

# Erlang

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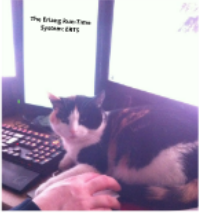
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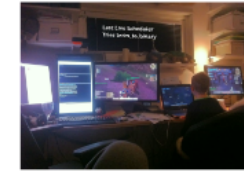


**ERTS & Performance**

- Code re-compile
- Scheduling
- Memory management
- Local cluster strategies
- GC
- I/O

**A Tuning Strategy**

Monitor your application behavior.  
Monitor your concurrency model.  
Understand your architecture.  
Profile and analyze its use.  
Know your scaling options.  
Tune and test.



## What is ERTS?

ERTS is the Erlang Runtime System.

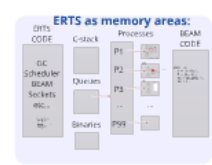
## ERTS as source code:

See: [OTP]/erts/  
emulator/  
beam/  
etc/  
beam/  
hipe/  
etc/

## ERTS as components:

The BEAM interpreter  
The Scheduler  
The Garbage Collector

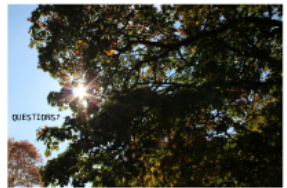
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Sharing

```

    GC Scheduler
    Sockets
    BEAM
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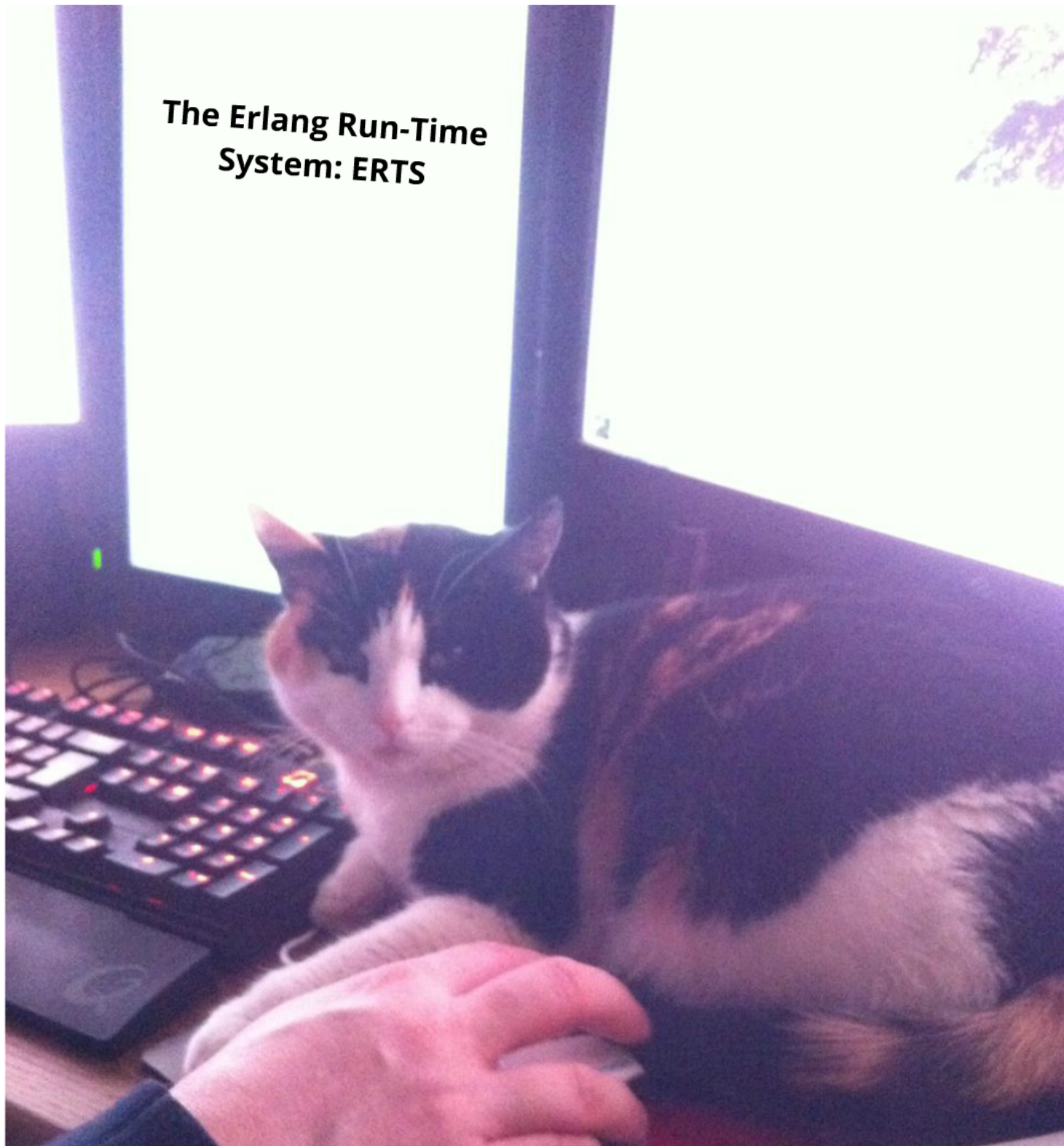


**Lessons learned:**

- With the Erlang Runtime System, it's possible to run a multi-process application on a single node.
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Initialization:  
Do a GC, to a temp area.  
Check size.  
Allocate a minimal memory area.  
reset live data.

**The Erlang Run-Time  
System: ERTS**



A scenic photograph of a sunset over a forest. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow across the sky and reflecting on a body of water in the foreground. The trees are silhouetted against the bright light, and a lens flare is visible on the right side of the image.

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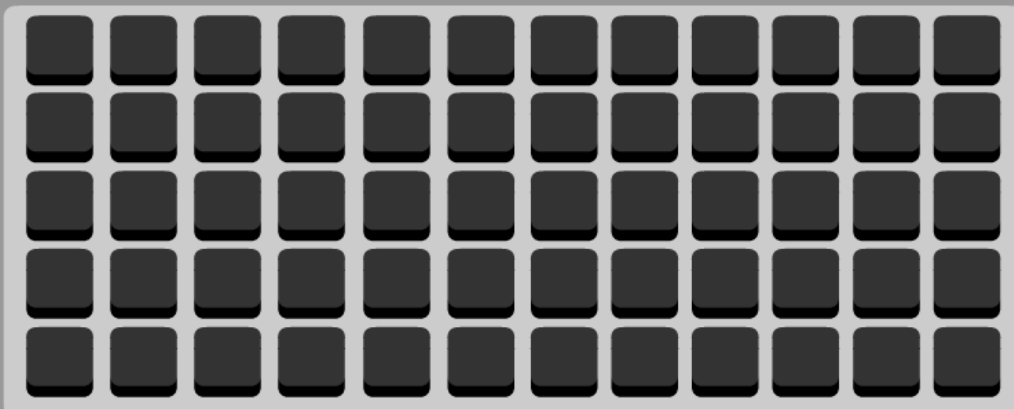
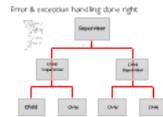
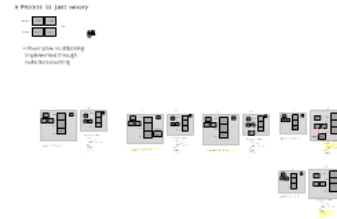
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Lightweight processes  
Message passing  
Share nothing semantics  
Don't stop the world GC  
Monitors & Signals



Dynamically &  
Strongly  
Typed  
Symbolic and transparent data structures

Enables:  
Hot code loading  
Mutable heaps & stacks  
Transparency of data  
Garbage Collection



Remember  
I don't have  
opinions  
this is all  
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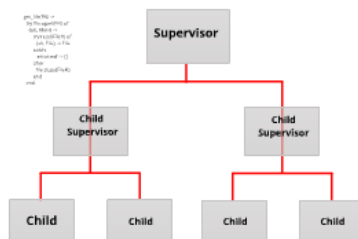
A Process is just memory



+ Preemptive multitasking implemented through reduction counting

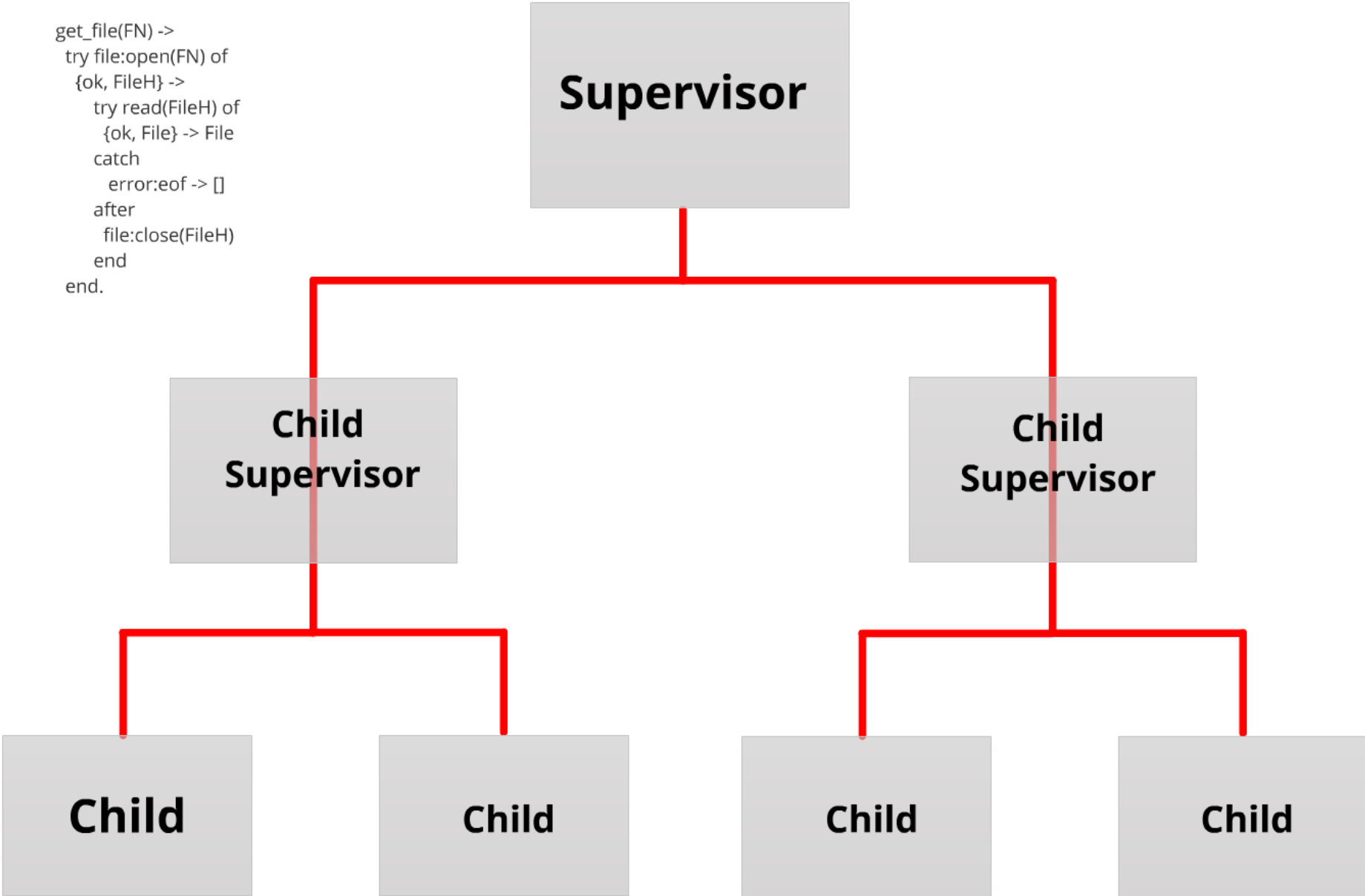


Error & exception handling done right



# Error & exception handling done right

```
get_file(FN) ->  
try file:open(FN) of  
  {ok, FileH} ->  
    try read(FileH) of  
      {ok, File} -> File  
    catch  
      error:eof -> []  
    after  
      file:close(FileH)  
    end  
end.
```





# Dynamically & Strongly Typed

Symbolic and transparent data structure

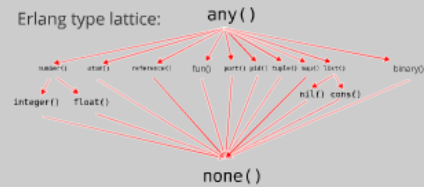
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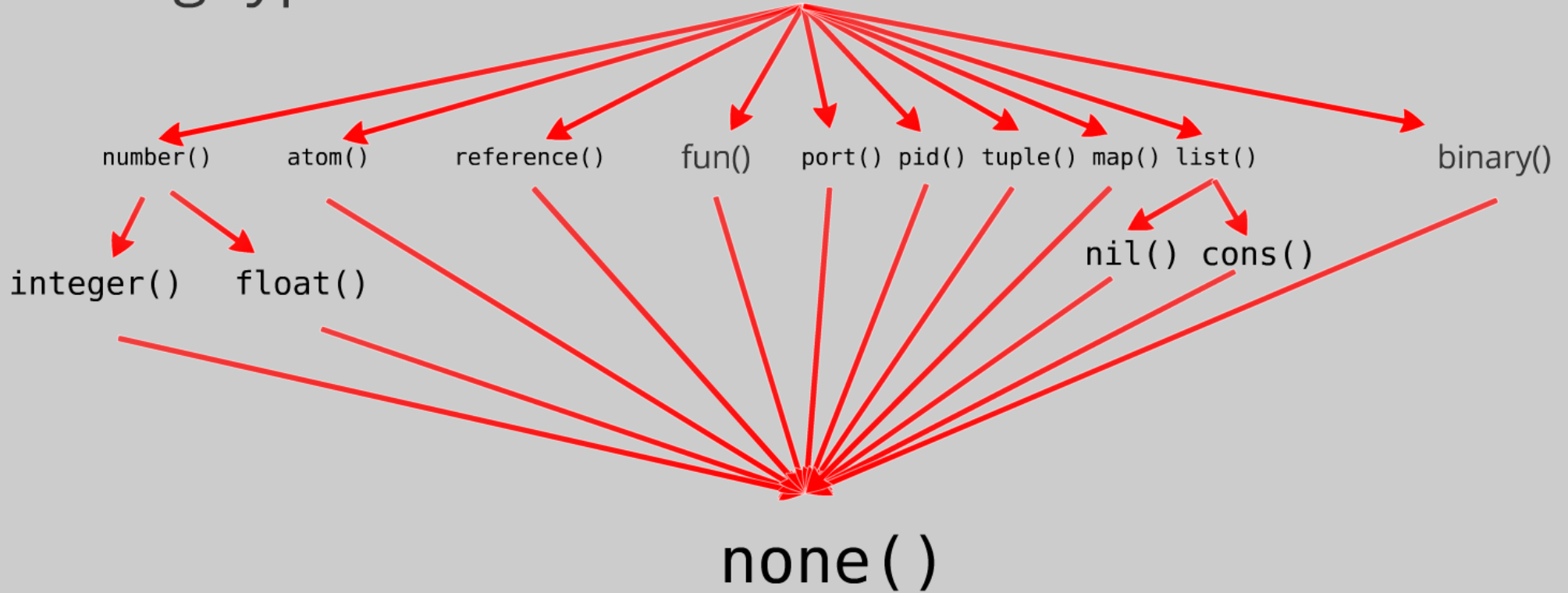
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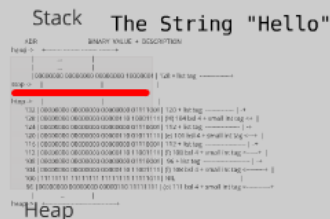
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# Erlang type lattice: any()



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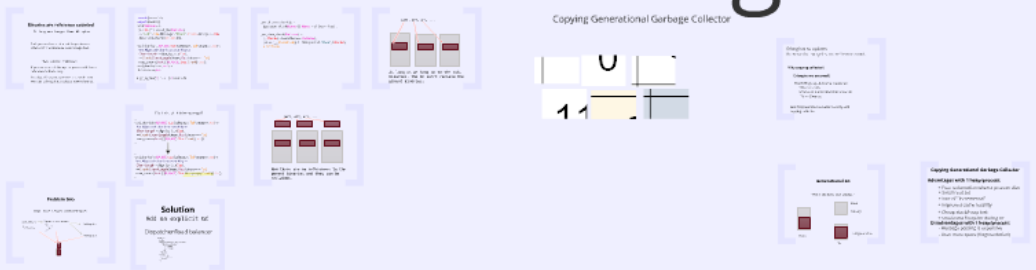
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## The Scheduler



## The Garbage Collector



## Processes

Conceptually: 4 memory areas and a pointer:

- A Stack
- A Heap
- A Mailbox
- A Process Control Block
- A PID

## HiPE

## I/O

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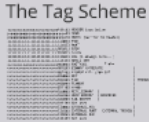
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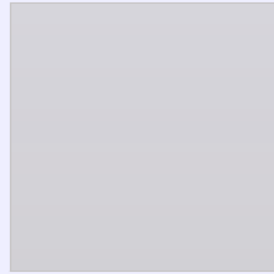
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The Tag Scheme diagram shows a list of memory tags and their corresponding values, including pointers to other memory areas and integers.

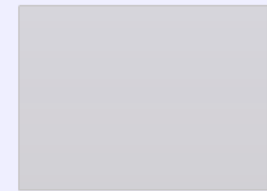
C-stack



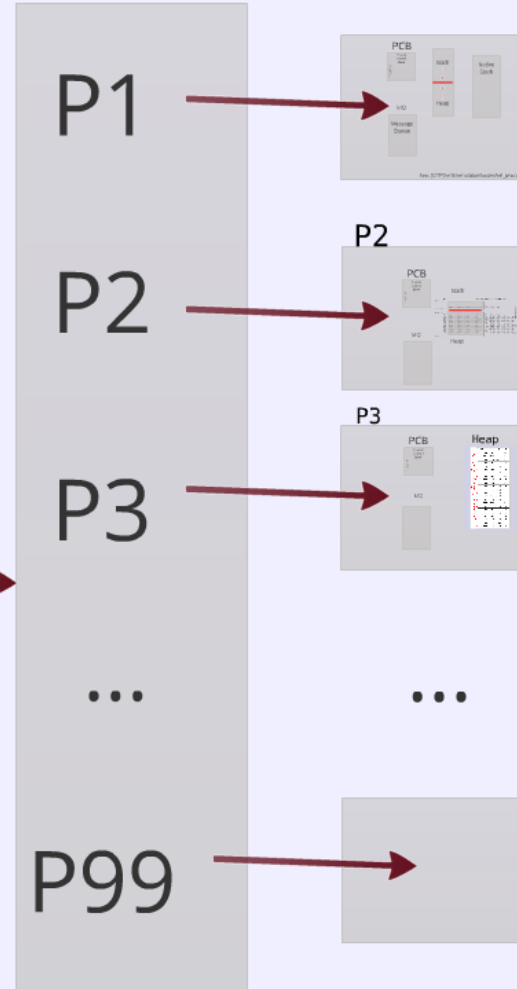
Queues



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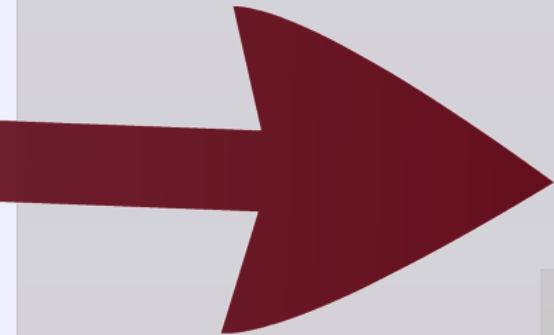
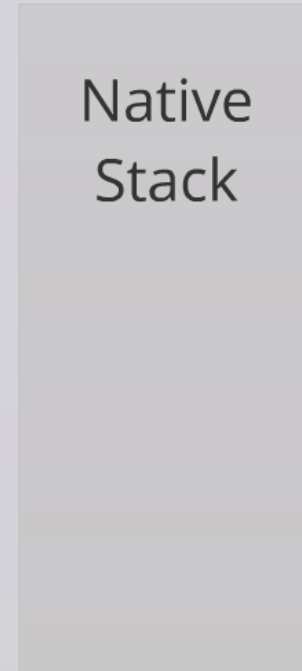
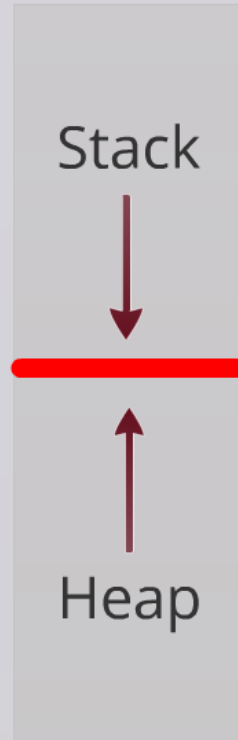
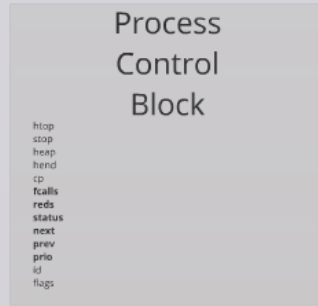
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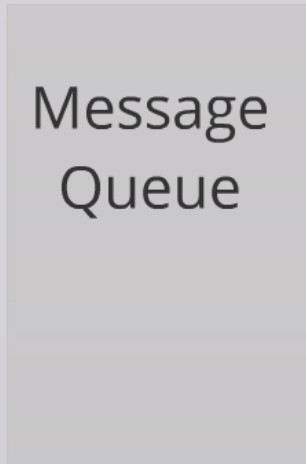
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# PCB



MQ



# Process Control Block

htop  
stop  
heap  
hend  
cp  
**fcalls**  
**reds**  
**status**  
**next**  
**prev**  
**prio**  
id  
flags







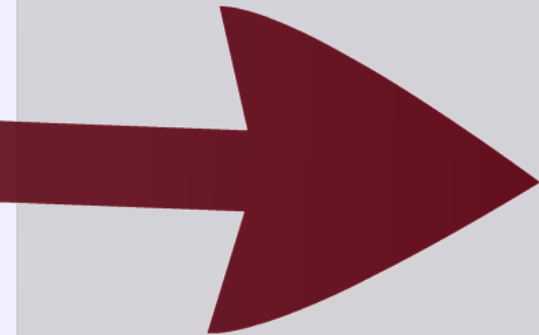
An example

The string "Hello", i.e. the list  
[104, 101, 108, 108, 111]

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Control  
Block

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# Stack

	ADR	BINARY	VALUE	DESCRIPTION
hend ->		...		
		...		
		00000000 00000000 00000000 10000001	128	+ list tag
stop ->				
htop ->				
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	108	00000000 00000000 00000000 011110001	96	+ list tag
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	100	11111111 11111111 11111111 11111011	NIL	
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heap ->		...		

# Heap



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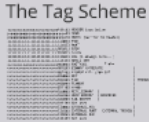
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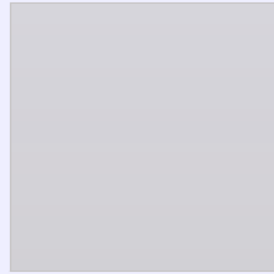
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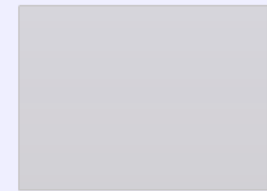
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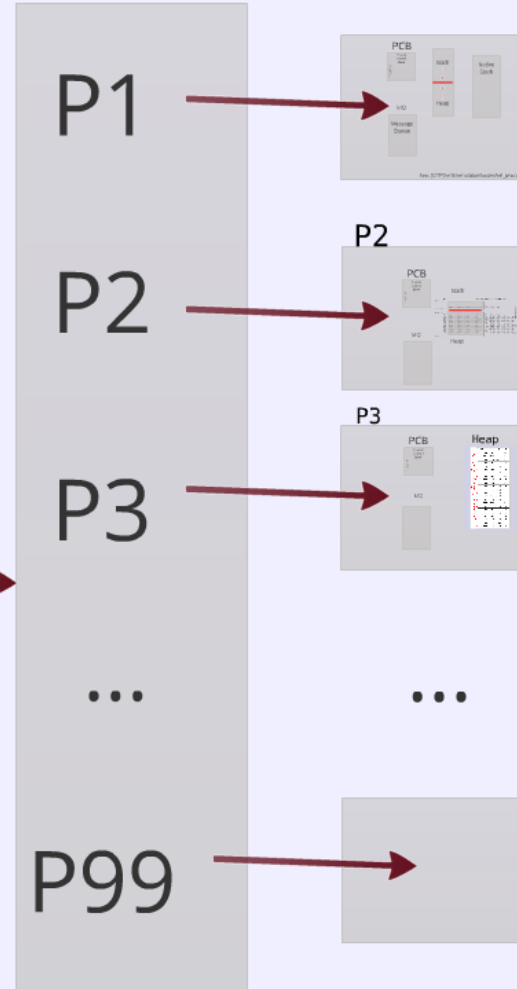
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# BEAM

- Garbage Collecting-
- Reduction Counting-
- Non-preemptive-
- Directly Threaded-
- Register-
- Virtual-

-Machine





# Memory Management:

## Garbage Collection

- On the Beam level the code is responsible for:
  - checking for stack and heap overrun.
  - allocating enough space
- "test\_heap" will check that there is free heap space.
- If needed the instruction will call the GC.
- The GC might call lower levels of the memory subsystem to allocate or free memory as needed.

# Scheduling:

Non-preemptive, Reduction counting

- Each function call is counted as a reduction
- Beam does a test at function entry: if (reds < 0) yield
- A reduction should be a small work item
- Loops are actually recursions, burning reductions

A process can also yield in a receive.

# Dispatch: Directly Threaded Code

The dispatcher finds the next instruction to execute.

I: 0x1000

```
#define Arg(N) (Eterm *) I[(N)+1]
#define Goto(Rel) goto *((void *)Rel)
```

External beam format:

```
{move,{x,0},{x,1}}.
{move,{y,0},{x,0}}.
{move,{x,1},{y,0}}.
```

Loaded code\*:

```
0x1000: 0x3000
0x1004: 0x0
0x1008: 0x1
0x100c: 0x3200
0x1010: 0x1
0x1014: 0x1
0x1018: 0x3100
0x101c: 0x1
0x1020: 0x1
```

beam\_emu.c \*\*:

```
OpCase(move_xx): {
0x3000: x(Arg(1)) = x(Arg(0));
      | += 3;
      Goto(*I);
}
OpCase(move_yx): {
0x3200: x(Arg(1)) = y(Arg(0));
      | += 3;
      Goto(*I);
}
OpCase(move_xy): {
0x3100: y(Arg(1)) = x(Arg(0));
      | += 3;
      Goto(*I);
}
```

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# A War Story



Serving a Few



# Serving Many



# A Calm Night







**Where Did the Slave Node Go?**

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**A scheduler went to sleep**



**Several Schedulers Went to Sleep**

Last Live Scheduler  
Tries term\_to\_binary



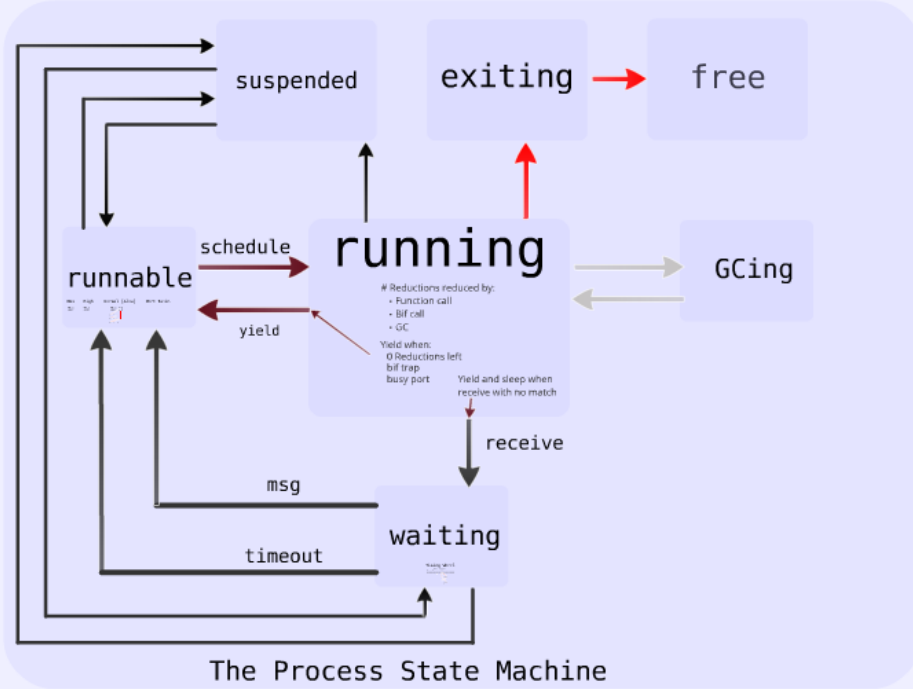
# Heart Goes For the Kill





# One Scheduler Per Core

Cores	Schedulers	Running	Ready Q	
a	1	1	2	3
b	2	4	5	
c	3	6		
d	4	7		



# Process State

# Reductions

# Que Handling

# Timing wheels

## Possible Problems

### Priority Inversion

Should I be worried?

No

Do I need to know about this?

No

What can I do?

Don't mess with priorities



# running

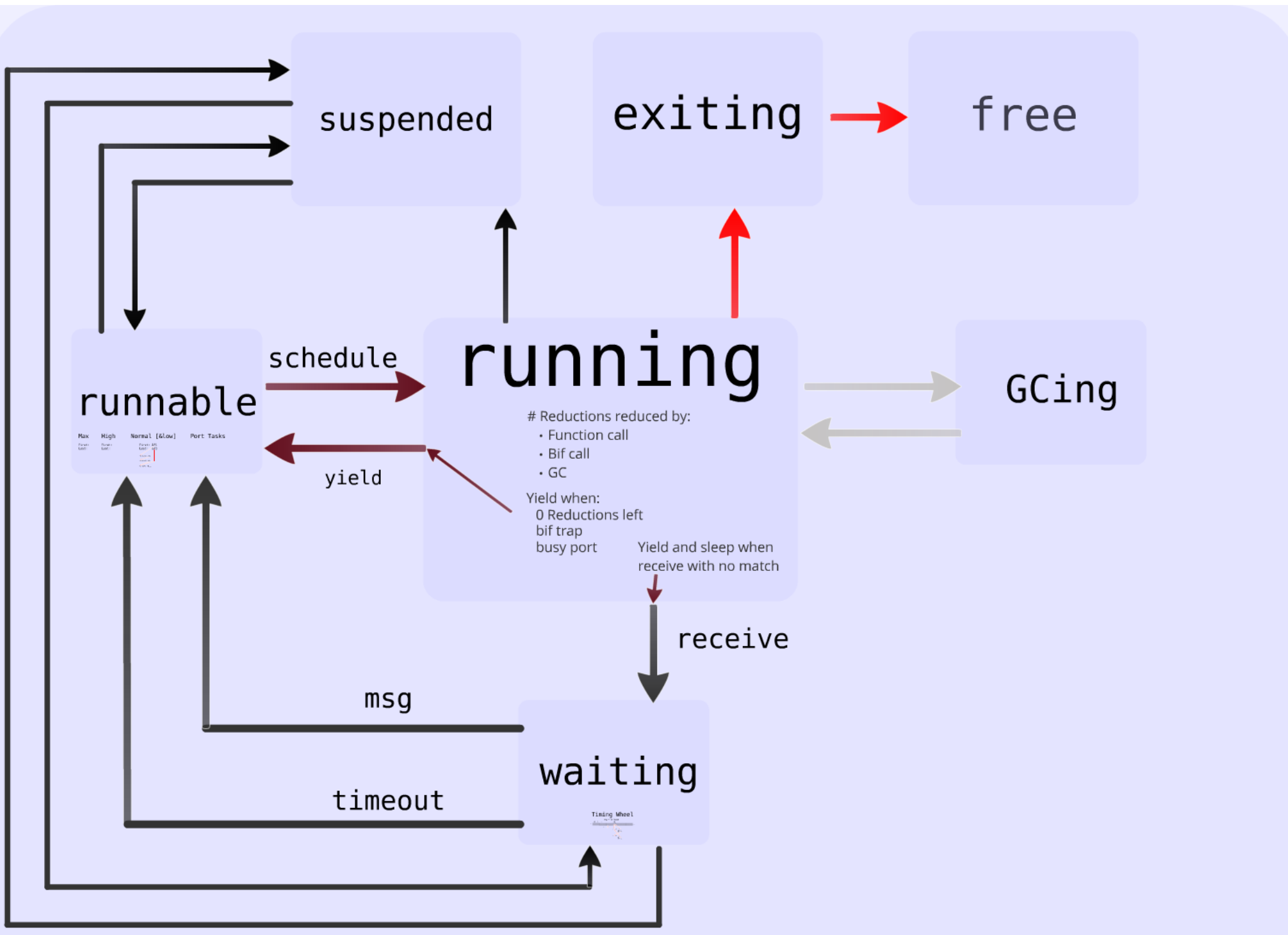
# Reductions reduced by:

- Function call
- Bif call
- GC

Yield when:

0 Reductions left  
bif trap  
busy port

Yield and sleep when  
receive with no match



The Process State Machine

# runnable

Max

High

Normal [low]

Port Tasks

First:  
Last:

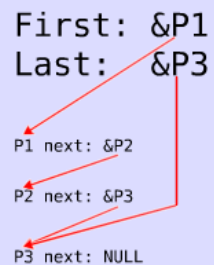
First:  
Last:

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Last: &P3

P1 next: &P2

P2 next: &P3

P3 next: NULL



# Normal [ &low ]

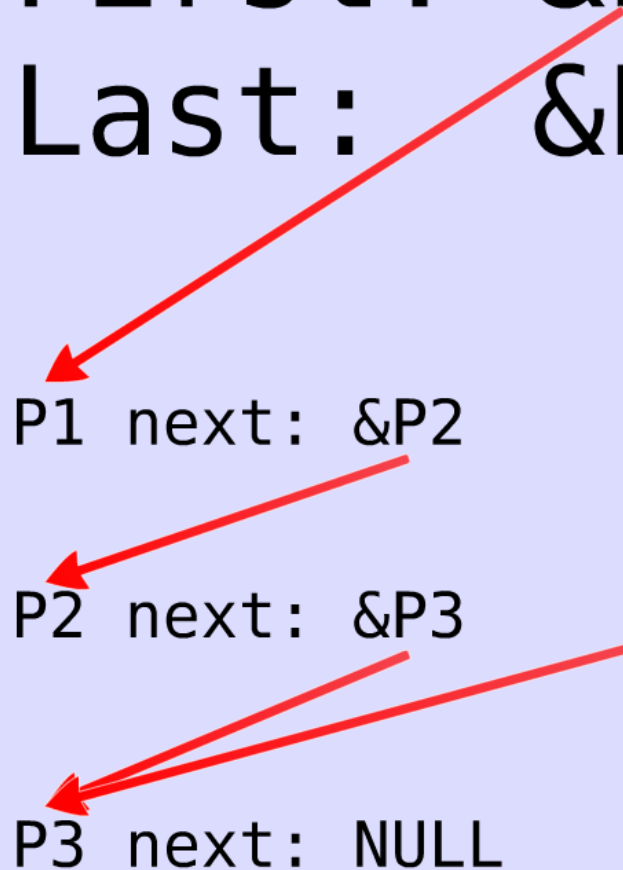
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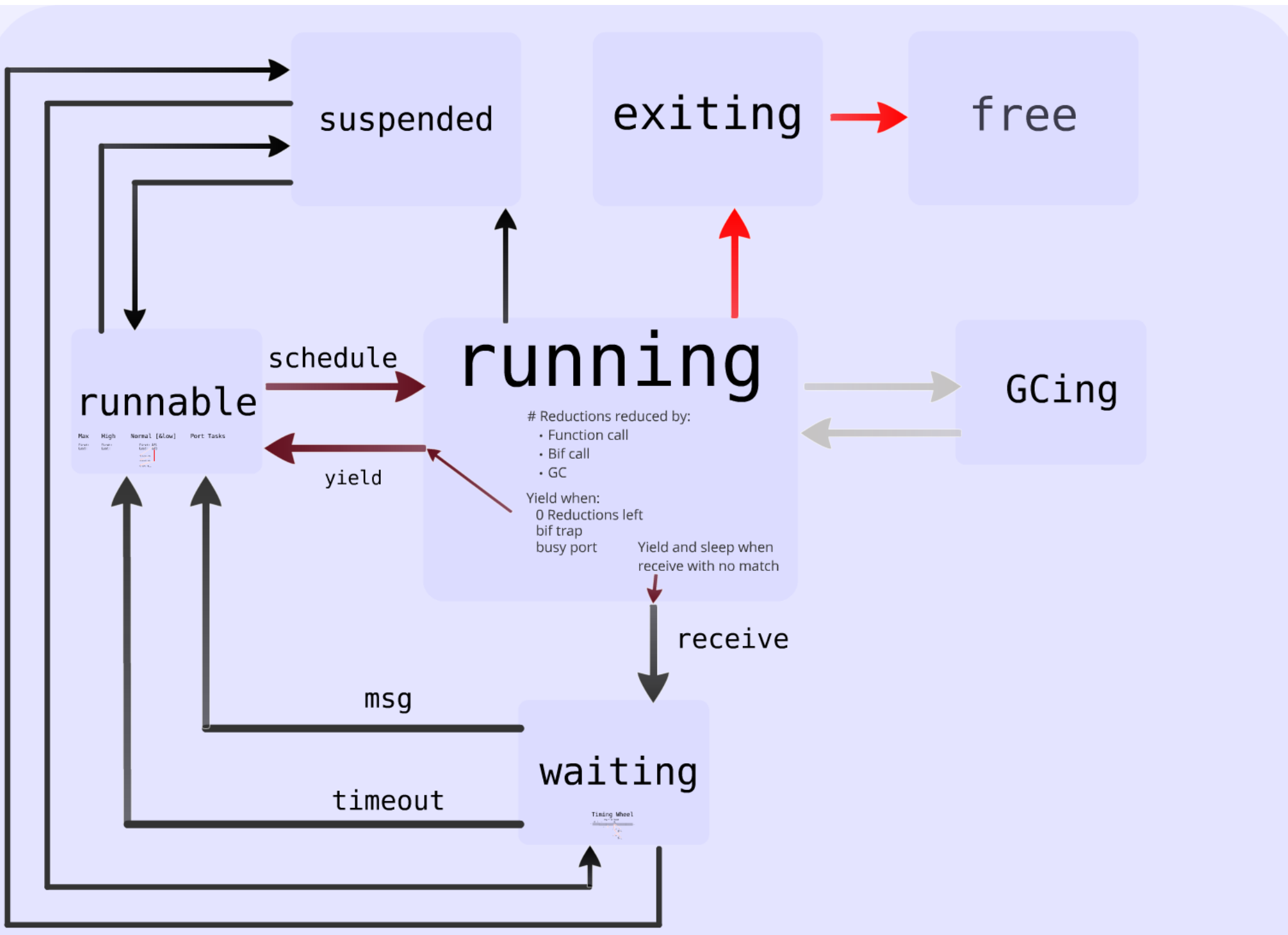
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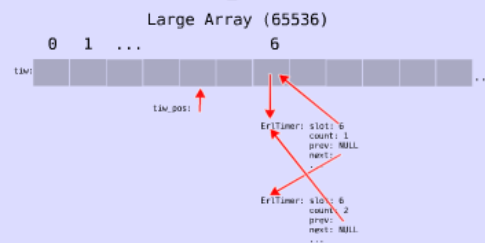




The Process State Machine

# waiting

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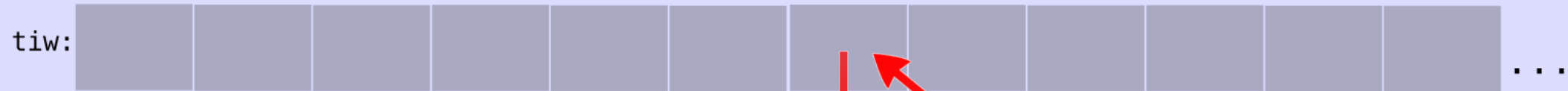


# Timing Wheel

Large Array (65536)

0 1 ...

6

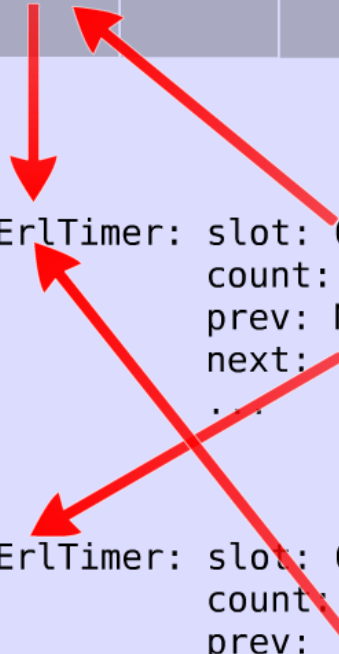


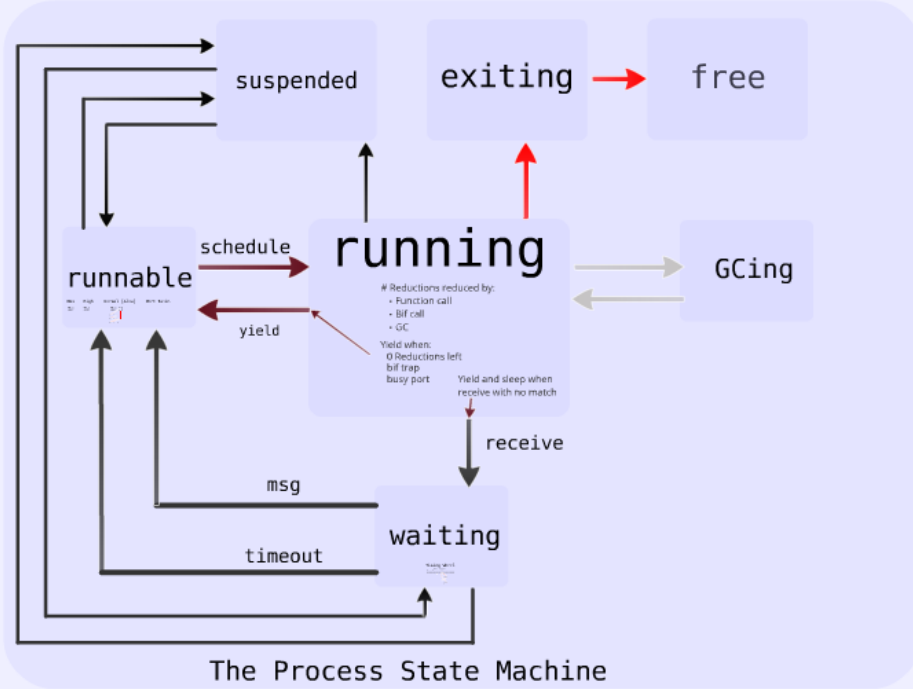
tiw\_pos:



ErlTimer: slot: 6  
count: 1  
prev: NULL  
next:  
...

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# erl\_process.c schedule()

Lukas: "It is quite short and not hard to understand if you know C".

560 lines

beam\_emu.c  
process\_main()

Execute process  
till yield.  
call schedule()

## schedule()

1. Update reduction counters
2. Check triggered timers
3. If `check_balance_reds > 4,000,000` check balance
4. Possibly migrate processes+ports
5. Execute scheduler work (load, free, trace, etc)
6. If `function_calls > 4000` check IO, update time
7. Execute 1 to N ports for 2000 redds

(More or less stolen from Lukas presentation)

# Load Balancing

Load balancing operations are calculated when a scheduler has done 4,000,000 reductions.

Processes will normally migrate towards lower schedulers if there is no overload.

If a scheduler is overloaded processes are evicted to other schedulers.

If reduction counting is messed up, starvation might occur.

Use: +sfwi to wake up sleeping schedulers.

# Reduction count problems

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in a counterproductive

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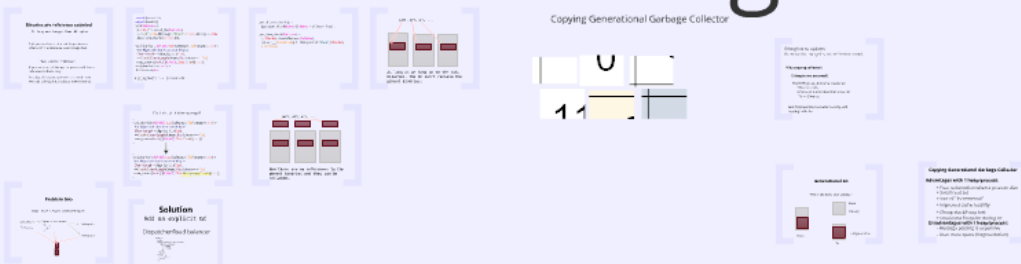
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## HiPE

## I/O



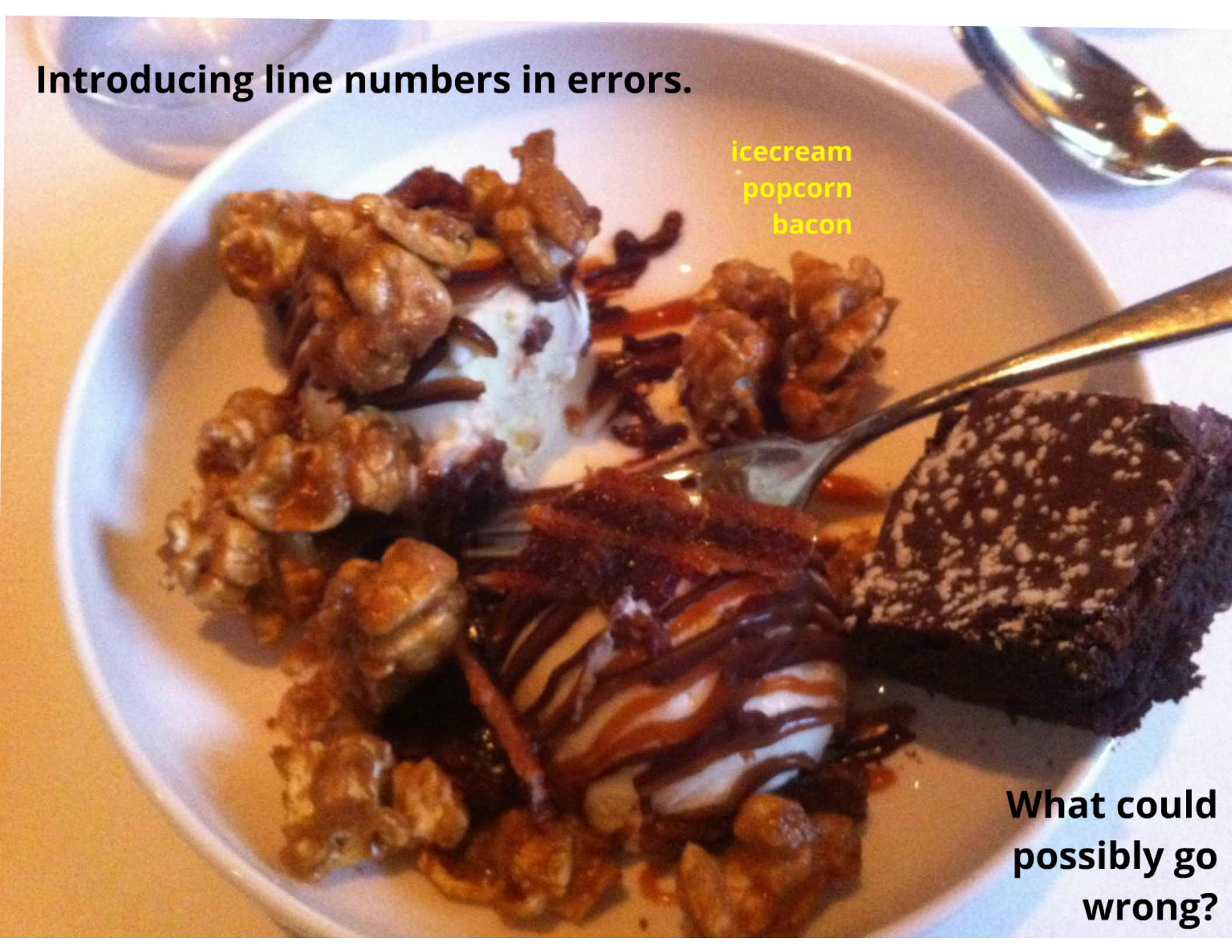


Another War Story

Introducing line numbers in errors.

icecream  
popcorn  
bacon

What could  
possibly go  
wrong?

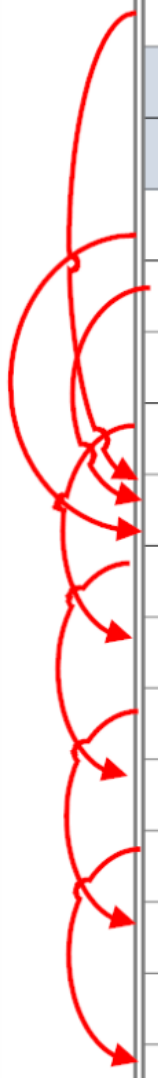





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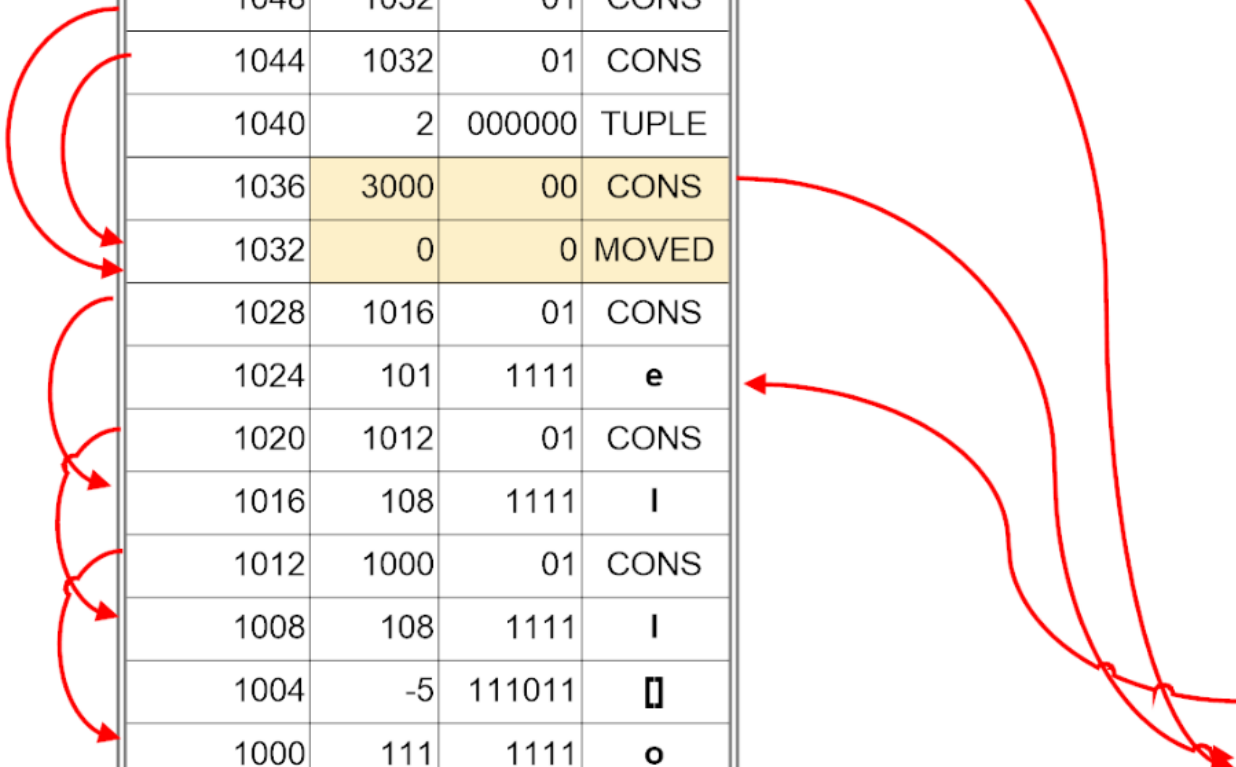
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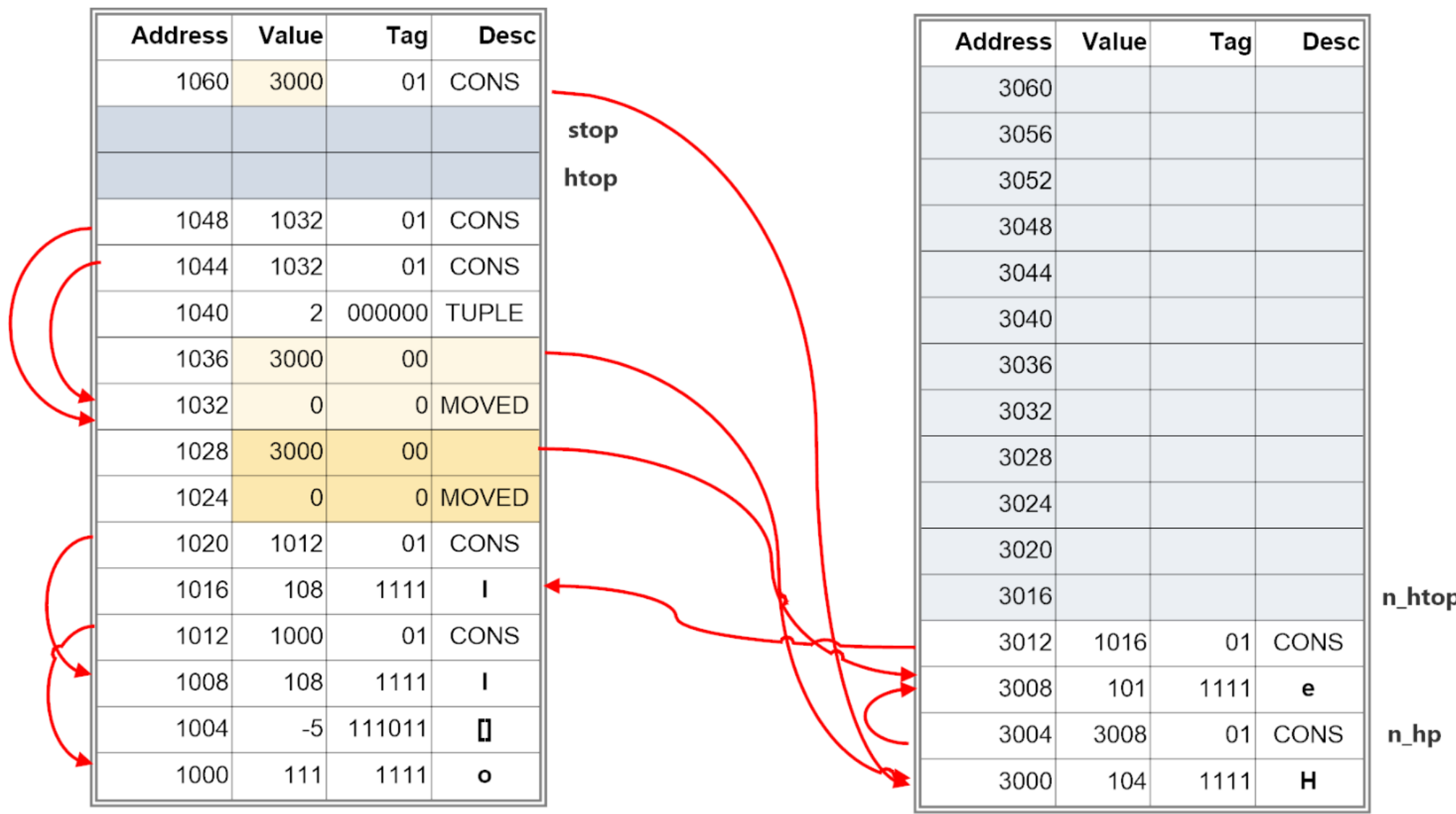
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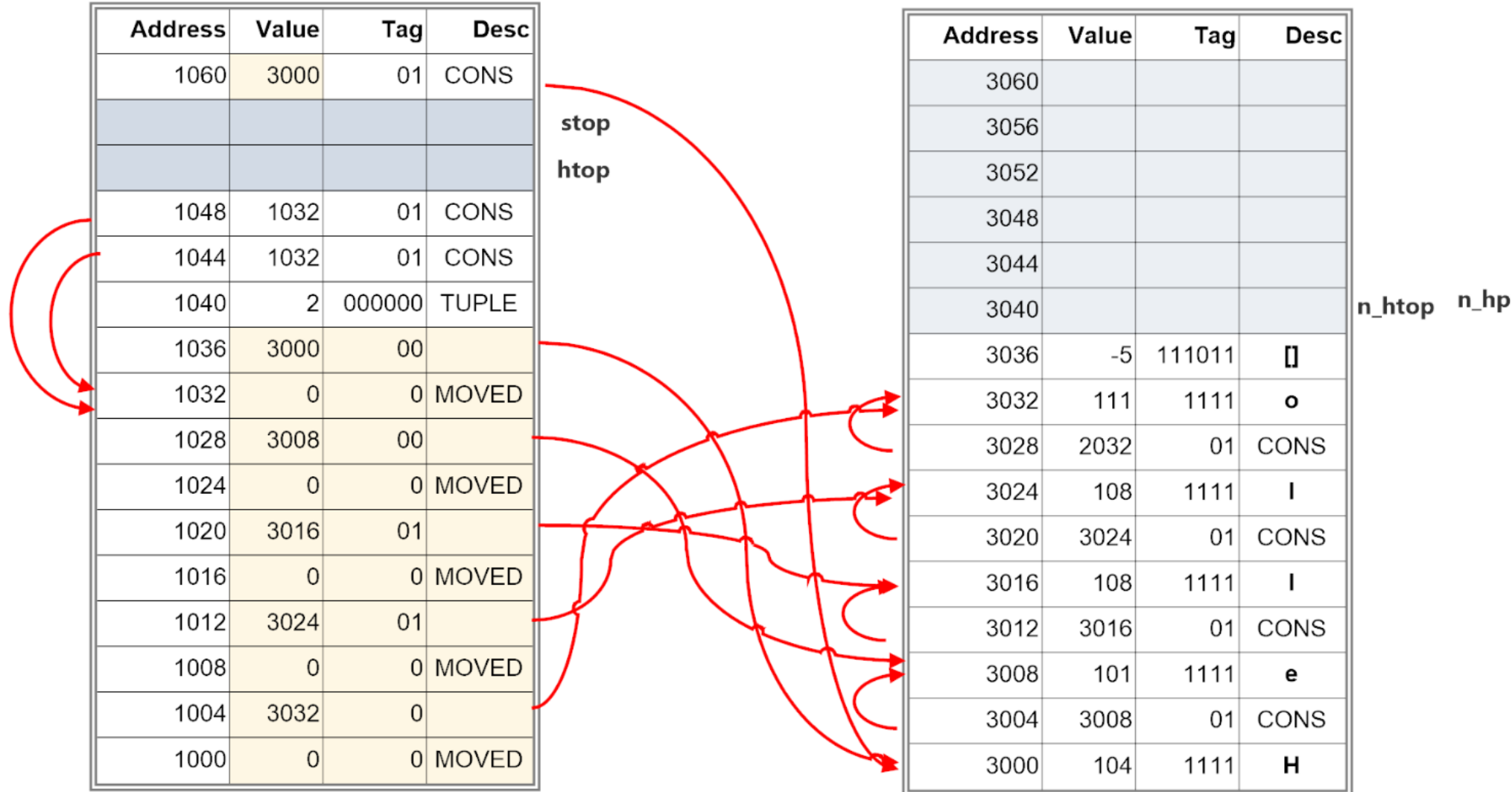
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# Copying Generational Garbage Collector

## Advantages with 1 heap/process:

- + Free reclamation when a process dies
- + Small root set
- + Sort of "Incremental"
- + Improved cache locality
- + Cheap stack/heap test
- + Small extra footprint during GC

## Disadvantages with 1 heap/process:

- Message passing is expensive
- Uses more space (fragmentation)

# Lessons learned:

- ERTS - the Erlang RunTime System is the defacto standard implementation of Erlang
- Each process has its own stack and heap
- The Erlang VM, BEAM, executes the Erlang code
- Process scheduling is controled by reduction count
- GC is local to a process
- GC is generational and copying





QUESTIONS?

The right people  
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F1 = fun () -> 42 end.
```

```
42 = F1().
```

```
F2 = fun (X) -> X + 1 end.
```

```
11 = F2(10).
```

```
F3 = fun (X, Y) ->
```

```
    {X, Y, Z}
```

```
end.
```

```
F4 = fun ({foo, X}, A) ->
```

```
    A + X*Y;
```

```
    ({bar, X}, A) ->
```

```
        A - X*Y;
```

```
    (_, A) ->
```

```
        A
```

```
end.
```

```
F5 = fun f/3
```

```
F6 = fun mod:f/3
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```

```
42
```

```
(foo@frodo)2> X.
```

```
42
```

```
(foo@frodo)3> X=43.
```

```
** exception error: no match of right hand  
side value 43
```

```
(foo@frodo)4>
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```
(foo@frodo)4> F= fun(X,Y) -> X + Y end.
```

```
#Fun<erl_eval.12.113037538>
```

```
(foo@frodo)5> F(1,2).
```

```
3
```

```
(foo@frodo)6> F(1.0, 2).
```

```
3.0
```

```
(foo@frodo)7> F("1", 2).
```

```
** exception error: bad argument in an arithmetic expression  
   in operator +/2  
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## Demo 1

```
%%% DEMO 1
%%% Show code
cd("C:/Users/happi").
S=demo:start_server().
W = demo:start_worker(S).
W2 = demo:start_worker(S).
S ! {broadcast, hi}.
W ! terminate.
exit(W2, kill).
S ! {broadcast, hi}.
exit(S, kill).
S ! {broadcast, hi}.
```





# Easy to make fault-tolerant systems.

- Erlang was designed from the ground up with the purpose of making it easy to develop fault-tolerant systems.
- Erlang was developed by Ericsson with the telecom market in mind.
- Erlang supports processes, distributed systems, advanced exception handling, and signals.
- Erlang comes with OTP-libraries (Open Telecom Platform), e.g. supervisors and generic servers.

# Low maintenace easy upgrade

Hot code loading.

Distribution.

Interactive shell.

Simple module system.

No shared state.

Virtual machine.

# Network programming is easy

Distributed Erlang solves many network programming needs.

Setting up a simple socket protocol is a breeze.

The binary- (and now bit-) syntax makes parsing binary protocols easy.

There are simple but powerful libraries for HTTP, XML, XML-RPC and SOAP.

# Ability to leverage multi-core

The concept of processes is an integral part of Erlang.

No shared memory -- easier to program.

The Erlang Virtual machine (BEAM) has support for symmetric multiprocessing.

“Each year your  
sequential programs will  
go slower.  
Each year your  
concurrent programs will  
go faster.” -- Joe Armstrong

# Rapid development

- Automatic memory management.
- Symbolic constants (atoms).
- An interactive shell.
- Dynamic typing.
- Simple but powerful data types.
- Higher order functions and list comprehensions.
- Built in (distributed) database.

# God way to get great programmers.



Phil Lennart SPJ John

Nice paradox:

The lack of Erlang programmers makes it easier for us to find great programmers.

There are many great C and Java programmers, I'm sure, but they are hidden by hordes of mediocre programmers.

Programmers who know a functional programming language are often passionate about programming.

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Passionate programmers makes **Great Programmers**