

Golang Programming

Methods. Composing Structs by Type Embedding

Where to Find The Code and Materials?

https://github.com/iproduct/coursego

Methods

```
type Vertex struct {
     X, Y float64
func (v Vertex) Abs() float64 {
     return math.Sqrt(v.X*v.X + v.Y*v.Y)
func main() {
     v := Vertex{3, 4}
     fmt.Println(v.Abs())
     abs := Vertex.Abs
     fmt.Println(abs(v))
```

Methods on Non Structs

```
type MyFloat float64
func (f MyFloat) Abs() float64 {
     if f < 0 {
           return float64(-f)
     return float64(f)
func main() {
     f := MyFloat(-math.Sqrt2)
     fmt.Println(f.Abs())
```

Methods on Non Structs

```
type Role int
const (
   User Role = 1 << iota
   Manager
   Admin
   RoleMask = (1 << (iota)) - 1
func (r Role) String() string {
   switch r {
   case User:
      return "User"
   case Manager:
      return "Manager"
   case Admin:
      return "Admin"
   default:
      return "Invalid role"
```

```
// Status type
type Status int
// User statuses enum
const (
   Registered Status = iota
   Active
   Disabled
// Returns string representation of the Role
func (r Status) String() string {
   switch r {
   case Registered:
      return "Registered"
   case Active:
      return "Active"
   case Disabled:
      return "Disabled"
   default:
      return "Invalid status"
```

Value and Pointer Receivers

```
type Vertex struct {
      X, Y float64
func (v Vertex) Abs() float64 {
      return math.Sqrt(v.X*v.X + v.Y*v.Y)
func (v *Vertex) Scale(f float64) {
      v.X = v.X * f
      V.Y = V.Y * f
func main() {
      v := Vertex{3, 4}
      v.Scale(10)
      fmt.Println(v.Abs())
```

Methods Are Just Like Functions

```
type Vertex struct {
      X, Y float64
func Abs(v Vertex) float64 {
      return math.Sqrt(v.X*v.X + v.Y*v.Y)
func Scale(v *Vertex, f float64) {
      v.X = v.X * f
      v.Y = v.Y * f
func main() {
      v := Vertex{3, 4}
      Scale(&v, 10)
      fmt.Println(Abs(v))
```

Methods and Pointer Indirection

```
type Vertex struct {
      X, Y float64
func (v *Vertex) Scale(f float64) {
      V.X = V.X * f
      V.Y = V.Y * f
func ScaleFunc(v *Vertex, f float64) {
      v.X = v.X * f
      v.Y = v.Y * f
func (v Vertex) Abs() float64 {
      return math.Sqrt(v.X*v.X + v.Y*v.Y)
func AbsFunc(v Vertex) float64 {
      return math.Sqrt(v.X*v.X + v.Y*v.Y)
```

```
func main() {
      // Pointer receiver methods
      v := Vertex{3, 4}
      v.Scale(2)
      ScaleFunc(&v, 5)
      p := &Vertex{4, 3}
      p.Scale(5)
      ScaleFunc(p, 2)
      fmt.Println(v, p)
      // Value receiver methods
      fmt.Println(v.Abs())
      fmt.Println(AbsFunc(v))
      fmt.Println(p.Abs())
      fmt.Println(AbsFunc(*p))
```

Methods: Value and Pointer Receivers

```
type ByteSlice []byte
func (slice ByteSlice) Append(data []byte) []byte {
    return append([]byte(slice), data...)
func (slice *ByteSlice) AppendPointer(data []byte) {
    *slice = append([]byte(*slice), data...)
func (slice *ByteSlice) Write(data []byte) (n int, err error) {
    *slice = append([]byte(*slice), data...)
    return len(data), nil
func main() {
       var b ByteSlice
       fmt.Fprintf(&b, "This hour has %d days\n", 7)
       fmt.Printf("%v", b)
```

Choosing Value or Pointer Receiver

There are two reasons to use a pointer receiver:

- The first is so that the method can modify the value that its receiver points to.
- The second is to avoid copying the value on each method call. This can be more efficient if the receiver is a large struct, for example.
- In general, all methods on a given type should have either value or pointer receivers, but not a mixture of both.
- More about selectors and method expressions: https://golang.org/ref/spec#Selectors

Method Receivers and Interfaces

```
type Abser interface {
      Abs() float64
func main() {
      var a Abser
      f := MyFloat(-math.Sqrt2)
      v := Vertex{3, 4}
      a = f // MyFloat implements Abser
      fmt.Println(a.Abs())
      a = &v // *Vertex implements Abser
      // Vertex do not implement Abser
      //a = v
      fmt.Println(a.Abs())
```

```
type MyFloat float64
func (f MyFloat) Abs() float64 {
    if f < 0 {
         return float64(-f)
    return float64(f)
type Vertex struct {
    X, Y float64
func (v *Vertex) Abs() float64 {
    return math.Sqrt(v.X*v.X + v.Y*v.Y)
```

Methods with Nil Receivers

```
// Path represents a sequence of Vertices. A nil Path represents empty sequence.
type Path []Vertex
func (p *Path) Distance() (dist float64) {
       dist = 0
       if *p == nil || len(*p) == 0 {
               return 0
       v1 := (*p)[0]
       var v2 Vertex
       for i := 1; i < len(*p); i++ {
              v2 = (*p)[i]
               dist += v1.Distance(v2)
               v1 = v2
       return
func main() {
       var path Path
       path = Path\{\{1, 1\}, \{4, 5\}, \{4, 1\}, \{1, 1\}\}
       fmt.Println("Perimeter = ", path.Distance())
```

Composing structs by Type Embedding

```
type ColorVertex struct {
                                                 type Vertex struct {
   Vertex
                                                     X, Y float64
   Color color.RGBA
                                                 func (v Vertex) Distance(o Vertex) float64 {
func main() {
                                                     return math.Hypot(o.X-v.X, o.Y-v.Y)
   green := color.RGBA{0, 255, 0, 255}
   yellow := color.RGBA{255, 255, 0, 255}
    cv1 := ColorVertex{Vertex{2, 3}, green}
                                                 func (v *Vertex) Scale(f float64) {
                                                        v.X = v.X * f
    cv2 := ColorVertex{Vertex{6, 6}, yellow}
    fmt.Println(cv1.Distance(cv2.Vertex)) // 5
                                                        V.Y = V.Y * f
    cv1.Scale(4)
    cv2.Scale(4)
    fmt.Println(cv1.Distance(cv2.Vertex)) // 20
   // cv1.Distance(cv2) // no cv1.Distance(ColorVertex)
```

Composing structs by Pointer Type Embedding

Rules for Method Promotion – Value vs. Pointer Fields

Given a struct type S and a defined type T, promoted methods are included in the method set of the struct as follows:

- If S contains an embedded field T, the method sets of S and *S both include promoted methods with receiver T. The method set of *S also includes promoted methods with receiver *T.
- If S contains an embedded field *T, the method sets of S and *S both include promoted methods with receiver T or *T.

Method Values and Expressions

```
a := Vertex{2, 7}
b := Vertex{5, 3}
distance := Vertex.Distance // method expression
fmt.Println(distance(a, b)) // 5
fmt.Printf("%T\n", distance) // func(main.Vertex, main.Vertex) float64
scale := (*Vertex).Scale // method expression
scale(&a, 2)
fmt.Printf("%T\n", scale) // func(*main.Vertex, float64)
scaleB := (&b).Scale // method value
fmt.Printf("%T\n", scaleB) // func(float64)
scaleB(2)
fmt.Printf("Sacling b with factor 2: b now is %f\n", b) //{10 6}
distanceFromA := a.Distance // method value
fmt.Printf("%T\n", distanceFromA) // func(*Vertex, float64)
fmt.Printf("Distance from A of B is %f\n", distanceFromA(b)) //10
```

Encapsulation

• State encapsulation:

```
type IntSet struct {
    words []uint64
}
```

No state encapsulation:

```
type IntSet []uint64
```

Examples

- IntBitSet
- PriorityQueue
- HttpServer

JSON Marshalling and Unmarshalling

```
// Structs --> JSON
data, err := json.Marshal(goBooks)
if err != nil {
       log.Fatalf("JSON marshaling failed: %s", err)
fmt.Printf("%s\n", data)
// Prettier formatting
data, err = json.MarshalIndent(goBooks, "", "
if err != nil {
       log.Fatalf("JSON marshaling failed: %s", err)
fmt.Printf("%s\n", data)
// JSON -> structs
var books []Book
if err := json.Unmarshal(data, &books); err != nil {
       log.Fatalf("JSON unmarshaling failed: %s", err)
fmt.Println("AFTER UNMARSHAL:\n", books)
```

HTTP Client Example (from Lesson 1)

```
import ("bufio"; "fmt"; "log"; "net/http")
func main() {
         //resp, err := http.Get("http://localhost:8080/headers")
         //resp, err := http.Get("http://google.com")
         req, err := http.NewRequest("GET", "http://localhost:8080/headers", nil)
         req.Header.Add("Accept", `Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8`)
         reg.Header.Add("Custom-Header", 'Custom Value')
         resp, err := http.DefaultClient.Do(req)
         if err != nil {
                  log.Fatal(err)
         fmt.Println("Response status:", resp.Status)
         scanner := bufio.NewScanner(resp.Body)
         for i := 0; scanner.Scan() && i < 10; i++ {
                  fmt.Println(i+1, ": ", scanner.Text())
```

Homework 2 (GitHub API Client)

Implement GItHub API HTTP client that will:

- Read a text file given as command line argument to the program and parse different
 Github usernames each username on separate line in the file
- Fetch GitHub users data in JSON format using public GitHub API: <a href="https://api.github.com/users/\${username}
- Fetch GitHub user repositories data in JSON format from: https://api.github.com/users/\${username}/repos
- Fetch information about programming languages in each repo from: <a href="https://api.github.com/repos/\${username}/\${repo-name}/languages
- Parse the JSON data using <u>ison.Unmarshal</u> into appropriate data structures in Go (you could define only fields that are interesting, all fields exported = starting with capital letter).
- Print a statistics report containing the information about the user, the number of user repositories, the distribution of programming languages according to their usage numbers (third URL), the total number of followers, number of forks for all repositories, by year distribution of user activity calculated using repositories creation and last update dates. Format the report and print it to the console as a table with all users to allow comparison.

Recommended Literature

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