

# Go static code analysis: String literals should not be duplicated

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Duplicated string literals make the process of refactoring error-prone, since you must be sure to update all occurrences.

On the other hand, constants can be referenced from many places, but only need to be updated in a single place.

## Noncompliant Code Example

With the default threshold of 3:

```
func run() {
    prepare("This should be a constant") // Noncompliant; 'This
should ...' is duplicated 3 times
    execute("This should be a constant")
    release("This should be a constant")
}
```

## Compliant Solution

```
const ACTION = "This should be a constant"
```

```
func run() {
    prepare(ACTION)
    execute(ACTION)
    release(ACTION)
}
```

## Exceptions

To prevent generating some false-positives, literals having 5 or less characters are excluded as well as literals containing only letters, digits and '\_ '.