

The Go Programming Language



What is Go?

- **Also known as:** Golang (due to its domain name, golang.org).
- **Type:** Open-source, statically typed, compiled programming language.
- **Creators:** Developed by **Robert Griesemer**, **Rob Pike**, and **Ken Thompson** at Google.
- **First released:** November 10, 2009.

Purpose & Vision

- Designed to combine the ease of development of **interpreted languages** (like Python) with the efficiency of **compiled languages** (like C++).
- Emphasis on:
 1. **Concurrency**
 2. **Simplicity**
 3. **Performance**

Variables in Go

What Are Variables?

- Containers for storing data values in memory.
- Each variable has:
 - **Name (Identifier):** Used to refer to the variable.
 - **Type:** Determines the kind of data the variable can store.
 - **Value:** The actual data stored.

Variables in Go

Variable Binding

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```
1 var x int = 10
```

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- **Dynamic typing:** It is a programming language feature that determines variable types during runtime, rather than at compile time



```
1 y := 20 // Type inferred as int
```

Variables in Go

Scope

- **Local Scope:** Declared within a function or block.
- **Global Scope:** Declared outside functions, accessible throughout the package.

```
1 def my_function():
2     local_var = 10
3     # Local variable
4     print(local_var)
5
6 my_function()
7 # print(local_var)
8 # Error: local_var is not accessible
```

```
1 global_var = 20 # Global variable
2
3 def my_function():
4     print(global_var)
5     # Accessible inside the function
6
7 my_function()
8 print(global_var)
9 # Accessible outside the function
```

Variables in Go

Memory Allocation

- **Static Memory Allocation:** Space for variables like globals is allocated at compile time.

```
1 int global_var; // Allocated statically
```

- **Dynamic Memory Allocation:** Space for heap variables is allocated at runtime using.

```
1 int *ptr = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int) * 10); // Allocates memory dynamically
2 free(ptr); // Frees the allocated memory
```


Arithmetic Expressions in Go

What Are Arithmetic Expressions?

- A combination of variables, constants, and operators to perform mathematical computations is an arithmetic expression.

Arithmetic Expressions in Go

Operators in Go:

- **Basic Arithmetic Operators:**
 - Addition (+), Subtraction (−), Multiplication (*), Division (/), Modulus (%)
- **Unary Operators:**
 - Unary + and − for positive and negative numbers.

Arithmetic Expressions in Go

Evaluation Rules

Precedence order:

1. `*`, `/`, `%` (Multiplication/Division/Modulus)
2. `+`, `-` (Addition/Subtraction)



```
1 result := 10 + 5 * 2
```


```
2 // Evaluates to 20, not 30
```

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Selection Statements in Go

What Are Selection Statements?


- **Definition:** Control structures that execute code blocks based on conditions.
- **Purpose:** Introduce decision-making logic into programs.

Selection Statements in Go

Types of Selection Statements in Go

if Statement:

- Executes a block of code if a condition is true.




```
1  if condition {  
2  //Code to execute if condition is true  
3  }
```

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if-else Statement:

- Adds an alternative block for when the condition is false.



```
1  if condition {  
2      // True block  
3  } else {  
4      // False block  
5  }
```


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else if Ladder Statement:

- Checks multiple conditions sequentially.

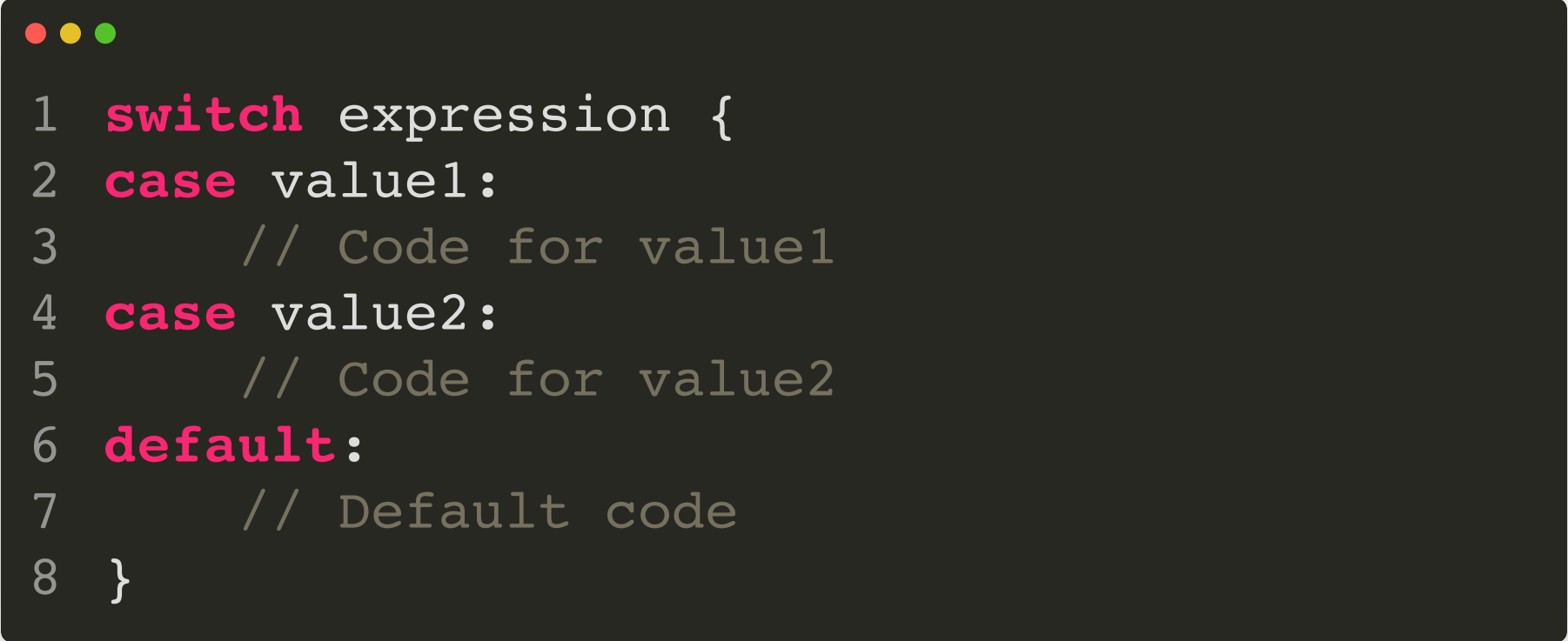
```
1  if condition1 {  
2      // Code for condition1  
3  } else if condition2 {  
4      // Code for condition2  
5  } else {  
6      // Default code  
7  }
```

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switch Statement:

- Simplifies multiple conditional checks.



```
1 switch expression {  
2 case value1:  
3     // Code for value1  
4 case value2:  
5     // Code for value2  
6 default:  
7     // Default code  
8 }
```

Subprograms in Go

What Are Subprograms?

- **Definition:** Reusable blocks of code designed to perform specific tasks.
- Commonly implemented as **functions** in Go.


Subprograms in Go

Key Characteristics of Subprograms?

- Functions can take **parameters** and return **values**.
- Support for **variadic parameters** (variable-length arguments).
- Can be assigned to variables, passed as arguments, and returned by other functions.

Subprograms in Go

Basic Function



```
1 package main
2
3 import "fmt"
4
5 func add(a int, b int) int {
6     return a + b
7 }
8
9 func main() {
10     result := add(10, 5)
11     fmt.Println("Sum:", result)
12 }
```

Subprograms in Go

Multiple Return Values



```
1 package main
2
3 import "fmt"
4
5 func divide(a, b int) (int, int) {
6     return a / b, a % b
7 }
8
9 func main() {
10     quotient, remainder := divide(10, 3)
11     fmt.Println("Quotient:", quotient, "Remainder:", remainder)
12 }
```

Object-Oriented Programming in Go

Does Go Support Object-Oriented Programming (OOP)?

- Go is **not a purely object-oriented language**, but it supports key principles of OOP:
 - **Encapsulation**
 - **Composition** (Preferred over classical inheritance)

Object-Oriented Programming in Go

Key Differences from Traditional OOP

- **No classes or objects:** Instead, Go uses **structs**.
- **No inheritance:** Go relies on **composition** for code reuse.
- **No polymorphism via classes:** Achieved through **interfaces**.

Object-Oriented Programming in Go

Encapsulation

- Achieved in Go using:
- **Structs** for data encapsulation.
- **Exported and unexported identifiers:**
 - Identifiers starting with an uppercase letter are **exported** (public).
 - Identifiers starting with a lowercase letter are **unexported** (private).

Object-Oriented Programming in Go

Encapsulation

```
1 package main
2
3 import "fmt"
4
5 // Struct with encapsulated fields
6 type Person struct {
7     Name string // Public field
8     age  int    // Private field
9 }
10
11 // Public method to access private field
12 func (p *Person) GetAge() int {
13     return p.age
14 }
15
16 func (p *Person) SetAge(newAge int) {
17     p.age = newAge
18 }
19
20 func main() {
21     p := Person{Name: "Alice"}
22     p.SetAge(25)
23     fmt.Println(p.Name, "is", p.GetAge(), "years old.")
24 }
```

Object-Oriented Programming in Go

Inheritance

- **Go does not support classical inheritance** but achieves similar behavior through **composition**.
- **Composition**: Embedding one struct into another to reuse functionality.

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Inheritance

```
1 package main
2
3 import "fmt"
4
5 // Base struct
6 type Animal struct {
7     Name string
8 }
9
10 func (a Animal) Speak() {
11     fmt.Println(a.Name, "makes a sound.")
12 }
13
14 // Derived struct using composition
15 type Dog struct {
16     Animal // Embedded struct
17 }
18
19 func (d Dog) Speak() {
20     fmt.Println(d.Name, "barks.")
21 }
22
23 func main() {
24     d := Dog{Animal{Name: "Buddy"}}
25     d.Speak()           // Dog-specific behavior
26     d.Animal.Speak()    // Access base behavior
27 }
```

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Why Composition Over Inheritance?

- Promotes **flexibility** and **loose coupling**.
- Avoids complexity of deep inheritance hierarchies.

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Main Use Cases	System programming, cloud services	Scripting, data science, web development	Enterprise applications, Android development

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