

# `&mut self`

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14    fn awooo(&mut self) {  
15        self.awoo.push('o');  
16        self.awoo();  
17    }  
18 }
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The Recurse Center runs educational programming retreats in New York City. The retreats are free, self-directed, project based, and for anyone who wants to get dramatically better at programming.



**What did I do?**

# What did I do?

I became a dramatically better programmer!

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There might not be an easy answer to that question.

**So let's talk about Rust instead!**



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7     let old_items_by_name: BTreeMap<&str, &ir::Item> =
8         old_items.iter().map(|item| (item.name(), item)).collect();
9     let new_items_by_name: BTreeMap<&str, &ir::Item> =
10         new_items.iter().map(|item| (item.name(), item)).collect();
11
12     let mut deltas = vec![];
13
14     // Do stuff here...
15
16     deltas.sort();
17     deltas.truncate(opts.max_items() as usize);
18
19     let diff = Diff { deltas };
20     Ok(Box::new(diff) as Box<traits::Emit>)
21 }
```



**Calculating a diff imperatively...**



```
1 for (name, old_item) in &old_items_by_name {
2     match new_items_by_name.get(name) {
3         None => deltas.push(DiffEntry {
4             name: name.to_string(),
5             delta: -(old_item.size() as i64),
6         }),
7         Some(new_item) => {
8             let delta = new_item.size() as i64 - old_item.size() as i64;
9             if delta != 0 {
10                 deltas.push(DiffEntry {
11                     name: name.to_string(),
12                     delta,
13                 });
14             }
15         }
16     }
17 }
18
19 for (name, new_item) in &new_items_by_name {
20     if !old_items_by_name.contains_key(name) {
21         deltas.push(DiffEntry {
22             name: name.to_string(),
23             delta: new_item.size() as i64,
24         });
25     }
26 }
27
```

Calculating a diff functionally...



```
1 let get_item_delta = |name: String| -> Result<DiffEntry, traits::Error> {
2     let old_size = old_sizes.get::(&name);
3     let new_size = new_sizes.get::(&name);
4     let delta: i64 = match (old_size, new_size) {
5         (Some(old_size), Some(new_size)) => new_size - old_size,
6         (Some(old_size), None) => -old_size,
7         (None, Some(new_size)) => *new_size,
8         (None, None) => {
9             return Err(traits::Error::with_msg(format!(
10                 "Could not find item with name `{}`",
11                 name
12             )))
13     }
14 };
15 Ok(DiffEntry { name, delta })
16 };
```



```
1 // Iterate through the set of item names, and use the closure above to map
2 // each item into a `DiffEntry` object. Then, sort the collection.
3 let mut deltas = names
4     .into_iter()
5     .map(get_item_delta)
6     .filter(unchanged_items_filter)
7     .collect::<Result<Vec<_>, traits::Error>>()?;
8 deltas.sort();
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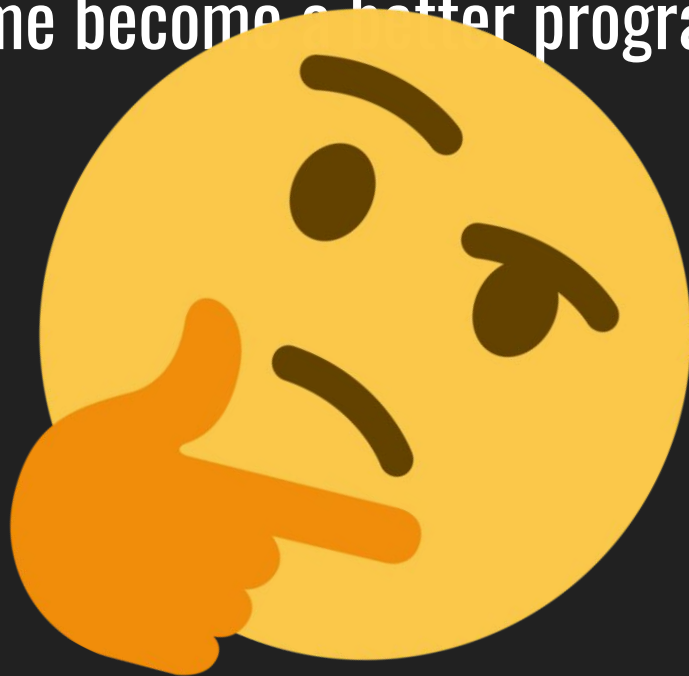
# What did I learn?

- Becoming fluent in a new programming language
- Working with new programming paradigms
- Working in previously unexplored domains



**How did these things help me become a better programmer?**

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“I think that it’s extraordinarily important that we in computer science keep fun in computing. When it started out it was an awful lot of fun. [After a while] we began to feel as if we really were responsible for the successful error-free perfect use of these machines. I don’t think we are.

I think we’re responsible for stretching them setting them off in new directions and keeping fun in the house. I hope the field of computer science never loses its sense of fun. [...]

What you know about computing other people will learn. Don’t feel as if the key to successful computing is only in your hands. What’s in your hands I think and hope is intelligence: the ability to see the machine as more than when you were first led up to it that you can make it more.”

— Alan J. Perlis

