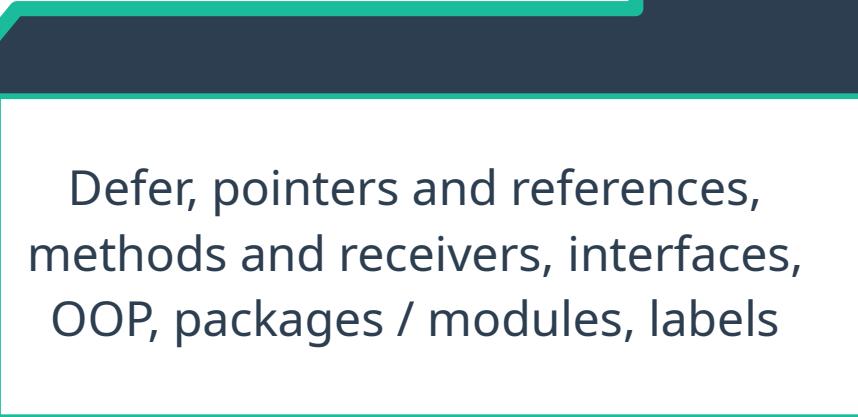


Golang Training 2 - Intermediate, Functional Mindset

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What are we covering today?



Defer, pointers and references,
methods and receivers, interfaces,
OOP, packages / modules, labels

Defer

- What is defer?
- executes a function call when function returns for any¹ reason

```
1 func sayBye() { fmt.Println("Adios!") }
2
3 func main() {
4     defer sayBye() // <-- defer!
5     switch getFirstCliArgInt() {
6     case 0:
7         // Normal execution
8     case 1:
9         panic("Something bad happened!")
10    default:
11        os.Exit(1)
12    }
13 }
```



```
$ ./defer-test 0
Adios!
$ ./defer-test 1
Adios!
panic: Something bad happened!

goroutine 1 [running]:
main.main()
    /home/ccramer-loc/repos/GOLANG_
$ ./defer-test 2
$
```

¹ Except for exiting program with os.Exit(). Terms and conditions apply.

Defer

- **Idiomatic defer → first class functions (more on this later)**

```
1 func main() {
2     defer func() {
3         fmt.Println("Adios!")
4     }()
5     ...
6 }
```

Defer

- Why use? → cleanup code (use with panic in next lesson)

```
1 var logLock sync.Mutex
2
3 func main() {
4     logLock.Lock()
5     defer logLock.Unlock()
6     // Perform action that needs clean up
7 }
```

```
1 func main() {
2     fp, err := os.OpenFile("myFile.txt", os.O_RDWR, 0666)
3     if err != nil {
4         return
5     }
6     defer fp.Close()
7     fp.Read() ...
8     fp.Write() ...
9 }
```

Defer

- Defer call arguments?

```
1 func main() {  
2     x := 5  
3     defer func(num int) {  
4         fmt.Println(num) // 5  
5     }(x)  
6     x = 10  
7     fmt.Println(x) // 10  
8 }
```

```
$ go run .  
10  
5  
$
```

Defer

- Multiple defers?
- Executes in stack / LIFO order

```
1 func printNum(n int) {  
2     println(n)  
3 }  
4  
5 func main() {  
6     for i := range 5 {  
7         defer printNum(i)  
8         printNum(i)  
9     }  
10 }
```

```
$ go run .
```

```
0  
1  
2  
3  
4  
4  
3  
2  
1  
0
```

Defer

- Named return values → able to modify return variables
- Will be helpful for later!

```
1 var seed uint = 478993712093
2
3 func randomIndex(length uint) (idx uint) {
4     defer func() {
5         // Just in case, clamp to safe value
6         idx = max(idx, 0)
7         idx = min(idx, length-1)
8     }()
9     // We don't know about 'rand' package :(
10    seed = (1103515245 * seed) + 12345
11    idx = seed % length
12    return
13 }
```

Pointers and References

- '&' and '*' like C++

```
1 func main() {  
2     var x, y int = 5, 10  
3     var numPtr *int = nil  
4     numPtr = &y  
5     *numPtr += 3  
6     numPtr = &x  
7     fmt.Printf(  
8         "%v\n%v\n%v\n%v\n",  
9         x, y, numPtr, *numPtr  
10    )  
11 }
```

```
$ go run .  
5  
13  
0xc000010100  
5  
$
```

Pointers and References

- Pass by value, pass by reference?
- What types are passed by value, and by reference?
 - By reference → pointers, functions, slice, map, channel
 - By value → arrays, structs, ints, floats, booleans, everything else

```
1 type Foo struct {
2     A int
3     B *int
4 }
5
6 func modify(foo Foo) {
7     foo.A = 100
8     *(foo.B) = 100
9 }
10
11 func main() {
12     num := 42
13     foo := Foo{20, &num}
14     fmt.Printf("{%d %v->%d}\n", foo.A, foo.B, *foo.B)
15     modify(foo)
16     fmt.Printf("{%d %v->%d}\n", foo.A, foo.B, *foo.B)
17 }
18
```

```
$ go run .
{20 0xc000010100->42}
{20 0xc000010100->100}
$
```

Pointers and References

- No pointer arithmetic
- ‘unsafe’ package if you dare
- Automatic dereferencing sugar → `(*x).f === x.f`
 - Most of the time you don’t need to care if using pointer or raw value.

```
1 func modify(foo *Foo) {  
2     foo.A = 100 // no sugar (*foo).A  
3     *(foo.B) = 100 // no sugar *((*foo).B)  
4 }
```

Methods and Receivers

- What are methods? Example
 - And Receivers?
- Why it matters? → Binds the function to the type

```
1 func main() {  
2     toyStory := &Movie{rating: 8}  
3     starWars := &Movie{rating: 7}  
4     fmt.Println(compare1(toyStory, starWars)) // 1  
5     fmt.Println(toyStory.compare2(starWars)) // 1  
6 }
```

```
1 type Movie struct {  
2     rating int  
3 }
```

Goal: compare two movies, return 1, 0, -1

```
1 func compare1(m1, m2 *Movie) int {  
2     switch {  
3         case m1.rating > m2.rating: return 1  
4         case m1.rating == m2.rating: return 0  
5         default: return -1  
6     }  
7 }
```

```
1 func (m1 *Movie) compare2(m2 *Movie) int {  
2     switch {  
3         case m1.rating > m2.rating: return 1  
4         case m1.rating == m2.rating: return 0  
5         default: return -1  
6     }  
7 }
```

Methods and Receivers

- Limitation → can't add methods to external types
- Solution → type “alias”
- Type alias → type `Foo = Bar`
- New type → type `Foo Bar`

```
cannot define new methods on non-local type
int compiler(InvalidRecv)
type int int
int is a signed integer type that is at least 32 bits in size. It is a distinct type,
however, and not an alias for, say, int32.
: int on pkg.go.dev
View Problem (Alt+F8) No quick fixes available
func (a int) doSomething() {
}
}
```

```
1 type MyInt int
2
3 func (a MyInt) doSomething() MyInt {
4     return a + 1
5 }
6
7 func main() {
8     var foo MyInt = 42
9     fmt.Println(foo.doSomething())
10 }
11
```

Methods and Receivers

- Difference between T and *T receivers
- Same thing as pass by value / reference from before
- Limitation → need to choose between T and *T for a single function. (No function overriding/overloading in Golang)

```
func (a MyInt) doSomething() {}  
func (a *MyInt) doSomething() {}
```

./main.go:37:17: method MyInt.doSomething already declared at ./main.go:33:16

Interfaces

- What are interfaces?
- “interface type” → a set of function signatures

```
1 type AudioPlayer interface {  
2     LoadTrack(path string) error  
3     Play() error  
4     Pause() error  
5 }
```

Interfaces

```
1 type AudioPlayer interface {
2     LoadTrack(path string) error
3     Play() error
4     Pause() error
5 }
```

- How to implement / satisfy and interface (implicit vs explicit)
- “interface value” → any value that implements the functions

Java

```
1 class MP3Player {
2     public error LoadTrack(string path) { ... }
3     public error Play() { ... }
4     public error Pause() { ... }
5 }
```

```
1 class MP3Player implements AudioPlayer {
2     public error LoadTrack(string path) { ... }
3     public error Play() { ... }
4     public error Pause() { ... }
5 }
```

Golang

```
1 type MP3Player struct {
2     audioFilePath string
3 }
4
5 func (player *MP3Player) LoadTrack(path string) error { ... }
6 func (player *MP3Player) Play() error { ... }
7 func (player *MP3Player) Pause() error { ... }
```

Interfaces

Let's actually use it now

```
1 type AudioPlayer interface {
2     LoadTrack(path string) error
3     Play() error
4     Pause() error
5 }
6
7 type MP3Player struct {
8     audioFilePath string
9 }
10
11 func (player *MP3Player) LoadTrack(path string) error { ... }
12 func (player *MP3Player) Play() error { ... }
13 func (player *MP3Player) Pause() error { ... }
14
15 func main() {
16     var player AudioPlayer = &MP3Player{
17         player.LoadTrack("/tmp/beatles.mp3")
18         player.Play()
19         player.Pause()
20     }
21 }
```

Interfaces

- **Interface{} / any**
- **What type implements the 0 functions of interface{ }?**
- **Everything satisfies it!**
- **See this a lot when working with 'encoding/json' package**

```
1 func printIt(thing any) {  
2     fmt.Println("%v", thing)  
3 }  
4  
5 func main() {  
6     var str any = "asdf"  
7     var num any = int(42)  
8     var float any = float32(3.14)  
9     var obj any = &MyStruct{}  
10    printIt(str)  
11    printIt(num)  
12    printIt(float)  
13    printIt(obj)  
14 }  
15
```

Type Assertions

- Type assertions → from many to one
- `val.(T)`
- `newVal, ok := val.(T)`
- Why use? Need to satisfy type checker at compile time.

```
1 func main() {
2     var str any = "asdf"
3     {
4         foo, ok := str.(string)
5         fmt.Println(foo, ok) // asdf true
6     }
7     {
8         foo, ok := str.(int) // no panic
9         fmt.Println(foo, ok) // 0 false
10    }
11 }
```

Interfaces

- Interface embedding → combine interfaces together
- Composability → reuse interfaces! Keep them as small as possible.

```
1 type Swimmer interface {  
2     Swim()  
3 }  
4  
5 type Runner interface {  
6     Run()  
7 }  
8  
9 type Athlete interface {  
10    Swimmer  
11    Runner  
12 }
```

Interfaces

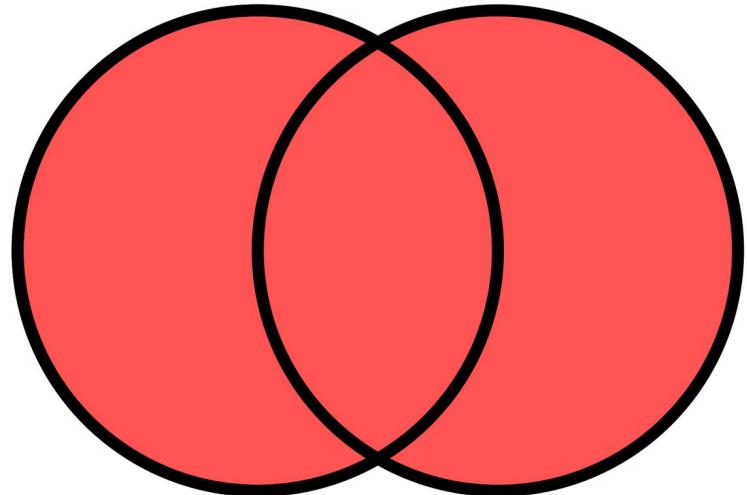
```
1 type NumberMethods interface {  
2     ~int  
3     IsPrime() bool  
4     IsSquare() bool  
5 }
```

- **Approximation constraint $\sim T$**
- $\sim T = \text{all types whose underlying type is } T$
- **Interfaces can have arbitrary types too, not just functions!**
- **Useful to open up internal constraints to external use**
- **WARNING: non “basic” interfaces**

Interfaces

- Union type sets → this or that
- Non-basic interface → need to use in “type constraints”

```
1 type MostlyAnyNumber interface {  
2     ~int | ~float32 | ~float64  
3 }  
4  
5 func add[T MostlyAnyNumber](a, b T) T {  
6     return a + b  
7 }
```



Covering generics later

OOP In Golang

- How do we get polymorphism? Normally with subclasses.

```
1 type ConfigParser interface {  
2     ParseConfigFile(path string) error  
3 }
```

```
1 type ConfigV1 struct {  
2     colorScheme string  
3 }  
4  
5 func (config *ConfigV1) ParseConfigFile(path string) error {  
6     ...  
7 }
```

```
1 type ConfigV2 struct {  
2     colorScheme string  
3     uiDensity    float32  
4 }  
5  
6 func (config *ConfigV2) ParseConfigFile(path string) error {  
7     ...  
8 }
```

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```
1 func doConfigParse(parser ConfigParser, path string) {  
2     if err := parser.ParseConfigFile(path); err != nil {  
3         panic(err)  
4     }  
5 }
```

```
$ go run .;  
Parsing v1  
Parsing v2  
$
```

OOP In Golang

- **Subtype polymorphism**
 - different behavior based on type
 - Interface vs class / subclass
- **Parametric polymorphism**
 - same function used for multiple types → generics (next lesson)
- **Ad-hoc polymorphism in Golang → no function overloading, no operating overloading**
- **Use struct and interface embedding to mimic inheritance of data**

OOP In Golang Example

- **Base class**
 - Data
 - 2 functions
- **Child class**
 - Has base data and functions
 - Modifies base data
 - Overrides 2 parent functions
 - Calls parent function

```
1 class Player:  
2     def __init__(self, maxHP, attack, defense):  
3         self.__maxHP = maxHP  
4         self.__attack = attack  
5         self.__defense = defense  
6         self.__pos = (0, 0)  
7  
8     def attack(self, other: Player):  
9         pass  
10    def move(self, newPos):  
11        pass  
12  
13  
14 class Wizard(Player):  
15     def __init__(self, *args, **kwargs):  
16         super().__init__(*args, **kwargs)  
17         self.__attack *= 0.8  
18  
19     def attack(self, other: Player):  
20         super().attack(other)  
21         pass  
22  
23     def heal(self, target: Player):  
24         pass  
25
```

OOP In Golang Example

Constructor idiom:

```
func NewThing(...) *Thing
```

Functions

```
1 type AttackerI interface {
2     Attack(other PlayerI)
3 }
4
5 type MoveableI interface {
6     Move(newPos []int)
7 }
8
9 type PlayerI interface {
10    AttackerI
11    MoveableI
12 }
```

Data

```
1 type Player struct {
2     MaxHP      int
3     AttackPts int
4     Defense    int
5     Pos        []int
6 }
7
8 type Wizard struct {
9     Player
10    // Wizard extra data...
11 }
```

Constructors

```
1 func NewPlayer(maxHP int, attack int, defense int) *Player {
2     return &Player{
3         MaxHP: maxHP,
4         AttackPts: attack,
5         Defense: defense,
6         Pos: []int{0, 0},
7     }
8 }
9
10 func NewWizard(maxHP int, attack int, defense int) *Wizard {
11     temp := &Wizard{
12         Player: *NewPlayer(maxHP, attack, defense)
13     }
14     temp.AttackPts = int(float64(temp.AttackPts) * 0.8)
15     return temp
16 }
```

Implementation (stub)

```
1 func (p *Player) Attack(other PlayerI) {}
2 func (p *Player) Move(newPost []int) {}
3
4 func (w *Wizard) Attack(other PlayerI) {}
5 func (w *Wizard) Move(newPost []int) {}
```

```
1 func main() {
2     p := NewPlayer(10, 10, 10)
3     w := NewWizard(10, 10, 10)
4
5     p.Attack(w)
6     p.Move([]int{20, 20})
7
8     w.Attack(p)
9     w.Move([]int{20, 20})
10 }
```

Packages / Modules

- **Package → collection of go file in same directory**
- **Module → collection of packages with go.mod file at root**
- **Workspace → work with multiple modules at same time with go.work file**
- **package <packageName> ← must be first line in every file**
- **Public / private things**

```
1 package myMathFuncs
2
3 func Sqrt(n float64) float64
4
5 func secretAlgo(n float64) float64
```

Packages / Modules

<root>/mypkg/stuff.go

```
1 package mypkg
2
3 func ExportedFunc() {}
4 func privateFunc() {}
5
6 type ExportedStruct struct {
7     ExportedMember int
8     privateMember  int
9 }
10 type privateStruct struct{}
11
12 type ExportedInterface interface {
13     Action1()
14     action2()
15     // ^ makes interface un-implementable
16     // by outside world
17 }
18
19 type privateInterface interface {
20     Action3()
21     action4()
22 }
```

<root>/go.mod

```
1 module myModName
2
3 go 1.24.3
```

<root>/usepkg/use.go

```
1 package use
2
3 import (
4     "fmt"
5     "myModName/mypkg"
6 )
7
8 func DoSomething(foo mypkg.ExportedInterface) {}
9
10 type localStruct struct{}
11
12 func (ls *localStruct) Action1() {}
13 func (ls *localStruct) action2() {}
14 // ^ does not satisfy ExportedInterface
15
16 func Run() {
17     mypkg.ExportedFunc()
18     foo := mypkg.ExportedStruct{ExportedMember: 500}
19     fmt.Println(foo)
20     ls := &localStruct{}
21     DoSomething(ls) // error
22 }
```

Packages / Modules

- Circular import? Better than python?

The screenshot shows a code editor with two files open:

File 1 (bob.go):

```
1 package bob
2
3 import (
4     "fmt"
5     "myModName/sally"
6 )
7
8 func PokeBob() {
9     fmt.Println("Bob")
10 }
11
12 func Run() {
13     sally.PokeSally()
14 }
```

File 2 (sally.go):

```
1 package sally
2
3 import (
4     "fmt"
5     "myModName/bob"
6 )
7
```

A tooltip is displayed over the import statement in bob.go:

import cycle not allowed go list
package sally
Follow link (alt + click)
View Problem (Alt+F8) No quick fixes available

The word "sally" in the tooltip is underlined with a red wavy line, indicating it is a misspelling or incorrect reference.

Packages / Modules etc

- **Create module** → `go mod init <module name>`
- **Single file no module** → `go run <file>`
- `func init() {...}` → **called once when package is initialized**
- **Install third party module** → `go get github.com/google/uuid`
 - Automatically updates go.mod
- **Not covered** → **publishing modules, versioning, mod tidy**

Jumping to Labels

- **goto label, break label, continue label**
- **Break to label works with 'for', 'switch', 'select'**
- **Goto label (and Golang rules for goto)**
 - Goto is considered less harmful in Golang
 - CANNOT jump to a place where new variables are in scope
 - CANNOT jump into a scope the 'goto' is not apart of
 - Therefore CANNOT jump outside of function

Jumping to Labels

```
1 var table [][]int = ...
2
3 func main() {
4     outerLoop:
5         for y := 0; y < len(table); y++ {
6             innerLoop:
7                 for x := 0; x < len(table[y]); x++ {
8                     if table[y][x] > 500 {
9                         // skip the rest of the row
10                        break innerLoop
11                     } else if table[y][x] < 0 {
12                         // skip the rest of the table
13                         break outerLoop
14                     }
15                 }
16             }
17 }
```

Practice!

- <https://github.com/calvincramer/golang-training-2>



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Defer

- What is defer?
- executes a function call when function returns for any¹ reason

```
1 func sayBye() { fmt.Println("Adios!") }
2
3 func main() {
4     defer sayBye() // <-- defer!
5     switch getFirstCommandLineArgInt() {
6         case 0:
7             // Normal execution
8         case 1:
9             panic("Something bad happened!")
10        default:
11            os.Exit(1)
12    }
13 }
```

```
$ ./defer-test 0
Adios!
$ ./defer-test 1
Adios!
panic: Something bad happened!
goroutine 1 [running]:
main.main()
    /home/ccramer-loc/repos/GOLANG_
$ ./defer-test 2
$
```

¹ Except for exiting program with os.Exit(). Terms and conditions apply.

Defer

- Idiomatic defer → first class functions (more on this later)

```
1 func main() {
2     defer func() {
3         fmt.Println("Adios!")
4     }()
5     ...
6 }
```

Defer

- Why use? → cleanup code (use with panic in next lesson)

```
1 var logLock sync.Mutex
2
3 func main() {
4     logLock.Lock()
5     defer logLock.Unlock()
6     // Perform action that needs clean up
7 }
```

```
1 func main() {
2     fp, err := os.OpenFile("myFile.txt", os.O_RDWR, 0666)
3     if err != nil {
4         return
5     }
6     defer fp.Close()
7     fp.Read() ...
8     fp.Write() ...
9 }
```

Defer

- Defer call arguments?

```
1 func main() {  
2     x := 5  
3     defer func(num int) {  
4         fmt.Println(num) // 5  
5     }(x)  
6     x = 10  
7     fmt.Println(x) // 10  
8 }
```

```
$ go run .  
10  
5  
$
```

6

Defer

- Multiple defers?
- Executes in stack / LIFO order

```
1 func printNum(n int) {
2     println(n)
3 }
4
5 func main() {
6     for i := range 5 {
7         defer printNum(i)
8         printNum(i)
9     }
10 }
```

```
$ go run .
0
1
2
3
4
4
3
2
1
0
```

Defer

- Named return values → able to modify return variables
- Will be helpful for later!

```
1 var seed uint = 478993712093
2
3 func randomIndex(length uint) (idx uint) {
4     defer func() {
5         // Just in case, clamp to safe value
6         idx = max(idx, 0)
7         idx = min(idx, length-1)
8     }()
9     // We don't know about 'rand' package :(
10    seed = (1103515245 * seed) + 12345
11    idx = seed % length
12    return
13 }
```

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Pointers and References

- '&' and '*' like C++

```
1 func main() {  
2     var x, y int = 5, 10  
3     var numPtr *int = nil  
4     numPtr = &y  
5     *numPtr += 3  
6     numPtr = &x  
7     fmt.Printf(  
8         "%v\n%v\n%v\n%v\n%v\n",  
9         x, y, numPtr, *numPtr  
10    )  
11 }
```

```
$ go run .  
5  
13  
0xc000010100  
5  
$
```

Pointers and References

- Pass by value, pass by reference?
- What types are passed by value, and by reference?
 - By reference → pointers, functions, slice, map, channel
 - By value → arrays, structs, ints, floats, booleans, everything else

```
1 type Foo struct {
2     A int
3     B *int
4 }
5
6 func modify(foo Foo) {
7     foo.A = 100
8     *(foo.B) = 100
9 }
10
11 func main() {
12     num := 42
13     foo := Foo{20, &num}
14     fmt.Printf("{%d %v->%d}\n", foo.A, foo.B, *foo.B)
15     modify(foo)
16     fmt.Printf("{%d %v->%d}\n", foo.A, foo.B, *foo.B)
17 }
18
```

```
$ go run _
{20 0xc000010100->42}
{20 0xc000010100->100}
```

10

Technically everything is pass by value, since pointer addresses are passed by value.

SOME THINGS ARE AUTOMATICALLY PASSED AS POINTERS. SOME THINGS ARE AUTOMATICALLY PASSED AS VALUES (COPIED)

Pointers and References

- No pointer arithmetic
- 'unsafe' package if you dare
- Automatic dereferencing sugar → `(*x).f === x.f`
 - Most of the time you don't need to care if using pointer or raw value.

```
1 func modify(foo *Foo) {  
2     foo.A = 100 // no sugar (*foo).A  
3     *(foo.B) = 100 // no sugar *((*foo).B)  
4 }
```

Methods and Receivers

- What are methods? Example
 - And Receivers?
- Why it matters? → Binds the function to the type

```
1 func main() {  
2     toyStory := &Movie{rating: 8}  
3     starWars := &Movie{rating: 7}  
4     fmt.Println(compare1(toyStory, starWars)) // 1  
5     fmt.Println(toyStory.compare2(starWars)) // 1  
6 }
```

```
1 type Movie struct {  
2     rating int  
3 }
```

Goal: compare two movies, return 1, 0, -1

```
1 func compare1(m1, m2 *Movie) int {  
2     switch {  
3         case m1.rating > m2.rating: return 1  
4         case m1.rating == m2.rating: return 0  
5         default: return -1  
6     }  
7 }
```

```
1 func (m1 *Movie) compare2(m2 *Movie) int {  
2     switch {  
3         case m1.rating > m2.rating: return 1  
4         case m1.rating == m2.rating: return 0  
5         default: return -1  
6     }  
7 }
```

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A method is just a function with a receiver

A receiver is simply the first argument.

Methods and Receivers

- Limitation → can't add methods to external types
- Solution → type "alias"
- Type alias → type Foo = Bar
- New type → type Foo Bar

```
cannot define new methods on non-local type
int compiler[InvalidRecv]
type int int
int is a signed integer type that is at least 32 bits in size. It is a distinct type,
however, and not an alias for, say, int32.
int on pkg.go.dev
View Problem (Alt+F8) No quick fixes available
func (a int) doSomething() {
}
```

```
1 type MyInt int
2
3 func (a MyInt) doSomething() MyInt {
4     return a + 1
5 }
6
7 func main() {
8     var foo MyInt = 42
9     fmt.Println(foo.doSomething())
10 }
11
```

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Methods and Receivers

- Difference between T and *T receivers
- Same thing as pass by value / reference from before
- Limitation → need to choose between T and *T for a single function. (No function overriding/overloading in Golang)

```
func (a MyInt) doSomething() {}  
func (a *MyInt) doSomething() {}
```

```
./main.go:37:17: method MyInt.doSomething already declared at ./main.go:33:16
```

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Recommend to always use pointer receivers,
unless you've got a really good reason
otherwise.

Interfaces

- What are interfaces?
- “interface type” → a set of function signatures

```
1 type AudioPlayer interface {  
2     LoadTrack(path string) error  
3     Play() error  
4     Pause() error  
5 }
```

Interfaces

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```

- How to implement / satisfy and interface (implicit vs explicit)
- “interface value” → any value that implements the functions

Java

```
1 class MP3Player {  
2     public error LoadTrack(string path) { ... }  
3     public error Play() { ... }  
4     public error Pause() { ... }  
5 }
```



```
1 class MP3Player implements AudioPlayer {  
2     public error LoadTrack(string path) { ... }  
3     public error Play() { ... }  
4     public error Pause() { ... }  
5 }
```

Golang

```
1 type MP3Player struct {  
2     audioFilePath string  
3 }  
4  
5 func (player *MP3Player) LoadTrack(path string) error { ... }  
6 func (player *MP3Player) Play() error { ... }  
7 func (player *MP3Player) Pause() error { ... }
```

Interfaces

Let's actually use it now

```
1 type AudioPlayer interface {
2     LoadTrack(path string) error
3     Play() error
4     Pause() error
5 }
6
7 type MP3Player struct {
8     audioFilePath string
9 }
10
11 func (player *MP3Player) LoadTrack(path string) error { ... }
12 func (player *MP3Player) Play() error { ... }
13 func (player *MP3Player) Pause() error { ... }
14
15 func main() {
16     var player AudioPlayer = &MP3Player{}
17     player.LoadTrack("/tmp/beatles.mp3")
18     player.Play()
19     player.Pause()
20 }
21
```

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Interfaces

- **Interface{} / any**
- **What type implements the 0 functions of interface{}?**
- **Everything satisfies it!**
- **See this a lot when working with 'encoding/json' package**

```
1 func printIt(thing any) {  
2     fmt.Println("%v", thing)  
3 }  
4  
5 func main() {  
6     var str any = "asdf"  
7     var num any = int(42)  
8     var float any = float32(3.14)  
9     var obj any = &MyStruct{}  
10    printIt(str)  
11    printIt(num)  
12    printIt(float)  
13    printIt(obj)  
14 }  
15
```

Type Assertions

- Type assertions → from many to one
- `val.(T)`
- `newVal, ok := val.(T)`
- Why use? Need to satisfy type checker at compile time.

```
1 func main() {
2     var str any = "asdf"
3     {
4         foo, ok := str.(string)
5         fmt.Println(foo, ok) // asdf true
6     }
7     {
8         foo, ok := str.(int) // no panic
9         fmt.Println(foo, ok) // 0 false
10    }
11 }
```

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Type assertions check that the value is of type T.
Fails if value is nil!

How does Go know if val is of type T? Usually it means that val implements T interface.
Panic if fails! Or not if accept OK arg.
NewVal will be zero value of type on failure.

Interfaces

- Interface embedding → combine interfaces together
- Composability → reuse interfaces! Keep them as small as possible.

```
1 type Swimmer interface {
2     Swim()
3 }
4
5 type Runner interface {
6     Run()
7 }
8
9 type Athlete interface {
10    Swimmer
11    Runner
12 }
```

Interfaces

```
1 type NumberMethods interface {  
2     ~int  
3     IsPrime() bool  
4     IsSquare() bool  
5 }
```

- Approximation constraint $\sim T$
- $\sim T =$ all types whose underlying type is T
- Interfaces can have arbitrary types too, not just functions!
- Useful to open up internal constraints to external use
- **WARNING:** non “basic” interfaces

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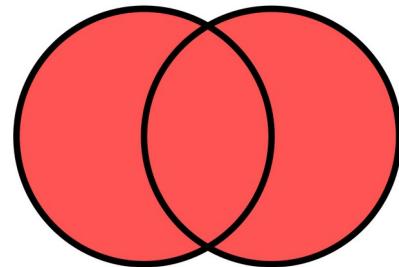
Interfaces are considered “not basic” if they contain something else other than function definitions.

Non-basic interface have RESTRICTIONS. Non-basic interfaces need to be used in type constraints (will see more of this in generics).

Interfaces

- Union type sets → this or that
- Non-basic interface → need to use in “type constraints”

```
1 type MostlyAnyNumber interface {  
2     ~int | ~float32 | ~float64  
3 }  
4  
5 func add[T MostlyAnyNumber](a, b T) T {  
6     return a + b  
7 }
```

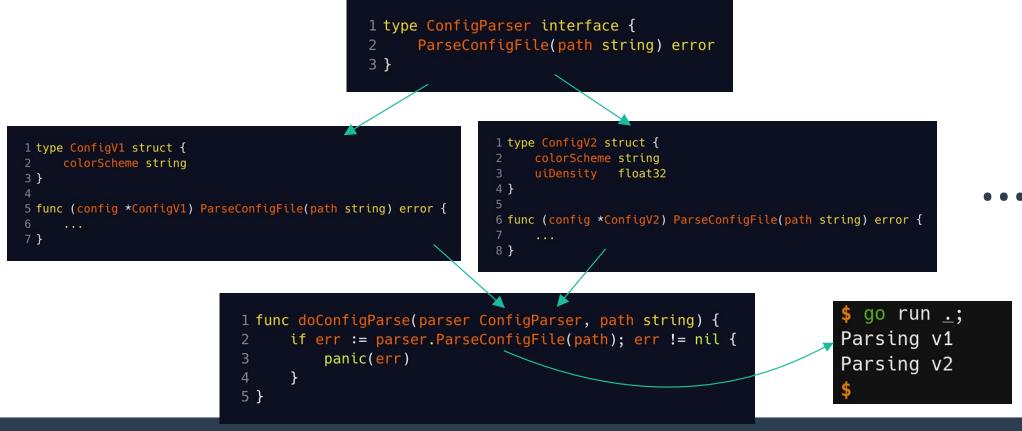


Covering generics later

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OOP In Golang

- How do we get polymorphism? Normally with subclasses.



Achieve polymorphism by using interfaces where underlying type can be anything that satisfies the interface.

OOP In Golang

- **Subtype polymorphism**
 - different behavior based on type
 - Interface vs class / subclass
- **Parametric polymorphism**
 - same function used for multiple types → generics (next lesson)
- **Ad-hoc polymorphism in Golang → no function overloading, no operating overloading**
- **Use struct and interface embedding to mimic inheritance of data**

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Golang achieves polymorphism in different ways.

Golang's polymorphism looks different than class-based polymorphism.

Subtype polymorphism is achieved with interfaces and multiple implementations.

Parametric polymorphism is achieved with generics which we'll cover later.

Use struct and interface embedding to “inherit” data.

OOP In Golang Example

- **Base class**

- Data
- 2 functions

- **Child class**

- Has base data and functions
- Modifies base data
- Overrides 2 parent functions
- Calls parent function

```
1 class Player:
2     def __init__(self, maxHP, attack, defense):
3         self.__maxHP = maxHP
4         self.__attack = attack
5         self.__defense = defense
6         self.__pos = (0, 0)
7
8     def attack(self, other: Player):
9         pass
10
11    def move(self, newPos):
12        pass
13
14
15 class Wizard(Player):
16     def __init__(self, *args, **kwargs):
17         super().__init__(*args, **kwargs)
18         self.__attack *= 0.8
19
20     def attack(self, other: Player):
21         super().attack(other)
22         pass
23
24     def heal(self, target: Player):
25         pass
```

OOP In Golang Example

Constructor idiom:
func NewThing(...) *Thing

Functions	Data	Constructors
<pre>1 type AttackerI interface { 2 Attack(other PlayerI) 3 } 4 5 type MoveableI interface { 6 Move(newPos []int) 7 } 8 9 type PlayerI interface { 10 AttackerI 11 MoveableI 12 }</pre>	<pre>1 type Player struct { 2 MaxHP int 3 AttackPts int 4 Defense int 5 Pos []int 6 } 7 8 type Wizard struct { 9 Player 10 // Wizard extra data... 11 }</pre>	<pre>1 func NewPlayer(maxHP int, attack int, defense int) *Player { 2 return &Player{ 3 MaxHP: maxHP, 4 AttackPts: attack, 5 Defense: defense, 6 Pos: []int{0, 0}, 7 } 8 } 9 10 func NewWizard(maxHP int, attack int, defense int) *Wizard { 11 temp := &Wizard{ 12 Player: *NewPlayer(maxHP, attack, defense), 13 } 14 temp.AttackPts = int(float64(temp.AttackPts) * 0.8) 15 16 } </pre>
Implementation (stub)		
<pre>1 func (p *Player) Attack(other PlayerI) {} 2 func (p *Player) Move(newPost []int) {} 3 4 func (w *Wizard) Attack(other PlayerI) {} 5 func (w *Wizard) Move(newPost []int) {} </pre>		

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Packages / Modules

- **Package** → collection of go file in same directory
- **Module** → collection of packages with go.mod file at root
- **Workspace** → work with multiple modules at same time with go.work file
- **package <packageName>** ← must be first line in every file
- **Public / private things**

```
1 package myMathFuncs  
2  
3 func Sqrt(n float64) float64  
4  
5 func secretAlgo(n float64) float64
```

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Public and private are at the PACKAGE level

Within a package, everything in that package is available to itself.

Public functions, structs, struct fields, interfaces, interface methods START WITH CAPITAL LETTER

Everything else is “private” to the package

Packages / Modules

<root>/mypad/stuff.go

```
1 package mypad
2
3 func ExportedFunc() {}
4 func privateFunc() {}
5
6 type ExportedStruct struct {
7     ExportedMember int
8     privateMember  int
9 }
10 type privateStruct struct{}
11
12 type ExportedInterface interface {
13     Action1()
14     action2()
15     // ^ makes interface un-implementable
16     // by outside world
17 }
18
19 type privateInterface interface {
20     Action3()
21     action4()
22 }
```

<root>/go.mod

```
1 module myModName
2
3 go 1.24.3
```

<root>/usepkg/use.go

```
1 package use
2
3 import (
4     "fmt"
5     "myModName/mypad"
6 )
7
8 func DoSomething(foo mypad.ExportedInterface) {}
9
10 type localStruct struct{}
11
12 func (ls *localStruct) Action1() {}
13 func (ls *localStruct) action2() {}
14 // ^ does not satisfy ExportedInterface
15
16 func Run() {
17     mypad.ExportedFunc()
18     foo := mypad.ExportedStruct{ExportedMember: 500}
19     fmt.Println(foo)
20     ls := &localStruct{}
21     DoSomething(ls) // error
22 }
```

Exported interfaces should always have each function be exported too.

Packages / Modules

- Circular import? Better than python?

The screenshot shows two code files in a code editor. On the left, file `bob.go` contains:

```
1 package bob
2
3 import (
4     "fmt"
5     "myModName/sally"
6 )
7
8 func PokeBob() {
9     fmt.Println("Bob")
10 }
11
12 func Run() {
13     sally.PokeSally()
14 }
```

On the right, file `sally.go` contains:

```
1 package sally
2
3 import (
4     "fmt"
5     "myModName/bob"
6 )
7
```

A tooltip from the IDE indicates a circular import error: "import cycle not allowed go list". The tooltip also includes a "Follow link (alt + click)" option and a message: "ouch that hurts!\"").

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Compile time error! A little better than python

Packages / Modules etc

- **Create module** → `go mod init <module name>`
- **Single file no module** → `go run <file>`
- `func init() {...}` → **called once when package is initialized**
- **Install third party module** → `go get github.com/google/uuid`
 - Automatically updates go.mod
- **Not covered** → **publishing modules, versioning, mod tidy**

Jumping to Labels

- **goto label, break label, continue label**
- **Break to label works with 'for', 'switch', 'select'**
- **Goto label (and Golang rules for goto)**
 - Goto is considered less harmful in Golang
 - **CANNOT** jump to a place where new variables are in scope
 - **CANNOT** jump into a scope the 'goto' is not apart of
 - Therefore **CANNOT** jump outside of function

Jumping to Labels

```
1 var table [][]int = ...
2
3 func main() {
4     outerLoop:
5         for y := 0; y < len(table); y++ {
6             innerLoop:
7                 for x := 0; x < len(table[y]); x++ {
8                     if table[y][x] > 500 {
9                         // skip the rest of the row
10                        break innerLoop
11                     } else if table[y][x] < 0 {
12                         // skip the rest of the table
13                         break outerLoop
14                     }
15                 }
16             }
17 }
```

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Example for break

Practice!

- <https://github.com/calvincramer/golang-training-2>



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