

## Timeouts and Deadlines

To abandon synchronous calls that run too long, use the select statement with `time.After`:

```
import "time"

c := make(chan error, 1)
go func() { c <- client.Call("Service.Method", args, &reply) } ()
select {
    case err := <-c:
        // use err and reply
    case <-time.After(timeoutNanoseconds):
        // call timed out
}
```

Note that the channel `c` has a buffer size of 1. If it were an unbuffered channel and the `client.Call` method took more than `timeoutNanoseconds`, the channel send would block forever and the goroutine would never be destroyed.

## References

`time.After`: <https://pkg.go.dev/time/#After>

`select`: [https://go.dev/ref/spec#Select\\_statements](https://go.dev/ref/spec#Select_statements)

blog post: <https://go.dev/blog/2010/09/go-concurrency-patterns-timing-out-and.html>