OTP TEAM UPDATE

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Agenda

- Planned Releases
- OTP 23 Highlights
- Long term

Planned Releases



OTP 23

Distributed spawn ERTS

Distributed spawn

- Scalability and performance improvements
- A distributed spawn_monitor() BIF.
 {Pid, MRef} = spawn_monitor(fun client/0)
- Monitor option in the distributed spawn_opt() BIF.
- New spawn_request() BIFs for asynchronous spawn of processes.

Distributed spawn cont'd

```
1> spawn_monitor(fun () -> ok end).
{<0.90.0>, #Ref<0.3028519357.3081764867.128771>}
2> flush().
Shell got {'DOWN', #Ref<0.3028519357.3081764867.128771>, process, <0.90.0>,
                  normal}
ok
3> spawn_request(fun () -> ok end).
#Ref<0.3028519357.3081764867.128750>
4> flush().
Shell got {spawn_reply, #Ref<0.3028519357.3081764867.128750>, ok, <0.87.0>}
ok
5>
```

ETS – decentralized_counters ERTS, stdlib

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- Improved scalability of concurrent calls (all ETS table types): ets:insert/2, ets:delete/2
- This may come at the cost of longer latency: ets:info(T,size), ets:info(T,memory).
- New table option decentralized_counters has been added
 - Default true: ordered_set with write_concurrency enabled
 - False otherwise

New arity-1 functions with utf8

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```
atom_to_binary/1
binary_to_atom /1
binary_to_existing_atom/1
```

Matching syntax improvements

ERTS, compiler

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```
example1(<<Size:8,Payload:((Size-1)*8)/binary,Rest/binary>>) ->
    {Payload,Rest}.

example2(M, X) ->
    Key = {tag,X},
    #{Key := Value} = M,
    Value.

illegal example(Key, #{Key := Value}) -> Value.
```

Numeric literals with underscore compiler

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1> 123_456_789.

123456789

2> 16#1234_ABCD.

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Distributed Named Process Groups

kernel

Distributed Named Process Groups

- Module: pg (pg2 is depricated)
- A new implementation of distributed named process groups
- Process Groups implement strong eventual consistency
- Process groups can be organised into multiple scopes.
- Scopes are designed to decouple the single mesh into a set of overlay networks.

New erpc module kernel

New erpc module

- Implements an enhanced subset of the operations provided by the rpc module.
- Now possible to distinguish between returned value, raised exceptions, and other errors.
- Better performance and scalability by utilizing the newly introduced spawn request() BIF.

Help in the shell kernel

Help in the shell

- EEP 48: Documentation storage and format
- Doc build generates .chunk files for all OTP
- On-line help in the shell
 h(Module), h(Module, Function),
 h(Module, Function, Arity)
- New module shell_docs in stdlib with functions render/{1,2,3}
- New function code:get_doc(Module) which returns the doc chunk without loading the module.

Help in the shell cont'd

Returns a list containing the sorted elements of List1, according to the ordering function Fun. Fun(A, B) is to return true if A compares less than or equal to B in the ordering, otherwise false.

Container friendly features kernel

Container friendly features

- Improved handshake in the Erlang distribution protocol (makes it independent on EPMD)
- CPU quotas are now taken into account when deciding the default number of online schedulers: e.g. docker with the --cpus flag.
- New option: erl_call -address [Host]:Port

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Build with WSL on Windows

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- The Windows version is now built with WSL
- Easier to maintain the build "scripts"

SSH/SSL/crypto

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• **SSH**:

TCP/IP port forwarding aka. tunneling

• SSL:

- TLS 1.3 client (22.1, 23)
- Session tickets: stateful and stateless (22.3, 23)
- Key update mechanism (22.3, 23)
- TLS 1.3 is configured by default* (23)
- SSLv3 removed!

• crypto:

New crypto API

Long term

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- Taking active role in EEF workgroups
- Cloud, Container and micro-service friendly
- Replacing inet driver by using socket NIFs
- gen_udp, gen_sctp APIs based on socket NIF
- IDE/Editor support via Language Server (LSP)
- QUIC-TLS, QUIC

