

Eine Einführung in go

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Agenda

- some history
- basic features
- cool web stuff
- concurrency212121
- interfaces

Why go?

In 2007, three guys at Google were frustrated with the existing languages for writing server software:

- Compiling C++ was too slow
- Writing Java felt too verbose
- Aversion against inheritance and design patterns
- Getting concurrency right was hard

C++

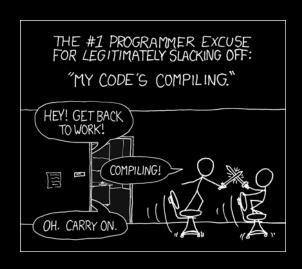
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gcc copies specified file by #include recursively into source file. The same header file gets recompiled over and over again.

→ Rob Pike: Public Static Void at OSCON 2010



Java

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Java I

```
public class Person {
        private String name;
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        private int age;
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4
        public Person(String name, int age) {
5
            this name = name;
 6
            this age = age;
8
9
        public String getName() {
10
            return name;
11
12
13
        public void setName(String name) {
14
            this name = name;
15
16
17
```

Java II

```
18
            return age
19
20
21
        public void setAge(int age) {
22
            this age = age;
23
24
25
        @Override
26
        public String toString() {
27
            return "Person [" + "name=" + name + ", "
28
           "age=" + age + "]";
29
30
        @Override
32
            final int prime = 31;
33
```

Java III

```
int result = 1;
34
            result = prime * result + age;
35
            result = prime * result + ((name == null) ? 0 :
36
        name.hashCode());
            return result;
37
38
39
        @Override
40
        public boolean equals(Object obj) {
41
            if (this == obj)
42
43
            if (obj == null)
44
45
46
            if (getClass() != obj.getClass())
47
            Person other = (Person) obj;
48
            if (age != other.age)
49
```

Java IV

```
return false;
if (name == null) {
    if (other.name != null)
        return false;
} else if (!name.equals(other.name))
return false;
return true;
}
```

Design

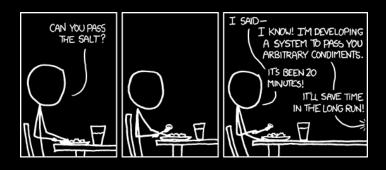
Initial design by 3 people with different backgrounds:

- Rob Pike (Concurrency)
- Robert Griesemer (Modules)
- Ken Thompson (Operating Systems)

All design decisions had to be agreed upon unanimously. Design team later joined by more people at Google.

Design

- simplicity
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- clean package model for fast compilation
- built-in concurrency based on CSP
- interfaces instead of inheritance
- no radical changes after Go 1.0



Hello world!

```
package main

import "fmt"

func main() {
 fmt.Println("hello world")
}
```

- The import declaration imports entire packages
- All imported names must be qualified
- Uppercase names are visible to other packages
- Unused imports are compile-time errors!

Hello world!

Get the go compiler:

```
$ sudo apt-get install golang-go
$ sudo pacman -S go
...or download from https://golang.org/dl
```

Run the code¹:

\$ go run hello.go

¹The go run command works for single files, not always for projects

Keywords:

break	default			
	defer		map	
			package	
	fallthrough		range	type
		import	return	var

Constants:

|--|

Functions:

new	len	complex	panic
make	cap	real	recover
close	append copy delete	imag	

Basic types:

```
int int8 int16 int32 int64
uint uint8 uint16 uint32 uint64 uintptr

float32 float64
complex64 complex128

bool byte rune string error
```

- int and uint are platform-dependent
- byte is the same as uint8
- rune is the same as uint32
- uintptr is large enough to hold pointers
- error is a special type for error handling

Operators:

```
* / % & &^ << >>
+ - ^ |
== != < <= > >=
&&
```

- only 5 precedence levels!
- ^ is both bitwise-xor (infix) and bitwise-not (prefix)
- & is bitwise-andn