Rust: programming language

What is Rust?

"Rust is a systems programming language that runs blazingly fast, prevents segfaults, and guarantees thread safety."

- Fast
- Prevents segfaults
- Thread safety

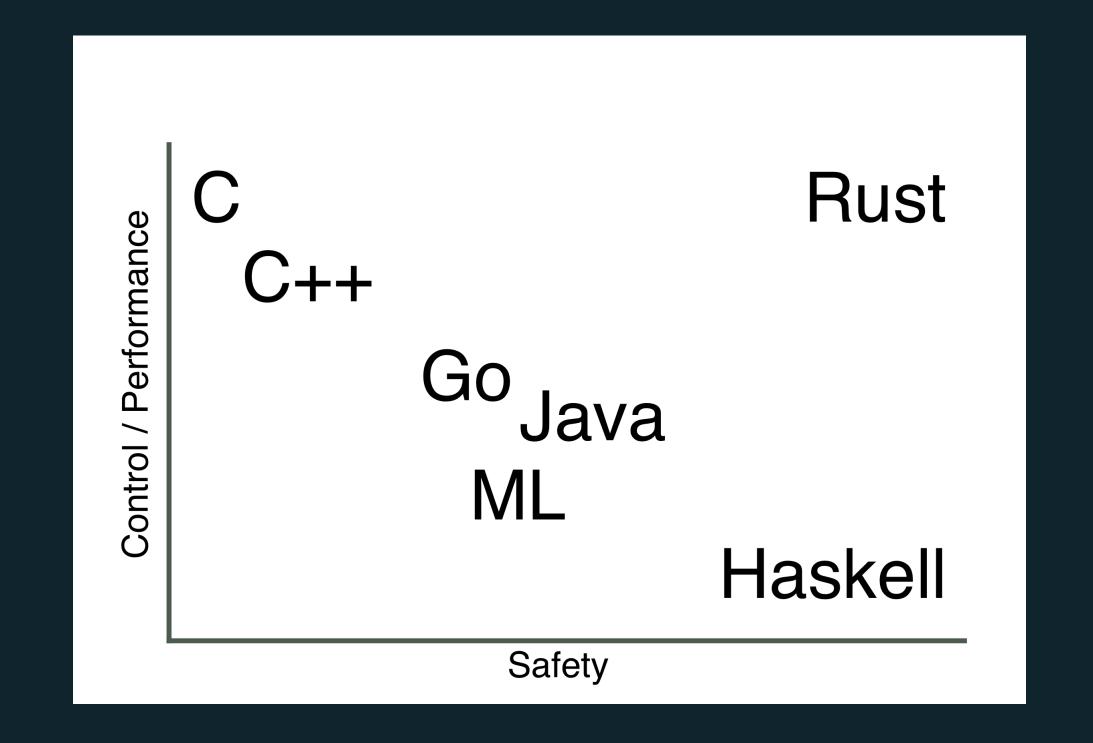
History of Rust

- Started by Mozilla developer in circa 2006
- Sponzored by Mozilla since 2009
- Version 1.0 released in 2015
- Rust 2018 edition

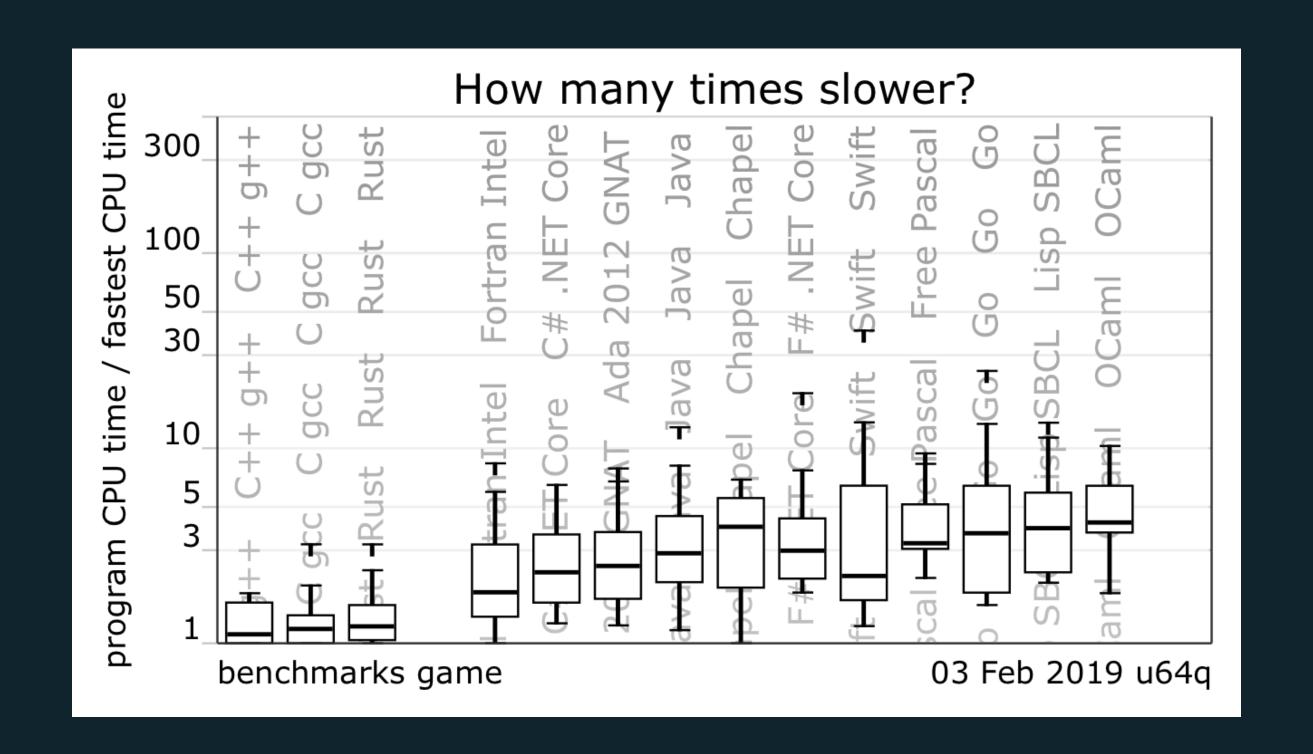
Characterization of Rust

- Compiled language built on top of LLVM toolchain
- No runtime overhead (No GC, dynamic typing etc.)
- Multi-paradigm functional and 00 aspects
- Strong type system
- Memory safe => ownership system
- Provides a lot of control, while maintaining safety

Safety & Control



How fast is fast?



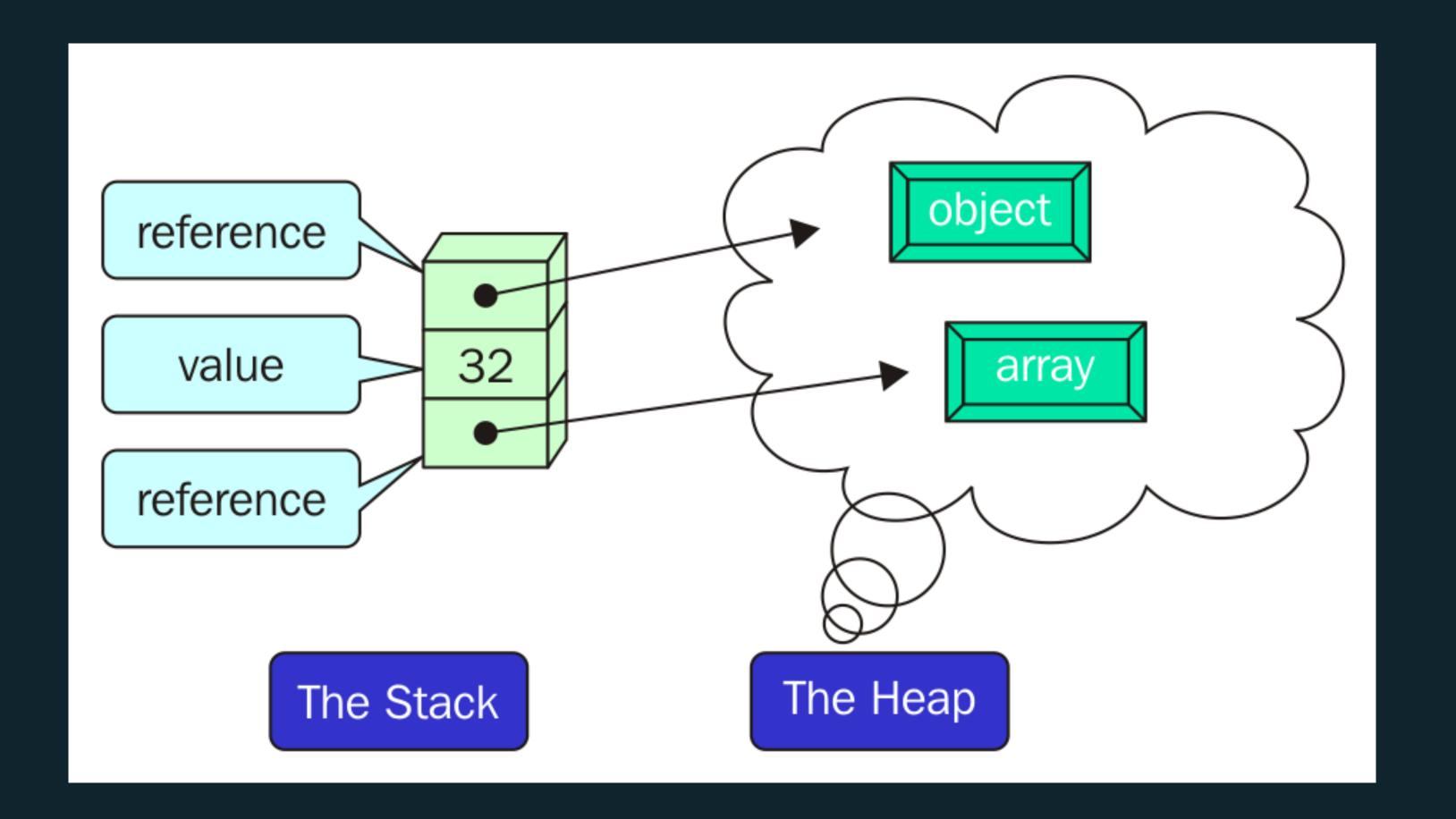
Ownership system

A compiler enforces a set of rules to manage memory without GC:

- Every resource has an owner (always only 1 at a time) who's responsible for managing it.
- When the owner goes out of scope, the resource will be dropped automatically.
- Others can borrow the resource from its owner.
- Owner cannot mutate or drop the resource while it's borrowed.

Stack vs heap

- Stack is LIFO like plates. When code calls a function, the values passed into the function and function's local variables get pushed onto the stack. When function is over, those values get popped of the stack.
- Data with size unknown at compile time are stored on the heap. You need to allocate a space to get it.
- Accessing data in the heap is slower than accessing data on the stack because you have to follow a pointer to get there.



Let's look at examples

— Try out the Rust code yourself on play.rust-lang.org

Ownership in action

```
fn print_vec(v: Vec<i32>) {
    println!("v is valid here! {:?}", v);
} // v is dropped/freed here
fn main() {
    let v = vec![1, 2, 3];
    print_vec(v);
    // Is v still usable here?!
    println!("v still here?! {:?}", v);
```

Borrow of moved value?

Moving

- Rust will never implicitly create "deep" copies of your data.
- It "moves" the data instead chaging the owner.
- The resource isn't usable after being moved it's gone.
- One exception to "never copy" rule are scalar data types (stack-only data)

Second attempt - let's borrow

```
fn print_vec(v: &Vec<i32>) {
    println!("v is valid here! {:?}", v);
} // v wasn't owned, so nothing happens
fn main() {
    let v = vec![1, 2, 3];
    print_vec(&v);
    // Since we didn't move v, but borrow, we can use v here
    println!("v still here?! {:?}", v);
```

Ownership & function arguments

Ownership & return values

```
fn main() {
                                        // gives_ownership moves its return
    let s1 = gives_ownership();
                                       // value into s1
    let s2 = String::from("hello");
                                       // s2 comes into scope
    let s3 = takes_and_gives_back(s2); // s2 is moved into
                                       // takes_and_gives_back, which also
                                       // moves its return value into s3
} // Here, s3 goes out of scope and is dropped. s2 goes out of scope but was
  // moved, so nothing happens. s1 goes out of scope and is dropped.
fn gives_ownership() -> String {
                                            // gives_ownership will move its
                                            // return value into the function
                                             // that calls it
    let some_string = String::from("hello"); // some_string comes into scope
                                             // some_string is returned and
    some_string
                                             // moves out to the calling
                                             // function
// takes_and_gives_back will take a String and return one
fn takes_and_gives_back(a_string: String) -> String { // a_string comes into
   a_string // a_string is returned and moves out to the calling function
```

References

- Borrowing occurs via "taking a reference" without taking ownership
- It is valid only as long as the owner is valid. Rust enforces this at compile time via lifetimes.
- We've taken a reference/pointer to v and passed it to print_vec
- print_vec can read the value reference points to, but cannot modify it => immutability

Immutability

- Everything in Rust is immutable by default
- mut is used to declare a resource as mutable
- One can borrow immutable (&) or mutable (&mut) but not both at the same time
- Multiple immutable references are okay and allowed.

Mutable & immutable example

Ownership system summary

- Most of Rust's power comes from ownership system:
 - No runtime
 - Memory safety
 - Data race freedom
- Also, most of frustration with Rust will come from ownership system
- Not everything can be done while obeying Ownership => Rust offers unsafe

Rust language basics

Type system

- Statically typed language -> types need to be known at compiled time
- Type inferrence let's us get away without type when it can
- Scalar types: integers, floating-point numbers, Booleans, and characters
- Compound types: arrays and tuples
- Structs, enums, traits, ...

Type inferrence

Arrays and tuples

- Array is a single chunk of memory allocated on the stack
- Arrays have a fixed length, once declared, they cannot grow or shrink in size!
- Every element of array must have same type.
- A vector is a similar to array, but can grow or shrink in size (vector is provided by stdlib).
- Tuple groups number of values with a variety of types into one compound type.

```
let a = [1, 2, 3]; // a is array of i32 values; [i32; 3]
let a = [0; 20]; // zero-filled array of length 20
let names = ["Joe", "Jane"]; // names: [&str; 2]
// Accessing array's item
println!("The first name is: {}", names[0])
// Lenght of an array
println!("Length of an array: {}", names.len());
// Tuples
let t = (1.0, 2, "wat"); // t is tuple of (f64, i32, &str)
// Accessing tuple's items
println!("The first item of tuple is: {}", t.0)
```

Strings

- Strings are encoded in UTF-8
- Can be allocated on the heap (string objects) or stack (string literals)
- Two main types of strings you'll encounter String objects and string slices
- String objects are "owned", allocated on the heap
- String slices are "window" into the string (can point to both heap and stack strings)

String examples

```
// hello is &str string slice
let hello = "Hello, this is Rust &'static str stored on the stack";
// s1 and s2 are both String objects
let s1 = "Hello, this will be String type".to_string();
let s2 = String::from("Hello, this will be String type");
```

Control flow

- if expressions: conditions must evaluate to bool, Rust will not convert non-bool to bool.
- loop: tells Rust to execute a block of code over and over again until you explicitly tell it to stop.
- while: conditional loops
- for loop: used mostly with iterators

If-else-if-else example

```
fn main() {
   let number = 6;
    if number % 4 == 0 {
        println!("number is divisible by 4");
   } else if number % 3 == 0 {
        println!("number is divisible by 3");
   } else if number % 2 == 0 {
        println!("number is divisible by 2");
    } else {
        println!("number is not divisible by 4, 3, or 2");
```

If as an expression

```
fn main() {
   let condition = true;
    let number = if condition {
        5
   } else {
   };
    println!("The value of number is: {}", number);
```

Loop expression

```
fn main() {
   let mut counter = 0;
    let result = loop {
        counter += 1;
        if counter == 10 {
            break counter * 2;
    };
    assert_eq!(result, 20);
```

Functions

- In functions signatures, type of each parameter must be declared.
- Functions are made up of statements optionally ending in an expression.
- Functions return last expression implicitly.
- Explicit returns from functions are done using return keyword.
- Passing a variable to a function move or copy.

Function examples

```
fn display_str(str: &str) {
    println!("{}",str);
fn get_string() -> &'static str {
    "A string!"
fn main() {
    let string = get_string();
    display_str(string);
```

Structs

- Structs let you create custom types that are meaningful for your domain.
- Struct keeps associated data connected to each other and name each piece to make your code clear.
- Methods let you specify the behaviour that instances of your structs have.
- Associated functions let you namespace functionality that is particular to your struct without having an instance available.

Struct example

```
struct Point {
 x: i32,
 y: i32,
fn main() {
 let mut p = Point{ x: 0, y: 0 };
 p.x = 1;
  println!("The point is at ({}, {})", p.x, p.y);
```

Struct tricks

```
// Field-init short-hand
let x = 5;
let p = Point { x, y: 2};

// Struct update syntax
let p1 = Point { x: 1, y: 0 };
let p2 = Point { x: 1, ...p1 };
```

Methods

- Methods are defined within the context of a struct (or an enum or a trait object).
- The first parameter is always self the instance of the struct the method is being called on.
- They can take ownership of self, borrow self immutably, or borrow self mutably, just as they can any other parameter.
- Associated functions are often used for constructors that will return a new instance of the struct.

```
struct Rectangle {
    width: f64,
    height: f64,
impl Rectangle {
    // Associated function new
    fn new(width: f64, height: f64) -> Rectangle {
        Rectangle { width, height }
    // Borrow self immutably
    fn area(&self) -> f64 {
        self.width * self.height
    // Borrow self mutably in order to change self
    fn scale(&mut self, factor: f64) {
        self.width *= factor;
        self.height *= factor;
```

Rust Playground

Enums

- Enums define a type by enumerating its possible values / variants
- Each enum variant can have a different type nested inside it
- Enum will take up the size of the maximum of its variants plus a value to know which variant it is

Simple enum

```
enum IpAddrKind {
     V4,
     V6,
}

let four = IpAddrKind::V4;
let six = IpAddrKind::V6;
```

Enum with data

```
enum IpAddrKind {
    V4(String),
    V6(String),
}

let four = IpAddrKind::V4(String::from("127.0.0.1")));
let six = IpAddrKind::V6(String::from("::1"));
```

Complex enum example

```
enum DataSource {
    Flatfile,
    RedisChannel{ host: String, channel: String }, //Anonymous struct
    Postgres,
    Random,
let redis_ch = DataSource::RedisChannel {
    host: String::from("127.0.0.1"),
    channel: String::from("1")
};
```

Option<T> aka Null

- There is no implicit null value in rust. Instead Rust has Option<T> type.
- Encodes common scenario in which a value could be something or it could be nothing.

```
enum Option<T> {
    Some(T),
    None,
}
```

Pattern matching

- Match control flow operator allows to compare a value against a series of patterns and then execute code based on which pattern matches
- Matches in Rust are exhaustive: we must exhaust every last possibility in order for code to compile
- The _ pattern will match any value (aka else)

```
match VALUE {
    PATTERN => EXPRESSION,
    PATTERN => EXPRESSION,
    PATTERN => EXPRESSION,
}
```

Simple match example

```
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,
```

Match w/ values

```
enum Message {
    Quit,
    Move \{ x: i32, y: i32 \},
    Write(String),
    ChangeColor(i32, i32, i32),
fn process_message(msg: Message) {
    match msg {
        Message::Quit => quit(),
        Message::ChangeColor(r, g, b) => change_color(r, g, b),
        Message::Move {x: x, y: y} => move_cursor(x, y),
        Message::Write(s) => println!("{}", s),
```

if let: concise checking

 combines if and let into a less verbose way to handle values that match one pattern while ignoring the rest

```
let some = Some(5);

if let Some(n) = some {
    println!("there is some n: {}", n);
}
```

Error handling

- Rust splits errors into two major categories: recoverable and unrecoverable.
- The type Result<T, E> is used for recoverable errors common return value of functions/methods.
- panic! macro that stops execution when the program encounters an unrecoverable error.

Result<T, E> struct

- Represents either a success (0k variant) or failure (Err variant)
- Offers a ton of helper methods to evaluate the result

```
enum Result<T, E> {
    Ok(T),
    Err(E),
}
```

Handling Result with match

```
use std::fs::File;
fn main() {
   let f = File::open("hello.txt");
   let f = match f {
        Ok(file) => file,
        Err(error) => {
            panic!("There was a problem opening the file: {:?}", error)
       },
```

Shortcuts: handling Result with expect

```
use std::fs::File;
fn main() {
    // Make sure Result from File::open is an Ok variant, otherwise panic!
    let f = File::open("hello.txt").expect("Failed to open hello.txt");
}
```

Modules

- Rust module system is used to control scope and privacy
- Modules organize code into groups
- All items (functions, methods, structs, enums, modules, annd constants) are private by default.
- You can use the pub keyword to make an item public.

Module example

```
mod plant {
    pub struct Vegetable {
        pub name: String,
        id: i32,
    impl Vegetable {
        pub fn new(name: &str) -> Vegetable {
            Vegetable {
                name: String::from(name),
                id: 1,
fn main() {
    let mut v = plant::Vegetable::new("squash");
    v.name = String::from("butternut squash");
   println!("{} are delicious", v.name);
```

Generic data types

- Generics allow to use functions, structs, etc. with many different concrete data type
- Code using generic types doesn't run any slower than code with concrete type
- Monomorphization is the process of turning generic code into specific code by filling in the concrete types

Simple generic struct example

```
struct Point<T> {
     x: T,
     y: T,
}

fn main() {
    let p = Point { x: 5.0, y: 4.0 };
}
```

Generics in methods

```
struct Point<T> {
   x: T,
   y: T,
impl<T> Point<T> {
    fn x(&self) -> &T {
        &self.x
fn main() {
   // pi will be Point<i32>
   let pi = Point { x: 5, y: 10 };
   // pf will be Point<f64>
   let pf = Point { x: 3.0, y: 7.0 };
    println!("pi.x = {}", pi.x());
   println!("pf.x = {}", pf.x());
```

Traits

- Trait tells the Rust compiler about functionality a particular type has
- They are similar to a feature often called interfaces in other languages

Trait examples

```
pub trait Summary {
    fn summarize(&self) -> String;
pub struct NewsArticle {
    pub headline: String,
    pub location: String,
    pub author: String,
    pub content: String,
impl Summary for NewsArticle {
    fn summarize(&self) -> String {
        format!("{}, by {} ({})", self.headline, self.author, self.location)
```

Trait as an argument

Same result: first via impl keyword, second via so called trait bound

```
pub fn notify(item: impl Summary) {
    println!("Breaking news! {}", item.summarize());
}

pub fn notify<T: Summary>(item: T) {
    println!("Breaking news! {}", item.summarize());
}
```

Trait - default implementation

```
pub trait Summary {
    fn summarize_author(&self) -> String;

    fn summarize(&self) -> String {
        format!("(Read more from {}...)", self.summarize_author())
    }
}
```

Closures

- Closures are anonymous functions that you can save in variable or pass as an argument
- As you would expect, closures can captures values from the scope in which they're defined
- It's not required to annotate the types of parameters or return value (unlike functions). Compiler is able to infer the types.
- Type annotations can be added if we want to increase explicitness and clarity at cost of being more verbose than is strictly necessary.

Closures - cont.

- Closures can capture values in 3 ways: taking ownership, borrowing mutably, and borrowing immutably.
- Closure definitions will have one concrete type inferred for each of their parameter and return value.
 If you try to call closure with different types results into compiler error.

Closure syntax

Storing closures in struct

```
struct Cacher<T>
          where T: Fn(u32) -> u32
{
          calculation: T,
          value: Option<u32>
}
```

Iterators

- Iterator patterns allows to perform some task on a sequence of items in turn
- They are lazy, meaning they have no effect until you call methods that consume the iterator.
- All iterators implement a trait named Iterator from the standard library.

```
let v1 = vec![1, 2, 3];
for val in v1.iter() {
    println!("Got: {}", val);
}
```

Iterator example

```
let names = vec!["Jane", "Jill", "Jack", "John"];
let total_len = names
    .iter()
    .map(|name| name.len())
    .fold(0, |acc, len| acc + len );
assert_eq!(total_len, 16);
```

Concurrency

- Rust is thread safe by design thanks to ownership system no race conditions, deadlocks, ...
- The language itself supports 1:1 native threads only (remember, no runtime)
- Concurrent models: Message passing via channels, shared-state
- Other concurrency models provided by other libraries

Threads & channels example

```
use std::thread;
use std::sync::mpsc;
fn main() {
    let (tx, rx) = mpsc::channel();
    thread::spawn(move | | {
        let val = String::from("hi");
        tx.send(val).unwrap();
    });
    let received = rx.recv().unwrap();
    println!("Got: {}", received);
```

Shared state via Mutex<T>

```
use std::sync::{Mutex, Arc};
use std::thread;
fn main() {
    let counter = Arc::new(Mutex::new(0));
    let mut handles = vec![];
    for _ in 0..10 {
        let counter = Arc::clone(&counter);
        let handle = thread::spawn(move || {
            let mut num = counter.lock().unwrap();
            *num += 1;
       });
        handles.push(handle);
    for handle in handles {
        handle.join().unwrap();
    println!("Result: {}", *counter.lock().unwrap());
```

Meta-programming

- Rust offers attributes and macros as a powerful tools for meta-programming.
- println! is macro
- Macros can take variable number of arguments (functions not)
- Declarative and procedural macros

Attribute example

```
#[derive(Debug)]
struct Meter(f64);
impl Meter {
    fn new(m: f64) -> Meter {
        Meter(m)
fn main() {
    let m = Meter::new(3.7);
    println!("{:?}", m);
    dbg!(m);
```

Testing

- Rust provides built-in testing framework: cargo test
- cargo tests runs tests in parallel by default
- assert!, assert_eq! and assert_ne! macros provided
- should_panic attribute sets expectation for panicing code
- Unit tests are stored in the same file as the functionality

Test example

```
pub fn greeting(name: &str) -> String {
    format!("Hello {}!", name)
#[cfg(test)]
mod tests {
    use super::*;
    #[test]
    fn greeting_contains_name() {
        let result = greeting("Carol");
        assert!(result.contains("Carol"));
```

Doc-tests

— Automatically run with cargo test

```
/// # Examples
///
/// let stk = SLStack::<u32>::new();
/// assert!(stk.pop() == None);
///
fn pop(&mut self) -> Option<Box<T>> {
    ...
}
```

Where to use rust?

- WebAssembly WASM target
- AWS Lambda runtime added few months ago
- Embedded

Diesel.rs

- Diesel is a Safe, Extensible ORM and Query Builder for Rust
- Inspiration in Rails & Active Record
- Supports Postgres, Mysql and Sqlite.

```
users::table.load(&connection)
// => "SELECT * FROM users;"
```

Iron - web framework

- Described as "high level" web framework, but do not expect much. Batteries not included.
- Highly concurrent and scalable horinzontally
- Avoids bottlenecks in highly concurrent code by avoiding shared writes and locking in the core framework.
- Meant to be as extensible and pluggable as possible;
 Iron's core avoids unnecessary features by leaving them to middleware, plugins, and modifiers.

Iron example

```
extern crate iron;
use iron::prelude::*;
use iron::status;
fn main() {
    Iron::new(|_: &mut Request| {
        Ok(Response::with((status::Ok, "Hello World!")))
   }).http("localhost:3000").unwrap();
```

Let's code a simple user create service

Project setup

```
# Create new project:
cargo new --bin users-rs && cd users-rs
# Setup DATABASE_URL
echo DATABASE_URL=postgres://you@localhost/usersrs > .env
# Setup Diesel
diesel setup
# Add following to Cargo.toml
[dependencies]
diesel = { version = "1.0.0", features = ["postgres", "chrono"] }
dotenv = "0.9.0"
chrono = "0.4.6"
bcrypt = "0.3"
iron = "0.6.0"
router = "0.6.0"
serde = "1"
serde_json = "1"
serde_derive = "1"
# Generate the first migration
diesel migration generate create_users
# Fetch dependencies & build
cargo build
```

Write migration

```
// up.sql:
CREATE TABLE users (
  id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
  username VARCHAR NOT NULL,
  password_hash VARCHAR NOT NULL,
  created_at TIMESTAMP NOT NULL,
  UNIQUE(username)
// down.sql:
DROP TABLE users;
```

Finish setting up

diesel migration run

You can re-run latest migration with:

diesel migration redo

Create src/lib.rs

```
#[macro_use]
extern crate diesel;
extern crate dotenv;
use diesel::prelude::*;
use diesel::pg::PgConnection;
use dotenv::dotenv;
use std::env;
pub fn establish_connection() -> PgConnection {
    dotenv().ok();
    let database_url = env::var("DATABASE_URL")
        .expect("DATABASE_URL must be set");
    PgConnection::establish(&database_url)
        .expect(&format!("Error connecting to {}", database_url))
```

Create src/models.rs

```
#[derive(Queryable)]
pub struct User {
    pub id: i32,
    pub username: String,
    pub password_hash: String,
    pub created_at: diesel::data_types::PgTimestamp,
}
```

Create src/schema.rs

```
table! {
    posts (id) {
        id -> Integer,
            username -> Text,
            password_hash -> Text,
            created_at -> Timestamp,
     }
}
```

Add NewUser struct to src/models.rs

```
use super::schema::posts;
#[derive(Insertable)]
#[table_name = "users"]
pub struct NewUser<'a> {
    pub username: &'a str,
    pub password: &'a str,
}
```

Declare schema and models modules in src/lib.rs

```
pub mod schema;
pub mod models;
```

Define custom error enum in src/lib.rs

```
#[derive(Debug)]
pub enum AuthenticationError {
    InvalidUsername,
    IncorrectPassword,
    InvalidLogin,
    DatabaseError(diesel::result::Error),
    BcryptError(bcrypt::BcryptError),
impl From<bcrypt::BcryptError> for AuthenticationError {
    fn from(e: bcrypt::BcryptError) -> Self {
        AuthenticationError::BcryptError(e)
```

Write a function to create user in src/lib.rs

```
pub struct Login<'a> {
   pub username: &'a str,
   pub password: &'a str,
impl<'a> Login<'a> {
    fn is_valid(&self) -> bool {
        !self.username.is_empty() && !self.password.is_empty()
pub fn create_user(conn: &PgConnection, login: &Login) -> Result<User, AuthenticationError> {
    use schema::users;
    if !login.is_valid() {
        return Err(AuthenticationError::InvalidLogin);
    let now = Utc::now().naive_utc();
    let password_hash = hash(login.password, DEFAULT_COST).unwrap();
    let new_user = NewUser {
        username: login.username,
        password_hash: &password_hash,
        created_at: now,
   };
    diesel::insert_into(users::table)
        .values(&new_user)
        .get_result(conn)
        .map_err(AuthenticationError::DatabaseError)
```

Bonus points: add test for Login::is_valid()

```
#[cfg(test)]
mod tests {
    use super::*;
    #[test]
    fn login_is_valid_fails_with_empty() {
        let login = login {
            username: ""
            password: "",
        };
        assert!(!login.is_valid());
    #[test]
    fn login_is_valid_succeeds() {
        let login = login {
            username: "joe",
            password: "doe",
        };
        assert!(login.is_valid());
```

Write Iron handler in src/main.rs

```
extern crate iron;
extern crate router;
extern crate users_rs;
use self::users_rs::*;
use crate::Login;
use iron::{Iron, IronResult, Request, Response, status};
use router::Router;
use std::io::Read;
fn main() {
    let mut router = Router::new();
    router.post("/users", create_handler, "create_handler");
    fn create_handler(req: &mut Request) -> IronResult<Response> {
        let mut payload = String::new();
        req.body.read_to_string(&mut payload).unwrap();
        let login: Login = serde_json::from_str(&payload).unwrap();
        let connection = establish_connection();
        let user = create_user(&connection, &login);
        if let Ok(user) = user {
            let response = format!("{{\"id\":{}}}", user.id);
            Ok(Response::with((status::Created, response)))
        } else {
            Ok(Response::with((status::UnprocessableEntity, "{\"success\":false}")))
    Iron::new(router).http("localhost:3000");
```

Test it out

```
$ curl -v -d '{"username":"jz","password":"heslo123"}' localhost:3000/users
  Trying ::1...
* TCP_NODELAY set
* Connected to localhost (::1) port 3000 (#0)
> POST /users HTTP/1.1
> Host: localhost:3000
> User-Agent: curl/7.54.0
> Accept: */*
> Content-Length: 40
> Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
* upload completely sent off: 40 out of 40 bytes
< HTTP/1.1 201 Created
< Content-Length: 8
< Content-Type: text/plain
< Date: Tue, 19 Feb 2019 12:03:19 GMT
* Connection #0 to host localhost left intact$
{"id":1}
```

Things missing

- Invalid request handling the code na panics when not supplied JSON object with username and password
- Diesel connection pooling we create a connection in each handler
- Validations duplicate username will be handled by DB, but other validations are present

That's all, thanks.