**Validation attributes in asp.net mvc provides both client and server side validation.** There are 2 simple steps to enable client side validation in asp.net mvc.  
  
**Step 1:**Enable **ClientValidation**and **UnobtrusiveJavaScript**in web.config file.  
<appSettings>  
  <add key="ClientValidationEnabled" value="true" />  
  <add key="UnobtrusiveJavaScriptEnabled" value="true" />  
</appSettings>  
  
   
  
**Step 2:**Include a reference to the following **javascript files.**In real time, the references to the javascript files are included in the master page. This avoids the need to reference them on each and every view where we need validation. **The order in which the script files are referenced is also important.**jquery.validate is dependant on jquery and /jquery.validate.unobtrusive is dependant on jquery.validate, so they should be referenced in the following order. Otherwise, client side validation will not work. In short, JavaScript is parsed "top-down", so all dependencies need to be referenced before the dependant reference.  
<script src="~/Scripts/jquery-1.7.1.min.js" type="text/javascript"></script>  
<script src="~/Scripts/jquery.validate.min.js" type="text/javascript"></script>  
<script src="~/Scripts/jquery.validate.unobtrusive.min.js" type="text/javascript"></script>  
  
With these 2 changes, validation should now happen on the client without a round trip to the server. If the client disables javascript in the browser, then client side validation does not work, but server side validation will continue to work as normal.