

CQS Performance & Simplicity

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CQS Introduction & overview

- **What** is it?
- **Why** choose it?
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- In the context of **DDD**
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- Performance and simplicity **via architecture**
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- Why is performance **so important**?
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- Our **query performance** benchmarks
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What is it?

Command Query Separation

- A programming **philosophy** and also an architectural **pattern**



Asking a question should not change the answer

Bertrand Meyer 1990 - Object Oriented Software Construction



Queries

- Return a result and do not change the observable state of the system (are free of side effects so are repeatable)

Commands

- Change the state of a system but generally do not return a value

Architecturally

- One channel for reads and a completely separate channel for writes

Why choose it?

- **High** Performance and **low** maintenance
- A pattern that acknowledges the true behaviour of the web: **80%** reads **20%** writes
- **Reduces layers** of architecture and **removes inefficiencies** – for example the expensive and unnecessary mapping that is ultimately thrown away
- **Enforces** SRP and Interface Segregation
- Produces **concise** and **self-descriptive** code
- **Simplifies** the domain model as there are no compromises needed to satisfy both read and write

CQS and CQRS

- CQS a **low level** programming philosophy and also a **high level** architectural pattern
- CQRS an **architectural pattern** that was designed to solve one specific problem : The collaborative domain
- CQS can port CQRS easily due to the **separation** of channels and the one way nature of command handlers

In the context of SOLID

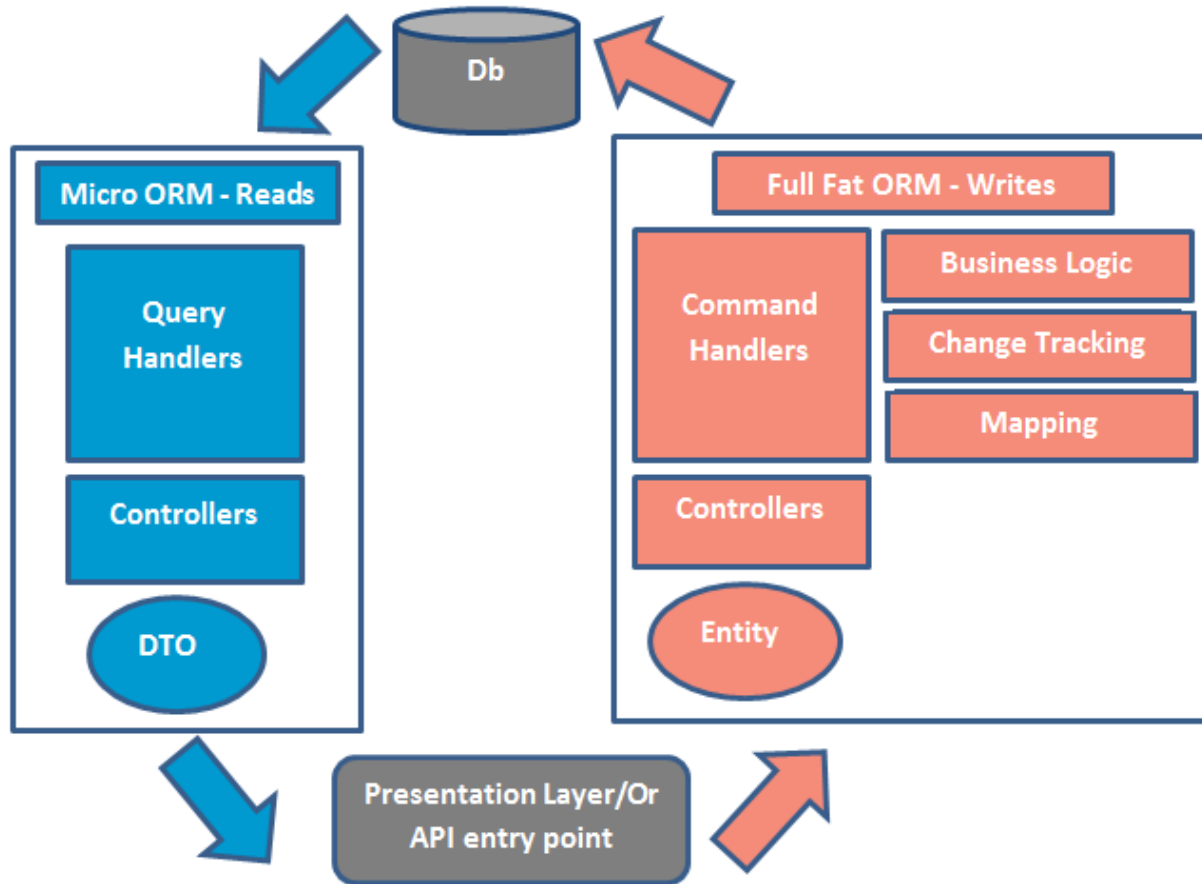
Enforces the S I D of SOLID

- **S** - Each command or query handler is responsible for one cohesive unit of work. Each are completely encapsulated
- **I** - Removes *God* classes such as those created by the repository (anti) pattern. Each consumer has only the interface they need
- **D** - Handlers are injected as abstractions with no dependency on implementation. Also, separates the data (commands) from the logic (handlers) removing coupling.

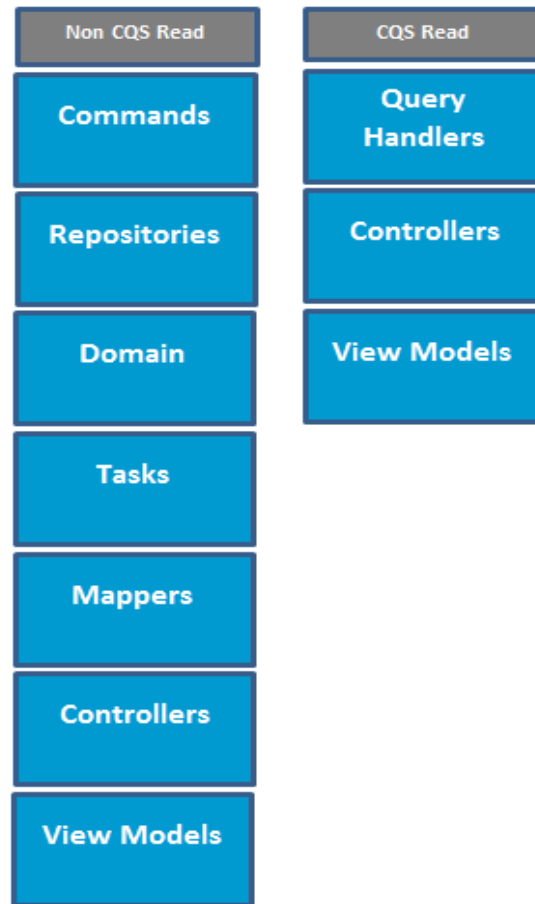
In the context of DDD

- **Excellent fit** with the DDD layered conventions
 - Presentation - Controllers
 - Application - Commands and Queries
 - Infrastructure - ORM plumbing
 - Domain - ORM entities
- Encourages **small Bounded Contexts** designed to solve one problem
- **Removes the need for complex Aggregates.** You are generally only saving one entity at a time and relationships are via foreign keys not collections
- Infinitely **more efficient and more scalable** than the
`customer.Orders.Add(new Order());` (anti) pattern

Architectural Overview



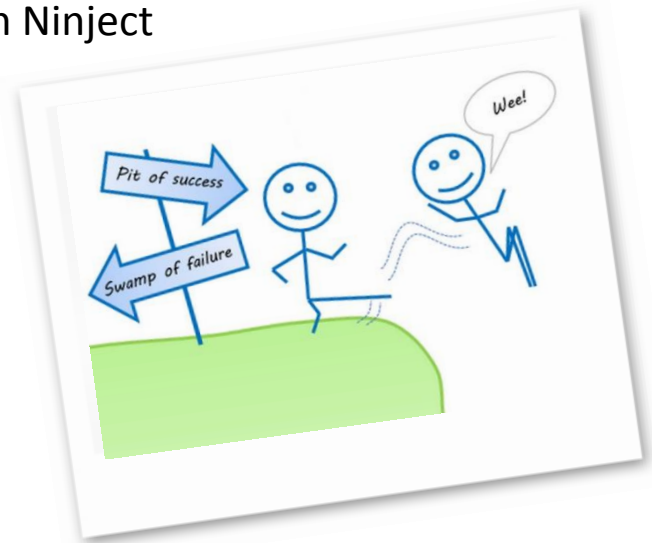
Performance and simplicity via architecture



Performance and simplicity via complimentary frameworks #1

Simple Injector Container

- Incredibly **fast** : for example - 1500 x faster than Ninject
- **Simple** and **intuitive**
- Excellent **diagnostic feedback**
- Encourages you to fall into the pit of **success!**
 - No implicit property injection
 - Discourages multiple constructors
 - No Interceptors
 - No per thread lifestyle
- **No vendor lock in** no [dependency] attribute which forces your code to know about a container (only the composition root should know about a container)
- **AOP** via Decorators
- **Open generic** registration, cuts registration code in half
- **Container.Verify()** is a wonderful thing!



Performance and simplicity via complimentary frameworks #2

Dapper

- *The **fastest** ORM on the market:*

Performance of SELECT mapping over 500 iterations:

Dapper ExecuteMapperQuery	49ms
Entity Framework ExecuteStoreQuery	631ms

- A 400 line **micro** ORM
- Written **by** Stack Overflow **for** Stack Overflow
- Very **simple** to use
- Projects data straight to **DTO**



Why is performance so important?

- Software **speed** has been proven to strongly influence a user's overall **perception** of organisational:
 - Reliability
 - Credibility
 - Security
 - Stability
- This is especially important when selling **financial services**
- Ultimately, given two competitive sites that are identical in practically every other way, **the faster site will be more successful**

Let's look at some code

- **Commands** and **queries**
- **Project structure mapping to DDD concepts**
- **Simple Injector**
- **Dapper**, Dapper Extensions and Dapper Async
- **Command Unit of Work** decorators for Entity Framework
- **Query Authorisation** decorators
- Claims based authorisation and **Domain specific Claim Transformation**
- **Attribute based** Routing

Our performance benchmarks

- **First Place** Vanilla Dapper



Dapper

Our performance benchmarks

- **Second Place** Dapper Extensions with Dynamic SQL



Dapper Extensions

Our performance benchmarks

- **Third Place Dapper Async**



Dapper Async

Our performance benchmarks

- **Fourth Place** Entity Framework Projections (with overheads disabled)



Entity Framework Projections

Our performance benchmarks

- **Wooden Spoon** Entity Framework to Domain Model



Entity Framework to Domain Model

Conclusions

- **Architecture** choices + **Framework** choices
= **Performance** and **Simplicity**

Any Questions?