

Golang stdlib - Webserver



This is just some notes, nothing serious.

We need `"net/http"` module to create webserver and listen to the specified port.

```
import (  
    "net/http"  
)
```

we also might need these modules as well:

- `"encoding/json"` too for parsing JSON data
- `"database/sql"` and `"github.com/go-sql-driver/mysql"` to handle (my)sql/mariadb part
- `"github.com/redis/go-redis/v9"` to handle redis-cache

We need a request handler struct for the http server to be able to work.

```
type RequestHandler struct {}
```

And now we define the http server. it needs a `ServeHTTP()` function and paths that needs to be handled (HTTP requests goes to the specified paths)

main function

```
func main() {  
    mux := http.NewServeMux()  
    mux.Handle("/path1", &RequestHandler{})  
    mux.Handle("/path1/", &RequestHandler{})  
    mux.Handle("/path2", &RequestHandler{})  
    mux.Handle("/path2/", &RequestHandler{})  
    /* continue */  
    http.ListenAndServe(":8080", mux)  
}
```

serve function

```
func (h *RequestHandler) ServeHTTP(w http.ResponseWriter, r *http.Requeset) {  
    request_type := r.Method  
    tmp := strings.SplitN(r.URL.String(), "/", 3)  
    section := tmp[1] // path  
    key := tmp[2] // add data after the path  
    params := r.URL.Query()  
    value := params.Get(key)  
    body, err := io.ReadAll(r.Body) // values from curl's `--data` flag (spected to be JSON)  
    /* continue */  
}
```

1. Redis Handler

```
func cache_handler() {  
    client := redis.NewClient(&redis.Options{  
        Addr: "localhost:6349"  
        Password: "" // No password, to get it from env variables use: `os.Getenv("ENV")`  
        DB: 0 // default db  
    })  
}
```

2. MySQL Handler

```
func database_handler() {
    sql_url := "root@localhost:3360"
    db, err := sql.Open("mysql", sql_url)
    if err != nil {
        panic(err.Error())
    }
    defer db.Close()
    /* continue */
}
```

3. JSON Parser - Unmarshal

```
type Movie struct {
    Name string `json:"name"`
    Publisher string `json:"publisher"`
    Year int `json:"year"`
}

func HandleMovie() {
    // var target map[string]any /* not optimal */
    var movie Movie

    input := `{
        "name": "Jocker",
        "publisher": "WB",
        "year": 2019
    }`

    // err := json.Unmarshal([]byte(input), &target) /* not optimal */
    err := json.Unmarshal([]byte(input), &movie) /* not optimal */
    if err != nil {
        log.Fatalf("Unable to marshal JSON due to %s", err)
    }

    /* not optimal */
    // for k, v := range target {
    //     fmt.Printf("k: %s, v: %v\n", k, v)
    // }
    fmt.Printf(
        "Name: %s, Publisher: %s, Year: %d\n",
        movie.Name, movie.Publisher, movie.Year,
    )
}
```

3.1. Complex JSON

assets/complex.json

```
{
  "name": "James Peterson",
  "age": 37,
  "address": {
    "line1": "Block 78 Woodgrove Avenue 5",
    "line2": "Unit #05-111",
    "postal": "654378"
  },
  "pets": [
    {
      "name": "Lex",
      "kind": "Dog",
      "age": 4,
      "color": "Gray"
    },
    {
      "name": "Faye",
      "kind": "Cat",
      "age": 6,
      "color": "Orange"
    }
  ]
}
```

examples/complex_json/main.go

```
type (
    FullPerson struct {
        Address Address
        Name     string
        Pets     []Pet
        Age      int
    }

    Pet struct {
        Name  string
        Kind  string
        Color string
        Age   int
    }

    Address struct {
        Line1  string
        Line2  string
        Postal string
    }
)

func main() {
    b, err := os.ReadFile("assets/complex.json")
    if err != nil {
        log.Fatalf("Unable to read file due to %s\n", err)
    }

    var person FullPerson

    err = json.Unmarshal(b, &person)
    if err != nil {
        log.Fatalf("Unable to marshal JSON due to %s", err)
    }

    litter.Dump(person)
}
```

3.2. Common pitfalls with JSON unmarshalling in Go

1. Extra fields are omitted in the target struct
2. Missing fields fallback to zero values
3. Unmarshalling is case insensitive

- Field names must match JSON keys exactly
- Type aliases are preserved

4. JSON Parser - Marshal

The `json.Marshal()` method does the opposite of `Unmarshal()` by converting a given data structure into a JSON.

examples/basic_marshal/main.go

```
func marshal(in any) []byte {
    out, err := json.Marshal(in)

    if err != nil {
        log.Fatalf("Unable to marshal due to %s\n", err)
    }

    return out
}

func main() {
    first := marshal(14)
    second := marshal("Hello world")
    third := marshal([]float32{1.66, 6.86, 10.1})
    fourth := marshal(map[string]int{"num": 15, "other": 17})
    fmt.Printf(
        "first: %s\nsecond: %s\nthird: %s\nfourth: %s\n",
        first,
        second,
        third,
        fourth,
    )
}
```

4.1. structs

```
func main() {
    p := Person{
        Name: "John Jones",
        Age: 26,
        Email: "johnjones@email.com",
        Phone: "89910119",
        Hobbies: []string{
            "Swimming",
            "Badminton",
        },
    }

    b, err := json.Marshal(p)
    if err != nil {
        log.Fatalf("Unable to marshal due to %s\n", err)
    }

    fmt.Println(string(b))
}
```



If you wish to format the JSON object, you can use the `MarshalIndent()` method which performs the same function as `Marshal()` but applies some indentation to format the output.

4.2. Customizing JSON field names with struct tags

```

type Dog struct {
    Breed      string
    Name       string
    FavoriteTreat string
    Age        int
}

var dog = Dog{
    Breed: "Golden Retriever",
    Age: 8,
    Name: "Paws",
    FavoriteTreat: "Kibble",
}

```

```

type Dog struct {
    Breed      string `json:"breed"`
    Name       string `json:"name"`
    FavoriteTreat string `json:"favorite_treat"`
    Age        int    `json:"age"`
}

```

```

func main() {
    input := `{
        "name": "Coffee",
        "breed": "Toy Poodle",
        "age": 5,
        "favorite_treat": "Kibble"
    }`

    var coffee Dog

    err := json.Unmarshal([]byte(input), &coffee)
    if err != nil {
        log.Fatalf("Unable to marshal JSON due to %s", err)
    }

    litter.Dump(coffee)
}

```

4.3. Other uses of struct tags

Omit an empty field (one with its zero value in Go)

```

type User struct {
    Username string `json:"username"`
    Password string `json:"- "`

    Email    string `json:"email"`
    Hobbies  []string `json:"hobbies,omitempty"`
}

```

5. Validating JSON data

```

func main() {
    good := `{"name": "John Doe"}`
    bad := `{name: "John Doe"}`

    fmt.Println(json.Valid([]byte(good)))
    fmt.Println(json.Valid([]byte(bad)))
}

```

6. Defining custom behavior - Marshal / Unmarshal data

In Go, you can define custom behavior for marshalling data by implementing the `json.Marshaler` interface. This interface defines a single method, `MarshalJSON()` which takes no arguments and returns a byte slice and an error.

To implement the `json.Marshaler` interface, you need to define a new type that wraps the original type you want to marshal. This new type should have a method named `MarshalJSON()` that returns a byte slice and an error.

examples/custom_timestamp/main.go

```
type (  
    CustomTime struct {  
        time.Time  
    }  
  
    Baby struct {  
        BirthDate CustomTime `json:"birth_date"`  
        Name      string   `json:"name"`  
        Gender    string   `json:"gender"`  
    }  
)
```

In the above snippet, we defined a new `CustomTime` type that wraps a `time.Time` value. It is subsequently used in the `Baby` struct as the type of the `BirthDate` value.

Here's an example that marshals a value of type `Baby` below:

```
func main() {  
    baby := Baby{  
        Name:    "johnny",  
        Gender:  "male",  
        BirthDate: CustomTime{  
            time.Date(2023, 1, 1, 12, 0, 0, 0, time.Now().Location()),  
        },  
    }  
  
    b, err := json.Marshal(baby)  
    if err != nil {  
        log.Fatalf("Unable to marshal due to %s\n", err)  
    }  
  
    fmt.Println(string(b))  
}
```

Notice how the `birth_date` is presented in the RFC 3339 format. You can now define the custom marshalling behavior that will return a different format for `CustomTime` values (such as `DD-MM-YYYY`) instead of the default RFC 3339 timestamp format.

You only need to define a `MarshalJSON()` method for the type as shown below:

examples/custom_timestamp/main.go

```
func (ct CustomTime) MarshalJSON() ([]byte, error) {  
    return []byte(fmt.Sprintf(`%q`, ct.Time.Format("02-01-2006"))), nil  
}
```