Division of Continuing Education

Module 3: Threads in Go

Topic 2.2: Wait Groups

Sync WaitGroup

- Sync package contains functions to synchronize between goroutines
- sync.WaitGroup forces a goroutine to wait for other goroutines
- Contains an internal counter
 - Increment counter for each goroutine to wait for
 - Decrement counter when each goroutine completes
 - Waiting goroutine cannot continue until counter is 0



Using WaitGroup

wg.Add(1) go foo(&wg) wg.Wait() wg.Done()

- Add () increments the counter
- Done () decrements the counter
- Wait() blocks until counter == 0



WaitGroup Example

```
func foo(wg *sync.WaitGroup) {
   fmt.Printf("New routine")
   wg.Done()
func main() {
   var wg sync.WaitGroup
   wg.Add(1)
   go foo(&wg)
   wg.Wait()
   fmt.Printf("Main routine")
```

