CMSC 330: Organization of Programming Languages

Strings, Slices, Vectors, HashMaps in Rust

String Representation

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 - A pointer to a byte array (interpreted as UTF-8)
 - A (current) length
 - A (maximum) capacityS1Always: length ≤ capacity

| | name | value | | index | value |
|---------------------------|----------|-------|---|-------|-------|
| | ptr | | - | 0 | h |
| | len | 5 | | 1 | e |
| | capacity | 5 | | 2 | 1 |
| | | | | 3 | 1 |
| String pointed-to data is | | | | 4 | О |
| dropped when the owner is | | | | | |

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```
Code
let mut s = String::new();
println!("{}", s.capacity());
for _ in 0..5 {
   s.push_str("hello");
   println!("{},{}",
       s.len(),s.capacity());
}
```

Prints

```
5,5
10,10
15,20
20,20
25,40
```

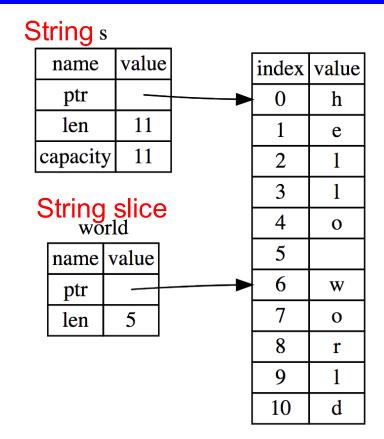
UTF-8 and Rust Strings

- UTF-8 is a variable length character encoding
 - The first 128 characters (US-ASCII) need one byte
 - The next 1,920 characters need two bytes, which covers the remainder of almost all Latin-script alphabets, ... up to 4 bytes
- You may not index a string directly; Rust stops you
 - You could end up in the middle of a character!

```
let s1 = String::from("hello");
let h = s1[0]; // rejected
```

Slice: Shared Data, Separate Metadata

- What we want is to have both strings share the same underlying data
- Happily, Rust's containers permit a way to reference a portion of an object's contents
 - These are called slices



String Slices in Rust

- If s is a String, then &s[range] is a string slice, where range can be as follows
 - -i...j is the range from i to j, inclusive
 - i... is the range from i to the current length
 - ..j is the range from 0 to j
 - . . is the range from 0 to the current length

&str is the type of a String slice

String Slice Example

• Here's first_word in Rust, using slices:

```
pub fn first_word (s: &String) -> &str {
    for (i, item) in s.char_indices() {
        if item == ' ' {
            return &s[0..i];
        }
    }
    s.as_str()
}
```

If we used s.as_bytes() we could end up examining one byte
 of a multi-byte character, due to the UTF-8 encoding

String Slices and Ownership

- A &str slice borrows from the original string
 - Just like an immutable String reference
 - This prevents dangling pointers

```
let mut s = String::from("hello world");
let word = first_word(&s); //borrow
s.clear(); // Error! Can't take mut ref
```

Recall borrowing rules:

```
let b = &s[..];
let c = &s[..];
print!("{}{}", b, c);
```

- Multiple immutable refs, or
- Only one mutable ref (no immut ones)

```
let b = &mut s[..];
let c = &mut s[..]; //error
print!("{}{}", b, c);
```

Quiz 1: What is the output?

```
let s = String::from("Rust is fun!");
let h = &s[0..4];
println!("{}",h);
```

- A. Rust
- B. is
- C. fun!
- D. Type Error

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String Slices are (should be) the Default

String literals are slices

```
let s:&str = "hello world";
```

- Variable s is not the owner of this string data
 - the compiler establishes a static owner to permit free immutable sharing
- Strings do own their data; useful if you want to modify it

- Should use slices where possible
 - E.g., earlier example: fn first_word(s:&str) -> &str
 - Can convert String s to a slice via &s[..]. Oftentimes, this coercion is
 done automatically (due to Deref trait)

Quiz 2: What is the output?

```
let mut s1 = String::from("Hello");
let s2 = " World";
s1.push_str(s2);
print!("{}",s2);
```

- A. World
- B. Hello World
- C. Error because s2 transferred the ownership

Quiz 2: What is the output?

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```

- A. World. push_str() function does not take the ownership of the parameter
- B. Hello World
- C. Error because s2 transferred the ownership

Quiz 3: What is the output?

```
let s1 = String::from("CMSC");
let s3; //deferred init
{
    let s2 = String::from("330");
    s3 = s1+&s2;
}
print!("{}",s3);
print!("{}",s1);
```

- A. CMSC330
- B. CMSC
- C. CMSC330CMSC
- D. Error.

Quiz 3: What is the output?

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let s3; //deferred init
{
    let s2 = String::from("330");
    s3 = s1+&s2;
}
print!("{}",s3);
print!("{}",s1);
```

- A. CMSC330
- B. CMSC
- C. CMSC330CMSC
- D. Error. s1 lost ownership

Vectors: Basics

Vec<T> in Rust is Arraylist<T> in Java

```
{ let mut v:Vec<i32> = Vec::new();
  v.push(1); // adds 1 to v
  v.push("hi"); //error - v contains i32s
  let w = vec![1, 2, 3]; //vec! is a macro
} // v,w and their elements dropped
```

Indexing can fail (panic) or return an Option

```
let v = vec![1, 2, 3, 4, 5];
let third:&i32 = &v[2]; //panics if OOB
let third:Option<&i32> = v.get(2); //None if OOB
```

https://doc.rust-lang.org/book/second-edition/ch08-01-vectors.html

Aside: Options

- Option<T> is an enumerated type, like an OCaml variant
 - Some (v) and None are possible values

```
let v = vec![1, 2, 3, 4, 5];
let third: Option<&i32> = v.get(2);
let z =
   match third {
      Some(i) => Some(i+1), //matches here
      None => None
   };
```

- We'll see more about enumerated types later
 - For now, follow your nose

Vectors: Updates and Iteration

```
let mut a = vec![10, 20, 30, 40, 50];
{ let p = &mut a[1]; //mutable borrow
  *p = 2; //updates a[1]
}//ownership restored
println!("vector contains {:?}",&a);
```

- If we remove the { } block around the def of p, above, then the code fails
 - Not allowed to print via a while mutable borrow p is out
- Iterator variable can be mutable or immutable:

```
let mut v = vec![100, 32, 57];
for i in &v { println!("{}", i); }
for i in &mut v { *i += 50; }
```

Vector and Strings

• Like Strings, vectors can have slices

```
let a = vec![10, 20, 30, 40, 50];
let b = &a[1..3]; //[20,30]
let c = &b[1]; //30
println!("{}",c); //prints 30
```

- Strings implemented internally as a Vec<u8>
 - But: don't mess with the byte-level representation of UTF-8 strings.

HashMaps

 HashMap<K,V> has the expected methods (roughly – see manual for gory details)

See also

```
- get_mut, entry, and or_insert
```

https://doc.rust-lang.org/book/second-edition/ch08-03-hash-maps.html https://doc.rust-lang.org/std/collections/struct.HashMap.html

Quiz 4: What is the output?

```
use std::collections::HashMap;
fn main() {
    let mut h = HashMap::new();
    h.insert("Alice", "1");
    h.insert("Bob", "2");
   match h.get(&"Alice") {
        Some(&id) => println!("Alice:{}",id),
          => println!("Not Found"),
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                       B. Not Found
                       C. Error
```

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