Go Lang Beginner's Workshop

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Installation

- Download zip file for your platform
 - Downloads: https://code.google.com/p/go/downloads/list
- Extract it to a known location, say [x]/golang
 - You should now have [x]/golang/go directory
- Set PATH to [x]/golang/go/bin
- Check version on the command line with go version
- Set GOROOT to [x]/golang/go
- Set GOPATH to [x]/golang/mygopath
 - Will be useful later (not today) when installing external packages with go get and go install
- Ref: http://golang.org/doc/install

Documentation

- Documentation available at http: //golang.org/pkg
- Try go doc fmt or go doc regexp for documentation on specific packages
- If I'm slowing down for others, entertain yourself at http://tour.golang.org
- To run documentation locally:

```
godoc -http=:6060
Then access via browser at: http:
//localhost:6060
```

1. Hello World

```
package main
import (
    "fmt"
func main() {
    fmt.Println("Hello World")
```

Use any editor.
Save as hw.go
Run it as go run hw.go

Hello World

All functionality in a package. The main program has to be in 'main' package.

```
package main
import (
                          Packages of functionality are 'imported'
       "fmt"
                           Programs (generally) start at this function signature.
func main() {
       fmt.Println("Hello World")
                           Notice capital "P". Try what happens with "fmt.println"
```

Use dot notation to access package functions. Note capitalization of 'P' in Print. Note that all package names are in small.

Hello World

No semicolons

```
package main
import (
                       Note naming convention. Small readable, variables that
                       sound right
     "fmt"
func main() {
      fmt.Println("Hello World")
```

Functions/methods defined with "func" keyword

Immediately observable benefits

- Very fast building
- Compiled into native executable; real fast execution
- Works equally well on multiple platforms
- No virtual machines and repeated VM update reminders
- . Clean, clear, concise code
- Familiar programming concepts

Go addresses ...

- Computers fast but software construction slow.
- Dependency analysis necessary for speed, safety.
- Types get in the way too much.
- Garbage collection, concurrency poorly supported.
- Multi-core seen as crisis not opportunity.

2. Variables

```
package main
import "fmt"
var gi int
func main() {
    fmt.Println(gi) //0
   var i int
   fmt.Println(i) //0
   i = 25
   fmt.Println(i) //25
   i := 5
   s := "Hello!"
    fmt.Println("The two values are:", j, s)
    //The two values are: 5, Hello
    fmt.Printf("The integer is %d, and the string is %s.\n", j, s)
    //The integer is 5, and the string is Hello.
   var arr1 []int
   arr1 = []int{1, 2, 3, 4}
    arr2 := []int{1, 2, 3, 4}
    fmt.Println(arr1, arr2) //[1,2,3,4] [1,2,3,4]
```

Variables

```
package main
import "fmt"
                 Inverse of other ways of declaration. C/Java - int i = 10
var gi int
                              Default/Zero values. String="", Int=0, Float=0.0, etc.
func main() {
    fmt.Println(gi) //0
    var i int
    fmt.Println(i) //0
    i = 25
    fmt.Println(i) //25
                              := is definition and initialization
    i := 5
                         Println automatically formats data type for printing
    s := "Hello!"
    fmt.Println("The two values are:", j, s)
    //The two values are: 5, Hello
                                             Formatted prints with Printf
    fmt.Printf("The integer is %d, and the string is %s.\n", j, s)
    //The integer is 5, and the string is Hello.
                                       Arrays and how to initialize them
    var arr1 []int
    arr1 = []int{1, 2, 3, 4}
    arr2 := []int{1, 2, 3, 4}
    fmt.Println(arr1, arr2) //[1,2,3,4] [1,2,3,4]
```

3. Functions

```
package main
import (
    "fmt"
func Add(i, j int) int {
    return i + j
func main() {
    s := Add(5, 10)
    fmt.Println("Sum is: ", s)
```

3. Functions

```
package main
import (
      "fmt"
                  Function takes parameters in a similar format - name type
                  Combine many: (s1 string, s2 string, i int, j int) = (s1, s2 string, i, j int)
func Add(i, j int) int {
       return i + i
                  Awesomeness: Functions that are visible outside the package begin
                  with a capital letter.
func main() 
      s := Add(5, 10)
      fmt.Println("Sum is: ", s)
```

You can also ignore return values with an underscore. := Add(5, 10)

3.5 Hello Web

```
package main
import "fmt"
import "net/http"
func handler(w http.ResponseWriter, r *http.Request) {
    fmt.Fprint(w, "Hello, world")
func main() {
    http.HandleFunc("/", handler)
    http.ListenAndServe(":8080", nil)
```

Save as hweb.go
Run it as go run hweb.go
In your browser, go to http://localhost:8080

Hello Web

```
package main
                                                                                                                                 can also be written as import ( "fmt" "net/http" ) //on separate lines
import "fmt"
import "net/http"
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          request data
                                                                                                                                      write your response into this
func handler(w http.ResponseWriter, r *http.Request) {
                            fmt.Fprint(w, "Hello, world")
handler function follows the defined function signature: function follows the defined function follows the defined function signature: function follows the defined function function follows the defined function function follows the defined function functio
                                                                                                                                                                                                HandleFunc(pattern string, handler func(ResponseWriter, *Requi
 func main() {
                            http.HandleFunc("/", handler)
                            http.ListenAndServe(":8080", nil)
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 nil as empty value (not null)
                                    Start built in server. No external server required!
```

4. for loop

```
package main
import (
    "fmt"
func main() {
    arr := []int{1, 2, 3, 4}
    fmt.Println("\nWithin for loop ...")
    for i := 0; i < len(arr); i++ {</pre>
        fmt.Println(i)
    j := 0
    fmt.Println("\nWithin infinite for loop ...")
    for {
        if j > len(arr) {
            break
        fmt.Println(j)
        j = j + 1
```

4. for loop

```
package main
import (
func main() {
    arr := []int{1, 2, 3, 4}
    fmt.Println("\nWithin for loop ...")
    for i := 0; i < len(arr); i++ { For loop similar to Java, C
         fmt.Println(i)
                                              (No parentheses though)
    i := 0
    fmt.Println("\nWithin infinite for loop ...")
                                     Infinite loop.
    for {
                                     (Can also give some parts). for i:=0;; { ... }
         if j > len(arr) {
              break
                                     Use break to get out of current loop.
                                     Use continue to go to next loop index.
         fmt.Println(j)
         j = j + 1
```

5. struct and object representation

```
package main
import "fmt"
type MyCar struct {
    color string
   maxSpeed int
func main() {
   m := MyCar{}
    fmt.Println(m) //{ 0}
   m = MyCar{"red", 100}
    fmt.Println(m) //{red, 100}
   m.color = "blue"
   m.maxSpeed = 150
    fmt.Println(m) //{blue, 150}
    fmt.Println("color is:", m.color)
    //color is: blue
   m = MyCar{maxSpeed: 150, color: "green"}
    fmt.Println(m) //{green, 150}
```

5. struct and object representation

```
package main
import "fmt"
                            Use the type ... struct { } keywords
type MyCar struct {
                              Member variable definitions
    color
               string
    maxSpeed int
                             Initializing an empty struct instance. Default/zero values
func main() {
                             assigned.
    m := MyCar{}
    fmt.Println(m) //{ 0}
                                     Assigning values to member variables in order of struct
                                     declaration.
    m = MyCar{"red", 100}
    fmt.Println(m) //{red, 100}
                                Use dot operator to access individual member variables.
    m.color = "blue"
    m.maxSpeed = 150
    fmt.Println(m) //{blue, 150}
    fmt.Println("color is:", m.color)
    //color is: blue
                                  Mix order or drop some variables with named variable
                                  definitions
    m = MyCar{maxSpeed: 150, color: "green"}
    fmt.Println(m) //{green, 150}
```

6. struct methods

```
package main
import "fmt"
type MyCar struct {
    speed int
func (m *MyCar) acc() {
    m.speed = m.speed + 10
func main() {
    m := MyCar{}
    fmt.Println(m)
    m.acc()
    fmt.Println(m)
```

6. struct methods

```
package main
import "fmt"
type MyCar struct {
     speed int
                               Functions 'associated' with a type ... not physically in
                               lexical scope of type.
func (m *MyCar) acc() {
     m.speed = m.speed + 10
func main() {
     m := MyCar{}
     fmt.Println(m)
                             Same dot notation to reach member methods.
     m.acc()
     fmt.Println(m)
                          Pointers automatically resolved ... note that acc() requires a pointer to a
                          MyCar instance.
```

7. multiple assignment, error handling

```
package main
import (
    "fmt"
    "strconv"
func SumProd(i, j int) (int, int) {
    return i + j, i * j
func main() {
    s, p := SumProd(5, 6)
    fmt.Println(s, p)
    arr := [] string{"Hello", "how", "are", "you?"}
    for i, v := range arr
        fmt.Println(i, v)
    a := "20a"
    if _, err := strconv.Atoi(a); err != nil {
        fmt.Println("Error! ", err)
```

multiple assignment, error handling

```
package main
import
              Package to use in converting to and from string
    "strconv
                                 Multiple return values should be in parentheses
func SumProd(i, j int) (int, int) {
     return i + j, i * j
                                    Named return values possible
                                    Eq. func f() (sum, prod int)
func main() {
    s, p := SumProd(5, 6)
     fmt.Println(s, p)
                                    Accepting variables are in same order
    arr := [] string{"Hello", "how", "are", "you?"}
     for i, v := range arr
         fmt.Println(i, v)
                                  "range" keyword gives a key, value pair.
                                  For arrays, it is index and value at index
                                  For maps (hashtables), it is key and value of key
    a := "20a"
     if _, err := strconv.Atoi(a); err != nil {
         fmt.Println("Error! ", err)
                           The same multiple return value is used in an error
                           checking paradigm
```

8. Testing

```
package main
import
              Package to use in converting to and from string
    "strconv
                                 Multiple return values should be in parentheses
func SumProd(i, j int) (int, int) {
     return i + j, i * j
                                    Named return values possible
                                    Eg. func f() (sum, prod int)
func main() {
    s, p := SumProd(5, 6)
     fmt.Println(s, p)
                                    Accepting variables are in same order
    arr := [] string{"Hello", "how", "are", "you?"}
     for i, v := range arr
         fmt.Println(i, v)
                                  "range" keyword gives a key, value pair.
                                  For arrays, it is index and value at index
                                  For maps (hashtables), it is key and value of key
    a := "20a"
     if _, err := strconv.Atoi(a); err != nil {
         fmt.Println("Error! ", err)
                           The same multiple return value is used in an error
                           checking paradigm
```

8. Testing

```
package mymath
func Add2(i, j int) int {
    return i + j
```

- create dir mymath
- save file as add2.go
- package mymath import ("testing" func Test_Add2(t *testing.T) { s := Add2(5, 10)if s != 15 { t.Errorf("FAIL: Expected 15. Received %d.", s) } else { t.Logf("PASS: Expected 15, also received %d.", s) s = Add2(15, 10)if s != 25 {
 - save file as
 - add2 test.go
 - go test

8. Testing

```
add2_test.go _____File has to end in _test.go
```

```
package mymath
import (
                                          Import package testing to run tests.
    "testing"
                                          Test functions have to begin with Test
func Test_Add2(t *testing.T) {
                                          Use a reference to *testing.T in all tests. These
    s := Add2(5, 10)
                                          functions will be called by the testing framework.
    if s != 15 {
         t.Errorf("FAIL: Expected 15. Received %d.", s)
    } else {
         t.Logf("PASS: Expected 15, also received %d.", s)
                                           Use functions Fatalf, Logf, Errorf to report test
                                           statuses.
    s = Add2(15, 10)
    if s != 25 {
         t.Errorf("FAIL: Expected 25. Received %d.", s)
    } else {
         t.Logf("PASS: Expected 25, also received %d.", s)
```

Questions

Thank You

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