

# Module 3: Object-Orientation in Go

## Topic 1.3: Support for Classes

# Structs, again

- Struct types compose data fields

```
type Point struct {  
    x float64  
    y float64  
}
```

- Traditional feature of classes

# Structs with Methods

- **Structs and methods** together allow arbitrary data and functions to be composed

```
func (p Point) DistToOrig() {  
    t := math.Pow(p.x, 2) +  
        math.Pow(p.y, 2)  
    return math.Sqrt(t)  
}  
  
func main() {  
    p1 := Point(3, 4)  
    fmt.Println(p1.DistToOrig())  
}
```

# Encapsulation in Go

- Making data fields or methods hidden from the programmer
- Might use a `private` keyword in another language
- Example: `Point` struct, `Scale()` method
- `Scale()` should multiply `x` and `y` coordinates by a constant
- Don't trust this to the programmer
  - Might scale one coordinate but not the other
  - Coordinates could become inconsistent
  - Need to **hide `x` and `y` coordinates**

# Hiding in a Package

- Go can only hide data/methods in a package
- Variables/functions are only exported if their names start with a **capital letter**

```
package data
var x int = 1
var Y int = 2
```

```
package main
import "data"
func main() {
    fmt.Println(Y)
    fmt.Println(x)
}
```