

# How Can Go Help You?

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# Overview



**Philosophy and values**

**Primary use-cases**



# Philosophy and Values

**Simplicity**

**Network aware  
and concurrent  
apps**

**Out-of-the-box  
experience**

**Cross-platform**

**Backward  
compatibility**



# Simplicity

```
i := 1
```

```
println(i++) // ???
```

```
println(++i) // ???
```

**Problem:**  
Increment and  
decrement expressions  
are easily misinterpreted



# Simplicity

```
i := 1
```

```
i++
```

```
println(i) // 2
```

```
i++
```

```
println(i) // 3
```

**Solution:**  
Increment and  
decrements are  
statements in Go



```
for i := 0; i < 5; i++ ...
```

```
for i < 5 ...
```

```
for ...
```

```
for user := range users ...
```

◀ loop with incrementor

◀ loop till condition

◀ infinite loop

◀ loop over collection

All loops in Go  
are for-loops!



# Network Aware and Concurrent Apps

**net and net/http  
packages**

Create web  
servers using only  
standard library

**goroutines**

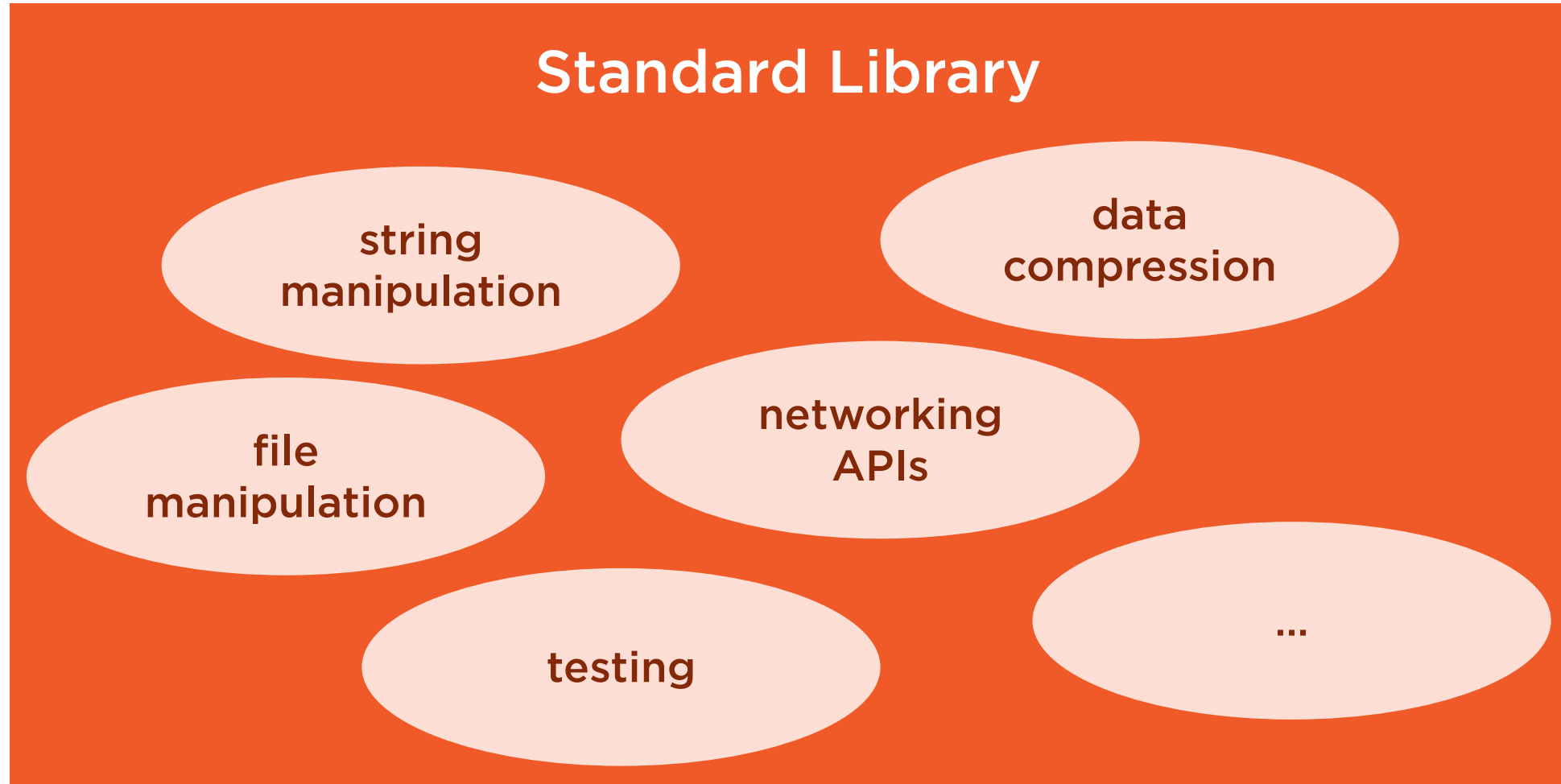
Start thousands of  
concurrent tasks  
with minimal  
resources

**channels**

Safely  
communicate  
between  
concurrent tasks

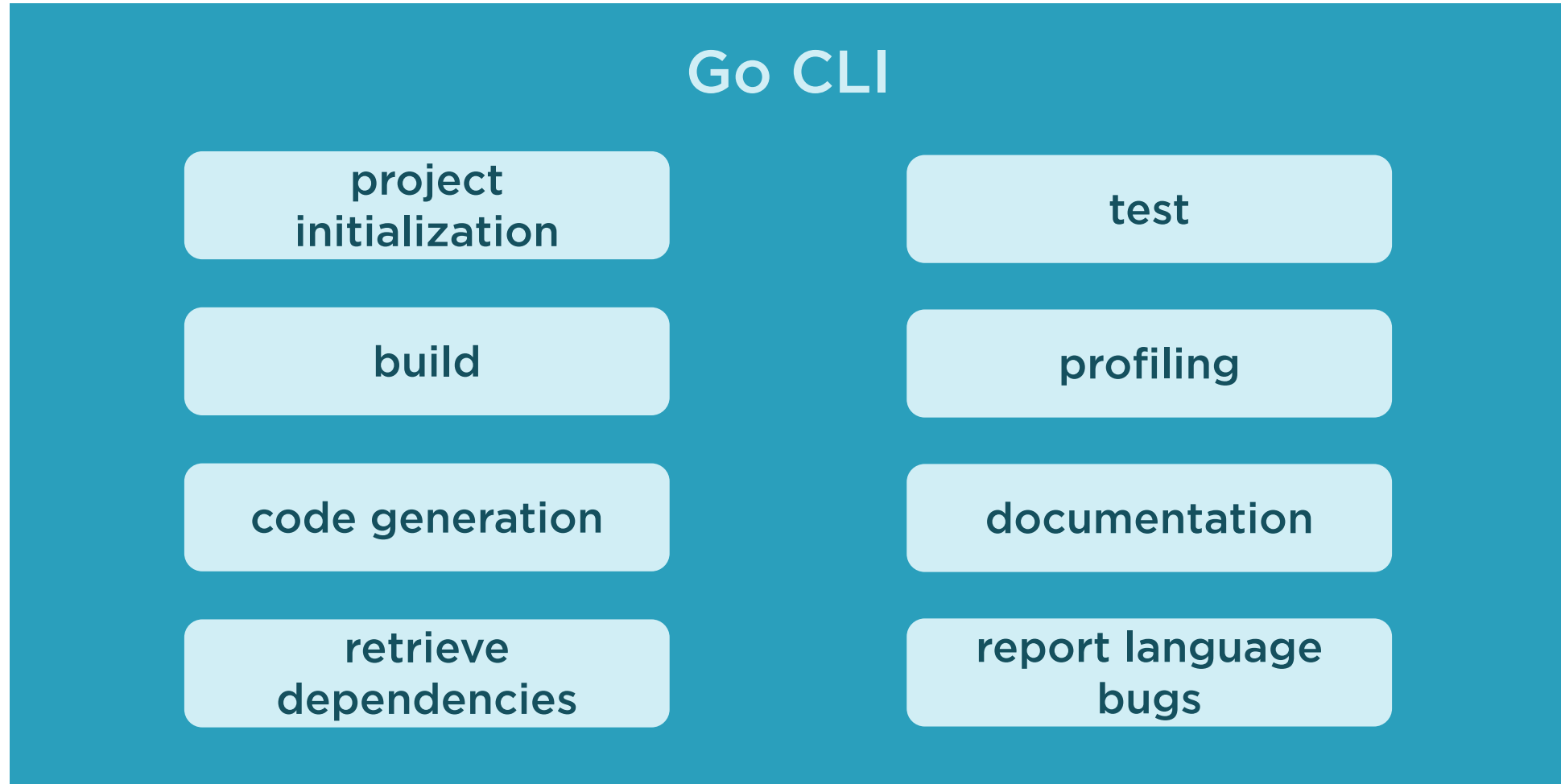


# Out-of-the-box Experience

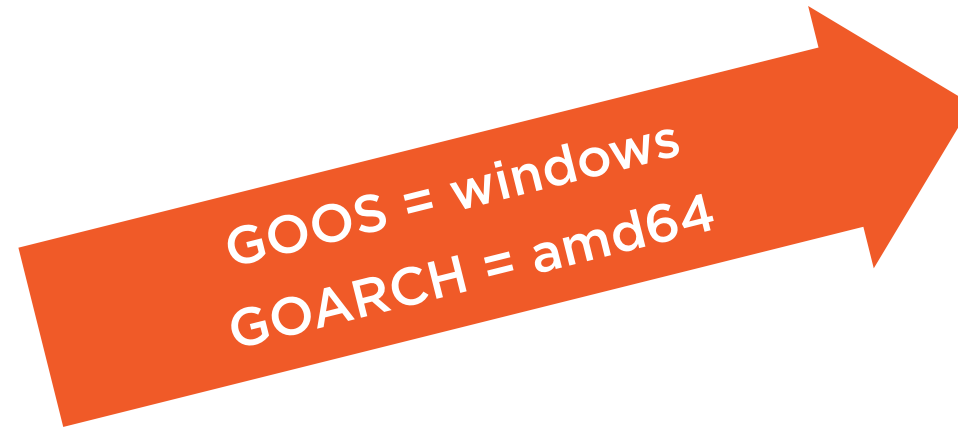
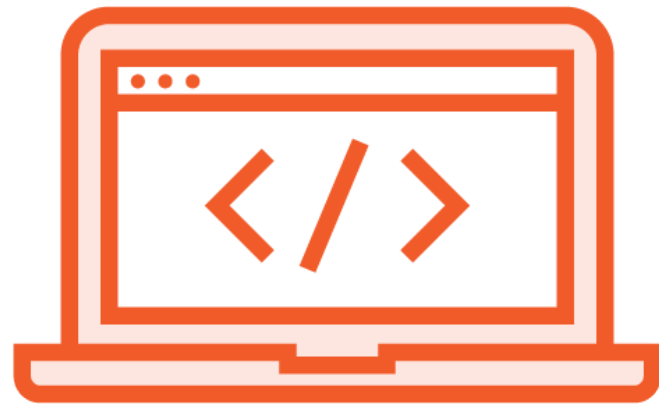




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# Cross Platform



# Backward Compatibility

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“It is intended that programs written to the Go 1 specification will continue to compile and run correctly, unchanged, over the lifetime of that specification.”

<https://golang.org/doc/go1compat>



# Backward Compatibility Exceptions

Security

Unspecified behavior

Spec errors

Bugs



# Primary Use Cases

Web services

Web applications

DevOps

GUI / Thick-client

Machine learning

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# Summary



## Philosophy and values

- simplicity
- batteries included tooling
- backward compatibility

## Primary use-cases

- web services / microservices
- devops

