# using vim at work

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# what led to this talk?



### Mentor

Kindly change your editor by Monday or else it will be difficult for us to work together. See you on Monday!

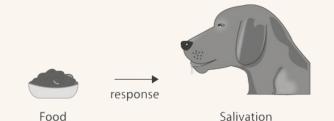
psychology outline mouse & scroll visual cues extras takeaways

# psychology

## classical conditioning

an associative learning process that occurs between novel and familiar stimuli

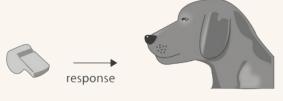
#### 1. Before conditioning



Unconditioned stimulus

Unconditioned response

#### 2. Before conditioning



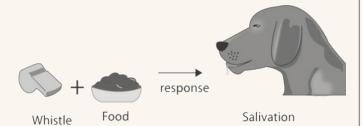
Whistle

No salivation

Neutral stimulus

No conditioned response

### 3. During conditioning



Unconditioned response

### 4. After conditioning



Whistle

Salivation

Conditioned stimulus

Conditioned response

mere-exposure effect is a psychological phenomenon by which people tend to develop a preference for things merely because they are familiar with them.

from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

learning something new is easier when complemented with familiar elements.

Reder et al Carnegie Mellon University

# mouse & scroll

"but vim promotes a mouse-less workflow!"

# mouse is ubiquitous

navigating websites highlighting text creating presentations managing emails modifying system settings designing graphics exploring image galleries

### keyboard vs mouse

test subjects report that keyboarding is faster than mousing, whereas stopwatch proves mousing is faster than keyboarding.

Bruce Tognazzini, Apple Interface Design

### :set mouse-=a

## mouse selection

```
10 type ReferenceInfo struct {
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      if info == nil {
          return nil, errors.Errorf("package %s has no types info", i.pkg.PkgPath())
      if i.Declaration.wasImplicit {
          references = append(references, &ReferenceInfo{
              Name:
                             i.Declaration.obj.Name(),
              mappedRange: i.Declaration.mappedRange,
                             i.Declaration.obj,
              pkg:
                             i.pkg.
              isDeclaration: true,
      for ident, obj := range info.Defs {
          if obj == nil || !sameObj(obj, i.Declaration.obj) {
          rng, err := posToMappedRange(ctx, i.pkg, ident.Pos(), ident.End())
          if err != nil {
     patch-import-return-locations | references.go
```

# term buffer scroll

```
+github.com/kr/pretty v0.1.0/go.mod h1:dAy3ld7l9f0ibDNOQOHHMYYIIbhfbHSm3C4ZsoJORNo=
+github.com/kr/pty v1.1.1/go.mod h1:pFQYn66WHrOpPYNljwOMqo10TkYh1fy3cYio2l3bCsQ=
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(patch-import-return-locations) tools/gopls $
          "golang.org/x/tools/go/ast/astutil"
                                                                                                   f, err := view.GetFile(ctx, uri)
          "golang.org/x/tools/internal/lsp/protocol"
                                                                                                   if err != nil {
          "golang.org/x/tools/internal/span"
                                                                                                       return nil, err
          errors "golang.org/x/xerrors"
                                                                                                   ident, err := source.Identifier(c
                                                                                                   if err != nil {
                                                                                                       return nil, err
  23 type IdentifierInfo struct {
                                                                                                   decRange, err := ident.Declaration
          Name string
                                                                                                   if err != nil {
                                                                                                       return nil, err
         File ParseGoHandle
         mappedRange
                                                                                                   return []protocol.Location{
          Type struct {
              mappedRange
                                                                                                           URI: protocol.NewURI(id
             Object types.Object
                                                                                                           Range: decRange,
          Declaration Declaration
                           Package
                                                                                                    (s *Server) typeDefinition(ctx c
          pkg
                           *ast.Ident
                                                                                               TypeDefinitionParams) ([]protocol.Loc
          ident
                                                                                                   uri := span.NewURI(params.TextDoc
          wasEmbeddedField bool
                                                                                                   view := s.session.ViewOf(uri)
                          types.Qualifier
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github.com/kisielk/gotool v1.0.0/go.mod h1:XhKaO+MFFWcvkIS/t0cRk01m1F5IRFswLeO+oOHNcck+

# clipboard ambiguity

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## bottomline

:set mouse=a
even if you are a keyboarder

unexpected surprises
no more of them

pair programming easy on the person next to you

# visual cues

"visual what? and why?"

the human brain can process visual information 60,000 times faster than textual.

3M Meeting Network effective use of visuals can decrease learning time, improve comprehension, enhance retrieval, and increase retention.

Haig Kouyoumdjian Ph.D. Psychology Today

## familiar stimuli

# directory tree

netrw (:Vexplore)

NerdTree

```
/programming/golang/tools/
                                           return "", err
▶ benchmark/
▶ blog/
                                       return encodeString(path)
container/
cover/
                                16 func EncodeVersion(v string) (encoding string, err error) {
imports/
                                       if err := checkElem(v, true); err != nil || strings.Contains(v, "!") {
▼ internal/
                                           return "", fmt.Errorf("disallowed version string %q", v)
                                       return encodeString(v)
                                 9 func encodeString(s string) (encoding string, err error) {
                                       haveUpper := false
                                       for _, r := range s {
    module.go
                                           if r == '!' || r >= utf8.RuneSelf {
    module_test.go
                                               return "", fmt.Errorf("internal error: inconsistency in EncodePath")
                                          if 'A' <= r && r <= 'Z' {
                                464
                                               haveUpper = true
                                       if !haveUpper {
 AUTHORS
 codereview.cfg
 CONTRIBUTING.md
                                       var buf []byte
 CONTRIBUTORS
                                           if 'A' <= r && r <= 'Z' {
 go.mod
                                               buf = append(buf, '!', byte(r+'a'-'A'))
  go.sum
 LICENSE
                                               buf = append(buf, byte(r))
 PATENTS
 README.md
 tags
                                       return string(buf), nil
 tags.lock
 tags.temp
                            NORMAL patch-import-return-locations | module.go
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# sign column

linter/formatter

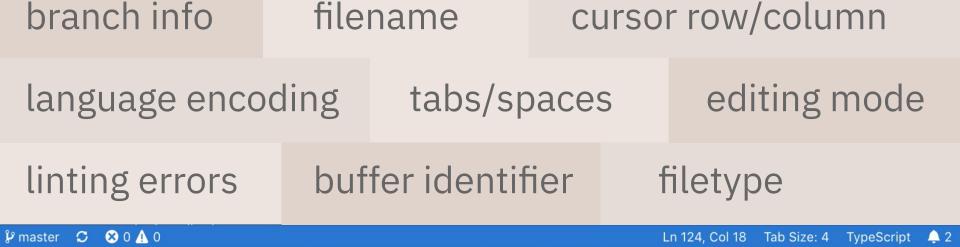
version control info

debugger highlights

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9 func encodeString(s string) (encoding string, err error) {
         for _{-}, r := range s {
             if r == '!' \mid \mid r >= utf8.RuneSelf {
                return "", fmt.Errorf("internal error: inconsistency in EncodePath")
        if 'A' <= r && r <= 'Z' {
             haveUpper = true
        if !haveUpper {
             return s, nil
        var buf []byte
        for _, r := range s {
            if 'A' <= r && r <= 'Z' {
                buf = append(buf, '!', byte(r+'a'-'A'))
            } else {
                buf = append(buf, byte(r))
        return string(buf), nil
 21 func DecodePath(encoding string) (path string, err error) {
        path, ok := decodeString(encoding)
        if !ok {
             return "", fmt.Errorf("invalid module path encoding %q", encoding)
        if err := CheckPath(path); err != nil {
             return "", fmt.Errorf("invalid module path encoding %q: %v", encoding, err)
        return path, nil
NORMAL patch-import-return-locations | module.go | +
```

### status line

Line 212, Column 8



16: 107 Windows Windows 1252 Insert --src/babel.js **JavaScript** Column: 1 Line: 2/13 Encoding: 1252 (ANSI - Lar. Get Help WriteOut Read File Prev Page ^K Cut Text Next Page ^U UnCut Text^T To Spell Justify Where Is Exit

Spaces: 2

C++

## status line

create your own

lightline/airline

```
23 func EncodePath(path string) (encoding string, err error) {
       if err := CheckPath(path); err != nil {
           return "", err
       return encodeString(path)
12 func EncodeVersion(v string) (encoding string, err error) {
       if err := checkElem(v, true); err != nil || strings.Contains(v, "!") {
           return "", fmt.Errorf("disallowed version string %q", v)
       return encodeString(v)
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# extras

tags ctags, exuberant ctags git/github integration vim-fugitive, vim-githubinator

language server protocol coc.nvim, vim-lsp

sane configs cursorline, undofile

search fzf, ctrl-p

effective writing snippets, vim-commentary, vim-surround

# takeaways

### use features you are already familiar with

it makes it easier to learn and get accustomed to new information

### make the most out of visual cues

our brains are better at processing visuals, use it to your advantage

## try not to be repulsive towards new stimuli

whether it's a new plugin, pattern or a feature altogether

# thank you ありがとう

### references

### overview of classical conditioning

https://www.verywellmind.com/classical-conditioning-2794859

### mere-exposure effect

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mere-exposure\_effect

### Building knowledge requires bricks, not sand

Lynne M. Reder, Xiaonan L. Liu, Alexander Keinath, and Vencislav Popov

### mouse vs keyboard, AskTog

https://www.asktog.com/TOI/toi06KeyboardVMouse1.html

#### human brain and visual cues

http://web.archive.org/web/20001102203936/http%3A//3m.com/meetingnetwork/files/meetingguide\_pres.pdf

### effects of visual learning

https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/get-psyched/201207/learning-through-visuals