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Lab 4: HTML and Curl

Objectives:

- To create static forms in HTML5.
- To use Curl to connect to servers and view HTTP headers.
- To understand how the browser handles GET and POST request.

Hand in: *One team member needs to* upload on iLearn:

- The solution document with screenshots of output.
- The HTML and CSS files.

Due Date: Wednesday 23rd September, 11:59pm (5% per day will be applied on late submissions).

➤ **Useful resources:**

- **Lectures:** The HTTP Protocol and HTML
- **GitHub Repository:** <https://github.com/izualkernanaus/COE457fb>
- **W3Schools HTML tutorial:** <https://www.w3schools.com/html/default.asp>
- **Curl Options:** <https://gist.github.com/subfuzion/08c5d85437d5d4f00e58>

Exercise 1: Smart lab dashboard web page

Create an HTML page that has an image and a form with options to switch on/off the appliances and set the temperature threshold of the lab.

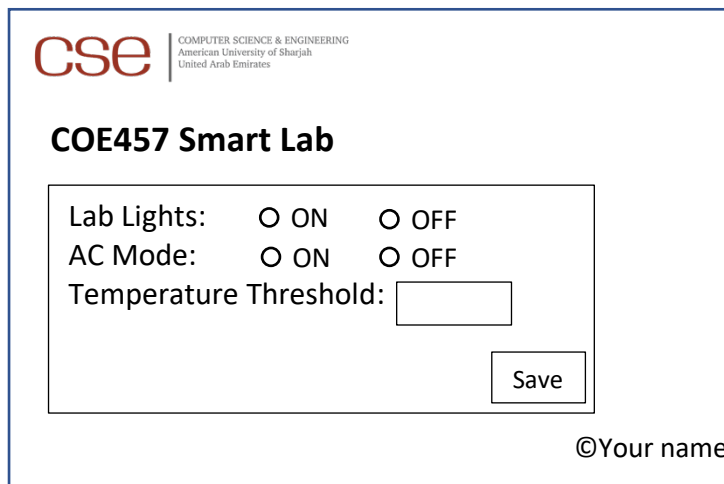
The webpage should have:

- An image of the CSE logo on the left
- The image should be clickable and links to the AUS CSE website (<http://auscse.com/>)
- A header with the heading: COE457 Smart Lab
- A form with
 - Radio buttons with on/off options
 - Text field for temperature threshold
 - A Save button.

Note: You should use the POST method in the form.

- Footer element with your name

The page should look similar to this:



Exercise 2: Sending a GET/POST request to a server

- a. Modify the server from the HTML lecture^[1] (server_http_wf.js) to make the server send back the contents of your HTML file containing the form you created in Exercise 1.
- b. Browse to `localhost:8080` in the browser to fetch and submit the form. Show the console output from the server.
- c. Use the **curl** to connect to the modified server and to simulate how a form works in a browser:
 - a. Do a GET to fetch the HTML form
 - b. Do a POST with appropriately filled fields and body using:
 - i. URL encoded

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curl -d "@data.txt" -X POST http://localhost:8080
```

- ii. JSON (sending a JSON file)

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curl -d "@data.json" -X POST http://localhost:8080
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