

Module 4: Interfaces for Abstraction

Topic 1.2: Interfaces

Interfaces

- Set of **method signatures**
 - Name, parameters, return values
 - Implementation is NOT defined
- Used to express conceptual similarity between types
- Example: **Shape2D interface**
- All 2D shapes must have `Area()` and `Perimeter()`

Satisfying an Interface

- Type **satisfies an interface** if type defines all methods specified in the interface
 - Same method signatures
- **Rectangle** and **Triangle** types satisfy the **Shape2D** interface
 - Must have `Area()` and `Perimeter()` methods
 - Additional methods are OK
- Similar to inheritance with overriding

Defining an Interface Type

```
type Shape2D interface {  
    Area() float64  
    Perimeter() float64  
}  
type Triangle {...}  
func (t Triangle) Area() float64 {...}  
func (t Triangle) Perimeter() float64 {...}
```

- Triangle type satisfies the Shape2D interface
- No need to state it explicitly