

# Getting Started

Welcome to Asynchronous Programming in Rust! If you're looking for a book on asynchronous Rust code, you've come to the right place. Whether you're working with a server, a database, or an operating system, this book will show you asynchronous programming tools to get the most out of your code.

## What This Book Covers

This book aims to be a comprehensive, up-to-date guide to asynchronous programming in Rust, covering features and libraries, appropriate for beginners and experienced developers alike.

- The early chapters provide an introduction to asynchronous programming in Rust and Rust's particular take on it.
- The middle chapters discuss key utilities and concepts for writing async code, and describe best-practices for writing applications to maximize performance and reusability.
- The last section of the book covers the broader context of asynchronous programming, with a number of examples of how to accomplish common tasks.

With that out of the way, let's explore the exciting world of asynchronous programming in Rust!

# Why Async?

We all love how Rust empowers us to write fast, safe software. How does asynchronous programming fit into this vision?

Asynchronous programming, or `async` for short, is a concept supported by an increasing number of programming languages. It allows a large number of concurrent tasks on a small number of OS threads, while still looking and feeling like ordinary synchronous programming, though with some trade-offs.

## Async vs other concurrency models

Concurrent programming is less mature and "standardized" than sequential programming. As a result, we express concurrency differently. Within the concurrent programming model the language is supported, several popular concurrency models can help you understand the broader field of concurrent programming:

- **OS threads** don't require any changes to the programming model, making them easy to express concurrency. However, synchronization is complex and the performance overhead is large. Thread pools reduce costs, but not enough to support massive IO-bound workloads.
- **Event-driven programming**, in conjunction with non-blocking I/O, but tends to result in a verbose, "non-linear" control flow. Control propagation is often hard to follow.
- **Coroutines**, like threads, don't require changes to the programming model, making them easy to use. Like `async`, they can also be used for IO-bound work. However, they abstract away low-level details that are important for programming and custom runtime implementors.
- **The actor model** divides all concurrent computations into actors that communicate through fallible message passing. While the actor model can be efficiently implemented, but it has some trade-offs, such as flow control and retry logic.

In summary, asynchronous programming allows highly concurrent workloads to be suitable for low-level languages like Rust, while preserving the benefits of threads and coroutines.

## Async in Rust vs other languages

Although asynchronous programming is supported in across implementations. Rust's implementation of asy few ways:

- **Futures are inert** in Rust and make progress on stops it from making further progress.
- **Async is zero-cost** in Rust, which means that you Specifically, you can use async without heap alloc great for performance! This also lets you use asy as embedded systems.
- **No built-in runtime** is provided by Rust. Instead community maintained crates.
- **Both single- and multithreaded** runtimes are a strengths and weaknesses.

## Async vs threads in Rust

The primary alternative to async in Rust is using OS thr `std::thread` or indirectly through a thread pool. Migr versa typically requires major refactoring work, both ir are building a library) any exposed public interfaces. A your needs early can save a lot of development time.

**OS threads** are suitable for a small number of tasks, s memory overhead. Spawning and switching between t threads consume system resources. A thread pool libr costs, but not all. However, threads let you reuse existi significant code changes—no particular programming systems, you can also change the priority of a thread, v latency sensitive applications.

**Async** provides significantly reduced CPU and memory with a large amount of IO-bound tasks, such as servers can have orders of magnitude more tasks than OS thr a small amount of (expensive) threads to handle a larg async Rust results in larger binary blobs due to the sta functions and since each executable bundles an async

On a last note, asynchronous programming is not *bette* don't need async for performance reasons, threads ca

## Example: Concurrent downloading

In this example our goal is to download two web pages. In our application we need to spawn threads to achieve concurrency.

```
fn get_two_sites() {
    // Spawn two threads to do work.
    let thread_one = thread::spawn(|| download());
    let thread_two = thread::spawn(|| download());

    // Wait for both threads to complete.
    thread_one.join().expect("thread one panick");
    thread_two.join().expect("thread two panick");
}
```

However, downloading a web page is a small task; creating extra threads of work is quite wasteful. For a larger application, it can be more efficient. In Rust, we can run these tasks concurrently without extra threads.

```
async fn get_two_sites_async() {
    // Create two different "futures" which, when awaited,
    // will asynchronously download the webpage.
    let future_one = download_async("https://www.example.com/");
    let future_two = download_async("https://www.example.com/");

    // Run both futures to completion at the same time.
    join!(future_one, future_two);
}
```

Here, no extra threads are created. Additionally, all futures are awaited and there are no heap allocations! However, we need to use `join!` in the first place, which this book will help you achieve.

## Custom concurrency models in Rust

On a last note, Rust doesn't force you to choose between threaded and async dependencies within the same application, which can be a benefit. In fact, you can even mix threaded and async dependencies altogether, such as event-driven programming, as long as you manage it correctly.

# The State of Asynchronous

Parts of async Rust are supported with the same stability guarantees as synchronous Rust. Other parts are still maturing and will change over time.

- Outstanding runtime performance for typical workloads.
- More frequent interaction with advanced language features like pinning.
- Some compatibility constraints, both between sync and async runtimes.
- Higher maintenance burden, due to the ongoing language support.

In short, async Rust is more difficult to use and can result in more bugs than synchronous Rust, but gives you best-in-class performance. Rust is constantly improving, so the impact of these issues is decreasing.

## Language and library support

While asynchronous programming is supported by Rust, it depends on functionality provided by community crates. This is a mixture of language features and library support:

- The most fundamental traits, types and functions are provided by the standard library.
- The `async/await` syntax is supported directly by the language.
- Many utility types, macros and functions are provided by crates that can be used in any async Rust application.
- Execution of async code, IO and task spawning are supported by crates like Tokio and `async-std`. Most async applications, however, require a specific runtime. See "[The Async Ecosystem](#)" section.

Some language features you may be used to from synchronous Rust are not available in async Rust. Notably, Rust does not let you declare async functions. You need to use workarounds to achieve the same result, via `async fn` or `Future`.

## Compiling and debugging

For the most part, compiler- and runtime errors in async Rust are the same as in synchronous Rust. There are a few noteworthy differences.

## Compilation errors

Compilation errors in async Rust conform to the same but since async Rust often depends on more complex and pinning, you may encounter these types of errors

## Runtime errors

Whenever the compiler encounters an async function, the hood. Stack traces in async Rust typically contain d well as function calls from the runtime. As such, interp involved than it would be in synchronous Rust.

## New failure modes

A few novel failure modes are possible in async Rust, f function from an async context or if you implement th can silently pass both the compiler and sometimes eve understanding of the underlying concepts, which this k avoid these pitfalls.

## Compatibility considerations

Asynchronous and synchronous code cannot always b can't directly call an async function from a sync functio promote different design patterns, which can make it c the different environments.

Even async code cannot always be combined freely. Sc runtime to function. If so, it is usually specified in the c

These compatibility issues can limit your options, so m runtime and what crates you may need early. Once yo won't have to worry much about compatibility.

## Performance characteristics

The performance of async Rust depends on the implem using. Even though the runtimes that power async Rus perform exceptionally well for most practical workload

That said, most of the async ecosystem assumes a *multi-processor* environment, which is difficult to enjoy the theoretical performance benefits, namely cheaper synchronization. Another overlooked aspect is the need for hardware and software support which are important for drivers, GUI applications and servers, and/or OS support in order to be scheduled appropriately. It would be nice to have hardware support for these use cases in the future.

# async/.await Primer

`async/.await` is Rust's built-in tool for writing asynchronous code. `async` transforms a block of code into a trait called `Future`. Whereas calling a blocking function blocks the whole thread, blocked `Futures` will yield control to other `Futures` to run.

Let's add some dependencies to the `Cargo.toml` file:

```
[dependencies]
futures = "0.3"
```

To create an asynchronous function, you can use the `async fn`:

```
async fn do_something() { /* ... */ }
```

The value returned by `async fn` is a `Future`. For any `Future` to be run on an executor.

```
// `block_on` blocks the current thread until the
// completion. Other executors provide more complex
// multiple futures onto the same thread.
use futures::executor::block_on;

async fn hello_world() {
    println!("hello, world!");
}

fn main() {
    let future = hello_world(); // Nothing is printed
    block_on(future); // `future` is run and "hello, world!" is printed
}
```

Inside an `async fn`, you can use `.await` to wait for the `Future` to complete. `.await` implements the `Future` trait, such as the output of an `async fn`. `.await` doesn't block the current thread, but instead allows other tasks to run if the future is complete, allowing other tasks to run if the future is complete.

For example, imagine that we have three `async fn`: `learn`, `sing`, and `dance`:

```
async fn learn_song() -> Song { /* ... */ }
async fn sing_song(song: Song) { /* ... */ }
async fn dance() { /* ... */ }
```

One way to do learn, sing, and dance would be to block

```
fn main() {
    let song = block_on(learn_song());
    block_on(sing_song(song));
    block_on(dance());
}
```

However, we're not giving the best performance possible one thing at once! Clearly we have to learn the song before dance at the same time as learning and singing the song. A separate `async fn` which can be run concurrently:

```
async fn learn_and_sing() {
    // Wait until the song has been learned before
    // We use .await here rather than block_on
    // thread, which makes it possible to dance
    let song = learn_song().await;
    sing_song(song).await;
}

async fn async_main() {
    let f1 = learn_and_sing();
    let f2 = dance();

    // join! is like .await but can wait for
    // If we're temporarily blocked in the learn_and_sing
    // future will take over the current thread
    // learn_and_sing can take back over. If
    // async_main is blocked and will yield to
    futures::join!(f1, f2);
}

fn main() {
    block_on(async_main());
}
```

In this example, learning the song must happen before singing and dancing. Singing and dancing can happen at the same time as learning. In `learn_and_sing`, rather than `learn_song().await` in `learn_and_sing`, anything else while `learn_song` was running. This would happen at the same time. By `.await`-ing the `learn_song` future, we don't block the current thread if `learn_song` is blocked. This makes it possible to complete `learn_and_sing` concurrently on the same thread.

# Under the Hood: Executin Tasks

In this section, we'll cover the underlying structure of how tasks are scheduled. If you're only interested in learning how existing `Future` types and aren't interested in the details, you can skip ahead to the `async / await` chapter. However, the details in this chapter are useful for understanding how `async / await` works at the runtime and performance properties of `async / await` asynchronous primitives. If you decide to skip this section, it to revisit in the future.

Now, with that out of the way, let's talk about the `Future`

# The Future Trait

The `Future` trait is at the center of asynchronous programming. It represents asynchronous computation that can produce a value (i.e. `Output`). A *simplified* version of the future trait might look like this:

```
trait SimpleFuture {
    type Output;
    fn poll(&mut self, wake: fn()) -> Poll<Self::Output>
}

enum Poll<T> {
    Ready(T),
    Pending,
}
```

Futures can be advanced by calling the `poll` function, moving towards completion as possible. If the future completes, the `poll` function returns `Ready`. If the future is not able to complete yet, it returns `Pending`. The `wake` function is called when the `Future` is ready to be polled. When `wake` is called, the executor driving the `Future` will attempt to make more progress.

Without `wake`, the executor would have no way of knowing when to make progress, and would have to be constantly polling the future. The executor knows exactly which futures are ready to be polled.

For example, consider the case where we want to read data from a socket. If there is data available already, we can read it immediately. If not, we can register to be notified when data is ready. For example, a simple `SocketRead` future might look something like this:

```

pub struct SocketRead<'a> {
    socket: &'a Socket,
}

impl SimpleFuture for SocketRead<'_> {
    type Output = Vec<u8>;

    fn poll(&mut self, wake: fn()) -> Poll<Self
        if self.socket.has_data_to_read() {
            // The socket has data -- read it i
            Poll::Ready(self.socket.read_buf())
        } else {
            // The socket does not yet have dat
            //
            // Arrange for `wake` to be called
            // When data becomes available, `wa
            // user of this `Future` will know
            // receive data.
            self.socket.set_readable_callback(w
            Poll::Pending
        }
    }
}

```

This model of `Future`s allows for composing together without needing intermediate allocations. Running multiple futures together can be implemented via allocation-free

```

/// A SimpleFuture that runs two other futures
///
/// Concurrency is achieved via the fact that c
/// may be interleaved, allowing each future to
pub struct Join<FutureA, FutureB> {
    // Each field may contain a future that sho
    // If the future has already completed, the
    // This prevents us from polling a future a
    // would violate the contract of the `Futur
    a: Option<FutureA>,
    b: Option<FutureB>,
}

impl<FutureA, FutureB> SimpleFuture for Join<Fu
where
    FutureA: SimpleFuture<Output = ()>,
    FutureB: SimpleFuture<Output = ()>,
{
    type Output = ();
    fn poll(&mut self, wake: fn()) -> Poll<Self
        // Attempt to complete future `a`.
        if let Some(a) = &mut self.a {
            if let Poll::Ready(()) = a.poll(wak
                self.a.take();
            }
        }

        // Attempt to complete future `b`.
        if let Some(b) = &mut self.b {
            if let Poll::Ready(()) = b.poll(wak
                self.b.take();
            }
        }

        if self.a.is_none() && self.b.is_none()
            // Both futures have completed -- w
            Poll::Ready(())
        } else {
            // One or both futures returned `Po
            // work to do. They will call `wake
            Poll::Pending
        }
    }
}

```

This shows how multiple futures can be run simultane allocations, allowing for more efficient asynchronous p sequential futures can be run one after another, like th

```

/// A SimpleFuture that runs two futures to com
//
// Note: for the purposes of this simple exampl
// the first and second futures are available a
// `AndThen` combinator allows creating the sec
// of the first future, like `get_breakfast.and
pub struct AndThenFut<FutureA, FutureB> {
    first: Option<FutureA>,
    second: FutureB,
}

impl<FutureA, FutureB> SimpleFuture for AndThen
where
    FutureA: SimpleFuture<Output = ()>,
    FutureB: SimpleFuture<Output = ()>,
{
    type Output = ();
    fn poll(&mut self, wake: fn()) -> Poll<Self
        if let Some(first) = &mut self.first {
            match first.poll(wake) {
                // We've completed the first fu
                // the second!
                Poll::Ready(()) => self.first.t
                // We couldn't yet complete the
                Poll::Pending => return Poll::P
            };
        }
        // Now that the first future is done, a
        self.second.poll(wake)
    }
}

```

These examples show how the `Future` trait can be used to manage control-flow without requiring multiple allocated objects and complex control-flow out of the way, let's talk about the real `Future`

```

trait Future {
    type Output;
    fn poll(
        // Note the change from `&mut self` to
        self: Pin<&mut Self>,
        // and the change from `wake: fn()` to
        cx: &mut Context<'_,>,
    ) -> Poll<Self::Output>;
}

```

The first change you'll notice is that our `self` type is now `Pin<&mut Self>`. We'll talk more about pinning in [a later chapter](#). `Pin` allows us to create futures that are immovable. Immutability is necessary between their fields, e.g. `struct MyFut { a: i32, ptr: *const u8 }` necessary to enable `async/await`.

Secondly, `wake: fn()` has changed to `&mut Context<` to a function pointer ( `fn()` ) to tell the future executor polled. However, since `fn()` is just a function pointer, `Future` called `wake` .

In a real-world scenario, a complex application like a web server has many different connections whose wakeups should all be managed. `std::future::Future` solves this by providing access to a value of type `Wake` for each specific task.

# Task Wakeups with Waker

It's common that futures aren't able to complete the fi happens, the future needs to ensure that it is polled a progress. This is done with the `waker` type.

Each time a future is polled, it is polled as part of a "tas that have been submitted to an executor.

`Waker` provides a `wake()` method that can be used to task should be awoken. When `wake()` is called, the ex with the `waker` is ready to make progress, and its futu

`Waker` also implements `clone()` so that it can be cop

Let's try implementing a simple timer future using `Wak`

## Applied: Build a Timer

For the sake of the example, we'll just spin up a new th for the required time, and then signal the timer future

First, start a new project with `cargo new --lib timer`. need to get started to `src/lib.rs`:

```
use std::{
    future::Future,
    pin::Pin,
    sync::{Arc, Mutex},
    task::{Context, Poll, Waker},
    thread,
    time::Duration,
};
```

Let's start by defining the future type itself. Our future communicate that the timer has elapsed and the futur `Arc<Mutex<..>>` value to communicate between the t

```

pub struct TimerFuture {
    shared_state: Arc<Mutex<SharedState>>,
}

/// Shared state between the future and the waiter
struct SharedState {
    /// Whether or not the sleep time has elapsed
    completed: bool,

    /// The waker for the task that `TimerFuture`
    /// The thread can use this after setting `
    /// `TimerFuture`'s task to wake up, see the
    /// move forward.
    waker: Option<Waker>,
}

```

Now, let's actually write the `Future` implementation!

```

impl Future for TimerFuture {
    type Output = ();
    fn poll(self: Pin<&mut Self>, cx: &mut Context)
        // Look at the shared state to see if it's ready
        let mut shared_state = self.shared_state.clone();
        if shared_state.completed {
            Poll::Ready(())
        } else {
            // Set waker so that the thread can
            // when the timer has completed,
            // again and sees that `completed = true`
            // It's tempting to do this once
            // the waker each time. However,
            // tasks on the executor, which
            // to the wrong task, preventing
            // correctly.
            //
            // N.B. it's possible to check for
            `Waker::will_wake`
            // function, but we omit that here
            shared_state.waker = Some(cx.waker().clone());
            Poll::Pending
        }
    }
}

```

Pretty simple, right? If the thread has set `shared_state.completed` to `true`, we return `Poll::Ready(())`. Otherwise, we clone the `waker` for the current task and return `Poll::Pending` so that the thread can wake the task back up.

Importantly, we have to update the `waker` every time a `TimerFuture` future may have moved to a different task with a different executor. This is because futures are passed around between tasks after being polled.

Finally, we need the API to actually construct the timer

```
impl TimerFuture {
    /// Create a new `TimerFuture` which will c
    /// timeout.
    pub fn new(duration: Duration) -> Self {
        let shared_state = Arc::new(Mutex::new(
            completed: false,
            waker: None,
        ));

        // Spawn the new thread
        let thread_shared_state = shared_state.
        thread::spawn(move || {
            thread::sleep(duration);
            let mut shared_state = thread_share
            // Signal that the timer has comple
            // task on which the future was pol
            shared_state.completed = true;
            if let Some(waker) = shared_state.w
                waker.wake()
            }
        });

        TimerFuture { shared_state }
    }
}
```

Woot! That's all we need to build a simple timer future  
run the future on...

# Applied: Build an Executor

Rust's `Future`s are lazy: they won't do anything unless way to drive a future to completion is to `.await` it inside pushes the problem one level up: who will run the future `async` functions? The answer is that we need a `Future`

`Future` executors take a set of top-level `Future`s and `poll` whenever the `Future` can make progress. Typically once to start off. When `Future`s indicate that they are `wake()`, they are placed back onto a queue and `poll` `Future` has completed.

In this section, we'll write our own simple executor capable of top-level futures to completion concurrently.

For this example, we depend on the `futures` crate for an easy way to construct a `Waker`. Edit `Cargo.toml` to add

```
[package]
name = "timer_future"
version = "0.1.0"
authors = ["XYZ Author"]
edition = "2021"

[dependencies]
futures = "0.3"
```

Next, we need the following imports at the top of `src/`

```
use futures::{
    future::{BoxFuture, FutureExt},
    task::{waker_ref, ArcWake},
};
use std::{
    future::Future,
    sync::mpsc::{sync_channel, Receiver, SyncSender},
    sync::{Arc, Mutex},
    task::Context,
    time::Duration,
};
// The timer we wrote in the previous section:
use timer_future::TimerFuture;
```

Our executor will work by sending tasks to run over a channel off of the channel and run them. When a task is ready to schedule itself to be polled again by putting itself back

In this design, the executor itself just needs the receiver. The task will get a sending end so that they can spawn new futures that can reschedule themselves, so we'll store them as the task can use to requeue itself.

```

/// Task executor that receives tasks off of a
struct Executor {
    ready_queue: Receiver<Arc<Task>>,
}

/// `Spawner` spawns new futures onto the task
#[derive(Clone)]
struct Spawner {
    task_sender: SyncSender<Arc<Task>>,
}

/// A future that can reschedule itself to be pushed
struct Task {
    /// In-progress future that should be pushed
    ///
    /// The `Mutex` is not necessary for correctness
    /// one thread executing tasks at once. However,
    /// enough to know that `future` is only mutated
    /// so we need to use the `Mutex` to prove
    /// executor would not need this, and could
    future: Mutex<Option<BoxFuture<'static, ()>>>

    /// Handle to place the task itself back on
    task_sender: SyncSender<Arc<Task>>,
}

fn new_executor_and_spawner() -> (Executor, Spawner) {
    // Maximum number of tasks to allow queue in
    // This is just to make `sync_channel` happy
    // a real executor.
    const MAX_QUEUED_TASKS: usize = 10_000;
    let (task_sender, ready_queue) = sync_channel(
        MAX_QUEUED_TASKS,
        Executor { ready_queue },
        Spawner { task_sender }
    )
}

```

Let's also add a method to spawner to make it easy to take a future type, box it, and create a new `Arc<Task>` onto the executor.

```

impl Spawner {
    fn spawn(&self, future: impl Future<Output>) {
        let future = future.boxed();
        let task = Arc::new(Task {
            future: Mutex::new(Some(future)),
            task_sender: self.task_sender.clone(),
        });
        self.task_sender.send(task).expect("too many tasks")
    }
}

```

To poll futures, we'll need to create a `Waker`. As discussed, `Waker`s are responsible for scheduling a task to be polled. Remember that `Waker`s tell the executor exactly which futures to poll just the futures that are ready to make progress. A new `Waker` is implemented by implementing the `ArcWake` trait and `into_waker()` functions to turn an `Arc<impl ArcWake>` for our tasks to allow them to be turned into

```
impl ArcWake for Task {
    fn wake_by_ref(arc_self: &Arc<Self>) {
        // Implement `wake` by sending this task
        // so that it will be polled again by the
        let cloned = arc_self.clone();
        arc_self
            .task_sender
            .send(cloned)
            .expect("too many tasks queued");
    }
}
```

When a `Waker` is created from an `Arc<Task>`, calling `into_waker()` on `Arc` to be sent onto the task channel. Our executor then polls it. Let's implement that:

```
impl Executor {
    fn run(&self) {
        while let Ok(task) = self.ready_queue.remove() {
            // poll it in an attempt to complete
            let mut future_slot = task.future_slot;
            if let Some(mut future) = future_slot.as_mut() {
                // Create a `LocalWaker` from the task
                let waker = waker_ref(&task);
                let context = &mut Context::from_waker(waker);
                // `BoxFuture<T>` is a type alias for
                // `Pin<Box<dyn Future<Output = T>>>`
                // We can get a `Pin<&mut dyn Future<Output = T>>`
                // from it by calling the `Pin::as_mut` method
                if future.as_mut().poll(context) == Poll::Ready {
                    // We're not done processing this future
                    // back in its task to be polled
                    *future_slot = Some(future);
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

Congratulations! We now have a working futures executor. We can use `async/await` code and custom futures, such as the `Future`

```
fn main() {  
    let (executor, spawner) = new_executor_and_  
  
    // Spawn a task to print before and after w  
    spawner.spawn(async {  
        println!("howdy!");  
        // Wait for our timer future to complet  
        TimerFuture::new(Duration::new(2, 0)).a  
        println!("done!");  
    });  
  
    // Drop the spawner so that our executor kn  
    // receive more incoming tasks to run.  
    drop(spawner);  
  
    // Run the executor until the task queue is  
    // This will print "howdy!", pause, and the  
    executor.run();  
}
```

# Executors and System IO

In the previous section on [The Future Trait](#), we discussed how to perform an asynchronous read on a socket:

```
pub struct SocketRead<'a> {
    socket: &'a Socket,
}

impl SimpleFuture for SocketRead<'_> {
    type Output = Vec<u8>;

    fn poll(&mut self, wake: fn()) -> Poll<Self::Output> {
        if self.socket.has_data_to_read() {
            // The socket has data -- read it
            Poll::Ready(self.socket.read_buf())
        } else {
            // The socket does not yet have data
            // Arrange for `wake` to be called
            // When data becomes available, `wake`
            // user of this `Future` will know
            // receive data.
            self.socket.set_readable_callback(wake);
            Poll::Pending
        }
    }
}
```

This future will read available data on a socket, and if it is run by an executor, requesting that its task be awoken when the socket has data. However, it's not clear from this example how the executor would arrange for `wake()` to be called once the socket becomes readable. In particular it isn't obvious how the `set_readable_callback` method would arrange for `wake()` to be called once the socket becomes readable. This would require having a thread that continually checks whether the socket is readable, which is not appropriate. However, this would be quite inefficient, and would block the IO future. This would greatly reduce the efficiency of the executor.

In practice, this problem is solved through integration with system primitives, such as `epoll` on Linux, `kqueue` on FreeBSD, and `port`s on Fuchsia (all of which are exposed through the `libc` crate). These primitives all allow a thread to block on multiple events, and to be awoken once one of the events completes. In practice, these AI

```

struct IoBlocker {
    /* ... */
}

struct Event {
    // An ID uniquely identifying the event tha
    id: usize,

    // A set of signals to wait for, or which o
    signals: Signals,
}

impl IoBlocker {
    /// Create a new collection of asynchronous
    fn new() -> Self { /* ... */ }

    /// Express an interest in a particular IO
    fn add_io_event_interest(
        &self,

        /// The object on which the event will
        io_object: &IoObject,

        /// A set of signals that may appear on
        /// which an event should be triggered,
        /// an ID to give to events that result
        event: Event,
    ) { /* ... */ }

    /// Block until one of the events occurs.
    fn block(&self) -> Event { /* ... */ }
}

let mut io_blocker = IoBlocker::new();
io_blocker.add_io_event_interest(
    &socket_1,
    Event { id: 1, signals: READABLE },
);
io_blocker.add_io_event_interest(
    &socket_2,
    Event { id: 2, signals: READABLE | WRITABLE
});
let event = io_blocker.block();

// prints e.g. "Socket 1 is now READABLE" if so
println!("Socket {:?} is now {:?}", event.id, e

```

Futures executors can use these primitives to provide sockets that can configure callbacks to be run when a | of our `SocketRead` example above, the `Socket::set_` look like the following pseudocode:

```

impl Socket {
    fn set_readable_callback(&self, waker: Wake
        // `local_executor` is a reference to t
        // this could be provided at creation o
        // many executor implementations pass i
        // storage for convenience.
        let local_executor = self.local_executo

        // Unique ID for this IO object.
        let id = self.id;

        // Store the local waker in the executo
        // once the IO event arrives.
        local_executor.event_map.insert(id, wak
        local_executor.add_io_event_interest(
            &self.socket_file_descriptor,
            Event { id, signals: READABLE },
        );
    }
}

```

We can now have just one executor thread which can r the appropriate `waker`, which will wake up the corres drive more tasks to completion before returning to che continues...).

# async / .await

In the first chapter, we took a brief look at `async / .await` in greater detail, explaining how it works in traditional Rust programs.

`async / .await` are special pieces of Rust syntax that allow the current thread to yield rather than blocking, allowing other code to complete an operation to complete.

There are two main ways to use `async`: `async fn` and `Future` trait that implements the `Future` trait:

```
// `foo()` returns a type that implements `Future`
// `foo().await` will result in a value of type u8
async fn foo() -> u8 { 5 }

fn bar() -> impl Future<Output = u8> {
    // This `async` block results in a type that implements `Future`
    // `Future<Output = u8>`.
    async {
        let x: u8 = foo().await;
        x + 5
    }
}
```

As we saw in the first chapter, `async` bodies and other `Future` objects are not run until they are run. The most common way to run a `Future` is by calling `await` on a `Future`, it will attempt to run it to completion and yield control of the current thread. When more progress is made, it will be picked up by the executor and will resume running, all

## async Lifetimes

Unlike traditional functions, `async fn`s which take reference arguments return a `Future` which is bounded by the lifetime of the arguments.

```
// This function:
async fn foo(x: &u8) -> u8 { *x }

// Is equivalent to this function:
fn foo_expanded<'a>(x: &'a u8) -> impl Future<Output = u8> {
    async move { *x }
}
```

This means that the future returned from an `async fn` with `'static` arguments are still valid. In the common case immediately after calling the function (as in `foo(&x).await`), storing the future or sending it over to another task or

One common workaround for turning an `async fn` with `'static` future is to bundle the arguments with the closure block:

```
fn bad() -> impl Future<Output = u8> {
    let x = 5;
    borrow_x(&x) // ERROR: `x` does not live long enough
}

fn good() -> impl Future<Output = u8> {
    async {
        let x = 5;
        borrow_x(&x).await
    }
}
```

By moving the argument into the `async` block, we extend the lifetime of the `Future` returned from the call to `good`.

## async move

`async` blocks and closures allow the `move` keyword, and an `async move` block will take ownership of the variables it references from the current scope, but giving up the ability to share those variables

```

/// `async` block:
///
/// Multiple different `async` blocks can access
/// so long as they're executed within the vari
async fn blocks() {
    let my_string = "foo".to_string();

    let future_one = async {
        // ...
        println!("{my_string}");
    };

    let future_two = async {
        // ...
        println!("{my_string}");
    };

    // Run both futures to completion, printing
    let ((), ()) = futures::join!(future_one, f
}

/// `async move` block:
///
/// Only one `async move` block can access the
/// captures are moved into the `Future` genera
/// However, this allows the `Future` to outliv
/// variable:
fn move_block() -> impl Future<Output = ()> {
    let my_string = "foo".to_string();
    async move {
        // ...
        println!("{my_string}");
    }
}

```

## .awaiting on a Multithreaded Exe

Note that, when using a multithreaded `Future` execut threads, so any variables used in `async` bodies must k any `.await` can potentially result in a switch to a new

This means that it is not safe to use `Rc`, `&RefCell` or ; the `Send` trait, including references to types that don't

(Caveat: it is possible to use these types as long as they `.await`.)

Similarly, it isn't a good idea to hold a traditional non-f as it can cause the threadpool to lock up: one task cou

the executor, allowing another task to attempt to take  
avoid this, use the `Mutex` in `futures::lock` rather than

# Pinning

To poll futures, they must be pinned using a special type. For a more detailed explanation of the `Future` trait in the previous section you'll recognize `Pin` from the `self: Pin<&mut Self>` definition. But what does it mean, and why do we need it?

## Why Pinning

`Pin` works in tandem with the `Unpin` marker. Pinning an object implementing `!Unpin` won't ever be moved. This is important because we need to remember how `async / .await` works. Consider the following example:

```
let fut_one = /* ... */;  
let fut_two = /* ... */;  
async move {  
    fut_one.await;  
    fut_two.await;  
}
```

Under the hood, this creates an anonymous type that implements the `poll` method that looks something like this:

```

// The `Future` type generated by our `async` {
struct AsyncFuture {
    fut_one: FutOne,
    fut_two: FutTwo,
    state: State,
}

// List of states our `async` block can be in
enum State {
    AwaitingFutOne,
    AwaitingFutTwo,
    Done,
}

impl Future for AsyncFuture {
    type Output = ();

    fn poll(mut self: Pin<&mut Self>, cx: &mut
        loop {
            match self.state {
                State::AwaitingFutOne => match
                    Poll::Ready(()) => self.sta
                    Poll::Pending => return Pol
                }
                State::AwaitingFutTwo => match
                    Poll::Ready(()) => self.sta
                    Poll::Pending => return Pol
                }
                State::Done => return Poll::Rea
            }
        }
    }
}

```

When `poll` is first called, it will poll `fut_one`. If `fut_o`  
`AsyncFuture::poll` will return. Future calls to `poll` w  
off. This process continues until the future is able to st

However, what happens if we have an `async` block th

```

async {
    let mut x = [0; 128];
    let read_into_buf_fut = read_into_buf(&mut
    read_into_buf_fut.await;
    println!("{:?}", x);
}

```

What struct does this compile down to?

```

struct ReadIntoBuf<'a> {
    buf: &'a mut [u8], // points to `x` below
}

struct AsyncFuture {
    x: [u8; 128],
    read_into_buf_fut: ReadIntoBuf<'what_lifetime>
}

```

Here, the `ReadIntoBuf` future holds a reference into the `x` array. However, if `AsyncFuture` is moved, the location of `x` is no longer the pointer stored in `read_into_buf_fut.buf`.

Pinning futures to a particular spot in memory prevents them from creating references to values inside an `async` block.

## Pinning in Detail

Let's try to understand pinning by using an example similar to the one above. The problem that ultimately boils down to is self-referential types in Rust.

For now our example will look like this:

```

#[derive(Debug)]
struct Test {
    a: String,
    b: *const String,
}

impl Test {
    fn new(txt: &str) -> Self {
        Test {
            a: String::from(txt),
            b: std::ptr::null(),
        }
    }

    fn init(&mut self) {
        let self_ref: *const String = &self.a;
        self.b = self_ref;
    }

    fn a(&self) -> &str {
        &self.a
    }

    fn b(&self) -> &String {
        assert!(!self.b.is_null(), "Test::b called first");
        unsafe { &*(self.b) }
    }
}

```

`Test` provides methods to get a reference to the value. A reference to `a` we store it as a pointer since the borrow checker can't define this lifetime. We now have what we call a self-reference.

Our example works fine if we don't move any of our data. Let's try running this example:

```

fn main() {
    let mut test1 = Test::new("test1");
    test1.init();
    let mut test2 = Test::new("test2");
    test2.init();

    println!("a: {}, b: {}", test1.a(), test1.b());
    println!("a: {}, b: {}", test2.a(), test2.b());
}

```

We get what we'd expect:

```

a: test1, b: test1
a: test2, b: test2

```

Let's see what happens if we swap `test1` with `test2`

```
fn main() {
    let mut test1 = Test::new("test1");
    test1.init();
    let mut test2 = Test::new("test2");
    test2.init();

    println!("a: {}, b: {}", test1.a(), test1.b);
    std::mem::swap(&mut test1, &mut test2);
    println!("a: {}, b: {}", test2.a(), test2.b);
}
```

Naively, we could think that what we should get a debu

```
a: test1, b: test1
a: test1, b: test1
```

But instead we get:

```
a: test1, b: test1
a: test1, b: test2
```

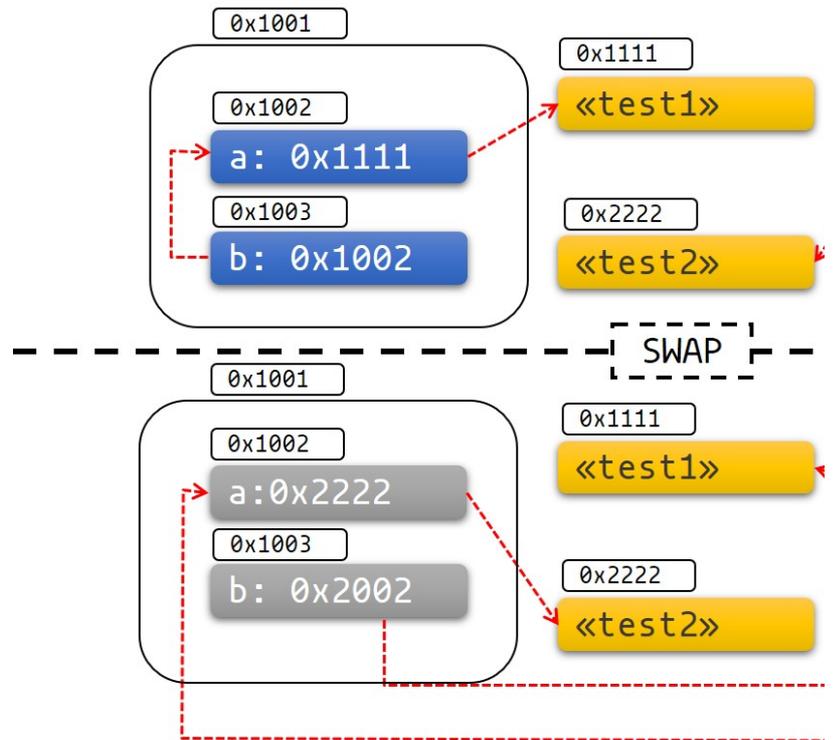
The pointer to `test2.b` still points to the old location and is not self-referential anymore, it holds a pointer to a field we can't rely on the lifetime of `test2.b` to be tied to the

If you're still not convinced, this should at least convince

```
fn main() {
    let mut test1 = Test::new("test1");
    test1.init();
    let mut test2 = Test::new("test2");
    test2.init();

    println!("a: {}, b: {}", test1.a(), test1.b);
    std::mem::swap(&mut test1, &mut test2);
    test1.a = "I've totally changed now!".to_string();
    println!("a: {}, b: {}", test2.a(), test2.b);
}
```

The diagram below can help visualize what's going on:

**Fig 1: Before and after swap**

It's easy to get this to show undefined behavior and fa

## Pinning in Practice

Let's see how pinning and the `Pin` type can help us sc

The `Pin` type wraps pointer types, guaranteeing that t moved if it is not implementing `Unpin`. For example, f all guarantee that `T` won't be moved if `T: !Unpin`.

Most types don't have a problem being moved. These Pointers to `Unpin` types can be freely placed into or ta `Unpin`, so `Pin<&mut u8>` behaves just like a normal `&`

However, types that can't be moved after they're pinned Futures created by `async/await` is an example of this.

## Pinning to the Stack

Back to our example. We can solve our problem by usi example would look like if we required a pinned pointer

```

use std::pin::Pin;
use std::marker::PhantomPinned;

#[derive(Debug)]
struct Test {
    a: String,
    b: *const String,
    _marker: PhantomPinned,
}

impl Test {
    fn new(txt: &str) -> Self {
        Test {
            a: String::from(txt),
            b: std::ptr::null(),
            _marker: PhantomPinned, // This mak
        }
    }

    fn init(self: Pin<&mut Self>) {
        let self_ptr: *const String = &self.a;
        let this = unsafe { self.get_unchecked_
            this.b = self_ptr;
        }
    }

    fn a(self: Pin<&Self>) -> &str {
        &self.get_ref().a
    }

    fn b(self: Pin<&Self>) -> &String {
        assert!(!self.b.is_null(), "Test::b cal
called first");
        unsafe { &*(self.b) }
    }
}

```

Pinning an object to the stack will always be `unsafe` if can use a crate like `pin_utils` to avoid writing our ow stack.

Below, we pin the objects `test1` and `test2` to the sta

```
pub fn main() {
    // test1 is safe to move before we initiali
    let mut test1 = Test::new("test1");
    // Notice how we shadow `test1` to prevent
    let mut test1 = unsafe { Pin::new_unchecked
    Test::init(test1.as_mut());

    let mut test2 = Test::new("test2");
    let mut test2 = unsafe { Pin::new_unchecked
    Test::init(test2.as_mut());

    println!("a: {}, b: {}", Test::a(test1.as_r
    println!("a: {}, b: {}", Test::a(test2.as_r
}

```

Now, if we try to move our data now we get a compilat

```
pub fn main() {
    let mut test1 = Test::new("test1");
    let mut test1 = unsafe { Pin::new_unchecked
    Test::init(test1.as_mut());

    let mut test2 = Test::new("test2");
    let mut test2 = unsafe { Pin::new_unchecked
    Test::init(test2.as_mut());

    println!("a: {}, b: {}", Test::a(test1.as_r
    std::mem::swap(test1.get_mut(), test2.get_m
    println!("a: {}, b: {}", Test::a(test2.as_r
}

```

The type system prevents us from moving the data, as

```
error[E0277]: `PhantomPinned` cannot be unpinne
--> src\test.rs:56:30
   |
56 |         std::mem::swap(test1.get_mut(), t
   |                                     ^^^^^^^ with
`Unpin` is not implemented for `PhantomPinned`
   |
   = note: consider using `Box::pin`
note: required because it appears within the ty
--> src\test.rs:7:8
   |
7  | struct Test {
   |         ^^^^
note: required by a bound in `std::pin::Pin:::<&
--> <...>rustlib/src/rust\library\core\src\p
   |
748 |         T: Unpin,
   |             ^^^^^ required by this bound i
T>::get_mut`

```

It's important to note that stack pinning will always require writing `unsafe`. While we know that the *pointee* of `Pin` has the same lifetime as `'a`, we can't know if the data `&'a mut T` ends. If it does it will violate the Pin contract.

A mistake that is easy to make is forgetting to shadow `Pin` and move the data after `&'a mut T` (this violates the Pin contract):

```
fn main() {
    let mut test1 = Test::new("test1");
    let mut test1_pin = unsafe { Pin::new_unchecked(test1); }
    Test::init(test1_pin.as_mut());

    drop(test1_pin);
    println!(r#"test1.b points to "test1": {:?}"#, test1);

    let mut test2 = Test::new("test2");
    mem::swap(&mut test1, &mut test2);
    println!("... and now it points nowhere: {:?}", test1);
}
```

---

## Pinning to the Heap

Pinning an `!Unpin` type to the heap gives our data a stable address. This means that the data we point to can't move after it's pinned. In contrast to stack pinning, heap data will be pinned for the lifetime of the object.

```

use std::pin::Pin;
use std::marker::PhantomPinned;

#[derive(Debug)]
struct Test {
    a: String,
    b: *const String,
    _marker: PhantomPinned,
}

impl Test {
    fn new(txt: &str) -> Pin<Box<Self>> {
        let t = Test {
            a: String::from(txt),
            b: std::ptr::null(),
            _marker: PhantomPinned,
        };
        let mut boxed = Box::pin(t);
        let self_ptr: *const String = &boxed.a;
        unsafe { boxed.as_mut().get_unchecked_mut() }

        boxed
    }

    fn a(self: Pin<&Self>) -> &str {
        &self.get_ref().a
    }

    fn b(self: Pin<&Self>) -> &String {
        unsafe { &*(self.b) }
    }
}

pub fn main() {
    let test1 = Test::new("test1");
    let test2 = Test::new("test2");

    println!("a: {}, b: {}", test1.as_ref().a(),
            println!("a: {}, b: {}", test2.as_ref().a(),
}

```

Some functions require the futures they work with to k  
Stream that isn't Unpin with a function that requires  
the value using either `Box::pin` (to create a `Pin<Box<T>>`  
macro (to create a `Pin<&mut T>`). `Pin<Box<Fut>>` and  
futures, and both implement `Unpin`.

For example:

```

use pin_utils::pin_mut; // `pin_utils` is a han

// A function which takes a `Future` that imple
fn execute_unpin_future(x: impl Future<Output =

let fut = async { /* ... */ };
execute_unpin_future(fut); // Error: `fut` does

// Pinning with `Box`:
let fut = async { /* ... */ };
let fut = Box::pin(fut);
execute_unpin_future(fut); // OK

// Pinning with `pin_mut!`:
let fut = async { /* ... */ };
pin_mut!(fut);
execute_unpin_future(fut); // OK

```

## Summary

1. If `T: Unpin` (which is the default), then `Pin<'a, T>`. In other words: `Unpin` means it's OK for this type so `Pin` will have no effect on such a type.
2. Getting a `&mut T` to a pinned `T` requires `unsafe` if
3. Most standard library types implement `Unpin`. `T` you encounter in Rust. A `Future` generated by a
4. You can add a `!Unpin` bound on a type on nightly `std::marker::PhantomPinned` to your type on st
5. You can either pin data to the stack or to the hea
6. Pinning a `!Unpin` object to the stack requires `un`
7. Pinning a `!Unpin` object to the heap does not req doing this using `Box::pin`.
8. For pinned data where `T: !Unpin` you have to `re` will not get invalidated or repurposed *from the m* called. This is an important part of the *pin contrac*

# The Stream Trait

The `Stream` trait is similar to `Future` but can yield multiple values. It is similar to the `Iterator` trait from the standard library.

```
trait Stream {
    /// The type of the value yielded by the stream
    type Item;

    /// Attempt to resolve the next item in the stream
    /// Returns `Poll::Pending` if not ready, `Poll::Ready` if
    /// is ready, and `Poll::Ready(None)` if the stream is
    fn poll_next(self: Pin<&mut Self>, cx: &mut Cx)
    -> Poll<Option<Self::Item>>;
}
```

One common example of a `Stream` is the `Receiver` from the `tokio` crate. It will yield `Some(val)` every time a value is sent to it, and `None` once the `Sender` has been dropped and all pending values have been received.

```
async fn send_recv() {
    const BUFFER_SIZE: usize = 10;
    let (mut tx, mut rx) = mpsc::channel::<i32>(BUFFER_SIZE);

    tx.send(1).await.unwrap();
    tx.send(2).await.unwrap();
    drop(tx);

    // `StreamExt::next` is similar to `Iterator::next`
    // type that implements `Future<Output = Option<T>>`
    assert_eq!(Some(1), rx.next().await);
    assert_eq!(Some(2), rx.next().await);
    assert_eq!(None, rx.next().await);
}
```

# Iteration and Concurrency

Similar to synchronous `Iterator`s, there are many different ways to process the values in a `Stream`. There are combinators like `fold`, and their early-exit-on-error cousins `try_fold`.

Unfortunately, `for` loops are not usable with `Stream`: `let` and the `next`/`try_next` functions can be used:

```

async fn sum_with_next(mut stream: Pin<&mut dyn Stream<Item = Result<i32, io::Error>>
    use futures::stream::StreamExt; // for `next`
    let mut sum = 0;
    while let Some(item) = stream.next().await {
        sum += item;
    }
    sum
}

async fn sum_with_try_next(
    mut stream: Pin<&mut dyn Stream<Item = Result<i32, io::Error>>
) -> Result<i32, io::Error> {
    use futures::stream::TryStreamExt; // for `try_next`
    let mut sum = 0;
    while let Some(item) = stream.try_next().await {
        sum += item;
    }
    Ok(sum)
}

```

However, if we're just processing one element at a time, there's an opportunity for concurrency, which is, after all, why we have `Stream`. To process multiple items from a stream concurrently, we can use `try_for_each_concurrent` and `try_for_each_concurrent` methods:

```

async fn jump_around(
    mut stream: Pin<&mut dyn Stream<Item = Result<i32, io::Error>>
) -> Result<(), io::Error> {
    use futures::stream::TryStreamExt; // for `try_for_each_concurrent`
    const MAX_CONCURRENT_JUMPERS: usize = 100;

    stream.try_for_each_concurrent(MAX_CONCURRENT_JUMPERS, |item| {
        item.jump_n_times(num).await?;
        report_n_jumps(num).await?;
    }).await?;

    Ok(())
}

```

# Executing Multiple Futures

Up until now, we've mostly executed futures by using `wait` until a particular `Future` completes. However, real asynchronous programs often execute several different operations concurrently.

In this chapter, we'll cover some ways to execute multiple futures at the same time:

- `join!` : waits for futures to all complete
- `select!` : waits for one of several futures to complete
- Spawning: creates a top-level task which runs concurrently with the ambient task
- `FuturesUnordered` : a group of futures which yield results in the order they complete

# join!

The `futures::join` macro makes it possible to wait for complete while executing them all concurrently.

# join!

When performing multiple asynchronous operations, in a series:

```
async fn get_book_and_music() -> (Book, Music)
    let book = get_book().await;
    let music = get_music().await;
    (book, music)
}
```

However, this will be slower than necessary, since it waits after `get_book` has completed. In some other languages, completion, so two operations can be run concurrently start the futures, and then awaiting them both:

```
// WRONG -- don't do this
async fn get_book_and_music() -> (Book, Music)
    let book_future = get_book();
    let music_future = get_music();
    (book_future.await, music_future.await)
}
```

However, Rust futures won't do any work until they're the two code snippets above will both run `book_future` than running them concurrently. To correctly run the `futures::join!`:

```
use futures::join;

async fn get_book_and_music() -> (Book, Music)
    let book_fut = get_book();
    let music_fut = get_music();
    join!(book_fut, music_fut)
}
```

The value returned by `join!` is a tuple containing the

## try\_join!

For futures which return `Result`, consider using `try_join!` only completes once all subfutures have completed futures even after one of its subfutures has returned a

Unlike `join!`, `try_join!` will complete immediately if error.

```
use futures::try_join;

async fn get_book() -> Result<Book, String> { /
async fn get_music() -> Result<Music, String> {

async fn get_book_and_music() -> Result<(Book,
    let book_fut = get_book();
    let music_fut = get_music();
    try_join!(book_fut, music_fut)
}
```

Note that the futures passed to `try_join!` must all have using the `.map_err(|e| ...)` and `.err_into()` functions `futures::future::TryFutureExt` to consolidate the e

```
use futures::{
    future::TryFutureExt,
    try_join,
};

async fn get_book() -> Result<Book, ()> { /* ..
async fn get_music() -> Result<Music, String> {

async fn get_book_and_music() -> Result<(Book,
    let book_fut = get_book().map_err(|()| "Una
    let music_fut = get_music();
    try_join!(book_fut, music_fut)
}
```

# select!

The `futures::select` macro runs multiple futures in parallel and they respond as soon as any future completes.

```
use futures::{
    future::FutureExt, // for `.fuse()`
    pin_mut,
    select,
};

async fn task_one() { /* ... */ }
async fn task_two() { /* ... */ }

async fn race_tasks() {
    let t1 = task_one().fuse();
    let t2 = task_two().fuse();

    pin_mut!(t1, t2);

    select! {
        () = t1 => println!("task one completed");
        () = t2 => println!("task two completed");
    }
}
```

The function above will run both `t1` and `t2` concurrently. As soon as the corresponding handler will call `println!`, and then the remaining task.

The basic syntax for `select` is `<pattern> = <expression>` many futures as you would like to `select` over.

## default => ... and complete =

`select` also supports `default` and `complete` branches.

A `default` branch will run if none of the futures being `select` with a `default` branch will therefore always be run if none of the other futures are ready.

`complete` branches can be used to handle the case where a future has completed and will no longer make progress. This is done with `select!`.

```

use futures::{future, select};

async fn count() {
    let mut a_fut = future::ready(4);
    let mut b_fut = future::ready(6);
    let mut total = 0;

    loop {
        select! {
            a = a_fut => total += a,
            b = b_fut => total += b,
            complete => break,
            default => unreachable!(), // never
        }
        complete)
    };
    }
    assert_eq!(total, 10);
}

```

## Interaction with Unpin and Fused

One thing you may have noticed in the first example is that the `select` call on the futures returned by the two `async fn`s, as well as the `complete` call, are necessary because the futures used in `select` implement the `Unpin` trait and the `FusedFuture` trait.

`Unpin` is necessary because the futures used by `select` are mutable references. By not taking ownership of the futures, `select` can call them again after the call to `select`.

Similarly, the `FusedFuture` trait is required because `select` can call a future that has completed. `FusedFuture` is implemented by `Future` and `Stream`. This makes it possible to use `select` on futures that have completed. This can be seen in the example above: `b_fut` will have completed the second time through the loop because `future::ready` implements `FusedFuture`, it's able to be called again.

Note that streams have a corresponding `FusedStream` trait or have been wrapped using `Stream::fuse()` will yield `Stream::next()` / `Stream::try_next()` combinators.

```

use futures::{
    stream::{Stream, StreamExt, FusedStream},
    select,
};

async fn add_two_streams(
    mut s1: impl Stream<Item = u8> + FusedStream,
    mut s2: impl Stream<Item = u8> + FusedStream,
) -> u8 {
    let mut total = 0;

    loop {
        let item = select! {
            x = s1.next() => x,
            x = s2.next() => x,
            complete => break,
        };
        if let Some(next_num) = item {
            total += next_num;
        }
    }

    total
}

```

## Concurrent tasks in a `select` loop

### `FuturesUnordered`

One somewhat hard-to-discover but handy function is constructing an empty future which is already terminated, a future that needs to be run.

This can be handy when there's a task that needs to be run that is created inside the `select` loop itself.

Note the use of the `.select_next_some()` function. This will run the branch for `Some(_)` values returned from the

```

use futures::{
    future::{Fuse, FusedFuture, FutureExt},
    stream::{FusedStream, Stream, StreamExt},
    pin_mut,
    select,
};

async fn get_new_num() -> u8 { /* ... */ 5 }

async fn run_on_new_num(_: u8) { /* ... */ }

async fn run_loop(
    mut interval_timer: impl Stream<Item = ()>
    starting_num: u8,
) {
    let run_on_new_num_fut = run_on_new_num(starting_num);
    let get_new_num_fut = Fuse::terminated();
    pin_mut!(run_on_new_num_fut, get_new_num_fut);
    loop {
        select! {
            () = interval_timer.select_next_some() => {
                // The timer has elapsed. Start
                // if one was not already running
                if get_new_num_fut.is_terminated() {
                    get_new_num_fut.set(get_new_num());
                }
            },
            new_num = get_new_num_fut => {
                // A new number has arrived --
                `run_on_new_num_fut`,
                // dropping the old one.
                run_on_new_num_fut.set(run_on_new_num(new_num));
            },
            // Run the `run_on_new_num_fut`
            () = run_on_new_num_fut => {},
            // panic if everything completed, so
            // keep yielding values indefinitely
            complete => panic!("`interval_timer` completed")
        }
    }
}

```

When many copies of the same future need to be run, the `FuturesUnordered` type. The following example is similar to the previous one, but it runs multiple copies of `run_on_new_num_fut` to completion, rather than just one. It will also print out a value returned by `run_on_new_num_fut`.

```

use futures::{
    future::{Fuse, FusedFuture, FutureExt},
    stream::{FusedStream, FuturesUnordered, Str
pin_mut,
select,
};

async fn get_new_num() -> u8 { /* ... */ 5 }

async fn run_on_new_num(_: u8) -> u8 { /* ... */

async fn run_loop(
    mut interval_timer: impl Stream<Item = ()>
    starting_num: u8,
) {
    let mut run_on_new_num_futs = FuturesUnorde
run_on_new_num_futs.push(run_on_new_num(sta
let get_new_num_fut = Fuse::terminated();
pin_mut!(get_new_num_fut);
loop {
    select! {
        () = interval_timer.select_next_som
        // The timer has elapsed. Start
        // if one was not already runni
        if get_new_num_fut.is_terminate
            get_new_num_fut.set(get_new
    }
    },
    new_num = get_new_num_fut => {
        // A new number has arrived --
`run_on_new_num_fut`.
        run_on_new_num_futs.push(run_on
    },
    // Run the `run_on_new_num_futs` an
    res = run_on_new_num_futs.select_ne
        println!("run_on_new_num_fut re
    },
    // panic if everything completed, s
    // keep yielding values indefinitel
    complete => panic!("`interval_timer
    }
}
}
}

```

# Spawning

Spawning allows you to run a new asynchronous task and continue executing other code while it runs.

Say we have a web server that wants to accept connections on a new thread. To achieve this, we can use the `async_std::task::spawn` function to spawn a new task that handles the connections. This function returns a `JoinHandle`, which can be used to wait for the result of the task.

```
use async_std::{task, net::TcpListener, net::TcpStream};
use futures::AsyncWriteExt;

async fn process_request(stream: &mut TcpStream) {
    stream.write_all(b"HTTP/1.1 200 OK\r\n\r\n")
        .await;
    stream.write_all(b"Hello World").await;
}

Ok(())
}

async fn main() {
    let listener = TcpListener::bind("127.0.0.1:8080");
    loop {
        // Accept a new connection
        let (mut stream, _) = listener.accept().await;
        // Now process this request without blocking
        task::spawn(async move {process_request(&mut stream)});
    }
}
```

The `JoinHandle` returned by `spawn` implements the `Future` trait, so you can use `await` to get the result of the task. This will block the current task until the task is not awaited, your program will continue executing. If you cancel the task before it is completed, it will be cancelled.

```
use futures::future::join_all;
async fn task_spawner(){
    let tasks = vec![
        task::spawn(my_task(Duration::from_secs(1))),
        task::spawn(my_task(Duration::from_secs(2))),
        task::spawn(my_task(Duration::from_secs(3)))
    ];
    // If we do not await these tasks and the future is
    dropped
    join_all(tasks).await;
}
```

To communicate between the main task and the spawned task, you can use channels provided by the async runtime used.

# Workarounds to Know an

Rust's `async` support is still fairly new, and there are a still under active development, as well as some subpar some common pain points and explain how to work ar

## ? in async Blocks

Just as in `async fn`, it's common to use `?` inside `async` blocks isn't explicitly stated. This can cause the of the `async` block.

For example, this code:

```
let fut = async {
    foo().await?;
    bar().await?;
    Ok(())
};
```

will trigger this error:

```
error[E0282]: type annotations needed
--> src/main.rs:5:9
   |
4  |     let fut = async {
   |               --- consider giving `fut` a type
5  |         foo().await?;
   |         ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^ cannot infer type
```

Unfortunately, there's currently no way to "give `fut` a the return type of an `async` block. To work around thi supply the success and error types for the `async` bloc

```
let fut = async {
    foo().await?;
    bar().await?;
    Ok::<(), MyError>(( )) // <- note the explic
};
```

# Send Approximation

Some `async fn` state machines are safe to be sent across threads. Whether or not an `async fn Future` is `Send` is determined by the compiler and is held across an `.await` point. The compiler does its best to be held across an `.await` point, but this analysis is too conservative today.

For example, consider a simple non-`Send` type, perhaps

```
use std::rc::Rc;

#[derive(Default)]
struct NotSend(Rc<()>);
```

Variables of type `NotSend` can briefly appear as temporary values in the resulting `Future` type returned by the `async fn` must

```
async fn bar() {}
async fn foo() {
    NotSend::default();
    bar().await;
}

fn require_send(_: impl Send) {}

fn main() {
    require_send(foo());
}
```

However, if we change `foo` to store `NotSend` in a variable,

```
async fn foo() {
    let x = NotSend::default();
    bar().await;
}
```

```

error[E0277]: `std::rc::Rc<()>` cannot be sent
--> src/main.rs:15:5
   |
15 |     require_send(foo());
   |     ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^ `std::rc::Rc<()>` cannot
   |
   = help: within `impl std::future::Future`, t
not implemented for `std::rc::Rc<()>`
   = note: required because it appears within t
   = note: required because it appears within t
std::future::Future, ()}`
   = note: required because it appears within t
generator@src/main.rs:7:16: 10:2 {NotSend, impl
   = note: required because it appears within t
`std::future::GenFuture<[static generator@src/m
std::future::Future, ()]}`
   = note: required because it appears within t
std::future::Future`
   = note: required because it appears within t
std::future::Future`
note: required by `require_send`
--> src/main.rs:12:1
   |
12 | fn require_send(_: impl Send) {}
   | ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^

```

error: aborting due to previous error

For more information about this error, try `rustc --explain E0277`

This error is correct. If we store `x` into a variable, it would be possible to call `.await`, at which point the `async fn` may be running `Send`, allowing it to travel across threads would be unsafe. It would be to drop the `Rc` before the `.await`, but unsafe.

In order to successfully work around this issue, you may consider encapsulating any non-`Send` variables. This makes it easier to ensure these variables do not live across an `.await` point.

```

async fn foo() {
    {
        let x = NotSend::default();
    }
    bar().await;
}

```

# Recursion

Internally, `async fn` creates a state machine type containing `.await`ed. This makes recursive `async fn`s a little tricky because the type has to contain itself:

```
// This function:
async fn foo() {
    step_one().await;
    step_two().await;
}
// generates a type like this:
enum Foo {
    First(StepOne),
    Second(StepTwo),
}

// So this function:
async fn recursive() {
    recursive().await;
    recursive().await;
}

// generates a type like this:
enum Recursive {
    First(Recursive),
    Second(Recursive),
}
```

This won't work—we've created an infinitely-sized type

```
error[E0733]: recursion in an `async fn` requires an infinite stack
--> src/lib.rs:1:22
   |
 1 | async fn recursive() {
   |                               ^ an `async fn` cannot be recursive
   = note: a recursive `async fn` must be rewritten to use Box::pin
```

In order to allow this, we have to introduce an indirect way to break the compiler limitations that just wrapping the calls isn't enough. To make this work, we have to make `recursive` return a `.boxed()` `async` block:

```
use futures::future::{BoxFuture, FutureExt};

fn recursive() -> BoxFuture<'static, ()> {
    async move {
        recursive().await;
        recursive().await;
    }.boxed()
}
```

# async in Traits

Currently, `async fn` cannot be used in traits on the stable Rust compiler. As of November 2022, an MVP of `async-fn-in-trait` is available on the nightly compiler tool chain, [see here for details](#).

In the meantime, there is a work around for the stable Rust compiler, [from crates.io](#).

Note that using these trait methods will result in a heap allocation, which is not a significant cost for the vast majority of applications. However, when deciding whether to use this functionality in the public API, it is expected to be called millions of times a second.

# The Async Ecosystem

Rust currently provides only the bare essentials for writing asynchronous programs: executors, tasks, reactors, combinators, and low-level primitives are provided in the standard library. In the meantime, crates fill in these gaps.

The Async Foundations Team is interested in extending support for multiple runtimes. If you're interested in contributing to this effort, see [our page](#) on [Zulip](#).

## Async Runtimes

Async runtimes are libraries used for executing asynchronous programs. They bundle together a *reactor* with one or more *executors*. A reactor handles external events, like async I/O, interprocess communication, and timers. Executors handle the scheduling and execution of tasks. They keep track of tasks, poll futures to completion, and wake tasks when they are ready. The term "executor" is frequently used interchangeably with "runtime" or "ecosystem" to describe a runtime bundled with components.

## Community-Provided Async Crates

### The Futures Crate

The [futures crate](#) contains traits and functions useful for writing asynchronous programs. It implements the `Stream`, `Sink`, `AsyncRead`, and `AsyncWrite` traits. These utilities and traits may eventually become part of the standard library.

The `futures` crate has its own executor, but not its own reactor. It does not support async I/O or timer futures. For this reason, it's not considered a full runtime. A good choice is to use utilities from `futures` with an executor from another crate.

### Popular Async Runtimes

There is no asynchronous runtime in the standard library. Several runtimes are recommended. The following crates provide popular runtimes:

- [Tokio](#): A popular async ecosystem with HTTP, gRPC, and more.
- [async-std](#): A crate that provides asynchronous components.
- [smol](#): A small, simplified async runtime. Provides wrapper structs like `UnixStream` or `TcpListener`.
- [fuchsia-async](#): An executor for use in the Fuchsia OS.

## Determining Ecosystem Compatibility

Not all async applications, frameworks, and libraries are compatible with every OS or platform. Most async code can be used with any of the frameworks and libraries require the use of a specific ecosystem, but not always documented, but there are several rules of thumb to help determine if a library, trait, or function depends on a specific ecosystem.

Any async code that interacts with async I/O, timers, in general, generally depends on a specific async executor or reactor. Async expressions, combinators, synchronization types, and other constructs are independent, provided that any nested futures are also independent. When beginning a project, it's recommended to research relevant crates to ensure compatibility with your chosen runtime and ecosystem.

Notably, `Tokio` uses the `mio` reactor and defines its own `AsyncRead` and `AsyncWrite` traits. On its own, it's not compatible with `smol`, which rely on the `async-executor` crate, and the `Future` trait defined in `futures`.

Conflicting runtime requirements can sometimes be resolved by allowing you to call code written for one runtime within another. The `async_compat` crate provides a compatibility layer between `Tokio` and `smol`.

Libraries exposing async APIs should not depend on a specific runtime if they need to spawn tasks or define their own async I/O. The binaries should be responsible for scheduling and running the tasks.

## Single Threaded vs Multi-Threaded

Async executors can be single-threaded or multi-threaded. The `executor` crate has both a single-threaded `LocalExecutor` and a multi-threaded `ThreadPoolExecutor`.

A multi-threaded executor makes progress on several threads, which greatly improves the execution for workloads with many tasks, but it's more complex to implement.

is usually more expensive. It is recommended to measure when you are choosing between a single- and a multi-t

Tasks can either be run on the thread that created the runtimes often provide functionality for spawning tasks are executed on separate threads, they should still be tasks on a multi-threaded executor, they must also be functions for spawning non- `send` tasks, which ensure that spawned it. They may also provide functions for spawning dedicated threads, which is useful for running blocking libraries.

# Final Project: Building a C Server with Async Rust

In this chapter, we'll use asynchronous Rust to modify `server` to serve requests concurrently.

## Recap

Here's what the code looked like at the end of the lesson:

```
src/main.rs:
```

```

use std::fs;
use std::io::prelude::*;
use std::net::TcpListener;
use std::net::TcpStream;

fn main() {
    // Listen for incoming TCP connections on 1
    let listener = TcpListener::bind("127.0.0.1

    // Block forever, handling each request tha
    for stream in listener.incoming() {
        let stream = stream.unwrap();

        handle_connection(stream);
    }
}

fn handle_connection(mut stream: TcpStream) {
    // Read the first 1024 bytes of data from t
    let mut buffer = [0; 1024];
    stream.read(&mut buffer).unwrap();

    let get = b"GET / HTTP/1.1\r\n";

    // Respond with greetings or a 404,
    // depending on the data in the request
    let (status_line, filename) = if buffer.sta
        ("HTTP/1.1 200 OK\r\n\r\n", "hello.html
    } else {
        ("HTTP/1.1 404 NOT FOUND\r\n\r\n", "404
    };
    let contents = fs::read_to_string(filename)

    // Write response back to the stream,
    // and flush the stream to ensure the respo
    let response = format!("{status_line}{conte
    stream.write_all(response.as_bytes()).unwra
    stream.flush().unwrap();
}

```

hello.html :

```

<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
  <head>
    <meta charset="utf-8">
    <title>Hello!</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>Hello!</h1>
    <p>Hi from Rust</p>
  </body>
</html>

```

404.html :

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
  <head>
    <meta charset="utf-8">
    <title>Hello!</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>Oops!</h1>
    <p>Sorry, I don't know what you're asking f
  </body>
</html>
```

If you run the server with `cargo run` and visit `127.0.0.1`, you will be greeted with a friendly message from Ferris!

# Running Asynchronous Co

An HTTP server should be able to serve multiple clients; it shouldn't wait for previous requests to complete before handling the next. [this problem](#) by creating a thread pool where each core can handle a request. Here, instead of improving throughput by adding threads, we'll use `async` using asynchronous code.

Let's modify `handle_connection` to return a future by

```
async fn handle_connection(mut stream: TcpStream)
    //<-- snip -->
}
```

Adding `async` to the function declaration changes its return type that implements `Future<Output=()>`.

If we try to compile this, the compiler warns us that it v

```
$ cargo check
    Checking async-rust v0.1.0 (file:///project)
warning: unused implementer of `std::future::Future`
--> src/main.rs:12:9
12 |         handle_connection(stream);
   |         ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^
   = note: `#[warn(unused_must_use)]` on by default
   = note: futures do nothing unless you `.await` or poll them
```

Because we haven't `await` ed or `poll` ed the result of `handle_connection`, if you run the server and visit `127.0.0.1:7878` in a browser, the connection is refused; our server is not handling requests.

We can't `await` or `poll` futures within synchronous code. To use an asynchronous runtime to handle scheduling and running futures, consult the [section on choosing a runtime](#) for more information about executors, and reactors. Any of the runtimes listed will work. In the examples, we've chosen to use the `async-std` crate.

## Adding an Async Runtime

The following example will demonstrate refactoring synchronous code to use an asynchronous runtime; here, `async-std`. The `#[async_std::main]` attribute

write an asynchronous main function. To use it, enable `std` in `Cargo.toml`:

```
[dependencies.async-std]
version = "1.6"
features = ["attributes"]
```

As a first step, we'll switch to an asynchronous main function returned by the async version of `handle_connection`. It responds. Here's what that would look like:

```
#[async_std::main]
async fn main() {
    let listener = TcpListener::bind("127.0.0.1")
    for stream in listener.incoming() {
        let stream = stream.unwrap();
        // Warning: This is not concurrent!
        handle_connection(stream).await;
    }
}
```

Now, let's test to see if our server can handle multiple connections at the same time, and we'll soon see why. `handle_connection` asynchronous doesn't mean that connections at the same time, and we'll soon see why.

To illustrate this, let's simulate a slow request. When a `127.0.0.1:7878/sleep`, our server will sleep for 5 seconds

```
use std::time::Duration;
use async_std::task;

async fn handle_connection(mut stream: TcpStream) {
    let mut buffer = [0; 1024];
    stream.read(&mut buffer).unwrap();

    let get = b"GET / HTTP/1.1\r\n";
    let sleep = b"GET /sleep HTTP/1.1\r\n";

    let (status_line, filename) = if buffer.starts_with(get) {
        ("HTTP/1.1 200 OK\r\n\r\n", "hello.html")
    } else if buffer.starts_with(sleep) {
        task::sleep(Duration::from_secs(5)).await;
        ("HTTP/1.1 200 OK\r\n\r\n", "hello.html")
    } else {
        ("HTTP/1.1 404 NOT FOUND\r\n\r\n", "404.html")
    };
    let contents = fs::read_to_string(filename).await;

    let response = format!("{status_line}{contents}");
    stream.write(response.as_bytes()).unwrap();
    stream.flush().unwrap();
}
```

This is very similar to the [simulation of a slow request](#). An important difference: we're using the non-blocking function `std::thread::sleep` instead of the blocking function `std::thread::sleep`. If a piece of code is run within an `async fn` and `await`, our server handles connections concurrently, we'll need it to be non-blocking.

If you run the server, you'll see that a request to `127.0.0.1` can handle incoming requests for 5 seconds! This is because there can be progress while we are `await`ing the result of a function call. In the next section, we'll see how to use `async` code to handle con

# Handling Connections Con

The problem with our code so far is that `listener.incoming` executor can't run other futures while `listener` waits can't handle a new connection until we're done with th

In order to fix this, we'll transform `listener.incoming` blocking `Stream`. Streams are similar to Iterators, but c more information, see the [chapter on Streams](#).

Let's replace our blocking `std::net::TcpListener` wit `async_std::net::TcpListener`, and update our connect `async_std::net::TcpStream`:

```
use async_std::prelude::*;

async fn handle_connection(mut stream: TcpStream) {
    let mut buffer = [0; 1024];
    stream.read(&mut buffer).await.unwrap();

    //<-- snip -->
    stream.write(response.as_bytes()).await.unwrap();
    stream.flush().await.unwrap();
}
```

The asynchronous version of `TcpListener` implement `listener.incoming()`, a change which provides two b `listener.incoming()` no longer blocks the executor. pending futures while there are no incoming TCP conn

The second benefit is that elements from the `Stream` c concurrently, using a `Stream`'s `for_each_concurrent` i this method to handle each incoming request concurr `Stream` trait from the `futures` crate, so our `Cargo.toml`

```
+ [dependencies]
+ futures = "0.3"

[dependencies.async-std]
version = "1.6"
features = ["attributes"]
```

Now, we can handle each connection concurrently by p through a closure function. The closure function takes run as soon as a new `TcpStream` becomes available. A not block, a slow request will no longer prevent other r

```

use async_std::net::TcpListener;
use async_std::net::TcpStream;
use futures::stream::StreamExt;

#[async_std::main]
async fn main() {
    let listener = TcpListener::bind("127.0.0.1
    listener
        .incoming()
        .for_each_concurrent(/* limit */ None,
            let tcpstream = tcpstream.unwrap();
            handle_connection(tcpstream).await;
        })
        .await;
}

```

## Serving Requests in Paral

Our example so far has largely presented concurrency to parallelism (using threads). However, async code an In our example, `for_each_concurrent` processes each same thread. The `async-std` crate allows us to spawn Because `handle_connection` is both `Send` and `non-bl` `async_std::task::spawn`. Here's what that would loo

```

use async_std::task::spawn;

#[async_std::main]
async fn main() {
    let listener = TcpListener::bind("127.0.0.1
    listener
        .incoming()
        .for_each_concurrent(/* limit */ None,
            let stream = stream.unwrap();
            spawn(handle_connection(stream));
        })
        .await;
}

```

Now we are using both concurrency and parallelism to time! See the [section on multithreaded executors](#) for r

# Testing the TCP Server

Let's move on to testing our `handle_connection` funct

First, we need a `TcpStream` to work with. In an end-to-end test, we want to make a real TCP connection to test our code. Creating a listener on `localhost` port 0. Port 0 isn't a valid UNIX port; an operating system will pick an open TCP port for us.

Instead, in this example we'll write a unit test for the `handle_connection` function. To ensure correct responses are returned for the respective input, we'll make the test deterministic. We'll replace the `TcpStream` with a mock.

First, we'll change the signature of `handle_connection`. The current signature doesn't actually require an `async_std::io::Read` trait, as it only uses `marker::Unpin`. Changing the type signature to reflect this will make testing easier.

```
use async_std::io::{Read, Write};

async fn handle_connection(mut stream: impl Read + Unpin) {
```

Next, let's build a mock `TcpStream` that implements the `Read` trait, with one method, `poll_read`. Our mock `TcpStream` will have a buffer that is copied into the read buffer, and we'll return `Poll::Ready` when the read is complete.

```

use super::*;
use futures::io::Error;
use futures::task::{Context, Poll};

use std::cmp::min;
use std::pin::Pin;

struct MockTcpStream {
    read_data: Vec<u8>,
    write_data: Vec<u8>,
}

impl Read for MockTcpStream {
    fn poll_read(
        self: Pin<&mut Self>,
        _: &mut Context,
        buf: &mut [u8],
    ) -> Poll<Result<usize, Error>> {
        let size: usize = min(self.read_data
            buf[..size].copy_from_slice(&self.r
            Poll::Ready(Ok(size))
        }
    }
}

```

Our implementation of `write` is very similar, although `poll_write`, `poll_flush`, and `poll_close`. `poll_write` mock `TcpStream`, and return `Poll::Ready` when com flush or close the mock `TcpStream`, so `poll_flush` an `Poll::Ready`.

```

impl Write for MockTcpStream {
    fn poll_write(
        mut self: Pin<&mut Self>,
        _: &mut Context,
        buf: &[u8],
    ) -> Poll<Result<usize, Error>> {
        self.write_data = Vec::from(buf);

        Poll::Ready(Ok(buf.len()))
    }

    fn poll_flush(self: Pin<&mut Self>, _:
Error>> {
        Poll::Ready(Ok(()))
    }

    fn poll_close(self: Pin<&mut Self>, _:
Error>> {
        Poll::Ready(Ok(()))
    }
}

```

Lastly, our mock will need to implement `Unpin`, signify safely be moved. For more information on pinning and [pinning](#).

```
impl Unpin for MockTcpStream {}
```

Now we're ready to test the `handle_connection` function. With `MockTcpStream` containing some initial data, we can run the test with the attribute `#[async_std::test]`, similarly to how we use `#[test]`. To verify that `handle_connection` works as intended, we'll check the `MockTcpStream` based on its initial contents.

```
use std::fs;

#[async_std::test]
async fn test_handle_connection() {
    let input_bytes = b"GET / HTTP/1.1\r\n";
    let mut contents = vec![0u8; 1024];
    contents[..input_bytes.len()].clone_from_slice(input_bytes);
    let mut stream = MockTcpStream {
        read_data: contents,
        write_data: Vec::new(),
    };

    handle_connection(&mut stream).await;

    let expected_contents = fs::read_to_string("test_data.txt").await;
    let expected_response = format!("HTTP/1.1 200 OK\r\n");
    assert!(stream.write_data.starts_with(expected_response));
}
```

# Appendix : Translations o

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