

This is my favorite one because it looks just neat! But if you want to write tests that mock actions, **it's a poor choice** because you cannot do that easily (or maybe it's impossible, I'm not sure). However, it's not a problem because I write API tests, so I don't mock actions. I only mock external dependencies, such as 3rd party APIs. In this book, I'll go with this approach, and you'll see how clean the code looks.

You can be wrong if you think actions are not part of DDD and are just some modern "Laravel magic." I first heard about actions from Robert C. Martin in his book "Agile Software Development," written in 2002 (10 years before Laravel was born). In this book, they were called "transactions." After that, I ran into them again in the C# world, where they were called "commands." By the way, this is the first letter in CQRS (more on that later). After all that, the MediatR package was created (2015), where actions were called "requests." As you can see, actions have a long history, and the Laravel community did not invent them. However, "action" is the coolest name I've ever heard to describe a class.