

RUST'S FEARLESS CONCURRENCY

- A DEMO



... because Rust is *really* good for creating infrastructure services.



By leveraging ownership and type checking, many concurrency errors are compile-time errors in Rust rather than runtime errors. [...] We've nicknamed this aspect of Rust **fearless concurrency**.



Ownership

- Each value in Rust has a variable that's called its owner.
- There can only be one owner at a time.
- When the owner goes out of scope, the value will be dropped.

At any given time, you can have *either* one mutable reference *or* any number of immutable references.



Expressed through the type system

For example, function declarations:

- take ownership ("move"): T
- borrow ("read"): &T
- borrow mutably: &mut T



Ownership violation

```
1 fn main() {
        let s = String::from("hello");
        let t = s;
        println!("{} {}", s, t);
                                                                       ::::
                                                                 Execution
                                                                                                                                            Close
                                                                 Standard Error
   Compiling playground v0.0.1 (/playground)
error[E0382]: borrow of moved value: `s`
 --> src/main.rs:4:23
       let s = String::from("hello");
            - move occurs because `s` has type `String`, which does not implement the `Copy` trait
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        let t = s;
                - value moved here
        println!("{} {}", s, t);
4
                          ^ value borrowed here after move
  = note: this error originates in the macro `$crate::format_args_nl` (in Nightly builds, run with -Z macro-backtrace for more info)
For more information about this error, try `rustc --explain E0382`.
error: could not compile 'playground' due to previous error
```



Borrowing violation

```
1 fn main() {
        let mut s = String::from("hello");
        let t = &mut s;
        println!("{} {}", s, t);
                                                                      ::::
                                                                                                                                           Close
                                                                Execution
                                                                Standard Error
   Compiling playground v0.0.1 (/playground)
error[E0502]: cannot borrow `s` as immutable because it is also borrowed as mutable
 --> src/main.rs:4:23
3 |
       let t = &mut s;
               ---- mutable borrow occurs here
       println!("{} {}", s, t);
4 |
                          ^ - mutable borrow later used here
                          immutable borrow occurs here
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Demo: sum numbers by category

- Numerous files with <category>,<value> lines
- Sum into array where catgory gives the position
- E.g. ["0,1", "1,1", "0,3"] => [1 + 3, 1] => [4, 1]
- https://github.com/bittrance/rust-fearless-concurrency-demo