

go - aka golang

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Language Design in the Service of Software Engineering

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That's the title of the **keynote talk** given by **Rob Pike** at the **SPLASH 2012** conference in Tucson, Arizona, on October 25, 2012. These points are (ahem) excerpted from that talk:

“Conceived in **late 2007** as an answer to some of the problems we were seeing developing software infrastructure at Google.”

“The **computing landscape** today is almost **unrelated to** the environment in which **the languages being used**, mostly C++, **Java**, and Python, had been created.”

“The **problems** introduced by multicore processors, networked systems, massive computation clusters, and the web programming model were being **worked around** rather than addressed head-on.”

“Moreover, the scale has changed: today's server **programs** comprise **tens of millions of lines of code**, are worked on by hundreds or even thousands of programmers, and are **updated** literally **every day**.”

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“To make matters worse, **build times**, even on large compilation clusters, have stretched to many minutes, even **hours**.”

“**Go was designed** and developed **to make** working in **this environment** more **productive**. Besides its better-known aspects such as **built-in concurrency and garbage collection**, Go's design considerations include rigorous **dependency management**, the adaptability of software architecture as systems grow, and **robustness across the boundaries between components**.”

golang design

- A syntax and environment adopting patterns more common in dynamic languages:
 - ◆ Concise variable declaration and initialization through type inference
(`x := 0` not `int x = 0`);
 - ◆ Fast compilation times
 - ◆ Remote package management (`go get`) and online package documentation (`godoc`)

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- Distinctive approaches to particular problems:
 - ◆ Built-in concurrency primitives: light-weight processes (goroutines), channels, and the select statement.
 - ◆ An interface system in place of virtual inheritance, and type embedding instead of non-virtual inheritance.
 - ◆ A toolchain that, by default, produces statically linked native binaries w/o external dependencies.

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- A desire to keep the language specification simple enough to hold in a programmer's head, in part by omitting features common to similar languages:
 - ◆ no type inheritance
 - ◆ no method or operator overloading
 - ◆ no circular dependencies among packages
 - ◆ no pointer arithmetic
 - ◆ no assertions
 - ◆ no generic programming



Experience report from poc

Goals of the poc

- Serve “standard” data sets with REST and json
 - ◆ Fed’s ACH data
 - ◆ ISO country, currency, language
- Not so standard sources:
 - ◆ Fed: fixed format text file served on the web
 - ◆ ISO country: gotta buy (or scrape from wikipedia)
 - ◆ ISO currency: XML served on the web
 - ◆ ISO language: pipe-delimited .csv file served on the web

<http://www.fededirectory.frb.org/FedACHdir.txt>

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amh||am|Amharic|amharique
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anp|||Angika|angika
apa|||Apache languages|apaches, langues
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arc|||Official Aramaic (700-300 BCE); Imperial Aramaic (700-300 BCE)|araméen d'empire (700-300 BCE)
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arm|hye|hy|Armenian|arménien
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Australia	AU	AUS	036
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some code

<https://github.com/musicbeat/stddata/blob/master/stddata.go>

<https://github.com/musicbeat/stddata/blob/master/bank/bankprovider.go>

<https://github.com/musicbeat/stddata/blob/master/country/countryprovider.go>

<https://github.com/musicbeat/stddata/blob/master/currency/currencyprovider.go>

<https://github.com/musicbeat/stddata/blob/master/language/languageprovider.go>

<https://github.com/musicbeat/stddata-cli/blob/master/stddata-cli.go>



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If this is the first time you've seen this stop error screen, restart your computer. If this screen appears again, follow these steps:

Check for viruses on your computer. Remove any newly installed hard drives or hard drive controllers. Check your hard drive to make sure it is properly configured and terminated.
Run CHKDSK /F to check for hard drive corruption, and then restart your computer.

Technical information:

*** STOP: 0x0000007B (0xFFFFFA60005B99D0, 0xFFFFFFFFC0000034, 0x0000000000000000, 0x0000000000000000)

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demos

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go get github.com/musicbeat/stddata
go get github.com/musicbeat/stddata-cli
cd $GOPATH/src/github.com/musicbeat/stddata/currency
go test
cd $GOPATH/src/github.com/musicbeat/stddata-cli
go install
$GOPATH/bin/stddata-cli
browse http://localhost:6060
godoc -http=:6062
browse http://localhost:6062
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<http://golang.org>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Go_\(programming_language\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Go_(programming_language))

<https://talks.golang.org/2012/splash.article>

<https://www.data.gov/developers/apis>

“I like a lot of the design decisions they made in the [Go] language. Basically, I like all of them.”



–Martin Odersky, creator of Scala