

Cloud Functions in Go must provide all of their dependencies via either Go modules with a `go.mod` file, or a `vendor` directory. Your function cannot specify dependencies using both Go modules and a `vendor` directory at the same time.

The Go runtime includes a number of [system packages](/functions/docs/reference/go-system-packages) in the execution environment. If your function uses a dependency that requires a system package that is not listed, you can [request a package](/functions/docs/reference/go-system-packages#requesting_a_package).

The content in this document applies to both Go 1.11 and Go 1.13.

Cloud Functions support Go's [experimental Modules functionality](https://golang.org/doc/go1.11#modules) (<https://golang.org/doc/go1.11#modules>), which enables you to specify dependencies in a `go.mod` file at the root of your project. When you deploy your function, dependencies specified in the `go.mod` file will be fetched and built automatically.

The behavior of Go modules differs depending on whether you are developing inside or outside of `GOPATH`. To determine whether you are inside `GOPATH`:

1. Navigate to your project directory.
2. Find your `GOPATH` by running the command:

This outputs a line similar to:

3. Find your current working directory by running:

If your working directory begins with **`YOUR_GOPATH`**, you are inside **`GOPATH`**. In this case, generate your **`go.mod`** file by running the following three commands:

If your working directory does not begin with **`YOUR_GOPATH`**, you are outside **`GOPATH`**. In this case, generate your **`go.mod`** file by running the commands:

In the above example, **`MODULE`** is the name of your module. For example, your module name might be **`example.com/myproject`** (note that the domain name is required). The **`go`** command automatically detects the module name when you are inside **`GOPATH`**.

After you've created a **`go.mod`** file, you can use the **`go get`** command to fetch dependencies and automatically add them to your project. For example:

In the above example, **`DEPENDENCY`** is a dependency that you want to add to your function. For example, the command **`go get cloud.google.com/go/storage`** adds the Cloud Storage client library to your function.

Warning: If you have both a **`go.mod`** file and a **`vendor`** directory at the root of your project, the contents of the **`vendor`** directory are ignored when your function is built in the cloud. To ensure that your **`vendor`** directory is used, you must exclude the **`go.mod`** file from your project's source code prior to deployment. If you are using the **`gcloud`** command-line tool, you can ensure **`go.mod`** is not uploaded by using **`_gcloudignore`** (</sdk/gcloud/reference/topic/gcloudignore>).

Cloud Functions also allows you to include your dependencies via a **`vendor directory`** (https://golang.org/cmd/go/#hdr-Vendor_Directories). Most of the time, **`vendor`** directories are maintained

with a dependency manager. You can use any dependency manager you like. For example, you can use Go's Modules functionality to create a `vendor` directory from your `go.mod` file.

If you have a `go.mod` file and a `vendor` directory, the `vendor` directory will be ignored when you deploy your function. You can use a `.gcloudignore` (</sdk/gcloud/reference/topic/gcloudignore>) file to avoid uploading your `go.mod` and `go.sum` files, in which case the contents of your `vendor` directory will be respected:

1. Create a `.gcloudignore` file at the root of your project directory with the following contents:

2. Create a `vendor` directory using the contents of your `go.mod` file by running the following command:

If your function's dependencies are hosted in a repository that is not publicly accessible, you must use a `vendor` directory to fetch your dependencies before deploying your function. If you plan to use a `go.mod` file, see the instructions above to avoid conflicts between the `go.mod` file and the `vendor` directory.