# Serving Files

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- io.Copy
- http.ServeContent
- http.ServeFile
- http.FileServer

# io.Copy

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package main
     ⇒import (
          "io"
          "net/http"
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          "strings"
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     func upTown(res http.ResponseWriter, req *http.Request) {
          res.Header().Set("Content-Type", "text/html; charset=utf-8")
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          var dogName string
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          fs := strings.Split(reg.URL.Path, "/")
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          if len(fs) >= 3 {
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              dogName = fs[2]
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          // the image file is not coming f \leftarrow \rightarrow c \cap \Box localhost:9000/dog/toby
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          // in the next code samples, we'l iii Apps ★ Bookmarks M 🙆 🖸 📮 G 💪 🗉 📅 📭 T 🚾 🚳 🚺
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          io.WriteString(res,
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         http.HandleFunc("/dog/", upTown)
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package main
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          "strings"
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          "fmt"
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          res_Header().Set("Content-Type", "text/html; charset=utf-8")
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          var dogName string
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          fs := strings.Split(req.URL.Path, "/")
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          if len(fs) >= 3 {
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              dogName = fs[2]
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          // the image doesn't serve
          io.WriteString(res,
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          Dog Name: <strong>`+dogName+`</strong><br>
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          <img src="/toby.jpg">
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rightarrowfunc main() \{
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          http.HandleFunc("/", func(res http.ResponseWriter, req *http.Request){
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              fmt.Println(req.URL)
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          http.HandleFunc("/dog/", upTown)
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          http.ListenAndServe(":9000", nil)
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res.Header().Set("Content-Type", "text/html; charset=utf-8")
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    fs := strings.Split(req.URL.Path, "/")
    if len(fs) >= 3 {
        dogName = fs[2]
     // the image doesn't serve
    io.WriteString(res,
    Dog Name: <strong>`+dogName+`</strong><br>
    <img src="/toby.jpg">

| func dogPic(res http.ResponseWriter, reg *http.Request) {

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    f, err := os.Open("toby.jpg")
    if err != nil {
                                                                      localhost:9000/dog/toby
        http.Error(res, "file not found", 404)
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        return
                                                           Dog Name: toby
    defer f.Close()
    io.Copy(res, f)
http.HandleFunc("/toby.jpg", dogPic)
    http.HandleFunc("/dog/", upTown)
    http.ListenAndServe(":9000", nil)
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| func upTown(res http.ResponseWriter, req *http.Request) {

      res.Header().Set("Content-Type", "text/html; charset=utf-8")
     var dogName string
     fs := strings.Split(req.URL.Path, "/")
                                                       We should be setting the content type
     if len(fs) >= 3 {
                                                       We should be using an ETag
                                                       We could do all of this, but there's a much easier way ...
          dogName = fs[2]
      // the image doesn't serve
     io.WriteString(res,
     Dog Name: <strong>`+dogName+`</strong><br>
     <img src="/toby.jpg">

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     if err != nil {
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          http.Error(res, "file not found", 404)
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          return
                                                                       Dog Name: toby
     defer f.Close()
     io.Copy(res, f)

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     http.HandleFunc("/dog/", upTown)
     http.ListenAndServe(":9000", nil)
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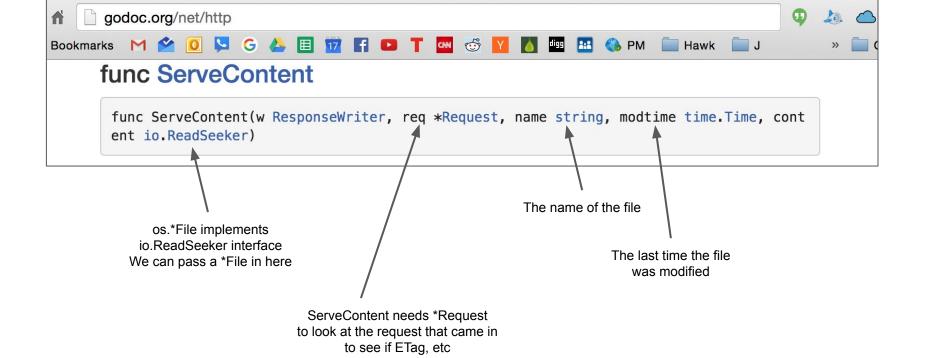
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### http.ServeContent

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func upTown(res http.ResponseWriter, reg *http.Request) {
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         res.Header().Set("Content-Type", "text/html; charset=utf-8")
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         var dogName string
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         fs := strings.Split(req.URL.Path, "/")
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          Dog Name: <strong>`+dogName+`</strong><br>
         <imq src="/toby.jpq">
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     func dogPic(res http.ResponseWriter, reg *http.Request) {
          f, err := os.Open("toby.jpg")
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         if err != nil {
              http.Error(res, "file not found", 404)
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28
              return
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         defer f.Close()
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          fi. err := f.Stat()
         if err != nil {
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              http.Error(res, "file not found", 404)
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              return
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         http.ServeContent(res, req, f.Name(), fi.ModTime(), f)
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     ⊨func main() {
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         http.HandleFunc("/toby.jpg", dogPic)
                                                                                                            ServeContent
         http.HandleFunc("/dog/", upTown)
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                                                                                                       fills in the headers for you
          http.ListenAndServe(":9000", nil)
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```





### func ServeContent

 $func \ ServeContent(w \ ResponseWriter, \ req \ *Request, \ name \ string, \ modtime \ time.Time, \ content \ io.ReadSeeker)$ 

ServeContent replies to the request using the content in the provided ReadSeeker. The main benefit of ServeContent over io.Copy is that it handles Range requests properly, sets the MIME type, and handles If-Modified-Since requests.

If the response's Content-Type header is not set, ServeContent first tries to deduce the type from name's file extension and, if that fails, falls back to reading the first block of the content and passing it to DetectContentType. The name is otherwise unused; in particular it can be empty and is never sent in the response.

If modtime is not the zero time or Unix epoch, ServeContent includes it in a Last-Modified header in the response. If the request includes an If-Modified-Since header, ServeContent uses modtime to decide whether the content needs to be sent at all.

The content's <u>Seek</u> method must work: ServeContent uses a seek to the end of the content to determine its size.

If the caller has set w's ETag header, ServeContent uses it to handle requests using If-Range and If-None-Match.

Note that \*os.File implements the io.ReadSeeker interface.





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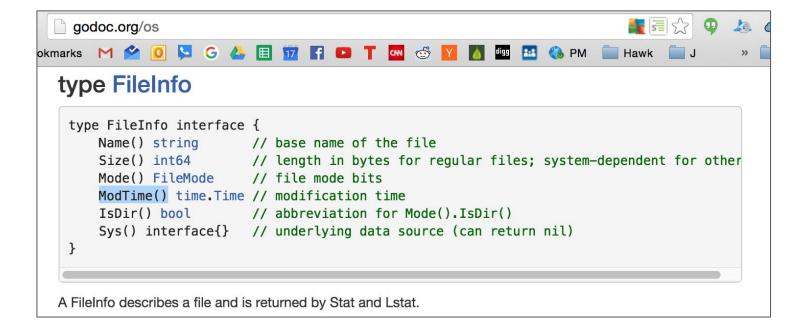
Seek sets the offset for the next Read or Write to offset, interpreted according to whence: 0 means relative to the origin of the file, 1 means relative to the current offset, and 2 means relative to the end. Seek returns the new offset and an error, if any.

Seeking to a negative offset is an error. Seeking to any positive offset is legal, but the behavior of subsequent I/O operations on the underlying object is implementation-dependent.



# func (\*File) Stat func (f \*File) Stat() (FileInfo, error)

Stat returns the FileInfo structure describing file. If there is an error, it will be of type \*PathError.



an even better, easier way ...

## http.ServeFile



```
| func upTown(res http.ResponseWriter, reg *http.Request) {

          res.Header().Set("Content-Type", "text/html; charset=utf-8")
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11
          var dogName string
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          fs := strings.Split(req.URL.Path, "/")
                                                                   fill localhost:9000/dog/toby
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          if len(fs) >= 3 {
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              dogName = fs[2]
                                                              Dog Name: toby
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          // the image doesn't serve
          io.WriteString(res,
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          Dog Name: <strong>`+dogName+`</strong><br>
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          <imq src="/toby.jpq">
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| func dogPic(res http.ResponseWriter, reg *http.Request) {

24
          http.ServeFile(res, req, "toby.jpg")
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27
    dfunc main() {
28
          http.HandleFunc("/toby.jpg", dogPic)
          http.HandleFunc("/dog/", upTown)
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          http.ListenAndServe(":9000", nil)
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```

yet still, an even better, easier way ...

## http.FileServer

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package main
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      dimport (
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             "io"
             "net/http"
             "strings"
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      | func upTown(res http.ResponseWriter, reg *http.Reguest) {
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              res_Header().Set("Content-Type", "text/html; charset=utf-8")
11
             var dogName string
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             fs := strings.Split(req.URL.Path, "/")
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             if len(fs) >= 3
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                   dogName = fs[2]
                                                                                       package main
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                                                                                       import (
             // the image doesn't serve
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             io.WriteString(res,
                                                                                             "net/http"
                                                                                             "strings"
             Dog Name: <strong>`+dogName+`</strong><br>
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                                                                                       func upTown(res http.ResponseWriter, req *http.Request) {
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             <img src="/toby.jpg">
                                                                                             res.Header().Set("Content-Type", "text/html; charset=utf-8")
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                                                                                             fs := strings.Split(req.URL.Path, "/")
                                                                                             if len(fs) >= 3 {
                                                                                                  dogName = fs[2]
                                                                                             // the image doesn't serve
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      dfunc main() {
                                                                                             Dog Name: <strong>`+dogName+`</strong><br>
                                                                                             <imq src="/toby.jpg">
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             http.Handle("/", http.FileServer(http.Dir(".")))
             http.HandleFunc("/dog/", upTown)
26
             http.ListenAndServe(":9000", nil)
                                                                                             http.Handle("/", http.FileServer(http.Dir(".")))
                                                                                             http.HandleFunc("/dog/", upTown)
                                                                                             http.ListenAndServe(":9000", nil)
```

this matches the routing on line 24 localhost:9000/dog/toby the file that we want is called "toby.jpg" not "/resources/toby.jpg" ★ Bookmarks M 🗳 🚺 🛂 G 👃 we therefore need to strip "/resources" from what we've requested, the URI "/resources/toby.jpg" Dog Name: toby This leaves us with just "/toby.jpg" the FileServer then looks in "./assets" for "/toby.jpg", eg, it looks for "./assets/toby.jpg" even though we asked for "/resources/toby.jpg" in our HTML on our server we served "./assets/toby.jpg" ▶ □ 01 dfunc upTown(res http.ResponseWriter, reg \*http.Request) { ▶ □ 02 res.Header().Set("Content-Type", "text/html; charset=utf-8") 10 ▶ □ 03 11 var dogName string ▶ □ 04 io-Copy fs := strings.Split(req.URL.Path, "/") 12 ► □ 05\_ServeContent 13 if len(fs) >= 3 { ▶ □ 06\_ServeFile 14 dogName = fs[2]▶ □ 07\_FileServer 15 ▶ □ 08\_FileServer Elements Network Sources Timeline Profiles 16 ▼ □ 09\_FileServer // <html> 17 io.WriteString(res, Styles Com <head></head> ▼ 🗀 assets Dog Name: <strong>`+dogName+`</strong><br> 18 ▼ <body> ш tony.Jpg <imq src="/resources/toby.jpg"> "Dog Name: " 19 element.sty main.go <strong>toby</strong> 20 uu\_lynda 🗀 21 <imq src="/resources/toby.jpq"> body { vv99\_trial </body> 22 display: </html> margin: ▶ ▶ ■ ww100 whateveah 23 ≒func main() { xx exercies-for-later http.Handle("/resources/", http.StripPrefix("/resources", http.FileServer(http.Dir("./assets")))) ▶ □ xx\_stringer 25 http.HandleFunc( /uou/ , upTown) • .gitignore 26 http.ListenAndServe(":9000", nil) README.md 27

Another way to say this: I'm asking for "/resources/toby.jpg"

Where is file server going to look for this? It is going to look in "./assets"

That means what I'm attempting to serve back to the client is "./assets/resources/tobv.ipg"

we ask for "/resources/toby.jpg"

FileServer will serve files from the specified FileSystem directory

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           res.Header().Set("Content-Type", "text/html; charset=utf-8")
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               dogName = fs[2]
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           Dog Name: <strong>`+dogName+`</strong><br>
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           <imq src="/assets/toby.jpg">
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     dfunc main() {
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           http.Handle("/assets/", http.StripPrefix("/assets", http.FileServer(http.Dir("./assets"))))
25
           http.HandleFunc("/dog/", upTown)
           http.ListenAndServe(":9000", nil)
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                                                we ask for "/assets/toby.jpg"
                                              this matches the routing on line 24
                                   the file that we want is called "toby.jpg" not "/assets/toby.jpg"
```

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func upTown(res http.ResponseWriter, reg \*http.Request) {

we therefore need to strip "/assets" from what we've requested, the URI "/assets/toby.jpg"

This leaves us with just "/toby.jpg"

the FileServer then looks in "./assets" for "/toby.jpg", eg, it looks for "./assets/toby.jpg"

```
type Handler
  type Handler interface {
      ServeHTTP(ResponseWriter, *Request)
     type Handler

    func FileServer(root FileSystem) Handler

    func NotFoundHandler() Handler

    func RedirectHandler(url string, code int) Handler

    func StripPrefix(prefix string, h Handler) Handler

        • func TimeoutHandler(h Handler, dt time.Duration, msg string) Handler
     func StripPrefix
      func StripPrefix(prefix string, h Handler) Handler
     StripPrefix returns a handler that serves HTTP requests by removing the given prefix from the request URL's
     Path and invoking the handler h. StripPrefix handles a request for a path that doesn't begin with prefix by
                                                                                                                              godoc.org/net/http
     replying with an HTTP 404 not found error.
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     func FileServer
                                                                                                                            type FileSystem
      func FileServer(root FileSystem) Handler
                                                                                                                              type FileSystem interface {
     FileServer returns a handler that serves HTTP requests with the contents of the file system rooted at root.
                                                                                                                                  Open(name string) (File, error)
     type Dir
       type Dir string
                                                                                                                        type Dir
     A Dir implements FileSystem using the native file system restricted to a specific directory tree.

    func (d Dir) Open(name string) (File, error)

     While the FileSystem. Open method takes '/'-separated paths, a Dir's string value is a filename on the native file
     system, not a URL, so it is separated by filepath. Separator, which isn't necessarily '/'.
     An empty Dir is treated as ".".
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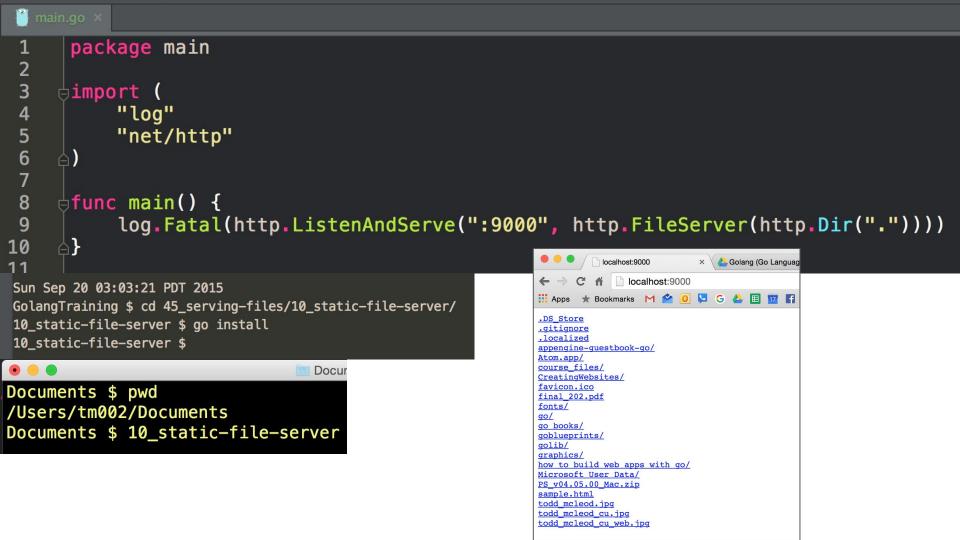
| func main() {
          http.Handle("/assets/", http.StripPrefix("/assets", http.FileServer(http.Dir("./assets"))))
```

func Handle

func Handle(pattern string, handler Handler)

## exercise

Create a static http server (perhaps named static-http) that serves the contents of the current working directory.



### Don't ever trust a file from a user

file inclusion vulnerability