

Introduction to Htmx with Go

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WHO AM I

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What is htmx?

- ▶ htmx gives you access to AJAX, CSS Transitions, WebSockets and Server Sent Events directly in HTML, using attributes, so you can build modern user interfaces with the simplicity and power of hypertext
- ▶ htmx is small (~14k min.gz'd), dependency-free, extendable, IE11 compatible & has reduced code base sizes by 67% when compared with react

Why htmx?

- ▶ Do more with less
- ▶ Play wells with others
- ▶ Lean & mean
- ▶ Still responsive, but relies on backend
- ▶ Fast

When to use Htmx

Probably all your project

- ▶ Simple to complex

The exception will be

- ▶ Requires a lot of client side states and interactivities
 - Game
 - Editor (image, video)
 - Graphic design
- ▶ Requires offline support

Why Go

- ▶ Run fast
- ▶ Reliable
- ▶ Easy to understand
- ▶ Productive
- ▶ Great choice of libraries

What will we cover

We will cover

- ▶ Htmx basic functionalities
- ▶ How Htmx works
- ▶ Create a basic application

We will not cover

- ▶ Htmx more advance features
- ▶ Htmx Edges cases
- ▶ Go specifics, concurrencies, ...
- ▶ Beautiful UI

Getting started - Requirements

- ▶ Go compiler
- ▶ Git

Getting started - New project

- ▶ `mkdir gohtmx`
- ▶ `cd gohtmx`
- ▶ `go mod init gohtmx`
- ▶ `go install github.com/cosmtrek/air@latest`
- ▶ `go get github.com/a-h/templ`
- ▶ `go get github.com/labstack/echo/v4`
- ▶ `touch main.go`

Or

- ▶ `git clone git@github.com:francis1/htmx-go-intro.git -b intro-1`

Getting started – The Go server

```
package main

import (
    "github.com/labstack/echo/v4"
    "htmx-go-intro/views"
)

func main() {
    e := echo.New()
    e.Static("/public", "public")
    e.GET("/*", func(c echo.Context) error {
        component := views.Ticket()
        return component.Render(c.Request().Context(), c.Response().Writer)
    })
    e.File("/", "public/index.html")
    e.Logger.Fatal(e.Start(":4000"))
}
```

Getting started - Frontend

- ▶ `mkdir public public/css public/js`
- ▶ `touch public/index.html`
- ▶ `touch public/css/style.css`
- ▶ `wget https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm/@picocss/pico@2/css/pico.min.css -O public/css/pico.min.css`
- ▶ `wget https://unpkg.com/htmx.org@1.9.10 -O public/js/htmx.js`

Or

- ▶ `git clone git@github.com:francisl/htmx-go-intro.git -b intro-1`

Getting started - Index Page

```
<!doctype html>
<html lang="en">
  <head>
    <title>htmx-intro</title>
    <meta charset="UTF-8" />
    <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1" />
    <script src="public/js/htmx.js"></script>
    <link rel="stylesheet" href="public/css/pico.min.css" />
  </head>
  <body>
    <div>
      <button hx-get="/person" hx-swap="outerHTML">Poke Person</button>
    </div>
  </body>
</html>
```

Getting started – ticket.templ

```
package views

import "strconv"

templ Ticket(count int) {
    <div>
        if count > 1 {
            { strconv.Itoa(count) } Available Tickets
        } else if count == 1 {
            { strconv.Itoa(count) } Available Ticket
        } else {
            No Available Ticket
        }
    </div>
}
```


Templ compositions

```
package main

templ heading() {
    <h1>Heading</h1>
}

templ layout(contents templ.Component) {
    <div id="heading">
        @heading()
    </div>
    <div id="contents">
        @contents
    </div>
}
```

```
templ paragraph(contents string) {
    <p>{ contents }</p>
}

templ root() {
    @layout(paragraph("Dynamic
contents"))
}
```

Getting started – Run the dev server

Run Air to hot reload the go server

► air

Run the templ compiler

► templ generate -watch

running...



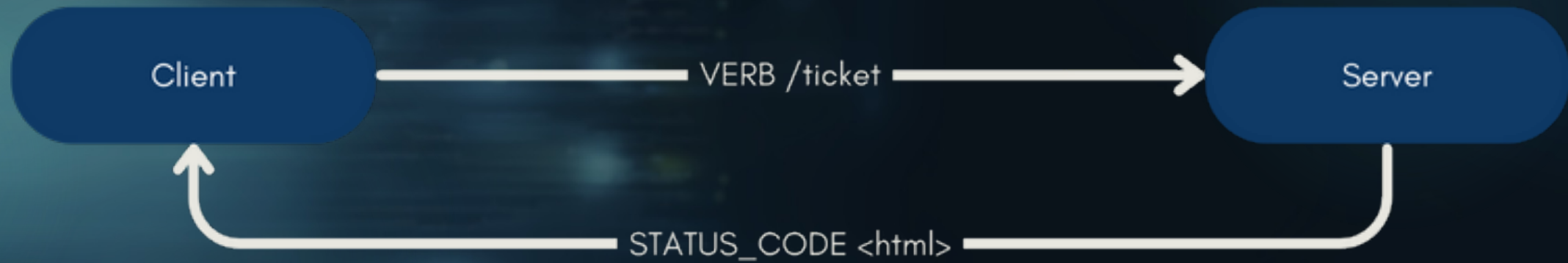
v4.11.4

High performance, minimalist Go web framework
<https://echo.labstack.com>

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⇒ http server started on [::]:4000

Htmx Flow



Htmx hx-target

```
<input
  type="text" name="q"
  hx-get="/search"
  hx-trigger="keyup delay:500ms changed"
  hx-target="#search-results"
  placeholder="Search..." >
<div id="search-results"></div>
```

Options:

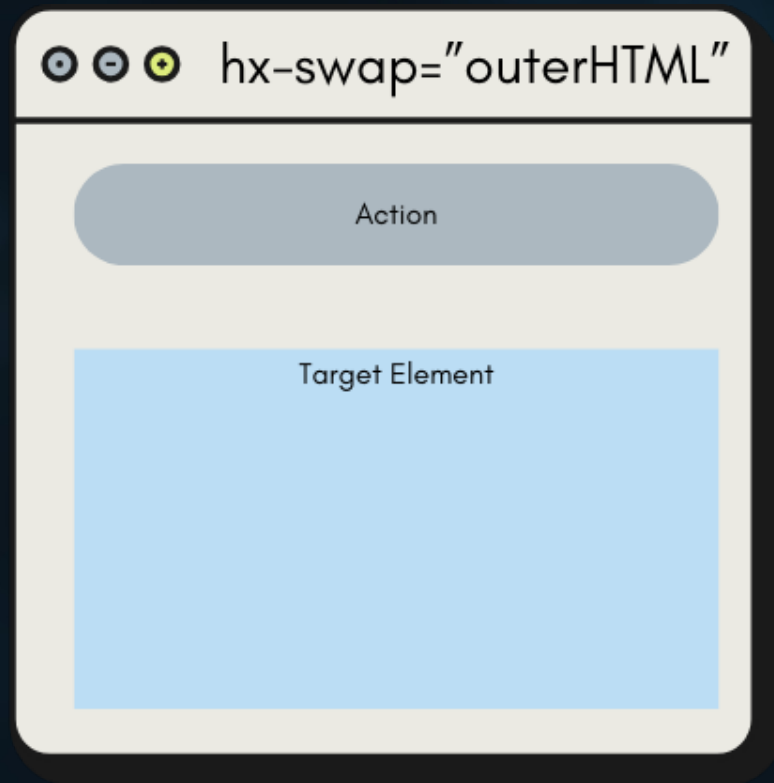
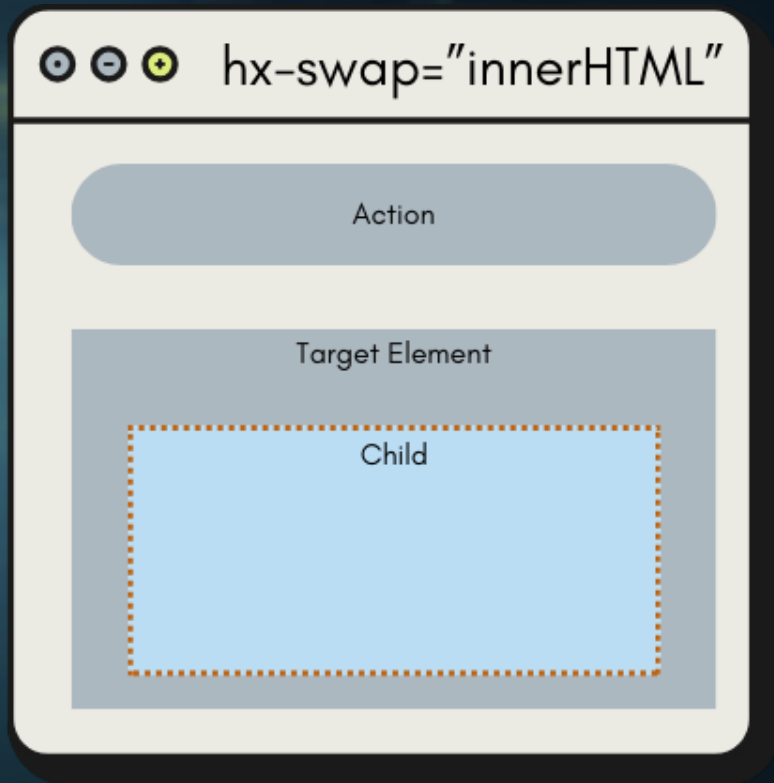
- ▶ Default or "this" keyword replace the element
- ▶ Any css selector (ids, classes, etc)

Htmx hx-swap

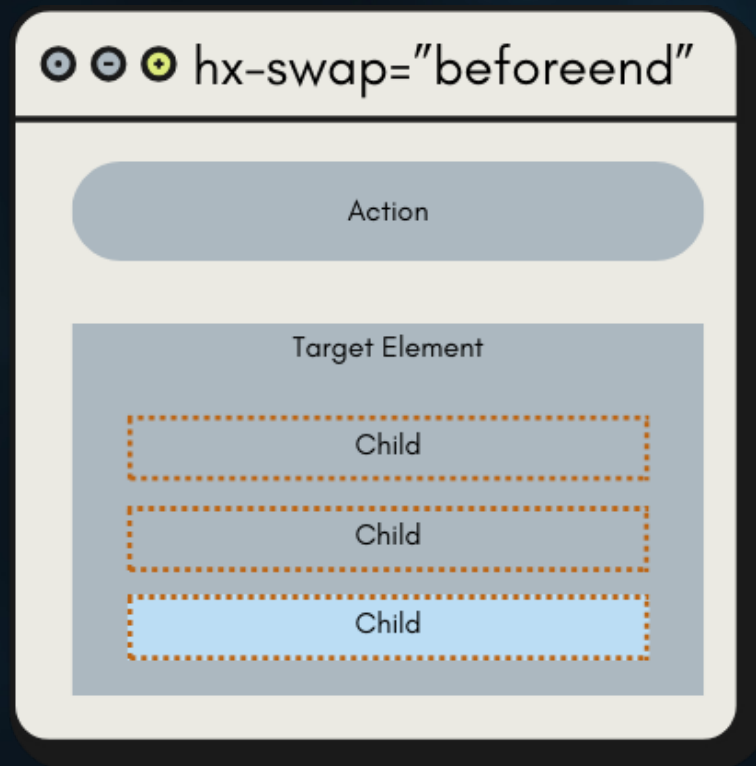
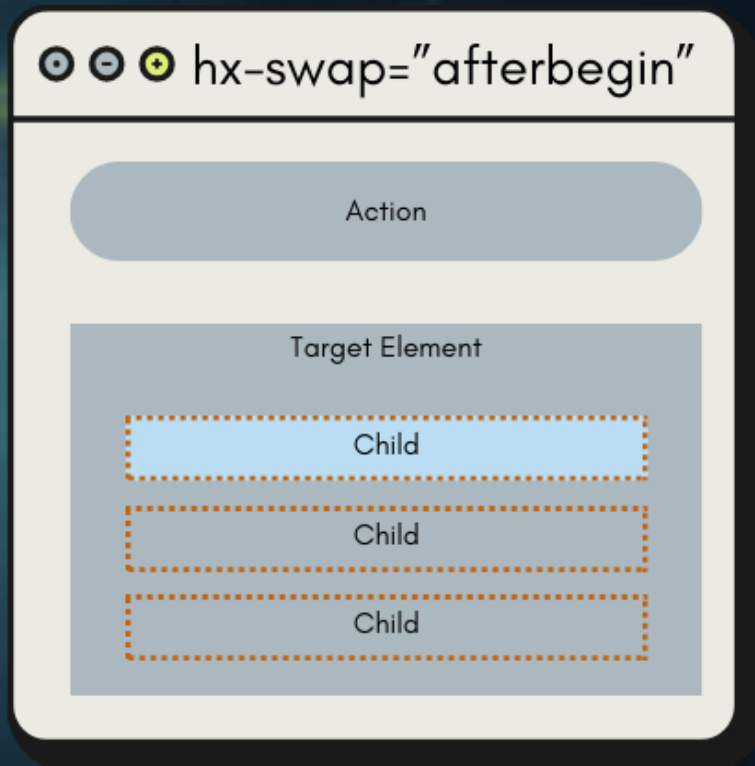
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<input  
  type="text" name="q"  
  hx-get="/search"  
  hx-trigger="keyup delay:500ms changed"  
  hx-target="#search-results"  
  placeholder="Search..." >  
<div id="search-results"></div>
```

- ▶ innerHTML – (default)
- ▶ outerHTML
- ▶ beforebegin
- ▶ afterbegin
- ▶ beforeend
- ▶ afterend
- ▶ delete
- ▶ none

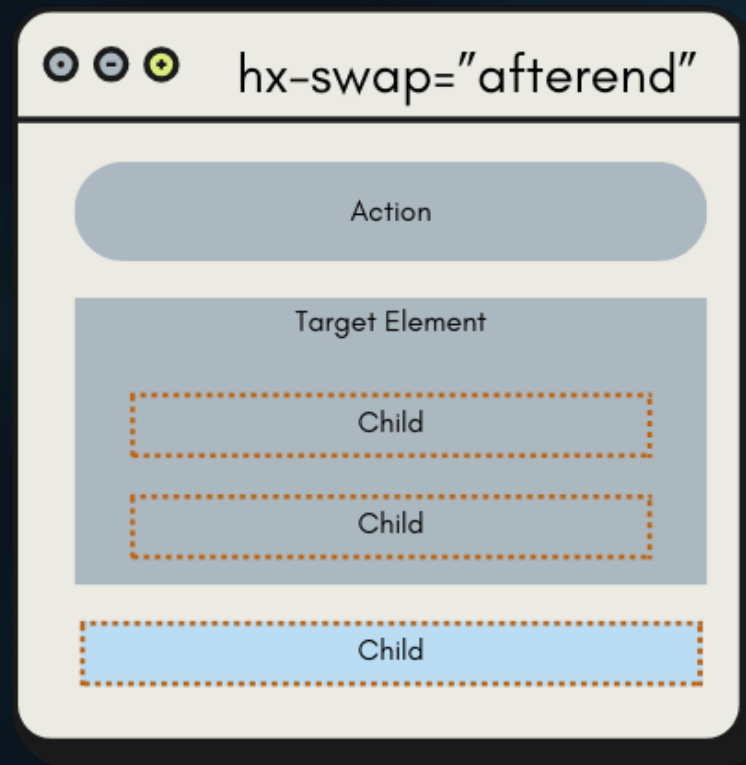
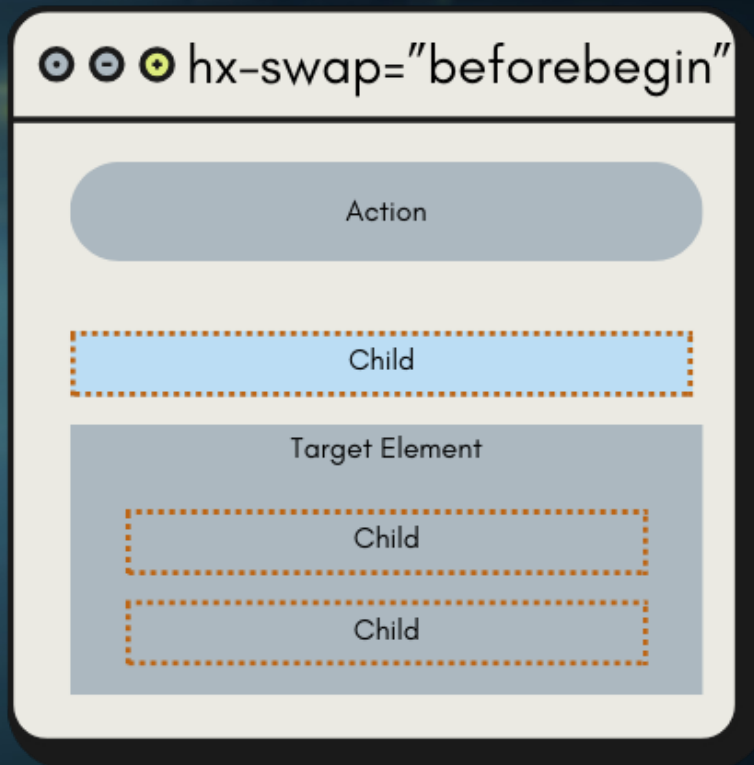
Htmx swap innerHTML & outerHTML



Htmx swap afterbegin & beforeend



Htmx swap beforebegin & afterend



hx-* demo

```
▶ git clone git@github.com:francisl/htmx-go-intro.git -b intro-2
```

Htmx hx-trigger

Modifiers

- ▶ once
- ▶ changed
- ▶ delay:<timing declaration>
- ▶ throttle:<timing declaration>
- ▶ from:<Extended CSS selector>
- ▶ And more

Standard Events

- ▶ `hx-trigger="click"`
- ▶ `hx-trigger="click[ctrlKey]"`
- ▶ `hx-trigger="click[checkGlobalState()]"`

<https://htmx.org/attributes/hx-trigger/>

Demo – Create a Review Form

Htmx with React

Htmx template

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<body>
  <header></header>
  <div id="main-content" />
  <footer id="main-footer">footer</footer>
</body>
<script
  type="text/javascript"
  src="http://domain/static/js/bundle.js">
</script>
</html>
```

React

```
ReactDOM.render (
  <React.StrictMode>
    <App lang="en" />
  </React.StrictMode>,
  document.getElementById('main-content'),
);
```

Build Desktop Application



WAILS

Build beautiful cross-platform
applications using Go

<https://wails.io>

Use web components



Lit

Simple. Fast. Web Components.

Reusable frontend
components

Thank You!

Links

- ▶ Htmx <https://htmx.org>
- ▶ Go Language <https://go.dev/dl/>
- ▶ Air : Go hot reload <https://github.com/cosmtrek/air>
- ▶ Templ : Excellent template engine <https://templ.guide/>
- ▶ Echo : web framework <https://echo.labstack.com>
- ▶ Wails : <https://wails.io>
- ▶ Lit : <https://lit.dev>

Further Reading

- ▶ Hypermedia systems <https://hypermedia.systems/hypermedia-reintroduction/>
- ▶ Hypertext <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hypertext>