

Lecture 1: Introduction

Patterns, methods, traits and generics

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It's the name of a kind of organism: robust ‘funghi’



(Don't listen to your Flemish grandma, it is **not chilling**, it's “Roest” in Dutch.)

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Free Nu workshop

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No, you can build:

- Web applications (backend and frontend)
- Command-line tools
- Data science and machine learning

1.4. Ultimate goal

By the end of this course, you should be able to **publish your own code** to the Rust package registry crates.io.

Warning

Start thinking now what you would like to build and let me know before next session!



Browse All Crates | Log in with GitHub

The Rust community's crate registry

Type 'S' or '/' to search



Install Cargo

Getting Started

Instantly publish your crates and install them. Use the API to interact and find out more information about available crates. Become a contributor and enhance the site with your work.

190,677,256,300

Downloads



203,226

Crates in stock



New Crates

rat_net_cmd
v0.1.0

Most Downloaded

xatlas-rs-v2
v0.1.4

Just Updated

vtcode-exec-events
v0.38.0

syn

hashbrown

vtcode-config
v0.38.0

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Exercises:

- Exercise from Google’s Rust course
- More exercises <https://exercism.org/tracks/rust>
- Lots of official documentation <https://doc.rust-lang.org/std/index.html>

Our aim in this course: > 50% **exercises!**



All Items

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Summary

▼ The Rust Standard Library

The Rust Standard Library is the foundation of portable Rust software, a set of minimal and battle-tested shared abstractions for the broader Rust ecosystem. It offers core types, like `Vec<T>` and `Option<T>`, library-defined operations on language primitives, standard macros, I/O and multithreading, among many other things.

`std` is available to all Rust crates by default. Therefore, the standard library can be accessed in `use` statements through the path `std`, as in `use std::env`.

How to read this documentation

If you already know the name of what you are looking for, the fastest way to find it is to use the [search button](#) at the top of the page.

Otherwise, you may want to jump to one of these useful sections:

- `std::*` modules
- Primitive types
- Standard macros
- The Rust Prelude

If this is your first time, the documentation for the standard library is written to be casually perused. Clicking on interesting things

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- Work on your own project!

[Back to Exercise](#)

Rust / Space Age



...

src/lib.rs

Cargo.toml

```
1 // The code below is a stub. Just enough to satisfy the compiler.
2 // In order to pass the tests you can add-to or change any of
3 // this code.
4
5 #[derive(Debug)]
6 pub struct Duration;
7
8 impl From<u64> for Duration {
9     fn from(s: u64) -> Self {
10         todo!("s, measured in seconds: {s}")
11     }
12 }
13
14 pub trait Planet {
15     fn years_during(d: &Duration) -> f64 {
16         todo!("convert a duration ({d:?}) to the number of years
17         on this planet for that duration");
18     }
19 }
```

[Stuck? Get help](#)[Run Tests](#)[Submit](#)

Instructions

Tests

Results

ChatGPT

```
1 use space_age::*;

2
3 fn assert_in_delta(expected: f64, actual: f64) {
4     let diff: f64 = (expected - actual).abs();
5     let delta: f64 = 0.01;
6     if diff > delta {
7         panic!("Your result of {actual} should be within
8             {delta} of the expected result {expected}")
9     }
10
11 #[test]
12 fn age_on_earth() {
13     let seconds = 1_000_000_000;
14     let duration = Duration::from(seconds);
15     let output = Earth::years_during(&duration);
16     let expected = 31.69;
17     assert_in_delta(expected, output);
18 }
```

1.7. Course contents

Each session is 2 hours long. Longer break in the middle. Half theory, half exercises.

1. Introduction, **rust basics, patterns, methods, traits, generics** (+ homework)
2. Functional programming & standard library
3. Ownership & borrowing fundamentals
4. Smart pointers & memory management
5. Iterators, modules & testing
6. Error handling & concurrency
7. Asynchronous programming

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- Pattern matching
- Methods
- Traits (maybe at home)
- Generics (maybe at home)

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It is defined behavior in release mode (wrap around), but panics in debug mode.

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Short answer: 4. Longer answer: Rust does not have a unary increment or decrement operator.

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It is i32 unless otherwise specified.



Who was Pingala?

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An ancient Indian scholar (circa 200 BC) who described the Fibonacci sequence in his work on prosody.

Info

The Fibonacci sequence begins with [0, 1]. For $n > 1$, the next number is the sum of the previous two.

Complete the code in `session-1/examples/slel-fib.rs`.

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- When recursion depth exceeds the stack size (around 10,000).

How to fix these issues?

2.6. Type Inference

2.6.1. Follow-up questions

When will this function panic?

- When n is too large and the result overflows $u32$.
- When recursion depth exceeds the stack size (around 10,000).

How to fix these issues?

- Make it iterative.
- Use $u128$ or external `bigint` crate for large Fibonacci numbers.

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3.1. Blocks and scopes

3. Control flow basics

```
1 fn main() {  
2     let z = 13;  
3     let x = {  
4         let y = 10;  
5         dbg!(y);  
6         z - y  
7     };  
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(playground link)

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Info

Rust is an **expression-based** language: almost everything is an expression that returns a value.

```
1 fn main() {  
2     let x = 10;  
3     if x == 0 {  
4         println!("zero!");  
5     } else if x < 100 {  
6         println!("biggish");  
7     } else {  
8         println!("huge");  
9     }  
10 }
```

(playground link)

3.2. If expressions

3. Control flow basics

```
1 fn main() {  
2     let x = 10;  
3     let size = if x < 20 { "small" } else { "large" };  
4     println!("number size: {}", size);  
5 }
```

(playground link)

What happens when we put a semicolon (;) behind the "small" string?

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5 }
```

(playground link)

What happens when we put a semicolon (;) behind the "small" string?

It does not compile.

Warning

Semi-colons at the end of block **suppress block return values**.

3.3. Match expressions

3. Control flow basics

```
1 fn main() {  
2     let val = 1;  
3     match val {  
4         1 => println!("one"),  
5         10 => println!("ten"),  
6         100 => println!("one hundred"),  
7         _ => {  
8             println!("something else");  
9         }  
10    }  
11 }
```

(playground link)

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```

(playground link)

What happens without the `_` case?

It does not compile: non-exhaustive patterns.

Warning

All possible cases must be handled in a `match` expression (exhaustiveness is required).

3.3. Match expressions

3. Control flow basics

```
1 fn main() {  
2     let flag = true;  
3     let val = match flag {  
4         true => 1,  
5         false => 0,  
6     };  
7     println!("The value of {flag} is {val}");  
8 }
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(playground link)

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Info

Every `match` is also an expression that returns a value.

Warning

- All blocks are expressions! Arms may be blocks.
- Do not put semi-colons at the end of arms if you want to return a value!

3.4. Loops

3. Control flow basics

```
1 fn main() {  
2     let mut x = 200;  
3     while x >= 10 {  
4         x = x / 2;  
5     }  
6     dbg!(x);  
7 }
```

(playground link)

Info

break, continue and return work as expected. loop is while true.

3.4. Loops

3. Control flow basics

```
1 fn main() {  
2     for x in 1..5 {  
3         dbg!(x);  
4     }  
5  
6     for elem in [2, 4, 8, 16, 32] {  
7         dbg!(elem);  
8     }  
9 }
```

(playground link)

3.4. Loops

3. Control flow basics

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What can we write inside the `in` of a `for` loop?

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9 }
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(playground link)

What can we write inside the `in` of a `for` loop?

Any iterable type. Implemented with `IntoIterator` trait (see later).

```
1 fn gcd(a: u32, b: u32) -> u32 {  
2     if b > 0 { gcd(b, a % b) } else { a }  
3 }  
4  
5 fn main() {  
6     dbg!(gcd(143, 52));  
7 }
```

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What is the return type of `main`?

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How would you achieve function overloading in Rust?

Rust doesn't support traditional overloading. Instead, use: different names, generic functions with trait bounds, or method overloading through traits like `Add` or `From`.

3.6. Macros

- `println!(format)` prints to standard output with formatting.
- `dbg!(expr)` prints the value of `expr` to standard error for debugging.
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Which macros should you use in tests?

- `assert!(condition)` to check if a condition is true.
- `assert_eq!(a, b)` to check if two values are equal.

3. Control flow basics

```
1 fn factorial(n: u32) -> u32 {  
2     let mut product = 1;  
3     for i in 1..=n {  
4         product *= dbg!(i);  
5     }  
6     product  
7 }  
8 fn main() {  
9     let n = 4;  
10    println!("{}! = {}",  
11        factorial(n));  
12 }
```

(playground link)

3.7. Exercise: Collatz sequence

3. Control flow basics

Solve the exercise about Collatz sequences by completing the code in `session-1/examples/s1e2-collatz.rs`.

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(playground link)

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(playground link)

Can you omit the length of the array in the type annotation?

Yes, the compiler can **infer it from the initializer**. In other cases, it is required.

```
1 fn main() {  
2     let mut a: [i8; 5] = [5, 4, 3, 2, 1];  
3     a[6] = 0;  
4     println!("a: {a:?}");  
5 }
```

(playground link)

What happens when we run this program?

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(playground link)

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```

(playground link)

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Warning

If possible, the compiler omits the bound checks. They may also be disabled explicitly by user.

Have a look at this code:

```
1 fn get_index() -> usize { 6 }
2 fn main() {
3     let mut a: [i8; 5] = [5, 4, 3, 2, 1];
4     a[get_index()] = 0;
5     println!("a: {a:?}");
6 }
```

(playground link)

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(playground link)

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```

(playground link)

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Info

You could write `const fn get_index() -> usize { 6 }` to make it a compile-time constant and remove the runtime bounds check.

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Can the length of an array be modified at runtime?

No, but you can have arrays with mutable elements.

```
1 let mut a: [i8; 5] = [5, 4, 3, 2, 1];  
2 a[2] = 0;
```

(playground link)

4.2. Debug output

4. Tuples and arrays

Printing arrays for debugging:

```
1 fn main() {  
2     let a: [i8; 5] = [5, 4, 3, 2, 1];  
3     println!("a: {:?}", a);  
4 }
```

(playground link)

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(playground link)

What does the `:?>` format specifier do?

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3     println!("a: {:?}", a);  
4 }
```

(playground link)

What does the `:?!` format specifier do?

It uses the `Debug` trait to format the value for debugging purposes. (Also used by `dbg!` and `eprintln!` macros.)

4.3. Tuples

4. Tuples and arrays

Grouping values (of different types) without field names:

```
1 fn main() {  
2     let t: (i8, bool) = (7, true);  
3     dbg!(t.0);  
4     dbg!(t.1);  
5 }
```

(playground link)

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5 }
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(playground link)

Tuples are limited

- You cannot use them in `for` loops.
- You cannot change their length.
- You cannot access elements by name.
- You cannot use array indexing syntax (e.g., `t[0]`).

4.4. Array iteration

4. Tuples and arrays

Arrays are iterable.

```
1 fn main() {  
2     let primes = [2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19];  
3     for prime in primes {  
4         for i in 2..prime {  
5             assert_ne!(prime % i, 0);  
6         }  
7     }  
8 }
```

(playground link)

4.5. Patterns and destructuring

You can destructure tuples and arrays with **destructuring patterns**:

```
1 fn check_order(tuple: (i32, i32, i32)) -> bool {  
2     let (left, middle, right) = tuple;  
3     left < middle && middle < right  
4 }  
5  
6 fn main() {  
7     let tuple = (1, 5, 3);  
8     println!(  
9         "{tuple:?}: {}",  
10        if check_order(tuple) { "ordered" } else { "unordered" }  
11    );  
12 }
```

(playground link)

Info

An irrefutable destructuring pattern is a pattern that **always matches**.

4.6. Exercise: nested arrays

Implement a matrix transpose function that works on 3x3 matrices:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
1 fn transpose(matrix: [[i32; 3]; 3]) -> [[i32; 3]; 3] {  
2     todo!()  
3 }
```

(playground link)

Find the exercise here: [session-1/examples/s1e3-transpose.rs](#).

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Reference & T →

5.1. Shared references

5. References

Reference &T → Referent T

```
1 fn main() {  
2     let a = 'A';  
3     let b = 'B';  
4     let mut r: &char = &a;  
5     dbg!(r);  
6 }
```

(playground link)

5.1. Shared references

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How is r displayed in the output?

It shows the value pointed to: 'A'.

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(playground link)

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How can we print the reference itself (the memory address)?

Use `println!("{}:p")` or convert to raw pointer: `println!("{}:p", r as *const _)`

Warning

Objects are shared immutably among different & through shared references.

```
1 fn main() {  
2     let mut c = 'C';  
3     let r: &char = &c;  
4     // *r = 'D';  
5     dbg!(r);  
6 }
```

(playground link)

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What happens if we uncomment the line that tries to modify `*r`?

Objects cannot be modified through & references.

5.2. Dereferencing

References can be dereferenced automatically in certain cases.

In C++, you would dereference like this:

```
1 char c = 'A';
2 char* r = &c;
3 std::cout << *r << std::endl;
```

(playground link)

In Rust, you can just write:

```
1 let c: char = 'A';
2 let r: &char = &c;
3 println!("{}");
```

(playground link)

5.3. Difficult question

5. References

“What is the output of this Rust program?”

```
1 fn main() {  
2     let a;  
3     let a = a = true;  
4     print!("{}", std::mem::size_of_val(&a));  
5 }
```

(playground link)

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(playground link)

The variable `a` is shadowed by a new variable `a` which could be renamed `b`:

```
1 let a;  
2 let b = a = true;  
3 print!("{}", mem::size_of_val(&b));
```

(playground link)

5.3. Difficult question

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```

(playground link)

What is the output of this Rust program?

↙ The value of an assignment is () .

We can rewrite the program as:

```
1 let a = true;  
2 let b = ();  
3 print!("{}", mem::size_of_val(&b));
```

(playground link)

The `size_of_val` gives the size of () (the referent).

What is the size of ()?

5.3. Difficult question

5. References

```
1 let a;  
2 let b = a = true;  
3 print!("{}", mem::size_of_val(&b));
```

(playground link)

What is the output of this Rust program?

↙ The value of an assignment is () .

We can rewrite the program as:

```
1 let a = true;  
2 let b = ();  
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```

(playground link)

The `size_of_val` gives the size of () (the referent).

What is the size of () ?

↙ 0 bytes.

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4     // let y_coord = &mut point.1;  
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(playground link)

What happens if we uncomment?

Illegal: cannot borrow point as mutable more than once at a time.

Warning

One exclusive reference can exist at a time!

5.6. Exclusive vs. shared

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```

(playground link)

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- `let mut x_coord: &i32;`: An immutable reference that can be reassigned to point to different `i32` values.
- `let x_coord: &mut i32;`: An exclusive reference that allows modifying the `i32` value it points to.

Info

Mutable references don't have to be assigned to `mut` variables to be able to mutate the referenced value.

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```

Pointer `mut`

```

1 let mut a = 1;
2 let b = &mut a; // Need assignment `mut`
3 on `a`
4 *b = 2; // You can assign through the
5 pointer                               (playground link)

```

Both are related to mutability, but are completely separate.

Info

A slice is a **view** into a contiguous sequence. (Like a horizontal continuous window)

```
1 fn main() {  
2     let a: [i32; 6] = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60];  
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4     let s: &[i32] = &a[2..4];  
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Yes, it defaults to the length of the array.

Array [T; N]

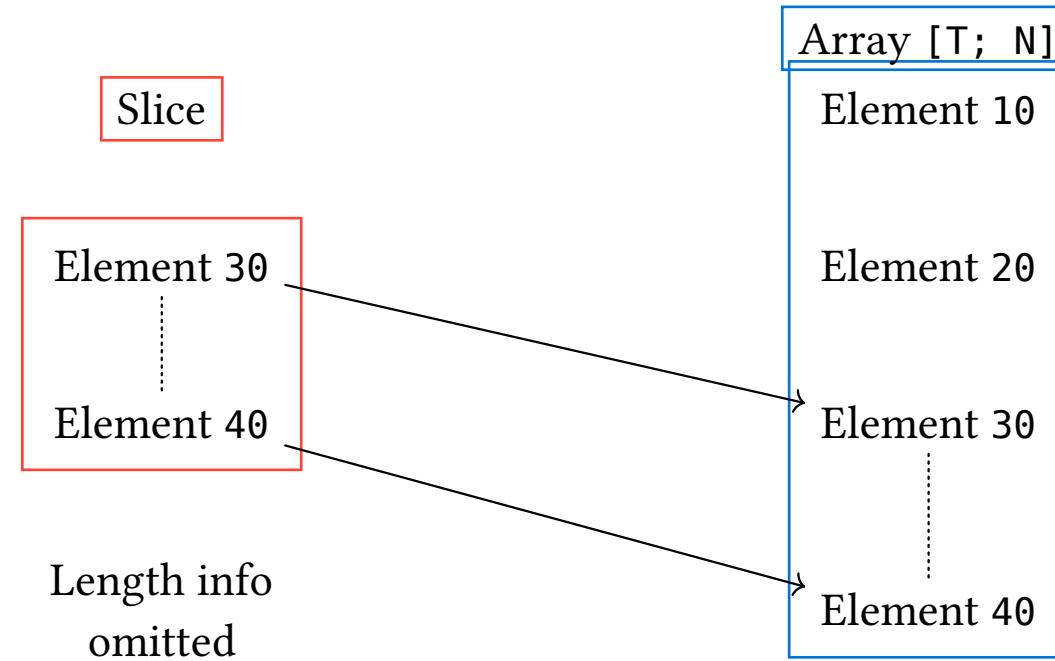
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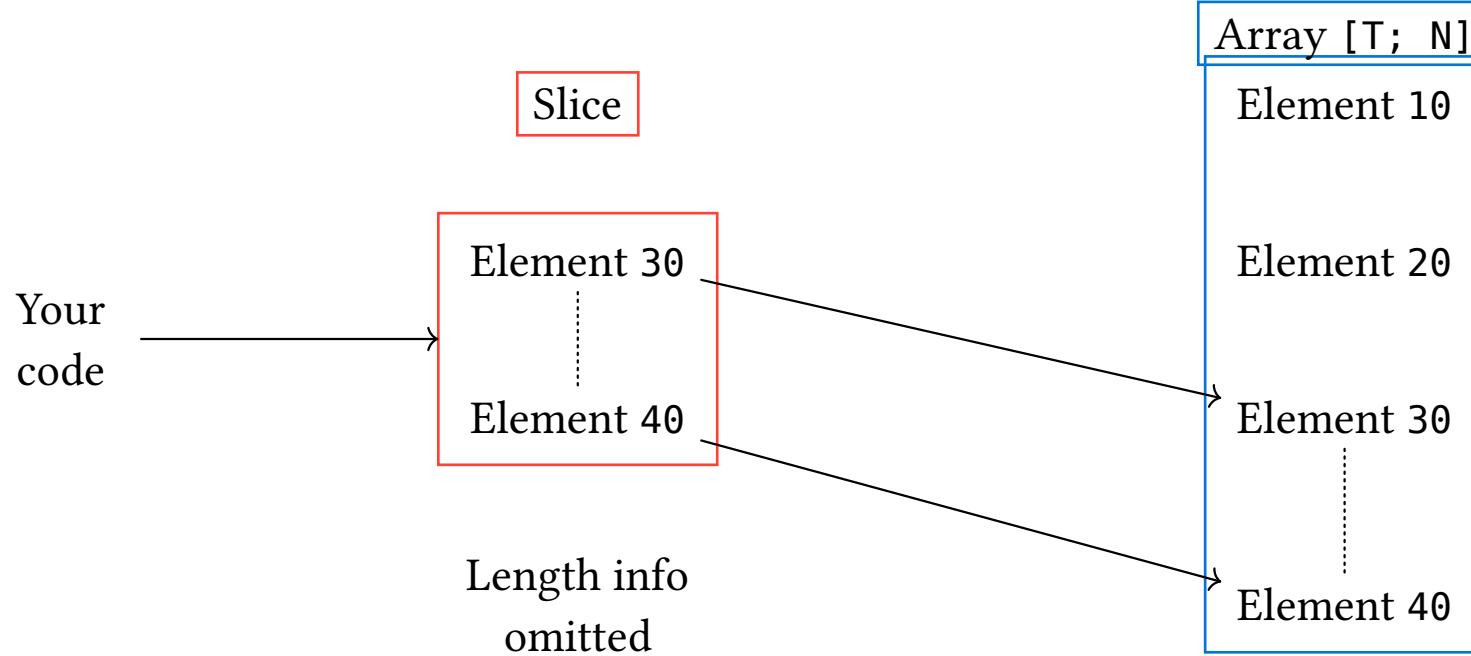
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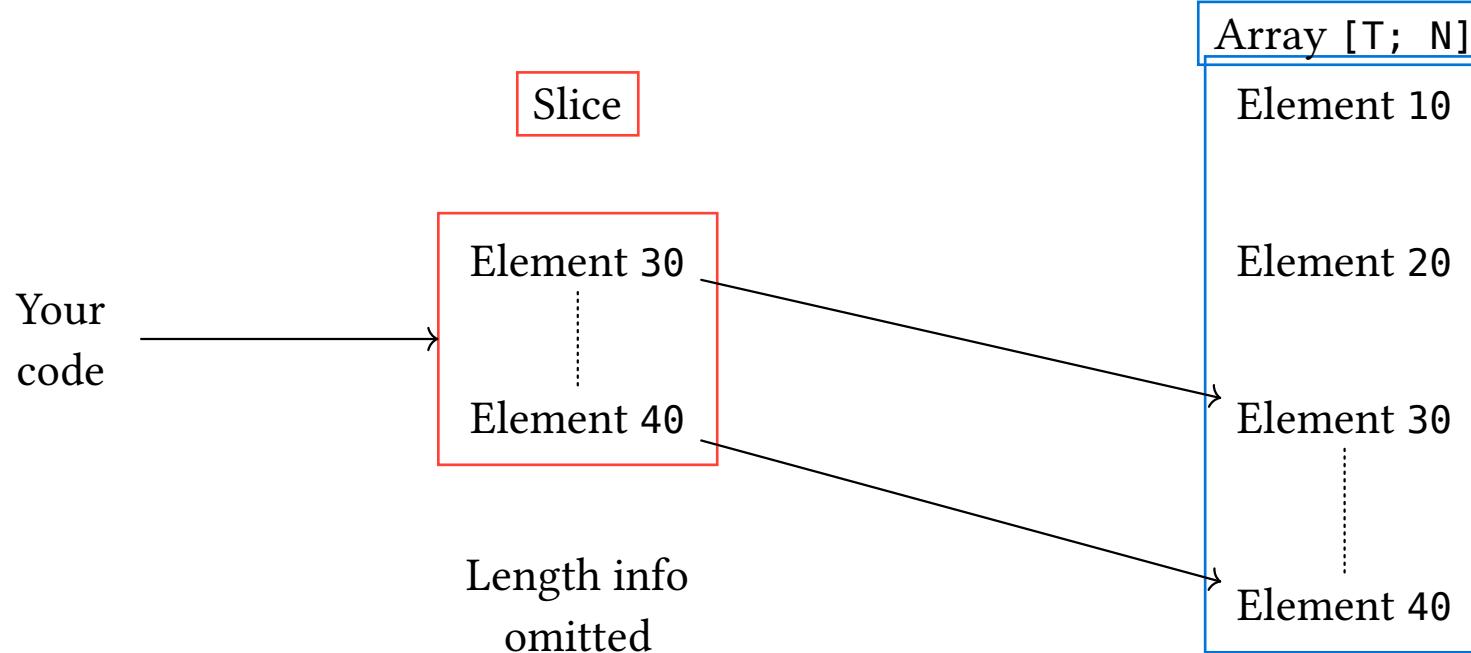


Element 40





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What happens when you have the slice, but destroy the original array?

Not possible in normal Rust. (See later about lifetimes)

More limitations of slices:

- You cannot append elements to a slice.
- You cannot grow a slice.
- You cannot shrink a slice.

However, slices have unique functionality defined.

Warning

Data carriers like arrays may refer you to the methods of the associated slices.

(see next slides about strings)

```
1 fn main() {  
2     let s1: &str = "World";  
3     println!("s1: {s1}");  
4  
5     let mut s2: String = String::from("Hello  
6         ");  
7     println!("s2: {s2}");  
8     s2.push_str(s1);  
9     println!("s2: {s2}");  
10  
11    let s3: &str = &s2[2..9];  
12    println!("s3: {s3}");  
13 }
```

(playground link)

Two new types:

- A `&str` is an immutable slice of a `String`.
- A `String` is mutable vector of UTF-8 characters.

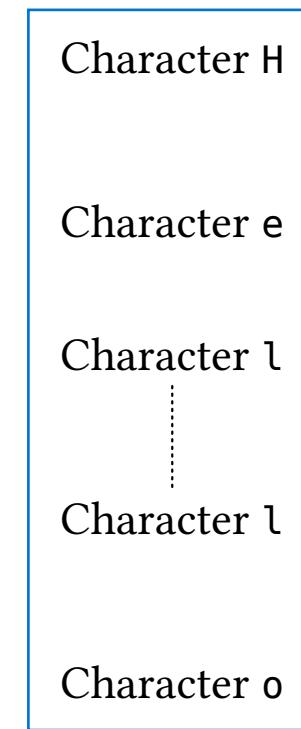
For the C++ programmers:

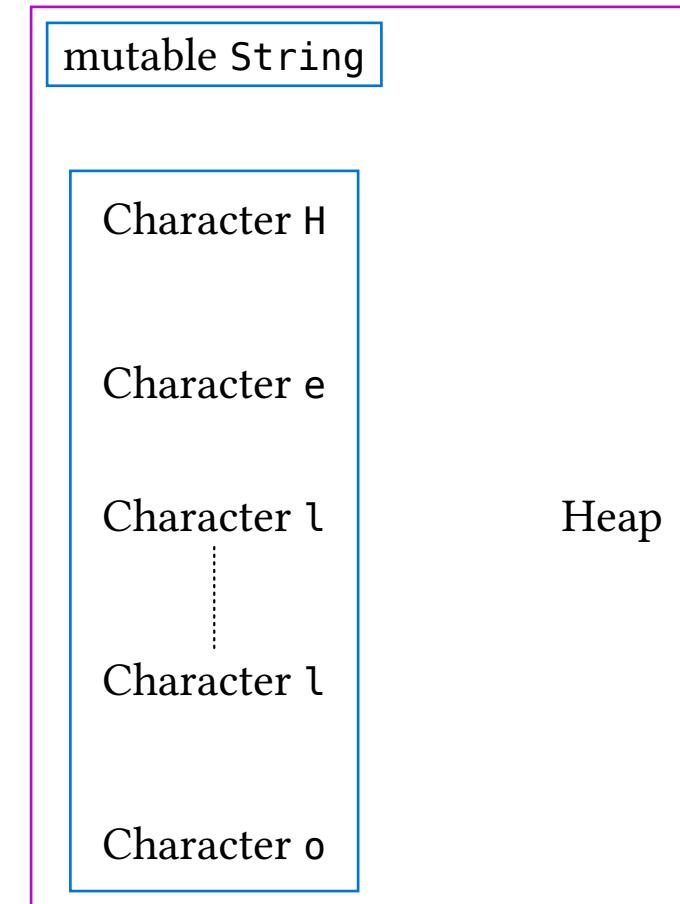
- `&str` is like `std::string_view`
- `String` is like `std::string`

Usage:

- `String::from(&str)` creates a `String` from a `&str`.
- `&String` coerces to `&str` automatically.
- String interpolation with formatting macros: `println!`, `format!`, `dbg!`, etc.

mutable String

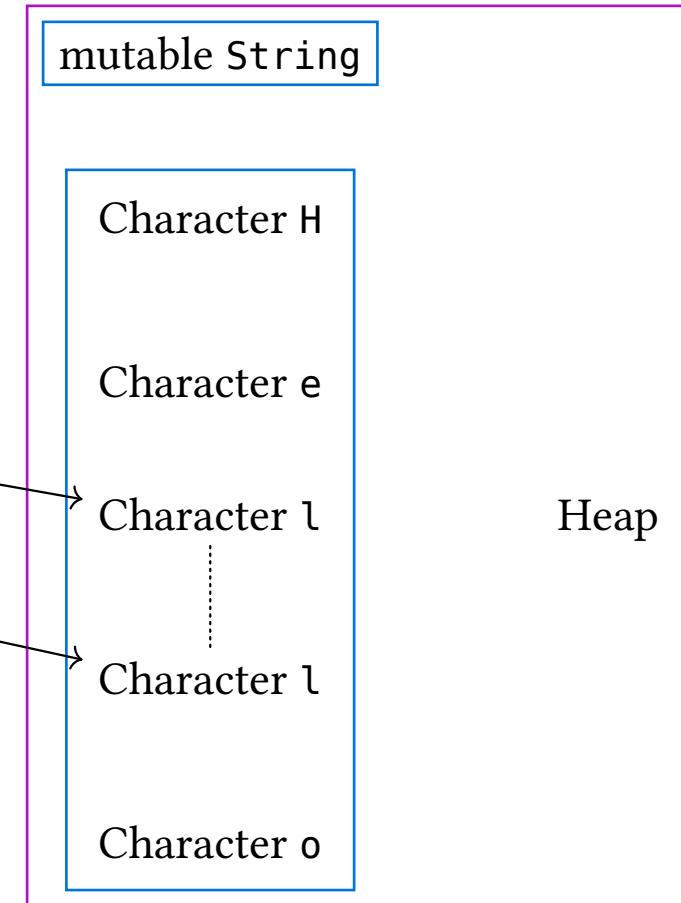




String slice & str
(immutable)

Character l
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Prefer `&str` for parameters (more flexible - accepts both `String` and `&str`). Use `String` when you need ownership or will modify it.

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You use byte slices of type `&[u8]`:

```
1 println!("{:?}", b"abc");
2 println!("{:?}", &[97, 98, 99]);
```

(playground link)

Are you going “inception”, use ‘\’ escapes (or a special Rust feature ‘#’):

```
1 println!(r#"<a href="link.html">link</a>"#);
2 println!("<a href=\"link.html\">link</a>");
```

(playground link)

5.10. Reference validity

5. References

```
1 fn main() {  
2     let x_ref = {  
3         let x = 10;  
4         &x  
5     };  
6     dbg!(x_ref);  
7 }
```

(playground link)

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(playground link)

References in Rust are always safe to use, why?

- references can never be null
- references can't outlive the data they point to

(See next lectures)

5.11. Exercise: vectors

Write some utility functions for calculating the magnitude and normalizing 3D vectors.

Find the statement of the exercise here: [session-1/examples/sle4-vectors.rs](#).

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6.1. Named structs

6. User-defined types

Exactly the same as in C/C++:

```
1 struct Person {  
2     name: String,  
3     age: u8,  
4 }  
5  
6 fn describe(person: &Person) {  
7     println!("{} is {} years old", person.name, person.age);  
8 }
```

(playground link)

6.1.1. Usage

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1 struct Person {  
2     name: String,  
3     age: u8,  
4 }  
5  
6 fn main() {  
7     let name = String::from("Peter");  
8     let mut peter = Person {  
9         name,  
10        age: 27,  
11    };  
12    describe(&peter);  
13    peter.age = 28;  
14 }
```

(playground link)

Warning

Struct fields do not support default values.

Use the `Default` trait to implement default values (see later).

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Rust explicitly forbids `struct` inheritance.

Warning

Inheritance in Rust is replaced by trait composition.

Info

Only abstract interfaces can be inherited, concrete types such as `structs` cannot.

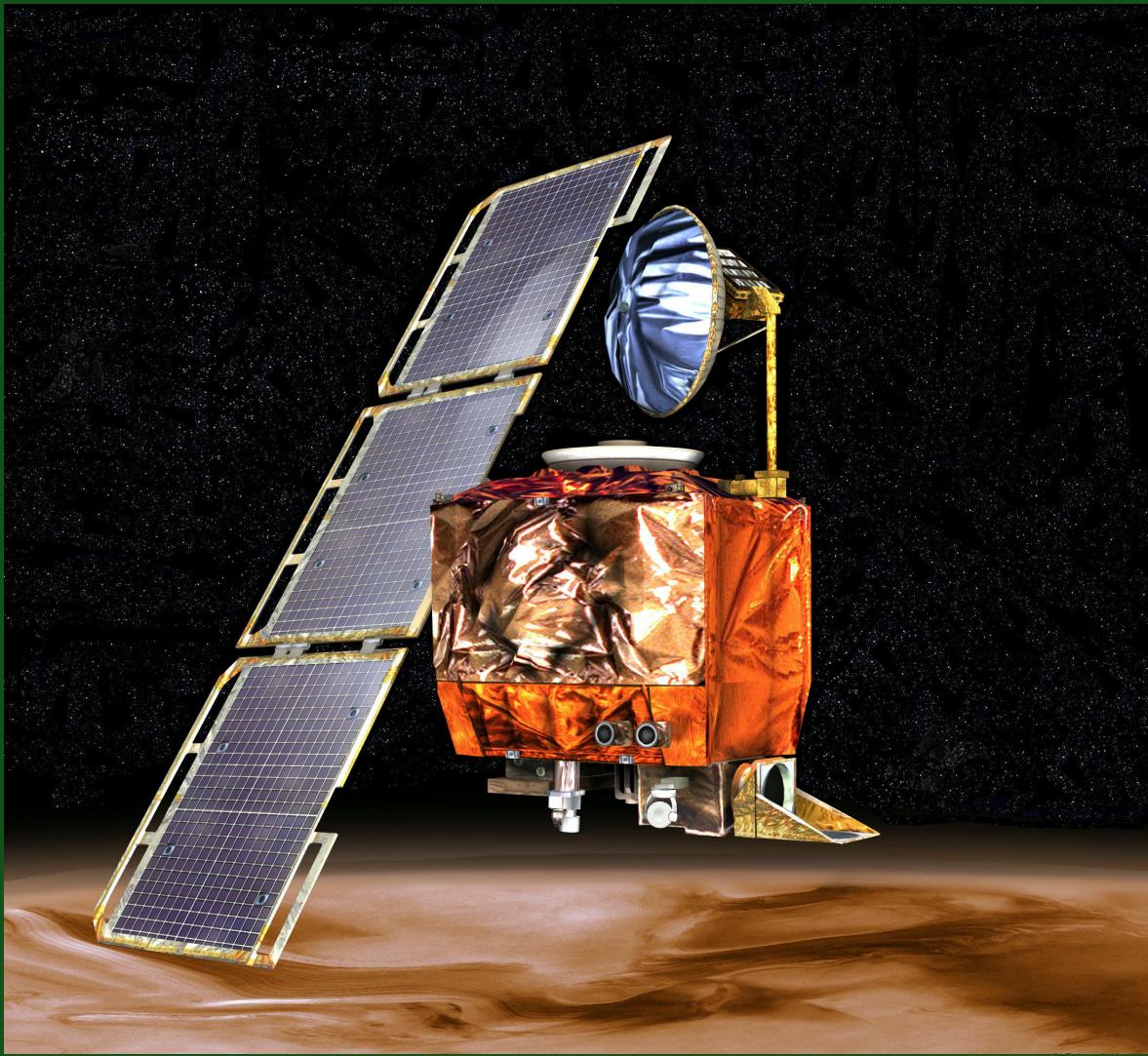
6.2. Tuple structs

6. User-defined types

If the field names are unimportant, you can use a tuple struct:

```
1 struct Point(i32, i32);
2
3 fn main() {
4     let p = Point(17, 23);
5     println!("({}, {})", p.0, p.1);
6 }
```

(playground link)



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A unit conversion error: one team used imperial units (pounds of force), the other metric (Newtons).

6.2.1. Usage

This is often used for single-field wrappers (called newtypes):

```
1 struct PoundsOfForce(f64);  
2 struct Newtons(f64);  
3  
4 fn compute_thruster_force() -> PoundsOfForce {  
5     todo!("Ask a rocket scientist at NASA")  
6 }  
7  
8 fn set_thruster_force(force: Newtons) {  
9     // ...  
10 }  
11  
12 fn main() {  
13     let force = compute_thruster_force();  
14     set_thruster_force(force);  
15 }
```

(playground link)

6.2. Tuple structs

6.2.2. Remarks

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Keep the inner field private by adding pub only to the struct, not to its fields.

6.3. Enums

6. User-defined types

The `enum` keyword allows the creation of a type which has a few different variants:

```
1 #[derive(Debug)]  
2 enum Direction {  
3     Left,  
4     Right,  
5 }
```

(playground link)

```
1 fn main() {  
2     let dir = Direction::Left;  
3     let player_move: PlayerMove = PlayerMove::Run(dir);  
4     println!("On this turn: {player_move:?}");  
5 }
```

(playground link)

```
1 #[derive(Debug)]  
2 enum PlayerMove {  
3     Pass,  
4     Run(Direction),  
5     Teleport { x: u32, y: u32 },  
6 }
```

(playground link)

6.3.1. Storage of enum

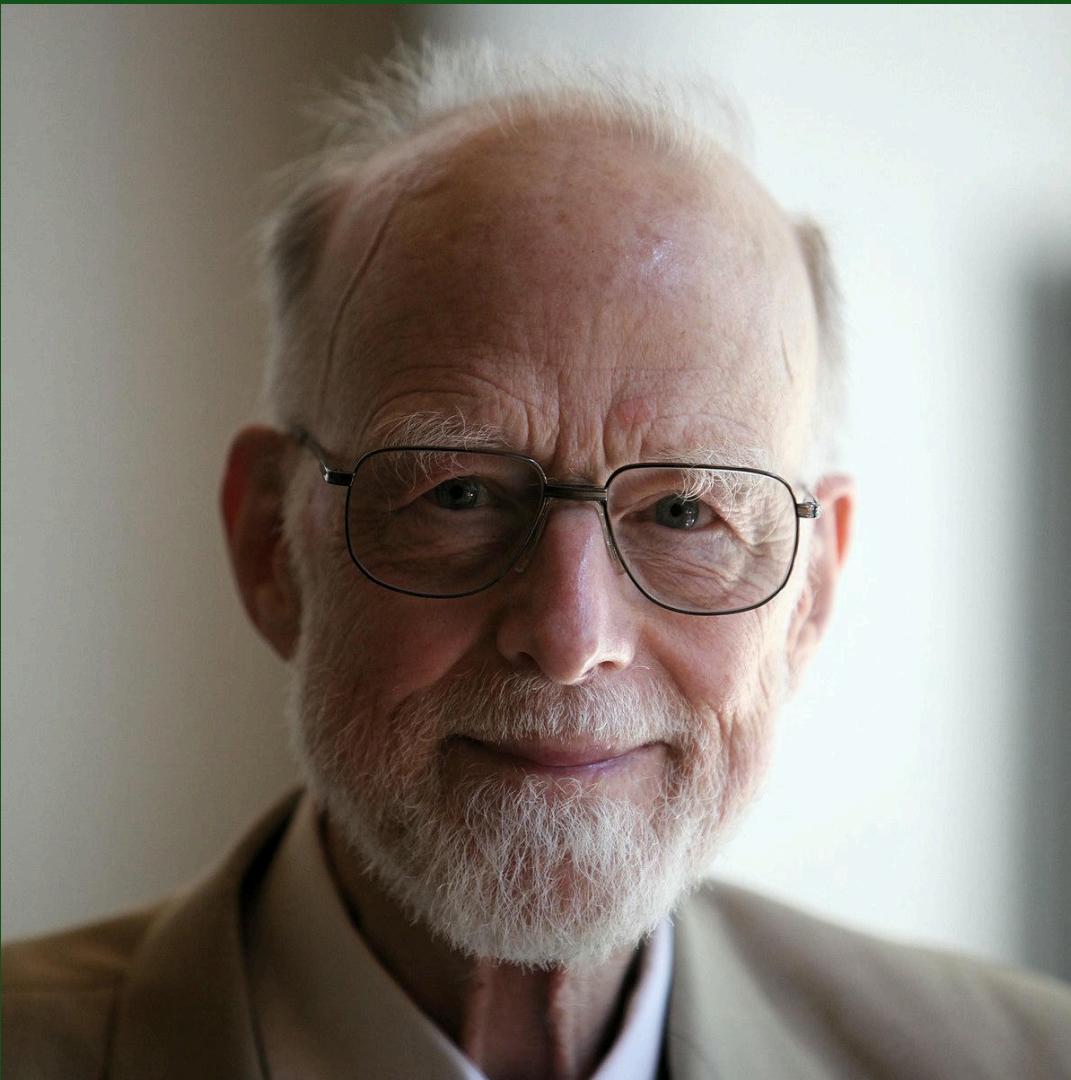
Info

An enum occupies enough space to store **its largest variant** plus some extra space to store which variant it currently is.

```
1 #[repr(u32)]
2 enum Bar {
3     A, // 0
4     B = 10000,
5     C, // 10001
6 }
7
8 fn main() {
9     println!("A: {}", Bar::A as u32);
10    println!("B: {}", Bar::B as u32);
11    println!("C: {}", Bar::C as u32);
12 }
```

(playground link)

Without `repr`, the discriminant type takes 2 bytes, because 10001 fits 2 bytes.



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Tony Hoare is a British computer scientist who invented the null reference in 1965 while designing the ALGOL W programming language.

6.3.2. Option enum

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Info

For the functional programmers: `Option` is also a **monad**, but in Rust monadic do notation is replaced by the short-circuiting `?` operator.

6.3.3. The actual machine representation

We'll use `transmute` to peek at the internal bit representation:

```
1 use std::mem::transmute;
2 macro_rules! dbg_bits {
3     ($e:expr, $bit_type:ty) => {
4         println!("- {}: {:#x}", stringify!($e), transmute::<_, $bit_type>($e));
5     };
6 }
```

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Warning

`transmute` is unsafe and reinterprets memory. The compiler provides no guarantees about enum representations.

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6.3.4. Representation of `bool` and `Option<bool>`

```
1 unsafe {
2     println!("bool:");
3     dbg_bits!(false, u8);
4     dbg_bits!(true, u8);
5
6     println!("Option<bool>:");
7     dbg_bits!(None::<bool>, u8);
8     dbg_bits!(Some(false), u8);
9     dbg_bits!(Some(true), u8);
10 }
11
12
13
14 (playground link)
```

Expected output:

```
1 bool:
2 - false: 0x0
3 - true: 0x1
4 Option<bool>:
5 - None::<bool>: 0x2
6 - Some(false): 0x0
7 - Some(true): 0x1 (playground link)
```

Info

`Option<bool>` uses `0x2` for `None`, allowing all three states in 1 byte!

6.3. Enums

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6.3.5. Representation of Option<Option<bool>>

```
1 unsafe {
2     println!("Option<Option<bool>>:");
3     dbg_bits!(Some(Some(false)), u8);
4     dbg_bits!(Some(Some(true)), u8);
5     dbg_bits!(Some(None::<bool>), u8);
6     dbg_bits!(None::<Option<bool>>, u8);
7 }
8
9
10 (playground link)
```

Expected output:

```
1 Option<Option<bool>>:
2 - Some(Some(false)): 0x0
3 - Some(Some(true)): 0x1
4 - Some(None::<bool>): 0x2
5 - None::<Option<bool>>: (0x3 playground link)
```

Info

Four distinct states, still fitting in just 1 byte!

6.3.6. Option<&i32> and null pointer optimization

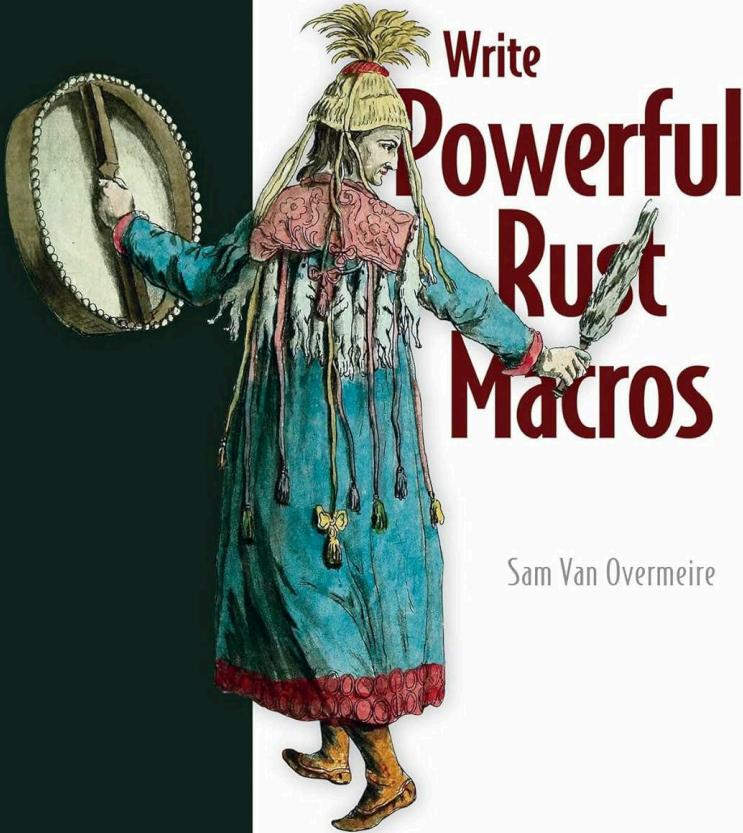
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1 unsafe {
2     println!("Option<&i32>:");
3     dbg_bits!(None::<&i32>, usize);
4     dbg_bits!(Some(&0i32), usize);
5 }
6
7
8 (playground link)
```

Expected output (on 64-bit):

```
1 Option<&i32>:
2 - None::<&i32>: 0x0
3 - Some(&0i32): 0x7ffc8e4a1b2cground link)
```

Info

None is represented as null pointer (0x0), while Some contains the actual memory address. No extra space needed for the discriminant!



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6.4. Compile-time const

```
1 const fn is_prime(n: u32) -> bool {  
2     if n < 2 { return false; }  
3     let mut i = 2;  
4     while i * i <= n {  
5         if n % i == 0 { return false; }  
6         i += 1;  
7     }  
8     true  
9 }  
10  
11 fn main() {  
12     println!("First 25 primes: {:?}",  
13                 PRIMES_BELOW_100);  
14 }
```

(playground link)

6. User-defined types

```
1 const PRIMES_BELOW_100: [u32; 25] = {  
2     let mut primes = [0; 25];  
3     let mut count = 0;  
4     let mut n = 2;  
5     while n < 100 {  
6         if is_prime(n) {  
7             primes[count] = n;  
8             count += 1;  
9         }  
10        n += 1;  
11    }  
12    primes  
13 };
```

(playground link)

Info

The prime sieve runs at **compile time**, resulting in zero runtime overhead!

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To guarantee deterministic, side-effect-free compile-time evaluation with predictable performance.

6.5. Static

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Static variables will live during the whole execution of the program, and therefore will not move:

```
1 static BANNER: &str = "Welcome to RustOS 3.14";
2
3 fn main() {
4     println!("{}BANNER");
5 }
```

(playground link)

Info

Accessible from any thread.

Warning

Not inlined upon use and have an actual associated memory location.

Why is this often used in embedded Rust?

Static variables will live during the whole execution of the program, and therefore will not move:

```
1 static BANNER: &str = "Welcome to RustOS 3.14";
2
3 fn main() {
4     println!("{}BANNER");
5 }
```

(playground link)

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Why is this often used in embedded Rust?

Stable addresses are often required. Memory shared between cores. No heap allocation is available.

6.5.1. static OnceLock pattern

When a `static` needs to be initialised at runtime (just once) and is read-only, use `OnceLock`:

```
1 use std::sync::OnceLock;  
2  
3 static CONFIG: OnceLock<Config> = OnceLock::new();  
4  
5 fn main() {  
6     CONFIG.get_or_init(|| {  
7         Config::load("config.toml")  
8     });  
9 }
```

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6.5.2. Plant pot workshop

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Instructions available at <https://github.com/sysghent/plant-pot>.

```
1 static HUMIDITY_PUBSUB_CHANNEL: PubSubChannel<CriticalSectionRawMutex, f32, 1, 3, 1> =  
2     PubSubChannel::new();  
3  
4  
5 #[main]  
6 async fn main(spawner: Spawner) -> ! {  
7     let p = embassy_rp::init(config::Config::default());  
8     let adc_component = Adc::new(p.ADC, Irqs, Config::default());  
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 (In this example `PubSubChannel::new()` is a `const fn`.)

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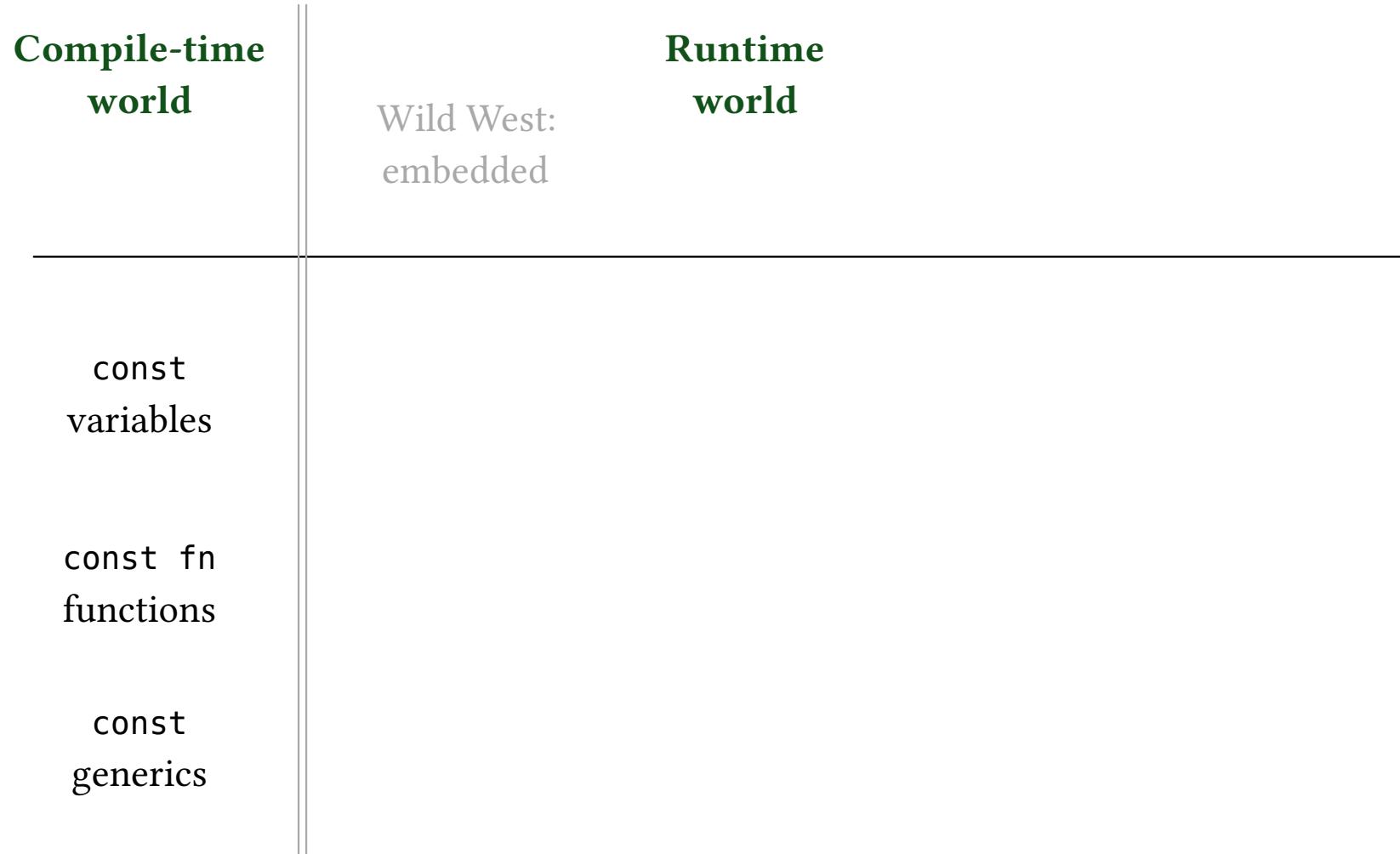
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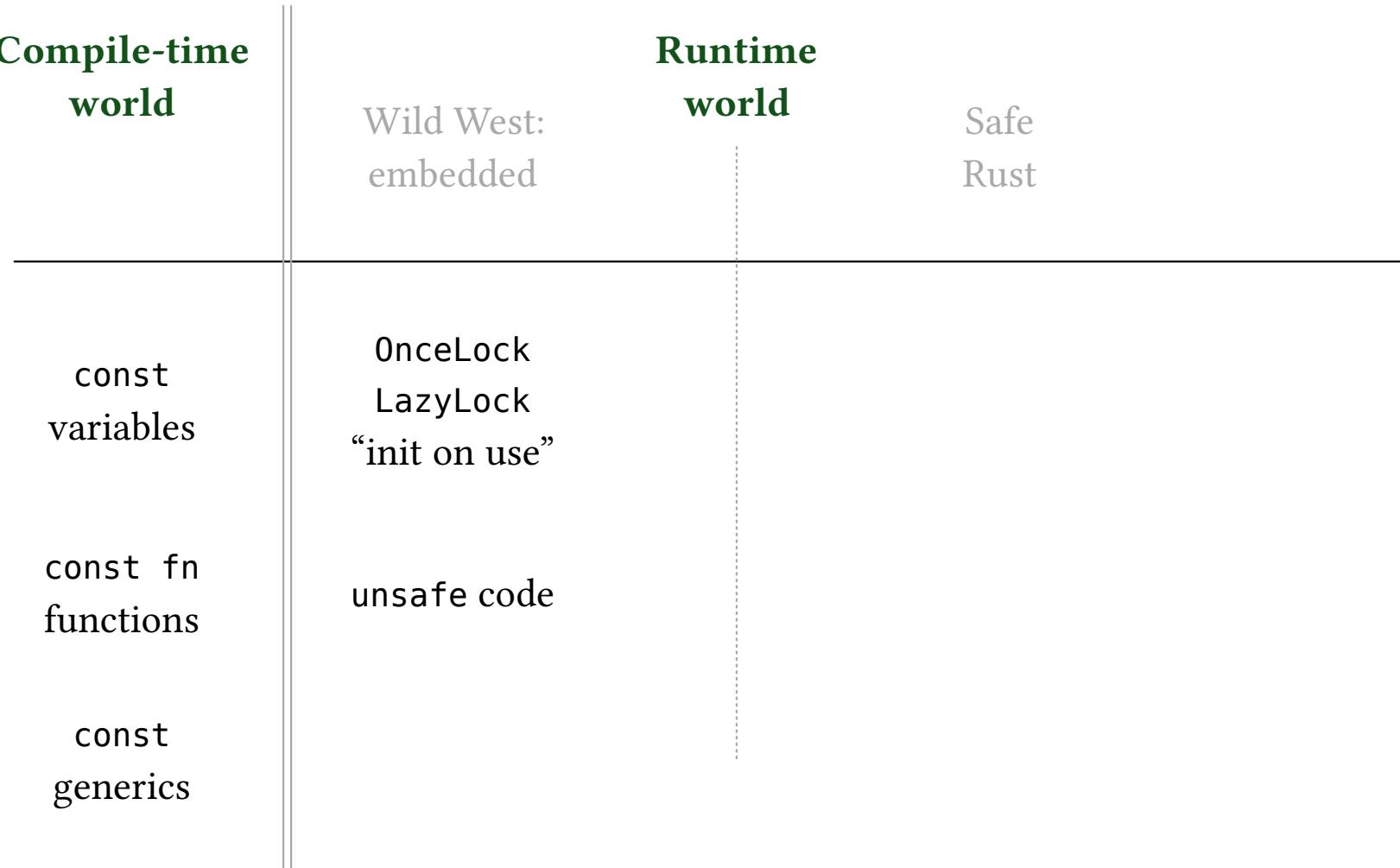
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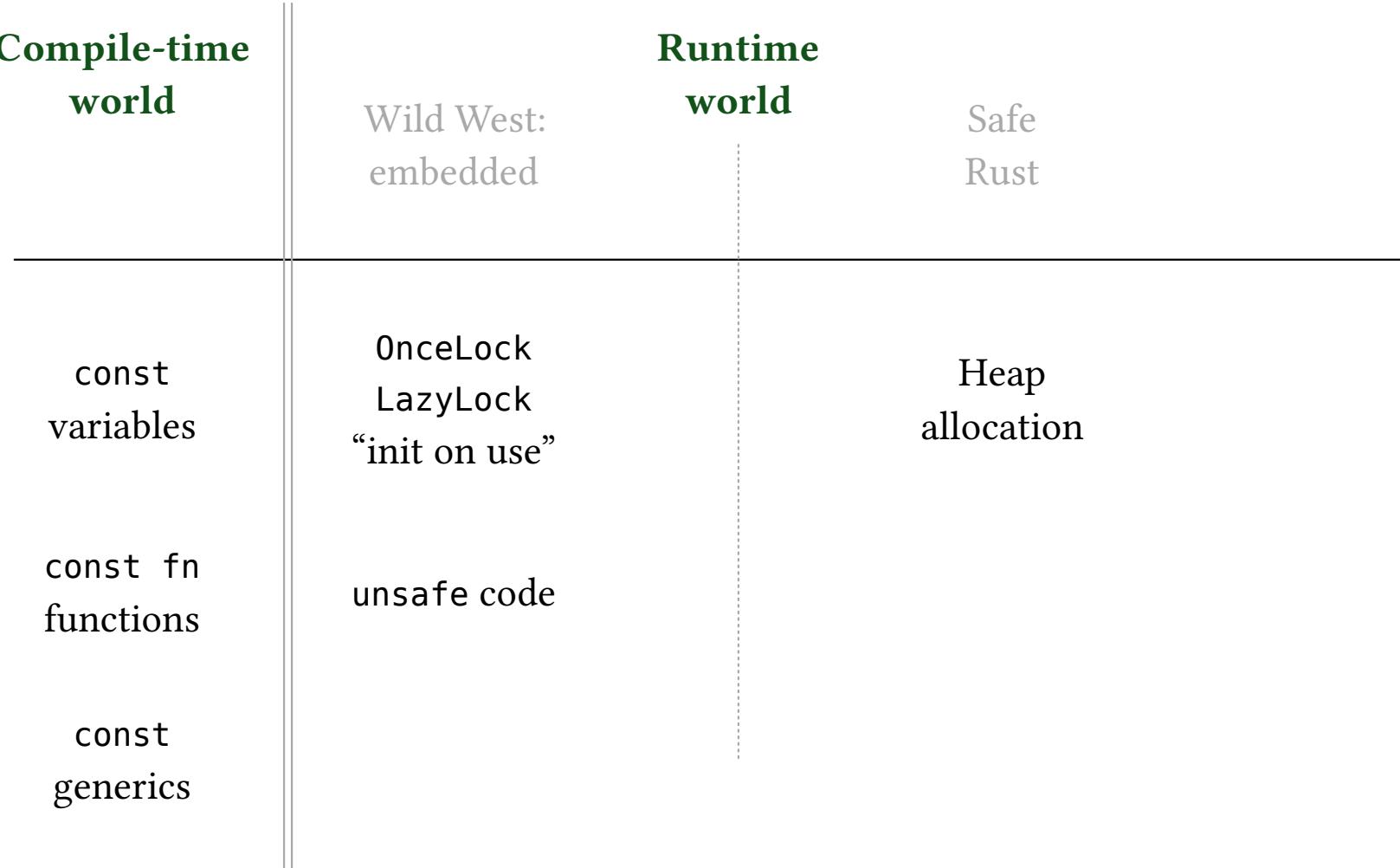
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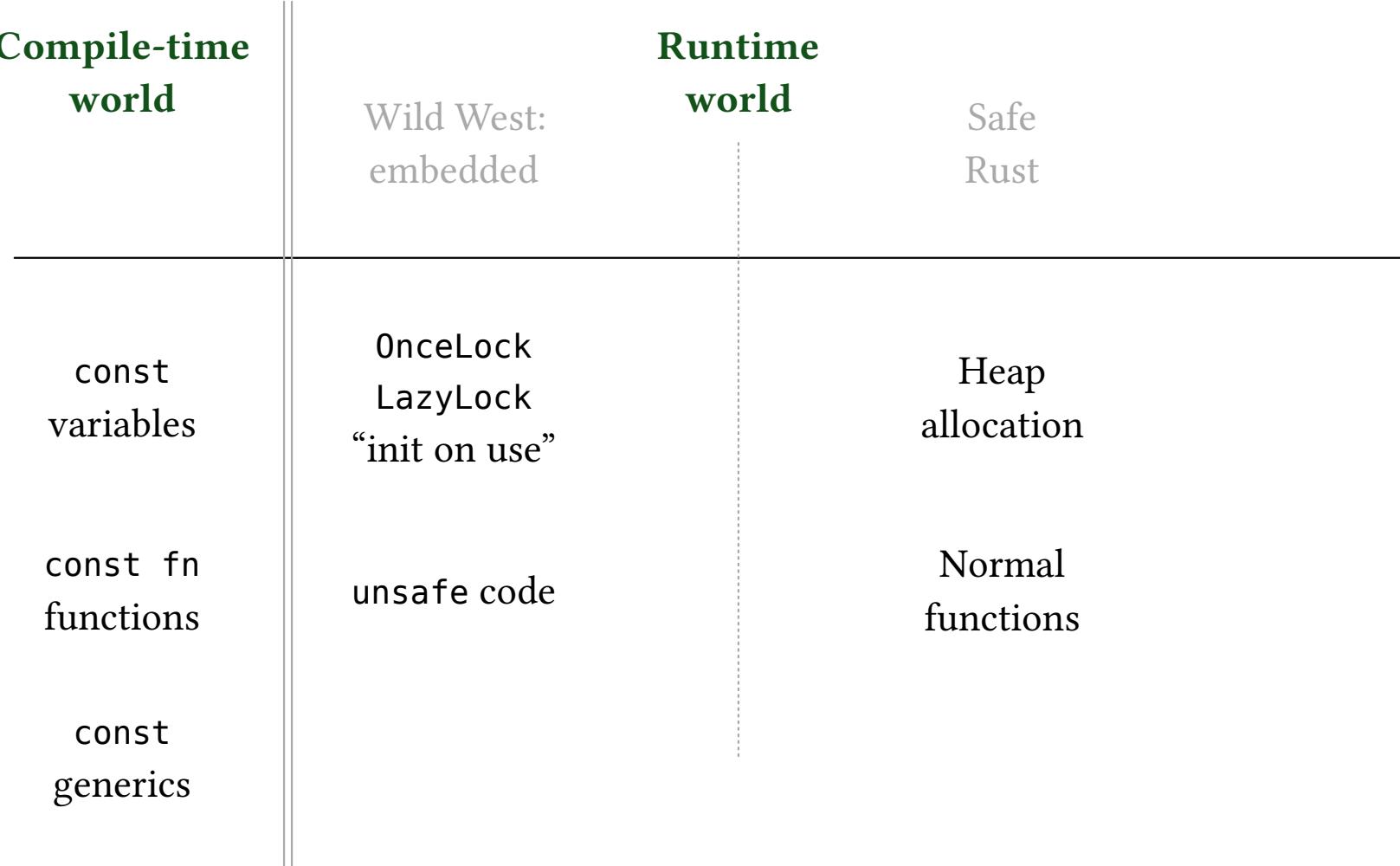


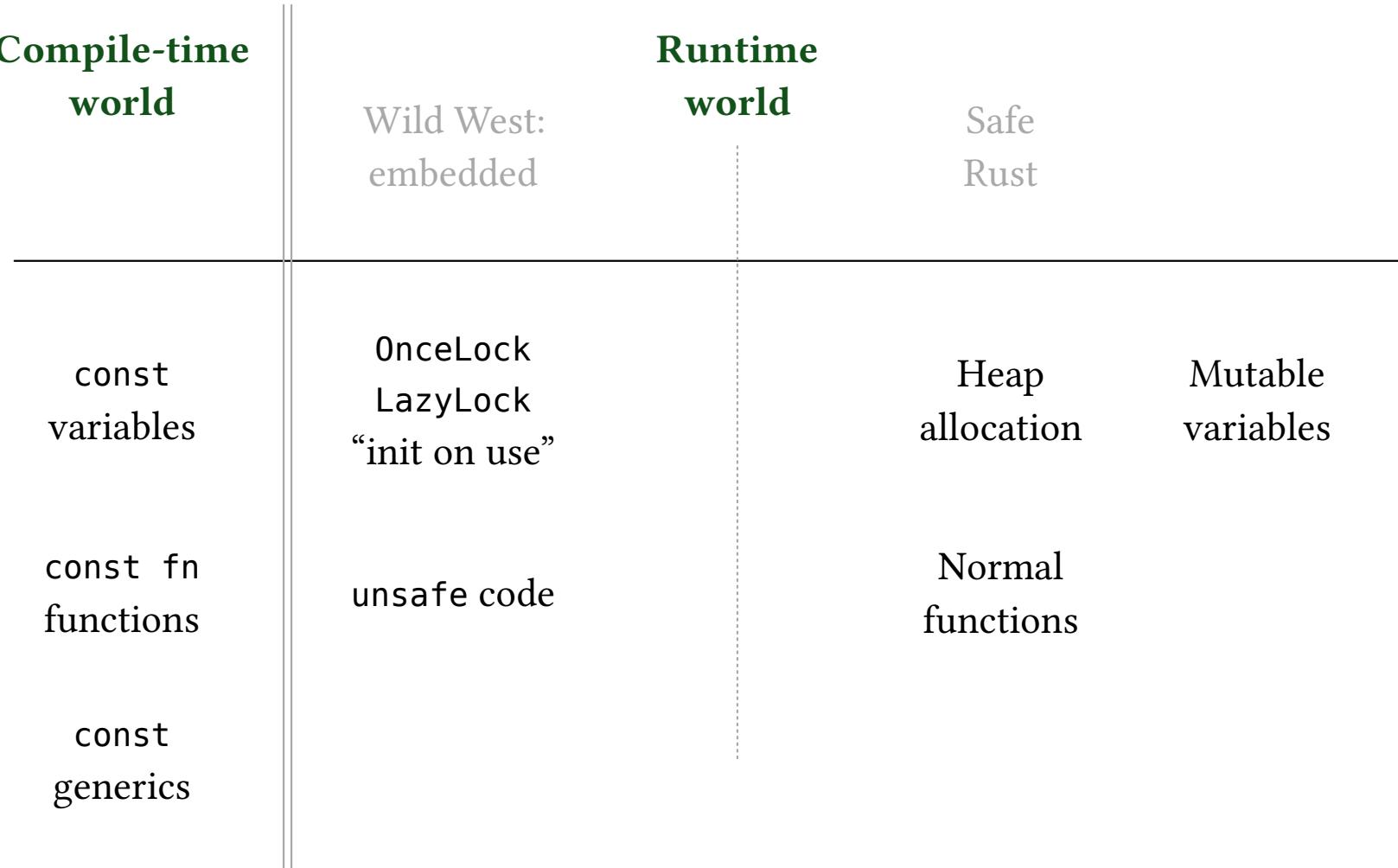
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6.7.1. Goal

Create a data structure to represent an event in an elevator control system.

Complete the code in `session-1/examples/sle3-elevator.rs`.

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9     // Ignore the first element, only bind the  
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Info

A variable binding is actually a pattern itself!

The `_` pattern matches anything.

7.1.1. Advanced usage of ..

Ignoring middle element:

```
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3 }
```

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Warning

Pattern matching works on all data types in Rust!

7.2. Matching values

7. Pattern matching

Patterns can also be simple values like characters:

```
1 #[rustfmt::skip]
2 fn main() {
3     let input = 'x';
4     match input {
5         'q'                      => println!("Quitting"),
6         'a' | 's' | 'w' | 'd'    => println!("Moving around"),
7         '0'..='9'                => println!("Number input"),
8         key if key.is_lowercase() => println!("Lowercase: {}", key),
9         _                        => println!("Something else"),
10    }
11 }
```

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A variable in the pattern (key in this example) will create a binding that can be used within the match arm.

A **match guard**:

- causes the arm to match only if the condition is true.
- If the condition is false the match will continue checking later cases.

```
1 #[rustfmt::skip]
2 fn main() {
3     let input = 'a';
4     match input {
5         key if key.is_uppercase() => println!("Uppercase"),
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What is the bug in this program?

The second arm will always match, so the third arm is unreachable. Write match guard in front of the second arm: `key if key == 'q' => ...`

Warning

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```
1 let expected = 5;  
2 match 123 {  
3     expected => println!("Expected value is 5, actual is {expected}"),  
4     _ => println!("Value was something else"),  
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Will always print “Expected value is 5, actual is 123”.

7.2. Matching values

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Use @ to bind to a value while also testing it:

```
1 let expected = 5;
2 match 123 {
3     val @ 1..=10 => println!("Value {val} is between 1 and 10"),
4     val @ 11..=20 => println!("Value {val} is between 11 and 20"),
5     val => println!("Value {val} is something else"),
6 }
```

(playground link)

Like tuples, structs can also be destructured by matching:

```
1 struct Foo {  
2     x: (u32, u32),  
3     y: u32,  
4 }  
5  
6 #[rustfmt::skip]  
7 fn main() {  
8     let foo = Foo { x: (1, 2), y: 3 };  
9     match foo {  
10         Foo { y: 2, x: i } => println!("y = 2, x = {i:?}"),  
11         Foo { x: (1, b), y } => println!("x.0 = 1, b = {b}, y = {y}"),  
12         Foo { y, .. }        => println!("y = {y}, other fields were ignored"),  
13     }  
14 }
```

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Add or remove fields to Foo and see what happens!

7.3.1. Reference patterns

When matching on a reference, Rust **automatically dereferences** it for you:

```
1 fn main() {  
2     let foo = Foo { x: (1, 2), y: 3 };  
3     match &foo { // `foo` is turned into a reference  
4         Foo { y: 2, x: i } => println!("y = 2, x = {i:?}"),  
5         Foo { x: (1, b), y } => println!("x.0 = 1, b = {b}, y = {y}"),  
6         Foo { y, .. }          => println!("y = {y}, other fields were ignored"),  
7     }  
8 }
```

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Info

The pattern `Foo { ... }` works on `&foo` because Rust automatically dereferences. You could also write `&Foo { ... }` explicitly, but it's not required.

Two equivalent ways to match on a reference:

```
1 match &foo {  
2     Foo { y, .. } => println!("y = {y}"), // Implicit dereference  
3 }  
4  
5 match &foo {  
6     &Foo { y, .. } => println!("y = {y}"), // Explicit dereference pattern  
7 }
```

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Pick the one you like best!

Warning

In the implicit version, bound variables like y will be references. In the explicit version with &Foo, y will be a value (copied from the struct).

7.3.2. Mutable reference patterns

When matching on `&mut`, bound variables are mutable references:

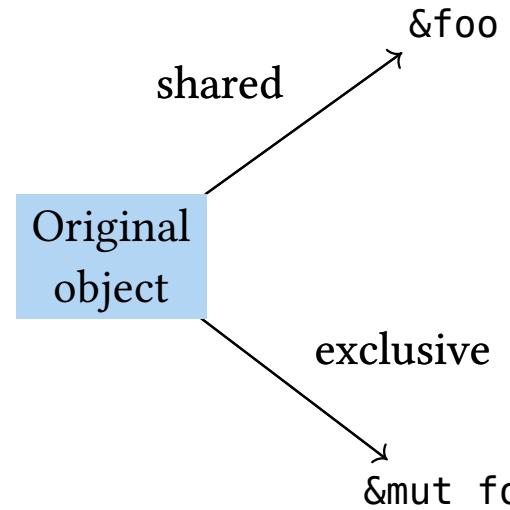
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1 struct Foo {  
2     x: (u32, u32),  
3     y: u32,  
4 }  
5 fn main() {  
6     let mut foo = Foo { x: (1, 2), y: 3 };  
7     match &mut foo {  
8         Foo { x: (1, 2), y } => *y = 4, // y is &mut u32, need * to assign  
9         Foo { y, .. }           => println!("y = {}", y),  
10    }  
11 }
```

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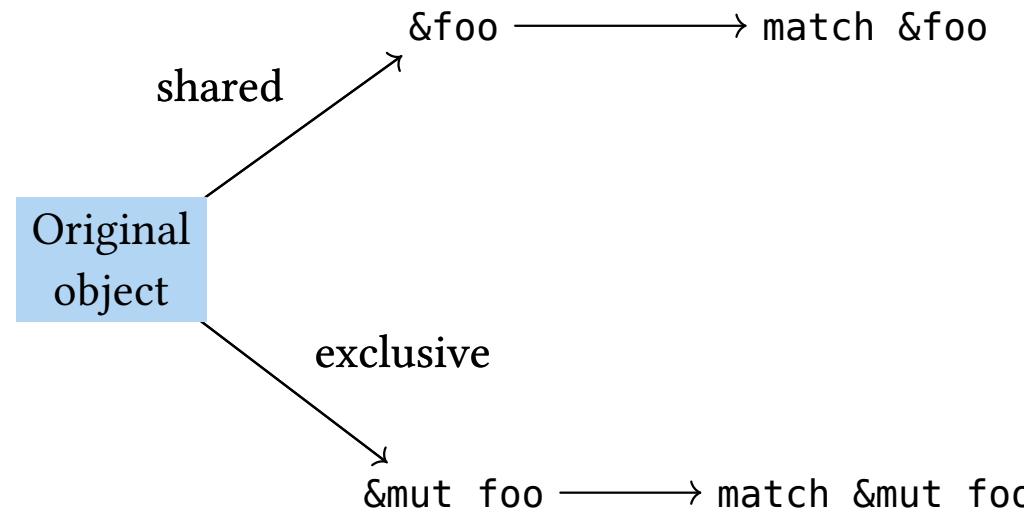
Warning

Bound variables like `y` are `&mut u32`, not `u32`. You must dereference with `*` to assign values.

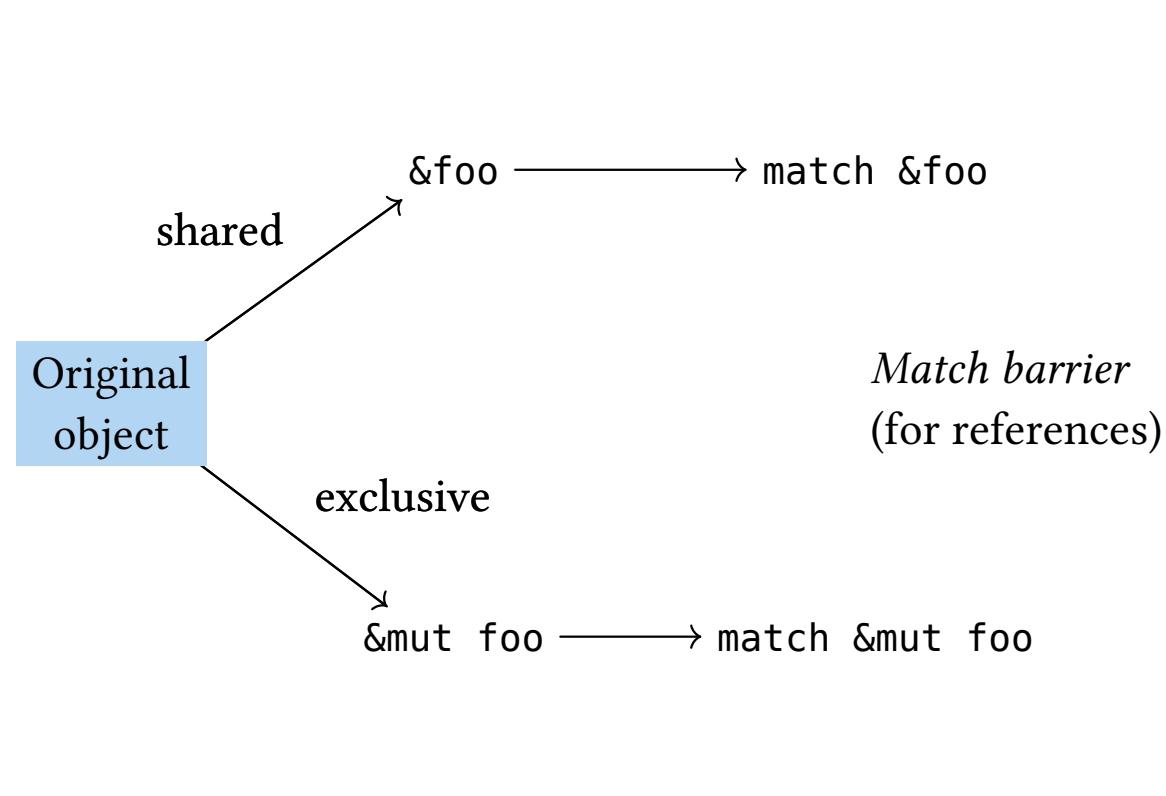
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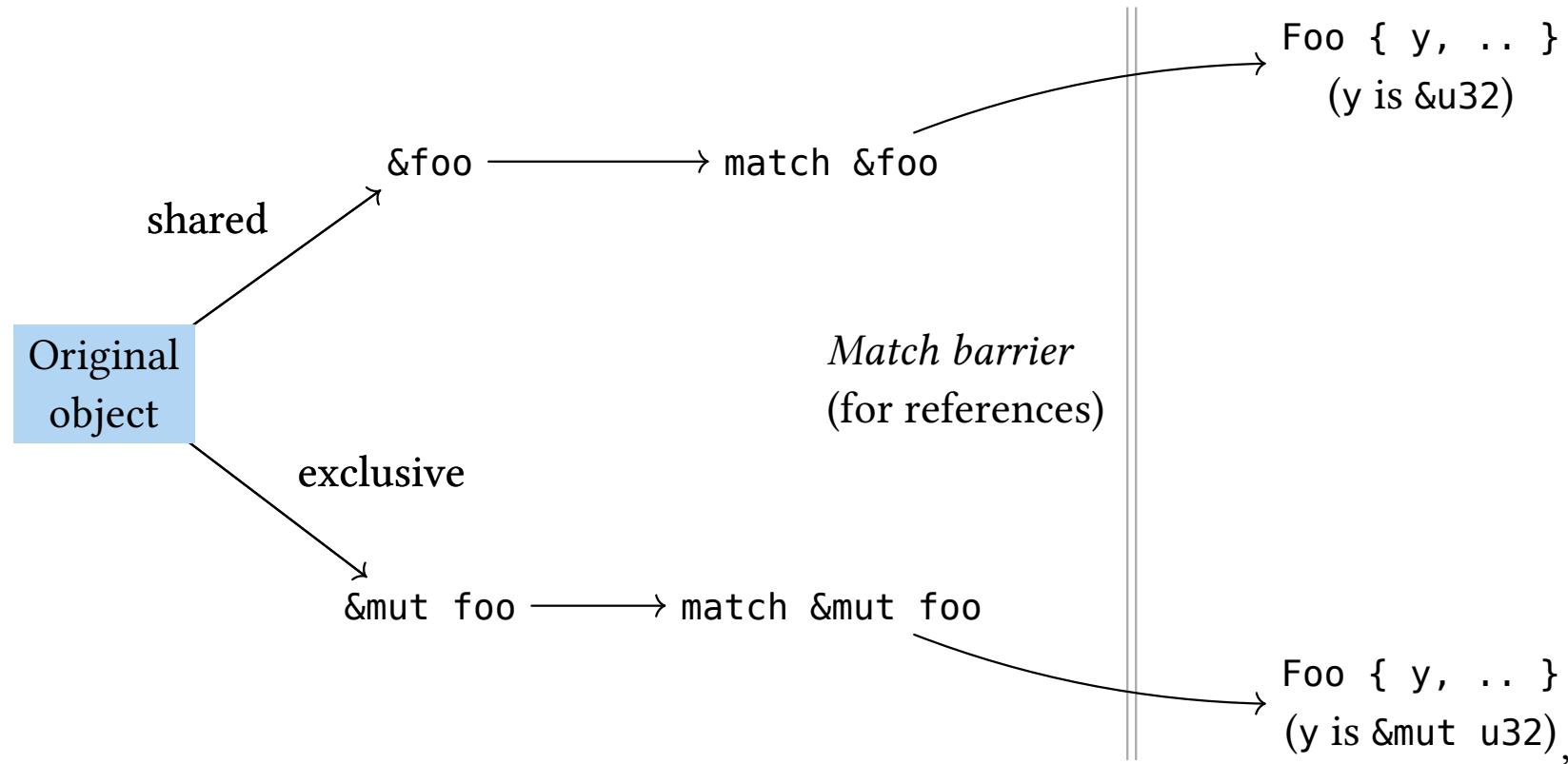
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7.4. Enums

7. Pattern matching

Like tuples, enums can also be destructured by matching:

```
1 enum Result {  
2     Ok(i32),  
3     Err(String),  
4 }  
5  
6 fn divide_in_two(n: i32) -> Result {  
7     if n % 2 == 0 {  
8         Result::Ok(n / 2)  
9     } else {  
10        Result::Err(format!("cannot divide {} into two equal parts"))  
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12 }
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11    }  
12 }
```

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```
1 fn main() {  
2     let n = 100;  
3     match divide_in_two(n) {  
4         Result::Ok(half) => println!("{} divided in two is {}", n, half),  
5         Result::Err(msg) => println!("sorry, an error happened: {}", msg),  
6     }  
7 }
```

(playground link)

Warning

Rust does not allow non-exhaustive matches

```
1  use std::time::Duration;  
2  
3  fn sleep_for(secs: f32) {  
4      let result = Duration::try_from_secs_f32(secs);  
5  
6      if let Ok(duration) = result {  
7          std::thread::sleep(duration);  
8          println!("slept for {duration:?}");  
9      }  
10 }  
11  
12 fn main() {  
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Use `if let` when you only care about one specific pattern and want to ignore all others.

7.6. Exercise: Expression evaluation

7. Pattern matching

Let's write a simple recursive evaluator for arithmetic expressions.

Complete the eval function in the file `session-1/examples/s1e6-evaluation.rs`.

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8.1. Methods

8. Methods and traits

In Rust, methods are separated from fields:

```
1 #[derive(Debug)]
2 struct CarRace {
3     name: String,
4     laps: Vec<i32>,
5 }
6
7 impl CarRace {
8     // No receiver, a static method
9     fn new(name: &str) -> Self {
10         Self { name: String::from(name), laps: Vec::new() }
11     }
12     // Exclusive borrowed read-write access to self
13     fn add_lap(&mut self, lap: i32) {
14         self.laps.push(lap);
15     }
16 }
17
18 fn main() {
19     let mut race = CarRace::new("Monaco Grand Prix");
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For `self: &mut Self`.

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7 impl CarRace {
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9     fn finish(self) {
10         let total: i32 = self.laps.iter().sum();
11         println!("Race {} is finished, total lap time:
12             {}", self.name, total);
13     }
14
15 fn main() {
16     let mut race = CarRace::new("Monaco Grand Prix");
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`self` is called the **receiver**.

After calling a method with `object.finish(self)`, you can no longer use `object`. It has been *consumed*.

Warning

Use the `self` receiver to define destructors or functionality that should happen only once at the end.

8.2. Receivers

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`&T`, `&mut T`, `Box<T>`, `Rc<T>`, `Arc<T>`, ...

Info

Reference types are also called **wrappers** and some are **smart pointers**.

Rust lets you abstract over types with traits. Similar to interfaces:

```
1 trait Pet {  
2     /// Return a sentence from this pet.  
3     fn talk(&self) -> String;  
4  
5     /// Print a string to the terminal greeting this pet.  
6     fn greet(&self);  
7 }
```

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Properties of traits:

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Warning

a Cat type with a `talk()` method would not automatically satisfy Pet unless it is in an `impl Pet` block

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- override default method implementations

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Although there were other reasons as well, this issue of expensive composition is the key thing that drove Rust towards adopting a different model. It is particularly a problem when one considers, for example, the implications of composing together the [Future](#)s which will eventually make up an asynchronous task (including address-sensitive `async fn` state machines). It is plausible that there could be many layers of [Future](#)s composed together, including multiple layers of `async fn`s handling different parts of a task. It was deemed unacceptable to force indirection and allocation for each layer of composition in this case.

`Pin<Ptr>` is an implementation of the third option. It allows us to solve the issues discussed with the second option by building a *shared contractual language* around the guarantees of “pinning” data.

Using `Pin<Ptr>` to pin values

In order to pin a value, we wrap a *pointer to that value* (of some type `Ptr`) in a `Pin<Ptr>`. `Pin<Ptr>` can wrap any pointer type, forming a promise that the **pointee** will not be *moved* or *otherwise invalidated*.

We call such a `Pin`-wrapped pointer a **pinning pointer**, (or pinning reference, or pinning Box, etc.) because its existence is the thing that is conceptually pinning the underlying pointee in place: it is the metaphorical “pin” securing the data in place on the pinboard (in memory).

Notice that the thing wrapped by `Pin` is not the value which we want to pin itself, but rather a pointer to that value! A `Pin<Ptr>` does not pin the `Ptr`; instead, it pins the pointer’s *pointee value*.

Pinning as a library contract

Pinning does not require nor make use of any compiler “magic”², only a specific contract between the `unsafe` parts of a library API and its users.

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Examples of such contracts: Pin, Send, Sync traits (advanced topic).

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10
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2     type Item;
3     fn next(&mut self) ->
4         Option<Self::Item>;
5 }
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8.8. Deriving

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For example, `serde` can derive serialization support for a struct using `#[derive(Serialize)]`.

8.8.1. Why is deriving useful?

A manual implementation of the `Clone` trait for the `Player` struct would look like this:

```
1 impl Clone for Player {  
2     fn clone(&self) -> Self {  
3         Player {  
4             name: self.name.clone(),  
5             strength: self.strength.clone(),  
6             hit_points: self.hit_points.clone(),  
7         }  
8     }  
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It is easier to just write `#[derive(Clone)]`

Info

The derive attribute is similar to deriving in Haskell.

8.9. Exercise: Logger trait

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