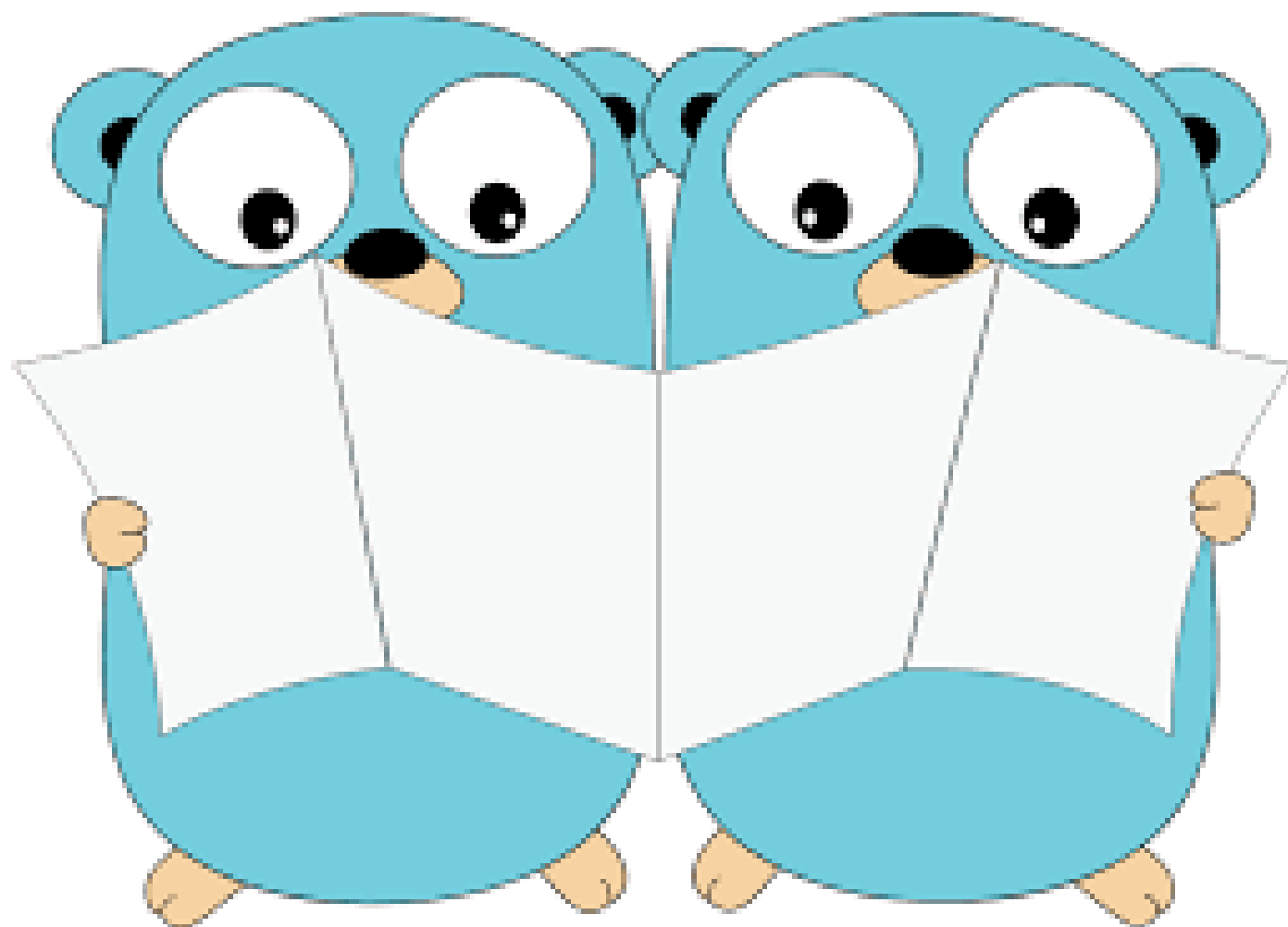


Concurrency Patterns in

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worker pool

worker pool is a concurrency pattern that aims at reusing goroutines. It initializes them at first then assigns them tasks. Once task is done, new task will be assigned to worker. This helps in preventing unwanted initialization of concurrent functions.

Worker pool pattern is used as a component in many complex patterns.

```
1 func main() {
2     var wg sync.WaitGroup
3     numWorkers := 3
4     // to process this
5     numArr := []int{5, 7, 4, 77, 2}
6     jobs := make(chan int, len(numArr))
7     results := make(chan int, len(numArr))
8     // prepare waitgroups
9     wg.Add(numWorkers)
10    // start workers with jobs
11    for i := 0; i < numWorkers; i++ {
12        go worker(i, jobs, results)
13    }
14    // add data to process in jobs channel
15    for _, i := range numArr {
16        jobs <- i
17    }
18    close(jobs)
19    // read result from result channel
20    for i := 0; i < len(numArr); i++ {
21        fmt.Println(<-results)
22    }
23 }
24
25 func worker(id int, jobs chan int, results chan int) {
26     for job := range jobs {
27         fmt.Println("worker ", id, "started job ", job)
28         time.Sleep(1 * time.Second)
29         results <- job * 10
30         fmt.Println("worker ", id, "finished job ", job)
31     }
32 }
33
```

semaphore

Semaphore pattern is used to limit access control to resource in a given instant. It helps in limiting concurrent workers at a time by blocking number of workers at an instant to the resource.

Semaphore is a struct with channel of user defined capacity. The worker acquires a token from channel and releases it after work is done for other worker.

There are standard libraries also available for semaphore pattern operations.

```
1 type Semaphore struct {
2     ch chan struct{}
3 }
4
5 func NewSemaphore(size int) *Semaphore {
6     return &Semaphore{ch: make(chan struct{}, size)}
7 }
8
9 func (s *Semaphore) Acquire() {
10    s.ch <- struct{}{}
11 }
12
13 func (s *Semaphore) Release() {
14    <-s.ch
15 }
16
17 func main() {
18    start := time.Now()
19    numWorkers := 10
20    numArr := []int{5, 7, 4, 77, 2, 88, 66, 97, 90, 45, 34, 12, 78}
21    var wg sync.WaitGroup
22    sem := NewSemaphore(3)
23    jobsChan := make(chan int, len(numArr))
24    results := make(chan int, len(numArr))
25    wg.Add(numWorkers)
26    // Start workers
27    worker(numWorkers, &wg, jobsChan, results, sem)
28    // Add job to process in jobs channel
29    for _, job := range numArr {
30        sem.Acquire()
31        jobsChan <- job
32    }
33    close(jobsChan)
34    // Wait for all workers to finish
35    wg.Wait()
36    // Close the results channel after all jobs are done
37    close(results)
38    // Read results from the channel
39    for res := range results {
40        fmt.Println("Result:", res)
41    }
42    fmt.Println(time.Since(start))
43 }
44
45 func worker(numWorkers int, wg *sync.WaitGroup, jobs chan int, results chan int, sem *Semaphore) {
46    for i := 0; i < numWorkers; i++ {
47        go func(workerID int) {
48            defer wg.Done()
49            for job := range jobs {
50                fmt.Println("Worker", workerID, "started job", job)
51                time.Sleep(1 * time.Second)
52                results <- job * 10
53                fmt.Println("Worker", workerID, "finished job", job)
54                sem.Release()
55            }
56        }(i)
57    }
58 }
59
```

pipeline

Pipeline pattern is a multi stage pattern for processing the task.

It breaks down task into smaller subtasks working in parallel and moving data via channels for efficient operation of task concurrently.

The functions are communicated via stage channels, each for a specific responsibility. this completes the operation in multi steps.

This significantly improves the time and makes better use of resources.

```
1 // multi stage process
2 func sliceToChan(numbers []int) <-chan int {
3     result := make(chan int)
4     go func() {
5         for _, n := range numbers {
6             result <- n
7         }
8         close(result)
9     }()
10    return result
11 }
12
13 // processing function
14 func squareFunc(in <-chan int) <-chan int {
15     out := make(chan int)
16     go func() {
17         for n := range in {
18             out <- n * n
19         }
20         close(out)
21     }()
22    return out
23 }
24
25 func main() {
26     // for measurement
27     start := time.Now()
28     //input
29     nums := []int{1, 4, 5, 6, 2, 8}
30     // stage1
31     dataChan := sliceToChan(nums)
32     // stage 2
33     finalChannel := squareFunc(dataChan)
34     //stage 3
35     for n := range finalChannel {
36         fmt.Println("value is ", n)
37     }
38     fmt.Println(time.Since(start))
39 }
```

Fan In

Fan in is a pattern that is used to get data from a lot of channels as input and combine them into a single output channel.

This is used with pipelines for more effective operations of big tasks with fanout.

```
1 func fanin(wg *sync.WaitGroup, inchans []chan int) chan int {
2     outchan := make(chan int)
3     go func() {
4         wg.Wait()
5         for _, ch := range inchans {
6             for n := range ch {
7                 outchan <- n
8             }
9         }
10        close(outchan)
11    }()
12    return outchan
13 }
14 }
```

Fan Out

Fanout is a pattern that takes the task and spreads it across multiple channels along with worker goroutines.

So tasks can be processed in parallel in independent channels with independent workers.

Fanin is used with fanout for processing big tasks efficiently.

```
1 func fanout(wg *sync.WaitGroup, inchan chan int, n int) []chan int {
2     outchans := make([]chan int, n)
3     for i := 0; i < n; i++ {
4         wg.Add(1)
5         outchans[i] = squareFunc(wg, inchan)
6     }
7     return outchans
8 }
9
```

Project

A project that combines fanin fanout with pipeline pattern to process the worker task more effeciently. the worker function can be updated along with input job channel. for other functional operations if required.

```
1 // multi stage process
2 func sliceToChan(numbers []int) chan int {
3     result := make(chan int)
4     go func() {
5         for _, n := range numbers {
6             result <- n
7         }
8         close(result)
9     }()
10    return result
11 }
12
13 func squareFunc(wg *sync.WaitGroup, in chan int) chan int {
14     defer wg.Done()
15     out := make(chan int)
16
17     go func() {
18         for n := range in {
19             out <- n * n
20         }
21         close(out)
22     }()
23     return out
24 }
25
26 func fanout(wg *sync.WaitGroup, inchan chan int, n int) []chan int {
27     outchans := make([]chan int, n)
28     for i := 0; i < n; i++ {
29         wg.Add(1)
30         outchans[i] = squareFunc(wg, inchan)
31     }
32     return outchans
33 }
34
35 func fanin(wg *sync.WaitGroup, inchans []chan int) chan int {
36     outchan := make(chan int)
37     go func() {
38         wg.Wait()
39         for _, ch := range inchans {
40             for n := range ch {
41                 outchan <- n
42             }
43         }
44         close(outchan)
45     }()
46
47     return outchan
48 }
49
50 func main() {
51     start := time.Now()
52     var wg sync.WaitGroup
53     //input
54     nums := []int{1, 4, 5, 6, 2, 8}
55     // stage1
56     dataChan := sliceToChan(nums)
57
58     outChans := fanout(&wg, dataChan, 10)
59
60     finalChannel := fanin(&wg, outChans)
61     for n := range finalChannel {
62         fmt.Println("value is ", n)
63     }
64     fmt.Println(time.Since(start))
65 }
66
```


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