



# Rust

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# Outline



## Administrivia

Midterm 1 discussion

## Technical Agenda

Rust!

Overview

Decoupling Shared, Mutable, and State

Channels and Synchronization

Rust Lab Preview

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- non-blocking
- Data-structure-centric
- HTM
- blah, blah, blah..

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*Shared mutable state* requires locks

- So...separate sharing and mutability
- Use type system to make concurrency safe
  - Ownership
  - Immutability
  - Careful library support for sync primitives



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A bit of a pain for static/global state

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Scheduling

Each task → finite time-slice

If task doesn't finish, deferred until later

“M:N scheduler”



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fn main() {  
    println!("Hello, world!")  
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- Each value in Rust has a variable called its *owner*.
- There can only be one owner at a time.
- Owner goes out of scope → value will be dropped.

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Pass by reference takes “ownership implicitly” in other languages like Java



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Why does this fix the problem?

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Does this prevent the exact same class of problems?



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## Copy versus Clone:

Default: Types cannot be copied

- Values move from place to place
- E.g. file descriptor

Clone: Type is expensive to copy

- Make it explicit with clone call
- e.g. Hashtable

Copy: type implicitly copy-able

- e.g. u32, i32, f32, ...

`#[derive(Clone, Debug)]`

# Mutability

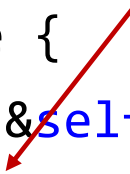
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- Fixes MM \*and\* concurrency in fell swoop!

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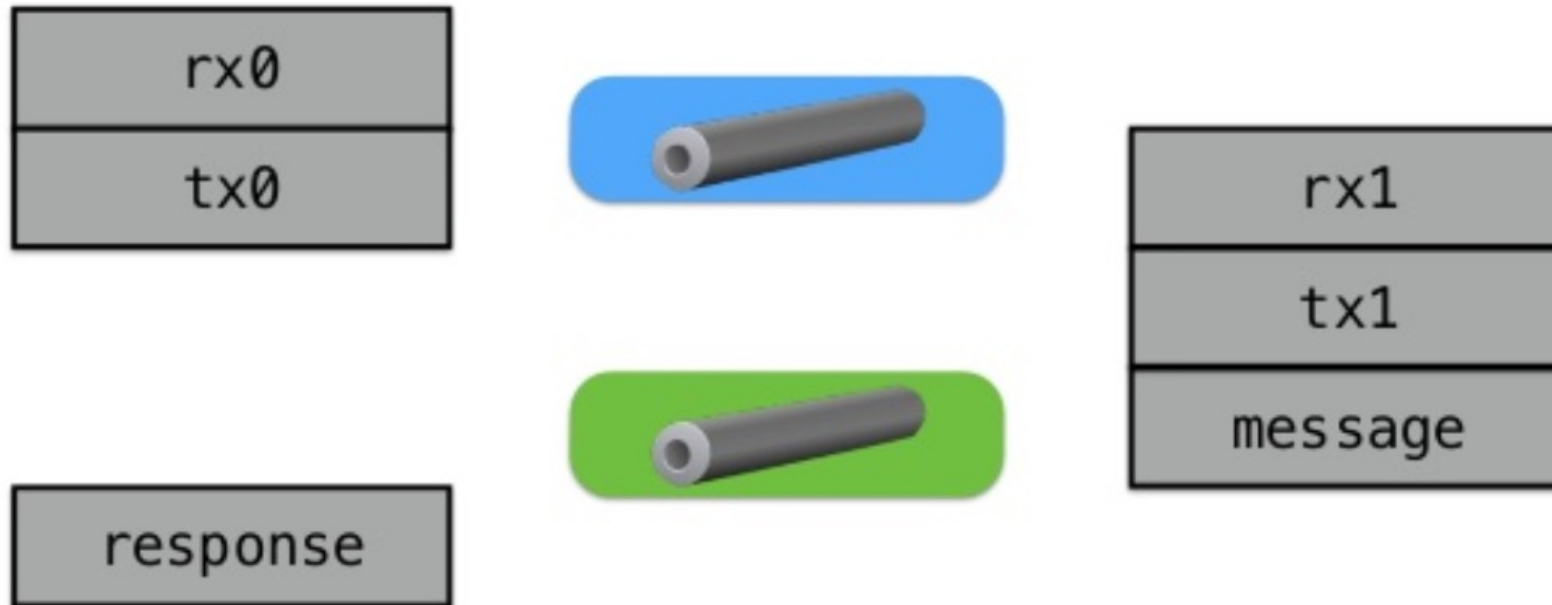
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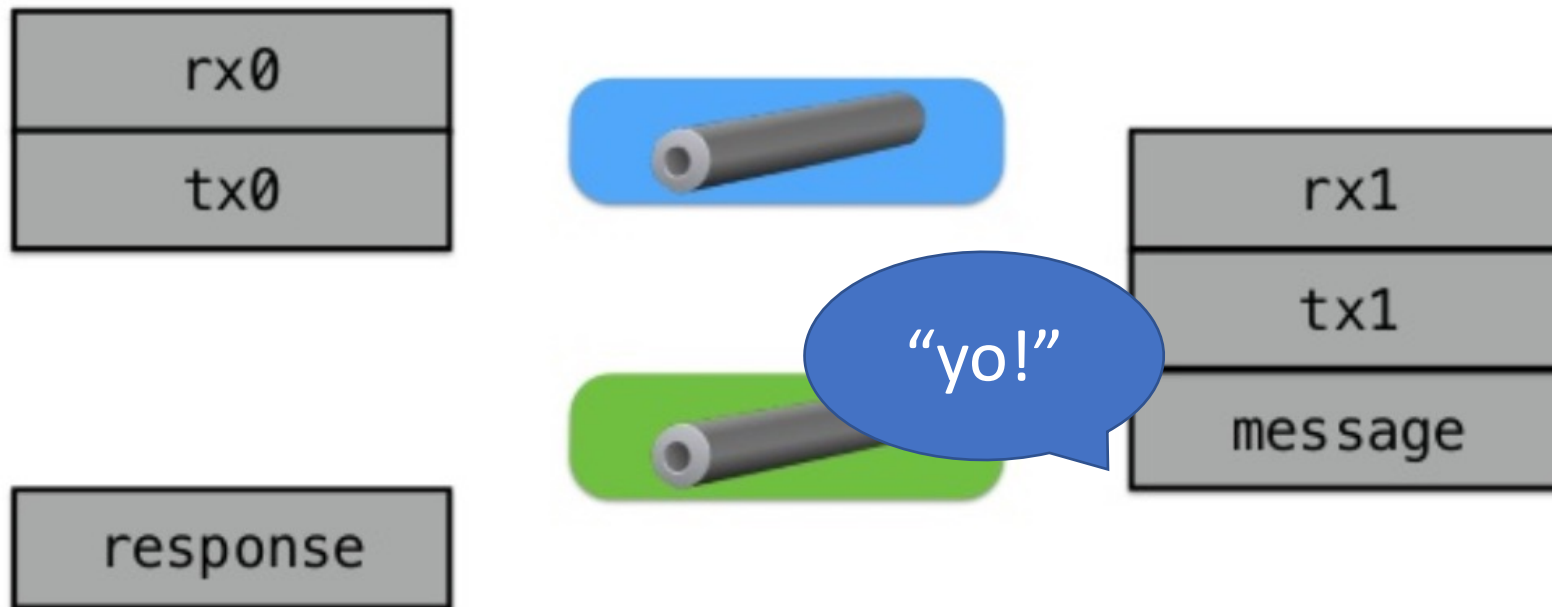


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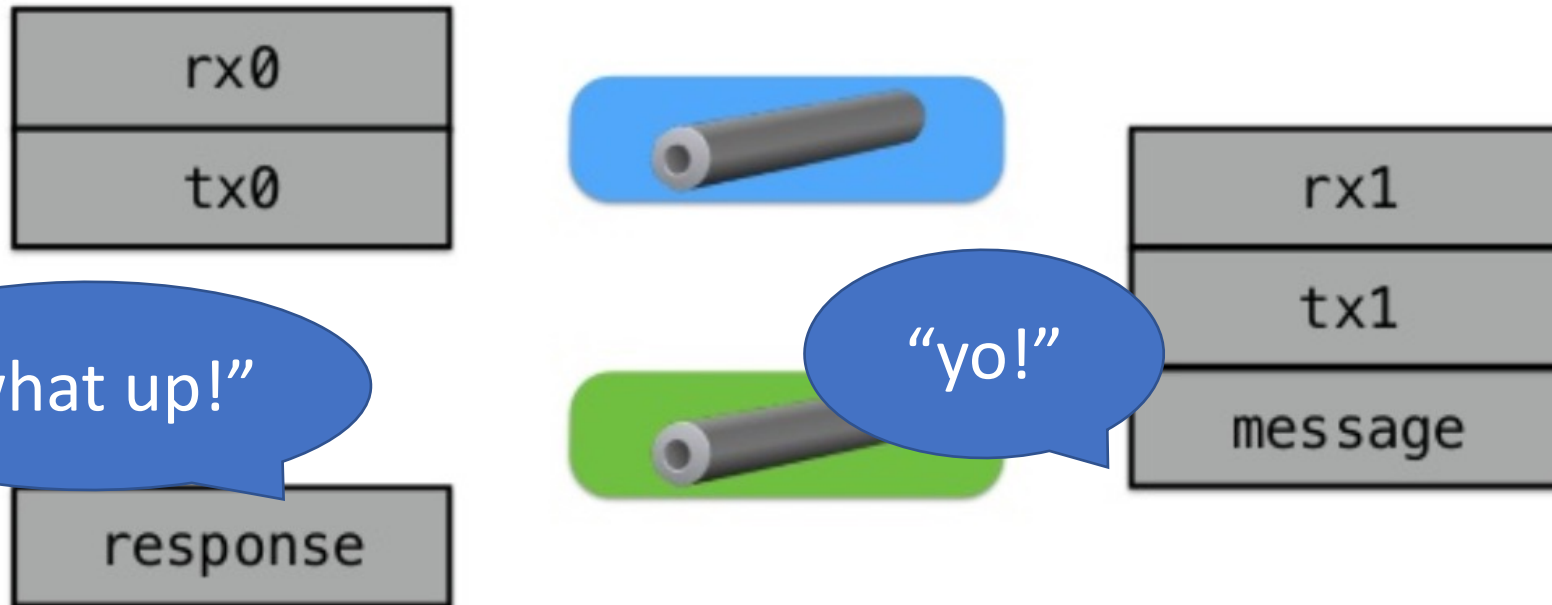
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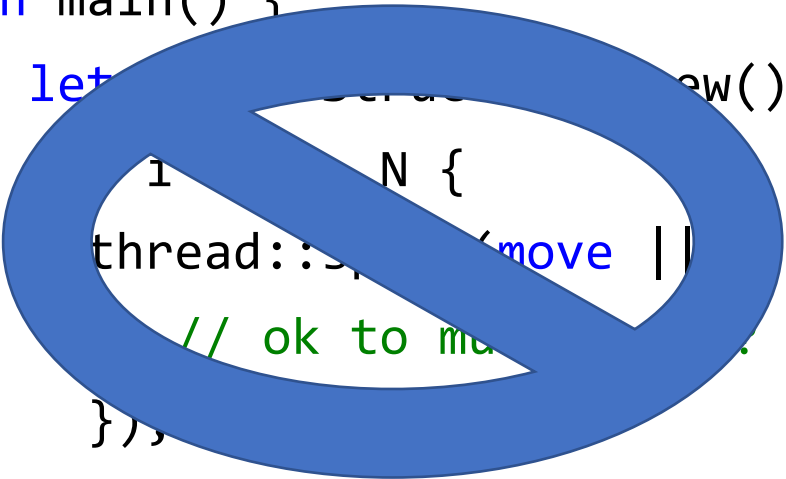
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## Key ideas:

- Use reference counting wrapper to pass refs
- Use scoped lock for mutual exclusion
- Actually compiles → works 1<sup>st</sup> time!

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Compiles! Yay!  
*Other fixes?*

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// Closures are anonymous, here we are binding them to references  
// Annotation is identical to function annotation but is optional  
// as are the `{}` wrapping the body. These nameless functions  
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```

```
let closure_annotated = |i: i32| -> i32 { i + 1 };  
let closure_inferred = |i| i + 1;
```

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# Discussion

GC lambdas, Rust C++

- This is pretty nuanced:
- Stack closures, owned closures, managed closures, exchg heaps

Ownership and Macros

Macros use regexp and expand to closures

# Summary

Rust: best of both worlds

systems vs productivity language

Separate sharing, mutability, concurrency

Type safety solves MM and concurrency

Have fun with the lab!