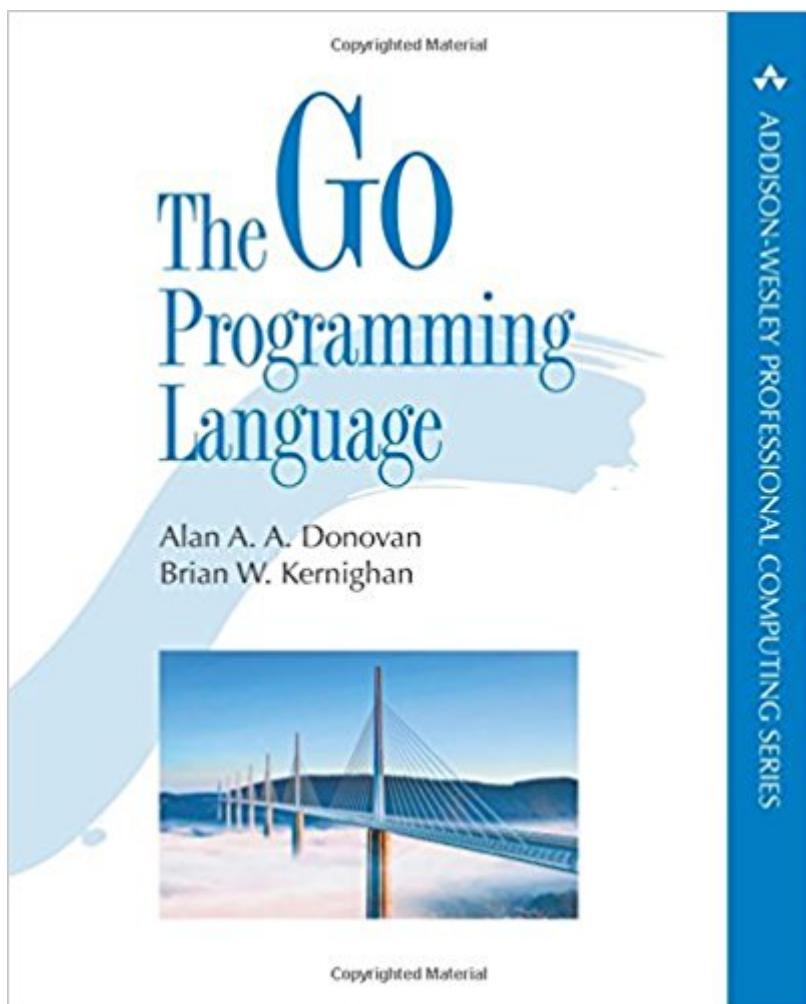


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# The Go Programming Language (Addison-Wesley Professional Computing Series)



## Synopsis

The Go Programming Language is the authoritative resource for any programmer who wants to learn Go. It shows how to write clear and idiomatic Go to solve real-world problems. The book does not assume prior knowledge of Go nor experience with any specific language, so you'll find it accessible whether you're most comfortable with JavaScript, Ruby, Python, Java, or C++. The first chapter is a tutorial on the basic concepts of Go, introduced through programs for file I/O and text processing, simple graphics, and web clients and servers. Early chapters cover the structural elements of Go programs: syntax, control flow, data types, and the organization of a program into packages, files, and functions. The examples illustrate many packages from the standard library and show how to create new ones of your own. Later chapters explain the package mechanism in more detail, and how to build, test, and maintain projects using the go tool. The chapters on methods and interfaces introduce Go's unconventional approach to object-oriented programming, in which methods can be declared on any type and interfaces are implicitly satisfied. They explain the key principles of encapsulation, composition, and substitutability using realistic examples. Two chapters on concurrency present in-depth approaches to this increasingly important topic. The first, which covers the basic mechanisms of goroutines and channels, illustrates the style known as communicating sequential processes for which Go is renowned. The second covers more traditional aspects of concurrency with shared variables. These chapters provide a solid foundation for programmers encountering concurrency for the first time. The final two chapters explore lower-level features of Go. One covers the art of metaprogramming using reflection. The other shows how to use the unsafe package to step outside the type system for special situations, and how to use the cgo tool to create Go bindings for C libraries. The book features hundreds of interesting and practical examples of well-written Go code that cover the whole language, its most important packages, and a wide range of applications. Each chapter has exercises to test your understanding and explore extensions and alternatives. Source code is freely available for download from <http://gopl.io/> and may be conveniently fetched, built, and installed using the go get command.

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I tried another Go book, before tossing it aside in favor of this one. Excellent book. It did what the others didn't: it explained "why". Go is a weird language. So if the reasoning behind the decisions is left out, then the language is hard to swallow. But with proper explanation of the reasoning, one can see the wisdom of Go and forgive some of its odd design and syntax decisions.

The GO to (heh) book for learning The Go Programming Language :-)

The organization of the book is great. Starting from overall but simple, it goes deeper step-by-step. The authors seem to have much knowledge on not only Go but also other many languages, which makes the explanation informative.

This book is amazing, it reads like *The C Programming Language* which to me is the gold standard.

The Go language is also amazing: elegant, orthogonal, a work of art.

Excellent book on Go. It is not for beginner programmers, more for developers who are picking up a second language, all the better if your first language was C. The examples are good, but the really great thing about this book is that, if you do the exercises, you'll have done all of the exercises you need to be solid in the language. They are not short exercises. If I were assigning homework, the 2 or 3 exercises at each step intra-chapter would be enough for a weeks worth.

More than just a book about 'Go', this is a book about the art of programming. Extremely clearly written; a rare programming book that anyone interested in the art should buy and absorb. Truly the K&R book for the 21st century.

If you're learning or working with Go lang, this is a must have book. Just like having the K&R book when writing C was required :)

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