Commands, Queries, and Façades

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CQRS (Command Query Responsibility Segregation)

Why CQRS

- Models the reads (queries) and changes (commands) independently
- Enables separation of "read" and "write" data store
- Independent scaling of reads/writes
- Optimization of data schemes

Without CQRS



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With CQRS



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Query

- Encapsulated query to a data store
- Does not change a state
- Plain object
- Encapsulates what you are asking for
- Similar concept to QueryObject, but it is typically purpose-made

Command

- Does change a state
- Plain object
- Does not return value
- Encapsulates request into an object
- It is also a pattern
- Easy to implement "undo" operation

When to use CQRS

Dos

- Collaborative, parallel apps
- Reads and writes are disproportional
- Interface is task-focused
- Different model versions
- Integration with other systems
- Event Sourcing

- Simple app
- Interface is CRUD-focused

Don'ts

Implementing CQRS

- By hand
 - Create "Handlers" classes which will process commands/queries
- Mediator
 - Decouple the processing using a Mediator pattern
 - MediatR library

Mediator & MediatR

Mediator

- Reduction of dependencies between objects
 - When "everyone talks to everyone"
- Communication between objects is "mediated" by a single object
- Eases reuse as components are independent
- Beware of creating a God Object

Mediator



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MediatR

- .NET library implementing Mediator pattern
- In-process messaging
- Supports pipelines (aspect-like interceptors)
- IRequest Message that will be send
- *IRequestHandler* Message consumer

CQRS with MediatR

Command

public class EnrollToCourseCommand : IRequest

```
public Course Course { get; set; }
public Guid UserId { get; set; }
public string ContactEmail { get; set; }
```

CQRS with MediatR Command Handler

public class EnrollToCourseCommandHandler : IRequestHandler<EnrollToCourseCommand>

private IEnrollmentRepository _enrollmentRepository;

public EnrollToCourseCommandHandler(IEnrollmentRepository enrollmentRepository)
{
 _enrollmentRepository = enrollmentRepository;

public async Task<Unit> Handle(EnrollToCourseCommand request, CancellationToken cancellationToken)
{
 // Handling code

CQRS with MediatR

Query

public class GetCoursesQuery : IRequest<IEnumerable<Course>>

// Option is (one of) implementation of Maybe monad in C#
// It is safe way of expressing null object, without actually using nulls
public Option<DateTime> Before { get; init; }
public Option<DateTime> After { get; init; }
public Option<string> AtLocation { get; init; }

CQRS with MediatR Query Handler

public class GetCoursesQueryHandler : IRequestHandler<GetCoursesQuery, IEnumerable<Course>>

private ICourseRepository _courseRepository;
public GetCoursesQueryHandler(ICourseRepository courseRepository)

_courseRepository = courseRepository;

public async Task<IEnumerable<Course>> Handle(GetCoursesQuery request, CancellationToken cancellationToken)
{
 // Handling code



CQRS Task

- Implement Query for pending enrollment of a single user
- Implement Command for canceling an enrollment
- *HINT*: Use the console project for testing. Dependency injection is automated, so don't worry about it, yet.
- *HINT*: Focus on the BL project. But feel free to implement new method in the repository.
- *Bonus*: How would you handle rollbacks? What if during enrollment the email is not send? Can you fix it?



Façade

- Provides a simpler interface
- Hides underlining complexity of library/framework/etc...
- Facade do not need to implement everything just the most important stuff. The complex things can be done without facade.
 - Think how Newtonsoft.JSON API is implemented
- It is basically just a single class that is delegating work to others



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Façade Task

- Create a Facade for your CQRS infrastructure
- Implement a Facade that easily exposes the core functionality
 - Hiding the underlining complexity and usage of MediatR
 - Try to make it as simple as possible. Just a few method calls