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- **Individual field validation**

Protocol

Great for composition, removes dependency on other classes

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- Value can be any kind of object

Email Validator

```
- (BOOL)validateValue:(id)value error:(out NSError *__autoreleasing *)error
{
  if ([value respondsToSelector:@selector(length)]) {
    NSRegularExpression *regex = [self regularExpression];

    NSUInteger matchCount = [regex numberOfMatchesInString:value options:0
                                                     range:NSMakeRange(0, [value length])];

    if (!matchCount && error) {
      *error = [NSError errorWithDomain:self.errorDomain
                                   code:self.errorCode
                               userInfo:self.errorInfo];
    }

    return matchCount;
  }

  return NO;
}
```

What about multiple validators?

Compound Validator

```
typedef NS_ENUM(NSInteger, SPXCompoundDataValidationType)
{
  SPXCompoundDataValidatorValidateAll,
  SPXCompoundDataValidatorValidateAny
};

@interface SPXCompoundDataValidator : NSObject <SPXDataValidator>

+ (instancetype)validatorWithValidators:(NSOrderedSet *)validators
                         validationType:(SPXCompoundDataValidationType)type;

@end
```

Core Data

NSManagedObject

```
- (BOOL)validateValue:(__autoreleasing id *)value
               forKey:(NSString *)key
                error:(NSError *__autoreleasing *)error
{
  if ([key isEqualToString:@"email"]) {
    SPXEmailDataValidator *validator = [SPXEmailDataValidator new];
    BOOL isValid = [validator validate:*value error:error];
    return isValid;
  }

  return YES;
}
```

What about User Interface Controls?

— UITextField, UITextView, etc…

UITextField (SPXDataValidatorAdditions)

```
@interface UITextField (SPXDataValidatorAdditions)
@property (nonatomic, strong) id <SPXDataValidator> validator;
@end

- (void)applyValidator:(id<SPXDataValidator>)validator;
```

UITextField (SPXDataValidatorAdditions)

```
- (BOOL)validateWithError:(out NSError *__autoreleasing *)error
{
  if (!self.validator) {
    return YES;
  }

  return [self.validator validateValue:self.text error:error];
}
```

Form Validation

```
- (BOOL)isFormReady
{
  for (UITextField *field in self.fields) {
    if (![field validateWithError:nil]) {
      return NO;
    }
  }

  return YES;
}

- (void)textFieldDidChange:(UITextField *)textField
{
  self.signInButton.enabled = [self isFormReady];
}
```

Get the code?

http://github.com/shaps80/SPXFormValidators

Please submit PRs for useful validators ;)

pod 'SPXFormValidators'

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