

The Select Tag

A select tag is used to create a drop-down list in a form. Whereas a select tag creates the list, option tags define the items within the drop-down list. With select tags, a value is important to each option within the select tag. A script or database will only recognize the value name. An automatic default can be assigned to an option within the drop-down list to make the form user-friendly. This is done through adding the selected attribute to the default option.

Purpose

Upon completing this project, you will be able to create a select tag, add options, add values to those options, and assign a default setting to an option.

Steps for Completion

1. Open the **34f-contactus.html** file in the MusicStore3 student folder.
2. Below the last input tag, add the text: **How did you hear about us?** in a new paragraph tag.
3. Add an opening and closing select tag below the new paragraph.
4. Within the new select tag, add a name attribute with the value of **found** and an id attribute with the value of **found**
5. Between the opening and closing select tag, add three opening and closing option tags on different lines, using the names **TV**, **Web**, and **Other** in between the opening and closing tags, respectively.
6. For each new option, set a value attribute that is equivalent to the text in between the opening and closing tag.
7. Make the **Web** option the default choice within the list of options.
8. Save your changes.
9. Preview the webpage in a browser. You should see the text question, How did you hear about us? with a drop-down list that has Web as the default option.

Project Details

Project file

34f-contactus.html

Estimated completion time

10 minutes

Video reference

Domain 3

Topic: Form Elements

Subtopic: Select Tag

Objectives covered

3 Document Structure using HTML

3.4 Construct and analyze markup that uses form elements

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