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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() kind() {
```

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

```
- self.infcx.tcx.type_of(self.mir_def_id())
+ self.infcx.tcx.bound_type_of(self.mir_def_id()).subst_identity()
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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;

co
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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 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;

co

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 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
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()
```

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;

00
- tcx.ty_error_with_guaranteed(arg)
+ tcx.ty_error(arg)

00
expression tcx, arg;

00
- 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.

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```
@r type@
identifier Tv;
00
- Ty<'gcx, 'tcx>
+ Ty<'tcx>
@rule type@
identifier r.Tv:
00
- Tv<'tcx, 'tcx>
+ Ty<'tcx>
- Ty<'_, '_>
+ Ty<'_>
```

An example: using more metavariables

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

drule 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.
- * for matching without transformation.

All of these features are implemented!

Future features: ... in parameter lists

One parameter case: (supported already)

```
00
identifier f, P, p;
type T1, T2;
00
- f<P: T1>(p: P) -> T2
+ f(p: impl T1) -> T2
{ ... }
```

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    (...,
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Likewise for function arguments.

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A sequence of statements: (works already)

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The statements may not be contiguous:

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A safer variant:

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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But it could be written as:

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```

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

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.

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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: 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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