

Lecture 3: More traits

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PartialEq

Trait for equality comparisons which are partial equivalence relations.¹ Has a `#[derive(PartialEq)]` macro.

```
// Note the generic and default value!
pub trait PartialEq<Rhs = Self>
where
    Rhs: ?Sized,
{
    fn eq(&self, other: &Rhs) -> bool;

    fn ne(&self, other: &Rhs) -> bool { ... }
}
```

At the same time, this trait overloads operators `==` and `!=`.

¹[Partial equivalence relation on Wikipedia](#)

PartialEq

Sometimes we want from trait to work differently depending on some input type. In the case of `PartialEq`, we want to allow comparisons between elements of different types.

```
struct A {  
    x: i32,  
}  
  
// The same as #[derive(PartialEq)]  
// Allows us to compare A's  
impl PartialEq for A {  
    fn eq(&self, other: &A) -> bool {  
        self.x.eq(&other.x)  
    }  
}
```

```
// Allows us to compare A's
#[derive(PartialEq)]
struct B {
    x: i32,
}

// Allows us to compare B with A when A is on the right!
impl PartialEq<A> for B {
    fn eq(&self, other: &A) -> bool {
        // Same as 'self.x == other.x'
        self.x.eq(&other.x)
    }
}
```

Traits and generics

Let's use defined structs and traits:

```
let a1 = A { x: 42 };  
let a2 = A { x: 43 };  
assert!(a1 != a2);  
let b = B { x: 42 };  
assert!(b == a1);  
assert!(a1 == b) // Won't compile: B is on the right!
```

Your implementation of `PartialEq` must satisfy:

- `a != b` if and only if `!(a == b)` (ensured by the default implementation).
- Symmetry: if `A: PartialEq` and `B: PartialEq<A>`, then `a == b` implies `b == a`.
- Transitivity: if `A: PartialEq` and `B: PartialEq<C>` and `A: PartialEq<C>`, then `a == b` and `b == c` implies `a == c`.

Trait that tells compiler that our `PartialEq` trait implementation is also reflexive. Has a `#[derive(Eq)]` macro.

```
pub trait Eq: PartialEq<Self> {}
```

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It's a good property since if data structure or algorithm requires equivalence relations to be fulfilled, Rust won't compile code since we have only `PartialEq` implemented.

Ordering

A result of comparison of two values.

```
pub enum Ordering {  
    Less,  
    Equal,  
    Greater,  
}
```

Has a little of functions:

```
fn is_eq(self) -> bool;  
fn is_ne(self) -> bool;  
fn is_lt(self) -> bool; // And some similar to this three  
fn reverse(self) -> Ordering;  
fn then(self, other: Ordering) -> Ordering;  
fn then_with<F>(self, f: F) -> Ordering
```

Trait for values that can be compared for a sort-order. Has a `#[derive(PartialOrd)]` macro.

```
pub trait PartialOrd<Rhs = Self>: PartialEq<Rhs>
where
    Rhs: ?Sized,
{
    fn partial_cmp(&self, other: &Rhs) -> Option<Ordering>;

    fn lt(&self, other: &Rhs) -> bool { ... }
    fn le(&self, other: &Rhs) -> bool { ... }
    fn gt(&self, other: &Rhs) -> bool { ... }
    fn ge(&self, other: &Rhs) -> bool { ... }
}
```

Also overloads operators `<`, `<=`, `>=` and `>`.

The methods of this trait must be consistent with each other and with those of `PartialEq` in the following sense:

- `a == b` if and only if `partial_cmp(a, b) == Some(Equal)`.
- `a < b` if and only if `partial_cmp(a, b) == Some(Less)` (ensured by the default implementation).
- `a > b` if and only if `partial_cmp(a, b) == Some(Greater)` (ensured by the default implementation).
- `a <= b` if and only if `a < b || a == b` (ensured by the default implementation).
- `a >= b` if and only if `a > b || a == b` (ensured by the default implementation).

Trait for equality comparisons which are partial equivalence relations. Has a `#[derive(Ord)]` macro.

```
pub trait Ord: Eq + PartialOrd<Self> {  
    fn cmp(&self, other: &Self) -> Ordering;  
  
    fn max(self, other: Self) -> Self { ... }  
    fn min(self, other: Self) -> Self { ... }  
    fn clamp(self, min: Self, max: Self) -> Self { ... }  
}
```

Implementations must be consistent with the `PartialOrd` implementation, and ensure `max`, `min`, and `clamp` are consistent with `cmp`:

- `partial_cmp(a, b) == Some(cmp(a, b))`.
- `max(a, b) == max_by(a, b, cmp)` (ensured by the default implementation).
- `min(a, b) == min_by(a, b, cmp)` (ensured by the default implementation).
- `a.clamp(min, max)` returns `max` if `self` is greater than `max`, and `min` if `self` is less than `min`. Otherwise this returns `self`. (ensured by the default implementation).

A helper struct for reverse ordering.

```
pub struct Reverse<T>(pub T);
```

Usage example:

```
let mut v = vec![1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6];  
v.sort_by_key(|&num| (num > 3, Reverse(num)));  
assert_eq!(v, vec![3, 2, 1, 6, 5, 4]);
```


New Type idiom

The newtype idiom gives compile-time guarantees that the right type of value is supplied to a program.

```
pub struct Years(i64);
pub struct Days(i64);
impl Years {
    pub fn to_days(&self) -> Days {
        Days(self.0 * 365) // New Type is basically a tuple
    }
}
impl Days {
    pub fn to_years(&self) -> Years {
        Years(self.0 / 365)
    }
}
pub struct Example<T>(i32, i64, T);
```

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In Rust, we have a generic trait to name any structure that can hash objects using bytes in its representation.

```
pub trait Hasher {  
    fn finish(&self) -> u64;  
    fn write(&mut self, bytes: &[u8]);  
  
    fn write_u8(&mut self, i: u8) { ... }  
    fn write_u16(&mut self, i: u16) { ... }  
    fn write_u32(&mut self, i: u32) { ... }  
    fn write_u64(&mut self, i: u64) { ... }  
    fn write_u128(&mut self, i: u128) { ... }  
    fn write_usize(&mut self, i: usize) { ... }  
    fn write_i8(&mut self, i: i8) { ... }  
    // ...  
}
```

Example of usage of default HashMap hasher:

```
use std::collections::hash_map::DefaultHasher;
use std::hash::Hasher;

let mut hasher = DefaultHasher::new();

hasher.write_u32(1989);
hasher.write_u8(11);
hasher.write_u8(9);
// Note the 'b': it means this &str literal should
// be considered as &[u8]
hasher.write(b"Huh?");

// Hash is 238dcde3f17663a0!
println!("Hash is {:x}!", hasher.finish());
```

Trait Hash means that the type is hashable. Has a `#[derive(Hash)]` macro.

```
pub trait Hash {  
    fn hash<H>(&self, state: &mut H)  
    where  
        H: Hasher;  
  
    fn hash_slice<H>(data: &[Self], state: &mut H)  
    where  
        H: Hasher,  
    { ... }  
}
```

Implementing Hash by hand:

```
struct Person {  
    id: u32,  
    name: String,  
    phone: u64,  
}  
  
impl Hash for Person {  
    fn hash<H: Hasher>(&self, state: &mut H) {  
        self.id.hash(state);  
        self.phone.hash(state);  
    }  
}
```

When implementing both `Hash` and `Eq`, it is important that the following property holds:

$$k1 == k2 \implies \text{hash}(k1) == \text{hash}(k2)$$

In other words, if two keys are equal, their hashes must also be equal. `HashMap` and `HashSet` both rely on this behavior.

This trait allows running custom code within the destructor.⁷

```
pub trait Drop {  
    fn drop(&mut self);  
}
```

⁷[Destructors, The Rust Reference](#)

Implementing Drop by hand:

```
struct HasDrop;

impl Drop for HasDrop {
    fn drop(&mut self) {
        println!("Dropping HasDrop!");
    }
}
```

```
struct HasTwoDrops {  
    one: HasDrop,  
    two: HasDrop,  
}  
  
impl Drop for HasTwoDrops {  
    fn drop(&mut self) {  
        println!("Dropping HasTwoDrops!");  
    }  
}
```



```
let _x = HasTwoDrops { one: HasDrop, two: HasDrop };  
println!("Running!");
```

```
// Running!  
// Dropping HasTwoDrops!  
// Dropping HasDrop!  
// Dropping HasDrop!
```

A wrapper to inhibit compiler from automatically calling T's destructor.

```
pub struct ManuallyDrop<T>
where
    T: ?Sized,
{ /* fields omitted */ }
```

Methods:

```
fn new(value: T) -> ManuallyDrop<T>;
fn into_inner(slot: ManuallyDrop<T>) -> T;
unsafe fn take(slot: &mut ManuallyDrop<T>) -> T;
unsafe fn drop(slot: &mut ManuallyDrop<T>);
```

Example:

```
use std::mem::ManuallyDrop;
let mut x = ManuallyDrop::new(String::from("Hello World!"));
x.truncate(5); // You can still safely operate on the value
assert_eq!(*x, "Hello");
// But `Drop` will not be run here
```

A trait to implement + operator for a type.

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

Usage example:

```
struct Point<T> {  
    x: T,  
    y: T,  
}  
  
impl<T: Add<Output = T>> Add for Point<T> {  
    type Output = Self;  
  
    fn add(self, other: Self) -> Self::Output {  
        Self {  
            x: self.x + other.x,  
            y: self.y + other.y,  
        }  
    }  
}
```

There's also “assign” variation which overloads operator +=.

```
pub trait AddAssign<Rhs = Self> {  
    fn add_assign(&mut self, rhs: Rhs);  
}
```

Usage example:

```
struct Point {  
    x: i32,  
    y: i32,  
}  
  
impl AddAssign for Point {  
    fn add_assign(&mut self, other: Self) {  
        *self = Self {  
            x: self.x + other.x,  
            y: self.y + other.y,  
        };  
    }  
}
```

Other variations of operator overloading

Rust allows to overload a lot of operators by traits: `Add`, `Sub`, `Mul`, `Div`, `Rem`, `BitAnd`, `BitOr`, `BitXor`, `Shl`, `Shr`.

They also have their `-assign` variations.

In addition, you can overload `Not`, `Neg`. Of course, they are unary and don't have `-assign` variations.

Used for indexing operations (`container[index]`) in **immutable contexts**.

```
pub trait Index<Idx>
where
    Idx: ?Sized,
{
    type Output: ?Sized;
    fn index(&self, index: Idx) -> &Self::Output;
}
```

`index` is allowed to panic when out of bounds.

Usage example:

```
enum Nucleotide {  
    A,  
    C,  
    G,  
    T,  
}  
  
struct NucleotideCount {  
    a: usize,  
    c: usize,  
    g: usize,  
    t: usize,  
}
```

Usage example:

```
impl Index<Nucleotide> for NucleotideCount {  
    type Output = usize;  
  
    fn index(&self, nucleotide: Nucleotide) -> &Self::Output {  
        match nucleotide {  
            Nucleotide::A => &self.a,  
            Nucleotide::C => &self.c,  
            Nucleotide::G => &self.g,  
            Nucleotide::T => &self.t,  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Used for indexing operations (`container[index]`) in **mutable contexts**.

```
pub trait IndexMut<Idx>: Index<Idx>
where
    Idx: ?Sized,
{
    fn index_mut(&mut self, index: Idx) -> &mut Self::Output;
}
```

`index_mut` is allowed to panic when out of bounds.

Let's find out when and how Rust chooses between Index and IndexMut.

```
struct Test {  
    x: usize  
}  
  
impl Index<usize> for Test {  
    type Output = usize;  
    fn index(&self, ind: usize) -> &Self::Output {  
        println!("Index");  
        &self.x  
    }  
}
```

```
impl IndexMut<usize> for Test {  
    fn index_mut(&mut self, ind: usize) -> &mut Self::Output {  
        println!("IndexMut");  
        &mut self.x  
    }  
}
```

Let's use it:

```
let test1 = Test { x: 42 };
let mut test2 = Test { x: 42 };
test1[0];
test2[0] = 0;
let r = &test2.x;
% // test2[0] = 1; // This won't compile. Do you remember why?
test2[0];
println!("{r}");

// Index
// IndexMut
// Index
// 0
```

To give object an ability to read or write, Rust provides traits - Read and Write.

```
pub trait Read {  
    fn read(&mut self, buf: &mut [u8]) -> Result<usize>;  
  
    fn read_to_end(&mut self, buf: &mut Vec<u8>)  
        -> Result<usize> { ... }  
    fn read_to_string(&mut self, buf: &mut String)  
        -> Result<usize> { ... }  
    fn read_exact(&mut self, buf: &mut [u8])  
        -> Result<()> { ... }  
    fn read_buf(&mut self, buf: &mut ReadBuf<'_>)  
        -> Result<()> { ... }  
    // ...  
}
```

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```
pub trait Write {  
    fn write(&mut self, buf: &[u8]) -> Result<usize>;  
    fn flush(&mut self) -> Result<()>;  
  
    fn write_all(&mut self, buf: &[u8]) -> Result<()> { ... }  
    // ...  
}
```

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We know that reading is more efficient when we use a buffer. To generalize that, BufRead trait exist.

```
pub trait BufRead: Read {
    fn fill_buf(&mut self) -> Result<&[u8]>;
    fn consume(&mut self, amt: usize);

    fn has_data_left(&mut self) -> Result<bool> { ... }
    fn read_until(&mut self, byte: u8, buf: &mut Vec<u8>)
        -> Result<usize> { ... }
    // ...
}
```

Rust has simple wrapper that implements BufRead over any Read type - BufReader.

```
let f = File::open("log.txt"?);  
let mut reader = BufReader::new(f);  
  
// Why do we create string and pass it to the reader?  
let mut line = String::new();  
let len = reader.read_line(&mut line)?;  
println!("First line is {} bytes long", len);  
Ok(())
```

Also, we can buffer write using BufWrite. Since there can be no additional methods for manipulating buffer when we are writing with buffer, there is no BufWrite trait.

Rust uses two traits to print object to the output: Display and Debug.

```
let text = "hello\nworld ";  
println!("{}", text); // Display  
println!("{:?}", text); // Debug  
  
// hello  
// world  
// "hello\nworld "
```

Format trait for an empty format, `{}`.

```
pub trait Display {  
    fn fmt(&self, f: &mut Formatter<'_>) -> Result<(), Error>;  
}
```

Formatter is a struct that is used to format output. The documentation can be found [here](#).

Format trait for ? format. Has a `#[derive(Debug)]` macro.

```
pub trait Debug {  
    fn fmt(&self, f: &mut Formatter<'_>) -> Result<(), Error>;  
}
```

How this traits are designed?

```
// Note: we can write to any object, but we are not generic!
pub trait Debug {
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}
```

- It's not good to return a String - unnecessary allocation when we print directly to file.
- What if we want to print to some buffer on stack? (Remember sprintf?)
- If our debug will be recursively called in subobjects - we'll create N additional allocations.

```
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pub trait Debug {
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}

pub struct Formatter<'a> {
    flags: u32,
    fill: char,
    align: rt::v1::Alignment,
    width: Option<usize>,
    precision: Option<usize>,

    // Here's why we are not generic! Trait object!
    buf: &'a mut (dyn Write + 'a),
}
```


A trait for converting a value to a `String`.

```
pub trait ToString {  
    fn to_string(&self) -> String;  
}
```

This trait is **automatically implemented** for any type which implements the `Display` trait. As such, `ToString` shouldn't be implemented directly: `Display` should be implemented instead, and you get the `ToString` implementation for free.

Question: How it's done?

ToString and Display

```
impl<T: fmt::Display + ?Sized> ToString for T {  
    fn to_string(&self) -> String {  
        let mut buf = String::new();  
        let mut formatter = core::fmt::Formatter::new(&mut buf);  
        fmt::Display::fmt(self, &mut formatter)  
            .expect("a Display implementation returned \  
                    an error unexpectedly");  
        buf  
    }  
}
```

Deref and DerefMut

Rust can specialize operator *. It's used **only** for smart pointers. Rust chooses between Deref and DerefMut depending on the context.

```
pub trait Deref {  
    type Target: ?Sized;  
    fn deref(&self) -> &Self::Target;  
}
```

```
pub trait DerefMut: Deref {  
    fn deref_mut(&mut self) -> &mut Self::Target;  
}
```

This trait should never fail. Failure during dereferencing can be extremely confusing when Deref is invoked implicitly.

Dereference of Deref

If T implements $\text{Deref}\langle \text{Target} = U \rangle$, and x is a value of type T , then:

- In immutable contexts, $*x$ (where T is neither a reference nor a raw pointer) is equivalent to $*\text{Deref}::\text{deref}(\&x)$.
- Values of type $\&T$ are coerced to values of type $\&U$.
- T implicitly implements all the (immutable) methods of the type U .

Dereference of DerefMut

If `T` implements `DerefMut<Target = U>`, and `x` is a value of type `T`, then:

- In mutable contexts, `*x` (where `T` is neither a reference nor a raw pointer) is equivalent to `*DerefMut::deref_mut(&mut x)`.
- Values of type `&mut T` are coerced to values of type `&mut U`.
- `T` implicitly implements all the (mutable) methods of the type `U`.

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- If none of these candidates worked, it dereferences `T` and tries again. This uses the `Deref` trait - if `T: Deref; Target = U` then it tries again with type `U` instead of `T`. If it can't dereference `T`, it can also try **unsizing** `T`.

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3. The compiler dereferences the `Rc<Box<[T; 3]>>` into `Box<[T; 3]>` and tries again. `Box<[T; 3]>`, `&Box<[T; 3]>`, and `&mut Box<[T; 3]>` do not implement `Index`, so it dereferences again.

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3. The compiler dereferences the `Rc<Box<[T; 3]>>` into `Box<[T; 3]>` and tries again. `Box<[T; 3]>`, `&Box<[T; 3]>`, and `&mut Box<[T; 3]>` do not implement `Index`, so it dereferences again.
4. `[T; 3]` and its autorefs also do not implement `Index`. It can't dereference `[T; 3]`, so the compiler **unsizes** it, giving `[T]`. Finally, `[T]` implements `Index`, so it can now call the actual `index` function.

Conclusion

- More traits
- Some std containers
- Operators overloading

