

in my project i written below route code for hapi

```
const routeConfig = {
  method: 'POST',
  path: '/user',
  config: {
    validate: {
      payload: {
        firstName: Joi.string().required(),
      }
    },
    handler
  }
}
```

So when I don t pass the firstName it throws error like this

```
{
  "statusCode": 400,
  "error": "Bad Request",
  "message": "child \"firstName\" fails because [\"firstName\" is
required]",
  "validation": {
    "source": "payload",
    "keys": [
      "firstName"
    ]
  }
}
```

Now, I was trying to handle the above error in catch

```
const handler = async(request, reply) => {
  try {
    const payload = request.payload
    const createUser = await User.create(payload)
    let token = Helpers.createJwt(createUser)
    reply({ success: true, message: 'User created successFully', token })
  } catch(err) {
    // need to do something here to handle the error like
    if (err) {
      reply ({ error: "firstName is required", message: "Signup
unsuccessfull" })
    }
  }
}
```

So i found the best solution for this using this below code

```
config: {
```

```
validate: {
  payload: {
    firstName: Joi.string().required(),
  },
  failAction(request, reply, source, error) {
    reply({
      error: 'badRequest',
    }).code(400);
  },
},
},
```

If the Joi validation fails, it will trigger the failAction and you will be able to handle the error (sending it to log service and/or return a specific message).

It s a bit hidden in the doc but here is [the relevant part](#)
