# Go testing: from basic to advanced

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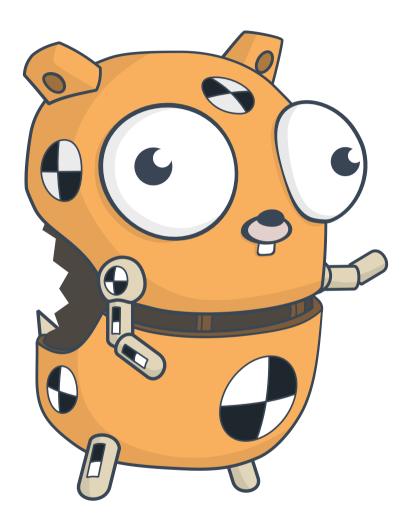
# whoami

- Brazilian
- Living in Berlin for almost 2 years
- 15 years coding (I'm getting old...)
- 2.5 writing Go
- Gopher!

# Agenda

- Testing 101
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# Let's Go



Gopher by Egon Elbre (https://github.com/egonelbre/gophers)

# Testing 101

# What is a test in go?

- any file ending in \_test.go
- any function like **func TestXxx(\*testing.T)**

The fist character after **Test** MUST be a capital letter

```
func TestSample(t *testing.T) {
    // your test
}
```

# Simple test

```
func TestSimple(t *testing.T) {
    expected := 2
    actual := 3
    if actual != expected {
        t.Errorf("expected: %d, actual: %d", expected, actual)
    }
}
```

\*testing.T?

# \*testing.T?

In a test we interact with the type testing.T. It provides all functionalities we need to mark a test as failed, skip test and so on.

```
func (c *T) Error(args ...interface{})
func (c *T) Errorf(format string, args ...interface{})
func (c *T) Fail()
func (c *T) FailNow()
func (c *T) Failed() bool
func (c *T) Fatal(args ...interface{})
func (c *T) Fatalf(format string, args ...interface{})
func (c *T) Helper()
func (c *T) Log(args ...interface{})
func (c *T) Logf(format string, args ...interface{})
func (c *T) Name() string
func (t *T) Parallel()
func (t *T) Run(name string, f func(t *T)) bool
func (c *T) Skip(args ...interface{})
func (c *T) SkipNow()
func (c *T) Skipf(format string, args ...interface{})
func (c *T) Skipped() bool
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```

# Failing a test

• flag a failure and move on

```
Fail()
```

mark the who test as failed and stops execution

```
FailNow()
```

• like Fail(), but adds a log message (the most used)

```
Error(args ...interface{})
Errorf(format string, args ...interface{})
```

• like FailNow(), but adds a log message

```
Fatal(args ...interface{})
Fatalf(format string, args ...interface{})
```

### (more) Simple tests

```
func TestSimple(t *testing.T) {
    expected := 2
    actual := 3
    if actual != expected {
        t.Errorf("expected: %d, actual: %d", expected, actual)
    }
}
```

```
func TestSimpleFatal(t *testing.T) {
    someSetup := errors.New("setup failed")
    expected, actual := 3, 2

if someSetup != nil {
        t.Fatalf("set up failed, aborting test: %v", someSetup)
    }

// Not executed
if actual != expected {
        t.Errorf("expected: %d, actual: %d", expected, actual)
    }
}
```

# Running tests

### **Running tests**

• all tests in a package

```
go test [Package path]
```

all tests in current folder and sub folders:

```
go test ./...
```

select test by name/regex

```
go test -run Foo
                    # Run top-level tests matching "Foo", such as "TestFooBar".
go test -run Foo/A= # For top-level tests matching "Foo", run subtests matching "A=".
                    # For all top-level tests, run subtests matching "A=1".
go test -run /A=1
                                                                                               15
```

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#### Verbose mode

```
go test -v
```

- go test will print individually every test
- print the output of **t.Log** function families
- check in runtime by calling testing.Verbose()

```
func TestVerbose(t *testing.T) {
    t.log("only printed in verbose mode")
    log.Println("log.Println: always printed")

if testing.Verbose() {
    log.Println("some vrebose, but really useful info")
    }
}
```

### Verbose mode (output)

• not verbose

#### verbose

```
$ go test -v -run TestVerbose
=== RUN    TestVerbose
2019/09/06 12:02:16 log.Println: always printed
--- PASS: TestVerbose (0.00s)
    tips_test.go:39: only printed in verbose mode
    tips_test.go:43: some verbose, but really useful info
PASS
ok    github.com/AndersonQ/golangpiter2019gotesting    0.007s
```

#### Short mode

```
go test -short
```

- used to skip *slow tests*
- check in runtime by calling **testing.Short()**

```
func TestShort(t *testing.T) {
    // Can't be quicker
}

func TestShortNotSoShort(t *testing.T) {
    if testing.Short() {
        t.Skip("Skip in short mode") // needs verbose to show this message
    }
    time.Sleep(3 * time.Second)
}
```

# Short mode (output)

not verbose

```
$ go test -run TestShort
PASS
ok
        github.com/AndersonQ/golangpiter2019gotesting
                                                         3.014s
```

#### verbose

```
$ go test -v -short -run TestShort
=== RUN TestShort
--- PASS: TestShort (0.00s)
=== RUN TestShortNotSoShort
--- SKIP: TestShortNotSoShort (0.00s)
   tips_test.go:56: Skip in short mode
PASS
       github.com/AndersonQ/golangpiter2019gotesting
ok
                                                        0.005s
```

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# **Helper functions**

Sometimes we need to do some setup. In order to not clog the test, a helper function is used:

```
func TestWithHelper(t *testing.T) {
    helperFunction(t, "a parameter")
    // ...
}

func helperFunction(t *testing.T, param string) string {
    t.Fatal("helperFunction setup failed")
    return param
}
```

Passing **t** is a common practice so if anything fails in the setup we can already abort the test.

# **Helper functions**

```
$ go test -run TestWithHelper
--- FAIL: TestWithHelper (0.00s)
    tips_test.go:97: helperFunction setup failed
FAIL
exit status 1
FAIL github.com/AndersonQ/golangpiter2019gotesting 0.005s
```

However, the failure output shows the failure was on

```
t.Fatal("helperFunction setup failed")
```

Not so helpful. 25

t.Helper() for the rescue

# t.Helper()

We can invoke **t.Helper()** to signal it's a helper function and the error should be reported on the caller

```
func TestWithBetterHelper(t *testing.T) {
    betterHelperFunction(t, "file.json")
}

func betterHelperFunction(t *testing.T, fileName string) string {
    t.Helper()
    t.Fatal("betterHelperFunction setup failed")
    return ""
}
```

```
$ go test -run TestWithBetterHelper
--- FAIL: TestWithBetterHelper (0.00s)
    tips_test.go:106: betterHelperFunction setup failed
FAIL
exit status 1
FAIL github.com/AndersonQ/golangpiter2019gotesting  0.005s
```

# Table test

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### Table test

When we have similar test setup, only some values changing from one test to another, we can use a table test

#### Table test

Lets write a wee test for math. Abs

```
func TestTableSimple(t *testing.T) {
   tcs := []struct {
        name string
        val float64
        want float64
   }{
        {name: "the positive", val: 42, want: 42},
        {name: "the negative", val: -42, want: 42},
        {name: "zero", val: 0, want: 0},
    for _, tc := range tcs {
        t.Run(tc.name, func(t *testing.T) {
            got := math.Abs(tc.val)
            if tc.want != got {
                t.Errorf("want: %f, got: %f", tc.want, got)
        })
```

#### Table test: test cases

```
tcs := []struct {
    name string
    val float64
    want float64
}{
    {name: "the positive", val: 42, want: 42},
    {name: "the negative", val: -42, want: 42},
    {name: "zero", val: 0, want: 0},
}
                                                                                           32
```

# Table test: for loop

```
for _, tc := range tcs {
    t.Run(tc.name, func(t *testing.T) {
        got := math.Abs(tc.val)
        if tc.want != got {
           t.Errorf("want: %f, got: %f", tc.want, got)
    })
                                                                                           33
```

### Table test (output)

not verbose:

```
$ go test -run TestTableSimple
PASS
ok github.com/AndersonQ/golangpiter2019gotesting 0.004s
```

#### • verbose:

#### Slow table test?

```
func TestTableSlow(t *testing.T) {
    tcs := []struct {
        name string
        sleep time.Duration
    }{
        {name: "1s", sleep: 1 * time.Second},
        {name: "2s", sleep: 2 * time.Second},
        {name: "3s", sleep: 3 * time.Second},
    }
    for _, tc := range tcs {
        t.Run(tc.name, func(t *testing.T) {
            time.Sleep(tc.sleep)
        })
    }
}
```

# Slow table test? (output)

Too slow, we can do better!

# t.Parallel() for the rescue

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All tests calling t.Parallel() will run in parallel within the same package

```
func TestTableParallel(t *testing.T) {
   tcs := []struct {
        name string
        sleep time.Duration
   }{
        {name: "1s", sleep: 1 * time.Second},
        {name: "2s", sleep: 2 * time.Second},
        {name: "3s", sleep: 3 * time.Second},
    for _, tc := range tcs {
        t.Run(tc.name, func(t *testing.T) {
            t.Parallel()
           t.Log("running ", tc.name)
           time.Sleep(tc.sleep)
        })
```

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```
$ go test -v -run TestTableParallel$
=== RUN TestTableParallel
         TestTableParallel/1s
=== RUN
=== PAUSE TestTableParallel/1s
=== RUN TestTableParallel/2s
=== PAUSE TestTableParallel/2s
=== RUN
         TestTableParallel/3s
=== PAUSF TestTableParallel/3s
=== CONT TestTableParallel/1s
=== CONT TestTableParallel/3s
=== CONT TestTableParallel/2s
--- PASS: TestTableParallel (0.00s)
    --- PASS: TestTableParallel/2s (3.00s)
        tips test.go:174: running 3s
    --- PASS: TestTableParallel/1s (3.00s)
        tips test.go:174: running 3s
    --- PASS: TestTableParallel/3s (3.00s)
        tips test.go:174: running 3s
PASS
ok
        github.com/AndersonQ/golangpiter2019gotesting
                                                         3.008s
```

something looks wrong... why is it only printing "tips\_test.go:174: running 3s"?

The goroutines are sharing the variable tc!

```
for _, tc := range tcs {
    t.Run(tc.name, func(t *testing.T) {
        t.Parallel()
        t.Log("running ", tc.name)
        time.Sleep(tc.sleep)
    })
}
                                                                                            41
```

Each goroutine has to have its own tc!

```
for _, tc := range tcs {
    t.Run(tc.name, func(t *testing.T) {
        tc := tc // rebidding tc so the goroutines will not share it
        t.Parallel()
        t.Log("running ", tc.name)
        time.Sleep(tc.sleep)
    })
```

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#### Fixed!

```
func TestTableParallelFixed(t *testing.T) {
   tcs := []struct {
        name string
        sleep time.Duration
   }{
        {name: "1s", sleep: 1 * time.Second},
        {name: "2s", sleep: 2 * time.Second},
        {name: "3s", sleep: 3 * time.Second},
    for _, tc := range tcs {
        t.Run(tc.name, func(t *testing.T) {
            tc := tc // rebidding tc so the goroutines will not share it
           t.Parallel()
           t.Log("running ", tc.name)
           time.Sleep(tc.sleep)
        })
```

#### Watch out!

If you write something like

```
tc := tc
```

put a comment explaining why!

We don't want a well intentioned engineer removing this "useless" line

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#### t.Parallel() (output)

```
$ go test -v -run TestTableParallelFixed
=== RUN TestTableParallelFixed
         TestTableParallelFixed/1s
=== RUN
=== PAUSE TestTableParallelFixed/1s
=== RUN TestTableParallelFixed/2s
=== PAUSE TestTableParallelFixed/2s
=== RUN
         TestTableParallelFixed/3s
=== PAUSF TestTableParallelFixed/3s
=== CONT TestTableParallelFixed/1s
=== CONT TestTableParallelFixed/3s
=== CONT TestTableParallelFixed/2s
--- PASS: TestTableParallelFixed (0.00s)
    --- PASS: TestTableParallelFixed/1s (1.00s)
        tips test.go:202: running 1s
    --- PASS: TestTableParallelFixed/2s (2.00s)
        tips test.go:202: running 2s
    --- PASS: TestTableParallelFixed/3s (3.00s)
        tips test.go:202: running 3s
PASS
        github.com/AndersonQ/golangpiter2019gotesting
ok
                                                         3.008s
                                                                                               45
```

You can control how many tests are run in parallel using the flag -p:

```
go test -p=3 ./...
```

or to force them to run sequentially

```
go test -p=1 ./...
```

# What else?

# Race detector!

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#### Race detector

As we're in the parallelism topic, since go 1.1 we have a built in race detector. Just pass -race and it'll kick in.

```
$ go test -race mypkg // test the package
$ go run -race mysrc.go // compile and run the program
$ go build -race mycmd // build the command
$ go install -race mypkg // install the package
```

(from https://blog.golang.org/race-detector)

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#### Race detector

```
$ go test -run TestRace
950.594304ms
1.036182019s
1.704839419s
1.944835828s
2.232832234s
2.78703401s
3.424386815s
3.758950018s
3.944828741s
4.427233451s
PASS
        github.com/AndersonQ/golangpiter2019gotesting
                                                         5.009s
ok
                                                                                                51
```

#### Race detector in action

```
$ go test -race -run TestRace
WARNING: DATA RACE
Read at 0x00c000010038 by goroutine 9:
 github.com/AndersonQ/golangpiter2019gotesting.race.func1()
      /Users/aqueiroz/devel/github.com/AndersonQ/golangpiter2019gotesting/race.go:14 +0x121
Previous write at 0x00c000010038 by goroutine 8:
 github.com/AndersonQ/golangpiter2019gotesting.race()
      /Users/aqueiroz/devel/github.com/AndersonQ/golangpiter2019gotesting/race.go:12 +0x18d
 github.com/AndersonQ/golangpiter2019gotesting.TestRace()
      /Users/aqueiroz/devel/github.com/AndersonQ/golangpiter2019gotesting/race_test.go:6 +0x2f
 testing.tRunner()
      /usr/local/go/src/testing/testing.go:909 +0x199
```

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#### Race detector in action (cont.)

```
Goroutine 9 (running) created at:
 time.goFunc()
      /usr/local/go/src/time/sleep.go:168 +0x51
Goroutine 8 (running) created at:
 testing.(*T).Run()
      /usr/local/go/src/testing/testing.go:960 +0x651
 testing.runTests.func1()
      /usr/local/go/src/testing/testing.go:1202 +0xa6
 testing.tRunner()
      /usr/local/go/src/testing/testing.go:909 +0x199
 testing.runTests()
      /usr/local/go/src/testing/testing.go:1200 +0x521
 testing.(*M).Run()
      /usr/local/go/src/testing/testing.go:1117 +0x2ff
 github.com/AndersonQ/golangpiter2019gotesting.TestMain()
      /Users/aqueiroz/devel/github.com/AndersonQ/golangpiter2019gotesting/tips_test.go:24 +0x62
 main.main()
     testmain.go:66 +0x223
=============
```

#### Race detector in action (cont.)

```
--- FAIL: TestRace (5.00s)
   testing.go:853: race detected during execution of test

FAIL
exit status 1

FAIL github.com/AndersonQ/golangpiter2019gotesting 5.015s
```

# **Test Data**

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#### testdata

*testdata* is a special directory reserved for, well, test data:

"The go tool will ignore a directory named "testdata", making it available to hold ancillary data needed by the tests." (go help test)

Also when running tests the root directory is set to the package root.

```
$ 11
drwxr-xr-x 3 aqueiroz aqueiroz 96B 6 Sep 14:40 testdata
-rw-r--r-- 1 aqueiroz aqueiroz 4.3K 29 Oct 11:16 tips test.go
                                                                                         57
```

#### testdata

To access *testdata* is as easy as:

```
func TestTestdata(t *testing.T) {
    expected := "Hello, golpher!"

path := filepath.Join("testdata", "hello")
    file, _ := ioutil.ReadFile(path)

str := string(file)
    if str != expected {
        t.Fatalf("expected: %s, actual: %s", expected, str)
    }
}
```

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# Black box testing

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#### "\_test" package

"Test files that declare a package with the suffix "\_test" will be compiled as a separate package, and then linked and run with the main test binary." (go help test)

- mypackage\_test can live in the same folder as mypackage
- it'll only have access to exported things
- go test runs the tests within mypackage\_test as well as the other tests

```
package pwd_test

import (
    "testing"

    "github.com/AndersonQ/golangpiter2019gotesting/pwd"
)

func TestPackage_test(t *testing.T) {
    pwd.PWD()
}
```

#### "\_test" package (output)

not verbose

```
$ go test -v -run TestPackage_test ./pwd
2019/11/01 10:10:46 pwd.PWD: /Users/aqueiroz/devel/github.com/AndersonQ/golangpiter2019gotesting/pw
PASS
ok github.com/AndersonQ/golangpiter2019gotesting/pwd 0.007s
```

#### verbose

```
$ go test -v -run TestPackage_test ./pwd
=== RUN    TestPackage_test
2019/11/01 10:10:58 pwd.PWD: /Users/aqueiroz/devel/github.com/AndersonQ/golangpiter2019gotesting/pw
--- PASS: TestPackage_test (0.00s)
PASS
ok    github.com/AndersonQ/golangpiter2019gotesting/pwd    0.007s
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```

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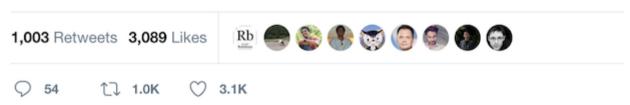
Follow

#### A test is not a unit test if:

- It talks to the database
- It communicates across the network
- It touches the file system
- It can't run at the same time as any of your other unit tests
- You have to do special things to your environment to run it.

#### -@mfeathers

5:46 am - 29 Sep 2019



If it needs anything else rather than

go mod download

it's not a unit test

Integration tests or any other tests with external dependencies should be separated from unit tests

We can use the **-short** flag and don't run them when it's set. However we might need it to separate **slow unit tests** or something else

We can use build flags instead! Also naming the test files *\_integration\_test.go* 

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```
// +build integration

package main

import "testing"

func TestIntegrationTest(t *testing.T) {
    t.Log("A integration test")
}
```

```
$ go test -v -run TestIntegrationTest
testing: warning: no tests to run
PASS
ok github.com/AndersonQ/golangpiter2019gotesting 0.005s
```

testing: warning: no tests to run!

Let's try again passing your build tag integration

```
$ go test -v -tags integration -run TestIntegrationTest
=== RUN TestIntegrationTest
--- PASS: TestIntegrationTest (0.00s)
    tips_integration_test.go:11: A integration test
PASS
ok
        github.com/AndersonQ/golangpiter2019gotesting
                                                        0.005s
                                                                                               69
```

# Set up and Teardown

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### func TestMain(m \*testing.M)

We can have a "main" function for tests which will be called by go test and should fire the tests

```
func TestMain(m *testing.M) {
    // call flag.Parse() here if TestMain uses flags

    globalSetup()
    exitCode := m.Run()
    globalTeardown()

    os.Exit(exitCode)
}
```

Watch out *MainTest* receives a \*testing.M instead of \*testing.T

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#### flags for TestMain

"If TestMain depends on command-line flags, including those of the testing package, it should call flag.Parse explicitly" (https://godoc.org/testing)

```
func TestMain(m *testing.M) {
    // call flag.Parse() here if TestMain uses flags
   // If TestMain depends on command-line flags, including those of the testing package,
    // it should call flag.Parse explicitly (https://godoc.org/testing)
    flag.Parse()
    if testing.Verbose() {
        fmt.Println("TestMain")
    }
    globalSetup()
    exitStatus := m.Run()
    globalTeardown()
   os.Exit(exitStatus)
}
```

#### flags for TestMain

```
$ go test -v ./setupteardown
TestMain
Package level SetUp
=== RUN TestSetUpTearDown1
--- PASS: TestSetUpTearDown1 (0.00s)
    set up tear down test.go:18: SetUp/TearDown test 1
=== RUN TestSetUpTearDown2
--- PASS: TestSetUpTearDown2 (0.00s)
    set_up_tear_down_test.go:22: SetUp/TearDown test 2
    set up tear down test.go:23: SetUp/TearDown test 2
PASS
Package level TearDown
       github.com/AndersonQ/golangpiter2019gotesting/setupteardown
                                                                       0.005s
ok
                                                                                                74
```

#### flags for TestMain broken

```
func TestMain(m *testing.M) {
    if testing.Verbose() {
        fmt.Println("TestMain")
    }
    os.Exit(m.Run())
}
```

```
$ go test ./setupteardownbroken
panic: testing: Verbose called before Parse

goroutine 1 [running]:
testing.Verbose(...)
    /usr/local/go/src/testing/testing.go:392
github.com/AndersonQ/golangpiter2019gotesting/setupteardownbroken.TestMain(0xc0000b0000)
    /Users/aqueiroz/devel/github.com/AndersonQ/golangpiter2019gotesting/setupteardownbroken/set_up_
main.main()
    _testmain.go:40 +0x135

FAIL github.com/AndersonQ/golangpiter2019gotesting/setupteardownbroken 0.007s
FAIL
```

# Test cache

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#### **Cached tests**

Go will cache tests whenever possible:

"[...] go test caches successful package test results to avoid unnecessary repeated running of tests. When the result of a test can be recovered from the cache, go test will redisplay the previous output instead of running the test binary again. When this happens, go test prints '(cached)' in place of the elapsed time in the summary line." (go help test)

#### **Cached tests**

• "The idiomatic way to disable test caching explicitly is to use -count=1" (go help test)

# Questions?

### Thank you

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