

Linting in Go

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⚡ Today's Agenda ⚡

⚡ What is “linting”?

⚡ Why should I care?

⚡ The `golangci-lint` tool

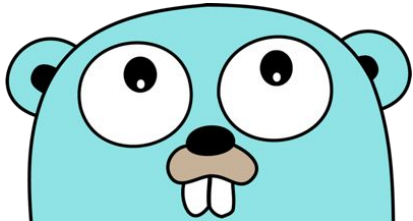
⚡ Linting locally

⚡ Linting in your CI pipeline

⚡ Configuration



⚡ What is “linting”?



“a **static code analysis tool** used to flag programming errors, bugs, stylistic errors and suspicious constructs.”

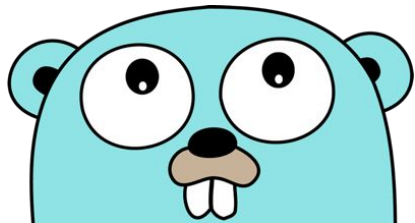






Related tools

- ⚡ eslint / prettier
- ⚡ SonarQube
- ⚡ Countless others

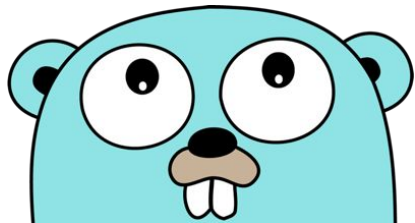


Why care?




-  Detect certain obvious bugs
-  Detect certain possible bugs
-  Less time in human code review
-  Less emotional code review

 golangci-lint



 <https://golangci-lint.run/>

 Many linters in one

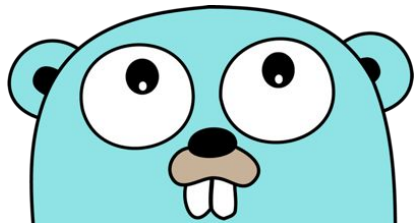
 Easy to run locally

 Easy to run in CI pipeline

 Optionally ignore old code



Local use



<https://golangci-lint.run/usage/install/>



```
golangci-lint run ./...
```




Configure your IDE to lint on save

```
controller.go:76:2: `gotofunc` is unused (structcheck)
    gotofunc      string
    ^
```

```
parser.go:183:42: cutset contains duplicate characters (megacheck)
    t := strings.TrimSpace(strings.TrimSpace(c.Text, "//"))
                                   ^
```


CI Pipeline



 GitHub Action

 Docker image

GitLab-CI example:

```
linter:
  stage: test
  image:
    golangci/golangci-lint:v1.
45.2
  Script:
    - go mod download
    - golangci-lint run ./...
```

```
309 +  
310 + func (cl *ContextLoader) testGithubActions() {
```

✗ Check failure on line 310 in pkg/lint/load.go



GitHub Actions / golangci-lint

[pkg/lint/load.go#L310](#)

func `(*ContextLoader).testGithubActions` is unused (unused)

```
311 +     a := 1
```

✗ Check failure on line 311 in pkg/lint/load.go

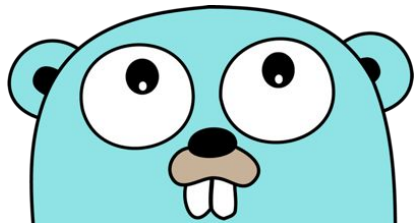


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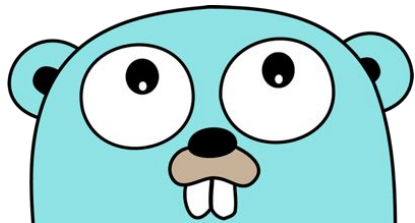
[pkg/lint/load.go#L311](#)


ineffectual assignment to `a` (ineffassign)

```
312 +     a = 2  
313 +     cl.log.Infof("a is %d", a)  
314 + }
```




Configuration



 Defaults are more or less reasonable

+ Many other valuable linters

 Video about my config:

<https://youtu.be/gpa1klusbws>





Open Discussion

