

GO LANGUAGE



Agenda



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Session-01

Installation Setup, Introduction & Basics



INSTALLATION OF GO IN UBUNTU

- ☐ sudo apt-get update
- ☐ sudo apt-get -y upgrade
- □ wget https://dl.google.com/go/go1.13.3.linux-amd64.tar.gz
- □ sudo tar -xvf go1.13.3.linux-amd64.tar.gz
- ☐ sudo mv go /usr/local



SETUP GO ENVIRONMENT

- ☐ You need to set 3 environment variables as GOROOT, GOPATH and PATH
- ☐ **GOROOT** is the location where Go package is installed on your system
- ☐ echo 'export GOROOT=/usr/local/go'>>~/.profile
- ☐ **GOPATH** is the location of your work directory. For example my project directory is \$Home/Projects/Proj1.
- ☐ echo 'export GOPATH=\$HOME/Projects/Proj1'>>~/.profile
- ☐ Now set the **PATH** variable to access go binary system wide.
- ☐ echo 'export PATH=\$GOPATH/bin:\$GOROOT/bin:\$PATH'>>~/.profile
- ☐ source ~/.profile



VERIFY INSTALLATION

To check the version:go version

☐ To verify the configured environment variables:

go env



BASIC STRUCTURE OF GO PROGRAM

It consists of:

- Package Declaration
- ☐ Import Packages
- □ Variables
- ☐ Statements and Expressions
- ☐ Functions
- Comments



EXAMPLE PROGRAM

```
package main
import "fmt"
func main() {
 fmt.Println("Hello, World")
```



HOW TO RUN A PROGRAM

- ☐ We have saved the program as Hello.go.
- ☐ To run the program, open the command prompt and type:

go run Hello.go



DATA TYPES





GO LANGUAGE KEYWORDS

Break	Default	Func	Interface	Select
Case	Defer	Go	Мар	Struct
Chan	Else	Goto	Package	Switch
Const	Fallthrough	If	Range	Туре
continue	For	Import	Return	var



VARIABLES

The general form for declaring a variable uses the keyword var

```
Syntax:-
var identifier type
```

Example:-

var a int var b bool var str string



VARIABLES DECLARATION METHODS

var i int
var s string
i=10
s="hello world"

var i int = 10 var s string ="hello world"

var i = 10 var s ="hello world"



SHORT VARIABLES DECLARATION

☐:= is the short variable assignment operator to declare the variable.

□No need to use the var keyword or declare the variable type while short variable declaration.

□country := "India"



MULTIPLE VARIABLES DECLARATION

Golang allows you to assign values to multiple variables in one line.

Examples:-

Dvar fname, Iname string = "John", "Doe"

 \Box m, n, o := 1, 2, 3

□item, price := "Mobile", 2000



CONSTANTS DECLARATION METHODS

01

Explicit Type

const PRODUCT string = "India"

02

Implicit Type

const PRICE = 500

Multiple Variables

```
const (
PRODUCT = "Mobile"
QUANTITY = 50
PRICE = 50.50
STOCK = true
```



FILES AND FOLDERS

- ☐ The most important package that allows us to manipulate files and directories as entities is the **os** package.
- ☐ The io package has the io.Reader interface to reads and transfers data from a source into a stream of bytes.
- ☐ The **io.Writer** interface reads data from a provided stream of bytes and writes it as output to a target resource.

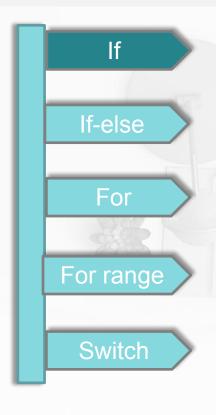






Control Structures & Data Strucutres





```
Syntax:-
if condition {
    // code to be executed
if condition is true
}

Example:-
var s = "Japan"
```

x := true

fmt.Println(s)

if x {

```
Syntax:-
if var declaration; condition {
 // code to be executed if
condition is true
Example:-
if x := 100; x == 100 {
 fmt.Println("Germany")
```





```
Syntax:-
if condition {
 // code to be executed if condition is true
} else {
 // code to be executed if condition is false
Example:-
x := 100
if x == 100 {
 fmt.Println("Japan")
} else {
fmt.Println("Canada")
```

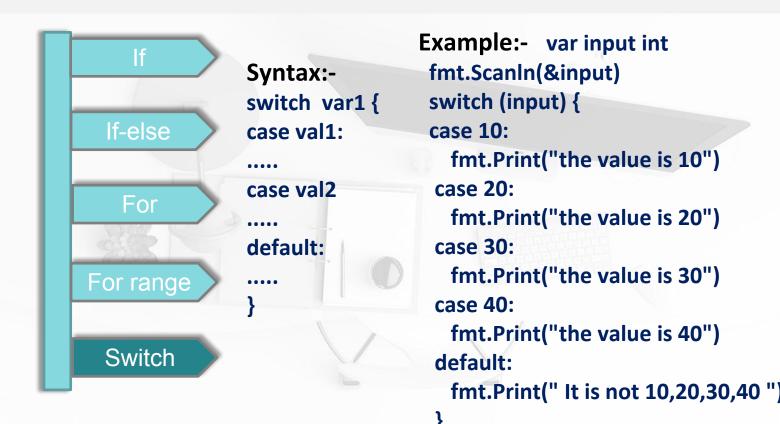


```
Examples:-
                     k := 1
                     for ; k <= 10; k++ {
                      fmt.Println(k)
                     k = 1
                     for k <= 10 {
   For
                      fmt.Println(k)
                      k++
For range
                     for k := 1; ; k++ {
                      fmt.Println(k)
  Switch
                      if k == 10 {
                      break
```



```
Syntax:-
                     for ix, val := range coll { }
                     Example:-
                     nums := []int{2, 3, 4}
   For
                      sum := 0
                      for _, value := range nums {// "_ " is to ignore the index
                        sum += value
For range
                      fmt.Println("sum:", sum)
  Switch
```





ARRAYS

- ☐ In Go, an array is a homogeneous data structure (Fix type) and has a fixed length.
- ☐ The type can be anything like integers, string or self-defined type.
- ☐ Syntax:

var identifier [len]type

Example:

var arr_name [5]int



MULTI DIMENSIONAL ARRAYS

- ☐ Multi dimensional arrays is simply a list of one-dimensional arrays.
- □ Syntax:

```
var arrayName [ x ][ y ] variable_type
```

■ Example:

$$a = [3][4]int$$



INITIALIZING & ACCESSING TWO DIMENSIONAL ARRAYS

```
Initializing Two Dimensional Arrays:-
    a = [2][3]int{
        {2, 4, 6}, /* initializers for row indexed by 0 */
        {8, 10, 12}, /* initializers for row indexed by 1 */
    }
```

☐ Accessing Two Dimesnional Arrays:int val = a[1][2]



EXAMPLE

```
/* an array with 3 rows and 3 columns*/
 var a = [3][3]int{ {1,2,3}, {4,5,6}, {7,8,9}}
 var i, j int
 /* output each array element's value */
 for i = 0; i < 3; i++ {
   for j = 0; j < 3; j++ {
     fmt.Print(a[i][j] )
   fmt.Println()
```



- ☐ In Go, a slice is a flexible and extensible data structure to implement and manage collections of data.
- A slice is a segment of dynamic arrays that can grow and shrink.
- ☐ The only difference between this and an array is the missing length between the brackets. In this case, variable has been created with a length of 0.



```
Syntax:
    var identifier []type
■ Example:
    var slice_name [ ]int
```



- ☐ Slice is a dynamically-sized, segmented view of an underlying array.
- ☐ This segment can be the entire array or a subset of an array.
- ☐ We define the subset of an array by indicating the start and end index.
- ☐ Slices provide a dynamic window onto the underlying array.

Example: odd := [6]int{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12}
 var s []int = odd[1:4]



- ☐ Slice is like reference to an array.
- ☐ Slice does not store any data.
- If we change the elements of an array, it will also modify the underlying array.
- ☐ If other slice is referencing the same underlying array, their value will also be changed.
- ☐ Slice literal is like an array literal without any length.
- In slice, we can omit the lower bond or the upper bonds. Zero is the deference value of the lower or the upper bond.

- ☐ A slice has length and capacity.
- The length is the number of stored elements and the capacity is the number of elements of the underlying array counting from the beginning of the slice.
- ☐ To get the length, we use len(slice) function and to get the capacity, we use cap(slice) function.
- ☐ We can also create slice with the help of make function. The make function creates a zero sized array and returns slice of the array.

Note: Refer slices examples



MAPS

A map is an unordered collection of key-value pairs. Also known as an associative array, a hash table or a dictionary, maps are used to look up a value by its associated key.

```
Syntax:
    var identifier map[string]int
Example1:
    var x map[string]int
    x["key"] = 10
    fmt.Println(x)
```



GO MAP OPERATIONS

- ☐ Update and insert operation are similar in go map.
- If the map does not contain the provided key the insert operation will takes place and if the key is present in the map then update operation takes place.
- ☐ You can delete an element in Go Map using delete() function.

Syntax:

delete(map, key)

Go Map Retrieve Element Syntax: elem = m[key]



GO MAP OF STRUCT

```
In Go, Maps are like struct, but it requires keys
      package main
      import "fmt"
      type Vertex struct {
        Latitude, Longitude float64
      var m = map[string]Vertex{
        "JavaTpoint": Vertex{ 40.68433, -74.39967, },
        "SSS-IT": Vertex{ 37.42202, -122.08408, },
      func main() {
        fmt.Println(m)
```









FUNCTIONS

- A function is a group of statements that exist within a program for the purpose of performing a specific task. At a high level, a function takes an input and returns an output.
- Function allows you to extract commonly used block of code into a single component.
- The single most popular Go function is main(), which is used in every independent Go program.



Example

```
package main
import "fmt"
// SimpleFunction prints a message
func SimpleFunction() {
    fmt.Println("Hello World")
func main() {
    SimpleFunction()
```



Creating a Function

- A declaration begins with the func keyword, followed by the name you want the function to have, a pair of parentheses (), and then a block containing the function's code.
- ☐ The following example has a function with the name **SimpleFunction**.
- \square It takes no parameter and returns no values.



CLOSURE

- ☐ Here, we create an anonymous function which acts as a function closure.
- ☐ A function which has no name is called anonymous function.
- ☐ A closure is a function which refers reference variable from outside its body.
- \square The function may access and assign to the referenced variables.



CLOSURE EXAMPLE

```
package main
import (
 "fmt"
func main() {
 number := 10
   squareNum := func() (int){
   number *= number
   return number
 fmt.Println(squareNum())
 fmt.Println(squareNum())
```



VARIADIC FUNCTIONS

- ☐ A variadic function is a function that accepts a variable number of arguments.
- In Golang, it is possible to pass a varying number of arguments of the same type as referenced in the function signature.
- ☐ To declare a variadic function, the type of the final parameter is preceded by an ellipsis, "...", which shows that the function may be called with any number of arguments of this type.
- ☐ This type of function is useful when you don't know the number of arguments you are passing to the function, the best example is built-in Println function of the fmt package which is a variadic function.



EXAMPLE

☐ In below example, we are going to print s[0] the first and s[3] the forth, argument value passed to variadicExample() function.

```
package main
import "fmt"
func main() {
  variadicExample("red", "blue", "green", "yellow")
func variadicExample(s ...string) {
  fmt.Println(s[0])
  fmt.Println(s[3])
```



ERROR HANDLING IN GO

- Go does not have an exception mechanism like try/catch in Java,
 we cannot throw an exception in Go.
- ☐ Go uses a different mechanism which is known as defer-panic-and-recover mechanism.
- Go handles simple errors for function, methods by returning an error object. The error object may be the only or the last return value. The error object is nil if there is no error in the function.



ERROR HANDLING IN GO

- We should always check the error at the calling statement, if we receive any of it or not.
- □ We should never ignore errors, it may lead to program crashes.
- ☐ The way go detect and report the error condition is:
 - A function which can result in an error returns two variables: a value and an error-code which is nil in case of success, and != nil in case of an error-condition.
 - The error is checked, after the function call. In case of an error (if error!= nil), the execution of the actual function (or if necessary the entire program) is stopped.



ERROR HANDLING IN GO

```
    Go has predefined error interface type:
    type error interface {
    Error() string
    }
```

☐ We can define error type by using error. New from the error package and provide an appropriate error message like:

err := errors.New("math - square root of negative number")



EXAMPLE FOR ERROR HANDLING

```
package main
import "errors"
import "fmt"
import "math"
func Sqrt(value float64) (float64, error) {
 if (value < 0) {
   return 0, errors.New("Math: negative number passed to Sqrt")
 return math.Sqrt(value), nil
```



EXAMPLE CONTINUATION

```
func main() {
  result, err := Sqrt(-64)
 if err != nil {
   fmt.Println(err)
  } else {
   fmt.Println(result)
  result, err = Sqrt(64)
  if err != nil {
   fmt.Println(err)
  } else {
   fmt.Println(result)
```



DEFER

- **Defer** statement defers the execution of a function until the surrounding function returns.
- They are generally used to execute necessary closing statements, for example closing a file after you are done with it.
- ☐ Multiple defers are pushed into stack and executes in Last In First Out (LIFO) order.
- Defer generally used to clean up resources like a file, database connection etc.



PANIC

- Panic is similar to throwing an exception like other languages.
- Generally when a panic is called, then the normal execution flow stops immediately, but the deferred functions are executed normally.
- ☐ It is a built-in function in Golang.



RECOVER

- **D Recover** is another built-in function in go.
- It helps to regain the normal flow of execution after a panic.
- Generally, it used with a defer statement to recover panic in a goroutine.
- ☐ (Refer errors.go program)



POINTERS

- Pointers in Go programming language or Golang is a variable which is used to store the memory address of another variable.
- ☐ You can also pass the pointers to the function like the variables.
- ☐ There are two ways to do this as follows:
 - Create a pointer and simply pass it to the function
 - ✔ Passing an address of the variable



IMPORTANT OPERATORS IN POINTERS

There are two important operators which we will use in pointers i.e.

- *Operator also termed as the dereferencing operator used to declare pointer variable and access the value stored in the address.
- **&Operator** termed as address operator used to returns the address of a variable or to access the address of a variable to a pointer.



DECLARATION & INITIALIZATION OF POINTERS

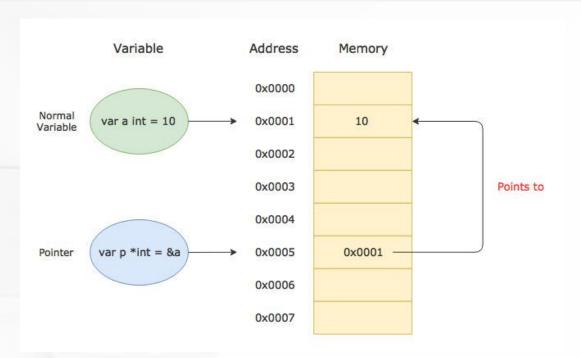
Example:

var a int = 10

var p ***int** = &**a**

fmt.Println(a)

fmt.Println(*p)





EXAMPLE PROGRAM

```
package main
import "fmt"
func main() {
    i, j := 42, 2701
    p := &i // point to i
    fmt.Println(*p) // read i through the pointer
    *p = 21 // set i through the pointer
    fmt.Println(i) // see the new value of i
    p = &j // point to j
    *p = *p / 37 // divide j through the pointer
    fmt.Println(j) // see the new value of j
```



☐ The default value or zero-value of a pointer is always **nil**. Or you can say that an uninitialized pointer will always have a nil value.

```
// taking a pointer
  var s *int

// displaying the result
fmt.Println("s = ", s)
```

```
Output:-
s = <nil>
```



Declaration and initialization of the pointers can be done into a single line.

Example:

```
var s *int = &a
```

- You can also use the *shorthand* (:=) syntax to declare and initialize the pointer variables.
- The compiler will internally determine the variable is a pointer variable if we are passing the address of variable using &(address) operator to it.

Example:

$$y := 458$$

$$p := &y$$



- If you are specifying the data type along with the pointer declaration then the pointer will be able to handle the memory address of that specified data type variable.
- For example, if you taking a pointer of string type then the address of the variable that you will give to a pointer will be only of string data type variable, not any other type.



- ☐ To overcome the above mention problem you can use the Type Inference concept of var keyword.
- ☐ There is no need to specify the data type of during the declaration.
- The type of a pointer variable can also be determined by the compiler like a normal variable.
- ☐ Here we will not use the * operator.
- It will internally determine by the compiler as we are initializing the variable with the address of another variable.

USE OF TYPE INFERENCE

```
package main
import "fmt"
func main() {
  // using var keyword we are not defining any type with variable
  var y = 458
  // taking a pointer variable using var keyword without specifying the type
  var p = &v
  fmt.Println("Value stored in y = ", y)
  fmt.Println("Address of y = ", &y)
  fmt.Println("Value stored in pointer variable p = ", p)
```



Project-01
Design and develop a simple GO program







STRUCTURES

METHODS

INTERFACES

PACKAGES

GO ROUTINES

CHANNELS

CONCURRENCY PATTERNS





Session-04 Structures, Methods, Interfaces & Packages



STRUCTURES

- ☐ In Go, Struct can be used to create user-defined types.
- Struct is a composite type means it can have different properties and each property can have their own type and value.
- ☐ Struct can represent real-world entity with these properties.
- □ We can access a property data as a single entity.
- It is also valued types and can be constructed with the new() function.



SYNTAX

- The declaration starts with the keyword type, then a name for the new struct, and finally the keyword struct.
- Within the curly brackets, a series of data fields are specified with a name and a type.

```
type identifier struct{
  field1 data_type
  field2 data_type
  field3 data_type
}
```



DECLARING A STRUCTURE

- ☐ For Example, an address has a name, street, city, state, Pincode.
- ☐ It makes sense to group these three properties into a single structure address as shown below.

```
type Address struct {
    name string
    street string
    city string
    state string
    Pincode int
```



DEFINING A STRUCTURE

■ Syntax:-

var a Address

The above code creates a variable of a type Address which is by default set to zero. For a struct, zero means all the fields are set to their corresponding zero value. So the fields name, street, city, state are set to "", and Pincode is set to 0.

☐ You can also initialize a variable of a struct type using a struct literal as shown below:

var a = Address{"Akshay", "PremNagar", "Dehradun",
"Uttarakhand", 252636}



EXAMPLE

```
package main
import "fmt"
type person struct {
 firstName string
 lastName string
        int
 age
func main() {
 x := person{age: 30, firstName: "John", lastName: "Anderson"}
 fmt.Println(x)
 fmt.Println(x.firstName)
```



STRUCT INITIALISATION USING NEW KEYWORD

- ☐ An instance of a **struct** can also be created with the new keyword.
- It is then possible to assign data values to the data fields using dot notation.

```
type rectangle struct {
    length int
    breadth int
    color string
}
rect1 := new(rectangle)
(or)
var rect1 = new(rectangle)
```



STRUCT INITIALISATION USING POINTER ADDRESS OPERATOR(&)

☐ Creates an instance of rectangle struct by using a pointer address operator is denoted by & symbol.

```
var rect1 = &rectangle{10, 20, "Green"}
fmt.Println(rect1)
```

```
var rect2 = &rectangle{}
rect2.length = 10
rect2.color = "Red"
fmt.Println(rect2) // breadth skipped
```



NESTED STRUCTURES

- ☐ Struct can be nested by creating a Struct type using other Struct types as the type for the fields of Struct.
- Nesting one struct within another can be a useful way to model more complex structures.

```
type Salary struct {
    Basic, HRA, TA float64
}

type Employee struct {
    FirstName, LastName, Email string
    Age int
    MonthlySalary []Salary
```



ADDING METHOD TO STRUCT TYPE

- You can also add methods to struct types using a method receiver.
- A method EmpInfo is added to the Employee struct

```
Example:-
func (e Employee) EmpInfo() string {
    fmt.Println(e.FirstName, e.LastName)
    fmt.Println(e.Age)
    fmt.Println(e.Email)
    for , info := range e.MonthlySalary {
         fmt.Println("=======")
         fmt.Println(info.Basic)
         fmt.Println(info.HRA)
         fmt.Println(info.TA)
```



METHODS

A method is just a function with a special receiver type between the func keyword and the method name. The receiver can either be a struct type or non-struct type.

```
Syntax:-
func (t Type) methodName(parameter list) {
}
```



EXAMPLE

```
type Employee struct {
  name string
  salary int
  currency string
func (e Employee) displaySalary() {
  fmt.Printf("Salary of %s is %s%d", e.name, e.currency, e.salary)
emp1 := Employee {
    name: "Sam Adolf",
    salary: 5000,
    currency: "$",
emp1.displaySalary() //Calling displaySalary() method of Employee type =
```

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OUTPUT

- ☐ We have created a method displaySalary on Employee struct type.
- ☐ The displaySalary() method has access to the receiver e inside it.
- ☐ We are using the receiver e and printing the name, currency and salary of the employee.
- ☐ We have called the method using syntax emp1.displaySalary().
- ☐ This program prints Salary of Sam Adolf is \$5000.



METHODS vs FUNCTIONS

- ☐ Go is not a pure object-oriented programming language and it does not support classes.
- Hence methods on types are a way to achieve behavior similar to classes
- Methods allow a logical grouping of behavior related to a type similar to classes.
- In the above sample program, all behaviors related to the Employee type can be grouped by creating methods using Employee receiver type.

METHODS vs FUNCTIONS

- Methods with the same name can be defined on different types whereas functions with the same names are not allowed.
- Let's assume that we have a Square and Circle structure.
- It's possible to define a method named Area on both Rectangle and Circle.



METHODS EXAMPLE

```
type Rectangle struct {
                                r := Rectangle{
                                    length: 10,
  length int
                                    width: 5,
  width int
                                  fmt.Printf("Area of rectangle %d\n", r.Area()
type Circle struct {
  radius float64
                                  c := Circle{
                                    radius: 12,
func (r Rectangle) Area() int {
  return r.length * r.width
                                  fmt.Printf("Area of circle %f", c.Area())
func (c Circle) Area() float64 {
  return math.Pi * c.radius * c.radius
```

INTERFACES

- ☐ In Go, an interface is a set of method signatures.
- When a type provides definition for all the methods in the interface, it is said to implement the interface
- Go has different approaches to implement the concepts of object-orientation.
- Go does not have classes and inheritance. Go fulfill these requirements through its powerful interface.
- ☐ Interfaces provide behavior to an object: if something can do this ____ then it can be used here.

INTERFACES

An interface defines a set of abstract methods and does not contain any variable.



INTERFACE INTERNAL REPRESENTATION

- ☐ An interface can be thought of as being represented internally by a tuple (type, value).
- ☐ Type is the underlying concrete type of the interface and value holds the value of the concrete type.
- ☐ (Refer example4.go in interfaces)



EMPTY INTERFACE

- ☐ An interface that has zero methods is called an empty interface.
- ☐ It is represented as interface{}.
- Since the empty interface has zero methods, all types implement the empty interface.



TYPE ASSERTION

- ☐ Type assertion is used to extract the underlying value of the interface.
- ☐ i.(T) is the syntax which is used to get the underlying value of interface i whose concrete type is T.



TYPE ASSERTION EXAMPLE

```
package main
import (
  "fmt"
func assert(i interface{}) {
  s := i.(int) fmt.Println(s)
func main() {
  var s interface{} = 56
  assert(s)
```

- The concrete type of 's' is int.
- We use the syntax i.(int) to fetch the underlying int value of i.
- ☐ This program prints 56.



TYPE ASSERTION EXAMPLE WITH PANIC

```
package main
import (
  "fmt"
func assert(i interface{}) {
  s := i.(int)
  fmt.Println(s)
func main() {
  var s interface{} = "Steven Paul"
  assert(s)
```

- In the above program we pass 's' of concrete type string to the assert function which tries to extract a int value from it.
- This program will panic with the message: panic: interface conversion: interface {} is string, not int



SOLUTION

- To solve the above problem, we can use the syntax v, ok := i.(T)
- ☐ If the concrete type of i is T then v will have the underlying value of i and ok will be true.
- If the concrete type of i is not T then ok will be false and v will have the zero value of type T and the program will not panic.



TYPE ASSERTION EXAMPLE WITHOUT PANIC

```
package main
import (
  "fmt"
func assert(i interface{}) {
  v, ok := i.(int)
  fmt.Println(v, ok)
func main() {
  var s interface{} = 56
  assert(s)
  var i interface{} = "Steven Paul"
  assert(i)
```

When Steven Paul is passed to the assert function, ok will be false since the concrete type of i is not int and v will have the value 0 which is the zero value of int. This program will print, 56 true 0 false



TYPE SWITCH

- A type switch is used to compare the concrete type of an interface against multiple types specified in various case statements.
- It is similar to switch case.
- The only difference being the cases specify types and not values as in normal switch.

Syntax:i.(type)



TYPE SWITCH

```
func findType(i interface{}) {
  switch i.(type) {
  case string:
    fmt.Printf("I am a string and my value is %s\n", i.(string))
  case int:
    fmt.Printf("I am an int and my value is %d\n", i.(int))
  default:
    fmt.Printf("Unknown type\n")
findType("Naveen")
findType(77)
findType(89.98)
```





Session-05



Channels



CONCURRENCY

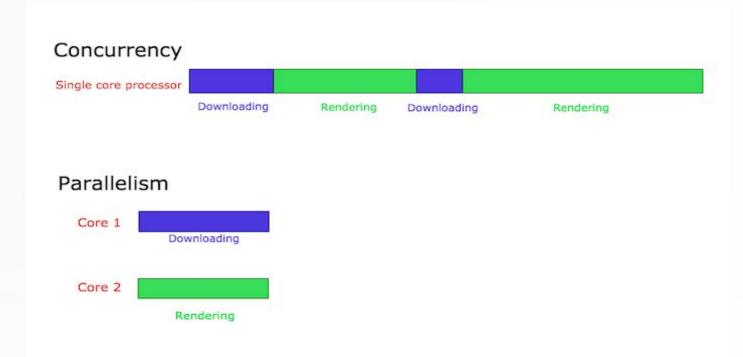
- ☐ Concurrency is the capability to deal with lots of things at once.
- ☐ When this browser is run in a single core processor, the processor will context switch between the two components of the browser.
- It might be downloading a file for some time and then it might switch to render the html of a user requested web page.
- ☐ This is know as concurrency. Concurrent processes start at different points of time and their execution cycles overlap.
- In this case the downloading and the rendering start at different = points in time and their executions overlap.

PARALLELISM

- ☐ Parallelism is doing lots of things at the same time. It might sound similar to concurrency but it's actually different.
- Lets say the same browser is running on a multi core processor.
- ☐ In this case the file downloading component and the HTML rendering component might run simultaneously in different cores.
- This is known as parallelism.



CONCURRENCY vs PARALLELISM





CONCURRENCY IN GO

- ☐ Concurrency is an inherent part of the Go programming language.
- ☐ Concurrency is handled in Go using Goroutines and channels.
- Concurrency in Golang is the ability for functions to run independent of each other.



GOROUTINES

- Goroutines are functions or methods that run concurrently with other functions or methods
- Golang provides Goroutines as a way to handle operations concurrently.
- ☐ Goroutines can be thought of as light weight threads.
- ☐ The cost of creating a Goroutine is tiny when compared to a thread.
- Hence its common for Go applications to have thousands of Goroutines running concurrently.



GOROUTINES

- ☐ New goroutines are created by the go statement.
- To run a function as a goroutine, call that function prefixed with the go statement.
- ☐ Here is the example code block:

sum()

// A normal function call that executes sum synchronously and waits for completing it

go sum() // A goroutine that executes sum asynchronously and doesn't wait for completing it



GOROUTINES

- The go keyword makes the function call to return immediately, while the function starts running in the background as a goroutine and the rest of the program continues its execution.
- ☐ The main function of every Golang program is started using a goroutine, so every Golang program runs at least one goroutine.



ADVANTAGES OF GOROUTINES OVER THREADS

Goroutines are extremely cheap when compared to threads. They are only a few kb in stack size and the stack can grow and shrink according to needs of the application whereas in the case of threads the stack size has to be specified and is fixed.



ADVANTAGES OF GOROUTINES OVER THREADS

The Goroutines are multiplexed to fewer number of OS threads. There might be only one thread in a program with thousands of Goroutines. If any Goroutine in that thread blocks say waiting for user input, then another OS thread is created and the remaining Goroutines are moved to the new OS thread. All these are taken care by the runtime and we as programmers are abstracted from these intricate details and are given a clean API to work with concurrency.



ADVANTAGES OF GOROUTINES OVER THREADS

Goroutines communicate using channels. Channels by design prevent race conditions from happening when accessing shared memory using Goroutines. Channels can be thought of as a pipe using which Goroutines communicate.



CREATION OF A GOROUTINE

```
package main
import (
  "fmt"
func hello() {
  fmt.Println("Hello world goroutine")
func main() {
  go hello()
  fmt.Println("main function")
```

- Our Goroutine did not run in this case.
- After the call to go hello, the control returned immediately to the next line of code without waiting for the hello goroutine to finish and printed main function.
- Then the main Goroutine terminated since there is no other code to execute and hence the hello Goroutine did not get a chance to run.

CREATION OF A GOROUTINE

```
package main
import (
  "fmt"
  "time"
func hello() {
  fmt.Println("Hello world
goroutine")
func main() {
  go hello()
  time.Sleep(1 * time.Second)
  fmt.Println("main function")
```

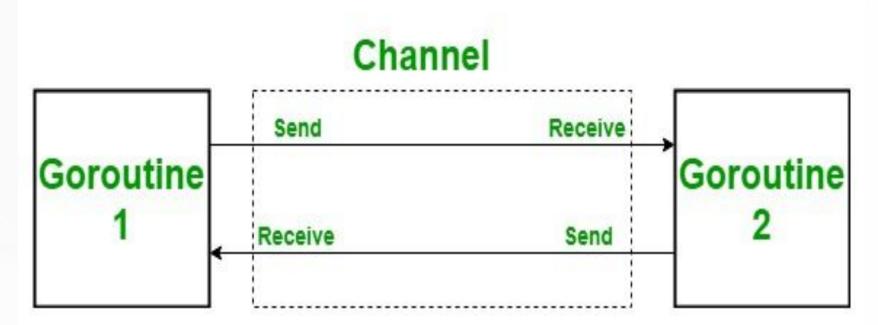
- We have called the Sleep method of the time package which sleeps the go routine in which it is being executed.
- In this case the main goroutine is put to sleep for 1 second.
- Now the call to go hello() has enough time to execute before the main Goroutine terminates.
- ☐ This program first prints Hello world goroutine, waits for 1 second and then prints main function.

CHANNELS

- ☐ A channel is a medium through which a goroutine communicates with another goroutine and this communication is lock-free.
- Or in other words, a channel is a technique which allows to let one goroutine to send data to another goroutine.
- By default channel is bidirectional, means the goroutines can send or receive data through the same channel



CHANNELS





CREATING A CHANNEL

In Go language, a channel is created using chan keyword and it can only transfer data of the same type, different types of data are not allowed to transport from the same channel.

Syntax:

var Channel_name chan Type

You can also create a channel using make() function using a shorthand declaration.

Syntax:

channel_name:= make(chan Type)



EXAMPLE

```
package main
                              Output:-
import "fmt"
                              channel a is nil, going to define it
                              Type of a is chan int
func main() {
  var a chan int
  if a == nil {
    fmt.Println("channel a is nil, going to define it")
    a = make(chan int)
    fmt.Printf("Type of a is %T", a)
```



CHANNEL OPERATIONS

- In Go language, channel work with two principal operations one is sending and another one is receiving, both the operations collectively known as communication.
- <- operator is used for communication.</p>
- And the direction of <- operator indicates whether the data is received or send. In the channel, the send and receive operation block until another side is not ready by default.
- ☐ It allows goroutine to synchronize with each other without explicit locks or condition variables.



SEND OPERATION

- ☐ The send operation is used to send data from one goroutine to another goroutine with the help of a channel.
- ☐ Values like int, float64, and bool can safe and easy to send through a channel because they are copied so there is no risk of accidental concurrent access of the same value.
- Strings are also safe to transfer because they are immutable.
- But for sending pointers or reference like a slice, map, etc. through a channel are not safe because the value of pointers or reference may change by sending goroutine or by the receiving goroutine at the same time and the result is unpredicted.



SEND OPERATION

- When you use pointers or references in the channel you must make sure that they can only access by the one goroutine at a time.
 - Mychannel <- element</p>
 - ☐ The above statement indicates that the data(element) send to the channel(Mychannel) with the help of a <- operator.
 - ☐ The arrow points towards Mychannel and hence we are writing the data to channel Mychannel.



RECEIVE OPERATION

The receive operation is used to receive the data sent by the send operator.

element := <-Mychannel

- ☐ The above statement indicates that the element receives data from the channel(Mychannel).
- ☐ The arrow points outwards from Mychannel and hence we are reading from channel Mychannel and storing the value to the variable element.
- ☐ You can also write a receive statement as:

<-Mychannel



CLOSING A CHANNEL

A **Channel** can be closed with the help of **close()** function. This is an in-built function and sets a flag which indicates that no more value will send to this channel.

☐ Syntax: close()



CLOSING A CHANNEL

☐ We can also close the channel using for range loop. Here, the receiver goroutine can check the channel is open or close with the help of the given syntax:

ele, ok:= <- Mychannel

If the value of ok is true which means the channel is open so, read operations can be performed. And if the value of is false which means the channel is closed so, read operations are not going to perform.



IMPORTANT POINTS

- Blocking Send and Receive: In the channel when the data sent to a channel the control is blocked in that send statement until other goroutine reads from that channel. Similarly, when a channel receives data from the goroutine the read statement block until another goroutine statement.
- ☐ Zero Value Channel: The zero value of the channel is nil.
- ☐ For loop in Channel: A for loop can iterate over the sequential values sent on the channel until it closed.
- Syntax:
 for item := range Chnl {
 // statements..



IMPORTANT POINTS

- Length of the Channel: In channel, you can find the length of the channel using len() function. Here, the length indicates the number of value queued in the channel buffer.
- ☐ Capacity of the Channel: In channel, you can find the capacity of the channel using cap() function. Here, the capacity indicates the size of the buffer.
- Select and case statement in Channel: In go language, select statement is just like a switch statement without any input parameter. This select statement is used in the channel to perform a single operation out of multiple operations provided by the case block.



UNIDIRECTIONAL CHANNEL

- A channel is a medium of communication between concurrently running goroutines so that they can send and receive data to each other.
- By default a channel is bidirectional but you can create a unidirectional channel also.
- ☐ A channel that can only receive data or a channel that can only send data is the unidirectional channel.



UNIDIRECTIONAL CHANNEL

☐ The unidirectional channel can also create with the help of make() function as shown below:

```
// Only to send data
c1:= make(<- chan bool)
// Only to receive data
c2:= make(chan<-bool</pre>
```



USE OF UNIDIRECTIONAL CHANNEL

- The unidirectional channel is used to provide the type-safety of the program so, that the program gives less error.
- Or you can also use a unidirectional channel when you want to create a channel that can only send or receive data.



BUFFERED CHANNELS

- ☐ All the channels we discussed previously were basically unbuffered
- ☐ It is possible to create a channel with a buffer. Sends to a buffered channel are blocked only when the buffer is full.
- ☐ Similarly receives from a buffered channel are blocked only when the buffer is empty.



BUFFERED CHANNELS

Buffered channels can be created by passing an additional capacity parameter to the make function which specifies the size of the buffer.

ch := make(chan type, capacity)

capacity in the above syntax should be greater than 0 for a channel to have a buffer. The capacity for an unbuffered channel is 0 by default and hence we omitted the capacity parameter while creating channels in the previous examples.



CRITICAL SECTION

- ☐ When a program runs concurrently, the parts of code which modify shared resources should not be accessed by multiple Goroutines at the same time.
- ☐ This section of code which modifies shared resources is called critical section.

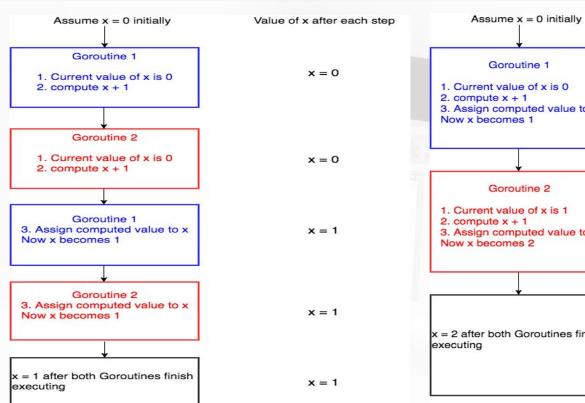


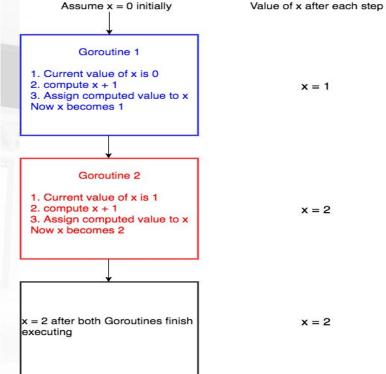
CRITICAL SECTION(EXAMPLE)

- ☐ For example lets assume that we have some piece of code which increments a variable x by 1.
- As long as the above piece of code is accessed by a single Goroutine, there shouldn't be any problem.
- Let's see why this code will fail when there are multiple Goroutines running concurrently.
- For the sake of simplicity lets assume that we have 2 Goroutines running the above line of code concurrently.



CRITICAL SECTION(EXAMPLE)







RACE CONDITION

- So from the two cases you can see that the final value of x is 1 or 2 depending on how context switching happens.
- This type of undesirable situation where the output of the program depends on the sequence of execution of Goroutines is called Race Condition.
- The race condition could have been avoided if only one Goroutine was allowed to access the critical section of the code at any point of time.
- ☐ This is made possible by using **Mutex**.



MUTEX

- A Mutex is used to provide a locking mechanism to ensure that only one Goroutine is running the critical section of code at any point of time to prevent race condition from happening.
- Mutex is available in the sync package. There are two methods defined on Mutex namely Lock and Unlock.
 - mutex.Lock()
 - mutex.Unlock()



MUTEX

mutex.Unlock()

Any code that is present between a call to Lock and Unlock will be executed by only one Goroutine, thus avoiding race condition.
mutex.Lock()
x = x + 1

- In the above code, x = x + 1 will be executed by only one Goroutine at any point of time thus preventing race condition.
- If one Goroutine already holds the lock and if a new Goroutine is trying to acquire a lock, the new Goroutine will be blocked until the mutex is unlocked.

WAIT GROUP

- We need to understand WaitGroup first, as it will be used in the implementation of Worker pool.
- A WaitGroup is used to wait for a collection of Goroutines to finish executing.
- ☐ The control is blocked until all Goroutines finish executing.
- Lets say we have 3 concurrently executing Goroutines spawned from the main Goroutine. The main Goroutines needs to wait for the 3 other Goroutines to finish before terminating. This can be accomplished using WaitGroup.

- A **Worker Pool** is a collection of threads which are waiting for tasks to be assigned to them. Once they finish the task assigned, they make themselves available again for the next task.
- ☐ The following are the core functionalities of our worker pool:
 - ✓ Creation of a pool of Goroutines which listen on an input buffered channel waiting for jobs to be assigned
 - Addition of jobs to the input buffered channel
 - Writing results to an output buffered channel after job completion
 - Read and print results from the output buffered channel



- ☐ We will write this program step by step to make it easier to understand:
- 1. The first step will be creation of the structs representing the job and the result.

```
type Job struct {
  id int
  randomno int
}
type Result struct {
  job Job
  sumofdigits int
}
```



2. The next step is to create the buffered channels for receiving the jobs and writing the output.

```
var jobs = make(chan Job, 10)
var results = make(chan Result, 10)
```

- ☐ Worker Goroutines listen for new tasks on the jobs buffered channel.
- Once a task is complete, the result is written to the results buffered channel.

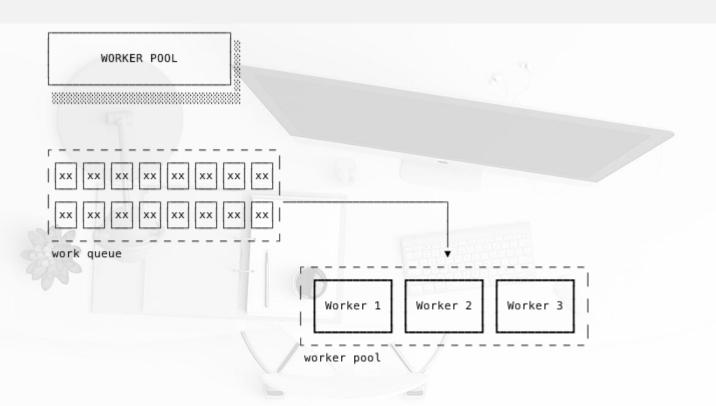


3. The digits function below does the actual job of finding the sum of the individual digits of an integer and returning it. We will add a sleep of 2 seconds to this function just to simulate the fact that it takes some time for this function to calculate the result.

```
func digits(number int) int {
  sum := 0
  no := number
  for no != 0 {
    digit := no % 10
    sum += digit
    no /= 10
  time.Sleep(2 * time.Second)
  return sum
```



worker pool



4. We will write a function which creates a worker Goroutine.

```
func worker(wg *sync.WaitGroup) {
  for job := range jobs {
    output := Result{job, digits(job.randomno)}
    results <- output
  }
  wg.Done()
}</pre>
```

- ☐ The above function creates a worker which reads from the jobs channel, creates a Result struct using the current job and the return value of the digits function and then writes the result to the results buffered channel.
- This function takes a WaitGroup wg as parameter on which it will call the Done() method when all jobs have been completed.

4. The createWorkerPool function will create a pool of worker Goroutines.

```
func createWorkerPool(noOfWorkers int) {
  var wg sync.WaitGroup
  for i := 0; i < noOfWorkers; i++ {
     wg.Add(1)
     go worker(&wg)
  }
  wg.Wait()
  close(results)
}</pre>
```



The function above takes the number of workers to be created as a
parameter.
It calls wg.Add(1) before creating the Goroutine to increment the
WaitGroup counter.
Then it creates the worker Goroutines by passing the address of the
WaitGroup wg to the worker function.
After creating the needed worker Goroutines, it waits for all the Goroutine
to finish their execution by calling wg.Wait().
After all Goroutines finish executing, it closes the results channel since all
Goroutines have finished their execution and no one else will further be
writing to the results channel.



5. Write the function which will allocate jobs to the workers.

```
func allocate(noOfJobs int) {
  for i := 0; i < noOfJobs; i++ {
    randomno := rand.Intn(999)
    job := Job{i, randomno}
    jobs <- job
  }
  close(jobs)
}</pre>
```

- The allocate function above takes the number of jobs to be created as input parameter, generates pseudo random numbers with a maximum value of 998, creates Job struct using the random number and the for loop counter i as the id and then writes them to the jobs channel.
- ☐ It closes the jobs channel after writing all jobs.

6. Next step would be to create the function that reads the results channel and prints the output.

```
func result(done chan bool) {
  for result := range results {
    fmt.Printf("Job id %d, input random no %d,
        sum of digits %d\n",
        result.job.id, result.job.randomno, result.sumofdigits)
  }
  done <- true
}</pre>
```

- ☐ The result function reads the results channel and prints the job id, input random no and the sum of digits of the random no.
- The result function also takes a done channel as parameter to which it writes to once it has printed all the results.

7. The last step is calling all these functions from the main() function.

```
func main() {
  startTime := time.Now()
  noOfJobs := 100
  go allocate(noOfJobs)
  done := make(chan bool)
  go result(done)
  noOfWorkers := 10
  createWorkerPool(noOfWorkers)
  <-done
  endTime := time.Now()
  diff := endTime.Sub(startTime)
  fmt.Println("total time taken ", diff.Seconds(), "seconds")
```

We first store the execution start time of the program of the main function and we calculate the time difference between the endTime and startTime and display the total time it took for the program to run. This is needed because we will do some benchmarks by changing the number of Goroutines. The noOfJobs is set to 100 and then allocate is called to add jobs to the jobs channel. Then done channel is created and passed to the result Goroutine so that it can start printing the output and notify once everything has been printed. Finally a pool of 10 worker Goroutines are created by the call to createWorkerPool function and then main waits on the done channel for all the results to be printed.



DEADLOCK

One important factor to consider while using channels is deadlock. If a Goroutine is sending data on a channel, then it is expected that some other Goroutine should be receiving the data. If this does not happen, then the program will panic at runtime with Deadlock.

Similarly if a Goroutine is waiting to receive data from a channel, then some other Goroutine is expected to write data on that channel, else the program will panic.

```
package main
func main() {
   ch := make(chan int)
   ch <- 5
}</pre>
```



DEADLOCK

In the program above, a channel ch is created and we send 5 to the channel in line ch <- 5. In this program no other Goroutine is receiving data from the channel ch. Hence this program will panic with the following runtime error.

```
fatal error: all goroutines are asleep - deadlock!
goroutine 1 [chan send]:
main.main()
/tmp/sandbox249677995/main.go:6 +0x80
```



SELECT

The select statement is used to choose from multiple send/receive channel operations. The select statement blocks until one of the send/receive operation is ready. If multiple operations are ready, one of them is chosen at random. The syntax is similar to switch except that each of the case statement will be a channel operation.



SELECT

```
package main
import (
  "fmt"
  "time"
func server1(ch chan string) {
  time.Sleep(6 * time.Second)
  ch <- "from server1"
func server2(ch chan string) {
  time.Sleep(3 * time.Second)
  ch <- "from server2"
```



SELECT

```
func main() {
  output1 := make(chan string)
  output2 := make(chan string)
  go server1(output1)
  go server2(output2)
  select {
  case s1 := <-output1:
    fmt.Println(s1)
  case s2 := <-output2:
    fmt.Println(s2)
```



SELECT

- In the program above, the server1 function sleeps for 6 seconds then writes the text from server1 to the channel ch. The server2 function sleeps for 3 seconds and then writes from server2 to the channel ch.
- The main function calls the go Goroutines server1 and server2. The control reaches the select statement. The select statement blocks until one of its cases is ready.



SELECT

- In our program above, the server1 Goroutine writes to the output1 channel after 6 seconds whereas the server2 writes to the output2 channel after 3 seconds. So the select statement will block for 3 seconds and will wait for server2 Goroutine to write to the output2 channel.
- After 3 seconds, the program prints,from server2and then will terminate.









GENERATOR

- ☐ Generator Pattern is used to generate a sequence of values which is used to produce some output.
- ☐ This pattern is widely used to introduce parallelism into loops.
- This allows the consumer of the data produced by the generator to run in parallel when the generator function is busy computing the next value.



GENERATOR EXAMPLE

```
package main
import "fmt"
// Generator func which produces data which might be computationally
// expensive.
func fib(n int) chan int {
  c := make(chan int)
  go func() {
     for i, j:= 0, 1; i < n; i, j = i+j,i {
           c <- i
    close(c)
  }()
  return c
```



GENERATOR EXAMPLE

```
func main() {
  // fib returns the fibonacci numbers lesser than 1000
  for i := range fib(1000) {
  // Consumer which consumes the data produced by the generator, which
  // further does some extra computations
     v := i*i
    fmt.Println(v)
```



GENERATOR

- ☐ Generators in Go are implemented with goroutines.
- The fib function passes the Fibonacci number with the help of channels, which is then consumed in the loop to generate output.
- The generator and the consumer can work concurrently (maybe in parallel) as the logic involved in both are different.



FUTURES

A Future indicates any data that is needed in future but its computation can be started in parallel so that it can be fetched from the background when needed. The Future/Promise pattern is implemented in many languages. For example, JQuery implements a deferred object and futures are built into Scala. In the land of Golang, the goroutine and channel concurrency primitives can be used to build up the functionality. Mostly, futures are used to send asynchronous http request.



```
package future
import (
    "fmt"
    "io/ioutil"
    "net/http"
type data struct {
    Body []byte
    Error error
```



```
func futureData(url string) <-chan data {</pre>
     c := make(chan data, 1)
     go func() {
          var body []byte
          var err error
          resp, err := http.Get(url)
          defer resp.Body.Close()
          body, err = ioutil.ReadAll(resp.Body)
          c <- data{Body: body, Error: err}</pre>
     }()
     return c
```



```
func main() {
    future := futureData("http://test.future.com")

// do many other things

body := <-future
    fmt.Printf("response: %#v", string(body.Body))
    fmt.Printf("error: %#v", body.Error)
}</pre>
```



FAN-IN, FAN-OUT

- ☐ Fan-in Fan-out is a way of Multiplexing and Demultiplexing in golang.
- ☐ Fan-in refers to processing multiple input data and combining into a single entity.
- ☐ Fan-out is the exact opposite, dividing the data into multiple smaller chunks, distributing the work amongst a group of workers to parallelize CPU use and I/O.



```
package faninout
import "fmt"
func main() {
    randomNumbers := []int{13, 44, 56, 99, 9, 45, 67, 90, 78, 23}
    // generate the common channel with inputs
    inputChan := generatePipeline(randomNumbers)
    // Fan-out to 2 Go-routine
    c1 :=squareNumber(inputChan)
    c2 :=squareNumber(inputChan)
```



```
// Fan-in the resulting squared numbers
c := fanIn(c1, c2)
sum := 0
// Do the summation
for i := 0; i < len(randomNumbers); i++ {
     sum += <-c
fmt.Printf("Total Sum of Squares: %d", sum)
```



```
func generatePipeline(numbers []int) <-chan int {</pre>
     out := make(chan int)
     go func() {
          for _, n := range numbers {
               out <- n
          close(out)
     }()
     return out
```



```
func squareNumber(in <-chan int) <-chan int {</pre>
     out := make(chan int)
     go func() {
          for n := range in {
               out <- n * n
          close(out)
     }()
     return out
```



```
func fanIn(input1, input2 <-chan int) <-chan int {</pre>
     c := make(chan int)
     go func() {
          for {
                select {
                case s := <-input1: c <- s
                case s := <-input2: c <- s
     }()
     return c
```



- ☐ Each instance of the squareNumber function reads from the same input channel until that channel is closed.
- ☐ The fanin function can read from multiple inputs channels and proceed until all are closed by multiplexing the input channels onto a single channel that's closed when all the inputs are closed.



















