An Introduction to CQRS

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What is CQRS

- Command Query Responsibility Segregation
- Coined by Greg Young in 2010
- Comes From Bertrand Myer's CQS

Asking a question shouldn't change the answer.

```
public class Attendee
 public Guid Id { get; set; }
 public string Name { get; set; }
 public string Email { get; set; }
 public List<Ticket> Tickets { get; set; }
 public List<Event> Events =>
   Tickets.Select(ticket => ticket.Event).ToList();
 public HasTicketFor(Guid eventId) =>
   Tickets.Any(ticket => ticket.EventId == eventId);
```

Why Models?

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```
public Result CreateTicket(Ticket ticket)
 var attendee = _attendees.Find(ticket.AttendeeId);
 if (attendee is null)
   return Result.Error("Attendee does not exist.");
 if (attendee.HasTicketFor(ticket.EventId))
   return Result.Error("Attendee has already purchased ticket for this event.");
 _tickets.Create(ticket);
 return Result.Success;
```

Domain Logic

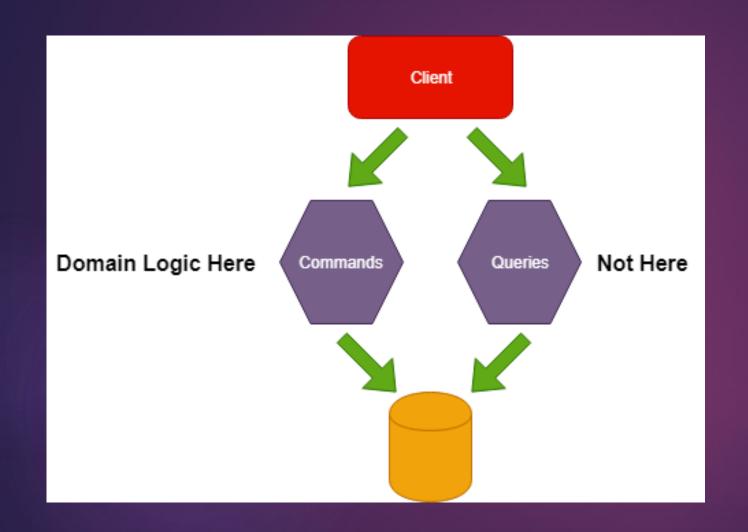
```
public Result UpdateTicket(Ticket ticket)
 var existing = tickets.Find(ticket.Id);
 if (existing is null)
  → return Result.Error("Ticket does not exist.");
 if (existing.AttendeeId != ticket.AttendeeId)
   if (existing.Redeemed)
     return Result.Error("Cannot transfer Redeemed Ticket.");
   var newAttendee = attendees.Find(ticket.AttendeeId);
   if (newAttendee is null)
     return Result.Error("New Attendee does not exist.");
 existing.Redeemed = ticket.Redeemed;
 existing.AttendeeId = ticket.AttendeeId;
 tickets.Update(existing);
 return Result.Success;
```

Updates can do too much

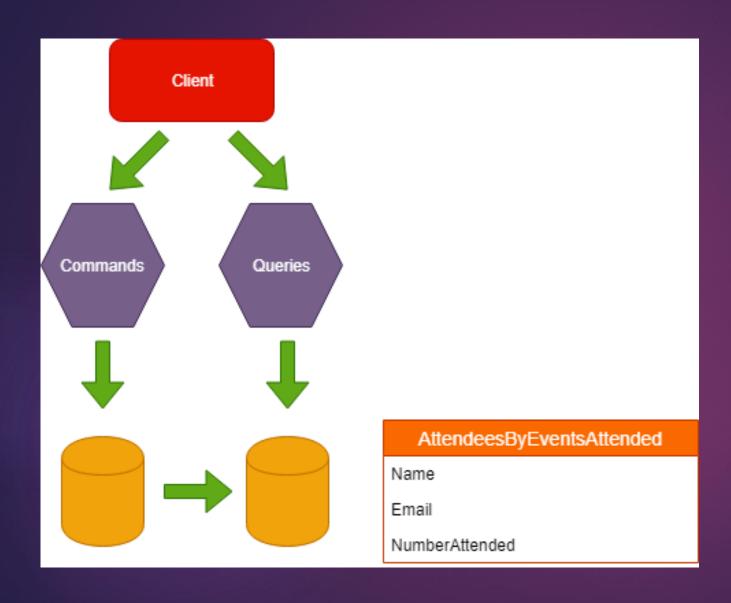
```
public List<Attendee> AttendeesByEventsAttended(int eventsAttended)
{
    return _attendees.Where(attendee =>
    attendee.Tickets.Where(ticket =>
    ticket.Redeemed).Count() >= eventsAttended).ToList();
}
```

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Reads are deceptive



Queries are logic free



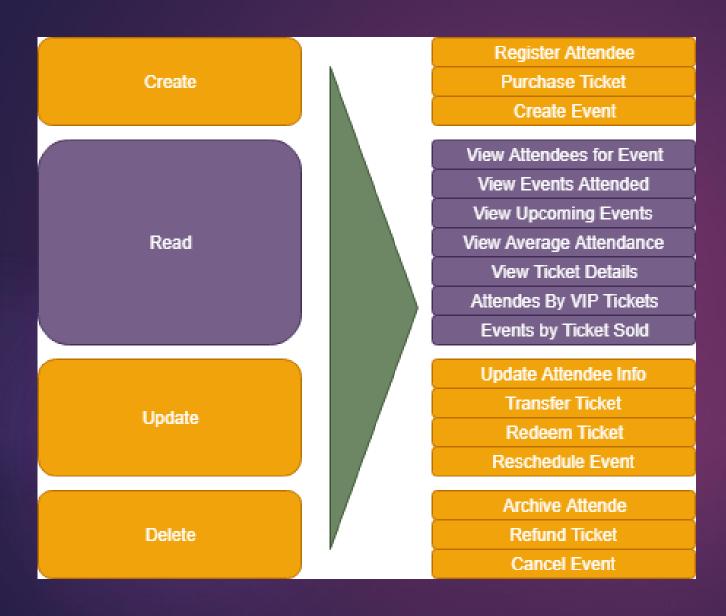
Querying separate databases

```
public Result RedeemTicket(RedeemTicketCommand command)
 var ticket = tickets.Find(command.ticketId);
 if (ticket is null)
   return Result.Error("Ticket does not exist.");
 if (ticket.Redeemed)
   return Result.Error("Ticket already redeemed");
 ticket.Redeemed = true;
 _tickets.Update(ticket);
 return Result.Success;
```

Redeem Command

```
public Result TransferTicket(TransferTicketCommand command)
 var ticket = tickets.Find(command.ticketId);
 if (ticket is null)
   return Result.Error("Ticket does not exist.");
 if (ticket.Redeemed)
   return Result.Error("Cannot Transfer already redeemed ticket.");
 var newAttendee = attendees.Find(command.newAttendeeId);
 if (newAttendee is null)
   return Result.Error("Transfer recipient does not exist.");
 if (newAttendee.HasTicketFor(ticket.EventId))
   return Result.Error("Transfer recipient already has ticket for event.");
 ticket.AttendeeId = newAttendee.Id;
 _tickets.Update(ticket);
 return Result.Succes;
```

Transfer Command



CRUD-Based vs Task Based

```
[HttpPost("/Tickets/{ticketId}/Redeem")]
 public IActionResult RedeemTicket(Guid ticketId)
   var result = _mediator.Send(new RedeemTicketCommand(ticketId));
   return Ok(result);
public class RedeemTicketHandler : CommandHandler<RedeemTicketCommand>
 public Result Handle(RedeemTicketCommand command)
   var ticket = _tickets.Find(command.ticketId);
   if (ticket is null)
     return Result.Error("Ticket does not exist.");
   if (ticket.Redeemed)
     return Result.Error("Ticket already redeemed");
   ticket.Redeemed = true;
   _tickets.Update(ticket);
   return Result.Success;
```

The Mediator Pattern

Trade Offs

- Complexity
- Eventual Consistency (aka Stale Data)

When to use CQRS

- Collaborative Domain
- Many and/or Complex Queries
- Large Complex Monolith
- Event Sourcing

Where to next?

- Pluralsight Courses:
 - https://app.pluralsight.com/library/courses/mod ern-software-architecture-domain-models-cqrsevent-sourcing/table-of-contents
 - https://app.pluralsight.com/library/courses/cqrsin-practice/table-of-contents
- Jimmy Bogard's Contoso University:
 - https://jimmybogard.com/contoso-universityexamples-with-cqrs-mediatr-automapper-andmore/
- An Introduction to CQRS and Event Sourcing Patterns - Mathew McLoughlin:
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9a1PqwFrM P0
- github.com/CzechsMix/talks/introduction-tocqrs

Questions?