

Here's a ready to copy Go "notes" string you can drop into a source file (e.g. as a `const` or a raw string literal).

Everything is kept in plain text, well sectioned, and free of any extra markup.

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```go
// golangNotes holds a quick reference cheat sheet
// for the Go programming language.
const golangNotes = `=====
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Go (Golang) Quick Reference
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```

## 1. Basics

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- Package declaration: package main
- Entry point: func main() { ... }
- Imports: import ("fmt" "net/http")
- Build & run: go build ./... | go run main.go

## 2. Variables & Constants

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- Declaration:  
var i int // zero value 0  
var s = "hello"  
var (  
a int = 1

- ```

    b = true
)

```
- Short declaration (inside functions):  

```

i := 42

```
  - Constants:  

```

const Pi = 3.14159
const (
    StatusOK = 200
    StatusNotFound = 404
)

```
  - Typed constants (untyped constants can be used as any compatible type).

### 3. Types

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- Primitive: bool, string, int, int8/16/32/64, uint, float32/64, byte (= uint8), rune (= int32)
- Composite:  

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array:  var a [5]int
slice:  s := []int{1,2,3}
map:    m := map[string]int{"one":1}
struct: type Point struct{ X, Y float64 }
channel: ch := make(chan int)           // unbuffered
        chBuf := make(chan int, 10)    // buffered

```
- Type alias: type MyInt = int
- New type: type MyInt int // distinct type

### 4. Functions

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- Declaration:

```
func Add(a, b int) int { return a + b }
```

- Multiple return values:

```
func DivMod(a, b int) (quot, rem int) { return a / b,  
a % b }
```

- Variadic:

```
func Sum(nums ...int) int { ... }
```

- Named return values:

```
func Split(sum int) (x, y int) { x = sum/2; y = sum -  
x; return }
```

- Defer (LIFO):

```
defer file.Close()
```

- Panic / Recover:

```
panic("boom")
```

```
defer func(){ if r:=recover(); r!=nil { fmt.Println(r) } }
```

()

## 5. Methods & Interfaces

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- Method on a named type:

```
type Counter int
```

```
func (c *Counter) Inc() { *c++ }
```

- Interface:

```
type Reader interface {
```

```
    Read(p []byte) (n int, err error)
```

```
}
```

- Implicit implementation (no explicit “implements” keyword).

- Empty interface: `interface{}` (holds any value).

## 6. Structs & Embedding

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```
type Person struct {
    Name string
    Age  int
}
type Employee struct {
    Person    // anonymous field !' promoted fields
    Salary float64
}
```

- Constructor idiom:

```
func NewEmployee(name string, age int, salary
float64) *Employee {
    return &Employee{Person: Person{Name:
name, Age: age}, Salary: salary}
}
```

## 7. Concurrency

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- Goroutine: `go f()`

- Channels:

```
ch := make(chan int)           // unbuffered
ch <- 42                        // send (blocks until
receiver)
v := <-ch                      // receive (blocks until
sender)
```

- Select:
 

```
select {
  case v := <-ch1:
    fmt.Println("ch1:", v)
  case ch2 <- 7:
    fmt.Println("sent to ch2")
  default:
    fmt.Println("no communication")
}
```
- Context (cancellation, timeouts):
 

```
ctx, cancel :=
context.WithTimeout(context.Background(),
2*time.Second)
defer cancel()
// pass ctx down the call chain
```

## 8. Packages & Modules

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- Create a module:
 

```
go mod init github.com/user/project
```
- Add a dependency:
 

```
go get github.com/sirupsen/logrus@v1.9.0
```
- Internal packages: use ``internal/`` to restrict visibility.
- Exported identifiers start with an upper case letter.

## 9. Error Handling

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- Idiomatic pattern:  

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if err != nil {
    return fmt.Errorf("operation failed: %w", err) //
wrap with %w (Go /1.13+)
}

```
- Define sentinel errors:  

```

var ErrNotFound = errors.New("not found")

```
- Custom error type:  

```

type MyError struct{ Msg string }
func (e *MyError) Error() string { return e.Msg }

```

## 10. Testing

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- Test file naming: `*_test.go`
- Test function signature:  

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func TestAdd(t *testing.T) { ... }

```
- Table driven tests:  

```

tests := []struct{ a, b, want int }{{1,2,3},{-1,1,0}}
for _, tt := range tests { ... }

```
- Benchmarks:  

```

func BenchmarkAdd(b *testing.B) { for i:=0; i<b.N;
i++ { Add(1,2) } }

```
- Coverage:  

```

go test -cover ./...

```

## 11. Common Tools

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- Formatting: `gofmt / go fmt`

- Linting: `golangci-lint`
- Staticcheck: `staticcheck`
- Dependency vetting: `go mod tidy`, `go mod verify`
- Profiling: `go tool pprof`
- Race detector: `go run -race main.go`

## 12. Best Practices (quick list)

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- Keep packages small & focused.
- Use interfaces to depend on abstractions, not implementations.
- Prefer early returns to deep nesting.
- Do not ignore errors (unless truly intentional).
- Use context for request scoped work.
- Write table driven tests.
- Document exported symbols (godoc comments).
- Use ``go.mod`` for versioned dependencies; avoid vendoring unless needed.
- Keep the public API stable; deprecate with a comment before removal.

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End of Go Quick Reference

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