Typeclasses

Ownership and Borrowing in Rust

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Why Learn another language?

- Not all languages stay popular forever
- There may be interesting work in other languages
- You can apply the patterns of another language to your current language

Why Rust?

- Memory safe
- Fast
- Correctness as a feature
- Statically Linked Binaries
- Strong type system
- Functional programming
- Fearless Concurrency
- Unique ownership system

Memory Safety

- Does this compile?
- what does it print?

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;

int main() {
  vector<tuple<int, int>> vec = {{5, 10}};
```

```
const auto &first_elem = vec.front();
for (int i = 0; i < 10; ++i) vec.push_back(first_elem);
for (const auto [x, y]: vec) cout << x << ' ' << y << '\n';
}</pre>
```

Memory Safety Cont.

It does, rather confusingly:

5 10

5 10

. .

0 0

0 0

0 0

0 0

0 0



Iterator Invalidation

- Does this compile?
- what does it print?

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;

int main() {
  vector<string> strings = {"Hi"};
  const auto& elem = strings[0];
  strings.push_back("World");
  cout << elem << '\n';
}</pre>
```

Iterator Invalidation Cont.

• This is undefined behavior. It could print nothing or segfault or uninitialized memory.



Let's try this in rust.

Rust Memory Safety

```
• Does this compile?
  • If so, what does it print?
fn main() {
  let mut vec = vec![(5, 10)];
  let first_elem = &vec[0];
  for _ in 1..10 { vec.push(*first_elem); }
  for p in vec { println!("{}, {}", p.0, p.1); }
}
error[E0502]: cannot borrow `vec` as mutable because
it is also borrowed as immutable
--> src/main.rs:4:22
3 |
        let first_elem = &vec[0];
                          --- immutable borrow occurs here
4 |
        for _ in 1..10 { vec.push(*first_elem); }
                                  immutable borrow
                                  later used here
                         mutable borrow occurs here
error: aborting due to previous error
```



Strings

```
• Does this compile?
```

```
• If so, what does it print?
```

```
fn main() {
  let mut vec = vec![String::from("Hi")];
  let first_elem = &vec[0];
  vec.push(first_elem.to_string());
  println!("{}", first_elem);
}
```



Ownership Rules

- You can give away as many copies as you want to.
- You are allowed to have as many immutable references as you want ${\bf or}$
- You can loan out one mutable reference.

Define Ownership

- A copy gives ownership of a copy to someone.
 - I give you a copy of my book
- A move gives ownership to someone.
 - I give you my book
- A reference shares ownership of code with someone.
 - We share the book

Is this program ok?

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;

void print_arr(const vector<int> &vec);
int main() {
   print_arr({1,2,3,4});
}
```

Does it look fine now?

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;

void print_arr(const vector<int> &vec) {
  for (const auto elem: vec) cout << elem << '\n';
  delete &vec;
}

int main() {
  print_arr({1,2,3,4});
}</pre>
```

Types can't save us

- We have a problem where we try to delete a vector through a reference. This compiles.
- Our program crashes immediately.

In Rust

```
fn print_vec(vec: &Vec<i32>) {
  for item in vec {
    println!("{}", item);
  }
  drop(*vec);
}

fn main() {
  print_vec(&vec![1,2,3,4]);
}
```

Fearless Concurrency

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;

vector<int> nums;
void writeToNums() {
  for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++)
    nums.push_back(i);
}

int main() {
  vector<thread> threads;
  for (int i = 0; i < 20; i++) threads.emplace_back(writeToNums);
  for (auto& th: threads) th.join();
  for (auto item: nums) cout << item << ' ';
}</pre>
```

Undefined behavior again.

In Rust

```
use std::thread;
fn write_to_nums(nums: &mut Vec<i32>) {
   for i in 0..3 {
      nums.push(i);
   }
}
fn main() {
   let mut nums = vec![];
   let mut threads = vec![];
```

```
for _ in 0..20 {
   threads.push(thread::spawn(move || {
      write_to_nums(&mut nums);
    }));
 }
 for thread in threads {
   let _ = thread.join();
 for num in nums {
    println!("{}", num);
}
error[E0382]: use of moved value: `nums`
  --> src/main.rs:13:32
9
       let mut nums = vec![];
          ----- move occurs because `nums` has type
          ----- `std::vec::Vec<i32>`, which does
          ----- not implement the `Copy` trait
13 |
        threads.push(thread::spawn(move || {
                                    ^^^^^ value moved into
                 closure here, in previous iteration of loop
14 |
          write_to_nums(&mut nums);
                             ^^ use occurs due to use in closure
```

The Borrow Checker at first



The Borrow Checker by the end

