



GoLang Introduction

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1. Basic knowlodge

First appeared November 10, 2009; 8 years ago

Last stable release February 16, 2018;

Projects using Go

- Docker
- Prometheus
- Kubernetes
- Consul
- InfluxDB
- ...

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Wanted





2. Pros & Cons

- Easy to learn
- Compiled - fast
- Easy concurrency
- Big and growing community
- Statically typed
- Native binaries
- Garbage collector
- Big standard library
- Very strict compiler
- No generics
- No stable dependency management yet
- JSON encoding/decoding
- Garbage collector
- Use only standard library!
- Very strict compiler



3. Basic overview

Variables

```
// declaration  
var myVar string
```

```
// assignment  
myVar = "Jak leci?"
```

```
// declaration & assignment  
myOtherVar := "A spoko"
```

```
// declaration & assignment of slice  
myTab := []string{"jak", "spoko", "to", "spoko"}
```

```
// declaration of multiple variables  
var nextTab, n = []string{"hej"}, 19
```

```
// constants  
const n = 100000000  
const d = 2e10 / n
```

```
fmt.Println(int64(d))  
fmt.Println(math.Sin(d))
```



3. Basic overview

Basic types

// Strings and chars

```
stringVar := "String"
```

```
charVar := 'a'
```

// Integers

```
var a int // also int8 int16 int32 int64
```

```
var b uint // also uint8 uint16 uint32 uint64
```

```
simpleInt := 5
```

// floats

```
var c float32 // also float64
```

```
simpleFloat := 5.5
```

// special

```
var d byte // alias for uint8
```

```
var e rune // alias for int32
```

```
var f complex128 // also complex64 part of math/cmplx
```



Is it possible to declare multiple types of variables in single declaration in Go?

```
var a, b, c = 3, 4, "foo"
```

- a. Yes
- b. No



What is the result of the following code?

```
package main

import "fmt"

func main() {
    var a int8 = 3
    var b int16 = 4

    sum := a + b

    fmt.Println(sum)
}
```

- a. 7
- b. 4
- c. 3
- d. Invalid operation



3. Basic overview

Advanced types - arrays

// Declare an array

```
var a[5] int
```

// Set

```
a[4] = 100
```

// Get

```
b := a[4]
```

// Array length

```
length := len(a)
```

// Declare and initialize

```
aa := [5]int{1, 2, 3, 4, 5}
```

// Declare a 2D array

```
var twoD [2][3]int
```



2. Basic overview

Advanced types - slices

```
// Make a slice  
s := make([]string, 3)
```

```
// Set  
s[0] = "a"
```

```
// Get  
a := s[0]
```

```
// Length  
length := len(s)
```

```
// Append  
s = append(s, "b")
```

```
// Copy  
s2 := make([]string, len(s))  
copy(s2, s)
```

```
// Slice  
l := s[2:3]  
// also :3 - up to 3 without 3; 2: - from 2 including 2
```



3. Basic overview

Advanced types - maps

```
// Make a map
```

```
m := make(map[string]int)
```

```
// Set
```

```
m["k1"] = 7
```

```
// Get
```

```
v := m["k1"]
```

```
// Delete
```

```
delete(m, "k1")
```

```
// Distinguish between empty values and non-existent ones
```

```
if value, exists := m["k1"]; exists {
```

```
    fmt.Println("Value exists")
```

```
    fmt.Println(value)
```

```
}
```



3. Basic overview

Flow control - if

```
// Simple version
```

```
if a == 2 {  
    fmt.Println("variable is equal 2")  
} else {  
    fmt.Println("variable is NOT equal 2")  
}
```

```
// Cascading
```

```
if a == 0 {  
    fmt.Println("variable is equal 0")  
} else if a == 3 {  
    fmt.Println("variable is equal 3")  
} else {  
    fmt.Println("variable is equal to neither 0 nor 3")  
}
```

```
// Declaration in statement
```

```
if c := b.GetValue(); c < 5 {  
    fmt.Println("b's value is less than 5")  
}
```

```
// c no longer in scope
```



3. Basic overview

Flow control - for

```
// Simple version
```

```
i := 1  
for i <= 3 {  
    i = i + 1  
}
```

```
// Classic for-loop
```

```
for j := 1; j <= 9; j++ {  
    if j == 2 {  
        continue  
    } else if j == 5 {  
        break  
    }  
    fmt.Println(j)  
}
```

```
// For without condition loops until break
```

```
for {  
    fmt.Println("loop")  
    break  
}
```



3. Basic overview

Flow control - switch

```
// Simple version
```

```
i := 2
```

```
switch i {
```

```
case 1:
```

```
    fmt.Println("one")
```

```
case 2:
```

```
    fmt.Println("two")
```

```
default:
```

```
    fmt.Println("something different")
```

```
}
```

```
// You can combine multiple cases
```

```
switch i {
```

```
case 1, 2:
```

```
    fmt.Println("one or two")
```

```
default:
```

```
    fmt.Println("something different")
```

```
}
```



Does Go have a ternary operator?

- a. Yes
- b. No



3. Basic overview

Functions

// Single return function

```
func times(a int, b int) int {  
    return a * b  
}
```

// Named returns

```
func threeSum(a, b, c int) (d int) {  
    d = a + b  
    d = d + c  
    return  
}
```

// Multiple returns

```
func ThreePrimes() (int, int, int) {  
    return 2, 3, 5  
}
```

```
first := times(2, 3)
```

```
second := threeSum(1, 2, 3)
```

```
thirdOne, _, thirdThree := ThreePrimes()
```




3. Basic overview

Pointers

// takes an int value

```
func zeroval(ival int) {  
    ival = 0  
}
```

// takes a pointer to int value

```
func zeroPtr(iptr *int) {  
    *iptr = 0  
}
```

```
func main() {  
    i := 1  
    fmt.Println("initial:", i) // 1
```

```
    zeroval(i)  
    fmt.Println("zeroval:", i) // 1
```

// &i returns the memory address of i

```
    zeroPtr(&i)  
    fmt.Println("zeroPtr:", i) // 0  
}
```



3. Basic overview

Structures

```
// Define exported struct

type User struct {
    ID int // public field
    name string // "private" field. accessible only in package
}

// Embed User into Admin struct
type Admin struct {
    User
    Privileges []string
}

// Function that operates on object of type User
func (u User) Login(user, password string) (error, bool) {
}

// Create object of type User
ziomek := User{1, "Ziomek"}

// Change object field
ziomek.ID = 2
ziomek.Login("admin", "admin")
```



3. Basic overview

Interfaces

```
// define method for login
type User interface {
    Login(user, password string) (error, bool)
}

type Admin struct {
    Privileges []string
}

// function that operates on object of type Admin
func (a Admin) Login(user, passwd string) (error, bool) {
}

type SuperAdmin struct {
}

// function that operates on object of type User
func (a SuperAdmin) Login(user, passwd string) (error, bool) {
}

// to function login we can pass Admin and SuperAdmin
func LoginUser(u User) {
}
```



Arrays are value types. When passed to a function, are they passed as a copy or reference?

- a. Copy
- b. Reference



Which of the following variables are accessible from another external package?

```
package main

var (
    aName string
    BigBro string
    爱 string
)

func main() {
}
```

- a. aName, BigBro
- b. BigBro
- c. aName, BigBro, 爱
- d. BigBro, 爱



4. Concurrency

Goroutines

```
// this task takes 3 seconds to complete
func longTask(txt string) {
    for i := 0; i < 3; i++ {
        fmt.Println(txt, ":", i)
        time.Sleep(1 * time.Second)
    }
}

func main() {
    fmt.Println("hello from main thread")
    longTask("hello from longTask")
    fmt.Println("longTask has ended")

    // we start a new goroutine
    go longTask("hello from longTask")

    // this gets printed right away
    fmt.Println("longTask might still be on")

    // wait for user input
    fmt.Scanln()
}
```



4. Concurrency

Channels

```
// create channel
```

```
messages := make(chan string)
```

```
// write to channel, this is blocking operation so to work  
we should do it in other thread
```

```
go func () {  
    messages <- "elo"  
}()
```

```
// receive data from channel
```

```
txt := <- messages  
fmt.Println(txt)
```



4. Concurrency

Buffered channels
Channel directions

```
// takes a read-only and a write-only channel
func pass (in <-chan string, out chan<- string) {
    txt := <- in
    out <- txt
}

func main() {
    // create buffered channel
    in := make(chan string, 1)
    out := make(chan string, 1)

    // channel is buffered, no need for concurrent reader
    in <- "hello"
    pass(in, out)

    // message passed from channel to channel
    result := <- out
    fmt.Println(result)

    // channels can be closed
    close(in)
}
```




4. Concurrency

Select

```
func main() {  
    // create unbuffered channels  
    ch1 := make(chan string)  
    ch2 := make(chan string)  
  
    // no messages so default is executed  
    select {  
    case msg := <- ch1:  
        fmt.Println("msg received on ch1", msg)  
    case msg := <- ch2:  
        fmt.Println("msg received on ch2", msg)  
    default:  
        fmt.Println("no messages")  
    }  
    // no listener attached so default is executed  
    select {  
    case ch1 <- "hello":  
        fmt.Println("message sent")  
    default:  
        fmt.Println("failed to send")  
    }  
}
```



What's the default buffer size of the channel in Go?

- a. 0
- b. 1
- c. No default size



5. Tooling

go tool vet

```
package main
```

```
import "fmt"
```

```
func main() {  
    str := "hello world!"  
    // wrong format  
    fmt.Printf("%d\n", str)  
  
    // wrong type  
    fmt.Printf("%s\n", &str)  
}
```

```
$ go tool vet tool-vet.go
```

```
tool-vet.go:8: arg str for printf verb %d of wrong type:  
string
```

```
tool-vet.go:11: arg &str for printf verb %s of wrong  
type: *string
```



5. Tooling

go fmt

```
package main

import "fmt"

type mystruct struct {
    val int
    veryLongValue int// comment
}

func main() {
    fmt.Println("hello")
}

$ go fmt format.go
```

5. Tooling

go tool pprof

[More info](#)

```
0      1.21s (flat, cum) 61.73% of Total
.      .      5:)
.      .      6:
.      .      7:func calculate(a, b int) (d int) {
.      .      8:    d = a + b
.      .      9:    for i := 0; i < d; i++ {
.      1.21s 10:        tab := make([]string, d+1)
.      .      11:        tab[0] = "DL"
.      .      12:    }
.      .      13:    return
.      .      14:}
.      .      15:

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.      .      12:    }
.      .      13:    return
.      .      14:}
.      .      15:
```

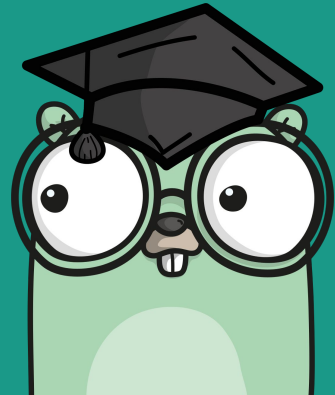


6. Project walkthrough

<https://github.com/aldor007/mort>



Quiz





Assuming that both `getx` and `gety` are defined, does this code compile or not?

```
package main
import "fmt"

func main () {
    x, err := getX()
    y, err = gety()

    if err != nil {
    }

    fmt.Println(x, y)
}
```

- a. Yes, it does
- b. No, it doesn't



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    y, err := gety()

    if err != nil {
    }

    fmt.Println(x, y)
}
```

- a. Yes, it does
- b. No, it doesn't



Which of the following is not a bool type in Go?

- a. true
- b. false
- c. 0
- d. All of the above



Which of the following is true about for loop statement in Go?

- a. If condition is available, then for loop executes as long as condition is true.
- b. If range is available, then for loop executes for each item in the range.
- c. Both of the above.
- d. None of the above.



Open Question: This code deadlocks. Why? How to fix it.

```
package main

import "fmt"
import "time"

func wait (c chan<- string) {
    time.Sleep(time.Duration(5));
    c<-"done"
}

func main () {
    c := make(chan string)
    wait(c)
    <-c
    fmt.Printf("finished")
}
```

Pizza





6. Simple HTTP server

<https://github.com/DreamLab/dl-academy-go/tree/master/golang-talk-examples/crawler-step-by-step>

