

# **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: <a href="https://golang.org/ref/spec#Selectors">https://golang.org/ref/spec#Selectors</a>

#### **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

### 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**

- IntSet
- PriorityQueue
- HttpServer

# Homework 2 (More Methods of the Path)

Extend the Path type from slide 12 by adding:

- two more fields: strokeColor and fillColor
- methods: Scale(f float64), Translate(vector Vertex), Rotate(angle float64)
- methods: Add(v Vertex, position int), Remove(v Vertex, position int)
- method: Draw() image.Image implement the Image interface and return it

```
package image
type Image interface {
    ColorModel() color.Model // should return color.RGBAModel.
    Bounds() Rectangle // should return a image.Rectangle - e.g. image.Rect(0, 0, w, h)
    At(x, y int) color.Color // should return color.RGBAModel- e.g. color.RGBA{v,v,255,255}
```

- method: EncodePNG(file \*os.File) error using: png.Encode(f File, i Image)
- function main(), that should demonstrate the use of all above methods. It should create new file in the directory of the project and encode the resulting Image (with drawn Path) into it.

#### Recommended Literature

- The Go Documentation <a href="https://golang.org/doc/">https://golang.org/doc/</a>
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