

# RUST QUICK REFERENCE

Ownership, types, traits, pattern matching essentials

## Basics

### Hello World

```
fn main() {
    println!("Hello, World!");
}
```

### Cargo Commands

```
cargo new my_project # create new project
cargo build          # compile (debug)
cargo build --release # compile (optimized)
cargo run           # build and run
cargo test          # run tests
```

### Project Structure

```
Cargo.toml Project manifest (dependencies, metadata)
src/main.rs Binary crate entry point
src/lib.rs Library crate root
tests/ Integration tests directory
```

## Variables & Mutability

### Binding & Mutability

```
let x = 5; // immutable by default
let mut y = 10; // mutable
y += 1;
const MAX: u32 = 100; // compile-time constant
```

### Shadowing

```
let x = 5;
let x = x + 1; // shadows previous x
let x = "now a string"; // can change type
```

### Scalar Types

```
i8, i128, isize Signed integers
u8, u128, usize Unsigned integers
f32, f64 Floating point (f64 default)
bool `true` / `false`
char Unicode scalar value (4 bytes)
```

### Compound Types

```
let tup: (i32, f64, char) = (42, 6.4, 'z');
let (a, b, c) = tup; // destructure
let arr: [i32; 3] = [1, 2, 3];
let first = arr[0];
```

## Functions

### Definition

```
fn add(a: i32, b: i32) -> i32 {
    a + b // no semicolon = return expression
}
```

### Closures

```
let double = |x: i32| x * 2;
let sum: i32 = vec![1, 2, 3]
    .iter()
    .map(|x| x * 2)
    .sum();
```

### Function Pointers & Traits

```
fn(T) -> U Function pointer type
fn(T) -> U Closure that borrows
FnMut(T) -> U Closure that mutably borrows
FnOnce(T) -> U Closure that takes ownership
```

## Control Flow

### If / Else

```
let status = if score >= 90 { "A" }
             else if score >= 80 { "B" }
             else { "C" }; // if is an expression
```

### Loops

```
loop { break; } // infinite
while condition { } // while
for item in &vec { } // iterator
for i in 0..10 { } // range
for (i, v) in vec.iter().enumerate() { }
```

### Loop Labels

```
'outer: for i in 0..5 {
    for j in 0..5 {
        if i + j > 6 { break 'outer; }
    }
}
```

## Ownership & Borrowing

### Ownership Rules

- Each value has exactly one owner.
- When the owner goes out of scope, the value is dropped.
- Values can be moved or cloned.

### Move & Clone

```
let s1 = String::from("hello");
let s2 = s1; // s1 is moved, no longer valid
let s3 = s2.clone(); // deep copy, both valid
```

### Borrowing

```
fn len(s: &String) -> usize { s.len() } // shared ref
fn push(s: &mut String) { s.push('!'); } // mutable ref
// Rule: many &T OR one &mut T, never both
```

### Lifetimes

```
fn longest<'a>(a: &'a str, b: &'a str) -> &'a str {
    if a.len() > b.len() { a } else { b }
}
```

## Structs & Enums

### Struct

```
struct User {
    name: String,
    age: u32,
    active: bool,
}
let u = User { name: String::from("Alice"), age: 30, active: true };
```

## Impl Block

```
impl User {
    fn new(name: &str, age: u32) -> Self {
        Self { name: name.to_string(), age, active: true }
    }
    fn greeting(&self) -> String {
        format!("Hi, {}", self.name)
    }
}
```

## Enums

```
enum Shape {
    Circle(f64),
    Rect { w: f64, h: f64 },
    Point,
}
let s = Shape::Circle(5.0);
```

## Pattern Matching

### Match Expression

```
match shape {
    Shape::Circle(r) => std::f64::consts::PI * r * r,
    Shape::Rect { w, h } => w * h,
    Shape::Point => 0.0,
}
```

### If Let & While Let

```
if let Some(val) = optional {
    println!("{}", val);
}
while let Some(top) = stack.pop() {
    println!("{}", top);
}
```

## Pattern Syntax

```
_ Wildcard, matches anything
x @ _..=5 Bind matched range to `x`
(a, b, ..) Destructure tuple, ignore rest
Some(x) if x > 0 Match guard
Foo { x, .. } Struct, ignore other fields
```

## Error Handling

### Result & Option

```
enum Result<T, E> { Ok(T), Err(E) }
enum Option<T> { Some(T), None }
```

### The ? Operator

```
fn read_file(path: &str) -> Result<String, io::Error> {
    let mut s = String::new();
    File::open(path)?.read_to_string(&mut s)?;
    Ok(s)
}
```

## Handling Errors

```
match result {
    Ok(val) => println!("{}", val),
    Err(e) => eprintln!("Error: {}", e),
}
let val = result.unwrap_or(0);
let val = result.unwrap_or_else(|_| default());
```

## Common Methods

```
.unwrap() Get value or panic
.expect(msg) Get value or panic with message
.unwrap_or(default) Get value or use default
.map(f) Transform the Ok/Some value
.and_then(f) Chain operations (flatMap)
.is_ok() / .is_some() Boolean check
```

## Traits

### Defining & Implementing

```
trait Summary {
    fn summarize(&self) -> String;
    fn preview(&self) -> String { // default impl
        format!("{}", "...", &self.summarize()[..20])
    }
}
impl Summary for User {
    fn summarize(&self) -> String { self.name.clone() }
}
```

### Trait Bounds

```
fn notify(item: &impl Summary) { }
fn notify<T: Summary + Display>(item: &T) { }
fn notify(item: &(impl Summary + Display)) { }
```

### Common Traits

```
Display User-facing string formatting
Debug Debug formatting ( {:?} )
Clone, Copy Duplication (deep / bitwise)
PartialEq, Eq Equality comparison
PartialOrd, Ord Ordering comparison
Iterator `next()` for iteration
From, Into Type conversions
Default Default value constructor
```

## Collections

### Vec

```
let mut v: Vec<i32> = vec![1, 2, 3];
v.push(4);
v.pop();
let first = &v[0]; // panics if empty
let first = v.get(0); // returns Option<i32>
```

### HashMap

```
use std::collections::HashMap;
let mut m = HashMap::new();
m.insert("key", 42);
m.entry("key").or_insert(0);
if let Some(val) = m.get("key") { }
```

### String

```
let s = String::from("hello");
let s = "hello".to_string();
let combined = format!("{}", s, "world");
for c in s.chars() { } // iterate characters
```

## Iterators

```
let sum: i32 = vec![1, 2, 3].iter().sum();
let doubled: Vec<_> = v.iter().map(|x| x * 2).collect();
let evens: Vec<_> = v.iter().filter(|x| *x % 2 == 0).collect();
```

## Concurrency

### Threads

```
use std::thread;
let handle = thread::spawn(|| {
    println!("from spawned thread");
});
handle.join().unwrap();
```

### Channels

```
use std::sync::mpsc;
let (tx, rx) = mpsc::channel();
tx.send(42).unwrap();
let val = rx.recv().unwrap();
```

### Shared State

```
Arc<T> Atomic reference counting (thread-safe Rc)
Mutex<T> Mutual exclusion, lock to access inner value
RwLock<T> Multiple readers or one writer
Send Trait: safe to transfer between threads
Sync Trait: safe to share references between threads
```

## Macros & Attributes

### Common Macros

```
println!() Print with newline
format!() Return formatted String
vec![] Create Vec from literals
todo!() Placeholder, panics at runtime
assert!(expr) Panic if expr is false
assert_eq!(a, b) Panic if a!=b
```

### Derive Attributes

```
#[derive(Debug, Clone, PartialEq)]
struct Point { x: f64, y: f64 }
// Auto-implements Debug, Clone, PartialEq
```

### Testing Attributes

```
#[cfg(test)]
mod tests {
    use super::*;
    #[test]
    fn it_works() { assert_eq!(add(2, 2), 4); }
    #[test]
    #[should_panic]
    fn it_panics() { panic!("boom"); }
}
```