

Rust's advanced type system

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Prologue

**How is `assert_eq!` implemented? Does it
typecheck at compile-time?**



macros

```
macro_rules! assert_eq {
    ($left:expr, $right:expr) => ({
        match (&$left, &$right) {
            (left_val, right_val) => {
                if !(*left_val == *right_val) {
                    // The reborrows below are intentional.
                    // Without them, the stack slot for the
                    // borrow is initialized even before the
                    // values are compared, leading to a
                    // noticeable slow down.
                    panic!(r#"assertion failed: `(left == right)`
left: `{:?}` ,
right: `{:?}`"#, &*left_val, &*right_val)
                }
            }
        }
    });
}
```



macros

```
($left:expr, $right:expr,) => ({
    $crate::assert_eq!($left, $right)
});
($left:expr, $right:expr, $($arg:tt)+) => ({
    match (&($left), &($right)) {
        (left_val, right_val) => {
            if !(*left_val == *right_val) {
                // The reborrows below are intentional.
                // Without them, the stack slot for the
                // borrow is initialized even before the
                // values are compared, leading to a
                // noticeable slow down.
                panic!(r#"assertion failed: `(left == right)`
left: `{:?}`,
right: `{:?}`: {}"#, &*left_val, &*right_val,
                    $crate::format_args!($($arg)+))
            }
        }
    }
});
}
```

Dialogue



Recap: traits

- Semantically like a contract. Methods and constants.
- No subtyping, no inheritance, inspired by Haskell typeclasses.
- Trait can be implemented iff trait or type is local (trait coherence)
- implementation in **impl** Trait **for** Type block

```
use std::os::unix::net;
```

```
use std::fs;
```

```
trait Sendable {  
    fn to_socket(&self, s: net::UnixStream);  
    fn to_file(&self, l: fs::File);  
}
```



Recap: generics

- Replace a type by a *type argument*
- Actual type will be inserted upon instantiation
- Implemented with monomorphisation
- Trait bounds to require implementation of a trait

```
fn send<T: Sendable>(sender: T, req: Request) {  
    if req.header.dest() == Resources::FILE {  
        sender.to_file(req.log_file);  
    } else {  
        sender.to_socket(req.socket);  
    }  
}
```


Trait1 requires implementation of Trait2



Require implementation of another trait

- If `Trait1` is implemented, then `Trait2` must be implemented
- **trait** `Trait1`: **Trait2**
- Concept that comes closest to OOP subtyping, but no inheritance

```
trait JSONTToFile: JSONSerializable {  
    fn json_to_file(&self, s: fs::File)  
        -> io::Result<()>;  
}
```



Require trait implementation (example)

```
use std::{io,fs};
use std::io::{BufWriter,Write};
use std::fs::File;

trait JSONSerializable {
    fn to_json(&self) -> Vec<u8>;
}

trait JSONToFile: JSONSerializable {
    fn json_to_file(&self, s: fs::File)
        -> io::Result<()>;
}
```



Require trait implementation (example)

```
struct MyType { val: u32 }

impl JSONSerializable for MyType {
  fn to_json(&self) -> Vec<u8> {
    let mut bytes = Vec::new();
    for v in br#"{"type":"int", "value": "#.iter() {
      bytes.push(*v);
    }
    for v in format!("{}", self.val).bytes() {
      bytes.push(v);
    }
    bytes.push(b'}');
    bytes
  }
}
```



Require trait implementation (example)

```
impl JSONToFile for MyType {  
    fn json_to_file(&self, fd: fs::File)  
        -> io::Result<()>  
    {  
        let mut writer = BufWriter::new(fd);  
        writer.write(self.to_json().as_slice())?;  
        Ok(())  
    }  
}
```



Require trait implementation (example)

```
fn write_json<T: JSONToFile>
  (w: T, filepath: &str) -> io::Result<()>
{
  let fd = File::create(filepath)?;
  w.json_to_file(fd)
}
```

```
fn main() -> io::Result<()> {
  write_json(
    MyType { val: 42u32 },
    "example.json"
  )
}
```

Which operators are overwritable?



Non-overloadable operators

There is a defined set of operator traits. The following operators cannot be overwritten:

- `?` for error handling
- `||` as *lazy boolean or*
- `&&` as *lazy boolean and*
- `=` as *assignment operator*
- `&v` `&&v` `&&&v` ... to get a reference
- `&mut v` `&&mut v` ... to get a mutable reference



n-ary references

```
fn print_number(s: &&u32) {  
    println!("{}", **s); // prints "42"  
}  
  
fn main() {  
    print_number(&&42);  
}
```



n-ary references

```
fn print_number(s: &&u32) {  
    println!("{}", s);    // w/o “**”  
}
```

```
fn main() {  
    print_number(&&42);  
}
```

Does it compile?



n-ary references

```
fn print_number(s: &&u32) {  
    println!("{}", s);    // w/o “**”  
}
```

```
fn main() {  
    print_number(&&42);  
}
```

Does it compile? Yes, **auto-dereferencing**.



n-ary references in C

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdint.h>

void print_number(uint32_t **s) {
    printf("%u", **s);
}

int main() {
    print_number(&&42);
    return 0;
}
```

Does it compile?



n-ary references in C

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdint.h>

void print_number(uint32_t **s) {
    printf("%u", **s);
}

int main() {
    print_number(&&42);
    return 0;
}
```

Does it compile? No.



n-ary references in C

```
main.c:8:18: error: expected identifier  
    print_number(&&42);  
                  ^
```

1 error generated.

Let's consider one level less. The error message becomes more explicit.



n-ary references in C

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdint.h>

void print_number(uint32_t *s) {
    printf("%u", *s);
}

int main() {
    print_number(&42);
    return 0;
}
```

Does it compile? No.



n-ary references

```
main.c:8:16: error: cannot take the address of  
                an rvalue of type 'int'
```

```
    print_number(&42);
```

```
                ^~~
```

```
1 error generated.
```




n-ary references

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdint.h>

void print_number(uint32_t *s) {
    printf("%u", *s);
}

int main() {
    uint32_t val = 42;
    print_number(&val);
    return 0;
}
```

Does it compile?



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    return 0;
}
```

Does it compile? Yes.



Summary:

- In rust, you can take references to constant values.
- In C, you cannot (unless you assign them).



Overloadable operators

This the defined (and exhaustive) set of operator traits.

- implement `std::ops::Neg` for `-`
- implement `std::ops::Not` for `!`
- implement `std::ops::Add` for `+`
- implement `std::ops::Sub` for `-`
- implement `std::ops::Mul` for `*`
- implement `std::ops::Div` for `/`
- implement `std::ops::Rem` for `%`



Overloadable operators

- implement `std::ops::BitAnd` for `&`
- implement `std::ops::BitOr` for `|`
- implement `std::ops::BitXor` for `^`
- implement `std::ops::Shl` for `<<`
- implement `std::ops::Shr` for `>>`
- implement `std::cmp::PartialEq::eq` for `==`
- implement `std::cmp::PartialEq::ne` for `!=`
- implement `std::cmp::PartialOrd::gt` for `>`
- implement `std::cmp::PartialOrd::lt` for `<`
- implement `std::cmp::PartialOrd::ge` for `>=`
- implement `std::cmp::PartialOrd::le` for `<=`



Overloadable operators

- implement `std::ops::AddAssign` for `+=`
- implement `std::ops::SubAssign` for `-=`
- implement `std::ops::MulAssign` for `*=`
- implement `std::ops::DivAssign` for `/=`
- implement `std::ops::RemAssign` for `%=`
- implement `std::ops::BitAndAssign` for `&=`
- implement `std::ops::BitOrAssign` for `|=`
- implement `std::ops::BitXorAssign` for `^=`
- implement `std::ops::ShlAssign` for `<<=`
- implement `std::ops::ShrAssign` for `>>=`



Overloadable operators

- implement `std::ops::Index` for indexing `v[i]`
- implement `std::ops::IndexMut` for mutable indexing
- implement `std::ops::Deref` for `*` `**` `***` ...
- implement `std::ops::DerefMut` for
`*mut` `**mut` `***mut` ...



Deref example

Goal:

- Let `v` be value 42 (wrapped by custom type).
- `v` is represented as 42
- `&v` is represented as (42)
- `&&v` is represented as ((42))
- `&&&v` is represented as (((42))) ...



Deref example

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- v is represented as 42
- $\&v$ is represented as (42)
- $\&\&v$ is represented as ((42))
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Problem:

- We cannot overload $\&v$, but $\star v$
- Let v be (((((((42))))))))
- Let $\star v$ be ((((((42)))))))
- Let $\star\star v$ be (((((42)))))) ...



Deref example

```
use std::fmt;
use std::ops::Deref;

struct Wrapped<T: fmt::Display> {
    value: T,
    depth: usize,
}

impl<T: fmt::Display> fmt::Display for Wrapped<T> {
    fn fmt(&self, f: &mut fmt::Formatter) -> fmt::Result {
        write!(f, "{}{}{}", "(" .repeat(self.depth),
               self.value, ")" .repeat(self.depth))
    }
}
```



Deref example

```
impl<T: fmt::Display> Deref for Wrapped<T> {  
    type Target = T;  
  
    fn deref(&self) -> &Self::Target {  
        &Wrapped { value: self.value, depth: self.depth - 1 }  
    }  
}  
  
fn main() {  
    let v = Wrapped{ value: 1, depth: 8 };  
    println!("{}", v);  
    println!("{}", *****v);  
    println!("{}", *****v);  
}
```

Does it compile?



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impl<T: fmt::Display> Deref for Wrapped<T> {  
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    }  
}  
  
fn main() {  
    let v = Wrapped{ value: 1, depth: 8 };  
    println!("{}", v);  
    println!("{}", *****v);  
    println!("{}", *****v);  
}
```

Does it compile? No.



Deref example

```
error[E0614]: type `{integer}` cannot be dereferenced
```

```
--> src/main.rs:27:22
```

```
|  
27 |     println!("{}", ****v);  
|                               ^^^
```

```
error[E0614]: type `{integer}` cannot be dereferenced
```

```
--> src/main.rs:28:26
```

```
|  
28 |     println!("{}", *****v);  
|                               ^^^
```

Why?



Deref example (hint for error)

```
struct Wrapped<T: fmt::Display> {  
    value: T,  
    depth: usize,  
}  
  
impl<T: fmt::Display> Deref for Wrapped<T> {  
    type Target = T;  
  
    fn deref(&self) -> &Self::Target {  
        &Wrapped { value: self.value,  
                     depth: self.depth - 1 }  
    }  
}
```



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struct Wrapped<T: fmt::Display> {  
    value: T,  
    depth: usize,  
}  
  
impl<T: fmt::Display> Deref for Wrapped<T> {  
    type Target = T;  
  
    fn deref(&self) -> &Self::Target {  
        &Wrapped { value: self.value,  
                     depth: self.depth - 1 }  
    }  
}
```

T is **u32**, thus `Self::Target` as well.



Deref example

My learning process:

- Where can we store the depth information?
- `fn deref(&self) -> &Self::Target` uses `&self` (c.f. `&mut self`). Does not permit mutation.
- We also cannot create new object, because where do we store it? (switch to heap objects like `Rc` would be possible)



Deref example (fixed)

```
fn main() {  
    let v1 = Wrapped{ value: 42, depth: 0 };  
    let v2 = Wrapped{ value: &v1, depth: 1 };  
    let v3 = Wrapped{ value: &v2, depth: 2 };  
    let v4 = Wrapped{ value: &v3, depth: 3 };  
    println!("{}", v1);    // "42"  
    println!("{}", v2);    // "(42)"  
    println!("{}", *v2);   // "42"  
}
```



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use std::fmt;
use std::ops::Deref;

struct Wrapped<T: fmt::Display> {
    value: T,
    depth: usize,
}

impl<T: fmt::Display> Deref for Wrapped<T> {
    type Target = T;

    fn deref(&self) -> &Self::Target {
        &Wrapped { value: self.value,
                     depth: self.depth - 1 }
    }
}
```



Deref example (fixed)

```
impl<T: fmt::Display> fmt::Display for Wrapped<T> {  
    fn fmt(&self, f: &mut fmt::Formatter)  
        -> fmt::Result {  
        write!(f,  
            "{}{}{}",  
            "(" .repeat(self.depth),  
            self.value,  
            ")" .repeat(self.depth))  
    }  
}
```

```
impl<T: fmt::Display> Deref for Wrapped<T> {  
    type Target = T;  
  
    fn deref(&self) -> &Self::Target {  
        &self.value  
    }  
}
```

Trait objects



Method dispatch

Cliff hanger, last time: Can we take references to traits?

Let T be a trait. We call $T.method()$.

Where do we find the implementation of `method`?

- **static dispatch:** monomorphization, like C++ templates, preferred dispatch
- **dynamic dispatch:** trait objects

One application example for dynamic dispatch: What about a vector of objects implementing a trait; `Vec<Trait>`?

- **static dispatch:** wrap each possible type with **enum**, unextensible to external types
- **dynamic dispatch:** trait object



Monomorphisation example

```
struct Wrapped { val: u32 }
```

```
trait Numeric {  
  fn as_u32(&self) -> u32;  
}
```

```
impl Numeric for Wrapped {  
  fn as_u32(&self) -> u32 {  
    self.val  
  }  
}
```



Monomorphisation example

```
fn print_int<T: Numeric>(obj: T) {  
    println!("{:x}", obj.as_u32());  
}
```

```
fn main() {  
    let v = Wrapped { val: 42 };  
    print_int(v); // "2a"  
}
```



Can we provide `&Wrapped` for `Numeric`?

```
1  fn print_int<T: Numeric>(obj: T) {  
2      println!("{:x}", obj.as_u32());  
3  }  
4  
5  fn main() {  
6      let v = Wrapped { val: 42 };  
7      print_int(&v);  
8  }
```




Trial and error

```
error[E0277]: the trait bound `Wrapped: Numeric` is not satisfied
--> src/main.rs:20:15
   |
14 | fn print_int<T: Numeric>(obj: T) {
   |     ----- required by this bound in `print_int`
...
20 |     print_int(&v);
   |               -^
   |               |
   | the trait `Numeric` is not implemented for `Wrapped`
   | help: consider removing the leading `&`-reference
   |
= help: the following implementations were found:
      <Wrapped as Numeric>
```



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...
20 |     print_int(&v);
   |               -^
   |               |
   | the trait `Numeric` is not implemented for `&Wrapped`
   | help: consider removing the leading `&`-reference
   |
= help: the following implementations were found:
      <Wrapped as Numeric>
```

Apparently, we can implement `Numeric` for `&Wrapped` as well.



Trial and error

```
struct Wrapped { val: u32 }
trait Numeric {
  fn as_u32(&self) -> u32;
}

impl Numeric for Wrapped {
  fn as_u32(&self) -> u32 { self.val }
}

impl Numeric for &Wrapped {
  fn as_u32(&self) -> u32 { (**self).val }
}

fn print_int<T: Numeric>(obj: T) {
  println!("{:x}", obj.as_u32());
}

fn main() {
  let v = Wrapped { val: 42 };
  print_int(&v); // "2a"
}
```



What about `&Wrapped` *and* `&Numeric`?

```
1  fn print_int<T: &Numeric>(obj: T) {  
2      println!("{:x}", obj.as_u32());  
3  }  
4  
5  fn main() {  
6      let v = Wrapped { val: 42 };  
7      print_int(&v);  
8  }
```



Trial and error

```
error: expected one of `!`, `(`, `,`, `=`,  
      `>`, `?`, `for`, lifetime, or path, found `&`  
--> src/main.rs:14:17  
    |  
14 | fn print_int<T: &Numeric>(obj: T) {  
    |                      ^ expected one of 9 possible tokens  
  
error: aborting due to previous error
```



Recap: Let's switch syntax. Can we use `Numeric` as type?

```
1 fn print_int(obj: Numeric) {  
2     println!("{:x}", obj.as_u32());  
3 }  
4  
5 fn main() {  
6     let v = Wrapped { val: 42 };  
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7     print_int(v);  
8 }
```

No, we need to use the `impl` keyword!



Recap: use **impl**! This is the equivalent syntax to

fn `print_int`<T: **Numeric**>(obj: **T**).

```
1 fn print_int(obj: impl Numeric) {  
2     println!("{:x}", obj.as_u32());  
3 }  
4  
5 fn main() {  
6     let v = Wrapped { val: 42 };  
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```




But it **does work** if we use `&Numeric` as type!

```
1 fn print_int(obj: &Numeric) {  
2     println!("{:x}", obj.as_u32());  
3 }  
4  
5 fn main() {  
6     let v = Wrapped { val: 42 };  
7     print_int(&v);    // "2a"  
8 }
```

... so, what is a trait object?



Idea:

- We generate an separate object from an object maintaining pointers to the actual implementation of the methods specified in the trait (and *only those*!)
- Exactly like Golang's function call with argument of interface type
- Similar to C++'s vtable
- Runtime overhead, no inlining of function calls



Syntax and history:

- `dyn` keyword: `dyn Trait` is a type referring to any trait object implementing `Trait`
- Since [Rust 1.27](#). Is `Foo` a struct or a trait?

`Box<Foo>` became `Box<dyn Foo>`
`&Foo` became `&dyn Foo`
`&mut Foo` became `&mut dyn Foo`



Requirements for traits to generate trait objects (“object safe”):

- All return types must not be Self.
- No generic type parameters.



Trial and error

Standard library's `Clone` trait is **not** object-safe:

```
pub trait Clone {  
    fn clone(&self) -> Self;  
}
```



Trial and error

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```
pub trait Clone {  
    fn clone(&self) -> Self;  
}
```

Thus, `dyn Clone` is not permitted.



Trait object example

```
trait Named {  
    fn name(&self) -> String;  
}  
  
struct Student { name: String }  
struct Teacher { name: String }
```




Trait object example

```
impl Named for Student {  
    fn name(&self) -> String {  
        let mut s = String::from("student ");  
        s.push_str(&self.name);  
        s  
    }  
}
```

```
impl Named for Teacher {  
    fn name(&self) -> String {  
        let mut s = String::from("teacher ");  
        s.push_str(&self.name);  
        s  
    }  
}
```



Trait object example

```
fn main() {  
    let s1 = Student { name: String::from("Lukas") };  
    let s2 = Student { name: String::from("Anita") };  
    let t1 = Teacher { name: String::from("Sensei") };  
    println!("{}", s1.name(), s2.name(), t1.name());  
}
```

student Lukas

student Anita

teacher Sensei



Trait object example

```
struct Container {  
    elements: Vec<dyn Named>,  
}
```

```
error[E0277]: the size for values of type  
  `(dyn Named + 'static)` cannot be known  
  at compilation time  
  --> src/main.rs:25:5  
      |  
25 |     elements: Vec<dyn Named>,  
      |     ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^  
      |     doesn't have a size known at compile-time  
      |  
= help: the trait `std::marker::Sized` is not implemented  
       for `(dyn Named + 'static)`  
= note: required by `std::vec::Vec`
```



Trait object example

```
struct Container {  
    elements: Vec<Box<dyn Named>>,  
}  
  
fn main() {  
    let c = Container {  
        elements: vec![  
            Box::new(s1), Box::new(s2),  
            Box::new(t1)  
        ]};  
  
    println!("{}", c.elements[0].name());  
    // "student Lukas"  
}
```



Trait object example

```
struct Container<T: Named> {  
    elements: Vec<Box<T>>,  
}
```

```
fn main() {  
    let c = Container {  
        elements: vec![  
            Box::new(s1), Box::new(s2),  
            Box::new(t1)  
        ]};  
    println!("{}", c.elements[0].name());  
}
```

What's the difference?



Trait object example

```
error[E0308]: mismatched types
  --> src/main.rs:35:61
      |
35 | elements: vec![Box::new(s1), Box::new(s2), Box::new(t1)]
      |               expected struct `Student`, found struct `Teacher` ^^

error: aborting due to previous error
```



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    |
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```



Trait object coercion

- Casts for trait objects are possible, but rarely necessary
- Use **as** keyword for coercion
- `&obj as &Trait`
- Allows to tests for object safety

```
let v = vec![1, 2, 3];  
let o = &v as &Clone;
```


The *type* keyword or associated types



Associated types

```
trait Graph<N, E> {  
    fn has_edge(&self, &N, &N) -> bool;  
    fn edges(&self, &N) -> Vec<E>;  
    // Etc.  
}
```

A Graph generic over any node type and edge type.



Associated types

```
fn distance<N, E, G: Graph<N, E>>(
    graph: &G, start: &N, end: &N
) -> u32 {
    // implementation of distance function
}
```



Associated types

```
trait Graph {  
    type N;  
    type E;  
  
    fn has_edge(&self, &Self::N, &Self::N) -> bool;  
    fn edges(&self, &Self::N) -> Vec<Self::E>;  
}
```



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```
struct Node;  
struct Edge;  
struct MyGraph;  
  
impl Graph for MyGraph {  
    type N = Node;  
    type E = Edge;  
  
    fn has_edge(&self, n1: &Node, n2: &Node)  
        -> bool  
    {  
        true  
    }  
  
    fn edges(&self, n: &Node)  
        -> Vec<Edge>  
    {  
        Vec::new()  
    }  
}
```



Associated types

Associated types and coercion into a trait object:

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```

```
error: the value of the associated type `E`  
      (from the trait `main::Graph`) must  
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```

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      ^~~~~~
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Solution: explicit assignment

```
let graph = MyGraph;  
let obj = Box::new(graph) as  
    Box<Graph<N=Node, E=Edge>>;
```



Add trait

Add trait via stdlib implementation

```
#[lang = "add"]
#[stable(feature = "rust1", since = "1.0.0")]
#[rustc_on_unimplemented(
    on(all(_Self = "{integer}", RhS = "{float}"), message = "cannot add
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    message = "cannot add `{RhS}` to `{Self}`",
    label = "no implementation for `{Self} + {RhS}`"
)]
#[doc(alias = "+")]
pub trait Add<RhS = Self> {
    /// The resulting type after applying the `+` operator.
    #[stable(feature = "rust1", since = "1.0.0")]
    type Output;

    /// Performs the `+` operation.
    #[must_use]
    #[stable(feature = "rust1", since = "1.0.0")]
    fn add(self, rhs: RhS) -> Self::Output;
}
```

Typeld



TypeId is a crate in stdlib that allows you to reason about types (obviously at compile time) in a limited manner. One example:

```
use std::any::{Any, TypeId};

fn is_string<T: ?Sized + Any>(_s: &T) -> bool {
    TypeId::of::<String>() == TypeId::of::<T>()
}

assert_eq!(is_string(&0), false);
assert_eq!(is_string(&"cookie monster".to_string()), true);
```

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0-infinity: *

0-1: ?

1-infinity: +



Next time

Covid19 disclaimer: Once, more than 15 people are allowed to meet and the majority is fine with it, we are going to schedule an offline meeting. In the following, we are going to hold a *Hacker Jeopardy* (finally).

Next meetup Wed, 2020/06/24

Topic Lifetimes, anonymous functions and modularization



Next time

For the ambitious ones:

- Rust lifetimes are inspired by Cyclone's memory regions
- I will talk about Cyclone next time
- [Cyclone: A safe dialect of C](#) (2002)
- [Cyclone homepage](#)
- Recommendation: read the Cyclone paper before next time

Thank you!

