

readers & writers

What do you know about readers and writers?

Are “readers” and “writers”
different from “reading” and “writing”?

```
package-os  
package-strings  
package-bufio  
package-io  
package-ioutil  
package-encoding-csv  
package-path/filepath
```

What might you find in these packages related to reading and writing?

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Remember what we learned about interfaces with our “vehicle interface” analogy

You could say
interfaces allow us to group things
by functionality; what they do; their methods

say I need to go from here to LA

I'll need a **vehicle** to get there:

truck, bike, plane

all of those

An interface is like
having more than one type:
“I’m a plane, and I’m a vehicle”
“I’m a truck, and I’m a vehicle”
“I’m a boat, and I’m a vehicle”

you’d end up over if you went through
different modes of transportation
they all satisfy the criteria for what it means

if you want to do something
then anything

`ioutil.ReadAll` takes a reader interface as an argument,
so it can take a file or a string:
`func ReadAll(r io.Reader) ([]byte, error) { }`

“I’m a file, and I’m a reader interface”
“I’m a string, and I’m a reader interface”
“I’m a file, and I’m a writer interface”

reader

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main.go x https://golang.org/ref/spec  
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// Open opens the named file for reading.  
// the returned file can be used for reading  
// descriptor has mode O_RDONLY.  
// If there is an error, it will be of type  
func Open(name string) (file *File, err error) {  
    return OpenFile(name, O_RDONLY, 0)  
}
```

f has two types:
• *File
• reader interface

```
// ReadAll reads from r until an error or EOF and returns the data it read.  
// A successful call returns err == nil, not err != nil.  
// defined to read from src until EOF, it does  
// as an error to be reported.  
func ReadAll(r io.Reader) ([]byte, error) {  
    return readAll(r, bytes.MinRead)  
}
```

How does ***File** implement
the **reader interface**?

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godoc.org/os

type File

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- o func Open(name string) (*File, error)
- o func OpenFile(name string, flag int, perm FileMode) (*File, error)
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- o func (f *File) Chdir() error
- o func (f *File) Chmod(mode FileMode) error
- o func (f *File) Chown(uid, gid int) error
- o func (f *File) Close() error
- o func (f *File) Fd() uintptr
- o func (f *File) Name() string
- o func (f *File) Read(b []byte) (n int, err error)
- o func (f *File) type Reader interface {
 Read(p []byte) (n int, err error)
}
- o func (f *File) Seek(offset int64, whence int) (ret int64, err error)
- o func (f *File) Stat() (FileInfo, error)
- o func (f *File) Sync() error
- o func (f *File) Truncate(size int64) error
- o func (f *File) Write(b []byte) (n int, err error)
- o func (f *File) WriteAt(b []byte, off int64) (n int, err error)
- o func (f *File) WriteString(s string) (n int, err error)

*File implements the reader interface

methods of *File

Reader Interface

io.Reader



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type Writer interface {  
    Write(p []byte) (n int, err error)  
}
```

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func Create(name string) (*File, error)

func NewFile(fd uintptr, name string) *File

func Open(name string) (*File, error)

func OpenFile(name string, flag int, perm FileMode) (*File, error)

func Pipe() (r *File, w *File, err error)

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func (f *File) Read(b []byte) (n int, err error)

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```

package io

```
type Writer interface {  
    Write(p []byte) (n int, err error)  
}
```

type Reader

```
type Reader interface {  
    Read(p []byte) (n int, err error)  
}
```

Any type with this method, implements reader interface

Reader is the interface that wraps the basic Read method.

Read reads up to len(p) bytes into p. It returns the number of bytes read (0 ≤ n ≤ len(p)) and any error.

The screenshot shows the godoc.org/os documentation for the 'File' type. The 'File' type is defined with the following methods:

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- func Open(name string) (*File, error)
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func FileInfo

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type Reader  
  
type Reader interface {  
    Read(p []byte) (n int, err error)  
}
```

Different packages can have funcs with the same name

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type Reader  
  
type Reader struct {  
    // contains filtered or unexported fields  
}  
  
A Reader implements the io.Reader, io.ReaderAt, io.Seeker, io.WriterTo, io.ByteScanner, and io.RuneScanner interfaces by reading from a string.
```

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func ReadAll  
  
func ReadAll(r io.Reader) ([]byte, error)
```

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godoc.org/encoding/csv

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- func NewReader(r io.Reader) *Reader
- func (r *Reader) Read() (record []string, err error)
- func (r *Reader) ReadAll() (records [][]string, err error)

godoc.org/bufio

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type Reader

- func NewReader(rd io.Reader) *Reader
- func NewReaderSize(rd io.Reader, size int) *Reader
- func (b *Reader) Buffered() int
- func (b *Reader) Discard(n int) (discarded int, err error)
- func (b *Reader) Peek(n int) ([]byte, error)
- func (b *Reader) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error)
- func (b *Reader) ReadByte() (c byte, err error)
- func (b *Reader) ReadBytes(delim byte) (line []byte, err error)
- func (b *Reader) ReadLine() (line []byte, isPrefix bool, err error)
- func (b *Reader) ReadRune() (r rune, size int, err error)
- func (b *Reader) ReadSlice(delim byte) (line []byte, err error)
- func (b *Reader) ReadString(delim byte) (line string, err error)
- func (b *Reader) Reset(r io.Reader)
- func (b *Reader) UnreadByte() error
- func (b *Reader) UnreadRune() error
- func (b *Reader) WriteTo(w io.Writer) (n int64, err error)

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godoc.org/io/ioutil

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func ReadAll

```
func ReadAll(r io.Reader) ([]byte, error)
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The Go Programming Language

Results for query '"Read\\(p \\[\\]byte\\) \\(n int, err error\\)"'

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Who implements the **io.Reader** interface?

```
1 /src/doc/progs/interface.go
1 /src/bufio/bufio.go
2 /src/bufio/bufio_test.go
1 /src/bufio/scan_test.go
1 /src/bytes/buffer.go
1 /src/compress/flate/deflate_test.go
1 /src/compress/gzip/gunzip.go
1 /src/compress/zlib/reader.go
1 /src/crypto/rand/rand_unix.go
1 /src/crypto/tls/conn.go
1 /src/encoding/ascii85/ascii85.go
1 /src/encoding/base32/base32.go
1 /src/encoding/base64/base64.go
1 /src/encoding/gob/timing_test.go
1 /src/fmt/scan_test.go
2 /src/go/internal/gcimporter/gcimporter_test.go
4 /src/io/io.go
1 /src/io/io_test.go
1 /src/io/multi.go
1 /src/mime/quotedprintable/reader.go
1 /src/net/fd_unix.go
1 /src/net/http/cgi/matryoshka_test.go
1 /src/net/http/client.go
1 /src/net/http/client_test.go
1 /src/net/http/httputil/dump.go
1 /src/net/http/request.go
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3 /src/net/http/serve_test.go
3 /src/net/http/server.go
3 /src/net/http/transfer.go
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2 /src/net/http/transport_test.go
1 /src/testing/iostest/logger.go
1 /src/testing/iostest/reader.go
1 /src/text/scanner/scanner_test.go
```

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~ $ godoc -q 'Read\\(p \\[\\]byte\\) \\(n int, err error\\)'
```

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~ $ grep -r "Read(b \[\\]byte) (n int, err error)" /usr/local/go/src
/usr/local/go/src/archive/tar/reader.go:func (r *reg.FileReader) Read(b []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/archive/tar/reader.go:func (sr *sparseFileReader) Read(b []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/archive/zip/reader.go:func (r *checksumReader) Read(b []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/bytes/reader.go:func (r *Reader) Read(b []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/compressflate/deflate_test.go:func (r *sparseReader) Read(b []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/crypto/rand/rand.go:func Read(b []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/crypto/rand/rand_unix.go:func (r *devReader) Read(b []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/crypto/rand/rand_unix.go:func (r *reader) Read(b []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/crypto/rand/windows.go:func (r *rngReader) Read(b []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/crypto/tls/conn.go:func (c *Conn) Read(b []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/crypto/tls/handshake_server_test.go:func (zeroSource) Read(b []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/crypto/tls/handshake_test.go:func (r *recordingConn) Read(b []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/encoding/gob/debug.go:func (p *peekReader) Read(b []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/fmt/scan.go:func (r *stringReader) Read(b []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/fmt/scan_test.go:func (ec *eofCounter) Read(b []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/fmt/scan_test.go:func (s *simpleReader) Read(b []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/image/jpeg/reader_test.go:func (r *eofReader) Read(b []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/mime/multipart/multipart_test.go:func (mr *maliciousReader) Read(b []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/net/fd_plan9.go:func (fd *netFD) Read(b []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/net/net.go: func Read(b []byte) (n int, err error)
/usr/local/go/src/net/textproto/reader.go:func (d *dotReader) Read(b []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/os/file.go:func (f *file) Read(b []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/strings/reader.go:func (r *Reader) Read(b []byte) (n int, err error) {
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~ $ grep -r "Read(p \[\\]byte) (n int, err error)" /usr/local/go/src
/usr/local/go/src/bufio/bufio_test.go:func (r *StringReader) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/bufio/scan_test.go:func (sr *slowReader) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/bytes/buffer.go:func (b *Buffer) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/compressflate/deflate_test.go:func (b *syncBuffer) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/compress/gzip/gunzip.go:func (z *Reader) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/compress/zlib/reader.go:func (z *reader) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/crypto/tls/conn.go:func (b *block) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/encoding/asci85/asci85.go:func (d *decoder) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/encoding/base32/base32.go:func (d *decoder) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/encoding/base64/base64.go:func (d *decoder) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/encoding/gob/timing_test.go:func (b *benchmarkBuf) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/fmt/scan_test.go:func (s *myStringReader) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/io/io.go: func Read(p []byte) (n int, err error)
/usr/local/go/src/io/io.go:func (l *limitedReader) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/io/section.go:func (s *SectionReader) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/io/io_test.go:func (r *dataAndErrorBuffer) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/multi/multipart.go:func (mr *multiReader) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/net/fd_unix.go:func (fd *netFD) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/net/http/cgi/matryoshka/test.go:func (b neverEnding) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/net/http/client.go:func (b *cancelTimerBody) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/net/http/client_test.go:func (f eofReaderFunc) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/net/http/httputil/dump.go:func (b neverEnding) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/net/http/request.go:func (l *maxBytesReader) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/net/http/serve_test.go:func (b neverEnding) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
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/usr/local/go/src/net/http/serve_test.go:func (r *repeatReader) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/net/http/server.go:func (sr *liveSwitchReader) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/net/http/server.go:func (e expectContinueReader) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/net/http/server.go:func (c *loggingConn) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/net/http/transfer.go:func (r *errorReader) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/net/http/transfer.go:func (b *body) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/net/http/transfer.go:func (b bodyLocked) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/net/http/transport.go:func (es *bodyEOFSignal) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/net/http/transport.go:func (gz *gzipReader) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/net/http/transport.go:func (nr noteEOFReader) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/net/http/transport_test.go:func (c byteFromChanReader) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/net/mail/message.go:func (qd qDecoder) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/net/timeout_test.go:func (b neverEnding) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/testing/iostest/logger.go:func (l *readLogger) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/testing/iostest/reader.go:func (r *dataErrReader) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/text/scanner/scanner_test.go:func (r *StringReader) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
```

godoc.org/bytes

type Buffer

```
type Buffer struct {
    // contains filtered or unexported fields
}
```

A Buffer is a variable-sized buffer of bytes with Read and Write methods. The zero value is a buffer ready to use.

Example

package bytes

```
import "bytes"
```

Package bytes implements functions for the manipulation of byte slices. It is analogous to the facilities of the strings package.

godoc.org/bytes

func NewReader

```
func NewReader(rd io.Reader) *Reader
```

NewReader returns a new Reader whose buffer has the default size.

func (*Reader) Read

```
func (b *Reader) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error)
```

Read reads data into p. It returns the number of bytes read into p. It calls Read at most once on the underlying Reader, hence n may be less than len(p). At EOF, the count will be zero and err will be io.EOF.

A Reader implements the io.Reader, io.ReaderAt, io.WriterTo, io.Seeker, io.ByteScanner, and io.RuneScanner interfaces by reading from a byte slice. Unlike a Buffer, a Reader is read-only and supports seeking.

godoc.org/strings

type Reader

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```

A Reader implements the io.Reader, io.ReaderAt, io.Seeker, io.WriterTo, io.ByteScanner, and io.RuneScanner interfaces by reading from a string.

These types implement the **io.Reader** interface

golang.org/pkg/io/

type LimitedReader

```
func (l *LimitedReader) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error)
```

type PipeReader

```
func Pipe() (*PipeReader, *PipeWriter)
```

```
func (r *PipeReader) Close() error
```

```
func (r *PipeReader) CloseWithError(err error) error
```

```
func (r *PipeReader) Read(data []byte) (n int, err error)
```

golang.org/pkg/io/

type SectionReader

```
func NewSectionReader(r ReaderAt, off int64, n int64) *SectionReader
```

```
func (s *SectionReader) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error)
```

```
func (s *SectionReader) ReadAt(p []byte, off int64) (n int, err error)
```

```
func (s *SectionReader) Seek(offset int64, whence int) (int64, error)
```

```
func (s *SectionReader) Size() int64
```

type File

```
type File struct {
    // contains filtered or unexported fields
}
```

File represents an open file descriptor.

func Create

<https://golang.org/src/strings/reader.go#L37>

```
func (r *Reader) Read(b []byte) (n int, err error) {
    if len(b) == 0 {
        return 0, nil
    }
    if r.i >= int64(len(r.s)) {
        return 0, io.EOF
    }
    r.prevRune = -1
    n = copy(b, r.s[r.i:])
    r.i += int64(n)
    return
}
```

... yet all of this code begins and ends in the same way ...

<https://golang.org/src/bytes/reader.go#L38>

```
func (r *Reader) Read(b []byte) (n int, err error) {
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    }
    if r.i >= int64(len(r.s)) {
        return 0, io.EOF
    }
    r.prevRune = -1
    n = copy(b, r.s[r.i:])
    r.i += int64(n)
    return
}
```

All very different code ...

```
func (f *File) Read(b []byte) (n int, err error) {
    if f == nil {
        return 0, ErrInvalid
    }
    n, e := f.read(b)
    if n < 0 {
        n = 0
    }
    if n == 0 && len(b) > 0 && e == nil {
        return 0, io.EOF
    }
    if e != nil {
        err = &PathError{"read", f.name, e}
    }
    return n, err
}
```

... the **interface** is this commonality ...
... there is a common **interface** ...
... any func that knows how to use this read method ... can receive any of these types which have this read method ...

... we create an **interface** type, which all of these other types can match if they have the common **interface**, in this case, the read method ...

this is how interfaces work ... an interface has been created ...

<https://golang.org/src/bufio/bufio.go#L185>

```
func (b *Reader) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
    n = len(p)
    if n == 0 {
        return 0, b.readErr()
    }
    if b.r == b.w {
        if b.err != nil {
            return 0, b.readErr()
        }
        if len(n) >= len(b.huf) {
            ...
        }
    }
}
```

... take a slice of bytes and read it, then return the number of bytes read and error status ...

<https://golang.org/src/bytes/buffer.go#L255>

```
func (b *Buffer) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
    b.lastRead = opInvalid
    if b.off >= len(b.buf) {
        // Buffer is empty, reset to recover space.
        b.Truncate(0)
        if len(p) == 0 {
            return
        }
        return 0, io.EOF
    }
    n = copy(p, b.buf[b.off:])
    b.off += n
    if n > 0 {
        b.lastRead = opRead
    }
    return
}
```

<https://golang.org/src/strings/reader.go#L37>

```
func (r *Reader) Read(b []byte) (n int, err error) {
    if len(b) == 0 {
        return 0, nil
    }
    if r.i >= int64(len(r.s)) {
        return 0, io.EOF
    }
    r.prevRune = -1
    n = copy(b, r.s[r.i:])
    r.i += int64(n)
    return
}
```

... yet all of this code begins and ends in the same way ...

All very different code ...

```
func (f *File) Read(b []byte) (n int, err error) {
    if f == nil {
        return 0, ErrInvalid
    }
    n, e := f.read(b)
    if n < 0 {
        n = 0
    }
    if n == 0 && len(b) > 0 && e == nil {
        return 0, io.EOF
    }
    if e != nil {
        err = &PathError{"read", f.name, e}
    }
    return n, err
}
```

<https://golang.org/src/bufio/bufio.go#L185>

```
func (b *Reader) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error) {
    n = len(p)
    if n == 0 {
        return 0, b.readErr()
    }
    if b.r == b.w {
        if b.err != nil {
            return 0, b.readErr()
        }
        if len(n) >= len(b.huf) {
            ...
        }
    }
}
```

... take a slice of bytes and read it, then return the number of bytes read and error status ...

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    }
    if r.i >= int64(len(r.s)) {
        return 0, io.EOF
    }
    r.prevRune = -1
    n = copy(b, r.s[r.i:])
    r.i += int64(n)
    return
}
```

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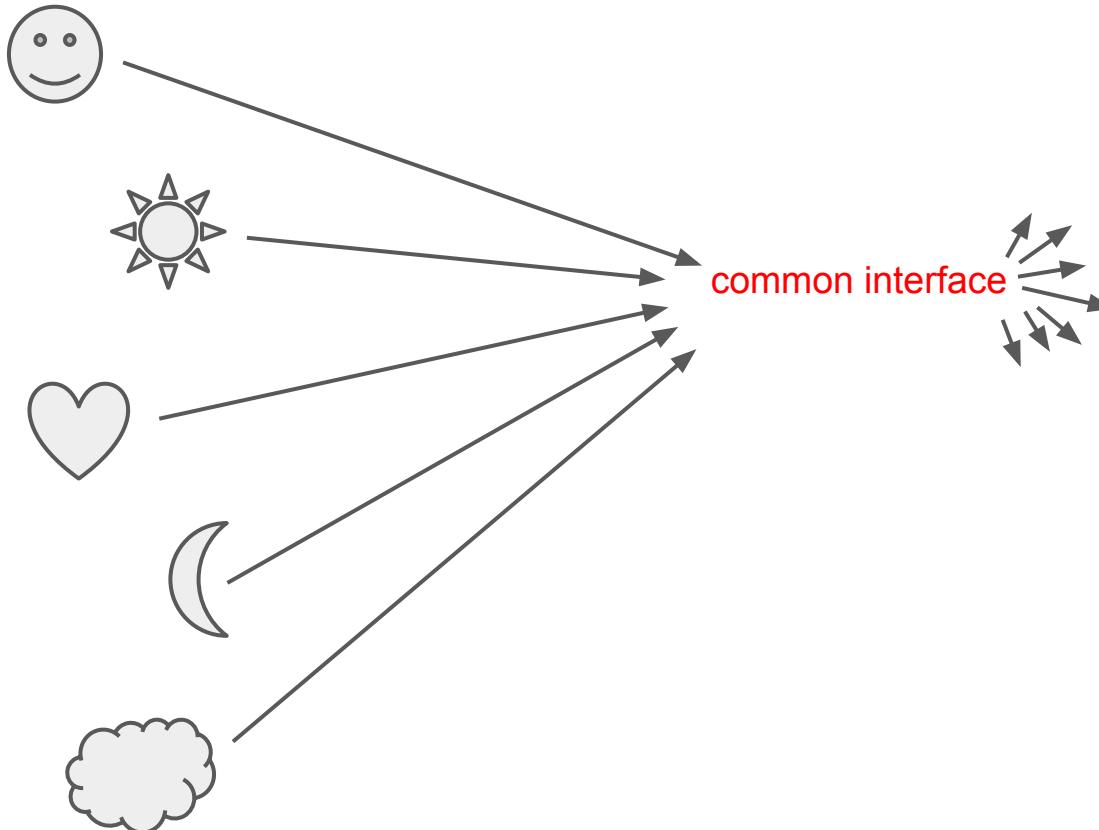
this is how interfaces work ... an interface has been created ...

godoc.org/io

type Reader

```
type Reader interface {
    Read(p []byte) (n int, err error)
}
```

Different Functions



Different Functions

any of the functions on the left
can be matched with any of the functions on the right
because all of the functions share a common, agreed upon way of interfacing with each other

Different Functions



Functions that implement
the **io.Reader** interface



common interface

io.Reader interface

Different Functions

Functions that take an **io.Reader**
interface as an argument



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Different Functions



Functions that implement
the **io.Reader** interface



common interface

io.Reader interface

```
main.go x
1 package main
2
3 import (
4     "log"
5     "os"
6     "io/ioutil"
7     "fmt"
8 )
9
10 func main() {
11     f, err := os.Open("hello.txt")
12     if err != nil {
13         log.Fatalln("my program broke")
14     }
15     defer f.Close()
16
17     bs, err := ioutil.ReadAll(f)
18     if err != nil {
19         log.Fatalln("my program broke")
20     }
21
22     fmt.Println(bs)
23     fmt.Println(string(bs))
24 }
```

because all of

Different Functions

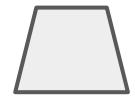
Functions that take an **io.Reader**
interface as an argument

other

Reading A File

f
implements the
reader interface

ReadAll
takes a reader interface



Who takes **io.Reader** as an argument?

The Go Programming Language

Results for query "(r io.Reader)"

156 textual occurrences

File	Count
/src/image/png/reader.go	3
/src/index/suffixarray/suffixarray.go	3
/src/internal/trace/parser.go	3
/src/io/ioutil/ioutil.go	4
/src/mime/multipart/multipart.go	2
/src/mime/multipart/multipart_test.go	2
/src/mime/quotedprintable/reader.go	1
/src/net/http/client_test.go	1
/src/net/http/fcgi/fcgi.go	1
/src/net/http/httputil/dump.go	1
/src/net/http/httputil/httputil.go	1
/src/net/http/internal/chunked.go	1
/src/net/http/request.go	1
/src/net/http/request_test.go	2
/src/net/http/serve_test.go	1
/src/net/http/server.go	2
/src/net/mail/message.go	1
/src/net/net.go	1
/src/net/nss.go	1
/src/net/parse.go	1
/src/net/pipe_test.go	1
/src/net/sendfile_dragonfly.go	1
/src/net/sendfile_freebsd.go	1
/src/net/sendfile_linux.go	1
/src/net/sendfile_solaris.go	1
/src/net/sendfile_stub.go	1
/src/net/sendfile_windows.go	1
/src/net/tcpsock_plan9.go	1
/src/net/tcpsock_posix.go	1
/src/reflect/set_test.go	1
/src/runtime/trace/trace_test.go	1
/src/testing/iostest/logger.go	1
/src/testing/iostest/reader.go	6
/src/test/fixedbugs/bug303.go	1
/src/test/typeswitch3.go	1
~ \$ godoc -q '(r io.Reader)'	

```
~ $ grep -r "io.Reader" /usr/local/go/src
/usr/local/go/src/archive/tar/reader.go:// and then it can be treated as an io.Reader to access the file's data.
/usr/local/go/src/archive/tar/reader.go:        r      io.Reader
/usr/local/go/src/archive/tar/reader.go:// A numBytesReader is an io.Reader with a numBytes method, returning the number
/usr/local/go/src/archive/tar/reader.go:        io.Reader
/usr/local/go/src/archive/tar/reader.go:        r      io.Reader // underlying reader
/usr/local/go/src/archive/tar/reader.go:func NewReader(r io.Reader) *Reader { return &Reader{r: r} }
/usr/local/go/src/archive/tar/reader.go:map[string]string, error) {
/usr/local/go/src/archive/tar/reader.go:(r io.Reader) ([]sparseEntry, error) {
/usr/local/go/src/archive/tar/reader.go:erAt
/usr/local/go/src/archive/tar/reader.go:(r io.Reader, size int64) (*Reader, error) {
/usr/local/go/src/archive/tar/reader.go:(r io.ReaderAt, size int64) error {
/usr/local/go/src/archive/tar/reader.go:(r io.Reader, 0, size)
/usr/local/go/src/archive/tar/reader.go:    . . . = io.NewSectionReader(f.zipr, f.headerOffset+bodyOffset, size)
/usr/local/go/src/archive/zip/reader.go:        var descr io.Reader
/usr/local/go/src/archive/zip/reader.go:            descr = io.NewSectionReader(f.zipr, f.headerOffset+bodyOffset+size, dataDescriptorLen)
/usr/local/go/src/archive/zip/reader.go:            descr io.Reader // if non-nil, where to read the data descriptor
/usr/local/go/src/archive/zip/reader.go:func readDirectoryHeader(f *File, r io.Reader) error {
/usr/local/go/src/archive/zip/reader.go:func readDataDescriptor(r io.Reader, f *File) error {
/usr/local/go/src/archive/zip/reader.go:func readDirectoryEnd(r io.ReaderAt, size int64) (dir *directoryEnd, err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/archive/zip/reader.go:func findDirectory64End(r io.ReaderAt, directoryEndOffset int64) (int64, error) {
/usr/local/go/src/archive/zip/reader.go:func readDirectory64End(r io.ReaderAt, offset int64, d *directoryEnd) (err error) {
/usr/local/go/src/archive/zip/reader_test.go: Source func() (r io.ReaderAt, size int64) // if non-nil, used instead of testdata/<Name> file
/usr/local/go/src/archive/zip/reader_test.go:func messWith(fileName string, corrupter func(b []byte)) (r io.ReaderAt, size int64) {
/usr/local/go/src/archive/zip/reader_test.go:func returnCorruptCRC32Zip() (r io.ReaderAt, size int64) {
/usr/local/go/src/archive/zip/reader_test.go:func returnCorruptNotStreamedZip() (r io.ReaderAt, size int64) {
/usr/local/go/src/archive/zip/reader_test.go:func returnRecursiveZip() (r io.ReaderAt, size int64) {
/usr/local/go/src/archive/zip/register.go:type Decompressor func(io.Reader) io.ReadCloser
/usr/local/go/src/archive/zip/zip_test.go:// It's an io.Writer (like a bytes.Buffer) and also an io.ReaderAt,
/usr/local/go/src/bufio/bufio.go:// Package bufio implements buffered I/O. It wraps an io.Reader or io.Writer
/usr/local/go/src/bufio/bufio.go:// Reader implements buffering for an io.Reader object.
/usr/local/go/src/bufio/bufio.go:        rd      io.Reader // reader provided by the client
/usr/local/go/src/bufio/bufio.go:// size. If the argument io.Reader is already a Reader with large enough
/usr/local/go/src/bufio/bufio.go:func NewReaderSize(rd io.Reader, size int) *Reader {
/usr/local/go/src/bufio/bufio.go:func NewReader(rd io.Reader) *Reader {
/usr/local/go/src/bufio/bufio.go:func (b *Reader).Reset(r io.Reader) {
```

Who takes **io.Reader** as an argument?

```
// Fscan scans text read from r, storing successive space-separated
// values into successive arguments. Newlines count as space. It
// returns the number of items successfully scanned. If that is less
// than the number of arguments, err will report why.
func Fscan(r io.Reader, a ...interface{}) (n int, err error) {
    s, old := newScanState(r, true, false)
    n, err = s.doScan(a)
    s.free(old)
    return
}
```

```
// Fscanln is similar to Fscan, but stops scanning at a  
// after the final item there must be a newline or EOF.  
func Fscanln(r io.Reader, a ...interface{}) (n int, err  
    s, old := newScanState(r, false, true)  
    n, err = s.doScan(a)  
    s.free(old)  
    return  
}
```

```
// Fscanf scans text read from r, storing successive  
// values into successive arguments as determined  
// by format. It returns the number of items successfully parsed.  
// Newlines in the input must match newlines in the format string.  
func Fscanf(r io.Reader, format string, a ...interface{}) (n int, err error) {  
    s, old := newScanState(r, false, false)  
    n, err = s.doScanf(format, a)  
    s.free(old)  
    return  
}
```

```
// ReadFrom reads data from r until EOF and appends it  
// to the buffer as needed. The return value n is the number  
// of bytes read. An error except io.EOF encountered during the read is an  
// error. If the buffer becomes too large, ReadFrom will panic with ErrTooLarge.  
func (b *Buffer) ReadFrom(r io.Reader) (n int64, err error) {  
    b.lastRead = opInvalid  
    // If buffer is empty, reset to recover space.  
    if b.off >= len(b.buf) {  
        b.buf = make([]byte, 0, b.size)  
        b.off = 0  
    }  
    for b.off < n {  
        if b.off+bufSize > len(b.buf) {  
            b.buf = append(b.buf, make([]byte, bufSize)...)  
        }  
        nRead, err := r.Read(b.buf[b.off : b.off+bufSize])  
        if err != nil {  
            if err == io.EOF {  
                break  
            }  
            return n, err  
        }  
        if nRead == 0 {  
            return n, ErrEOF  
        }  
        b.off += nRead  
    }  
}
```

```
func (b *Writer) ReadFrom(r io.Reader) (n int64, err error) {
    if b.Buffered() == 0 {
        if w, ok := b.wr.(io.ReaderFrom); ok {
            return w.ReadFrom(r)
        }
    }
    var m int
```

```
// NewScanner returns a new Scanner to read from r
// The split function defaults to ScanLines.
func NewScanner(r io.Reader) *Scanner {
    return &Scanner{
```

```
// readAll reads from r until an error or EOF and returns the data it read
// from the internal buffer allocated with a specified capacity.
func readAll(r io.Reader, capacity int64) (b []byte, err error) {
    buf := bytes.NewBuffer(make([]byte, 0, capacity))
    // If the buffer overflows, we will get bytes.ErrTooLarge.
    // Return that as an error. Any other panic remains.
    defer func() {
        if err == nil && buf.Len() > capacity {
            err = bytes.ErrTooLarge
        }
    }()
    for {
        b, err = r.Read(buf.Bytes())
        if err != nil {
            return
        }
        if b == 0 {
            break
        }
        buf.Truncate(len(buf.Bytes()) + b)
    }
    return buf.Bytes(), nil
}
```

```
// ReadAll reads from r until an error or EOF and returns the data it read.
// A successful call returns err == nil, not err == EOF. Because ReadAll is
// defined to read from src until EOF, it does not treat an EOF from Read
// as an error to be reported.
func ReadAll(r io.Reader) ([]byte, error) {
    return readAll(r, bytes.MinRead)
}
```

```
// DecodeAll reads a GIF image from r and returns the sequential frame
// and timing information.
func DecodeAll(r io.Reader) (*GIF, error) {
    var d decoder
    if err := d.decode(r, false); err != nil {
        return nil, err
    }
    return &d, nil
}
```

```
// Reset discards any buffered data, resets all state
// the buffered reader to read from r.
func (b *Reader) Reset(r io.Reader) {
    b.reset(b.buf, r)
}
```

```
type Request
func NewRequest(method, urlString string, body io.Reader) (*Request, error)
func ReadRequest(b *bufio.Reader) (req *Request, err error)
func (r *Request) AddCookie(c *Cookie)
func (r *Request) BasicAuth(username, password string, ok bool)
func (r *Request) Cookie(name string) (*Cookie, error)
func (r *Request) Cookies() []Cookie
func (r *Request) FormFile(key string) (multipart.File, *multipart.FileHeader, error)
func (r *Request) FormValue(key string) string
func (r *Request) MultipartReader() (*multipart.Reader, error)
func (r *Request) ParseForm() error
func (r *Request) ParseMultipartForm(maxMemory int64) error
func (r *Request) PostFormValue(key string) string
func (r *Request) ProtoAtLeast(major, minor int) bool
func (r *Request) Referer() string
func (r *Request) SetBasicAuth(username, password string)
func (r *Request) UserAgent() string
func (r *Request) Write(w io.Writer) error
func (r *Request) WriteProxy(w io.Writer) error
type Response
func Get(url string) (resp *Response, err error)
func Head(url string) (resp *Response, err error)
func Post(url string, bodyType string, body io.Reader) (resp *Response, err error)
func PostForm(url string, data url.Values) (resp *Response, err error)
```

```
func (b *Reader) reset(buf []byte, r io.Reader) {
    *b = Reader{
        buf:           buf,
        and returns the sequential frames   r,
        or) {          tByte:   -1,
        err != nil {  tRuneSize: -1,
```

```
// Decode decodes an image that has been encoded in a registered format.  
// The string returned is the format name used during format registration.  
// Format registration is typically done by an init function in the codec-  
// specific package.  
func Decode(F io.Reader) (Image, string, error) {  
    rr := asReader(r)  
    f := sniff(rr)  
    if f != nil {  
        return f.Decode(rr)  
    }  
    return nil, "Unknown image format", nil  
}
```

```
func main() {
    f, err := os.Open("hello.txt")
    if err != nil {
        log.Fatalln("my program broke")
    }
    defer f.Close()

    bs, err := ioutil.ReadAll(f)
    if err != nil {
        log.Fatalln("my program broke")
    }

    fmt.Println(bs)
    fmt.Println(string(bs))
}
```

```
func readAll(r io.Reader, capacity int64) (b []byte, err error) {
    buf := bytes.NewBuffer(make([]byte, 0, capacity))
    // If the buffer overflows, we will get bytes.ErrTooLarge.
    // Return that as an error. Any other panic remains.
    defer func() {
        e := recover()
        if e == nil {
            return
        }
        if panicErr, ok := e.(error); ok && panicErr == bytes.ErrTooLarge {
            err = panicErr
        } else {
            panic(e)
        }
    }()
    _, err = buf.ReadFrom(r)
    return buf.Bytes(), err
}
```

```
// As an error to be reported
func ReadAll(r io.Reader) ([]byte, error) {
    return readAll(r, bytes.MinRead)
}
```

```
type Reader interface {
    Read(p []byte) (n int, err error)
}
```

```
func (b *Buffer) ReadFrom(r io.Reader) (n int64, err error) {
    b.lastRead = opInvalid
    // If buffer is empty, reset to recover space.
    if b.off >= len(b.buf) {
        b.Truncate(0)
    }
    for {
        if free := cap(b.buf) - len(b.buf); free < MinRead {
            // not enough space at end
            newBuf := b.buf
            if b.off+free < MinRead {
                // not enough space using beginning of buffer;
                // double buffer capacity
                newBuf = makeSlice(2*cap(b.buf) + MinRead)
            }
            copy(newBuf, b.buf[b.off:])
            b.buf = newBuf[:len(b.buf)-b.off]
            b.off = 0
        }
        m, e := r.Read(b.buf[len(b.buf):cap(b.buf)])
        b.buf = b.buf[0 : len(b.buf)+m]
        n += int64(m)
        if e == io.EOF {
            break
        }
        if e != nil {
            return n, e
        }
    }
    return n, nil // err is EOF, so return nil explicitly
}
```

Eventually it all gets down to that
read method being used

grep

globally search a regular expression and print)



~ \$ man grep_

GREP(1) BSD General Commands Manual GREP(1)

NAME
`grep, egrep, fgrep, zgrep, zegrep, zfgrep -- file pattern searcher`

SYNOPSIS
`grep [-abcdDEFGHhIiJLlmnOopqRSsUVvwxD] [-A num] [-B num] [-C [num]] [-e pattern] [-f file] [--binary-files=value] [--color[=when]] [--colour[=when]] [--context[=num]] [--label] [--line-buffered] [--null] [pattern] [file ...]`

DESCRIPTION
The `grep` utility searches any given input files, selecting lines that match one or more patterns. By default, a pattern matches an input line if the regular expression (RE) in the pattern matches the input line without its trailing newline. An empty expression matches every line. Each input line that matches at least one of the patterns is written to the standard output.

`grep` is used for simple patterns and basic regular expressions (BREs); `egrep` can handle extended regular expressions; `fgrep` is quicker than both `grep` and `egrep`, but can only search for simple patterns (no regular expressions). Patterns may consist of one or more lines, allowing any of the patterns to match.

`zgrep`, `zegrep`, and `zfgrep` act like `grep`, `egrep`, and `fgrep`, respectively, but accept input from compressed files via the standard input.

The following options are available:

-A num, --after-context=num
Print `num` lines of trailing context after each match. See also the `-B` and `-C` options.

-a, --text
Treat all files as ASCII text. Normally `grep` will simply print ``Binary file ... matches'' for binary files. This option forces `grep` to output lines matching the specified pattern.

-B num, --before-context=num
Print `num` lines of leading context before each match. See also the `-A` and `-C` options.

-b, --byte-offset
The offset in bytes of a matched pattern is displayed in front of the respective matching line.

grep

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

`grep` is a [command-line](#) utility for searching plain-text data sets for lines matching a [regular expression](#). Grep was originally developed for the [Unix](#) operating system, but is available today for all [Unix-like](#) systems. Its name comes from the [ed](#) command `g/re/p` (*globally search a regular expression and print*), which has the same effect: doing a global search with the regular expression and printing all matching lines.^{[3][4]}

`strings.NewReader`

This illustrates the flexibility of interfaces

```
main.go | godoc.org/io/ioutil#ReadAll | main.go
```

```
1 package main
2
3 import (
4     "log"
5     "io/ioutil"
6     "fmt"
7     "strings"
8 )
9
10 func main() {
11     rdr := strings.NewReader("some string")
12
13     bs, err := ioutil.ReadAll(rdr) ←
14     if err != nil { ↓
15         log.Fatalln("my program broke")
16     }
17
18     fmt.Println(bs)
19     fmt.Println(string(bs))
20 }
21
```

```
func ReadAll ¶
func ReadAll(r io.Reader) ([]byte, error)
```

```
10
11
12     f, err := os.Open("hello.txt")
13     if err != nil {
14         log.Fatalln("my program broke")
15     }
16     defer f.Close() →
17
18     bs, err := ioutil.ReadAll(f) ←
19     if err != nil { ↓
20         log.Fatalln("my program broke")
21
22     }
23
24 }
```

func NewReader

```
func NewReader(s string) *Reader
```

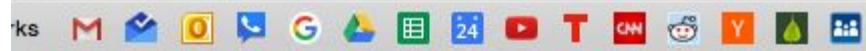
NewReader returns a new Reader reading from s. It is similar to bytes.NewBufferString but more efficient and read-only.

func Open

```
func Open(name string) (*File, error)
```

Open opens the named file for reading. If successful, methods on the returned file can be used for reading; the associated file descriptor has mode O_RDONLY. If there is an error, it will be of type *PathError.

godoc.org/strings



type Reader

- func NewReader(s string) *Reader
- func (r *Reader) Len() int
- func (r *Reader) Read(b []byte) (n int, err error)
- func (r *Reader) ReadAt(b []byte, off int64) (n int, err error)
- func (r *Reader) ReadByte() (b byte, err error)
- func (r *Reader) ReadRune() (ch rune, size int, err error)
- func (r *Reader) Seek(offset int64, whence int) (int64, error)
- func (r *Reader) Size() int64
- func (r *Reader) UnreadByte() error
- func (r *Reader) UnreadRune() error
- func (r *Reader) WriteTo(w io.Writer) (n int64, err error)

type File

- func Create(name string) (*File, error)
- func NewFile(fd uintptr, name string) *File
- func Open(name string) (*File, error)
- func OpenFile(name string, flag int, perm FileMode) (*File, error)
- func Pipe() (r *File, w *File, err error)
- func (f *File) Chdir() error
- func (f *File) Chmod(mode FileMode) error
- func (f *File) Chown(uid, gid int) error
- func (f *File) Close() error
- func (f *File) Fd() uintptr
- func (f *File) Name() string
- func (f *File) Read(b []byte) (n int, err error)
- func (f *File) ReadAt(b []byte, off int64) (n int, err error)
- func (f *File) Readdir(n int) (fi []FileInfo, err error)
- func (f *File) Readdirnames(n int) (names []string, err error)
- func (f *File) Seek(offset int64, whence int) (ret int64, err error)
- func (f *File) Stat() (FileInfo, error)
- func (f *File) Sync() error
- func (f *File) Truncate(size int64) error
- func (f *File) Write(b []byte) (n int, err error)
- func (f *File) WriteAt(b []byte, off int64) (n int, err error)
- func (f *File) WriteString(s string) (n int, err error)

methods

Readers

- *os.File
 - **Read**
 - reads up to len(b) bytes from the File
 - func (f *File) Read(**b []byte**) (n int, err error)
 - Readdirnames
 - reads and returns a slice of names from the directory f
 - func (f *File) Readdirnames(n int) (names []string, err error)
- io/ioutil
 - **ReadAll**
 - reads from r until an error or EOF and returns the data it read
 - func ReadAll(**r io.Reader**) ([]byte, error)
 - Readdir
 - reads the contents of the directory associated with file and returns a slice of up to n FileInfo values
 - func (f *File) Readdir(n int) (fi []FileInfo, err error)
 - Readdirnames
 - reads and returns a slice of names from the directory f.
 - func (f *File) Readdirnames(n int) (names []string, err error)

```
func main() {
    src, err := os.Open("src.txt")
    if err != nil {
        panic(err)
    }
    defer src.Close()

    dst, err := os.Create("dst.txt")
    if err != nil {
        panic(err)
    }
    defer dst.Close()

    bs := make([]byte, 5)
    src.Read(bs)
    dst.Write(bs)
}
```

```
func main() {
    f, err := os.Open(os.Args[1])
    if err != nil {
        log.Fatalln("my program broke")
    }
    defer f.Close()

    bs, err := ioutil.ReadAll(f)
    if err != nil {
        log.Fatalln("my program broke")
    }

    str := string(bs)
    fmt.Println(str)
}
```

Readers

- *strings.Reader
 - **Read**
 - reads up to len(b) bytes from the File
 - func (r *Reader) Read(b []byte) (n int, err error)
- *bufio.Reader
 - **Read**
 - Read reads data into p
 - func (b *Reader) Read(p []byte) (n int, err error)
- io
 - Copy
 - Copy copies from src to dst until either EOF is reached on src or an error occurs
 - func Copy(dst Writer, src Reader) (written int64, err error)
- *csv.Reader
 - Read
 - Read reads one record from r. The record is a slice of strings with each string representing one field.
 - func (r *Reader) Read() (record []string, err error)

```
func main() {  
    dst, err := os.Create(os.Args[1])  
    if err != nil {  
        log.Fatalf("error creating destination file:%v ", err)  
    }  
    defer dst.Close()  
  
    rdr := strings.NewReader("hello world")  
  
    io.Copy(dst, rdr)  
}
```

```
main.go x
1 package main
2
3 import (
4     "log"
5     "io/ioutil"
6     "fmt"
7     "strings"
8 )
9
10 func main() {
11
12     rdr := strings.NewReader("some string")
13
14     bs, err := ioutil.ReadAll(rdr)
15     if err != nil {
16         log.Fatalln("my program broke")
17     }
18
19     fmt.Println(bs)
20     fmt.Println(string(bs))
21 }
```

Just FYI

We create a NewReader then pass it into ReadAll

godoc.org/io/ioutil#ReadAll

func ReadAll ¶

```
func ReadAll(r io.Reader) ([]byte, error)
```

ReadAll takes an Reader interface

```
type Reader interface {
    Read(p []byte) (n int, err error)
}
```

a pointer to a strings.Reader implements io.Reader interface

```
type Reader
    ◦ func NewReader(s string) *Reader
    ◦ func (r *Reader) Len() int
    ◦ func (r *Reader) Read(b []byte) (n int, err error)
    ◦ func (r *Reader) ReadAt(b []byte, off int64) (n int, err error)
```

NewReader returns a pointer to a strings.Reader

func NewReader

```
func NewReader(s string) *Reader
```

NewReader returns a new Reader reading from s. It is similar to bytes.NewBufferString but more efficient and read-only.

Writer Interface

io.writer



The screenshot shows a browser window with the URL `godoc.org/io` in the address bar. The page content is titled "type Writer". Below the title is the Go code definition for the `Writer` interface:

```
type Writer interface {
    Write(p []byte) (n int, err error)
}
```

```
func main() {  
    dst, err := os.Create(os.Args[1])  
    if err != nil {  
        log.Fatalf("error creating destination file:%v ", err)  
    }  
    defer dst.Close()  
  
    dst.Write([]byte("Hello World"))  
}
```

```
func main() {  
  
    dst, err := os.Create("hello.txt")  
    if err != nil {  
        log.Fatalln("error creating destination file: ", err.Error())  
    }  
    defer dst.Close()  
  
    bs := []byte("Put some phrase here.")  
  
    _, err = dst.Write(bs)  
    if err != nil {  
        log.Fatalln("error writing to file: ", err.Error())  
    }  
}
```

```
func main() {  
    f, err := os.Open(os.Args[1:])  
    if err != nil {  
        log.Fatalln("my program broke: ", err.Error())  
    }  
    defer f.Close()  
  
    io.Copy(os.Stdout, f)  
}
```

```
func main() {  
    err := ioutil.WriteFile("hello.txt", []byte("Hello world"), 0777)  
    if err != nil {  
        panic("something went wrong")  
    }  
}
```

```
func main() {  
  
    f, err := os.Open(os.Args[1:])  
    if err != nil {  
        log.Fatalln("my program broke: ", err.Error())  
    }  
    defer f.Close()  
  
    io.Copy(os.Stdout, f)  
}
```

```
var (  
    Stdin = NewFile(uintptr(syscall.Stdin), "/dev/stdin")  
    Stdout = NewFile(uintptr(syscall.Stdout), "/dev/stdout")  
   .Stderr = NewFile(uintptr(syscall.Stderr), "/dev/stderr")  
)
```

godoc.org/os#NewFile

func NewFile

func NewFile(fd uintptr, name string) *File

NewFile returns a new File with the given file descriptor and name.

type File

- o func Create(name string) (*File, error)
- o func NewFile(fd uintptr, name string) *File
- o func Open(name string) (*File, error)
- o func OpenFile(name string, flag int, perm FileMode) (*File, error)
- o func Pipe() (r *File, w *File, err error)
- o func (f *File) Chdir() error
- o func (f *File) Chmod(mode FileMode) error
- o func (f *File) Chown(uid, gid int) error
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- o func (f *File) WriteAt(b []byte, off int64) (n int, err error)
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Does a *File implement the writer interface?

```
type Writer interface {  
    Write(p []byte) (n int, err error)  
}
```

type File

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- o func (f *File) Write(b []byte) (n int, err error) (highlighted)
- o func (f *File) WriteAt(b []byte, off int64) (n int, err error)
- o func (f *File) WriteString(s string) (n int, err error)

Does a *File implement the writer interface?

Yes.

We want to be able to
read and write to a file

```
type Writer interface {  
    Write(p []byte) (n int, err error)  
}
```

How we use the reader interface

```
func NewReader
```

```
    func NewReader(s string) *Reader
```

NewReader returns a new Reader reading from s. It is similar to bytes.NewBufferString but more efficient and read-only.

```
func Open
```

```
    func Open(name string) (*File, error)
```

Open opens the named file for reading. If successful, methods on the returned file can be used for reading; the associated file descriptor has mode O_RDONLY. If there is an error, it will be of type *PathError.

*Reader implemented the reader interface

```
main.go x
1 package main
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3 import (
4     "log"
5     "io/ioutil"
6     "fmt"
7     "strings"
8 )
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10 func main() {
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12     rdr := strings.NewReader("some string")
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16         log.Fatalln("my program broke")
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19     fmt.Println(bs)
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21 }
```

godoc.org/io/ioutil#ReadAll

```
func ReadAll ¶
func ReadAll(r io.Reader) ([]byte, error)
```

*File implemented the reader interface

```
main.go x
1 package main
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3 import (
4     "log"
5     "os"
6     "io/ioutil"
7     "fmt"
8 )
9
10 func main() {
11     f, err := os.Open("hello.txt")
12     if err != nil {
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What implements the writer interface?

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15     if err != nil {
16         log.Fatalln("my program broke")
17     }
18
19     fmt.Println(bs)
20     fmt.Println(string(bs))
21 }
```

```
func Create
```

```
    func Create(name string) (*File, error)
```

Create creates the named file with mode 0666 (before umask), truncating it if it already exists. If successful, methods on the returned File can be used for I/O; the associated file descriptor has mode O_RDWR. If there is an error, it will be of type *PathError.

*File implements the writer interface



What implements the writer interface?

```
main.go x
1 package main
2
3 import (
4     "fmt"
5     "log"
6     "os"
7 )
8
9 func main() {
10     str := "Here is a phrase."
11     bs := []byte(str)
12     fmt.Println(str)
13     fmt.Println(bs)
14
15     f, err := os.Create("hello.txt")
16     if err != nil {
17         log.Fatalln("my program broke")
18     }
19     defer f.Close()
20
21     n, err := f.Write(bs)
22     if err != nil {
23         log.Fatalln("my program broke")
24     }
25     fmt.Println(n)
26 }
```

**Are there any funcs in package ioutil
which a type could use if it is implementing the writer interface?**

package ioutil

```
import "io/ioutil"
```

Package ioutil implements some I/O utility functions.

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```
func NopCloser(r io.Reader) io.ReadCloser
```

```
func ReadAll(r io.Reader) ([]byte, error)
```

```
func ReadDir(dirname string) ([]os.FileInfo, error)
```

```
func ReadFile(filename string) ([]byte, error)
```

```
func TempDir(dir, prefix string) (name string, err error)
```

```
func TempFile(dir, prefix string) (f *os.File, err error)
```

```
func WriteFile(filename string, data []byte, perm os.FileMode) error
```

**Are there any funcs in package ioutil
which a type could use if it is implementing the writer interface?**

No.

package ioutil

```
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func ReadFile(filename string) ([]byte, error)
func TempDir(dir, prefix string) (name string, err error)
func TempFile(dir, prefix string) (f *os.File, err error)
func WriteFile(filename string, data []byte, perm os.FileMode) error
```

Readers

- *os.File
 - **Write**
 - Write writes len(b) bytes to the File.
 - func (f *File) Write(b []byte) (n int, err error)
- io/ioutil
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 - Readdir
 - reads the contents of the directory associated with file and returns a slice of up to n FileInfo values
 - func (f *File) Readdir(n int) ([]FileInfo, error)
 - Readdirnames
 - reads and returns a slice of names from the directory f.
 - func (f *File) Readdirnames(n int) ([]string, error)

```
func main() {
    src, err := os.Open("src.txt")
    if err != nil {
        panic(err)
    }
    defer src.Close()

    dst, err := os.Create("dst.txt")
    if err != nil {
        panic(err)
    }
    defer dst.Close()

    bs := make([]byte, 5)
    src.Read(bs)
    dst.Write(bs)
}
```

```
func main() {
    f, err := os.Open(os.Args[1])
    if err != nil {
        log.Fatalln("my program broke")
    }
    defer f.Close()

    bs, err := ioutil.ReadAll(f)
    if err != nil {
        log.Fatalln("my program broke")
    }

    str := string(bs)
    fmt.Println(str)
}
```

primitives

package io

```
import "io"
```

Package io provides basic interfaces to I/O primitives. Its primary job is to wrap existing implementations of such primitives, such as those in package os, into shared public interfaces that abstract the functionality, plus some other related primitives.

Because these interfaces and primitives wrap lower-level operations with various implementations, unless otherwise informed clients should not assume they are safe for parallel execution.

```
type Reader interface {  
    Read(p []byte) (n int, err error)  
}
```

package io

```
type Writer interface {  
    Write(p []byte) (n int, err error)  
}
```

What are “I/O primitives”?

The screenshot shows a browser window displaying the godoc.org documentation for the io package. The title bar says 'godoc.org/os'. The page content lists the 'File' type and its methods. Several methods are highlighted with red boxes: 'Read(b []byte)', 'ReadAt(b []byte, off int64)', 'Readdir(n int)', 'ReadDirnames(n int)', 'Write(b []byte)', 'WriteAt(b []byte, off int64)', and 'WriteString(s string)'. A large red arrow points from the 'Read(b []byte)' method in the code block above to the corresponding method in the godoc documentation.

```
type File  
    func Create(name string) (*File, error)  
    func NewFile(fd uintptr, name string) *File  
    func Open(name string) (*File, error)  
    func OpenFile(name string, flag int, perm FileMode) (*File, error)  
    func Pipe() (r *File, w *File, err error)  
    func (f *File) Chdir() error  
    func (f *File) Chmod(mode FileMode) error  
    func (f *File) Chown(uid, gid int) error  
    func (f *File) Close() error  
    func (f *File) Fd() uintptr  
    func (f *File) Name() string  
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    func (f *File) ReadAt(b []byte, off int64) (n int, err error)  
    func (f *File) Readdir(n int) ([]FileInfo, error)  
    func (f *File) ReadDirnames(n int) ([]string, error)  
    func (f *File) Seek(offset int64, whence int) (ret int64, err error)  
    func (f *File) Stat() (FileInfo, error)  
    func (f *File) Sync() error  
    func (f *File) Truncate(size int64) error  
    func (f *File) Write(b []byte) (n int, err error)  
    func (f *File) WriteAt(b []byte, off int64) (n int, err error)  
    func (f *File) WriteString(s string) (n int, err error)  
type FileInfo
```

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```

What are “I/O primitives”?

- read
- write

The screenshot shows the godoc.org interface for the io package. The title bar says "godoc.org/os". The page content lists the File type and its methods. A red box highlights the "func (f *File) Read(b []byte) (n int, err error)" method. Another red box highlights the "func (f *File) Write(b []byte) (n int, err error)" method. A third red box highlights the "func (f *File) WriteAt(b []byte, off int64) (n int, err error)" method. A fourth red box highlights the "func (f *File) WriteString(s string) (n int, err error)" method.

```
type File  
    func Create(name string) (*File, error)  
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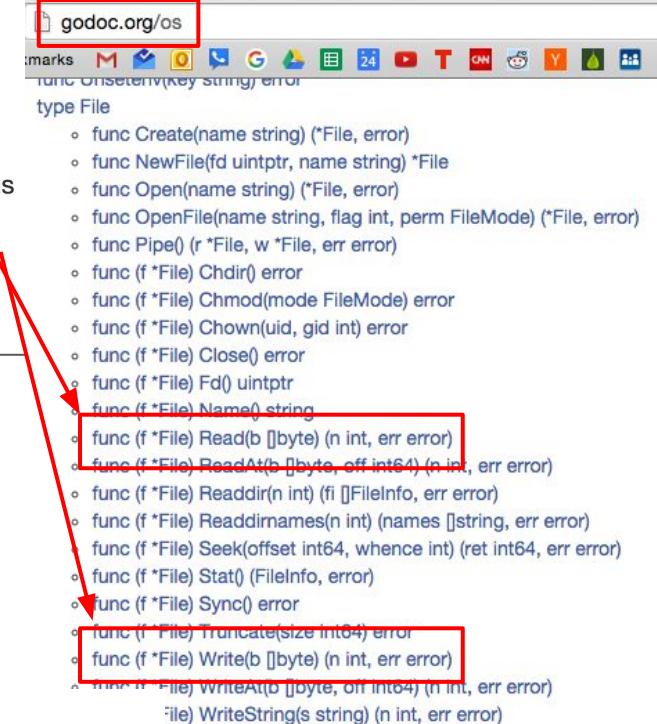
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In computer science, primitive data type is either of the following:^[citation needed]

- a *basic type* is a data type [1] provided by a programming language as a basic building block. Most languages allow more complicated composite types to be recursively constructed starting from basic types.
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Primitive types are the most basic data types available within the Java language; these include boolean, byte, char, short, int, long, float and double. These types serve as the building blocks of data manipulation in Java.

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```
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                  /---\      /---\      /---\
octal:          6          6          6
binary:         1 1 0      1 1 0      1 1 0
what to permit: r w x    r w x    r w x

binary      - 1: enabled, 0: disabled

what to permit - r: read, w: write, x: execute

permission to  - owner: the user that create the file/folder
                  group: the users from group that owner is member
                  other: all other users
```

In Unix-like operating systems, **chmod** is the command and system call which may change the access permissions to file system objects (files and directories). It may also alter special mode flags. The request is filtered by the umask. The name is an abbreviation of change mode.

[chmod - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chmod)
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