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Under the covers, Dynamic Dispatch and Dynamic Binding may work out the same. But the idea in dynamic dispatch is following some function pointer to see which method to actually invoke, or object to invoke it on. "Binding" is the idea that the method is "bound" to a particular instance (or class of instances) & that's how you identify it.

So they could work together -- a method that's bound to an object with dynamic binding might use dynamic dispatch when you call it.

Also dynamic dispatch has more of an OO flavor to it... it's the mechanism behind polymorphism, in which a reference to an object might point to one of multiple implementations. Dynamic dispatch decides at runtime which one to actually run. By contrast, late binding would be dropping in whole new methods that weren't there at compile time.

Dynamic dispatch is different from late binding (also known as dynamic binding). In the context of selecting an operation, binding refers to the process of associating a name with an operation. Dispatching refers to choosing an implementation for the operation after you have decided which operation a name refers to. With dynamic dispatch, the name may be bound to a polymorphic operation at compile time, but the implementation not be chosen until runtime (this is how dynamic dispatch works in C++). However, late binding does imply dynamic dispatching since you cannot choose which implementation of a polymorphic operation to select until you have selected the operation that the name refers to.

<http://stackoverflow.com/questions/533330/dynamic-dispatch-and-binding>

Dynamic Dispatch - The actual method group/signature/override chain is bound at compile time. The method called is dependent upon the actual runtime type of the object but no actual interpretation occurs. It will still be a version of the statically bound method.

Here is an example in C#.

class Foo {

public override string ToString() { return "foo's ToString"; }

}

void Example(object p1) {

p1.ToString();

}

The call to p1.ToString is an example of dynamic dispatch. The code statically binds to the method ToString. However it is a virtual method so the actual .ToString() called won't be known until runtime but it is **guaranteed** to call a .ToString() method. It will be the ToString of the actual type of p1. So if p1 is actually an instance of Foo, Foo::ToString will be called.

Dynamic Binding - The actual method is bound at runtime and is subject to interpretation based on the semantics of the language or reflection framework. This may fail due to an inability to bind.

Example:

void CallBar(object o) {

var method = o.GetType().GetMethod("Bar");

method.Invoke(new object[] {o});

}

In this case, we're attempting to invoke the method "Bar" on the object in question. The keyword is attempting. It's entirely possible that "Bar" will not exist on the object. But this is determined at runtime by dynamically binding to the method "Bar".

Dynamic dispatch or dynamic binding means that when calling a method, choosing the actual method implementation to execute happens while the program is running, because statically there is not enough information available. It will based on the method name, the actual receiver type (subtype polymorphism), and/or the actual argument types (overloading), or even more fancy pattern matching.

Dynamic binding is, according to [Wikipedia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dynamic_binding), a form of dynamic dispatch in OO languages where the actual method to invoke is based on the name of the operation and the actual receiver at runtime.

[This article](http://cmpe.emu.edu.tr/aelci/Courses/D-318/D-318-Files/oofaq/s23.htm) introduces statically-typed dynamic binding (dynamic binding aided by the static type system) and dynamic binding fully performed at runtime. It treats overloading as a form of dynamic binding as well.