ECE326 PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

Lecture 14 : Control Flow in Rust

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Control Flow

- No parenthesis
 - Conditions in control flow does not need parenthesis
 - Unlike in C/C++
- Expressions
 - Almost everything in Rust is an expression
 - Including loops and blocks
 - Their return value is the last expression in each block
 - do not add a semicolon, which makes it a statement
 - All branches must return the same type
 - Otherwise the compiler complains

If/Else

```
let n = 5;
                                       ← normal usage
if n < 0 {
      print!("{} is negative", n);
} else if n > 0 {
      print!("{} is positive", n);
} else {
      print!("{} is zero", n);
                                       use as an expression
let big_n = if n < 10 && n > -10 {
      println!(", and is a small number, increase ten-fold");
      10 * n // no semicolon here
} else {
      println!(", and is a big number, halve the number");
      n / 2
}; // semicolon here (let is a statement)
println!("{} -> {}", n, big_n);
```

Loop

- An infinite loop
 - Requires break statement to exit

```
loop {
      count += 1;
      if count == 3 {
            println!("three");
            // Skip the rest of this iteration
            continue;
      println!("{}", count);
      if count == 5 {
            println!("OK, that's enough");
            // Exit this loop
            break;
```

Retry

- Example
 - Loop until "successful"
 - Loop can also be an expression

```
let mut counter = 0;

let result = loop {
    counter += 1;

    if counter == 10 {
        break counter * 2; // return value of loop
    }

    println!("I only exit on 10");
};
```

While Loop

Loop while condition is true

```
let mut n = 1;
while n < 101 {
      if n % 15 == 0 {
            println!("fizzbuzz");
      } else if n % 3 == 0 {
            println!("fizz");
      } else if n % 5 == 0 {
           println!("buzz");
      } else {
            println!("{}", n);
      n += 1;
```

For Loop

- Uses iterator to loop through elements of a collection
- Range
 - Similar to Python, creates an iterator for integers
 - a..b
 - Loops from a to b-1

```
for n in 1..101
```

- a..=b
 - Loops from a to b

```
for n in 1..=100
```

Vector

- Similar to std::vector
 - Element type can be inferred by first element inserted
- vec!
 - Macro to initialize the vector

Match

- The switch statement of Rust
 - Except much more powerful and more frequently used
- Has ability to pattern match
 - Known as "destructuring"
- Can specify conditions
 - Similar to a set of if...else if statements
- Compiler requires all possible values to be handled
 - E.g. it is an error to miss one of the enum values

Match

Syntax

```
match expression {
    pattern => expression, // this is called an "arm"
    pattern => expression,
    ...
}
```

Example

```
let boolean = true
let binary = match boolean {
    false => 0,
    true => 1,
};
println!("{} -> {}", boolean, binary);
```

Match

Match on an integer

```
let number = 13;
                                                ... is inclusive, .. is
println!("Tell me about {}", number);
                                               exclusive (e.g. 13..19
match number {
                                                matches 13 to 18)
       // Match a single value
      1 => println!("One!"),
       // Match several values
       2 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 11 => println!("This is a prime"),
       // Match an inclusive range
      13...19 => println!("A teen"),
       // Handle the rest of cases
                                                  _ is the catch-all
      _ => println!("Ain't special"),
                                                   case (same as
                                                 default in C/C++)
```

Destructuring

Allows matching of value(s) inside tuples

Guards (the if conditions)

Enum in Rust

- Much more powerful than enums in C/C++
- Similar to enum class, values must be scoped
- Unlike C/C++, can never be assigned an integer value

```
enum Coin { Penny, Nickel, Dime, Quarter, }

fn value_in_cents(coin: Coin) -> u32 {
    match coin {
        Coin::Penny => 1,
        Coin::Nickel => 5,
        Coin::Dime => 10,
        Coin::Quarter => 25,
    } // no semicolon here so we return what match returns
}
```

Variant Type

- Also known as tagged union in C/C++
 - Algebraic data type in functional programming languages
- Data can be placed directly into each variant of enum
 - Each variant can have its own set of data

Destructuring

Access data inside an enum

```
enum Color {
    RGB(u32, u32, u32),
    HSV(u32, u32, u32),
    CMYK(u32, u32, u32, u32),
match color {
    // binds name r, g, b to each piece of data inside variant RGB
    Color::RGB(r, q, b) =>
        println!("Red: {}, green: {}, and blue: {}!", r, g, b),
    Color::HSV(h, s, v) =>
        println!("Hue: {}, saturation: {}, value: {}!", h, s, v),
    Color::CMYK(c, m, y, k) =>
        println!("Cyan: {}, magenta: {}, yellow: {}, key (black): {}!",
            c, m, y, k),
```

Option<T>

- Commonly used enum
- Replaces use of null pointer
 - provides safety for "pointers" that can be null

If let

- Useful for matching one specific enum
 - Looks much cleaner than match

```
// syntax 1: using match
match optional {
    Some(i) => {
        println!("This is a really long string and `{:?}`", i);
   _ => {}, // required because match is exhaustive
// syntax 2: using if let
if let Some(i) = letter {
    println!("Matched {:?}!", i);
} else {
    // Destructure failed. Change to the failure case.
    println!("Was not a Some!");
```

Result<T, E>

Commonly used for error handling

```
enum Result<T, E> { // already defined in standard library
      Ok(T), // as a generic type
      Err(E),
let f = File::open("hello.txt");
let f = match f {
      Ok(file) => file,
      Err(error) => {
            // this is how you write multiline string in Rust
            panic! ("There was a problem opening the file: \
                   {:?}", error)
      } ,
```

Error Handling

- unwrap() / expect(msg)
 - Attempt to access data inside Ok, panic if Err is found

```
let f = File::open("hello.txt").unwrap();
let f = File::open("hello.txt").expect("Failed to open hello.txt");
```

- ? operator
 - Returns the same error inside Err() immediately
 - Requires return type of function to also be Result<T, E>

Example

```
pub fn parse(tokens: Vec<String>)
                         -> Result<Vec<Table>, &'static str> {
      let mut tables: Vec<Table> = vec![];
      let mut it = tokens.iter();
      loop {
            let table = match parse_table(&mut it, &tables)? {
                  Some(table) => table,
                  None => break,
            tables.push(table);
      if tables.len() == 0 {
            Err("schema file is empty")
      } else {
            Ok(tables)
```