Pointers





Pointer

value, & and *

```
func foo(number int) {}
func bar(number *int) {}
```

Parameters in Go are always passed by value, and a copy of the value being passed is made.



golang: pass by copy value

create main.go in folder chapter8-1:

```
func main() {
    amount := 5
    double(amount)
    fmt.Printf("original %v\n", amount)
}

func double(number int) {
    number *= 2
    fmt.Println(number)
}
```



golang: pass by pointer

create main.go in folder chapter8-2:

```
func main() {
    amount := 5
    double(&amount)
    fmt.Printf("original %v\n", amount)
}

func double(number *int) {
    *number *= 2
    fmt.Println(*number)
}
```

When you pass a pointer, the pointer value will be copied and passed.



golang: pass by array value

create main.go in folder chapter8-3:

```
func main() {
    array := [3]int\{1, 2, 3\}
    double(array)
    fmt.Printf("origin addr %p\n", &array)
    fmt.Printf("original %v\n", array)
func double(nums [3]int) {
    fmt.Printf("double addr %p\n", &nums)
    for i := range nums {
        nums[i] *= 2
    fmt.Println(nums)
```



golang: pass by array pointer

create main.go in folder chapter8-4:

```
func main() {
    array := [3]int\{1, 2, 3\}
    double(&array)
    fmt.Printf("origin addr %p\n", &array)
    fmt.Printf("original %v\n", array)
func double(nums *[3]int) {
    fmt_Printf("double addr %p\n", nums)
    fmt_Printf("double value %v\n", *nums)
    for i := range *nums {
        nums[i] *= 2
    fmt.Println(*nums)
```



golang: pass by slice value

create main.go in folder chapter8-5:

```
func main() {
    slice := []int{1, 2, 3}
    double(slice)
    fmt.Printf("origin addr %p\n", slice)
    fmt.Printf("original %v\n", slice)
func double(nums []int) {
    fmt.Printf("double addr %p\n", nums)
    for i := 0; i < len(nums); i++ {
        nums[i] *= 2
    fmt.Println(nums)
```



golang: pass by map value

create main.go in folder chapter8-6:

```
func main() {
    m := map[int]int{1:1, 2:2, 3:3,}
    double(m)
    fmt.Printf("origin addr %p\n", m)
    fmt.Printf("original %v\n", m)
func double(nums map[int]int) {
    fmt.Printf("double addr %p\n", nums)
    for i := range nums {
        nums[i] *= 2
    fmt.Println(nums)
```

