

cargo new the-delightful-markdown-experience

Ownership and lifetimes

How Rust's unique features will help us develop a stable, fast and multi-threaded desktop app



HPC Lab 2 - Report

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My code

Setup Likwid too. For this lab, I maintain both CMakeLists.txt and xmake.lua, but I use xmake generated binaries in my report.

Via CMake

Setup the fftw library and libsnd, on Fedora here are the DNF packages

sudo dnf install fftw fftw-devel libsndfile-devel

Setup Likwid too.

Compile

cmake . -Bbuild && cmake --build build/ -j 8

And run the buffers variant

./build/dtmf_encdec_buffers decode trivial-alphabet.wav

Or run the fft variant

./build/dtmf_encdec_fft decode trivial-alphabet.wav

The project

- 1. 3 main features
 - Research
 - Preview
 - PDF export
- 2. Maximum of parallelisation
- 3. Stability and low memory footprint



TreeSitter

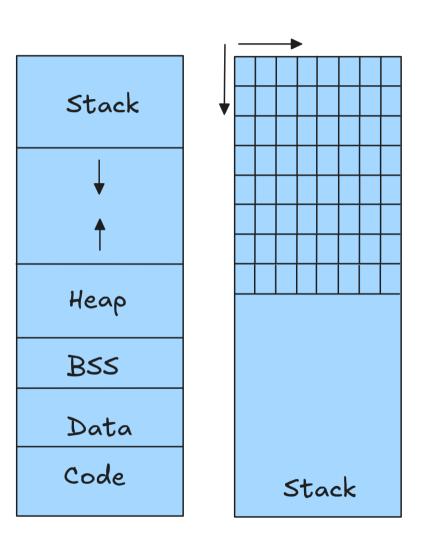


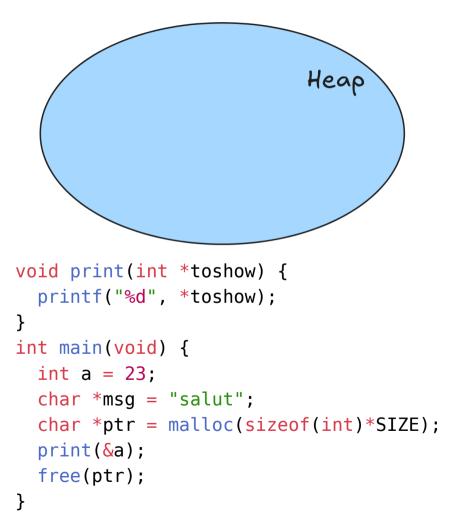
Tree-Sitter generated HTML example

Basics of concurrency

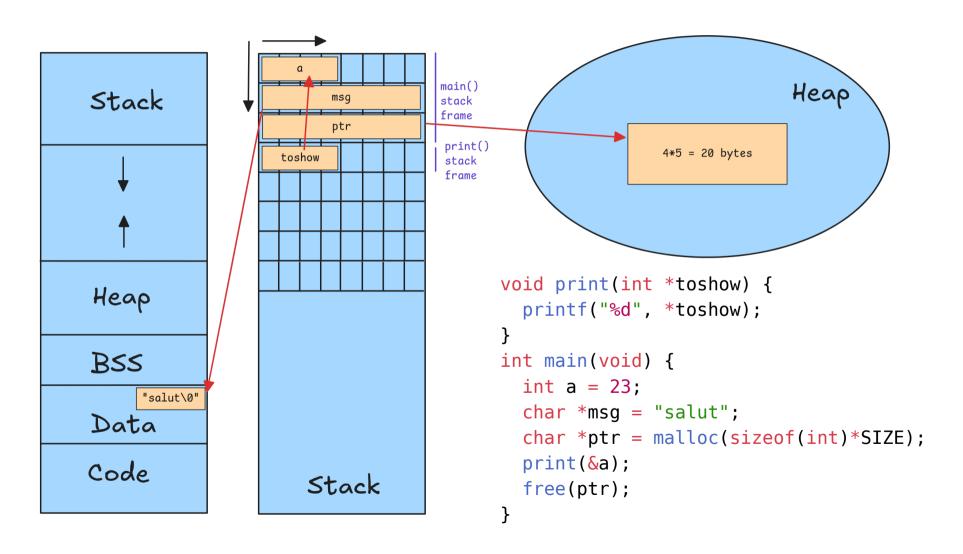
- Multiple process
- Shared ressource
- Critical section

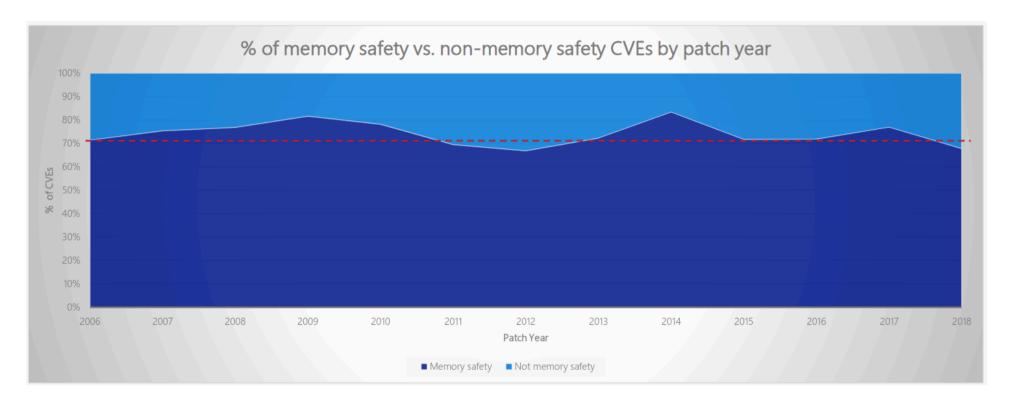
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"~70% of the vulnerabilities addressed through a security update each year continue to be memory safety issues". From Microsoft presentation from 2019.

Rust new paradigms

- Advanced static analysis at compilation time
- In addition to a type and variable, each ressource has an owner and a lifetime
- Advanced smart pointers, traits and concurrency mecanisms

Lifetimes and Ownership

```
// library.h
void save file(float* buffer, char* filename);
// main.c
float* buffer = malloc(SIZE * sizeof(float));
char* filename = "test.txt";
save file(buffer, filename);
free(buffer); // changed ? need to be freed ???
fn save file(buffer: &[f32], filename: &str) {}
fn main() {
   let buffer = [10.2, 3.2, 5.2];
   let filename = "test.txt";
    save file(&buffer, filename);
```

- Borrow
- Rules of borrow
 - Only one mutable reference at a time
 - Or several immutables references
 - References must always be valid

- Each variable has a lifetime
- Compilator determine this to add instructions
- Possible to annotate lifetime

```
fn longest(x: &str, y: &str) -> &str {
   if x.len() > y.len() {
        x
   } else {
        y
   }
}
```

```
fn longest<'a>(x: &'a str, y: &'a str) -> &'a str {
   if x.len() > y.len() {
        x
   } else {
        y
   }
}
```

Memory management

- No manual management of memory
- No garbage collector
- Use lifetime and ownership to ensure no memory leak

Who knows how a compilator transform source code in machine language?

```
Code rust
fn main() {
    let _m = Box::new(2);
}
```

```
HIR

[prelude_import]
use ::std::prelude::rust_2015::*;
#[macro_use]
extern crate std;

fn main() { let _m = Box::new(2); }
```

```
MIR:
fn main() -> () {
    let mut _0: ();
    let _1: std::boxed::Box<i32>;
    scope 1 {
         debug _{m} \Rightarrow _{1};
    bb0: {
         _1 = Box::\langle i32\rangle::new(const 2_i32) \rightarrow [return: bb1, unwind continue];
    bb1: {
         drop(_1) -> [return: bb2, unwind continue];
    bb2: { return; }
```

Concurrency - thread-safe data structures

```
In Rust
In Java, OUPS...
                                         struct Server {
public class WebServer {
                                             users: Rc<Vec<String>>,
    ArrayList<User> users;
                                         impl Server {
    @POST
                                              fn start(&self) {
    public Response createUser() {
                                                  thread::spawn(move | | {
        users.add(new User("John"));
                                                      println!("{:?}", self.users);
        //...
                                                  });
```

Error: Rc<Vec<String>> cannot be shared between threads safely within Server, required for &Server to implement std::marker::Send

Concurrency - Mutexes and Arc

```
In C++, OUPS...
class MegaCounter {
protected:
    int some counter;
public:
    void save(int counter) {
        some counter = counter;
    int get() {
        return some counter;
};
```

```
In Rust
struct MegaCounter {
    some counter: Mutex<i32>,
impl MegaCounter {
   fn new() -> Self { MegaCounter { some counter:
Mutex::new(0) } }
    fn increment(&self, add: i32) {
        // guard: MutexGuard<i32>
        let mut guard = self.some counter.lock().unwrap();
        // mutable dereference to i32 via DerefMut trait
        *quard += add:
        // drop(guard);
    fn get(&self) -> i32 { *self.some counter.lock().unwrap() }
fn main() {
    let counter = Arc::new(MegaCounter::new());
    for i in 0..10 {
        let arc = counter.clone();
        thread::spawn(move | | {
            arc.increment(i);
       });
```

Recap of the magic

Borrow checker enforced rules

- Only one mutable reference at a time
- Or several immutables references
- References must always be valid
- Dynamic memory allocation with hidden free / drop

Combining no garbage collector and no manual memory management

- Minimal overhead at runtime
- Whole package of memory safety issues removed
- Data-races fixed, easier multi-threading