## Language Study: Erlang

**CMPT 333** 

## - Lab 2 - 60 points

Goals

- to enjoy Erlang's functional nature
- to experiment with modules that have both public and private components
- to compare and contrast Erlang with an Object-oriented language
- to bask in the glory that is recursion

Requirements and Notes

Develop two programs — one in Erlang and the other in Java or C++ — to generate a list of M other lists where each of the other lists contain an N-length sequence of every  $M^{\text{th}}$  integer.

For example, if *N* is bound to 6 and *M* is bound to 14 then we expect 14 lists of 6 elements each, spaced by 14 units.

Finally, write a few paragraphs reflecting on practical and philosophical differences between your two programs. I am particularly interested in the philosophical aspects.

Resources

• Our book, links on our class website, and Erlang itself.

Hints

- Don't use *N* and *M* as identifiers; those are terrible names. Pick better ones.
- Write the Erlang version first, as it my affect how you approach programming the Java or C++ version.

Submitting Your Work

Commit the following to your *Lab 2* directory in your **private** GitHub repository on or before the due date (see our syllabus):

- your source code for both programs;
- your test cases;
- a transcript of two successful runs for each program with expected data;
- a transcript of two successful runs for each program with unexpected data that would have caused errors had you not prevented it; and
- your philosophical reflections as a document composed in LaTeX. (Commit both the PDF and LaTeX source.)