

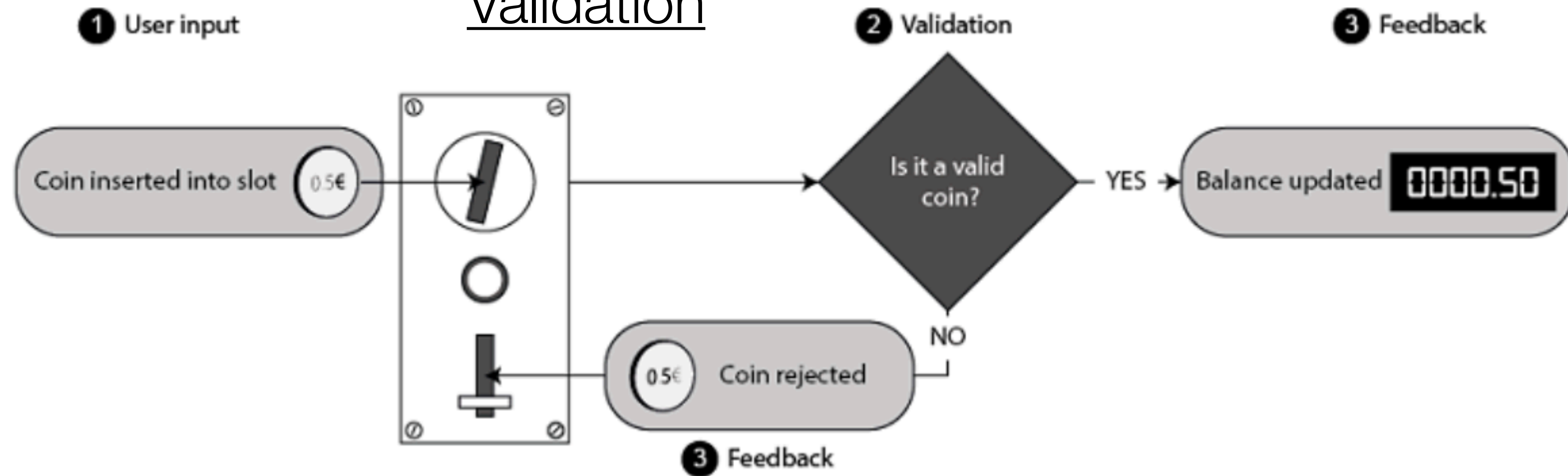
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Joi is a node validation module providing general purpose schema based validation.

Validation



- A vending machine has several inputs that it needs to validate.
- If any of the inputs don't match its expectations, the machine will halt normal functioning and give some feedback to the user on what went wrong.
- E.g if you place a foreign coin in the slot, the machine will reject the coin and spit it out into the coin return tray.
- Rely on the feedback we get from validation to make sure users can operate systems correctly



<https://github.com/hapijs/joi>

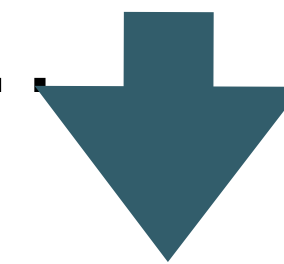
- Joi is a Node.js module for data validation.
- Can validate any kind of JavaScript values:
 - simple scalar data type such as a string, number or boolean
 - complex values consisting of several levels of nested objects and arrays
- Can be used as a standalone module in any Node application.
- hapi has been designed with Joi in mind (rather than the other way around)

Fluent Interfaces

- Fluent interfaces are an approach to API design.
- They're also commonly known as chainable interfaces - consist of methods that are chained onto one another.
- Fluent interfaces can promote more readable code where a number of steps are involved and you're not interested in the intermediate returned values.

```
const toast = new Toast();  
toast.cook('3 minutes');  
toast.spread('butter');  
toast.spread('raspberry jam');  
toast.serve();
```

- If the return value of each method call is another Toast object...



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```

fluent

Fluent Joi Interface

- Joi schemas are built using a fluent interface.
- A schema for a Javascript date that falls within the month of December 2015, and is formatted in ISO date format

```
const schema = Joi.date()  
  .min('12-1-2015')  
  .max('12-31-2015')  
  .iso();
```

How Joi works: 4 Steps

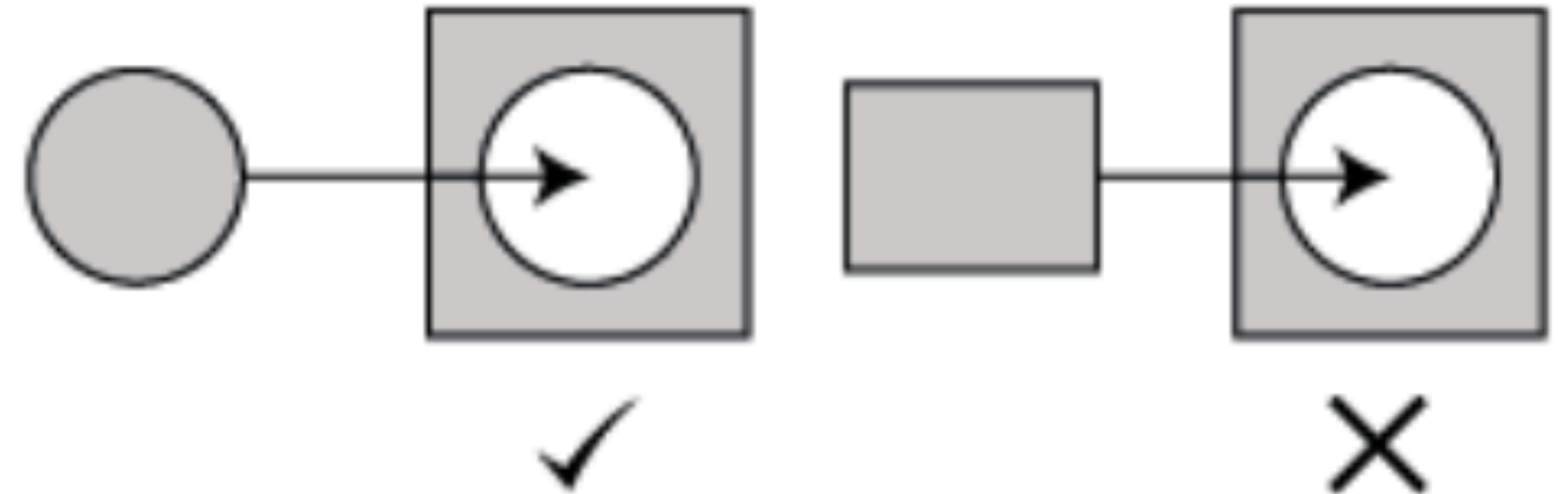
1. Create a schema



2. Pick some objects to test



3. Test objects against schema



4. Give feedback to user

Rectangle didn't fit:

shape must have a maximum of 1 side

A schema is an object that describes application expectations and is what the app will be checking real data against.

Joi Example 1

- To test a schema against a real value, use :
`Joi.assert(value, schema);`
- Joi will throw an error upon encountering the first validation failure.

```
const Joi = require('joi');  
  
const schema = Joi.string().min(6).max(10);  
  
const updatePassword = function (password) {  
  Joi.assert(password, schema);  
  console.log('Validation success!');  
};  
  
updatePassword('password');
```

```
/usr/local/bin/node /Users/edeleastar/repos/modules/wit-hdip-comp-sci/ent-web-prj/donation-web/t.js  
Validation success!
```

```
Process finished with exit code 0
```

Joi Example 1

- The error message logged will contain some useful information about where the validation failed.

```
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const schema = Joi.string().min(6).max(10);

const updatePassword = function (password) {
  Joi.assert(password, schema);
  console.log('Validation success!');
};

updatePassword('pass');
```

```
/usr/local/bin/node /Users/edeleastar/repos/modules/wit-hdip-comp-sci/ent-web-prj/donation-web/t.js
/Users/edeleastar/repos/modules/wit-hdip-comp-sci/ent-web-prj/donation-web/node_modules/joi/lib/index.js:185
```

```
    throw error;
    ^
```

ValidationError: "value" length must be at least 6 characters long

at Object.exports.process (/Users/edeleastar/repos/modules/wit-hdip-comp-sci/ent-web-prj/donation-web/node_modules/joi/lib/errors.js:203:19)

at internals.String._validateWithOptions (/Users/edeleastar/repos/modules/wit-hdip-comp-sci/ent-web-prj/donation-web/node_modules/joi/lib/types/any/index.js:764:31)

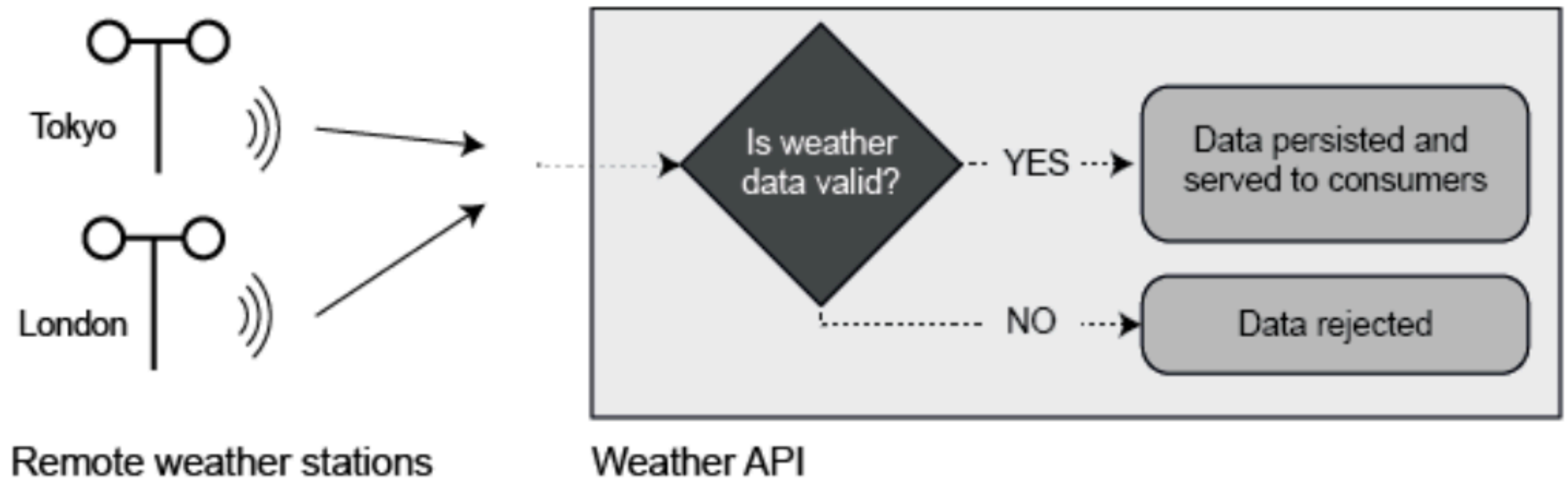
.....

at Object.Module._extensions..js (internal/modules/cjs/loader.js:700:10)

at Module.load (internal/modules/cjs/loader.js:599:32)

Process finished with exit code 1

Joi Example 2: Scenario



- API collects data from automated weather measuring stations around the world. This data is then persisted and can be retrieved by consumers of the API to get up-to-the-minute data for their region.
- Each weather report that is sent by the stations has to follow a standard format. The reports are composed of several fields and can be represented as a JavaScript object

Joi Example 2: Sample

sample
report

```
const report = {  
  station: 'Tramore',  
  datetime: 'Wed Jul 22 2016 12:00:00 GMT+0800',  
  temp: 93,  
  humidity: 95,  
  precipitation: false,  
  windDirection: 'E',  
};
```

- Need to validate all the incoming data to ensure that it matches the standard format.
- Accepting invalid data from a malfunctioning station could cause unknown problems for consumers of my API

Joi Example 2: Validation Rules

<u>Field name</u>	<u>Datatype</u>	<u>Required</u>	<u>Other restrictions</u>
station	String	Yes	Max 100 characters
datetime	Date	Yes	
temp(°F)	Number	Yes	Between -140 and 140
humidity	Number	Yes	Between 0 and 100
precipitation	Boolean	No	
windDirection	String	No	One of N, NE, E, SE, S, SW, W, NW

- Specification of Valid WeatherReport data

Joi Example 2: Joi Schema

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windDirection	String	No	One of N, NE, E, SE, S, SW, W, NW

```
const schema = {
  station: Joi.string().max(100).required(),
  datetime: Joi.date().required(),
  temp: Joi.number().min(-140).max(140).required(),
  humidity: Joi.number().min(0).max(100).required(),
  precipitation: Joi.boolean(),
  windDirection: Joi.string()
    .valid(['N', 'NE', 'E', 'SE', 'S', 'SW', 'W', 'NW']),
};
```


Joi Schema Types

Schema type	Matches (JS value)	Example
<code>Joi.any()</code>	Any data type	<code>Joi.any().valid(6, 'six')</code>
<code>Joi.array()</code>	Arrays	<code>Joi.array().length(5)</code>
<code>Joi.boolean()</code>	Booleans	<code>Joi.boolean().required()</code>
<code>Joi.binary()</code>	Buffers (or Strings)	<code>Joi.binary().encoding('utf8')</code>
<code>Joi.date()</code>	Dates	<code>Joi.date().iso()</code>
<code>Joi.func()</code>	Functions	<code>Joi.func().required();</code>
<code>Joi.number()</code>	Numbers (or Strings)	<code>Joi.number().greater(100)</code>
<code>Joi.object()</code>	Objects	<code>Joi.object().keys({...})</code>
<code>Joi.string()</code>	Strings	<code>Joi.string().email()</code>

Joi **assert** vs validate

```
const Joi = require('joi');  
  
const fruits = ['mango', 'apple', 'potato'];  
const schema = Joi.array().items(['mango', 'apple', 'grape']);  
  
Joi.assert(fruits, schema);  
  
console.log('This code will never execute');
```

Exception
here



This statement
never
executed

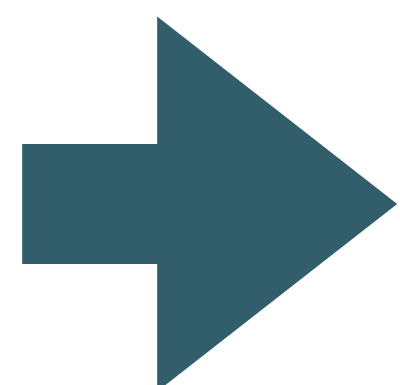


Joi assert vs **validate**

```
const Joi = require('joi');
const fruits = ['mango', 'apple', 'potato'];
const schema = Joi.array().items(['mango', 'apple', 'grape']);

Joi.validate(fruits, schema, function(err, value) {
  if (!err) {
    console.log('The object was valid');
  } else {
    console.log("The object wasn't valid");
  }
  console.log('This code will still run');
});
```

- Joi.validate() won't cause an exception in the program if the tested object doesn't pass the validation:

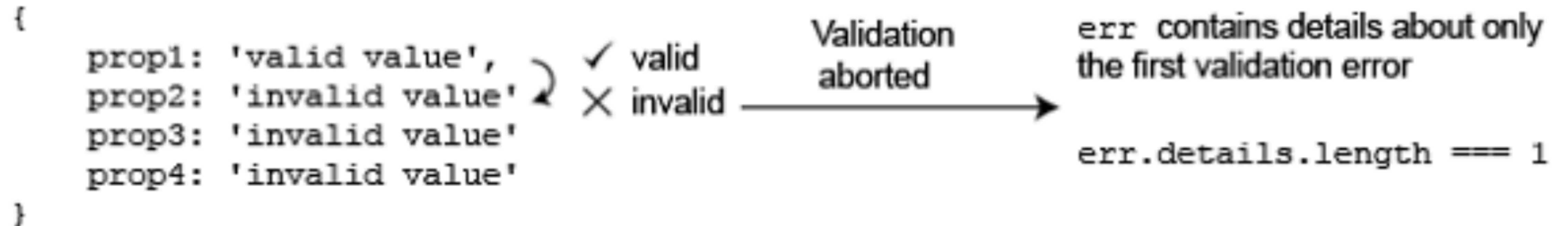


- provides an error object which contains the details of what happened during validation

abortEarly Option

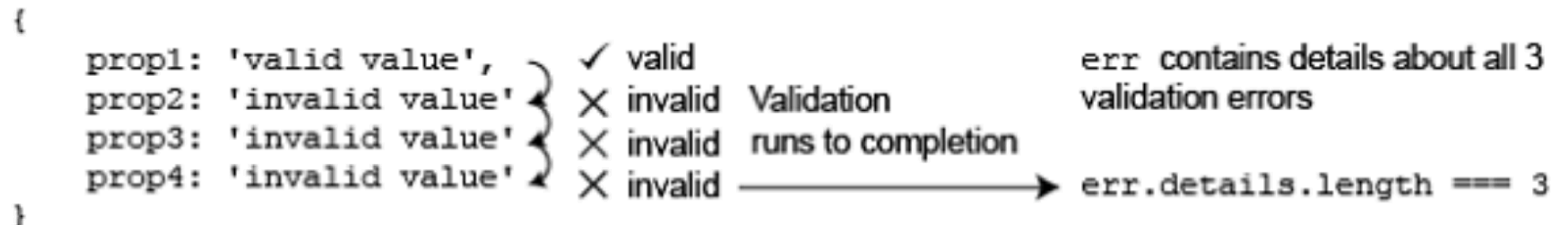
abortEarly set to true (the default value)

```
Joi.validate(obj, schema, function (err, value) {...});
```



abortEarly set to false

```
Joi.validate(obj, schema, { abortEarly:false }, function (err, value) {...});
```



```
const Joi = require('joi');
```

```
const product = {  
  id: 5489,  
  name: 'Trouser press',  
  price: {  
    value: 34.88,  
    currency: 'GBP'  
  }  
};
```

```
const schema = {  
  id: Joi.number().max(4000),  
  name: Joi.string(),  
  price: {  
    value: Joi.number(),  
    currency: Joi.string().valid(['USD', 'EUR'])  
  }  
};
```

```
Joi.validate(product, schema, { abortEarly: false }, function(err, data) {  
  console.log(JSON.stringify(err.details, null, 2));  
});
```

```
[  
  {  
    "message": "\"id\" must be less than or equal to 4000",  
    "path": [  
      "id"  
    ],  
    "type": "number.max",  
    "context": {  
      "limit": 4000,  
      "value": 5489,  
      "key": "id",  
      "label": "id"  
    }  
  },  
  {  
    "message": "\"currency\" must be one of [USD, EUR]",  
    "path": [  
      "price",  
      "currency"  
    ],  
    "type": "any.allowOnly",  
    "context": {  
      "value": "GBP",  
      "valids": [  
        "USD",  
        "EUR"  
      ],  
      "key": "currency",  
      "label": "currency"  
    }  
  }  
]
```