第二十一讲:异步编程 (Asynchronous Programming)

第 3 节: Generators and async/await

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提纲

- Background
- Putures in Rust
- ③ 第 3 节: Generators and async/await
- Self-Referential Structs & Pin
- Waker and Reactor

Ref:

- Futures Explained in 200 Lines of Rust
- Writing an OS in Rust Async/Await
- 零成本异步 I/O



Concurrency in Rust

- Stackful coroutines (green threads)
- Using combinators
- Stackless coroutines (generators)

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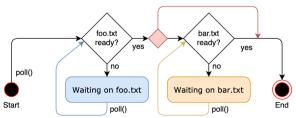


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Arrows represent state switches and diamond shapes represent alternative ways



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State Machine Type: enum ExampleStateMachine

Create a state machine and combine them into an 'enum'

```
//rust code
enum ExampleStateMachine {
    Start(StartState),
    WaitingOnFooTxt(WaitingOnFooTxtState),
    WaitingOnBarTxt(WaitingOnBarTxtState),
    End(EndState),
}
```

State Machine Type: impl Future for ExampleStateMachine

• Generates an implementation of the state transitions in the 'poll' function

```
impl Future for ExampleStateMachine {
type Output = String; // return type of `example`
fn poll(self: Pin<&mut Self>, cx: &mut Context) -> Poll<Self::Output
    loop {
        match self { // TODO: handle pinning
            ExampleStateMachine::Start(state) => {...}
            ExampleStateMachine::WaitingOnFooTxt(state) => {...}
            ExampleStateMachine::WaitingOnBarTxt(state) => {...}
            ExampleStateMachine::End(state) => {...}
```

Example of Generator

```
fn main() {
    let a: i32 = 4;
    let mut gen = move || {
        println!("Hello");
        yield a * 2;
        println!("world!");
    }:
    if let GeneratorState::Yielded(n) = gen.resume() {
        println!("Got value {}", n);
    if let GeneratorState::Complete(()) = gen.resume() {
        ()
    };
```

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