

From one buzzword to another

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So... what's with the title?

CQRS

**Command Query Responsibility
Segregation**

Command

Changes state, does not return anything

Query

Returns some data, does not change state

Buzzword #1: Enums

Query

```
enum Query {  
  
  case project(id: String)  
  case projects(filters: [String: String])  
  case users  
  case user(id: String)  
  case teams  
  case team(id: String)  
  
  .  
  .  
  .  
}
```

```

var path: String {
    switch self {
    case .project, .projects:
        return "projects"
    case .users:
        return "users"
    case .teams:
        return "teams"
    case .:
    case .:
    case .:
    }
}

var parameters: [String: String]? {
    switch self {
    case .:
        ...
    }
}

var urlRequest: URLRequest {
    ... // uses parameters and path to build urlRequest
}
}

```


Command

```
enum Command {  
  case saveDraft(id: String, title: String, description: String)  
  case updateDraft(id: String, title: String, description: String)  
  case submitProject(id: String)  
  case approveProject(id: String)  
  case rejectProject(id: String)  
  .  
  .  
  .  
}
```


Pros

- All commands / queries are namespaced and easy to find when they need to be used
- Everything in one file

Cons

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Cons

- To get all info about request, we need to scroll through whole file and visit each switch

```
var path: String {
    switch self {
    case approveProject:
        return "approveProject"
    case createProject:
        return "createProject":
    }
}

var method: String {
    switch self {
    case approveProject, createProject:
        return "POST"
    }
}

var body: String {
    switch self {
    case approveProject(let id):
        return ["id": id]
    case createProject(let id, let content):
        return ["id": id, "content": content]
    }
}
```

Cons

- Doesn't scale well - enum grows with each endpoint added

Cons

- Handling similar requests causes switches to grow horizontally

```
var body: String {  
    switch self {  
        case approveProject(let id), rejectProject(let id), removeProject(let id):  
            return ["id": id]  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

Cons

- You can't declare return type of Query

Buzzword #2: POP

Key components:

- Base protocols with default implementations for creating URLRequest
- Specialized protocols for common types of Commands / Queries
- Each command / query is defined as a simple struct

Base protocols: Command

```
protocol Command {  
    static var path: String { get }  
    static var method: CommandMethod { get } // .post, .put, .delete, .patch  
  
    var bodyDict: JSON { get } // typealias JSON = [String: Any]  
}  
  
extension Command {  
    var urlRequest: URLRequest {  
        // generates proper urlRequest using `path`, `method` and `bodyDict`  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

Base protocols: Query

```
protocol Query {  
    associatedtype Result: Decodable  
    static var path: String { get }  
  
    var parameters: [String: String]? { get }  
}  
  
extension Query {  
    var urlRequest: URLRequest {  
        // always GET  
        // generates proper urlRequest using `path` and `parameters`  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

```
class ApiClient {  
  
    private let session = URLSession.shared  
    private let jsonDecoder = JSONDecoder()  
  
    func execute(_ command: Command,  
                success: CommandSuccessCallback?,  
                failure: FailureCallback?) {  
        let task = session.dataTask(with: command.urlRequest) { (_, response, error) in  
            if /* success */ {  
                success?()  
            } else /* error */ {  
                failure?(error)  
            }  
        }  
  
        task.resume()  
    }  
}
```

```

func execute<Q: Query, Result>(_ query: Q,
                               success: QuerySuccessCallback<Result>?,
                               failure: FailureCallback?) where Result == Q.Result {
    let task = session.dataTask(with: query.urlRequest) { [jsonDecoder] (data, _, error) in
        if /* error */ {
            failure?(error)
        } else if let data = data {
            let result = try! jsonDecoder.decode(Result.self, from: data)
            success?(result)
        } else {
            // additional error handling ...
        }
    }

    task.resume()
}

```

Specialized command protocol example

```
protocol IdCommand: Command {  
    var id: String { get }  
}
```

```
extension IdCommand {  
    var bodyDict: JSON {  
        return ["id": id]  
    }  
}
```

Usage - command for liking videos

```
struct LikeVideoCommand: IdCommand {  
  
    static let path = "like_video"  
    static let method = .post  
  
    let id: String  
}  
  
apiClient.execute(  
    LikeVideoCommand(id: "let_swift_13_speaker_1_intro"),  
    success: { print("👏 🎉 👍") },  
    failure: { print("😭") }  
)
```


Specialized command protocol example

```
protocol CommandBody {  
    var json: JSON { get }  
}  
  
protocol CommandWithBody: Command {  
    associatedType Body: CommandBody  
  
    var body: Body  
}  
  
extension CommandWithBody {  
    var bodyDict: JSON {  
        return body.json  
    }  
}
```

Usage - command for adding new speaker

```
struct AddSpeakerCommandBody: CommandBody {  
  
    let id: String  
    let firstName: String  
    let lastName: String  
  
    var json: JSON {  
        // create json from fields above  
        // or just make it Encodable and tell compiler to do the dirty job  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

Usage - command for adding new speaker

```
struct AddSpeakerCommand: CommandWithBody {  
  
    static let path = "add_speaker"  
    static let method = .post  
  
    let body: AddSpeakerCommandBody  
}
```

Specialized query protocols

```
/// Protocol for queries which return one entity with given id
protocol IdQuery {
    var id: String
}
```

```
/// Protocol for queries which should return results in specific order.
protocol Orderable {
    var order: OrderType { get }
}
```

```
/// Protocol for queries which are pageable.
protocol Pageable {
    var page: String? { get }
}
```

Specialized query protocols

```
/// Protocol which identifies queries which can return results based on string query
protocol Searchable {
    var query: String? { get }
}
```

```
/// Protocol for queries which return items filtered by given parameters
protocol Filterable {
    associatedtype Filter: FilterProtocol

    var filter: Filter? { get }
}
```

```
protocol FilterProtocol {
    var filtersDict: [String: String] { get }
}
```

```
extension Query where Self: Filterable {  
    var parameters: [String: String]? {  
        return filter?.filtersDict  
    }  
}
```

```
extension Query where Self: Filterable & Pageable {  
    var parameters: [String: String]? {  
        var dictionary = filter?.filtersDict ?? [:]  
        if let page = page {  
            dictionary["page"] = page  
        }  
        return dictionary  
    }  
}
```

```
extension Query where Self: Filterable & Orderable & Pageable {  
    var parameters: [String: String]? {  
        var dictionary = filter?.filtersDict ?? [:]  
        dictionary["order"] = order.rawValue  
  
        if let cursor = cursor {  
            dictionary["page"] = page  
        }  
        return dictionary  
    }  
}
```


Example usage

```
struct SpeakersQuery: Query, Filterable, Pageable {  
    typealias Result = [Speaker]  
  
    static let path = "speakers"  
  
    let filter: SpeakerFilter?  
    let page: String?  
}
```

```
struct SpeakerFilter: FilterProtocol {  
    let name: String?  
    let numberOfLetSwiftsAttended: Int?  
  
    var filtersDict: [String: String] {  
        // create dict from fields  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

```
let filter = SpeakerFilter(  
    name: "Sebastian",  
    numberOfLetSwiftsAttended: 13  
)  
  
apiClient.fetch(  
    SpeakersQuery(filter: filter, page: "start"),  
    success: { speakers in print(speakers) },  
    failure: nil  
)
```

Cons

- Lack of namespacing.
Solution: nested structs
- It's possible to forget to implement extension for given combination of protocols and compiler won't warn us.
Solution: unit tests
- Some code repetition in extensions.
Solution: extracting building body/parameters dictionaries to static methods or builder

Pros

- All request's configuration in one place - without reading multiple switches
- It's easy to model similar requests and add new specialized requests
- Queries can define their return types

What we gained?

- Better way to manage all commands and queries
- Removed some dirty hacks
- [UNEXPECTED] We were able to extract whole API layer to framework and reused it in other project for the same client

THANK YOU!

This presentation can be found here:

<https://github.com/SebastianOsinski/LetSwiftSlides>

QUESTIONS?