

Golang Functions – Define and Calling Function – Examples

Golang Functions

A function is a set of statements that serve a behavior or functionality. Functions can make your application modular. Golang supports functions. The syntax of user defined Golang function is:

```
func function_name( [parameter_list] ) [return_types] {  
    statement(s)  
}
```

where

- `func` is the keyword used to define a function.
- `function_name` is the name by which you can call the function.
- `parameter_list` is optional and these are the arguments that you provide to your function to transform them or consider them as input.
- `return_types` is the list of data types of the multiple values that your function can return.

Sometimes, you may have a function that does not return any value. In that case, you may not mention any return type.

Example 1 – Golang Function – Return Single Value

In the following example, we have an add function that takes two arguments, compute their addition and return the result.

[example.go](#)

```
package main  
  
import "fmt"  
  
func add(a int, b int) int {  
    var c int  
    c = a+b  
    return c  
}
```

```
func main() {
    var n = add(3, 5)
    fmt.Printf("The sum is : %d", n)
}
```

Output

```
The sum is : 8
```

Example 2 – Golang Function – Return Multiple Values

In the following example, we have an calculate function that takes two arguments, computes their addition and multiplication, and returns all the three values.

example.go

```
package main

import "fmt"

func calculate(a int, b int) (int, int) {
    var add int
    var mul int
    add = a+b
    mul = a*b
    return add, mul
}

func main() {
    var add, mul = calculate(3, 5)
    fmt.Printf("Addition : %d\nMultiplication : %d", add, mul)
}
```

Output

```
Addition : 8
Multiplication : 15
```

Example 3 – Golang Function – Return Nothing

In the following example, we have an calculate function that takes two arguments, computes their addition and multiplication, and returns all the three values.

example.go

```
package main

import "fmt"
```

```
func add(a int, b int) {
    fmt.Printf("Addition is : %d", a+b)
}

func main() {
    add(3, 5)
}
```

Output

```
Addition is : 8
```

We are not returning any value from the function. We are just printing the result right inside the function.

Conclusion

In this [Golang Tutorial](#), we learned about Golang Functions and how to return values from a golang function, with the help of examples.

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