What's happening?

To celebrate the release of Go 1.8 we're to organising a world wide release party on February the 16th, 2017.

Hang on, did you say Go 1.8 ships on the 16th of February?

Nope! Go 1.8 is in good shape to ship in early February, but no firm release date has been published; it might be as early as the 1st of Feb, or it might not.

Sounds awesome, how can you get involved?

- If you host a Go user group or meetup, schedule a meetup on the 16th of Feb, or as close to it as convenient, and celebrate with Gophers around the world.
- If you're a member of a Go user group or meetup, pester your organiser and let them know you'd like to participate.

After the event post a photo, make a video, write a blog post, scribble on your Facebook wall, or tweet something pithy. Let's see how big we can make the celebration.

Spread the word using hashtag #GoReleaseParty

Don't forget to add your meetup's details :point_down: right here.

Who's involved?

Here is a list of the groups who are participating.

- Buenos Aires, Argentina: Feb 16 7:00 pm. Location: Mercado Libre's Headquarters. (https://www.meetup.com/es-ES/Golang-Argentina/)
- Orlando, FL: Feb 16 7:00PM, Location TBD, Orlando Gophers
- Mexico City, Mexico: Feb 16 7:00pm at Palo-IT, view the meetup for details.
- Helsinki, Finland: Feb 16 5:30pm, view the meetup
- Tehran, Iran: Feb 16 5pm , at [Clickyab] (https://clickyab.com) office. Visit event page for more info or contact @fzerorubigd.
- Florence area, Italy: Feb 16 6pm CET, at Develer SRL. Visit event page for more detail or contact @golab_conf.
- Aachen, Germany: Feb 16 7pm, view the meetup
- Bengaluru, India - Feb 16th 7.00pm at [Gojek] (https://twitter.com/GojekTech) office. Contact [@rbharshetty] (https://twitter.com/rBharshetty) or view the [meetup] (https://www.meetup.com/Golang-Bangalore/events/237156123/) for details
- Munich, Germany: Feb 15 7pm at Stylight. Contact @lc0d3r, @munich_gophers or view the meetup for details.
- Washington DC: Feb 16 7pm at MakeOffices Dupont. View the Golang meetup and [GDG-DC] (https://www.meetup.com/gdg-dc) [Meetup] (https://www.meetup.com/gdg-dc/events/237677174/) for details.
- Columbia, MD: Feb 16 5:30pm at Tier 1 Consulting Group. See event page
- Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada **Postponed due to weather, will be rescheduled** Contact @danp for more info.
- Belo Horizonte, MG, Brazil: Feb 16 7pm at The Plant. Contact @joaoh82 for more info or go to Go Belo Horizonte
- Florianólis, SC, Brazil: Feb 16 7pm at Neoway Business Solutions. Contact @ricardolonga for more info or go to Floripa Gophers
- São Paulo, Brazil: Feb 16 7pm at TBD. Contact @vdemario for more info or check the meetup page
- @GolangParis, France, Feb 16 7pm at Deezer, see meetup page. Ping: gaufres [at] golangparis.org.
- Sydney, Australia: Feb 16 6pm at TBD. Contact @chewxy for more info. The event page

- Moscow, Russia: Feb 16 7pm. [Meetup group](#).
- Novosibirsk, Russia: Feb 19 11am NOVT. Contact [@lkalneus](#) for more info. [Live stream](#)
- [@DenverGophers](#) Feb 16 6:00pm at Comcast Viper. View the [meetup](#) or contact [@apriendeau](#) for more info.
- [@MinneapolisGo](#) Feb 16 6:00pm at Agosto. View the [meetup](#) or contact [@corylanou](#) for more info.
- Amsterdam, the Netherlands: Feb 16 6pm at [Wercker](#). View the [meetup](#) for more details and RSVP.
- Wroclaw, Poland: Feb 16 7pm at Kuznicza 10. View the [meetup](#) or contact [@viru](#) for more details.
- Stockholm, Sweden: Feb 21 6pm at TV4. View the [meetup](#) or contact [@marcusolsson](#) for more details.
- New York, NY: Feb 16 at 6:30PM at Stack Overflow. RSVP for [meetup](#) Contact [@wikiwalk](#) for more details.
- Madrid, Spain: Feb 16 at 7:30PM at source{d}, The event will be announced on [meetup](#). Contact [@mcuadros](#) for more details.
- Murcia, Spain: Feb 16 at 7:00PM at CEEIM. Will announce the event on [meetup](#). Contact [@ANPez](#) for more details.
- Taipei, Taiwan: Feb 16 at 7:30PM at [Dcard](#). RSVP on the [kktix page](#). Contact [@kkdai](#) for more details.
- Budapest, Hungary: Feb 16 at 7:00PM at [Prezi House of Ideas](#). RSVP on the [meetup page](#). For details please contact the organizer: [@gulyasm](#)
- Reston, VA: Feb 16 at 6:45PM at Comcast. See more details and RSVP on the [meetup page](#).
- Lille, France: Feb 16 at 6:45PM at [Epitech Lille](#). [Meetup page](#).
- Hamburg, Germany: Feb 16 at 7PM place at [loodse](#). [Meetup page](#).
- Okayama, Japan: Feb 16 7pm at Kurashiki Coffee Shop. See an [event page](#) or contact [@qt_luigi](#) for more info.
- Phoenix, AZ: Feb 16 at 6:30PM, at [Brightcove](#), Scottsdale. See [event page](#) or contact [@golangPhoenix](#)
- Toronto, Canada: Firkin on King, See [event page](#)
- Seattle, WA: Feb 16 at 6PM at Uber, See [event page](#)
- Vancouver, BC, Canada: Feb 16 at 6PM at [Hootsuite](#), See [event page](#)
- San Francisco, CA: Feb 16 at 6:30PM, venue TBD. See [event page](#)
- Copenhagen, Denmark: Feb 16th at 6PM, at Vivino. See [event page](#) or contact [@phr0e](#) or [@CphGophers](#)
- Leeds, England, UK: Feb 16th at 6PM, at White Cloth Gallery in Leeds (LS1 4HT). See [event page](#)
- Zurich, CH, Feb 23rd at 6:30PM at Unic AG offices in Altstetten. See [event page](#)
- Framingham, Ma - Feb 16th 7pm - See [event page](#)
- Cambridge, Ma - Feb 16th 6:30pm, at the Google Office in Cambridge - See [event page](#), contact [@bostongolang](#)
- Tokyo, Japan - Feb 16th 7pm - See https://gocon.connpass.com/event/48281/
- San Diego, CA @ ScouRED - Feb 16th 6pm - See [event page](#), contact [@carlisia](#)
- Philadelphia, PA - Feb 16th 6PM, at Sidecar. See [Meetup page](#) or contact [@golangphilly](#)
- Milan, Italy - Feb 16th 6.30pm, at Ibuildings' offices. For info tweet to [@kmox83](#) or [@mavimo](#) - See the [event page](#)
- Singapore - Feb 16th 7.30pm, at Singapore Power office. See the [Meetup page](#) or tweet to [@golangSG](#)
- Cardiff (Wales UK) - Feb 15th 18:00 at Tramshed Cardiff. See the [Meetup page](#) or tweet to [@cdfgolang](#)
- Minsk, Belarus - Feb 16th 7.00pm at Juno. [Meetup Page ->] (https://www.meetup.com/JunoCrew-meetups/events/237671824/) [Registration here ->](#)
- Bangor (Wales UK) - Feb 16th 7:00 PM hosted by [NorthWalesTech](#). See the [Meetup page](#) or tweet to [@northwalestech](#)
- Odessa, Ukraine - Feb 25th 10:00am at VertaMedia. See the [meetup page](#).
- Valencia, Spain - Feb 18th 17:00pm at Oh my Game Bar. Visit the [Telegram group](#) or visit our [twitter](#).
- Austin, TX (USA) - Feb 16th 6:30 PM (GMT-6) visit the [Austin Go Language User Group](#) Meetup page for details
- Hyderabad, India - Feb 16th 6:30 PM visit the [Hyderabad Gophers](#) Meetup page for details or contact [@itsbalamurali](#), [@gouthamve](#) for more details.
- Edmonton, AB (Canada) - Feb 27th 6:30 PM visit [Edmonton Go](#) and RSVP via the [meetup page](#).
- Dallas, TX - Feb 16th 7:00 PM visit [GoDFW](#) and RSVP via the [meetup page](#)

- Trójmiasto (Gdańsk-Sopot-Gdynia), Poland - Feb 13th 6:00 PM visit [GUGT](#) and RSVP via the [meetup page](#)
- Istanbul, Turkey - Feb 16th 7:00 PM at [Insider](#). RSVP via the [eventbrite page](#).
- Strasbourg, France - Feb 16th 6:30 PM at [La Plage Digitale](#). RSVP via the [meetup page](#).
- Waterloo, Canada - Feb 16 7:00 PM at the Lion's Brewery at the [Heuther Hotel](#). RSVP via the [meetup page](#).
- Republic of Korea - Feb 16 8:00 Pm at GangNam 2nd TOZ. See the [meetup page] (https://www.facebook.com/groups/golangko/).
- Dublin, Ireland - Feb 16 6:30 PM at Arista Networks. [Meetup](#) details.
- Berlin, Germany - Feb 28 7:00 PM at Amazon. RSVP at [Meetup](#).
- Portland, OR (pdxgo) - Feb 16 6:30 PM at Esri R&D Center. RSVP at [Meetup](#).
- Lyon, France - Fev 16 7 PM at OVH. RSVP at [Meetup](#)
- New York - Fev 16 7:00 PM at [Nulab](#). RSVP at [Meetup](#)
- Dresden, Germany - Feb 16th 6:30PM at [LOVOO](#). RVSP at http://doodle.com/poll/s2bw6eu4ywhqg9ut
- London, UK - Feb 15th 6:30PM at Skills Matter Code Node RSVP at [Meetup](#)
- Auckland, NZ - Feb 15th 6:00PM at Vend, RSVP at [Meetup](#)
- ᴠɴ Saigon, Vietnam - Feb 21 7:00 PM, RSVP at our [Facebook Event page](#)
- Brno, CZ - Feb 28th 7:00PM. RSVP via the [meetup event page](#).
- Atlanta, GA (USA) - Feb 16th at 6:30PM EST. RSVP at the [Meetup Page](#) or contact [@rlmcpherson](#)
- Edinburgh, Scotland - Feb 16th 6:30 PM GMT. RSVP at [Meetup](#) or contact [@macqueenism](#) or [@hackebrot](#).
- Boise, ID (USA) - Feb 16th 6:00PM (MST). RSVP via the [meetup event page](#).
- Cape Town, South Africa - Feb 16th 6:30PM (SAST). RSVP via the [meetup event page](#) or get in touch with [@clvnb](#)
- Lviv, Ukraine - Feb 24th 6:30PM (EET). RSVP via the [meetup event page](#)
- Brest, France - Feb 21th 6:30PM. See the [Meetup page](#)

If your group is not listed here yet, edit the page and add yourself. Organisers, once you've added your group, consider tweeting out a link to the page to raise awareness.

Stay in touch

Trying to co-ordinate dozens of meetup groups around the globe will be challenging. Here are some ways you can plan your event, and keep up to date.

As always, if you get stuck, or need help, please [contact the organisers directly](#), we're here to help. .

Slack Channel

We have a channel for the [release party](#) on the [Gophers Slack](#). If you need an invite to Slack, [you can request an automatic invite with this link](#).

Mailing list

We have set up a [mailing list for meetup organisers](#) to ask questions.

What happens in a release party?

As with the previous [Go 1.6](#) and Go 1.7 release parties, this is a great opportunity to spread the word about the improvements landing 1.8, and the plans for the 1.9 development cycle.

Resources

A sample slide deck that you can use is [available here](#) ([source](#))

Please send PR's with corrections/additions

[Here's a link to the *draft* Go 1.8 release notes](#).

[Here's a link](#) to the talk by Francesc Campoy: The State of Go (February 2017).

What'll happen if Go 1.8 comes out before the 16th?

This is likely to happen, but many meetups have a January date scheduled and don't want to hold two meetups so close together. The 16th is an arbitrary date that a quorum of meetups could find that didn't conflict with their existing schedules.

If you're a meetup organiser and can hit the Feb 16th, awesome, but your participation is more important than being able to organise your group for an exact date.

What'll happen if Go 1.8 isn't out by the 16th?

Well ... at least we'll have each other.

The feature set of Go 1.8 isn't going to change in over the next month. If Go 1.8 ships after the 16th, it will be a little anticlimactic that we jumped the gun, but it's not a big deal.

Who's organising this?

Well, if you run a Go meetup, you are. It can't be a worldwide release party without meetups around the globe.

No, seriously, who's organising this?

Here are the organisers so far:

- [Dave Cheney](#) - @davecheney
- [João Henrique Machado Silva](#) - [@joaoh82](#)

Want to help? Edit this page and add yourself

If you have questions, please reach out to one of the organisers.