

# **Rust :** **Arrays and Vectors**



David Bouchet

david.bouchet.epita@gmail.com

# Arrays

- Every element has the same type.
- The length is fixed.
- Data is allocated on the stack.
- Elements cannot be added or removed.
- If mutable, elements can change.

# Creating Arrays

```
let a = [1, 2, 3, 4];  
let b = [true, false];  
let c = ["Hello", "World", "!"];  
let d = [13; 5];
```

```
dbg!(a);  
dbg!(b);  
dbg!(c);  
dbg!(d);
```

```
a = [  
  1,  
  2,  
  3,  
  4
```

```
] b = [  
  true,  
  false
```


```
] c = [  
  "Hello",  
  "World",  
  "!"
```

```
]
```

```
d = [  
  13,  
  13,  
  13,  
  13,  
  13
```

# Indexing Arrays

```
let a = [1, 2, 3, 4];  
let b = [true, false];  
let c = ["Hello", "World", "!"];  
  
dbg!(a[2]);  
dbg!(b[0]);  
dbg!(c[1]);
```



```
a[2] = 3  
b[0] = true  
c[1] = "World"
```

# Mutable and Immutable Arrays

Elements cannot be added or removed.  
Elements can change in mutable arrays only.

```
let mut a = [1, 2, 3];  
let b = [1, 2, 3];  
  
a[1] = 55;           // OK  
// b[1] = 55;       // ERROR  
  
dbg!(a);  
dbg!(b);
```

```
a = [  
    1,  
    55,  
    3  
]  
b = [  
    1,  
    2,  
    3  
]
```

# Array Types

**[T; n]**



- **T**: Type of the elements
- **n**: Number of elements

```
let a = [1, 2, 3];           // [i32; 3]
let b: [u8; 3] = [1, 2, 3]; // [u8; 3]
let c = [1_u8, 2, 3];       // [u8; 3]

let x: u8 = 8;
let d = [x, 2, 3];          // [u8; 3]

let mut e = [1, 2, 3];      // [i32; 3]
e = [2, 3, 4];              // [i32; 3]
e = [5, 6, 7, 8];          // [i32; 4] -> ERROR
```



The length belongs to the type.

# Vectors

- Every element has the same type.
- The length is variable.
- Data is allocated on the heap.
- If mutable, elements can be added or removed.
- If mutable, elements can change.

# Creating Vectors

```
let a = vec![1, 2, 3, 4];  
let b = vec![true, false];  
let c = vec!["Hello", "World", "!"];  
let d = vec![13; 5];
```


```
dbg!(a);  
dbg!(b);  
dbg!(c);  
dbg!(d);
```

```
a = [  
  1,  
  2,  
  3,  
  4  
]  
b = [  
  true,  
  false  
]  
c = [  
  "Hello",  
  "World",  
  "!"  
]  
d = [  
  13,  
  13,  
  13,  
  13,  
  13  
]
```



# Indexing Vectors

```
let a = vec![1, 2, 3, 4];  
let b = vec![true, false];  
let c = vec!["Hello", "World", "!"];  
  
dbg!(a[2]);  
dbg!(b[0]);  
dbg!(c[1]);
```



```
a[2] = 3  
b[0] = true  
c[1] = "World"
```

# Mutable Vectors

Elements can be added or removed.  
Elements can change

```
let mut v = vec!["Hello", "World", "!"];  
  
v.insert(0, "Good");  
v[1] = "bye";  
v.remove(3);  
v.push("!!!!!!");  
v.insert(2, ",");  
  
dbg!(v);
```

```
v = [  
  "Good",  
  "bye",  
  ",",  
  "World",  
  "!!!!!!"  
]
```

# Vector Types

**Vec<T>** → T: Type of the elements

```
let a = vec![1, 2, 3];           // Vec<i32>
let b: Vec<u8> = vec![1, 2, 3]; // Vec<u8>
let c = vec![1_u8, 2, 3];       // Vec<u8>

let x: u8 = 8;
let d = vec![x, 2, 3];          // Vec<u8>

let mut e = vec![1, 2, 3];      // Vec<i32>
e = vec![2, 3, 4];              // Vec<i32>
e = vec![5, 6, 7, 8];           // Vec<i32> -> OK
```

 The length does not belong to the type.

# Array and Vector Lengths

```
let a = [0; 17];  
let v = vec![0; 24];  
  
dbg!(a.len());  
dbg!(v.len());
```

a.len() = 17  
v.len() = 24

# Iterating over Immutable References

```
let a = [1, 2, 3];
let v = vec![4, 5, 6];

for i in a.iter()
{
    dbg!(i);
}

for i in v.iter()
{
    dbg!(i);
}
```

```
i = 1
i = 2
i = 3
i = 4
i = 5
i = 6
```

- The *i* variable is an **immutable reference**.
- By default, Rust prints the value that is pointed to by the reference.
- `dbg!(*i)` would give the same result.

# Iterating over Mutable References

```
let mut a = [1, 2, 3];
let mut v = vec![4, 5, 6];

for i in a.iter_mut()
{
    *i *= 2;
}

for i in v.iter_mut()
{
    *i *= 2;
}

dbg!(a);
dbg!(v);
```

```
a = [
    2,
    4,
    6
]
v = [
    8,
    10,
    12
]
```

The *i* variable is a **mutable reference**.

# Printing Arrays and Vectors

There is no default formatter for arrays and vectors.

```
fn main()
{
    let a: [u8; 3] = [1, 2, 3];
    println!("{}", a);
}
```

```
error[E0277]: `[u8; 3]` doesn't implement `std::fmt::Display`
```

```
--> printing_default.rs:4:20
```

```
4 |     println!("{}", a);
   |                  ^ `[u8; 3]` cannot be formatted with the default formatter
```

```
= help: the trait `std::fmt::Display` is not implemented for `[u8; 3]`
```


```
= note: in format strings you may be able to use `{:?}` (or `{:#?}` for pretty-print) instead
```

```
= note: required by `std::fmt::Display::fmt`
```

# Debug Printing

To print arrays and vectors with *println!()*, we must use the **debug formatter**:

```
let a = [1, 2, 3];  
let v = vec![4, 5, 6];  
  
println!("a = {:?}", a);  
println!("v = {:?}", v);
```




```
a = [1, 2, 3]  
v = [4, 5, 6]
```




# Implicit Dereferencing

```
let a = [1, 2, 3];  
let v = vec![4, 5, 6];  
  
let ref_a = &a;  
let ref_v = &v;  
  
dbg!(a[1]);  
dbg!(v[1]);  
  
dbg!((*ref_a)[1]);  
dbg!((*ref_v)[1]);  
  
dbg!(ref_a[1]);  
dbg!(ref_v[1]);
```



```
a[1] = 2  
v[1] = 5  
(*ref_a)[1] = 2  
(*ref_v)[1] = 5  
ref_a[1] = 2  
ref_v[1] = 5
```

# Slice Reference

**&[T]**  T: Type of the elements

```
fn average(slice: &[i32]) -> f64
{
    let mut sum = 0;

    for i in slice.iter()
    {
        sum += i;
    }

    sum as f64 / slice.len() as f64
}
```

```
let a = [1, 2, 3];
let v = vec![4, 5, 6];

dbg!(average(&a));
dbg!(average(&v));
```

```
average(&a) = 2.0
average(&v) = 5.0
```

# Slicing

Array and vector slices can be referenced in the same way as string slices.


```
let a = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];  
let v = vec![6, 7, 8, 9, 10];
```

```
dbg!(average(&a[1..]));  
dbg!(average(&v[..2]));  
dbg!(average(&a[1..=3]));  
dbg!(average(&v[2..4]));
```

```
average(&a[1..]) = 3.5  
average(&v[..2]) = 6.5  
average(&a[1..=3]) = 3.0  
average(&v[2..4]) = 8.5
```

# Converting Slices into Vectors

```
let a = [1, 2, 3];  
let s = &a[1..3];  
let mut v = s.to_vec();  
  
println!("a = {:?}", a);  
println!("s = {:?}", s);  
println!("v = {:?}", v);  
  
v.push(18);  
println!("v = {:?}", v);
```



```
a = [1, 2, 3]  
s = [2, 3]  
v = [2, 3]  
v = [2, 3, 18]
```

- The slice is copied into another memory space, which is associated with a vector.
- In the example, **s** and **v** are independent.

# Mutable Slices

**&mut [T]**  T: Type of the elements

```
let mut a = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6];
```

```
println!("a = {:?}", a);  
set_to_zero(&mut a[1..=4]);  
println!("a = {:?}", a);
```

```
a = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]  
a = [1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 6]
```

```
fn set_to_zero(slice: &mut [i32])  
{  
    for i in slice.iter_mut()  
    {  
        *i = 0;  
    }  
}
```