

# A Crash Course in Rust

Let's learn [Rust](#) together.

# What is Rust?

- Strongly typed systems programming language
- No garbage collector
- Memory safety is checked at compile time
  - Prevents undefined behavior
    - Use after free, data races, etc
- Async/Await for high performance apps
  - Core IPC message broker
- Package management

# Installation

- [Rustup](#)

```
curl --proto '=https' --tlsv1.2 -sSf https://sh.rustup.rs | sh  
rustup default stable # Install and use the latest stable rust toolchain
```

# Tooling

- Visual Studio Code
- `rust-analyzer` extension
  - Language server for rust
  - Provides IDE-like features
    - Intellisense
    - Goto Definition
    - Refactoring support
    - Inlay type hints

# Creating a Project

```
cargo new learn-rust  
cd learn-rust  
cargo run -r
```

# Data Structures



```
// main.rs
struct Dog;

fn main() {
    let _dog = Dog {};

    println!("Hello, world!");
}
```

# Mutability

```
struct Dog {  
    age: u8,  
}  
  
impl Dog {  
    pub fn celebrate_birthday(&mut self) {  
        self.age = self.age + 1;  
        println!("Fluffy is {} years old!", self.age);  
    }  
}  
  
fn main() {  
    let mut dog = Dog { age: 8 };  
    dog.celebrate_birthday();  
}
```

# Constructors

```
struct Dog { age: u8 }  
impl Dog {  
    pub fn new(age: u8) -> Self {  
        Self { age }  
    }  
    // ...  
}  
fn main() {  
    let mut dog = Dog::new(8);  
    dog.celebrate_birthday();  
}
```



# Enumerations

```
enum BoneKind {  
    Bacon,  
    PeanutButter,  
    Turkey,  
}
```

# Option

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

# Optional Fields

```
struct Dog {  
    age: u8,  
    pub bone: Option<Bone>,  
}  
  
impl Dog {  
    pub fn new(age: u8) -> Self {  
        Self { age, bone: None }  
    }  
  
    // ...
```

## Wait a second...

- What if the dog already has a bone?
- What if the dog doesn't like the flavor?
- What if the dog refuses to take the bone?

# Results and Errors

How do we represent errors in Rust?

- Scenario 1
  - Take a bone from a dog that is without one
    - `None` represents the absence of the bone
- Scenario 2
  - Give one and then another bone to a dog
    - We can return `Err` to represent an error

# Result

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

# Traits

- What are traits?
  - Similar to interfaces
  - Only specify behavior and not data
  - Not inheritance
  - Allows for dynamic dispatch
    - i.e `Vec<Box<dyn Animal>>`
- Built-In Rust traits
  - Default
  - Display

# Custom Errors

```
struct AnimalError { details: String }
impl AnimalError {
    fn new(msg: &str) -> Self {
        Self { details: msg.to_string() }
    }
}
impl std::error::Error for AnimalError {
    fn description(&self) -> &str { &self.details }
}
impl std::fmt::Display for AnimalError {
    fn fmt(&self, f: &mut std::fmt::Formatter) -> std::fmt::Result {
        write!(f, "{}", self.details)
    }
}
```



# Type Aliases

Declare function aliases to abbreviate types

```
pub type Result<T, E = Box<dyn std::error::Error>> = std::result::Result<T, E>;
```

# Smart Pointers in Rust

- What is a `Box`?
  - Just a smart pointer 🧠➡️😎
  - Used for safe heap allocations

# Writing Fallible Methods

```
pub fn receive_bone(&mut self, bone: Bone) -> Result<()> {  
    match self.bone.as_ref() {  
        Some(bone) => {  
            return Err(Box::new(AnimalError::new(&format!(  
                "Dog already has a bone! ({:?})",  
                bone  
            ))))  
        }  
        None => {  
            println!("Fluffy grabbed the {:?} bone!", bone.kind);  
            self.bone = Some(bone);  
        }  
    };  
    Ok(())  
}
```

# More Error Conditions

```
pub fn speak(&self) -> Result<()> {  
    match self.bone.as_ref() {  
        Some(bone) => Err(Box::new(AnimalError::new(&format!(  
            "Dog can't speak because of the {:?} bone!",  
            bone  
        )))),  
        None => Ok(println!("Woof!")),  
    }  
}
```

# Happy Birthday, Fluffy! 🍰🐕

```
fn main() -> Result<()> {  
    let mut dog = Dog::new(8);  
    dog.celebrate_birthday();  
    dog.speak()?; // Now we can invoke dog.speak()  
  
    let bone = Bone::new(BoneKind::BaconFlavored);  
    dog.receive_bone(bone)?;  
  
    Ok(())  
}
```

- **?** operator propagates error to the caller

# Debug Output

```
#[derive(Debug)]  
struct AnimalError {  
    details: String,  
}
```

# Final Program

Available on the [rust playground](#) 🚀

# Next Steps

- The [official rust website](#)
- The Rust bookshelf
  - Run `rustup doc`
- [Awesome Rust Learning](#)
  - Large list of learning resources