



# MORE EFFECTIVE GO

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# REFACTORING FOR PARALLELISM

- Tech. Talk
  - 4:20–5:10, today
  - O169
- Grad School Talk
  - 5:15–6:00, today







MAKING THINGS



# NEW(T)

- Allocates space for T
- Sets it to its *zero value*
- Returns a pointer to it





# ZERO VALUE

- ints: *0*
- floats: *0.0*
- strings: *""*
- maps, slices, channels: *nil*
- structs: each field allocated and initialized to its zero value

Try to arrange that the zeroed object can be used without further initialization

```
type SyncedBuffer struct {  
    lock sync.Mutex  
    buffer bytes.Buffer  
}
```

# WRITE CONSTRUCTOR FUNCTION WHEN YOU MUST

```
func NewFile(fd int, name string) *File {  
    if fd < 0 {  
        return nil  
    }  
    f := File{fd, name, nil, 0}  
    return &f  
}
```

Taking the address of a local variable  
allocates a fresh copy on heap



# MAKE REVIEW

- Only map, slice, or channel
- Returns an initialized value (not zero value)
- Returns actual value, not a pointer to it

# MAKE RETURNS REFERENCE TYPES

Just means that the  
underlying data is aliased

- Assignment copies the reference
- The underlying value isn't copied

```
s := make([]int, 10)  
t := s
```

Open [GoEffective2/arraylist.go](https://go.dev/doc/effective2/arraylist.go)

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# MAPS TEST AND REMOVAL

```
type Color struct {  
    r, b, g int  
}
```

```
func main() {  
    m := map[string]Color {  
        "Red": Color{255,0,0},  
        "Green": Color{0,255,0},  
        "Blue": Color{0,0,255},  
    }
```

```
_, ok := m["PeachPuff"]  
fmt.Println(ok)  
m["Red"] = Color{}, false  
fmt.Println(m)
```



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INITIALIZATION



# CONSTANTS

```
type ByteSize float64
```

```
const (
```

```
  _ = iota
```

Increments with each use. Auto-resets

```
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# ARGS

PASS BY VALUE, REFERENCE VALUES



```
type FullName struct { first, last string }
```

```
// String doesn't mutate, so it's OK to pass value.
```

```
func (fn FullName) String() string {  
    return fn.first + " " + fn.last  
}
```

```
// SetLastBad tries to mutate, but it mutates it's own copy!
```

```
func (fn FullName) SetLastBad(l string) {  
    fn.last = l  
}
```

```
// SetLast mutates successfully because the receiver is passed as a pointer.
```

```
func (fn *FullName) SetLast(l string) {  
    fn.last = l  
}
```

```
func main() {  
    n := FullName{"Randall", "Munroe"}  
    fmt.Println(n)  
    n.SetLastBad("Schwartz")  
    fmt.Println(n)  
    n.SetLast("Schwartz")  
    fmt.Println(n)  
}
```

```
Randall Munroe  
Randall Munroe  
Randall Schwartz
```



# METHODS

- Receiver can be any named type except a pointer or interface
- Use conversions to select which method set to use...



```
type Sequence []int
```

```
// Methods required by sort.Interface.
```

```
func (s Sequence) Len() int {  
    return len(s)  
}
```

```
func (s Sequence) Less(i, j int) bool {  
    return s[i] < s[j]  
}
```

```
func (s Sequence) Swap(i, j int) {  
    s[i], s[j] = s[j], s[i]  
}
```

```
// Method for printing - sorts the elements before printing.
```

```
func (s Sequence) String() string {  
    sort.Sort(s)
```

```
    str := "["
```

```
    for i, elem := range s {
```

```
        if i > 0 {
```

```
            str += " "
```

```
        }
```

```
        str += fmt.Sprintf(elem)
```

```
    }
```

```
    return str + "]"
```

```
}
```

Redundant!



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// Method for printing - sorts the elements before printing.
```

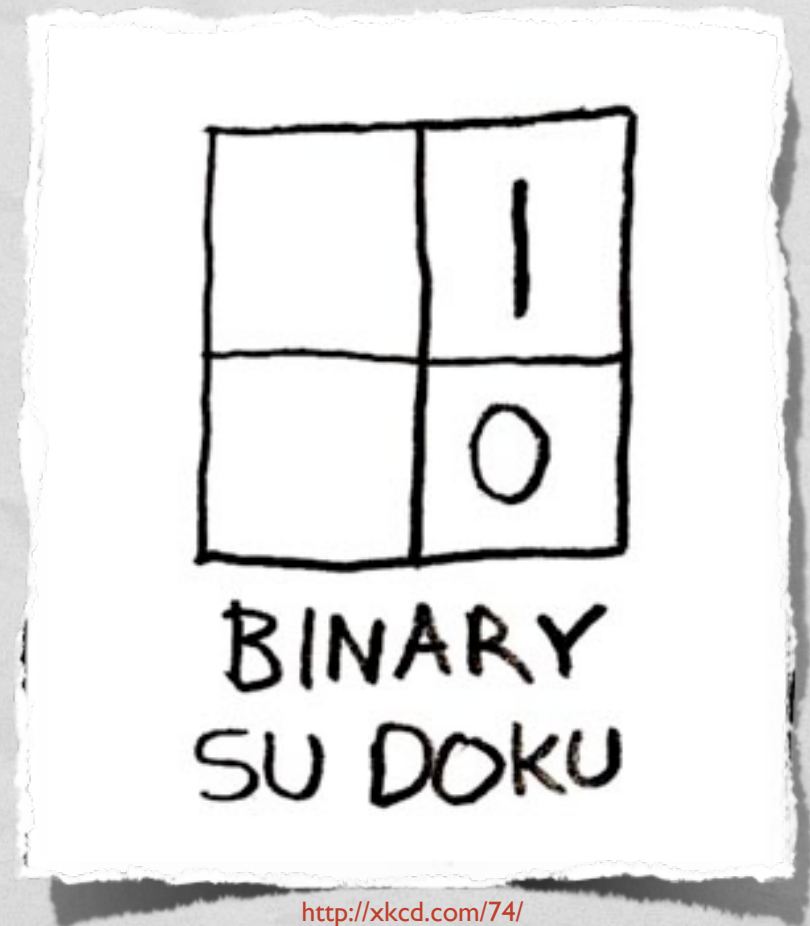
```
func (s Sequence) String() string {  
    sort.Sort(s)  
    return fmt.Sprintf("%v", s)  
}  
  
func (s Sequence) String() string {  
    sort.IntArray(s).Sort()  
    return fmt.Sprintf("%v", s)  
}
```

Redundant!

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# HW 14: SU DOKU

- Due Thursday
- Pair program
- Can purchase partial solutions
- Work time in class tomorrow



<http://xkcd.com/74/>