



Effective Gno

Gno.land Development Best Practices

Prefer Small Dependencies

- Unlike Go's "little copying" philosophy
- Reuse audited, community-vetted packages
- Builds trust through composability:

```
import (  
    "gno.land/p/finance/tokens"  
    "gno.land/p/utls/permissions"  
)
```



Documentation & Design



Documentation is for Users

- Write for end-users, not just developers
- Include clear endpoint explanations

```
// Transfer moves tokens between accounts
// - to: recipient address
// - amount: positive integer
func Transfer(to std.Address, amount int) {
    // ...
}
```



Design Realms as Public APIs

- Treat all exposed functions as public endpoints
- Validate all inputs
- Use private functions for internal logic

```
func PublicMethod() {  
    validateCaller()  
    privateLogic()  
}
```



Construct "Safe" Objects

- Objects that enforce their own security
- Protect internal state
- Can be shared between realms

```
type SafeVault struct {  
    balance int  
    owner   std.Address  
}  
  
func (v *SafeVault) Withdraw(amount int) {  
    if std.PreviousRealm() != v.owner {  
        panic("unauthorized")  
    }  
    // ...  
}
```



State Management



Use avl.Tree for Large Datasets

- Efficient key-value storage
- Lazy loading reduces gas costs
- Ideal for large collections

```
import "avl"

var users avl.Tree

func GetUser(id string) *User {
    return users.Get(id).(*User)
}
```



State Management



Emit Events for Off-chain Use

- Indexable by external services
- Key-value format for filtering

```
func Transfer(to std.Address, amount int) {  
    std.Emit("Transfer",  
        "from", std.PreviousRealm().String(),  
        "to", to.String(),  
        "amount", strconv.Itoa(amount))  
}
```



Token Strategies



Coins vs GRC20 Tokens

Feature	Coins	GRC20 Tokens
Management	Banker module	Smart contract
IBC Support	✓ Yes	✗ Not yet
Flexibility	Limited	High (custom logic)
Gas Costs	Lower	Higher
Use Cases	Native currency, IBC	DeFi, DAOs, token-gating



Token Strategies



Wrapping Coins

```
import "gno.land/p/demo/grc20"  
  
// Wrap native coins into GRC20-compatible token  
var wrappedCoin = grc20.NewBanker("Wrapped Coin", "WRAP", 6)
```





Package Structure Best Practices

Key Rules

1. Match package name to directory name
2. Define interfaces and types in `p/`
3. Keep realms in `r/` focused on business logic
4. Use `internal/` for private packages
5. Prefer small, focused packages



Conclusion

-  Embrace Gno-specific patterns
-  Prioritize security and access control
-  Design for users and composability
-  Choose appropriate storage solutions