gecko
- Stylo (parallel CSS style system), WebRenderer (optimised for GPUs), ...



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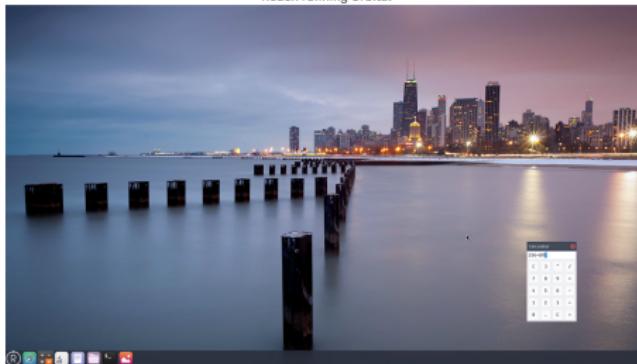
## Writing operating systems:

Redox is a Unix-like Operating System written in Rust, aiming to bring the innovations of Rust to a modern microkernel and full set of applications.

[View Releases](#)[Pull from GitHub](#)

- Implemented in Rust
- Microkernel Design
- Includes optional GUI - Orbital
- Supports Rust Standard Library
- MIT Licensed
- Drivers run in Userspace
- Includes common Unix commands
- Newlib port for C programs

Redox running Orbital



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## Linus Torvalds says Rust is coming to the Linux kernel 'real soon now'

Maintainer lack of familiarity won't be an issue, chief insists, citing his own bafflement when faced with Perl

▲ Thomas Claburn

Thu 23 Jun 2022 / 19:30 UTC

At The Linux Foundation's Open Source Summit in Austin, Texas on Tuesday, Linus Torvalds said he expects support for Rust code in the Linux kernel to be merged soon, possibly with the next release, 5.20.

At least since last December, when [a patch](#) added support for Rust as a second language for kernel code, the Linux community has been anticipating this transition, in the hope it leads to greater stability and security.

In a conversation with Dirk Hohndel, chief open source officer at Cardano, Torvalds said the patches to integrate Rust have not yet been merged because there's far more caution among Linux kernel maintainers than there was 30 years ago.

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## Google is developing parts of Android in Rust to improve security

Google is writing and rewriting parts of Android in Rust to improve security of the OS as a whole, vs C and C++. Read on to know more!

BY [AMAN SIDDIQUE](#)

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Developing games:

- <http://arewegameyet.com/>
- [https://www.reddit.com/r/rust\\_gamedev/](https://www.reddit.com/r/rust_gamedev/)
- <http://www.piston.rs/>
- <http://cityboundsim.com/>
- <https://github.com/cristicbz/rust-doom/>

A Snake's Tale

m12y   Puzzle

PEGI 3

This app is compatible with all of your devices.

Add to Wishlist   3,19 € Buy

# What are people doing with Rust?

## Web development

- <https://github.com/iron/iron>  
concurrent web framework
- <https://github.com/nickel-org/nickel.rs>  
express.js inspired web framework
- <https://github.com/Ogeon/rustful>  
REST-like HTTP framework

## Much more

- <https://github.com/uutils/coreutils>  
Rust rewrite of ls, cp, rm, echo, ...
- <https://github.com/BurntSushi/ripgrep>  
Recursive grep that is faster than the original grep
- <https://github.com/rust-unofficial/awesome-rust>  
Extensive list of Rust software

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rouille::rouille! {
    utilisons std::collections::Dictionnaire comme Dico;

    convention CléValeur {
        fonction écrire(&soi, clé: Chaine, valeur: Chaine);
        fonction lire(&soi, clé: Chaine) -> PeutÊtre<&Chaine>;
    }

    statique mutable DICTIONNAIRE: PeutÊtre<Dico<Chaine, Chaine>> =
        structure Concrète;

    réalisation CléValeur pour Concrète {
```

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# Basics

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C/C++/Java-style syntax with braces and semicolons

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Rust

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```
1 fn main() {  
2     // A comment  
3     println!("Hello World");  
4 }
```

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>> Hello World

## Expression-oriented

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Rust

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```
1 fn abs(x: i32) -> i32 {  
2     let result: i32 = if x < 0 {  
3         -x  
4     } else {  
5         x  
6     };  
7     result  
8 }
```

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# Basics

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Immutable by default

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Rust

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```
1 fn sum_squared(x: u32, y: u32) -> u32 {  
2     let sum: u32 = x;  
3     sum += y;  
4     sum * sum  
5 }
```

---

L3 error: cannot assign twice to immutable variable `sum`

## Explicit mutability

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Rust

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```
1 fn sum_numbers(start: u32, end: u32) -> u32 {  
2     let mut sum: u32 = 0;  
3     for i in start..end {  
4         sum += i;  
5     }  
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## Local type inference

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Rust

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- Memory safety:  $\neg$  (aliasing  $\wedge$  mutation)
- Static: at compile-time  $\rightarrow$  no run-time cost

# Memory leaks

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C

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```
1 void func()
2 {
3     int *x = malloc(sizeof(int));
4     *x = 1;
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```

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2 {
3     let x = Box::new(1);    // +
4                         // | Scope of x
5                         // |
6 }                     // -
```

## Use after free

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C

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```
1 int *x = malloc(sizeof(int));
2 *x = 1;
3 free(x);
4
5 int *y = malloc(sizeof(int));
6 *y = 9;
7
8 *x = 2;
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```
>> x = 2, y = 2
```

L8: use after free ⇒ undefined behavior

## Use after free

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Rust

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```
1  {
2      let mut x = Box::new(1); // + Scope of x
3                      // |
4  }                  // -
5
6  let y = Box::new(9);      // + Scope of y
7  *x = 2;                // |
8  println!("x = {}, y = {}", // |
9      *x, *y);            // |
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L7 error: cannot find value `x` in this scope  
(did you mean `y`?)

## Double free

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C

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```
1 void do_stuff_with(int* x)
2 {
3     printf("x is %d, ", *x);
4     free(x);
5 }
6 int main()
7 {
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>> x is 1, x is 0,

Error in ...: double free or corruption ...

## Double free

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Rust

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```
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2     println!("x is {}", *x);  
3 }  
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Rust

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```
1 fn owner() {  
2     let mut vec = Vec::new();  
3     vec.push(1);  
4     print_length(vec);  
5     vec.push(2);  
6 }  
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What if we don't want the ownership to change?

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```

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```
>> Length: 1
```

Better: make **type system** do work for us!

# Borrowing: a type-system answer to ownership borrowing

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Immutable borrow: &x

~ read-only borrow

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Rust

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4     push_twice(&mut vec, 2);  
5     println!("Length: {}", vec.len());  
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7 fn push_twice(vec: &mut Vec<i32>, x: i32) {  
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9     vec.push(x);  
10 }
```

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>> Length: 3

# Dangling pointers

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C++

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```
1 #include <vector>
2 #include <iostream>
3 using namespace std;
4 int main(){
5     vector<int> vec;
6     for (int i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
7         vec.push_back(i);
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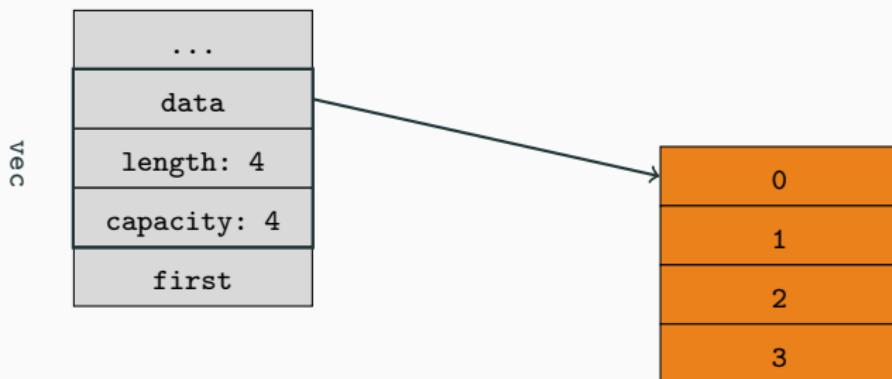
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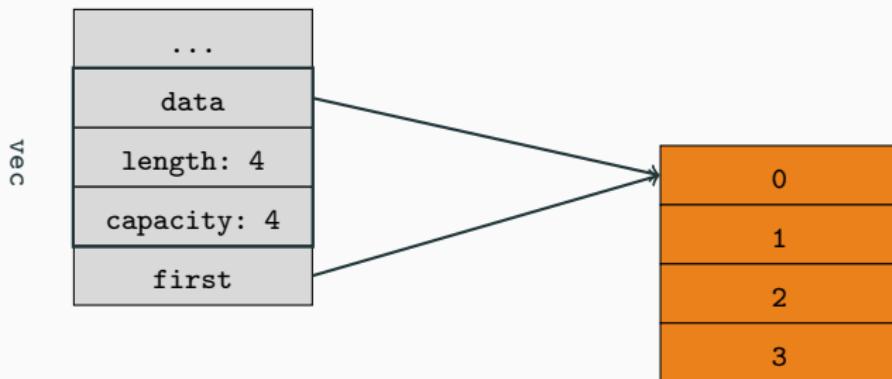
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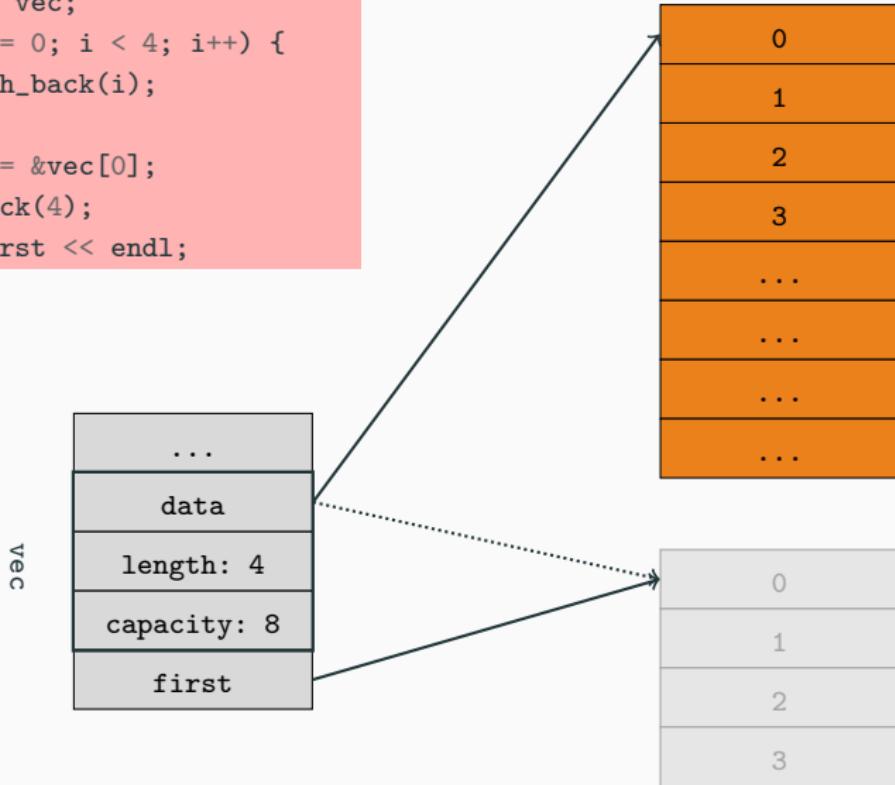
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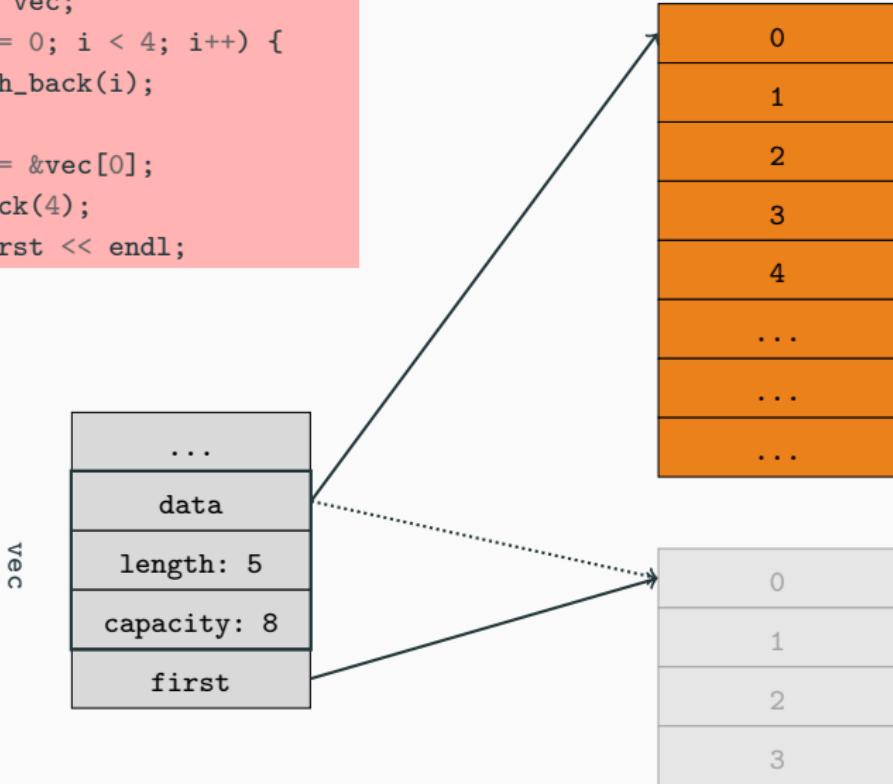
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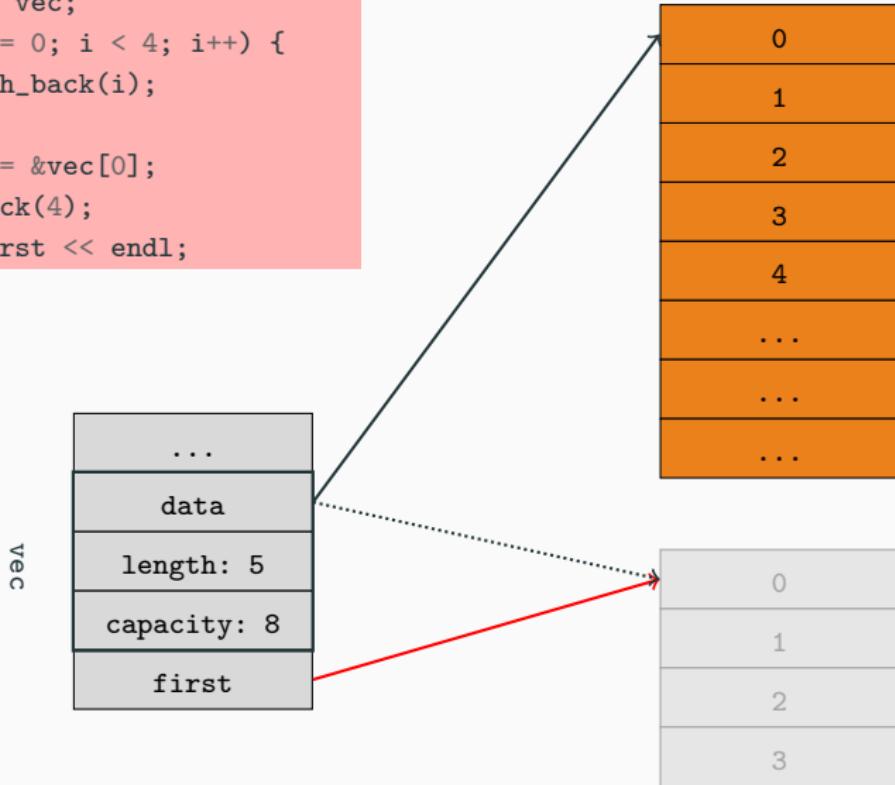
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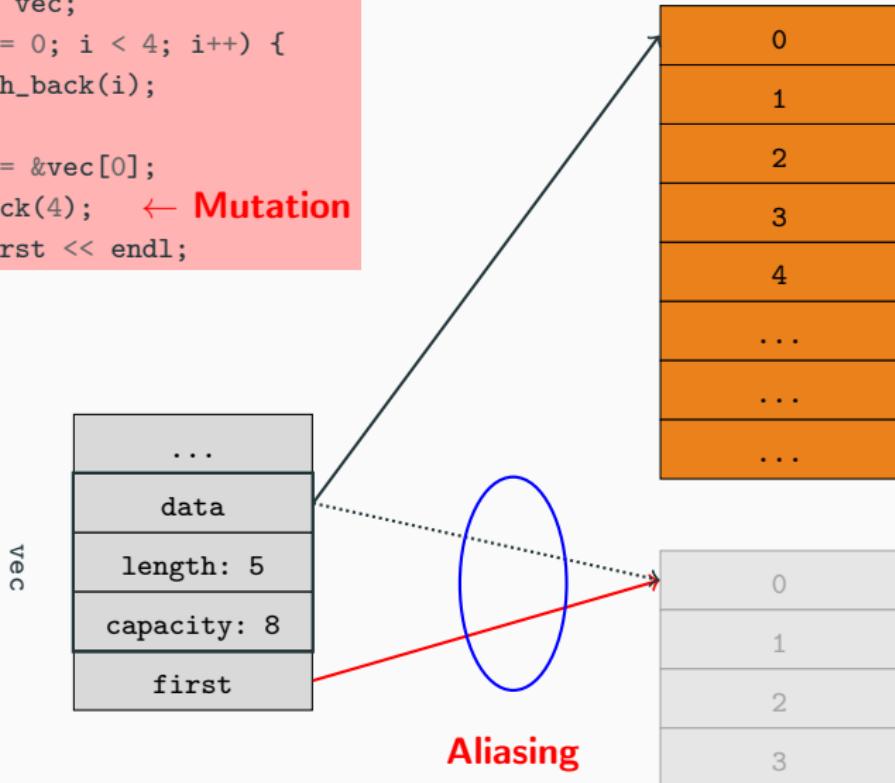
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Rust

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L5 info: immutable borrow occurs here

L6 error: cannot borrow `vec` as mutable  
because it is also borrowed as immutable

## Ownership & Borrowing – Video

ownership-borrowing.mp4 (10:03)

Fragment of “The Rust Programming Language”, Alex Crichton, Google Tech Talk, June 6 '15.

# Buffer over-/underflow

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Rust

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2     let array = [1, 2 ,3];  
3     let i = 100;  
4     println!("{}" , array[i]);  
5 }
```

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```

---

L4 error: this operation will panic at runtime

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Rust

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```
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L3 runtime error: thread panicked at 'index out of bounds'

- Dynamic bounds checking (weak static checks)
- Often optimized away during compilation

# Null pointer dereference

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C

---

```
1 void foo() {  
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L4 runtime error: segfault (undefined behavior)

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“I call it my billion-dollar mistake. It was the invention of the null reference in 1965. [...] This has led to innumerable errors, vulnerabilities, and system crashes, which have probably caused a billion dollars of pain and damage in the last forty years.”

— Tony Hoare, 2009

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Rust does not have null ⇒ Option instead

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Rust

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4     let id = dev.id;  
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L4 error: no field `id` on type std::option::Option`

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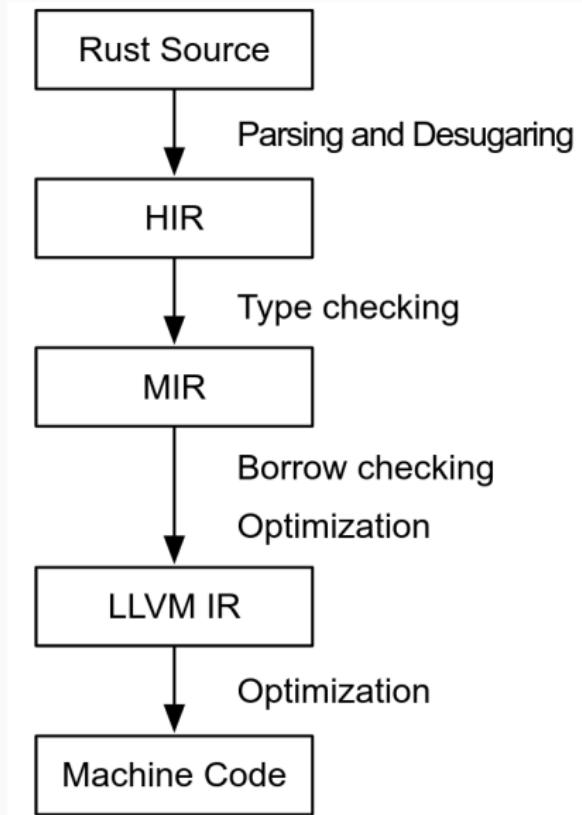
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“What you don’t use, you don’t pay for. And further: What you do use, you couldn’t hand code any better.”

— Bjarne Stroustrup

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Rust

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Rust

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3         origin: Point,
4         radius: f32,
5     },
6     Rectangle {
7         top_left: Point,
8         bot_right: Point,
9     },
10 }
```

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# Pattern matching

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Rust

---

```
1 use std::f32::consts::PI;  
2  
3 fn shape_area(shape: &Shape) -> f32 {  
4     match shape {  
5         Shape::Circle { radius: r, .. } => PI * r * r,  
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L4 error: non-exhaustive patterns:

`&Rectangle { .. }` not covered

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7             ((bot_right.x - top_left.x)
8              * (bot_right.y - top_left.y)).abs()
9     }
10 }
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Rust

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```
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3     radius: 1.0,  
4 };  
5 println!("Area: {}", shape_area(&circle));
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>> Area: 3.1415927

# Traits

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Collection of methods for `Self` with optional default implementations

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Rust

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```
1 trait HasArea {  
2     fn area(&self) -> f32;  
3  
4     fn integer_area(&self) -> i32 {  
5         self.area() as i32  
6     }  
7 }
```

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# Traits

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impl .. for .. : trait implementations

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Rust

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```
1 struct Circle {  
2     origin: Point,  
3     radius: f32,  
4 }  
5 impl HasArea for Circle {  
6     fn area(&self) -> f32 {  
7         PI * self.radius * self.radius  
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```

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# Traits

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impl ... : static & non-static (i.e. instance-) methods

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Rust

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```
1  impl Circle {  
2      fn new(radius: f32) -> Circle {  
3          Circle {  
4              origin: Point { x: 0.0, y: 0.0 },  
5              radius: radius,  
6          }  
7      }  
8      fn get_radius(&self) -> f32 {  
9          self.radius  
10     }  
11     fn set_radius(&mut self, radius: f32) {  
12         self.radius = radius;  
13     }  
14 }
```

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→ *Object-oriented programming with Rust*

Is Rust an Object-Oriented Programming Language?

<https://doc.rust-lang.org/book/ch17-00-oop.html>

# Traits

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Rust

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```
1 fn total_area<S: HasArea>(shapes: &Vec<S>) -> f32 {  
2     let mut total_area = 0.0;  
3     for s in shapes {  
4         total_area += s.area();  
5     }  
6     total_area  
7 }
```

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Trait bounds on generics

`<S: HasArea>` refers to a generic type S that must implement the trait HasArea.

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Rust

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Rust's approach: Option<T> and Result<T, E>

*Cheap and explicit error-handling*

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2     if y == 0.0 {  
3         None  
4     } else {  
5         Some(x / y)  
6     }  
7 }
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2     if input < 0 {  
3         Err(String::from("Negative number"))  
4     } else if input > std::u8::MAX as i32 {  
5         Err(String::from("Too large"))  
6     } else {  
7         Ok(input as u8)  
8     }  
9 }
```

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>> [0, 4, 16]

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```
1 fn total_area2<S: HasArea>(shapes: &Vec<S>) -> f32 {  
2     shapes.iter()  
3         .map(|s| s.area())  
4         .sum()  
5 }
```

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[Iterator API Documentation](#)

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2     type Item = u32;
3
4     fn next(&mut self) -> Option<u32> {
5         if self.current > 0 {
6             let result = self.current;
7             self.current -= 1;
8             Some(result)
9         } else {
10             None
11         }
12     }
13 }
```

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```
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2     mut iter => loop {  
3         let next;  
4         match iter.next() {  
5             Some(val) => next = val,  
6             None => break,  
7         };  
8         let i = next;  
9         let () = { println!("{}", i); };},  
10    };
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```
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2 let first = unsafe { vec_first(&vec) };
```

---

## Much more

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- Data race protection mechanism by ownership/borrowing
- Macros (`println!`, `vec!`)
- Foreign Function Interface (FFI)
- Lifetimes
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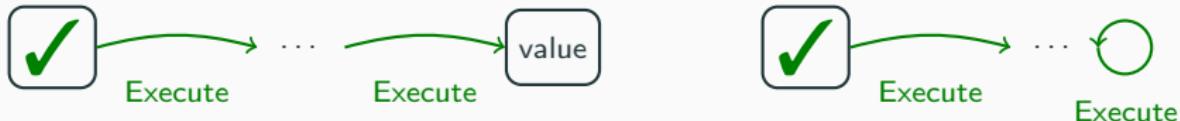
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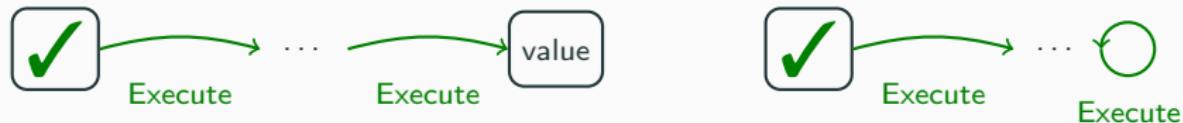
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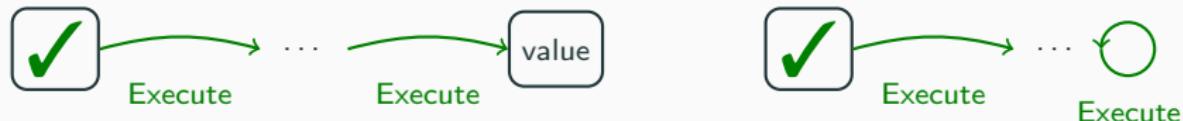
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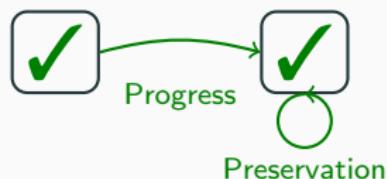
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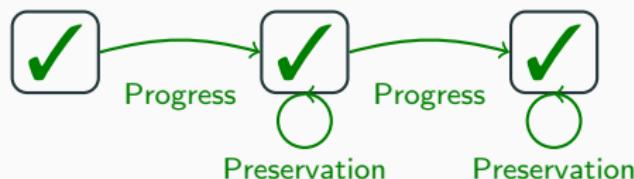
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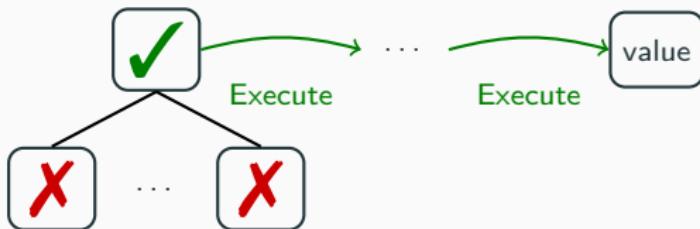
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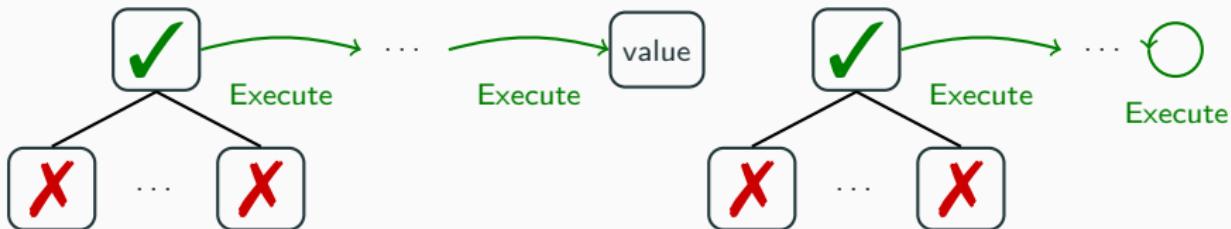
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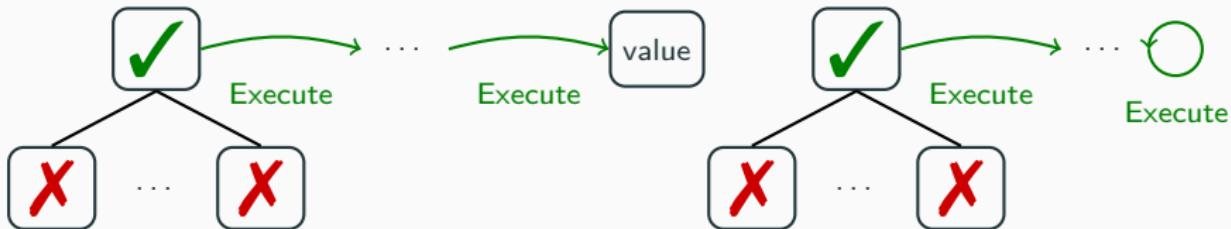
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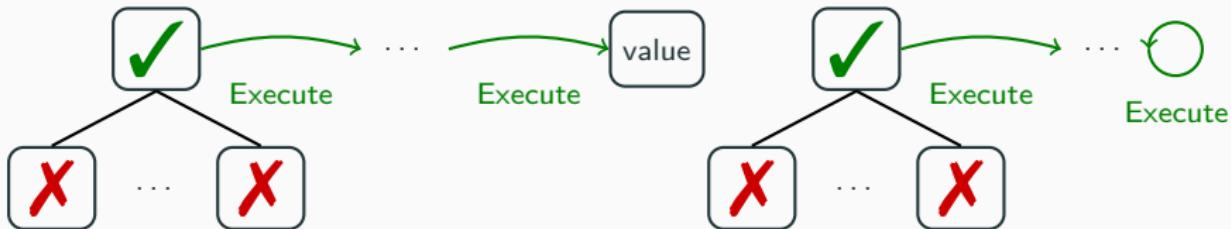
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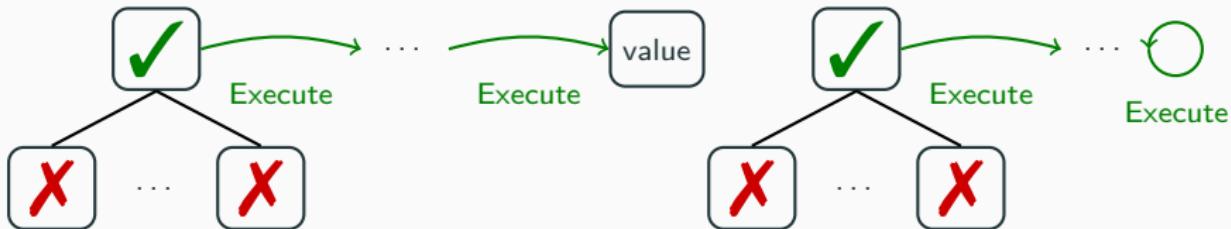
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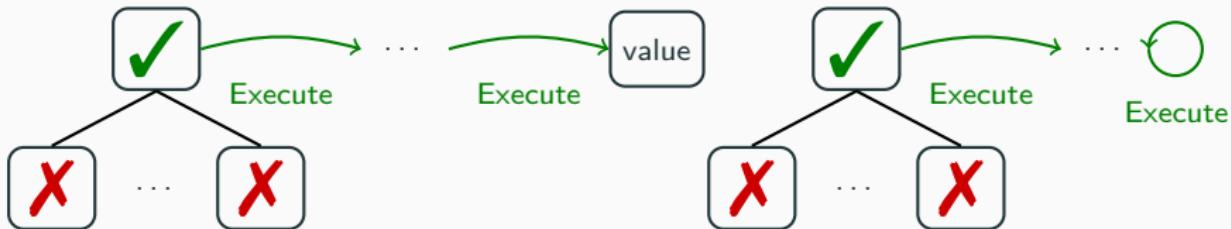


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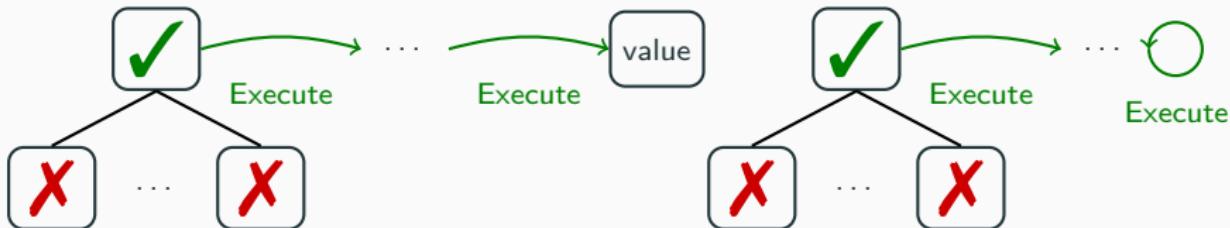


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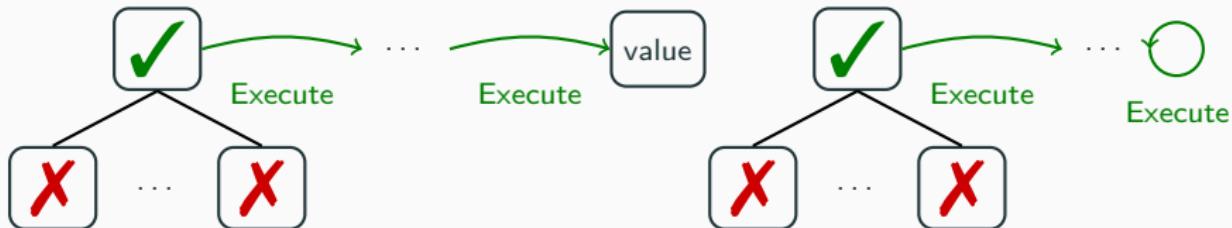


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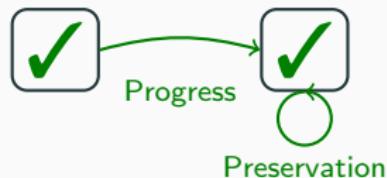


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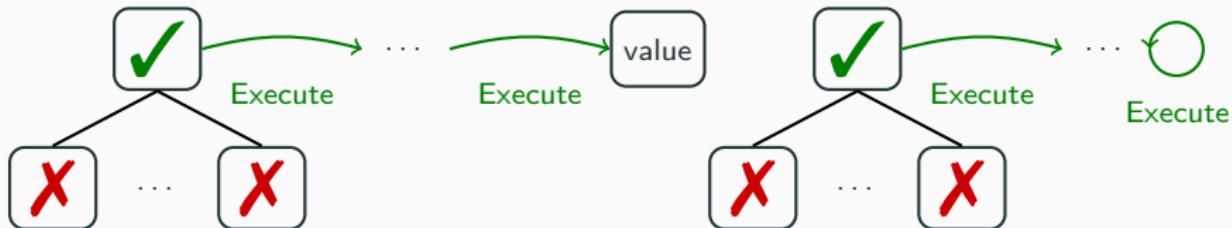


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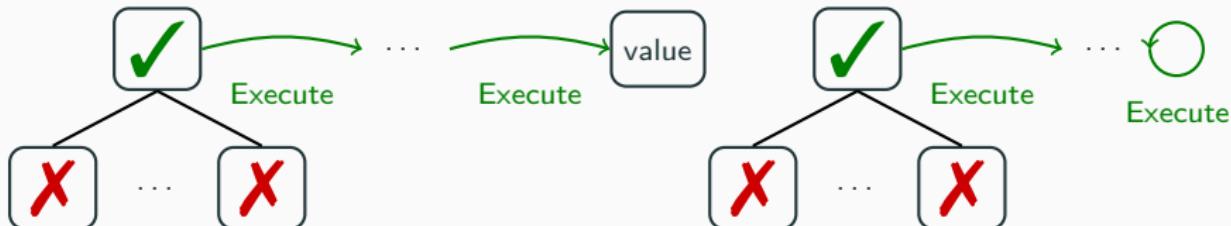


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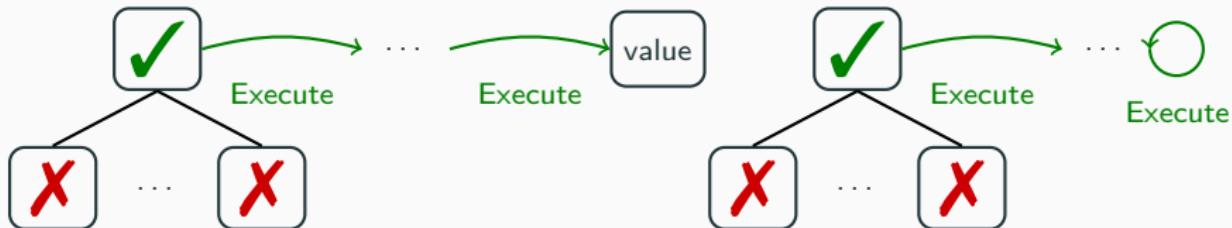


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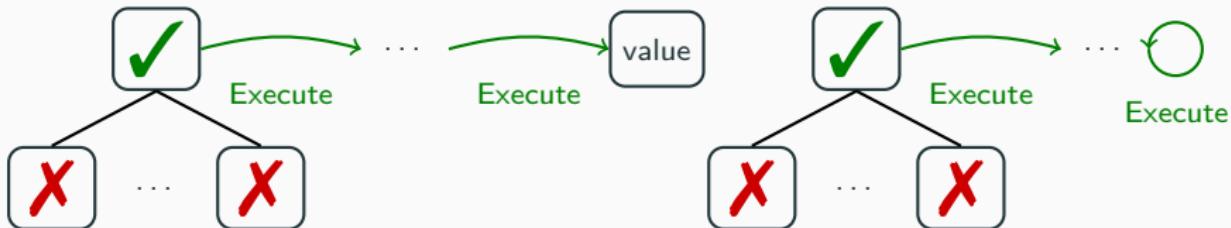


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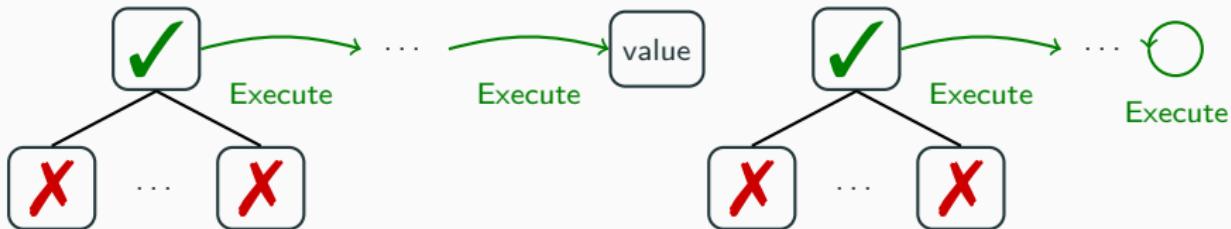


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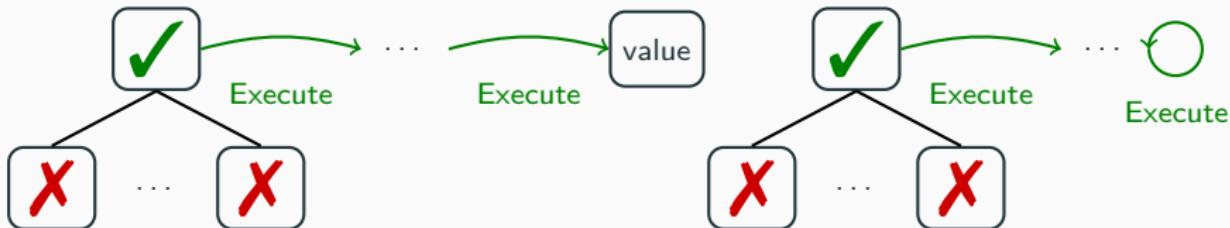
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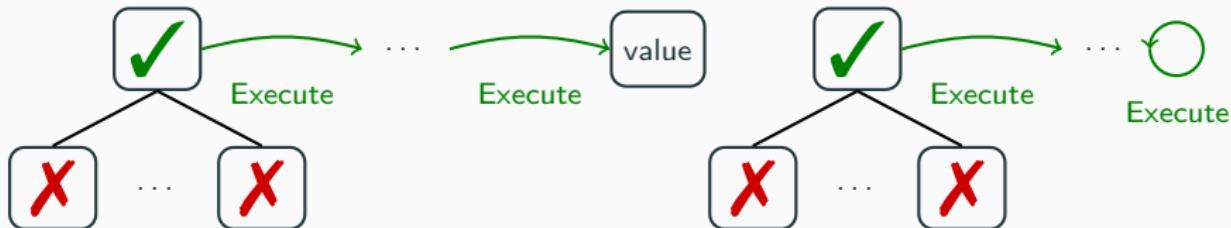
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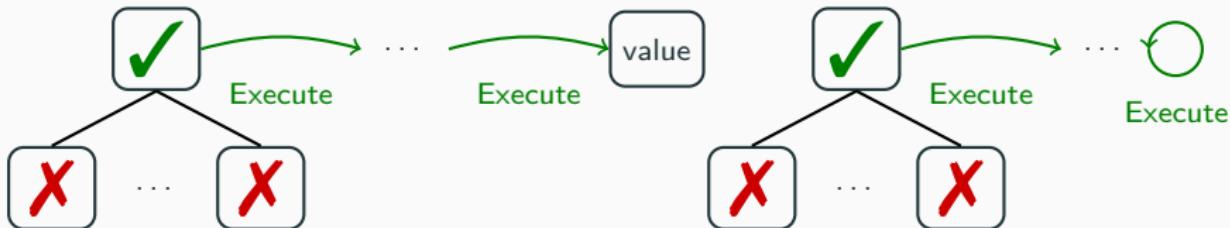
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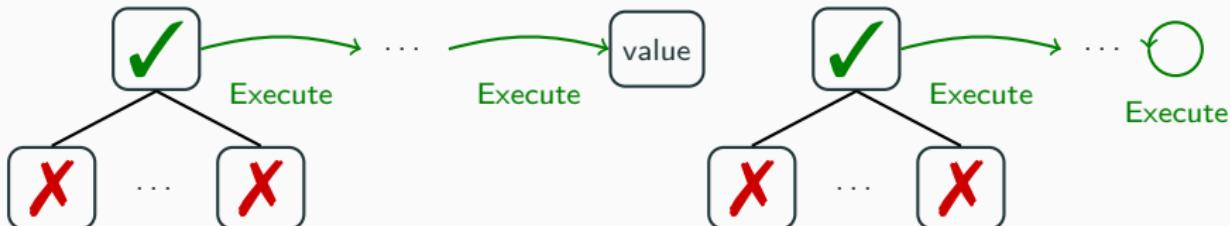
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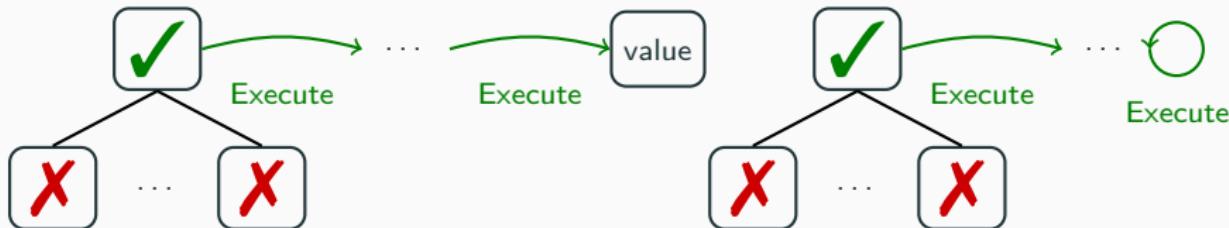
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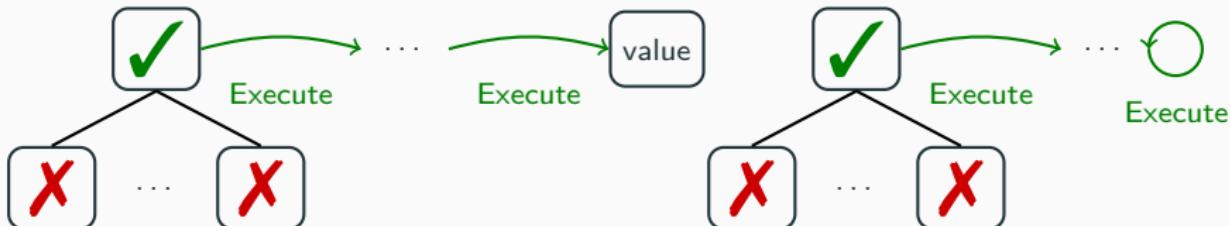
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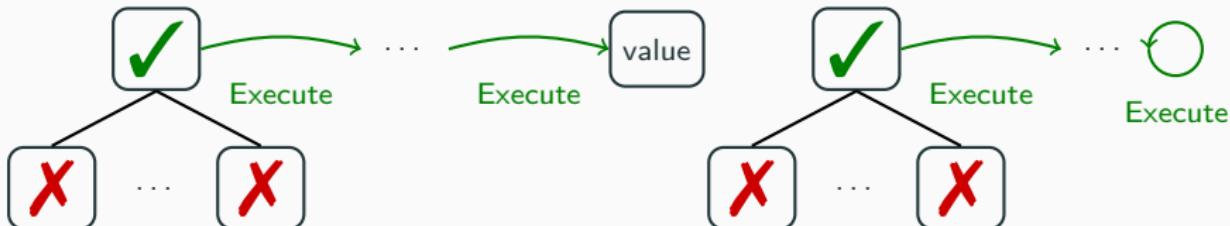
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Online editor: <https://play.rust-lang.org/>

Or install Rust on your computer: <https://www.rustup.rs/>

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