The Go programming language, also referred to as Golang, was released in 2009. Go is an open source programming language that makes it easy to build simple, reliable, and efficient software. Go is derived from the C programming language. More so, it offers additional capabilities such as garbage collection, native-style concurrency, and several other native features that allow developers to avoid writing lengthy code to handle networked applications or memory leaks.

**WHAT IS GO?**

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**CODING IN GO**

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**GO PACKAGE MANAGER**

Today, Go modules is a collection of Go packages stored in a file tree under the $GOPATH/pkg folder, including a go.mod file at its root. This file defines the module's path, which is also the import path used for your project, and its dependency requirements, which are the other modules needed for a successful build.

**SIMPLE HELLO WORLD EXAMPLE**

**Step 1:** Create a new file called hello.go, with the following:

```go
type main
import "fmt"
func main() {
    message := greetMe("world")
    fmt.Println(message)
}
func greetMe(name string) string {
    return "Hello, " + name + "!
}
```

**Step 2:** Compile it by running the following command:

```
$ go build
```

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**HOW TO INSTALL GO IN 3 STEPS**

1. Extract the archive you downloaded into /usr/local, which will create a Go tree in /usr/local/go.
   Important: Back up any data before extracting the download. This step will remove any previous installation that may be in /usr/local/go.
   For example, run the following command as root or through sudo:
   ```bash
   $ rm -rf /usr/local/go && tar -C /usr/local -xzf go1.16.4.linux-amd64.tar.gz
   ```

2. Add /usr/local/go/bin to the PATH environment variable.
   You can do this by adding the following line to your $HOME/.profile or /etc/profile (for a system-wide installation):
   ```bash
   $ export PATH=$PATH:/usr/local/go/bin
   ```
   **Note:** Changes made to a profile file may not apply until the next time you log into your computer. To apply the changes immediately, just run the shell commands directly or execute them from the profile using a command such as: source $HOME/.profile.

3. Verify that you’ve installed Go by opening a command prompt and typing the following command:
   ```bash
   $ go version
   ```
   The command will print the installed Go version of.
   Learn more about different installation types>

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