3-1: Encapsulation and Generics (Theory)

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Method syntax

- It's common to have functions associated with a certain type, e.g. rectangle_area
- To improve ergonomics of using such function they can be tied to the type by becoming a method
- Methods can take self, &self or &mut self and called using "dot" syntax, i.e. rectangle.area()

Method syntax: example

```
#[derive(Debug)]
pub struct Rectangle {
    pub width: u32,
    pub height: u32,
impl Rectangle {
    pub fn new(width: u32, height: u32) -> Self
        Self { width, height }
    pub fn get_shape_name() -> &'static str {
        "rectangle"
    pub fn area(&self) -> u32 {
        self.width * self.height
    pub fn make_bigger(&mut self, times: u32) {
        self.width *= times;
        self.height *= times;
    pub fn consume(self) {
        println!("consumed: {self:?}");
```

```
let rec_name = Rectangle::get_shape_name();
let mut rec = Rectangle::new(42, 13);

let area1 = rec.area();
println!("{rec_name} area: {area1}");

rec.make_bigger(3);
let area2 = rec.area();
println!("{rec_name} area: {area2}");

rec.consume();
```

Associated constants

```
impl Rectangle {
    pub const DIMENSIONS: u32 = 2;
    pub const MIN: Self = Self {
        width: 0,
        height: 0,
    pub const MAX: Self = Self {
        width: u32::MAX,
        height: u32::MAX,
```

```
println!(
    "Rectangle has {} dimensions",
    Rectangle::DIMENSIONS,
);
println!(
    "Rectangle range: min {:?}, max {:?}",
    Rectangle::MIN,
    Rectangle::MAX,
);
```

Setters and getters

```
#[derive(Debug)]
pub struct Rectangle {
    width: u32,
    height: u32,
impl Rectangle {
    pub fn get_width(&self) -> u32 {
        self.width
    pub fn set_width(&mut self, width: u32)
        self.width = width
```

```
let mut rec = Rectangle::new(42, 13);
let width1 = rec.get_width();
println!("rectangle width: {width1}");

rec.set_width(50);
let width2 = rec.get_width();
println!("rectangle width: {width2}");
```

impl blocks

- You can have multiple impl blocks, spread across different modules
- You can use Self in impl blocks instead of typing full type name
- Self can be used in arguments, return types, method bodies, and associated constants

Generics

- Different types often exhibit similar APIs
- For example, area method can be implemented for Rectangle, Circle, Triangle, etc.
- To reduce code duplication we often want to write code "generic" over different types which have same APIs

Area trait

```
pub trait Area {
   fn area(&self) -> u32;
#[derive(Debug)]
pub struct Rectangle {
   width: u32,
   height: u32,
impl Area for Rectangle {
    fn area(&self) -> u32 {
       self.width * self.height
impl Rectangle {
   pub fn new(width: u32, height: u32) -> Self {
       Self { width, height }
```

```
use shapes::{Area, Rectangle};

let rec = Rectangle::new(42, 13);
let area = rec.area();
println!("rectangle area: {area}");
```

<u>Orphan rules</u>

- You can implement trait for a type only if either the type or the trait is defined in the current crate
- Inherent methods can be implemented only for types defined in the current crate
- The rules are necessary to prevent potential conflicts between crates
- https://doc.rust-lang.org/reference/items/implementations.html

Generic functions

```
use shapes::Area;
fn compute_total_area<T: Area>(shapes: &[T]) -> u32 {
    let mut total_area = 0;
    for shape in shapes {
        total_area += shape.area();
    total_area
```

Const generics

```
pub fn sum_array<const N: usize>(val: [u32; N]) -> u32 {
    val.iter().sum()
}

pub fn duplicate_val<const N: usize>(val: u32) -> [u32; N] {
    [val; N]
}
```

Const generics limitations

```
enum Algorithms {
    Alg1,
    Alg2,
pub fn use_alg<const ALG: Algorithms>(data: &mut [u8]) {
pub fn hex_encode<const N: usize>(val: [u8; N]) -> [u8; 2 * N] {
```

where clauses

```
use std::fmt::{Debug, Display};
pub fn some_function<T: Display + Clone, U: Clone + Debug>(t: &T, u: &U) -> i32 {
pub fn some_function<T, U>(t: &T, u: &U) -> i32
where
   T: Display + Clone,
   U: Clone + Debug,
```

impl Trait syntax

```
// `impl Area` is a "universal" type, i.e. "caller chooses"
pub fn compute_total_area(shapes: &[impl Area]) -> u32 {
    let mut total_area = 0;
    for shape in shapes {
        total_area += shape.area();
   total_area
// `impl Area` is an "existential" type, i.e. "callee chooses"
pub fn get_an_area_shape() -> impl Area {
   Rectangle::new(42, 10)
```

impl Trait can be used to return only one type, i.e. you can't return Rectangle or Circle from the same function

Generic types

```
#[derive(Debug)]
pub struct ShapePair<T: Area> {
    first: T,
    second: T,
impl<T: Area> ShapePair<T> {
    fn get_first(&self) -> &T {
        &self.first
    fn get_second(&self) -> &T {
        &self.second
```

```
impl<T: Area + Debug> ShapePair<T> {
   pub fn print(&self) {
        println!(
           "first: {:?} second: {:?}",
           self.first,
           self.second.
impl ShapePair<Rectangle> {
   fn rect_overlap(&self) -> bool {
        self.first.overlaps(&self.second)
impl<T: Area> Area for ShapePair<T> {
   fn area(&self) -> u32 {
       self.first.area() + self.second.area()
```

Default implementations

```
pub trait Area {
    fn area(&self) -> u32;
    fn is_area_bigger_than<S: Area>(&self, shape: S) -> bool {
        self.area() > shape.area()
pub struct Point;
impl Area for Point {
    fn area(&self) -> u32 {
    fn is_area_bigger_than<S: Area>(&self, _: S) -> bool {
        false
```

Associated types

```
use num_traits::Num;
pub trait Area {
    type Area: Num;
    fn area(&self) -> Self::Area;
}
```

```
#[derive(Debug)]
pub struct Rectangle<T: Num + Clone> {
    width: T,
    height: T,
impl<T: Num + Clone> Rectangle<T> {
    pub fn new(width: T, height: T) -> Self {
        Self { width, height }
impl<T: Num + Clone> Area for Rectangle<T> {
    type Area = T;
    fn area(&self) -> T {
        self.width.clone() * self.height.clone()
```

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```
pub struct Rectangle32 {
   width: u32,
   height: u32,
impl Area for Rectangle32 {
   type Area = u64;
    fn area(&self) -> u64 {
        (self.width as u64) * (self.height as u64)
```

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```
pub fn compute_total_area32(shapes: &[impl Area<Area = u32>]) -> u32 {
   let mut total_area = 0;
    for shape in shapes {
        total_area += shape.area();
    total_area
pub fn compute_total_area<T: Area>(shapes: &[T]) -> T::Area {
   use num_traits::Zero;
   let mut total_area = T::Area::zero();
    for shape in shapes {
        total_area = total_area + shape.area();
    total_area
```

Generic traits

```
// Defined in `std`
pub trait From<T>: Sized {
    fn from(value: T) -> Self;
pub struct MyUint(pub u64);
impl From<u32> for MyUint {
    fn from(value: u32) -> Self {
       Self(value as u64)
impl From<u64> for MyUint {
    fn from(value: u64) -> Self {
       Self(value)
```

Associated constants

```
pub trait Area {
   type Area: Num;
   const NAME: &'static str;

   fn area(&self) -> Self::Area;
}
```

```
impl Area for Rectangle32 {
   type Area = u64;
   const NAME: &'static str = "32 -bit rectangle";
   fn area(&self) -> u64 {
        (self.width as u64) * (self.height as u64)
   }
}
```

Const generics restrictions

```
generic parameters may not be used in const operations
type parameters may not be used in const expressions
add `#![feature(generic_const_exprs)]` to allow generic const
expressions rustc(Click for full compiler diagnostic)

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fn hash_data(data: &[u8]) -> [u8; Self::OUTPUT_SIZE];
}
```

<u>Supertraits</u>

- Supertraits are traits that are required to be implemented for a type to implement a specific trait.
- The trait with a supertrait is called a subtrait of its supertrait.
- Subtrait has access to the associated items of its supertraits (e.g. when used in generic bounds).

<u>Supertraits</u>

```
pub trait Area {
    fn area(&self) -> f32;
pub trait Perimiter {
    fn perimeter(&self) -> f32;
pub trait Shape: Area + Perimiter {
    fn bounding_box(&self) -> ([f32; 2], [f32; 2]);
    fn area_to_perimeter(&self) -> f32 {
        self.area() / self.perimeter()
pub fn print_shape_properties(s: &impl Shape) {
   let area = s.area();
   let perimeter = s.perimeter();
    println!("area: {area} perimeter: {perimeter}");
```

Object safety

- All supertraits must also be object safe.
- Sized must not be a supertrait. In other words, it must not require Self: Sized.
- It must not have any associated constants.
- It must not have any associated types with generics.
- All associated functions must either be dispatchable from a trait object or be explicitly non-dispatchable.

Dynamic dispatch

```
pub fn use_dyn_area(s: &dyn Area) {
    println!("area: {}", s.area());
pub fn get_dyn_area(triangle: bool) -> Box<dyn Area>
    if triangle {
        Box::new(Rectangle::new(42, 13))
    } else {
        Box::new(Circle::new(42))
fn main() {
    let rec = Rectangle::new(42, 13);
    use_dyn_area(&rec);
    let dyn_rec = &rec as &dyn Area;
    use_dyn_area(dyn_rec);
    let boxed_rec = Box::new(rec);
    let boxed_dyn_rec = boxed_rec as Box<dyn Area>;
    use_dyn_area(&*boxed_dyn_rec);
```

Questions?