

Lesson 4 Outline

- Recap Lesson 3
- Generics
- Traits
- Lifetime
- Practice & Examples

<https://github.com/RustRome/corso-rust>



Recap Lesson 3



Structs

```
struct User {  
    username : String,  
    email : String  
}  
  
impl User {  
  
    fn new(username: String,email : String) -> User {  
        User {username,email }  
    }  
  
    fn hello(&self) -> String {  
        format!("Hello {}", self.username)  
    }  
    fn change_email(&mut self,email : String) {  
        self.email = email;  
    }  
}
```



Structs

```
let mut user = User::new(String::from("wolf4ood"),String::from("enrico.risa@gmail.com"));

println!("{}", user.hello());

user.change_email(String::from("test@gmail.com"));
```



Enum

```
enum Command {  
    Quit,  
    Move { x: i32, y: i32 },  
    Write(String),  
    ChangeColor(i32, i32, i32),  
}
```



Pattern matching

- **match** keyword
- Enum (mandatory)
- Structs
- Bool
- Numbers
- Strings
- Tuple
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Pattern matching

```
enum Command {
    Quit,
    Move { x: i32, y: i32 },
    Write(String),
    ChangeColor(i32, i32, i32),
}

impl Command {
    fn exec(&self) {
        match self {
            Command::Quit => println!("Quit"),
            Command::Move {x,y} => println!("Moving to {}-{}", x,y),
            Command::Write(s) => println!("Writing {}", s),
            Command::ChangeColor(r,g,b) => {
                println!("Changing color to {}-{}-{}",r,g,b),
            }
        }
    }
}

let command = Command::Move { x : 0 , y : 0 };
command.exec();
// Moving to 0-0
```



Generics



Generics

1. Result<T,E> - Error Handling

- a. Ok(T)
- b. Err(E)

2. Option<T> - Null Handling

- a. Some(T)
- b. None



Generics

```
enum Option<T> {  
    Some(T),  
    None,  
}
```

```
enum Result<T, E> {  
    Ok(T),  
    Err(E),  
}
```



Generics - Structs

```
struct Point<T> {  
    x: T,  
    y: T,  
}
```

```
let integer = Point { x: 5, y: 10 };  
let float = Point { x: 1.0, y: 4.0 };
```



Generics - Methods

```
struct Point<T> {  
    x: T,  
    y: T,  
}  
  
impl<T> Point<T> {  
    fn x(&self) -> &T {  
        &self.x  
    }  
}  
  
let p = Point { x: 5, y: 10 };  
  
println!("p.x = {}", p.x());
```



Generics - Single Impl

```
struct Point<T> {  
    x: T,  
    y: T,  
}  
  
impl Point<f32> {  
    fn distance_from_origin(&self) -> f32 {  
        (self.x.powi(2) + self.y.powi(2)).sqrt()  
    }  
}  
  
let p = Point { x: 5.0, y: 10.0 };  
  
println!("distance = {}", p.distance_from_origin());
```



Generics - Single Impl

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struct Point<T> {  
    x: T,  
    y: T,  
}  
  
impl Point<f32> {  
    fn distance_from_origin(&self) -> f32 {  
        (self.x.powi(2) + self.y.powi(2)).sqrt()  
    }  
}  
  
let p = Point { x: 5, y: 10 };  
  
println!("distance = {}", p.distance_from_origin());  
  
//Compiling playground v0.0.1 (/playground)  
//error[E0599]: no method named `distance_from_origin` found for type `Point<{integer}>` in  
the current scope  
//--> src/main.rs:19:33
```



Generics

- Monomorphization (multiple version)
- No runtime cost
- Code reduction
- Additional compilation time



Generic - Performance example

```
enum Option<T> {  
    Some(T),  
    None,  
}  
  
let integer = Some(5);  
let float = Some(5.0);
```



Generic - Performance example

```
enum Option_i32 {  
    Some(i32),  
    None,  
}  
  
enum Option_f64 {  
    Some(f64),  
    None,  
}  
  
fn main() {  
    let integer = Option_i32::Some(5);  
    let float = Option_f64::Some(5.0);  
}
```



Generic Behaviour

```
struct Pair<T> {  
    first : T,  
    second : T  
}  
  
impl<T> Pair<T> {  
    fn bigger(&self) -> &T {  
        if self.first > self.second {  
            &self.first  
        } else {  
            &self.second  
        }  
    }  
}
```



Generic Behaviour - Error

```
let p = Pair { first: 5, second: 10 };

println!("bigger = {}", p.bigger());

//Compiling playground v0.0.1 (/playground)
//error[E0369]: binary operation `>` cannot be applied to type `T`
//--> src/main.rs:9:23
//  |
//9  |         if self.first > self.second {
//  |                        ^ ----- T
//  |                        |
//  |                        T
//  |
//  = note: `T` might need a bound for `std::cmp::PartialOrd`
```



Traits



Traits

- Defines common behaviour among different Types
- Enables a sort of OOP programming in rust
- Zero-cost, Very Optimized
- Allows dynamic dispatch (with some restrictions)
- They can be used with Generics



declaration

```
pub trait IsNumber {  
    pub fn is_number(&self) → bool;  
}
```



implementation

```
// IsNumber is in the same source file
// or is imported from a different module
struct Wrapper(u32);

impl IsNumber for Wrapper {
    fn is_number(&self) → bool {
        true
    }
}
```



```
trait IsNumber {  
    fn is_number(&self) → bool;  
}  
  
impl IsNumber for i32 {  
    fn is_number(&self) → bool { true }  
}  
  
6.is_number() // true
```



imported and mixed

```
use std::fmt::Debug;

trait PrintDebug
where
    Self: Debug,
{
    fn print_debug(&self);
}
```



default implementation

```
trait PrintDebug
where
    Self: Debug,
{
    fn print_debug(&self) {
        println!("{:?}", self);
    }
}

impl PrintDebug for MyStruct {} // Debug required for MyStruct
```



Bound on Generic structs

```
use std::io::Write;

struct App<IO> {
    io: IO,
}

impl<IO: Write> for App<IO> {
    fn save(&self, buf: &[u8]) → usize {
        self.io.write(buf)
    }
}
```



Specific types can be declared inside

```
trait MyMath<T> {  
    type Output;  
    fn my_math(&self, other: T) → Self::Output;  
}  
  
impl MyMath<i64> for i32 {  
    type Output = i128;  
    fn my_math(&self, other: i64) → i128 {  
        // or (*self as i64 * other) as i128  
        let res = *self as i64 * other;  
        res as i128  
    }  
}  
  
4.my_math(35);
```



Zero cost

```
// Rust resolves Traits in something like this
MyStruct_impl_trait(&self) {
    // ...
}

MyStruct_impl_trait() {
    // ...
}
```



dyn: Traits Objects (dynamic dispatch)

```
struct MyStruct<'a> {  
    t: &'a dyn Trait,  
}  
  
// Allocated  
struct MyStruct {  
    t: Box<dyn Trait>,  
}
```



dyn limitations: Generics

```
// Not Allowed: Size of T must be known at compile time
trait MyTrait<T: Debug> {
    fn my_trait(&self, t: T);
}

let mt: &dyn MyTrait = MyStructImplMyTrait{};
```



Simple Workaround could be

```
trait MyTrait {  
    fn my_trait(&self, t: &dyn Debug);  
}  
// or  
trait MyTrait {  
    fn my_trait(&self, t: Box<dyn Debug>);  
}
```



Limitations: traits functions cannot return **Self**

```
trait New {  
    fn new() → Self;  
}  
  
// Error: Self not allowed  
// note: Trait cannot require Self : Sized  
let o = MyStructImplNew{} as &dyn New;
```

Self and Generics are not object-safe in Trait Objects



Trait are powerful and very efficient

[Operator overloading](#)

[Very Optimized](#)



Lifetime



Lifetimes

Remember that the owner has always the ability to destroy (deallocate) a resource!

Define the scope for which a reference is valid.

Every reference has a lifetime.

Most of the time inferred by the compiler.

In more complex scenarios compiler **needs an hint.**



Lifetime - first example

```
fn skip_prefix(line: &str, prefix: &str) -> &str {  
    let (s1,s2) = line.split_at(prefix.len());  
    s2  
}
```

```
fn print_hello() {  
    let line = "lang:en=Hello World!";  
    let v;  
    {  
        let p = "lang:en=";  
        v = skip_prefix(line, p);  
    }  
    println!("{}", v);  
}
```



Lifetime - first example

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}
```

```
fn print_hello() {  
    let line = "lang:en=Hello World!";  
    let v;  
    {  
        let p = "lang:en=";  
        v = skip_prefix(line, p);  
    }  
    println!("{}", v);  
}
```



Lifetime - first example

first borrowing

```
fn skip_prefix(line: &str, prefix: &str) -> &str {  
    let (s1,s2) = line.split_at(prefix.len());  
    s2  
}
```

second borrowing
(we return something that is
not ours)

```
fn print_hello() {  
    let line = "lang:en=Hello World!";  
    let v;  
    {  
        let p = "lang:en=";  
        v = skip_prefix(line, p);  
    }  
    println!("{}", v);  
}
```



Lifetime - first example

first borrowing

```
fn skip_prefix(line: &str, prefix: &str) -> &str {  
    let (s1,s2) = line.split_at(prefix.len());  
    s2  
}
```

second borrowing
(we return something that is
not ours)

```
fn print_hello() {  
    let line = "lang:en=Hello World!";  
    let v;  
    {  
        let p = "lang:en=";  
        v = skip_prefix(line, p);  
    }  
    println!("{}", v);  
}
```

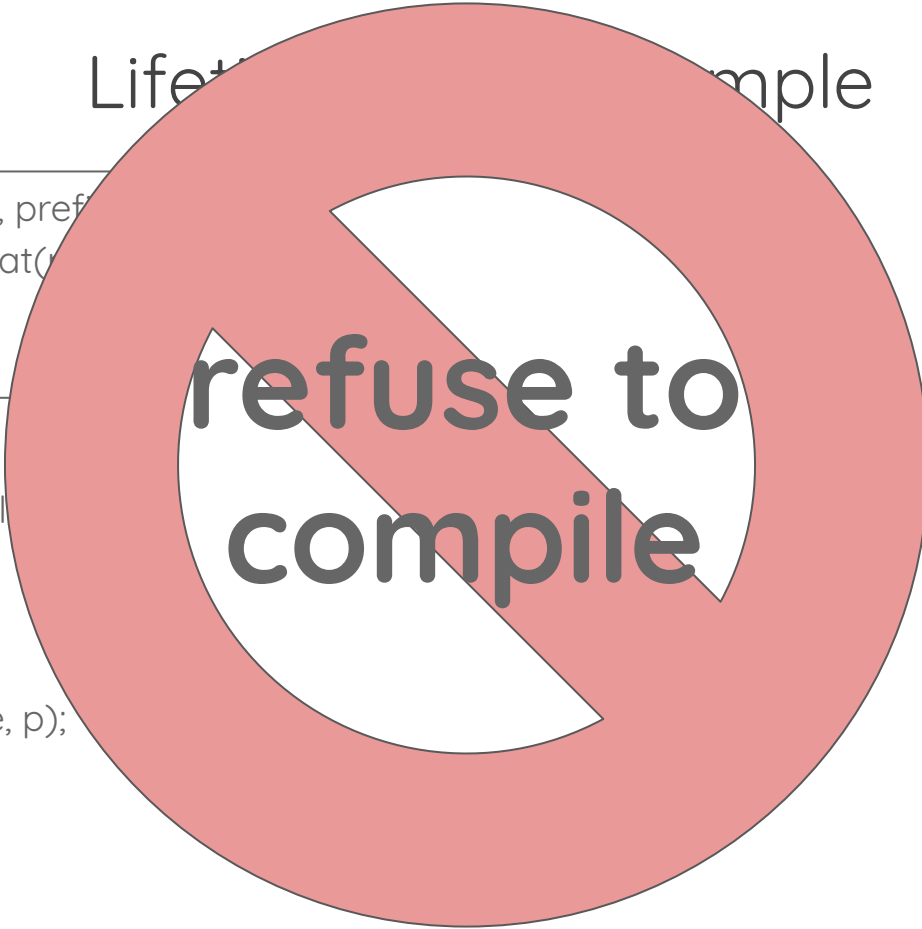
we know that “s2” is valid as long
as “line” is valid, but **compiler
doesn't know**



Lifetime Example

```
fn skip_prefix(line: &str, prefix: &str) {  
    let (s1,s2) = line.split_at(prefix.len());  
    s2  
}
```

```
fn print_hello() {  
    let line = "lang:en=Hello";  
    let v;  
    {  
        let p = "lang:en=";  
        v = skip_prefix(line, p);  
    }  
    println!("{}", v);  
}
```



**refuse to
compile**



Lifetime - first example

```
fn skip_prefix(line: &str, prefix: &str) -> &str {  
    let (s1,s2) = line.split_at(prefix.len());  
    s2  
}
```

```
fn print_hello() {  
    let line = "lang:en=Hello World!";  
    let v;
```

error[E0106]: missing lifetime specifier

→ src/main.rs:37:45

```
37 | fn skip_prefix(line: &str, prefix: &str) → & str {  
    ^ expected lifetime parameter
```

= help: this function's return type contains a borrowed value, but the signature does not say whether it is borrowed from `line` or `prefix`

```
    print!("{}", v);
```

```
}
```



Lifetime - example reviewed

```
fn skip_prefix<'a>(line: &'a str, prefix: &str) -> &'a str {  
    let (s1,s2) = line.split_at(prefix.len());  
    s2  
}
```

```
fn print_hello() {  
    let line = "lang:en=Hello World!";  
    let v;  
    {  
        let p = "lang:en=";  
        v = skip_prefix(line, p);  
    }  
    println!("{}", v);  
}
```



Lifetime - example reviewed

```
fn skip_prefix(<'a>(line: &'a str, prefix: &str) -> &'a str {  
    let (s1,s2) = line.split_at(prefix.len());  
    s2  
}
```

```
fn print_hello() {  
    let line = "lang:en=Hello World!";  
    let v;  
    {  
        let p = "lang:en=";  
        v = skip_prefix(line, p);  
    }  
    println!("{}", v);  
}
```

borrowing source is now
explicit, through the
lifetime parameter

Hello World!



Lifetime Elision

```
fn first_word(s: &str) -> &str {  
    let bytes = s.as_bytes();  
  
    for (i, &item) in bytes.iter().enumerate() {  
        if item == b' ' {  
            return &s[0..i];  
        }  
    }  
  
    &s[..]  
}
```



The static lifetime

```
let s: &'static str = "I have a static lifetime.";
```



Lifetime

- Every reference has a lifetime
- Lifetime parameter (similar to Generics)
- Lifetime elision rules
- Can be applied to
 - Functions
 - Structs
 - Enum
 - Tuple
 - ...
- Checked at compile time



Next lesson

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