

Verus: Verifying Rust Programs Using Linear Ghost Types

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Others: `&a' T`, `&mut a' T`, `*const T`, `*mut T`, `Box<T>`, `Arc<T>`, `Mutex<T>`

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On the other hand...

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3 impl Boxed {
4     fn inc(&mut self) -> () {
5         self.0 += 1;
6     }
7     fn consume(self) -> () {
8         ()
9     }
10    fn inc_immutable(self) -> Self {
11        Boxed(self.0 + 1)
12    }
13 }
14
15 fn main() {
16     let x = Boxed(5); // immutable struct created
17     let mut x = x.inc_immutable(); // consumed and bound to a new
        mutable variable
18     x.consume(); // moved and consumed
19     x.inc(); // error: use after move
20 }
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Writing a simple program with Verus + SMT encoding

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SMT Types	✓	✓	✗
Pre/post-conditions	✗	✓	✓

Mutexes in Rust

```
1  const N: usize = 10;
2  let data = Arc::new(Mutex::new(0));
3
4  let (tx, rx) = channel();
5  for _ in 0..N {
6      let (data, tx) = (Arc::clone(&data), tx.clone());
7      thread::spawn(move || {
8          let mut data = (*data).lock().unwrap();
9          *data += 1;
10         if *data == N {
11             tx.send(()).unwrap();
12         }
13     });
14 }
15
16 rx.recv().unwrap();
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Interior Mutability and the Myth of Safe Rust

```
1 impl<T> Mutex<T> {  
2     // ...  
3  
4     pub fn lock(&self) -> LockResult<MutexGuard<'_, T>> {  
5         unsafe {  
6             self.inner.lock();  
7             MutexGuard::new(self)  
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These objects can be verified as destroyed by consuming the permission object (see PPtr).

On (Local) Invariants

It is called an invariant because it additionally ensures that the value stored in the cell satisfies the type invariant:

```
1 impl<K, V, Pred: InvariantPredicate<K, V>> LocalInvariant<K, V, Pred>
2   pub proof fn new(k: K, tracked v: V, ns: int) -> tracked i :
      LocalInvariant<K, V, Pred>
3     requires
4       Pred::inv(k, v),
5     ensures
6       i.constant() == k,
7       i.namespace() == ns,
```

The invariant checks are in proof mode and are erased. `InvariantPredicate` is a typeclass just providing the `inv` function.

Thanks! Questions?

If we have more time we'll discuss and look at how certain things are implemented in the (Rust or Verus) standard library or play with the verifier.