

# Module 4: Interfaces for Abstraction

## Topic 1.1: Polymorphism

# Polymorphism

- Ability for an object to have different “forms” depending on the context
- Example: `Area()` function
  - Rectangle, **area = base \* height**
  - Triangle, **area = 0.5 \* base \* height**
- **Identical** at a high level of abstraction
- **Different** at a low level of abstraction

# Inheritance

- Subclass inherits the methods/data of the superclass
- Example: **Speaker** superclass
  - `Speak()` method, prints “<noise>”
- Subclasses **Cat** and **Dog**
  - Also have the `Speak()` method
- Cat and Dog are different forms of Speaker
- Remember: Go does not have inheritance

# Overriding

- Subclass **redefines a method** inherited from the superclass
- Example: Speaker, Cat, Dog
  - `Speaker Speak()` prints “<noise>”
  - `Cat Speak()` prints “meow”
  - `Dog Speak()` prints “woof”
- `Speak()` is polymorphic
  - Different implementations for each class
  - Same **signature** (name, params, return)