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OTP - overview and principles



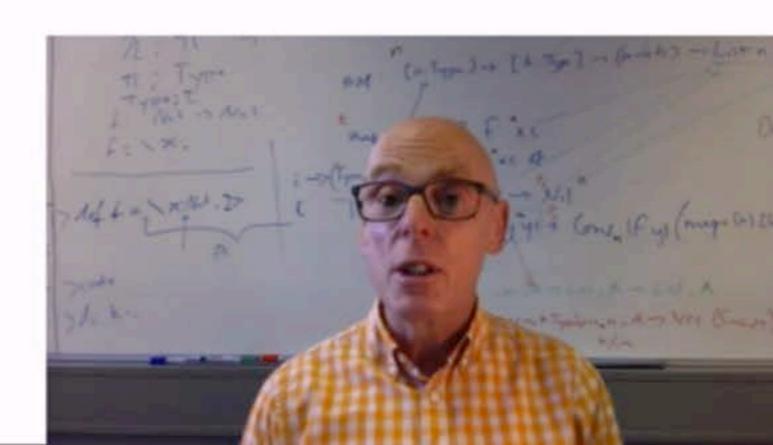


Erlang grows up ...

Erlang gets used in a lot of different projects ...

...the same kinds of software keep being written,

... and there's a need to recruit and train new staff in Erlang.





The Open Telecom Platform

Libraries

Protocols, web server, distribution, ...

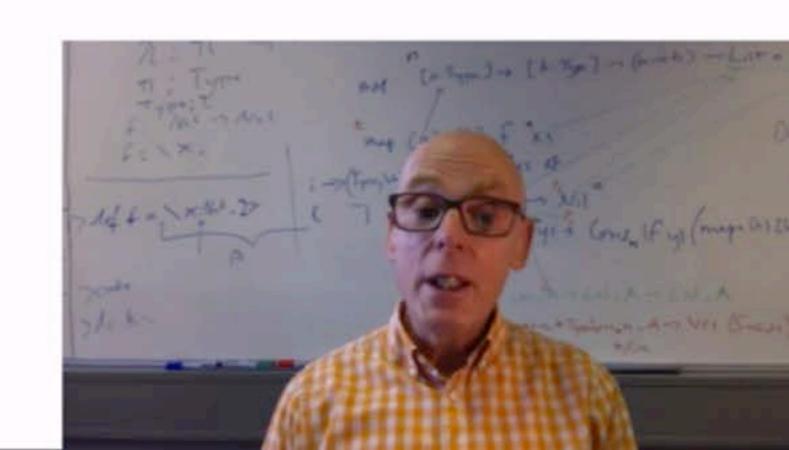
Design patterns

Server, finite state machine, event handler, supervisor, ...

Generic behaviours

Implement the design patterns ...

... all you need to do is plug in your specific functionality.

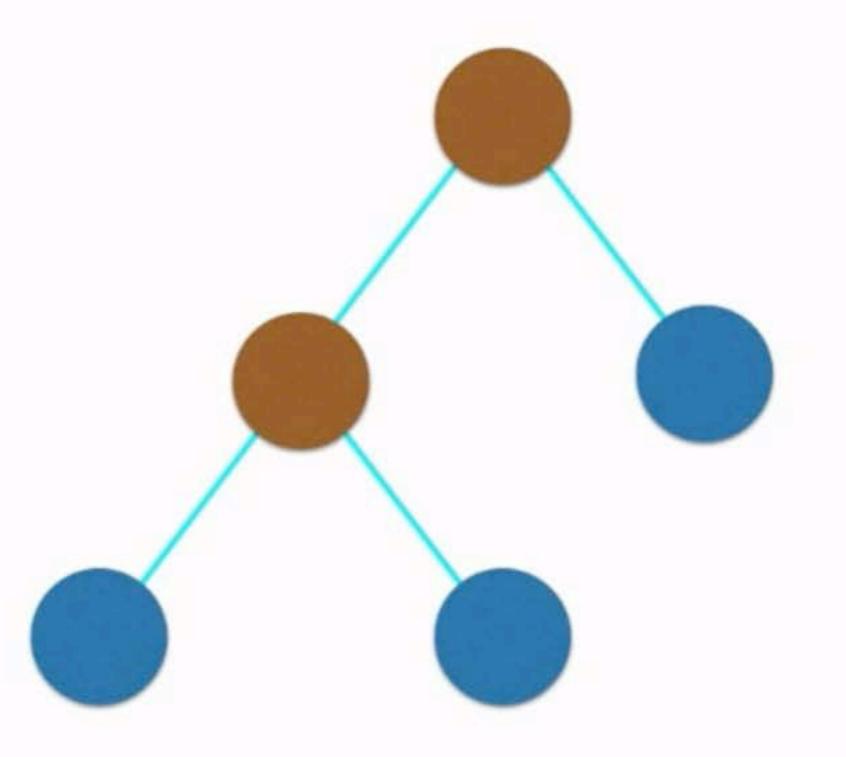




Supervisors

Generic

Spawning the supervisor
Starting the children
Monitoring the children
Restarting the children
Stopping the supervisor
Cleaning up



Specific

Which children to start
Specific child handling
Start, Restart, ...
Child dependencies
Supervisor name

Supervisor behaviours

Behaviours

Higher-order functions: pass functions as parameters, e.g.

```
map(F,[]) -> [];
map(F,[X|Xs]) -> [F(X)|map(F,Xs)].
```

A behaviour does the same thing at the module level.

Supply an implementation module for the callback interface to use it.

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```
-module(set).
-export([behaviour info/1]).
-export([insert/3,nil/1]).
behaviour info(callbacks) ->
  [ {lt,2}, {eq,2} ... ]; ...
insert(Mod, X, [Y|Ys]) ->
  case Mod:lt(X,Y) of ...
nil( Mod) -> [].
-module(nums).
-behaviour(set).
-export([lt/2,eq/2,]).
-export([insert/2,nil/0]).
lt(A,B) \rightarrow A < B.
eq(A,B) \rightarrow A==B.
insert(A,As) -> set:insert(?MODULE,A,As).
nil()
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Rely/guarantee contract

A behaviour relies on someone providing an implementation of the callback functions 1t and eq ...

... given these, it will supply implementations of set functions, namely insert and nil.

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