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Lecture 4: Traits and Generics

How Rust uses traits to make expressive APIs.



Logistics

- HW2 Patch
 - Save local changes (if any)
 - Reaccept invite
- HW3
 - Find teammates on Ed (or in person)

Last class(es) recap

- Ownership
 - Clone and copy
- Structs / Impls
 - Rust splits data and behavior

This class: working with generics and traits



Generics

Generics

We've actually already seen generics before:

```
let v: Vec<i32> = Vec::new();
```

Vec<T> where **T** represents a generic type such as **usize**, **CustomStruct**, or anything you want!

Two Types of Generics



Function

```
pub fn get_first<T>(list:
&[T]) -> Option<&T> {
    if list.is_empty() {
        None
    } else {
        Some(&list[0])
    }
}
```



Struct

```
pub struct Vec<T> {...}

impl<T> Vec<T> {
    pub fn insert(&mut self,
index: usize, element: T) {
        ...
    }
}
```

Generics are everywhere

```
enum Option<T> {  
    Some(T),  
    None,  
}  
enum Result<T, E> {  
    Ok(T),  
    Err(E),  
}  
Vec<T>
```



Traits (Motivation)

A Tale of Two Functions

A physics simulation that uses single-precision floats.

```
struct Vec3
{
    x: f32,
    y: f32,
    z: f32
}
```

```
fn dot_product(a: Vec3, b: Vec3) -> f32
{
    (a.x * b.x) +
    (a.y * b.y) +
    (a.z * b.z)
}
```

A Tale of Two Functions

A setting that changes the physics to use double-precision.

```
struct Vec3
{
    x: f64,
    y: f64,
    z: f64
}
```

```
fn dot_product(a: Vec3, b: Vec3) -> f64
{
    (a.x * b.x) +
    (a.y * b.y) +
    (a.z * b.z)
}
```

A Tale of Two Functions

Addition in two places.

```
fn add(f32, f32) -> f32
```

```
fn add(f64, f64) -> f64
```

```
fn add(T, T) -> T
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What is **T**?

A Tale of Two Functions

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```
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```

```
fn add(T, T) -> T
```

What is **T**?

T is a stand-in for whatever type can go here.

A Tale of Two Functions

Multiplication in two places.

```
fn mul(f32, f32) -> f32
```

```
fn mul(f64, f64) -> f64
```

```
fn mul(T, T) -> T
```

A Tale of Two Functions

Multiplication in two places.

```
fn mul(f32, f32)
```

What's wrong with this?

```
-> f64
```

```
fn mul(T, T) -> T
```

T requires certain properties

How do you multiply two booleans? Strings? Custom types?



Traits

Trait Definitions

Introducing Traits!

- Trait name
 - Required function signature
- “self” means the data that we call a method on
“Self” means the type that the trait is being implemented for (or the type of an impl block generally)

```
pub trait Add {  
    fn add(self, rhs: Self) -> Self;  
}  
  
pub trait Mul {  
    fn mul(self, rhs: Self) -> Self;  
}
```

Trait Implementations

Making them usable

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```
impl Add for f32 {  
    fn add(self, rhs: Self) -> Self {  
        self + rhs  
    }  
}
```

Trait Usage

Instead of writing the same function body many times, we write what we want to *do* with the data, and then we write the application so that it can use any of the options we choose.

```
struct Vec3<T> fn dot_product<T>(a: Vec3<T>, b: Vec3<T>) -> T
{
    where T: Add + Mul
    {
        x: T,      let x = a.x.mul(b.x);
        y: T,      let y = a.y.mul(b.y);
        z: T      let z = a.z.mul(b.z);
    }             x.add(y).add(z)
}                }
```

Trait Usage

Here's what it might look like if you chained the method calls.

```
struct Vec3<T>    fn dot_product<T>(a: Vec3<T>, b: Vec3<T>) -> T
{
    x: T,          where T: Add + Mul
    y: T,          {
    z: T            (a.x.mul(b.x))
                  .add(
                    a.y.mul(b.y)
                  ).add(
                    a.z.mul(b.z)
                  )
                  }
}
```

The Real Add and Mul Traits

Generics (+defaults)

Associated Types

```
pub trait Add<Rhs = Self> {  
    type Output;  
    fn add(self, rhs: Rhs) -> Self::Output;  
}
```

```
pub trait Mul <Rhs = Self> {  
    type Output;  
    fn mul(self, rhs: Rhs) -> Self::Output;  
}
```

The Real Add and Mul Traits

Generics (+defaults)

Associated Types


```
fn dot_product<T>(a: Vec3<T>, b: Vec3<T>) -> T
where T: Add<T, Output=T> + Mul<Output=T>
{
    (a.x * b.x) +
    (a.y * b.y) +
    (a.z * b.z)
}
```

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Where T implements

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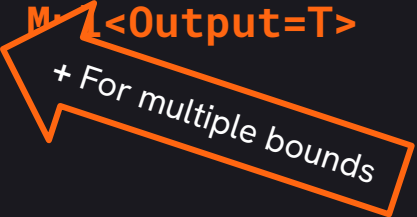
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"Traits are interfaces."

CHANGE MY MIND





The End

HW2 due on February 18th



Traits

- Default method implementations
- Associated types and constants
- Can implement traits for types that are “not yours”

CHANGE MY MIND

So What?

Replacing two functions with one is nice, but it's nothing special. Other languages do this with things like templates, interfaces, or inheritance. There are limits to those approaches, though.

Templates (C++ before C++ 20)

- separate language than the generated code
- doesn't communicate requirements
- makes errors where fault is unclear
- and that's why Concepts are in C++ 20

Inheritance (or interfaces)

- runtime cost (dynamic dispatch*)
- doesn't communicate requirements (such as associated types and some generics)
- conflicts between extensibility and manageable code is (see the SOLID principles)

What is Static Dispatch?

Monomorphization:

turning one generic function
into many non-generic functions.
(compiler copy+pastes code)

```
fn add<T>(T, T) -> T
```



The diagram illustrates the process of monomorphization. A central box on the left contains the generic function signature `fn add<T>(T, T) -> T`. Two orange arrows originate from the right side of this box. The upper arrow points to a box on the top right containing the specialized function `fn add(f32, f32) -> f32`. The lower arrow points to a box on the bottom right containing the specialized function `fn add(f64, f64) -> f64`. This visualizes how a single generic function is transformed into multiple concrete functions based on the types of its arguments.

```
fn add(f32, f32) -> f32
```

```
fn add(f64, f64) -> f64
```

Dynamic Dispatch through Trait Objects

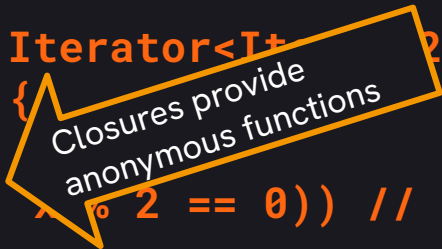
```
pub trait Iterator {  
    type Item;  
    fn next(&mut self) -> Option<Self::Item>;  
    // other methods including filter  
}
```

```
fn chain_iter(iter: Box<dyn Iterator<Item=i32>>, use_evens: bool)->  
Box<dyn Iterator<Item=i32>> {  
    if use_evens {  
        Box::new(iter.filter(|x| x % 2 == 0)) // this expression  
    } else {  
        iter // and this one can have the same type  
    } // because the return point requires a trait object  
}
```


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Closures provide anonymous functions

What is `Box<dyn Iterator<Item=i32>>?`

- `Box<T>`: a pointer to a heap allocated T
- `dyn`: use dynamic dispatch to make a trait object
- `Iterator`: a trait
- `<Item=i32>`: specifying that the associated type Item on the Iterator trait must be an i32

```
pub trait Iterator {  
    type Item;  
    fn next(&mut self) -> Option<Self::Item>;  
    // other methods  
}
```

What is Dynamic Dispatch?

In order to have one function that works on many types without generating different functions, we have to get the information on how to handle those types from somewhere. Language-level support will build a **vtable** (virtual table) to store that info.

Function name	Pointer address
function_a	0xAAAA_BBBB
function_b	0xAAAA_BBD0
Drop::drop	0xAAAA_0000

Static Dispatch through impl Trait

```
pub trait Iterator {  
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    fn next(&mut self) -> Option<Self::Item>;  
    // other methods including filter  
}
```

```
fn chain_iter(iter: impl Iterator<Item=i32>, use_evens: bool)->  
impl Iterator<Item=i32> {  
    if use_evens {  
        iter.filter(|x| x % 2 == 0)) // this expression  
    } else {  
        iter // and this one don't have the same type  
    } // and so they can't use the static dispatch here  
}
```

Static Dispatch through impl Trait

```
pub trait Iterator {  
    type Item;  
    fn next(&mut self) -> Option<Item>;  
    // other methods included  
}
```

`impl Trait (param)` means the **function** must be able to handle any type implementing Trait (like with generics!)

`impl Trait (param)`

```
fn chain_iter(iter: impl Iterator<Item=i32>, use_evens: bool) ->  
impl Iterator<Item=i32> {  
    if use_evens {  
        iter.filter(|x| x % 2 == 0) // this expression  
    } else {  
        iter // and this one don't have the same type  
    } // and so they can't use the static dispatch here  
}
```

Static Dispatch through impl Trait

```
pub trait Iterator {  
    type Item;  
    fn next(&mut self) -  
    // other methods inc  
}
```

impl Trait (return) means the **caller** must be able to handle any type implementing Trait
There is **no** equivalent to this with generics

impl Trait (return)

```
fn chain_iter(1. impl Iterator<Item=i32>, use_evens: bool)->  
impl Iterator<Item=i32> {  
    if use_evens {  
        iter.filter(|x| x % 2 == 0)) // this expression  
    } else {  
        iter // and this one don't have the same type  
    } // and so they can't use the static dispatch here  
}
```

Static Dispatch through impl Trait

```
enum Either<L, R> {  
    Left(L),  
    Right(R)  
}  
// and implement Iterator for Either
```

```
fn chain_iter(iter: impl Iterator<Item=i32>, use_evens: bool)->  
impl Iterator<Item=i32> {  
    if use_evens {  
        Either::Left(iter.filter(|x| x % 2 == 0)) // this expression  
    } else {  
        Either::Right(iter) // and this one do have the same type  
    } // so they can use the static dispatch here  
}
```

Dynamic vs Static Dispatch

Traits allow both!

Dynamic

- Small code size
- Slower on modern computers

Both

- Compile time guarantees about what methods exist
- Clear boundary of responsibility

Static

- Many generated functions → larger code size
- Each individual function can be optimized with context



derive Macro

#[derive([Trait])]

`#[derive(...)]` is just magic that calls a macro to generate some code to implement your trait automatically in some canonical or "obvious" way. If you want something less obvious or different than the default, you can write that code yourself.

Example usage:

```
#[derive(Clone, Debug)]  
pub struct Person {  
    name: String,  
    age: u8,  
    phone: [u8; 10], // fixed array of 10 digits  
    favorite_color: String,  
}
```

How does derive work?

When can you derive?

How do you make a trait derivable?

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When can you derive?

- Data type declaration

How do you make a trait derivable?

- Procedural (or “proc”) macros go in their own crate
- Write a function that takes Rust code tokens as input
- Output the code that you *would* write by hand, except programmatically replace pieces with information from the input
 - Loop over fields of a struct
 - Loop over variants of an enum
 - Grab and insert names of types and trait bounds

What does `derive(Trait)` do?

Derive macros generate the most straightforward (according to the macro author. Here we use `Vec2` to save space.

```
#[derive(Debug)]  
struct Vec2 {  
    x: f64,  
    y: f64  
}
```


```
impl Debug for Vec2 {  
    fn fmt(&self, f: &mut Formatter<'_>) -> Result<(), Error> {  
        f.write_str("Vec2 {");  
        f.write_str("x: ");  
        f64::fmt(&self.x, f);  
        f.write_str(", ");  
        f.write_str("y: ");  
        f64::fmt(&self.y, f);  
        f.write_str("}");  
    }  
}
```

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        f.write_str("x: ");
        f64::fmt(&self.x, f);
        f.write_str(", ");
        f.write_str("y: ");
        f64::fmt(&self.y, f);
        f.write_str("}");
    }
}
```



Looks like a loop over the fields!



Must-know Traits

From/Into

Convert between types without any chance of failure.

By convention, these impls never panic.

If you implement From<T> for U, then you also get Into<U> for T for free!

```
fn conv_addable<T1, T2, T3>(a: T1, b: T2) -> <T3 as Add>::Output
where
    T1: Into<T3>,
    T2: Into<T3>,
    T3: Add,
{
    a.into() + b.into()
}
```


How is it “for free?”

We call an impl that’s generic over types that satisfy certain trait bounds a “blanket” impl. Blanket impls work like other generics, where they copy+paste each time a generic instance used. There can usually only be one because they can conflict.

```
impl<T, U> Into<U> for T
where
    U: From<T>,
{
    fn into(self) -> U {
        U::from(self)
    }
}
```

TryFrom/TryInto

Convert between types, but it may fail.

Just like From/Into,

if you implement TryFrom<T> for U, then you get TryInto<U> for T for free!

```
fn try_conv_addable<T>(a: T, b: f32) -> Result<f32, Box<dyn Error>>
where
    T1: TryInto<f32>,
    <T1 as TryInto>::Error: std::error::Error
{
    a.try_into()? + b
}
```

Fn Traits

Sometimes you want the user to be able to pass some behavior that you're generic over. It's nice to be able to pass a function as an argument and call it using the same syntax as a normal function call.

```
fn map_option<T, F, U>(opt: Option<T>, f: F) -> Option<U>
where
    F: FnOnce(T) -> U
{
    match opt {
        Some(value) => Some(f(value)),
        None => None
    }
}
```

Fn Traits explained

Closures, function items, and function pointers need to be callable.

The traits that govern this are:

- FnOnce: This function-like can be called at least once. This is implemented by all closures that compile.
- FnMut: This function-like can be called multiple times, but it *may* need exclusive permission to its state.
- Fn: This function-like can be called multiple times, and it only needs shared permissions to its state.

These traits get nice syntax based on their parameters and return type.

F: Fn(param1, param2) -> ret

This mirrors the syntax for declaring and using function items and pointers.

fn(param1, param2) -> ret

Fn Traits example revisited

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        None => None
    }
}
```

Default

Provide a default value for a type. This helps in case an operation would fail.

- 0 for numbers
- "" for strings
- [] for list-like collections

```
fn unwrap_or_default<T>(x: Option<T>) -> T
where
    T: Default
{
    match opt {
        Some(value) => value,
        None => T::default()
    }
}
```

Clone

Make a meaningful duplicate of data.

For Vec, String, Hashmap, etc. this is a (relatively) expensive deep copy.

Generic data structures have Clone requirements on T in order to be Clone.

```
fn square_mul<T>(a: T) -> T
where
    T: Clone + Mul<T, Output=T>
{
    a.clone() * a
}
```

Copy

A special kind of Clone that says a clone can be made by bitwise copying. For Vec, String, Hashmap, etc. *cannot* be Copy because it's incorrect. Integers, floats, immutable references, etc. all impl Copy.

```
fn square_mul<T>(a: T) -> T
where
  T: Copy + Mul<T, Output=T>
{
  a * a
}
```



It looks like we gave ownership twice!

```
pub trait Copy: Clone { }
```


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where
  T: Copy + Mul<T, Output=T>
{
  a * a
}
```

```
pub trait Copy: Clone { }
```

Declare a supertrait to
enforce bounds

Supertraits

Sometimes a trait needs all the functionality of another trait in order to work. Instead of making all the methods over again and forcing implementers to do that, we can add bounds or use a “supertrait” to enforce that implementers must already implement the supertrait.

```
pub trait Copy
where
    Self: Clone
{ }
```

```
pub trait Copy: Clone { }
```

Marker Traits (std::marker)

Marker traits are used to mark types as having some property to the compiler.

Sized, Copy, Send

```
#[derive(Clone)]
struct Foo {
    a: i32,
    b: f32,
    c: bool,
}

impl Copy for Foo {}
```

Aside: PhantomData from std::marker

The rust compiler is flawed!!!!

You are required to use any generic type parameters you introduce.

What if you don't want to use them?

std::marker::PhantomData

```
// If you get rid of the `PhantomData`, it won't compile
pub struct UnimplementedStructFromTheHomework<T> {
    _delete_me: PhantomData<T>,
}
```

Extern Crate: serde for easy serialization

Traits that let you specify how to use most formats

- JSON
- YAML
- XML
- Bincode
- RON (Rusty Object Notation)

Macros that derive those traits

Extern Crate: serde for

Using Python's Pickle Library

The pickle module is part of the Python standard library and implements methods to serialize (pickling) and deserialize (unpickling) Python objects.

To get started with pickle, import it in Python:

```
1 import pickle
```

Afterward, to serialize a Python object such as a dictionary and store the byte stream as a file, we can use pickle's dump() method.

```
1 test_dict = {"Hello": "World!"}
2 with open("test.pickle", "wb") as outfile:
3     # "wb" argument opens the file in binary mode
4     pickle.dump(test_dict, outfile)
```

The byte stream representing test_dict is now stored in the file "test.pickle".

To recover the original object, we read the serialized byte stream from the file using pickle's load() method.

```
1 with open("test.pickle", "rb") as infile:
2     test_dict_reconstructed = pickle.load(infile)
```

Warning: Only unpickle data from sources you trust, as it is possible for arbitrary malicious code to be executed during the unpickling process.

Putting them together, the following code helps you to verify that pickle can recover the same object:

```
1 import pickle
2
3 # A test object
4 test_dict = {"Hello": "World!"}
5
6 # Serialization
7 with open("test.pickle", "wb") as outfile:
8     pickle.dump(test_dict, outfile)
9 print("Written object", test_dict)
10
11 # Deserialization
12 with open("test.pickle", "rb") as infile:
13     test_dict_reconstructed = pickle.load(infile)
14 print("Reconstructed object", test_dict_reconstructed)
15
```

Besides writing the serialized object into an array type in Python using pickle's dump()

```
1 test_dict_ba = pickle.dumps(test_d
```

Similarly, we can use pickle's load method

```
1 test_dict_reconstructed_ba = pickl
```

Java

```
// Java code for serialization and deserialization
// of a Java object
import java.io.*;

class Demo implements java.io.Serializable
{
    public int a;
    public String b;

    // Default constructor
    public Demo(int a, String b)
    {
        this.a = a;
        this.b = b;
    }
}
```

```
class Test
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Demo object = new Demo(1, "geeksforgeeks");
        String filename = "file.ser";
```

```
// Serialization
try
{
    //Saving of object in a file
    FileOutputStream file = new FileOutputStream(filename);
    ObjectOutputStream out = new ObjectOutputStream(file);

    // Method for serialization of object
    out.writeObject(object);

    out.close();
    file.close();

    System.out.println("Object has been serialized");
}
```

```
catch(IOException ex)
```

Serialization and Unserialization

Contents of this section:

- What's this "serialization" thing all about?
- How do I select the best serialization technique?
- How do I decide whether to serialize to human-readable ("text") or non-human-readable ("binary") format?
- How do I serialize/unserialize simple types like numbers, dates?
- How exactly do I read/write simple types in human-readable ("text") or non-human-readable ("binary") format?
- How do I read/write simple types in non-human-readable ("binary") format?
- How do I serialize objects that aren't part of an inheritance hierarchy?
- How do I serialize objects that are part of an inheritance hierarchy?
- How do I serialize objects that contain pointers to other objects?
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- How do I serialize objects that contain pointers to other objects?
- Are there any caveats when serializing/unserializing objects?
- What's all this about graphs, trees, nodes, cycles, joins, and joins?

FAQ: What's this "serialization" thing all about?

It lets you take an object or group of objects, put them on a disk or in a network, and later retrieve them.

FAQ: How do I select the best serialization technique?

There are lots and lots (and lots) of if's, and's and but's, and in reality you are, of course, not limited to those five techniques. You will probably find a lot here, so get ready!

1. Decide between human-readable ("text") and non-human-readable ("binary") format.
2. Use the least sophisticated solution when the objects to be serialized are simple.
3. Use the second level of sophistication when the objects to be serialized are complex.
4. Use the third level of sophistication when the objects to be serialized contain pointers to other objects, but when those pointers form a tree with no cycles and no joins.
5. Use the fourth level of sophistication when the objects to be serialized contain pointers to other objects, and when those pointers form a graph with no cycles, and with joins at the leaves only.
6. Use the most sophisticated solution when the objects to be serialized contain pointers to other objects, and when those pointers form a graph that might have cycles or joins.

Here's that same information arranged like an algorithm:

1. The first step is to make an open-ended decision between text- and binary-formats.
2. If your objects aren't part of an inheritance hierarchy and don't contain pointers, use solution #1.
3. Else if your objects don't contain pointers to other objects, use solution #2.
4. Else if the graph of pointers within your objects contains neither cycles nor joins, use solution #3.
5. Else if the graph of pointers within your objects doesn't contain cycles and if the only joins are terminal (leaf) nodes, use solution #4.
6. Else use solution #5.

Remember: feel free to mix and match, to add to the above list, and, if you can justify the added expense, to use a more sophisticated technique than is minimally required.

One more thing: the issues of inheritance and of pointers within the objects are logically unrelated, so there's no theoretical reason for #2 to be any less sophisticated than #3-5. However in practice it often (not always) works out that way. So please do not think of these categories as somehow sacred — they're somewhat arbitrary, and you can change them.

FAQ: How do I decide whether to serialize to human-readable ("text") or non-human-readable ("binary") format?

Carefully:

There is no "right" answer to this question; it really depends on your goals. Here are a few of the pros/cons of human-readable ("text") format vs. non-human-readable ("binary") format:

- Text format is easier to "look check." That means you won't have to write extra tools to debug the input and output; you can open the serialized output with a text editor to see if it looks right.
- Binary format typically uses fewer CPU cycles. However that is relevant only if your application is CPU bound and you intend to do serialization and/or unserialization on an inner loop/bottleneck. Remember: 90% of the CPU time is spent in 10% of the code, which means there won't be any practical performance benefit unless you're in that 10%.

Extern Crate: serde for easy serialization

```
use serde::{Serialize, Deserialize};
#[derive(Serialize, Deserialize, Debug)]
struct Point {
    x: i32,
    y: i32,
}
fn main() {
    let point = Point { x: 1, y: 2 };
    let serialized = serde_json::to_string(&point).unwrap();

    println!("serialized = {}", serialized); // {"x":1,"y":2}
    let deserialized: Point = serde_json::from_str(&serialized).unwrap();

    println!("deserialized = {:?}", deserialized); // Point { x: 1, y: 2 }
}
```

Library – num for numerical operations

Traits that encompass

- Normal arithmetic operators
- Checked, Wrapping, Saturating arithmetic
- All Integers, Floats, Numbers and their operations

Library – serde for easy serialization

Traits that let you specify how to use most formats

- JSON
- YAML
- XML
- Bincode
- RON (Rusty Object Notation)

Macros that derive those traits

Applications

Callbacks (GUI handlers, HTTP routes)

User-defined functions (interpreters)

Dynamically loaded libraries (plugins)

Some applications requires dynamic allocation + dispatch to handle different cases when connecting dynamic inputs



Traits: Live Coding

github.com/cis1905/snippets/tree/main/lec4

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Takeaways

Generics

- Monomorphization

Traits

- Derive