

- The `$form` and `$tags` are nullable properties because not every subscriber has them.

I know it's probably a lot of new information but bare with me. Now let's see what the request and the validation rules look like:

```
public static function rules(): array
{
    return [
        'email' => [
            'required',
            'email',
            Rule::unique('subscribers', 'email')
                →ignore(request('subscriber')),
        ],
        'first_name' => ['required', 'string'],
        'last_name' => ['nullable', 'sometimes', 'string'],
        'tag_ids' => ['nullable', 'sometimes', 'array'],
        'form_id' => ['nullable', 'sometimes', 'exists:forms,id'],
    ];
}
```

There are some basic validation rules here, maybe the e-mail that is a bit more complicated, so let me explain it:

- The `email` has to be unique. Laravel will run a `select` query to check if there's a record in the `subscribers` table with the e-mail in the request.
- It works perfectly when creating a new subscriber.
- When it's an update, we need to ignore the currently updated subscriber's e-mail address. Otherwise, Laravel will throw an exception because the `subscribers` table already contains this e-mail address.