

## Multiple Return Values

Go

```
1 package main
2 import "fmt"
3
4 func divide(a, b int) (int, int, error) {
5     if b == 0 {
6         return 0, 0, fmt.Errorf("division by zero")
7     }
8     return a / b, a % b, nil
9 }
10
11 func main() {
12     q, r, err := divide(10, 3)
13     fmt.Println(q, r, err)
14 }
```

## Ignoring Return Values

Go

```
1 package main
2 import "fmt"
3
4 func calculate() (int, int, int) {
5     return 1, 2, 3
6 }
7
8 func main() {
9     a, _, c := calculate()
10    fmt.Println(a, c)
11 }
```

## Named Return Values

Go

```
1 package main
2 import "fmt"
3
4 func divide(a, b int) (quotient, remainder int) {
5     quotient = a / b
6     remainder = a % b
7     return
8 }
9
10 func main() {
11     q, r := divide(17, 5)
12     fmt.Println(q, r)
13 }
```

## Named Returns Shadowing Trap

Go

```
1 package main
2 import "fmt"
3
4 func calculate() (result int) {
5     result = 10
6     if true {
7         result := 20
8         fmt.Println(result)
9     }
10    return
11 }
12
13 func main() {
14     fmt.Println(calculate())
15 }
```

## Variadic Function Basics

Go

```
1 package main
2 import "fmt"
3
4 func sum(nums ...int) int {
5     total := 0
6     for _, n := range nums {
7         total += n
8     }
9     return total
10}
11
12 func main() {
13     fmt.Println(sum(1, 2, 3, 4, 5))
14     fmt.Println(sum())
15}
```

## Variadic Unpacking

Go

```
1 package main
2 import "fmt"
3
4 func sum(nums ...int) int {
5     total := 0
6     for _, n := range nums {
7         total += n
8     }
9     return total
10}
11
12 func main() {
13     nums := []int{1, 2, 3, 4, 5}
14     fmt.Println(sum(nums...))
15}
```

## Variadic Must Be ... Parameter

Go

```
1 package main
2 import "fmt"
3
4 func process(prefix string, nums ...int) {
5     fmt.Println(prefix, ": ")
6     for _, n := range nums {
7         fmt.Println(n, " ")
8     }
9     fmt.Println()
10}
11
12 func main() {
13     process("Numbers", 1, 2, 3, 4)
14 }
```

## Functions as Values

Go

```
1 package main
2 import "fmt"
3
4 func main() {
5     f := func(x int) int {
6         return x * 2
7     }
8     fmt.Println(f(5))
9 }
```

## Function Type Declaration

Go

```
1 package main
2 import "fmt"
3
4 type MathOp func(int, int) int
5
6 func add(a, b int) int {
7     return a + b
8 }
9
10 func main() {
11     var op MathOp = add
12     fmt.Println(op(3, 4))
13 }
```

## Closures Capture Variables

Go

```
1 package main
2 import "fmt"
3
4 func main() {
5     x := 10
6     f := func() {
7         fmt.Println(x)
8     }
9     x = 20
10    f()
11 }
```

## Closure Loop Variable Trap

Go

```
1 package main
2 import "fmt"
3
4 func main() {
5     funcs := []func(){}
6     for i := 0; i < 3; i++ {
7         funcs = append(funcs, func() {
8             fmt.Println(i)
9         })
10    }
11    for _, f := range funcs {
12        f()
13    }
14 }
```

## Fixing Closure Loop Variable

Go

```
1 package main
2 import "fmt"
3
4 func main() {
5     funcs := []func(){}
6     for i := 0; i < 3; i++ {
7         i := i // Shadow with copy
8         funcs = append(funcs, func() {
9             fmt.Println(i)
10        }))
11    }
12    for _, f := range funcs {
13        f()
14    }
15 }
```

## Defer Basics

Go

```
1 package main
2 import "fmt"
3
4 func main() {
5     defer fmt.Println("world")
6     fmt.Println("hello")
7 }
```

## Multiple Defers (LIFO)

Go

```
1 package main
2 import "fmt"
3
4 func main() {
5     defer fmt.Println("1")
6     defer fmt.Println("2")
7     defer fmt.Println("3")
8     fmt.Println("4")
9 }
```

## Defer Captures Arguments

Go

```
1 package main
2 import "fmt"
3
4 func main() {
5     x := 10
6     defer fmt.Println(x)
7     x = 20
8     fmt.Println(x)
9 }
```

## Defer with Named Returns

Go

```
1 package main
2 import "fmt"
3
4 func calculate() (result int) {
5     defer func() {
6         result++
7     }()
8     result = 10
9     return
10 }
11
12 func main() {
13     fmt.Println(calculate())
14 }
```

## Defer in Loop

Go

```
1 package main
2 import "fmt"
3
4 func main() {
5     for i := 0; i < 3; i++ {
6         defer fmt.Println(i)
7     }
8 }
```

## Defer with Closure

Go

```
1 package main
2 import "fmt"
3
4 func main() {
5     x := 10
6     defer func() {
7         fmt.Println(x)
8     }()
9     x = 20
10 }
```

## Function as Parameter

Go

```
1 package main
2 import "fmt"
3
4 func apply(f func(int) int, x int)
5     int {
6         return f(x)
7     }
8 func double(x int) int {
9     return x * 2
10 }
11
12 func main() {
13     result := apply(double, 5)
14     fmt.Println(result)
15 }
```

## Returning Functions

Go

```
1 package main
2 import "fmt"
3
4 func makeMultiplier(factor int)
5     func(int) int {
6         return func(x int) int {
7             return x * factor
8         }
9
10    func main() {
11        double := makeMultiplier(2)
12        triple := makeMultiplier(3)
13        fmt.Println(double(5))
14        fmt.Println(triple(5))
15    }
```

Go

## Blank Identifier in Function Signature

```
1 package main
2 import "fmt"
3
4 func process(_ int, name string) {
5     fmt.Println(name)
6 }
7
8 func main() {
9     process(42, "Go")
10 }
```

## Function Parameter Grouping

Go

```
1 package main
2 import "fmt"
3
4 func add(a, b, c int, x, y float64)
5 {
6     fmt.Println(a + b + c)
7     fmt.Println(x + y)
8 }
9 func main() {
10     add(1, 2, 3, 4.5, 5.5)
11 }
```

## Function Parameter Grouping

Go

```
1 package main
2 import "fmt"
3
4 func factorial(n int) int {
5     if n <= 1 {
6         return 1
7     }
8     return n * factorial(n-1)
9 }
10
11 func main() {
12     fmt.Println(factorial(5))
13 }
```

## Closure Modifying Outer Variable

Go

```
1 package main
2 import "fmt"
3
4 func counter() func() int {
5     count := 0
6     return func() int {
7         count++
8         return count
9     }
10 }
11
12 func main() {
13     c := counter()
14     fmt.Println(c())
15     fmt.Println(c())
16     fmt.Println(c())
17 }
```

## Named Return Value Initialized to ... Go

```
1 package main
2 import "fmt"
3
4 func getValues() (x int, y string,
5   z bool) {
6   // No assignments
7   return
8 }
9 func main() {
10   a, b, c := getValues()
11   fmt.Printf("%v %q %v\n", a, b,
12   c)
13 }
```

 BONUS CHALLENGE

Go

```
1 package main
2 import "fmt"
3
4 func mystery() (result int) {
5     x := 10
6
7     defer func() {
8         result += x
9     }()
10
11    defer func(val int) {
12        result += val
13    }(x)
14
15    x = 20
16    result = 5
17    return
18 }
19
20 func main() {
21     fmt.Println(mystery())
22 }
```

```
1  **Basic Functions:**  
2  - Multiple return values (idiomatic for errors)  
3  - Named return values with bare return  
4  - Variadic parameters (`...type`)  
5  - Functions as first-class values  
6  
7  **Function Types:**  
8  - `type` can define function signatures  
9  - Functions can be parameters  
10 - Functions can be return values  
11 - Enables callbacks and higher-order functions  
12  
13 **Closures:**  
14 - Anonymous functions that capture variables  
15 - Capture by reference, not value  
16 - Can maintain state across calls  
17 - Loop variable trap is famous gotcha  
18  
19 **Defer:**  
20 - Postpones execution until function exit  
21 - LIFO order for multiple defers  
22 - Parameters evaluated immediately  
23 - Closures capture current values  
24 - Can modify named return values  
25 - Don't overuse in loops!  
26  
27 **Common Patterns:**  
28 - Error handling with multiple returns  
29 - Callbacks with function parameters  
30 - Function factories returning closures  
31 - Stateful functions with closures  
32 - Cleanup with defer  
33  
34 **Pitfalls to Avoid:**  
35 - Loop variable closure trap  
36 - Shadowing named returns  
37 - Confusing defer parameter vs closure  
38 - Defer in loops accumulating
```