

# Day 20

Know Your Status

# The Story

"IS THE SLEIGH PARKED, READY, OR FLYING?  
WHY DOESN'T ANYONE KNOW?"

"Uh... shouldn't you know? Didn't we use  
the type state pattern?" Bernard spoke up.

# The Story

Santa's face twitched. "Of course, we used the type state pattern! But does anyone have a quick way to check the state right now? There are some sleighs in the air, it's hard to keep track on all of them."

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Blitzen, lounging in a corner, snorted.  
"Sounds like y'all need to add a `status()`  
method."

Prancer's ears perked up. "Yeah! A single  
method we can call to figure out the  
state, no matter which one it's in."

# The Story

Santa stroked his beard, muttering. "Fine. Add it. And make sure it's compile-time safe. If I get a wrong answer, someone's spending Christmas hand-delivering packets in binary."

# Your Mission

It's time to give Santa what he wants: a single `status()` method that works in all states of the sleigh (`Empty`, `Ready`, and `Flying`), returning the current state as a string.

Here's the plan:

1. Define the `status()` method: It should be callable on the `Sleigh` regardless of its state.

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2. Return a string indicating the sleigh's state:
  - "Empty" when the sleigh is empty.
  - "Ready" when the sleigh is loaded and ready to fly.
  - "Flying" when the sleigh is in the air.
3. The `Sleigh` struct should have a trait bound, not just a generic `<T>`.

# Your Mission

Here's how Santa wants to the the API:

```
let sleigh = Sleigh::new();  
assert_eq!(sleigh.status(), "Empty");  
  
sleigh.load();  
assert_eq!(sleigh.status(), "Ready");  
  
sleigh.take_off();  
assert_eq!(sleigh.status(), "Flying");
```



# Hints

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

- Use a trait to define shared behavior across all states. For example:

```
pub trait State {  
    fn status() → &'static str;  
}
```

# Hints

- Implement the trait for each state. e.g.

```
impl State for Empty {  
    fn status() → &'static str {  
        "Empty"  
    }  
}
```

# Hints

- Implement a method for all types that implement the `State` trait. e.g.

```
impl<T: State> Sleigh<T> {  
    pub fn status(&self) → &'static str {  
        T::status()  
    }  
}
```