

```
fn main() {  
    println!("hi there");  
}
```

**The main function doesn't have to
return anything**

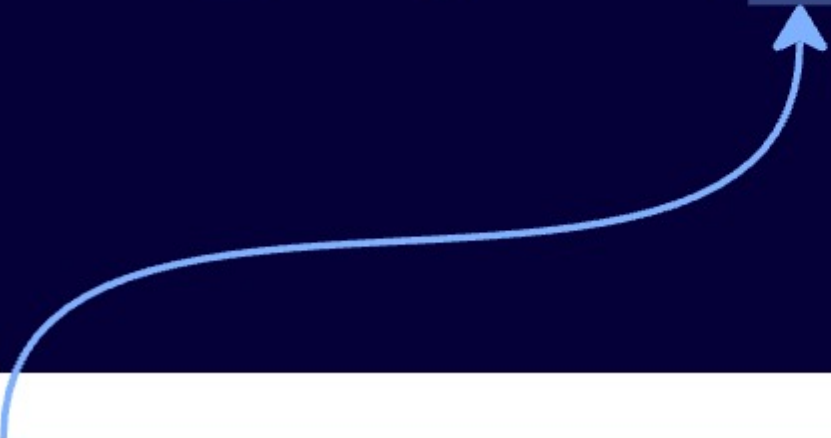
```
fn main() -> Result<(), Error> {  
    Ok::()  
  
    Err(Error::other("asdf"))  
}
```

Optionally, you can have it return a 'Result'

If you return an Ok variant, Rust won't do anything

If you return an Err variant, Rust will print the value in the Err variant

```
fn main() -> Result<(), Error> {  
    let text = fs::read_to_string("logs.txt")?;  
  
    Ok(())  
}
```



'?' operator gets added onto functions that return a Result

If the function returns an Ok, the value inside is automatically extracted

If it contains an Err(), the Err() variant is automatically returned

Methods attached to the 'Option' enum

`item.unwrap()`

If 'item' is a Some, returns the value in the Some

If 'item' is a None, panics!

Use for quick debugging or examples

`item.expect("There should be
a value here")`

If 'item' is a Some, returns the value in the Some

If 'item' is a None, prints the provided debug message and panics!

Use when we **want** to crash if there is no value

`item.unwrap_or(&placeholder)`

If 'item' is a Some, returns the value in the Some

If 'item' is a None, returns the provided default value

Use when it makes sense to provide a fallback value

Many of the same methods work with Result

`text.unwrap()`

If 'text' is an Ok, returns the value in the Ok

If 'text' is an Err, panics!

Use for quick debugging or examples

`text.expect("couldn't open
the file")`

If 'text' is an Ok, returns the value in the Ok

If 'text' is an Err, prints the provided debug message and panics!

Use when we **want** to crash if something goes wrong

`text.unwrap_or(
String::from("backup text")
)`

If 'text' is an Ok, returns the value in the Ok

If 'text' is an Err, returns the provided default value

Use when you want a fallback default value in case something goes wrong

'?' operator gets added onto functions that return a Result

```
fn main() -> Result<(), Error> {  
    let text = fs::read_to_string("logs.txt"?);  
}
```

Function returns an Ok(..)

```
fn main() -> Result<(), Error> {  
    let text = "laskdjf"  
}
```

Function returns an Err(...)

```
fn main() -> Result<(), Error> {  
    return Error::with("bad")  
}
```

```
fn do_something() -> Result<_, _> {}

fn my_function() {
    do_something() // A Result!
}
```

We have a function that returns a Result.
How do we handle the Result?

Option #1

Use a match or 'if let'
statement

Option #2

Call 'unwrap()' or
'expect()' on the
Result

Option #3

Use the try operator ('?')
to unwrap or propagate
the Result

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Use a match or 'if let' statement



When you're ready to meaningfully deal with an error

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Call 'unwrap()' or 'expect("why this panicked")' on the Result



Quick debugging, or if you want to crash on an Err()

3

Use the try operator ('?') to unwrap or propagate the Result



When you don't have any way to handle the error in the current function

Task: Read some config data from a file



If we fail to read the file, use some backup
default config

*If we get an error, we have a workaround - a meaningful
way of dealing with the error besides just logging it*

Match statements: Good for dealing with an error

```
fn read_config_file() -> Result<String, Error> {
    fs::read_to_string("config.json")
}

fn get_config() -> String {
    let default_config = String::from(
        "{ enable_debug: true }"
    );

    match read_config_file() {
        Ok(config) => config,
        Err(_err) => {
            println!("Config read err, using default");
            default_config
        }
    }
}

fn main() {
    let config = get_config();

    println!("Got a config: {}", config);
}
```

Function that returns a Result

Case where file is read successfully

Error! Does something beyond just logging the error

Task: Read some config data from a file



If we fail to read the file, that's it, we don't have any backup

If we get an error, we don't have any workaround

Try Operator: Propagate errors when you just don't know how to handle them

```
fn read_config_file() -> Result<String, Error> {  
    fs::read_to_string("config.json")  
}  
  
fn get_config() -> Result<String, Error> {  
    let config = read_config_file()?;  
  
    Ok(config)  
}  
  
fn main() -> Result<(), Error> {  
    let config = get_config()?;  
  
    println!("Got a config: {}", config);  
  
    Ok(())  
}
```

Function that returns a Result

Don't have any way to handle an Err, propagate it up

Err can be propagated to main, which will return (and print) it