


# Specifying Constraint Element property

You must ensure that the constrained element is specified and points to the necessary classifier. Each validation rule modeled as a Constraint has a **Constrained Element** property. This property determines the type of element this rule applies to. If you [create the Constraint for a classifier or stereotype](#), this property is filled automatically. Otherwise, you need to specify it manually, shown in the following procedure:

To specify a constrained element manually

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1. Open the Constraint Specification window. [How to open the Specification window >>](#)
2. Find the **Constrained Element** property and select its value box.
3. Click  and select an appropriate element from the **Select Elements** dialog.



For constraints on metaclasses, select an appropriate element from the **UML Standard Profile > UML2 Metamodel**. Only the single **Constrained Element** property value is supported for validation rules.

4. Click **OK**.  
The **Constrained Element** property value is specified.