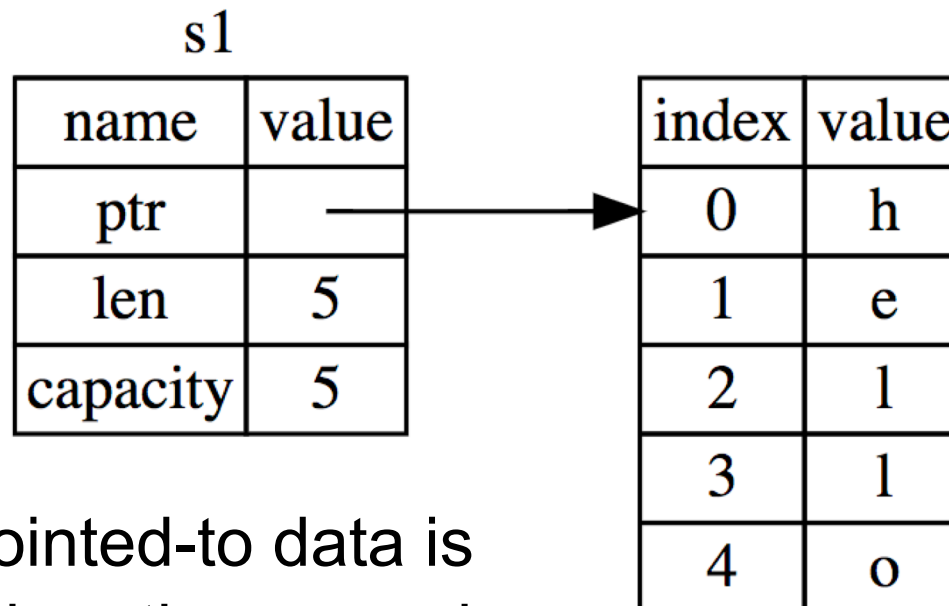


CMSC 330: Organization of Programming Languages

Strings, Slices, Vectors, HashMaps
in Rust

String Representation

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Code	<u>Prints</u>
<pre>let mut s = String::new(); println!("{}", s.capacity()); for _ in 0..5 { s.push_str("hello"); println!("{}", s.len(), s.capacity()); }</pre>	0 5,5 10,10 15,20 20,20 25,40

Slices: Motivation

- Suppose we want the first word of a string. Here's how we might do it in **OCaml**

```
let first_word s =  
  try  
    let i = String.index s ' ' in  
    String.sub s 0 i  
  with Not_found -> s
```

- **String.sub** **allocates new memory** and **copies** the sub-string's contents
 - This is a waste (especially with a large string) if both **s** and its substring are to be treated as **immutable**

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 present a **slice** of an object's contents

String s

name	value
ptr	
len	11
capacity	11

String slice
world

name	value
ptr	
len	5

index	value
0	h
1	e
2	l
3	l
4	o
5	
6	w
7	o
8	r
9	l
10	d

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:

```
fn first_word(s: &String) -> &str {  
    let bytes = s.as_bytes();  
    for (i, &item) in  
        bytes.iter().enumerate() {  
        if item == b' ' {  
            return &s[0..i];  
        }  
    }  
    &s[..]  
}
```

Using String Slices

- 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
```

- **String literals** are slices

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

- Should **use slices where possible**
 - E.g., `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)

Strings Miscellany

- `push_str(&mut self, string: &str)`
 - `string` argument is a slice, so doesn't take ownership, while `self` is a mutable reference, implying it is the only such reference

- **Iteration** over chars, bytes, etc. **Code** **Prints**

```
let s = String::from("hello");  
for (i,c) in s.char_indices() {  
    println!("{}", i, c);  
}
```

0,h
1,e
2,l
3,l
4,o

- See also `split_at_whitespace`

<https://doc.rust-lang.org/std/string/struct.String.html>

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];  
} // 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
```

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 v {  
        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>`

HashMaps

- `HashMap<K, V>` has the expected methods (roughly – see manual for gory details)
 - `new` : `()` $\rightarrow$ `HashMap<K, V>`
 - `insert`: `(K, V)` $\rightarrow$ `Option<V>`
 - `get` : `(&K)` $\rightarrow$ `Option<&V>`
- 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>