

Cloud Computing Technologies

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Introduction to Go Programming

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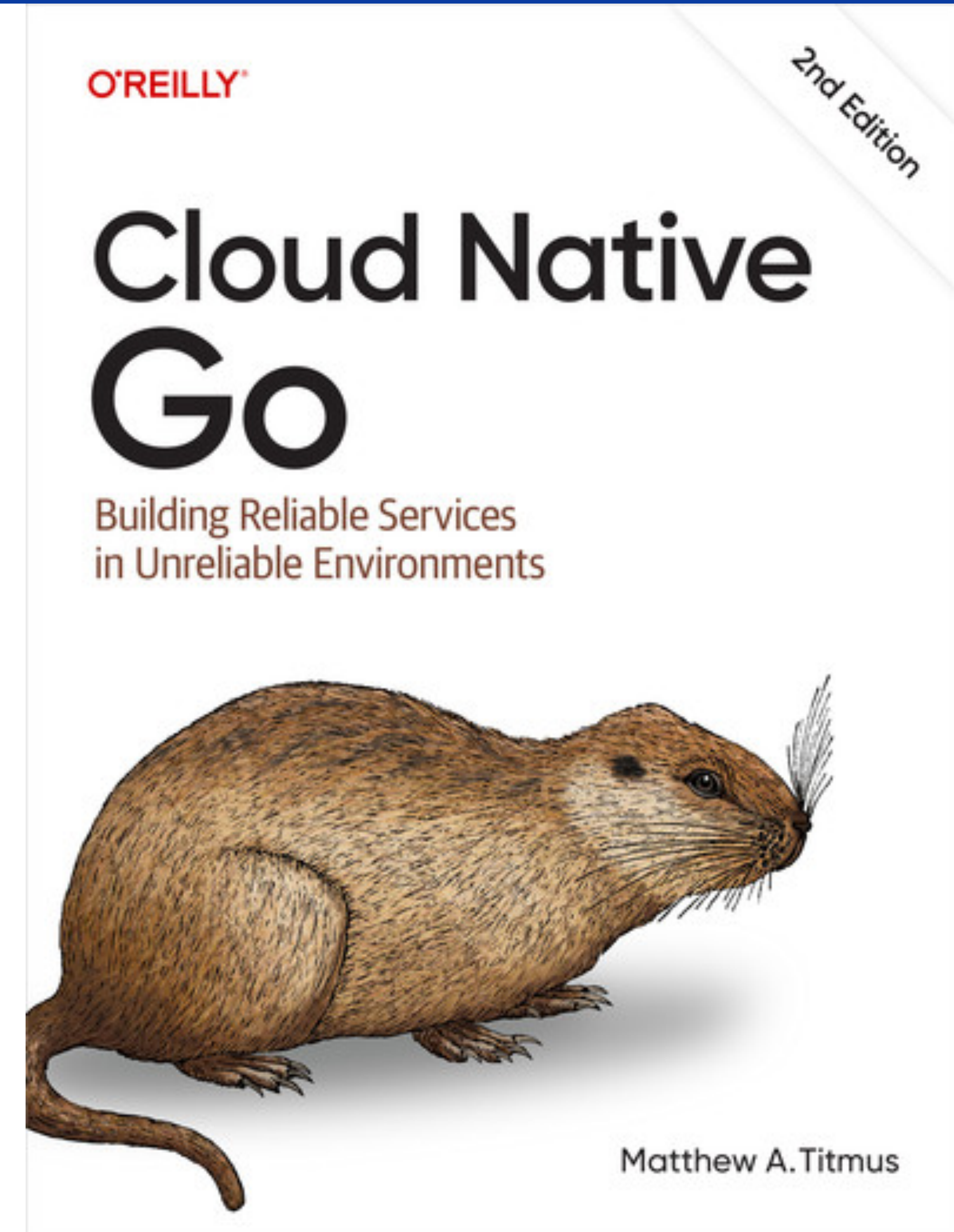
- C
- C++
- Java
- C#
- Go
- Rust
- Zig
- JavaScript / TypeScript
- Python
- PHP
- Perl
- Shell Scripting
- Haskell
- Lisp
- Scala
- Clojure
- Scheme
- Ocaml
- Erlang
- Elixir

Why Go for Cloud Computing?

- Type-safe, yet simple and concise language design
- Compiles to static binaries → easy deployment
- Excellent standard library (net/http, encoding/json)
- Concurrency built-in (goroutines, channels)
- Widely adopted: Docker, Kubernetes, Terraform

- Generics (since Go 1.18) → type-safe collections and generic functions
- First-class testing support (go test, benchmarks, fuzzing)
- Strong cross-compilation support (Linux, macOS, Windows, ARM)
- Large ecosystem of cloud-related libraries
- Backward compatibility → stable for long-term projects

- Recommended if you like books!



Why Go, in General?

- Prepare you for
 - DAT520 Distributed Systems
 - Systems Research
 - Working in companies that doesn't do C#

Go's Tools and Environment

The go command: The Basics

```
$ go run main.go
$ go fmt ./...
$ go test ./...
$ go vet ./...
$ go build
$ go install
$ go doc
$ go doc fmt.Println
```


The go command: Managing Modules and Dependencies

```
$ go mod init github.com/meling/proto2
$ go get github.com/relab/gorums
$ go get -u github.com/google/go-cmp
  go: upgraded github.com/google/go-cmp v0.6.0 => v0.7.0
$ go mod download
$ go mod tidy
```

go help

Go is a tool for managing Go source code.

Usage:

```
go <command> [arguments]
```

The commands are:

bug	start a bug report
build	compile packages and dependencies
clean	remove object files and cached files
doc	show documentation for package or symbol
env	print Go environment information
fix	update packages to use new APIs
fmt	gofmt (reformat) package sources
generate	generate Go files by processing source
get	add dependencies to current module and install them
install	compile and install packages and dependencies
list	list packages or modules
mod	module maintenance
work	workspace maintenance
run	compile and run Go program
telemetry	manage telemetry data and settings
test	test packages
tool	run specified go tool
version	print Go version
vet	report likely mistakes in packages


```

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> pwd
/Users/meling/work/cloud/2025/meling-labs

meling-labs on ʘ main via 🐹 v1.25.0
> go version
go version go1.25.0 darwin/arm64

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> code .

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>

```



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VSCode: Go Extension w/Analysis Tools



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The VS Code Go extension prov

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 menu

🔧 Completions
 Open Menu

Analysis tools – no missing tools
 Update

🔧 No inline suggestion available – Inline suggestions

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☒ Select the tools to install/update.
 6 Selected
OK

- ☒ gopls@latest Language Server from Google
- ☒ gotests@v1.6.0 Generate unit tests
- ☒ impl@v1.4.0 Stubs for interfaces
- ☒ goplay@v1.0.0 The Go playground
- ☒ dlv@latest Go debugger (Delve)
- ☒ staticcheck@latest Linter

PROBLEMS	TERMINAL	OUTPUT	DEBUG CONSOLE	PORTS	GITLENS	GITHD	SPELL CHECKER	Filter
2025-08-19	21:19:33.414	[info]	All tools successfully installed. You are ready to Go. :)					
2025-08-19	21:20:22.913	[info]	Tools environment: GOPATH=/Users/meling/go, GOT00LCHAIN=auto					
2025-08-19	21:20:22.913	[info]	Installing 6 tools at /Users/meling/go/bin					
2025-08-19	21:20:22.913	[info]	gopls					
2025-08-19	21:20:22.913	[info]	gotests					
2025-08-19	21:20:22.913	[info]	impl					
2025-08-19	21:20:22.913	[info]	goplay					
2025-08-19	21:20:22.913	[info]	dlv					
2025-08-19	21:20:22.913	[info]	staticcheck					
2025-08-19	21:20:22.913	[info]						
2025-08-19	21:20:23.449	[info]	Installing golang.org/x/tools/gopls@latest (/Users/meling/go/bin/gopls) SUCCEEDED					
2025-08-19	21:20:23.882	[info]	Try to start language server – installation (enabled: true)					
2025-08-19	21:20:23.942	[info]	Running language server gopls(v0.20.0/go1.25.0)					
2025-08-19	21:20:24.088	[info]	Installing github.com/cweill/gotests/gotests@v1.6.0 (/Users/meling/go/bin/gotests) SUCCEEDED					
2025-08-19	21:20:24.673	[info]	Installing github.com/josharian/impl@v1.4.0 (/Users/meling/go/bin/impl) SUCCEEDED					
2025-08-19	21:20:25.675	[info]	Installing github.com/haya14busa/goplay/cmd/goplay@v1.0.0 (/Users/meling/go/bin/goplay) SUCCEEDED					
2025-08-19	21:20:26.157	[info]	Installing github.com/go-delve/delve/cmd/dlv@latest (/Users/meling/go/bin/dlv) SUCCEEDED					
2025-08-19	21:20:26.519	[info]	Installing honnef.co/go/tools/cmd/staticcheck@latest (/Users/meling/go/bin/staticcheck) SUCCEEDED					
2025-08-19	21:20:26.519	[info]						
2025-08-19	21:20:26.519	[info]	All tools successfully installed. You are ready to Go. :)					

`.vscode/settings.json`

```
{
  "go.useLanguageServer": true,
  "go.coverOnTestPackage": false,
  "go.toolsManagement.autoUpdate": true,
  "gopls": {
    "formatting.gofumpt": true,
    "ui.semanticTokens": true,
    "build.directoryFilters": [
      "-node_modules",
      "-doc"
    ],
    "usePlaceholders": false,
    "staticcheck": true
  },
  "go.lintTool": "golangci-lint",
  "go.lintFlags": [
    "--fast",
    "--errcheck"
  ],
  "go.coverageDecorator": {
    "type": "gutter"
  },
  "git.inputValidation": true,
  "git.inputValidationSubjectLength": 72,
  "git.inputValidationLength": 72,
  "github.copilot.editor.enableCodeActions": false,
  "clang-format.executable": "/opt/homebrew/bin/clang-format",
  "clang-format.style": "{ IndentWidth: 2, BasedOnStyle: google, AlignConsecutiveAssignments: true, ColumnLimit: 120 }",
  "protoc": {
    "compile_on_save": false,
    "options": [
      "--proto_path=${workspaceFolder}",
      "--proto_path=${workspaceRoot}/3net/grpc/proto",
      "--proto_path=${env.GOPATH}/src",
      "--proto_path=`go list -m -f {{.Dir}} google.golang.org/protobuf`"
    ]
  },
  "[proto3]": {
    "editor.defaultFormatter": "zxh404.vscode-protoc"
  },
}
```


Go Please: gopls

```
$ gopls check 3net/web/server.go
```

```
$ gopls references 3net/web/server.go:22:6
```

```
# Remove an import statement using vim before doing:
```

```
$ gopls check 3net/web/server.go
```

```
$ gopls imports
```

```
$ gopls help
```

Linters: golangci-lint

```
$ golangci-lint run
```

```
$ golangci-lint fmt --diff-colored --enable gofmt
```

```
$ golangci-lint run --enable-only godox
```

```
$ golangci-lint run --disable errcheck
```

```
$ golangci-lint linters
```

```
$ golangci-lint formatters
```

```
$ go env
GOARCH='arm64'
GOCACHE='/Users/meling/Library/Caches/go-build'
GOMOD='/Users/meling/work/hotstuff/go.mod'
GOMODCACHE='/Users/meling/go/pkg/mod'
GOS='darwin'
GOPATH='/Users/meling/go'
GOROOT='/opt/homebrew/Cellar/go/1.25.0/libexec'
GOVERSION='go1.25.0'
```


Testing

```
$ go test
```

```
$ go test -v
```

```
$ go test -run TestFibonacci
```

```
$ go test -run TestFibonacci -count=10
```

```
// Package fib provides a function to compute Fibonacci numbers.
package fib

func fibonacci(n uint) uint {
    if n == 0 {
        return 0
    }
    if n == 1 {
        return 1
    }
    return fibonacci(n-1) + fibonacci(n-2)
}
```



```
package fib

import "testing"

run test | debug test
func TestFibonacci(t *testing.T) {
    fibonacciTests := []struct {
        in, want uint
    }{
        {0, 0},
        {1, 1},
        {2, 1},
        {5, 5},
        {20, 6765},
    }
    for _, ft := range fibonacciTests {
        got := fibonacci(ft.in)
        if got != ft.want {
            t.Errorf("fibonacci(%d) = %d, want %d", ft.in, got, ft.want)
        }
    }
}
```

```
package fib_test
```

```
import (
    "testing"

    "dat515/2go/sequence/fib"
)
```

run test | debug test

```
func TestFibonacci(t *testing.T) {
    fibonacciTests := []struct {
        in, want uint
    }{
        {0, 0},
        {1, 1},
        {2, 1},
        {5, 5},
        {20, 6765},
    }
    for _, ft := range fibonacciTests {
        got := fib.Fibonacci(ft.in)
        if got != ft.want {
            t.Errorf("Fibonacci(%d) = %d, want %d", ft.in, got, ft.want)
        }
    }
}
```

Testing: Writing Tests w/Subtests

```
func TestMapKeysNonDeterminism(t *testing.T) {
    failed := false
    // run 20 tests to detect non-deterministic behavior; if any test fails, stop
    for i := 0; i < 20 && !failed; i++ {
        t.Run(fmt.Sprintf("Run-%d", i+1), func(t *testing.T) {
            x := map[string]int{"a": 1, "b": 2}
            got := keys(x)
            want := []string{"a", "b"}
            if diff := cmp.Diff(got, want); diff != "" {
                failed = true
                t.Error("The keys() function does not sort the keys.")
                t.Errorf("keys() mismatch (-got +want):\n%s", diff)
            }
        })
    }
}
```


Questions?