

```
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    println!("{:#?}", account);
fn main() {
   let account  Account::new(
       String::from("me")
    );
   let account_ref = &account;
    print_account(account_ref);
   println!("{:#?}", account);
```

'account'
binding

'Account'
value

'print\_account'
function

'Account'
ref

## Read-only ref's allow us to look at a value without moving the value

Useful whenever we need to read a value in a function

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                                              'account'
fn main() {
   binding
                                                                value
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   );
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                                           'print_account'
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# Refs allow us to look at a value without moving it

I want to make a value...

Then use that value in several locations

Changing the owner of the value manually would be tedious!

Good solution is to use a reference

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```

& operator being used on a type

Means: 'This argument needs to be a reference to a value'

& operator being used on a owner of a value

Means: 'I want to create a reference to this value'

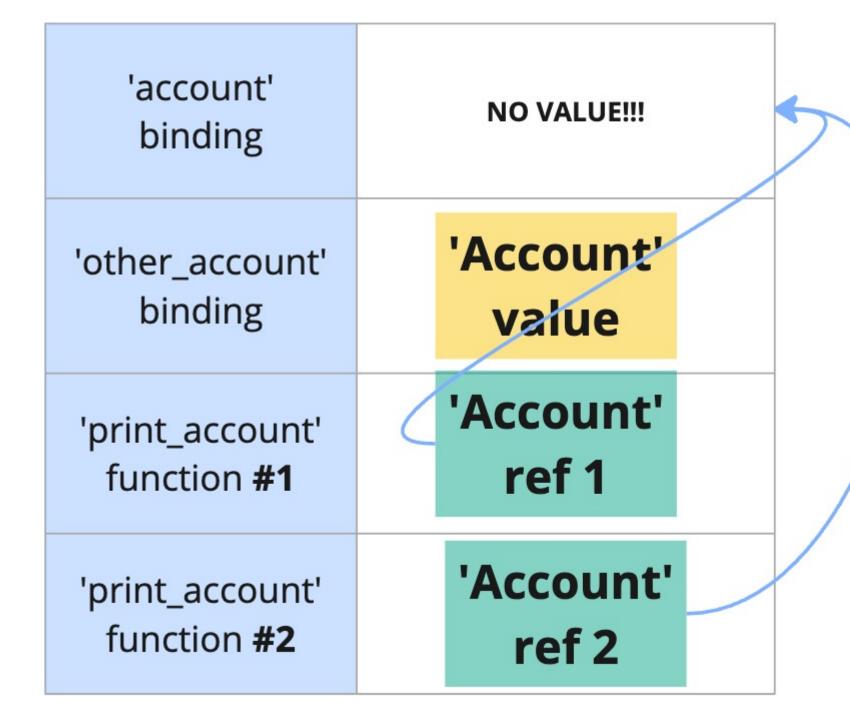
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You can create many read-only (immutable) references to a value. These refs can all exist at the same time.

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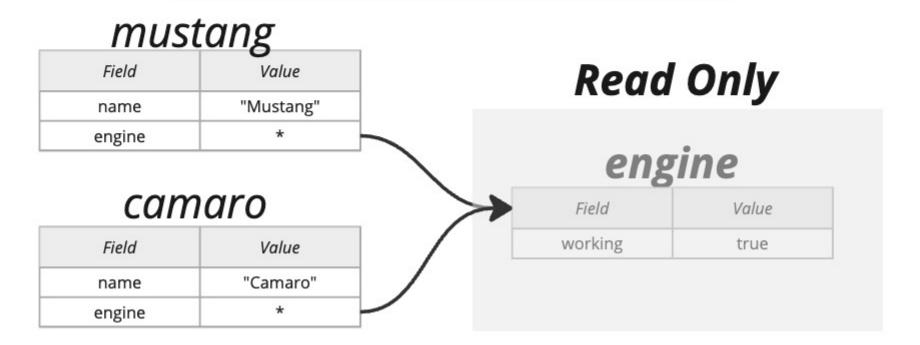
You can't move a value while a ref (immutable or mutable) to the value exists.

```
fn print_account(account: &Account) {
   println!("{:#?}", account);
fn main() {
   let account = Account::new(
        String::from("me")
    );
   let account_ref1 = &account;
   let account_ref2 = &account;
   let other_account = account;
   print_account(account_ref1);
   print_account(account_ref2);
   println!("{:#?}", account);
```



Fix #1

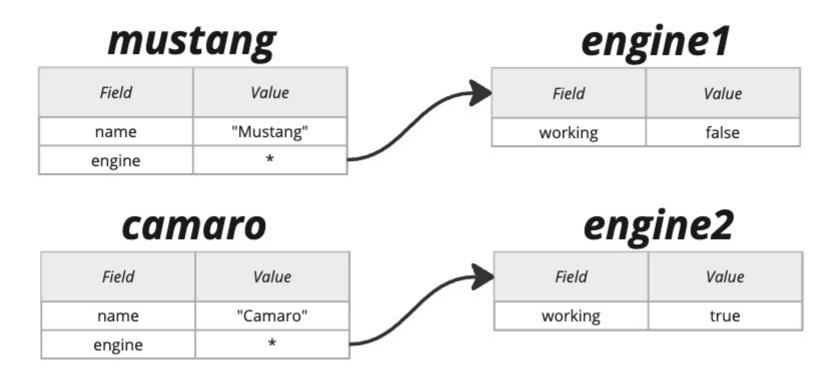
Each car can refer to the same engine, but can't modify it



## We'd never get that bug if...

Multiple things can refer to a value at the same time, but the references have to be read-only

## Fix #2 Each car "owns" a different engine



### We'd never get that bug if...

A value can *only* be updated when there are no other references to it

```
fn add_account(bank: &mut Bank, account: Account) {
    bank.accounts.push(account);
fn main() {
   let mut bank = Bank::new();
    let account = Account::new(
        String::from("me")
    );
    add_account(&mut bank, account);
    println!("{:#?}", bank);
```

'account'
binding

'account'
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'print\_account'
function

'Account'
ref

### Moving ownership to update something **Really tedious**

```
fn change_account(mut account: Account) -> Account {
    account.balance = 10;
    account
fn main() {
   let mut account Account::new(
        String::from("me")
    );
    account = change_account(account);
    println!("{:#?}", account);
```

'account'
binding

'Account'
value

'change\_account'
function

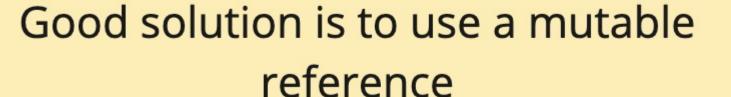
```
fn change_account(account: &mut Account) {
    account.balance = 10;
fn main() {
    let mut account = Account::new(
        String::from("me")
   change_account(&mut account);
    println!("{:#?}", account);
```

# Mutable refs allow us to read or change a value without moving it

I want to make a value...

Then allow that value to be changed somewhere else

Moving the value around manually would be tedious



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You can make a writeable (mutable) reference to a value *only if* there are no read-only references currently in use. One mutable ref to a value can exist at a time

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You can't mutate a value through the owner when any ref (mutable or immutable) to the value exists

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## Some types of values like numbers, booleans, etc are going to appear to **break the rules of ownership!!**

# Some types of values are *copied* instead of moved

This means they behave more like values in other languages

### All numbers

(Examples: i32, u32, f32)

### char

(single characters)

### **Tuples**

(if everything inside is Copy-able)

#### bool

(true/false)

### **Arrays**

(if everything inside is Copy-able)

### References

(both readable and writable)

```
'accounts'
Field

Account value
```