GoLang

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* Developed by Google in 2007.
* Open Sourced in 2009.
* Go is Statically typed, Compiled high-level Programming language.

1. What is Golang used for ?

* Go is popular in Cloud-based application or Server-side app.
* DevOps & website reliability automation are two well know ways to utilize Go.
* A lot of command-line tools have been written in Go.
* Go is used in AI & Data Science.

0.1 Advantage

* Fast
* Easy to learn
* Well scaled
* Comprehensive Programming Tool
* Strong Community Support (Google)

0.2 Disadvantage

* Young Language

0.3 Features

* Light weight (Goroutine take 8kb)
* Simplicity
* Concurrency
* Garbage Collection
* Cross Platform Support
* Fast Compile Time
* Strong Typing
  1. Installation of GoLang
* Go to <https://go.dev/doc/install> & download the installer according to Operating System.
* After installation run the command **go version** on command prompt for checking the successful installation of Go.

0.5 Default Directory Structure

* After installation it creates **go** directory in our **Root** directory.
* To know the path of directory run **go env GOPATH** command.
* In my case it shows **C:\Users\Prajwal\go** & this path also known as **GOPATH**.
* Following is a Default structure of Directory :

go/

bin/

( executable binaries )

pkg/

( compiled package file )

src/

( Myproject )

* In starting there are only 2 folders are present in directory first bin & second pkg, src folder is created by user.
* According to go standards it says do all coding under Go Workspace means inside go directory.
* But according to our convenient we can create our project folder outside GOPATH, but we have to perform some extra steps.

0.6 Go Module

* Go module helps to communicate with GOPATH, it imports the required packages from GOPATH.
* Go Module simplify the management of dependencies & project structure.
* Go Module allows you to create & manage the projects outside the GOPATH.
* To initialize the folder as a Module we have to run **go mod init MODULE\_NAME** command at our folder path in terminal.
* After running command it creates **go.mod** file.
* go.mod file contains the information about our project, including its name & dependencies.
* This process is mandatory when we create our project or folder out side the GOPATH.

0.7 First Program

package main

import “fmt”

func main(){

fmt.println(“Hello World!!!”)

}

0.8 Packages

* Go use Packages instead of classes.
* Each go file must belong to some package.
* Syntax to define package :

**package PACKAGE\_NAME**

* The **main** package is a special package in go. An executable program must contain the **main** package.
* Go uses relative imports to bring packages into current file.
* We can import packages using **import** keyword.
* **main** function is an entry point of our executable program. It should be under the main package.

0.9 Variables

* With the help of **var** & **const** keyword we can initialize or declare the variables.
* There are few ways to create variables.

Case 1 :

var variable\_name data\_type = value

var str1 string = “String 1”

Case 2 :

var variable\_name

var num

Case 3 :

variable\_name := value

pi := 3.14

* In case 1 we specify the datatype of variable. We can’t change datatype of variable later.
* In case 2 we only specify the variable name, we can change the datatype of variable according to our data.
* In case 3 we use **:=** operator instead of var keyword. According to data it will initialize the datatype to variable.
* We can create Constant variables with const keyword & normal variables with var.
* We can’t change the value after declaring the constant variable.
* Ex :

Const pi = 3.14

* When we want to export any variable or function then its first letter of variable must be **capital**. We can export it in various packages & files.
* If variable name is in lowercase then that variable is accessible in only that file. We can’t export it for external use.
* Ex :

var Public\_variable

var private\_variable