

# Go - Race condition

Suppose this Go program:

```
package main

import (
    "fmt"
    "time"
)

func rest(number *int, with int) {
    time.Sleep(500 * time.Microsecond)
    *number = (*number) - with
    fmt.Printf("Current value after rest %d: %d\n", with, *number)
}

func sum(number *int, with int) {
    time.Sleep(500 * time.Microsecond)
    *number = (*number) + with
    fmt.Printf("Current value after sum %d: %d\n", with, *number)
}

func main() {
    initialNumber := 100
    fmt.Printf("Initial number: %d\n", initialNumber)
    go rest(&initialNumber, 2)
    go sum(&initialNumber, 5)

    var exit string
    fmt.Scan(&exit)
}
```

Notice that I have added a sleep at the beginning of the two goroutines to force an async state.

Here we have two possible overlapping, both with this initial conditions:

```
initialNumber := 100
```

## What's race condition

The race condition happens when a thread depends in some manner of another thread. And because the time and order of execution of the thread's code in a CPU isn't deterministic we could get different results executing the same code.

In the code above, we have a code that can give us different results, why? It's because we have a race condition. We share a pointer that could be modified by two goroutines in a non-deterministic time.

Let me explain that with these examples:

### Overlap #1

<code>rest(*initialValue, 2)</code>	<code>sum(*initialValue, 5)</code>
<code>100 - 2 , prints (98)</code>	
	<code>98 + 5, prints (103)</code>

In this first case, the code is executed as we written it. So first the `rest` of 2 is executed then the value of the pointer to `initialNumber` changed to 98, then we add 5 to the value and the result is 103.

### Overlap #2

<code>rest(*initialValue, 2)</code>	<code>sum(*initialValue, 5)</code>
	<code>100 + 5, prints (105)</code>
<code>105 - 2 , prints (103)</code>	

In this second case the execution is inverse, first we add 5 to the initial value, and after the goroutine `rest 2`. And the result is different from the first one.

We can't determine how it will work in each execution.