

Rust

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Programming Language Concepts

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Introduction to Rust

- Everything: <https://www.rust-lang.org/>
- Installation: <https://www.rust-lang.org/tools/install>
- Documentation: <https://www.rust-lang.org/learn>

Creating programs

- Hello world, cargo

Collection of functions — start at `main()`
`println!` is a "macro"

cargo — package manager + builder

- Types

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State

Declarations (Java etc)

Explicit

vs

Implicit

+ State →

Haskell

Type inference

Strong

vs

Weak

Dynamic

Python - by
current value

- Weak typing

$x = 1.5 * 3$

if $x \{ -- \}$



Rust

Strong (super strong)

Implicit

Static

} Type Inference

but "declared" via let

Functions require explicit typing

■ `let x = 5;` x is an arbitrary but fixed value

`let mut x = 5;` x can be up

Separate notion of a constant

`const pi_approx: f64 = 3.1415927` — explicit type annotation



Shadowing

```
let x = 5;
```

```
let x = x + 1; ← "new" x
```


let mut x = 0.0;

x = x + 1; x Disallowed

Can change types when shadowing

let x = 0.0;

let x = 5; ✓

- *v8, i32, f64 etc*

Can always explicitly type a variable

let x: f32 = 4.5;

Booleans

- true, false
- Can't implicitly interpret a numeric value as a boolean expression

Char

UTF-8

- ```
fn myfunction() {
 ≡
 }
}
```

Must provide type annotations for parameters  
and return values



```
fn addtwo (x: i32, y: i32) → i32 {
 return x+y;
}
```

```
fn addtwoV2 (x: i32, y: i32) → i32 {
 x+y
}
```

What does this mean?



$x + y$       Expression

Value of a function is implicitly the last  
expression

■

`if ↑ { } else { }` — "Expression"

valid

Boolean expression

Loops

while — { }

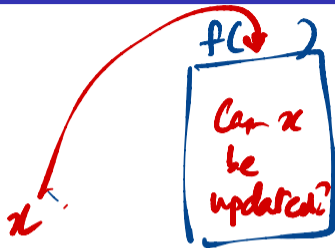
loop { break } — infinite

iterator for

# Ownership

■ Mutability

let mut ...



Passing references

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Heap

Python

$l1 = [1, 2, 3]$

$l2 = l1$



$m1 = \text{Manager}()$  --

Manager contains a Date

$m2 = m1$

