

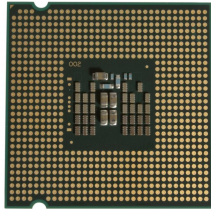
- What is memory
- Value vs pointers
- Stack vs Heap (GC)
- Garbage collector



Memory Model



What is memory



Processor registers
+ Different levels of
cache



Random access memory

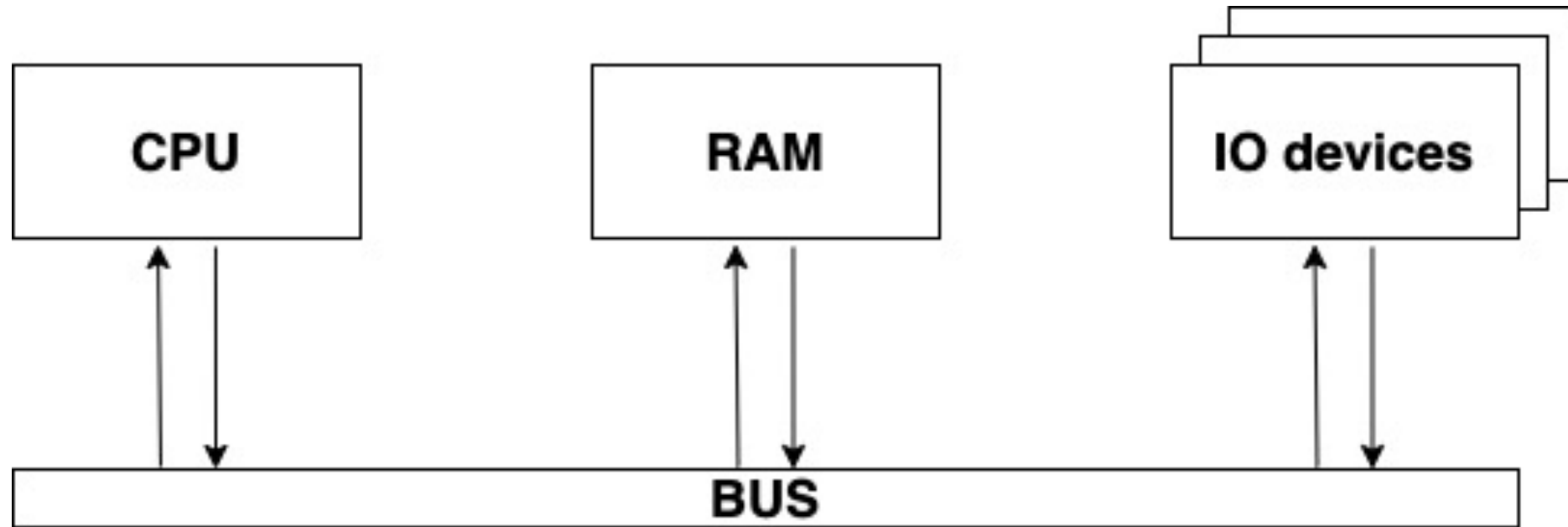


Persistent memory





Simplified memory model





Memory type

CPU:

- Processor registers
- L1, L2, L3 registers

RAM:

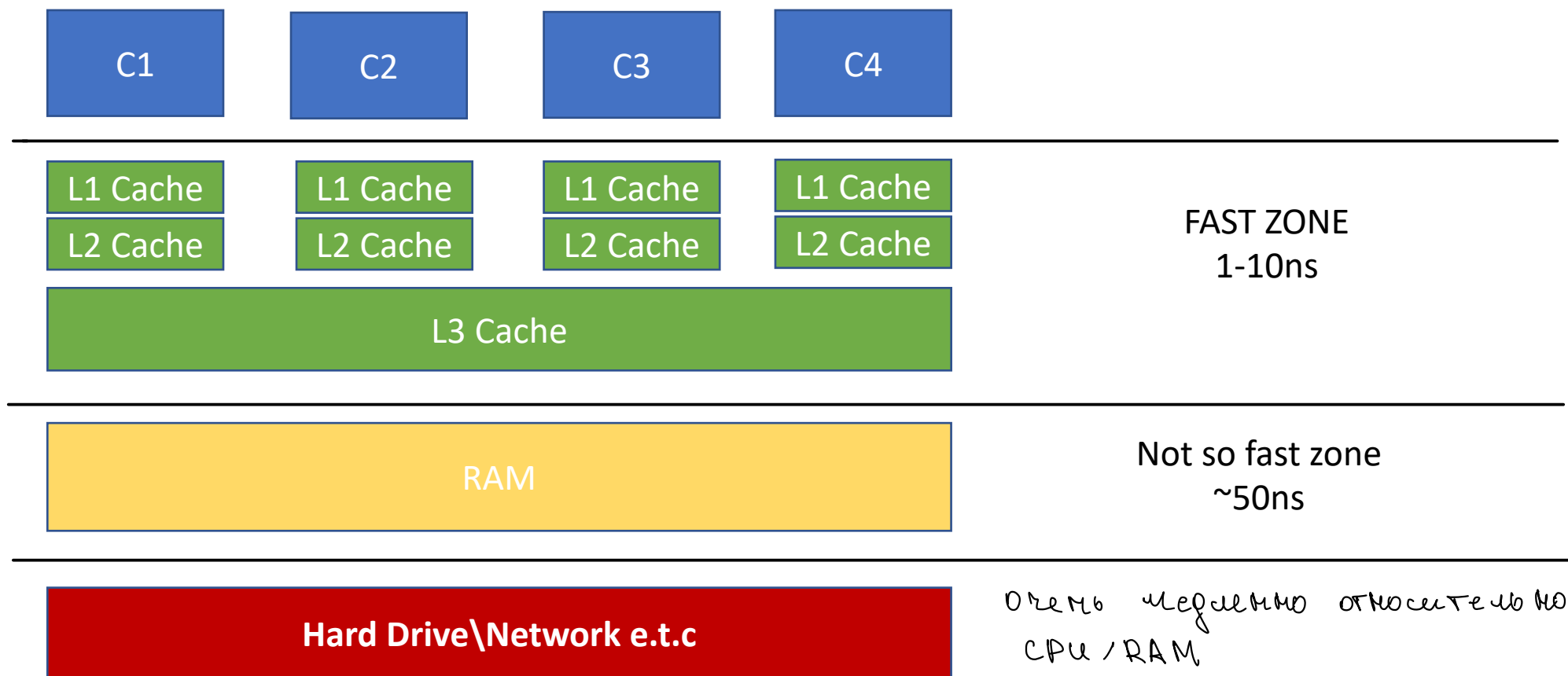
- Memory solded or inserted into mother bord (not persistent)

IO devices:

- External drives
- CD/DVD
- Flash cards



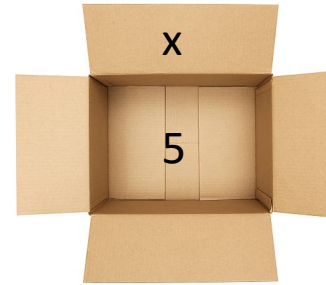
Physical memory



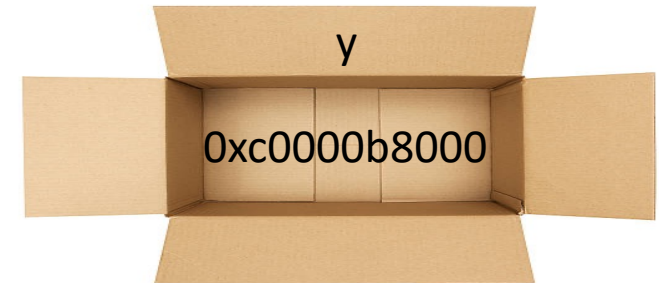


Variables

```
1 package main
2
3 import "fmt"
4
5 func main() {
6     var x int = 5
7
8     var y *int = &x
9
10    fmt.Println(x, y)
11 }
12
```



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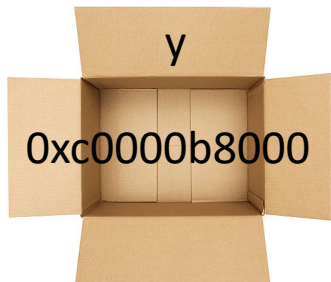




Variables



- Where is Tom?
- He is here!



Where is Tom?
He is at 0xc0000b8000!



What can we do with pointers?

```
1 package main
2
3 import "fmt"
4 |
5 func main() {
6
7     var x int = 5
8
9     var y *int = &x
10
11     *y = 10
12
13     fmt.Println(x, y)
14 }
15
```

&x - get an address of the variable(reference)

***y** – get actual value stored at pointer address (dereference)

(in some cases compiler can do ***y**) implicitly, when it can be confirmed as safe

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How does it works?

```
1 package main
2
3 import "fmt"
4 |
5 func main() {
6
7     var x int = 5
8
9     var y *int = &x
10
11     *y = 10
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13     fmt.Println(x, y)
14 }
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```

./main.go:15:13: inlining call to fmt.Println

./main.go:9:6: moved to heap: x

./main.go:15:13: x escapes to heap

./main.go:15:13: []interface {}{...} does not escape

go build -gcflags="-m" main.go



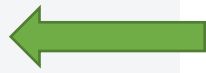
What is “stack”

- A **Stack** is a region in memory created to store temporary variables *bound to a function*.
- It's **self cleaning**.
- It's can **expands** and **shrinks** accordingly.



Stack

```
1 package main
2
3 import (
4     "fmt"
5 )
6
7 func main() {
8     var x int = 5
9     var y int = 7
10
11     var s int = sum(x, y)
12
13     fmt.Println(s)
14 }
15
16 func sum(d1, d2 int) int {
17     r := d1 + d2
18
19     return r
20 }
21
```



Stack frame

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Stack

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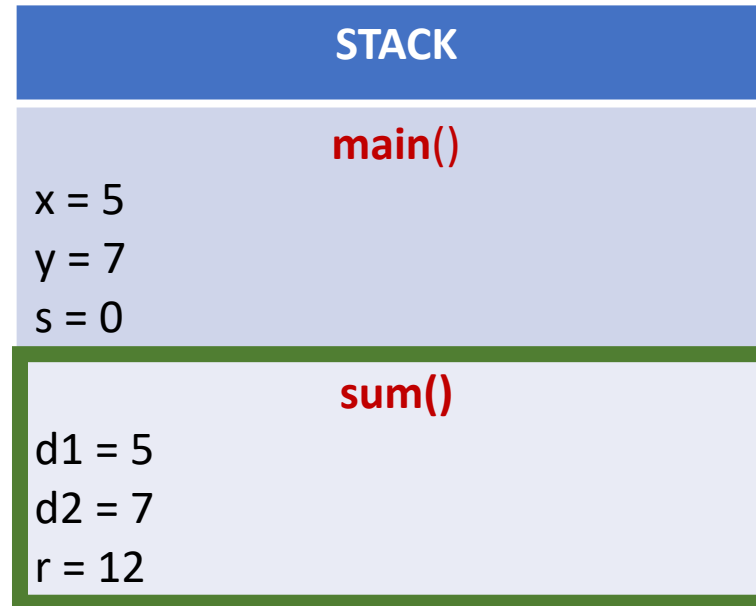


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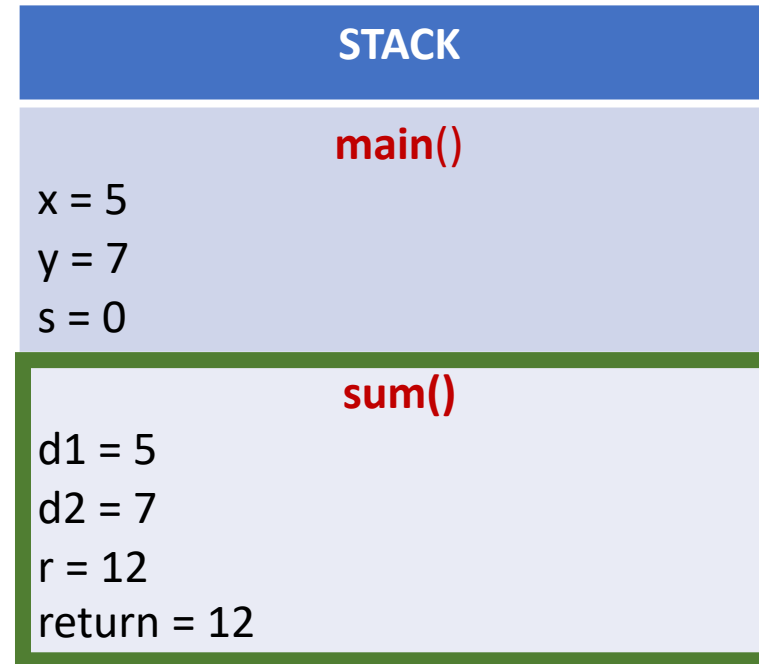


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16 func sum(d1, d2 int) int {
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18
19     return r ←
20 }
21
```

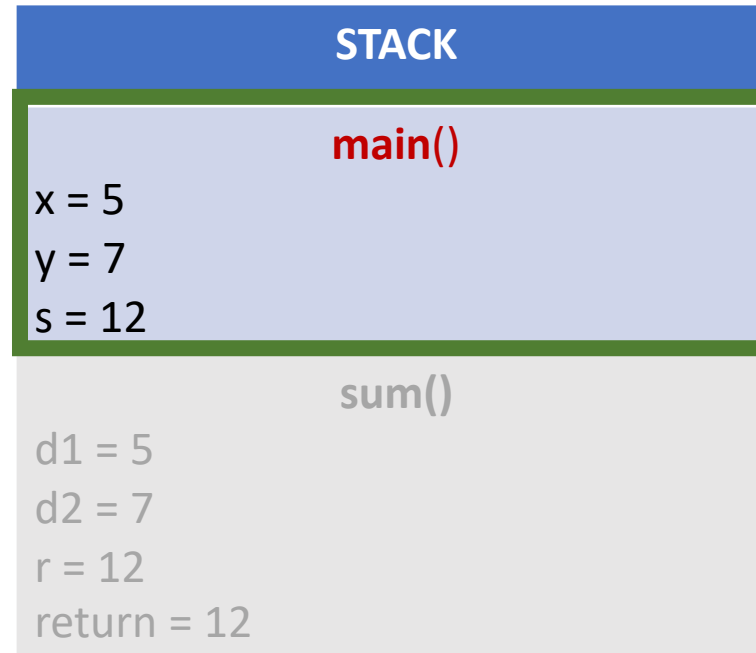


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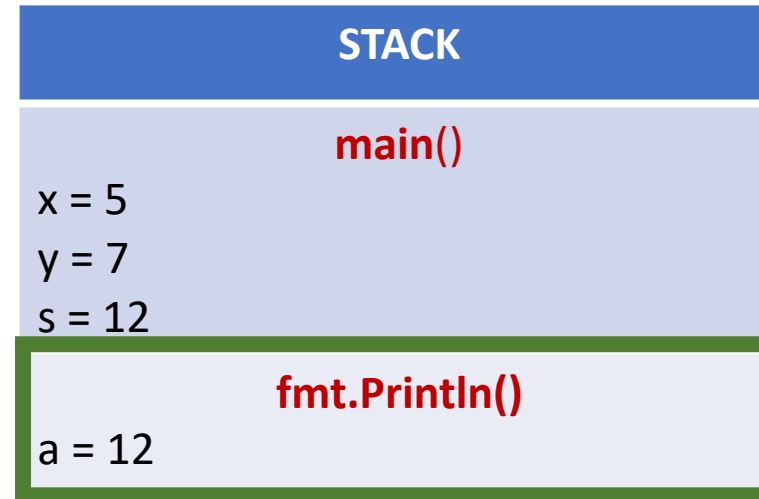


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Stack or heap?

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```

go build -gcflags '-m'

command-line-arguments

.\mm.go:16:6: can inline sum

.\mm.go:11:17: inlining call to sum

.\mm.go:13:13: inlining call to fmt.Println

.\mm.go:13:13: s escapes to heap

.\mm.go:13:13: []interface {} literal does not escape

<autogenerated>:1: .this does not escape

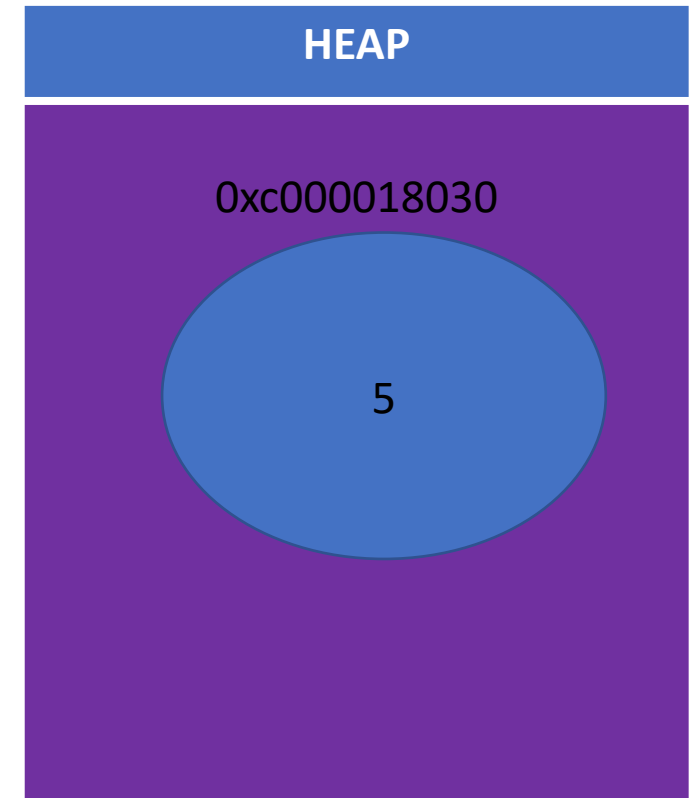
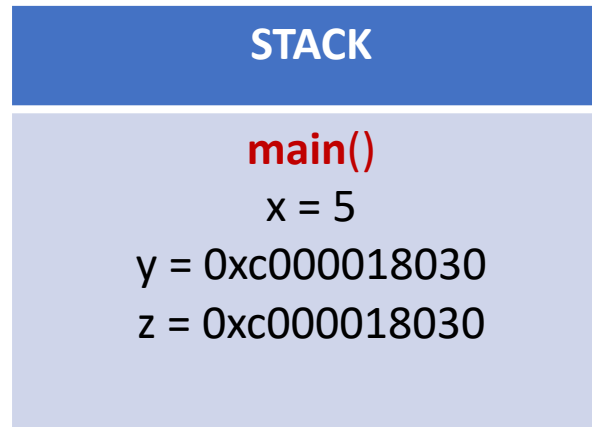
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Stack and heap

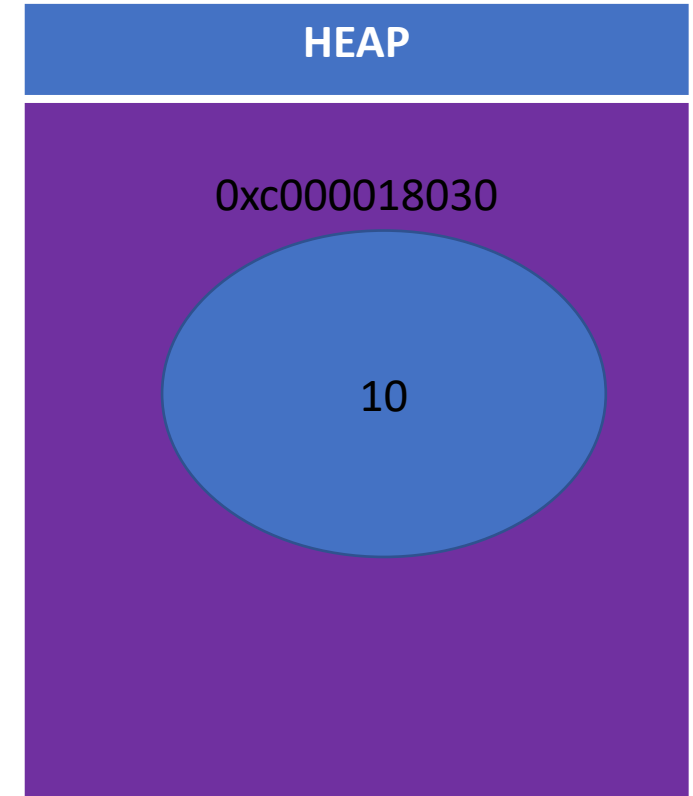
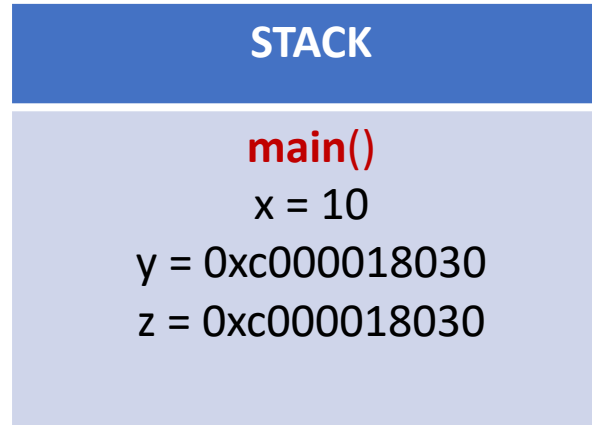
```
1 package main
2
3 import "fmt"
4
5 func main() {
6
7     var x int = 5
8
9     var y *int = &x
10
11    var z *int = &x ←
12
13    *y = 10
14
15    fmt.Println(x, y, z)
16 }
17
```





Stack and heap

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5 func main() {
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Stack and heap

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15    fmt.Println(x, y, z)
16 }
17
```

go build -gcflags '-m'

command-line-arguments

.\mm.go:15:13: inlining call to fmt.Println

.\mm.go:7:6: moved to heap: x

.\mm.go:15:13: x escapes to heap

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When it escapes to heap?

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What is escapes to heap?

Escape analysis



- When possible, the Go compiler will allocate variables that are local to a function in that function's **stack frame**.
- Go looks for variables that **outlive** the current stack frame and therefore need to be heap-allocated
- If a variable has its **address** taken, that variable is a **candidate** for allocation on the heap. However, a basic escape analysis recognizes some cases when such variables will not live past the return from the function and can reside on the stack.



Escape analysis

```
1 package main
2
3 type Agent struct {
4     Name string
5 }
6
7 //go:noinline
8 func EscapeFunction(name string) *Agent {
9     agent := &Agent{
10         Name: name,
11     }
12     return agent
13 }
14
15 //go:noinline
16 func NoEscapeFunction(name string) Agent {
17     agent := new(Agent)
18     agent.Name = name
19     return *agent
20 }
21
22 func main() {
23     _ = EscapeFunction("007")
24
25     _ = NoEscapeFunction("07")
26 }
```

- `.\task01.go:8:21`: leaking param: name
- `.\task01.go:9:11`: `&Agent` literal escapes to heap
- `.\task01.go:16:23`: leaking param: name
- `.\task01.go:17:14`: `new(Agent)` does not escape



Garbage collection

- Garbage collection first time starts when heap is $\geq 4\text{mb}$
- Garbage collector might be triggered in two cases
 - There is not garbage collection for more than 2 minutes
 - Heap grows by specific percent (**100%** by default)
- You can configure how often garbage collector starts with **GOGC** *env variable*



Garbage collection

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```
9  type User struct {
10      id      int
11      username string
12  }
13
14  const (
15      ReplaceOp = iota
16      RemoveOp
17  )
18
19  func main() {
20
21      const bufferSize = 1000000
22      users := make([]*User, bufferSize)
23
24      for i := 0; i < 100; i++ {
25          op := i % 2
26          fmt.Println(op)
27
28          switch op {
29              case ReplaceOp:
30                  for j := 0; j < bufferSize; j++ {
31                      users[j] = &User{id: j, username: strings.Repeat(string(j), j%1000)}
32                  }
33
34              case RemoveOp:
35                  for j := 0; j < bufferSize; j++ {
36                      users[j] = nil
37                  }
38          }
39
40          time.Sleep(1 * time.Second)
41      }
42  }
43
```

GODEBUG=gctrace=1 go run main.go

*gc 1 @0.014s 0%: 0.025+0.49+0.011 ms clock, 0.41+0.87/0.80/0.30+0.19 ms cpu, **4->4->0 MB**, 5 MB goal, 16 P*

*gc 2 @0.030s 0%: 0.038+0.30+0.021 ms clock, 0.61+0.19/0.54/0.24+0.34 ms cpu, **4->4->0 MB**, 5 MB goal, 16 P*

*gc 7 @0.282s 0%: 0.047+2.1+0.023 ms clock, 0.75+0.065/7.7/18+0.37 ms cpu, **438->440->437 MB**, 449 MB goal, 16 P*

*gc 8 @0.495s 0%: 0.025+3.4+0.023 ms clock, 0.40+0.12/12/33+0.37 ms cpu, **853->857->851 MB**, 875 MB goal, 16 P*

*gc 9 @0.898s 0%: 0.022+8.7+0.052 ms clock, 0.36+0.054/33/34+0.84 ms cpu, **1659->1673->1662 MB**, 1702 MB goal, 16 P*

*gc 10 @3.744s 0%: 0.070+5.1+0.019 ms clock, 1.1+0.095/18/46+0.31 ms cpu, **3242->3248->1204 MB**, 3325 MB goal, 16 P*

*gc 11 @5.985s 0%: 0.077+2.3+0.018 ms clock, 1.2+0.095/7.8/15+0.29 ms cpu, **2348->2355->316 MB**, 2409 MB goal, 16 P*

*gc 12 @6.078s 0%: 0.062+3.0+0.063 ms clock, 0.99+0.074/11/24+1.0 ms cpu, **616->625->620 MB**, 632 MB goal, 16 P*



Garbage collection

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12 }
13
14 const (
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16     RemoveOp
17 )
18
19 func main() {
20
21     const bufferSize = 1000000
22     users := make([]*User, bufferSize)
23
24     for i := 0; i < 100; i++ {
25         op := i % 2
26         fmt.Println(op)
27
28         switch op {
29             case ReplaceOp:
30                 for j := 0; j < bufferSize; j++ {
31                     users[j] = &User{id: j, username: strings.Repeat(string(j), j%1000)}
32                 }
33
34             case RemoveOp:
35                 for j := 0; j < bufferSize; j++ {
36                     users[j] = nil
37                 }
38             }
39
40         time.Sleep(1 * time.Second)
41     }
42 }
43
```

GOGC= 10 GODEBUG=gctrace=1

go run main.go

*gc 1 @0.007s 1%: 0.017+0.62+0.050 ms clock, 0.28+0.64/0.67/0+0.81 ms cpu, **2->2->0 MB**, 3 MB goal, 16 P*

*gc 2 @0.009s 2%: 0.037+0.53+0.015 ms clock, 0.59+0.46/0.90/0.10+0.25 ms cpu, **1->1->0 MB**, 2 MB goal, 16 P*

*gc 3 @0.011s 4%: 0.084+1.4+0.027 ms clock, 1.3+1.3/1.6/0.043+0.44 ms cpu, **1->2->0 MB**, 2 MB goal, 16 P*

.....

*gc 30 @0.190s 5%: 0.026+1.7+0.035 ms clock, 0.43+0.24/5.4/10+0.57 ms cpu, **189->190->189 MB**, 190 MB goal, 16 P*

*gc 31 @0.209s 5%: 0.029+2.3+0.026 ms clock, 0.46+0.15/7.7/14+0.42 ms cpu, **207->209->208 MB**, 208 MB goal, 16 P*

*gc 32 @0.231s 5%: 0.025+2.6+0.015 ms clock, 0.40+0.10/8.9/18+0.24 ms cpu, **227->229->229 MB**, 229 MB goal, 16 P*

*gc 33 @0.254s 5%: 0.083+3.5+0.043 ms clock, 1.3+0.97/11/20+0.69 ms cpu, **250->251->251 MB**, 251 MB goal, 16 P*

*gc 34 @0.282s 4%: 0.029+3.0+0.051 ms clock, 0.47+0.081/10/18+0.83 ms cpu, **274->276->275 MB**, 276 MB goal, 16 P*