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



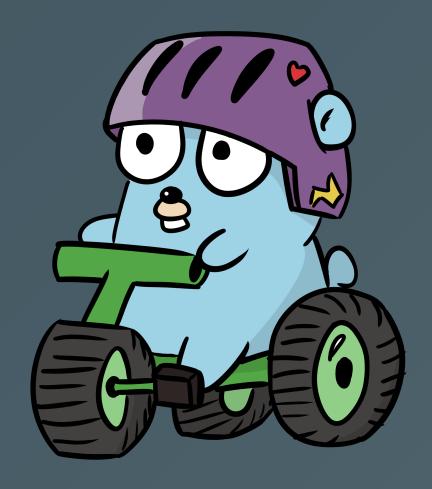
Release Cycle

Feature releases

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

Maintenance releases

• Every 3 weeks



Semantic Versioning

example current version 1.19.0

Type	Version	Description	
Patch:	1.19.1	maintenance release	
Minor:	1.20.0	feature release	
Major:	2.0.0	feature release with breaking changes	

Starting the Release

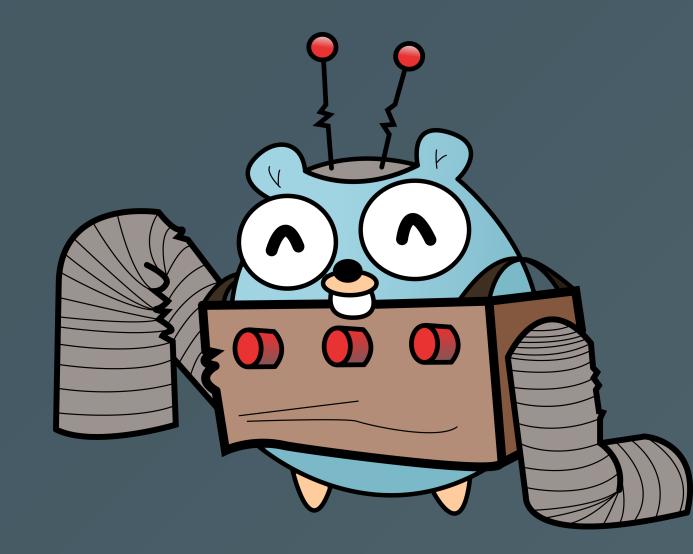
- Eeny, meeny, miny moe, Catch a tiger by the toe
- Track progress in slack

Sebastian Spaink v1.23.0 release thread

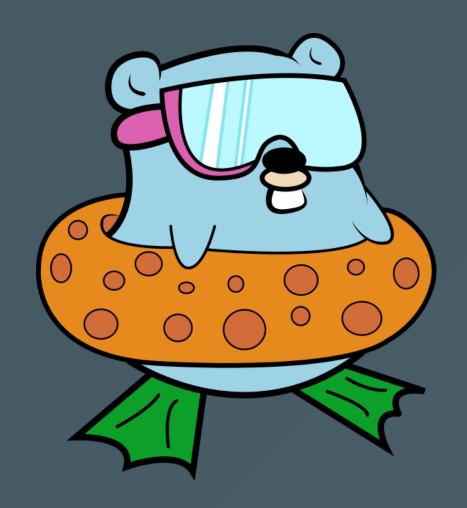
- V Prepare release branch
- Opdate the repository
- Opdate Docker images

Steps Overview

- 1. Preparing the git repo
- 2. Building and packaging
- 3. Distributing the binaries



Preparing the git repo



Conventional Commit Messages

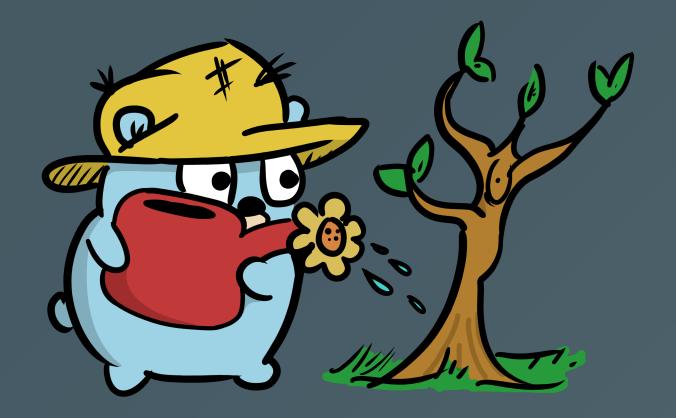
Adding human and machine readable meaning to commit messages

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

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

Git branching strategy

- copy master branch
- branch for each release
- maintain release branch



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

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 <u>cloud.google.com/go/pubsub</u> 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

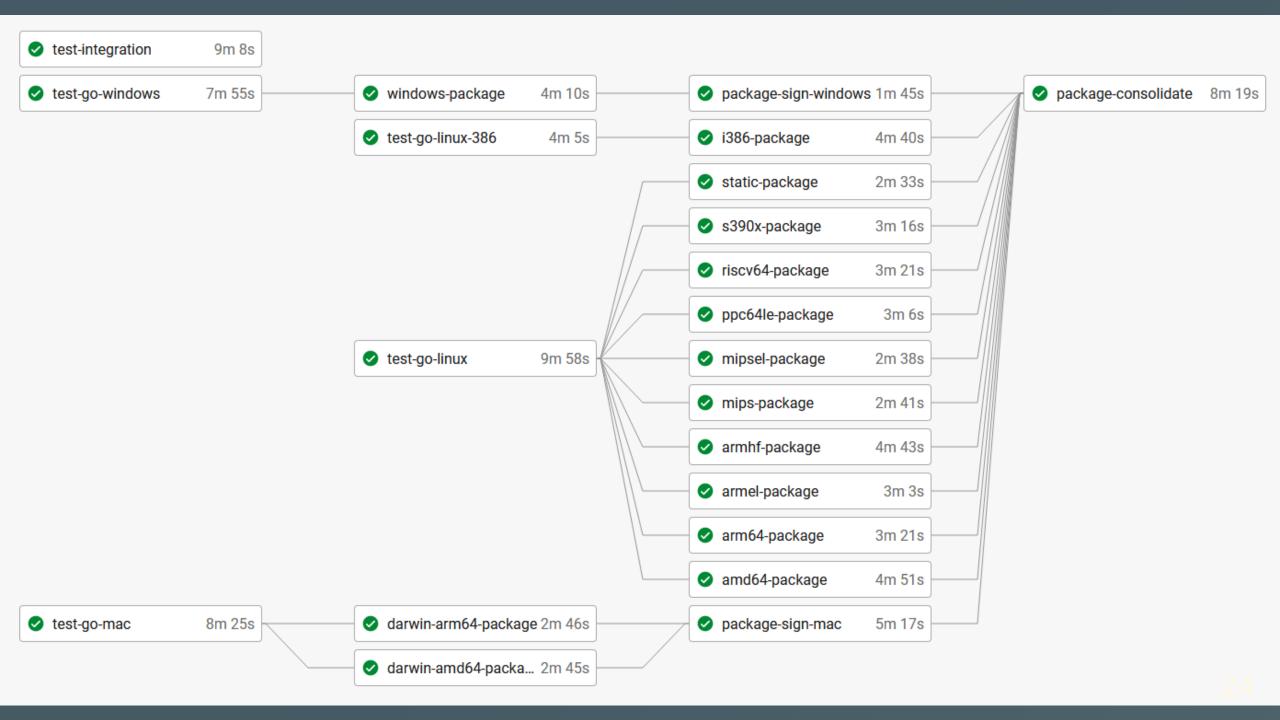
- make test
- make build
- make package include_packages="\$(make windows)"

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

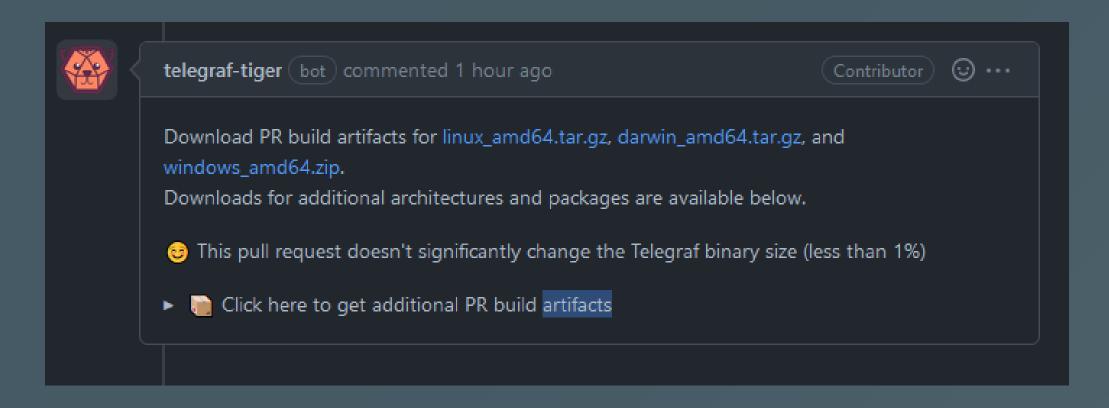
.PHONY: build
build:
    go build -tags "$(BUILDTAGS)" -ldflags "$(LDFLAGS)" ./cmd/telegraf
```

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
```



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)
```



Property Value

Description

File description

Type Application

0.0.0.0 File version

Product name Telegraf

Product version 1.24.1-bd7d53fb

Copyright

Size 143 MB

Date modified 9/28/2022 1:48 PM

Language Neutral Language



telegraf.exe

Remove Properties and Personal Information

Apply

OK

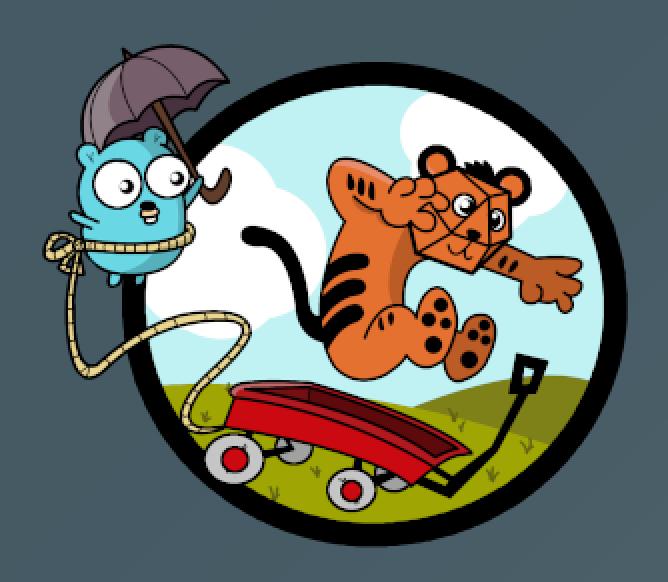
Building and Packaging: lessons learned

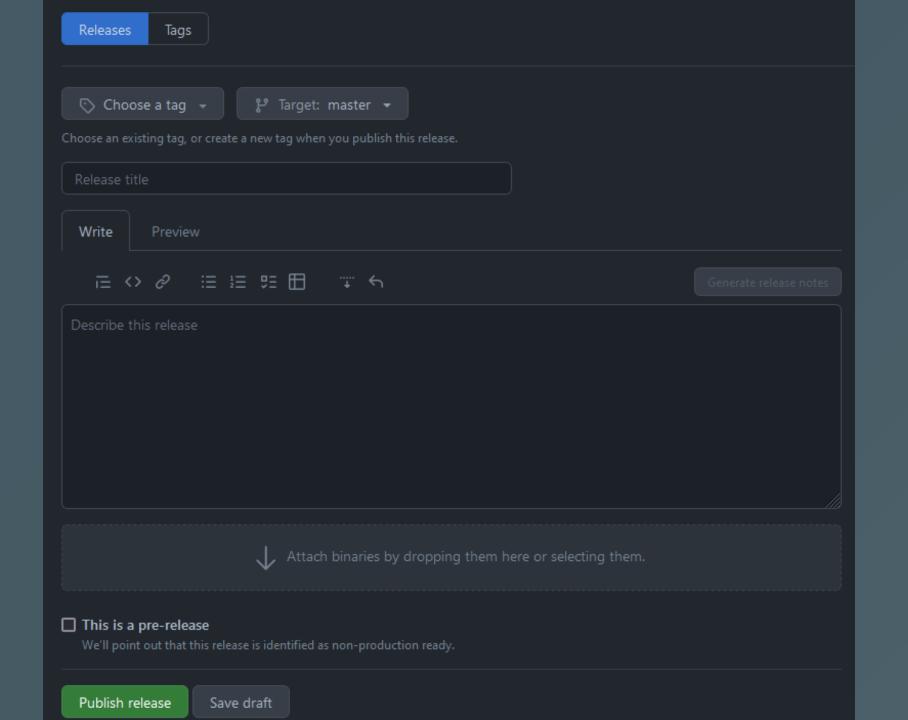
- Don't run the CI on wednesdays
- Make artifacts readily available
- Sign mac nightly, replicate release pipeline

Building and Packaging: future improvements

Migrate more steps to continuous integration pipeline

Distributing Binaries





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 Platform Telegraf v1.24.1 Linux Binaries (64-bit)

SHA256: f3a3d80909e54599fecd98dcfc7ae1e0202153d89f1f4ecd9c28a51658ac357d

```
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

