

Golang Programming

Program structure, data types, operators, control-flow statements, functions

Where to Find The Code and Materials?

https://github.com/iproduct/coursego

Names

- The names of Go functions, variables, constants, types, statement labels, and packages begin with a letter (Unicode letter) or underscore, and may have a number of additional letters, digits, or underscores.
- Names are case-sensitive: findWinner and Findwinner are different names.
- Scopes: local (declared within a function) and global (if declared outside of a function - visible to all files in a package)
- Exported (visible outside of the package) and unexported (package-local)
 - if the first letter is uppercased, it is exported, otherwise not. Ex: fmt.Printf()
- Short names are preferred.
- "Camel case" preferred when combining words. Ex: QuoteRuneToASCII not quote_rune_to_ASCII

Reserved Keywords

break	default	func	interface	select
defer	go	map	struct	chan
else	goto	package	switch	case
const	fallthrough	if	range	type
continue	for	import	return	var

Keyword Categories

- const, func, import, package, type and var are used to declare all kinds of code elements in Go programs.
- chan, interface, map and struct are used as parts in some composite type denotations.
- break, case, continue, default, else, fallthrough, for, goto, if, range, return, select and switch are used to control flow of code.
- defer and go are also control flow keywords, but in other specific manners.

Predefined Names

- Constants: true, false, iota, nil
- Types: int, int8, int16, int32, int64, uint, uint8, uint16, uint32, uint64, uintptr, float32, float64, complex128, complex64, bool, byte, rune, string, error
- Functions: make, len, cap, new, append, copy, close, delete, complex, real, imag, panic, recover

Built-in Types

- One boolean type: bool.
- 11 built-in integer numeric types: int8, uint8, int16, uint16, int32, uint32, int64, uint64, int, uint, and uintptr.
- 2 floating-point numeric types: float32 and float64.
- 2 built-in complex numeric types: complex64 and complex128.
- One Unicode code point type (alias for int32): rune
- One built-in (immutable) string type: string.

Declarations

- Declarations: var, const, type, and func
- A Go program is stored in one or more files whose names end in .go .
- The package declaration states that files belong to the same package
- Packages (e.g. package stringutil), and commands (package main)
- Followed by import declarations, each including import path package name is by default the last segment in import path.
 Ex: import "github.com/user/hello" -> package name is hello
- Followed by sequence of package-level declarations of constants, variables, types, and functions, in any order.

Variables

```
var global int = 50
var
    home = os.Getenv("HOME")
    user = os.Getenv("USER")
    gopath = os.Getenv("GOPATH")
func init() {
   global = 12
    // gopath may be overridden by --gopath flag on command line.
   flag.StringVar(&gopath, "gopath", gopath, "override default GOPATH")
   if gopath == "" {
      gopath = "c:/coursego/workspace"
      log.Printf("GOPATH not set - using default: %s", gopath)
func main() {
   1, n := 5, 12 \setminus or var 1, n int = 5, 12
   fmt.Printf("GOPATH=%v\nGlobal:%v\nLocal:%v, %v\n", global, gopath, l, n)
```

Variables

```
var i, j int = 5, 9
i, j = j, i // swap values of i and j
f, err := os.Open(name)
if err != nil {
     return err
// ...use f...
f.Close()
```

Value Literals - Integer

```
0xF // the hex form (starts with a "0x" or "0X")
0XF
017 // the octal form (starts with a "0", "00" or "00")
0o17
0017
Ob1111 // the binary form (starts with a "Ob" or "OB")
0B1111
15 // the decimal form (starts without a "0")
```

Value Literals - Real

```
1.23
01.23 // == 1.23
.23
1. // A "e" or "E" starts the exponent part (10-based).
1.23e2 // == 123.0
123E2 // == 12300.0
123.E+2 // == 12300.0
1e-1 // == 0.1
.1e0 // == 0.1
0010e-2 // == 0.1
0e+5 // == 0.0
```

Constants

```
type Role int
const (
   User Role = 1 << iota
  Manager
   Admin
   RoleMask = (1 << (iota)) - 1
func (r Role) String() string {
   switch r {
   case User:
      return "User"
   case Manager:
      return "Manager"
   case Admin:
      return "Admin"
   default:
      return "Invalid role"
```

```
// Status type
type Status int
// User statuses enum
const (
   Registered Status = iota
   Active
   Disabled
// Returns string representation of the Role
func (r Status) String() string {
   switch r {
   case Registered:
      return "Registered"
   case Active:
      return "Active"
   case Disabled:
      return "Disabled"
   default:
      return "Invalid status"
```

Pointers

- A pointer value is the memory address of a variable. Memory addresses are often represented with hex integer literals, such as 0x1234CDEF.
- Not every value has an address, but every variable does. With a
 pointer, we can access or update the value of a variable directly.
- If a variable is declared var n int, the expression &n ("address of n") has a type *int, pronounced as "pointer to int".
- The variable to which p points is denoted as *p, and can be used in the left or in the right hand side of an assignment. Ex:

```
n := 11
p := &n // p, of type *int, points to n
fmt.Println(*p) // "11"
```

```
*p = 42 // equivalent to n = 42 fmt.Println(n) // "42"
```

Pointers

```
func zeroval(ival int) {
  ival = 0
func zeroptr(iptr *int) {
   *iptr = 0
func main() {
  i := 1
  fmt.Println("initial:", i)
  zeroval(i)
  fmt.Println("zeroval:", i)
  zeroptr(&i)
  fmt.Println("zeroptr:", i)
  fmt.Println("pointer:", &i)
```

```
Output:

initial: 1
zeroval: 1
zeroptr: 0
pointer: 0x42131100
```

Stack or Heap?

```
var global *int
                                         func g() {
func f() {
   var x int
                                            y := new(int)
                                             *y = 1
   x = 1
   global = &x
```

Methods: Value and Pointer Receivers

```
type ByteSlice []byte
func (slice ByteSlice) Append(data []byte) []byte {
    return append([]byte(slice), data...)
func (slice *ByteSlice) AppendPointer(data []byte) {
    *slice = append([]byte(*slice), data...)
func (slice *ByteSlice) Write(data []byte) (n int, err error) {
    *slice = append([]byte(*slice), data...)
    return len(data), nil
func main() {
       var b ByteSlice
       fmt.Fprintf(&b, "This hour has %d days\n", 7)
       fmt.Printf("%v", b)
```

Allocation with New

- The built-in function **new()** takes a type **T**, allocates storage for a variable of that type at run time, and returns a value of type * **T** pointing to it. The variable is initialized with a zero for that type. Usage: **new(T)**
- Example:

```
type S struct { a int; b float64 }
new(S)
```

returns a value of type *S containing the address of the location.

Making Slices, Maps and Channels

Call	Type T	Result
make(T, n)	slice	slice of type T with length n and capacity n
make(T, n, m)	slice	slice of type T with length n and capacity m
make(T)	map	map of type T
make(T, n)	map	map of type T with initial space for approximately n elements
make(T)	channel	unbuffered channel of type T
make(T, n)	channel	buffered channel of type T, buffer size n

Arithmetic Operators

```
integers, floats, complex values, strings
+
      difference integers, floats, complex values
      product
      quotient
%
      remainder integers
&
      bitwise AND
      bitwise OR
      bitwise XOR
      bit clear (AND NOT)
%^
      left shift integer << unsigned integer
<<
      right shift integer >> unsigned integer
>>
++ and -- are statements, not expressions (do not return anything), postfix
```

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Relational Operators

- == equal comparable
- != not equal
- < less integers, floats, strings
- <= less or equal
- > greater
- >= greater or equal

Logical Operators

```
conditional AND p && q means "if p then q else false"
conditional OR p | | q means "if p then true else q"
NOT !p means "not p"
```

Pointers and Channels

- & address of &x generates a pointer to x
- * pointer indirection *x denotes the variable pointed to by x
- <- receive <-ch is the value received from channel ch</p>

Type Conversion Operators

```
• Synatax: Conversion = Type "(" Expression [ "," ] ")"
• Examples:
                       // iota value of type uint
uint(iota)
float32(2.718281828) // 2.718281828 of type float32
              // 1.0 + 0.0i of type complex128
complex128(1)
string(0x266c) // "♬" of type string
string([]byte{'h', 'e', 'l', 'l', '\xc3', '\xb8'}) // "hellø"
[]byte("hellø") // []byte{'h', 'e', 'l', 'l', '\xc3', '\xb8'}
string([]rune{0x767d, 0x9d6c}) //"\u767d\u9d6c" == "白鵬"
```

Type Conversion Operators

```
MyString("foo" + "bar") // "foobar" of type MyString
[]rune(MyString("白鵬翔")) // []rune{0x767d, 0x9d6c, 0x7fd4}
(*Point)(p) // p is converted to *Point
(<-chan int)(c) // c is converted to <-chan int</pre>
(func())(x) // x is converted to func()
(func() int)(x) // x is converted to func() int
func() int(x) // x is converted to func() int (unambiguous)
```

Type Conversion Example

```
type Sequence []int
// Copy method copies the current to a new Sequence
func (s Sequence) Copy() Sequence {
      result := make([]int,len(s))
      copy(result, s)
      return result
// String method sorts elements and returns them as string
func (s Sequence) String() string {
      s = s.Copy()
      sort.IntSlice(s).Sort()
      return fmt.Sprint([]int(s))
```

Interface Conversions and Type Assertions

```
type Stringer interface {
      String() string
var value interface{} // Value provided by caller.
func String() {
      case string:
            return str
      case Stringer:
            return str.String()
      if str, ok := value.(string); ok { // The same as above with type assertion
            return str
      } else if str, ok := value.(Stringer); ok {
            return str.String()
```

Loops - for

```
• "Classical" for loop:
sum := 0
for i := 0; i < 10; i++ {
        sum += i
}
fmt.Println(sum)</pre>
```

Loop for with missing init and step:

```
sum := 1
for ; sum < 1000; {
        sum += sum
}
fmt.Println(sum)</pre>
```

Endless loop with break (do-while):

```
sum := 1
for {
        sum += sum
        if sum > 1000 {
            break
        }
}
fmt.Println(sum)
```

Loop while condition is true:

```
sum := 1
for sum < 1000 {
         sum += sum
}
fmt.Println(sum)</pre>
```

Decision Making - if

```
• if-return (if-break, if-continue):
func sqrt(x float64) string {
   if x < 0 {
      return sqrt(-x) + "i"
    }
   return fmt.Sprint(math.Sqrt(x))
}</pre>
```

if with a short statement

```
func pow(x, n, lim float64) float64 {
   if v := math.Pow(x, n); v < lim {
      return v
   } // can't use v here, though
   return lim
}</pre>
```

If-else:

```
func pow(x, n, lim float64) float64 {
   if v := math.Pow(x, n); v < lim {
      return v
   } else {
      fmt.Printf("%g >= %g\n", v, lim)
   }
   // can't use v here, though
   return lim
}
```

Decision Making – switch-case-default

switch-case-default:

```
fmt.Println("When's Saturday?")
today := time.Now().Weekday()
switch time.Saturday {
case today + 0:
      fmt.Println("Today.")
case today + 1:
      fmt.Println("Tomorrow.")
case today + 2:
      fallthrough
case today + 3:
      fmt.Println("Have to wait.")
default:
      fmt.Println("Too far away.")
```

Switch with no condition:

```
t := time.Now()
switch {
case t.Hour() < 12:
     fmt.Println("Good morning!")
case t.Hour() < 17:
     fmt.Println("Good afternoon.")
default:
     fmt.Println("Good evening.")
}</pre>
```

Functions – multiple return values

```
func swap(x, y string) (string, string) {
    return y, x
}

func main() {
    a, b := swap("hello", "world")
    fmt.Println(a, b)
}
```

Functions - named return values

```
func split(sum int) (x, y int) {
    x = sum * 4 / 9
    y = sum - x
    return
}
func main() {
    fmt.Println(split(17))
}
```

Value and Reference Parameters

```
• func swapVal(x, y string) (string, string) {
     return y, x
 func swapRef(x, y *string) {
     *x, *y = *y, *x
 func main() {
                                                Output:
     a, b := swapVal("hello", "world")
     fmt.Println(a, b)
                                                world hello
     swapRef(&a, &b)
                                                hello world
     fmt.Println(a, b)
```

Variadic Parameters

```
func printf(format string, args ...interface{}) (int, error) {
     _, err := fmt.Printf(format, args...)
     return len(args), err
func main() {
     argsLen, err := printf("%v, %v\n", "abcd", 15)
     if err == nil {
           printf("Number args: %d\n", argsLen)
     } else {
           fmt.Printf("Error: %v\n", err)
```

More Examples: Let's Write Some Code

- Variables
- Decisions
- Loops
- Functions
- Enums
- Structures and Methods
- Interfaces
- Polymorphism

- Arrays and Slices
- Maps
- Casting and Assertions
- Errors
- Command line args
- Reading from files and console
- Http Client and Server

Homework 1 (algorithmic problem)

Имаме **n** човека наредени в кръг с номера от 1 до **n**, които участват в игра на броене наречена броенка. Играта е със следните правила:

Започваме да броим от човека с номер 1.

Отброяваме **m** човека участващи в кръга. Последният отброен човек (с номер **m**) излиза от кръга.

Повтаряме стъпка 2 (продължавайки да броим от следващия участник), докато в кръга остане само един участник. Нека номерът на участника да бъде **р**.

Създайте функция findWinner(n, m int) int, която по подадени като аргументи n и m връща p.

Напишете и **main** функция която да въвежда от клавиатурата **n** и **m** и да отпечатва **p** на екрана.

Примерни данни findWinner(8, 3) --> 7, findWinner(11, 5) --> 8.

Recommended Literature

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