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Best practices for excellent Fyne apps

Clean and maintainable code for the life of your project

Project Setup



- Source Control
- Go module unique name
- Gofmt/goimports & go vet
 - golang.org/x/tools/cmd/goimports
- Static Check
 - honnef.co/go/tools/cmd/staticcheck
- Complexity check
 - github.com/fzipp/gocyclo/cmd/gocyclo

```
module github.com/andydotxyz/myapp

go 1.18

require (
    fyne.io/fyne/v2 v2.2.3
)
```

Automation of Checks

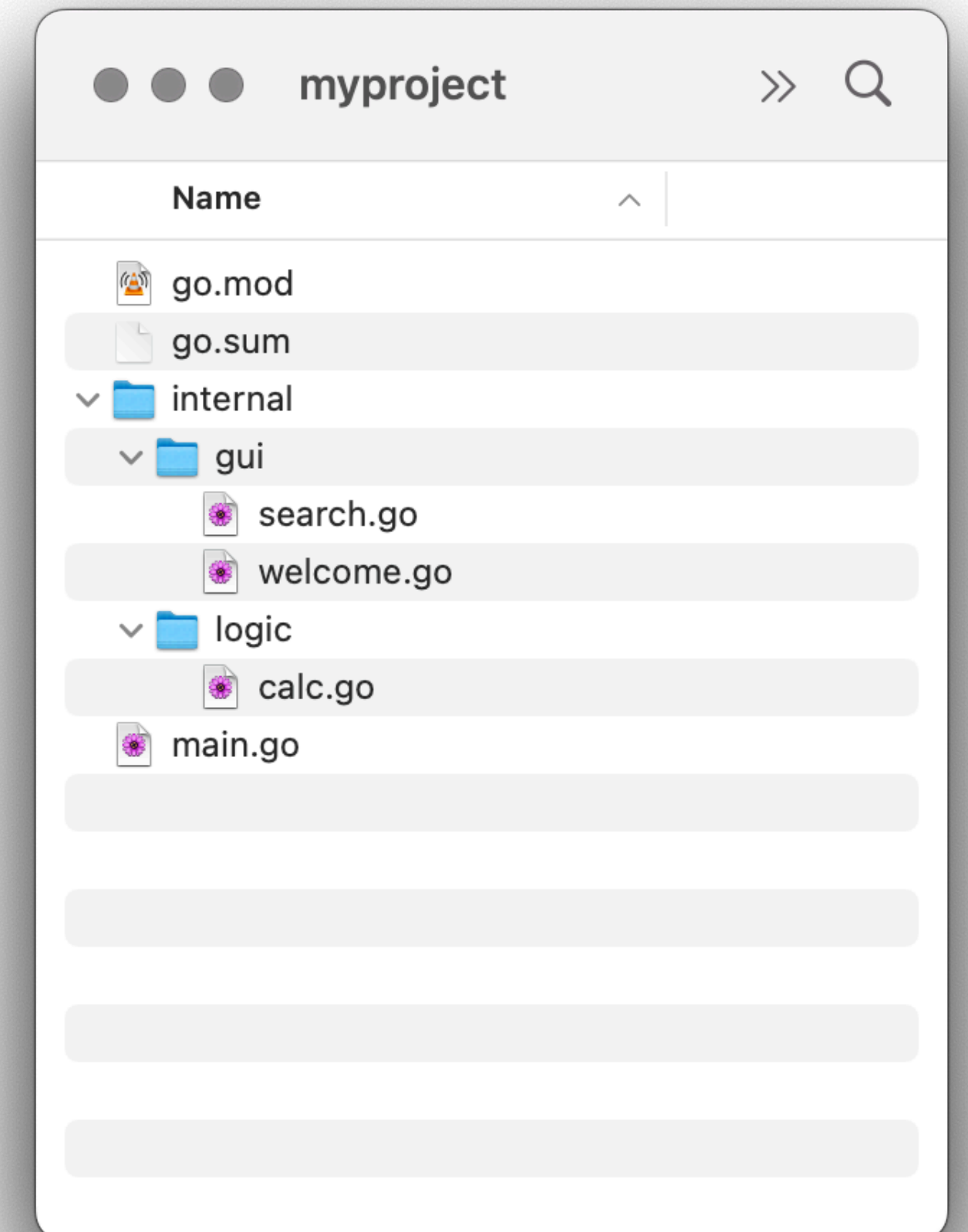
- Git Hook (pre-commit)
 - Configured for each git clone (local)
- Continuous Integration
 - Run vet, formatter, static check
 - Execute tests
 - Check code coverage

```
#!/bin/sh
fail_if_err () {
    eval $2
    if [ "$?" -ne 0 ]; then
        echo "FAILED " $1
        exit 1
    fi
}

fail_if_err "FORMAT" "[ -z $(goimports -l .) ]"
fail_if_err "TEST" "go test ./... > /dev/null"
fail_if_err "VET" "go vet ./..."
fail_if_err "LINT" "golint -set_exit_status \$(go list ./...)"
fail_if_err "CYCLO" "gocyclo -over 30 ."
```

Packages

- Don't add packages too soon
- main package at project root
- Internal packages for related code
- Separate UI from app logic
- One file for each app GUI area



Small files, small functions, clean code



CLEAN CODERS

- Multiple files with clear names
- One main type per file
- Keep functions simple, one main purpose
- Split UI setup into many smaller functions



Unit testing

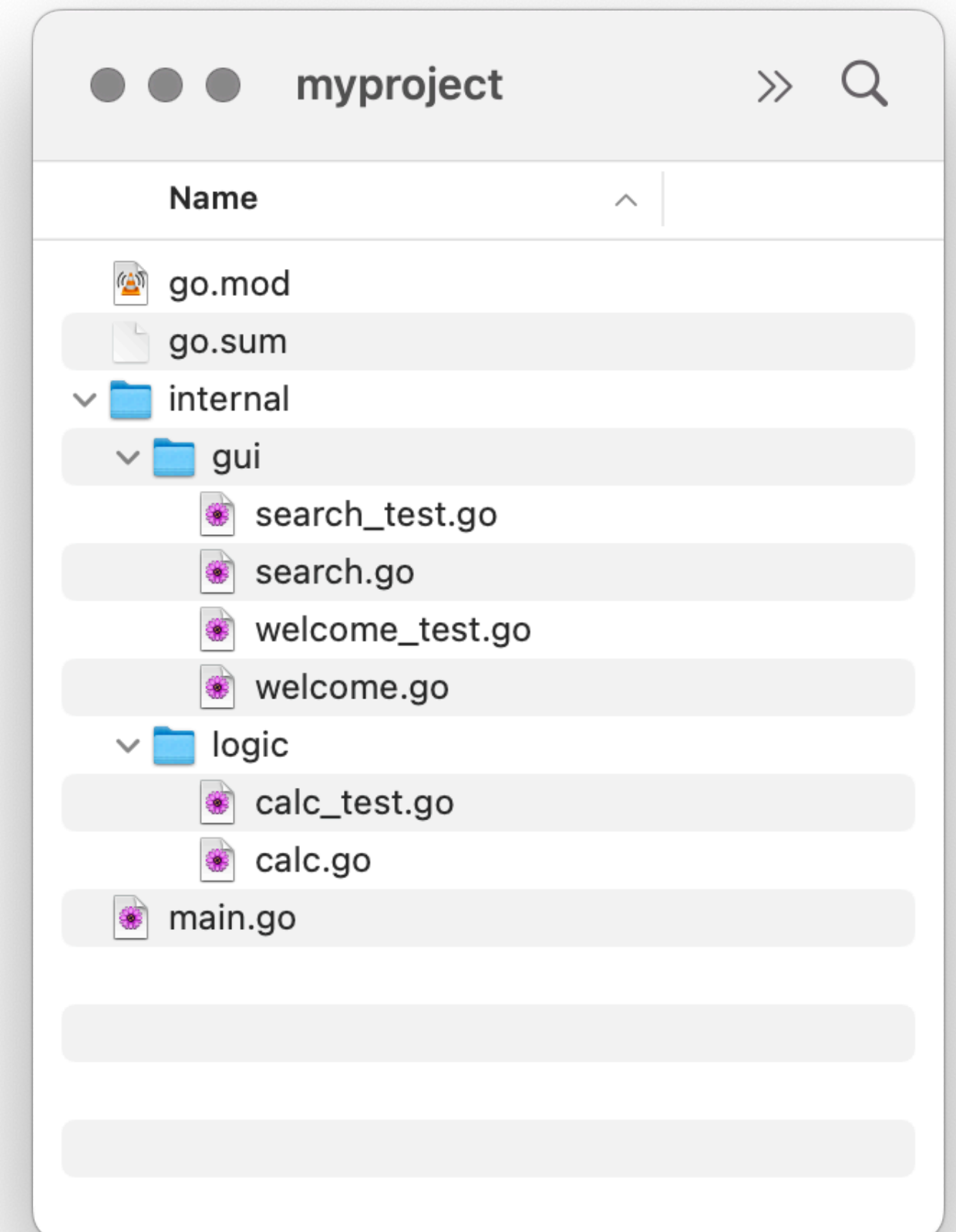
```
package test

import (
    "testing"

    "github.com/stretchr/testify/assert"
    "fyne.io/fyne/v2/test"
    "fyne.io/fyne/v2/widget"
)

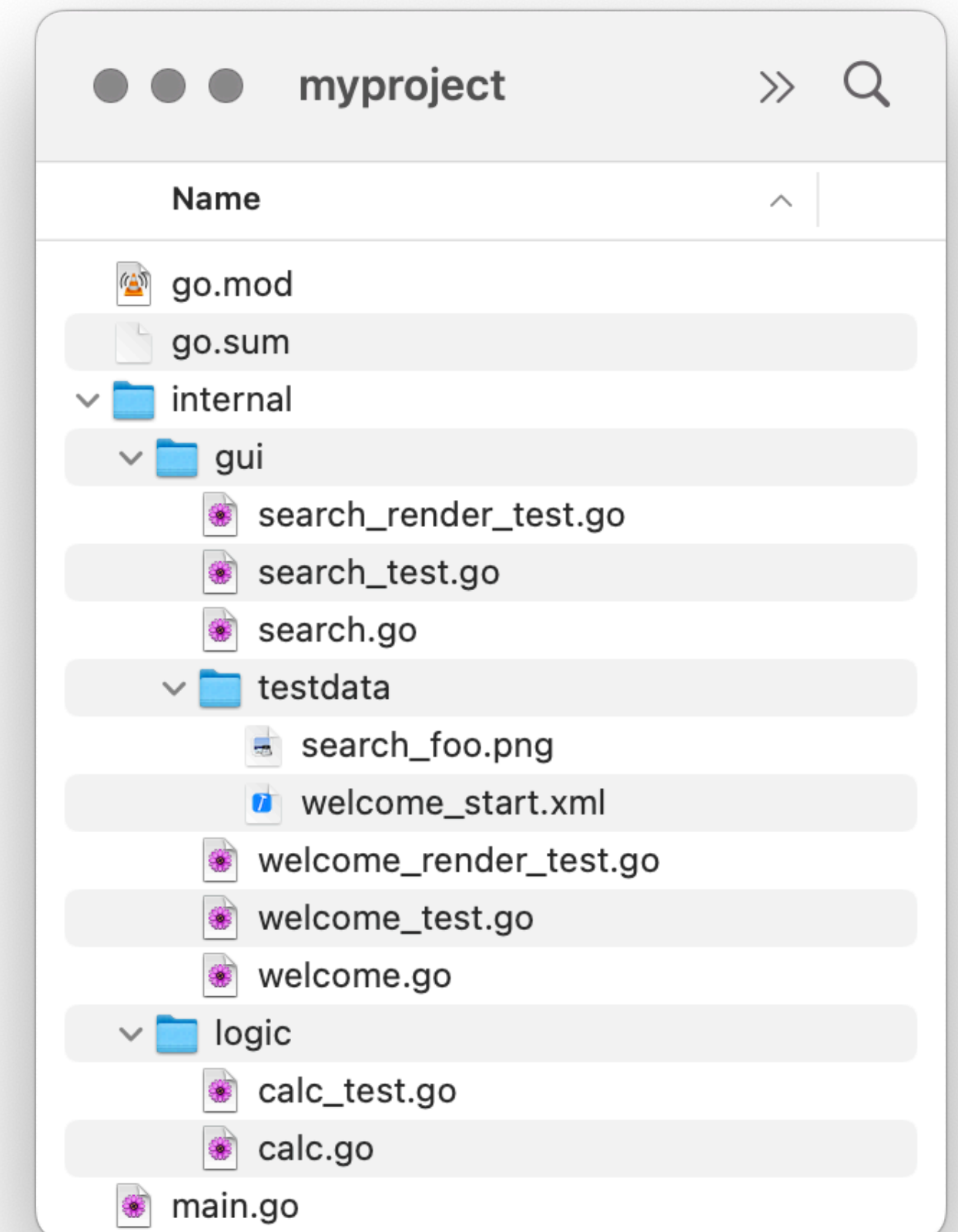
func TestText_Selected(t *testing.T) {
    e := widget.NewEntry()
    test.Type(e, "Hello")
    assert.Equal(t, "Hello", e.Text)

    test.DoubleTap(e)
    assert.Equal(t, "Hello", e.SelectedText())
    assert.Equal(t, 5, e.CursorColumn)
}
```



Render testing

- Validate that a component or screen renders as expected
- Compare to .PNG or .XML golden file
 - `test.AssertImageMatches` compares visually
 - `test.AssertRendersToMarkup` compares structure
- `testdata` folder for comparison files
- `testdata/failed` will be used when tests fail



Use FyneApp.toml



- Store metadata in repo
- Reproducible builds
- Avoiding build scripts
- Smoother release process



```
Website = "https://fyne.io"
```

```
[Details]
```

```
Icon = "img/fyne.png"
```

```
Name = "Fyne Demo"
```

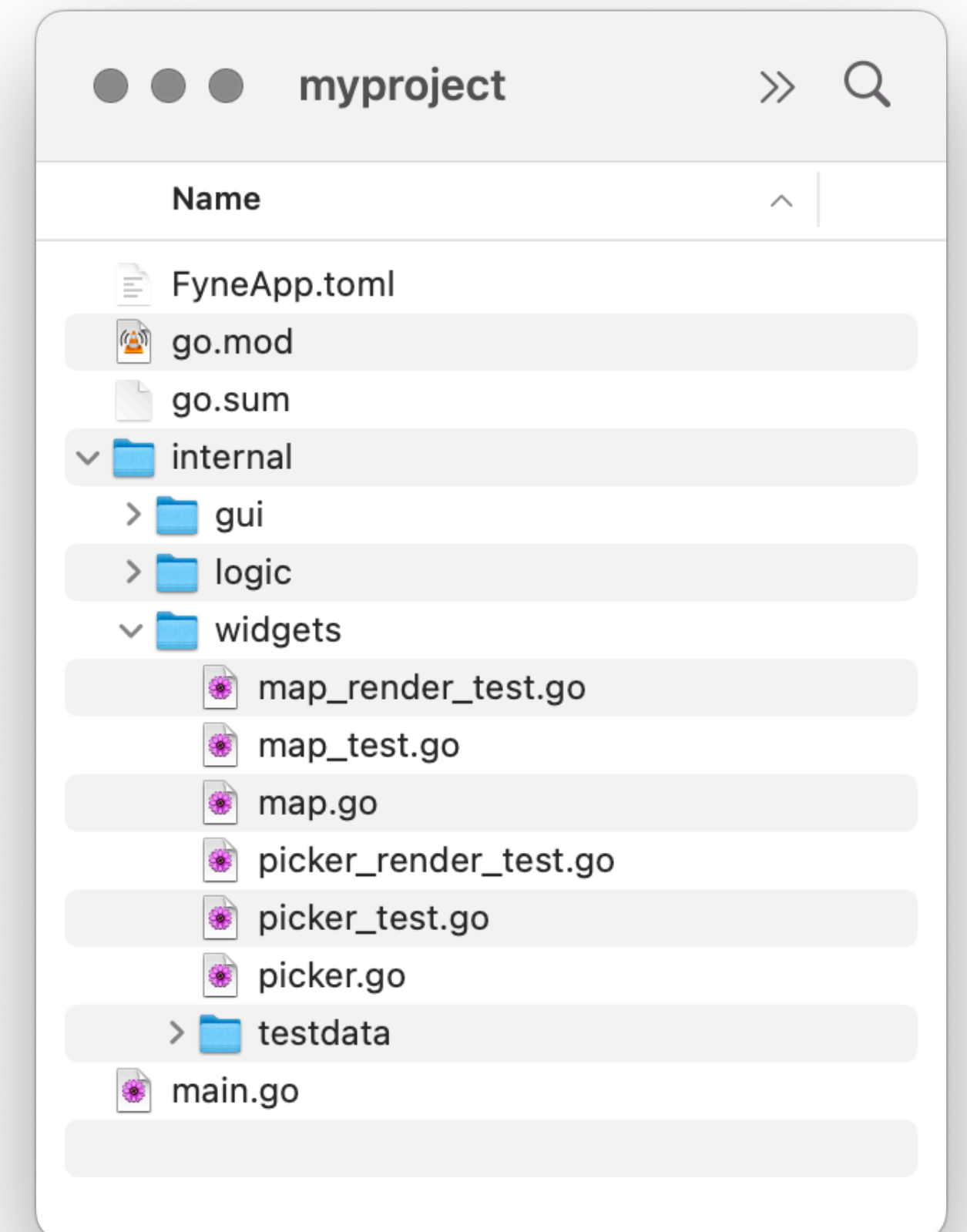
```
ID = "io.fyne.demo"
```

```
Version = "1.0.0"
```

```
Build = 5
```


Custom Widgets

- Maximum one per file
- Unit tests for all behaviour
- UI test for validating look/layout
- Expose behaviour only
- Store user state in widget
- Don't store renderer reference



Custom Widgets - Behaviour API



- Create type that extends `BaseWidget`
- Call `ExtendBaseWidget()` in constructor
- Export fields that are used in configuration
- Create public methods that expose behaviour

Custom Widgets – Behaviour API



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// Map is our custom widget
type Map struct {
    widget.BaseWidget

    Watermark string
    zoom, x, y int
}

// NewMap creates a new instance of the map widget.
func NewMap() *Map {
    m := &Map{}
    m.ExtendBaseWidget(m)
    return m
}

// ZoomIn steps the zoom in one level.
func (m *Map) ZoomIn() {
    // zoom code
    m.Refresh()
}
```

Custom Widgets - Renderer



- Important state in widget
- Disposable information in renderer
- Read all state in Refresh()
- Adapt to size available in Layout()
- Free any resources in Destroy()

Custom Widgets – Renderer



```
func (m *Map) CreateRenderer() fyne.WidgetRenderer {
    return &mapRenderer{widget: m, cache: &canvas.Raster{}}
}

var _ fyne.WidgetRenderer = (*mapRenderer)(nil)

type mapRenderer struct {
    widget *Map
    cache  *canvas.Raster
}

func (m *mapRenderer) Destroy() {
}

func (m *mapRenderer) Layout(s fyne.Size) {
    m.cache.Resize(s)
}

func (m *mapRenderer) MinSize() fyne.Size {
    return fyne.NewSize(50, 50)
}

func (m *mapRenderer) Objects() []fyne.CanvasObject {
    return []fyne.CanvasObject{m.cache}
}

func (m *mapRenderer) Refresh() {
    // TODO draw the current map and apply m.widget.Watermark
}
```

Custom Widgets - SimpleRenderer

- Helper for trivial widgets
- Avoid creation of custom renderer
- Pass object(s) to NewSimpleRenderer
- Send changes to objects in Refresh()
- Object will fill space available

Custom Widgets - SimpleRenderer



```
func (m *Map) CreateRenderer() fyne.WidgetRenderer {  
    if m.cache == nil {  
        m.cache = &canvas.Raster{}    }  
    return widget.NewSimpleRenderer(m.cache)  
}
```

And Remember...

- Export only what should be public
- Document all of your APIs
- Naming is important, make sure your API is clear
- Start simple, ask community for help

