

# ChatGPT



1. What is model binding? Where default model binder looks for data values and in which sequence? Discuss.
2. Define model binding. Explain binding simple data types with an example and code snippet.
3. Explain binding complex data type with an example and code snippet.
4. What is model validation? Why we need input data validation? Explain with two different examples.
5. Write code snippet and explain any two properties of ModelState.

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## 1. What is Model Binding? Where does the default model binder look for data values, and in which sequence? Discuss.

**Model Binding** in ASP.NET MVC (or ASP.NET Core) is the process of mapping HTTP request data (such as form data, query string, route data, and posted files) to method parameters in a controller action. Essentially, when an HTTP request is made to the server, the model binder automatically populates the parameters of the controller action with the incoming data from the request.

**Default Model Binder Behavior:** The default model binder looks for data values in the following order:

1. **Route Data:** The model binder first looks for values in the route data, which is derived from the URL itself. For example, if the route is ``/Product/Details/5``, the ``5`` can be extracted and bound to an action method parameter like ``id``.
2. **Query String:** Next, it looks in the query string of the URL. For example, a URL like ``/Product/Details?id=5`` will have the ``id`` parameter value bound from the query string.
3. **Form Data:** If the data is not found in the route or query string, the model binder looks for values in the form data (i.e., data posted from a form). For example, data submitted in a ``POST`` request will be searched in the form data.
4. **Cookies:** In some cases, if the data is not found in the form or query string, the model binder can search cookies, but this is less common.
5. **Files:** If there are files uploaded (e.g., via an HTML ``<input type="file">``), the binder will look for files in the request and map them to model properties marked with the appropriate attributes.

### Sequence of Search:

- Route Data
- Query String
- Form Data (for POST or PUT)
- Cookies

- Files

### Example:

Suppose you have a controller method as follows:

csharp

```
public ActionResult Edit(int id, string name, decimal price)
{
    // Code to edit the product using id, name, and price
}
```

- If the URL is `/Product/Edit/5?name=Laptop&price=999.99`, the model binder will first attempt to bind `id = 5` from the route data, then `name = Laptop` and `price = 999.99` from the query string.

## 2. Define Model Binding. Explain Binding Simple Data Types with an Example and Code Snippet.

**Model Binding** refers to the process of binding incoming HTTP request data to action method parameters in a controller. Simple data types like `int`, `string`, `bool`, `DateTime`, and `decimal` are the most common types that are bound by the model binder.

When binding **simple data types**, the model binder tries to match the name of the parameter in the action method to the name of the form fields or query string parameters. It uses default conventions (e.g., case-insensitive matching of parameter names).

### Example and Code Snippet:

Consider the following form and controller method:

#### 1. View:

html

```
<form method="post" action="/Product/Create">
  <input type="text" name="name" />
  <input type="text" name="price" />
  <input type="submit" value="Create" />
</form>
```

#### 2. Controller Method:

csharp

```
[HttpPost]
public ActionResult Create(string name, decimal price)
{
    // The model binder automatically binds the name and price
    // from the form fields with names "name" and "price".
    var newProduct = new Product { Name = name, Price = price };
    // Code to add product to the database
    return RedirectToAction("Index");
}
```

In this case, when the user submits the form with values like ``name` = "Laptop"` and ``price` = "1000"`, the model binder automatically binds these form values to the action method parameters ``name`` and ``price`` (converting the ``price`` from ``string`` to ``decimal``).

### 3. Explain Binding Complex Data Types with an Example and Code Snippet.

**Complex Data Types** refer to types that consist of multiple properties, such as custom classes or collections of objects. When binding complex types, the model binder will match the property names in the complex type with the form field names. For example, if you have a form with fields for an address object that contains street, city, and postal code properties, the model binder will match these fields to the corresponding properties of the ``Address`` class.

#### Example and Code Snippet:

Consider the following form and complex model:

##### 1. Model:

```
csharp

public class Address
{
    public string Street { get; set; }
    public string City { get; set; }
    public string PostalCode { get; set; }
}

public class User
{
    public string Name { get; set; }
    public Address Address { get; set; }
}
```

##### 2. View:

```
html

<form method="post" action="/User/Create">
    <input type="text" name="Name" />
    <input type="text" name="Address.Street" />
    <input type="text" name="Address.City" />
    <input type="text" name="Address.PostalCode" />
    <input type="submit" value="Create" />
</form>
```

##### 3. Controller Method:

```
csharp

[HttpPost]
public ActionResult Create(User user)
{
    // The model binder will automatically bind the form values to the properties
    // of the User model, including the nested Address object.
    var newUser = user; // user will have Name and Address populated
    // Code to save user to the database
}
```

```
return RedirectToAction("Index");
}
```

In this example, when the form is submitted, the model binder binds the `Name` field directly to the `Name` property of the `User` class. For the `Address` complex type, it looks for fields like `Address.Street`, `Address.City`, and `Address.PostalCode` and binds them to the respective properties of the `Address` object.

## 4. What is Model Validation? Why do we need input data validation? Explain with two different examples.

**Model Validation** in ASP.NET is the process of ensuring that the data provided by the user meets the business rules or constraints defined for a model. It helps prevent invalid data from being submitted and ensures that the model is in a valid state before being processed or saved to a database.

### Why We Need Input Data Validation:

1. **Security:** Prevents malicious input that could exploit vulnerabilities (e.g., SQL Injection, Cross-Site Scripting).
2. **Data Integrity:** Ensures that the data entered by the user conforms to the expected format and range (e.g., email addresses, phone numbers).
3. **User Experience:** Helps in providing immediate feedback to the user, guiding them to correct their input.

### Example 1: Validation Using Data Annotations

Consider a user registration form:

#### 1. Model:

csharp

```
public class UserRegistration
{
    [Required(ErrorMessage = "Username is required.")]
    [StringLength(50, MinimumLength = 5, ErrorMessage = "Username must be between 5 and
50 characters.")]
    public string Username { get; set; }

    [Required(ErrorMessage = "Email is required.")]
    [EmailAddress(ErrorMessage = "Invalid email format.")]
    public string Email { get; set; }
}
```

#### 2. View:

html

```
<form method="post" action="/User/Register">
    <input type="text" name="Username" />
    <input type="email" name="Email" />
    <input type="submit" value="Register" />
</form>
```

### 3. Controller Method:

```
csharp

[HttpPost]
public ActionResult Register(UserRegistration model)
{
    if (!ModelState.IsValid)
    {
        // Return with validation errors if any
        return View(model);
    }
    // Code to register user
    return RedirectToAction("Index");
}
```

**Explanation:** The `Required` and `StringLength` annotations ensure that the `Username` field is not empty and has a length between 5 and 50 characters. The `EmailAddress` annotation ensures the email format is valid. If validation fails, the `ModelState` will contain errors, and the user will be asked to correct them.

### Example 2: Custom Validation

Sometimes you may need to create custom validation logic:

#### 1. Model:

```
csharp

public class Product
{
    public int ProductId { get; set; }
    public string Name { get; set; }

    [CustomValidation(typeof(ProductValidator), "ValidatePrice")]
    public decimal Price { get; set; }
}

public class ProductValidator
{
    public static ValidationResult ValidatePrice(decimal price, ValidationContext context)
    {
        if (price <= 0)
        {
            return new ValidationResult("Price must be greater than zero.");
        }
        return ValidationResult.Success;
    }
}
```

#### 2. Controller Method:

```
csharp

[HttpPost]
public ActionResult Create(Product product)
{
    if (!ModelState.IsValid)
    {
        return View(product);
    }
}
```

```

    }
    // Save product
    return RedirectToAction("Index");
}

```

**Explanation:** The `CustomValidation` attribute is used to validate the `Price` property. In this case, it checks if the `Price` is greater than zero, and if not, it adds a validation error. Custom validation allows you to implement complex business logic.

## 5. Write Code Snippet and Explain Any Two Properties of ModelState.

**ModelState** contains the validation errors that occur when the model binding process runs. It is automatically populated by ASP.NET MVC during model binding and validation. Two important properties of `ModelState` are:

1. `ModelState.IsValid`: A Boolean property that indicates whether the model has passed validation.
2. `ModelState.AddModelError`: A method that allows you to manually add errors to the `ModelState` dictionary.

### Code Snippet:

csharp

```

[HttpPost]
public ActionResult Create(Product product)
{
    if (product.Price <= 0)
    {
        ModelState.AddModelError("Price", "Price must be greater than zero.");
    }

    if (!ModelState.IsValid)
    {
        return View(product); // Return the view with validation errors
    }

    // Save the product to the database
    return RedirectToAction("Index");
}

```

### Explanation:

- `ModelState.IsValid` checks if the model is valid. If it is `false`, it means there are validation errors (either from data annotations or manual validation logic).
- `ModelState.AddModelError` allows you to add a custom error for a specific field (`Price` in this case) when the validation fails. This helps provide clear feedback to the user.



6. What is implicit validation in ASP.NET Core? With appropriate example, explain two basic checks performed by implicit validation.
7. Explain implicit validation check considering following class.
8. With respect to explicit validation, explain any two ModelState values.
9. Analyze the following code and explain explicit validation from it.

10. With appropriate examples, explain "SetMissingBindRequiredValueAccessor" and "SetValueMustBeANumberAccessor".



## 6. What is Implicit Validation in ASP.NET Core? With an Appropriate Example, Explain Two Basic Checks Performed by Implicit Validation.

**Implicit Validation** in ASP.NET Core refers to automatic validation of model data by the framework based on data annotations applied to the model properties. When the model is posted back to the server (e.g., via a form submission), the ASP.NET Core MVC model binder automatically checks for validation attributes such as `[Required]`, `[StringLength]`, `[Range]`, `[EmailAddress]`, etc., and adds validation errors to the `ModelState` if the rules are violated.

In simple terms, **implicit validation** happens automatically when data is bound to the model and validated according to the defined attributes.

### Two Basic Checks Performed by Implicit Validation:

#### 1. Required Field Validation (`[Required]` attribute):

- **Description:** The `[Required]` attribute checks whether a property has been provided (i.e., is not null or empty).
- **Example:** If a property is marked with `[Required]` and the user submits an empty value for that property, the validation fails, and an error is added to the `ModelState`.

#### Example:

```
csharp

public class User
{
    [Required(ErrorMessage = "Username is required.")]
    public string Username { get; set; }
}
```

If the user does not provide a `Username` value, the validation will fail, and the error message "Username is required" will be added to the `ModelState`.

#### 2. String Length Validation (`[StringLength]` attribute):

- **Description:** The `[StringLength]` attribute checks if the string length is within the specified range.
- **Example:** If a string property exceeds or doesn't meet the specified length, validation will fail.

#### Example:

```
csharp

public class Product
{
    [StringLength(50, MinimumLength = 5, ErrorMessage = "Name must be between 5 and 50 characters.")]
    public string Name { get; set; }
}
```

```
public string Name { get; set; }
}
```

If the `Name` entered is less than 5 characters or more than 50 characters, the validation will fail and an error message will be added to the `ModelState`.

## 7. Explain Implicit Validation Check Considering the Following Class.

Let's consider the following class that uses implicit validation:

csharp

```
public class Product
{
    [Required(ErrorMessage = "Product name is required.")]
    [StringLength(100, MinimumLength = 5, ErrorMessage = "Product name must be between 5 and
100 characters.")]
    public string Name { get; set; }

    [Range(1, 10000, ErrorMessage = "Price must be between $1 and $10,000.")]
    public decimal Price { get; set; }

    [EmailAddress(ErrorMessage = "Invalid email format.")]
    public string ManufacturerEmail { get; set; }
}
```

In this class, the following implicit validation checks will be performed automatically by ASP.NET Core:

1. **Required Validation** (`[Required]`): Ensures that the `Name` property is not null or empty. If the value is missing, a validation error will be triggered.
2. **String Length Validation** (`[StringLength]`): Ensures that the `Name` property has a length between 5 and 100 characters. If the length is outside of this range, validation fails.
3. **Range Validation** (`[Range]`): Ensures that the `Price` is between 1 and 10,000. If the price falls outside this range, a validation error will occur.
4. **Email Address Validation** (`[EmailAddress]`): Ensures that the `ManufacturerEmail` is in a valid email format. If the email format is invalid, a validation error will be added.

These validations are performed automatically during the model binding process when the form is submitted. If any validation fails, the `ModelState` will contain errors and you can check `ModelState.IsValid` to determine whether the model is valid.

## 8. With Respect to Explicit Validation, Explain Any Two ModelState Values.

**Explicit Validation** in ASP.NET Core involves adding custom validation logic using attributes like `CustomValidation` or by manually validating the `ModelState` in the controller or service layer. When you validate a model explicitly, you check the value of `ModelState` after binding to ensure the data meets the required business rules.

**ModelState** is an enumeration that represents the validation status of the model. Two important values of this enumeration are:

1. **ModelState.Valid**:
  - **Description:** This value indicates that the model has passed all validation checks and is considered valid. There are no errors in the `ModelState`.



- **Example:**

```
csharp

if (ModelState.IsValid)
{
    // Proceed with the operation since model validation passed
}
else
{
    // Handle validation errors
}
```

## 2. `ModelState.Invalid`:

- **Description:** This value indicates that the model has failed one or more validation checks. The model contains errors in the `ModelState`.
- **Example:**

```
csharp

if (!ModelState.IsValid)
{
    // Return the view with validation errors
    return View(model);
}
```

In these scenarios, you can use `ModelState.IsValid` to check the validation state. If the state is invalid, you can take appropriate action, such as displaying error messages or redisplaying the form with the invalid data.

## 9. Analyze the Following Code and Explain Explicit Validation from It.

Let's assume the following code snippet demonstrates **explicit validation** using custom validation logic.

```
csharp

public class Product
{
    [Required]
    public string Name { get; set; }

    [Range(1, 10000)]
    public decimal Price { get; set; }
}

[HttpPost]
public IActionResult Create(Product product)
{
    if (product.Price < 0)
    {
        ModelState.AddModelError("Price", "Price cannot be negative.");
    }

    if (product.Name == "InvalidName")
    {
        ModelState.AddModelError("Name", "Name cannot be 'InvalidName'.");
    }

    if (!ModelState.IsValid)
    {
        // Handle validation errors
    }
}
```

```
        return View(product); // Return view with errors
    }

    // Save the product to the database
    return RedirectToAction("Index");
}
```

## Explanation of Explicit Validation:

- The `Product` class has two properties (`Name` and `Price`) with implicit validation using `[Required]` and `[Range]` attributes.
- In the controller method `Create`, we explicitly add validation checks for the `Price` and `Name` properties:
  1. **Price Validation:** The price cannot be negative. If the price is less than zero, a custom validation error is added to `ModelState` using `ModelState.AddModelError()`.
  2. **Name Validation:** The name cannot be "InvalidName". If the name is set to "InvalidName", another custom error is added to `ModelState`.
- After these custom checks, we explicitly check `ModelState.IsValid`. If it's not valid (i.e., any validation errors are present), the method returns the view with the `Product` object, which includes the error messages.

This is an example of explicit validation, where the developer manually adds validation errors to the `ModelState` instead of relying solely on data annotations.

## 10. With Appropriate Examples, Explain "SetMissingBindRequiredValueAccessor" and "SetValueMustBeANumberAccessor".

In ASP.NET Core, certain **value accessors** are used during model binding to handle special cases where specific binding logic is required. These accessors control how data binding and validation should behave for particular types of data.

### 1. `SetMissingBindRequiredValueAccessor`:

- **Purpose:** This accessor is used to handle cases where a required value for a model property is missing. If a property is marked as `[Required]`, and the value is missing (e.g., null or empty), this accessor defines how to deal with it during model binding.
- **Example:**

```
csharp

public class User
{
    [Required(ErrorMessage = "Username is required.")]
    public string Username { get; set; }
}

[HttpPost]
public IActionResult Register(User user)
{
    if (!ModelState.IsValid)
    {
        return View(user); // Return view with validation errors
    }
    // Save the user to the database
    return RedirectToAction("Index");
}
```

In this example, if the `Username` is not provided, `SetMissingBindRequiredValueAccessor` will ensure that the `[Required]` validation error is triggered.

## 2. `SetValueMustBeANumberAccessor`:

- **Purpose:** This accessor is used when the model binding process expects a numeric value (e.g., `int`, `decimal`, `double`), and the incoming data cannot be converted to a valid number. It ensures that the correct validation error is triggered when the input cannot be parsed as a number.
- **Example:**

```
csharp

public class Product
{
    [Range(1, 10000, ErrorMessage = "Price must be a number between 1 and 10,000.")]
    public decimal Price { get; set; }
}

[HttpPost]
public IActionResult Create(Product product)
{
    if (!ModelState.IsValid)
    {
        return View(product); // Return view with validation errors
    }
    // Save product to the database
    return RedirectToAction("Index");
}
```

In this case, if the user submits a non-numeric value for `Price`, `SetValueMustBeANumberAccessor` will trigger a validation error, indicating that the value must be a valid number.

These accessors provide additional flexibility for model binding and validation in ASP.NET Core, ensuring that invalid data is handled appropriately during the request processing lifecycle.



11. Draw the diagram and explain client-side validation and server-side validation.
12. What is client-side validation? Explain two advantages and two limitations of client-side validation.
13. What is server-side validation? Explain two advantages and two limitations of server-side validation.
14. Which packages are required to use client-side validation in ASP.NET Core? Write and explain code snippet for client-side validation in ASP.NET Core.
15. What is remote validation? Explain any two advantages of it.



## 11. Draw the Diagram and Explain Client-Side Validation and Server-Side Validation.

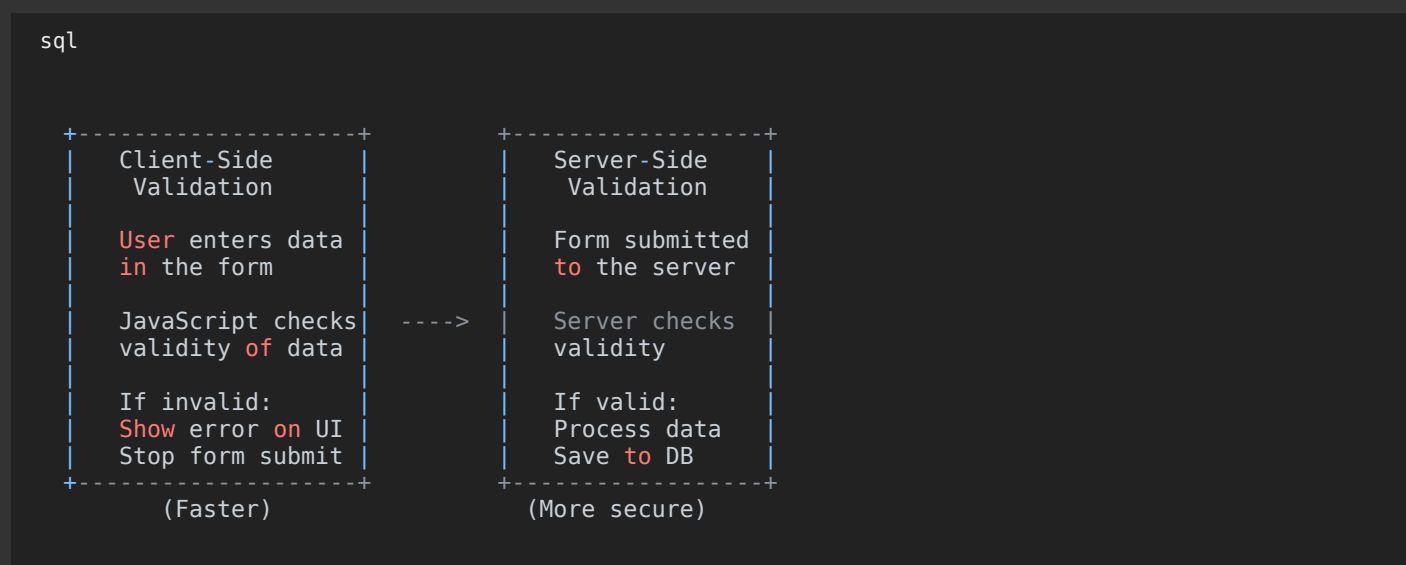
### Client-Side Validation:

Client-side validation occurs in the user's browser before the form is submitted to the server. This validation checks the form data for correctness (such as required fields, valid email formats, etc.) using JavaScript or HTML5 attributes.

### Server-Side Validation:

Server-side validation occurs on the server after the form data has been submitted. It checks the data for correctness and ensures that no invalid or malicious data reaches the server. Server-side validation is essential for security.

### Diagram:



### Explanation:

#### 1. Client-Side Validation:

- **Pre-Submission Validation:** Ensures the user's data meets basic criteria (like ensuring a field isn't left blank or an email address is in the right format) **before** the data is sent to the server.
- **Tools Used:** JavaScript, HTML5 form validation attributes (`required`, `pattern`, `type`, etc.), and front-end frameworks like jQuery or Angular.
- **Benefits:** Reduces the load on the server and improves the user experience with instant feedback.

#### 2. Server-Side Validation:

- **Post-Submission Validation:** Ensures the data is valid after it is sent to the server. It validates data in the backend to protect against malicious or invalid data.
- **Tools Used:** ASP.NET Core validation features such as data annotations (`[Required]`, `[StringLength]`, etc.), custom validation logic, or external validation logic.
- **Benefits:** Ensures security, protects against tampering, and guards against invalid or malicious data.

## 12. What is Client-Side Validation? Explain Two Advantages and Two Limitations of Client-Side Validation.

**Client-Side Validation** refers to performing data validation in the browser (on the client) using JavaScript, HTML5 validation attributes, or JavaScript frameworks like jQuery. It is used to check if the user input matches required formats or constraints **before** sending the data to the server.

## Advantages of Client-Side Validation:

1. **Immediate Feedback:** Users get instant validation feedback without waiting for the server to respond, improving the user experience.
  - Example: If the user forgets to enter their email address, they will see an error message right away.
2. **Reduced Server Load:** Since the validation is performed in the browser, the server only processes valid data. This reduces unnecessary network traffic and load on the server.

## Limitations of Client-Side Validation:

1. **Security Risk:** Client-side validation can be bypassed by malicious users who disable JavaScript or manipulate the client-side code. This means that client-side validation cannot be relied upon for security.
  - Example: A user might disable JavaScript and bypass your email validation checks.
2. **Limited Validation:** Client-side validation is limited to what can be done on the browser. It cannot check certain complex validations that require server-side resources (such as checking if an email already exists in the database).

## 13. What is Server-Side Validation? Explain Two Advantages and Two Limitations of Server-Side Validation.

**Server-Side Validation** refers to validating the user input on the server after the form is submitted. It is the final line of defense and is crucial for ensuring that the data entering the system is secure and valid.

### Advantages of Server-Side Validation:

1. **Security:** It is more secure because it cannot be bypassed by the user. Even if the user disables JavaScript or tampers with the form data, the server will still perform validation and reject malicious or incorrect data.
  - Example: Checking if a password is strong or verifying that a user doesn't submit harmful data like SQL injection.
2. **Complete Validation:** Server-side validation allows for more complex validations such as checking if a username already exists in the database or verifying that the input adheres to business rules (e.g., checking if the selected product is in stock).

### Limitations of Server-Side Validation:

1. **Performance:** Since every form submission involves a round trip to the server, server-side validation can be slower compared to client-side validation. This can affect the responsiveness of your application, especially when the server is under heavy load.
  - Example: A user has to wait until the server responds before knowing if their form submission is valid.
2. **User Experience:** If validation occurs only on the server side, the user must wait for a response before knowing whether their input is correct. This can lead to frustration, as they may not receive immediate feedback.
  - Example: A user submits a form and only after the server processes it, they get a message saying "Email already exists."

## 14. Which Packages are Required to Use Client-Side Validation in ASP.NET Core? Write and Explain Code Snippet for Client-Side Validation in ASP.NET Core.

In ASP.NET Core, client-side validation can be used with the help of the following packages:

1. `Microsoft.jQuery.Unobtrusive.Validation`: This package enables unobtrusive client-side validation by wiring up jQuery with the validation logic.
2. `jQuery`: jQuery is required for the actual validation mechanism.

These two packages are typically added by default in a new ASP.NET Core project with MVC template.

## Code Snippet for Client-Side Validation:

1. **Adding Packages:** In your `Startup.cs`, ensure the appropriate services are added for client-side validation:

```
csharp

public void ConfigureServices(IServiceCollection services)
{
    services.AddControllersWithViews()
        .AddRazorRuntimeCompilation()
        .AddDataAnnotationsLocalization();
}
```

2. **View (Razor Page):**

```
html

@model MyApp.Models.User
@using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc.Rendering
@addTagHelper *, Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc.TagHelpers

<form asp-action="Create" method="post">
    <div class="form-group">
        <label for="Username">Username</label>
        <input asp-for="Username" class="form-control" />
        <span asp-validation-for="Username" class="text-danger"></span>
    </div>

    <div class="form-group">
        <label for="Email">Email</label>
        <input asp-for="Email" class="form-control" />
        <span asp-validation-for="Email" class="text-danger"></span>
    </div>

    <button type="submit" class="btn btn-primary">Submit</button>
</form>

@section Scripts {
    <script src="https://code.jquery.com/jquery-3.6.0.min.js"></script>
    <script src="~/lib/jquery.validate.min.js"></script>
    <script src="~/lib/jquery.validate.unobtrusive.min.js"></script>
}
```

3. **Model:**

```
csharp

public class User
{
    [Required(ErrorMessage = "Username is required.")]
}
```

```
public string Username { get; set; }

[Required(ErrorMessage = "Email is required.")]
[EmailAddress(ErrorMessage = "Invalid email format.")]
public string Email { get; set; }
}
```

In this example:

- The HTML form uses the `asp-for` tag helper to bind the `Username` and `Email` properties to input fields.
- Validation messages are displayed using the `asp-validation-for` tag helper.
- jQuery and `jquery.validate` are used to perform client-side validation, ensuring that the form data is checked before being submitted.

## 15. What is Remote Validation? Explain Any Two Advantages of It.

**Remote Validation** is a type of validation where the validation logic is performed on the server, but the validation request is sent via AJAX (Asynchronous JavaScript and XML) to the server without requiring a full page reload. This allows for real-time validation, such as checking if an email address or username is already taken without submitting the entire form.

In ASP.NET Core, you can use the `Remote` attribute to specify that a validation check should be done on the server via AJAX.

### Example of Remote Validation:

csharp

```
public class User
{
    [Required]
    public string Username { get; set; }

    [Remote("IsUsernameAvailable", "User", ErrorMessage = "Username is already taken.")]
    public string Username { get; set; }
}
```

In the controller:

csharp

```
public class UserController : Controller
{
    [HttpGet]
    public JsonResult IsUsernameAvailable(string username)
    {
        bool isAvailable = !db.Users.Any(u => u.Username == username);
        return Json(isAvailable);
    }
}
```

### Advantages of Remote Validation:

1. **Real-Time Feedback:** Users can get instant feedback while filling out the form. For example, they will know immediately if their chosen username or email is already taken, without having to submit the form.
2. **Prevents Invalid Submissions:** By using AJAX to check data before submission, it reduces the number of invalid submissions to the server, improving efficiency and reducing server load.

In summary, **Remote Validation** provides a seamless experience for users by allowing server-side validation asynchronously, thus enhancing user experience and improving server-side validation logic.