

# Coccinelle for Rust

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Updates over 200 call sites.

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The developer has created a new name to avoid a long line.

- Could address it manually.
- Could create a rule for the special case of nested function call contexts (probably not worth it for one case).

## An alternate semantic patch

```
@@
expression tcx, arg;
@@

    tcx.
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Putting tcx in the context ensures any comments will be preserved.

# A refinement

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Alternative specification: `struct (*:::)*TyCtxt tcx;`

## An example: change in context

```
commit 1ce80e210d152619caa99b1bc030f57a352b657a
Author: Oliver Scherer <oli-obk@users.noreply.github.com>
Date: Thu Feb 16 09:25:11 2023 +0000

    Allow `LocalDefId` as the argument to `def_path_str`

diff --git a/compiler/rustc_borrowck/src/lib.rs b/compiler/rustc_borrowck/src/lib.rs
@@ -124,3 +124,3 @@ pub fn provide(providers: &mut Providers) {
     fn mir_borrowck(tcx: TyCtxt<'_, def: LocalDefId) -> &BorrowCheckResult<'_> {
         let (input_body, promoted) = tcx.mir_promoted(def);
-        debug!("run query mir_borrowck: {}", tcx.def_path_str(def.to_def_id()));
+        debug!("run query mir_borrowck: {}", tcx.def_path_str(def));
diff --git a/compiler/rustc_hir_analysis/src/check/check.rs b/compiler/rustc_hir_analysis/src/check/check.rs
@@ -494,5 +494,5 @@ fn check_item_type(tcx: TyCtxt<'_, id: hir::ItemId) {
     debug!(
         "check_item_type(it.def_id={:?}, it.name={})",
         id.owner_id,
-        tcx.def_path_str(id.owner_id.to_def_id())
+        tcx.def_path_str(id.owner_id)
     );
 ...
```

18 files changed, 68 insertions(+), 54 deletions(-)

## An example: change in context

Want to drop `.to_def_id()` but only in an argument to `tcx.def_path_str`:

```
@@
expression tcx, arg;
@@
-      tcx.def_path_str(arg.to_def_id())
+      tcx.def_path_str(arg)
```

Updates 48 call sites in 18 files.

## An example: multiple cases

commit 298ae8c721102c36243335653e57a7f94e08f94a

Author: Michael Goulet <michael@errs.io>

Date: Wed Feb 22 22:23:10 2023 +0000

Rename `ty_error_with_guaranteed` to `ty_error`, `ty_error` to `ty_error_misc`

diff --git a/compiler/rustc\_borrowck/src/region\_infer/opaque\_types.rs b/compiler/.../opaque\_types.rs

```
@@ -156,3 +156,3 @@ pub(crate) fn infer_opaque_types(  
    });
```

```
-         prev.ty = infcx.tcx.ty_error_with_guaranteed(guar);
```

```
+         prev.ty = infcx.tcx.ty_error(guar);
```

```
    }
```

```
@@ -248,3 +248,3 @@ fn infer_opaque_definition_from_instantiation(  
    if let Some(e) = self.tainted_by_errors() {
```

```
-         return self.tcx.ty_error_with_guaranteed(e);
```

```
+         return self.tcx.ty_error(e);
```

```
    }
```

```
...
```

diff --git a/compiler/rustc\_hir\_analysis/src/astconv/mod.rs b/compiler/rustc\_hir\_analysis/src/astconv/mod.rs

```
@@ -429,2 +429,2 @@ fn provided_kind(  
    self.inferred_params.push(ty.span);
```

```
-         tcx.ty_error().into()
```

```
+         tcx.ty_error_misc().into()
```

32 files changed, 121 insertions(+), 140 deletions(-)

## An example: multiple cases

Two changes:

- From `ty_error_with_guaranteed` to `ty_error` (1 argument)
- From `ty_error` to `ty_error_misc` (no arguments)

```
@@
expression tcx, arg;
@@
- tcx.ty_error_with_guaranteed(arg)
+ tcx.ty_error(arg)

@@
expression tcx, arg;
@@
- tcx.ty_error()
+ tcx.ty_error_misc()
```

## An example: searching for variants

```
commit f3f9d6dfd92dfaeb14df891ad27b2531809dd734
Author: Eduard-Mihai Burtescu <edy.burt@gmail.com>
Date:   Fri Jun 14 00:48:52 2019 +0300
```

Unify all uses of 'gcx' and 'tcx'.

```
diff --git a/src/librustc/infer/error_reporting/mod.rs b/src/librustc/infer/error_reporting/mod.rs
@@ -460,6 +460,6 @@ impl<'gcx, 'tcx> Printer<'gcx, 'tcx> for AbsolutePathPrinter<'gcx, 'tcx> {
    type DynExistential = !;
    type Const = !;

-    fn tcx<'a>(&'a self) -> TyCtxt<'gcx, 'tcx> {
+    fn tcx<'a>(&'a self) -> TyCtxt<'tcx> {
        self.tcx
    }
@@ -1977,4 +1976,4 @@ pub fn enter_global<'gcx, F, R>(gcx: &'gcx GlobalCtxt<'gcx>, f: F) -> R
    pub unsafe fn with_global<F, R>(f: F) -> R
    where
-        F: for<'gcx, 'tcx> FnOnce(TyCtxt<'gcx, 'tcx>) -> R,
+        F: for<'tcx> FnOnce(TyCtxt<'tcx>) -> R,
    {
```

341 files changed, 3109 insertions(+), 3327 deletions(-)

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How to find other change sites, like `TyCtxt<'tcx', 'tcx>`, `TyCtxt<'_, '_>`:

- Want to change all uses of types that are somewhere used with `'gcx'`.

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@@
(
- Ty<'tcx', 'tcx>
+ Ty<'tcx>
|
- Ty<'_', '_>
+ Ty<'_>
)
```

# An example: using more metavariables

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```
@r type@
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@@
- Ty<'gcx', 'tcx>
+ Ty<'tcx>

@rule type@
identifier r.Ty;
lifetime a, b;
@@
- Ty<a, b>
+ Ty<b>
```

## Summary: Features seen so far

- Semantic patches:  
Patch-like transformation specification, abstracted using metavariables.
- Multiple rules/rule ordering.
- Inheritance.
- Disjunctions.
- Typed metavariables.
- \* for matching without transformation.

All of these features are implemented!

## Future features: ... in parameter lists

One parameter case: (supported already)

```
@@
identifier f, P, p;
type T1, T2;
@@

- f<P: T1>(p: P) -> T2
+ f(p: impl T1) -> T2
  { ... }
```

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Likewise for function arguments.

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A sequence of statements: (works already)

```
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identifier e;
expression rt;
@@
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-   e.block_on(rt.shutdown_on_idle());
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The statements may not be contiguous:

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A safer variant:

```
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identifier e;
expression rt;
expression e1;
@@
-   let mut e = tokio_executor::enter().unwrap();
-   ... when != e = e1
-   e.block_on(rt.shutdown_on_idle());
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```

## Future features: Isomorphisms

**Isomorphism:** A rewrite on the semantic patch to match and transform essentially equivalent code.

### Examples for C:

- Explicitly defined isomorphisms:

```
Expression
@ not_ptr1 @
expression *X;
@@
!X => X == NULL
```

```
Expression
@ paren @
expression E;
@@
(E) => E
```

- Implicit isomorphisms
  - On a function definition the return type, static, inline, etc. can be omitted.
  - `e1 = e2` also matches a variable initialization.

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- **Caveat:** Complexity may drastically increase if the `...` crosses a loop.

# Future features: Another isomorphism for Rust

Developers can use use with more or less information.

One example:

```
- use std::sync::Mutex;  
+ use crate::loom::sync::Mutex;
```

Another example:

```
-use std::sync::{Arc, Mutex};  
+use crate::loom::sync::{Arc, Mutex};
```

Options:

- Specify one change at a time?
- Merge changed code?
- Merge changed code with unchanged code?

## Some more future Coccinelle features

- Position variables.
- Script code.
- Constraints on metavariables.
- Fresh identifiers.

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**Output:** Pretty printing provided by `rustfmt`.

- To avoid problems with code not originally formatted with `rustfmt` (or formatted with a different version), the `rustfmted` changes are dropped back into the original code.
- Preserves comments and whitespace in the unchanged part of the code.

In the middle:

- Wrap Rust code and semantic patch code, eg to indicate metavariables.
- Match semantic patch code against Rust code, to collect change sites and metavariable bindings.
- On a successful match, apply the changes, instantiated according to the metavariable bindings, reparsing, and repeat with the next rule.

# Practical issues

Usage: cfr [OPTIONS] --coccifile <COCCIFILE> <TARGETPATH>

## Arguments:

<TARGETPATH> Path of Rust Target file/folder path

## Options:

-c, --coccifile <COCCIFILE>

Path of Semantic Patch File path

-o, --output <OUTPUT>

Path of transformed file path

-r, --rustfmt-config <RUSTFMT\_CONFIG>

rustfmt config file path

-i, --ignore <IGNORE>

[default: ]

-d, --debug

--apply

--suppress-diff

--suppress-formatting

--no-parallel

--worth-trying <WORTH\_TRYING>

strategy for identifying files that may be matched by the semantic patch

[default: cocci-grep] [possible values: no-scanner, grep, git-grep, cocci-grep]

-h, --help

Print help

-V, --version

Print version



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