Go - Introduction

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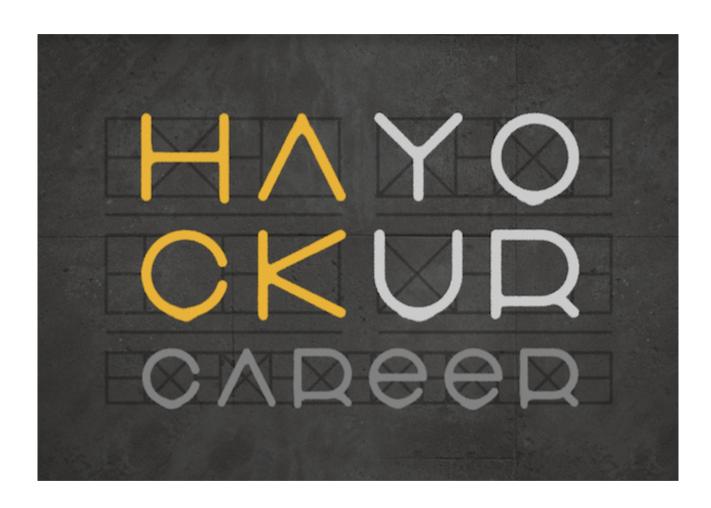
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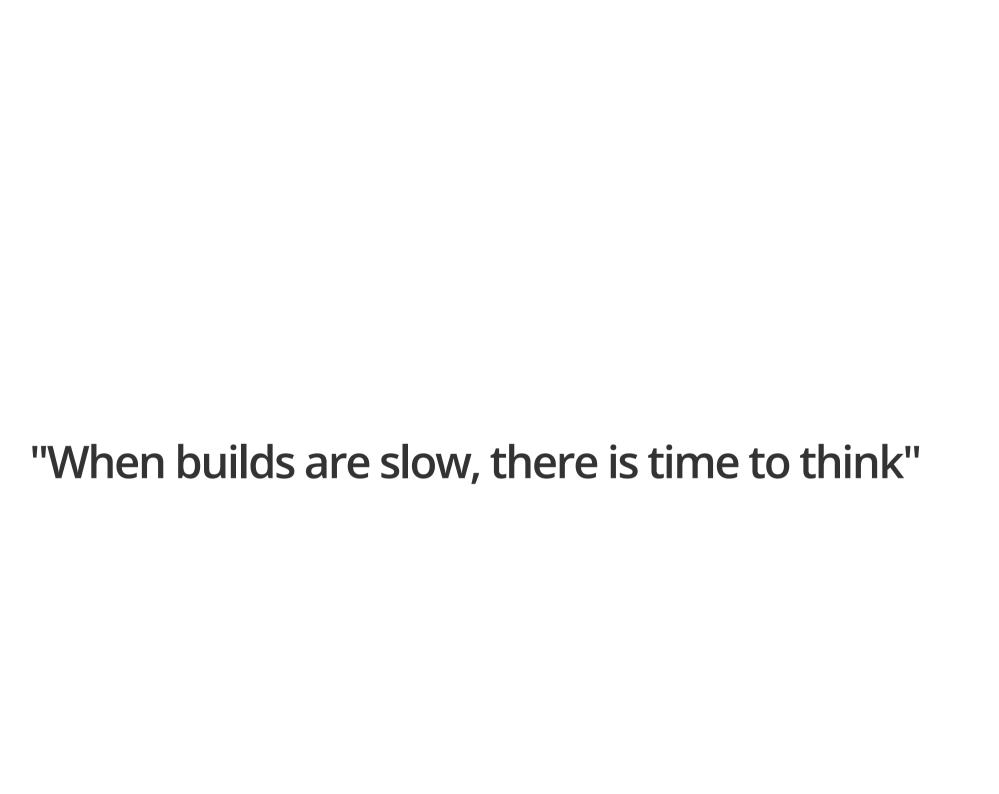
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Go is a programming language designed by Google to help solve Google's problems, and Google has big problems

Problems at Google

- long builds
- each programmer using a different subset of the language
- popular languages are obsolete: C++ (1983), Java(1995), Python(1991)



Go - Key concepts

- * Scalability
- * Easy syntax
- similar to other known languages
- but without repetitions

```
final List<String> list = new ArrayList<String>();
```

Java

- * Concurrency
- goroutines
- channels
- * Garbage Collector

Build time - examples

```
~/h/r/y/g/s/s/g/gandalf-supervisor (develop) $ time go build
     0.84 real     0.86 user     0.18 sys
~/h/r/y/g/s/s/g/gandalf-supervisor (develop) $
```

Build time - production microservice ~4000 LOC

```
~/h/r/y/g/s/s/g/gandalf-supervisor (develop) $
    ~/h/r/y/g/s/s/g/gandalf-supervisor (develop) $ time go test ./...
?    stash.hybris.com/gopher/gandalf-supervisor [no test files]
?    stash.hybris.com/gopher/gandalf-supervisor/internal [no test files]
ok    stash.hybris.com/gopher/gandalf-supervisor/internal/deselector 0.078s
ok    stash.hybris.com/gopher/gandalf-supervisor/internal/expirator 0.010s
```

```
? stash.hybris.com/gopher/gandalf-supervisor/vendor/stash.hybr
1.94 real 8.59 user 1.62 sys
~/h/r/y/g/s/s/g/gandalf-supervisor (develop) $
~/h/r/y/a/s/s/s/a/gandalf-supervisor (develop) $
```

Tests Execution

Build time - Go vs Java

- Simple program: Quadratic equation (~150 LOC)
- Java: maven + junit
- Java: mvn clean package [s]: 3.19, 2.83, 3.48, 3.53, 3.57, 2.73. Avg: **3.22**
- go build [s]: 0.19 * 3, 0.18 * 2, 0.26. Avg: 0.198
- go test [s]: 0.41 *2, 0.40 * 2, 0.43, 0.39. Avg: 0.406
- go total [s] = 0.198 + 0.406 = 0.604
- Diff: 2.61 [s] per build. 5 times faster!

Fast build in go achieved by

- reduced number of open files
- no cyclic imports
- no types hierarchy
- unused import cause compilation error

• Google: dl.google.com



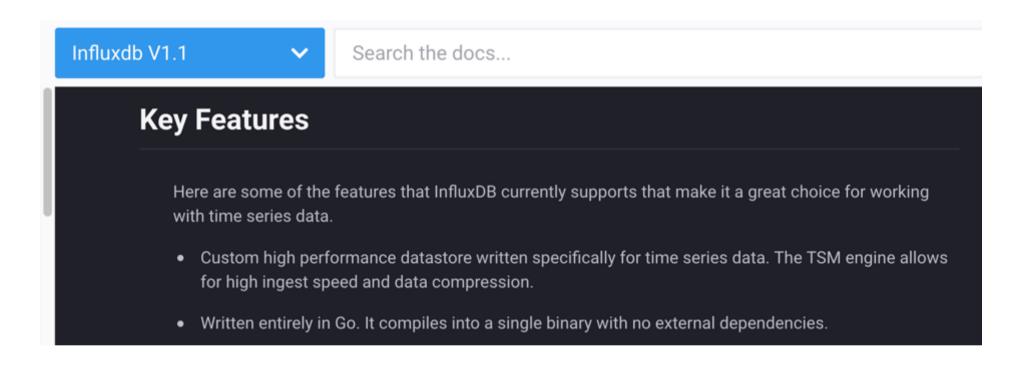
Docker

Under the hood

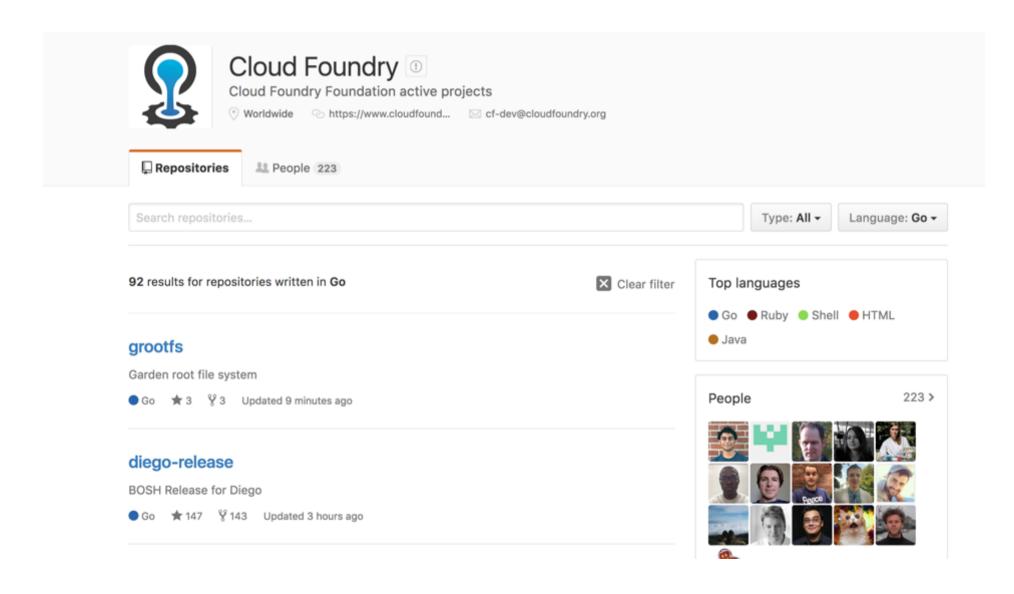
Under the hood, Docker is built on the following components:

- The cgroups and namespaces capabilities of the Linux kernel
- The Go programming language
- The Docker Image Specification
- The Libcontainer Specification

InfluxDB (Time-series data storage)



• Cloud Foundry



• Uber

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Go getting started

• Get and install Go

From here (https://golang.org/dl/)

• Set up GOPATH!

Library imports

```
package myPackage
import (
    "testing"
    myname "strings"
    . "github.com/smartystreets/goconvey/convey"
func TestMe(t *testing.T) {
    Convey("'ala ma kota' should", t, func() {
        testString := "ala ma kota"
        Convey("contain 'kota", func() {
            zawiera := myname.Contains(testString, "kota")
            So(zawiera, ShouldBeTrue)
        })
   })
```

Packages

packages

```
package main
import "fmt"

func main() {
   fmt.Printf("Hello, world %d", 123)
}
```

• to install package use go get \$REPOSITORY

Access modifiers

Private, protected, public?

//Java style

```
public String modelowanieCyfrowe = "MC hammer"
private String portretyFazoweUkładów = "Trolololo"
protected Integer wynikEgzaminu = 2
```

//Golang style

```
Name := "Piotr" //Exported
id := "1kh2uss73x" //Unexported

//function sayHello is unexported
func sayHello(){
   fmt.Println("Hello") //fmt.Println is exported
}

//Exported
func ExporteMe(){
```

Types, functions, vars

Basic types + zero values

- bool - string	false
- int int8 int16 int32 int64	0
- uint uint8 uint16 uint32 uint64 uintptr	0
- byte // alias for uint8	0
- rune // alias for int32	0
- float32 float64	0.00
- complex64 complex128	0+0i
- interface	nil
- pointer	nil

Constants & vars

```
const (
   Pi = 3.14
   Gandalf string = "you shall not pass!"
)
func main() {
   fmt.Println(Pi)
   fmt.Println(Gandalf)
}
```

```
func main() {
   var xzibit, says string

xzibit = "Yodawg"
   says = "I heard you like go"

so := "So I put some java code into your go code"

fmt.Println(xzibit,says,so)
}
```

Functions

Function recipe

```
func + [optional]name + ([optional]arguments) + ([optional] return type(s)) {
   body
}
```

- Functions receive arguments as copies
- Functions can return multiple values
- Functions can be assigned to variables
- Functions can return functions
- Functions can take variadic arguments
- Function can be definied as types

Functions

```
package main
import "fmt"

func swap(x, y string) (string, string) {
    return y, x
}

func hello(name string) {
    fmt.Println("hello", name)
}

func main() {
    hello("Maciej")
    a, b := swap("hello", "world")
    fmt.Println(a, b)
}
```

Function part 2.

```
func namedValues(val int) (x, y int) {
    x = val * 2
    y = val * 3
    return x,y
}

func noRetArg(val int) (x, y int) {
    x = val * 2
    y = val * 3
    return
}

func main() {
    fmt.Println(namedValues(2))
    fmt.Println(noRetArg(2))
}
```

Functions part 3 - Dude! really ?!

```
package main

import "fmt"

func main(){
    func (values ... int) {
        fmt.Println("I've been called with : ", values)
    }()
}
```

Structures

```
package main
import "fmt"
type Player struct {
    FirstName string
    LastName string
func main(){
    goalKeeper := Player{
        FirstName: "Piotr",
        LastName: "Mścichowski", //-> comma required
    }
    proPlayer := Player{"Cristiano", "Ronaldo"}
    fmt.Println(goalKeeper, proPlayer)
                                                                                                     Run
```

Structures

• In go structures can have methods

```
package main
type Player struct {
   FirstName string
   LastName string
func (p *Player) Name() {
   println(p.FirstName)
func main(){
   p := new(Player) // Another way, new returns pointer,
   p.FirstName = "Piotr"
   p.LastName = "Mścichowski"
   p.Name()
                                                                                                     Run
```

Structures

- So basically structure is like class in Java/C#?
- Does structure have constructor?
- Overloading?

Pointers

• Wait, WAT?



Pointers

- var p *int creates pointer to int
- & makes pointer to operand:

```
name := "Tom"
ptr := &name
```

Pointers

```
// method receiver
func (ptr *Person) modifyByPtr() {
   ptr.name = "Tom"
   ptr.lastName = "Hanks"
}
func (p Person) modifyByValue() {
   p.lastName = "Wick"
   p.name = "John"
func main() {
   me := Person{
        name:
                  "Piotr",
        lastName: "Mścichowski",
   fmt.Println(me)
   ptr := &me
   ptr.modifyByPtr()
   fmt.Println(me)
   me.modifyByValue()
   fmt.Println(me)
                                                                                                      Run
```

Interface

• contract not an implementation

```
package main
import "fmt"

type Player interface {
    Hello(message string)
}

type Test struct {
}

func (t Test) Hello(message string) {
    fmt.Println("Hello", message)
}
```

- we do not need to 'tell' explicitly which interface we implement
- lot of interfaces in std lib like in package io
- duck typing

Interface type - solution for missing generic types?

In go you can use interfaces as type

```
type test struct {
    val string
}

// interface{} has no methods
func interfaceType(d interface{}) {
    fmt.Println(d)
    //work on copy of an interface type
}

func main() {
    interfaceType(4)
    interfaceType(test{"test value"})
}
```

• can a function return interface{}?

Errors and error handling

- Say goodbye to exceptions
- Error is an interface
- So it means that you can create your own errors easily

Errors and error handling

```
type error interface {
   Error() string
}
```

```
func hello(input string) (string, error) {
    if length := len(input); length > 0 {
        return "Hello, " + input, nil
    } else {
        return "", errors.New("MISSING INPUT")
    }
func main() {
   val, err := hello("")
    if err != nil {
        println(err.Error())
    } else {
        println(val)
                                                                                                     Run
```

Custom errors

```
type CustomError struct {
   Status int
   Message string
           string
    Type
}
func InternalServerError(message string) CustomError {
   return newError(500, "internal_server_error", message)
func (e CustomError) Error() string {
    return fmt.Sprintf("An error has occured during processing! Details %s ", e.Message)
}
func newError(status int, errType string, message string) CustomError {
   ce := CustomError{status, errType, message}
    return ce
}
func process() error {
   //assume some processing is done here
    return InternalServerError("Error while calling upstream service")
}
                                                                                                     Run
```

Arrays

```
package main
  import "fmt"
3
  func main() {
      var words [2]string
5
      words[0] = "hello"
6
      words[1] = "world"
7
8
      primes := [6]int{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13}
9
      fmt.Println(primes)
       //cannot use primes (type [6]int) as type [5]int in argument to sum
10
       //sum(primes)
11
       // cannot use primes (type [6]int) as type []int in argument to avgl
12
       //avg(primes)
13
14 }
15
16
   func sum(arr [5]int) int {
17
        return 123
18
   func avg(arr []int) float64 {
19
        return 0.0
20
21 }
                                                                                                      Run
```

Slices

```
package main
  import "fmt"
3
  func main() {
      var emptySlice []string
5
      fmt.Printf("empty slice len: %d, cap: %d\n", len(emptySlice), cap(emptySlice))
6
7
8
      letters := make([]string, 5, 10)
       fmt.Printf("letters len: %d, cap: %d\n", len(letters), cap(letters))
9
10
       // emptySlice[0] = "a" // panic: runtime error: index out of range
11
       letters[0] = "a" // OK
12
       // letters[10] = "b" // panic: runtime error: index out of range
13
14
15
       letters = append(letters, "f")
       fmt.Printf("letters after append: %v, len: %d, cap: %d\n", letters, len(letters), cap(letters))
16
17 }
                                                                                                     Run
```

Slices slicing

```
1 package main
  import "fmt"
3
  func main() {
      src := []string{"a", "b", "c", "d", "e"}
5
       fmt.Println("src:", src)
6
7
8
      middle := src[1:4]
9
       fmt.Println("middle:", middle)
10
11
        first := src[:2]
        fmt.Println("first:", first)
12
13
14
        all := src[:]
15
        fmt.Println("all:", all)
16
        all[2] = "X"
17
        fmt.Println("all:", all)
18
        fmt.Println("src:", src)
19
20 }
                                                                                                      Run
```

Slices - Tricky part

```
package main
  import "fmt"
3
  func main() {
      // insert in the middle
      src := []string{"a", "b", "d", "e"}
6
7
      fmt.Println(src)
8
       src = append(src[:2], append([]string{"c"}, src[2:]...)...)
       fmt.Println("src:", src)
9
10
11
        //delete
12
        copy(src[2:], src[3:])
        fmt.Println("src after copy:", src)
13
        src[len(src) - 1] = ""
14
15
        src = src[:len(src) - 1]
       fmt.Println("src:", src)
16
17 }
                                                                                                      Run
```

Maps

```
func main() {
5
      worldChampions := map[int]string{
           1994: "Brasil",
6
           1998: "France",
8
           2002: "Brasil",
9
           2006:"Italy",
            2010: "Spain",
10
11
        }
        worldChampions[2014] = "Germany"
12
13
        fmt.Println(worldChampions[1994])
        _, ex := worldChampions[1997]
14
        fmt.Println(ex)
15
16
        delete(worldChampions, 2006)
        fmt.Println(worldChampions)
17
18 }
                                                                                                        Run
```

Loops

```
3 func main() {
      for i := 0; i < 10; i++ \{
5
6
          //T0D0
7
      flag := true
8
      for {
9
          if flag {
10
               break
11
12
       }
13 }
                                                                                                   Run
```

```
6 func main() {
7    str := "12"
8    if n, err := strconv.Atoi(str); err != nil {
9        fmt.Println("Got error when parsing ", str)
10    } else {
11        fmt.Printf("Number is %d\n", n)
12    }
13    // n = 14 - Unresolved reference
14 }
```

Defer

```
1 package main
2 import "os"
  import "fmt"
  func main() {
      f, err := os.Open("abc.txt")
6
      if err != nil {
8
           fmt.Println("Got error", err)
9
           return
10
11
       defer f.Close()
       f.WriteString("sth")
12
13
       i := 10
14
15
       defer cleanup(i)
16
       i = 20
       defer cleanup(i)
17
18 }
19
   func cleanup(i int) {
20
21
       fmt.Printf("Cleanup %d\n", i)
22 }
                                                                                                     Run
```

Switch

```
func main() {
      var todayMeme string
      switch today := time.Now().Weekday(); today {
8
      case time.Monday:
9
            fallthrough
10
       case time.Tuesday:
11
            todayMeme = "grumpyCat"
12
        case time.Friday:
13
            todayMeme = "weekend"
14
15
       default:
            todayMeme = "randomMeme"
16
17
       fmt.Println(todayMeme)
18
19 }
                                                                                                      Run
```

Goroutines

* Goroutine is not OS thread!

Table 2-1 Thread creation costs

Item	Approximate cost		
Kernel data structures	Approximately 1 KB		
Stack space	512 KB (secondary threads)		
	8 MB (OS X main thread)		
	1 MB (iOS main thread)		
Creation time	Approximately 90 microseconds		

From

 $https:\!//developer.apple.com/library/content/documentation/Cocoa/Conceptual/Multithreading/CreatingThreads/C$

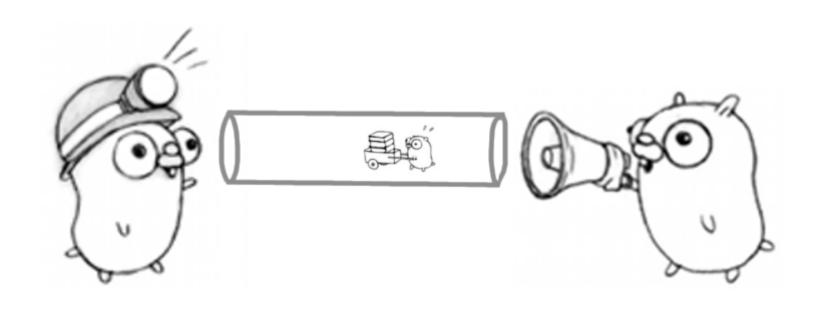
Goroutines

```
1 package main
2 import "fmt"
3 import "time"
4
5 func main() {
6    go longComputation(1000)
7    fmt.Println("Will be printed immediately")
8 }
9
10 func longComputation(x int) {
11    time.Sleep(time.Hour)
12 }
```

Goroutines

```
package main
2
  import "sync"
  import "time"
  import "fmt"
  import "math/rand"
  func main() {
      wg := sync.WaitGroup{}
9
       bef := time.Now()
10
11
        const len = 1000000 // million
       wg.Add(len)
12
       var out [len]int32
13
        for i := 0; i < len; i++ {
14
            go func(idx int) {
15
                out[idx] = rand.Int31n(1000)
16
17
                wg.Done()
18
            }(i)
19
        wg.Wait()
20
21
        fmt.Println(time.Now().Sub(bef))
22 }
                                                                                                       Run
```

Do not communicate by sharing memory; instead, share memory by communicating.



Channels

```
package main
2
   import (
       "fmt"
       // "time"
5
6
   func main() {
9
       msgChan := make(chan string)
10
11
        go func() {
             msgChan <- "message"</pre>
12
13
        }()
14
        go func() {
             val := <-msgChan</pre>
15
16
             fmt.Println(val)
17
        }()
         // time.Sleep(time.Second)
18
         // msgChan <- "message 2"</pre>
19
20
21 }
                                                                                                              Run
```

Buffered channels

```
package main

package main

func main() {

bufferedChan := make(chan string, 2)

bufferedChan <- "msg1"

bufferedChan <- "msg2"

//bufferedChan <- "msg3" // deadlock

Run</pre>
```

Example: Producer Consumer

```
func producer(name string, msgChan chan string, wg *sync.WaitGroup) {
   for i := 0; i < 3; i++ {
        msgChan <- fmt.Sprintf("[%s] Message:%d", name, i+1)
        time.Sleep(time.Second)
}
fmt.Printf("[%s] Done\n", name)
wg.Done()
</pre>
```

```
27
    func consumer(name string, msgChan chan string) {
28
        got := 0
        for {
29
30
            msg := <-msgChan</pre>
31
            got++
32
            fmt.Printf("[%s] Received message nr %d: %s\n", name, got, msg)
33
            if msg == DONE MSG {
34
                return
35
36
        }
37 }
                                                                                                          Run
```

Example: Producer Consumer cont.

```
func main() {
      msgChan := make(chan string)
9
       wg := sync.WaitGroup{}
10
       go producer("Producer",msgChan,&wg)
11
12
       wg.Add(1)
       go consumer(fmt.Sprint("Consumer"), msgChan)
13
14
       wg.Wait()
       msgChan <- DONE_MSG
15
16 }
                                                                                                     Run
```

Example: Timeouts

```
package time

// After waits for the duration to elapse and then sends the current time
// on the returned channel.
func After(d Duration) <-chan Time {
    return NewTimer(d).C
}</pre>
```

Example: "I don't care" Producer

```
package main
2 import "sync"
 import "fmt"
  import "time"
  func main() {
      msgChan := make(chan string)
6
      wg := sync.WaitGroup{}
8
      wg.Add(2)
      go func () {
9
10
            fmt.Println("Got: ",<-msgChan)</pre>
            wg.Done()
11
12
        }()
13
        go iDontCareProducer("Producer", msgChan, &wg)
14
        wg.Wait()
15
16
   func iDontCareProducer(name string, msgChan chan string, wg *sync.WaitGroup) {
17
        for i := 0; i < 5; i++ \{
            select {
18
                case msgChan <- fmt.Sprintf("[%s] Not so important message:%d", name, i+1):</pre>
19
                case <-time.After(time.Second): fmt.Println("Timeout")</pre>
20
21
22
23
        fmt.Printf("[%s] Done\n", name)
24
        wg.Done()
25 }
```

Go tools

Govendor

Govendor is simillar a little bit to js npm

• Gofmt

Builtin tool used for formatting go code

• Go vet

Vet examines Go source code and reports suspicious constructs.

Go present

Tool for making presentation (like this one)

Lots of them (https://godoc.org/golang.org/x/tools)

Hackin Gliwice



More info: https://www.facebook.com/Hackin-Gliwice-1852681074976881

Retrospection after year with Go



• More info: https://www.meetup.com/Gliwice-Software-BarCamp/events/238406281/

Thank you for attention. Do you have questions?

Survey (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2VBNSKX)

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- https://tour.golang.org/
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- https://talks.golang.org/2012/splash.article (Go at Google: Language Design in the Service of Software Engineering)
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Thank you