# Coccinelle for Rust https://gitlab.inria.fr/coccinelle/coccinelleforrust.git

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- Changes + developer familiarity = (semantic) patches

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            and then (idid match tcx.type_of(did) bind() if
            and then(idid match tcx.bound_type_of(did).subst_identity() & ind() {
```

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00
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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).

# Alternate semantic patch

```
expression tcx, arg;

00

tcx.
- type_of(arg)
+ bound_type_of(arg).subst_identity()
```

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

## An example: change in context

```
commit 1ca80a210d152619caa99b1bc030f57a352b657a
Author: Oliver Scherer <oli-obk@users.noreplv.github.com>
       Thu Feb 16 09:25:11 2023 +0000
Date:
    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
00 -124.3 +124.3 00 pub fn provide(providers: &mut Providers) {
fn mir borrowck(tcx: TvCtxt<' >, 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;

00

- 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>
        Wed Feb 22 22:23:10 2023 +0000
Date:
    Rename tv_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
QQ -156,3 +156,3 QQ pub(crate) fn infer_opaque_types(
                     }):
                     prev.ty = infcx.tcx.ty_error_with_guaranteed(guar);
                     prev.ty = infcx.tcx.ty_error(guar):
00 -248.3 +248.3 00 fn infer opaque definition from instantiation(
         if let Some(e) = self.tainted_by_errors() {
             return self.tcx.tv error with guaranteed(e);
            return self.tcx.tv 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(tv.span);
                         tcx.tv error().into()
                         tcx.tv error misc().into()
```

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#### Two changes:

- From ty\_error\_with\_guaranteed to ty\_error (1 argument)
- From ty\_error to ty\_error\_misc (no arguments)

```
00
expression tcx, arg;
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- tcx.ty_error_with_guaranteed(arg)
+ tcx.ty_error(arg)

00
expression tcx, arg;
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- tcx.ty_error()
+ tcx.ty_error_misc()
```

```
commit f3f9d6dfd92dfaeb14df891ad27b2531809dd734
Author: Eduard-Mihai Burtescu <edv.burt@gmail.com>
       Fri Jun 14 00:48:52 2019 +0300
Date:
    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
QQ -460.6 +460.6 QQ impl<'gcx, 'tcx> Printer<'gcx, 'tcx> for AbsolutePathPrinter<'gcx, 'tcx> {
             type DynExistential = !:
             type Const = !;
            fn tcx<'a>(&'a self) -> TvCtxt<'gcx, 'tcx> {
            fn tcx<'a>(&'a self) -> TvCtxt<'tcx> {
                 self.tcx
             7-
@@ -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(TvCtxt<'gcx. 'tcx>) -> R.
        F: for<'tcx> FnOnce(TvCtxt<'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.

## A more general attempt:

# Summary: Features seen so far

- Semantic patches:
   Patch-like transformation specification, abstracted using metavariables.
- Multiple rules/rule ordering.
- Inheritance.
- Disjuctions.

All of these features are implemented!

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- Constraints on metavariables (types, etc.).
- Fresh identifiers.
- \* for matching without transformation.

These features are coming soon...

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Output: Pretty printing provided by rustfmt.

Preserves comments.

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#### 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, reparse, and repeat with the next rule.

#### **Practical issues**

```
Usage: main [OPTIONS] --coccifile <COCCIFILE> --targetpath <TARGETPATH>
Options:
  -c. --coccifile <COCCIFILE>
                                        Path of Semantic Patch File path
  -t, --targetpath <TARGETPATH>
                                        Path of Rust Target file/folder path
  -o, --output <0UTPUT>
                                        Path of transformed file path
  -r, --rustfmt-config <RUSTFMT CONFIG> rustfmt config file path [default: rustfmt.toml]
  -i, --ignore <IGNORE>
                                         [default: ]
  -d, --debug-cocci
     --apply
      --suppress-diff
      --suppress-formatting
     --no-parallel
  -h, --help
                                        Print help
  -V, --version
                                        Print version
```

#### Conclusion

- Transformation on atomic terms completed (expressions, types, etc).
- Transformation on terms connected by a control-flow path (...) in progress.
- Small-scale testing has been done:
  - Replicating real changes on real Rust code.
- Patchparse extended to Rust, to find test cases at a larger scale.
- Availability: https://gitlab.inria.fr/coccinelle/coccinelleforrust.git