

# Static vs dynamic dispatch

- Dispatch
  - Dispatch = How the compiler determines which function to call when a trait method is invoked.
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	Type	Determined At	Performance	Flexibility
1	✓ Static Dispatch	Compile Time	Fast	Less flexible
2	✓ Dynamic Dispatch	Runtime	Slower	More flexible

- static
  - The compiler generates separate code for each type of T
    - mono-morphization
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```
1 fn print_value<T: std::fmt::Debug>(value: T) {
2     println!("{:?}", value);
3 }
4 fn main() {
5     print_value(42);           // i32
6     print_value("Hello");     // &str
7 }
8 // when compiled
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10 fn print_value_i32(value: i32) {
11     println!("{:?}", value);
12 }
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14 fn print_value_str(value: &str) {
15     println!("{:?}", value);
16 }
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```

- No runtime cost (method call is resolved at compile time)
- dynamic
  - Method call uses a vtable (virtual function table)
  - Extra runtime indirection to look up method
  - Useful when you don't know the concrete type in advance