# Data Binding & Validation

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- Spring will
  - create object
  - call setter for each parameter
  - pass the object to the method

created from
request parameters

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# JavaBean

```
public class Country {
    private String name;

    public Country() {
    }

    public String getName() {
        return name;
    }

    public void setName(String name) {
        this.name = name;
    }
}
```

public no-arg constructor

getter and setter
define a property

# Binding your form

```
<form:form method="POST" action="${pageContext.request.contextPath}/country.htm"
                                                        modelAttribute="country">
    <form:hidden path="id" />

    <p class="form-group">
        <label for="name" class="control-label">Name (required):</label>
        <form:input id="name" path="name"/>
        <form:errors path="name" cssClass="error"/>
    </p>

    <p class="form-group">
        <label for="numberInhabitants" class="control-label">
            Number of inhabitants:</label>
        <form:input id=" numberInhabitants " path="numberInhabitants"/>
        <form:errors path="numberInhabitants" cssClass="error"/>
    </p>

    <p>
        <input id="save" type="submit" class="btn btn-default">Save</input>
    </p>
</form:form>
```

# BindingResult

- BindingResult will
  - hold the result of the validation, binding and contain errors that may have occurred
  - must be defined right after the model object

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Can be used to retrieve error messages

# Handling Errors

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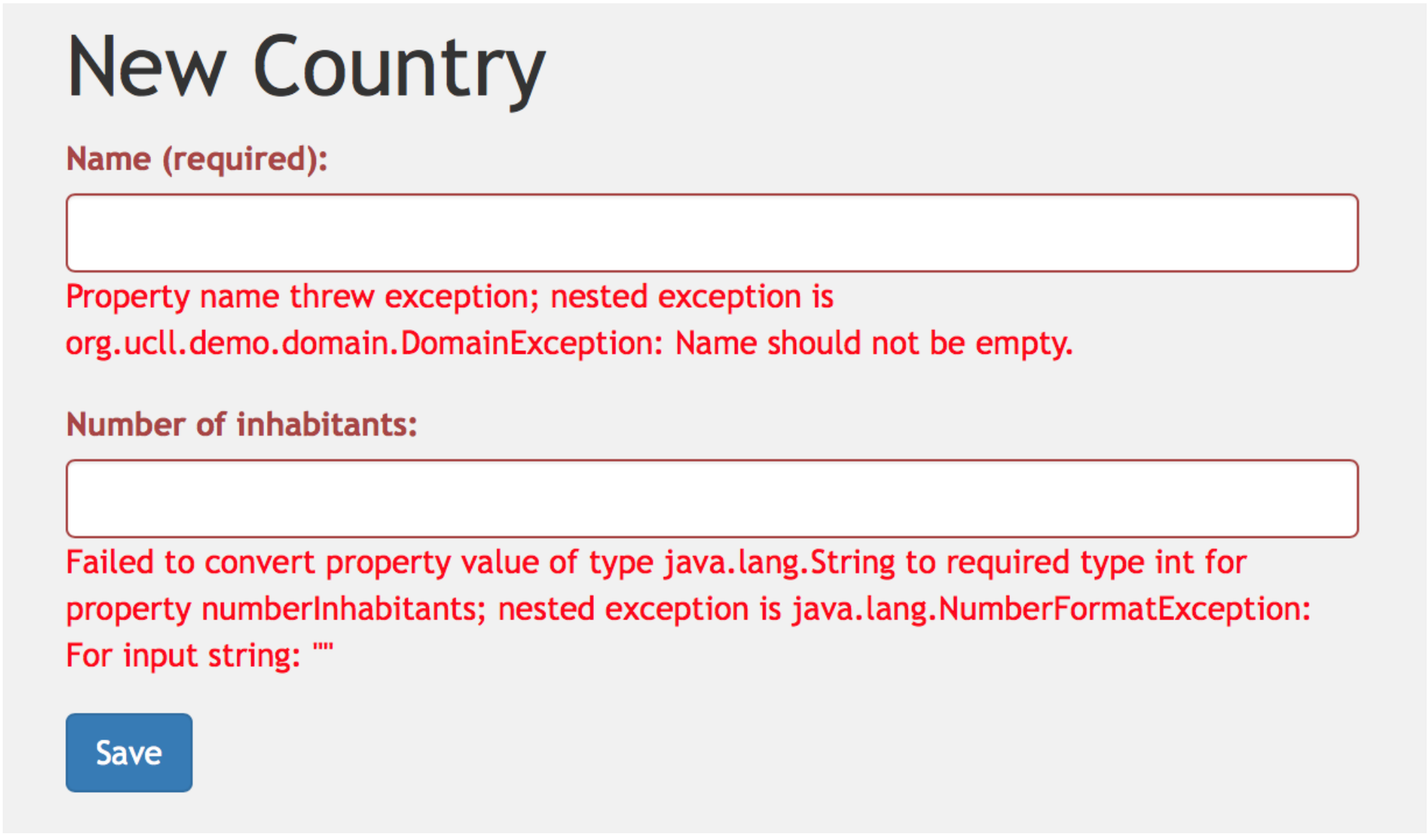
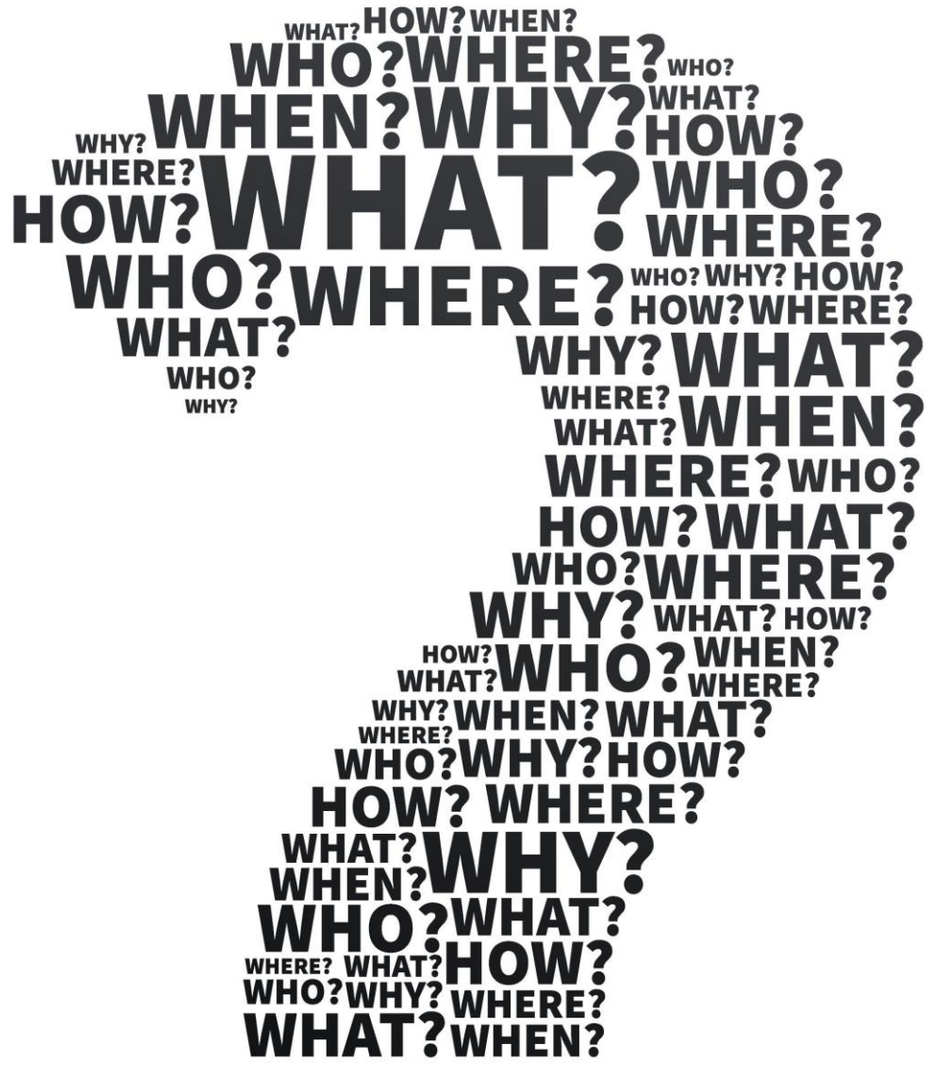
# What about proper error messages?

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