Coccinelle for Rust
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- Changes + developer familiarity = (semantic) patches

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Creating a semantic patch: Step 2: pick a typical example

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Updates over 200 call sites.

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+               ecx.tcx.layout_of(ty::ParamEnv::empty().and(def_ty)).unwrap();
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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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+    bound_type_of(arg).subst_identity()
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Putting tcx in the context ensures any comments will be preserved.

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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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- And others?

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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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```
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@@
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@rule type@
identifier r.Ty;
@@
(
- Ty<'tcx, 'tcx>
+ Ty<'tcx>
|
- Ty<'_, '_>
+ Ty<'_>
)
```

An example: using more metavariables

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@r type@
identifier Ty;
@@
- 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.
- Disjuctions.
- Typed metavariables

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)

```
@@
identifier e;
expression rt;
@@
-    let mut e = tokio_executor::enter().unwrap();
-    e.block_on(rt.shutdown_on_idle());
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The statements may not be contiguous:

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A safer variant:

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

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 isomorpshism 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?

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Some more future Coccinelle features

- Position variables.
- Script code.
- Constraints on metavariables.
- Fresh identifiers.
- `*` for matching without transformation.

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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 *rustfmt*ed changes are dropped back into the original code.
- Preserves comments and whitespace in the unchanged part of the code.

Some Coccinelle internals

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 <OUTPUT>                  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
```

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