

Range Clauses

Spec: https://go.dev/ref/spec#For_statements

Summary

A range clause provides a way to iterate over an array, slice, string, map, or channel.

Example

```
for k, v := range myMap {
    log.Printf("key=%v, value=%v", k, v)
}

for v := range myChannel {
    log.Printf("value=%v", v)
}

for i, v := range myArray {
    log.Printf("array value at [%d]=%v", i, v)
}
```

Reference

If only one value is used on the left of a range expression, it is the 1st value in this table.

Range expression	1st value	2nd value (optional)	notes
array or slice <code>a[n]E</code> , <code>*[n]E</code> , or <code>[]E</code>	index <code>i</code> <code>int</code>	<code>a[i] E</code>	
string <code>s</code> string type	index <code>i</code> <code>int</code>	rune <code>int</code>	range iterates over Unicode code points, not bytes
map <code>m</code> <code>map[K]V</code>	key <code>k</code> <code>K</code>	value <code>m[k] V</code>	
channel <code>c</code> <code>chan E</code>	element <code>e</code> <code>E</code>	<i>none</i>	

Gotchas

When iterating over a slice or map of values, one might try this:

```

items := make([]map[int]int, 10)
for _, item := range items {
    item = make(map[int]int, 1) // Oops! item is only a copy of the slice element.
    item[1] = 2                // This 'item' will be lost on the next iteration.
}

```

The make and assignment look like they might work, but the value property of range (stored here as item) is a *copy* of the value from items, not a pointer to the value in items. The following will work:

```

items := make([]map[int]int, 10)
for i := range items {
    items[i] = make(map[int]int, 1)
    items[i][1] = 2
}

```