

# Managing Validators

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The [Validator](#) functionality within the **Struts framework** is intended for validating the data of forms in a Web application.

The Validator functionality uses two `xml` configuration files:

- The `validator-rules.xml` file defines the standard reusable validation routines that make the basis for configuring form-specific validations. The file is created when you enable Struts support and is supplied with a predefined set of commonly used validation rules such as **Required, Minimum Length, Maximum length, Date Validation, Email Address validation** and others.

The file is closed for editing.

- In the `validation.xml` file, define the validations applied to a particular form bean.

While you edit `validation.xml`, IntelliJ IDEA coordinates the code of the two files and provides you with coding assistance based on the routines defined in `validator-rules.xml`.

## To define the validations to apply to a form

1. Open `validation.xml`.
2. To add a validation definition, add the `<form-validation>` tag manually.
3. Switch to the [Struts Assistant tool window](#), tab **Validator**. A new node appears in the **Structure Tree**.
4. Edit the attributes of the validation definition in the **Properties Table**.

## See Also

Reference:

- [Struts Assistant Tool Window](#)
- [Validator Tab](#)

Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#)