



DS-210: PROGRAMMING FOR DATA SCIENCE

LECTURE 19

- 1. HEAP: DANGERS OF MANUAL MEMORY MANAGEMENT**
- 2. OWNERSHIP AND BORROWING IN RUST**
- 3. METHODS IN RUST**





LAST TIME

- Possible data locations: stack and heap
- Mostly focused on the stack





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In [4]: *pointer = 3000;  
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Second call can't proceed: the content of `q` is gone





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Fix our previous example by returning the pointer

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In [18]: let mut road = Road::new(100,200,30);
display_2(&road);
update_speed(&mut road, 25);
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eed: 30 }
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(&road).display();  
  
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```
In [24]: let r = Road::new(1,2,35);  
let r2 = r.this_will_move();  
r.display()
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^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^ `r` moved due to this metho  
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METHODS (SUMMARY)

- Make first parameter `self`
- Various options:
 - `self`: move will occur
 - `&self`: self will be immutable reference
 - `&mut self`: self will be mutable reference

NEXT TIME

Additional topics related to what was covered today:

- Specifying type to be always copied
- Having multiple references at the same time

