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modified version of the original object and generating a descriptor of the modified characteristics and accessing the original object and generating a descriptor of the original characteristics; and

applying the identified differences to the characteristics of the destination object so that the destination object reflects the modified characteristics.

34. A method in a computer system for combining modifications to characteristics of a first object with modifications to characteristics of a second object and for having a destination object reflect the combined modifications, the method comprising:

identifying the modifications to the characteristics of the first object;

identifying the modifications to the characteristics of the second object;

adding the modifications to the characteristics of the first object with the modifications to the characteristics of the second object to create a list of combined modifications by designating the modifications to the characteristics of the first object as overriding characteristics, designating the modifications to the characteristics of the second object as secondary characteristics, storing the overriding characteristics into said list, determining whether each of the secondary characteristics is conflicting or non-conflicting with the overriding characteristics, storing the non-conflicting secondary characteristics into said list;

applying the combined modifications in said list to the destination object such that the destination object reflects the modified characteristics of the first object and the modified characteristics of the second object.

35. A method for synchronizing a first property of a first object with a second property of a second object in a computer system, comprising:

receiving an indication that the first property is to be synchronized with the second property;

receiving a request from a user to modify the first property;

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in response to receiving the request,

modifying the first property of the first object; and polling the first object to determine when the first property has been modified, and

in response to determining that the first property has been modified, identifying the modification made to the first property and modifying the second property of the second object so as to facilitate the synchronization of the first property with the second property.

36. A computer system comprising:

a memory containing:

a first object with first properties;

a second object with second properties;

a first function for generating a first property list reflecting the first properties contained in the first object;

a second function for receiving a modified version of the first properties, for receiving the first properties, and for subtracting the first properties from the modified version of the first properties to isolate the modifications made to the first properties;

a third function for adding the first properties of the first object with the second properties of the second object;

a fourth function for receiving an input property list containing input properties and for applying the input properties to the first object such that the first object reflects the input properties;

a computer program for invoking the first function, the second function, the third function, and the fourth function; and

a processor for running the computer program.

37. The computer system of claim **36** wherein the first function and fourth function are application dependent.

38. The computer system of claim **36** wherein the second function and the third function are application independent.

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