Class 17: Erlang (3)

Held: Wednesday, 2 March 2011

Summary: We conclude our discussion of Erlang, focusing on Erlang’s parallel computation and synchronous/asynchronous message passing.

Related Pages:

- EBoard.
- Lab: Erlang (3).
- Reading: Tate 6.4-6.5.

Notes:

- Are there questions on Assignment 6?
- EC: This week’s CS extra on FPGAs.
- EC: Friday’s CS table: GPUs, continued.

Overview:

- Left-over issues.
- Synchronous and asynchronous messaging.
- Lab.

Left-over Topics

- Do you have other questions on Erlang you’d like addressed?
- Here’s a simple list comprehension problem. How might you handle it?
  - Write an expression that generates the list [1,2,2,3,3,3,4,4,4,4,5,5,5,5,5].

Synchronous and Asynchronous Message Passing

- What’s the difference?
- Which does Erlang support?
- Why might you choose one rather than the other?

Lab

- Do the third Erlang lab.
- Be prepared to reflect.