

Dynamic Inheritance - fun with IQuackFu

Boo's IQuackFu interface enables adding behavior to a class at runtime. This example shows how to add [dynamic inheritance](#) to boo, also called [mixin programming](#) or [delegation](#).

The following Mixup class can be used to add new class behavior to an object at runtime. First, the code for Mixup:

```
// Bill Wood, Nov 2004
import System.Reflection

class Mixup (IQuackFu):

    static defaultBF = BindingFlags.Instance | BindingFlags.Static | \
        BindingFlags.Public | BindingFlags.FlattenHierarchy

    static invokeBF = defaultBF | BindingFlags.InvokeMethod

    static getPropertyBF = defaultBF | BindingFlags.GetProperty |
BindingFlags.GetField

    static setPropertyBF = defaultBF | BindingFlags.SetProperty |
BindingFlags.SetField

    private methods = {}

    private properties = {}

    def QuackInvoke(name as string, args as (object)) as object:
        o = methods[name]
        if o is null:
            raise System.InvalidOperationException("Method ${name} not found in
class ${self.GetType()}")
        return o.GetType().InvokeMember(name, invokeBF, null, o, args)

    def QuackGet(name as string, params as (object)) as object:
        o = properties[name]
        if o is null:
            raise System.InvalidOperationException("Member ${name} not found in
class ${self.GetType()}")
        return o.GetType().InvokeMember(name, getPropertyBF, null, o, null)

    def QuackSet(name as string, params as (object), value as object) as
object:
        o = properties[name]
        if o is null:
            raise System.InvalidOperationException("Member ${name} not found in
class ${self.GetType()}")
        return o.GetType().InvokeMember(name, setPropertyBF, null, o, (value,))

    def mixup(o as object):
        t = o.GetType()
        for m in t.GetMethods(invokeBF):
            if methods[m.Name] is null:
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    methods[m.Name] = o
for m in t.GetProperties(getPropertyBF):
    if properties[m.Name] is null:
        properties[m.Name] = o
for m in t.GetFields(getPropertyBF):
    if properties[m.Name] is null:
        properties[m.Name] = o
return o

def unmixup(o as object):
    helper = def (hash as Hash):
        d = []
        for m in hash:
            if m.Value is o:
                d.Add(m.Key)
        for s in d:
            hash.Remove(s)
    helper(methods)
    helper(properties)
    return o
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def constructor():
    mixup(self)
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Mixup can be instantiated directly:

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class Test:
    def say(s):
        print(s)

z as duck = Mixup() // z is a mixed up class!
l = z.mixup(List()) // add a List() to z
z.mixup(Test()) // add a Test() to z
z.Push("hi from x") // Push using List.Push
z.say("${z.Count}, ${z.Pop()}, ${z.Count}") // Output: 1, hi from z, 0
print z isa List // not REALLY a list, just has List behavior
z.unmixup(l) // remove List behavior
z.Push("hi") // System.NullReferenceException: Method Push not found in
class Mixup
```

Or, it can be subclassed:

```
class X(Mixup): // X subclasses Mixup
    private _list = []
    def constructor():
        mixup(_list) // add list behavior to X
        for i in range(10):
            _list.Add(i) // initialize _list

x as duck = X()
x.Push("hi from x")
print x.Pop(), x.Pop(), x.Pop() // hi from x 9 8
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