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- Changes + developer familiarity = (semantic) patches

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Author: Kyle Matsuda <kyle.voshio.matsuda@gmail.com>
       Mon Feb 6 17:48:12 2023 -0700
Date:
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           and then(|did| match tcx.type_of(did) | kind()
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```

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

```
aa

- 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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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

```
aa expression tcx, arg;
aa 
tcx.
type_of(arg)
bound_type_of(arg).subst_identity()
```

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

A refinement

```
aa TyCtxt tcx; expression arg; aa tcx.
- type_of(arg)
+ bound_type_of(arg).subst_identity()
```

Specifying the type of *tcx* protects against changing other uses of *type_of*.

An example: change in context

```
commit 1ce80e210d152619caa99h1hc030f57a352h657a
Author: Oliver Scherer <oli-obk@users.noreplv.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
ลด -124.3 +124.3 ลด pub fo 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 querv 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
aa -494.5 +494.5 aa 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:

```
and expression tcx, arg;
and - 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
aa -156,3 +156,3 aa pub(crate) fn infer opaque types(
                     }):
                     prev.ty = infcx.tcx.ty_error_with_guaranteed(guar);
                     prev.tv = infcx.tcx.tv error(guar):
ลอ -248.3 +248.3 ออ 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/astcony/mod.rs b/compiler/rustc hir analysis/src/astcony/mod.rs
aa -429.2 +429.2 aa 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)

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

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

```
commit f3f9d6dfd92dfaeh14df891ad27h2531809dd734
Author: Eduard-Mihai Burtescu <edv.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
ລລ -460.6 +460.6 ລລ impl<'gcx, 'tcx> Printer<'gcx, 'tcx> for AbsolutePathPrinter<'gcx, 'tcx> f
             type DynExistential = !:
             type Const = !;
             fn tcx<'a>(&'a self) -> TvCtxt<'gcx, 'tcx> {
             fn tcx<'a>(&'a self) -> TvCtxt<'tcx> {
                 self.tcx
ରର -1977,4 +1976,4 ରର 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(TvCtxt<'tcx>) -> R.
```

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

A first attempt:

```
@rule type@
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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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```
ar typea
identifier Tv;
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- Ty<'gcx, 'tcx>
+ Ty<'tcx>
arule typea
identifier r.Ty;
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- Ty<'tcx, 'tcx>
+ Ty<'tcx>
- Ty<'_, '_>
+ Ty<'_>
```

An example: using more metavariables

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```
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a@
- Ty<'gcx, 'tcx>
+ Ty<'tcx>
arule type@
identifier r.Ty;
lifetime a, b;
a@
- 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

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

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A safer variant:

```
aa
identifier e;
expression rt;
expression e1;
aa
- let mut e = tokio_executor::enter().unwrap();
... when != e = e1
- e.block_on(rt.shutdown_on_idle());
+ rt.shutdown on idle();
```

Future features: Isomorpshisms

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

Examples for C:

• Explicitly defined isomorphisms:

```
Expression
a not_ptr1 a
expression *X;
aa
!X => X == NULL
```

```
Expression
a paren a
expression E;
aa
(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:

```
tokio_executor::enter().unwrap().block_on(rt.shutdown_on_idle());
```

```
and
expression rt;
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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 Coccinelle future features

- · Position variables.
- · Script code.
- · Constraints on metavariables.
- · Fresh identifiers.
- \cdot * 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 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: main [OPTIONS] --coccifile <COCCIFILE> --targetpath <TARGETPATH>
Options:
  -c, --coccifile <COCCIFILE>
                                         Path of Semantic Patch File path
                                         Path of Rust Target file/folder path
  -t, --targetpath <TARGETPATH>
  -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
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```

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