

Design Patterns in Rust

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What is Rust?

Modern systems programming



Semi-automatic memory management



```
struct Foo { ... }
```

```
struct Foo { ... }
fn bar(x: Foo) {
   ...
}
```

```
struct Foo { ... }
fn bar(x: Foo) {
    ...
}
fn baz(x: &Foo) {
    ...
}
```

```
struct Foo { ... }
fn bar(x: Foo) {
fn baz(x: &Foo) {
fn qux(x: Box<Foo>) {
```

Traits

```
struct Foo { ... }
```

```
struct Foo { ... }

trait Bar {
  fn baz(&self);
}
```

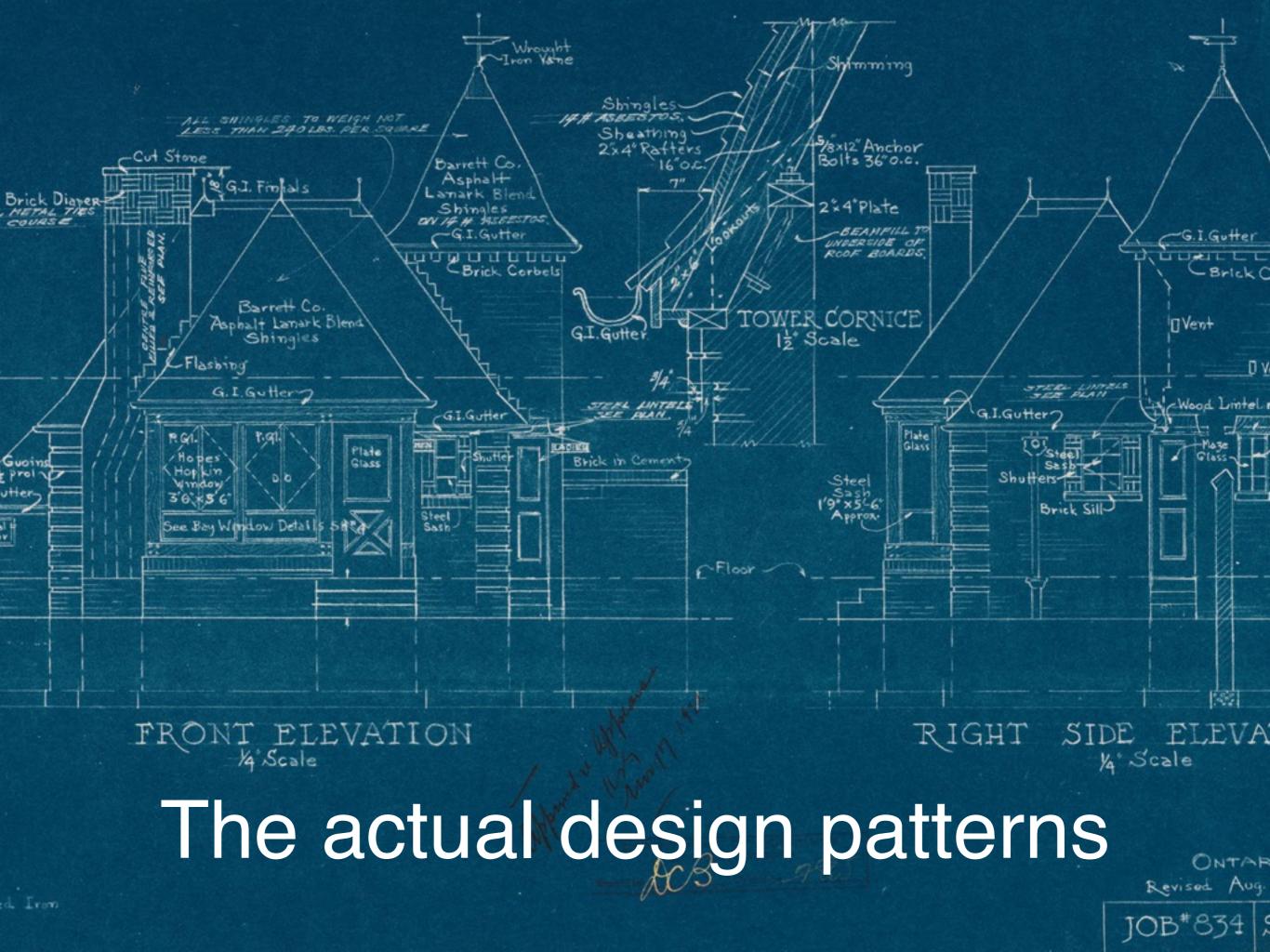
```
struct Foo { ... }
trait Bar {
  fn baz(&self);
impl Bar for Foo {
  fn baz(&self) {
```

```
struct Foo { ... }
trait Bar {
  fn baz(&self);
impl Bar for Foo {
  fn baz(&self) {
fn qux<T: Bar>(x: &T) {
  x.baz();
```

Why talk about design patterns?



Tribal knowledge



Constructor

```
struct Foo {
   f: u32,
}

impl Foo {
   fn new(f: u32) -> Foo {
     Foo { f: f }
   }
}
```

Builder

```
struct Foo {
  f: u32,
  g: u32,
struct FooBuilder {
  f: Option<u32>,
  g: Option<u32>,
impl FooBuilder {
  fn new() -> FooBuilder { ... }
```

```
fn main() {
  let foo = FooBuilder::new().f(0).g(42).finalise();
}
```

Entry

struct Hashmap<K, V> { ... }

```
if map.contains_key(&key) {
   *map.find_mut(&key) += 1;
} else {
   map.insert(key, 1);
}
```



```
impl<K, V> Hashmap<K, V> {
   fn entry(&mut self, k: K) -> Entry<K, V> {
     ...
   }
}
```

```
enum Entry<K, V> {
   Occupied(...),
   Vacant(...),
}
```

```
enum Entry<K, V> {
   Occupied(...),
   Vacant(...),
}

match map.entry(key) {
   Occupied(e) => e.get_mut() += 1,
   Vacant(e) => e.insert(1),
}
```

```
enum Entry<K, V> {
  Occupied(...),
 Vacant(...),
match map.entry(key) {
  Occupied(e) => e.get mut() += 1,
  Vacant(e) => e.insert(1),
map.entry(key).or insert(0) += 1;
```

```
enum Entry<'a, K, V> {
  Occupied(...),
  Vacant(...),
}
```

```
enum Entry<'a, K, V> {
   Occupied(...),
   Vacant(...),
}

fn entry(&mut self, k: K) -> Entry<K, V>
```

```
enum Entry<'a, K, V> {
   Occupied(...),
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}

fn entry(&mut self, k: K) -> Entry<K, V>

fn entry(&'a mut self, k: K) -> Entry<'a, K, V>
```

Guarded RAII

```
struct Mutex<T> { ... }
struct MutexGuard<T> { ... }
impl<T> Mutex<T> {
  fn lock(&self) -> MutexGuard<T> {
impl<T> Drop for MutexGuard {
  fn drop(&mut self) {
    // Unlock the mutex
```

```
struct MutexGuard<T> { ... }

impl<T> Deref for MutexGuard<T> {
  type Target = T;

fn deref(&self) -> &T {
   &self.data
  }
}
```

```
fn print(s: &String) {
    ...
}

fn foo(x: Mutex<String>) {
    let s = x.lock()
    print(&s);
}
```

```
fn print(s: &String) {
   SOME_GLOBAL.f = s;
}

fn foo(x: Mutex<String>) {
   let s = x.lock()
   print(&s);
}
```



```
struct Mutex<T> { ... }
struct MutexGuard<'a, T> {
  data: &'a T
}
```

```
struct Mutex<T> { ... }
struct MutexGuard<'a, T> {
   data: &'a T
}

impl<T> Mutex<T> {
   fn lock(&'b self) -> MutexGuard<'b, T> {
        ...
   }
}
```

```
struct Mutex<T> { ... }
struct MutexGuard<'a, T> {
 data: &'a T
impl<T> Mutex<T> {
  fn lock(&'b self) -> MutexGuard<'b, T> {
impl<'a, T> Deref for MutexGuard<'a, T> {
 type Target = T;
  fn deref<'c>(&'c self) -> &'c T {
    &self.data
```

```
fn foo(x: Mutex<String>) {
  let s: MutexGuard<'a, String> = x.lock()
  print(&s);
}
```

```
fn print<'b>(s: &'b String) {
    SOME_GLOBAL.f = s;
}

fn foo(x: Mutex<String>) {
    let s: MutexGuard<'a, String> = x.lock()
    print(&s);
}
```





An anti-pattern

Deref polymorphism

```
class Foo {
  void foo() { ... }
}

class Bar extends Foo {}

void qux(Bar b) {
  b.foo();
}
```

```
impl Foo {
  fn foo(&self) { ... }
}

struct Bar {
  foo: Foo,
}
```

```
struct Foo;
impl Foo {
  fn foo(&self) { ... }
struct Bar {
  foo: Foo,
impl Deref for Bar {
  type Target = Foo;
  fn deref(&self) -> &Foo {
    &self.foo
```

```
struct Foo;
impl Foo {
  fn foo(&self) { ... }
struct Bar {
  foo: Foo,
impl Deref for Bar {
  type Target = Foo;
  fn deref(&self) -> &Foo {
    &self.foo
fn qux(b: &Bar) {
 b.foo();
```

Some kind of conclusion



Concurrency in Rust: data race safety with zero cost abstractions

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