

Tune in to C#

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And now for something completely different...

“This is not an argument!”

- Nullable reference types in C# 8.0

“It is scratched!”

- Records in C# 9.0

“You are all individuals!”

- Roles and extensions in the future maybe

You are all individuals!

Static interface members:

- Interfaces prescribe *static* members for implementing types

Roles:

- View existing *values* as having additional members or types

Extensions:

- View existing *types* as having additional members or types

Static Members in Interfaces

```
interface IMonoid<T>
{
    static T Zero { get; }
    static T operator +(T t1, T t2);
}

struct Int32 : ..., IMonoid<Int32>
{
    ...
    public static int Zero => 0;
}

public static T AddAll<T>(T[] ts) where T : IMonoid<T>
{
    T result = T.Zero;
    foreach (T t in ts) { result += t; }
    return result;
}

int sixtyThree = AddAll(new [] { 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32 });
```

Problem: Interface overload

```
interface IMonoid<T>
{
    static T Zero { get; }
    static T operator +(T t1, T t2);
}

struct Int32 : ..., IMonoid<Int32>, IGroup<Int32>, IRing<Int32>,...
{
    ...
    public static int Zero => 0;
}

public static T AddAll<T>(T[] ts) where T : IMonoid<T>
{
    T result = T.Zero;
    foreach (T t in ts) { result += t; }
    return result;
}

int sixtyThree = AddAll(new [] { 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32 });
```

Problem: Multiple implementations

```
interface IMonoid<T>
{
    static T Zero { get; }
    static T operator +(T t1, T t2);
}
```

```
struct Int32 : ..., IMonoid<Int32>
{
    ...
    public static int Zero => 0;
}
```

```
struct Int32 : ..., IMonoid<Int32>
{
    ...
    public static int operator +(int x, int y) => x * y;
    public static int Zero => 1;
}
```

```
public static T AddAll<T>(T[] ts) where T : IMonoid<T>
{
    T result = T.Zero;
    foreach (T t in ts) { result += t; }
    return result;
}
```

```
int sixtyThree = AddAll(new [] { 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32 });
```

Problem: Access

```
interface IMonoid<T>
{
    static T Zero { get; }
    static T operator +(T t1, T t2);
}
```

```
struct Int32 : ..., IMonoid<Int32>
{
    ...
    public static int Zero = 0;
}
```

```
public static T AddAll<T>(T[] ts) where T : IMonoid<T>
{
    T result = T.Zero;
    foreach (T t in ts) { result += t; }
    return result;
}
```

```
int sixtyThree = AddAll(new [] { 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32 });
```

Roles

```
interface IMonoid<T>
{
    static T Zero { get; }
    static T operator +(T t1, T t2);
}
```

```
role IntMonoid : Int32
```

```
{
    ...
    public static int Zero => 0;
}
```

```
public static T AddAll<T>(T[] ts) where T : IMonoid<T>
{
    T result = T.Zero;
    foreach (T t in ts) { result += t; }
    return result;
}
```

```
IntMonoid[] values = new [] { 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32 });
```


Roles

```
interface IMonoid<T>
{
    static T Zero { get; }
    static T operator +(T t1, T t2);
}
```

```
role IntMonoid : Int32, IMonoid<Int32>
{
    ...
    public static int Zero => 0;
}
```

```
public static T AddAll<T>(T[] ts) where T : IMonoid<T>
{
    T result = T.Zero;
    foreach (T t in ts) { result += t; }
    return result;
}
```

```
int sixtyThree = AddAll<IntMonoid>(new [] { 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32 });
```

Roles

```
interface IMonoid<T>
{
    static T Zero { get; }
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role IntMonoid : Int32, IMonoid<Int32>
{
    ...
    public static int Zero => 0;
}
```

```
public static T AddAll<T>(T[] ts) where T : IMonoid<T>
{
    T result = T.Zero;
    foreach (T t in ts) { result += t; }
    return result;
}
```

```
int sixtyThree = AddAll(new IntMonoid[] { 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32 });
```

Extensions

```
interface IMonoid<T>
{
    static T Zero { get; }
    static T operator +(T t1, T t2);
}
```

```
extension IntMonoid : Int32, IMonoid<Int32>
```

```
{
    ...
    public static int Zero => 0;
}
```

```
public static T AddAll<T>(T[] ts) where T : IMonoid<T>
{
    T result = T.Zero;
    foreach (T t in ts) { result += t; }
    return result;
}
```

```
int sixtyThree = AddAll(new [] { 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32 });
```