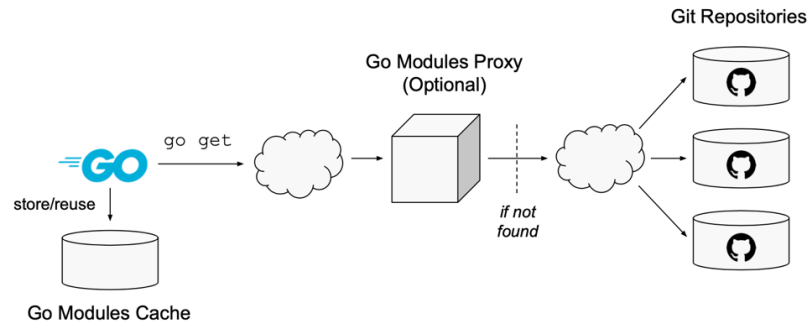


Golang Modules Cheat Sheet

Workflow of Go Modules



Selects packages [or] dependencies
based on semantic versioning

(v) 1 . 3 . 12 - rc1

Major Minor Patch Pre-Release

(Breaking) (Feature) (Fix) (Arbitrary Identifier)

Anatomy of Go Modules

go.mod file

```
module github.com/bmuschko/letsGOPHER  
  
require (  
    github.com/mattn/go-runewidth v0.0.4 // indirect  
    github.com/mitchellh/go-homedir v1.0.0  
    github.com/spf13/afero v1.2.2 // indirect  
    github.com/spf13/cobra v0.0.3  
    github.com/spf13/pflag v1.0.3 // indirect  
)  
  
go 1.13
```

Root package of application

Definition of dependencies

Expected Go version to be used for project

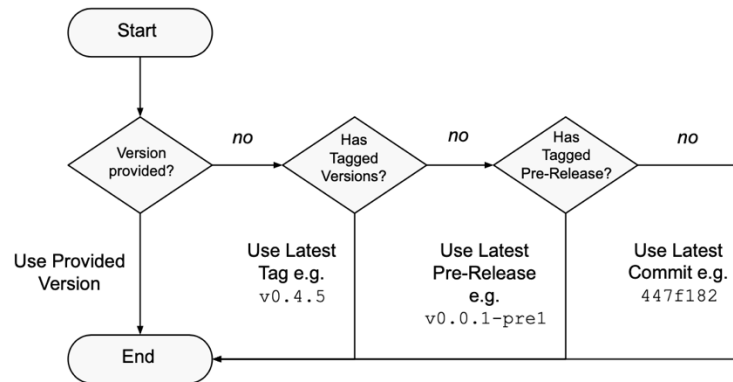
go.sum

```
github.com/mitchellh/go-homedir v1.1.0/go.mod h1:SfyaCUpYCN1V1f4IUYiD9fPX4A5wJrkLzIz1N1q0pr0=  
github.com/mitchellh/mapstructure v1.1.2/go.mod h1:FVvH3fgwuzCH5S8UJGiWEs2h04Uk9fWfEaFds41c1Y=  
github.com/pelletier/go-toml v1.2.0/go.mod h1:5z9KED0ma1S8pY6Plsdt58dfprGBbd/94hg71laic=  
github.com/pmezard/go-difflib v1.0.0/go.mod h1:IKH77koPhYxTKlpcRnKkqfTogabg7gZNVY4sRDYZ/4=  
github.com/russross/blackfriday v1.5.2/go.mod h1:JO/DiYxRf+HjHt06OyowR9PTA263kcR/rfWXYHbV53g=  
github.com/spf13/afero v1.1.2/go.mod h1:j4pytiNVoe2o6bmDsKpLACNPD8IoEakiHy71oJ1B0CQ=  
github.com/spf13/cast v1.3.0/go.mod h1:Qx5cxh0v+4UWY1BimWS+eyWzqEgok1ECu5etghLkUJE=  
github.com/spf13/cobra v0.0.5 h1:f0B+LkLX6DtmRH1sonA9VTtNUR9K8xYd28JNNFOV/s=  
github.com/spf13/cobra v0.0.5/go.mod h1:3K3wKZymM7VvHMD59+AkKh4K60UwM26emME5w8tLCHU=
```

Module Version Hash based on file tree and download timestamp

- **go.mod** => would contain dependency requirements that is needed for our project [or] package.
- **go.sum** => would contain the expected cryptographic hashes for the dependencies that would ensure the same version of dependencies gets downloaded every time [reproducible builds]
- **To initialize a go module** =>
 command => go mod init <module-path-of-current-project>
 e.g. => go mod init github.com/sakthishanmugam02/helloworld

Version Selection Strategy of 'go get'



Storage location of downloaded dependencies

```
$ echo $GOPATH
/Users/bmuschko/go

$ tree $GOPATH/pkg/mod/github.com
github.com
├── spf13
│   ├── cobra@v0.0.5
│   │   ├── ...
│   │   └── pflag@v1.0.3
│   └── ...
└── ...

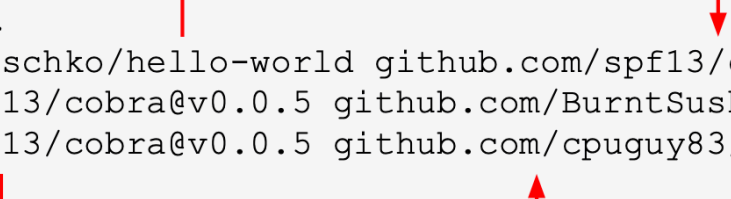
$ tree $GOPATH/pkg/mod/cache/download/github.com/spf13/cobra/@v
.
├── v0.0.5.mod
└── ...
```

Go Path env. var containing cache
Downloaded Go files of dependencies
Go module files of dependencies

- To add [or] resolve a dependency =>
command => go get <module-path-of-the-dependency>
e.g. => go get github.com/sakthishanmugam02/rpc
- To list down available releases for a particular dependency =>
command => go list -m -versions -json <module-path-of-the-dependency>
e.g. => go list -m -versions -json github.com/sakthishanmugam02/rpc
- To download a specific version of a dependency/major version/commit =>
command => go get <module-path-of-the-dependency>@<version/commit-id> [use '@' symbol]
e.g. => go get github.com/sakthishanmugam02/rpc@v0.0.4
[note: use the same command while upgrading a dependency]
- To list down the selected version of dependencies =>
command => go list -m all

Go module graph to list down all the transitive dependencies

```
$ go mod graph
github.com/bmuschko/hello-world github.com/spf13/cobra@v0.0.5
github.com/spf13/cobra@v0.0.5 github.com/BurntSushi/toml@v0.3.1
github.com/spf13/cobra@v0.0.5 github.com/cpuguy83/go-md2man@v1.0.10
...
```



aka

```
github.com/bmuschko/hello-world
├─ github.com/spf13/cobra@v0.0.5
│   └─ github.com/cpuguy83/go-md2man@v1.0.10
└─ github.com/BurntSushi/toml@v0.3.1
```

To replace with a specific version
"even if go picks latest version" (in go.mod file)
[you can point to local/version control location]

```
module github.com/bmuschko/hello-world

go 1.13

require (
    github.com/spf13/cobra v0.0.3
    github.com/spf13/pflag v1.0.5 // indirect
)

replace github.com/spf13/pflag => github.com/spf13/pflag v1.0.3
```

To exclude a specific version (in go.mod file)
"to tell 'GO' not to pick a specific version of dependency
that would not be compatible with your project"

```
module github.com/bmuschko/hello-world

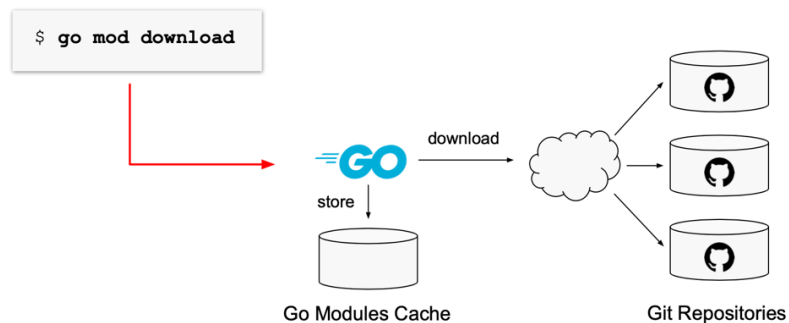
go 1.13

require (
    github.com/spf13/cobra >v0.0.3
    github.com/spf13/pflag v1.0.5 // indirect
)

exclude github.com/spf13/cobra v0.0.4
```

- **To verify all the downloaded dependencies are not corrupted [or] tampered =>**
command => go mod verify
explanation. => this would help in identifying malicious changes in the downloaded dependencies if any
- **To check why a particular module gets downloaded =>**
command => go mod why <path-of-the-package-in-question>
explanation. => this would point to package that requires the specified dependency
- **To identify and remove dependencies that are no longer required =>**
command => go mod tidy
explanation. => this would remove dependencies that are no longer referenced in your project
- **To clean the local cache =>**
command => go clean --modcache
explanation. => this would clean up the downloaded cache folder

To download dependencies!!!
Use: 'go mod download' command



To download dependencies as vendor
Use: 'go mod vendor' command
along with **go build -mod vendor**



Useful Environmental Variables (related to GO Modules)

- **GOMODULE111** => to turn on [or] off the module behavior [for backward compatibility]
 - o possible values: on, off, auto
 - o note: auto would select module version of go, if it detects go.mod file, else fall back to GOPATH way of vendor directory
- **GOPROXY** => to configure proxy endpoints [useful, if proxy is integrated]
 - o E.g. export GOPROXY=https://gocenter.io
- **GOPRIVATE** => to configure corporate proxy [useful, if proxy integrated]

To enable GO Modules in IDE

"go.useLanguageServer": true

