Rust Language quick reference

START HERE

`let x = 5;`
Immutable binding

`Option<T> / Result<T, E>`
No null, no exceptions

`let mut x = 5;`
Mutable binding

`expr?`
Propagate the error

`&x / &mut x`
Borrow shared / exclusive

`impl Trait for Type`
Implement behaviour

`match v { ... }`
Exhaustive branching

`#[derive(Debug)]`
Generate trait impls

Owner one variable owns the value → `move` → **New owner** old binding unusable → `&` → **Borrow** many &T or one &mut T → `scope ends` → **Drop** memory freed, no GC

Ownership: move, borrow, drop

CONCEPTS

Every value has exactly one owner. Assigning or passing it moves it; borrow with & to keep using it.

Borrow rule: any number of &T or exactly one &mut T at a time, never both, and no reference outlives its owner.

Expressions have values: a block ends in its last expression without a semicolon, and that is its return value.

BINDINGS AND TYPES

`let <x> = <v>;`
Immutable binding (shadowing allowed)

`let mut <x> = <v>;`
Mutable binding

`let <x>: <T> = <v>;`
Annotate the type

`i32 u8 usize f64 bool char`
Common scalar types

`&[<T>]`
Slice: borrowed view of a sequence

`&str / String`
Borrowed text / owned growable text

`Vec<T>`
Growable list

FUNCTIONS AND CONTROL FLOW

`fn <name>(<a>: <T>) → <R> { ... }`
Define a function

`|<x>| <expr>`
Closure

`move |<x>| <expr>`
Closure that takes ownership of captures

`if <c> { ... } else { ... }`
Conditional, usable as an expression

`if let <pat> = <v> { ... }`
Run when one pattern matches

`for <x> in <iter> { ... }`
Iterate a collection or range

`0..<n> / 0..=<n>`
Range, end exclusive / inclusive

STRUCTS AND ENUMS

`struct <S> { <f>: <T> }`
Struct with named fields

`enum <E> { <A>, <B>(<T>), <C> { <f>: <U> } }`
Enum with data per variant

`impl <S> { fn <new>() → Self { ... } }`
Add methods and associated functions

`&self / &mut self / self`
Method receiver: borrow / mutate / consume

`#[derive(Debug, Clone, PartialEq)]`
Auto-implement common traits

PATTERN MATCHING

`match <v> { <pat> ⇒ <expr>, _ ⇒ <expr> }`
Exhaustive branching

`Some(<x>) / None`
Option variants

`Ok(<v>) / Err(<e>)`
Result variants

OWNERSHIP AND REFERENCES

`&<x>`
Shared borrow (read only)

`&mut <x>`
Exclusive borrow (read and write)

`<x>.clone()`
Deep copy, explicit

`<'a>`
Lifetime parameter, as in fn f<'a>(x: &'a str)

`&'static <T>`
Reference valid for the whole program

`Box<T>`
Heap allocation, single owner

`Rc<T> / Arc<T>`
Shared ownership, single / multi thread

OPTION AND RESULT

`<opt>.unwrap_or(<d>)`
Value or a default

`<x>.map(|<v>| ...)`
Transform the inner value

`<x>.and_then(|<v>| ...)`
Chain a step that may fail

`<x>.unwrap() / .expect("<msg>")`
Panic if None or Err

OPTION AND RESULT (cont.)

`<res>.map_err(|<e>| ...)`
Convert the error type

`<opt>.as_ref() / .as_mut()`
Borrow the inner value

`<x>?`
Return early on None or Err

TRAITS AND GENERICS

`trait <T> { fn <m>(&self) → <R>; }`
Define shared behaviour

`impl <Tr> for <S> { ... }`
Implement a trait for a type

`fn <f><T: <Tr>>(<x>: T)`
Generic function with a bound

`fn <f>(<x>: &impl <Tr>)`
Shorthand for a trait bound

`where <T>: <A> + <B>,`
Bounds on a separate line

`struct <S><T> { <f>: T }`
Generic struct

`Box<dyn <Tr>>`
Trait object, dynamic dispatch

COLLECTIONS AND ITERATORS

`vec![<a>, <b>]`
Vec literal

`<v>.push(<x>) / <v>.pop()`
Append / remove last

`<v>[<i>] / <v>.get(<i>)`
Index (panics) / checked (Option)

`<v>.iter() / .iter_mut() / .into_iter()`
Borrow / mutably borrow / consume

`<it>.map(|<x>| ...)`
Transform each item

`<it>.filter(|<x>| ...)`
Keep matching items

`<it>.collect::<Vec<_>>()`
Gather into a collection

`<it>.enumerate()`
Pair items with an index

`HashMap::new() / .insert(<k>, <v>)`
Key-value map

`<m>.entry(<k>).or_insert(<d>)`
Insert if missing, get a &mut

STRINGS

`String::from("<s>") / "<s>".to_string()`
Owned String from a literal

STRINGS (cont.)

`format!("{} {}", <a>, <b>)`
Build a String

`println!("{<x>}")`
Print with inline variable

`{:?} / {:#?}`
Debug / pretty Debug formatting

MODULES AND CRATES

`mod <name>;`
Declare a module (src/<name>.rs)

`pub fn / pub struct`
Make an item public

`use <path>::<Item>;`
Import a name

`#[cfg(test)]`
Compile only for tests

CONCURRENCY AND UNSAFE

`thread::spawn(move || { ... })`
Run a closure on a new thread

`Arc<Mutex<T>>`
Shared mutable state across threads

TESTING AND DOCS

`#[test] fn <name>() { ... }`
Mark a test function

`assert!(<c>) / assert_eq!(<a>, <b>)`
Fail the test on mismatch

`/// <text>`
Doc comment on the next item

RECIPES

Error type with ?

```
fn read(p: &str) →
Result<String, io::Error> {
    let s =
fs::read_to_string(p)?;
    Ok(s.trim().to_string())
}
```

Count words with a HashMap

```
let mut n: HashMap<&str, usize>
= HashMap::new();
for w in
text.split_whitespace() {
    *n.entry(w).or_insert(0) +=
1;
}
```

Enum with match

```
match shape {
    Shape::Circle(r) ⇒ 3.14 *
r * r,
    Shape::Rect(w, h) ⇒ w * h,
}
```