Welcome

Advanced Go

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Prerequisites

- Comfortable with basic concepts of Go
 - Variables, loops, logic, and concurrency mechanisms
- Familiarity with the most common parts of standard library
 - fmt, strings, errors, etc.
- Comfortable navigating standard library and adopting new parts of it

Objectives

- Reinforce your understanding of Go
- Explore best practices for solving many common problems
- Understand common gotchas with Go and how to avoid them
- Expand your understanding of the Go toolchain
- Use collaboration and code review to confirm your understanding

Administrative Issues

- Class time
- Breaks
- Lunch
- If you need to step away
 - Phone calls
 - Work emergencies
 - Family

Agenda

- Language review
- Generics
- Applied Go Best Practices and Gotchas
- Modules
- Advanced error management
- Testing and profiling (including Fuzz tests!)
- Code generation
- Concurrency patterns
- The template subsystem

Course structure

Section 1

Section 2

Section 3

Section ...

Course structure



- ☐Your name
- □Current role and time as a developer
- ☐ Things you are especially interested in learning this week
- □ Hobbies

Hello



Michael VanSickle with DevelopIntelligence, a Pluralsight Company.

About me...

- 20+ years of development experience
- 15+ years of training experience
- Live in Ohio with my wife, 2 daughters, 2 mouthy cats, and one very quiet Leopard gecko
- Hobbies
 - Exercise
 - Volunteering
 - Exploring the local parks
 - Binging Critical Role

Language Review

The Basics

Language Review

flag Package log Package Concurrency Contexts

Topical Demos

In this lab, you will be finishing the implementation of an asynchronous logging service. This service is intended to receive HTTP messages and write the request body's content out to a log file. You have been provided with the API and partial implementation of many functions and methods. Your goal is to finish the logging service and discuss design decisions that you made.



Applied Go: Best Practices

Interfaces

Outline

Using interfaces

Interface design

Using Interfaces

Topical Demos

Interfaces

```
type Encoder interface {
    Encode(in string) ([]byte, error)
}
type JSONEnc struct {}
func (j *JSONEnc) Encode(s string)
    ([]byte, error) {
    return json.Marshal(s)
}

var enc Encoder
enc = JSONEnc{}
    // fails
enc = &JSONEnc{}
    // works
```

declare interface

Implement interface

Method sets don't match Correct method set

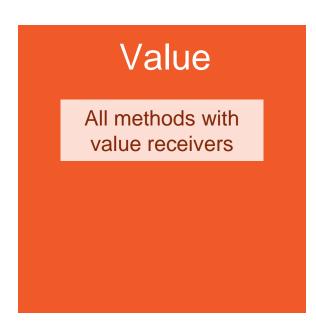
Method sets

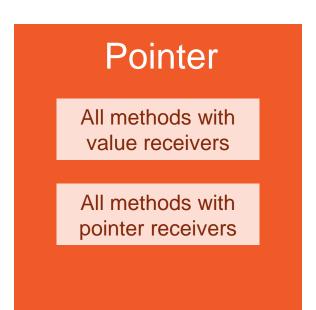
```
func NewJSONEncoder()
Encoder{
    return JSONEnc{}
}
```

```
func NewJSONEncoder() Encoder{
  return &JSONEnc{}
}
```

Which is correct and why?

Method sets







Designing Interfaces

Designing Interfaces

- Small interfaces are generally better
- Single method interfaces should be named with name plus "er"
 - String() -> Stringer interface
- Compose interfaces when needed
- Design packages to receive interfaces and return concrete types
 - More on this in a bit!

Topical Demos

Designing: Interfaces

Interfaces

```
type Encoder interface {
  Encode(reader io.Reader)
  []byte
type Decoder interface {
  Decode(
      target interface{},
      writer io.Writer
type EncoderDecoder interface {
  Encoder
  Decoder
```

declare simple interface

declare second interface

Compose interfaces to model complex behavior

Generics

Topical Demos

Generics

Generics

```
func foo[T any]() { ... }
func bar[T any, S any]() {...}
func baz[T any](in T) T {
  return in
fmt.Printf("%T", baz(3))
                            // int
fmt.Printf("%T", baz(true))
       // bool
any
comparable
```

create a function with a generic parameter 'T' can use multiple generic types per function - each generic type must resolve to one type per function call generics maintain type from consumer's perspective matches any type, like interface{} matches types that can be compared

Generics

```
type Addable interface {
  int | float64
}
func add[T Addable](){ ... }

type MyTypeInterface interface {
  Addable | string | io.Reader
}
```

create a type interface

used like other types as generic parameter

type interfaces and regular interfaces can be composed with other types Write a program that contains a generic function that allows all real number types to be added together without type conversions. In order to be as safe as possible, the result should always be returned as a float64

- The real number types are:
 - int, int8, int16, int32, int64, uint, uint8, uint16, uint32, uint64, float32, float64
- Examples:
 - add(3.14, 3) // 6.14
 - add(1, 2) // 3.0



Applied Go: Best Practices Packages

Overview

Package Mechanics

Package-Oriented Design

Package mechanics

Package Design Guidelines

- Use multiple files
- Keep types close
- Organize by responsibility

Naming Packages

Short and clear Lowercase No underscores

Prefer Nouns

Abbreviate judiciously

package utilities

package data_layer

package dl

package time

package json

vague

too long, contains underscores

unclear

clear and concise

clear and concise

Topical Demos

Package: Mechanics

Scoping rules

public struct public field public field package-level field

public function package-level constant

Package-level entities

```
// Package user manages users in our
  app
package user
import "strings"
var currentUsers []*User
const MaxUsers = 100
// GetByID retrieves a copy of the
// user with the provided ID, if
  present.
// The second return value indicates
// if a user was found or not
func GetByID(id int) (User, bool) {}
```

```
package comment package declaration import statement
```

variable constant

API comment

function

Package-Oriented Design

Designing a Package

Provide a clear solution

Single responsibility

Cohesive API

Focus on the consumer

Simple to use

Minimize API

Encapsulate changes

Maximize reusability

Reduce dependencies

Minimize scope

Interface Strategies

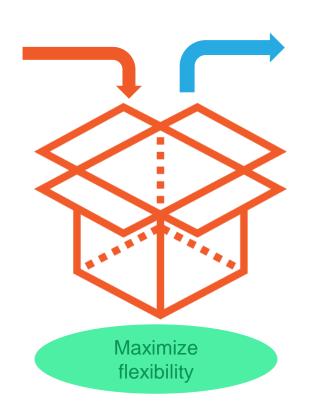
concrete types

configuration

interfaces

behavior

Encapsulate changes



concrete types

configuration and behavior

errors

avoid panics

Avoid abstracting too early

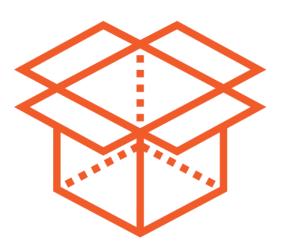
Interface Strategies

concrete types

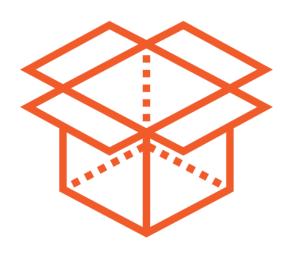
net/http.Request

interfaces

net/http.Handler



Interface Strategies



concrete types

net/http.Response

errors

net/http.Get

Package Design Guidelines

Purpose **Usability Portability**

https://www.ardanlabs.com/blog/2017/02/design-philosophy-on-packaging.html

Package Design Guidelines - Purpose

- Packages must be named with the intent to describe what it provides.
- Packages must not become a dumping ground of disparate concerns.

Package Design Guidelines - Usability

- Packages must be intuitive and simple to use.
- Packages must respect their impact on resources and performance.
- Packages must protect the user's application from cascading changes.
- Packages must prevent the need for type assertions to the concrete.
- Packages must reduce, minimize, and simplify their code bases

Package Design Guidelines - Portability

- Packages must aspire for the highest level of portability.
- Packages must reduce setting policies when it's reasonable and practical.
- Packages must not become a single point of dependency.

The `main.go` file contains a simple RESTful API for a blogging service. Improve the organization of the program using packages. Make sure that packages are created following package-oriented design principles. Please note that the source code will need to be updated to ensure that the application continues to function.



Applied Go: Best Practices

Race Conditions

Race Condition

Condition in which application behavior relies on a sequence of uncontrollable events

Race Condition

```
func main() {
  var msg string
  go func() {
      fmt.Println(msg)
  }()
  go func() {
      msg = "foo"
  }()
  go func() {
      msg = "bar"
  }()
  // wait logic
```

What happens?

Topical Demos

Race: Conditions

Common Causes for Race Conditions

Improperly synchronized access to shared resource

That's pretty much it!

Resolving Race Conditions

Eliminate memory sharing

Protect shared memory with mutexes

Topical Demos

Fixing: Race: Conditions

Applied Go: Best Practices

Channels

Outline

Buffered channels

Balancing producers and consumers

When to avoid channels

Buffered Channels

Channels

Buffered Channels

What is the difference between a buffered and unbuffered channel?

What are some advantages and disadvantages of buffered channels?

What are the alternatives to buffered channels?

Topical Demos

Buffered Channels

Buffered channels

- Improve perf of production bursts
- Free producers from synchronization overhead
- Protect producers when messages might not have an active receiver

- Cannot easily resize buffer
- Extra memory required for buffer, whether used to not

Balancing Producersand Consumers

Topical Demos

Balancing Producers
and Consumers

Balancing Producers and Consumers

- The ideal number of producers and consumers is one
- Increase number of consumers to handle slow consumption
- Increase number of producers to avoid blocking signal sources
 - e.g., Web services that are sending data
- Avoid buffered channels to balance work loads

Beware of synchronization issues!

When to Avoid Channels

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When to Avoid Channels

- Channels are the best concurrency technique to use in Go
- Until they're not!

Topical Demos

Channels

...are good at

- Synchronizing tasks
- Decoupling producers and consumers
- Transferring data ownership
- Distributing workloads
- Communicating async results

..are not so good at

- Synchronizing memory
- Controlling access to shared resource
- Code with extremely high performance requirements

https://tinyurl.com/y25u4les

Applied Go: Gotchas

Memory management

Sharing memory Leaking memory

Leaking Memory

Memory: Management

Topical Demos

Freeing Memory from Maps

```
m := make(map[int]string)
... add a lot of data ...
... delete a lot of data ...
func() {
  mNew := make(map[int]string, len(m))
 for k, v := range m {
      mNew[k] = v
  m = mNew
}()
```

Buffered Channels

```
var ch chan int

func BenchmarkUnbuffered(b *testing.B) {
  for i := 0; i < b.N; i++ {
     ch = make(chan int)
  }
}
func BenchmarkBuffered(b *testing.B) {
  for i := 0; i < b.N; i++ {
     ch = make(chan int, 10)
  }
}</pre>
```

BenchmarkUnbuffered	1143 ns/op	96 B/op
BenchmarkBuffered	1146 ns/op	176 B/op

Sharing Memory

Memory: Management

Topical Demos

Sharing Memory

Using Mutexes to Protect Memory

```
var m sync.Mutex = sync.Mutex{}
var cache map[string]Object = { ... }
func updater() {
  m.Lock()
                                                      // must lock mutex
  <u>before</u> all updates
  defer m.Unlock()
  // update cache
func reader() {
  m.Lock()
                                                      // important to
  lock for read ops too!
  defer m.Unlock()
  // query cache
```

Applied Go: Gotchas

Pointers and Values

Outline

Pointers in Go

Methods

Method Sets

Pointers in Go

Pointers:and::Values

Pointers in Go

Isolation Memory efficiency

Memory Isolation

- Go code isn't generally immutable
- Focus is on isolating effects of mutations

Value types isolate mutations to their current scope

Pointers allow mutations from anywhere

Topical Demo

Pointers in G

Pointers in Go

Isolation Memory efficiency Ensure that efficiency gain justifies loss of isolation!

Methods

Pointers and Values

Methods

Value receivers Pointer receivers

Topical Demos

Method Receivers

Value Receiver

- Copies variable with each call
- Isolates variable from method's mutations
- Performance impact (normally small)
- Memory impact (normally small)

Pointer Receiver

- Copies pointer to variable with each call
- Allows variable to by mutated by method
- Very performant
- Very memory efficient

Method Sets

Pointers and Values

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Method sets

Values

All methods with value receiver types

Pointers

 All methods, regardless of receiver type

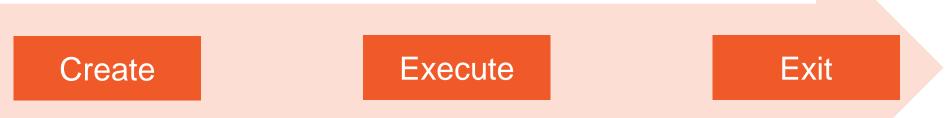
https://www.ardanlabs.com/blog/2017/07/interface-semantics.html

Applied Go: Gotchas

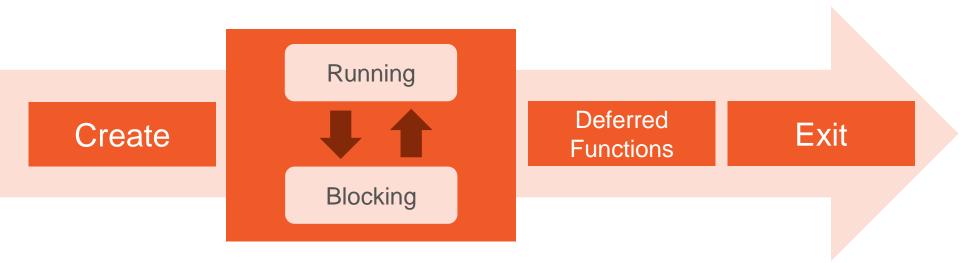
Goroutines

Outline

Lifecycle of Goroutine Guidelines



Create Exit



Create

| Running | Sleeping, system calls, etc | Queuing | Executing |
| Deferred | Functions | Exit |
| Exit | Company | Com

Guidelines

Guidelines

Goroutines are cheap – use them!

Know how a goroutine will stop when you start it

Use channels to communicate between goroutines

Use sync.WaitGroup to synchronize completion of tasks*

In this lab, you will complete an application that is performing an ETL (extract, transform, and load) operation. The application's goal is to process a data extract from the [NOAA Local Climatological Database (LCD)](https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/cdoweb/datatools/lcd) and generate a report indicating the minimum, maximum, and average temperature for each day in the dataset. In order to maximize processing speed, this application will perform its calculations using multiple goroutines.

Goroutine Lab – ETL Processing File processCSV Single goroutine createRecords 10 goroutines, round robin distribution processRecords Single goroutine processDay One goroutine per day. Distribution based on Record's day main

Goroutine Lab – ETL Processing

File

 Raw data in CSV Format

processCSV

- Single goroutine
- Spawn createRecords goroutines
- Pass each CSV record to createRecord goroutine via "recordCh" channel
- If error encountered with a record, send error to errorCh and ignore that record

createRecords

- Receive CSV record from "in" channel
- Convert CSV record to Record object
- Send record to "out" channel
- If error generated, send to errCh and abort creation of that Record

Goroutine Lab – ETL Processing

createRecords

- Receive CSV record from "in" channel
- Convert CSV record to Record object
- Send record to "out" channel
- If error generated, send to errCh and abort creation of that Record

processRecords

- Receive Record
- For each day, spawn a processDay goroutine and matching channel to analyze each day as separate task
- Send Records to correct processDay goroutine, based on date of measurement

processDay

- Receive all Records for a given day
- Calculate statistics
- Send results to "out" channel

main

- Accumulate
 Results as the
 are generated
- Sort Results in chronological order
- Print report

Goroutine Lab – ETL Processing

File processCSV createRecords processRecords processDay · Raw data in Single Receive CSV Receive all Receive Record Accumulate **CSV Format** record from "in" Results as the goroutine Records for a For each day, Spawn channel given day are generated spawn a createRecords Convert CSV Calculate · Sort Results in processDay record to statistics chronological goroutines goroutine and Pass each CSV Record object matching Send results to order channel to record to Send record to "out" channel Print report analyze each "out" channel createRecord day as separate goroutine via • If error task "recordCh" generated, channel Send Records send to errCh to correct • If error and abort processDay encountered creation of that goroutine, with a record. Record based on date send error to errorCh and measurement ignore that record

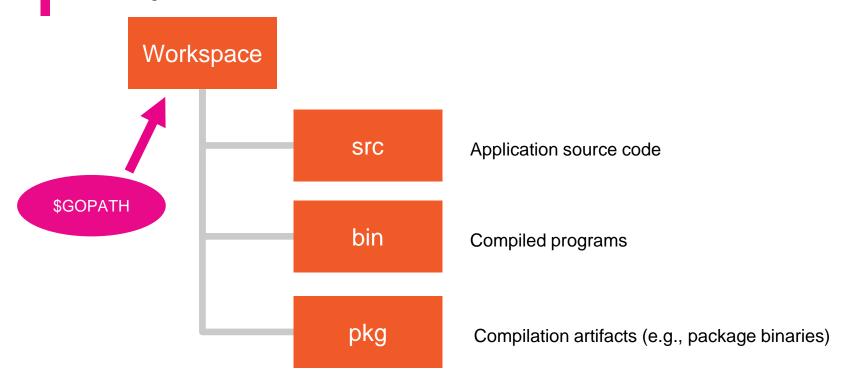
Modules

Outline

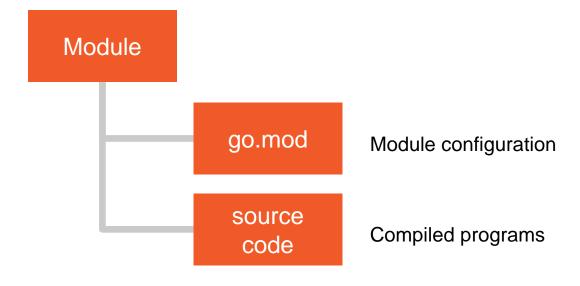
Goals and Overview Standard workflows Versioning **Identifying Conflicts**

Goals and Overview

Workspaces: Pre-cursor to Modules



Modules



Goals of Module System

Keep what works well with workspaces

Address weaknesses

Goal: Keep What Works Well

Simplify build process

Retrieve dependencies

Share projects*

Goal: Address Weaknesses

Versioning and API stability

Vendoring and reproducible builds

Overview of Modules

One or more related packages

Configured via go.mod file

Version controlled

Strict semantic versioning

Dependent libraries kept in cache

Integrity checks via checksums

Standard Workflows

Topical Demos

Standard: Workflows

Common commands

```
go mod init

go get

go list -m

go mod verify

go mod tidy
```

Initialize a new module

Retrieve a module as a dependency

List module dependencies

Verify module integrity

Remove unused depedencies

Versioning

Versioning

Semantic versioning

Changing major versions

Module queries

Semantic Versioning

Modules :: Versioning

Semantic Versioning

v1.5.3-pre1

Semantic Versioning

v1.5.3-pre1

- Version prefix (required)
- Major revision (likely to break backward compatibility)
- Minor revision (new features, doesn't break BC)
- Patch (bug fixes, no new features, and doesn't break BC)
- Pre-release of new version, if applicable (text is arbitrary)

https://semver.org

Changing Major Versions

Modules -: Versioning

Topical Demos

Module Queries

Modules :: Versioning

Module Queries

```
go get github.com/gorilla/mux
go get github.com/gorilla/mux@latest
go get github.com/gorilla/mux@v1.6.2
go get github.com/gorilla/mux/v2@v2
go get github.com/gorilla/mux@main
go get
  github.com/gorilla/mux@<v1.6.2
go get
  github.com/gorilla/mux@>v1.6.2
```

Retrieve latest published version

Retrieve latest published version

Retrieve specific version

Retrieve specific version beyond v1

Retrieve main branch (might be master!)

Retrieve most recent version before 1.6.2

Retrieve first version after 1.6.2

Identifying Conflicts

Topical Demos

Identifying Conflicts

Identifying Conflicts

```
go mod why -m
go mod graph
go mod edit
go mod edit -replace=old=new
go mod edit -
  exclude=path@version
go mod edit -
  require=path@version
```

Why a module is included

Print module tree in module / requirement pairs

Edit the go.mod file programmatically

Replace module with another one

Exclude module from build

Include module in build (similar to go get ...)

Error Management

Outline

Wrapping and unwrapping errors

Error groups

Wrapping and Unwrapping Errors

Error Management

Topical Demos

Unwrapping Errors

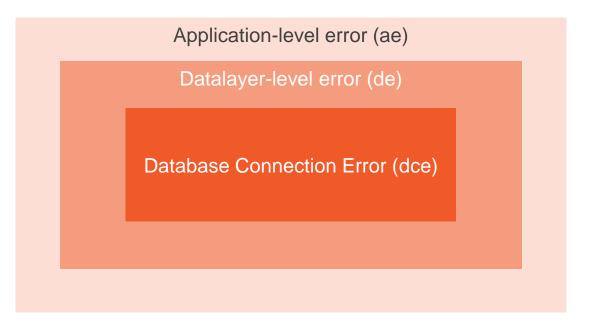
Errors

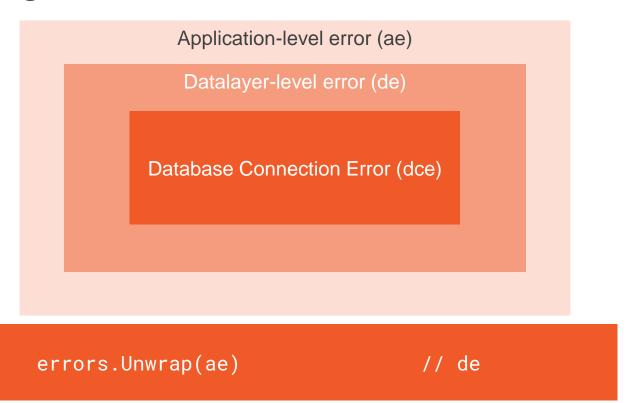
```
firstErr := errors.New("error
  value")

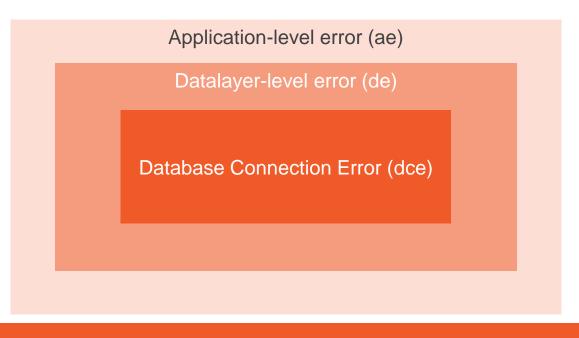
secondErr := fmt.Errorf("foo
  %w bar", firstErr)
```

Create new error

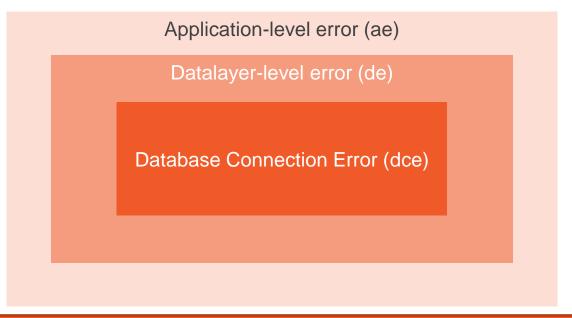
Wrap existing error







errors.Is(ae, dce) // true



Wrapping and Unwrapping Errors

Do

- Wrap errors when passing package boundaries
- Return predefined errors and test for them with errors. Is
- Create custom error types to add additional information

Don't

- Pass errors along without adding context
- Ignore errors
- Panic in a library package

Error Groups

Error: Management

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Error Groups

```
go get
  golang.org/x/sync/errgroup
g := new(errgroup.Group)
g.Go(f func() error)
err := g.Wait()
g, newCtx :=
  errgroup.WithContext(ctx)
```

Retrieve the errgroup package

Create a new error group

Add a function to the group

Wait for all goroutines to finish

Create group with derived context

Context canceled with non-nil error
returned by a goroutine or Wait()
returns

Testing

Outline

Review types

Including Fuzz Tests

Table-driven tests

Testing web services

Review Test Types

Testing

```
foo_test.go
package foo
package foo_test
func TestFoo(t *testing.T) {}
go test
go test {pkg1} {pkg2}
go test ./...
```

Test file name

Package declaration for white-box testing

Package declaration for black-box testing

Test function name

Run tests in current package

Run tests for specified packages

Run tests for current package and descendants

Reporting test failures

Non-immediate failures

- t.Fail()
- t.Error(...interface{})
- t.Errorf(string, ...interface{})

Immediate failures

- t.FailNow()
- t.Fatal(...interface{})
- t.Fatalf(string, ...interface{})

Benchmark tests

```
func BenchmarkFoo(b *testing.B)
    setup code
  b.StartTimer()
  for i := 0; i < b.N; i++ {
  b.StopTimer()
  // tear down code
go test -bench .
go test -bench . -benchtime 1m
```

Benchmark test signature

Start benchmark timer
Run benchmarked iterations

Stop benchmark timer

Include benchmark tests in test run

Tune b.N to run tests for approx. 1 minute

Example tests

```
func ExampleFoo() {
  fmt.Println("Hello,")
  fmt.Println("World")
  // Output:
  // Hello,
  // World
func Example{FunctionName}
func Example{TypeName}
func Example{Type + Method}
func Example{*}_suffix
godoc
```

Example test signature

Start describing expected output to stdout

Example for function
Example for type
Example for type's method
Description of example test

Tool to view documentation, including examples golang.org/x/tools/cmd/godoc

Fuzz tests

```
func FuzzFoo(f *testing.F) {
  f.Add(...args)
  f.Fuzz(func(t *testing.T, ...args) {
           arrange
           act
           assert
go test -fuzz=regexp
```

Prefix test with "Fuzz"

Add arguments in order they should be passed to fuzz test

- string, []byte
- int, int8, int16, int32, int64
- uint, uint8, uint16, uint32, uint64
- float32, float64
- bool

One and only one f.Fuzz per test

- Tests run in parallel don't test shared memory!
- Arguments controlled by fuzzing engine
- Assertions typically made against arguments

Run fuzz tests matching regular expression Failed tests stored in ./testdata/fuzz/{FuzzTestName}

Table-driven Tests

Table-driven: Tests

Testing Web Services

Testing: Web: Services

Profiling

Outline

Code coverage reports

Profiling programs

Profiling web services

Code Coverage Reports

Code Coverage

Code Coverage Reports

```
go test -cover
go test -coverprofile
  cover.out

go tool cover

go test -coverprofile
  cover.out
  -covermode count
```

Run tests with basic coverage stats

Generate coverage report to cover.out

Analyze coverage report

Set cover mode set – is statement executed

count – execution count

atomic – execution count (threadsafe)

Profiling Programs

Profiling Programs

Profiling

```
go test -{profiletype} {dest}
go test ... -
    {profiletype}Rate {num}
go tool pprof myprofile.out
go tool pprof -http
    localhost:3000 prf.out
```

http://graphviz.org/

Run test with profile type

Set profiling rate

Analyze profile with pprof

Explore profile with local web server

Profiling Options

blockprofile memprofile cpuprofile mutexprofile trace

Profiling Web Services

Profiling: Programs

Profiling

```
import _ "net/http/pprof"
```

Code Generation

Code Generation

Code Generation

```
go generate
//go:generate {command}
  {argument...}
$GOARCH // execution architecture
$G00S
                 // execution
  operating system
$GOFILE // base name of file
$GOLINE // line containing directive
$GOPACKAGE
                 // package
  containing $GOFILE
$DOLLAR // literal dollar sign ($)
       // used for var expansion
```

Command to initiate code generation

Code generation directive

Preset environment variables

Templates

Outline

Creating and compiling Data pipelines Control flow **Functions**

Creating and Compiling

Creating and Compiling

Creating and Compiling Templates

```
t := template.New({name})

template.Must

t, err :=
   {template}.Parse({text})

err :=
   {template}.Execute({w},
   {data})
```

Create a new template named 'name'

Compile template, panic on error

Compile 'text' as template's body

Generate template's output and send to writer, 'w'. Execution done with data context 'data'

Data Pipelines

Data Pipelines

```
type Context struct {
   Title string
  ImageURL string
}
// t defined previously
err := t.Execute(w, Context{
   Title: "The Title",
   ImageURL: "https://...",
  })
```

Pass data into template

Data Pipelines

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <title>{{.Title}}</title>
</head>
<body>
  <img src="{{.ImageURL}}"/>
</body>
</html>
      type Context struct {
              Title
                       string
              ImageURL string
```

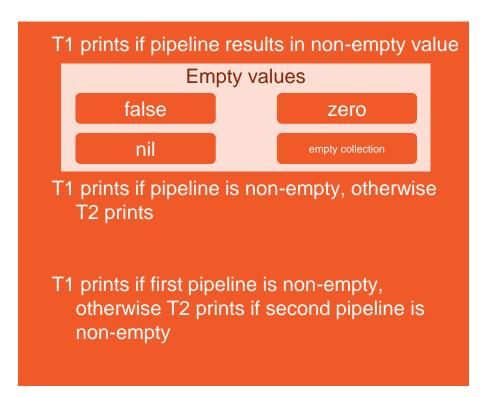
Retrieve property from context

Control Flow

Control Flow

If Blocks

```
{{if pipeline}}
{{end}}
{{if pipeline}}
{{else}}
{{end}}
{{if pipeline}}
{{else if pipeline}}
{{end}}
```



Logical Operators

eq / ne It / gt le / ge and not or

All arguments are evaluated!

Range Blocks

```
{{range pipeline}}
  T1
{{end}}

{{range pipeline}}
    T1
{{else}}
    T2
{{end}}
```

Pipeline must be array, slice, map or channel
Data context of T1 is the current collection item

T1 executed if pipeline is non-empty, otherwise T2 is executed

Functions

Functions

```
{{.Title}}

{{template "content"}}

type Data struct {}
func (d Data) SayMsg(m string)
   string {
   return m
}

{{.SayMsg "Hello World!"}}
```

Data command

Function with one argument

Method with one argument

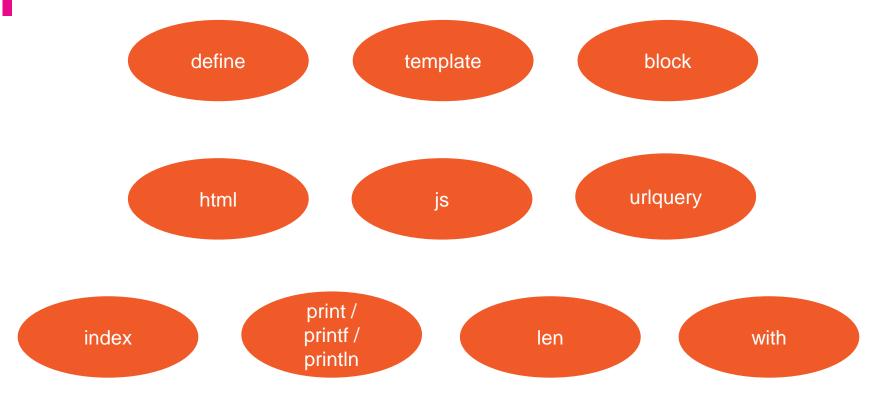
Pipelines

```
{{ command1 command2 | command3 }}
```

Pipe operator

Pass result of previous command as last argument of next command

Built-in Functions



Custom: Eunctions

Custom Functions

```
template.Funcs(funcMap FuncMap) *Template
type FuncMap map[string]interface{}
template.New("").Funcs(funcMap).Parse(...)
```

Acceptable values

Function that returns a single value

Function that returns a single value and an error type

Concurrency Patterns

Concurrency: Patterns

Reflection

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THANK YOU