

WEEK-5 PRESENTED BY NOLLEH

LEARN U Erlang



CHAPTER. 11

MORE ON MULTI PROCESSING

STATE YOUR STATE

- ▶ no huge advantage if they are just functions with message
- ▶ process act like fridge - store / taking

```
fridge1() ->  
  receive  
    {From, {store, _Food}} ->  
      From ! {self(), ok},  
      fridge1();  
    {From, {take, _Food}} ->  
      From ! {self(), not_found},  
      fridge1();  
  terminate -> ok  
end.
```

STATE YOUR STATE

► pass all

```
fridge2(FoodList) ->  
  receive  
    {From, {store, Food}} ->  
      From ! {self(), ok},  
      fridge2([Food|FoodList]);
```

STATE YOUR STATE

► pass all - 2

```
{From, {take, Food}} ->  
  case lists:member(Food, FoodList) of  
    true ->  
      From ! {self(), {ok, Food}},  
      fridge2(lists:delete(Food, FoodList));  
    false ->  
      From ! {self(), not_found},  
      fridge2(FoodList)  
  end;  
  terminate ->  
    ok  
end.
```

STATE YOUR STATE

► test

```
5> Pid ! {self(), {store, bacon}}.  
    {<0.33.0>,{store,bacon}}  
6> Pid ! {self(), {take, bacon}}.  
    {<0.33.0>,{take,bacon}}  
7> Pid ! {self(), {take, turkey}}.  
    {<0.33.0>,{take,turkey}}  
8> flush().  
    Shell got {<0.51.0>,ok}  
    Shell got {<0.51.0>,{ok,bacon}}  
    Shell got {<0.51.0>,not_found}  
    ok
```

STATE YOUR STATE

- ▶ makes help functions

```
store(Pid, Food) ->  
  Pid ! {self(), {store, Food}},  
  receive  
    {Pid, Msg} -> Msg  
  end.
```

```
take(Pid, Food) ->  
  Pid ! {self(), {take, Food}},  
  receive  
    {Pid, Msg} -> Msg  
  end.
```

STATE YOUR STATE

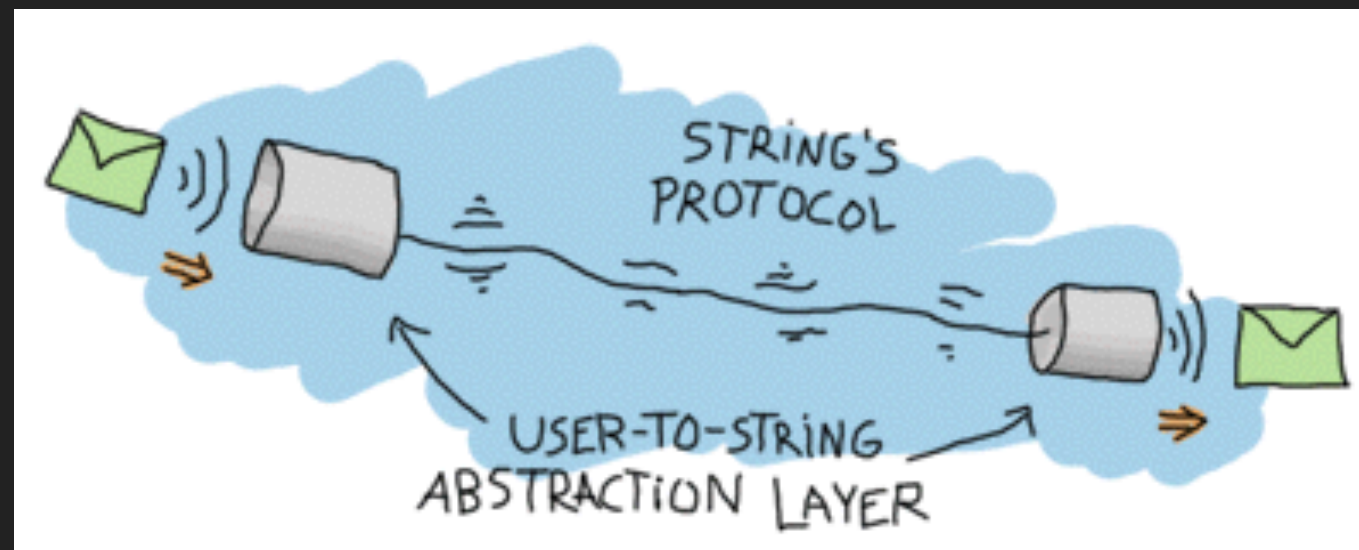
► using it

```
10> f().  
ok  
11> Pid = spawn(kitchen, fridge2, [[baking_soda]]).  
<0.73.0>  
12> kitchen:store(Pid, water).  
ok  
13> kitchen:take(Pid, water).  
{ok,water}  
14> kitchen:take(Pid, juice).  
not_found
```


STATE YOUR STATE

- ▶ uh - hum. let's wrap spawn.

```
start(FoodList) ->  
  spawn(?MODULE, fridge2, [FoodList]).
```



STATE YOUR STATE

► using it

```
15> f().  
    ok  
16> c(kitchen).  
    {ok,kitchen}  
17> Pid = kitchen:start([rhubarb, dog, hotdog]).  
    <0.84.0>  
18> kitchen:take(Pid, dog).  
    {ok,dog}  
19> kitchen:take(Pid, dog).  
    not_found
```

STATE YOUR STATE

- ▶ in normal case, what happen?

```
20> kitchen:take(pid, dog).
```

- ▶ A message to take food is sent from you (the shell) to the fridge process;
- ▶ Your process switches to receive mode and waits for a new message;
- ▶ The fridge removes the item and sends it to your process;
- ▶ Your process receives it and moves on with its life.

STATE YOUR STATE

- ▶ what happen?

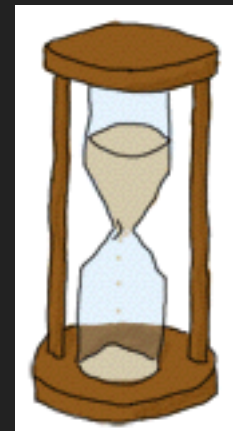
```
20> kitchen:take(pid(0,250,0), dog).
```

- ▶ A message to take food is sent from you (the shell) to an unknown process;
- ▶ Your process switches to receive mode and waits for a new message;
- ▶ The unknown process either doesn't exist or doesn't expect such a message and does nothing with it;
- ▶ Your shell process is stuck in receive mode.

TIMEOUT

► timeout

```
receive  
  Match -> Expression1  
  after Delay ->  
    Expression2  
end.
```



TIMEOUT

► use timeout 3000

```
store2(Pid, Food) ->  
  Pid ! {self(), {store, Food}},  
  receive  
    {Pid, Msg} -> Msg  
    after 3000 -> timeout  
  end.  
take2(Pid, Food) ->  
  Pid ! {self(), {take, Food}},  
  receive  
    {Pid, Msg} -> Msg  
    after 3000 -> timeout  
  end.
```

TIMEOUT

► using it

User switch command

--> k

--> s

--> c

Eshell V5.7.5 (abort with ^G)

1> c(kitchen).

{ok,kitchen}

2> kitchen:take2(pid(0,250,0), dog).

timeout

TIMEOUT

► special cases

```
sleep(T) ->  
  receive  
  after T -> ok  
end.
```

```
flush() ->  
  receive  
  _ -> flush()  
  after 0 ->  
    ok  
end.
```


SELECTIVE RECEIVES

► give priority

```
important() ->  
  receive  
    {Priority, Message} when Priority > 10 ->  
      [Message | important()]  
  after 0 ->  
    normal()  
end.
```

SELECTIVE RECEIVES

► give priority

```
normal() ->  
  receive  
    {_, Message} ->  
      [Message | normal()]  
  after 0 ->  
    []  
  end.
```

SELECTIVE RECEIVES

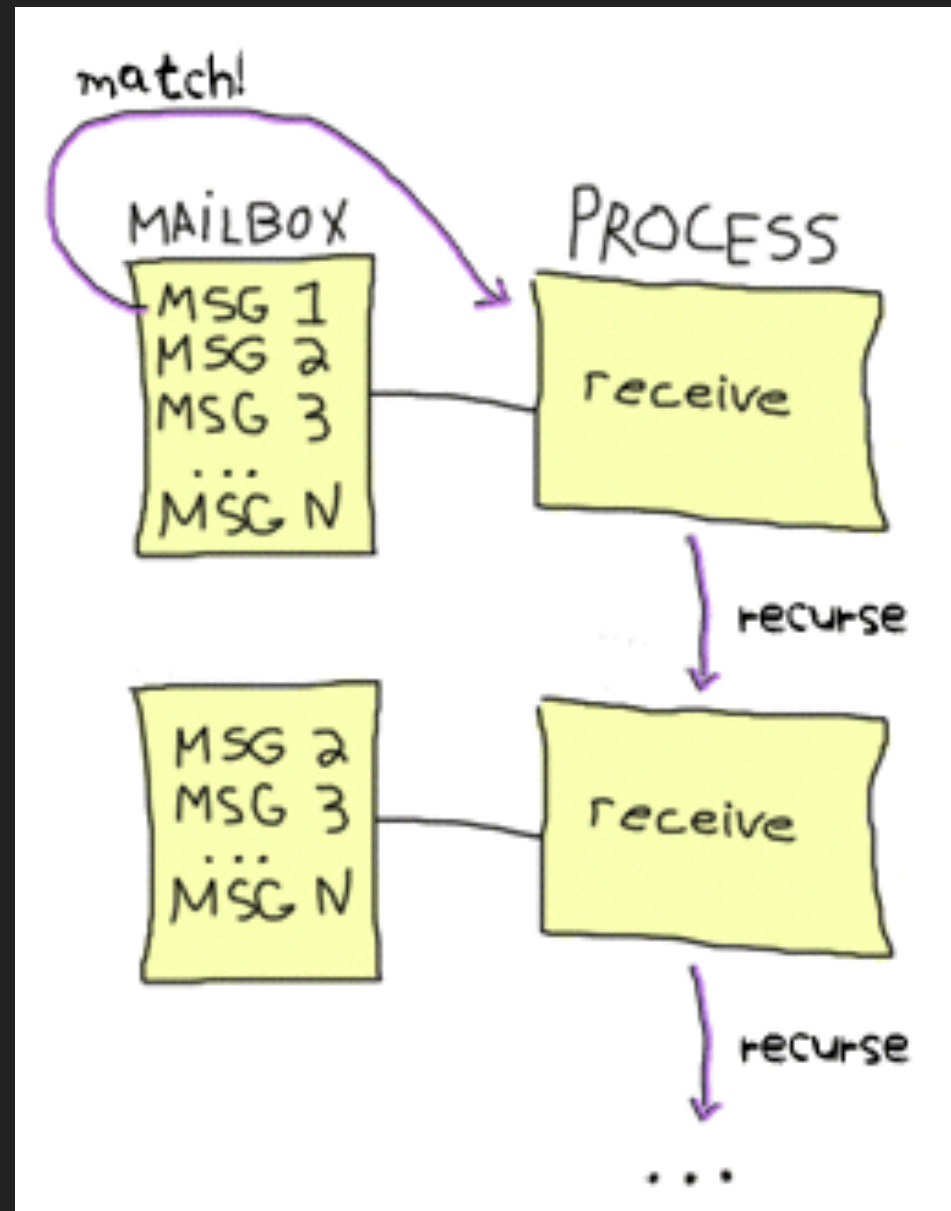
▶ give priority

```
1> c(multiproc).  
   {ok,multiproc}  
2> self() ! {15, high}, self() ! {7, low}, self() ! {1, low}, self() ! {17, high}.  
   {17,high}  
3> multiproc:important().  
   [high,high,low,low]
```

▶ before after routine is started, try to grab every message..

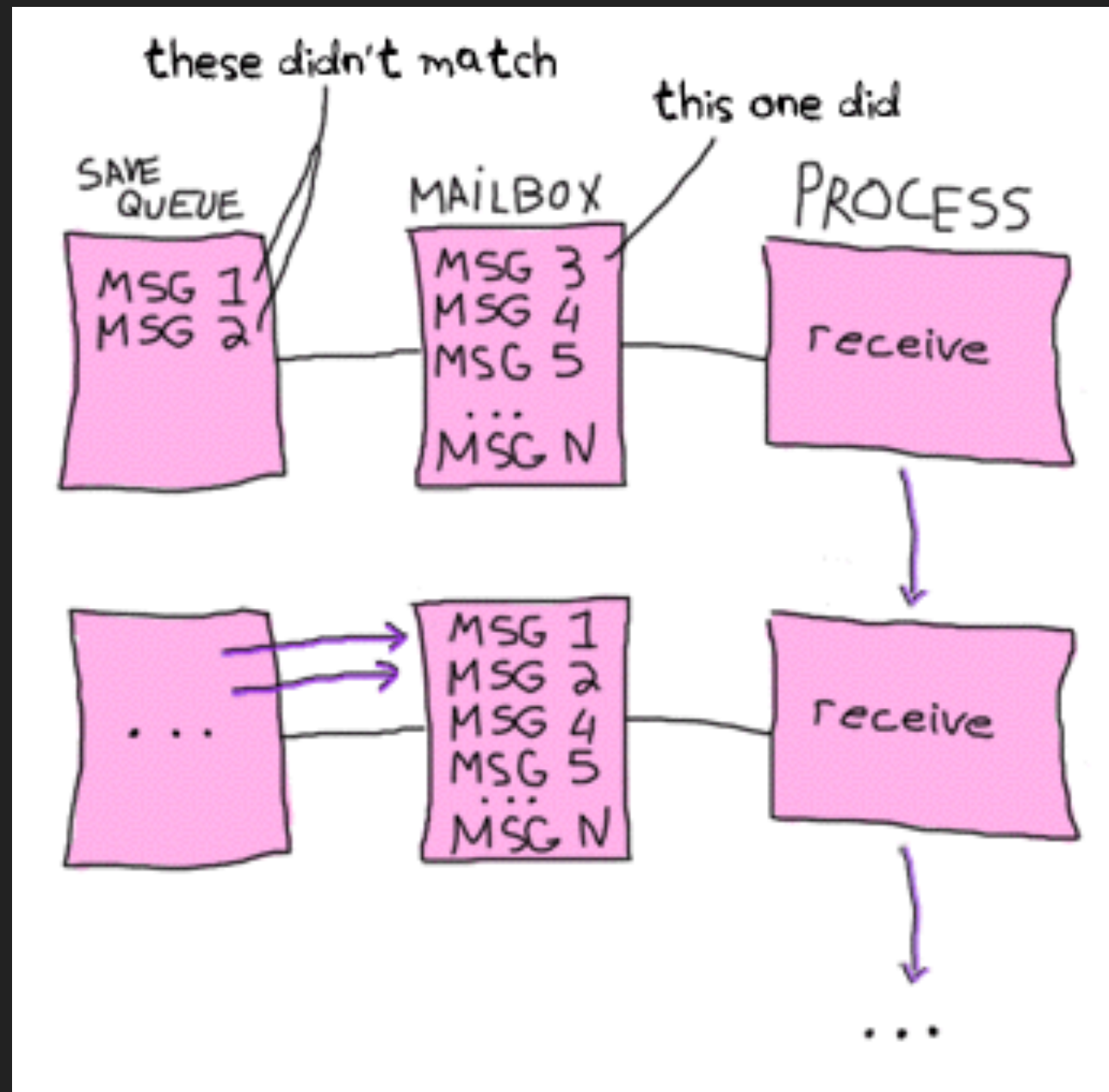
SELECTIVE RECEIVES

► be care!



SELECTIVE RECEIVES

► be care!



SELECTIVE RECEIVES

- ▶ be care!
 - ▶ if your process has a lot of messages you never care about, reading useful messages will actually take longer and longer (and the processes will grow in size too).
- ▶ ask your self
 - ▶ why you are getting messages you do not want ?

SELECTIVE RECEIVES

► defensive measure

```
receive
  Pattern1 -> Expression1;
  Pattern2 -> Expression2;
  Pattern3 -> Expression3;
  ...
  PatternN -> ExpressionN;
  Unexpected ->
    io:format("unexpected message ~p~n", [Unexpected])
end.
```

SELECTIVE RECEIVES

- ▶ unexpected message out of the mailbox and show a warning
- ▶ you can logging it
- ▶ more smarter way to implement priority message..
 - ▶ using min_heap / gb_tree (smallest.. largest..)
 - ▶ but what if most of message has high-priority... ??
 - ▶ optimized/1, make_ref() > R14A



CHAPTER. 12

ERRORS AND PROCESSES

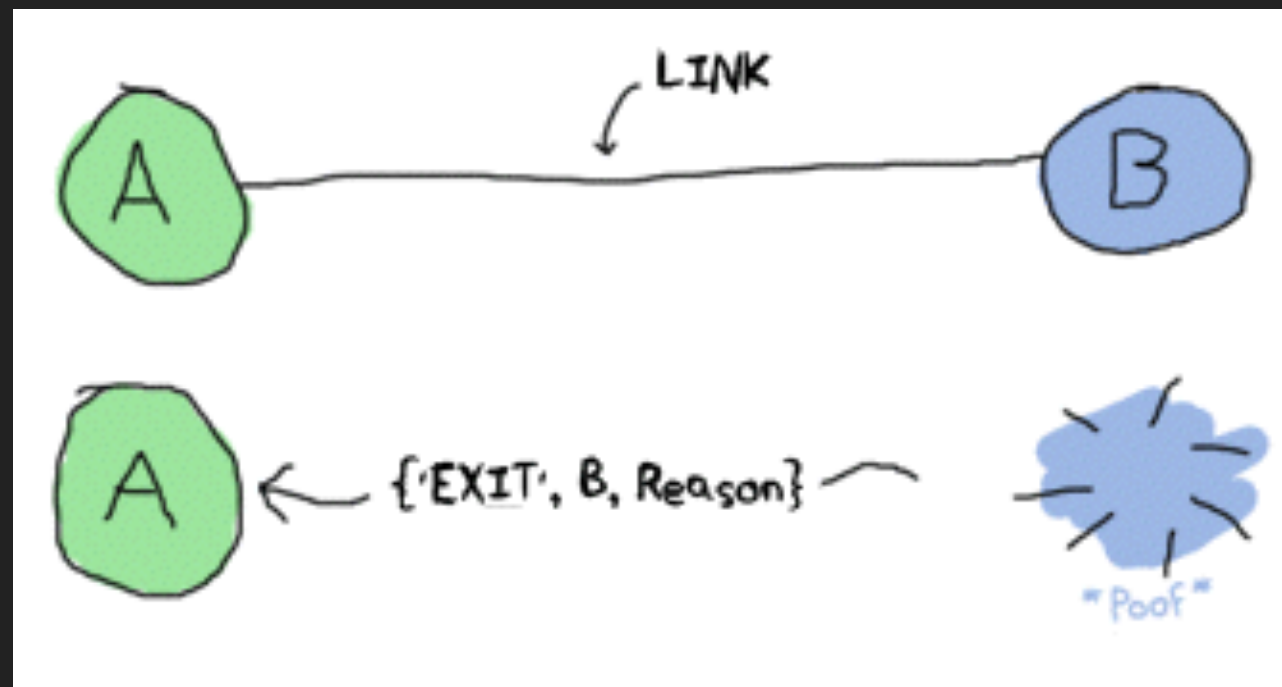
LINKS

▶ relation

```
myproc() ->  
  timer:sleep(5000),  
  exit(reason).
```

```
1> c(linkmon).  
  {ok,linkmon}  
2> spawn(fun linkmon:myproc/0).  
  <0.52.0>  
3> link(spawn(fun linkmon:myproc/0)).  
  true  
  ** exception error: reason
```

LINKS



- ▶ `{EXIT, B, Reason}` message can not be caught with a `try ... catch` as usual

LINKS

► relation

```
chain(0) ->  
  receive  
    _ -> ok  
  after 2000 ->  
    exit("chain dies here")  
end;  
chain(N) ->  
  Pid = spawn(fun() -> chain(N-1) end),  
  link(Pid),  
  receive  
    _ -> ok  
end.
```

LINKS

► using it

```
4> c(linkmon).  
{ok,linkmon}  
5> link(spawn(linkmon, chain, [3])).  
true  
** exception error: "chain dies here"
```

```
[shell] == [3] == [2] == [1] == [0]  
[shell] == [3] == [2] == [1] == *dead*  
[shell] == [3] == [2] == *dead*  
[shell] == [3] == *dead*  
[shell] == *dead*  
*dead, error message shown*  
[shell] <-- restarted
```

LINKS

- ▶ link/1 happens more than one step

spawn_link/1-3

- ▶ atomic

IT'S A TRAP!

- ▶ error propagation is similar with message passing, but it is special type of message, signal.
- ▶ killing part is link. how about quick restarting ?
- ▶ system processes

```
process_flag(trap_exit, true)
```



IT'S A TRAP!

► example

```
1> process_flag(trap_exit, true).  
   true  
2> spawn_link(fun() -> linkmon:chain(3) end).  
3> receive X -> X end.
```

```
[shell] == [3] == [2] == [1] == [0]  
[shell] == [3] == [2] == [1] == *dead*  
[shell] == [3] == [2] == *dead*  
[shell] == [3] == *dead*  
[shell] <-- {'EXIT,Pid,"chain dies here"} -- *dead*  
[shell] <-- still alive!
```


IT'S A TRAP!

- ▶ Let's first set the bases to experiment without a system process

Exception source: spawn_link(fun() -> ok end)

Untrapped Result: - nothing -

Trapped Result: {'EXIT', <0.61.0>, normal}

The process exited normally, without a problem. Note that this looks a bit like the result of `catch exit(normal)`, except a PID is added to the tuple to know what process failed.

IT'S A TRAP!

- ▶ Let's first set the bases to experiment without a system process

Exception source: spawn_link(fun() -> exit(reason) end)

Untrapped Result: ** exception exit: reason

Trapped Result: {'EXIT', <0.55.0>, reason}

The process has terminated for a custom reason. In this case, if there is no trapped exit, the process crashes. Otherwise, you get the above message

IT'S A TRAP!

- ▶ Let's first set the bases to experiment without a system process

blah blah...
see Your Book. they are listed in same way..

IT'S A TRAP!

- ▶ `exit/2` - kill another one from a distance, safely

```
exit(self(), normal) % same  
exit(spawn_link(fun() -> timer:sleep(50000) end), normal) % no effect
```

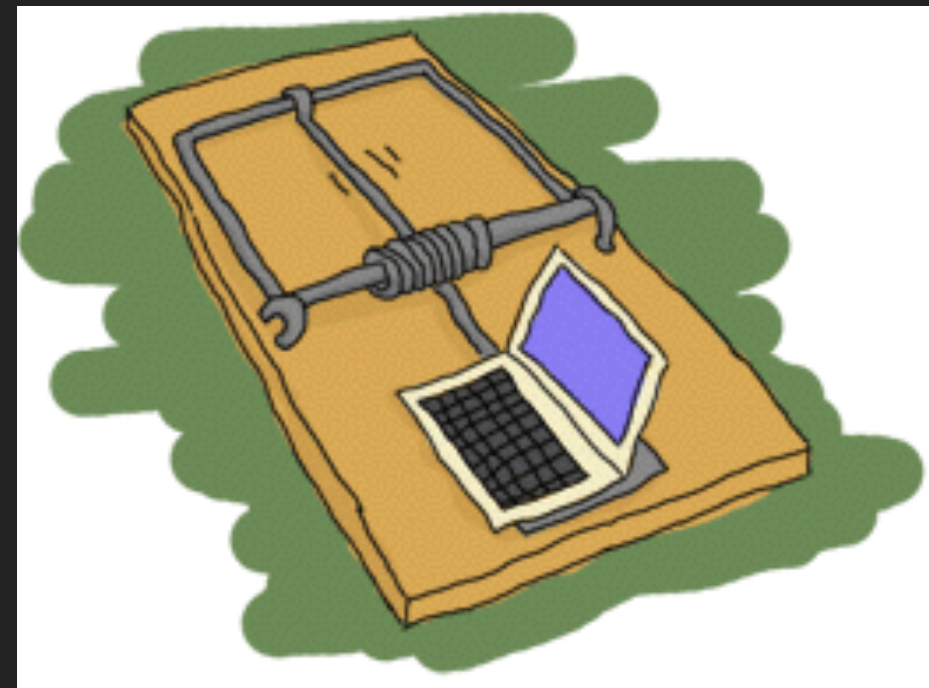
```
exit(spawn_link(fun() -> timer:sleep(50000) end), kill)  
% Trapped Result: {'EXIT', <0.58.0>, killed}
```

```
exit(self(), kill)  
% Trapped Result: ** exception exit: killed
```

```
Exception source: spawn_link(fun() -> exit(kill) end)  
% Untrapped Result: ** exception exit: killed  
% Trapped Result: {'EXIT', <0.67.0>, kill}
```

IT'S A TRAP!

- ▶ kill
 - ▶ you might want to brutally murder a process
- ▶ killed
 - ▶ prevent cascading die



MONITORS

- ▶ monitor - special type of link
 - ▶ they are unidirectional;
 - ▶ they can be stacked.
- ▶ if you have 2 or 3 different libraries that you call and they all need to know whether a process is alive or not?
 - ▶ not stackable.. (you unlink one, you unlink them all)

MONITORS

► example

```
1> erlang:monitor(process, spawn(fun() -> timer:sleep(500) end)).  
   #Ref<0.0.0.77>  
2> flush().  
   Shell got {'DOWN',#Ref<0.0.0.77>,process,<0.63.0>,normal}  
   ok
```


MONITORS

- ▶ `recv`

```
{'DOWN', MonitorReference, process, Pid, Reason}
```

- ▶ `reference` : to demonitor

- ▶ `atomic operation`

```
spawn_monitor/1-3
```


MONITORS

► demonitor

demonitor/1

```
3> {Pid, Ref} = spawn_monitor(fun() -> receive _ -> exit(boom) end
    end).
    {<0.73.0>,#Ref<0.0.0.100>}
4> erlang:demonitor(Ref).
    true
5> Pid ! die.
    die
6> flush().
    ok
```

MONITORS

► demonitor

demonitor/2

```
8> {Pid, Ref} = spawn_monitor(fun() -> receive _ -> exit(boom) end
end).
{<0.35.0>,#Ref<0.0.0.35>}
9> Pid ! die.
die
10> erlang:demonitor(Ref, [flush, info]).
false
11> flush().
ok
```

NAMING PROCESSES

▶ another problem 1 - 1

```
start_critic() ->
  spawn(?MODULE, critic, []).

judge(Pid, Band, Album) ->
  Pid ! {self(), {Band, Album}},
  receive
    {Pid, Criticism} -> Criticism
  after 2000 ->
    timeout
  end.
```

NAMING PROCESSES

▶ another problem 1- 2

```
critic() ->
  receive
    {From, {"Rage Against the Turing Machine", "Unit Testify"}} ->
      From ! {self(), "They are great!"};
    {From, {"System of a Downtime", "Memoize"}} ->
      From ! {self(), "They're not Johnny Crash but they're good."};
    {From, {"Johnny Crash", "The Token Ring of Fire"}} ->
      From ! {self(), "Simply incredible."};
    {From, {_Band, _Album}} ->
      From ! {self(), "They are terrible!"}
  end,
critic().
```

NAMING PROCESSES

▶ another problem 1- 3

```
1> c(linkmon).
{ok,linkmon}
2> Critic = linkmon:start_critic().
<0.47.0>
3> linkmon:judge(Critic, "Genesis", "The Lambda Lies Down on
Broadway").
"They are terrible!"
4> exit(Critic, solar_storm).
true
5> linkmon:judge(Critic, "Genesis", "A trick of the Tail Recursion").
timeout
```

NAMING PROCESSES

▶ another problem 1-4

```
start_critic2() ->
  spawn(?MODULE, restarter, []).
restarter() ->
  process_flag(trap_exit, true),
  Pid = spawn_link(?MODULE, critic, []),
  receive
    {'EXIT', Pid, normal} -> % not a crash
    ok;
    {'EXIT', Pid, shutdown} -> % manual termination, not a crash
    ok;
    {'EXIT', Pid, _} ->
  restarter()
end.
```

NAMING PROCESSES

- ▶ there is no way to find the Pid of the critic !!!

```
start_critic2() ->
  spawn(?MODULE, restarter, []).
restarter() ->
  process_flag(trap_exit, true),
  Pid = spawn_link(?MODULE, critic, []),
  receive
    {'EXIT', Pid, normal} -> % not a crash
    ok;
    {'EXIT', Pid, shutdown} -> % manual termination, not a crash
    ok;
    {'EXIT', Pid, _} ->
  restarter()
end.
```

NAMING PROCESSES

- ▶ there is no way to find the Pid of the critic !!!

```
erlang:register/2
```

- ▶ If the process dies, it will automatically lose its name or you can also use unregister/1 to do it manually

```
erlang:unregister/2
```

- ▶ get list all registered process

```
erlang:registered/0 ..... in shell, regs()
```


NAMING PROCESSES

► solve problem with register

```
restarter() ->
  process_flag(trap_exit, true),
  Pid = spawn_link(?MODULE, critic, []),
  register(critic, Pid),
  receive
    {'EXIT', Pid, normal} -> % not a crash
    ok;
    {'EXIT', Pid, shutdown} -> % manual termination, not a crash
    ok;
    {'EXIT', Pid, _} ->
  restarter()
end.
```

NAMING PROCESSES

- ▶ solve problem with register

```
judge2(Band, Album) ->  
  critic ! {self(), {Band, Album}},  
  Pid = whereis(critic),  
  receive  
    {Pid, Criticism} -> Criticism  
  after 2000 ->  
    timeout  
  end.
```

NAMING PROCESSES

- ▶ no, it ISN'T solving problem, completely.

1. critic ! Message
2. critic receives
3. critic replies
4. critic dies
5. whereis fails
6. critic is restarted
7. code crashes

1. critic ! Message
2. critic receives
3. critic replies
4. critic dies
5. critic is restarted
6. whereis picks up
wrong pid
7. message never matches

- ▶ critic: shared state / race condition

NAMING PROCESSES

- ▶ solve problem considering pid's differentiable 1

```
judge2(Band, Album) ->  
  Ref = make_ref(),  
  critic ! {self(), Ref, {Band, Album}},  
  receive  
    {Ref, Criticism} -> Criticism  
  after 2000 ->  
    timeout  
  end.
```

NAMING PROCESSES

- ▶ solve problem considering pid's differentiable 2

```
critic2() ->
  receive
    {From, Ref, {"Rage Against the Turing Machine", "Unit Testify"}} ->
      From ! {Ref, "They are great!"};
    {From, Ref, {"System of a Downtime", "Memoize"}} ->
      From ! {Ref, "They're not Johnny Crash but they're good."};
    {From, Ref, {"Johnny Crash", "The Token Ring of Fire"}} ->
      From ! {Ref, "Simply incredible."};
    {From, Ref, {_Band, _Album}} ->
      From ! {Ref, "They are terrible!"}
  end,
critic2().
```

NAMING PROCESSES

- ▶ solve problem considering pid's differentiable 3

```
6> c(linkmon).  
  {ok,linkmon}  
7> linkmon:start_critic2().  
  <0.55.0>  
8> linkmon:judge2("The Doors", "Light my Firewall").  
  "They are terrible!"  
9> exit(whereis(critic), kill).  
  true  
10> linkmon:judge2("Rage Against the Turing Machine",  
  "Unit Testify").  
  "They are great!"
```