

Query

Querying is the other half of the coin to messages. You can think of queries as a database read, or a way of querying state.

Generally you will find the available query messages in `inmsg.rs` or `query.rs`, depending on how the contract author has structured the code.

You can query via an external client (over API or via CLI), or an internal client (within a contract, to another contract). Some of the finer details of how this works can be found in the [Querying Architecture section](#).

Most queries you use will be custom queries. These access the contract's data store in read-only mode. These queries can look up data and perform additional computation or processing as needed. As a result, a gas limit is enforced on these queries.

Custom queries consist of an entry in the `QueryMsg` enum, and are handled in the contract's `query` function.

[derive(Serialize, Deserialize, Clone, Debug, PartialEq, JsonSchema)]

[serde(rename_all =

```
"snake_case" )]] pub
```

```
enum
```

```
QueryMsg
```

```
{ // ResolveAddress returns the current address that the name resolves to ResolveRecord
```

```
{ name :
```

```
String
```

```
} , Config
```

```
{ } , } You can find the code for this example in context here.
```

The contract then handles this in the `query` function:

[cfg_attr(not(feature =

```
"library" ), entry_point))] pub
```

```
fn
```

```
query ( deps :
```

```
Deps , env :
```

```
Env , msg :
```

```
QueryMsg )
```

```
->
```

```
StdResult < Binary
```

```
{ match msg { QueryMsg :: ResolveRecord
```

```
{ name }
```

```
=>
```

```
query_resolver ( deps , env , name ) , QueryMsg :: Config
```

```
{ }
```

=>

`to_binary (& config_read (deps . storage) . load () ?) , }` } Where `query_resolver` is just another function, and `config_read` is a helper that wraps access to the data store.

The custom queries are exposed via [the query function](#) . [Previous Entry](#) [points Next Events](#)