



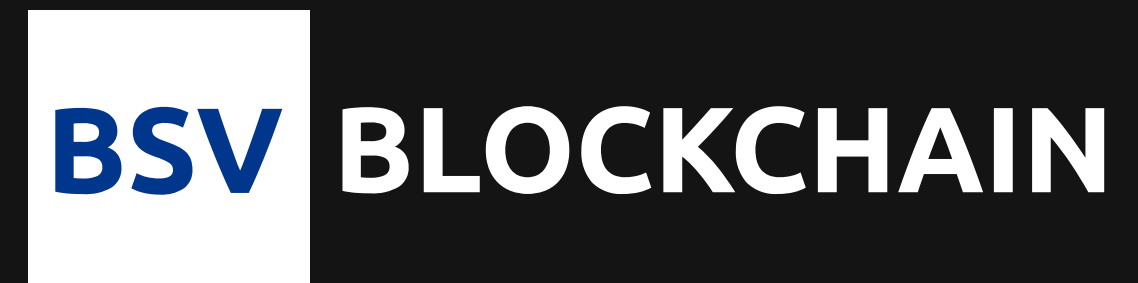
Introduction to Golang

Part 3

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ASCII & Unicode

- **American Standard Code for Information Interchange**
- **Character coding – each character is associated with a 7 (8) bit number**
 - **"A" = 0x41**
- **This is sufficient for the English alphabets**

ASCII & Unicode

- Unicode is a 32bit Character code
- UTF-8 is variable length (can go from 8 to 32 bits)
 - 8bit UTF code are same as ASCII
- In Go, the default is UTF-8

Strings

- **Arbitrary sequence of bytes represented in UTF-8**
 - **Read-only**
 - **Often meant to be printed**
- **String literals: denoted by double quotes**
 - **`x := "Hi there"`**
- **Each byte is a rune (UTF-8 code point)**

Constants

- Expression whose value is known at runtime
- Type is inferred from right hand side

```
const x = 1.3
const (
  y = 4
  z = "Hi"
)
```

Control Structures

Statements which alter control flows

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```
if <condition> {  
    <statement>  
}
```

Control Structures

- Expression `<condition>` is evaluated
- `<statements>` are evaluated if condition is true
- `if (y > 0) {`
- `fmt.Printf("Positive")`
- `}`

For Loop

- Iterates while condition is true
- May have initialization and update operation
 - **for <init>; <condition>; <update> {**
 - **statements**
 - **}**

For Loop Forms

```
for i:=0; i<10; i++ {  
    fmt.Printf("hi ")  
}
```

```
i = 0  
for i < 10 {  
    fmt.Printf("hi ")  
    i++  
}
```

```
for {  
    fmt.Printf("hi ")  
}
```

Break

break exists the containing loop

```
i := 0
for i < 10 {
    i++
    if i == 5 { break }
    fmt.Printf("hi ")
}
```

Continue

continue skips the rest of the current iteration

```
i := 0
for i < 10 {
    i++
    if i == 5 { continue }
    fmt.Printf("hi ")
}
```

Scan

- Reads user input
- Takes a pointer as an argument
- Typed data is written to a pointer

```
fmt.Printf("Number of  
apples?")
```

```
num, err :=
```

```
fmt.Scan(&appleNum)
```

```
fmt.Printf(appleNum)
```

Exercise 1

Write a program which prompts the user to enter a floating point number and prints the integer which is a truncated version of the floating point number that was entered. Truncation is the process of removing the digits to the right of the decimal place.

Solution 1

```
package main

import "fmt"

var floatNum float64

func main(){
    fmt.Println("Enter a float value : ")
    fmt.Scanf("%f", &floatNum)
    //fmt.Printf("Truncated float: %.0f ", floatNum) This line rounds
    fmt.Printf("Truncated float number: %d", int(floatNum)) // correct
}
```