

# Day 22

No More Heap Hoarding

# The Story

"Blitzen, do you realize every single `read_to_string()` call triggers a fresh heap allocation? Do you think we've got infinite memory lying around?"

Here, I called it a few times and the process is taking up `1.5GB` of memory, you think this is acceptable?

Blitzen glanced up, nonchalant. "Heap allocations happen, Santa. That's life."

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Santa's eyes narrowed. "Do you want the nightmare of Day 1 all over again? That disaster was just a simple string clone, and it nearly broke us. This? This is worse. Way worse. I don't want to end up manually running `drop()` just to keep things from spiraling into chaos!"

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Blitzen stiffened, finally taking the hint. "Okay, okay. What do you want me to do?"

Prancer cut in cautiously. "Why not cache the file content on every write? And return a reference to the cached content on every read?"

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Blitzen nodded slowly. "Yeah, that'll work. No more redundant allocations, no stale reads, and we don't touch `drop()` at all."

Santa's glare softened—marginally. "Good. Make it lean, make it fast, and make sure it's ready by sunrise. We don't have much time, Christmas is just around the corner."

# Your Mission

Santa's files are huge, and they use a lot of memory, To prevent that we need to create a new method named `read_to_str` that will return a `string slice` instead of an owned value.

# Your Mission

Here is what you need to do:

- Create a new field called `content`
- Update the `write` method to update the `content` on every write
- Complete the `read_to_str` method to return a string slice instead of an owned value

# Hints

If you're unsure where to start, take a look at these tips:

- Create a new field called `content` to store the file content:

```
pub struct TempFile {  
    file: File,  
    file_path: PathBuf,  
    content: Vec<u8>,  
}
```



# Hints

- Update the field in file writes, use `to_vec()` to turn a `&[u8]` to a `Vec<u8>`:

```
self.content = data.to_vec();
```

- Use the `std::str::from_utf8` function to convert a `&[u8]` to a `&str`:

```
std::str::from_utf8(&self.content).unwrap_or("")
```