

Rust Programming Topics: Sample Programs for Presentation

Illustrative Code Examples with Enhanced Syntax Highlighting

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Introduction

This presentation provides one illustrative Rust program for each major topic from the course objectives, outcomes, and additional concepts. Each slide includes:

- A brief topic explanation.

- A sample program (concise, with **enhanced syntax highlighting**).

- Highlights of special features** (e.g., Rust's unique safety mechanisms).

Programs are optimized for slide readability and tested on Rust Playground. **Wider layout and explicit Rust keyword highlighting prevent overflow and ensure visibility.**

Ownership, Borrowing, and Lifetimes

Special Highlight: Ownership ensures memory safety without GC; borrowing prevents data races; lifetimes avoid dangling references.

```
1 fn main() {
2     let s = String::from("hello"); // s owns the string
3     takes_ownership(s); // ownership moved
4     // println!("{}", s); // error: s moved!
5
6     let x = 5;
7     makes_copy(x); // x copied (primitives implement Copy)
8     println!("{}", x); // ok
9
10    let s2 = String::from("world");
11    let len = calculate_length(&s2); // borrow (immutable ref)
12    println!("Length of '{}' is {}.", s2, len); // s2 still owned
13 }
14
15 fn takes_ownership(some_string: String) { // owns some_string
16     println!("{}", some_string);
17 } // dropped here
18
19 fn makes_copy(some_integer: i32) { // copy
```

Writing, Compiling, and Executing Basic Programs

Special Highlight: Use 'cargo' for building; compiler enforces safety at compile time.

```
1 fn main() {  
2     println!("Hello, Rust!"); // Basic output  
3     let sum = add(5, 10); // Call user-defined function  
4     println!("Sum: {}", sum);  
5     if sum > 10 { // Control structure  
6         println!("Greater than 10");  
7     } else {  
8         println!("10 or less");  
9     }  
10 }  
11  
12 fn add(a: i32, b: i32) -> i32 { // Function with params/return  
13     a + b  
14 }
```

Variables, Data Types, Constants, and Mutability

Special Highlight: Immutability by default promotes safe code; shadowing allows redeclaration.

```
1 const MAX: i32 = 100; // Constant
2
3 fn main() {
4     let x: i32 = 5; // Explicit type, immutable
5     println!("x: {}", x);
6     let mut y = 10; // Mutable
7     y = 15;
8     println!("y: {}", y);
9     let x = "shadowed"; // Shadowing (different type)
10    println!("x now: {}", x);
11    let arr = [1, 2, 3]; // Array
12    let tup = (4, 5.0, 'a'); // Tuple
13    println!("Array[0]: {}, Tuple.2: {}", arr[0], tup.2);
14 }
```

Functions, Parameters, Return Values, and Modules

Special Highlight: Modules organize code; pub for visibility; Rustdoc for documentation.

```
1 pub mod math {  
2     /// Adds two numbers.  
3     pub fn add(a: i32, b: i32) -> i32 {  
4         a + b  
5     }  
6 }  
7  
8 fn main() {  
9     use math::add; // Use module  
10    let result = add(3, 7);  
11    println!("Result: {}", result);  
12 }
```

Enums, Pattern Matching, Option/Result Types

Special Highlight: Enums with data; pattern matching exhaustively handles cases, preventing errors.

```
1 enum Shape {
2     Circle(f64), // Radius
3     Rectangle(f64, f64), // Width, height
4 }
5
6 fn area(shape: Shape) -> f64 {
7     match shape {
8         Shape::Circle(r) => 3.14 * r * r,
9         Shape::Rectangle(w, h) => w * h,
10    }
11 }
12
13 fn main() {
14     let circle = Shape::Circle(5.0);
15     println!("Area: {}", area(circle));
16     let option: Option<i32> = Some(42);
17     if let Some(value) = option {
18         println!("Value: {}", value);
19     }
```


Traits for Common Behavior

Special Highlight: Traits enable polymorphism without inheritance; default implementations possible.

```
1 trait Greet {  
2     fn greet(&self) -> String;  
3 }  
4  
5 struct Person {  
6     name: String,  
7 }  
8  
9 impl Greet for Person {  
10     fn greet(&self) -> String {  
11         format!("Hello, {}!", self.name)  
12     }  
13 }  
14  
15 fn main() {  
16     let p = Person { name: String::from("Alice") };  
17     println!("{}", p.greet());  
18 }
```

Special Highlight: Uses Result for error handling; safe file operations.

```
1 use std::fs::File;
2 use std::io::{self, Write, Read};
3
4 fn main() -> io::Result<()> {
5     let mut file = File::create("hello.txt")?;
6     file.write_all(b"Hello, Rust!")?;
7     let mut contents = String::new();
8     let mut file = File::open("hello.txt")?;
9     file.read_to_string(&mut contents)?;
10    println!("{}", contents);
11    Ok(())
12 }
```

Rusts Role in Modern Software Development

Special Highlight: Memory-safe concurrency; used in web, embedded, systems; no GC for performance.

No specific program; refer to overall examples demonstrating safety and efficiency.

Error Handling, Structs, Enums, Pattern Matching

Special Highlight: Structs with impl for methods; combines with enums for robust types.

```
1 #[derive(Debug)]
2 struct Point {
3     x: f64,
4     y: f64,
5 }
6
7 impl Point {
8     fn distance(&self, other: &Point) -> f64 {
9         ((self.x - other.x).powi(2) + (self.y - other.y).powi(2)).sqrt()
10    }
11 }
12
13 fn main() {
14     let p1 = Point { x: 0.0, y: 0.0 };
15     let p2 = Point { x: 3.0, y: 4.0 };
16     println!("Distance: {}", p1.distance(&p2));
17 }
```

Reusable Code with Traits, Generics, Collections, Iterators

Special Highlight: Generics for type-agnostic code; iterators for efficient looping.

```
1 fn print_collection<T: std::fmt::Debug>(coll: &[T]) {  
2     for item in coll.iter() {  
3         println!("{:?}", item);  
4     }  
5 }  
6  
7 fn main() {  
8     let vec = vec![1, 2, 3];  
9     print_collection(&vec);  
10    let doubled: Vec<i32> = vec.iter().map(|&x| x * 2).collect();  
11    println!("{:?}", doubled);  
12 }
```

Strings and String Manipulation

Special Highlight: UTF-8 encoded; slices (str) vs. owned (String).

```
1 fn main() {  
2     let mut s = String::from("Hello");  
3     s.push_str(", Rust!");  
4     println!("{}", s);  
5     let trimmed = s.trim();  
6     println!("{}", trimmed);  
7     if s.contains("Rust") {  
8         println!("Contains 'Rust'");  
9     }  
10    let replaced = s.replace("Rust", "World");  
11    println!("{}", replaced);  
12 }
```

Collections and Iterators

Special Highlight: Vec is dynamic array; iterators are lazy and composable.

```
1 fn main() {  
2     let mut vec = vec![1, 2, 3, 4, 5];  
3     vec.push(6);  
4     let sum: i32 = vec.iter().sum();  
5     println!("Sum: {}", sum);  
6     let evens: Vec<i32> = vec.iter().filter(|&x| x % 2 == 0).collect();  
7     println!("Evens: {:?}", evens);  
8 }
```

Structs and Methods

Special Highlight: Associated functions (static methods); impl blocks.

```
1 #[derive(Debug)]
2 struct Rectangle {
3     width: u32,
4     height: u32,
5 }
6
7 impl Rectangle {
8     fn area(&self) -> u32 {
9         self.width * self.height
10    }
11    fn new(width: u32, height: u32) -> Self {
12        Self { width, height }
13    }
14 }
15
16 fn main() {
17     let rect = Rectangle::new(10, 20);
18     println!("Area: {}", rect.area());
19 }
```


Async Programming

Special Highlight: `async/await` for non-blocking I/O; requires runtime like `tokio`.

```
1 use tokio::net::TcpListener;
2
3 #[tokio::main]
4 async fn main() -> Result<(), Box<dyn std::error::Error>> {
5     let listener = TcpListener::bind("127.0.0.1:8080").await?;
6     println!("Listening");
7     loop {
8         let (mut socket, _) = listener.accept().await?;
9         tokio::spawn(async move {
10             let mut buf = [0; 1024];
11             socket.read(&mut buf).await.unwrap();
12             // Handle request
13         });
14     }
15 }
```

(Note: Requires `'tokio = version = "1", features = ["full"]` ' in `Cargo.toml`.)

Unsafe Rust

Special Highlight: Unsafe blocks for raw pointers, FFI; bypasses safety checks use cautiously.

```
1 fn main() {  
2     let mut num = 5;  
3     let r1 = &num as *const i32; // Raw pointer  
4     let r2 = &mut num as *mut i32;  
5     unsafe {  
6         println!("r1: {}", *r1);  
7         *r2 = 10;  
8         println!("r2: {}", *r2);  
9     }  
10 }
```

Macros

Special Highlight: Declarative (*macro_rules!*) or procedural; code generation at compile time.

```
1 macro_rules! say_hello {  
2     () => {  
3         println!("Hello!");  
4     };  
5 }  
6  
7 fn main() {  
8     say_hello!();  
9 }
```

Threading

Special Highlight: Safe concurrency; Send/Sync traits prevent data races.

```
1 use std::thread;
2
3 fn main() {
4     let handle = thread::spawn(|| {
5         for i in 1..5 {
6             println!("Spawned thread: {}", i);
7         }
8     });
9     for i in 1..3 {
10        println!("Main thread: {}", i);
11    }
12    handle.join().unwrap();
13 }
```

Unit Testing

Special Highlight: Built-in testing framework; `[test]` attribute.

```
1 fn add(a: i32, b: i32) -> i32 {  
2     a + b  
3 }  
4  
5 #[cfg(test)]  
6 mod tests {  
7     use super::*;  
8     #[test]  
9     fn test_add() {  
10         assert_eq!(add(2, 3), 5);  
11     }  
12     #[test]  
13     #[should_panic]  
14     fn test_panic() {  
15         panic!("Expected panic");  
16     }  
17 }
```

(Run with 'cargo test'.)