



# You Found Love in a Gopher Face. Now What?

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*How do we get past  
the initial phase of  
learning Go.*

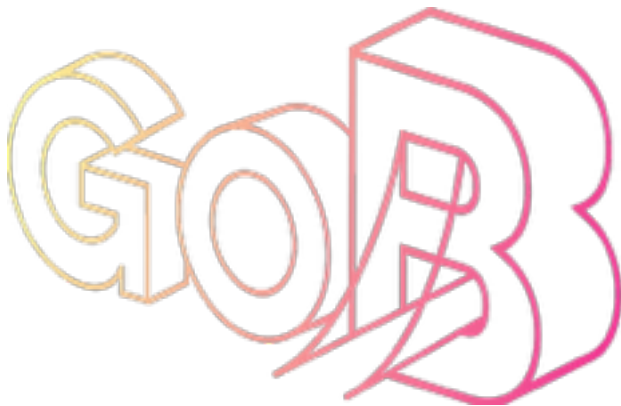
# Experience

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*GoBridge co-founding member*

*<http://www.golangbridge.org>*

*@golangbridge*



You might have heard...

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*Go is easy!*



And then you find...

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*Go is “easy”!*

# The reality for some is...

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- We get stuck, “mastery” is not instantaneous
- People we hang out with/look up to have deep domain knowledge
- We don’t know what to do next, no “popular” path for newcomers

And we are...

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*Motivated!*



# The end result

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- People go to meetups and don't come back
- Confusion between language and domain knowledge
- Hard to identify high payoff investment of time



# What to do...

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# Ignore stuff

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- Interfaces
- Concurrency
- Object Oriented

# Is it still Go?

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# Focus instead

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- Soup up your development environment
- Learn the vocabulary, stdlib
- Take classes, go to meetups
- Well-defined, small projects

# Resources - editor plugins

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- Atom: go-plus
- Sublime: Margo and GoSublime
- Vim: vim-go
- Vs Code: vscode-go
- Huge list: <https://github.com/golang/go/wiki/IDEsAndTextEditorPlugins>
- Another tool: Go Guru (<http://golang.org/s/using-guru>)

# Resources - learn the vocabulary

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- Podcast: Go Time FM (<http://gotime.fm>)
- Podcast: for specific domains (API, cloud, network, etc)
- Youtube videos on specific subjects
- Read #golang-newbies and #general channels on Gophers Slack

# Resources - classes and meetups

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- Organize a Women Who Go study group
- Organize or attend a GoBridge workshop
- Read Effective Go (free online: [https://golang.org/doc/effective\\_go.html](https://golang.org/doc/effective_go.html))
- Go Remote Meetup (<http://remotemeetup.golangbridge.org>)
- Meetup.com (<https://go.meetup.com>)

# Resources - small projects

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- Exercism - <http://exercism.io>
- Gopher Challenge - <http://golang-challenge.org>
- Gopher Gala - <http://gophergala.com>
- Help someone you like/admire



# Conclusions

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- Master the basics
- While learning, ignore the complex stuff
- Focus on syntax and vocabulary
- Focus on well-defined, small projects
- More important: #sticktoit

**Thank You!**

