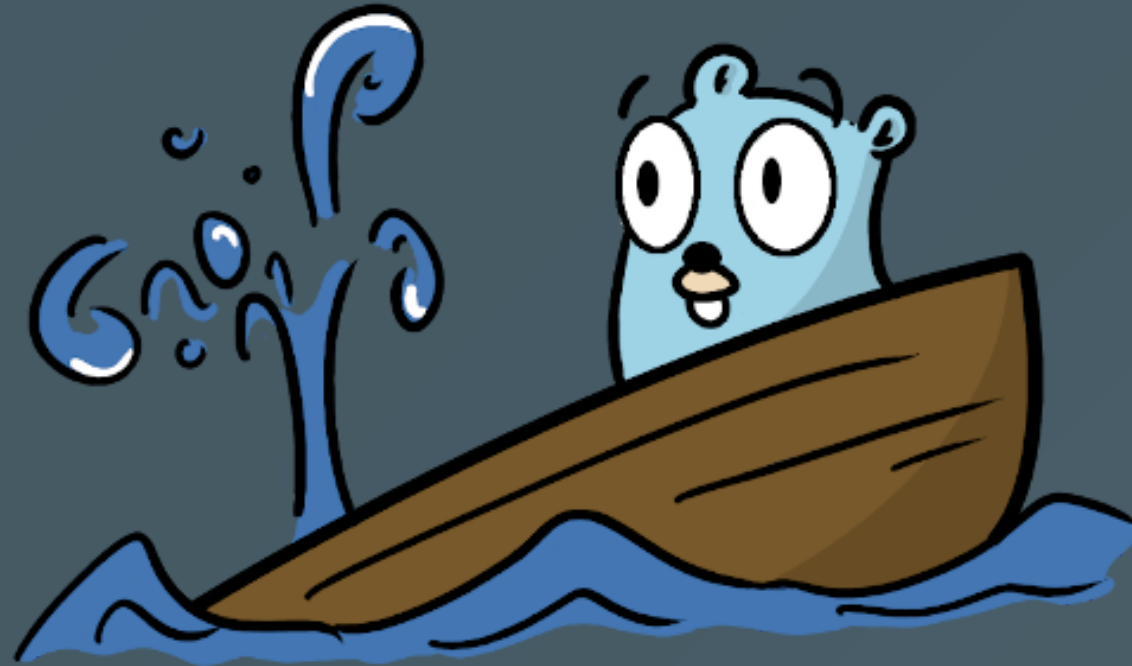


Shipping Go Without Sinking



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Speaker Introduction

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What is Telegraf?

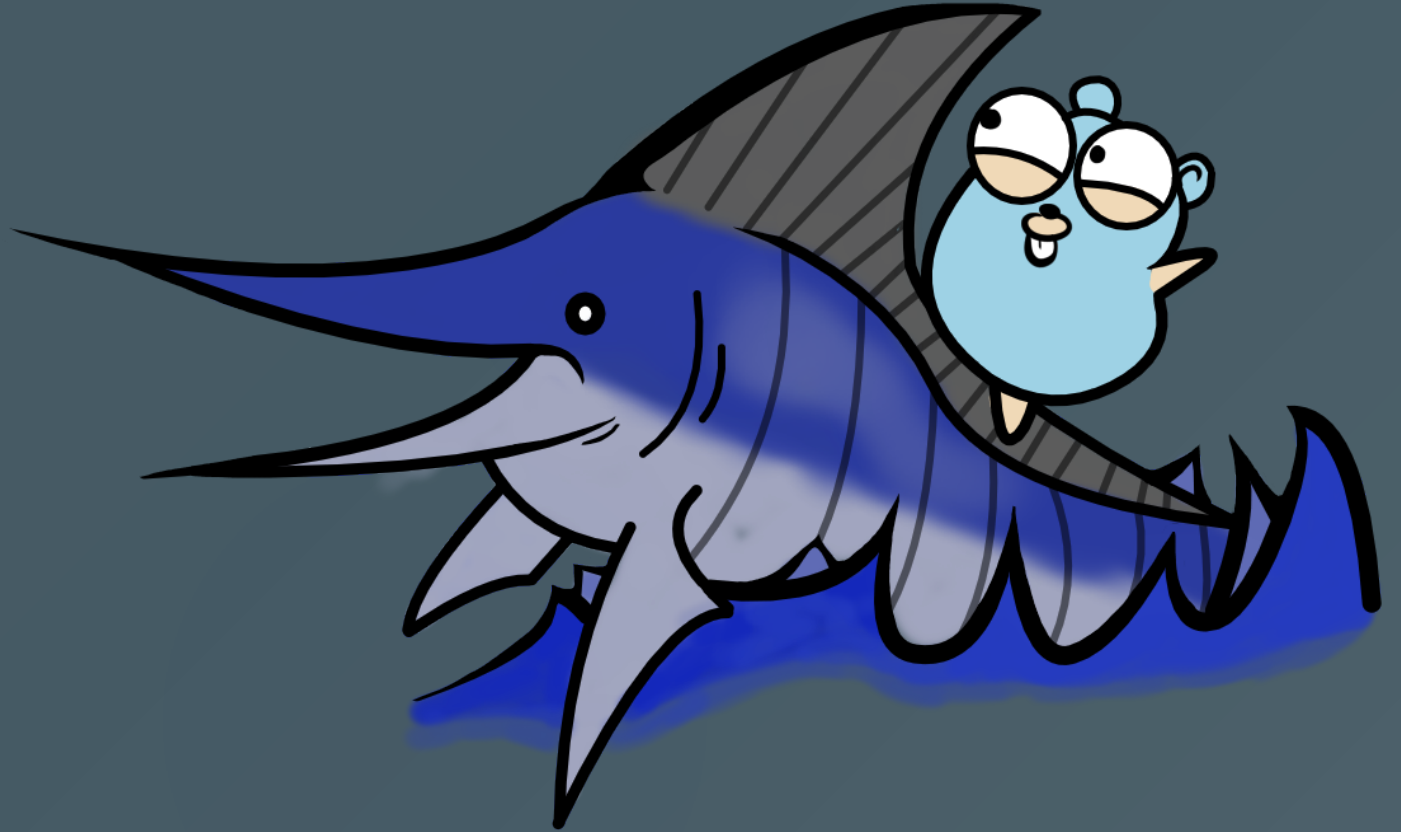
Collect data, organizes it, and push it where you want

- 40+ releases of Telegraf
- Open Source, MIT License
- 1000+ Unique Contributors



A successful release of Telegraf

- Single Binary
- Cross Platform
- Github Release
- Website release
- Dockerfile



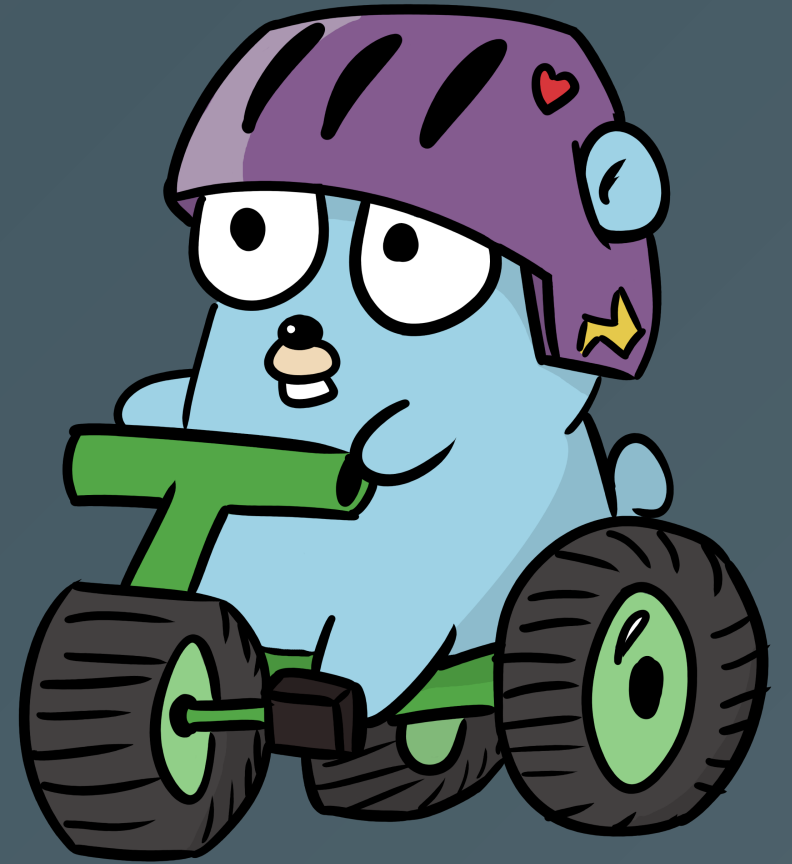
Release Cycle

Feature releases

- End of every quarter
(March, June, September, December)

Maintenance releases

- Every 3 weeks









Semantic Versions

- Major
- Minor
- Patch

Starting the Release

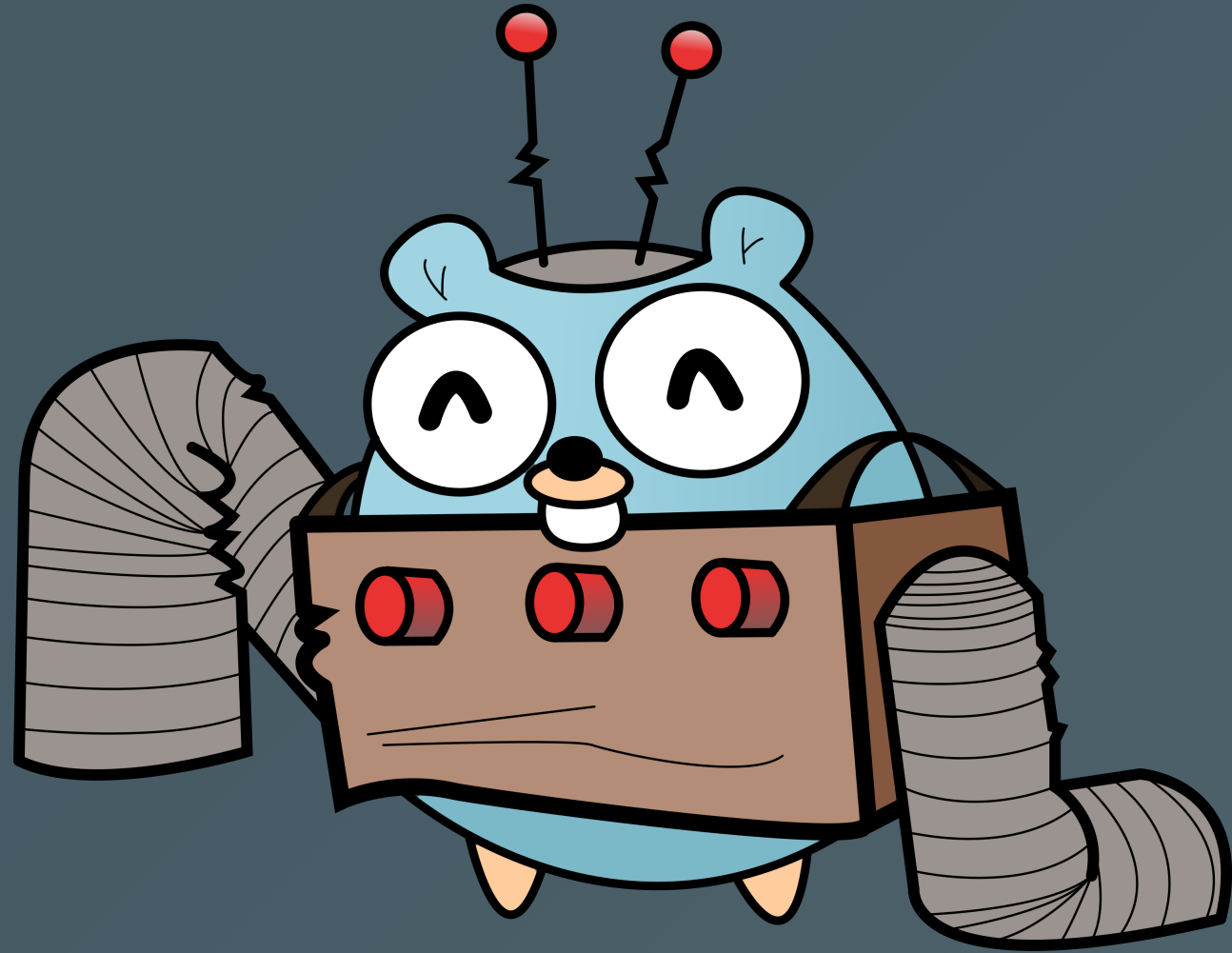
- Eeny, meeny, miny moe, Catch a tiger by the toe
- Track progress in slack

Sebastian Spaink v1.23.0 release thread

-  Prepare release branch
-  Sign packages
-  Update the repos.influxdata.com repository
-  Update Docker images
-  Update downloads page
-  Update Helm charts

Steps Overview

1. Preparing the code
2. Building and packaging
3. Distributing the binaries



Preparing the Code



Conventional Commit Messages

Adding human and machine readable meaning to commit messages

Example: feat(inputs.directory_monitor): Traverse sub-directories

Type	Optional Scope	Description
feat	inputs.directory_monitor	Traverse sub-directories

Git branching strategy

- master branch
- branch for each release



Executing external commands

```
func RunCommand(path, command string, arguments ...string) (string, error) {  
    var w io.Writer  
    var stdBuffer bytes.Buffer  
    w = io.MultiWriter(os.Stdout, &stdBuffer)  
  
    cmd := exec.Command(command, arguments...)  
    cmd.Dir = path  
    cmd.Stdout = w  
    cmd.Stderr = w  
    err := cmd.Run()  
    if err != nil {  
        return "", err  
    }  
    return stdBuffer.String(), nil  
}
```

Adding some color

```
// Wrap color implements the io.Writer interface  
// Using fatih/color package it prints to stdout but with color  
type WrapColor struct{}
```

```
func (w *WrapColor) Write(b []byte) (int, error) {  
    color.Cyan(string(b))  
    return len(b), nil  
}
```

.....

```
var w io.Writer  
var stdBuffer bytes.Buffer  
var c WrapColor  
w = io.MultiWriter(&c, &stdBuffer)
```

Running the commands

```
RunCommand(telegrafPath, "make", "tidy")
RunCommand(telegrafPath, "make", "test")

RunCommand(path, "git", "add", strings.Join(changes, " "))
RunCommand(path, "git", "commit", "-m", commitMsg)
RunCommand(path, "git", "push", "origin", branch)
hash, _ := RunCommand(path, "git", "rev-parse", "HEAD")
```

Working with git commits

```
type Commit struct {  
    Hash          string  
    AuthorName    string  
    Type          string // (e.g. `feat`)  
    Scope         string // (e.g. `core`)  
    Subject       string // (e.g. `Add new feature`)  
    Title         string // (e.g. `feat(core): Add new feature`)  
}
```

Collecting git commits

```
separator := "@@__CHGLOG__@"
delimiter := "@@__CHGLOG_DELIMITER__@"
logFormat := separator + strings.Join([]string{
    "HASH",
    "AUTHOR",
    "SUBJECT",
    "BODY",
}, delimiter)

arguments := []string{"log", fmt.Sprintf("--pretty=%s", logFormat), fromBranch + ".." + toBranch}
RunCommand(path, "git", arguments...)
```


Changelog template

```
## {{ .Version }} [{{ .Date }}]  
{{ range .CommitGroups }}  
### {{ println .Title }}  
{{ range .Commits -}}  
- {{ .PullRequestLink }} {{ if .Scope }}`{{ .Scope }}` {{ end }}{{ println .Subject }}  
{{- end -}}  
{{ end -}}
```

Example

v1.24.1 [2022-09-19]

Bugfixes

- [#11787](#) Clear error message when provided config is not a text file

Dependency Updates

- [#11788](#) `deps` Bump cloud.google.com/go/pubsub from 1.24.0 to 1.25.1

Preparing the code: lessons learned

- Organizing commits with conventional commit messages
- Write the release tools the team knows best
- Allow tools to be re-run

Preparing the code: future improvements

- Cherry-pick changes into release branch continuously
- Update changelog continuously

Building and Packaging



The Makefile

- make test
- make build
- make package include_packages="\$(make windows)"

```
LDFLAGS := $(LDLAGS) -X $(INTERNAL_PKG).Commit=$(commit) -X $(INTERNAL_PKG).Branch=$(branch)
ifneq ($(tag),)
    LDLAGS += -X $(INTERNAL_PKG).Version=$(version)
else
    LDLAGS += -X $(INTERNAL_PKG).Version=$(version)-$(commit)
endif

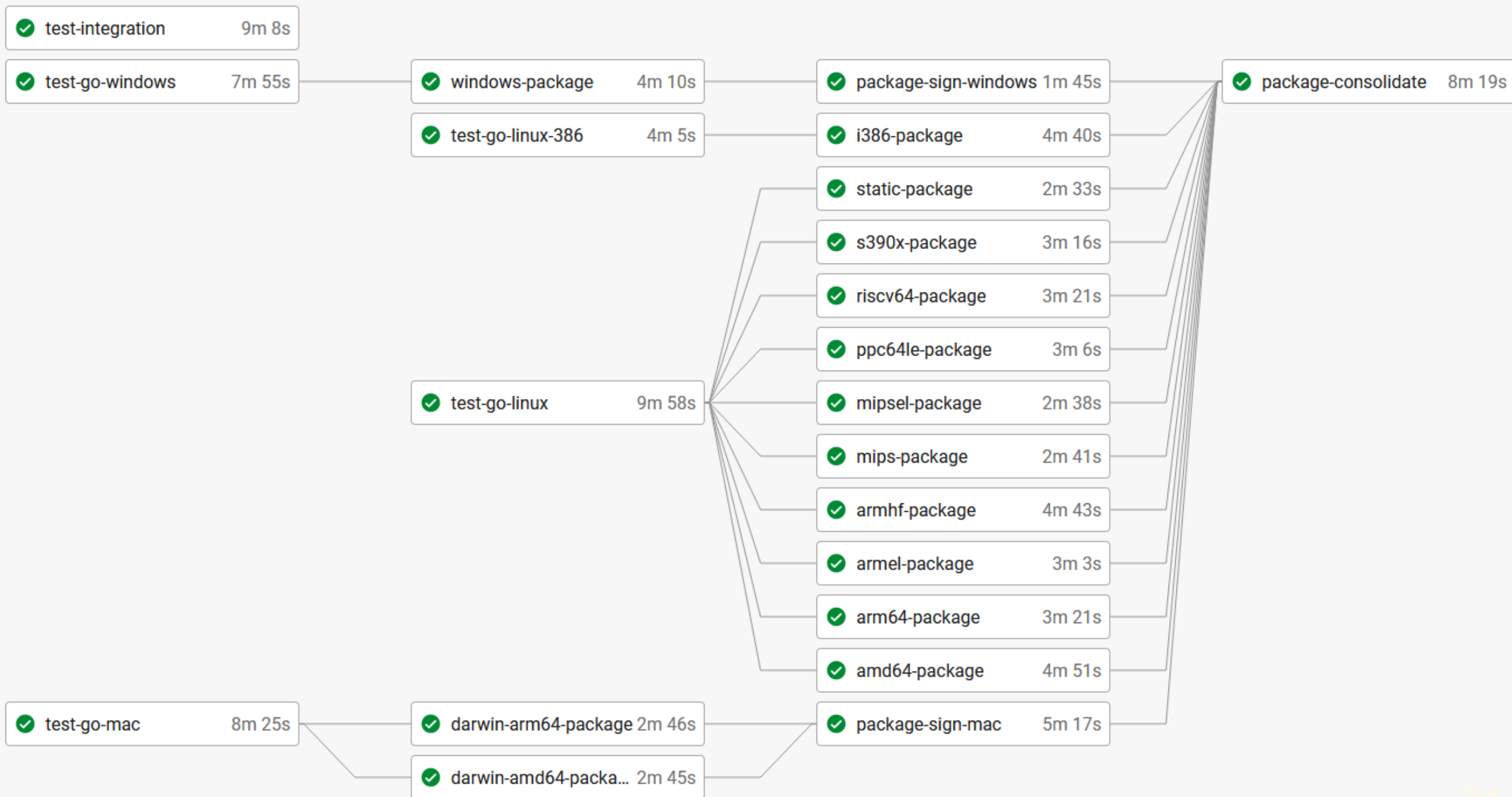
.PHONY: build
build:
    go build -tags "$(BUILDTAGS)" -ldflags "$(LDLAGS)" ./cmd/telegraf
```

Mage

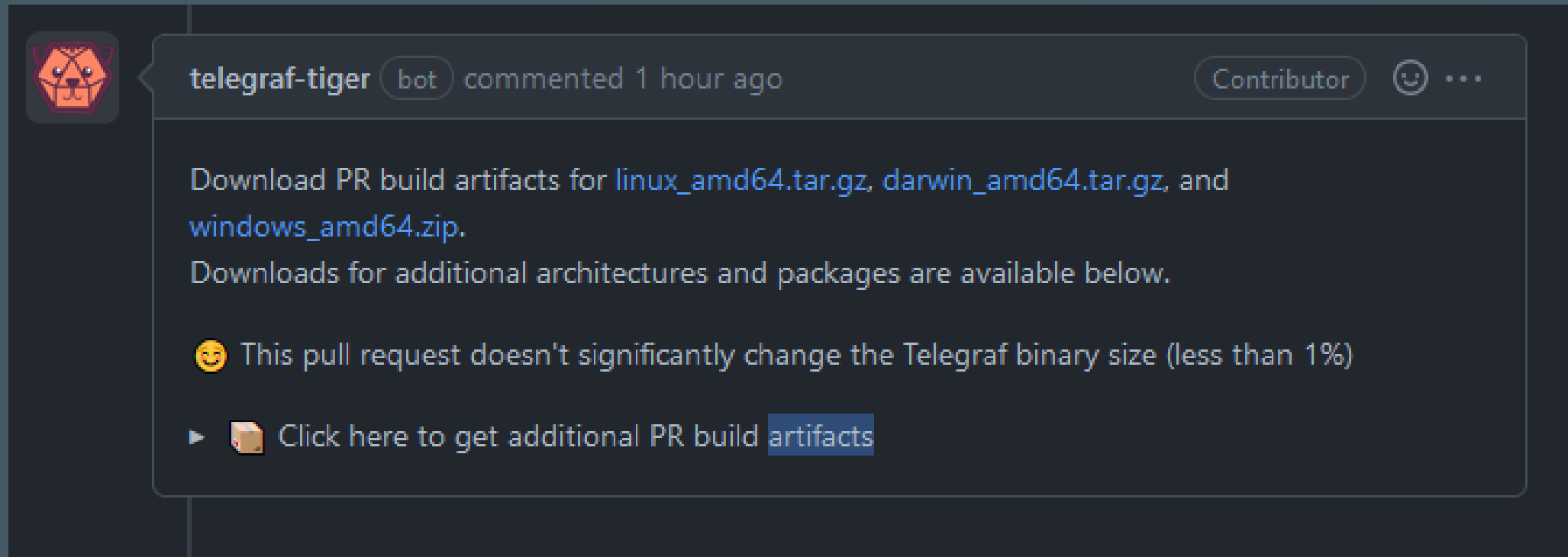
```
func build(p platform) (string, error) {
    env := map[string]string{"GOOS": p.OS, "GOARCH": p.ARCH}
    folderName := fmt.Sprintf("%s_%s", p.OS, p.ARCH)
    binName := productName + p.Extension
    filePath := filepath.Join("bin", folderName, binName)
    err := runCmd(env, "go", "build", "-o", filePath, "cmd/main.go")
    if err != nil {
        return "", err
    }

    return filePath, nil
}
```

Check it out: <https://github.com/magefile/mage>



Automatic Alpha Builds



Adding version and icon to Windows

Using package `josephspurrier/goversioninfo`

```
//go:generate goversioninfo -icon=../../assets/windows/tiger.ico
```

```
{  
  "StringFileInfo": {  
    "ProductName": "Telegraf",  
    "ProductVersion": "1.25.0-71b4a0af"  
  }  
}
```

Generating versioninfo.json

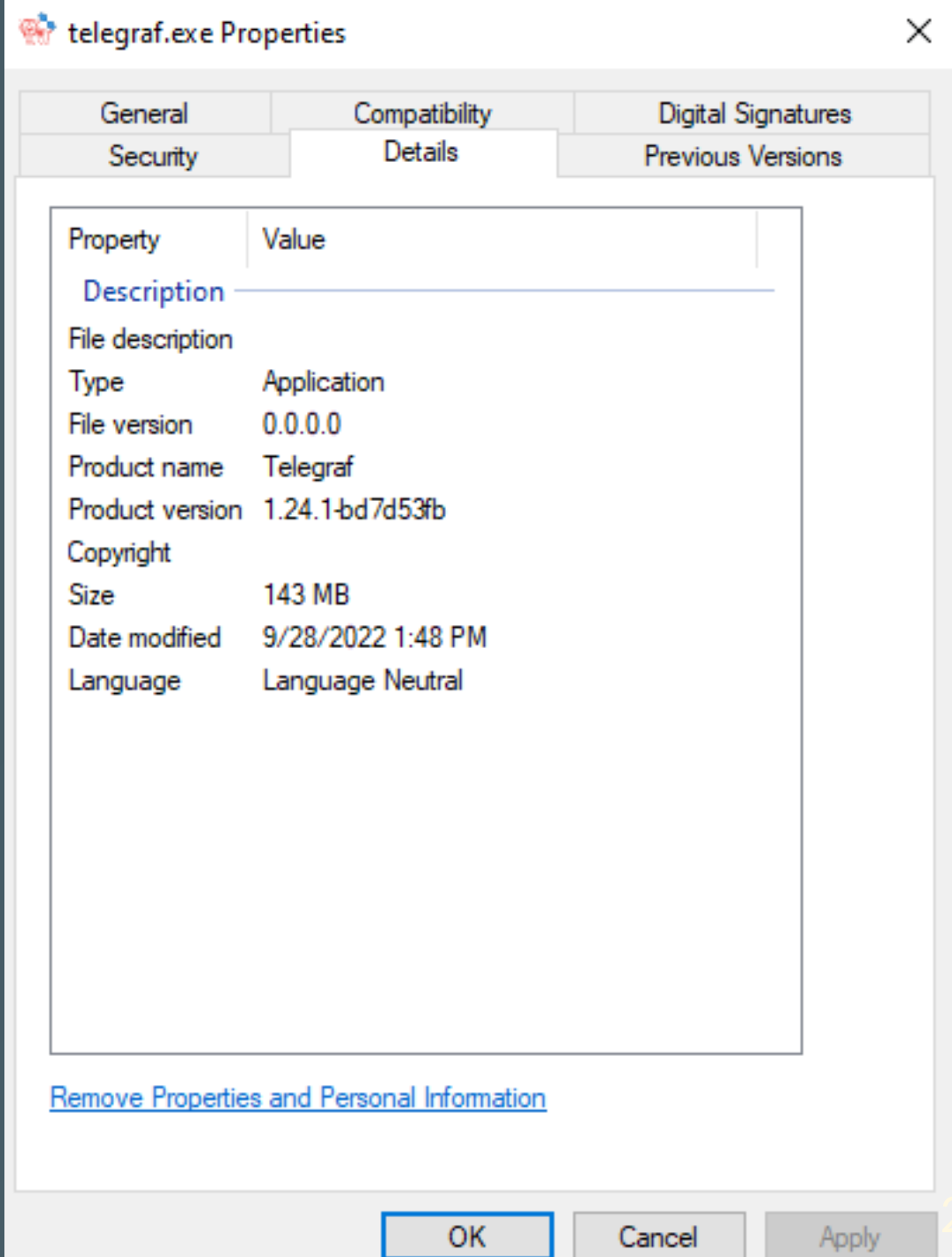
```
version, _ := exec.Command("make", "version").Output()

v := VersionInfo{
    StringFileInfo: StringFileInfo{
        ProductName:    "Telegraf",
        ProductVersion: version,
    },
}

if err := ioutil.WriteFile("cmd/telegraf/versioninfo.json", file, 0644); err != nil {
    log.Fatalf("Failed to write versioninfo.json: %v", err)
}
```



telegraf.exe



Building and Packaging: lessons learned

- Don't run the CI on wednesdays
- Make artifacts readily available
- Sign mac nightly, replicate release pipeline

Building and Packaging: future improvements


- Migrate more steps to continuous integration pipeline


Distributing Binaries



Releases

Tags

 Choose a tag ▾










 Target: master ▾

Choose an existing tag, or create a new tag when you publish this release.

Release title

Write

Preview

Generate release notes

Describe this release



Attach binaries by dropping them here or selecting them.

☐ This is a pre-release

We'll point out that this release is identified as non-production ready.

Publish release

Save draft

Updating the Website

```
b, err = sjson.SetBytes(b, "telegraf_stable.version", version)
if err != nil {
    return nil, fmt.Errorf("failed to set telegraf_stable.version: %w", err)
}
```

Version

Telegraf v1.24.1



Platform

Linux Binaries (64-bit)



SHA256: `f3a3d80909e54599fec d98dc fc7ae1e0202153d89f1f4ec d9c28a51658ac357d`

```
wget https://dl.influxdata.com/telegraf/releases/telegraf-1.24.1_linux_amd64.tar.gz
tar xf telegraf-1.24.1_linux_amd64.tar.gz
```

[Documentation](#) | [Release Notes](#)

Testing Dockerfile

```
container, _ := testcontainers.GenericContainer(ctx, testcontainers.GenericContainerRequest{
    ContainerRequest: req,
    Started:          true,
})

name, _ := container.Name(ctx)

cmd := exec.Command("docker", "exec", name, "telegraf", "--version")
out, _ := cmd.CombinedOutput()

// Verify the correct version of Telegraf exists
if !strings.Contains(string(out), ver.String()) {
    return fmt.Errorf("Expected docker to give telegraf version %s but got %s", version, string(out))
}
```

Distributing Binaries: lessons learned

- Document all permissions required
- If there is a problem increment patch, or the hash will change

Distributing Binaries: future improvements

- Migrate more steps to continuous integration pipeline

Conquering a Major Release

- Breaking changes
- Backwards compatibility important
- Deprecating configuration options slowly
- Getting into the habit

