

# Go Signals

Go by Example <https://gobyexample.com/signals>

Go signal notification works by sending `os.Signal` values on a channel. We'll create a channel to receive these notifications. Note that this channel should be buffered.

`signal.Notify` registers the given channel to receive notifications of the specified signals.

We could receive from `sigs` here in the main function, but let's see how this could also be done in a separate goroutine, to demonstrate a more realistic scenario of graceful shutdown.

This goroutine executes a blocking receive for signals. When it gets one it'll print it out and then notify the program that it can finish.

The program will wait here until it gets the expected signal (as indicated by the goroutine above sending a value on `done`) and then exit.

When we run this program it will block waiting for a signal. By typing `ctrl-C` (which the terminal shows as `^C`) we can send a `SIGINT` signal, causing the program to print `interrupt` and then exit.

```
package main

import (
    "fmt"
    "os"
    "os/signal"
    "syscall"
)

func main() {

    sigs := make(chan os.Signal, 1)

    signal.Notify(sigs, syscall.SIGINT, syscall.SIGTERM)

    done := make(chan bool, 1)

    go func() {

        sig := <-sigs
        fmt.Println()
        fmt.Println(sig)
        done <- true
    }()

    fmt.Println("awaiting signal")
    <-done
    fmt.Println("exiting")
}
```

```
$ go run signals.go
awaiting signal
^C
interrupt
exiting
```

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Another Example:

```

package main

import (
    "fmt"
    "os"
    "os/signal"
    "syscall"
    "time"
)

func main() {

    osSignalChannel := make(chan os.Signal, 1)

    signal.Notify(osSignalChannel, syscall.SIGINT, syscall.SIGTERM)

    msgChannel := make(chan string)

    go func() {

        for {
            //wait on a message from a channel
            select {
            case signal := <-osSignalChannel:
                fmt.Println(signal)

                //call shutdown
                msgChannel <- "shutdown"

            case msg := <-msgChannel:
                fmt.Println("s: Received message:", msg)
                if msg == "shutdown" {
                    fmt.Println("s: Cleaning up")

                    //sleep
                    time.Sleep(time.Second * 30)

                    fmt.Println()
                    fmt.Println("s: Shutting down")

                    //notify shutdown
                    msgChannel <- "shutdown"

                    return

                } else {
                    fmt.Println("s: Received message:", msg, " ignoring...")
                }
            }
        }
    }()

    time.Sleep(time.Second * 1)

    //sens bogus message
    fmt.Println("m: Sending bogus message")
    msgChannel <- "bogus"

    time.Sleep(time.Second * 5)

    //send shutdown
    fmt.Println("m: Sending shutdown message")
    msgChannel <- "shutdown"

    fmt.Println("m: Waiting for response message")
    response := <-msgChannel
    fmt.Println("m: Response: ", response)
    fmt.Println("m: Exiting")

```

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package main
import (
    "fmt"
    "os"
    "os/signal"
    "syscall"
    "time"
)

func main() {

    //create channel that can receive OS signals
    ch := make(chan os.Signal)

    //Submit channel to the notify signal
    signal.Notify(ch, syscall.SIGTERM, syscall.SIGINT)

    //a go function to monitor signals in the background
    go func() {
        for sig := range ch {
            switch sig {
            case syscall.SIGTERM:
                fmt.Println("sigterm received")
                os.Exit(0)
            case syscall.SIGINT:
                fmt.Println("sigint received")
                os.Exit(0)
            }
        }
    }()

    time.Sleep(time.Minute)
}
```