

Golang to the rescue: Saving DevOps from TLS turmoil

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Introduction

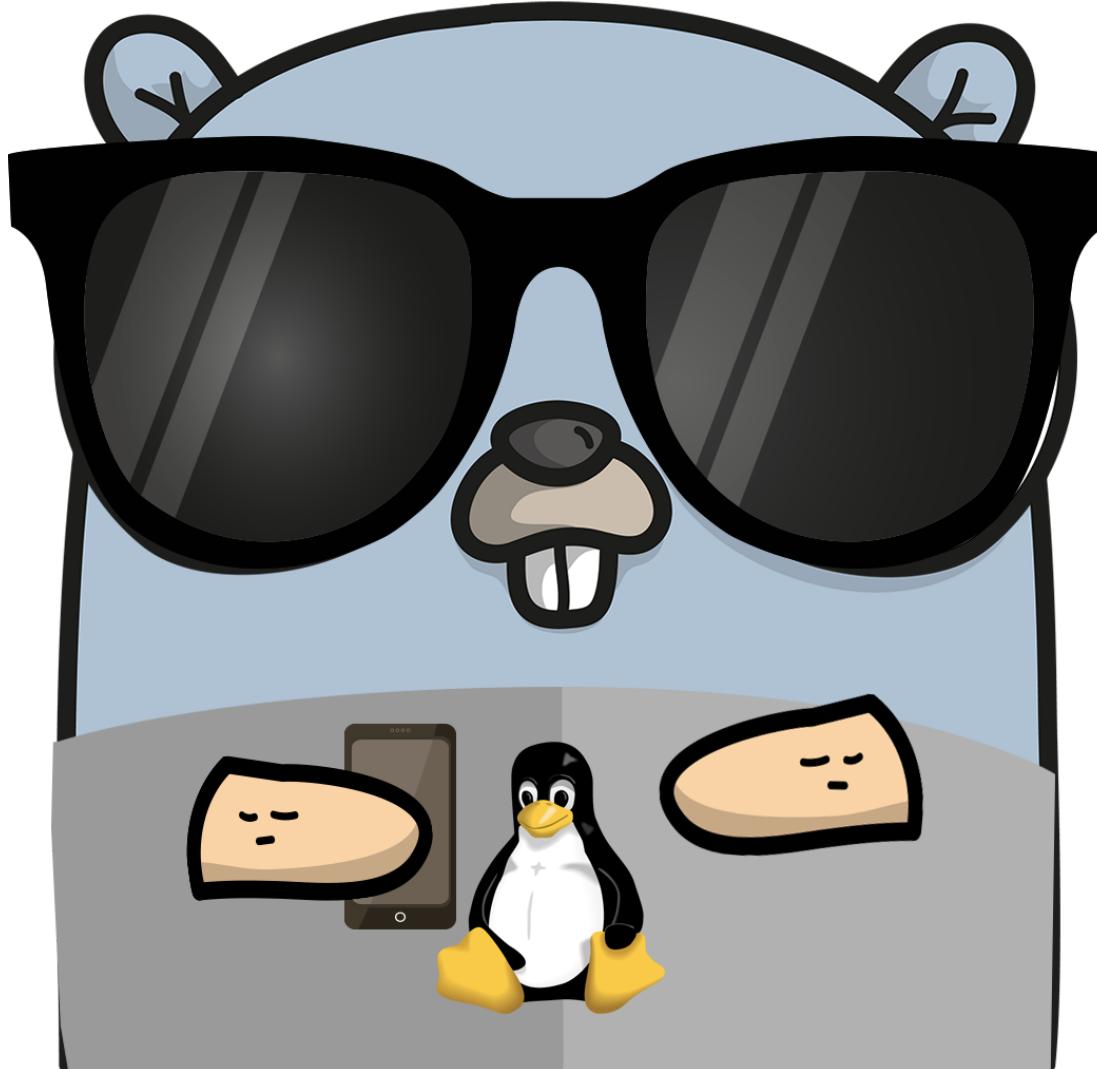
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[Golang to the rescue: Saving DevOps from TLS turmoil](https://opensource.com/article/17/4/testing-certificate-chains-34-line-go-program)

But Most Importantly



Me in Gopher Form by [Gopherize.me](https://gopherize.me/) (<https://gopherize.me/>)

Not Too Long Ago in a Place of Work Far, Far Away...





Let's Talk Certificate Chains



2 Chainz (we can talk rap music later)

This is the Goal

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Summary

Overall Rating



A+

	Score
Certificate	98
Protocol Support	95
Key Exchange	88
Cipher Strength	88

Visit our [documentation page](#) for more information, configuration guides, and books. Known issues are documented [here](#).

This site works only in browsers with SNI support.

Experimental: This server supports TLS 1.3 (draft 18).

HTTP Strict Transport Security (HSTS) with long duration deployed on this server. [MORE INFO »](#)

Certificate #1: EC 256 bits (SHA256withECDSA)

Server Key and Certificate #1

Subject	sni25291.cloudflare.com Fingerprint SHA256: e7211e261ed979f4c5c67a2267b855e21ec482afaa6fb1747cf4844d34fd5dc8 Pin SHA256: GZ3r30yVXrWlhuMx7U2/mngXIGhQGJsT+ObPSyHGIGU=
Common names	sni25291.cloudflare.com

NBD ... OMG

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RapidSSL Intermediate CAs

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General Information ID: INFO1548 Updated: 06/02/2016

Description

RapidSSL uses an Intermediate CA to enhance the security of SSL certificates. When installing a RapidSSL certificate, it is essential to install the Intermediate CA at the same time as the SSL certificate, this ensures that the SSL certificate is fully trusted by all browsers and prevents SSL errors from appearing when users visit the website.

The RapidSSL and Wildcard certificates Intermediate CA can be downloaded from the table below. Once your SSL certificate is installed, please use the [SSL Certificate Installation Checker](#) to ensure a problem-free SSL certificate experience for you and your users!

RSA SHA-1 SSL Certificates

Product Name	Intermediate CA
RapidSSL Wildcard	SO26462
FreeSSL	

RSA SHA-2 (under SHA-1 Root) SSL Certificates

Product Name	Intermediate CA
RapidSSL Wildcard	SO28616
FreeSSL	

RSA SHA-2 (under SHA-2 Root) SSL Certificates

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Compatibility Intermediate CA	Issuer: GTE CyberTrust Global Root Valid until: 10/Aug/2018 Serial #: 0E:E0:68:2D:BB:98:2D:92:C6:85:6A:DA:DE:48:19:80 Thumbprint: F08B49D0EBE7975062CD19C731B141DF4D11DF52 Download
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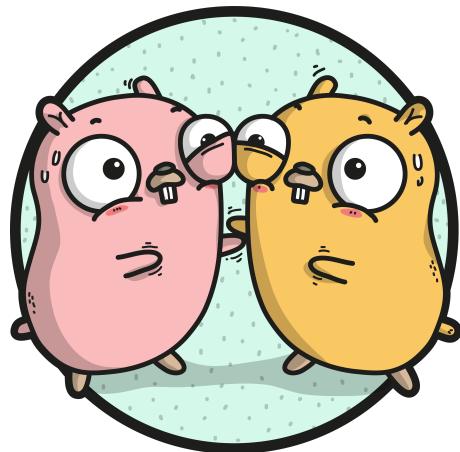
So What Does Any Good Engineer Do?



Go Build by Ashley McNamara (<https://github.com/ashleymcnamara/gophers>)

Three Go Packages: log

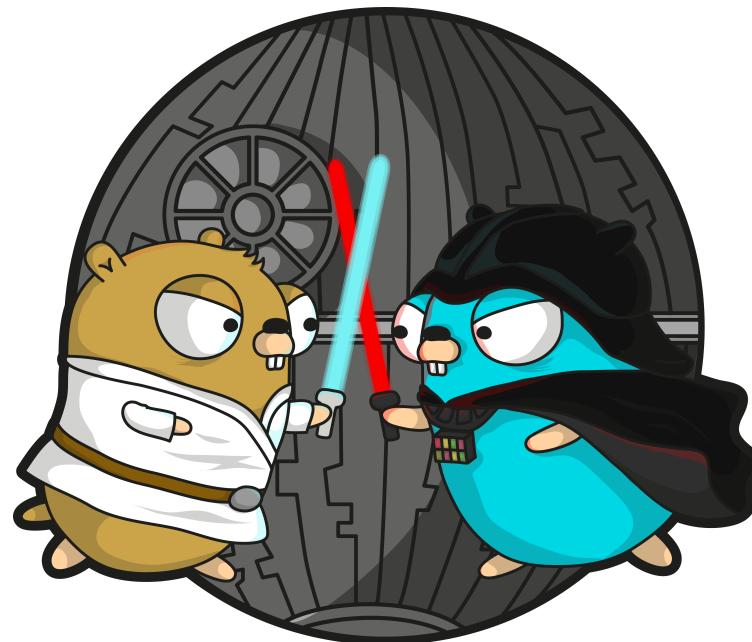
- The go log (<https://golang.org/pkg/log>) package is pretty self explanatory
- Package that enables logging
- Needed a spectacular failure at the sign of trouble
- log has three helper functions: print, fatal, and panic
- Output from the package goes to stderr
- Used a fatal error to get the web server to stop and log any issue



Hugging Gophers by [Ashley McNamara](https://github.com/ashleymcnamara/gophers) (<https://github.com/ashleymcnamara/gophers>)

Three Go Packages: crypto/tls

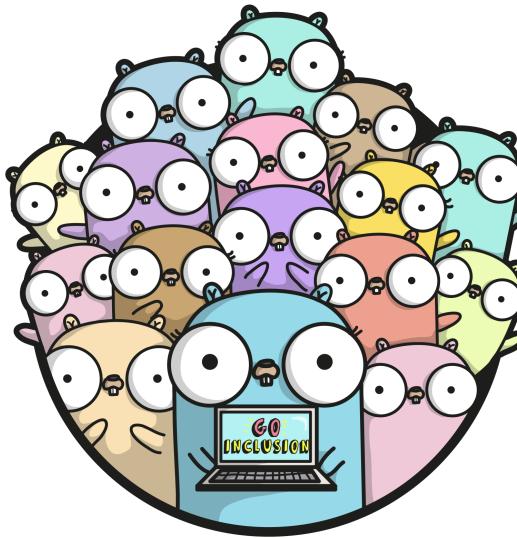
- The Go `crypto/tls` (<https://golang.org/pkg/crypto/tls/>) package partially implements TLS 1.2, as specified in [RFC 5246](https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc5246) (<https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc5246>)
- Package configures usable SSL/TLS versions
- Identifies preferred cipher suites and elliptic curves used during handshakes
- This is the package that handles connections securely



Gopher Star Wars by [Ashley McNamara](https://github.com/ashleymcnamara/gophers) (<https://github.com/ashleymcnamara/gophers>)

Three Go Packages: net/http

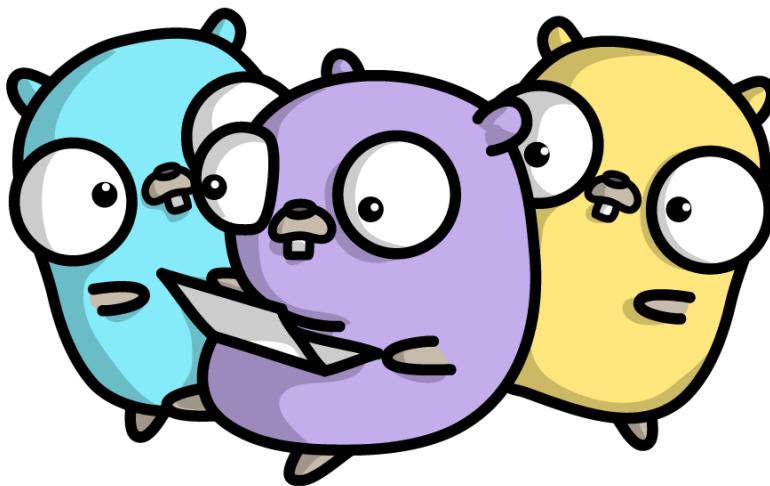
- Go implementation of HTTP
- `net/http` (<https://golang.org/pkg/net/http/>) has a function called `ListenAndServeTLS`
- `ListenAndServeTLS` provides the desired certificate checking functionality
- "If the certificate is signed by a certificate authority, the `certFile` should be the concatenation of the server's certificate, any intermediates, and the CA's certificate."



Gopher Inclusion by [Ashley McNamara](https://github.com/ashleymcnamara/gophers) (<https://github.com/ashleymcnamara/gophers>)

main: mux, cfg, srv

- Code creates a `mux`, short for HTTP request multiplexer
- I `I` multiplexers (it's a long story that involves analog signals)
- `mux` has a function that creates an HTTP server with headers and content (Hello World!)
- `cfg` brings in all the TLS bits seen in a solid web server config
- `srv` puts the pieces together and defines what port to listen on



Gopher Share by [Ashley McNamara](https://github.com/ashleymcnamara/gophers) (<https://github.com/ashleymcnamara/gophers>)

Fail Spectacularly

- I DevOps
- I embrace failure
- `log.Fatal(srv.ListenAndServeTLS("/etc/ssl-tester/tls.crt", "/etc/ssl-tester/tls.key"))`
- Defines path of certificate files to use
- Also logs a fatal error if certificate is not valid
- Fails Fast



It's Open Source!

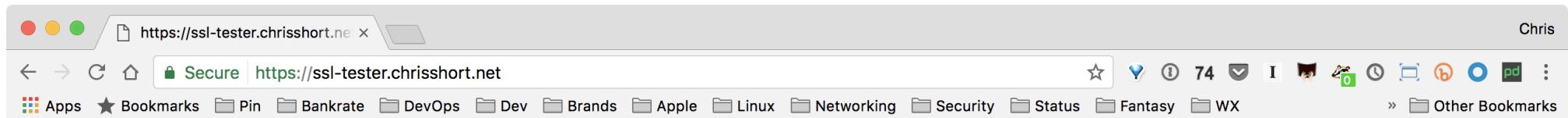
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```
1 package main
2
3 import (
4     "crypto/tls"
5     "log"
6     "net/http"
7 )
8
9 func main() {
10     mux := http.NewServeMux()
11     mux.HandleFunc("/", func(w http.ResponseWriter, req *http.Request) {
12         w.Header().Add("Strict-Transport-Security", "max-age=63072000;")
13         w.Write([]byte("<h1>Hello World!</h1>\n<h1>👋</h1>"))
14     })
15     cfg := &tls.Config{
16         MinVersion:          tls.VersionTLS12,
17         CurvePreferences:   []tls.CurveID{tls.CurveP521, tls.CurveP384, tls.CurveP256},
18         PreferServerCipherSuites: true,
19         CipherSuites:        []uint16{
20             tls.TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA,
21             tls.TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA,
22             tls.TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256,
23             tls.TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256,
24             // POLY1305 ciphers are not in Go 1.6 and 1.7
25             //           tls.TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_CHACHA20_POLY1305,
26             //           tls.TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_CHACHA20_POLY1305,
27             tls.TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256,
28             tls.TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256,
29             tls.TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384,
30             tls.TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384,
31         },
32     }
33     srv := &http.Server{
34         Addr:            ":443",
35         Handler:        mux,
36         TLSConfig:      cfg,
37         TLSNextProto:   make(map[string]func(*http.Server, *tls.Conn, http.Handler), 0),
38     }
39     log.Fatal(srv.ListenAndServeTLS("/etc/ssl-tester/tls.crt", "/etc/ssl-tester/tls.key"))
40 }
```

<https://github.com/chris-short/ssl-tester> (<https://github.com/chrisshort/ssltester>)

It Works!



Hello World!



No. It Really Works!



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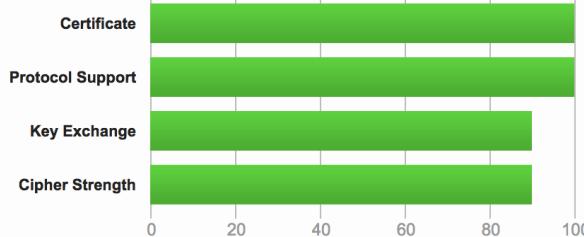
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Summary

Overall Rating



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HTTP Strict Transport Security (HSTS) with long duration deployed on this server. [MORE INFO »](#)

Certificate #1: RSA 2048 bits (SHA256withRSA)



Server Key and Certificate #1



Subject

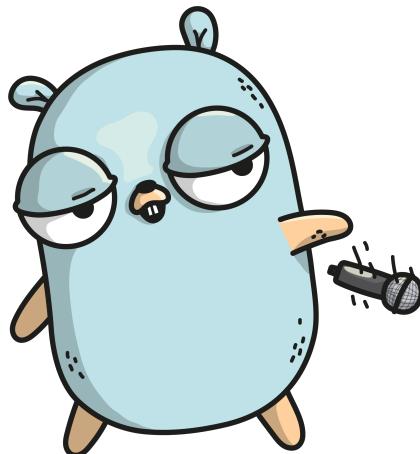
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Pin SHA256: 4GLdXGvfCigE0Jd0+gNB+DwnY4E0FGgDECVh/7Oiwol=

Common names

ssl-tester.chrissshort.net

Conclusion

- The Go code does exactly what I need it to do and nothing more
- About 40 lines of code!!! I Go!
- Binary is a self contained web server
- Less than 6MB!!! I Go!
- Can be safely deployed to any public server
- External testing run against it for extra vetting



Gopher Mic Drop by [Ashley McNamara](https://github.com/ashleymcnamara/gophers) (<https://github.com/ashleymcnamara/gophers>)

Thank you

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