

# Go Programming Language

# Introduction

**Go is a statically-typed, compiled programming language designed for simplicity and efficiency.**

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# Agenda



- Project Setup
- Variables
- Functions and Control Structures
- Structs and Interfaces
- Pointers
- Methods

# Project Setup



1. To initialize the go project , cd into the directory to project folder
2. Now enter : go mod init <project name>
3. Now Every go project need a main package with an entry function named main, which we define in the primary file.

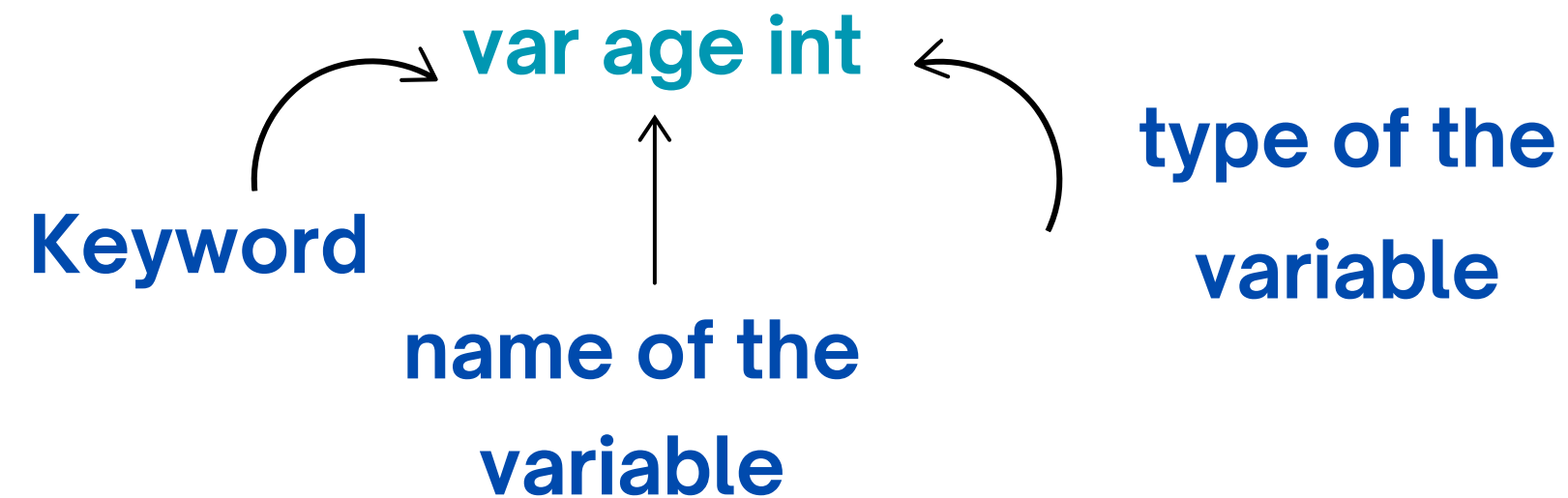
```
package main  
import "fmt"  
func main() {  
    fmt.Println("Hello World!")  
}
```

4. For executing the code use, go run <file name>



# Initializing a variable

Go is a statically typed language so we have to specify the type of variable we are declaring



```
var user = "Tommy" // declaration along with initialisation
```

```
email := "email@example.com" //shorthand for declaration with initialisation
```

# Input and Output Statements

```
package main
import "fmt"
func main() {
    var name string
    fmt.Println("Enter Your Name")
    fmt.Scan(&name)
    fmt.Println("Name: ",name)
}
```

Output:  
Enter Your Name  
Jain  
Name: Jain

# Datatypes and Default Values

## Default Values

`bool` `boolean`

`string`

`int` `int8` `int16` `int32` `int64`

`uint` `uint8` `uint16` `uint32` `uint64` `uintptr`

`byte` `// alias for uint8`

`rune` `// alias for int32`

`float` `float32` `float64`

`complex` `complex64` `complex128`

- 0 for numeric types, float
- false for the boolean type
- "" (the empty string) for strings.

# Array and Slices

## Array

Collection of same type of elements of fixed size.

```
array := [5]int{1,2,3,4,5}
```

## Slice

Collection of same type of elements of dynamic size.

```
slice := []int{1,2,3,4,5,6,7}
```





# Maps

Maps are used to store data values in key:value pairs.

phonebook := make(map[string]string)

↑                    ↑                    ↑

name of the    Initialize a    Keyword

map            map

Key                    Value

```
phonebook := map[string]string{"Tony": "5764784"} // declaration along with  
initialisation
```

```
phonebook["Tommy"] = "123435" //Add a key value pair
```

# Control Structures

- IF -ELSE
- FOR loop
- SWITCH
- DEFER



# DEFER

**defer** is used to delay the execution of a function or statement **until the** surrounding function completes.

It's often used for cleanup tasks like closing files or releasing resources.

```
package main
import "fmt"
func main() {
    fmt.Println("Start cooking")
    // Defer cleanup
    defer fmt.Println("Clean up the kitchen")
    fmt.Println("Finish cooking")
}
```

## Output

Start cooking

Finish cooking

Clean up the kitchen



# Structs

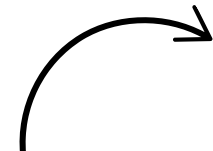
struct is a user-defined type that allows to group items of possibly different types into a single type.

## Declare a struct

Name of the  
struct

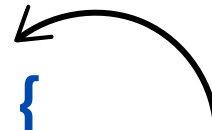


introduces a  
new type



```
type Address struct {  
    name string  
    street string  
    city string  
    state string  
    Pincode int  
}
```

struct  
keyword



## Initialize a struct

```
var a = Address{"Akash", "Kazhakootam", "Trivandrum", 690081}
```

# Structs

```
type Employee struct{  
    Name string  
    Id int  
    Email string  
    Department string  
}
```

```
u1:=  
Employee{"Alice",2006,"alice@gmail.  
com","Fabric"}  
fmt.Println("Employee Details",u1)  
fmt.Println("Employee  
Name",u1.Name)
```

Output:  
Struct in Golang  
Employee Details {Alice 2006  
alice@gmail.com Fabric}  
Employee Name Alice



# Pointer

Pointer is a variable that holds the memory address of another variable.

`var p *int`

↑  
Name of  
the pointer

↖ \*int represents that the pointer  
variable is of int type

```
var p *int
```

```
i := 42
```

```
p = &i
```

```
fmt.Println(*p)
```

```
*p = 21
```

```
fmt.Println(i)
```

Output

42

21

# How Pointers Work



var p \*int

p



var p \*int

i := 42

p



i



42

var p \*int

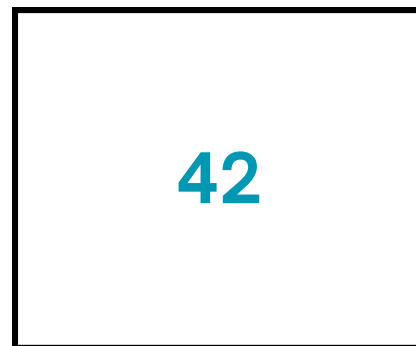
i := 42

p = &i

p



i



42

var p \*int

i := 42

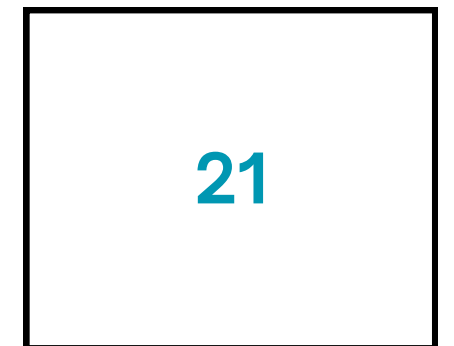
p = &i

\*p = 21

p



i



21



# Method

Method is just a function with a special receiver type between the func keyword and the method name. The receiver can either be a struct type or non-struct type.

```
type Employee struct {
```

```
    name    string
```

```
    salary  int
```

```
    currency string
```

```
}
```

```
func (e Employee) displaySalary() {
```

```
    fmt.Printf("Salary of %s is %s%d", e.name, e.currency, e.salary)
```

```
}
```

e -> Receiver

Employee -> Receiver type



# Functions and Methods



## Functions

```
type Vertex struct {  
    a1, b1 int  
}  
  
func add(v Vertex) int {  
    return(v.a1 + v.b1)  
}  
  
func main() {  
    v := Vertex{20,50}  
    fmt.Println(add(v))  
}
```

## Methods

```
type Vertex struct {  
    a1, b1 int  
}  
  
func (v Vertex) add() int {  
    return(v.a1 + v.b1)  
}  
  
func main() {  
    v := Vertex{20,50}  
    fmt.Println(v.add())  
}
```

# Value Receivers vs Pointer Receivers



## Value Receivers

```
type Employee struct {  
    name string  
    age  int  
}  
  
func (e Employee)  
changeName(newName string) {  
    e.name = newName  
}
```

## Pointer Receivers

```
type Employee struct {  
    name string  
    age  int  
}  
  
func (e *Employee)  
changeName(newName string) {  
    e.name = newName  
}
```



# JSON

JSON is a widely used format for data interchange.

encoding/json is the package used to encode/decode JSON data.

Marshal function is used  
to convert data into json

```
type Person struct {  
    Name  string `json:"name"`  
    Age   int   `json:"age"`  
    Address string `json:"address"`  
}  
  
func main() {  
    p1 := Person{Name: "John", Age: 30,  
Address: "123 Main St"}  
    jsonData, err := json.Marshal(p1)  
}
```

Unmarshal function is  
used to decode json data

```
type Person struct {  
    Name string `json:"name"`  
    Age int `json:"age"`  
    Address string `json:"address"`  
}  
  
func main() {  
    jsonString :=  
`{"Name":"Alice","age":25,"address":"456 Elm St"}`  
    var p2 Person  
    err = json.Unmarshal([]byte(jsonString), &p2)  
}
```



# Interface

Interface is a type that lists methods without providing their code. To implement an interface, a type must define all methods declared by the interface.

interface name  
↓  
type Shape interface {  
method name → Area() float64  
Perimeter() float64 ← return type  
}



# Importing a File in Go

To import a file we have to specify the package name and the folder name in which the file is located.

Even if multiple files are there (it should be with the same package name) it will import all the files in it

```
import ( "kbaauto/greetings"
```

↑  
Name of the  
module

↑  
Name of the  
folder

# Unit Testing in Go



- A way of automated testing
- A unit test is a way of testing a unit of the code
- Tests are written in files that end with `_test.go` and are placed in the same package as the code they are testing.
- The test functions have a specific signature: they must start with `Test` and take a single argument of type `*testing.T`.