

Ownership Continued

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Logistics

- Solutions for week 1 exercises released! Give 'em a read & put questions in Slack.
- Week 2 exercises will be released today and will be due Tuesday
 - Handout is on the website.
 - You should have gotten an invitation from CS110L to join a repository on GitHub. It will be called `week2-yourSUNetID`.
 - Starter code is here; submit by pushing to this repo.
 - Please check that you got this, and let me know if you didn't!
 - If you didn't fill out the intro form, you don't have a repo. Fill out the form & let me know on Slack.
 - If you're not officially enrolled, you don't have a repo. Message me on Slack & I'll get you one.
- Reminder: no class on Monday; remote on Wednesday.

Today: more ownership & Rust!

Previously on 110L...

Ownership (From The Rust Book!)

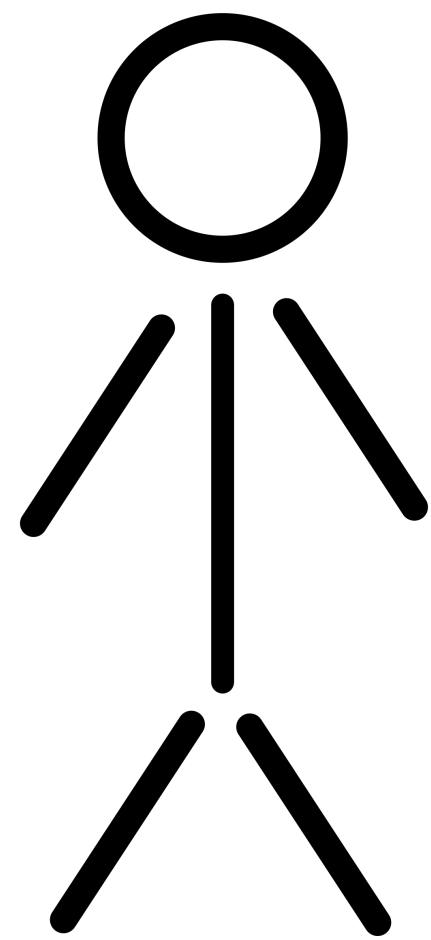
Ownership Rules

First, let's take a look at the ownership rules. Keep these rules in mind as we work through the examples that illustrate them:

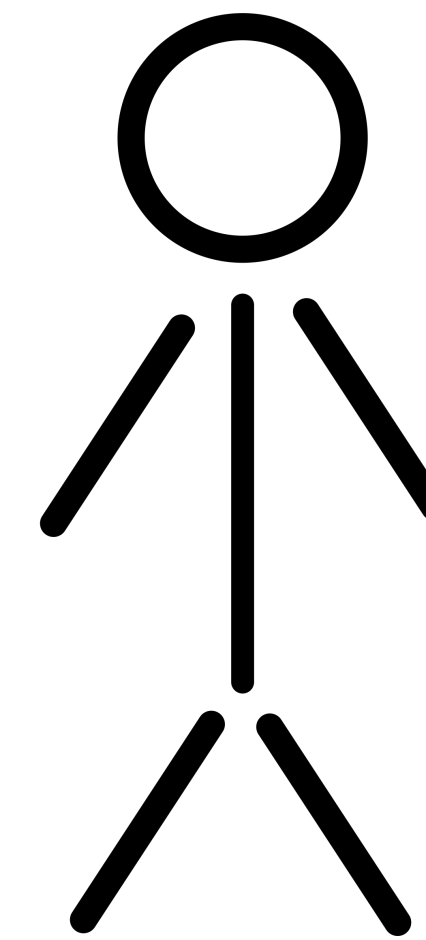
- Each value in Rust has a variable that's called its *owner*.
- There can only be one owner at a time.
- When the owner goes out of scope, the value will be dropped.

Ownership (from Monday)

```
let julio = Bear::get();  
let ryan = julio;
```

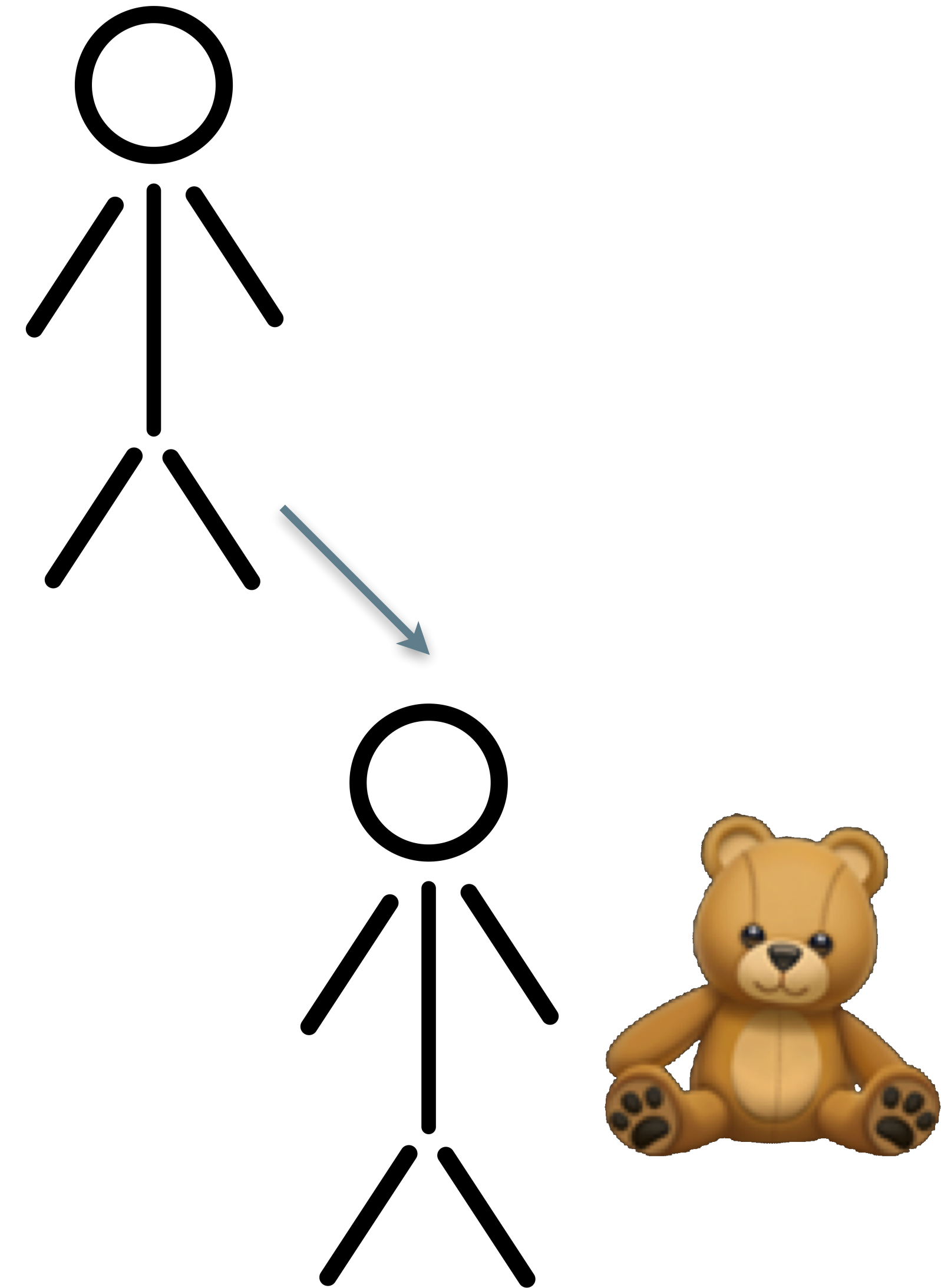


julio;



ryan;

Function calls transfer ownership (from Monday)



```
fn my_cool_bear_function(/* parameter */ ) {  
    // Do stuff  
    // Value (bear) will go out of scope – freed!  
}
```

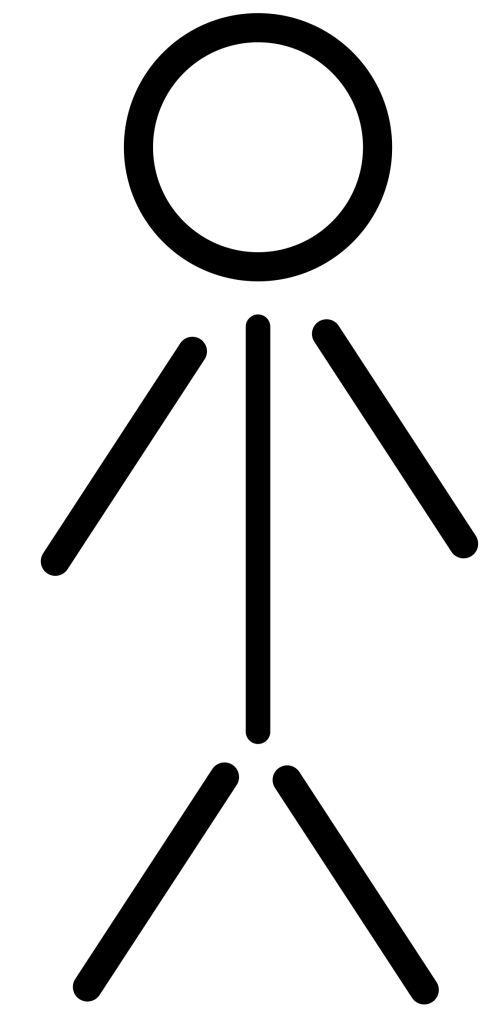
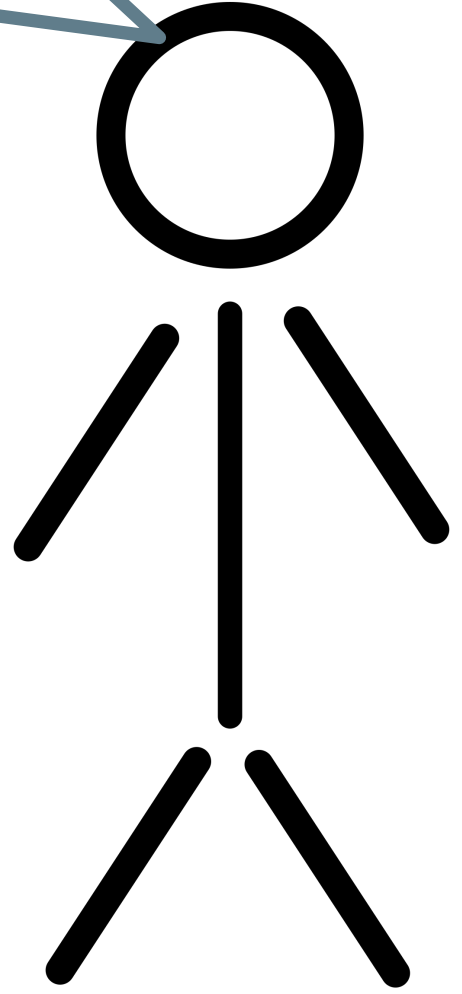
```
fn main() {  
    let julio = Bear::get();  
    my_cool_bear_function(julio);  
    /* ^This transfers ownership to parameter in function */  
  
    /* julio no longer owns the toy D: Compiler wont let you  
    use it! */  
}
```

Borrowing (from Monday)

Hey,
my_cool_bear_function,
you could BORROW this toy.
Just give it back when you're
done!

```
let julio = Bear::get();  
my_cool_bear_function(&julio)  
/* The julio variable can still be used here  
to access the teddy bear! */
```

Thank
you, this means
you'll have to put the
toy back when you're
done though!



```
let julio = ...
```

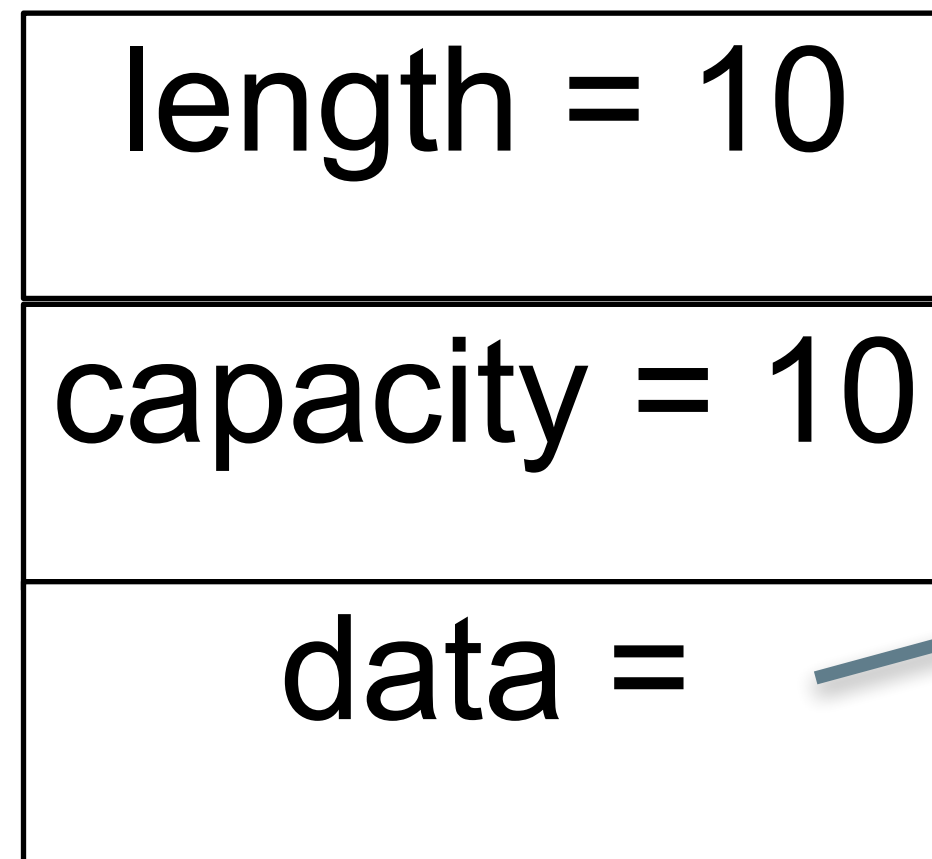
```
my_cool_bear_function(Bear: &Bear)
```


What does ownership look like in
memory?

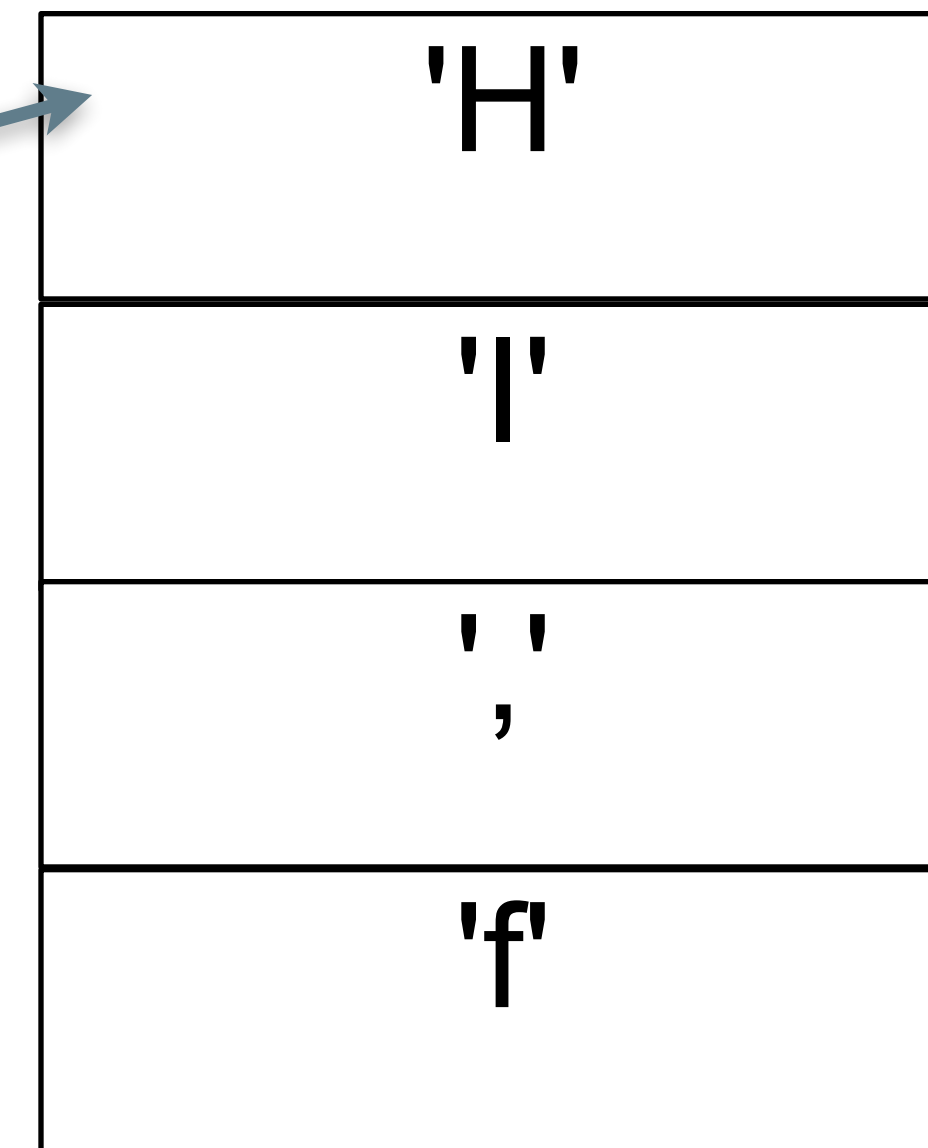
Ownership in Memory

```
let julio = "Hi,friends".to_string();
```

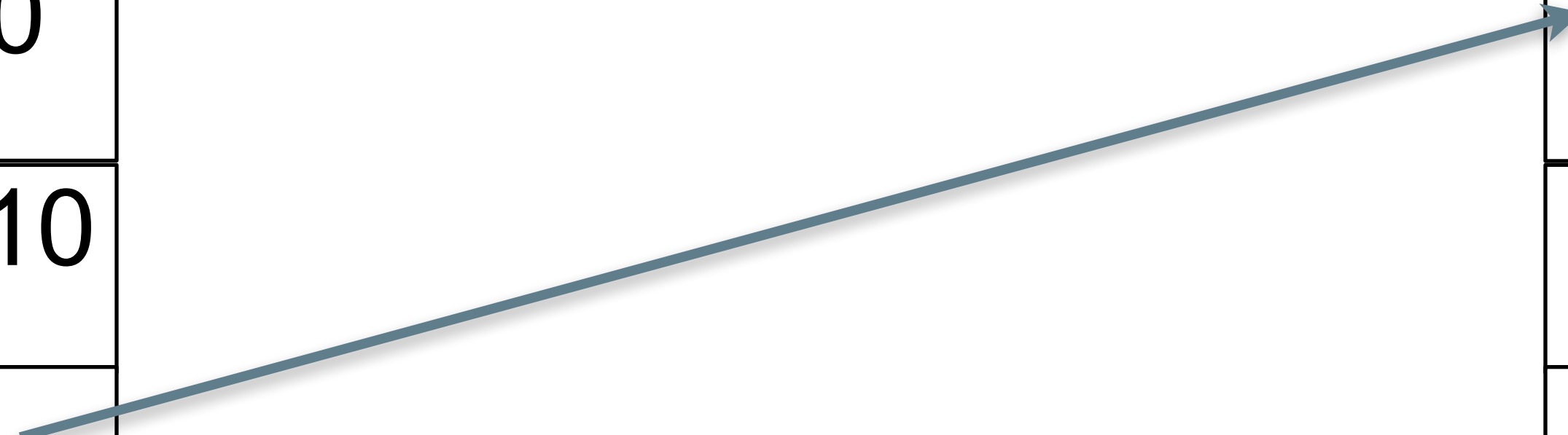
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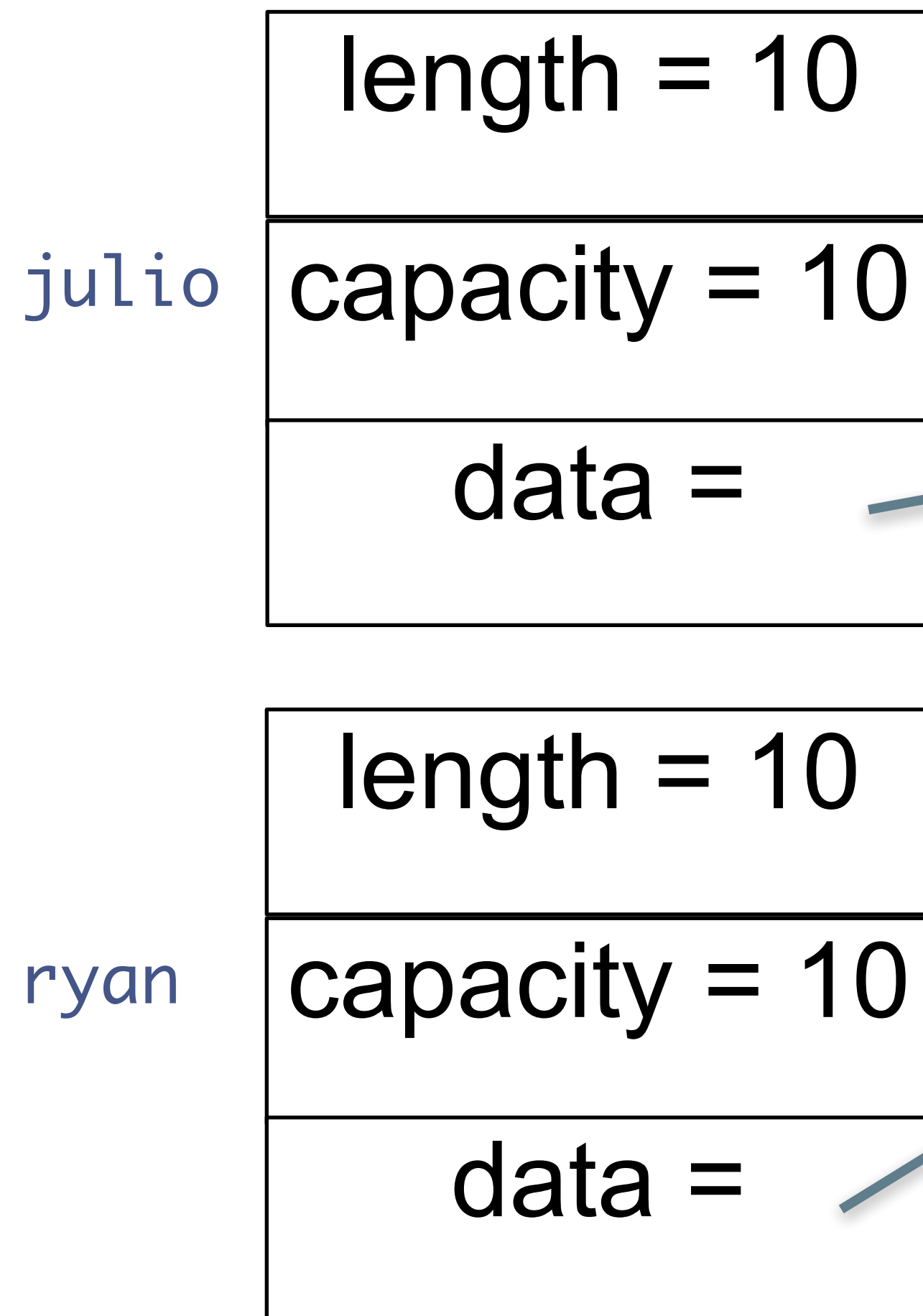
julio



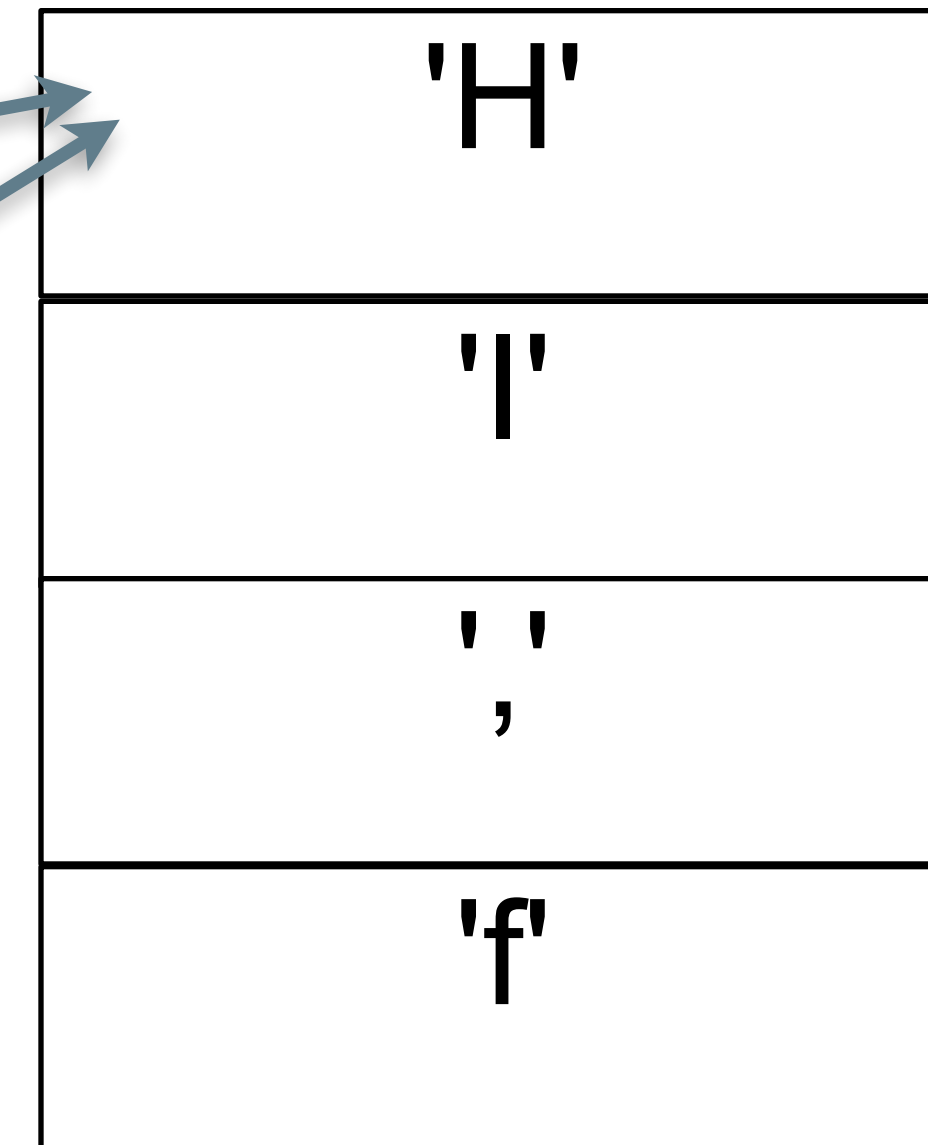
Ownership in Memory

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let ryan = julio;
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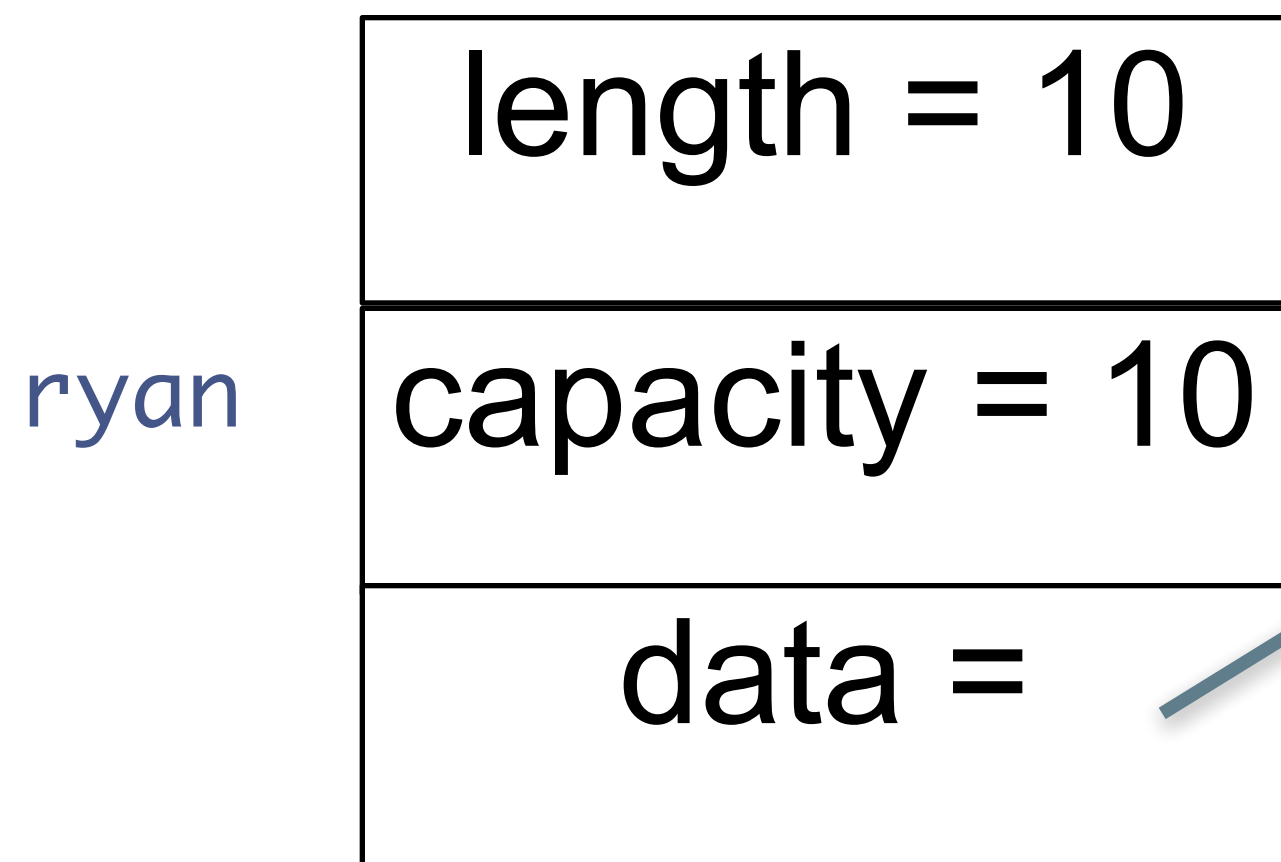
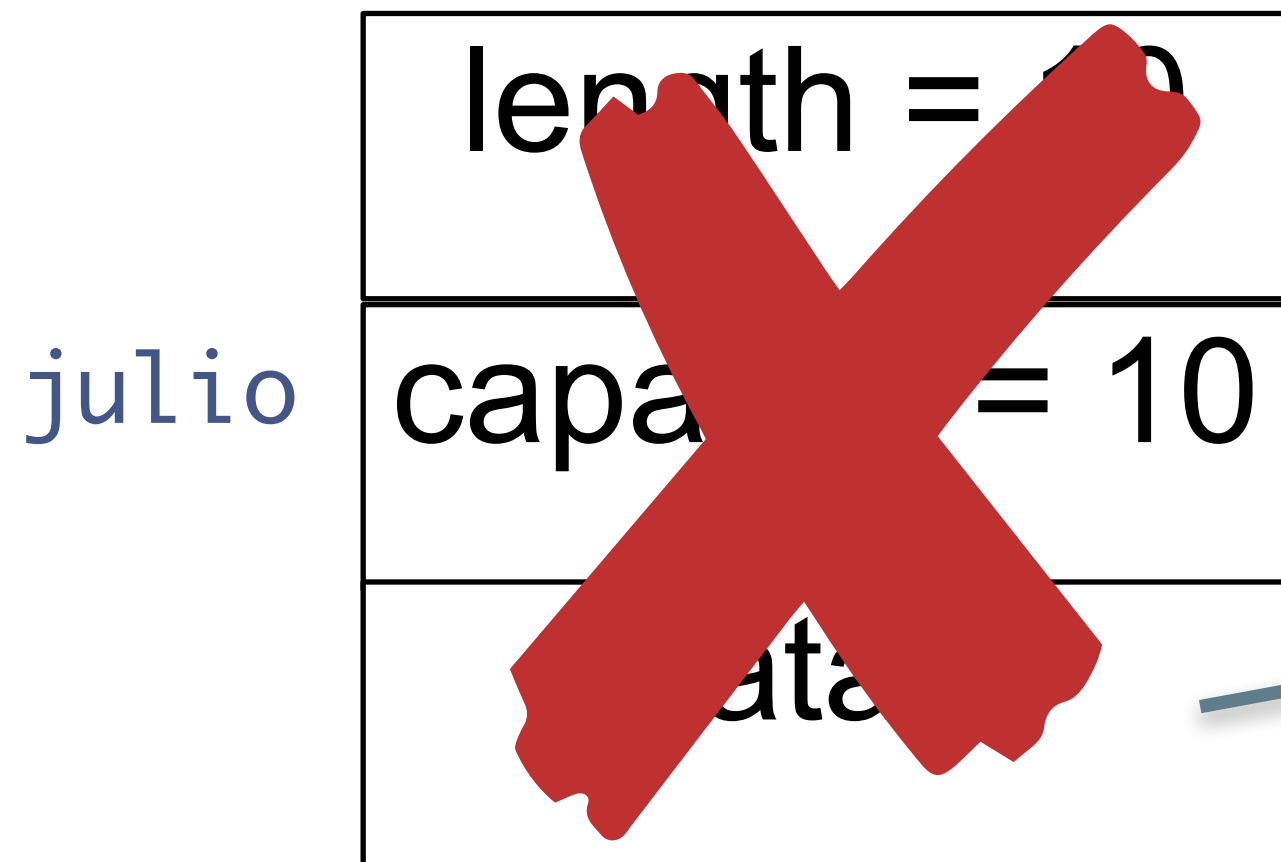


This is known as a *shallow* copy. The contents of the *stack* is copied for the new variable. The heap contents is *not*.

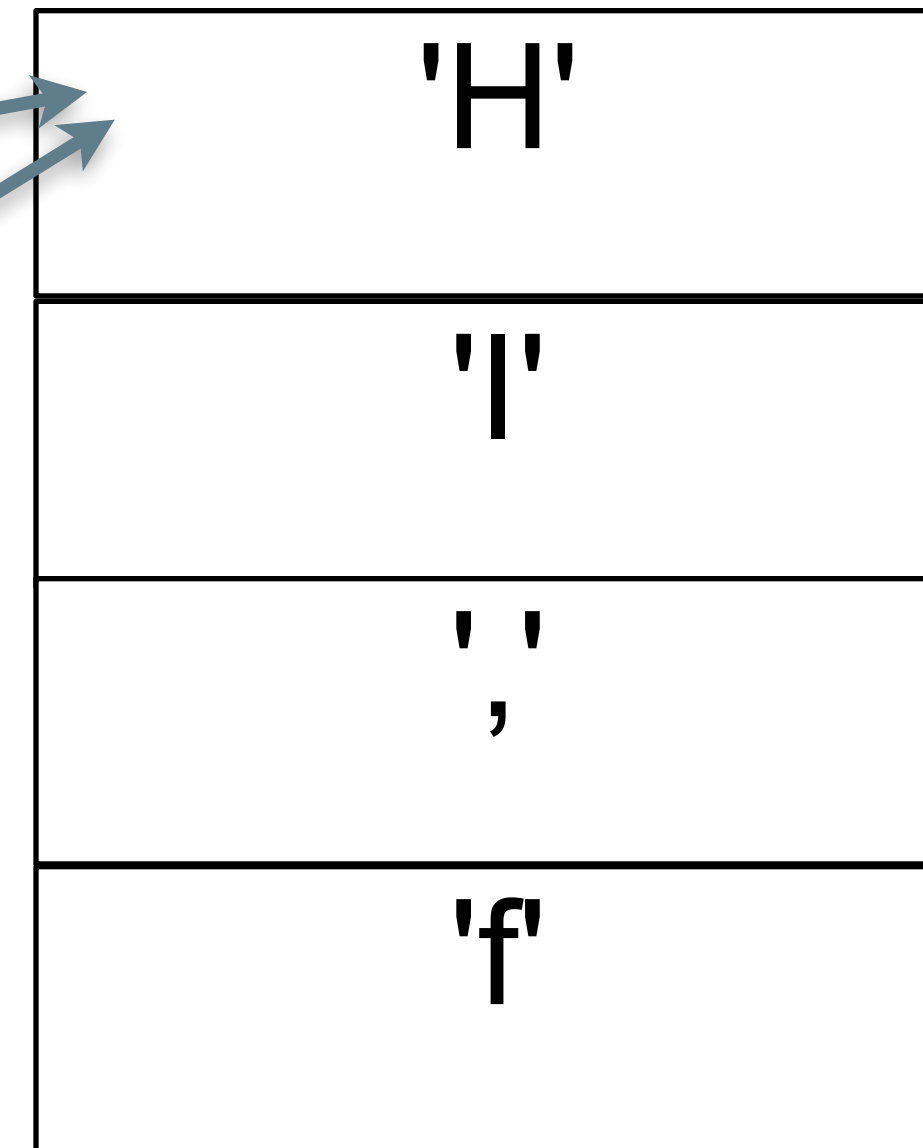
Ownership in Memory

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let julio = "Hi, friends".to_string();  
let ryan = julio;
```

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What might happen if we didn't stop 'julio' from accessing the values in its copy of the string object?

Ownership in Memory

- When we reach the end of a scope (designated by curly-braces), the **Drop** function is called.
- You can think of this being a special function to properly free() the entire object (maybe multiple pointers to free, so the function will have that implementation)
- Similar to the destructor in C++
- Types with the Rust **Drop** trait have a **Drop** function to call (more on traits soon!)

```
fn main() {  
    let julio = "Hi, friends".to_string();  
    let ryan = julio;  
}
```

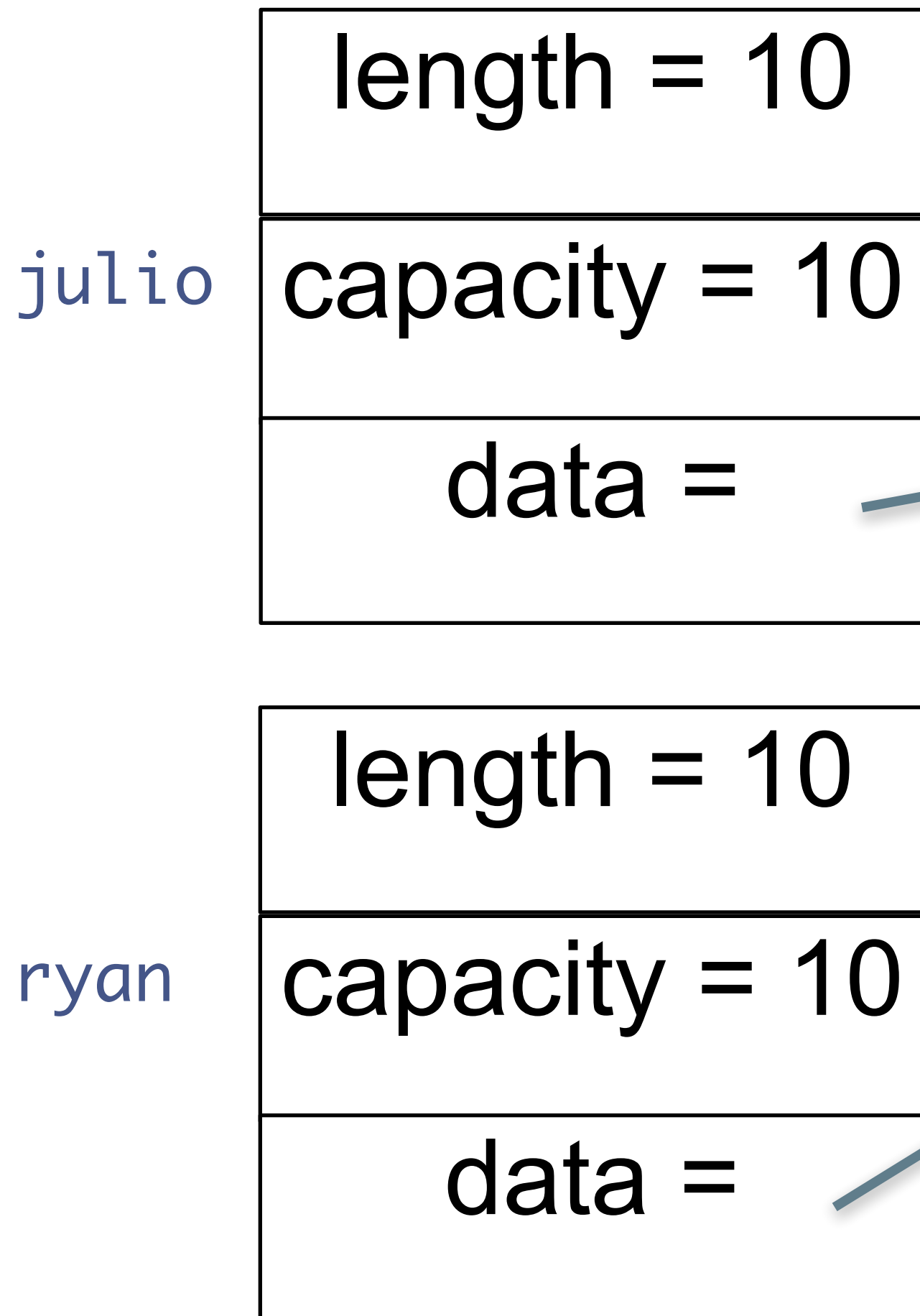


End of variable scope!
Drop function called for
variables *owning* values

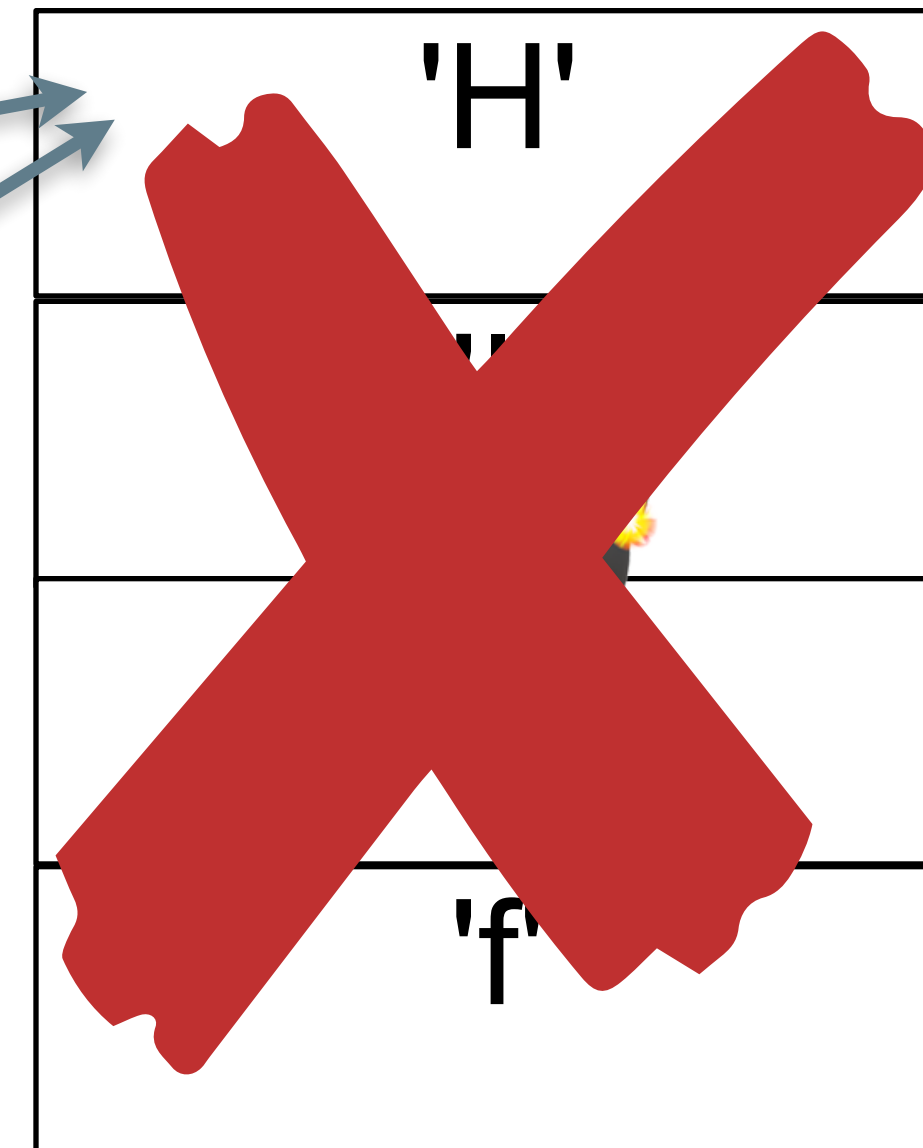
Ownership in Memory

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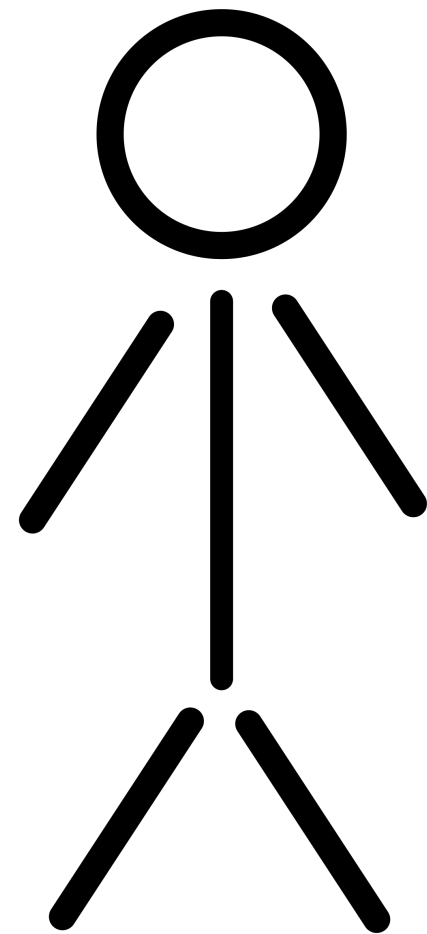
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Ownership in Memory: Recap

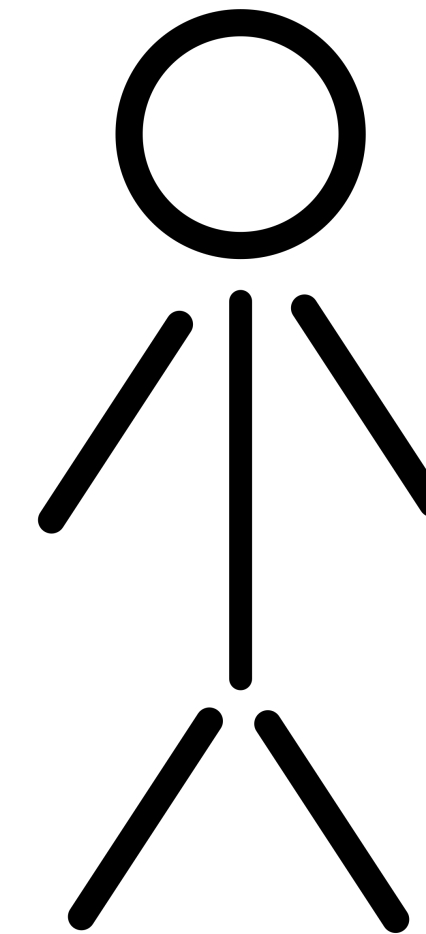
- We make *shallow* copies of variables when passing ownership, and we *invalidate* previous variables that no longer own the data.
- The invalidation is to prevent double-frees - much safer when we know exactly who should call the **Drop** function.
- If you wanted to make a deep copy (create a new object with a copy of the data on the *heap*), Rust has the *clone* function.

Clone function

```
let julio = "Hi, friends".toString();  
let ryan = julio.clone();
```



julio;



ryan;

Now, julio and ryan have their own heap data!

Questions?

Ownership in Memory

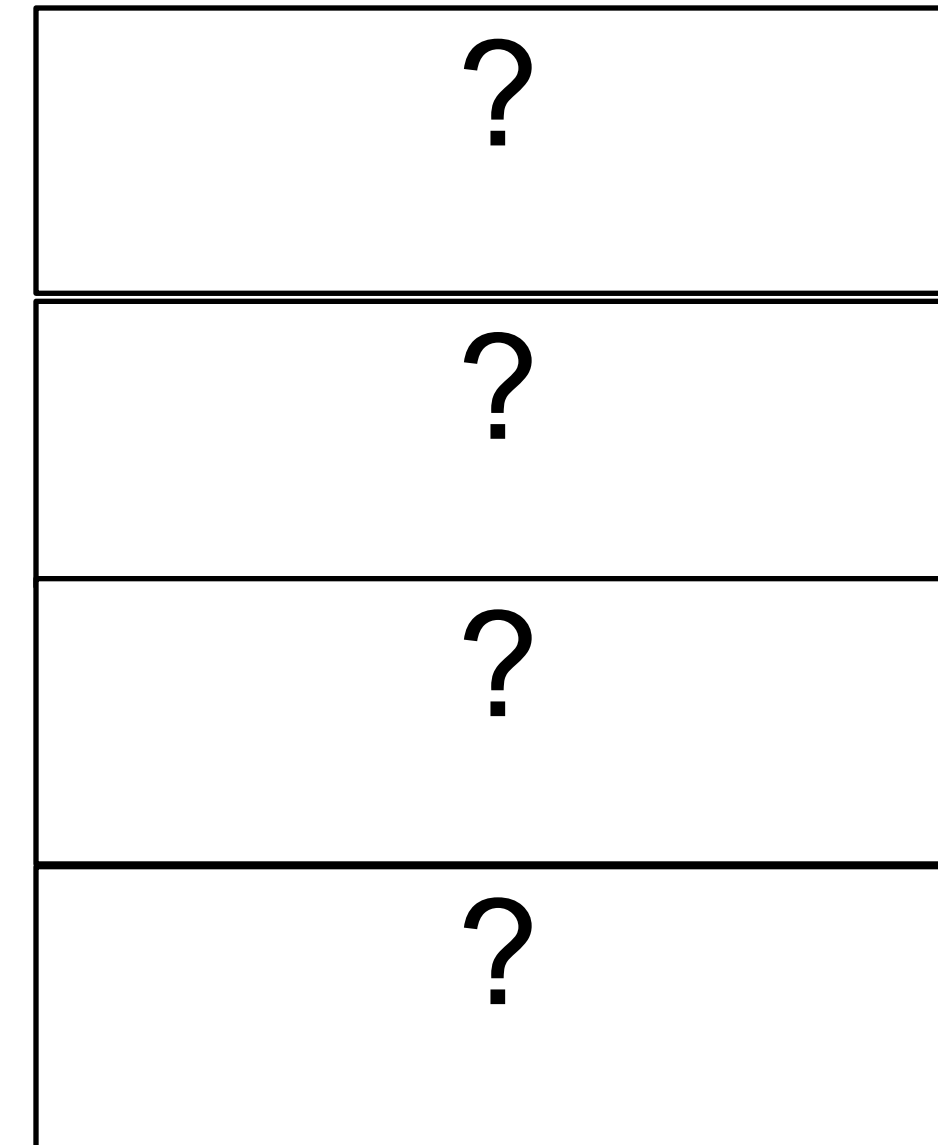
```
let julio = 10;
```

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julio

value = 10

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Ownership in Memory

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let ryan = julio
```

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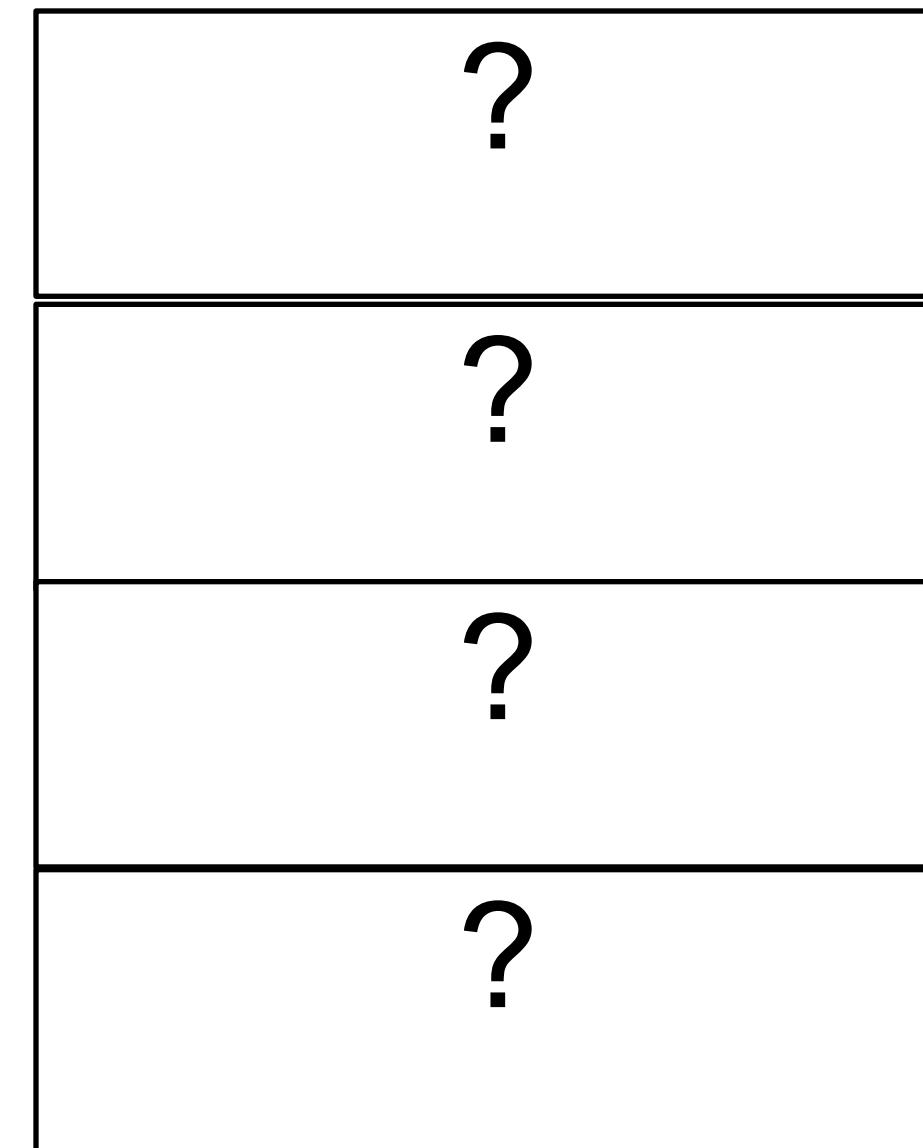
julio

value = 10

ryan

value = 10

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What might happen if we don't stop 'julio' from accessing the values in its copy of the number object?

Ownership in Memory

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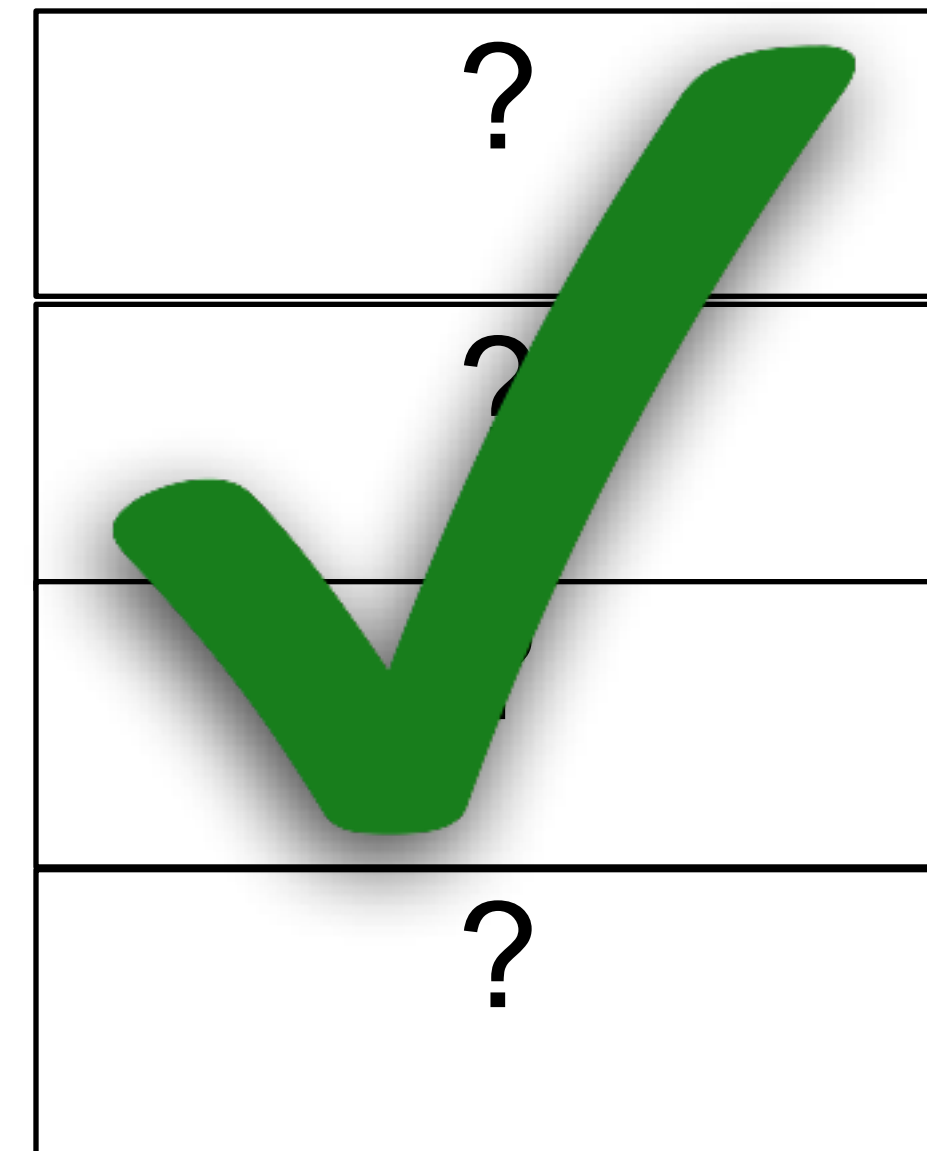
julio

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value = 10

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Absolutely nothing - the heap is safe!

What's going on here?

- Some values in Rust do not make use of the heap, and are stored directly on the stack. (integer types (u32), booleans, etc...)
 - For these types, a “shallow copy” = a full copy
- Objects that only require stack space are typically **copied by default** when assigning variables
 - Types with this property have the **Copy** trait.
 - Instead of transferring ownership, ‘=’ operator for assignment (e.g., `let ryan = julio`) will create a copy
- If you have the **Copy** trait, Rust won't let you implement a **Drop** trait (why?)

Copy Trait Error

```
Compiling playground v0.0.1 (/playground)
error[E0382]: borrow of moved value: `julio`
  --> src/main.rs:5:17
2 | let julio = "Hi friends".to_string();
  |         ----- move occurs because `julio` has type `String`, which does not implement the `Copy` trait
3 | let ryan = julio;
  |         ----- value moved here
4 |
5 | println!("{}", julio);
  |           ^^^^^^ value borrowed here after move
```

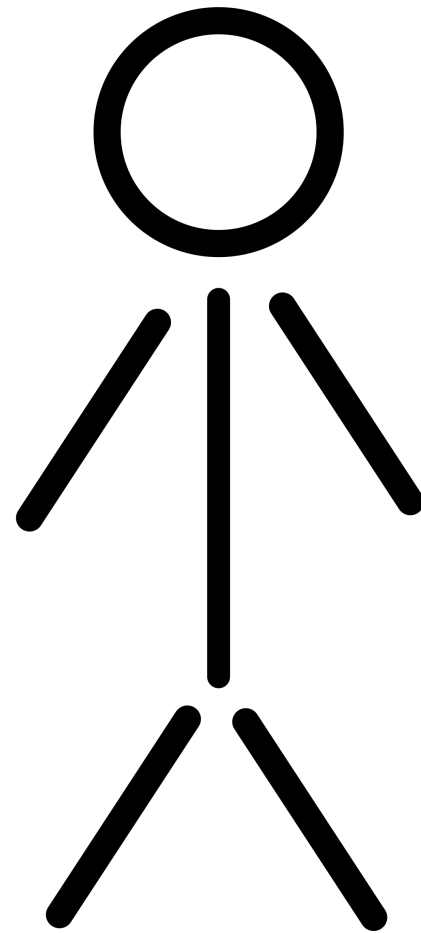
Without the **Copy** trait, Rust assumes ownership is moving!

Questions?

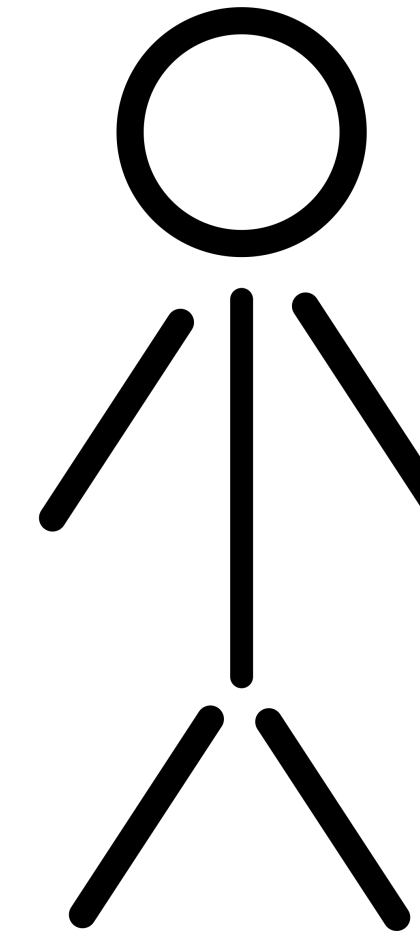
Borrowing++

Borrowing: Recap

```
let julio = Bear::get();  
my_cool_bear_function(&julio)  
/* The julio variable can still be used here! */
```



julio;



my_cool_bear_function;

What are the rules behind the &?

Variables Rules in Rust

- All pieces of data, by default, are **immutable** in Rust.
- You can imagine that *const* is secretly behind every variable you instantiate.
- The **mut** keyword specifies the data a variable owns to be **mutable**. It's like the opposite *const*.
- The Rust Compiler will *not* compile your code if you change the data owned by any variable that is not declared as mutable.

Mutable Variables

```
let lst = vec![1,2,3];  
vec.push(4);
```



```
let mut lst = vec![1,2,3];  
vec.push(4);
```



'Borrowing' creates a type!

```
let julio = Bear::get();  
my_cool_bear_function(&julio)  
/* The julio variable can still be used here! */
```



```
let julio = Bear::get();  
let julio_reference = &julio;  
my_cool_bear_function(julio_reference);  
/* The julio variable can still be used here! */
```

"Borrowing Type" == References

- `&` creates a new variable type, known as a **reference** to that type.
- Because these are new variables, they too are **immutable** by default, and can be made **mutable** with the **mut** keyword.
- Mutable references can only be made if the actual variable is also mutable

```
let julio = Bear::get();  
let julio_reference = &julio;  
  
my_cool_bear_function(julio_reference);  
/* The julio variable can still be used here! */
```

```
let mut julio = Bear::get();  
let mutable_julio_reference = &mut julio;  
  
my_cool_bear_function(mutable_julio_reference);  
/* The julio variable can still be used here! */
```

Code: Immutable + Mutable References

does not compile

Function takes in a **reference** to a vector!

```
fn append_to_vector(lst: &Vec<u32>) {  
    lst.push(3);  
}
```

```
fn main() {  
    let mut lst = vec![1,2,3];  
    append_to_vector(&lst);  
}
```

Main passes a **reference** to `append_to_vector...`

Code: Immutable + Mutable References

***compiles!**i>*

But it must be a **mutable reference** since the vector is changed!

```
fn append_to_vector(lst: &mut Vec<u32>) {  
    lst.push(3);  
}
```

```
fn main() {  
    let mut lst = vec![1,2,3];  
    append_to_vector(&mut lst);  
}
```

Main must also pass a **mutable reference** through!

Borrowing + References: The Catch



```
let mut bear = Bear::get();
```

We want both painters to trust that the bear they see won't change while they're trying to paint it!



```
let pink_shirt = &bear;
```



```
let blue_shirt = &bear;
```


Borrowing + References: The Catch



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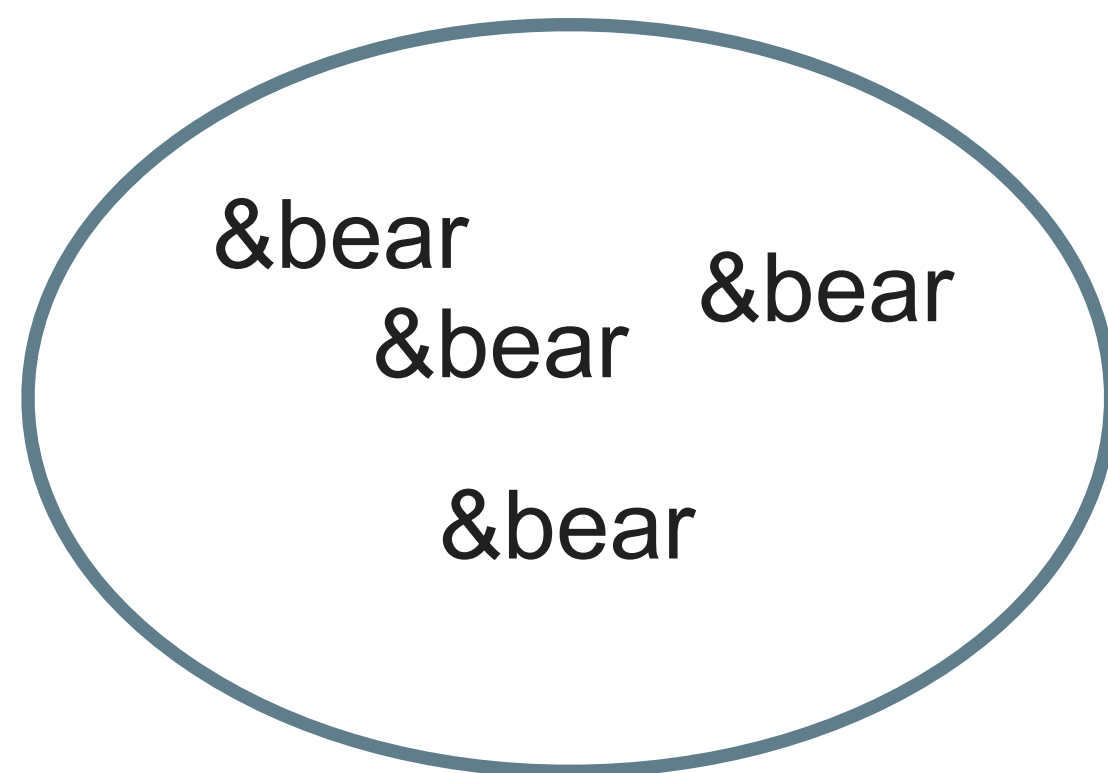
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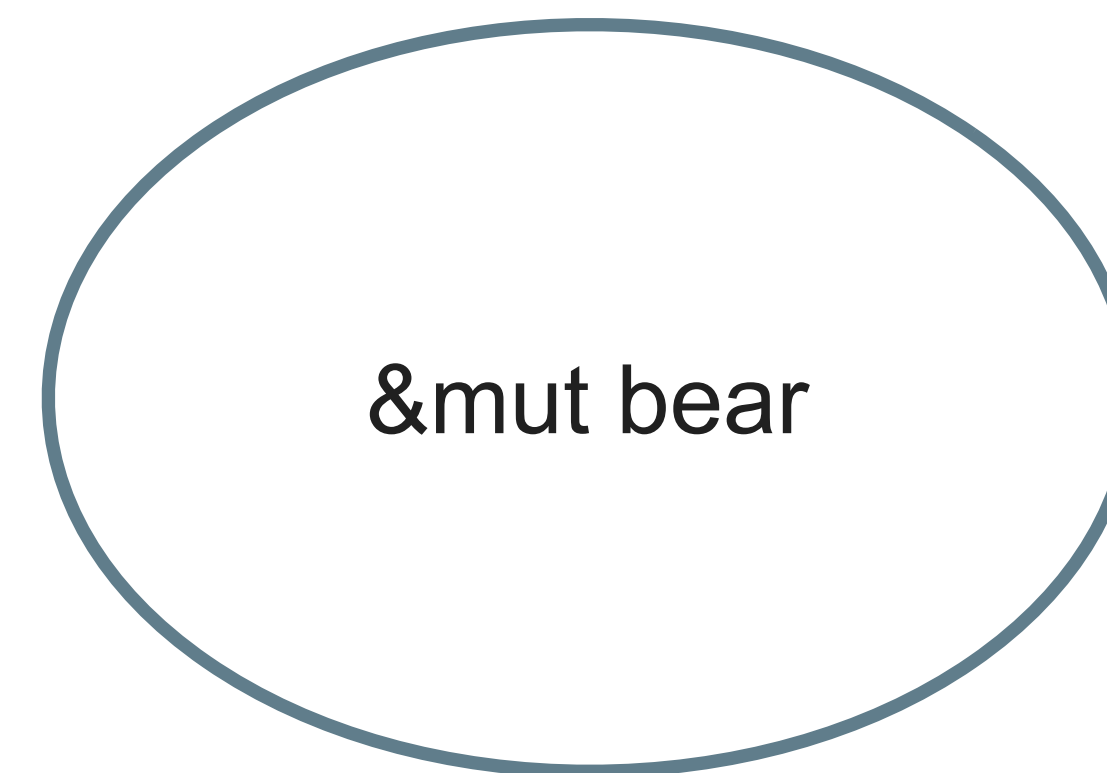
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References Rules

- Can have many **immutable** references for a variable in scope at a time.
 - *Think that many painters can paint a picture of the bear, so long as they know no one will change that bear while they're painting.*
- But can only have **one** mutable reference in scope at a time.
 - *Otherwise, the immutable references might see different data than what they initially expected, or two mutable reference's changes might conflict.*

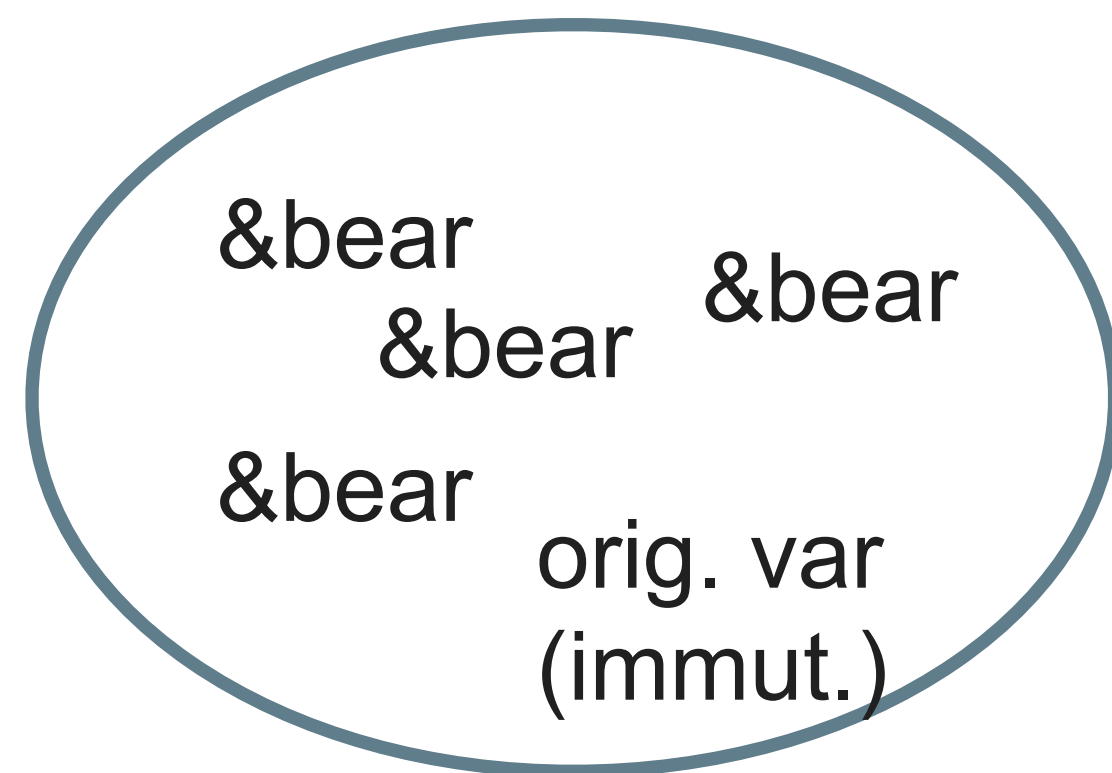


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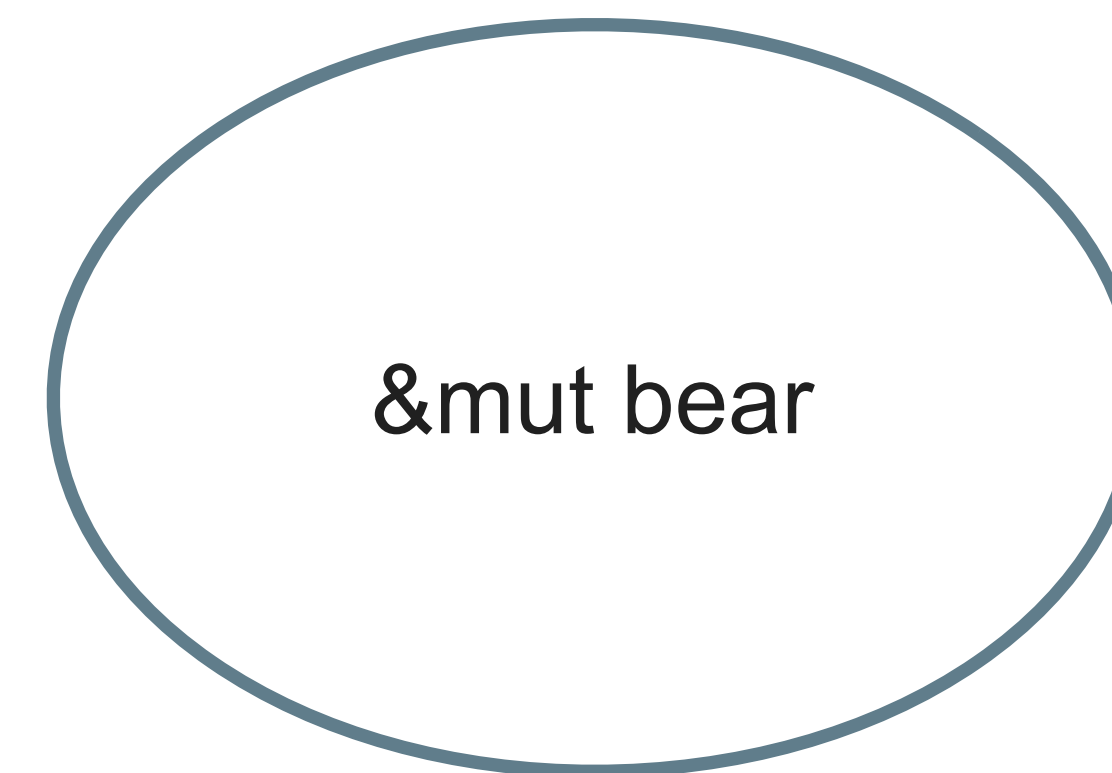


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- Note: if you create a reference, the original variable is:
 - If reference is mutable: temporarily unusable
 - If reference is immutable: (temporarily) immutable



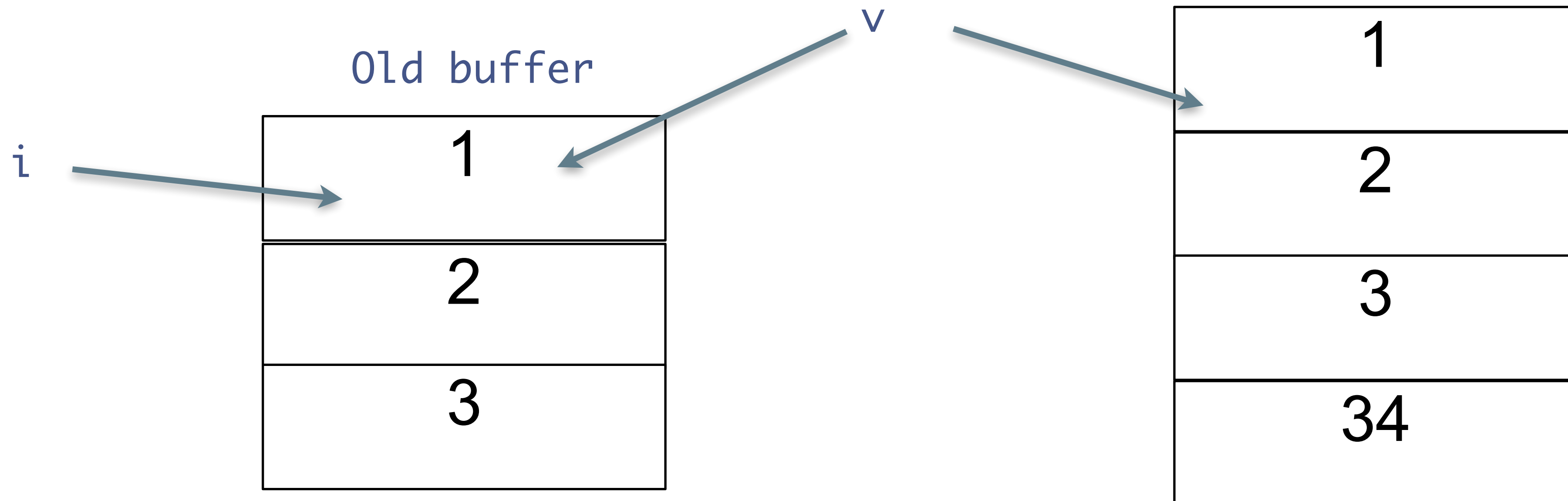
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Code Example

Iterator Invalidation Avoided!

```
fn main() {  
    let mut v = vec![1, 2, 3];  
    /* This for loop borrows the vector above to do its work. */  
    for i in &mut v {  
        println!("{}", i);  
        v.push(34); /* can cause resize -> moving in memory! */  
    }  
}
```



References Recap [End]

- With the ownership and borrowing rules, many different kinds of memory errors are avoided :D
- But they do lead to trickier code to write - the Rust compiler will fight with you as you write these programs
- Take it slow, ask questions in the #questions channel!