

# Starting the validation

Validation can run on:

- [The entire model, or its part \(e.g. several packages\).](#)
- [Diagram, table, matrix, or relation map](#)
- [Elements](#)


To start the validation of the entire model or its part

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1. Open the **Validation** dialog. [How to open the Validation dialog >>](#)
2. Specify the following options:
  - **Validation Suite.**
  - **Validate For.**
  - **Minimal Severity.**[Learn more about each of the option >>](#)
3. Click **Validate**.  
The model or its part is validated against the selected validation suite.

To validate the diagram, table, matrix, or relation map

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- On the toolbar of diagram, table, matrix, or map, click the **Validate Diagram** button  .
- Right-click the diagram, table, matrix, or map in the [Containment tree](#), select **Validation >**  **Validate Diagram**.

To validate the element(s)

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1. Right-click the element in the [Containment tree](#).
2. In the shortcut menu, point to **Validation** and select:
  - **Validate Element** - to validate only selected element.
  - **Validate Elements Recursively** - to validate all child elements of the selected element.