Hello Golang

A modern programming language

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Open source projects: esbulk, solrbulk, microblob, gluish, metha, marctools.

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Workshop on Go interfaces at Golab, an European Go conference in Italy.

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BASIC, Pascal, Perl, *Bash*, Ruby, *Java*, *C*, C++, *PHP*, *JavaScript*, *Python*, *Go*.

Outline

First: slides

- Go: its users and critics, language constructs
- Go and OO, Go and Concurrency
- The Go development workflow

Then: hands-on, if you want:

- Get Go installed
- Write a simple (web service | concurrent program) in Go

Question: Is Go a modern language?



GitHub Activity (2016)

From GoLang or the future of the dev:



TIOBE

From June 2017:

Jun 2017	Jun 2016	Change	Programming Language	Ratings	Change
1	1		Java	14.493%	-6.30%
2	2		С	6.848%	-5.53%
3	3		C++	5.723%	-0.48%
4	4		Python	4.333%	+0.43%
5	5		C#	3.530%	-0.26%
6	9	^	Visual Basic .NET	3.111%	+0.76%
7	7		JavaScript	3.025%	+0.44%
8	6	•	PHP	2.774%	-0.45%
9	8	•	Perl	2.309%	-0.09%
10	12	^	Assembly language	2.252%	+0.13%
11	10	•	Ruby	2.222%	-0.11%
12	14	^	Swift	2.209%	+0.38%
13	13		Delphi/Object Pascal	2.158%	+0.22%
14	16	^	R	2.150%	+0.61%
15	48	*	Go	2.044%	+1.83%

Golang is trash

Golang is trash (2014):

But I think the bit that really captures the essence of golang, as well as the psuedointellectual arrogance of Rob Pike and everything he stands for, is this little **gem**:

Instructions, registers, and assembler directives are always in UPPER CASE to remind you that assembly programming is a fraught endeavor.

Wait, what? Are you being paternalistic or are you just an amateur? Writing in normal (that is, adult) assembly language is not fraught at all. While Mr. Pike was busying himself with Plan9, the rest of us

github.com/ksimka/go-is-not-good (1233 stars):

What's this

This repository is a list of articles that complain about golang's imperfection.

Motivation

Seems like complaining about **go**'s flaws is becoming a trend. Any newbie must have a chance to read all the **go**-is-bad arguments before they go too far. So here it is.

Why is Go not good?

- · no generics
 - http://jozefg.bitbucket.org/posts/2013-08-23-leaving-go.html (Danny Gratzer 2013)
 - http://how-bazaar.blogspot.ru/2013/04/the-go-language-my-thoughts.html (Tim Penhey 2013)
 - http://yager.io/programming/go.html (Will Yager 2014)
 - https://rule1.guora.com/Golang-Not-yet (Jordan Zimmerman 2014)
 - https://www.upguard.com/blog/our-experience-with-golang (Mark Sheahan 2014)
 - http://nomad.so/2015/03/why-gos-design-is-a-disservice-to-intelligent-programmers/ (Gary Willoughby 2015)
 - https://kaushalsubedi.com/blog/2015/11/10/golang-sucks-heres-why/ (Kaushal Subedi 2015)
 - http://blog.goodstuff.im/golang (David Pollak 2015)
- stuck in 70's
 - https://cowlark.com/2009-11-15-go/ (David Given 2009)
 - https://uberpython.wordpress.com/2012/09/23/why-im-not-leaving-python-for-go/ (Yuval Greenfield 2012)
 - http://www.darkcoding.net/software/go-lang-after-four-months/ (Graham King 2012)
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 - https://medium.com/@rgausnet/3-reasons-why-go-isnt-the-perfect-language-yet-25e0da5ec04c (Ryan Gaus 2016)
- · error handling
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 - http://spaces-vs-tabs.com/4-weeks-of-golang-the-good-the-bad-and-the-ugly/ (Freddy Rangel 2015)
 - http://blog.goodstuff.im/golang (David Pollak 2015)
- · weird mascot (gopher)
 - http://magicmakerman.blogspot.ru/2013/07/why-googles-go-programming-language.html (Magic Maker Man 2013)
 - http://www.evanmiller.org/four-days-of-go.html (Evan Miller 2015)

Why is Go not good?

The list goes on and on:

- designed for stupid people
- no OOP
- no exceptions
- no versioning model
- too opinionated
- too simple

So, why do I use it?

- I was curious about Ken Thompsons' experiment.
- I like production code and low operational overhead (e.g. install, maybe config, run).
- With Go, I mostly think about the problem, not about the language.

A small language

• 25 keywords

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

Hello World

```
package main

import "fmt"

func main() {
  fmt.Println("Hello 세계")
}
```

Declaring variables

```
package main
import (
    "fmt"
    "time"
var timeout time.Duration
var N = 4
func main() {
    n, k := N, 2.0
    fmt.Printf("n=%d, k=%0.3f, timeout=%s", n, k, timeout)
}
```

Visibility

• Lowercase private, uppercase public

Every type has a zero value

Various numberic types

```
byte, uint8, int8
uint16, int16
uint32, int32, float32
uint64, int64, float64, complex64
complex128
size in bytes

1
uint16
2
4
uint26
4
16
```

https://golang.org/pkg/builtin/

Basic types

```
hoo1
string
int int8 int16 int32 int64
uint uint8 uint16 uint32 uint64 uintptr
byte // alias for uint8
rune // alias for int32
    // represents a Unicode code point
float32 float64
complex64 complex128
```

Only one loop construct

```
package main

import "fmt"

const Prefix = ">> "

func main() {
    for i := 0; i < 5; i++ {
        log.Printf("%s %0d", Prefix, i)
    }
}</pre>
```

Play. Break, continue as you expect.

Slices

```
package main
import "fmt"
func main() {
    cities := []string{"Jena", "Weimar", "Erfurt"}
    for i, city := range cities {
        fmt.Println(i, city)
    }
}
```

Functions

```
package main
import "fmt"
func Hello(name string) (string, error) {
        if len(name) < 2 {</pre>
                return "", fmt.Errorf("name too short")
        return fmt.Sprintf("Hello %s", name), nil
func main() {
    greeting, err := Hello("a")
    fmt.Println(greeting, err)
```

If needs no parentheses

```
package main

import "log"

func main() {
    a, b := 4, 3
    if a < b {
        log.Println("a smaller b")
    } else {
        log.Println("a not smaller b")
    }
}</pre>
```

Keywords to go (13)

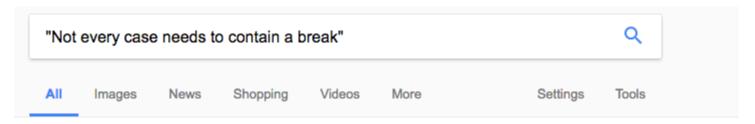
	default		interface	select
case	defer	go	map	struct
chan		goto		switch
	fallthrough	_		type

Branching with switch, case and default

```
package main
import "fmt"
func main() {
    s := "A"
    switch s {
    case "A":
        fmt.Println("a")
    case "B":
        fmt.Println("b")
    default:
        fmt.Println("?")
```

Fallthrough

A design mistake correction from the C language



About 1,550 results (0.52 seconds)

switch statement in C - TutorialsPoint

https://www.tutorialspoint.com/cprogramming/switch_statement_in_c.htm ▼
Not every case needs to contain a break. If no break appears, the flow of control will fall through to subsequent cases until a break is reached. A switch statement ...

Not every case needs to contain a break IF no break - COMPUTER S ...

https://www.coursehero.com > ... > COMPUTER S > COMPUTER S 340 ▼

Mar 22, 2017 - **Not every case needs to contain a break**. IF no break appears, the fow oF control will fall through to subsequent cases unTl a break is reached.

Fallthrough

• Example, ascii85

```
var v uint32
switch len(src) {
default:
    v |= uint32(src[3])
    fallthrough
case 3:
    v |= uint32(src[2]) << 8</pre>
    fallthrough
case 2:
    v |= uint32(src[1]) << 16</pre>
    fallthrough
case 1:
    v |= uint32(src[0]) << 24</pre>
```

Keywords to go (9)

interface select
defer go map struct
chan goto
type

Defer

Defer can safe lots of code.

```
package main
func f() error {
    defer fmt.Println("exiting f")
    if rand.Float64() > 0.5 {
        fmt.Println("f failed")
    return nil
func main() {
    f()
```

Defer

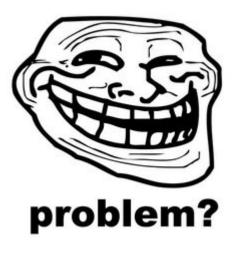
- Use cases: closing file, connections, response bodies, profiling
- make code much more readable, but has performance implications

Keywords to go (8)

	go	interface map	select struct
chan	goto		type

Keywords to go (7)

interface select go map struct chan type



Hashmaps

Keywords to go (6)

go struct chan

- Concurrency: go, chan, select
- OO: type, struct, interface

00 in Go

- no classes
- composition over inheritance
- small interfaces
- no explicit declarations

Custom types

• before we see compound types, let's look at something simpler

Custom types

```
package main
import "fmt"

type Celsius float64

func main() {
     var temp Celsius
     fmt.Printf("below %v degree", temp)
}
```

Functions on custom types

```
package main
import "fmt"
type Celsius float64
func (c Celsius) String() string {
    return fmt.Sprintf("%0.1fo", c)
func main() {
   var temp Celsius
    fmt.Printf("below %s degree", temp)
```

Compound types: structs

```
package main
import "fmt"
type Meetup struct {
       Name string
       Location string
func main() {
   meetup := Meetup{
       Name: "jenadevs",
       Location: "FSU Jena",
   fmt.Printf("%+v", meetup)
```

Compound types (play)

```
package main
import "fmt"
type Address struct {
       City string
       Street string
type Meetup struct {
       Name string
       Location Address
}
func main() {
       meetup := Meetup{"jenadevs", Address{
               Street: "Fürstengraben 1",
               City: "Jena"}}
       fmt.Printf("%+v", meetup)
```

Defining Methods on Types

```
type Client struct {
    scheme string
    host string
    proto string
func (cli *Client) ContainerList(...) (..., error) {
```

- moby/client/client.go
- moby/client/container_list.go

Types

- basic types (int, float, complex64, string, rune, byte, bool)
- slices (variable sized array)
- maps (hashmaps)
- struct types (compound types)

A few more types

A few more builtin types:

- array types (fixed size)
- pointer types (pointers reference a location in memory where a value is stored rather than the value itself)
- function types (functions are first class objects)
- interface types (defined by a set of methods)
- channel types (typed conduits for communication and synchronisation)

Arrays

rarely used

```
package main

import "fmt"

func main() {
    var v [3]int64
    fmt.Println(v)
}
```

Pointers

```
package main

import "fmt"

func main() {
    var x = 42
    fmt.Printf("%v", &x)
}
```

Pointers

```
package main
import "fmt"

func main() {
    x := new(int32)
    fmt.Printf("%T", x)
}
```

Pointers

You will see (use) pointer receivers on struct methods:

```
func (cli *Client) ContainerList ...
```

- required, if a method mutates values
- even if just a single method requires a pointer receiver, for consistency,
 - all methods should use one

Function types

- lots of fun
- closures

```
package main

import "fmt"

func main() {
    f := func(s string) string {
        return fmt.Sprintf("<%s>", s)
    }
    fmt.Println(f("functional"))
}
```

Function types

```
package main

type Converter func(string) string

func Convert(value string, f Converter) string {
        return f(value)
}

func main() {
        // ...
}
```

Function types

type Converter func(string) string

Any function with the signature func(string) string will work:

- set of methods
- satisfied implicitly

```
package main
type Starter interface {
    Start() error
type Container struct {
        ID string
func (c Container) Start() error {
   // ...
```

- The bigger the interface, the weaker the abstraction.
- https://youtu.be/PAAkCSZUG1c?t=5m18s Go Proverbs, 2015

- Go has small interfaces
- Example: package io

```
type Reader interface {
    Read([]byte) (n int, err error)
}

type Writer interface {
    Write([]byte) (n int, err error)
}

type ReadWriter interface {
    Reader
    Writer
}
```

Can small interfaces be useful?

• Explore IO workshop

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... satisfied implictly. But that's actually not the most important thing about Go's interfaces. The really most important thing is the culture around them that's captured by this proverb, which is that the smaller the interface is the more useful it is.

io.Reader, io.Writer and the empty interface are the three most important interfaces in the entire ecosystem, and they have an average of 2/3 of a method.

Empty interface

```
package main

import "fmt"

func main() {
    var x interface{}
    x = 5
    fmt.Printf("%v, %T\n", x, x)
    x = "Hello"
    fmt.Printf("%v, %T\n", x, x)
}
```

Type assertion

```
package main
import "fmt"
func IsString(v interface{}) bool {
    _, ok := v.(string)
    return ok
func main() {
    fmt.Println(IsString(23))
    fmt.Println(IsString("23"))
```

Polymorphism

- via interfaces
- no explicit declaration

```
package main
import "fmt"

type Number struct{ x int }

func (n Number) String() string { return fmt.Sprintf("<Number %

func main() {
    five := Number{5}
    fmt.Println(five)
}</pre>
```

Interface advantages

- no dependence between interface and implementation
- easy testing
- avoids overdesign, rigid hierarchy of inheritance-based OO
- The source of all generality in the Go language.
- https://talks.golang.org/2014/research.slide#20

(Requires some boilerplate, e.g. sort.Interface)

Concurrency

- based on Communicating Sequential Processes (CSP), 1978
- avoids explicit locks

Do not communicate by sharing memory; instead, share memory by communicating.

CSP

In Hoare's CSP language, *processes communicate* by sending or receiving values from named unbuffered channels. Since the channels are unbuffered, the send operation blocks until the value has been transferred to a receiver, thus providing a *mechanism for synchronization*.

Concurrency

Three elements:

- goroutines
- channels
- select statement

Concurrency: goroutines

• the go keyword start a function in a separate lightweigth thread

Concurrency: goroutines

```
package main
import (
        "fmt"
        "time"
func f() {
        time.Sleep(1 * time.Second)
        fmt.Println("f")
func main() {
        go f()
        fmt.Println("main")
        time.Sleep(2 * time.Second)
        fmt.Println("main")
```

Concurrency: goroutines

easy to start (many)

```
package main
import (
        "fmt"
func main() {
        N := 1000
        for i := 0; i < N; i++ {
                go func() {
                         x := 0
                         X++
                }()
        fmt.Println("done")
```

Concurrency: channels

- How to communicate between goroutines? Enter channels.
- Channels: typed conduits for synchronisation and communication.

Concurrency: channels

Concurrency: channels

```
package main
// ...
func a(ch chan string) {
        for msg := range ch {
                fmt.Println(msg)
func main() {
        ch := make(chan string)
        go a(ch)
        ch <- "Hello"
        ch <- "World"
        close(ch)
        time.Sleep(1 * time.Second)
```

Channels

```
package main

import "fmt"

func main() {
    c := make(chan string)
    go func() {
        c <- "Hello"
        c <- "World"
    }()
    fmt.Println(<-c, <-c)
}</pre>
```



Select statement

• select statement is similar to a switch but works with channels

The select statement lets a goroutine wait on multiple communication

operations. A select blocks until one of its cases can run, then it executes

that case.

Select statement

```
func main() {
        ch := make(chan int)
        go func() {
                 select {
                 case <-time.After(1 * time.Second):</pre>
                         log.Fatal("timeout")
                 case v := <-ch:
                         log.Println(v)
                         return
        }()
        time.Sleep(1100 * time.Millisecond)
        ch <- 42
        time.Sleep(1 * time.Second)
```

Play.

Commonly referred to a the *Go tool*. It *runs* code (compiles to a temporary file):

\$ go run main.go

Before you build code, you should format Go code:

```
$ go fmt main.go
```

Or use: goimports - you

favorite editor will have a suitable plugin.

Build statically-linked binary:

```
$ go build -o prog main.go
```

Cross complilation is easy.

Testing:

```
$ go test ./...
```

Testing and Benchmark helpers included.

Testing:

```
$ go vet ./...
```

Testing and Benchmark helpers included.

Get additional libraries:

```
$ go get github.com/fatih/structs
```

Dependency management is not great yet.

Standard library

- net/http
- flag
- io
- xml, json
- archive
- encodings
- much more ...

Cool Projects

- docker, k8s
- NES simulator
- https://github.com/gizak/termui
- https://github.com/peco/peco
- https://github.com/coreos/etcd
- https://github.com/chrislusf/seaweedfs
- https://github.com/minio/minio
- http://nsq.io/

Web frameworks

- gorilla
- echo
- revel
- many more ...

More to learn

- ref/spec, effective go, blog, tour
- videos, gophercons, dotgo, books, tutorials wiki

Additional material

A tiny bit about Docker.

Docker API

List containers, create or remove them:

 https://gist.github.com/miku/db09463fb5637a987e3f6dce8f2e 839d

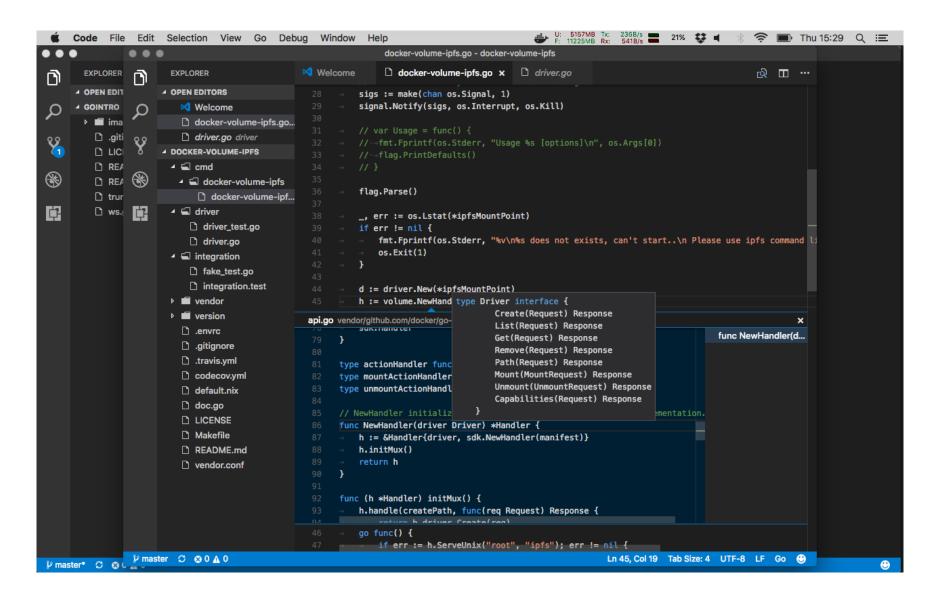
Docker API

```
$ go run create.go
2017/06/08 15:31:47 Pulling from library/alpine
2017/06/08 15:31:47 Digest: sha256:0b94d1d1b5e ..
2017/06/08 15:31:47 Status: Image is up to date ..
2017/06/08 15:31:47 created: 0b2a66483 ...
hello world
2017/06/08 15:31:49 removing: 0b2a66483067c520b761 ...
```

Docker API

```
$ go run list.go
sha256:a298d5ca31220b888b5 ...
sha256:a41a7446062d197dd4b ...
```

Docker Volume API



Docker Plugins API

https://docs.docker.com/engine/extend/plugin_api/

Example:

https://github.com/vieux/docker-volume-sshfs

Go vs Python

• https://gist.github.com/miku/f7ac5873f6a29a096fde

Workshop

- http://localhost:6060/doc/install
- http://localhost:6060/doc/code.html

Workshop Examples

- hello world (hello)
- request a web page (fetch)
- concurrently request a list of web pages (fetchall)
- simple web service (server1, server2, server3)

Workshop (1)

Set \$GOPATH to ~/go.

```
$ mkdir $GOPATH/src/github.com/user/hello
```

Create a file called hello.go - insert code, save, run.

Workshop (2)

request a web page with http.Get

Workshop (3)

• concurrently request a list of web pages

Workshop (4)

various servers

Thanks

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