

Basic HTML Forms

- Forms
 - Collect information from people viewing your site
- FORM element
 - o **METHOD** attribute indicates the way the *Web server* will organize and send you form output
 - **▼** Web server: machine that processes browser requests
 - **METHOD** = "post" in a form that causes changes to server data
 - **METHOD** = "get" in a form that does not cause any changes in server data
 - o Form data sent to server as an *environment variable*
 - Processed by scripts
 - **ACTION** attribute
 - Path to a script (a CGI script written in Perl, C or other languages)

Basic HTML Forms

• INPUT element

- O Attributes:
 - **TYPE** (required)
 - Hidden inputs always have **TYPE** = "hidden"
 - Defines the usage of the **INPUT** element
 - TYPE = "text" inserts a one-line text box
 - **NAME** provides a unique identification for **INPUT** element
 - **VALUE** indicates the value that the **INPUT** element sends to the server upon submission
 - × SIZE
 - For **TYPE** = "text", specifies the width of the text input, measured in characters
 - **MAXLENGTH**
 - For **TYPE** = "text", specifies the maximum number of characters that the text input will accept

Basic HTML Forms

- INPUT element (cont.)
 - o Include textual identifier adjacent to **INPUT** element
 - 2 types of **INPUT** elements that should be inserted into every form:
 - **TYPE** = "submit" inserts a button that submits data to the server
 - VALUE attribute changes the text displayed on the button (default is "Submit")
 - **TYPE** = "reset" inserts a button that clears all entries the user entered into the form
 - VALUE attribute changes the text displayed on the button (default is "Reset")

• TYPE can be "hidden", "text", "submit", "reset", "password", "checkbox", "radio"

HTML for Forms

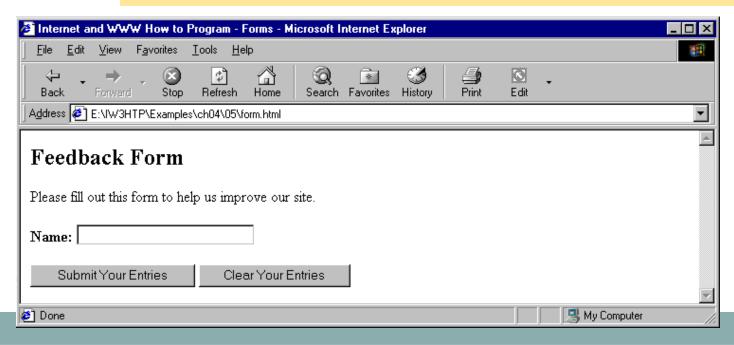
```
1<HTML>
3<!-- Fig. 10.6: form.html -->
4<!-- Introducing Form Design -->
6<HEAD>
7<TITLE>Internet and WWW How to Program - Forms</TITLE>
8</HEAD>
10<BODY>
11<H2>Feedback Form</H2>
12
13<P>Please fill out this form to help us improve our site.</P>
14
15<!-- This tag starts the form, gives the method of sending -->
16<!-- information and the location of form scripts.
                                                             -->
17<!-- Hidden inputs give the server non-visual information -->
18<FORM METHOD = "POST" ACTION = "/cqi-bin/formmail">
19
20<INPUT TYPE = "hidden" NAME = "recipient"
    VALUE = "deitel@deitel.com">
22<INPUT TYPE = "hidden" NAME = "subject"
    VALUE = "Feedback Form">
24<INPUT TYPE = "hidden" NAME = "redirect"
25  VALUE = "main.html">
26
27<!-- <INPUT type = "text"> inserts a text box -->
```

Forms with Feedback data

```
28<P><STRONG>Name:</STRONG>

29<INPUT NAME = "name" TYPE = "text" SIZE = "25"></P>
30

31<!-- Input types "submit" and "reset" insert buttons -->
32<!-- for submitting or clearing the form's contents -->
33<INPUT TYPE = "submit" VALUE = "Submit Your Entries">
34<INPUT TYPE = "reset" VALUE = "Clear Your Entries">
35</FORM>
36
37</BODY>
38</HTML>
```



More Complex HTML Forms

• TEXTAREA element

- Inserts a scrollable text box into FORM
- o **ROWS** and **COLS** attributes specify the number of character rows and columns

```
<TEXTAREA NAME = "comments" ROWS = "4" COLS = "36"></TEXTAREA>
```

• INPUT element

- O TYPE = "password"
- o Inserts a text box where data displayed as asterisks
 - Actual data submitted to server

```
<INPUT NAME = "email" TYPE = "password" SIZE = "25">
```

More Complex HTML Forms

- INPUT element (cont.)
 - TYPE = "checkbox" creates a checkbox
 - ▼ Used individually or in groups
 - **Each checkbox in a group should have same NAME**
 - **Nake** sure that the checkboxes within a group have different **VALUE** attribute values
 - o Otherwise, browser will cannot distinguish between them
 - **CHECKED** attribute checks boxes initially

```
<INPUT NAME = "things" TYPE = "checkbox" VALUE = "Design">
```

- O TYPE = "radio"
 - Radio buttons similar in function and usage to checkboxes
 - Only one radio button in a group can be selected
 - **CHECKED** attribute indicates which radio button is selected initially

```
<INPUT NAME = "how get to site" TYPE = "radio" VALUE = "link" CHECKED>
```

More Complex Forms

• **SELECT** element

- Places a selectable list of items inside **FORM**
 - x Include **NAME** attribute
- Add an item to list
 - **Insert an OPTION** element in the **<SELECT>...</SELECT>** tags
 - Closing OPTION tag optional
- o **SELECTED** attribute applies a default selection to list
- o Change the number of list options visible
 - Including the SIZE = "x" attribute inside the <SELECT> tag
 - \times x number of options visible

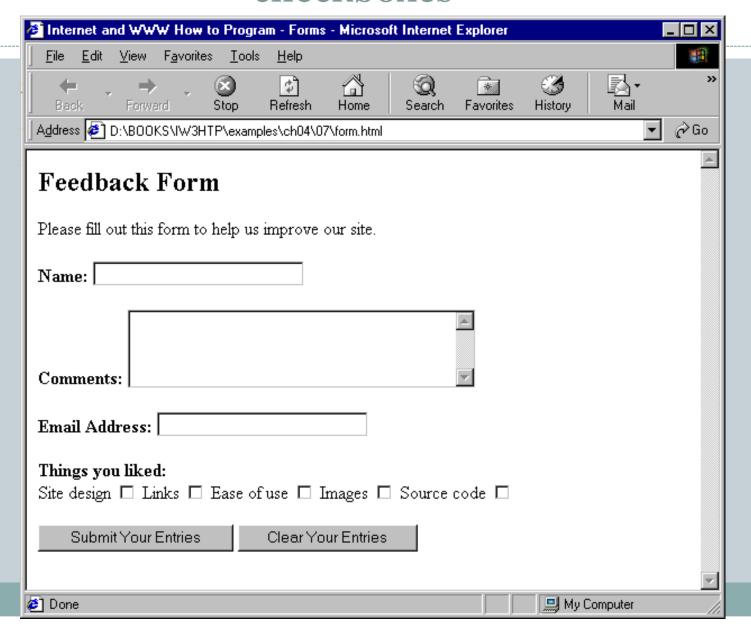
HTML for forms

```
1<HTML>
3<!-- Fig. 10.7: form.html -->
4<!-- Form Design Example 2 -->
6<HEAD>
7<TITLE>Internet and WWW How to Program - Forms</TITLE>
8</HEAD>
10<BODY>
11<H2>Feedback Form</H2>
12
13<P>Please fill out this form to help us improve our site.</P>
14
15<FORM METHOD = "POST" ACTION = "/cgi-bin/formmail">
16
17<INPUT TYPE = "hidden" NAME = "recipient"
    VALUE = "deitel@deitel.com">
19<INPUT TYPE = "hidden" NAME = "subject"
    VALUE = "Feedback Form">
21<INPUT TYPE = "hidden" NAME = "redirect"
22 VALUE = "main.html">
23
24<P><STRONG>Name: </STRONG>
25<INPUT NAME = "name" TYPE = "text" SIZE = "25"></P>
26
27<!-- <TEXTAREA> creates a textbox of the size given -->
28<P><STRONG>Comments:</STRONG>
29<TEXTAREA NAME = "comments" ROWS = "4" COLS = "36"></TEXTAREA>
30
```

HTML for passwords & checkboxes

```
31
32<!-- <INPUT TYPE = "password"> inserts a textbox whose
33<!-- readout will be in *** instead of regular characters -->
34<P><STRONG>Email Address:</STRONG>
35<INPUT NAME = "email" TYPE = "password" SIZE = "25"></P>
36
37<!-- <INPUT TYPE = "checkbox"> creates a checkbox -->
38<P><STRONG>Things you liked:</STRONG><BR>
39
40Site design
41<INPUT NAME = "things" TYPE = "checkbox" VALUE = "Design">
42Links
43<INPUT NAME = "things" TYPE = "checkbox" VALUE = "Links">
44Ease of use
45<INPUT NAME = "things" TYPE = "checkbox" VALUE = "Ease">
46Images
47<INPUT NAME = "things" TYPE = "checkbox" VALUE = "Images">
48Source code
49<INPUT NAME = "things" TYPE = "checkbox" VALUE = "Code">
50</P>
51
52<INPUT TYPE = "submit" VALUE = "Submit Your Entries">
53<INPUT TYPE = "reset" VALUE = "Clear Your Entries">
54</FORM>
55
56</BODY>
57</HTML>
```

Form including textareas, password boxes and checkboxes



```
1<HTML>
3<!-- Fig. 10.8: form.html -->
4<!-- Form Design Example 3 -->
6<HEAD>
7<TITLE>Internet and WWW How to Program - Forms</TITLE>
8</HEAD>
9
10<BODY>
11<H2>Feedback Form</H2>
12
13<P>Please fill out this form to help us improve our site.</P>
14
15<FORM METHOD = "POST" ACTION = "/cgi-bin/formmail">
16
17<INPUT TYPE = "hidden" NAME = "recipient"
18  VALUE = "deitel@deitel.com">
19<INPUT TYPE = "hidden" NAME = "subject"
20 VALUE = "Feedback Form">
21<INPUT TYPE = "hidden" NAME = "redirect"
22 VALUE = "main.html">
23
24<P><STRONG>Name: </STRONG>
25<INPUT NAME = "name" TYPE = "text" SIZE = "25"></P>
26
27<P><STRONG>Comments:</STRONG>
28<TEXTAREA NAME = "comments" ROWS = "4" COLS = "36"></TEXTAREA>
29</P>
30
```

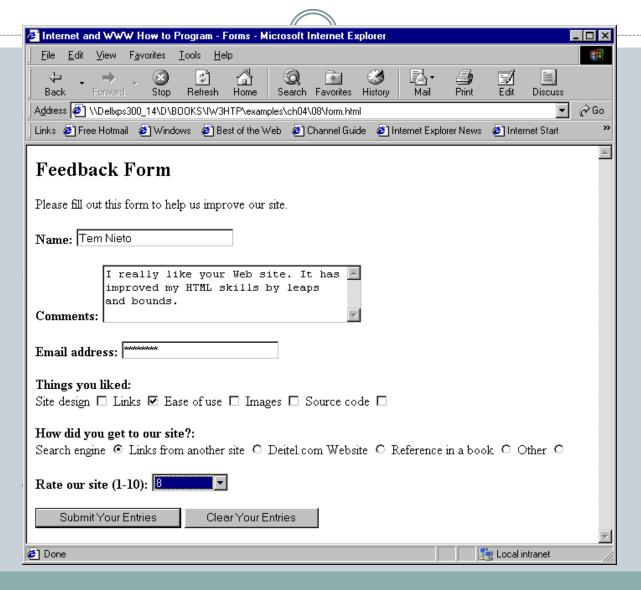
Radio Buttons

```
31<P><STRONG>Email Address:</STRONG>
32<INPUT NAME = "email" TYPE = "password" SIZE = "25"></P>
33
34<P><STRONG>Things you liked:</STRONG><BR>
35
36Site design
37<INPUT NAME = "things" TYPE = "checkbox" VALUE = "Design">
38Links
39<INPUT NAME = "things" TYPE = "checkbox" VALUE = "Links">
40Ease of use
41<INPUT NAME = "things" TYPE = "checkbox" VALUE = "Ease">
42Images
43<INPUT NAME = "things" TYPE = "checkbox" VALUE = "Images">
44Source code
45<INPUT NAME = "things" TYPE = "checkbox" VALUE = "Code">
46</P>
47
48<!-- <INPUT TYPE="radio"> creates a radio button. The
                                                            -->
49<!-- difference between radio buttons and checkboxes is -->
50<!-- that only one radio button in a group can be selected -->
51<P><STRONG>How did you get to our site?:</STRONG><BR>
52
53Search engine
54<INPUT NAME = "how get to site" TYPE = "radio"
    VALUE = "search engine" CHECKED>
56Links from another site
57<INPUT NAME = "how get to site" TYPE = "radio"
58
   VALUE = "link">
```

Pull Down List

```
59Deitel.com Web site
60<INPUT NAME = "how get to site" TYPE = "radio"
61 VALUE = "deitel.com">
62Reference in a book
63<INPUT NAME = "how get to site" TYPE = "radio"
64 VALUE = "book">
650ther
66<INPUT NAME = "how get to site" TYPE = "radio"
67 VALUE = "other">
68</P>
69
70<!-- The <select> tag presents a drop down menu with -->
71<!-- choices indicated by the <option> tags
72<P><STRONG>Rate our site (1-10):</STRONG>
73<SELECT NAME = "rating">
74<OPTION SELECTED>Amazing:-)
75<OPTION>10
76<0PTTON>9
77<OPTION>8
78<OPTTON>7
79<0PTTON>6
80<OPTION>5
81<OPTION>4
82<0PTTON>3
83<OPTION>2
84<OPTION>1
85<OPTION>The Pits:-(
86</SELECT></P>
87
88<INPUT TYPE = "submit" VALUE = "Submit Your Entries">
89<INPUT TYPE = "reset" VALUE = "Clear Your Entries">
90</FORM>
92</BODY>
93</HTML>
```

HTML form including radio buttons and pulldown lists



<META> Tags

Search engines

- Catalog sites by following links from page to page
- Save identification and classification info
- <!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.0
 Transitional//EN">
 - Tells browser that HTML conforms to a Transitional subset of HTML version 4.0

• **META** tag

Main HTML element that interacts with search engines

<META> Tags

META tags

- o Contain two attributes that should always be used:
- NAME identifies type of META tag
- **CONTENT** provides info the search engine will catalog about your site
 - CONTENT of a META tag with NAME = "keywords"
 - Provides search engines with a list of words that describe key aspects of your site
 - CONTENT of a META tag with NAME = "description"
 - Should be 3 to 4 lines
 - Used by search engines to catalog and display your site

• **META** elements

- Not visible to users of the site
- Should be placed inside header section

```
1<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.0 Transitional//EN">
2<HTML>
4<!-- Fig. 10.11: main.html -->
5<!-- <META> and <!DOCTYPE> tags -->
7<HEAD>
8<!-- <META> tags give search engines information they need -->
9<!-- to catalog your site</pre>
                                                            -->
10<META NAME = "keywords" CONTENT = "Webpage, design, HTML,
11 tutorial, personal, help, index, form, contact, feedback,
12 list, links, frame, deitel">
13
14<META NAME = "description" CONTENT = "This Web site will help
    you learn the basics of HTML and Webpage design through the
15
16
   use of interactive examples and instruction.">
17
18<TITLE>Internet and WWW How to Program - Welcome</TITLE>
19</HEAD>
20
21<BODY>
22
23<H1 ALIGN = "center"><U>Welcome to Our Web Site!</U></H1>
24
25<P><FONT COLOR = "red" SIZE = "+1" FACE = "Arial">We have
26designed this site to teach about the wonders of
27<EM>HTML</EM>.</FONT>
28
29<FONT COLOR = "purple" SIZE = "+2" FACE = "Verdana">We have been
30using <EM>HTML</EM> since <U>version<STRONG> 2.0</STRONG></U>,
```

Meta Tags

```
31and we enjoy the features that have been added recently.</FONT>
32
33<FONT COLOR = "blue" SIZE = "+1" FACE = "Helvetica">It
34seems only a short time ago that we read our first <EM>HTML</EM>
35book.</FONT>
36
37<FONT COLOR = "green" SIZE = "+2" FACE = "Times">Soon you will
38know about many of the great new feature of HTML 4.0.
39
40<H2 ALIGN = "center">Have Fun With the Site!</H2></P>
41
42</BODY>
43</HTML>
```

<FRAMESET> Tag

Frames

- o Display more than one HTML file at a time
- o If used properly, frames make your site more readable and usable

<!DOCTYPE> tag

- Uses Frameset instead of Transitional
- Tell the browser that you are using frames

<FRAMESET> tags

- Tell the browser the page contains frames
- Details for frames contained within <FRAMESET>...</FRAMESET> tags
- O COLS or ROWS attribute gives the width or height of each frame
 - ▼ In pixels or a percentage

<FRAMESET> Tag

• **FRAME** elements

- Specify what files will make up frameset
- FRAME attributes:
 - **NAME** identifies specific frame, enabling hyperlinks to load in their intended frame
- TARGET attribute of A element
 - o Ex.
 - TARGET = "_blank" loads page in a new blank browser window
 - TARGET = "_self" loads page in the same window as anchor element
 - TARGET = " parent" loads page in the parent FRAMESET
 - TARGET = _top" loads page in the full browser window

O SRC

Gives the URL of the page that will be displayed in the specified frame

<FRAMESET> Tag

Not all browsers support frames

- O Use the NOFRAMES element inside the FRAMESET
- Direct users to a non-framed version
- Provide links for downloading a frames-enabled browser

Use of frames

 Do not use frames if you can accomplish same with tables or other, simpler HTML formatting

HTML for frames

```
1<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.0 Frameset//EN">
2<HTML>
4<!-- Fig. 10.12: index.html -->
5<!-- HTML Frames I
                          -->
6
7<HEAD>
8<META NAME = "keywords" CONTENT = "Webpage, design, HTML,</pre>
    tutorial, personal, help, index, form, contact, feedback,
10
   list, links, frame, deitel">
11
12<META NAME = "description" CONTENT = "This Web site will help
    you learn the basics of HTML and Webpage design through the
13
    use of interactive examples and instruction.">
14
15
16<TITLE>Internet and WWW How to Program - Main</TITLE>
17</HEAD>
18
19<!-- The <FRAMESET> tag gives the dimensions of your frame -->
20<FRAMESET COLS = "110,*">
21
22
   <!-- The individual FRAME elements specify which pages -->
23
   <!-- appear in the given frames
                                                            -->
24
    <FRAME NAME = "nav" SRC = "nav.html">
25
    <FRAME NAME = "main" SRC = "main.html">
26
27
     <NOFRAMES>
28
    This page uses frames, but your browser does not support
29
    them.
    Get Internet Explorer 5 at the
30
```

HTML for frames

Frameset vs. Transitional

• Frameset.dtd: <html> <head> </head> <frameset> </frameset> </html>

Web Site with two frames



Nested < FRAMESET > Tags

• FRAME element

- SCROLLING attribute
 - Set to "no" to prevent scroll bars
- NORESIZE attribute prevents user from resizing the frame

Nesting frames

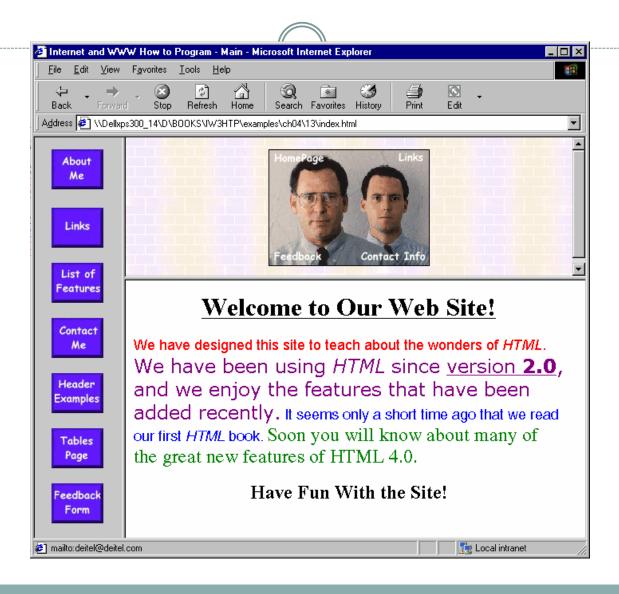
- Include the correct number of **FRAME** elements inside **FRAMESET**
- Using nested **FRAMESET** elements
 - ▼ Indent every level of FRAME tag
 - Makes page clearer and easier to debug

Nested Frames

```
1<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.0 Frameset//EN">
2<HTML>
3
4<!-- Fig. 10.13: index.html -->
5<!-- HTML Frames II
6
7<HEAD>
9<META NAME = "keywords" CONTENT = "Webpage, design, HTML,
   tutorial, personal, help, index, form, contact, feedback,
11 list, links, frame, deitel">
12
13<META NAME = "description" CONTENT = "This Web site will help
    you learn the basics of HTML and Webpage design through the
15 use of interactive examples and instruction.">
16
17 < FRAMESET COLS = "110.*">
18
   <FRAME NAME = "nav" SCROLLING = "no" SRC = "nav.html">
19
20 <!-- Nested Framesets are used to change the formatting -->
21 <!-- and spacing of the frameset as a whole</pre>
22
   <FRAMESET ROWS = "175,*">
23
       <FRAME NAME = "picture" SRC = "picture.html" NORESIZE>
24
       <FRAME NAME = "main" SRC = "main.html">
25
     </FRAMESET>
26
27
     <NOFRAMES>
28
       This page uses frames, but your browser doesn't
29
          support them.
```

Nested Frames

Framed Web site with a nested frameset



Homework

 Modify the NDDU home page that you have created applying the different objects and tags.