

Grammar Based C/C++ to Rust Transpiler

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Problem Statement

- Rust delivers plethora of promises on **memory, concurrency safety**. More and more organizations are eager to move their code base to Rust.
- But converting huge C++ codebases to rust is challenging and time consuming task which can be automated with the help of state of the art transpiler
- Manually code migration also poses risk of human errors
- **Requires developer to be proficient in C/C++ as well as Rust to produce efficient rust code.**



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Expectations

- Deterministic Source to Source transpilation using grammar based approach
- Plug and play architecture to support to cope with rust lang development speed

Training/ Pre-requisites

- Good knowledge of Grammar, Compilers
- Well versed with Rust
- Well versed with C/C++

Work-let expected duration ~4 months

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Members

Aug

Kick Off < 1st Month >

- Understanding of grammars, Compilers.
- Transpilation of basic C/C++ constructs
- This iteration will focus on declarations, arithmetic operations, conditionals and loops etc

Sep

Milestone 1 < 2nd Month >

- Advanced C/C++ constructs transpilation
- This iteration will focus on transpiling C++ functions and struts

Oct

Milestone 2 < 3rd Month >

- Handling the concepts of ownership and borrowing in the basic constructs
- Applying the same in Advanced constructs

Nov

Closure < 4th Month >

- Testing
- Validation
- Optimization
- Documentation
- Deployment

Pointers:

- [Sample Programs](#)

```
1  #include <iostream>
2
3  int main() {
4      int p = 1;
5      int *q = &p;
6      (*q)++;
7      (*q) += 1;
8      printf("%d", *q);
9      printf("%d", p);
10 }
```

```
22  fn main() {
23      let mut p: i32 = 1 as i32;
24      let mut // Handling Pointers...
25      q: &mut i32 = &mut p as &mut i32;
26      (*q) += 1;
27      (*q) += 1;
28      print!("{}", *q);
29      print!("{}", p);
30 }
```

STL Containers

- [Sample Programs](#)

```
5    vector<int> vec;  
6    vec.push_back(10);  
7    vec.push_back(20);  
8    vec.push_back(30);  
9    cout << "Element at index 0: " << vec.at(0) << endl;  
10   cout << "Element at index 1: " << vec.at(1) << endl;  
11   cout << "Element at index 2: " << vec.at(2) << endl;  
12   vec.pop_back();  
13   cout << "Last element after pop_back(): " << vec.back() << endl;  
14   vec.clear();
```

```
2    let mut vec = Vec::<i32>::new();  
3    vec.push(10);  
4    vec.push(20);  
5    vec.push(30);  
6    println!("Element at index 0: {}", vec[0]);  
7    println!("Element at index 1: {}", vec[1]);  
8    println!("Element at index 2: {}", vec[2]);  
9    vec.pop();  
10   if let Some(last) = vec.last() {  
11       println!("Last element after pop(): {}", last);  
12   }  
13   vec.clear();
```

Approach Taken For STL Containers:

- [A Sample Parse Tree for Namespace Declarations :](#)

- Instead of transpiling each method call for commonly used containers by mapping corresponding method calls in cpp to rust. (For example for `std::vector::push_back()` to `std::Vec::push()`)
- We write a struct in a module in rust (that can be imported) that supports the same methods as the cpp counterparts and uses the rust methods internally. This way the method calls can be transpiled as is (though in some cases some modification might be necessary as in `swap` or `operator=`)
- The only part requiring significant change would then be the declaration of the objects.

Vectors

- Methods Supported:

operator=	<code>v2 = v1;</code>	<code>v2 = v1.clone();</code>
swap	<code>v1.swap(v2);</code>	<code>v1.swap(&mut v2);</code>
push_back	<code>v1.push_back(10);</code>	<code>v1.push_back(10);</code>
pop_back	<code>v1.pop_back();</code>	<code>v1.pop_back();</code>
resize	<code>v2.resize(4, 5);</code> <code>v2.resize(4);</code>	<code>v2.resize(4, 5);</code> <code>v2.resize(4, 0);</code>
assign	<code>v2.assign(3, 3);</code>	<code>v2.assign(3, 3);</code>
at	<code>v2.at(1)</code>	<code>v2.at(1)</code>

Vectors

- Methods Supported (Contd.) :

operator[]	<code>v2[1]</code>	<code>v2[1 as usize]</code>
emplace_back	<code>v1.emplace_back(20);</code>	<code>v1.emplace_back(20);</code>
front	<code>v2.front()</code>	<code>v2.front()</code>
back	<code>v2.back()</code>	<code>v2.back()</code>
empty	<code>v2.empty()</code>	<code>v2.empty()</code>
size	<code>v1.size()</code>	<code>v1.size()</code>
declaration 1	<code>vector<int> v1;</code>	<code>let mut v1 = vector::new().clone();</code>
declaration 2	<code>vector<int> v2 = {1, 2, 3};</code>	<code>let mut v2 = vector![1, 2, 3].clone();</code>

Vectors

- Sample Programs :

```
6 int main() {
7     vector<int> v1;
8     v1.push_back(10);
9     v1.emplace_back(20);
10    // Print output: 10 20
11    for (size_t i = 0; i < v1.size(); i++) {
12        cout << v1[i] << " ";
13    }
14    cout << "\n";
15    v1.pop_back();
16    // Print output: 10
17    for (size_t i = 0; i < v1.size(); i++) {
18        cout << v1[i] << " ";
19    }
20    cout << "\n";
21
22    vector<int> v2 = {1, 2, 3};
23    // Print output: 1, 2, 3
24    for (size_t i = 0; i < v2.size(); i++) {
25        cout << v2[i] << " ";
26    }
27    cout << "\n";
28    v2 = v1;
29    // Print output: 10
```

```
3 #[path = "../libs/Vector.rs"]
4 pub mod Vector;
5 use Vector::{vector, ListInit};
6
7 fn main() {
8     let mut v1 = vector::new().clone();
9     v1.push_back(10);
10    v1.emplace_back(20);
11    let mut i: usize = 0 as usize;
12    while i < v1.size() {
13        print!("{}", v1[i as usize]);
14        i += 1;
15    }
16    print!("\n");
17    v1.pop_back();
18    let mut i: usize = 0 as usize;
19    while i < v1.size() {
20        print!("{}", v1[i as usize]);
21        i += 1;
22    }
23    print!("\n");
24    let mut v2 = vector![1, 2, 3].clone();
25    let mut i: usize = 0 as usize;
26    while i < v2.size() {
27        print!("{}", v2[i as usize]);
28        i += 1;
29    }
30    print!("\n");
31    v2 = v1.clone();
32    let mut i: usize = 0 as usize;
```


Sets (Ordered and Unordered)

- Methods Supported:

operator=	<code>s2 = s1;</code>	<code>s2 = s1.clone();</code>
swap	<code>s1.swap(s2);</code>	<code>s1.swap(&mut s2);</code>
insert	<code>s1.insert(10);</code>	<code>s1.insert(10);</code>
erase	<code>s1.erase();</code>	<code>s1.erase();</code>
empty	<code>s1.empty();</code>	<code>s1.empty();</code>
size	<code>s1.size();</code>	<code>s1.size();</code>
count	<code>s1.count(10);</code>	<code>s1.count(10);</code>

Vectors

- Methods Supported (Contd.) :

declaration 1 (set)	<code>set<int> s1;</code>	<code>let mut s1 = set::new().clone();</code>
declaration 2 (set	<code>set<int> s2 = {1, 2, 3};</code>	<code>let mut s2 = set![1, 2, 3].clone();</code>
declaration 1 (unordered set)	<code>unordered_set<int> s1;</code>	<code>let mut s1 = unordered_set::new().clone();</code>
declaration 2 (unordered set	<code>unordered_set<int> s2 = {1, 2, 3};</code>	<code>let mut s2 = unordered_set![1, 2, 3].clone();</code>

Set

- Sample Programs :

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  #include <set>
3  using namespace std;
4
5  int main() {
6      set<int> s1, s2 = {1, 2, 3};
7      // Insert elements
8      s1.insert(1);
9      s1.insert(2);
10     s2.insert(3);
11     // Check if empty and size
12     cout << "S1 empty? " << s1.empty() << ", size: " << s1.size() << endl;
13     // Count elements
14     cout << "Count of 1 in S1: " << s1.count(1) << endl;
15     // Erase element
16     s1.erase(1);
17     cout << "Erase 1, S1 size: " << s1.size() << endl;
18     // Swap sets
19     s1.swap(s2);
20     cout << "After swap, S1 size: " << s1.size() << ", S2 size: " << s2.size() << endl;
21     // Clear set
22     s1.clear();
23     cout << "After clear, S1 size: " << s1.size() << endl;
24 }
```

```
1  #![allow(warnings, unused)]
2
3  #[path = "../libs/Set.rs"]
4  pub mod Set;
5  use Set::set;
6
7  fn main() {
8      let mut s1 = set::new().clone();
9      let mut s2 = set![1, 2, 3].clone();
10     s1.insert(1);
11     s1.insert(2);
12     s2.insert(3);
13     print!("S1 empty? {}, size: {}\n", s1.empty(), s1.size());
14     print!("Count of 1 in S1: {}\n", s1.count(1));
15     s1.erase(1);
16     print!("Erase 1, S1 size: {}\n", s1.size());
17     s1.swap(&mut s2);
18     print!(
19         "After swap, S1 size: {}, S2 size: {}\n",
20         s1.size(),
21         s2.size()
22     );
23     s1.clear();
24     print!("After clear, S1 size: {}\n", s1.size());
25     return 0;
26 }
```

Queue/Deque

- Methods Supported:

operator=	<code>q2 = q1;</code>	<code>q2 = q1.clone();</code>
swap	<code>q1.swap(q2);</code>	<code>q1.swap(&mut q2);</code>
push_back	<code>q1.push_back(10);</code>	<code>q1.push_back(10);</code>
push_front	<code>q1.push_front(10);</code>	<code>q1.push_front(10);</code>
pop_back	<code>q1.pop_back();</code>	<code>q1.pop_back();</code>
pop_front()	<code>q1.pop_front();</code>	<code>q1.pop_front();</code>
resize	<code>q2.resize(4, 5);</code> <code>q2.resize(4);</code>	<code>q2.resize(4, 5);</code> <code>q2.resize(4, 0);</code>

Queue/Deque

- Methods Supported (Contd.) :

operator[]	<code>q2[1]</code>	<code>q2[1 as usize]</code>
emplace_back	<code>q1.emplace_back(20);</code>	<code>q1.emplace_back(20);</code>
emplace_front	<code>q1.emplace_front(20);</code>	<code>q1.emplace_front(20);</code>
front	<code>q2.front()</code>	<code>q2.front()</code>
back	<code>q2.back()</code>	<code>q2.back()</code>
empty	<code>q2.empty()</code>	<code>q2.empty()</code>
size	<code>q1.size()</code>	<code>q1.size()</code>
declaration 1	<code>deque<int> q1;</code> <code>queue<int> q1;</code>	<code>let mut q1 = deque::new().clone();</code>
declaration 2	<code>deque<int> q2 = {1, 2, 3};</code> <code>queue<int> q2 = {1, 2, 3};</code>	<code>let mut q2 = deque![1, 2, 3].clone();</code>

Queue/Deque

- Methods Supported (Contd.):

assign	<code>q2.assign(3, 3);</code>	<code>q2.assign(3, 3);</code>
at	<code>q2.at(1)</code>	<code>q2.at(1)</code>
push (for queue) (internally push_back)	<code>q2.push(1)</code>	<code>q2.push(1)</code>
pop (for queue) (internally pop_front)	<code>q2.pop()</code>	<code>q2.pop()</code>

Queue/Deque

- Sample Programs :

```
7 int main() {
8     // Create a deque
9     deque<int> deque1;
10
11     // PushBack
12     deque1.push_back(1);
13     deque1.push_back(2);
14     deque1.push_back(3);
15
16     // Display
17     cout << "Deque 1: ";
18     for (size_t i = 0; i < deque1.size(); ++i) {
19         cout << deque1[i] << " ";
20     }
21     cout << endl;
22
23     // Create another deque
24     deque<int> deque2 = {6, 7, 8, 9, 10};
25
26     // PushBack
27     deque2.push_back(4);
28     deque2.push_back(5);
29
30     cout << "Deque 2: ";
31     for (size_t i = 0; i < deque2.size(); ++i) {
32         cout << deque2[i] << " ";
33     }
34     cout << endl;
35
36     // Swap
37     deque1.swap(deque2);
```

```
3 #[path = "../libs/Deque.rs"]
4 pub mod Deque;
5 use Deque::deque;
6
7 fn main() {
8     let mut deque1 = deque::new().clone();
9     deque1.push_back(1);
10    deque1.push_back(2);
11    deque1.push_back(3);
12    print!("Deque 1: ");
13    let mut i: usize = 0 as usize;
14    while i < deque1.size() {
15        print!("{}", deque1[i as usize]);
16        i += 1;
17    }
18    print!("\n");
19    let mut deque2 = deque![6, 7, 8, 9, 10].clone();
20    deque2.push_back(4);
21    deque2.push_back(5);
22    print!("Deque 2: ");
23    let mut i: usize = 0 as usize;
24    while i < deque2.size() {
25        print!("{}", deque2[i as usize]);
26        i += 1;
27    }
28    print!("\n");
29    deque1.swap(&mut deque2);
```

Stack

- Methods Supported:

operator=	<code>s2 = s1;</code>	<code>s2 = s1.clone();</code>
swap	<code>s1.swap(s2);</code>	<code>s1.swap(&mut q2);</code>
push	<code>s1.push(10);</code>	<code>s1.push(10);</code>
pop	<code>s1.pop();</code>	<code>s1.pop();</code>
resize	<code>s1.resize(4, 5);</code> <code>s1.resize(4);</code>	<code>s1.resize(4, 5);</code> <code>s1.resize(4, 0);</code>
at	<code>s2.at(1)</code>	<code>s2.at(1)</code>

- Methods Supported (Contd.) :

operator[]	<code>s1[1]</code>	<code>s1[1 as usize]</code>
emplace	<code>s1.emplace(20);</code>	<code>s1.emplace(20);</code>
top	<code>s2.top()</code>	<code>s2.top()</code>
empty	<code>s2.empty()</code>	<code>s2.empty()</code>
size	<code>s1.size()</code>	<code>s1.size()</code>
declaration 1	<code>queue<int> q1;</code>	<code>let mut q1 = queue::new().clone();</code>
declaration 2	<code>deque<int> q2 = {1, 2, 3};</code>	<code>let mut q2 = deque![1, 2, 3].clone();</code>

Queue/Deque

- Methods Supported (Contd.):

assign	<code>q2.assign(3, 3);</code>	<code>q2.assign(3, 3);</code>
at	<code>q2.at(1)</code>	<code>q2.at(1)</code>
push (for queue) (internally push_back)	<code>q2.push(1)</code>	<code>q2.push(1)</code>
pop (for queue) (internally pop_front)	<code>q2.pop()</code>	<code>q2.pop()</code>

- Sample Programs :

```
#include <iostream>
#include <stack>

using namespace std;

int main() {
    stack<int> s1;
    if (s1.empty()) { // Vector is Empty
        cout << "Stack is Empty\n";
    } else {
        cout << "Stack is Non-Empty\n";
    }
    s1.push(10);
    s1.push(20);
    s1.emplace(20);
    cout << "S1.size() = " << s1.size() << "\n";
    while (!s1.empty()) {
        cout << s1.top() << " ";
        s1.pop();
    }
    cout << "\n";

    stack<int> s2;
    s2 = s1;
    s1.push(4);
    cout << "Before swap\n";
    cout << " s1.len() = " << s1.size() << "\n";
    cout << " s2.len() = " << s2.size() << "\n";
    s1.swap(s2);
    cout << "After swap\n";
    cout << " s1.len() = " << s1.size() << "\n";
    cout << " s2.len() = " << s2.size() << "\n";
}
```

```
pub mod UnorderedSet;
use std::*;
use UnorderedSet::unordered_set;
fn main() {
    let mut s1 = stack::new().clone();
    if s1.empty() {
        print!("Stack is Empty\n");
    } else {
        print!("Stack is Non-Empty\n");
    }
    s1.push(10);
    s1.push(20);
    s1.emplace(20);
    print!("S1.size() = {}\n", s1.size());
    while !s1.empty() {
        print!("{}", s1.top());
        s1.pop();
    }
    print!("\n");
    let mut s2 = stack::new().clone();
    s2 = s1.clone();
    s1.push(4);
    print!("Before swap\n");
    print!(" s1.len() = {}\n", s1.size());
    print!(" s2.len() = {}\n", s2.size());
    s1.swap(&mut s2);
    print!("After swap\n");
    print!(" s1.len() = {}\n", s1.size());
    print!(" s2.len() = {}\n", s2.size());
}
```

Maps (Ordered and Unordered)

at	<code>mp.at(1);</code>	<code>mp.at(1);</code>
empty	<code>mp.empty();</code>	<code>mp.empty();</code>
size	<code>mp.size();</code>	<code>mp.size();</code>
max_size	<code>mp.max_size();</code>	<code>mp.max_size();</code>
clear	<code>mp.clear();</code>	<code>mp.clear();</code>
erase	<code>mp.erase(1);</code>	<code>mp.erase(1);</code>
swap	<code>mp.swap(mp2);</code>	<code>mp.swap(&mut mp2);</code>

Maps (Ordered and Unordered)

count	<pre>mp.count(1);</pre>	<pre>mp.count(1);</pre>
insert	<pre>mp2.insert({3, 3}); mp2.insert(3, 3);</pre>	<pre>mp2.insert((3, 3));</pre>
emplace	<pre>mp2.emplace(3, 3);</pre>	<pre>mp2.emplace(3, 3);</pre>
operator[]	<pre>mp[1];</pre>	<pre>mp[1];</pre>

- Sample Programs :

```
int main() {
    map<int, int> mp;
    map<int, vector<string>> vecmp;
    vector<string> v = {"a"};
    vecmp.insert({1, v});
    if (mp.empty()) {
        cout << "Set is empty" << endl;
    } else {
        cout << "Set is not empty" << endl;
    }
    mp.insert({1, 1});
    mp.insert({2, 2});
    cout << "Size of mp:" << mp.size() << endl;
    cout << "Count of 1 in mp:" << mp.count(1) << endl;
    cout << "Count of 3 in mp:" << mp.count(3) << endl;
    mp.erase(1);
    cout << "Size of mp after removing:" << mp.size() << endl;

    // Swap maps
    map<int, int> mp2;
    mp2.insert({3, 3});
    mp2.insert({5, 5});
    mp.swap(mp2);

    cout << "Size of mp after swapping:" << mp.size() << endl;
    cout << "Size of mp2 after swapping:" << mp2.size() << endl;

    mp.clear();
    cout << "Size of mp after clear" << mp.size() << endl;
}
```

```
fn main() {
    let mut mp = map::new();
    let mut vecmp = map::new();
    let mut v = vector!["a"].clone();
    vecmp.insert((1, v));
    if mp.empty() {
        print!("Set is empty\n");
    } else {
        print!("Set is not empty\n");
    }
    mp.insert((1, 1));
    mp.insert((2, 2));
    print!("Size of mp:{}\n", mp.size());
    print!("Count of 1 in mp:{}\n", mp.count(1));
    print!("Count of 3 in mp:{}\n", mp.count(3));
    mp.erase(1);
    print!("Size of mp after removing:{}\n", mp.size());
    let mut mp2 = map::new();
    mp2.insert((3, 3));
    mp2.insert((5, 5));
    mp.swap(&mut mp2);
    print!("Size of mp after swapping:{}\n", mp.size());
    print!("Size of mp2 after swapping:{}\n", mp2.size());
    mp.clear();
    print!("Size of mp after clear{}\n", mp.size());
}
```

Unordered Map

- Sample Programs :

```
int main() {
    unordered_map<int, int> mp;
    unordered_map<int, vector<string>> vecmp;
    vector<string> v = {"a"};
    vecmp.insert({1, v});
    if (mp.empty()) {
        cout << "Set is empty" << endl;
    } else {
        cout << "Set is not empty" << endl;
    }
    mp.insert({1, 1});
    mp.insert({2, 2});
    cout << "Size of mp:" << mp.size() << endl;
    cout << "Count of 1 in mp:" << mp.count(1) << endl;
    cout << "Count of 3 in mp:" << mp.count(3) << endl;
    mp.erase(1);
    cout << "Size of mp after removing:" << mp.size() << endl;

    // Swap maps
    unordered_map<int, int> mp2;
    mp2.insert({3, 3});
    mp2.insert({5, 5});
    mp.swap(mp2);

    cout << "Size of mp after swapping:" << mp.size() << endl;
    cout << "Size of mp2 after swapping:" << mp2.size() << endl;

    mp.clear();
    cout << "size of mp after clear" << mp.size() << endl;
}
```

```
fn main() {
    let mut mp = unordered_map::new();
    let mut vecmp = unordered_map::new();
    let mut v = vector!["a"].clone();
    vecmp.insert((1, v));
    if mp.empty() {
        print!("Set is empty\n");
    } else {
        print!("Set is not empty\n");
    }
    mp.insert((1, 1));
    mp.insert((2, 2));
    print!("Size of mp:{}", mp.size());
    print!("Count of 1 in mp:{}", mp.count(1));
    print!("Count of 3 in mp:{}", mp.count(3));
    mp.erase(1);
    print!("Size of mp after removing:{}", mp.size());
    let mut mp2 = unordered_map::new();
    mp2.insert((3, 3));
    mp2.insert((5, 5));
    mp.swap(&mut mp2);
    print!("Size of mp after swapping:{}", mp.size());
    print!("Size of mp2 after swapping:{}", mp2.size());
    mp.clear();
    print!("size of mp after clear{}", mp.size());
}
```

Operator Overloading

To convert operator overloading methods, we need to define traits in cpp. Current traits supported are all the arithmetic operations(+,-,*,/,%,^) and index. Issues related to the function parameters exist currently.

```
Complex operator+(Complex const &obj) {  
    Complex res;  
    res.real = real + obj.real;  
    res.imag = imag + obj.imag;  
    return res;  
}
```

```
impl Add<&Complex> for Complex{  
    type Output = Self;  
    pub fn add ( &mut self, & obj : Complex ) -> Complex {  
        let mut res = Complex ::new();  
        res . real = self.real + obj . real ;  
        res . imag = self.imag + obj . imag ;  
        return res ;  
    }  
}
```


Observations and Challenges

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Observations:

- Similar to how code for STL containers were converted, Other library functions could be written in a similar manner. For example, math.h functions.
- Code involving iterators in C++ has no direct counterpart in rust.
- Implementing operator= for structs can be done by using the clone trait.

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