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# How do I give a TcpStream to a BufReader but then take it back?

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I have a struct:

```
pub struct Paradise {  
    cstream: TcpStream,  
}
```

with a method:

```
pub fn write_message(&mut self, code: i32, message: &str) {  
    let foo = format!("{}", {} '\r\n", code, message);  
    let _ = self.cstream.write(foo.as_bytes());  
}
```

That works great. It's an FTP server so when I get a new `TcpStream` from `TcpListener::bind` I do:

```
let mut p = Paradise::new(stream);  
p.start();
```

And inside that `start` method I call:

```
self.write_message(220, "Welcome to Paradise");
```

and sure enough, I see that message in the FTP client. So far so good.

But then I do:

```
let mut br = BufReader::new(&self.cstream);  
loop {  
    let mut buffer = String::new();  
    let _ = br.read_line(&mut buffer);  
    println!("{}", buffer);  
    self.write_message(550, "Testing");  
}
```

And when I get to the next `write_message` call inside the loop:

```
cannot borrow *self as mutable because self.cstream is also borrowed as immutable [E0502]
```

Full code:

[https://github.com/andrewarrows/tinted\\_paradise/blob/169cc5f7025c417814f47a1fb3e3fc78ce4f9516/src/paradise.rs](https://github.com/andrewarrows/tinted_paradise/blob/169cc5f7025c417814f47a1fb3e3fc78ce4f9516/src/paradise.rs)

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How can I change stuff around so I *can* call `write_message` inside the loop?

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Haha, I'm certainly not against *learning*. I *am* (obliquely) pointing out that multiple people have spent significant time explaining that error message to ~70 people in ~70 contexts. It would be courteous to read (a good portion of) them in addition to the [normal Rust documentation](#) and explain what makes your question different. Note that I answered the question you asked in the title, which seemed unique, but perhaps is actually a duplicate of [stackoverflow.com/q/35869078/155423](#) or those linked from there.

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Also, I'm pretty sure that "Why are you so against learning?" is some kind of logical fallacy or similar... ^ \_ ^

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How do I give a `TopStream` to a `BufReader` but then take it back?

By calling [BufReader::into\\_inner](#) :

```
impl<R: Read> BufReader<R> {  
    fn into_inner(self) -> R  
}
```

Unwraps this `BufReader`, returning the underlying reader.

Note that any leftover data in the internal buffer is lost.

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