

How is *Erlang* pronounced?

AIR-lang

*air* rhymes with *fair*.

*lang* rhymes with *sang*.

Why is Erlang growing in popularity?

Concurrency - Erlang eliminates buggy threads, but tries to make processes as lightweight as possible.

Reliability - Erlang embraces a nondefensive "let it crash" attitude with regard to errors and offers zero-downtime hot-swapping of code.

What does an actor represent in Erlang?

Contrast this with Scala.

- In Scala an actor represents an object. A thread pool backs the running actors, but actors may have to share the same thread.
- In Erlang an actor represents a lightweight process. Each actor gets its own process.

How do you make comments?

How do you end a statement?

Inline comments begin with a percent sign.

Statements end with a period.



Lists are formed with ... and tuples with ...

What's the difference between them?

... square brackets ... curly brackets.

Tuples are fixed-length.

How are Erlang variables different from variables in imperative languages?

Erlang variables can only be assigned once.