

# Own CLI tooling in Go

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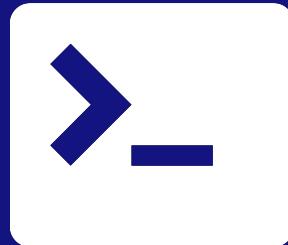
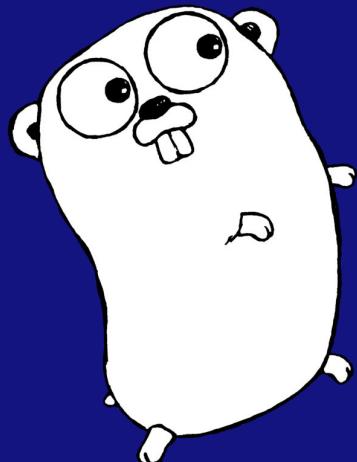
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I build and run infrastructures on  
Kubernetes, open-source and cloud native  
tools.

And I do DevOps trainings about it.



# Own CLI Tool. Why?

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# Simplify repetitive tasks

We are lazy so we want to make  
our work easier



# Our example use cases

- Working with Kubernetes
- CLI shortcuts and aliases
- Code generation during development
- Generating data for testing
- Automatic commit messages
- ... and more



# Solution?

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# Shell Scripts



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# Shell Scripts

- **Write once, run forever**
- **Shell works everywhere**
- **Easy to write**
- **All scripts in one Git repo**



# But ...

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# But . . .

- Is Shell, Bash or ZSH really available everywhere?
- Are they truly easy to write? if it's more than chain of few command
- What about distribution without Git?
- Or without internet?



# Another solution?

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# Python



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# Python 😞

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**Python solves one problem  
but makes others worse**



# Pros

- Easier and faster development than SH/BASH
- Use of libraries, working with APIs, SDKs...



# Cons

- Python isn't available everywhere
- Different versions of Python, 2 vs 3
- Dependency management isn't ideal (e.g., virtualenv...)
- Still not a single binary for distribution



# ... solution?

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easy to run



**BASH**

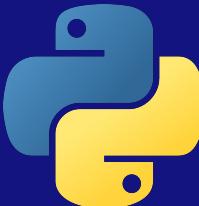
THE BOURNE-AGAIN SHELL

=GO

easy to write



Perl



# Let's use Go



# Why CLI Tool in Go?

- **Statically linked binaries**
- **Easy development in Go (even for beginners)**
- **Simple distribution (brew, curl | sh, winget, ...)**
- **Tooling**
  - **Goreleaser**
  - **Cobra**
  - **Viper**



# Statically Linked Binaries

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```
→ ~ ldd /usr/local/bin/slū  
    not a dynamic executable
```

# Statically Linked Binaries

- Self contained executable, no external dependencies
- Very easy to build statically linked binaries

```
CGO_ENABLED=0 go build
```

- Binary for every platform and architecture:
  - Linux, Mac, Windows, ...
  - amd64, arm64, ...



# Goreleaser



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# Goreleaser

- **Build binaries (for all platforms)**
- **Build & push Docker image**
- **Upload binaries to GitHub/Gitlab**
- **Create Brew and Scoop packages**



# Go Binary Distribution

Thanks to Goreleaser, distribution is very easy:

- `brew install my-org/tap/my-cli-tool`
- `curl -fsSL https://.../my-cli-tool/master/install.sh | sh`
- `winget install -e --id my-org.my-cli-tool`
- `scoop install https://.../scoop-bucket/master/my-cli-tool.json`



# Cobra & Viper

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# Cobra

**Great library for writing CLI tools**

- Used by most CLI tools: Docker, Kubernetes, Helm, ArgoCD, ...
- Very easy and pleasant to use
- Automatically generates completions  
BASH, ZSH, PowerShell, Fish
- Generates documentation



# Viper

## Library for config files and ENV variables

- setting defaults
- reading from JSON, TOML, YAML, ...
- reading from environment variables
- reading from remote config systems (etcd or Consul)



# Completion

**Supports: BASH, ZSH, FISH a PowerShell**

**Source in current shell**

```
. <(my-cli-tool completion bash)
```

**Add to .bashrc**

```
echo ". <(my-cli-tool completion bash)" >> ~/.bashrc
```



# Generated Documentation

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## slu

SikaLabs Utils, v0.35.0

### Options

```
-h, --help    help for slu
--json      Format output to JSON
```

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### SEE ALSO

- [slu argocd](#) - ArgoCD Utils
- [slu cloudflare](#) - Cloudflare Utils
- [slu completion](#) - Generate the autocompletion script for the specified shell
- [slu debug-server](#) - HTTP Server for debug & development
- [slu digitalocean](#) - DigitalOcean Utils
- [slu docker](#) - Docker Utils
- [slu du](#) - Own implemetation of "du"

# Our CLI Tools in Go

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# My CLI Tools in Go

- **slu** - various utilities that might be useful (**SikaLabs Utils**)
- **training-cli** - tool to simplify training preparation
- **tergum** - Backup tool
- **gobble** - alternative to Ansible



# github.com/sikalabs/slu

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→ ~ slu

SikaLabs Utils, v0.40.0

Usage:

slu [command]

Available Commands:

argocd	ArgoCD Utils
cloudflare	Cloudflare Utils
completion	Generate the autocompletion script for the specified shell
specified shell	
debug-server	HTTP Server for debug & development
df	System's "df" filtered for /dev devices and human readable



```
→ ~ slu tls parse -a sika.io:443
Subject Name: CN=sni.cloudflaressl.com,0=Cloudflare\",
Inc.,L=San Francisco,ST=California,C=US
Subject Common Name: sni.cloudflaressl.com
Issuer Name: CN=Cloudflare Inc ECC CA-3,0=Cloudflare\",
Inc.,C=US
Issuer Common Name: Cloudflare Inc ECC CA-3
Created: 2022-05-11T00:00:00Z
Expiry: 2023-05-10T23:59:59Z
```



```
→ ~ slu loggen
```

```
loggen 2022/06/11 07:42:01 Logging into STDOUT
```

```
loggen 2022/06/11 07:42:02 WARN A warning that should be  
ignored is usually at this level and should be actionable.
```

```
loggen 2022/06/11 07:42:04 INFO This is less important than  
debug log and is often used to provide context in the current  
task.
```

```
loggen 2022/06/11 07:42:07 DEBUG This is a debug log that  
shows a log that can be ignored.
```

```
loggen 2022/06/11 07:42:08 DEBUG This is a debug log that
```

```
loggen 2022/06/11 07:42:12 ERROR An error is usually an  
exception that has been caught and not handled.
```



```
→ ~ slu wireguard genkey
```

```
priv: 0Mw0nRSzBxV4cCyyTK1mD9ELT2gPzFHPwTUTGcbyrGA=
```

```
publ: Raqa9Cfw4iq/4gjqu2NiHYd7eBdLtJBPbFnCd3Ks+nY=
```

```
pres: Us40VLrPrFo7x6xxl0J8iF5R8SaDb/xTjI0uITcXNyY=
```

# [github.com/ondrejsika/training-cli](https://github.com/ondrejsika/training-cli)

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```
→ ~ docker pull -q sikalabs/dev
docker.io/sikalabs/dev:latest
→ ~ docker run -ti sikalabs/dev
root@cc58e8df57ba:/# training-cli kubernetes connect
You are connected to my demo cluster
root@cc58e8df57ba:/# kubectl get nodes
NAME           STATUS   ROLES      AGE    VERSION
sikademo-cldb0 Ready    <none>    2d     v1.22.8
sikademo-cldbd Ready    <none>    2d     v1.22.8
sikademo-cldbv Ready    <none>    2d     v1.22.8
```

# LIVE DEMO TIME

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# Summary

- CLI tools in Go are great – proven in practice
- Easy to use and distribute
- Simple and fast to develop



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