# Functional Programming with Go

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# What is Functional Programming?



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# **Functional Programming – Characteristics**

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Functional programming languages are categorized into two groups

• Pure

• Impure

# Functional programming offers the following advantages

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run concurrently

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lazy evaluation

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#### **Functions are Values**

```
func aBlock(i int) {
    fmt.Printf("Entering block: i=%v\n", i)
}

func do(f func (int), loops int) {
    for i := 0; i < loops; i++ {
        f(i)
     }
}

func main() {
    do(aBlock, 5)
}</pre>
```

## Many Functional Languages only support Single Argument Functions

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```
// ADD with 2 parameters
ADD := func(x, y int) int {
   return x + y
}
```

```
ADD(1,2) -> 3
```

```
// Curried ADD
ADDC := func(x int) func(int) int {
    return func(y int) int {
        return x + y
    }
}
```

```
ADDC(1)(2) -> 3
```

## **Functional Composition**

```
// Function f()
f := func(x int) int {
   return x * x
// Function g()
g := func(x int) int {
   return x + 1
// Functional Composition: (g \circ f)(x)
gf := func(x int) int {
   return g(f(x))
fmt.Printf("%v\n", gf(2)) // --> 5
```

## **Functional Composition (2)**

```
// Type any makes the code readable
type any interface{}
type function func(any) any
```

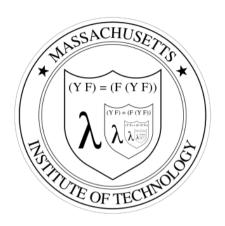
```
compose := func(g, f function) function {
    return func(x any) any {
        return g(f(x))
    }
}
```

```
square := func(x any) any { return x.(int) * x.(int) }
fmt.Printf("%v\n", compose(square, square)(2)) // --> 4*4 = 16
fmt.Printf("%v\n", compose(compose(square, square), square)(2)) // --> 256
```

#### Clojures (Only impure if you modify the closed-over variable)

```
// intSeg returns another function, which we define anonymously in the body of intSeg.
// The returned function closes over the variable i to form a closure.
func intSeq() func() int {
   return func() int {
       i++
       return i
func main() {
   // We call intSeq, assigning the result (a function) to nextInt.
   // This function value captures its own i value, which will be updated each time we call nextInt.
   nextInt := intSeq()
   // See the effect of the closure by calling nextInt a few times.
    fmt.Println(nextInt())
    fmt.Println(nextInt())
   // To confirm that the state is unique to that particular function, create and test a new one.
   newInts := intSeq()
    fmt.Println(newInts())
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```

# **History: The Lambda Calculus**



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# **Summary of the Introduction to Lambda Calculus**

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#### Lambda Calculus in Go

(https://play.golang.org/p/1bLmezdD2zt)

```
// Lambda Calculus in Golang --> See Video Graham Hutton
// https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eis11j_iGMs
// This is the key: A Recursive function definition for all functions!!!
type fnf func(fnf) fnf
ID := func(x fnf) fnf { return x }
// TRUE as function: \(\lambda x . \lambda y . x\)
True := func(x fnf) fnf {
    return func(y fnf) fnf {
         return x
// FALSE as function: \(\lambda x . \lambda y . \text{y} . \text{y}
False := func(x fnf) fnf {
    return func(y fnf) fnf {
         return y
```

## **Application**

```
fmt.Printf("Id = %p\n", ID)
fmt.Printf("True = %p\n", True)
fmt.Printf("False = %p\n", False)

// debugging functions
f := func(x fnf) fnf { fmt.Printf("f()\n"); return x }
g := func(y fnf) fnf { fmt.Printf("g()\n"); return y }

// select and call first function f(ID)
False(False)(True)(f)(g)(ID)

// select and call second function g(ID)
True(False)(True)(f)(g)(ID)
```

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#### Lambda Calculus in Go: NOT

```
// NOT as function: \(\lambda b.b\) false true
Not := func(b fnf) fnf {
    return b(False)(True)
// should print false
fmt.Printf("Not(True) = %p\n", Not(True))
fmt.Printf("Not(False) = %p\n", Not(False))
// select and call first function f(ID)
Not(False)(f)(g)(ID)
// select and call second function g(ID)
Not(True)(f)(g)(ID)
```

#### **Functional Numbers**

```
// Functional Numbers 1
ONCE := func(f fnf) fnf {
    return func(x fnf) fnf {
        return f(x)
    }
}
```

```
// Functional Numbers 2
TWICE := func(f fnf) fnf {
    return func(x fnf) fnf {
       return f(f(x))
    }
}
```

```
// Function Numbers 3
THRICE := func(f fnf) fnf {
    return func(x fnf) fnf {
       return f(f(f(x)))
```

```
}
```

}

#### **Functional Numbers**

```
// Functional Numbers SUCCESSOR(N) = N + 1
SUCCESSOR := func(w fnf) fnf {
    return func(y fnf) fnf {
        return func(x fnf) fnf {
            return y(w)(y)(x)
        }
    }
}
```

```
Printer := func(x fnf) fnf { fmt.Print("."); return x }
```

```
SUCCESSOR(TWICE)(Printer)(ID)
fmt.Println("SUCCESSOR(TWICE) = 3")

SUCCESSOR(THRICE)(Printer)(ID)
fmt.Println("SUCCESSOR(THRICE) = 4")
```

## Lambda Calculus in JavaScript

```
TRUE = a \Rightarrow b \Rightarrow a;

FALSE = a \Rightarrow b \Rightarrow b;

NOT = f \Rightarrow a \Rightarrow b \Rightarrow f(b)(a);

f = x \Rightarrow x + 10

g = x \Rightarrow x + 20

TRUE(f)(g)(g) // -> 13

FALSE(f)(g)(g) // -> 23

NOT(TRUE)(f)(g)(g) // -> 13
```

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3VQ382QG-y4)

# Famous Functional Languages inspired by the Lamda Calculus

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# Palindrome Problem in Functional (pure) Languages

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```
is_palindrome x = x == reverse x
```

```
(defn palindrome? [x]
  (= x (clojure.string/reverse x)))
```

## Palindrome Problem in Functional (impure) Languages

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```
let isPalindrome (x: string) =
  let arr = x.ToCharArray()
  arr = Array.rev arr
```

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```
def isPalindrome[A](l: List[A]):Boolean = {
    l == l.reverse
}
```

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```
func IsPalindrome3(x string) bool {
   return x == strings.Reverse(x)
}
```

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## Functions as First Class Citizens in Go

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## Sample from the Go Standard Library

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```
// Map returns a copy of the string s with all its characters modified
// according to the mapping function. If mapping returns a negative value, the character is
// dropped from the string with no replacement.
func Map(mapping func(rune) rune, s string) string
```

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```
s := "Hello, world!"
s = strings.Map(func(r rune) rune {
    return r + 1
}, s)
fmt.Println(s) // --> Ifmmp-!xpsme"
```

## Go does not have an API similar to Java Streams

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```
// array of generic interfaces.
stringSlice := []Any{"a", "b", "c", "1", "D"}

// Map/Reduce
result := ToStream(stringSlice).
    Map(toUpperCase).
    Filter(notDigit).
    Reduce(concat).(string)

if result != "A,B,C,D" {
    t.Error(fmt.Sprintf("Result should be 'A,B,C,D' but is: %v", result))
}
// lambda (inline)
```

## **Classic Word Count Sample**

```
// Classic wordcount sample
func TestWordCount(t *testing.T) {
   strings := []Any{"a", "a", "b", "b", "D", "a"}
   // Map/Reduce
   result := ToStream(strings).
       Map(func(o Any) Any {
           result := []Pair{Pair{0, 1}}
           return result
       }).
       Reduce(sumInts).([]Pair)
   for _, e := range result {
       fmt.Printf("%v:%v, ", e.k, e.v)
```

# Questions

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# Summary

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# Thank you

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