HOW TO ORGANIZE GO CODE

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AGENDA

- how to organize code into packages
- how to organize application code
- how we do it at Ingrid

PACKAGES

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Package should contain code that has a single purpose.

Follow Unix philosophy to keep things small and use them as building blocks.

bytes fmt flag sort sync

RELATED PACKAGES

Put related packages into sub-directories

net	Package net provides a portable interface for network I/O .
net/http	Package http provides HTTP client and server implementation
net/rpc	Package rpc provides access to the exported methods
net/smtp	Package smtp implements the Simple Mail Transfer Protocol

PACKAGE STRUCTURE

- Keep tests in the same directory as package code.
- Don't use src directory.

```
cost/
  cost.go
  cost_test.go
  testdata/
    testfile1
```

PACKAGE NAMING

- Name should describe purpose of package
- Use simple and clear names (http, smtp, zip)
- Use folder hierarchy net_http -> net/http
- Don't repeat package name inside types/functions.
 cost.CalculateCost() -> cost.Calculate()
- Don't create generic packages (models, common, utils, helpers)
- effective Go package names

APPLICATION

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Code of application/service should be:

- easy to understand
- easy to refactor
- easy to **test**
- easy to maintain

APPLICATION DESIGN

- monolith vs microservice codebase
- balance between simplicity, speed of development, extensibility, perfection
- too many models and conversions is error prone
- there is no silver bullet
- team should agree what's working best

- **Domain package(s)** define types and interfaces of services and implements basic service.
- **Dependencies package(s)** implementations of domain interfaces grouped per dependency (external data sources, transport logic).

PACKAGES IN APPLICATION PICKUP POINT SERVICE

```
main.go
pickuppoint/
    location.go
    service.go
    service_test.go
rpc/
    conv.go
    service.go
    service.go
    service_test.go
store/
    queries.go
    store.go
```

Domain package

Domain package

```
// pickuppoint/service.go
type store interface {
   InsertLocation(context.Context, *Location) error
   UpdateLocation(context.Context, *Location) error
   GetLocation(context.Context, string, string) (*Location, error)
type geocoder interface {
    geocode(context, req) (resp, error)
type service struct {
    store store
    geocoder geocoder
```

Domain package

```
// pickuppoint/service.go
func (s *Service) UpsertLocation(ctx context, l *Location) error {
    oLoc, err := s.store.GetLocation(ctx, l.GroupID, l.ExternalId)
    if err != nil {
        if errors.Cause(err) != ErrNoLocation {
            return err
        s.fillCoordinates(ctx, 1)
        return s.store.InsertLocation(ctx, 1)
    if locationAddressEquals(1, oLoc) | oLoc.isForced() {
        copyCoordinates(1, oLoc)
    } else {
        s.fillCoordinates(ctx, 1)
    return s.store.UpdateLocation(ctx, 1)
```

Transport package gRPC

```
// rpc/service.go
func (...) UpsertLocation(ctx, req ...) (*empty.Empty, error) {
    if err := req.Validate(); err != nil {
        return nil, grpcerr(codes.InvalidArgument, err)
    }
    loc := locationToModel(req.GetLocation())
    if err := s.backend.UpsertLocation(ctx, loc); err != nil {
        if errors.Cause(err) == pickuppoint.ErrGeoMismatch {
            return nil, grpcerr(codes.InvalidArgument, err)
        }
        return nil, grpcerr(codes.Internal, err)
    }
    return &empty.Empty{}, nil
}
```

For simple CRUD service it is fine to use domain types in storage package.

```
// pickuppoint/location.go
type Location struct {
                     string
                                      `db:"id"`
    ID
                     string
                                      `db: "group id"`
    GroupID
   Latitude
                    float64
                                      `db:"latitude"`
   Longitude
                  float64
                                      `db:"longitude"`
                                      `db: "metadata"`
   Metadata
                  Metadata
type Metadata map[string]string
func (m *Metadata) Scan(src interface{}) error {
    return db.UnmarshalJSON(src, m)
func (m Metadata) Value() (driver.Value, error) {
   return json.Marshal(m)
```

Storage package

```
// store/store.go
func (...) InsertLocation(ctx context, l *ppt.Location) error {
    tx, err := s.DB.BeginTxx(ctx, nil)
    if err != nil {
        return errors.Wrapf(err, "failed to begin transaction")
    }
    defer tx.Rollback()
    if _, err = tx.NamedExecContext(ctx, queryInsertLocation, l); erroreturn errors.Wrapf(err, "failed to insert location")
    }
    ...
}
```

Main

```
// main.go
func main() {
    var cfg config
    if err := envconfig.Process("", &cfg); err != nil {
        log.Fatal(err)
    }
    geo := dialGeo(cfg),
    store := store.New(dialDB(cfg))
    backend := pickuppoint.New(store, geo)
    rpcService := rpc.New(backend)
    err := grpc.Serve(rpcService)
}
```

PACKAGES IN APPLICATION TESTING

- test public API
- define interfaces in package where you are using it
- easy to mock dependencies

OTHER

use cmd directory if multiple apps from single codebase

```
cmd/
cmdA/main.go
cmdB/main.go
```

- pkg directory is where you can put your public libraries
- internal package can only be imported from its parent directory

SUMMARY

- Focus on simplicity and readability
- Microservice is already scope to one domain
- Balance between perfection and speed
- Group packages by dependency
- Use dependency injection

SOURCES

- effective Go package names
- Ashley McNamara + Brian Ketelsen Go best practices
- Ben Johnson Standard package layout
- Ben Johnson Structuring applications in Go
- Peter Bourgon Go best practices 2016
- Mat Ryer How I write Go http services after 7 years

THANK YOU