

# Python mock with decorators

## Use Case

- create a service that changes its `Class` or behaviour in runtime
- use the actual service in `PROD` but mock service in `DEV`

## Goal

```
@with_mock(cls=ServiceA, mock=ServiceB)
class SomeService:
    """
    Service class that dynamically changes during runtime
    """
```

# How to achieve dynamic classes at runtime ?

Maybe use an intermediary class/function that provides the right class.

```
def get_service(condition: bool, cls_a, cls_b):  
    """Returns the specified classes according to provided condition."""  
    return cls_a if condition else cls_b
```

## Downside of this approach

- need to create an intermediary function/class to handle the assignment of the `cls` needed.

## What I had envisioned

I wanted a method to easily extend this usecase by adding a simple decorator.

[ Concise and easily added to other services

# The Solution 🤔

## @Decorators

Decorators are used to add additional (meta data) context to `class/functions`.

- add behaviour to classes and functions without directly changing their source code

# Basic decorator



```
1  def decorator_function(original_function):
2      def wrapper_function(*args, **kwargs):
3          # Add some extra functionality before the original function is called
4          print("Before the function call")
5
6          # Call the original function
7          result = original_function(*args, **kwargs)
8
9          # Add some extra functionality after the original function is called
10         print("After the function call")
11
12         return result
13
14     return wrapper_function
15
16 @decorator_function
17 def hello():
18     print("Hello, world!")
19
20 hello()
```

# ☆ Path to goal

- some way to generate dynamic class
- a condition to switch class

See the [implementation](#)

```
1  def changeclass(condition: bool, class_a: T, class_b: T):
2      """Decorator to change class according to the condition provided"""
3
4      def decorator(cls: T) → T:
5          new_class = class_a if condition else class_b
6
7          cls_name = getattr(new_class, "__name__")
8          # INFO: attr and behavior of the original class
9          bases = getattr(cls, "__bases__", ())
10
11          # Create a new class dynamically with the same name and bases as the original class
12          modified_class = type(cls_name, bases, dict(new_class.__dict__))
13
14          return modified_class
15
16  return decorator
```