



HTML Forms





Forms

- **Forms** are used to collect data inputted by a user. They can be used as an interface for a web application, for example, or to send data across the web.
- The basic tags used in the actual HTML of forms are [form](#), [input](#), [textarea](#), [select](#) and [option](#).



Form (1)

- form defines the form and within this tag, if you are using a form for a user to submit information (which we are assuming at this level), an action attribute is needed to tell the form where its contents will be sent to.
- The method attribute tells the form how the data in it is going to be sent and it can have the value get, which is default, and latches the form information onto a web address, or post, which (essentially) invisibly sends the form's information.



Form (2)

- **Get**

is used for shorter chunks of non-sensitive information - you might see the information you have submitted in a web site's search to appear in the web address of its search results page, for example.

- **post**

is used for lengthier, more secure submissions, such as in contact forms.

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<form action="processingscript.php" method="post">  
</form>
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