

Connection Pool Project

Learning Objectives

Build a production-ready connection pool to learn:

- Resource pooling with semaphore pattern
- Connection lifecycle (create, validate, close)
- Circuit breaker integration
- Health checks and connection recycling
- Graceful degradation

Requirements

Functional

1. Pool Management

- Min/Max connection limits
- Connection reuse
- Lazy creation (on-demand)
- Connection validation before use

2. Health Monitoring

- Ping connections periodically
- Remove dead connections
- Circuit breaker for failing backends
- Automatic recovery

3. Resource Limits

- Max connections (prevent exhaustion)
- Max idle time (close stale connections)
- Max lifetime (recycle old connections)
- Wait timeout (don't block forever)

Non-Functional

1. **Performance** - <1ms acquire latency
2. **Reliability** - Automatic failover
3. **Observability** - Pool utilization metrics

Implementations

Naive

Single mutex, unbounded growth, no health checks

Improved

Buffered channel pool, connection validation, cleanup

Final

Min/Max limits, circuit breaker, health checks, metrics

Usage

```
pool := final.NewPool(final.Config{
    Factory: func() (Conn, error) {
        return sql.Open("postgres", dsn)
    },
    MinConns: 5,
    MaxConns: 100,
    MaxIdleTime: 5 * time.Minute,
})

conn, err := pool.Acquire(ctx)
if err != nil {
    return err
}
defer pool.Release(conn)

conn.Query("SELECT * FROM users")
```