

Programming Models

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Implicit vs. Explicit Concurrency

Programming Language Support

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Programming Models for Concurrency

- Required: representation of concurrent entities (processes, threads, ...)
- Desired:
 - management of concurrent entities (create, terminate, ...)
 - resource protection (memory, devices, ...)
 - contention management (mutual exclusion, ...)
 - synchronization (semaphores, monitors, ...)
 - communication (message passing, remote procedure calls, shared memory, ...)

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Explicit Concurrency

- Ada, C++, Rust, ~~Ruby, Python~~
- C# , other .net languages
- Java, Scala
- CSP, occam
- Erlang
- Go
- Swift
- Chapel, X10, UPC++, Charm++
- Algol 68, Modula-2, Modula-3

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Implicit Concurrency

- functional languages: Lisp, Haskell, (O)Caml, Miranda, Spark ...
- Prolog
- dataflow: Esterel, Lustre, Signal, TensorFlow, Legion, PaRSEC, ...

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Implicit Concurrency in Functional Languages

- Quicksort in a functional language (here: Haskell):

```
qsort[] = []  
qsort(x:xs) = qsort[y | y <- xs, y < x] ++ [x] ++ qsort[y | y <- xs, y >= x]
```

- Pure functional programming is side-effect free

- Parameters can be evaluated independently; could run concurrently

- Lazy evaluation:

```
borderline = (n /= 0) && (g(n) > h(n))
```

- If $n = 0$ then the evaluation of $g(n)$ and $h(n)$ can be avoided

- Concurrent evaluation should be interruptible

- Short-circuit evaluation assumes explicit sequential execution:

```
if Pointer /= nil and then Pointer.next = nil then ...
```

Library Support

- message passing: MPI
- POSIX processes
- POSIX threads (shared memory)

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