

# Extending Validation to Improve Data Integrity



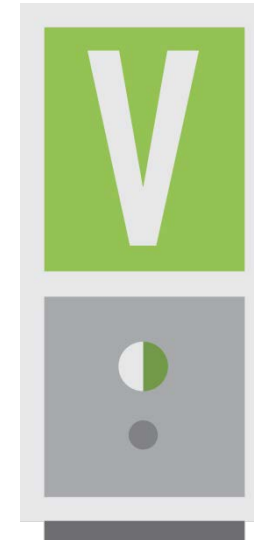
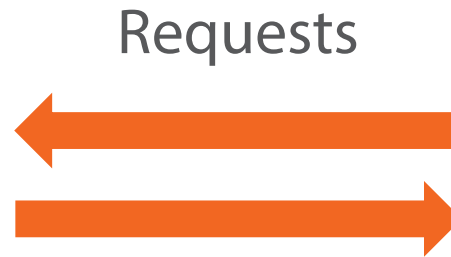
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# Client and Server Validation



**User Experience**  
(and Security)



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# Default Validation Attributes

```
public class Address
{
    [Required]
    public string Street { get; set; }
}
```

Required

Range

StringLength

Regular  
Expression

# Validating Models

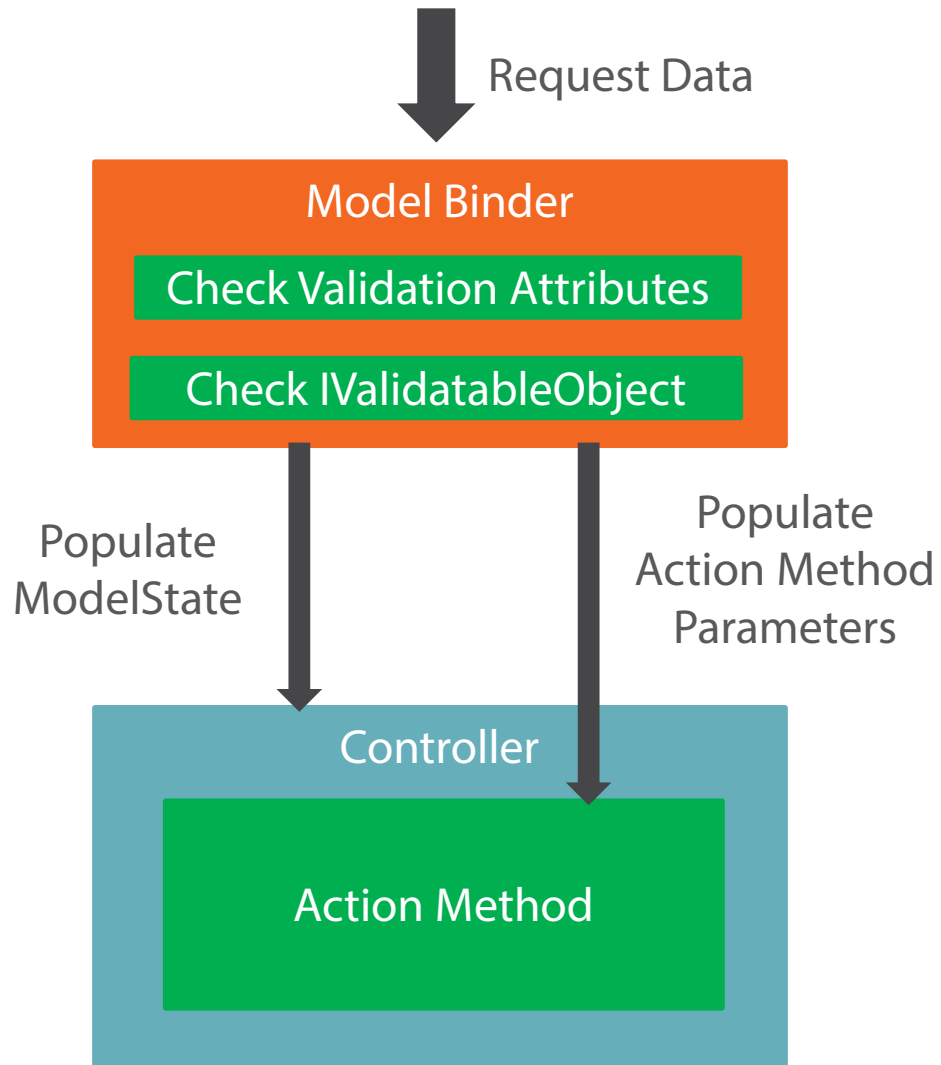
```
public class Address : IValidatableObject
{
    public string Street { get; set; }

    public IEnumerable<ValidationResult> Validate(ValidationContext
validationContext)
    {
        // Validation logic here
    }
}
```

# Weighing the Pros and Cons

	Attributes	ICollection
Advantages		
Disadvantages		

# Model Binding and Validation



```
public ActionResult Index()
{
    if(ModelState.IsValid)
    {
        // Method Logic
    }
}
```

# Summary



- MVC provides default validation attributes for common tasks
- Custom validation attributes are a reusable, isolated extension point
- The `IValidatableObject` interface can provide a convenient alternative for model level validation