## Division of Continuing Education

Module 3: Threads in Go

Topic 1.1: Goroutines

## **Creating a Goroutine**

- One goroutine is created automatically to execute the main()
- Other goroutines are created using the go keyword

```
a = 1
foo()
a = 2
```

 Main goroutine blocks on call to foo()

```
a = 1
go foo()
a = 2
```

- New goroutine created for foo()
- Main goroutine does not block



## **Exiting a Goroutine**

- A goroutine exits when its code is complete
- When the main goroutine is complete, all other goroutines exit
- A goroutine may not complete its execution because main completes early

