

Day 05 - Parsing naughty- list.csv

The Story

The elves stared at their screens. They had just written the `Kid` struct and were testing it with Santa's data.

But something was wrong with the data, Prancer leaned back, smirking. "We forgot something obvious, didn't we? The data's raw `strings`—we need to parse it first."

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Alice,10,2  
Bob,5,5  
Charlie,1,9
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"We need to create another function," Prancer continued. "to parse the CSV rows into `Kid` structs."

Blitzen slammed his mug down. "And since Santa put me in charge of this project, I'm naming the function. It's going to be called `parse_row`."

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An elf from the back muttered just loud enough to hear, "Ugh, he thinks he's better than us because Santa made him lead."

Blitzen shot them a look. "I heard that. If you've got a better name, I'm listening."

Silence.

"Exactly. `parse_row` it is."

The Frustration

Blitzen paced. "We need a function that takes a CSV row, splits it, and converts it into a `Kid`. Name is easy—it stays a `String`. The good and bad deeds, though, need to be parsed to `u32`."

"But what if the row has garbage data?" asked an elf, holding up a note with `Charlie,,9` scribbled on it.

Prancer rolled his eyes. "Obviously, we handle errors. No `.unwrap()` shortcuts."

The Task

Blitzen wants you to create an `associated function` for the `Kid` struct and name it `parse_row`. It should take a CSV row as a `&str` and return a `Result<Kid, &'static str>`.

The Task

The function should:

- Split the CSV row into parts.
- Extract the name as a `String`.
- Parse the second and third fields as `u32` for good and bad deeds.
- Finally create a `Kid` struct using the `new()` associated function we created earlier.

Hints

If you're stuck, here are some hints to help guide you:

- **Split the Row:** Use `split(',')` to divide the CSV row into parts. `let fields = row.split(',');`
- **Get Next Field:** Get the next field with `next()`, it's going to return an `Option<&str>`.
- **Must be mutable:** The `next()` method requires a mutable reference to the iterator. So make it mutable, `let mut fields = row.split(',');`

Hints

- **Transform Option to Result:** Use `ok_or(&str)` to convert the `Option` to a `Result`. e.g., `fields.next().ok_or("Missing field")`.
- **Propagate Errors (optional):** Use `?` to propagate errors. e.g., `fields.next().ok_or("Missing field")?`.
- **Create a String:** After you get access to the `&str` use the `to_string()` method to make it a `String` and have `Ownership`.

Hints

- **Parse Numbers:** Parse the second and third fields as `u32` for good and bad deeds. Use `.parse()`, you can either turbofish `parse::<u32>()` or assign a type to the variable `let good_deeds: u32 = fields.next().ok_or("Missing field").parse();`.

Hints

- **Map the Error:** The error from the `parse()` method can't be propagated directly, you need to map it to the return types error type `&'static str` using `map_err()` . e.g., `fields.next().ok_or("Missing field")?.parse().map_err(|_| "Invalid good deeds")? .`

Hints

- **Create the `Kid`** : Pass the extracted values to `Kid::new` to build the `Kid` struct.
- **Return a `Result`** : Use `Ok` for success and meaningful error messages (like `"Invalid good deeds"`) for failures.