



For Information Displays

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Go is great in the back end



But sometimes it's about the picture

# Information Displays

## Packages and Tools

## Lots of pictures

## Why Go?



Edward Tufte

Display data for precise, effective, quick analysis,  
Small multiples, optimizing the data-ink ratio,  
Visual and beautiful evidence.



Nigel Holmes

Designing for the context: The data visualizer  
asks: “What’s the data?”, the infographics designer:  
“What’s the Story?”

An interesting arrangement  
of text and graphics designed  
to convey a message

# I hate pushing pixels

programs are so much  
better at it



Photo by deborahschillbach

Precision

Efficiency

Consistency



**Fatih Arslan**

@fatih

Following



If you don't learn your tool in and out, the tool will block you during the progress. Don't let the tool disrupt you. If there is too much disruption, it's time to switch to a new tool. If there is no such tool, it's time to write your own.

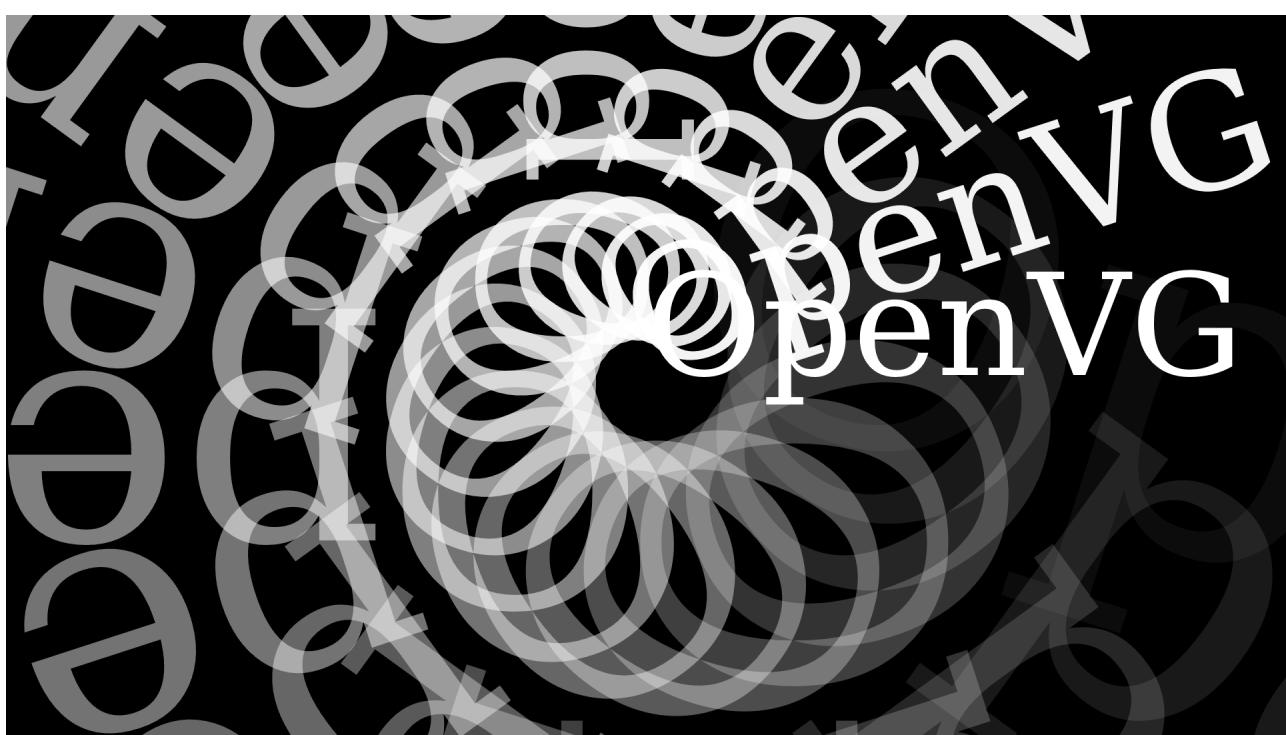
4:43 AM - 12 Apr 2018

# SVGo



`go get github.com/ajstarks/svg/...`

# OpenVG



`go get github.com/ajstarks/openvg`

# Deck



`go get github.com/ajstarks/deck/`  
`go get github.com/ajstarks/deck/generate`  
`go get github.com/ajstarks/deck/cmd/pdfdeck/`  
`go get github.com/ajstarks/deck/cmd/dchart/`



SVG



Scale



Roundrect



rgb(164,198,57)

Line

Circle

Arc

Line

Rect

Element

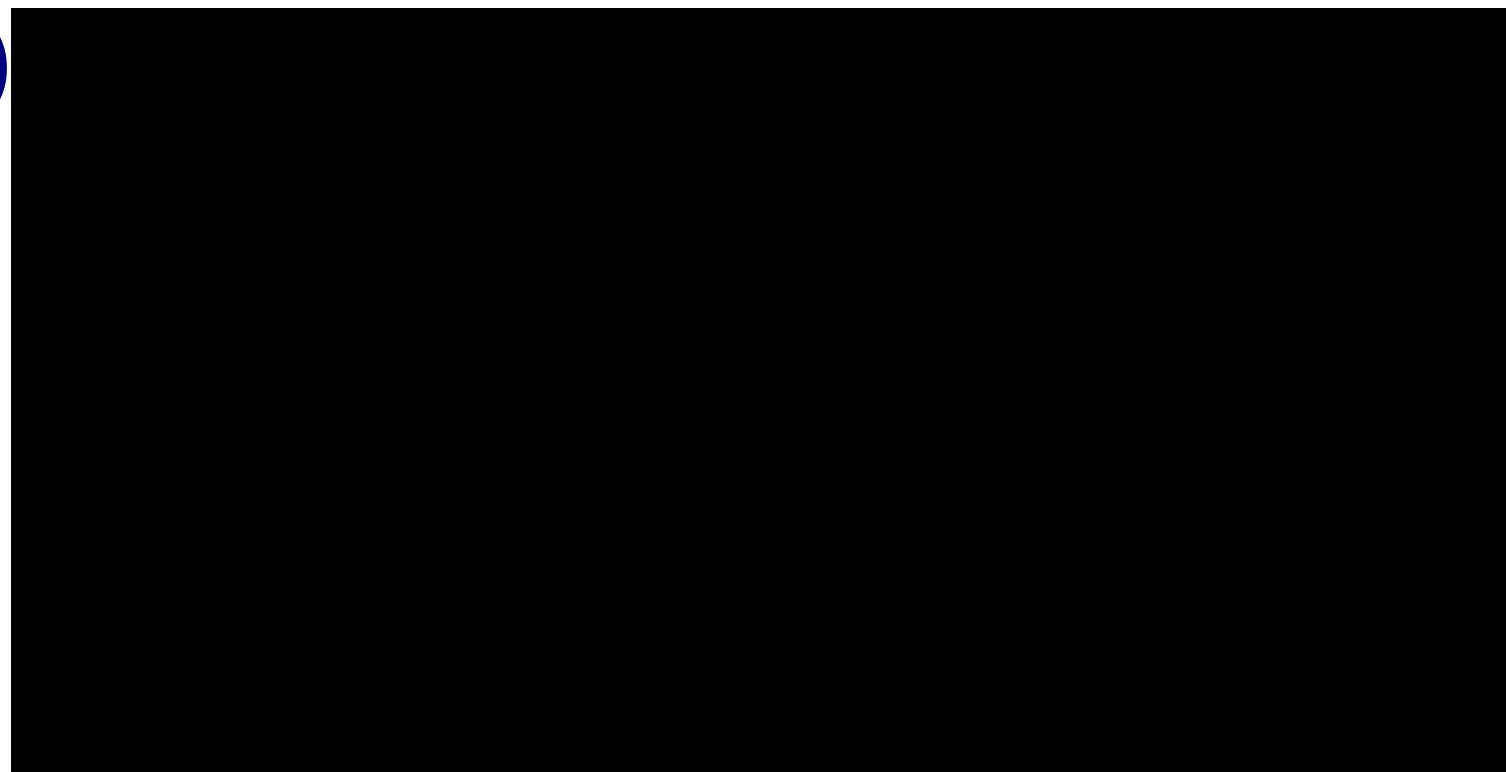
Rect

Arguments

(100,200,250,125)

```
<rect x="100" y="200" width="250" height="125"/>
```

(100, 200)

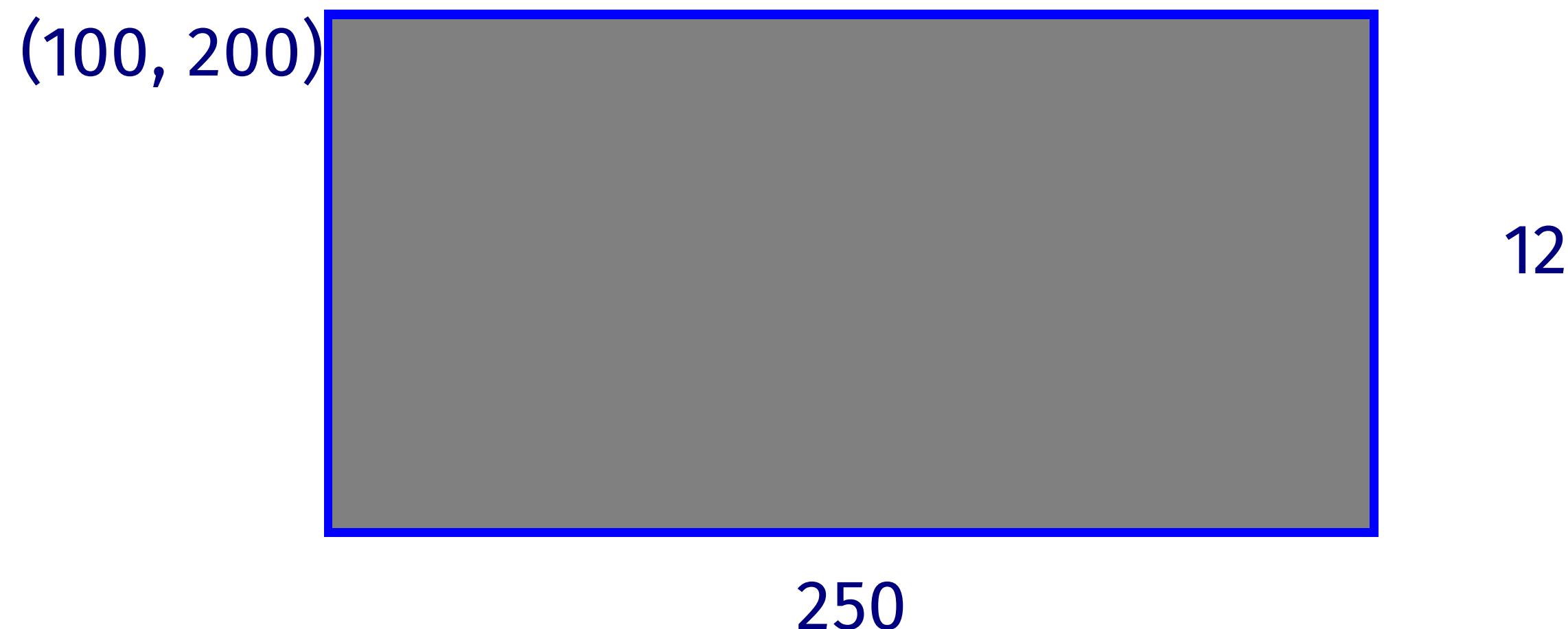


125

250

| Element | Arguments                                     | CSS Style |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Rect    | (100,200,250,125,<br>"fill:gray;stroke:blue") |           |

```
<rect x="100" y="200" width="250" height="125"  
style="fill:gray;stroke:blue"/>
```



Element

Rect

Arguments

(100,200,250,125,

`id="box"`, `fill="gray"`, `stroke="blue"`)

Attributes

```
<rect x="100" y="200" width="250" height="125"  
      id="box" fill="gray" stroke="blue"/>
```

(100, 200)



125

250

```
package main

import (
    "github.com/ajstarks/svg"
    "os"
)

func main() {
    canvas := svg.New(os.Stdout)
    width := 700
    height := 500
    style := "font-size:72pt;fill:white;text-anchor:middle"

    canvas.Start(width, height)
    canvas.Rect(0, 0, width, height)
    canvas.Circle(width/2, height, width/2, "fill:rgb(77, 117, 232)")
    canvas.Text(width/2, height*3/4, "hello, world", style)
    canvas.End()
}
```



localhost:1999/hwsvg.go

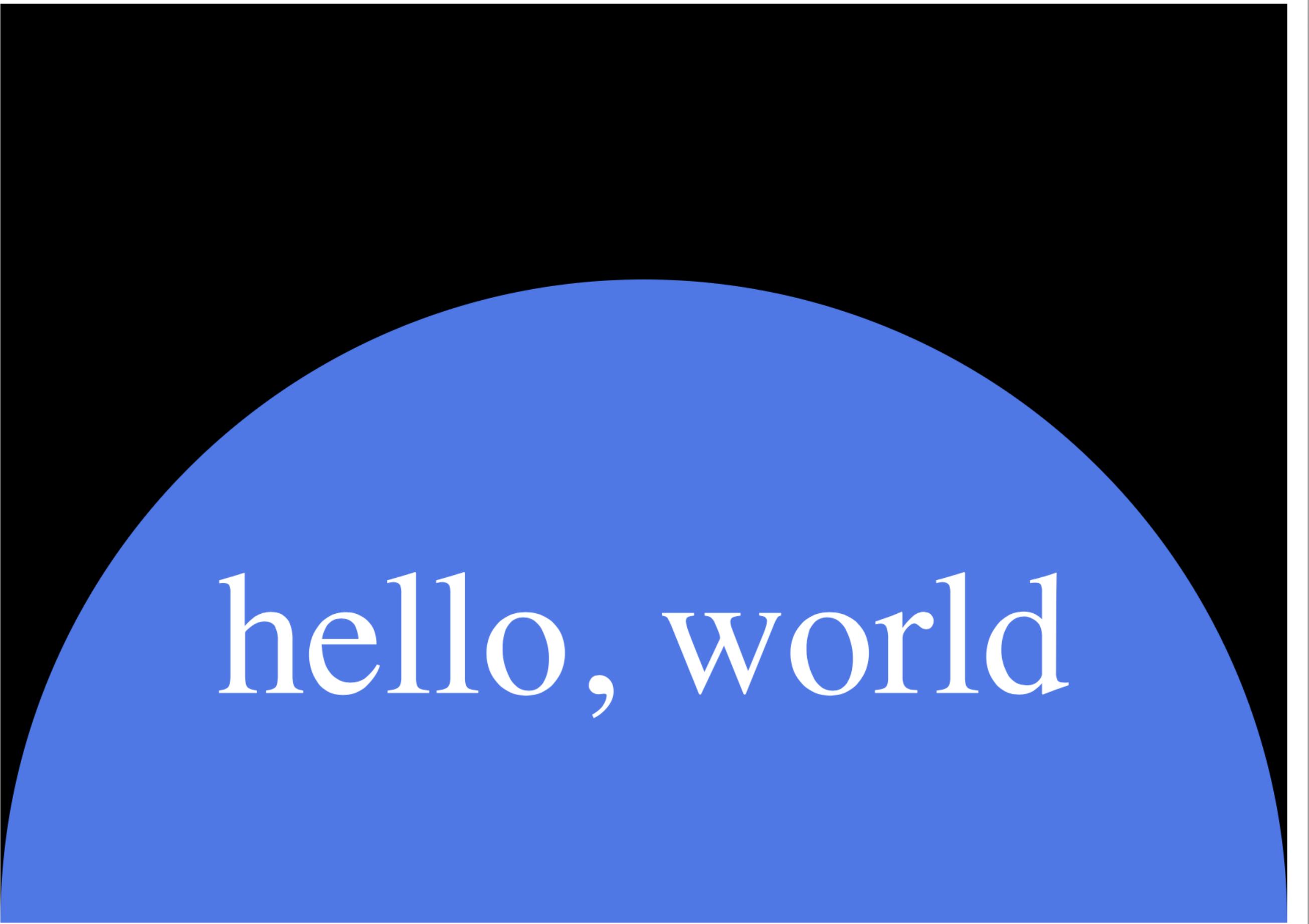
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    canvas.End()
}
```

(Shift-Enter to compile and run.)  Compile and run after each keystroke



The image shows a web-based development environment for Go. On the left, a code editor displays a simple Go program that generates an SVG output. The program imports the `svgo` library and `os` package. It defines a `main` function that creates a new SVG canvas from `os.Stdout`, sets the width to 700 and height to 500 pixels, and specifies a font size of 72pt with white text and center alignment. The canvas starts at (0,0), includes a black rectangle, a blue circle centered at (width/2, height) with a radius of width/2, and the text "hello, world" positioned at (width/2, height\*3/4). The text is rendered in white. On the right, the browser's main content area shows the resulting SVG output: a black square containing a large blue circle with the white text "hello, world" centered inside it.

svgplay

```
localhost:1999/hwsvg.go
```

```
package main

import (
    "github.com/ajstarks/svggo"
    "os"
)

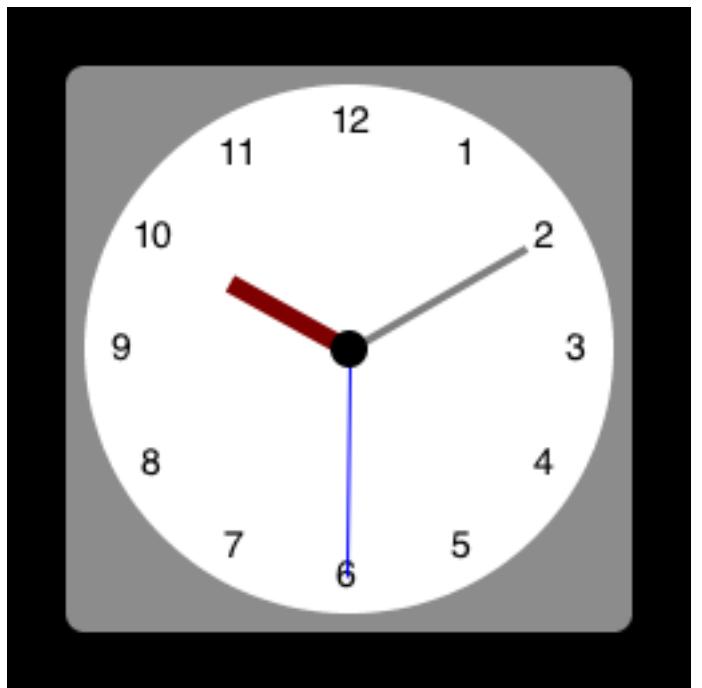
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    height := 500
    style := "font-size:72pt;fill:white;text-anchor:middle"

    canvas.Start(width, height)
    canvas.Rect(0, 0, width, height)
    canvas.Circle(width/2, height, width/2, "fill:rgb(255,0,0)")
    canvas.Text(width/2, height*3/4, "hello, Mars", style)
    canvas.End()
}
```

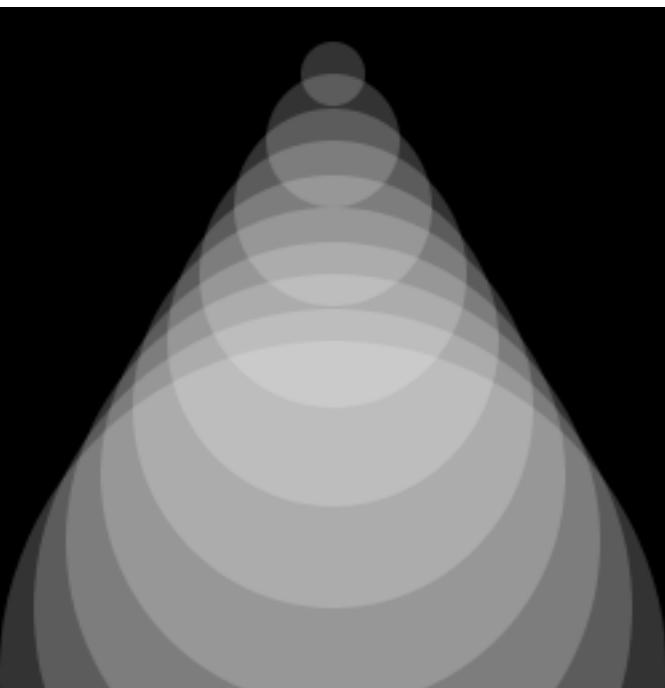
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The screenshot shows a web-based development environment. On the left, a code editor displays a Go program named 'hwsvg.go'. The code creates a new SVG canvas from standard output, sets dimensions of 700x500 pixels, and draws a red circle at the center. It then prints the text 'hello, Mars' in large white font at the top of the circle. On the right, the browser's main area displays the resulting SVG output: a solid black rectangle containing a large red circle with the white text 'hello, Mars' centered within it.

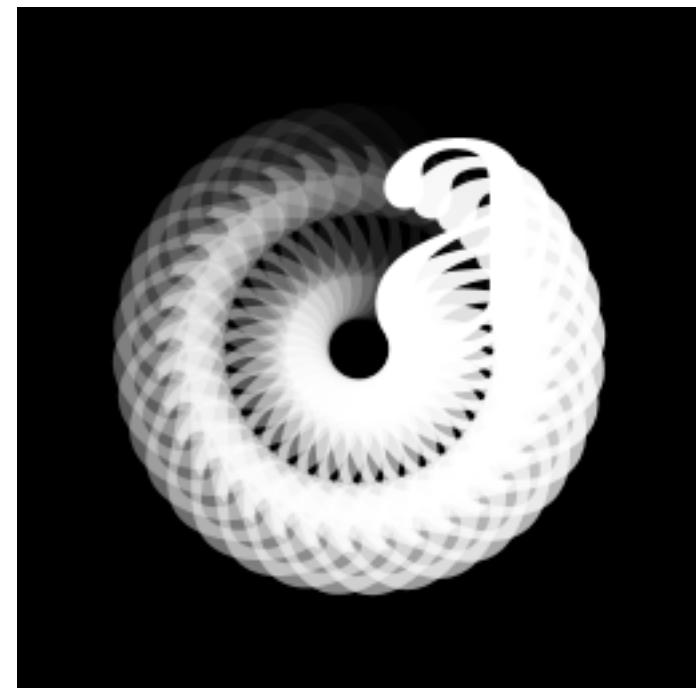
<https://ajstarks.org:1958/>



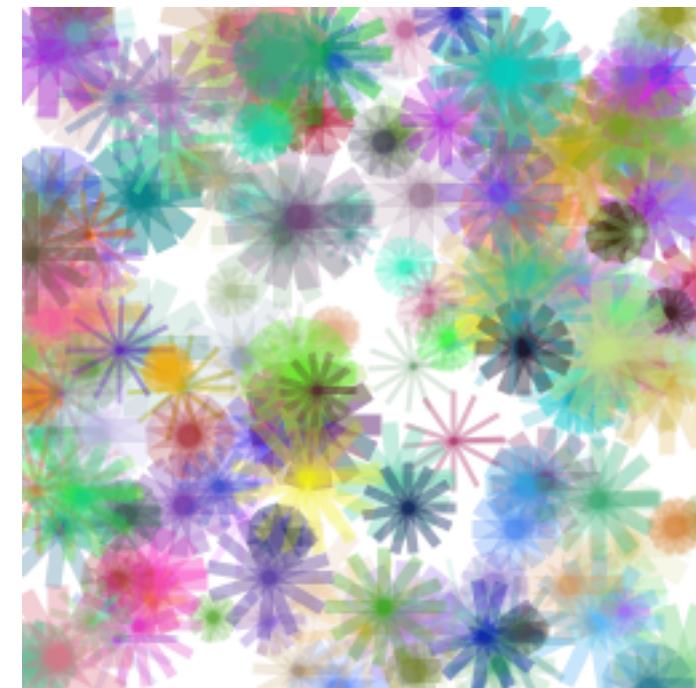
clock



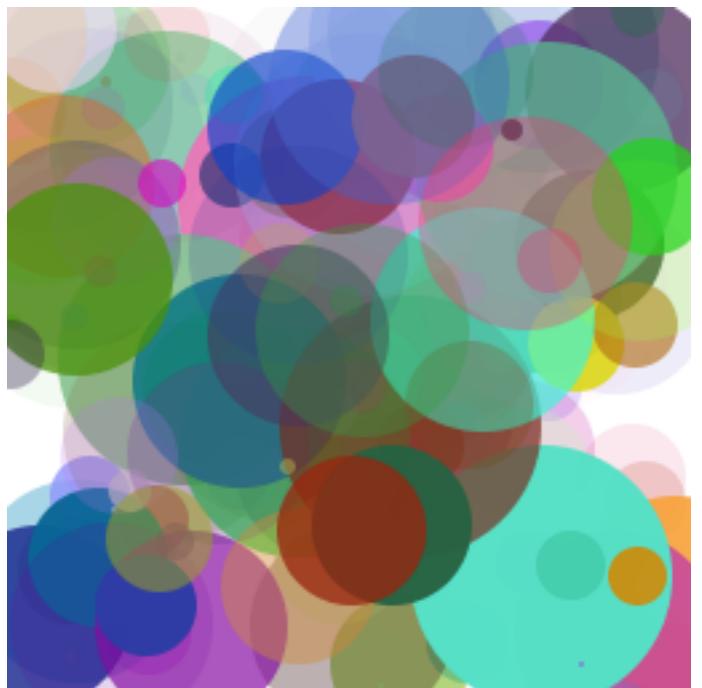
funnel



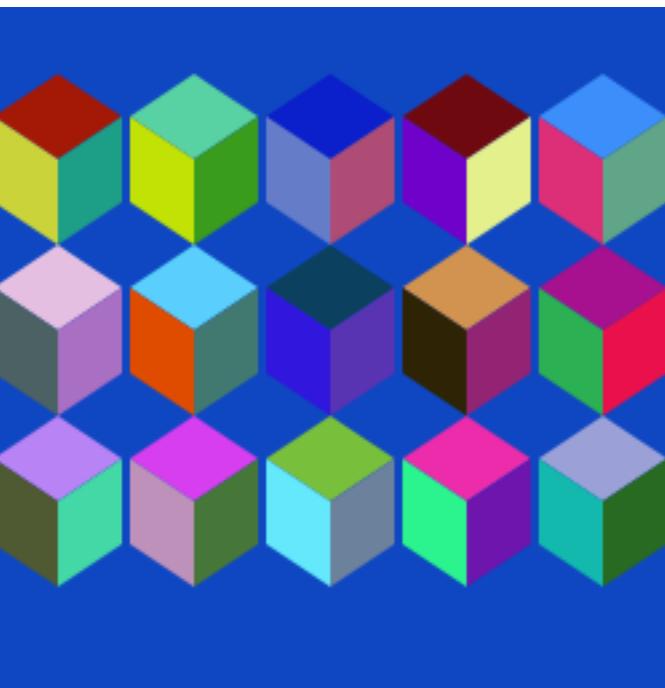
rotext



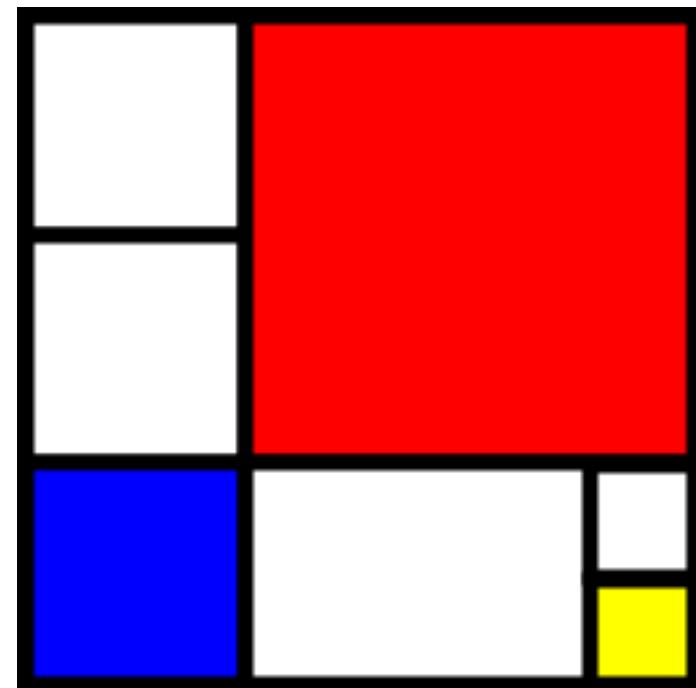
flower



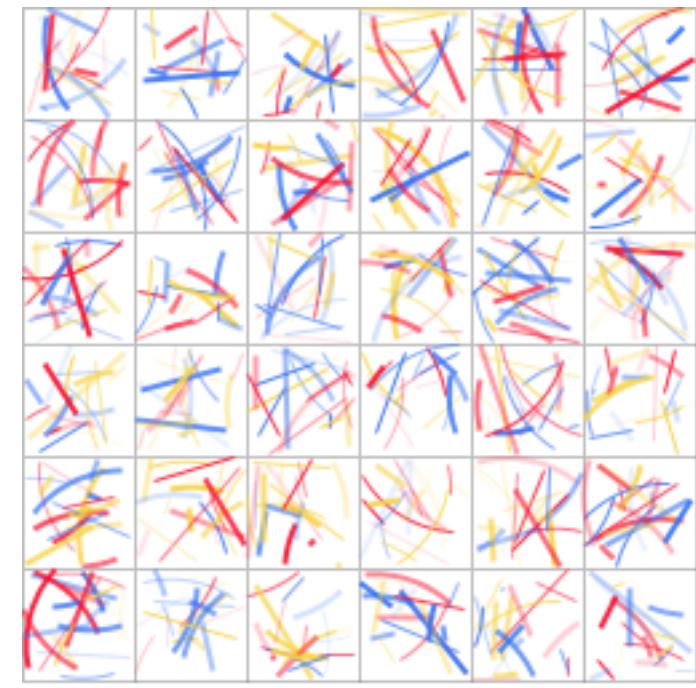
rshape



cube



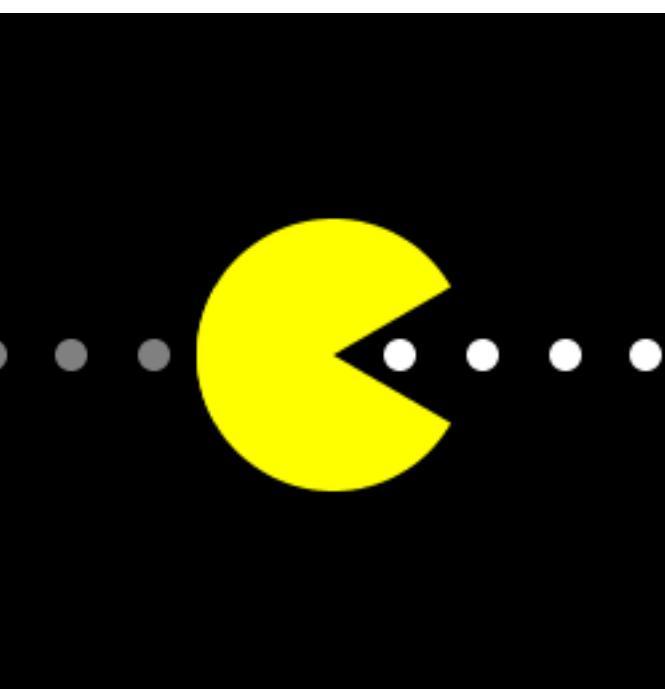
mondrian



lewitt



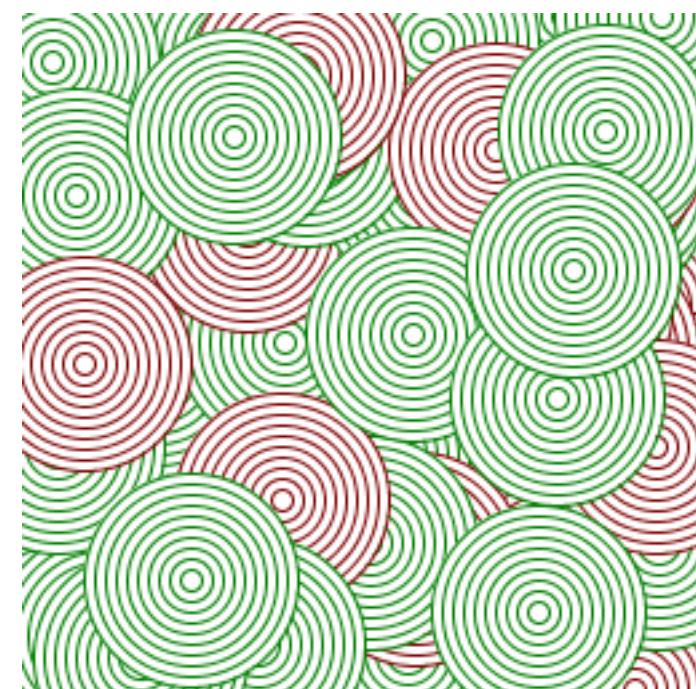
face



pacman



tux

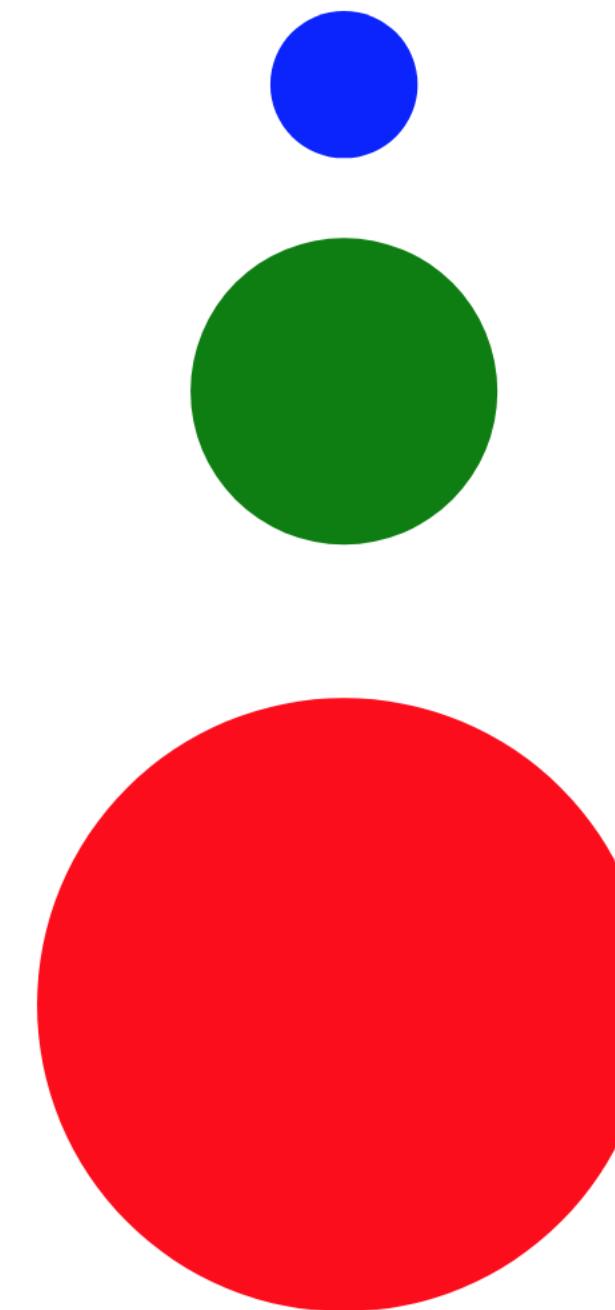


concentric

# Data

```
<thing top="100" left="100" sep="100">  
  <item width="50" height="50" name="Little" color="blue">This is small</item>  
  <item width="75" height="100" name="Med"      color="green">This is medium</item>  
  <item width="100" height="200" name="Big"      color="red">This is large</item>  
</thing>
```

# Picture



Little:This is small/blue

Med:This is medium/green

Big:This is large/red

```

<barchart title="2015 MacBook Benchmarks">
    <note>Source: AnandTech, April 14, 2015</note>
    <bdata scale="0,6000,1000"
        title="Mozilla Kraken 1.1 (native browser, milliseconds)">
        <bitem value="1729.7" name="Lenovo Yoga 3 Pro"/>
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        <bitem color="steelblue" value="2589.0" name="12 inch MacBook"/>
        <bitem value="3621.7" name="Google Nexus 9"/>
        <bitem value="4014.3" name="Apple iPad Air 2"/>
        <bitem value="4296.7" name="NVIDIA Shield Tablet"/>
        <bitem value="5028.2" name="Apple iPad Air"/>
    </bdata>
</barchart>

```

### *Mozilla Kraken 1.1 (native browser, milliseconds)*



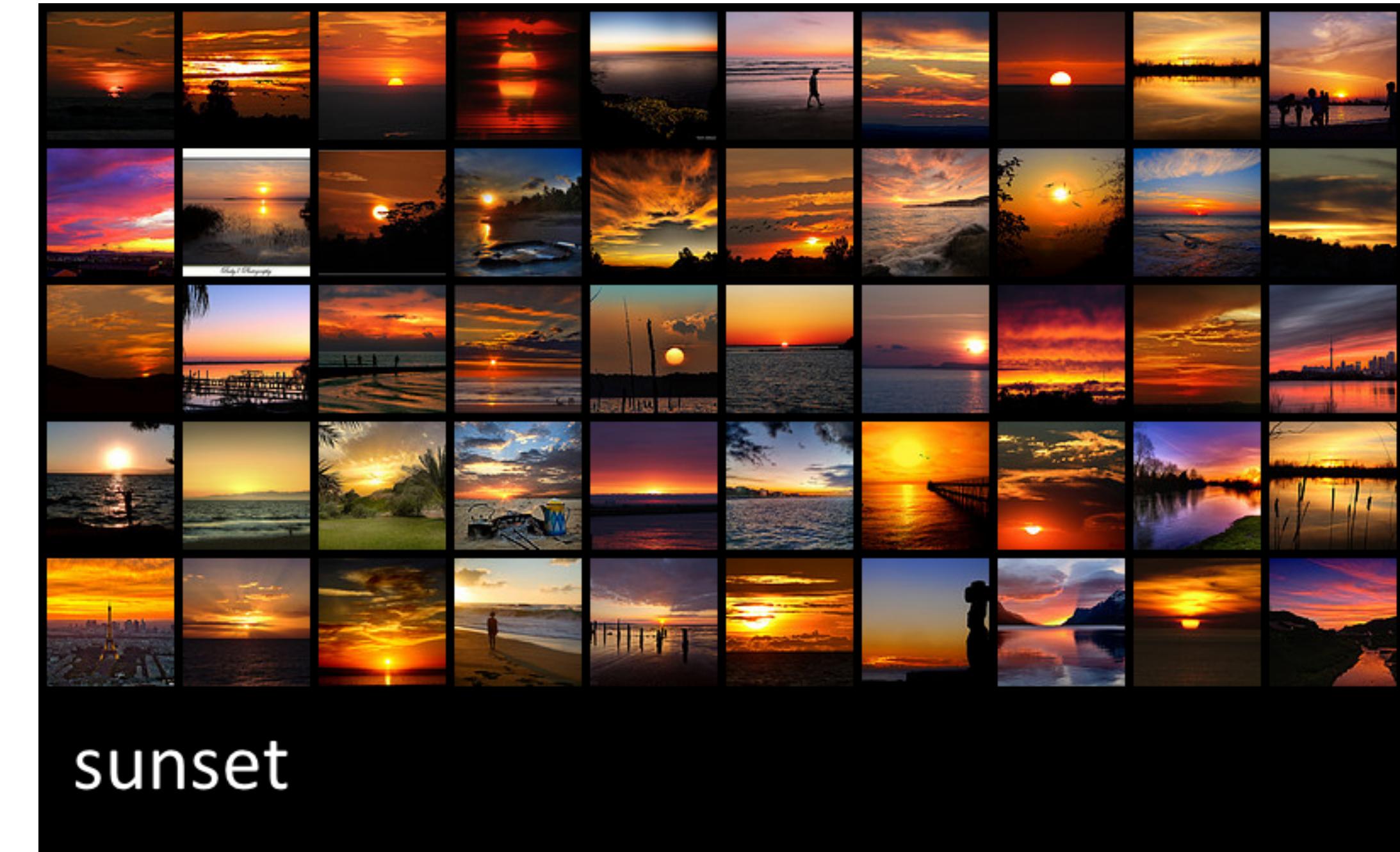
# 2015 MacBook Benchmarks

*Source: AnandTech, April 14, 2015*

# f50 sunset

```
https://api.flickr.com/services/rest/  
?method=flickr.photos.search  
&api_key=...  
&text=sunset  
&per_page=50  
&sort=interestingness-desc
```

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>  
<rsp stat="ok">  
  <photos page="1" pages="105615" perpage="50" total="5280747">  
    <photo id="4671838925" ... secret="b070f3363e" server="4068" farm="5" ... />  
    <photo id="3590142202" ... secret="c46752e4d8" server="2441" farm="3" ... />  
    ...  
  </photos>  
</rsp>
```

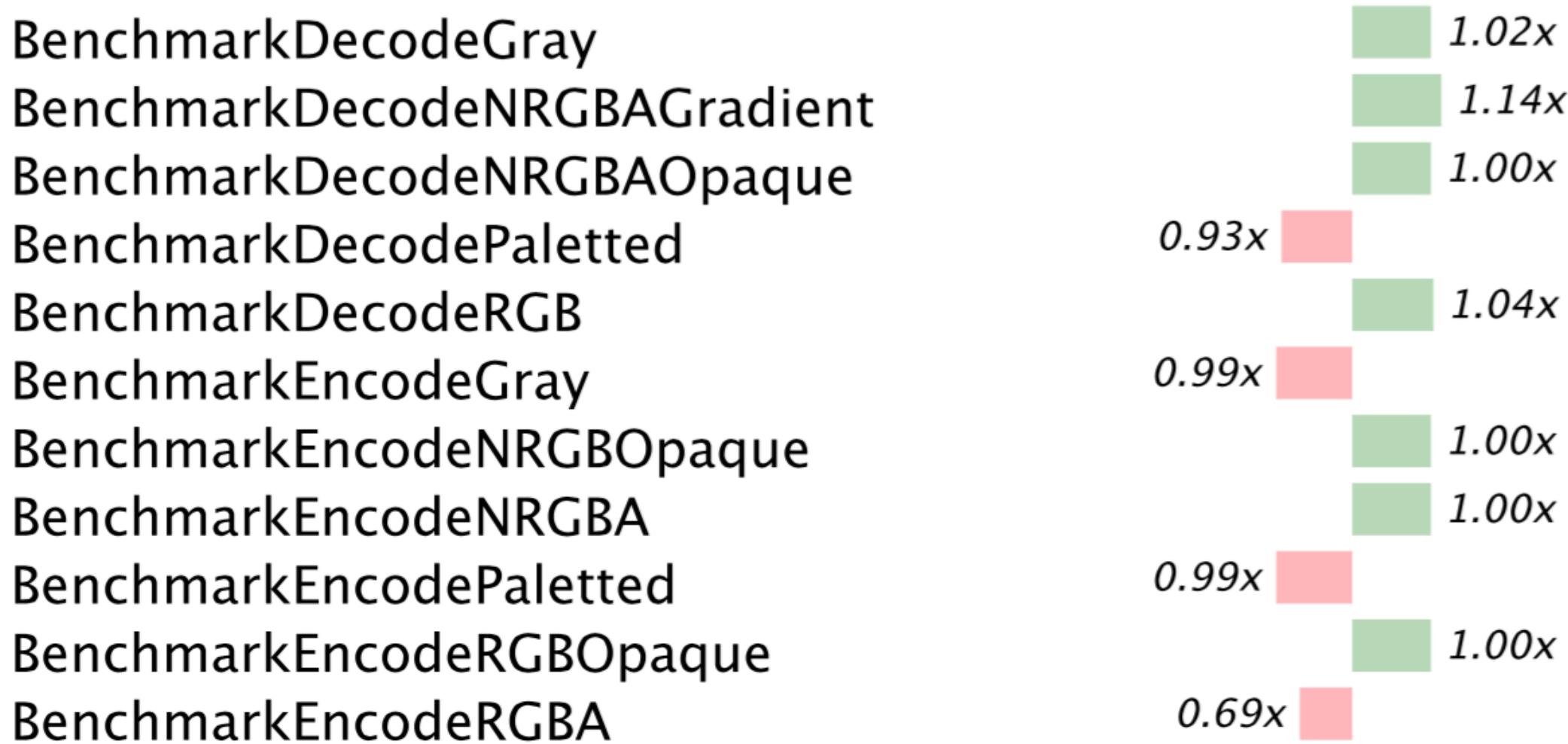
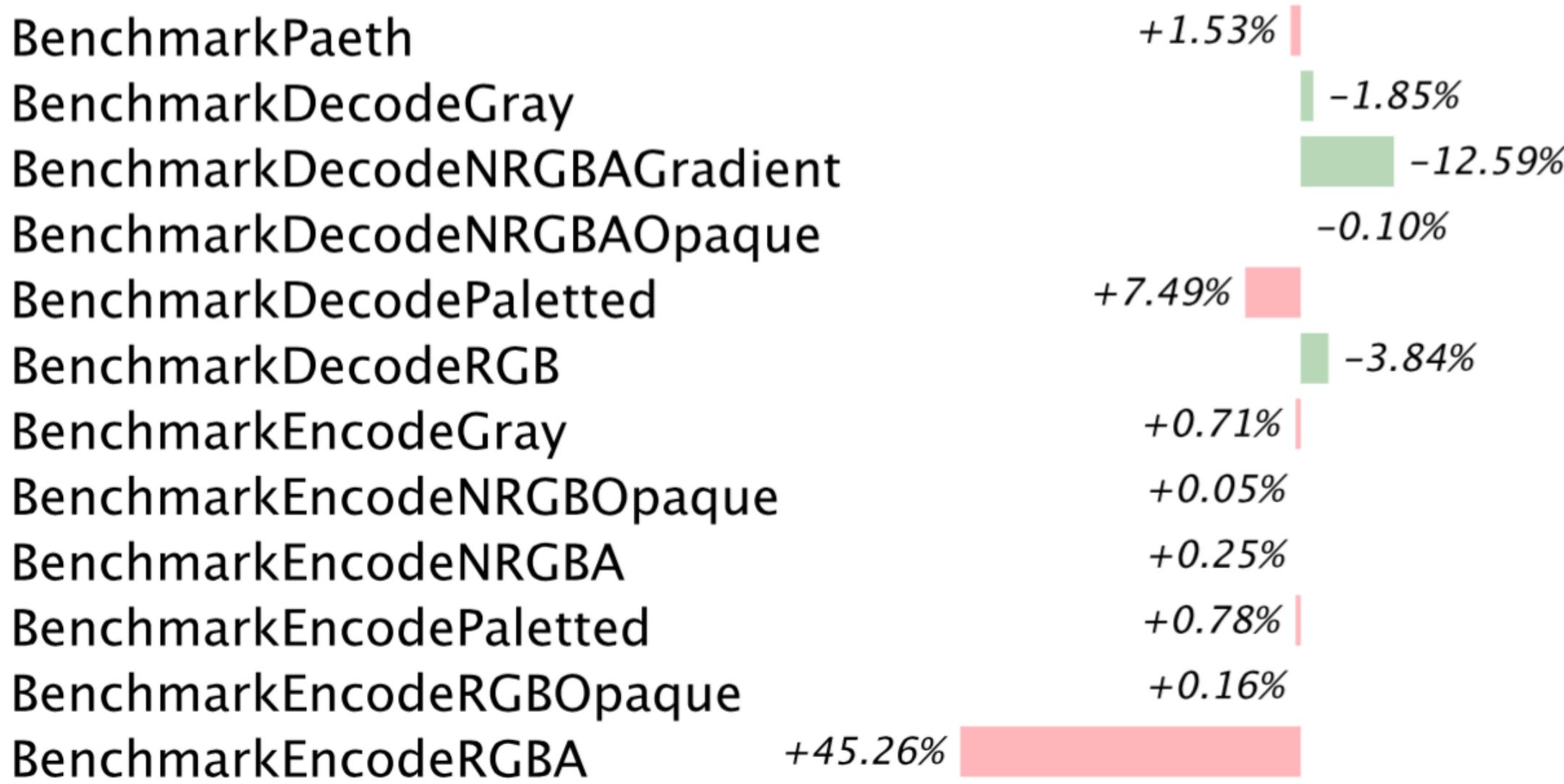


# SVGo Clients



# benchpng.txt

*image/png package: Go 1.3 vs Go 1.4*





```
structlayout -json bytes.Reader | structlayout-svg -t "bytes.Reader" > reader.svg
```

# Go Programming Language Release History

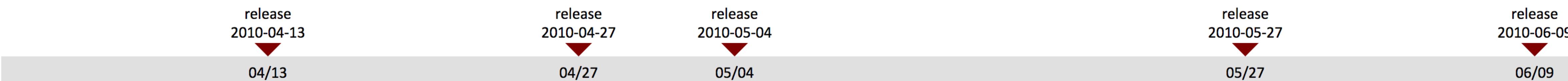
4Q 2009



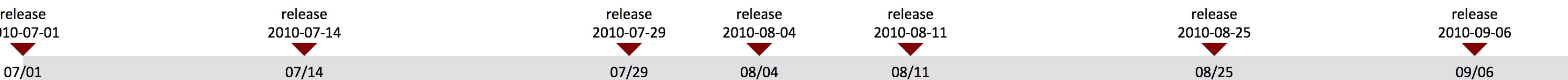
1Q 2010



2Q 2010



3Q 2010



4Q 2010





## Sample Bullet Graph

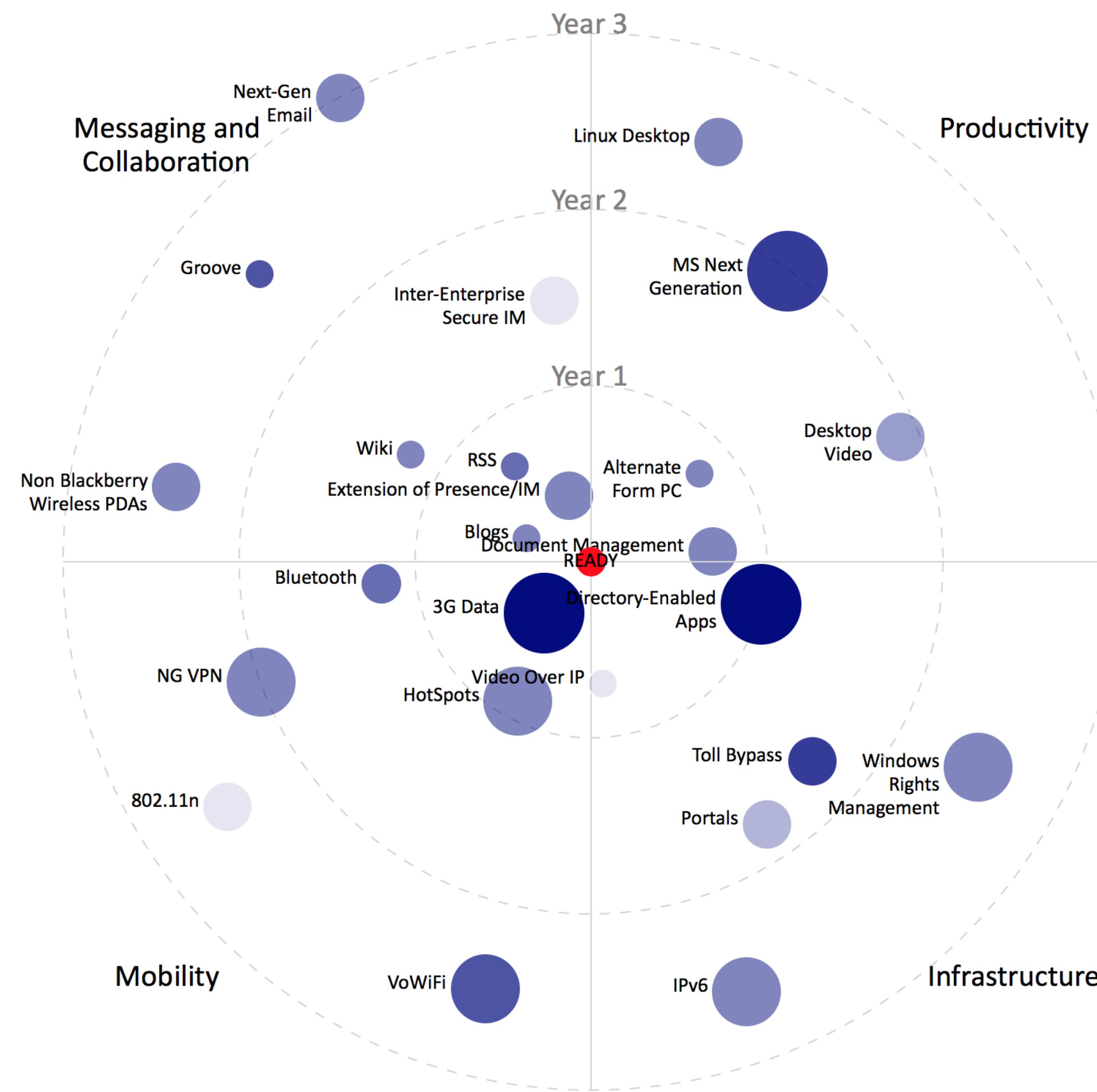
The bullet graph features a single, primary measure (for example, current year-to-date revenue) compares that measure to one or more other measures to enrich its meaning, for example, compared to a target), and displays it in the context of qualitative ranges of performance, such as poor, satisfactory, and good.



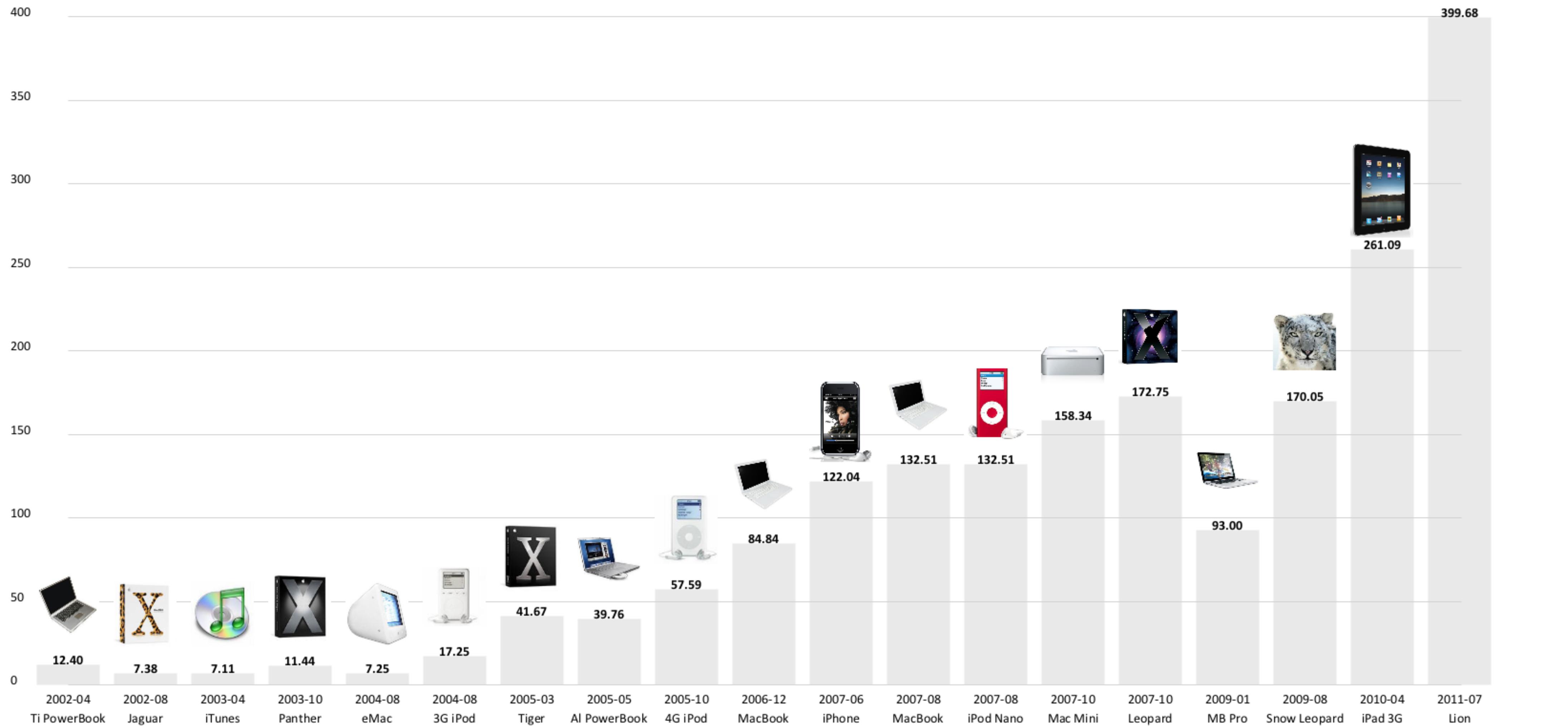
# PLANNING TO PLAN



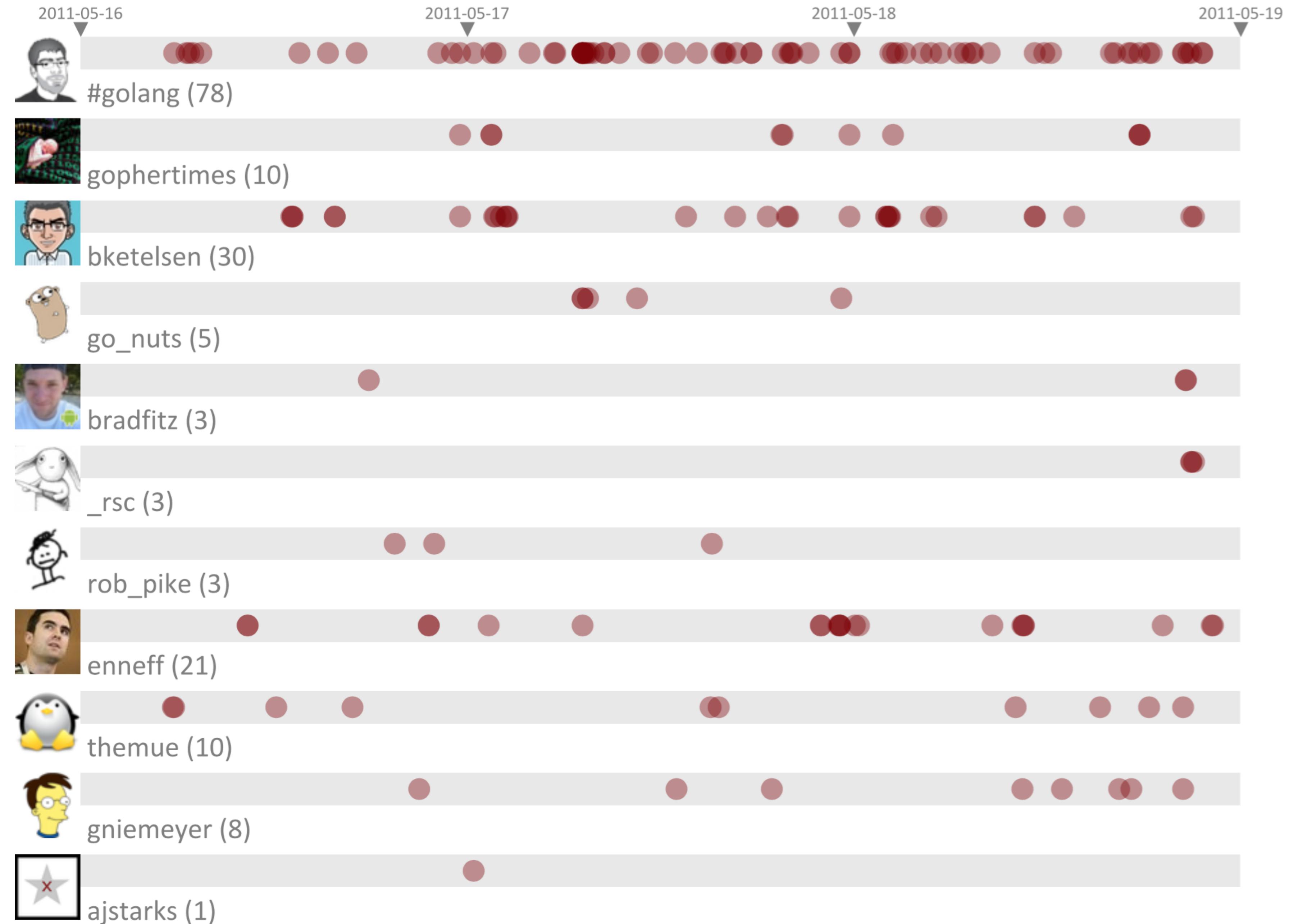




# Apple Purchases and Stock Price



# Twitter Update Frequency



You are here



# JONES

- LAYER TENNIS SEASON 4 WEEK 6 MATCH COMMENTARY BY MIKE MONTEIRO -

# MONTIEL



# DKNG

- LAYER TENNIS SEASON 4 WEEK 7 MATCH COMMENTARY BY JOHN GRUBER -

# DDL



# ANDERSON

- LAYER TENNIS SEASON 4 PLAYOFF QUARTERFINAL COMMENTARY BY BRYAN BEDELL -

# DKNG



CONTINO  
CASSARO



PUTNAM  
STOCKS



WHITE  
TAYLOR



HALL  
WARREN



STRAWBERRY LUNA  
DOUBLENAUT



JONES  
MONTIEL



DKNG  
DDL



SHAWNA X  
STEVENS



TAYLOR  
JONES



PUTNAM  
RAJKUMAR



REYES  
WHITE



ANDERSON  
DKNG



TAYLOR  
WHITE



RAJKUMAR  
ANDERSON



ANDERSON  
WHITE















```
canvas.Def()
canvas.Gid("unit")
canvas.Polyline(xl, yl, "fill:none")
canvas.Polygon(xp, yp)
canvas.Gend()
```

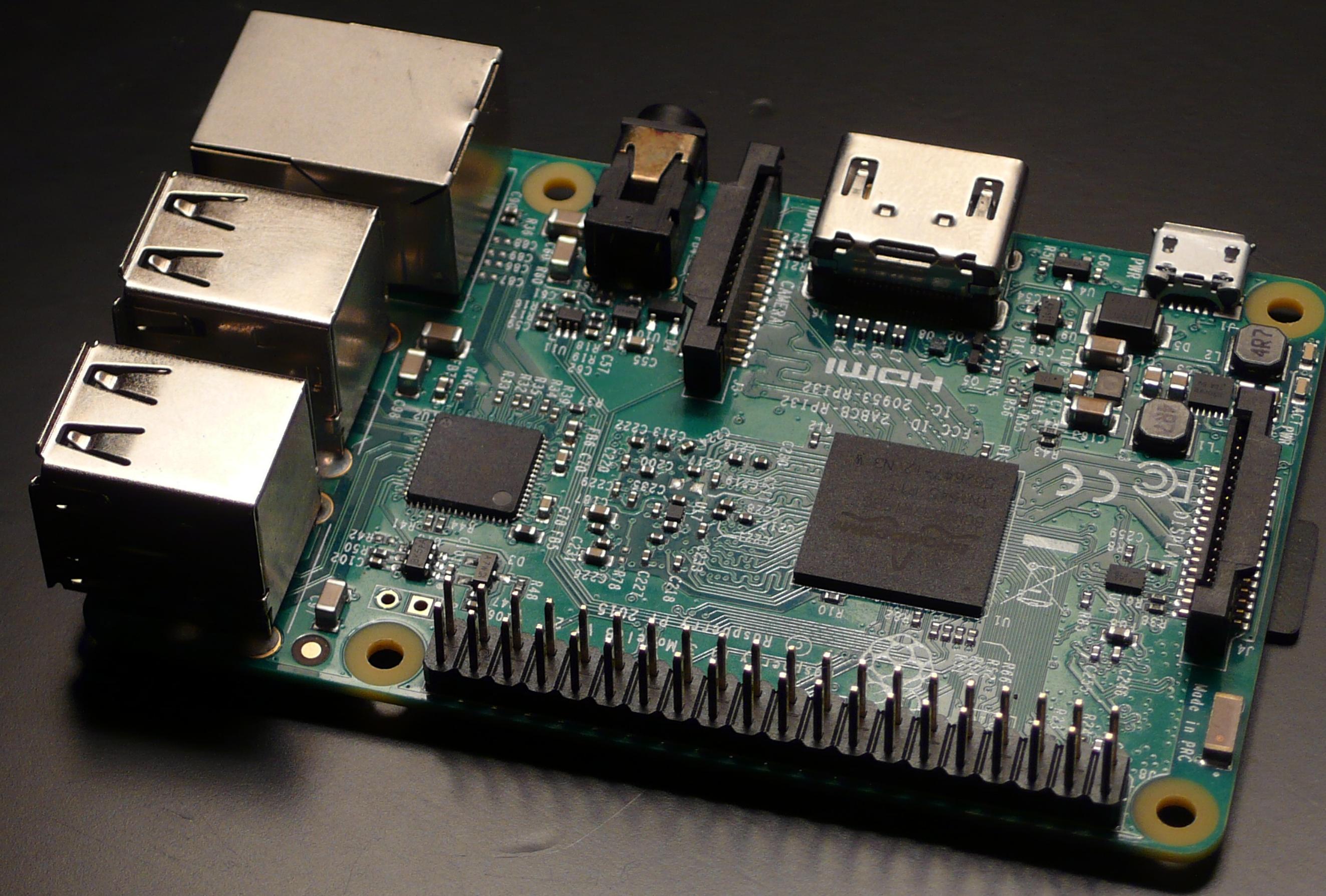


```
canvas.Gid("runit")
canvas.TranslateRotate(150, 180, 180)
canvas.Use(0, 0, "#unit")
canvas.Gend()
canvas.Gend()
canvas.DefEnd()
```



```
for y := 0; < height; y += 130 {
    for x := 100; x < width; x+=100 {
        canvas.Use(x, y, "#unit")
        canvas.Use(x, y, "#runit")
    }
}
```

# OpenVG



- Circle
- Ellipse
- Rectangle
- Rounded Rectangle
- Line
- Polyline
- Polygon
- Arc
- Quadratic Bezier
- Cubic Bezier
- Image

## OpenVG on the Raspberry Pi



hello, world



## Why I use Go



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```
package main
import "fmt"

func main() {
    fmt.Println("hello, world")
}
```

This is the traditional hello, world program.  
It's six lines long, and imports the fmt package,  
leading some to be surprised at the size of the resulting binary.

```
package main

import (
    "bufio"
    "github.com/ajstarks/openvg"
    "os"
)

func main() {
    width, height := openvg.Init()

    w2 := openvg.VGfloat(width / 2)
    h2 := openvg.VGfloat(height / 2)
    w := openvg.VGfloat(width)

    openvg.Start(width, height)                      // Start the picture
    openvg.BackgroundColor("black")                  // Black background
    openvg.FillRGB(44, 100, 232, 1)                // Big blue marble
    openvg.Circle(w2, 0, w)                         // The "world"
    openvg.FillColor("white")                       // White text
    openvg.TextMid(w2, h2, "hello, world", "serif", width/10) // Greetings
    openvg.End()                                    // End the picture
    bufio.NewReader(os.Stdin).ReadBytes('\n') // Pause until [RETURN]
    openvg.Finish()                                // Graphics cleanup
}
```



# OpenVG Functions

**Circle** (x, y, r VGfloat)

**Ellipse** (x, y, w, h VGfloat)

**Rect** (x, y, w, h VGfloat)

**Roundrect** (x, y, w, h, rw, rh VGfloat)

**Line** (x1, y1, x2, y2 VGfloat)

**Polyline** (x, y []VGfloat)

**Polygon** (x, y []VGfloat)

**Arc** (x, y, w, h, sa, aext VGfloat)

**Qbezier** (sx, sy, cx, cy, ex, ey VGfloat)

**Cbezier** (sx, sy, cx, cy, px, py, ex, ey VGfloat)

**Image** (x, y VGfloat, w, h int, s string)

**Text** (x, y VGfloat, s, font string, size int)

**TextMid** (x, y VGfloat, s, font string, size int)

**TextEnd** (x, y VGfloat, s, font string, size int)

Possible Light Rain

83°



90% Chance of precipitation

Thursday August 2

6:26 pm

'All I Did Was Be Black': Police Are Called on College Student Eating Lunch

Tennessee Primary Election Results

Bipartisan Senate Group Pushes 'Crushing' Punishments to Thwart Russia

Trump Officials on Russian Meddling Threat: Democracy 'Is in the Crosshairs'

Are Journalists the Enemy of the People? Ivanka Trump Says They're Not

Mostly Cloudy

47°



(feels like 45°)

Sunday March 13

3:03 am

Farhad and Mike Discuss the Apple Case and a Go-Playing Computer Program  
Getting the Weather Report From Windows  
The Government Answers Apple in the iPhone Case  
Apple and U.S. Bitterly Turn Up Volume in iPhone Privacy Fight  
F.C.C. Proposes Privacy Rules for Internet Providers



MECHANICAL DRAWING

GEOMETRICAL DRAWING

Mostly Cloudy

36° 

(feels like 29°)

29% Chance of precipitation

Tuesday February 23

9:41 pm

Justice Alito Addresses Prospect of an 8-Member Court

Michigan: State Senate Approves Aid to Help Flint Residents Pay Water Bills

Told to 'Take the Gloves Off,' John Kasich Says the Race Is Out of His Hands

Utah: Polygamist Sect Leaders Are Arrested on Fraud Charges

North Carolina: State Lawmakers Target Restroom Anti-Bias Law in Charlotte



HDMI Pi

Clear

66°



Friday April 14

5:55 pm

White House to Keep Its Visitor Logs Secret

Georgia Officers are Fired After Kicking Man at Traffic Stop

Does a Uniform Keep Officers in Line? The Baltimore Chief Thinks So

Wisconsin Man Who Mailed Manifesto to Trump Is Captured After 10-Day Manhunt

California Today: GoPros, Audiobooks and Other Perks of the Library



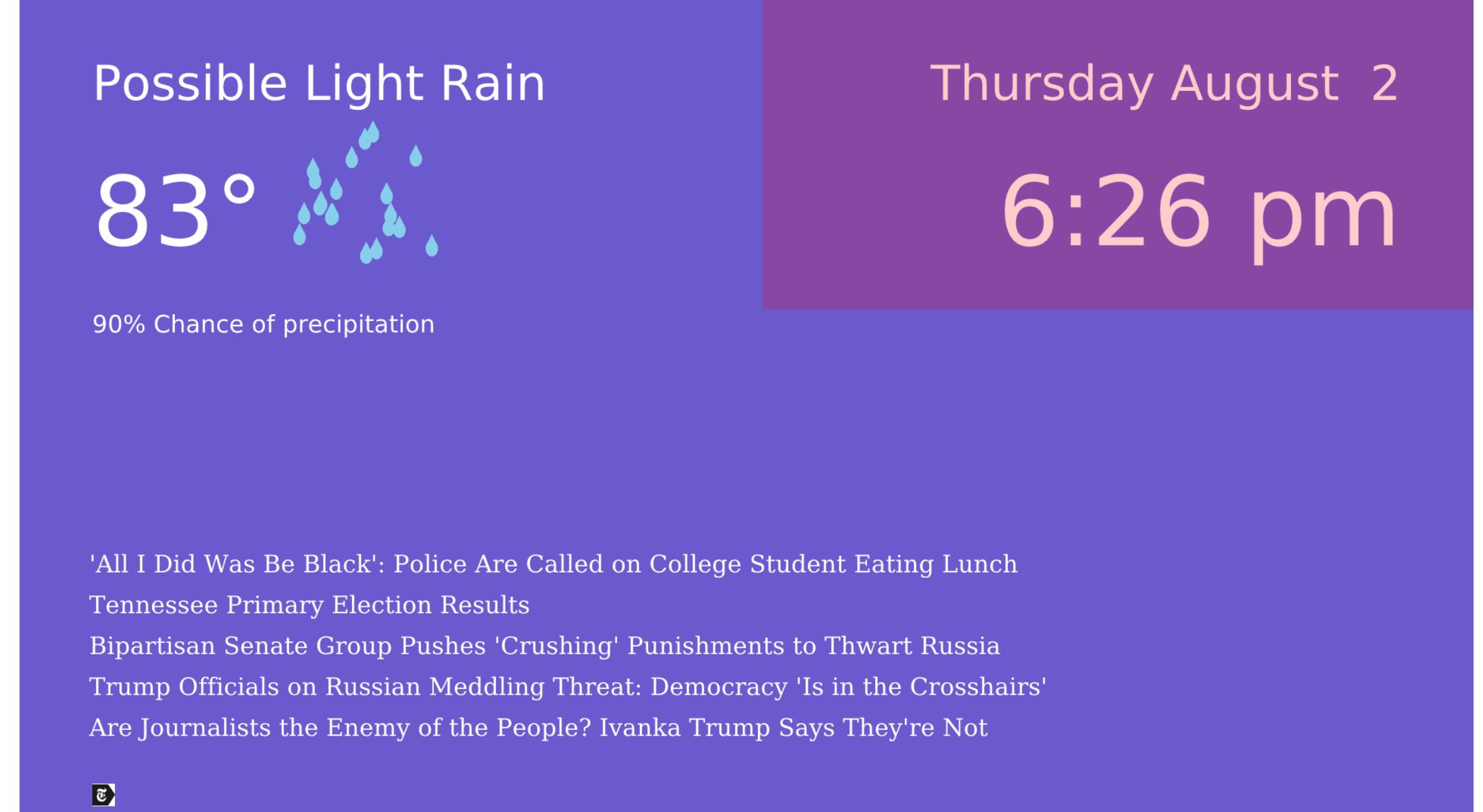
```
func main() {  
  
    //...  
  
    dateticker := time.NewTicker(1 * time.Minute)  
    weatherticker := time.NewTicker(5 * time.Minute)  
    headticker := time.NewTicker(10 * time.Minute)  
    sigint := make(chan os.Signal, 1)  
    signal.Notify(sigint, os.Interrupt)  
  
    for {  
        select {  
            case <-weatherticker.C:  
                canvas.weather(*location)  
            case <-dateticker.C:  
                canvas.clock(*smartcolor)  
            case <-headticker.C:  
                canvas.headlines(*section, *thumb)  
            case <-sigint:  
                openvg.Finish()  
                os.Exit(0)  
        }  
    }  
}
```



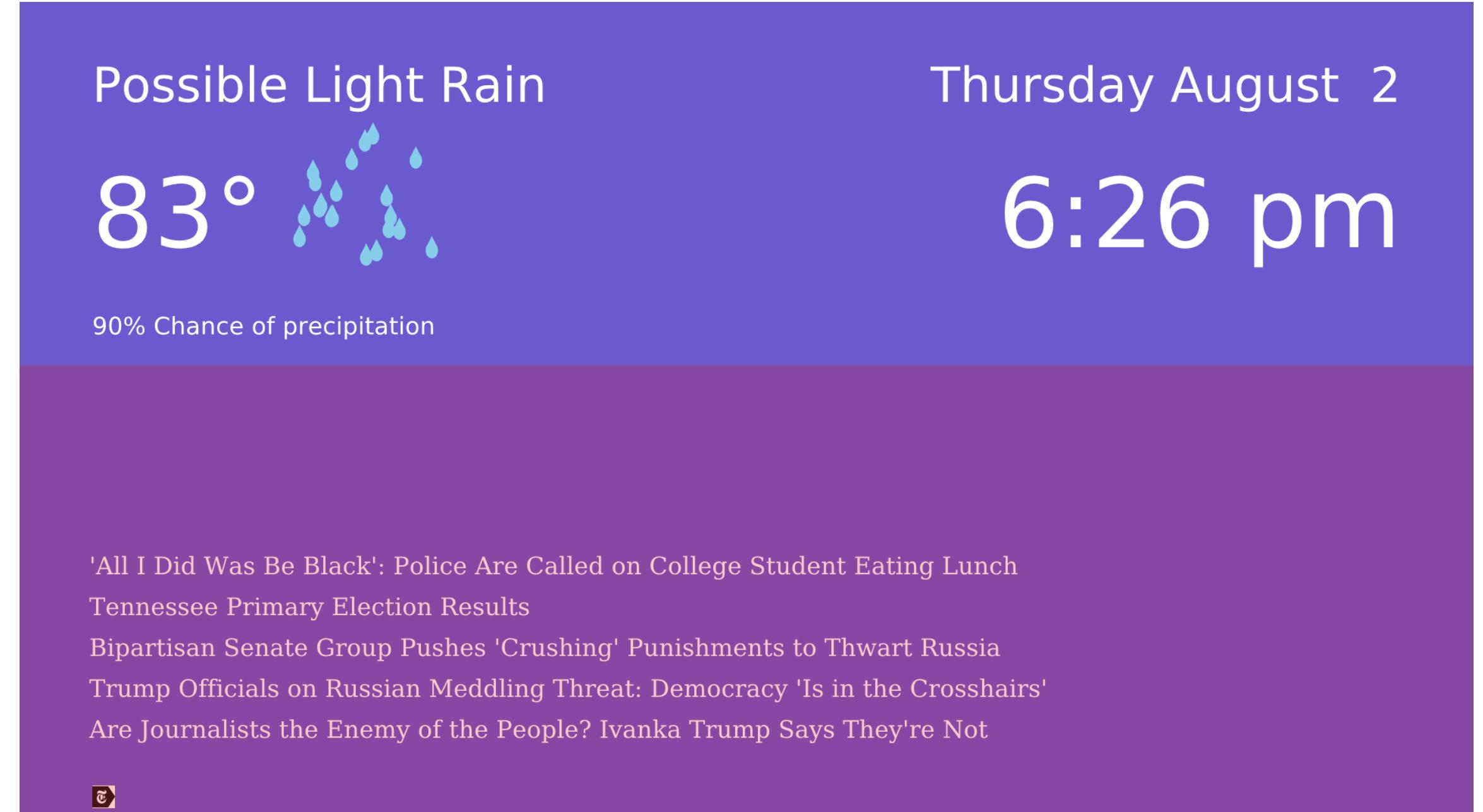
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```



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    sigint := make(chan os.Signal, 1)  
    signal.Notify(sigint, os.Interrupt)  
  
    for {  
        select {  
            case <-weatherticker.C:  
                canvas.weather(*location)  
            case <-dateticker.C:  
                canvas.clock(*smartcolor)  
            case <-headticker.C:  
                canvas.headlines(*section, *thumb)  
            case <-sigint:  
                openvg.Finish()  
                os.Exit(0)  
        }  
    }  
}
```



# Deck



a Go package for presentations

```
<deck>
  <slide bg="black" fg="white">
    <ellipse xp="50" yp="0" wp="100" hr="100" color="blue"/>
    <text      xp="50" yp="25" sp="10" align="c">hello, world</text>
  </slide>
</deck>
```



```
Start the deck <deck>

Set the canvas size <canvas width="1200" height="900"/>

Begin a slide <slide bg="white" fg="black">

Draw some text <text xp="50" yp="90" sp="5" align="c">Deck elements</text>

Place an image <image name="follow.jpg" caption="Dreams" xp="70" yp="60" width="640" height="480" scale="80"/>

Make a bullet list <list xp="10" yp="70" sp="3" type="bullet">

    <li>text, image, list</li>
    <li>rect, ellipse, polygon</li>
    <li>line, arc, curve</li>

End the list </list>

Draw a rectangle <rect xp="15" yp="20" wp="8" hp="6" color="rgb(127,0,0)"/>

Draw a ellipse <ellipse xp="27.5" yp="20" wp="8" hp="6" color="rgb(0,127,0)"/>

Draw a polygon <polygon xc="37 37 45" yc="17 23 20" color="rgb(0,0,127)"/>

Draw a line <line xp1="50" yp1="20" xp2="60" yp2="20"/>

Draw an arc <arc xp="70" yp="20" wp="10" hp="8" a1="0" a2="180" color="rgb(0,0,127)"/>

Draw a bezier <curve xp1="80" yp1="20" xp2="95" yp2="30" xp3="90" yp3="20"/>

End the slide </slide>

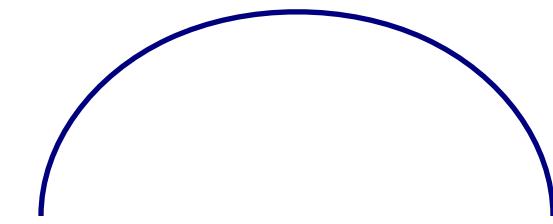
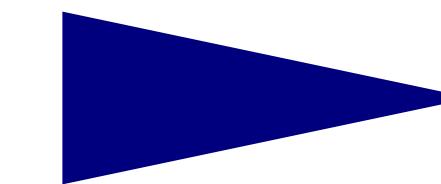
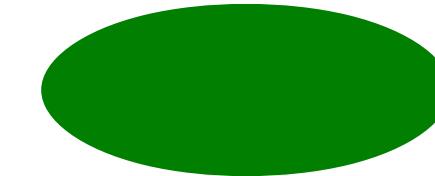
End of the deck </deck>
```

# Deck elements

- text, image, list
- rect, ellipse, polygon
- line, arc, curve



Dreams



**Percent Grid**

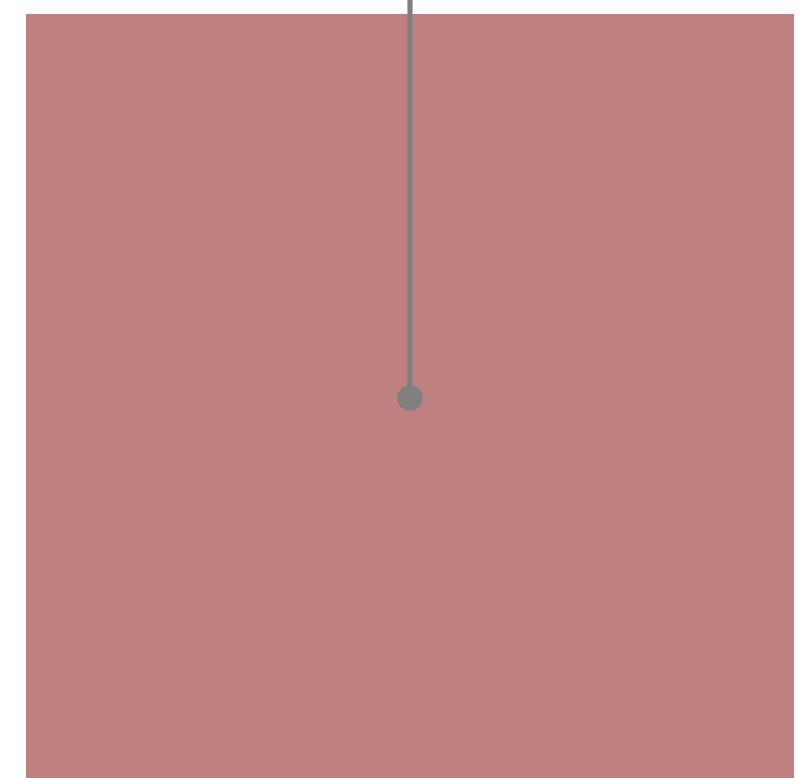
10%, 50%

Hello

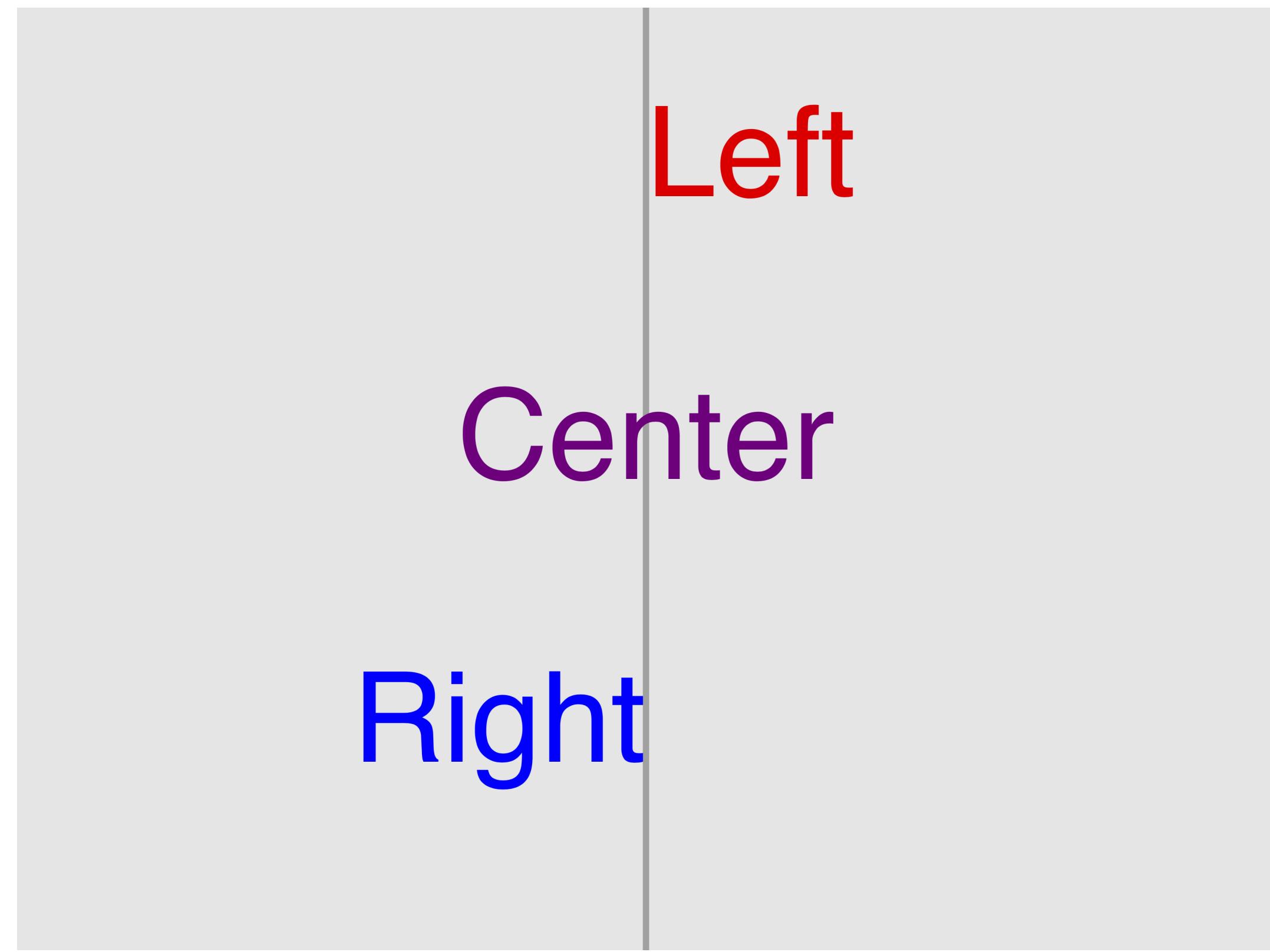
50%, 50%



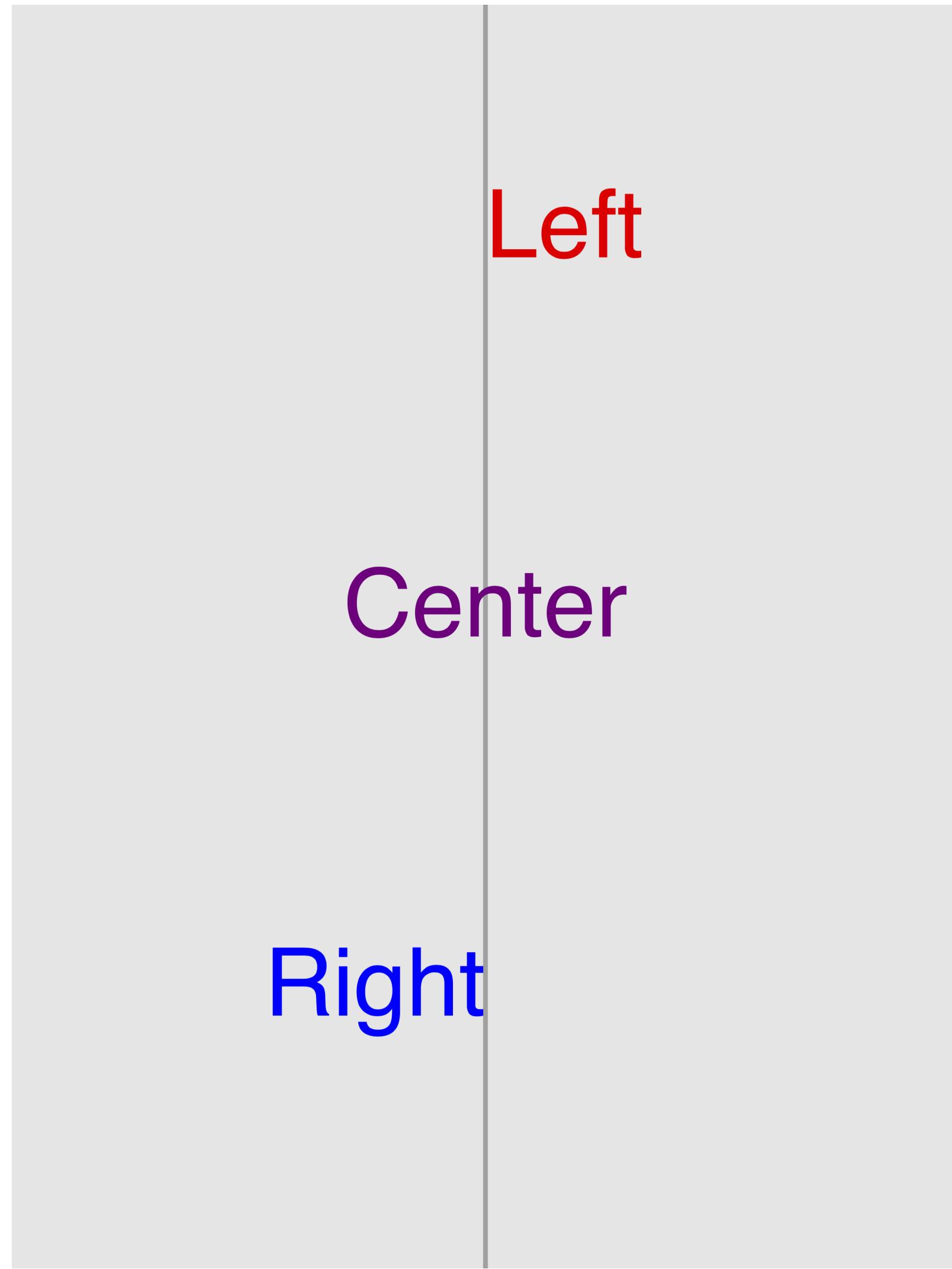
90%, 50%



Percentage-based layout



Landscape



Portrait

# Scaling the canvas

Data      Process

deck

PDF (pdfdeck)

PNG (pngdeck)

SVG (svgdeck)

OpenVG (vgdeck)

# deck/generate text and list functions

**Text** (x, y float64, s, font string, size float64, color string, op ...float64)

**TextBlock** (x, y float64, s, font string, size, margin float64, color string, op ...float64)

**TextMid** (x, y float64, s, font string, size float64, color string, op ...float64)

**TextEnd** (x, y float64, s, font string, size float64, color string, op ...float64)

**Code** (x, y float64, s string, size, margin float64, color string, op ...float64)

**List** (x, y, size, spacing, wrap float64, items []string, ltype, font, color string)

# deck/generate graphic functions

**Image** (x, y float64, w, h int, name, link string)

**Rect** (x, y, w, h float64, color string, op ...float64)

**Square** (x, y, w float64, color string, op ...float64)

**Ellipse** (x, y, w, h float64, color string, op ...float64)

**Circle** (x, y, w float64, color string, op ...float64)

**Polygon** (x, y []float64, color string, op ...float64)

**Line** (x1, y1, x2, y2, size float64, color string, op ...float64)

**Arc** (x, y, w, h, size, a1, a2 float64, color string, op ...float64)

**Curve** (x1, y1, x2, y2, x3, y3, size float64, color string, op ...float64)

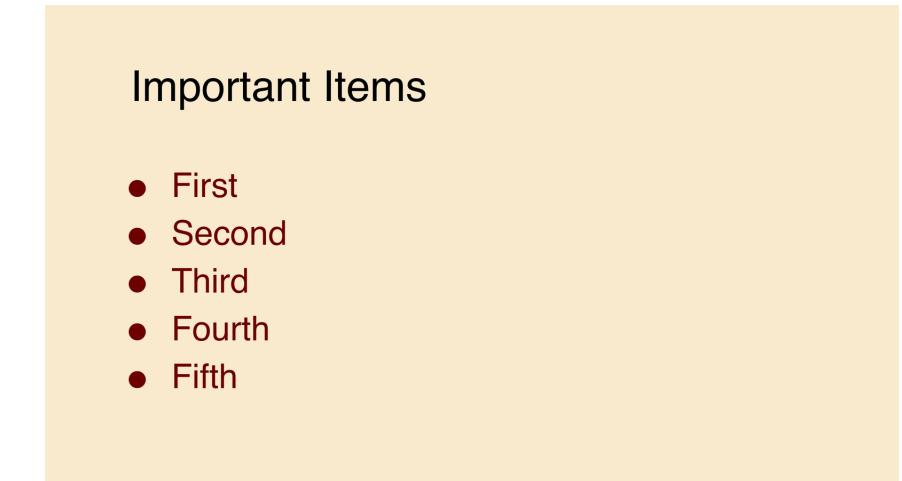
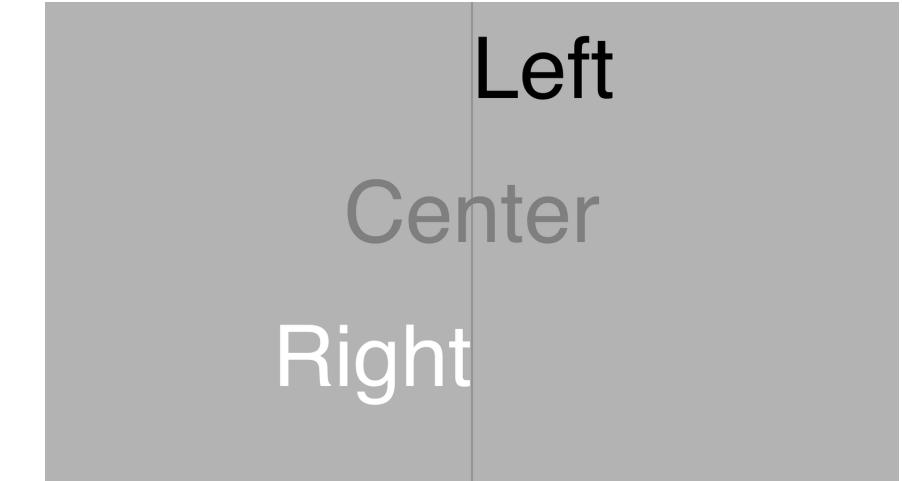
```
func main() {
    deck := generate.NewSlides(os.Stdout, 1600, 900) // 16x9 deck to stdout
    deck.StartDeck() // start the deck

    deck.StartSlide("rgb(180,180,180)")
    // ...
    deck.EndSlide()

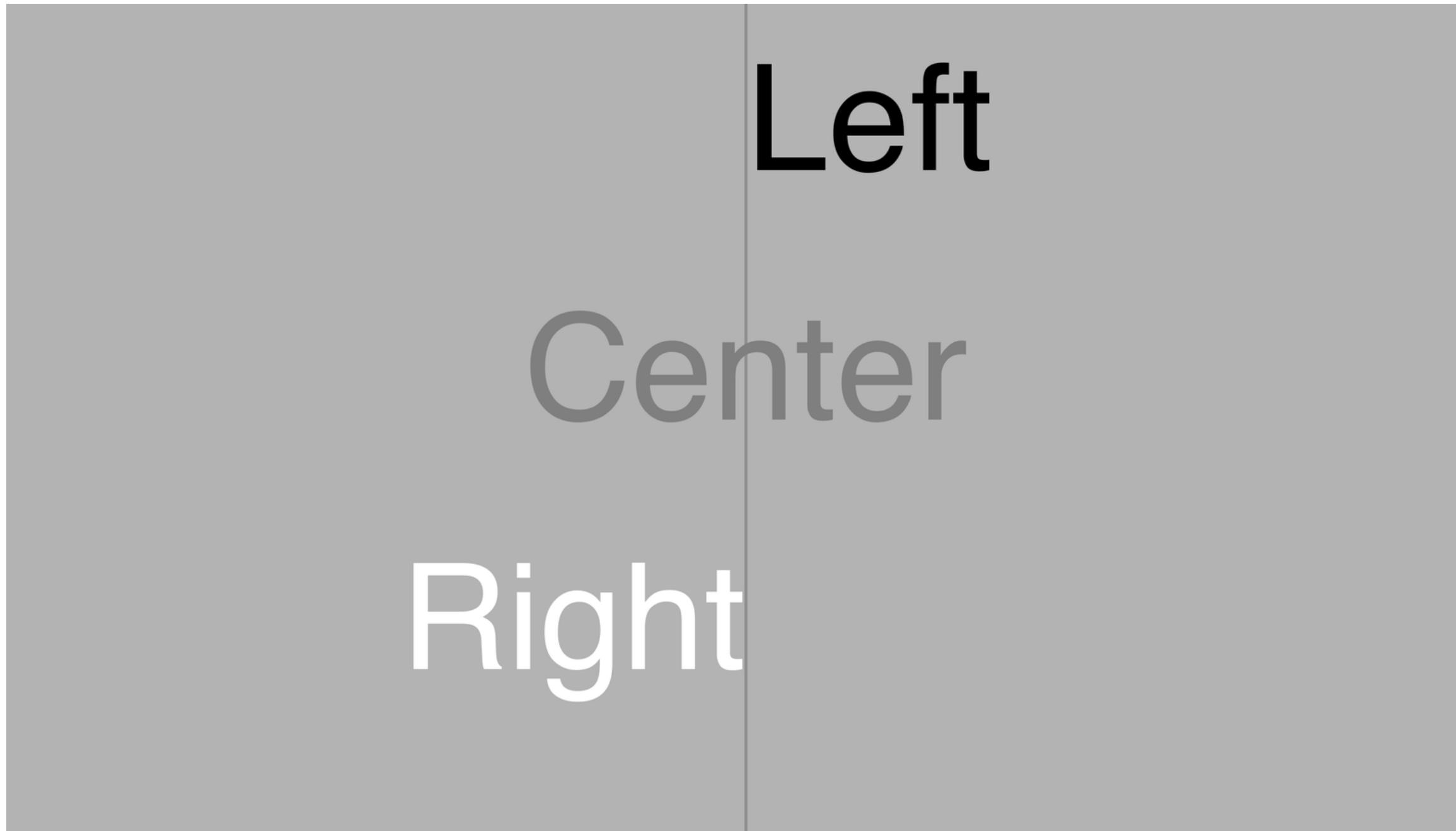
    deck.StartSlide("blanchedalmond")
    // ...
    deck.EndSlide()

    deck.StartSlide("black", "white")
    // ...
    deck.EndSlide()

    deck.EndDeck() // end the deck
}
```



```
// Text alignment
deck.StartSlide("rgb(180,180,180)")
deck.Text(50, 80, "Left", "sans", 10, "black")
deck.TextMid(50, 50, "Center", "sans", 10, "gray")
deck.TextEnd(50, 20, "Right", "sans", 10, "white")
deck.Line(50, 100, 50, 0, 0.2, "black", 20)
deck.EndSlide()
```



```
// List
items := []string{"First", "Second", "Third", "Fourth", "Fifth"}
deck.StartSlide("blanchedalmond", "black")
deck.Text(10, 80, "Important Items", "sans", 5, "")
deck.List(10, 60, 4, 1.4, 50, items, "bullet", "sans", "red")
deck.EndSlide()
```

## Important Items

- First
- Second
- Third
- Fourth
- Fifth

```
// Picture with text annotation
quote := "Tony Stark was able to build this in a cave. With a box of scraps!"
deck.StartSlide("black", "white")
deck.Image(50, 50, 1600, 681, "cave.png", "https://youtu.be/g1fzMbAr1u0?t=253")
deck.Rect(70, 60, 40, 40, "black", 40)
deck.TextBlock(45, 70, quote, "sans", 5, 45, "")
deck.EndSlide()
```



# A View of User Experience: Designing for People

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Design



What works good is better than what looks good, because what works good lasts.

Ray Eames

# Designing for People

title A View of User Experience: Designing for People Anthony Starks / ajstarks@gmail.com / @ajstarks

section Design gray white

caption eames.png Ray Eames What works good is better than what looks good, because what works good lasts.

capgen slides.txt | pdfdeck ... > slides.pdf

```

#!/bin/sh
. $HOME/Library/deckfuncs.sh

deck begin
  canvas 1200 900
  slide begin white black
    ctext "Deck elements" 50 90 5
    cimage follow.jpg "Dreams" 70 60 640 480 80

    blist 10 70 3
      li text, image, list
      li rect, ellipse, polygon
      li line, arc, curve
    elist

    rect   15 20 8 6           "rgb(127,0,0)"
    ellipse 27.5 20 8 6        "rgb(0,127,0)"
    polygon "37 37 45" "17 23 20" "rgb(0,0,127)"
    line    50 20 60 20
    arc     70 20 10 8 0 180   "rgb(0,0,127)"
    curve   80 20 95 30 90 20

  slide end
deck end

```

## Deck elements

- text, image, list
- rect, ellipse, polygon
- line, arc, curve



Dreams



# Deck Web API

`sex -dir [start dir] -listen [address:port] -maxupload [bytes]`

|        |                               |                                             |
|--------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| GET    | /                             | List the API                                |
| GET    | /deck/                        | List the content on the server              |
| GET    | /deck/?filter=[type]          | List content filtered by deck, image, video |
| POST   | /deck/content.xml?cmd=1s      | Play a deck with the specified duration     |
| POST   | /deck/content.xml?cmd=stop    | Stop playing a deck                         |
| POST   | /deck/content.xml?slide=[num] | Play deck starting at a slide number        |
| DELETE | /deck/content.xml             | Remove content                              |
| POST   | /upload/ Deck:content.xml     | Upload content                              |
| POST   | /table/ Deck:content.txt      | Generate a table from a tab-separated list  |
| POST   | /table/?textsize=[size]       | Specify the text size of the table          |
| POST   | /media/ Media:content.mov     | Play the specified video                    |



René Magritte

The False Mirror

LG



# Design Examples

Top

Left

Right

Bottom

10%

30%

70%

10%

# Header (top 10%)

Summary  
(30%)

Detail  
(70%)

Footer (bottom 10%)

# My Story

## Section

One

Two

Three

Four

Five

Six

# Document Links

Add web and mailto links with the link attribute of the text element.

Once rendered as a PDF, clicking on the link opens the default browser or email client.

The image contains two screenshots. The top screenshot shows a PDF viewer window titled "deck-fira-4x3.pdf (page 53 of 57)". It displays a quote in white text on a dark blue background: "Python and Ruby programmers come to Go because they don't have to surrender much expressiveness, but gain performance and get to play with concurrency." Below the quote, it says "Less is exponentially more" and "Rob Pike". The bottom screenshot shows a web browser window titled "command center: Less is e...". The URL in the address bar is "commandcenter.blogspot.com/2012/06/less-is-exp...". The page content is identical to the quote in the PDF, along with some additional text: "What you're given is a set of powerful but easy to understand, easy to use building blocks from which you can assemble—compose—a solution to your problem. It might not end up quite as fast or as sophisticated or as ideologically motivated as the solution you'd write in some of those other languages, but it'll almost certainly be easier to write, easier to read, easier to understand, easier to maintain, and maybe safer." Below this, there is another quote: "To put it another way, oversimplifying of course: Python and Ruby programmers come to Go because they don't have to surrender much expressiveness, but gain performance and get to play with concurrency." At the bottom, there is a final note: "C++ programmers *don't* come to Go because they have fought hard to gain exquisite control of their programming domain, and don't want to surrender any of it. To them, software isn't just about getting the job done, it's about doing it a certain way." The issue is then summarized as "The issue, then, is that Go's success would contradict their world view."

Python and Ruby programmers come to Go because they don't have to surrender much expressiveness, but gain performance and get to play with concurrency.

Less is exponentially more

Rob Pike

What you're given is a set of powerful but easy to understand, easy to use building blocks from which you can assemble—compose—a solution to your problem. It might not end up quite as fast or as sophisticated or as ideologically motivated as the solution you'd write in some of those other languages, but it'll almost certainly be easier to write, easier to read, easier to understand, easier to maintain, and maybe safer.

To put it another way, oversimplifying of course:

Python and Ruby programmers come to Go because they don't have to surrender much expressiveness, but gain performance and get to play with concurrency.

C++ programmers *don't* come to Go because they have fought hard to gain exquisite control of their programming domain, and don't want to surrender any of it. To them, software isn't just about getting the job done, it's about doing it a certain way.

The issue, then, is that Go's success would contradict their world view.

BOS



SFO

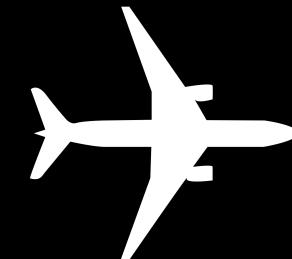
Virgin America 351

Gate B38

8:35am

On Time

JFK



IND

US Airways 1207

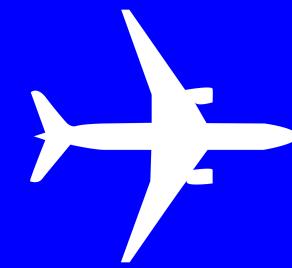
Gate C31C

5:35pm

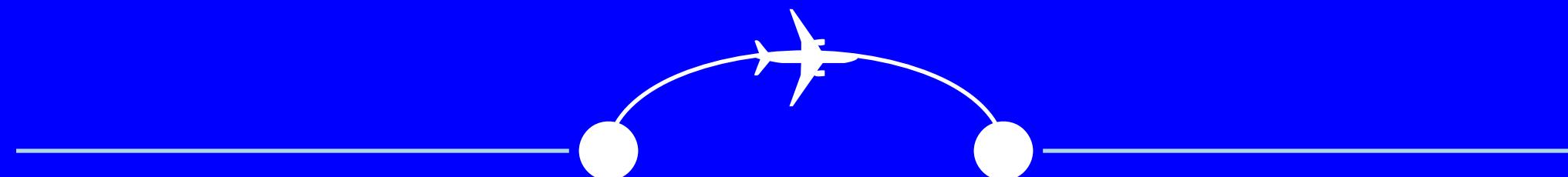
Delayed

# Flight Information

Los Angeles (LAX)



New York/Newark (EWR)



Distance Traveled

1,958 mi

3,151 km

Distance to Destination

596 mi

798 km

Time to Destination

Estimated time of arrival

Local time of arrival



1:20

12:14 am

12:14 am

Ground speed



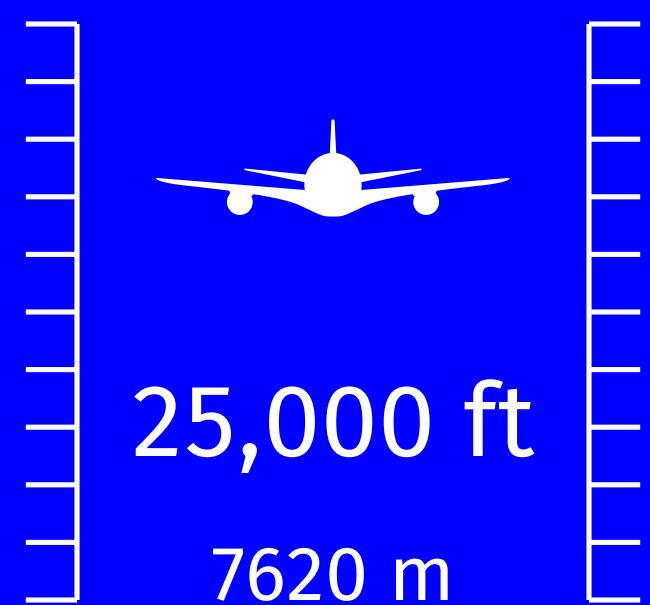
Headwind



Outside Temperature



Current Altitude



25,000 ft

7,620 m

|       |         |       |         |
|-------|---------|-------|---------|
| AAPL  | 179.98  | 3.04  | (1.72%) |
| AMZN  | 1578.89 | 27.03 | (1.74%) |
| FB    | 185.23  | 2.89  | (1.58%) |
| GOOGL | 1160.84 | 31.46 | (2.79%) |
| MSFT  | 96.54   | 2.11  | (2.23%) |

|       |         |       |          |
|-------|---------|-------|----------|
| AAPL  | 181.72  | 1.74  | (0.97%)  |
| AMZN  | 1598.39 | 19.50 | (1.24%)  |
| FB    | 184.76  | -0.47 | (-0.25%) |
| GOOGL | 1165.93 | 5.09  | (0.44%)  |
| MSFT  | 96.77   | 0.23  | (0.24%)  |

|       |         |                 |
|-------|---------|-----------------|
| AAPL  | 175.30  | -2.72 (-1.53%)  |
| AMZN  | 1544.93 | -26.75 (-1.70%) |
| FB    | 172.56  | -12.53 (-6.77%) |
| GOOGL | 1100.07 | -34.35 (-3.03%) |
| MSFT  | 92.89   | -1.71 (-1.81%)  |

```

func stockslide(deck *generate.Deck, symbols []string) {
    x := left
    y := top

    rintr := (top-bottom)/float64(len(symbols))
    size := rintr/2.5
    cintr := size*4

    var color string
    for _, s := range symbols {
        stock, err := stockapi(s)
        if err != nil || stock.Symbol == "" {
            continue
        }
        if stock.Change < 0 {
            color = negcolor
        } else {
            color = poscolor
        }
        deck.Text(x, y, stock.Symbol, "sans", size, "")
        x += cintr * 2
        deck.TextEnd(x, y, fmt.Sprintf("%.2f", stock.Price), "sans", size, "")
        x += cintr
        deck.TextEnd(x, y, fmt.Sprintf("%.2f", stock.Change), "sans", size, color)
        x += cintr
        deck.TextEnd(x, y, fmt.Sprintf("(%.2f%%)", stock.PctChange), "sans", size, color)
        x = left
        y -= rintr
    }
    deck.Text(footx, footy, time.Now().Format("2006-01-02 15:04:05"), "sans", 1.5, "yellow")
}

```

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| AAPL  | 181.72  | 1.74 (0.97%)   |
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So, the next time you're  
about to make a subclass,  
think hard and ask yourself

**what would Go do**

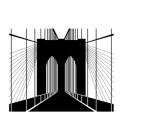
Andrew Mackenzie-Ross



# go

|                 |                                                |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>bug</b>      | start a bug report                             |
| <b>build</b>    | compile packages and dependencies              |
| <b>clean</b>    | remove object files and cached files           |
| <b>doc</b>      | show documentation for package or symbol       |
| <b>env</b>      | print Go environment information               |
| <b>fix</b>      | update packages to use new APIs                |
| <b>fmt</b>      | gofmt (reformat) package sources               |
| <b>generate</b> | generate Go files by processing source         |
| <b>get</b>      | download and install packages and dependencies |
| <b>install</b>  | compile and install packages and dependencies  |
| <b>list</b>     | list packages or modules                       |
| <b>mod</b>      | module maintenance                             |
| <b>run</b>      | compile and run Go program                     |
| <b>test</b>     | test packages                                  |
| <b>tool</b>     | run specified go tool                          |
| <b>version</b>  | print Go version                               |
| <b>vet</b>      | report likely mistakes in packages             |

# Go Proverbs

-  Don't communicate by sharing memory, share memory by communicating.
-  Concurrency is not parallelism.
-  Channels orchestrate; mutexes serialize.
-  The bigger the interface, the weaker the abstraction.
-  Make the zero value useful.
-  interface{} says nothing.
-  Gofmt's style is no one's favorite, yet gofmt is everyone's favorite.
-  A little copying is better than a little dependency.
-  Syscall must always be guarded with build tags.
-  Cgo must always be guarded with build tags.
-  Cgo is not Go.
-  With the unsafe package there are no guarantees.
-  Clear is better than clever.
-  Reflection is never clear.
-  Errors are values.
-  Don't just check errors, handle them gracefully.
-  Design the architecture, name the components, document the details.
-  Documentation is for users.
-  Don't panic.



Don't communicate  
by sharing memory,  
share memory by  
communicating.



The bigger the interface,  
the weaker the abstraction.



Make the zero  
value useful.

## Chapter V



## Advice from a Caterpillar

THE Caterpillar and Alice looked at each other for some time in silence: at last the Caterpillar took the hookah out of its mouth, and addressed her in a languid, sleepy voice. “Who are you?” said the Caterpillar. This was not an encouraging opening for a conversation. Alice replied, rather shyly, “I—I hardly know, sir, just at present—at least I know who I was when I got up this morning, but I think I must have been changed several times times since then.”



"You promised to tell me your history, you know," said Alice, "and why it is you hate—C and D," she added in a whisper, half afraid that it would be offended again. "Mine is a long and a sad tale!" said the Mouse, turning to Alice, and sighing. "It is a long tail, certainly," said Alice, looking down with wonder at the Mouse's tail; "but why do you call it sad?" And she kept on puzzling about it while the Mouse was speaking, so that her idea of the tale was something like this:—

Fury said to a mouse, That he met in the house,  
"Let us both go to law:I will prosecute  
YOU—Come, I'll take no denial; We must have a trial:For really this morning I've nothing to do."  
Said the mouse to the cur, "Such a trial, dear Sir, With no jury or judge, would be wasting our breath."  
"I'll be judge, I'll be jury," Said cunning old Fury:  
"I'll try the whole cause, and condemn you to death."

## SVGo Examples



hello.go



SVGo



rl.go



concentric.go



concentric2.go



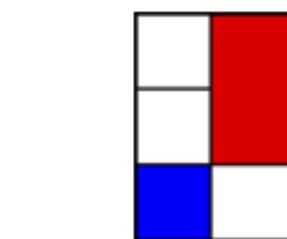
cgrid.go



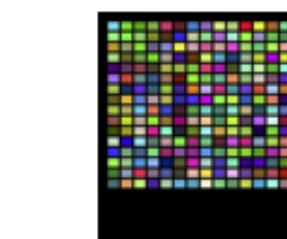
diag.go



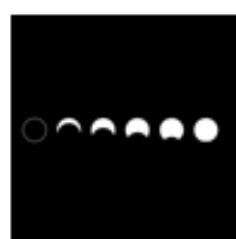
shining.go



mondrian.go



richter.go



eclipse.go



pacman.go



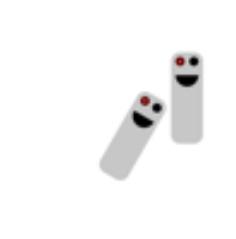
pyramid.go



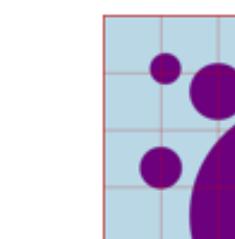
cloud.go



color-clouds.go



creepy.go



d4h.go



sunearth.go



conception.go



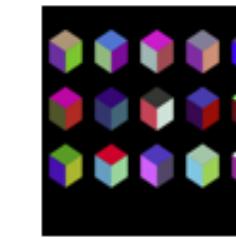
conception2.go



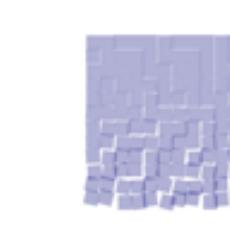
randbox.go



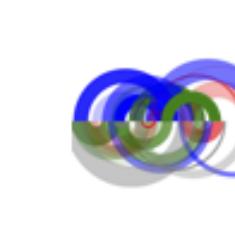
randspot.go



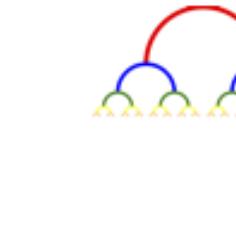
cube.go



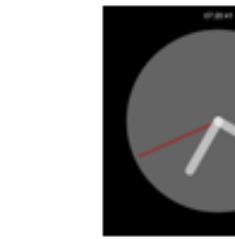
schotter.go



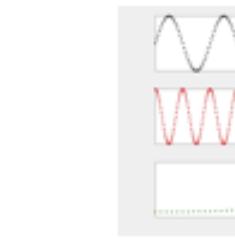
randarc.go



reurse.go



clock.go



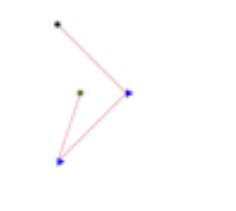
plotfunc.go



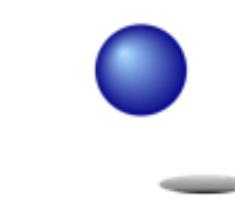
therm.go



pattern.go



marker.go



gradient.go



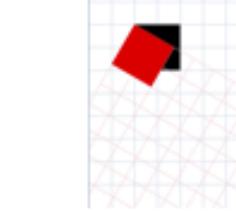
fontrange.go



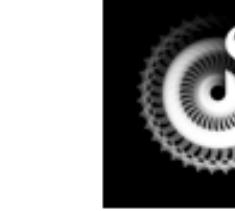
uni.go



lorem.go



rotate.go



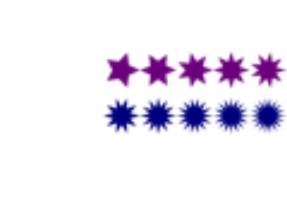
rottext.go



skewabc.go



gear.go



star.go



starx.go



swoosh.go



textpath.go



imfade.go



fe.go



artist.go



go.go

codepicdeck

```

package main

import (
    "fmt"
    "github.com/ajstarks/svggo"
    "os"
)

func main() {
    xp := []int{50, 70, 70, 50, 30, 30}
    yp := []int{40, 50, 75, 85, 75, 50}
    xl := []int{0, 0, 50, 100, 100}
    yl := []int{100, 40, 10, 40, 100}
    bgcolor := "rgb(227,78,25)"
    bkcolor := "rgb(153,29,40)"
    stcolor := "rgb(65,52,44)"
    stwidth := 12
    stylefmt := "stroke:%s;stroke-width:%d;fill:%s"
    canvas := svg.New(os.Stdout)
    width, height := 500, 500
    canvas.Start(width, height)
    canvas.Def()
    canvas.Gid("unit")
    canvas.Polyline(xl, yl, "fill:none")
    canvas.Polygon(xp, yp)
    canvas.Gend()
    canvas.Gid("runit")
    canvas.TranslateRotate(150, 180, 180)
    canvas.Use(0, 0, "#unit")
    canvas.Gend()
    canvas.Gend()
    canvas.DefEnd()
    canvas.Rect(0, 0, width, height, "fill:"+bgcolor)
    canvas.Gstyle(fmt.Sprintf(stylefmt, stcolor, stwidth, bkcolor))
    for y := 0; y < height; y += 130 {
        for x := -50; x < width; x += 100 {
            canvas.Use(x, y, "#unit")
            canvas.Use(x, y, "#runit")
        }
    }
    canvas.Gend()
    canvas.End()
}

```



shining.go [8]

```

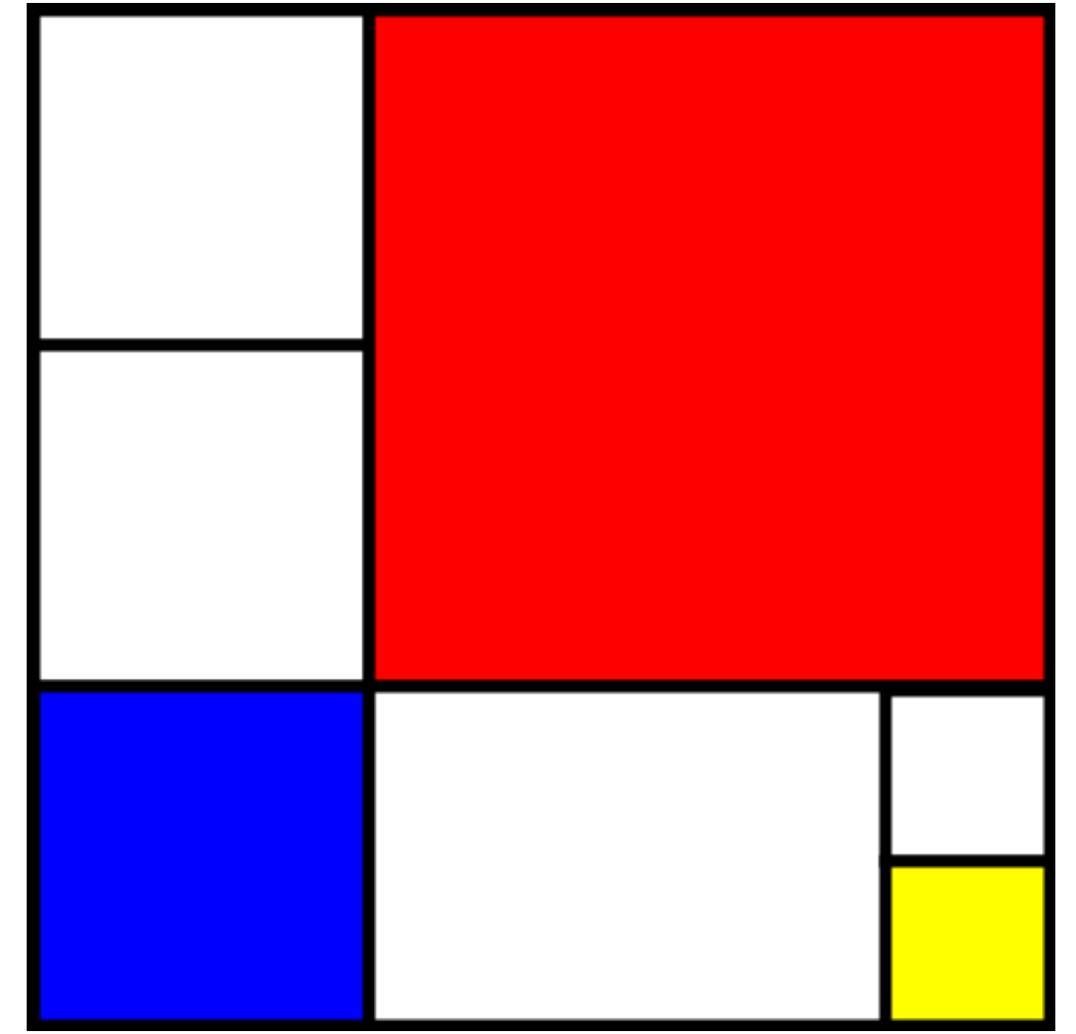
package main

import (
    "os"
    "github.com/ajstarks/svggo"
)

var (
    canvas = svg.New(os.Stdout)
    width  = 500
    height = 500
)

// Piet Mondrian - Composition in Red, Blue, and Yellow
func main() {
    w3 := width / 3
    w6 := w3 / 2
    w23 := w3 * 2
    canvas.Start(width, height)
    canvas.Gstyle("stroke:black;stroke-width:6")
    canvas.Rect(0, 0, w3, w3, "fill:white")
    canvas.Rect(0, w3, w3, w3, "fill:white")
    canvas.Rect(0, w23, w3, w3, "fill:blue")
    canvas.Rect(w3, 0, w23, w23, "fill:red")
    canvas.Rect(w3, w23, w23, w3, "fill:white")
    canvas.Rect(width-w6, height-w3, w3-w6, w6, "fill:white")
    canvas.Rect(width-w6, height-w6, w3-w6, w6, "fill:yellow")
    canvas.Gend()
    canvas.Rect(0, 0, width, height, "fill:none;stroke:black;stroke-width:12")
    canvas.End()
}

```



mondrian.go [9]

```

package main

import (
    "os"
    "github.com/ajstarks/svg"
)

var (
    canvas = svg.New(os.Stdout)
    width  = 500
    height = 500
)

func tro() {
    canvas.Rect(100, 100, 100, 100)
    canvas.TranslateRotate(100, 100, 30)
    canvas.Grid(0, 0, width, height, 50, "stroke:lightsteelblue")
    canvas.Rect(0, 0, 100, 100, "fill:red")
    canvas.Gend()
}

func main() {
    canvas.Start(width, height)
    canvas.Grid(0, 0, width, height, 50, "stroke:lightsteelblue")
    tro()
    canvas.End()
}

```



rotate.go [36]

```

package main

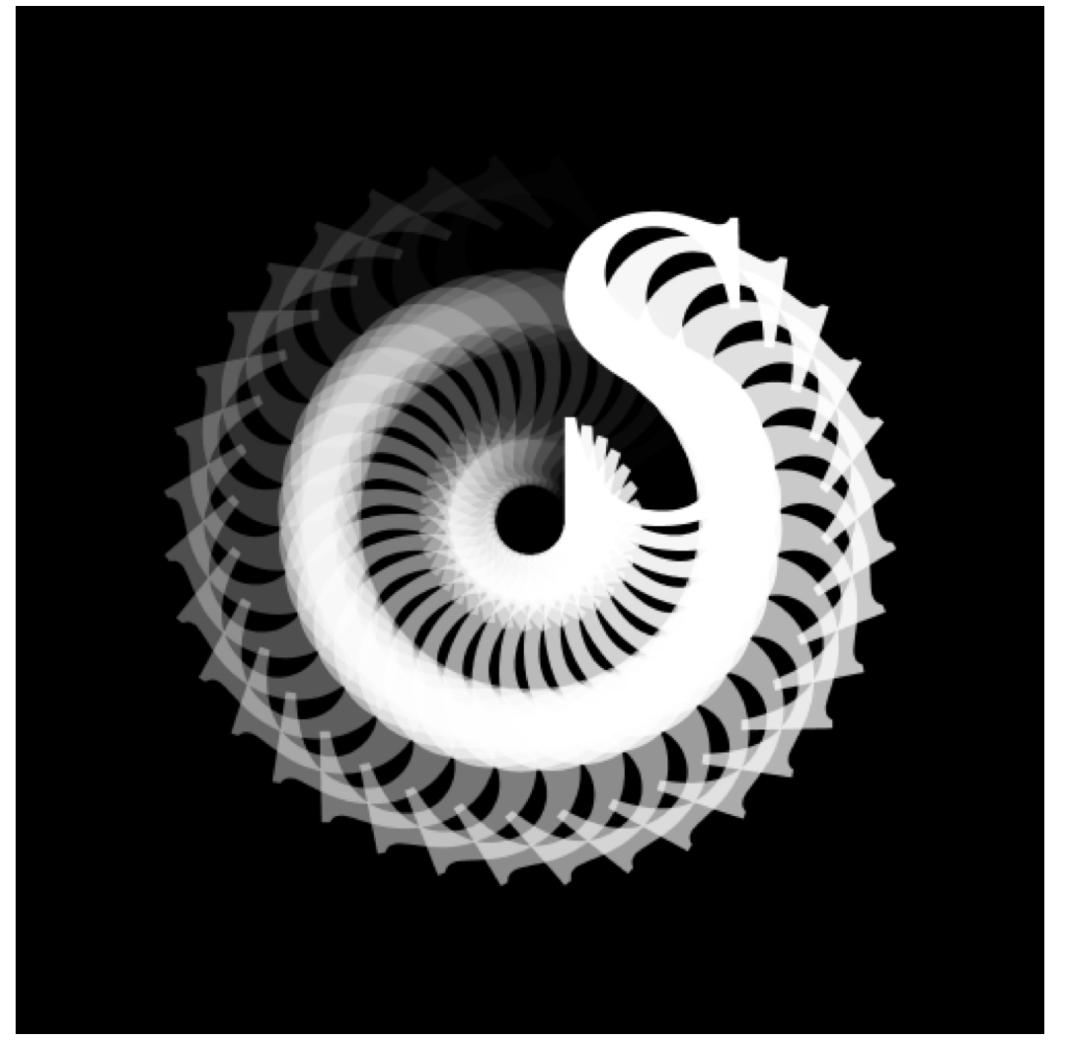
import (
    "os"
    "github.com/ajstarks/svg"
)

var (
    canvas = svg.New(os.Stdout)
    width  = 500
    height = 500
)

func main() {
    a := 1.0
    ai := 0.03
    ti := 10.0

    canvas.Start(width, height)
    canvas.Rect(0, 0, width, height)
    canvas.Gstyle("font-family:serif;font-size:244pt")
    for t := 0.0; t <= 360.0; t += ti {
        canvas.TranslateRotate(width/2, height/2, t)
        canvas.Text(0, 0, "s", canvas.RGBA(255, 255, 255, a))
        canvas.Gend()
        a -= ai
    }
    canvas.Gend()
    canvas.End()
}

```



rottext.go [37]

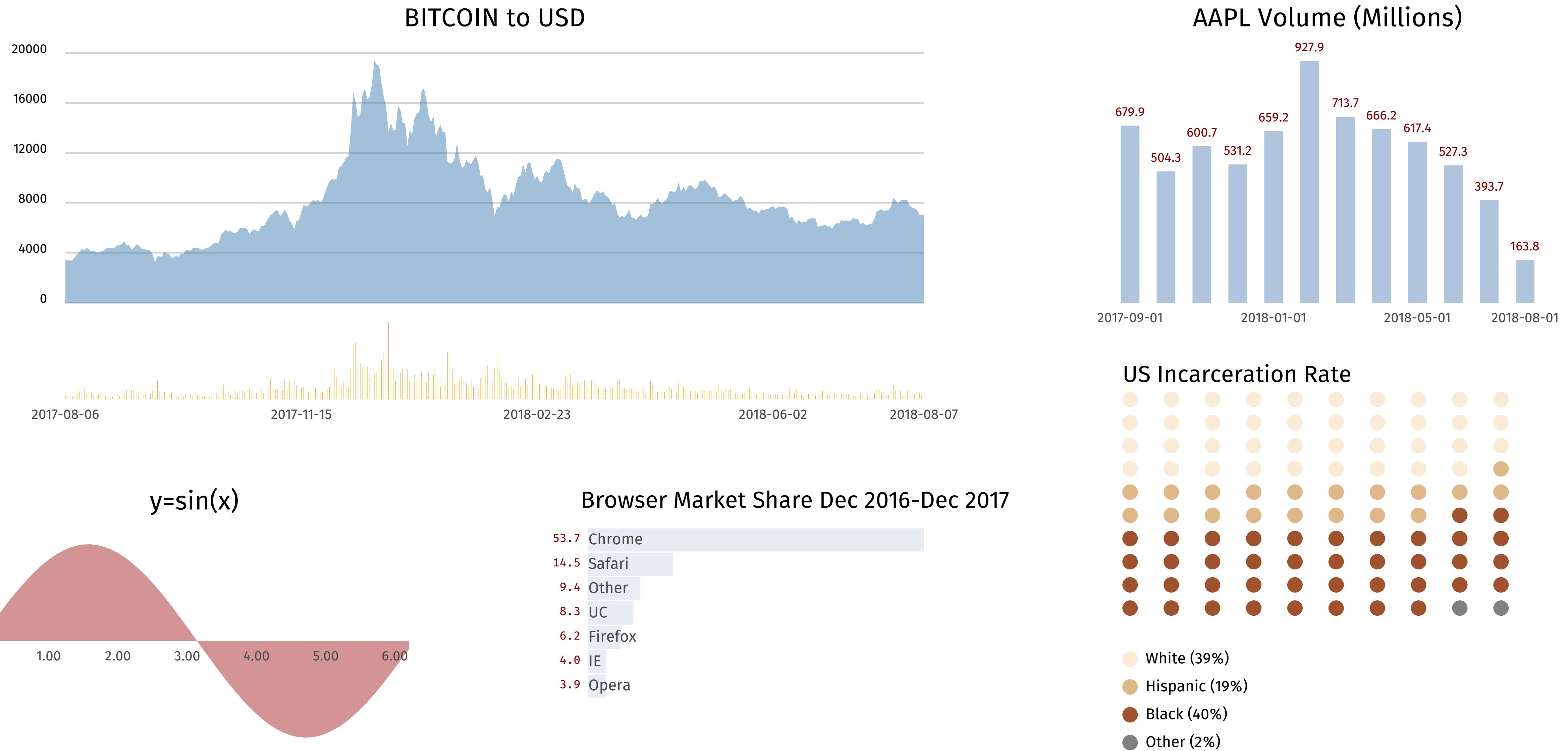
The new masters of our universe  
are people who are essentially  
only half-educated.

They have had no exposure to the humanities or the social sciences, the academic disciplines that aim to provide some understanding of how society works, of history and of the roles that beliefs, philosophies, laws, norms, religion and customs play in the evolution of human culture

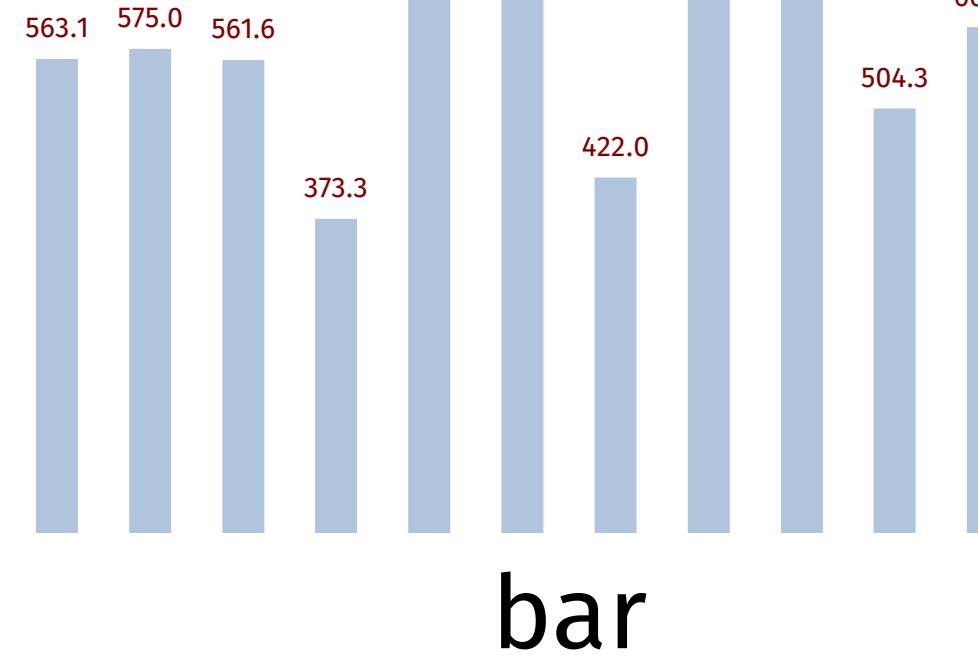
John Naughton, The Guardian, 19 November, 2017



# dchart: charts for deck

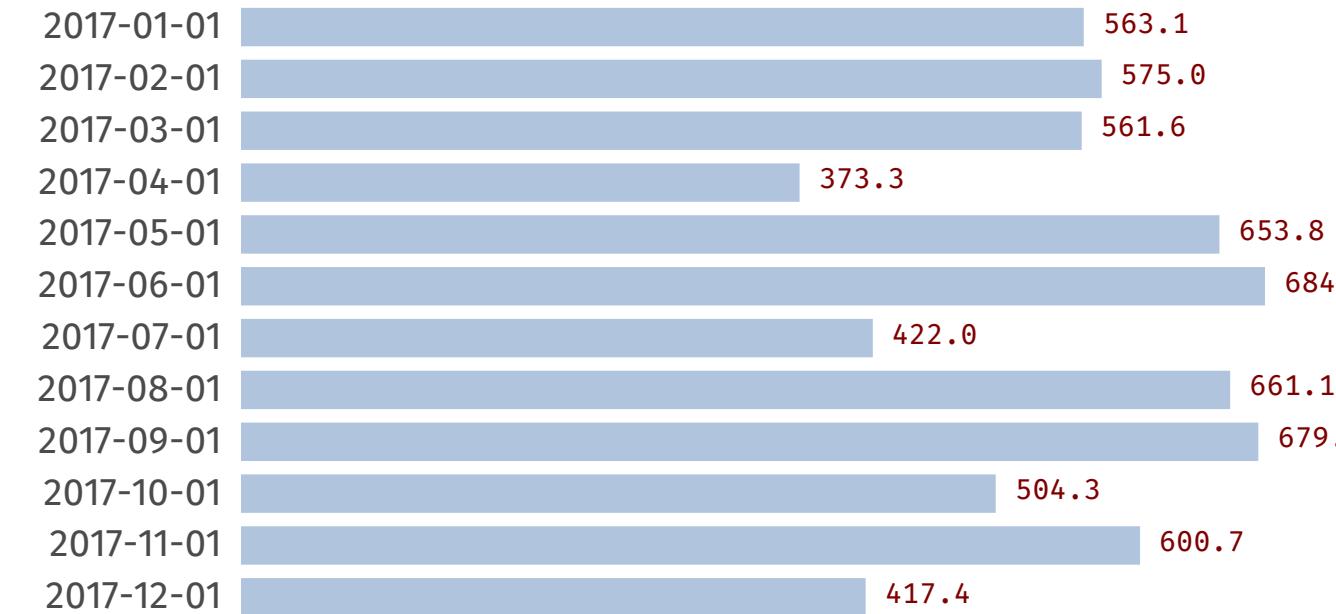


AAPL Volume



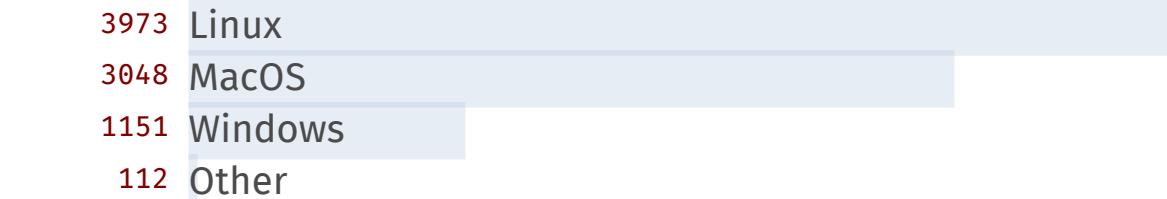
bar

AAPL Volume

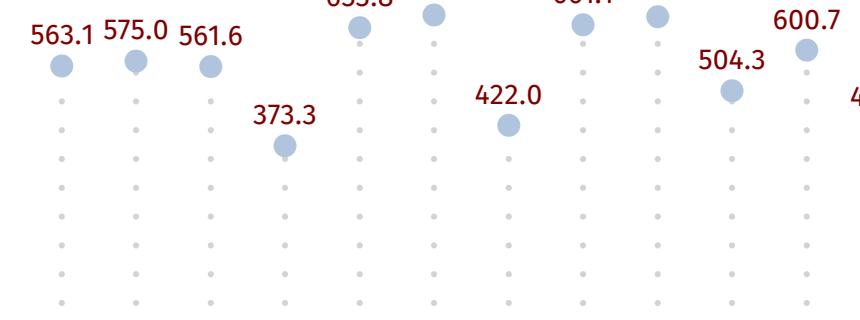


hbar

Primary Go Platfrom



wbar

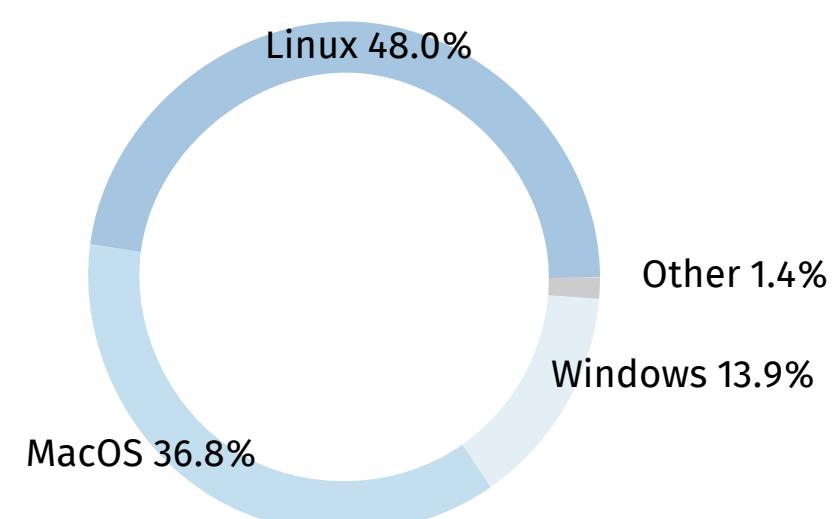


dot

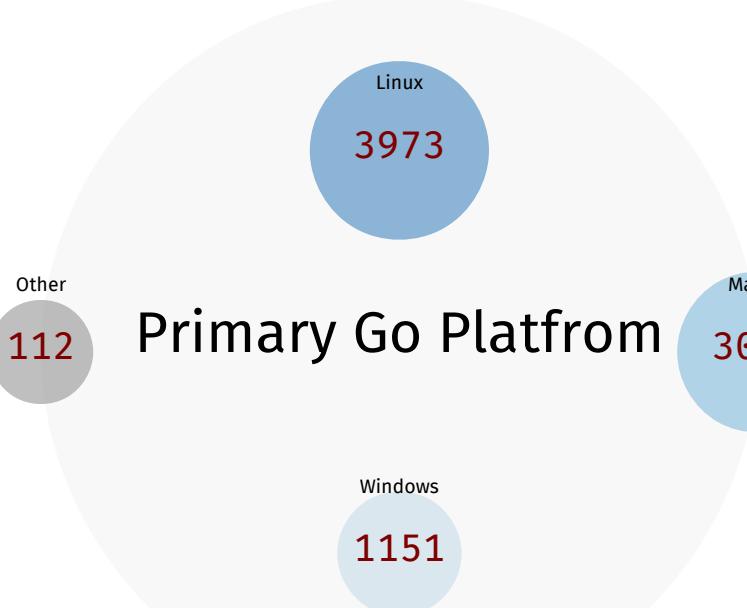


vol

Primary Go Platfrom

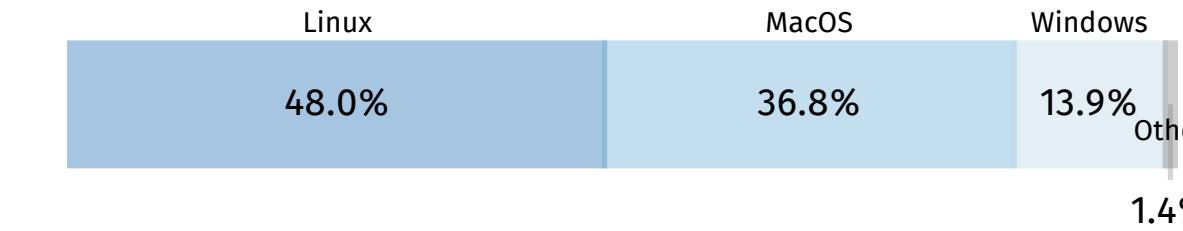


donut



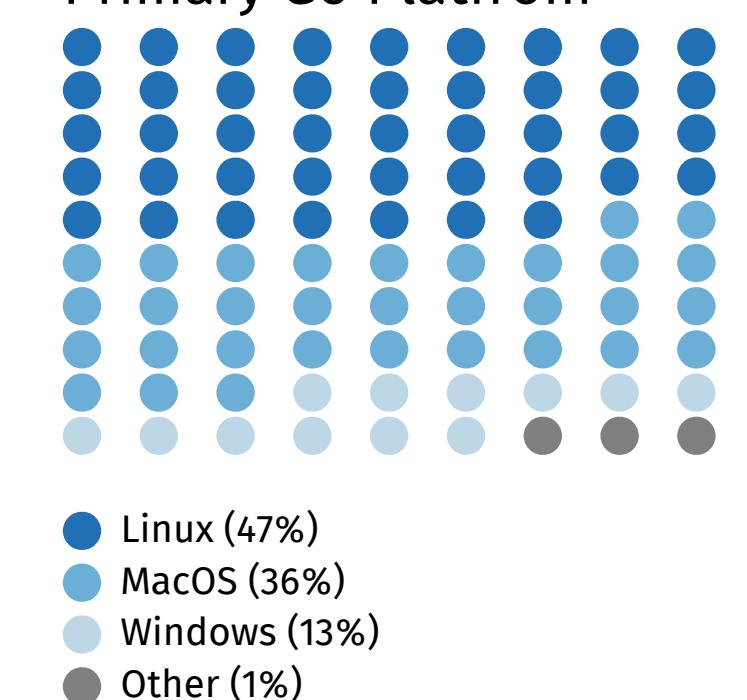
radial

Primary Go Platfrom



pmap

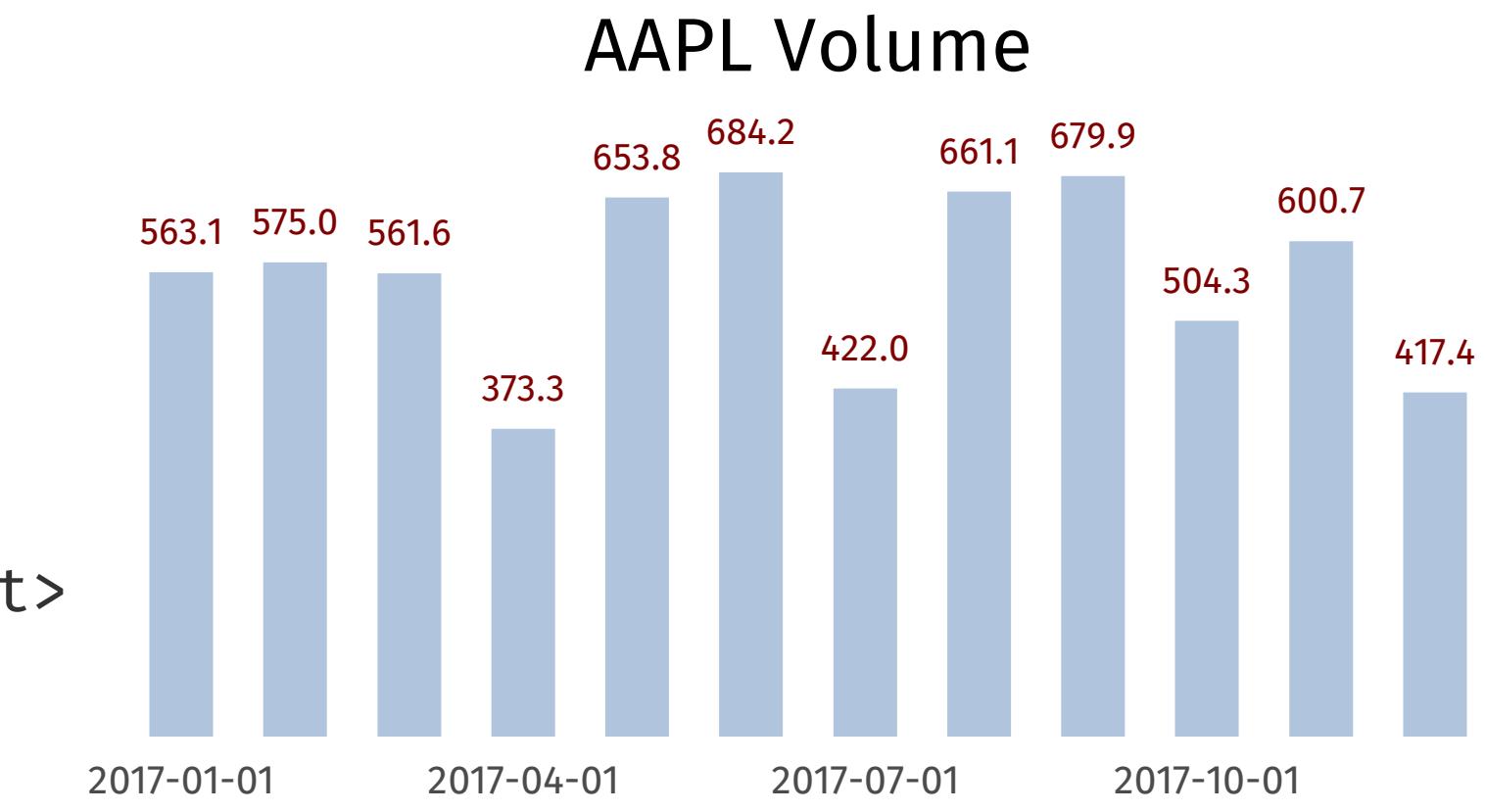
Primary Go Platfrom



pgrid

```
# AAPL Volume (Millions)
2017-09-01    679.879
2017-10-01    504.291
2017-11-01    600.663
2017-12-01    531.184
2018-01-01    659.181
2018-02-01    927.894
2018-03-01    713.728
2018-04-01    666.154
2018-05-01    617.408
2018-06-01    527.298
2018-07-01    393.691
2018-08-01    163.768
```

```
<deck>
  <slide>
    <text ...>AAPL Volume</text>
    <line ... color="lightsteelblue"/>
    <text ... color="rgb(127,0,0)">563.1</text>
    <text ... color="rgb(75,75,75)">2017-01-01</text>
  </slide>
</deck>
```



data | dchart | pdf

# Chart Types

|          |                                      |
|----------|--------------------------------------|
| -bar     | bar chart (default true)             |
| -wbar    | word bar chart (default false)       |
| -hbar    | horizontal bar chart (default false) |
| -scatter | scatter chart (default false)        |
| -dot     | dot plot (default false)             |
| -line    | line chart (default false)           |
| -vol     | volume plot (default false)          |
| -pgrid   | proportional grid (default false)    |
| -pmap    | proportional map (default false)     |
| -donut   | donut chart (default false)          |
| -radial  | radial chart (default false)         |

# Chart Elements

|            |                                                             |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| -grid      | show gridlines on the y axis (default false)                |
| -val       | show values (default true)                                  |
| -valpos    | value position (t=top, b=bottom, m=middle) (default "t")    |
| -yaxis     | show a y axis (default true)                                |
| -yrange    | specify the y axis labels (min,max,step)                    |
| -fulldeck  | generate full deck markup (default true)                    |
| -title     | show the title (default true)                               |
| -chartitle | specify the title (overriding title in the data)            |
| -xlabel    | x axis label interval (default 1, 0 to suppress all labels) |
| -xlast     | show the last x label                                       |
| -hline     | horizontal line at value with label                         |

# Position and Scaling

|         |                                     |
|---------|-------------------------------------|
| -top    | top of the plot (default 80)        |
| -bottom | bottom of the plot (default 30)     |
| -left   | left margin (default 20)            |
| -right  | right margin (default 80)           |
| -min    | set the minimum value               |
| -max    | set the maximum value               |
| -dmin   | data minimum (default false, min=0) |

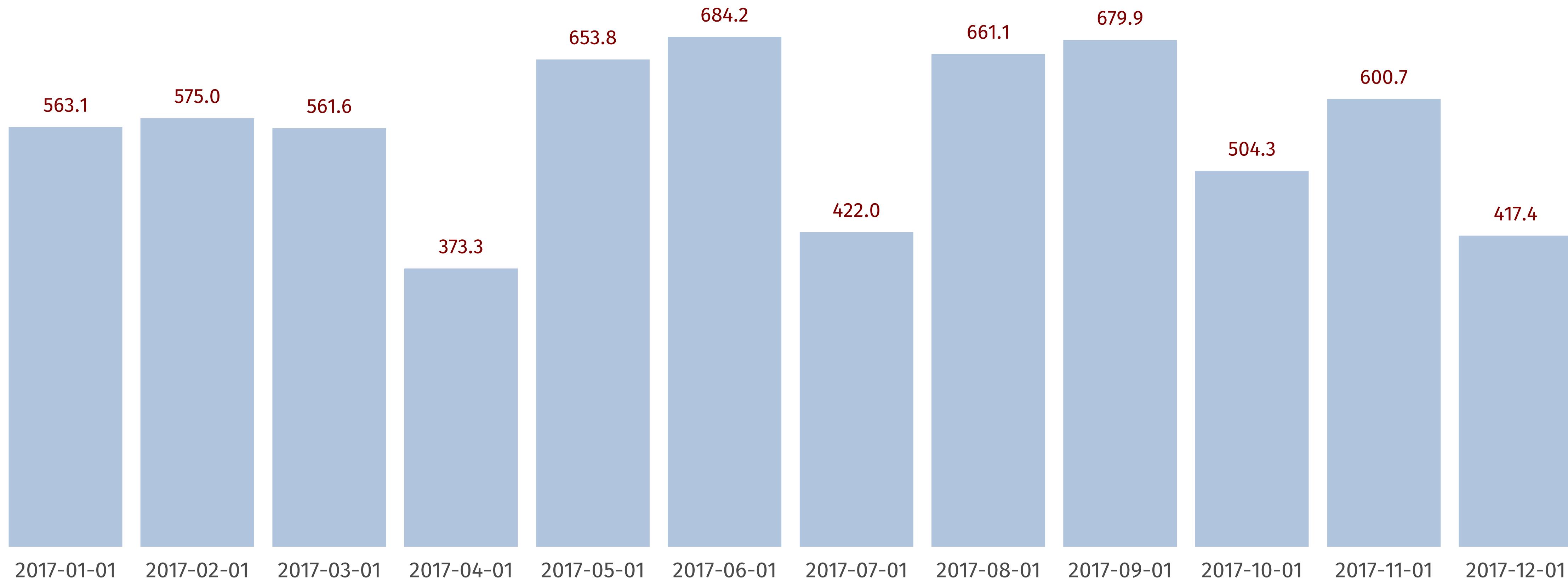
# Measures and Attributes

|           |                                                    |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------|
| -barwidth | barwidth (default computed from data size)         |
| -ls       | linespacing (default 2.4)                          |
| -textsize | text size (default 1.5)                            |
| -color    | data color (default "lightsteelblue")              |
| -vcolor   | value color (default "rgb(127,0,0)")               |
| -volop    | volume opacity (default 50)                        |
| -datafmt  | data format for values (default "%.1f")            |
| -psize    | diameter of the donut (default 30)                 |
| -pwidth   | width of the donut or proportional map (default 3) |
| -spokes   | show spokes on radial charts (default false)       |

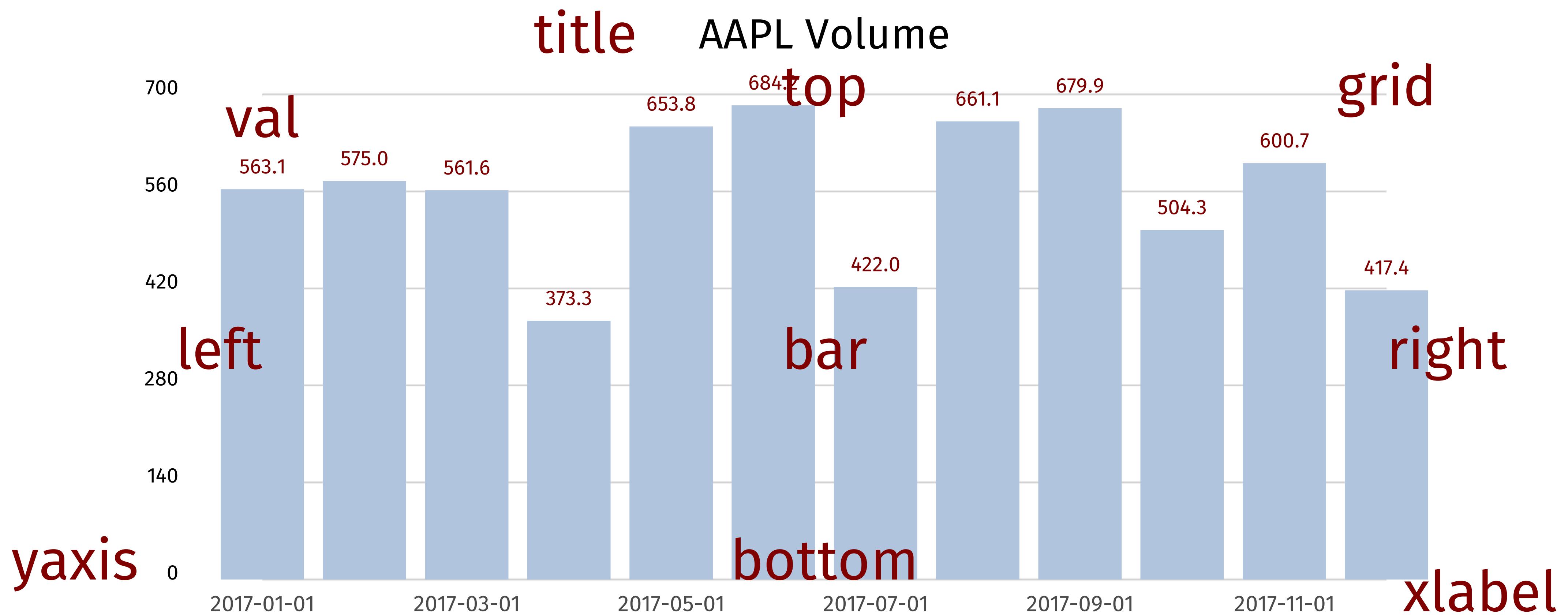
# CSV

|         |                                            |
|---------|--------------------------------------------|
| -csv    | read CSV files (default false)             |
| -csvcol | specify the columns to use for label,value |

## AAPL Volume



dchart AAPL.d



dchart -left=20 -right=80 -top=75 -yaxis -xlabel=2 -grid AAPL.d

```

package main

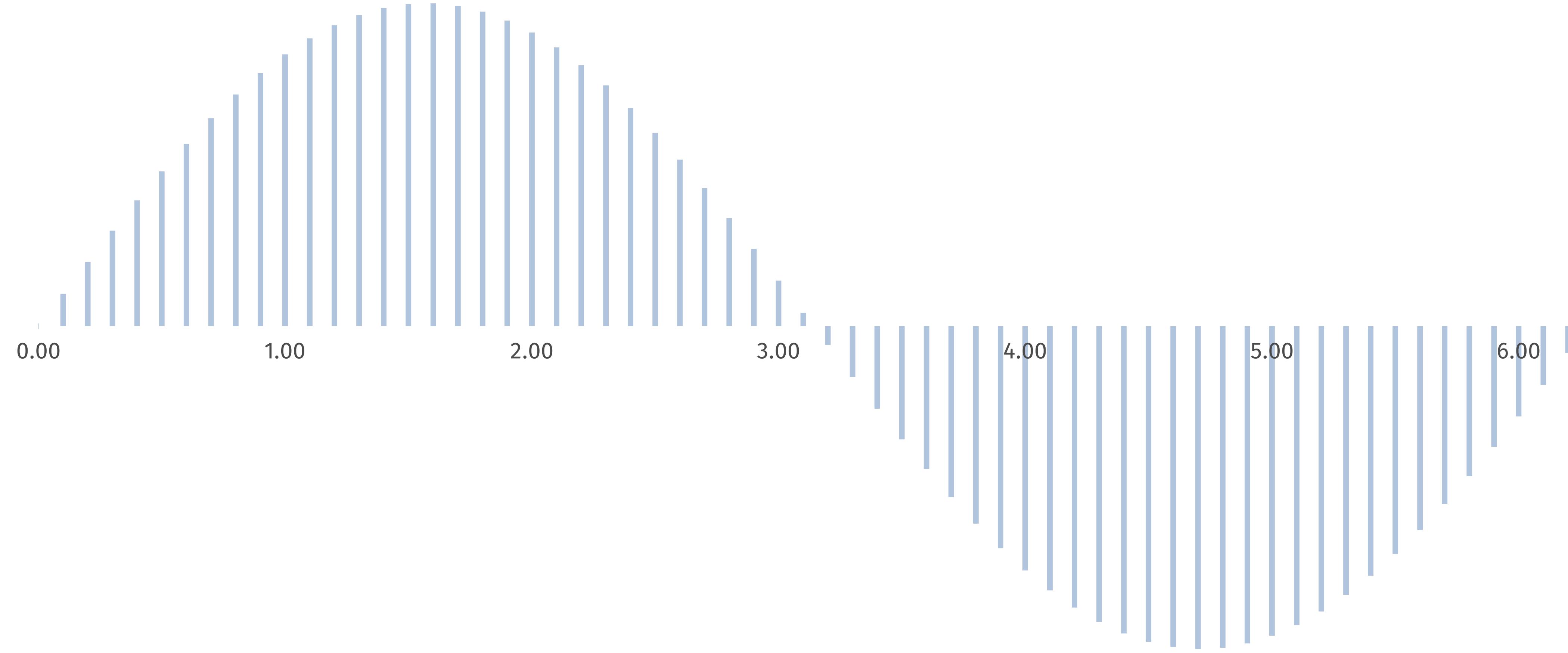
import (
    "fmt"
    "math"
)

func main() {
    fmt.Println("# y=sin(x)")
    for x := 0.0; x < math.Pi*2; x += 0.1 {
        fmt.Printf("%.2f\t%.4f\n", x, math.Sin(x))
    }
}

```

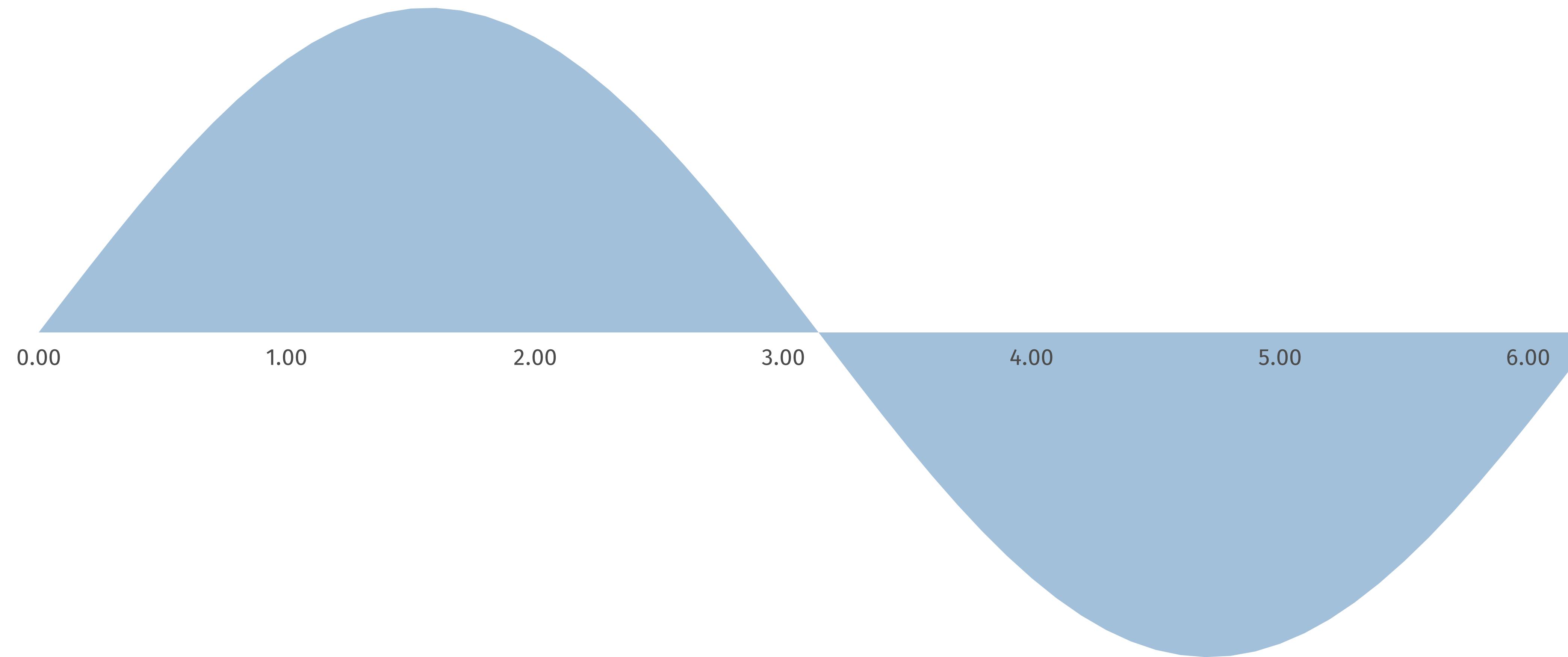
| # y=sin(x) |         |
|------------|---------|
| 0.00       | 0.0000  |
| 0.10       | 0.0998  |
| 0.20       | 0.1987  |
| 0.30       | 0.2955  |
| 0.40       | 0.3894  |
| 0.50       | 0.4794  |
| 0.60       | 0.5646  |
| 0.70       | 0.6442  |
| 0.80       | 0.7174  |
| ...        |         |
| 5.80       | -0.4646 |
| 5.90       | -0.3739 |
| 6.00       | -0.2794 |
| 6.10       | -0.1822 |
| 6.20       | -0.0831 |

$y=\sin(x)$

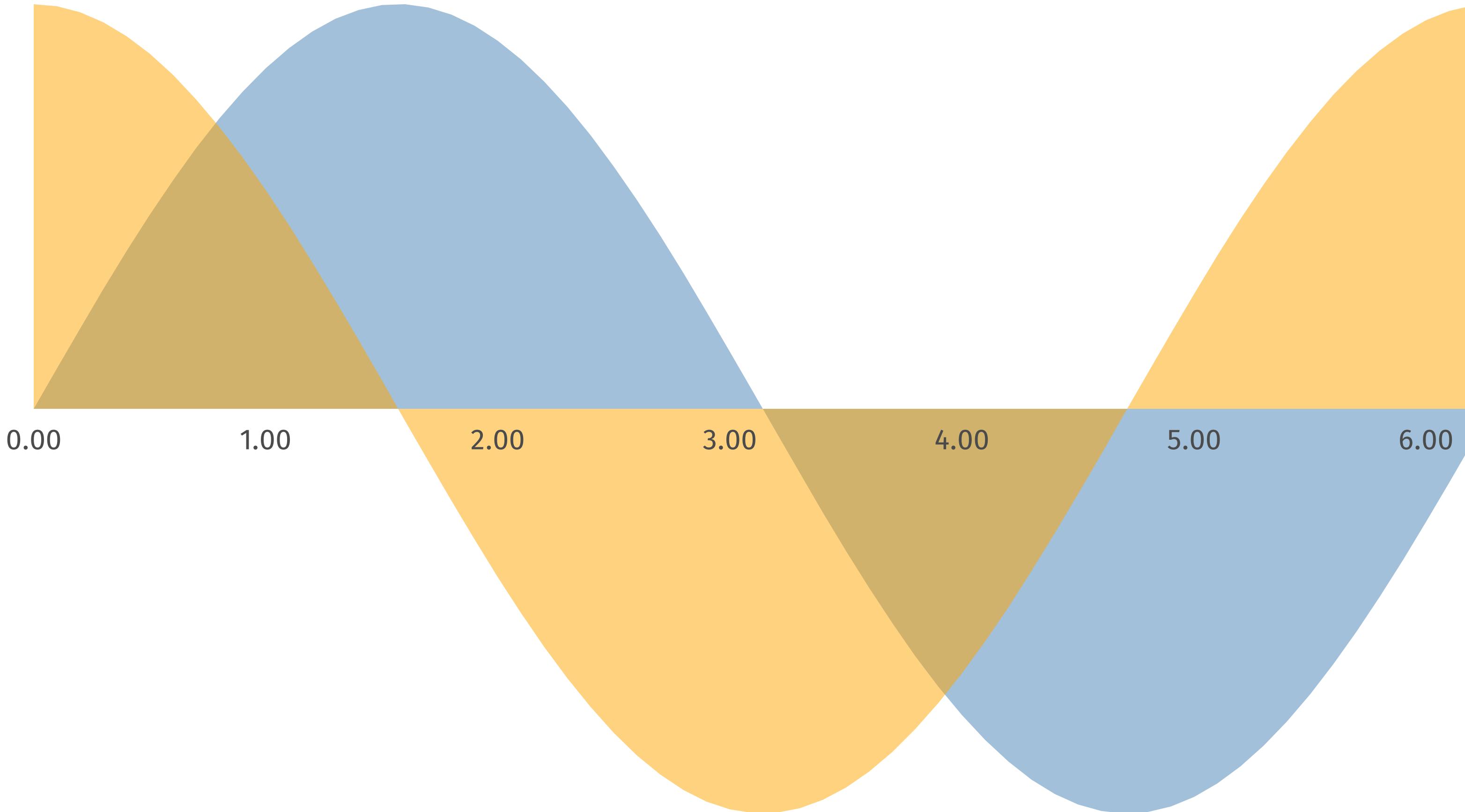


sine | dchart -val=f -bottom=50 -xlabel=10

$y=\sin(x)$



sine | dchart -val=f -bottom=50 -xlabel=10 -bar=f -color=steelblue -vol



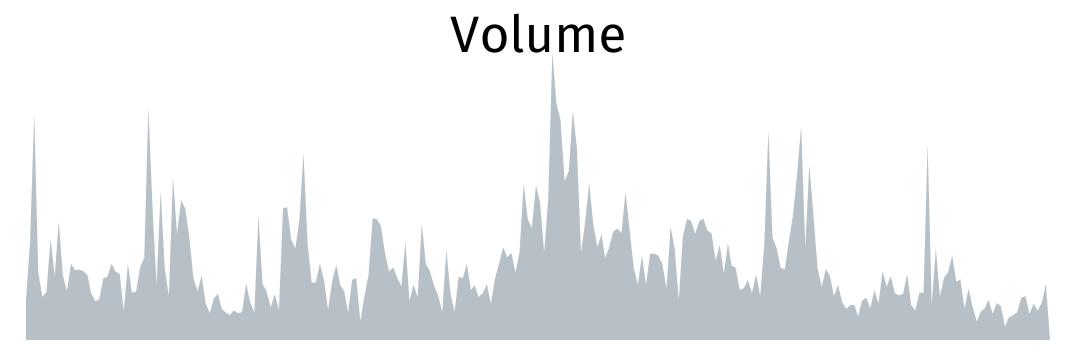
```
#!/bin/sh
mopts="-fulldeck=f -bar=f -vol -top=90 -bottom 60 -left=20 -right=80 -val=f -title=f"
mfunc -f sine | dchart $mopts -color=steelblue -xlabel=10
mfunc -f cosine | dchart $mopts -xlabel=0 -color=orange
```

# Tech Stock Performance

July 2017 - July 2018

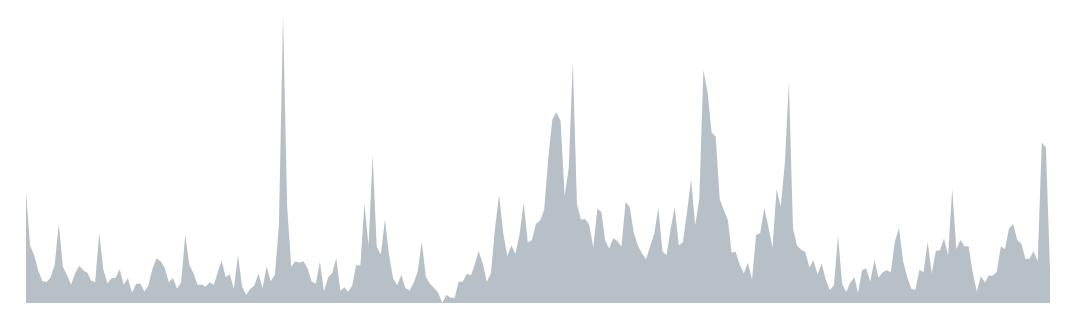
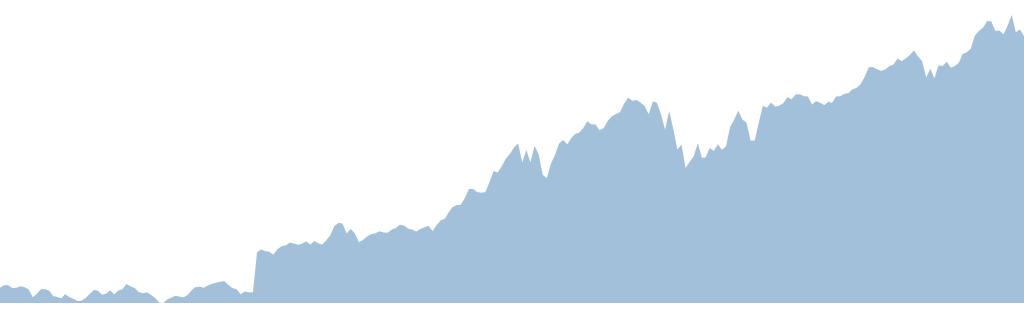
Apple

AAPL



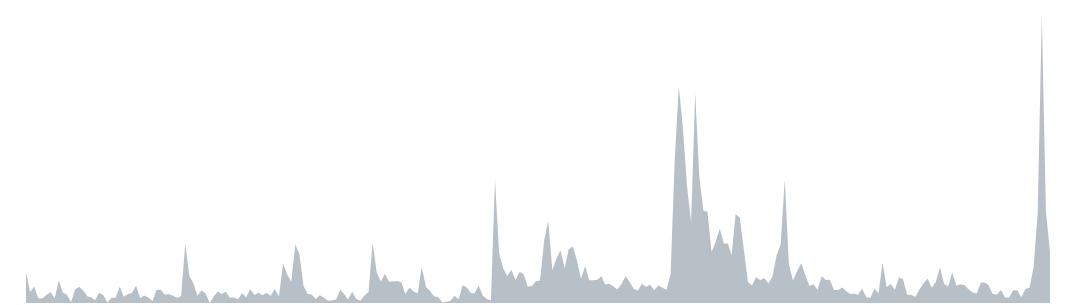
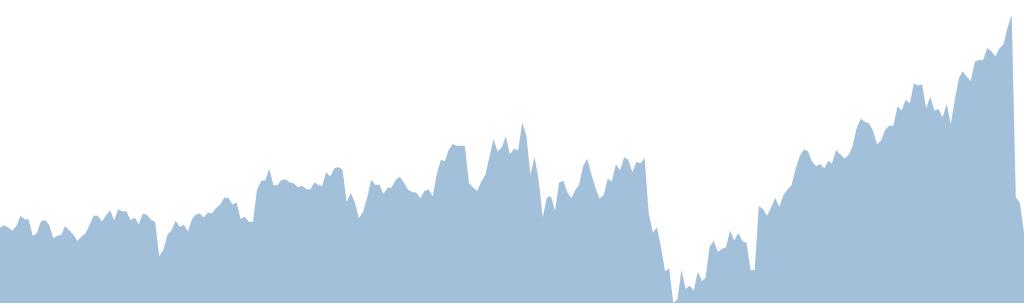
Amazon.com

AMZN



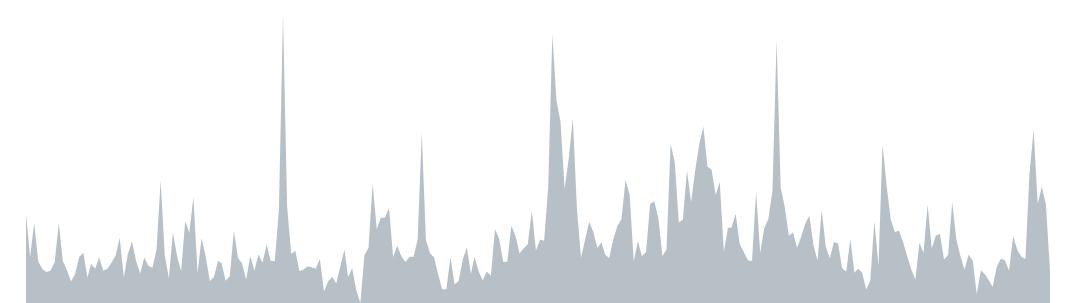
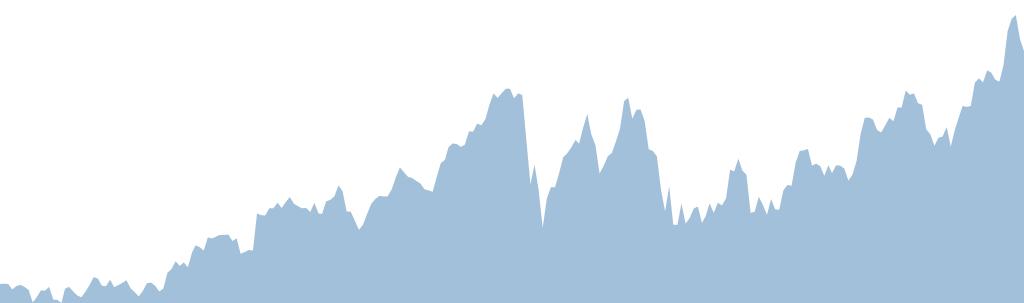
Facebook

FB



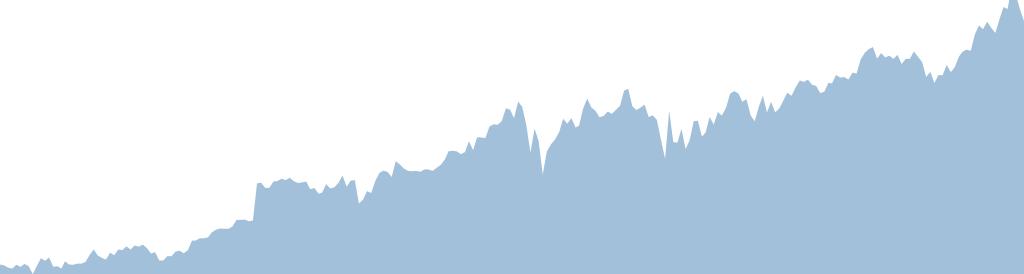
Alphabet

GOOG



Microsoft

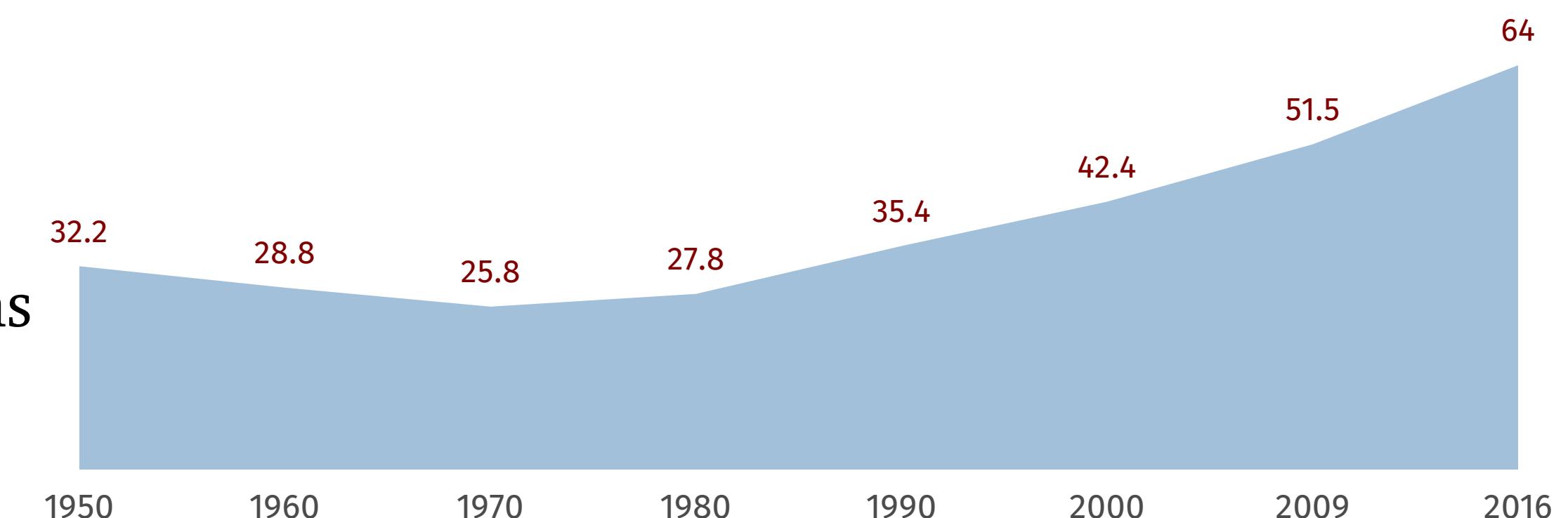
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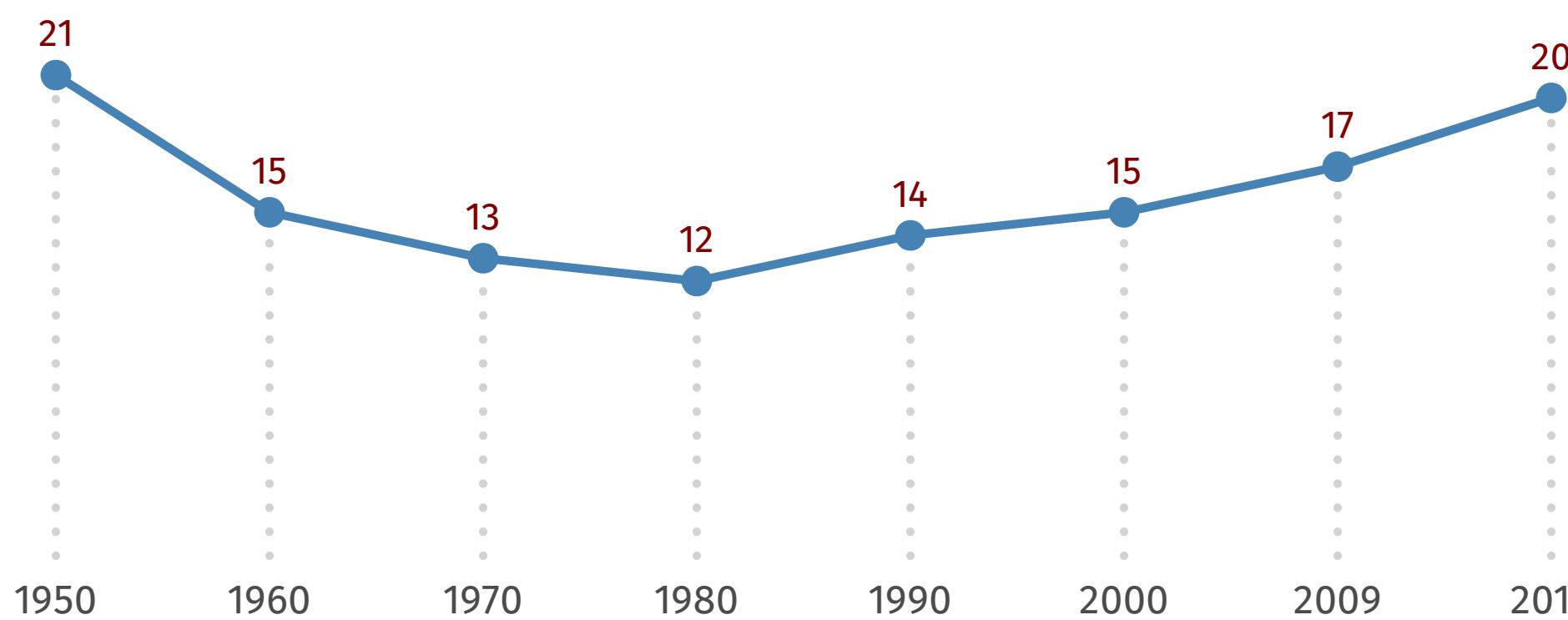
# A record 64 million Americans live in multigenerational households

The number and share of Americans living in multi-generational family households have continued to rise, despite improvements in the U.S. economy since the Great Recession. In 2016, a record 64 million people, or 20% of the U.S. population, lived with multiple generations under one roof, according to a new Pew Research Center analysis of census data.

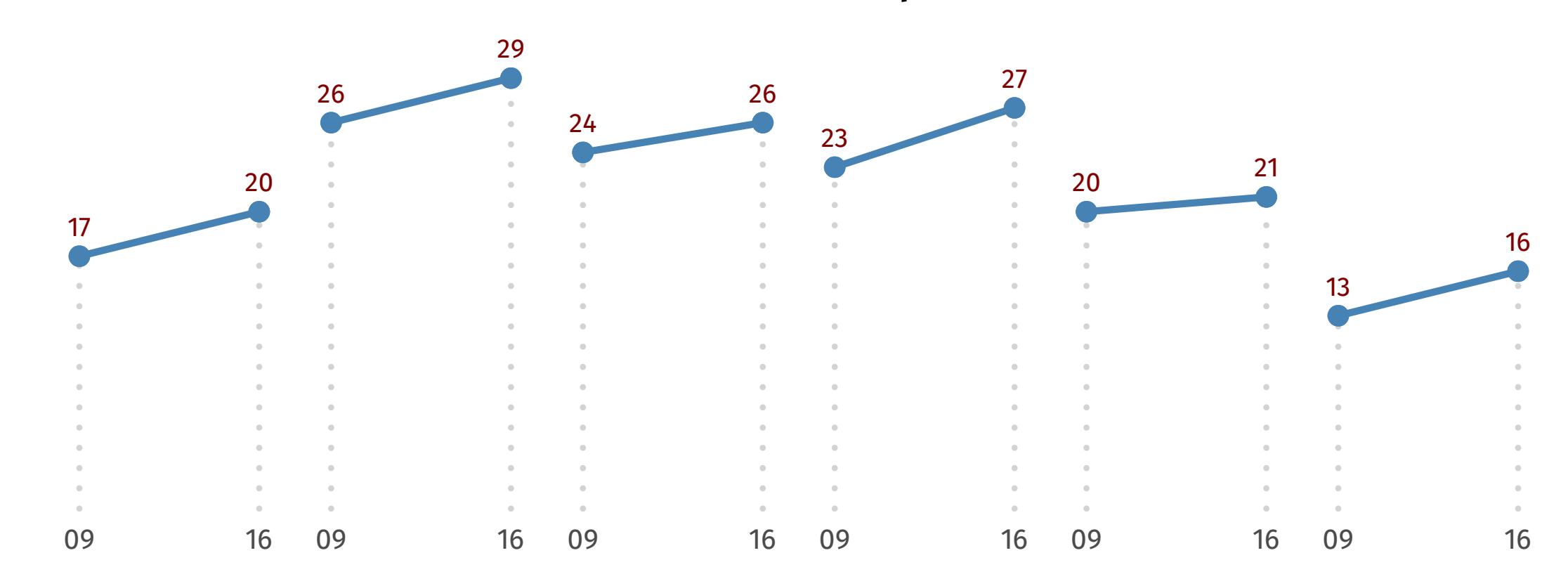
Multigenerational households (millions)



% of Americans in multigenerational households



Total      Asian      Black      Hispanic      Other      White



# What is it about Go?

f m t

func

io.Writer

io.Reader

net/http

encoding/xml

encoding/json

encoding/csv

cgo

# The Community

From: Russ Cox  
Subject: Re: [go-nuts] Visualizing Random Number Generators...  
Date: March 5, 2010 1:14:44 EST  
To: ajstarks <ajstarks@gmail.com>

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are you going to share the library  
or just tease us with pictures? ;-)

Thompson wanted to create a comfortable computing environment constructed according to his own design, using whatever means were available.

Dennis M. Ritchie, “The Development of the C Language”

Go is not the product of a Whiggish development process. We were just trying to get something that worked for us.

Rob Pike, “Origin of Go’s interface design”, golang-nuts

# Making Tools

# Fun

Reducing the distance from  
the idea to the picture



Picasso



Turing

# Thank you



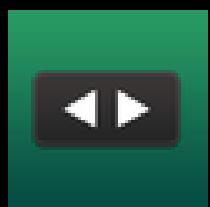
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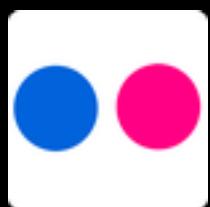
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