

Patterns and Hints for Concurrency in Go

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Concurrency is not Parallelism

Concurrency: composition of independently executing processes.

Parallelism: simultaneous execution of (possibly related) computations.

Concurrency is about *dealing with* lots of things at once.

Parallelism is about *doing* lots of things at once.

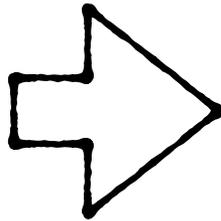
Prologue:

Goroutines for State

`/"([\\"|\]|\\.)*"/`

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    switch state {
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        state = 1
    case 1:
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        return false
    }
```

```
    state = 1
```

```
case 1:
```

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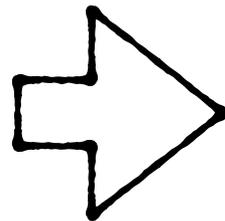
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    } else {
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    }
```

```
case 2:
```

```
    read()
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```

```
}
```

```
}
```



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state0:
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```

```
    goto state1
```

```
state1:
```

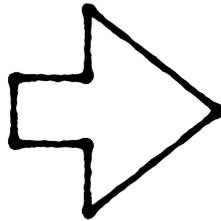
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```

```
    if c == '\\\ ' {
        goto state2
    } else {
        goto state1
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```

```
state2:
```

```
    read()
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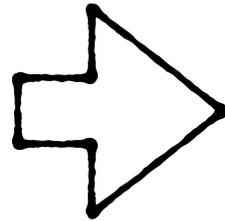


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```
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  goto state1
```

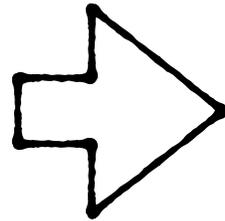


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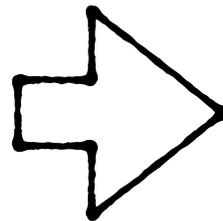
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```

state1:

```
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    read()
}
```

goto state1



```
c := read()
if c != '"' {
    return false
}
```

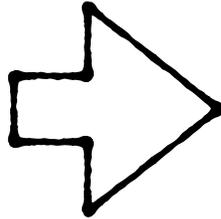
for {

```
c := read()
if c == '"' {
    return true
}
if c == '\\ ' {
    read()
}
```

}

```
c := read()  
if c != '' {  
    return false  
}
```

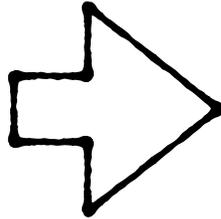
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for {  
    c := read()  
    if c == '' {  
        return true  
    }  
    if c == '\\\\' {  
        read()  
    }  
}
```



```
if read() != '' {  
    return false  
}
```

```
var c rune  
for c != '' {  
    c = read()  
    if c == '\\\\' {  
        read()  
    }  
}  
return true
```

```
if read() != '"' {
    return false
}
inEscape := false
for {
    c := read()
    if inEscape {
        inEscape = false
        continue
    }
    if c == '"' {
        return true
    }
    if c == '\\ ' {
        inEscape = true
    }
}
```



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if read() != '"' {
    return false
}

var c rune
for c != '"' {
    c = read()
    if c == '\\ ' {
        read()
    }
}
return true
```

```

func parse(read func() rune) bool {
state==0 → if read() != '"' {
              return false
            }

            var c rune
            for c != '"' {
state==1 → c = read()
              if c == '\\\ ' {
state==2 → read()
              }
            }
            return true
        }
    }

```

← inEscape==false

← inEscape==true

***Hint: Convert data state into code state
when it makes programs clearer.***

```
type quoter struct {
    state int
}

func (q *quoter) Init() {
    r.state = 0
}

func (q *quoter) Write(c rune) Status {
    switch q.state {
    case 0:
        if c != '"' {
            return BadInput
        }
        q.state = 1
    case 1:
        if c == '"' {
            return Success
        }
        if c == '\\\ ' {
            q.state = 2
        } else {
            q.state = 1
        }
    case 2:
        q.state = 1
    }
    return NeedMoreInput
}
```

```

type quoter struct {
    char    chan rune
    status  chan Status
}

func (q *quoter) Init() {
    q.char = make(chan rune)
    q.status = make(chan Status)
    go q.parse()
    <-q.status // always NeedMoreInput
}

func (q *quoter) Write(c rune) Status {
    q.char <- c
    return <-q.status
}

```

```

func (q *quoteReader) parse() {
    if q.read() != '"' {
        q.status <- SyntaxError
        return
    }

    var c rune
    for c != '"' {
        c = q.read()
        if c == '\\\ ' {
            q.read()
        }
    }
    q.status <- Done
}

func (q *quoter) read() int {
    q.status <- NeedMoreInput
    return <-q.char
}

```

***Hint: Use additional goroutines
to hold additional code state.***

```
package main

import (
    "net/http"
    _ "net/http/pprof"
)

var c = make(chan int)

func main() {
    for i := range 100 {
        go f(0x10*i)
    }
    http.ListenAndServe("localhost:8080", nil)
}

func f(x int) {
    g(x+1)
}

func g(x int) {
    h(x+1)
}

func h(x int) {
    c <- 1
    f(x+1)
}
```

***Hint: Know why and when
each goroutine will exit.***

```
$ go run x.go
^\

SIGQUIT: quit
PC=0x105a17b m=0 sigcode=0
```

...

```
goroutine 18 [chan send]:
main.h(0x12)
    /tmp/x.go:26 +0x45
main.g(0x11)
    /tmp/x.go:22 +0x20
main.f(0x10)
    /tmp/x.go:18 +0x20
created by main.main
    /tmp/x.go:12 +0x42
```

```
goroutine 19 [chan send]:
main.h(0x22)
    /tmp/x.go:26 +0x45
main.g(0x21)
    /tmp/x.go:22 +0x20
main.f(0x20)
    /tmp/x.go:18 +0x20
created by main.main
    /tmp/x.go:12 +0x42
```

...

Hint: Type Ctrl-\ to kill a program and dump all its goroutine stacks.

```

goroutine profile: total 106
100 @ 0x12d8715 0x12d86c0 0x12d8690 0x1058d61
# 0x12d8714 main.h+0x44 /tmp/x.go:26
# 0x12d86bf main.g+0x1f /tmp/x.go:22
# 0x12d868f main.f+0x1f /tmp/x.go:18

2 @ 0x11ddfcb 0x11dddcf 0x1248265 0x124f513 0x1253636 0x1058d61
# 0x11ddfce net/textproto.(*Reader).readLineSlice+0x5e go/src/net/textproto/reader.go:55
# 0x11dddce net/textproto.(*Reader).ReadLine+0x2e go/src/net/textproto/reader.go:36
# 0x1248264 net/http.readRequest+0xa4 go/src/net/http/request.go:926
# 0x124f512 net/http.(*conn).readRequest+0x1b2 go/src/net/http/server.go:934
# 0x1253635 net/http.(*conn).serve+0x495 go/src/net/http/server.go:1763

1 @ 0x115a102 0x116b1cd 0x124dc92 0x1058d61
# 0x115a101 net.(*netFD).Read+0x51 go/src/net/fd_unix.go:207
# 0x116b1cc net.(*conn).Read+0x6c go/src/net/net.go:182
# 0x124dc91 net/http.(*connReader).backgroundRead+0x61 go/src/net/http/server.go:656

1 @ 0x12cfe22 0x12cfc20 0x12cc6e5 0x12d8051 0x12d8365 0x1254b84 0x1255fa0 0x1257312 0x1253845
0x1058d61
# 0x12cfe21 runtime/pprof.writeRuntimeProfile+0xa1 go/src/runtime/pprof/pprof.go:634
# 0x12cfc1f runtime/pprof.writeGoroutine+0x9f go/src/runtime/pprof/pprof.go:596
# 0x12cc6e4 runtime/pprof.(*Profile).WriteTo+0x3b4 go/src/runtime/pprof/pprof.go:310
# 0x12d8050 net/http/pprof.handler.ServeHTTP+0x1d0 go/src/net/http/pprof/pprof.go:232
# 0x12d8364 net/http/pprof.Index+0x1e4 go/src/net/http/pprof/pprof.go:244
# 0x1254b83 net/http.HandlerFunc.ServeHTTP+0x43 go/src/net/http/server.go:1942
# 0x1255f9f net/http.(*ServeMux).Serve go/src/net/http/mux.go:232
# 0x1257311 net/http.serverHandler.Serve go/src/net/http/server.go:274
# 0x1253844 net/http.(*conn).serve+0x495 go/src/net/http/server.go:1763

```

***Hint: Use the HTTP server's
/debug/pprof/goroutine
to inspect live goroutine stacks.***

Pattern #1

Publish/subscribe server

```
type PubSub interface {
    // Publish publishes the event e to
    // all current subscriptions.
    Publish(e Event)

    // Subscribe registers c to receive future events.
    // All subscribers receive events in the same order,
    // and that order respects program order:
    // if Publish(e1) happens before Publish(e2),
    // subscribers receive e1 before e2.
    Subscribe(c chan<- Event)

    // Cancel cancels the prior subscription of channel c.
    // After any pending already-published events
    // have been sent on c, the server will signal that the
    // subscription is cancelled by closing c.
    Cancel(c chan<- Event)
}
```

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    Cancel(c chan<- Event)
}
```

***Hint: Close a channel to signal
that no more values will be sent.***

```
type Server struct {
    mu sync.Mutex
    sub map[chan<- Event]bool
}

func (s *Server) Init() {
    s.sub = make(map[chan<- Event]bool)
}

func (s *Server) Publish(e Event) {
    s.mu.Lock()
    defer s.mu.Unlock()

    for c := range s.sub {
        c <- e
    }
}

func (s *Server) Subscribe(c chan<- Event) {
    s.mu.Lock()
    defer s.mu.Unlock()

    if s.sub[c] {
        panic("pubsub: already subscribed")
    }
    s.sub[c] = true
}

func (s *Server) Cancel(c chan<- Event) {
    s.mu.Lock()
    defer s.mu.Unlock()

    if !s.sub[c] {
        panic("pubsub: not subscribed")
    }
    close(c)
    delete(s.sub, c)
}
```

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    s.mu.Lock()
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    for c := range s.sub {
        c <- e
    }
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    s.mu.Lock()
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    close(c)
    delete(s.sub, c)
}

```

Hint: Prefer defer for unlocking mutexes.

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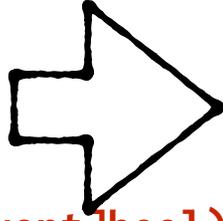
Hint: Consider the effect of slow goroutines.

Options for slow goroutines

- Slow down event generation.
- Drop events.
Examples: `os/signal`, `runtime/pprof`
- Queue an arbitrary number of events.

Hint: Think carefully before introducing unbounded queuing.

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    mu sync.Mutex  
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}  
  
func (s *Server) Init() {  
    s.sub = make(map[chan<- Event]bool)  
}
```



```
type Server struct {  
    publish chan Event  
    subscribe chan subReq  
    cancel chan subReq  
}  
  
type subReq struct {  
    c chan<- Event  
    ok chan bool  
}  
  
func (s *Server) Init() {  
    s.publish = make(chan Event)  
    s.subscribe = make(chan subReq)  
    s.cancel = make(chan subReq)  
    go s.loop()  
}
```

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    }
    close(c)
    delete(s.sub, c)
}
```

```
func (s *Server) loop() {
    sub := make(map[chan<- Event]bool)
    for {
        select {
        case e := <-s.publish:
            for c := range sub {
                c <- e
            }
        case r := <-s.subscribe:
            if sub[r.c] {
                r.ok <- false
                break
            }
            sub[r.c] = true
            r.ok <- true
        case c := <-s.cancel:
            if !sub[r.c] {
                r.ok <- false
                break
            }
            close(r.c)
            delete(sub, r.c)
            r.ok <- true
        }
    }
}
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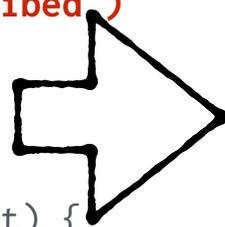
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        c <- e
    }
}
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    close(c)
    delete(s.sub, c)
}
```



```
func (s *Server) Publish(e Event) {
    s.publish <- e
}
```

```
func (s *Server) Subscribe(c chan<- Event) {
    r := subReq{c: c, ok: make(chan bool)}
    s.subscribe <- r
    if !<-r.ok {
        panic("pubsub: already subscribed")
    }
}
```

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func (s *Server) Cancel(c chan<- Event) {
    r := subReq{c: c, ok: make(chan bool)}
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    s.cancel = make(chan subReq)
    go s.loop()
}

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    s.publish <- e
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    }
}

```

```

func (s *Server) loop() {
    sub := make(map[chan<- Event]bool)
    for {
        select {
        case e := <-s.publish:
            for c := range sub {
                c <- e
            }

        case r := <-s.subscribe:
            if sub[r.c] {
                r.ok <- false
                break
            }
            sub[r.c] = true
            r.ok <- true

        case c := <-s.cancel:
            if !sub[r.c] {
                r.ok <- false
                break
            }
            close(r.c)
            delete(sub, r.c)
            r.ok <- true
        }
    }
}

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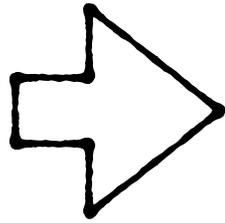
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into goroutines
when it makes programs clearer***

```
func helper(in <-chan Event,
            out chan<- Event) {
    var q []Event
    for {
        select {
        case e := <-in:
            q = append(q, e)
        case out <- q[0]:
            q = q[1:]
        }
    }
}
```

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    var q []Event
    for {
        select {
        case e := <-in:
            q = append(q, e)
        case out <- q[0]:
            q = q[1:]
        }
    }
}

```



```

func helper(in <-chan Event,
            out chan<- Event) {
    var q []Event
    for {
        // Decide whether and what to send.
        var sendOut chan<- Event
        var next Event
        if len(q) > 0 {
            sendOut = out
            next = q[0]
        }

        select {
        case e := <-in:
            q = append(q, e)
        case sendOut <- next:
            q = q[1:]
        }
    }
}

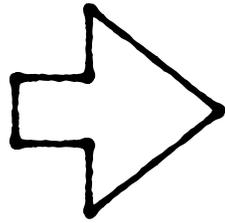
```

```

func helper(in <-chan Event,
            out chan<- Event) {
    var q []Event
    for {
        // Decide whether and what to send.
        var sendOut chan<- Event
        var next Event
        if len(q) > 0 {
            sendOut = out
            next = q[0]
        }

        select {
        case e := <-in:
            q = append(q, e)
        case sendOut <- next:
            q = q[1:]
        }
    }
}

```



```

func helper(in <-chan Event,
            out chan<- Event) {
    var q []Event
    for in != nil || len(q) > 0 {
        // Decide whether and what to send.
        var sendOut chan<- Event
        var next Event
        if len(q) > 0 {
            sendOut = out
            next = q[0]
        }

        select {
        case e, ok := <-in:
            if !ok {
                in = nil // stop receiving from in
                break
            }
            q = append(q, e)
        case sendOut <- next:
            q = q[1:]
        }
    }
    close(out)
}

```

```
func (s *Server) loop() {
    sub := make(map[chan<- Event]bool)
    for {
        select {
        case e := <-s.publish:
            for c := range sub {
                c <- e
            }

        case r := <-s.subscribe:
            if sub[r.c] {
                r.ok <- false
                break
            }
            sub[r.c] = true
            r.ok <- true

        case c := <-s.cancel:
            if !sub[r.c] {
                r.ok <- false
                break
            }
            close(r.c)
            delete(sub, r.c)
            r.ok <- true
        }
    }
}
```

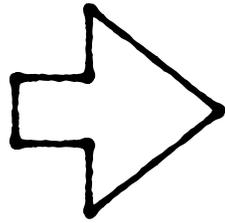
```

func (s *Server) loop() {
    sub := make(map[chan<- Event]bool)
    for {
        select {
        case e := <-s.publish:
            for c := range sub {
                c <- e
            }

        case r := <-s.subscribe:
            if sub[r.c] {
                r.ok <- false
                break
            }
            sub[r.c] = true
            r.ok <- true

        case c := <-s.cancel:
            if !sub[r.c] {
                r.ok <- false
                break
            }
            close(r.c)
            delete(sub, r.c)
            r.ok <- true
        }
    }
}

```



```

func (s *Server) loop() {
    sub := make(map[chan<- Event]chan<- Event)
    for {
        select {
        case e := <-s.publish:
            for _, h := range sub {
                h <- e
            }

        case r := <-s.subscribe:
            if sub[r.c] != nil {
                r.ok <- false
                break
            }
            h = make(chan Event)
            go helper(h, r.c)
            sub[r.c] = h
            r.ok <- true

        case c := <-s.cancel:
            if sub[r.c] == nil {
                r.ok <- false
                break
            }
            close(sub[r.c])
            delete(sub, r.c)
            r.ok <- true
        }
    }
}

```

***Hint: Use goroutines
to let independent concerns
run independently.***

Pattern #2

Work scheduler

```
func Schedule(servers []string, numTask int,  
             call func(srv string, task int))
```

```
func Schedule(servers []string, numTask int,
             call func(srv string, task int)) {

    idle := make(chan string, len(servers))
    for _, srv := range servers {
        idle <- srv
    }
}
```

***Hint: Use a buffered channel
as a concurrent blocking queue.***

```
func Schedule(servers []string, numTask int,
              call func(srv string, task int)) {

    idle := make(chan string, len(servers))
    for _, srv := range servers {
        idle <- srv
    }

    for task := range numTask {
        go func() {
            srv := <-idle
            call(srv, task)
            idle <- srv
        }()
    }
}
```

***Hint: Use goroutines
to let independent concerns
run independently.***

```
func Schedule(servers []string, numTask int,
             call func(srv string, task int)) {

    idle := make(chan string, len(servers))
    for _, srv := range servers {
        idle <- srv
    }

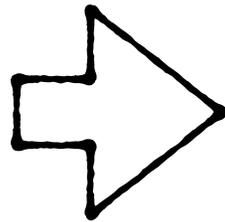
    for task := range numTask {
        go func() {
            srv := <-idle
            call(srv, task)
            idle <- srv
        }()
    }
}
```

***Hint: Think carefully before
introducing unbounded queuing.***

```
func Schedule(servers []string, numTask int,
              call func(srv string, task int)) {

    idle := make(chan string, len(servers))
    for _, srv := range servers {
        idle <- srv
    }

    for task := range numTask {
        go func() {
            srv := <-idle
            call(srv, task)
            idle <- srv
        }()
    }
}
```



```
for task := range numTask {
    srv := <-idle
    go func() {
        call(srv, task)
        idle <- srv
    }()
}
```

```
func Schedule(servers []string, numTask int,
              call func(srv string, task int)) {

    idle := make(chan string, len(servers))
    for _, srv := range servers {
        idle <- srv
    }

    for task := range numTask {
        srv := <-idle
        go func() {
            call(srv, task)
            idle <- srv
        }()
    }

    for range servers {
        <-idle
    }
}
```

```
func Schedule(servers []string, numTask int,
              call func(srv string, task int)) {

    idle := make(chan string, len(servers))
    for _, srv := range servers {
        idle <- srv
    }

    for task := range numTask {
        srv := <-idle
        go func() {
            call(srv, task)
            idle <- srv
        }()
    }

    for range servers {
        <-idle
    }
}
```

```

func Schedule(servers []string, numTask int,
             call func(srv string, task int)) {

    work := make(chan int)
    done := 0

    runTasks := func(srv string) {
        for task := range work {
            call(srv, task)
        }
        done++
    }

    for _, srv := range servers {
        go runTasks(srv)
    }

    for task := range numTask {
        work <- task
    }
    close(work)

    for done < len(servers) {
        runtime.Gosched()
    }
}

```

Hint: Think carefully before introducing unbounded queuing.

Hint: Close a channel to signal that no more values will be sent.

```
func Schedule(servers []string, numTask int,
              call func(srv string, task int)) {
```

```
    work := make(chan int)
    done := 0
```

```
    runTasks := func(srv string) {
        for task := range work {
            call(srv, task)
        }
        done++
    }
}
```

```
for _, srv := range servers {
    go runTasks(srv)
}
```

```
for task := range numTask {
    work <- task
}
close(work)
```

```
for done < len(servers) {
    runtime.Gosched()
}
```

```
}
```

```
$ go run -race /tmp/x.go
```

```
=====
```

```
WARNING: DATA RACE
```

```
Write at 0x00c0000121d8 by goroutine 6:
```

```
main.Schedule.func1()
```

```
  /tmp/x.go:19 +0x80
```

```
main.Schedule.gowrap1()
```

```
  /tmp/x.go:23 +0x48
```

```
Previous read at 0x00c0000121d8 by main goroutine 1:
```

```
main.Schedule()
```

```
  /tmp/x.go:31 +0x27c
```

```
main.main()
```

```
  /tmp/x.go:6 +0x90
```

```
Goroutine 6 (running) created at:
```

```
main.Schedule()
```

```
  /tmp/x.go:23 +0x13c
```

```
main.main()
```

```
  /tmp/x.go:6 +0x90
```

```
=====
```

***Hint: Use the race detector,
for development and even production.***

```
func Schedule(servers []string, numTask int,
              call func(srv string, task int)) {
```

```
    work := make(chan int)
    done := 0
```

```
    runTasks := func(srv string) {
        for task := range work {
            call(srv, task)
        }
        done++
    }
```

```
    for _, srv := range servers {
        go runTasks(srv)
    }
```

```
    for task := range numTask {
        work <- task
    }
    close(work)
```

```
    for done < len(servers) {
        runtime.Gosched()
    }
```

```
}
```

```
$ go run -race /tmp/x.go
```

```
=====
```

```
WARNING: DATA RACE
```

```
Write at 0x00c00019c008 by goroutine 7:
```

```
main.Schedule.func1()
```

```
    /tmp/x.go:19 +0x80
```

```
main.Schedule.gowrap1()
```

```
    /tmp/x.go:23 +0x48
```

```
Previous write at 0x00c00019c008 by goroutine
```

```
main.Schedule.func1()
```

```
    /tmp/x.go:19 +0x80
```

```
main.Schedule.gowrap1()
```

```
    /tmp/x.go:23 +0x48|
```

```
Goroutine 7 (running) created at:
```

```
main.Schedule()
```

```
    /tmp/x.go:23 +0x13c
```

```
main.main()
```

```
    /tmp/x.go:6 +0x90
```

```
Goroutine 6 (finished) created at:
```

```
main.Schedule()
```

```
    /tmp/x.go:23 +0x13c
```

```
main.main()
```

```
    /tmp/x.go:6 +0x90
```

```
=====
```

```
func Schedule(servers []string, numTask int,
             call func(srv string, task int)) {
```

```
    work := make(chan int)
    done := 0
```

```
    runTasks := func(srv string) {
        for task := range work {
            call(srv, task)
        }
        done++
    }
```

```
    for _, srv := range servers {
        go runTasks(srv)
    }
```

```
    for task := range numTask {
        work <- task
    }
    close(work)
```

```
    for done < len(servers) {
        runtime.Gosched()
    }
```

```
}
```

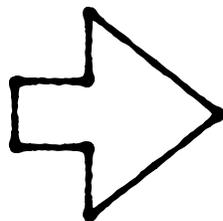
```
work := make(chan int)
done := make(chan bool)
```

```
runTasks := func(srv string) {
    for task := range work {
        call(srv, task)
    }
    done <- true
}
```

```
}
```

```
...
```

```
for range servers {
    <-done
}
```



Hint:

***Don't communicate by sharing memory.
Share memory by communicating.***

```
func Schedule(servers []string, numTask int,
             call func(srv string, task int)) {
```

```
    work := make(chan int)
    done := make(chan bool)
```

```
    runTasks := func(srv string) {
        for task := range work {
            call(srv, task)
        }
        done <- true
    }
```

```
    for _, srv := range servers {
        go runTasks(srv)
    }
```

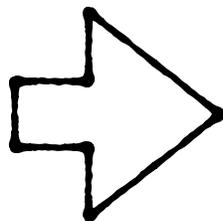
```
    for task := range numTask {
        work <- task
    }
    close(work)
```

```
    for range servers {
        <-done
    }
```

```
}
```

```
func Schedule(servers chan string, numTask int,
             call func(srv string, task int)) {
```

```
    go func() {
        for srv := range servers {
            go runTasks(srv)
        }
    }()
```



***Hint: Use goroutines
to let independent concerns
run independently.***

```
func Schedule(servers chan string, numTask int,  
             call func(srv string, task int)) {
```

```
    work := make(chan int)  
    done := make(chan bool)
```

```
    runTasks := func(srv string) {  
        for task := range work {  
            call(srv, task)  
        }  
        done <- true  
    }
```

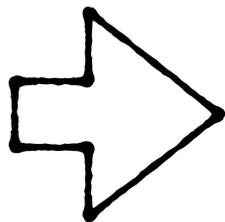
```
    go func() {  
        for _, srv := range servers {  
            go runTasks(srv)  
        }  
    }()
```

```
    for range numTask {  
        work <- task  
    }  
    close(work)
```

```
    for range servers {  
        <-done  
    }  
}
```

```
    runTasks := func(srv string) {  
        for task := range work {  
            call(srv, task)  
            done <- true  
        }  
    }
```

```
    for range numTask {  
        <-done  
    }
```



```
func Schedule(servers chan string, numTask int,
             call func(srv string, task int)) {
```

```
    work := make(chan int)
    done := make(chan bool)
```

```
    runTasks := func(srv string) {
        for task := range work {
            call(srv, task)
            done <- true
        }
    }
```

```
    go func() {
        for _, srv := range servers {
            go runTasks(srv)
        }
    }()
```

```
    for range numTask {
        work <- task
    }
    close(work)
```

```
    for range numTask {
        <-done
    }
```

```
}
```

```
$ go run /tmp/x.go
fatal error: all goroutines are asleep - deadlock!
```

```
goroutine 1 [chan send]:
main.Schedule(0xc4200120c0, 0x3, 0x0)
    /tmp/x.go:26 +0x150
main.main()
    /tmp/x.go:4 +0x96
```

```
goroutine 5 [chan send]:
main.Schedule.func1(0x1066bc0, 0x1066bc0)
    /tmp/x.go:15 +0xba
created by main.Schedule.func2
    /tmp/x.go:21 +0x5f
```

***Hint: Know why and when
each communication will proceed.***

```
func Schedule(servers chan string, numTask int,
             call func(srv string, task int)) {
```

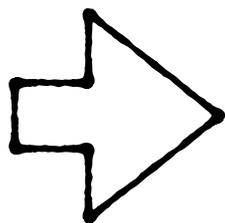
```
    work := make(chan int)
    done := make(chan bool)
```

```
    runTasks := func(srv string) {
        for task := range work {
            call(srv, task)
            done <- true
        }
    }
}
```

```
go func() {
    for _, srv := range servers {
        go runTasks(srv)
    }
}()
```

```
for task := range numTask {
    work <- task
}
close(work)
```

```
for i := range numTask {
    <-done
}
}
```



```
    i := 0
WorkLoop:
    for task := range numTask {
        for {
            select {
            case work <- task:
                continue WorkLoop
            case <-done:
                i++
            }
        }
    }
    close(work)

for ; i < numTask; i++ {
    <-done
}
}
```

```

func Schedule(servers chan string, numTask int,
             call func(srv string, task int)) {

    work := make(chan int)
    done := make(chan bool)

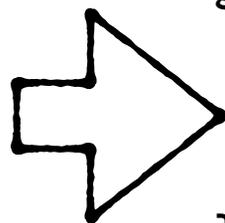
    runTasks := func(srv string) {
        for task := range work {
            call(srv, task)
            done <- true
        }
    }

    go func() {
        for _, srv := range servers {
            go runTasks(srv)
        }
    }()

    for task := range numTask {
        work <- task
    }
    close(work)

    for range numTask {
        <-done
    }
}

```



```

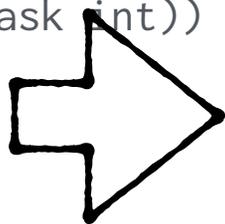
go func() {
    for task := range numTask {
        work <- task
    }
    close(work)
}()

```

***Hint: Use goroutines
to let independent concerns
run independently.***

```
func Schedule(servers chan string, numTask int,  
             call func(srv string, task int)) {
```

```
    work := make(chan int)  
    done := make(chan bool)
```



```
    work := make(chan int, numTask)
```

```
    runTasks := func(srv string) {  
        for task := range work {  
            call(srv, task)  
            done <- true  
        }  
    }  
}
```

```
go func() {  
    for _, srv := range servers {  
        go runTasks(srv)  
    }  
}()
```

```
for task := range numTask {  
    work <- task  
}  
close(work)
```

```
for range numTask {  
    <-done  
}  
}
```

***Hint: Think carefully before
introducing unbounded queuing.***

```
func Schedule(servers chan string, numTask int,
             call func(srv string, task int)) {

    work := make(chan int, numTask)
    done := make(chan bool)

    runTasks := func(srv string) {
        for task := range work {
            call(srv, task)
            done <- true
        }
    }

    go func() {
        for _, srv := range servers {
            go runTasks(srv)
        }
    }()

    for task := range numTask {
        work <- task
    }
    close(work)

    for range numTask {
        <-done
    }
}
```

```
func Schedule(servers chan string, numTask int,
             call func(srv string, task int) bool) {
```

```
    work := make(chan int, numTask)
    done := make(chan bool)
```

```
    runTasks := func(srv string) {
        for task := range work {
            call(srv, task)
            done <- true
        }
    }
```

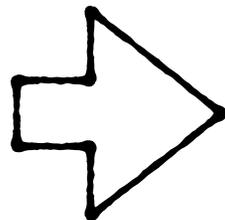
```
    go func() {
        for _, srv := range servers {
            go runTasks(srv)
        }
    }()
```

```
    for task := range numTask {
        work <- task
    }
```

```
    close(work)
```

```
    for range numTask {
        <-done
    }
```

```
}
```



```
    runTasks := func(srv string) {
        for task := range work {
            if call(srv, task) {
                done <- true
            } else {
                work <- task
            }
        }
    }
```

```
    ...
```

```
    for task := range numTask {
        work <- task
    }
```

```
    for range numTask {
        <-done
    }
```

```
    close(work)
```

Hint: Know why and when each communication will proceed.

```
func Schedule(servers chan string, numTask int,
             call func(srv string, task int) bool) {
```

```
    work := make(chan int, numTask)
    done := make(chan bool)
```

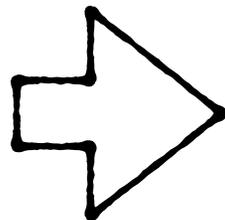
```
    runTasks := func(srv string) {
        for task := range work {
            call(srv, task)
            done <- true
        }
    }
```

```
    go func() {
        for _, srv := range servers {
            go runTasks(srv)
        }
    }()
```

```
    for task := range numTask {
        work <- task
    }
    close(work)
```

```
    for range numTask {
        <-done
    }
```

```
}
```



```
    runTasks := func(srv string) {
        for task := range work {
            if call(srv, task) {
                done <- true
            } else {
                work <- task
            }
        }
    }
```

```
    ...
```

```
    for task := range numTask {
        work <- task
    }
```

```
    for range numTask {
        <-done
    }
    close(work)
```

Hint: Close a channel to signal that no more values will be sent.

```

func Schedule(servers chan string, numTask int,
             call func(srv string, task int) bool) {

    work := make(chan int, numTask)
    done := make(chan bool)

    runTasks := func(srv string) {
        for task := range work {
            if call(srv, task) {
                done <- true
            } else {
                work <- task
            }
        }
    }

    go func() {
        for _, srv := range servers {
            go runTasks(srv)
        }
    }()

    for task := range numTask {
        work <- task
    }

    for range numTask {
        <-done
    }
    close(work)
}

```

```
func Schedule(servers chan string, numTask int,
             call func(srv string, task int) bool) {
```

```
work := make(chan string, numTask)
done := make(chan bool, numTask)
```

Hint: Make sure you know why and when each goroutine will exit.

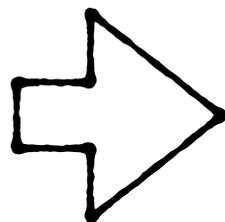
```
runTasks := func(srv string) {
    for task := range work {
        if call(srv, task) {
            done <- true
        } else {
            work <- task
        }
    }
}
```

```
go func() {
    for _, srv := range servers {
        go runTasks(srv)
    }
}()
```

```
for task := range numTask {
    work <- task
}
```

```
for range numTask {
    <-done
}
close(work)
```

```
}
```



```
go func() {
    for {
        select {
            case srv := <-servers:
                go runTasks(srv)
            case <-exit:
                return
        }
    }
}()
```

```
...
```

```
for range numTask {
    <-done
}
close(work)
exit <- true
```

Pattern #3

Replicated service client

```
type ReplicatedClient interface {
    // Init initializes the client to use the given servers.
    // To make a particular request later,
    // the client can use callOne(srv, args), where srv
    // is one of the servers from the list.
    Init(servers []string, callOne func(string, Args) Reply)

    // Call makes a request on any available server.
    // Multiple goroutines may call Call concurrently.
    Call(args Args) Reply
}
```

```
type Client struct {
    servers []string
    callOne func(string, Args) Reply

    mu      sync.Mutex
    prefer int
}

func (c *Client) Init(servers []string, callOne func(string, Args) Reply) {
    c.servers = servers
    c.callOne = callOne
}
```

***Hint: Use a mutex if that is
the clearest way to write the code.***

```

type Client struct {
    servers []string
    callOne func(string, Args) Reply

    mu      sync.Mutex
    prefer int
}

func (c *Client) Init(servers []string, callOne func(string, Args) Reply) {
    c.servers = servers
    c.callOne = callOne
}

func (c *Client) Call(args Args) Reply {
    type result struct {
        serverID int
        reply Reply
    }

    done := make(chan result, 1)

    id := ...

    go func() {
        done <- result{id, c.callOne(c.servers[id], args)}
    }()
}

```

***Hint: Use goroutines
to let independent concerns
run independently.***

```

func (c *Client) Call(args Args) Reply {
    type result struct {
        serverID int
        reply Reply
    }

    const timeout = 1 * time.Second
    t := time.NewTimer(timeout)
    defer t.Stop()

    done := make(chan result, 1)

    id := ...

    go func() {
        done <- result{id, c.callOne(c.servers[id], args)}
    }()

    select {
    case r := <-done:
        return r.reply
    case <-t.C:
        // timeout
    }
}

```

~~Hint: Stop timers you don't need.~~
(fixed in Go 1.23)

*Hint: Know why and when
each goroutine will exit.*

*Hint: Know why and when
each communication will proceed.*

```

func (c *Client) Call(args Args) Reply {
    type result struct {
        serverID int
        reply Reply
    }

    const timeout = 1 * time.Second
    t := time.NewTimer(timeout)
    defer t.Stop()

    done := make(chan result, len(c.servers))

    for id := range c.servers {
        go func() {
            done <- result{id, c.callOne(c.servers[id], args)}
        }()

        select {
        case r := <-done:
            return r.reply
        case <-t.C:
            // timeout
            t.Reset(timeout)
        }
    }

    r := <-done
    return r.reply
}

```

```

c.mu.Lock()
prefer := c.prefer
c.mu.Unlock()

var r result
for off := range c.servers {
    id := (prefer + off) % len(c.servers)
    go func() {
        done <- result{id, c.callOne(c.servers[id], args)}
    }()

    select {
    case r = <-done:
        goto Done
    case <-t.C:
        // timeout
        t.Reset(timeout)
    }
}

r = <-done
Done:
c.mu.Lock()
c.prefer = r.serverID
c.mu.Unlock()
return r.reply

```

Hint: Use a goto if that is the clearest way to write the code.

Pattern #4

Protocol multiplexer

```
type ProtocolMux interface {
    // Init initializes the mux to manage messages to the given service.
    Init(Service)

    // Call makes a request with the given message and returns the reply.
    // Multiple goroutines may call Call concurrently.
    Call(Msg) Msg
}

type Service interface {
    // ReadTag returns the muxing identifier in the request or reply message.
    // Multiple goroutines may call ReadTag concurrently.
    ReadTag(Msg) int64

    // Send sends a request message to the remote service.
    // Send must not be called concurrently with itself.
    Send(Msg)

    // Recv waits for and returns a reply message from the remote service.
    // Recv must not be called concurrently with itself.
    Recv() Msg
}
```

```
type Mux struct {
    srv Service
    send chan Msg

    mu sync.Mutex
    pending map[int64]chan<- Msg
}

func (m *Mux) Init(srv Service) {
    m.srv = srv
    m.pending = make(map[int64]chan Msg)
    go m.sendLoop()
    go m.recvLoop()
}
```

```
type Mux struct {
    srv Service
    send chan Msg

    mu sync.Mutex
    pending map[int64]chan<- Msg
}

func (m *Mux) Init(srv Service) {
    m.srv = srv
    m.pending = make(map[int64]chan Msg)
    go m.sendLoop()
    go m.recvLoop()
}

func (m *Mux) sendLoop() {
    for args := range m.send {
        m.srv.Send(args)
    }
}
```

```
func (m *Mux) sendLoop() {  
    for args := range m.send {  
        m.srv.Send(args)  
    }  
}
```

```
func (m *Mux) recvLoop() {  
    for {  
        reply := m.srv.Recv()  
        tag := m.srv.ReadTag(reply)  
  
        m.mu.Lock()  
        done := m.pending[tag]  
        delete(m.pending, tag)  
        m.mu.Unlock()  
  
        if done == nil {  
            panic("unexpected reply")  
        }  
        done <- reply  
    }  
}
```

```

func (m *Mux) sendLoop() {
    for args := range m.send {
        m.srv.Send(args)
    }
}

func (m *Mux) recvLoop() {
    for {
        reply := m.srv.Recv()
        tag := m.srv.Tag(reply)

        m.mu.Lock()
        done := m.pending[tag]
        delete(m.pending, tag)
        m.mu.Unlock()

        if done == nil {
            panic("unexpected reply")
        }
        done <- reply
    }
}

```

```

func (m *Mux) Call(args Msg) (reply Msg) {
    tag := m.srv.ReadTag(args)
    done := make(chan Msg, 1)

    m.mu.Lock()
    if m.pending[tag] != nil {
        m.mu.Unlock()
        panic("mux: duplicate call tag")
    }
    m.pending[tag] = done
    m.mu.Unlock()

    m.send <- args
    return <-done
}

```

Hint: Use goroutines, channels, and mutexes together if that is the clearest way to write the code.

Hints

Use the race detector, for development and even production.
Don't communicate by sharing memory. Share memory by communicating.

Convert data state into code state when it makes programs clearer.
Convert mutexes into goroutines when it makes programs clearer.
Use additional goroutines to hold additional code state.
Use goroutines to let independent concerns run independently.

Consider the effect of slow goroutines.
Know why and when each communication will proceed.
Know why and when each goroutine will exit.
Type `Ctrl-\` to kill a program and dump all its goroutine stacks.
Use the HTTP server's `/debug/pprof/goroutine` to inspect live goroutine stacks.

Use a buffered channel as a concurrent blocking queue.
Think carefully before introducing unbounded queuing.
Close a channel to signal that no more values will be sent.

Use a mutex if that is the clearest way to write the code.
Prefer `defer` for unlocking mutexes.
Use a `goto` if that is the clearest way to write the code.
Use goroutines, channels, and mutexes together
if that is the clearest way to write the code.