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Just been thinking it over.

If you call a method in a custom validator class by the name defined in the data dictionary, it will be hard to exchange the validator-methods with others, or to put it in other projects without altering working code.

Wouldn't it be a better idea to load a class with a standard interface from a directory with validators.

For example

==== Valdidator class =====

```
class dutch_postcode {
    var $errors=Array();

    function validate($fieldname) {
        //.. put custom validation code here
    }

    function getErrors() {
        return $errors
    }
}
```

===== validator call code =====

```
if (isset($fieldspec[$fieldname]['custom_validator'])) {

    require_once($path_to_validators . $fieldspec[$fieldname]['custom_validator'] . ".class.inc");

    $validator =& singleton::getInstance($fieldspec[$fieldname]['custom_validator']);

    $validator->validate();

    $this->errors=array_merge($this->errors,$validator->getErrors())

} // end if
```

