

# Creating conditional validation rules against the dataset

In ConfiForms you can set up the validation rules to be applied within a context of the whole dataset.

This is done using ConfiForms Field Definition Rules macro and choosing action "Validation rule (dataset)" from the list of actions

Insert 'ConfiForms Field Definition Rules' Macro

Action will be executed when condition is met. Same syntax expected as in filters  
The scope is current entry/record (for dataset validation the scope is all records).  
You can reference current records fields via [entry.field\_name]

☐ Execute only on user action  
When checked, the rule will be executed only on users action (not executed when form is loaded)

Action \*

Validation rule (dataset) ▼

Choose Action to perform

Message to show when validation matches

Validation rule

Select macro

Insert Cancel

The important bits are how to set up the filter when it runs and what to add into the validation rule

## The goal

We want to check if a person (by email) has already registered. It is important moment, that we actually want to check by email, and not by built-in operator [UNIQUE], which can easily help us with this if we wanted to check by username (built-in Confluence user object). See more on filters here: [ConfiForms Filters](#)

But we want to check by user's email which they type in the registration form. Something like this:

CONFI: ConfiForms Form | formName = f

CONFI: ConfiForms Field Definition | fieldName = youremail | fie...

CONFI: ConfiForms Registration Control

So, we have a form with a field called "youremail"

## Registration

Your email

+

Save

Close

We will add ConfiForms Field Definition Rules macro

## Edit 'ConfiForms Field Definition Rules' Macro

Condition

youremail:[entry.youremail]

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Action \*

Validation rule (dataset) ▼

Choose Action to perform

Message to show when validation matches

Preview

Select macro

Save

Cancel

And put the condition to match like this. It will be sufficient if you want to check only for new registrations and not allow changing the already registered records. As with this conditions we check for "email uniqueness" across the whole dataset and it would be non-unique.

In order to support edits the condition should be changed to:

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youremail:[entry.youremail] AND !id:[entry.id]
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These translates to: check if email is unique and record's ID not the same as current

## Edit 'ConfiForms Field Definition Rules' Macro

Name of the field you want to track  
(optional for validation rules and for rules  
which should be executed ONLY on users  
action)

### Condition

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### Action \*

Validation rule (dataset) ▼

 Preview

Select macro

Save

Cancel

There is no need to put other macro properties except the message when validation fails:

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### Action \*

Validation rule (dataset) ▼

Choose Action to perform

Message to show when validation  
matches

You have already registered!

### Validation rule

Regular Expression to use for fields input  
validation (when expression matches (or  
is EMPTY) a message will be shown)

 Preview

Select macro

Save

Cancel

