Creating accessible forms

Forms are commonly used to enable user interaction in Web sites and Web applications. For example for login, registering, commenting, and purchasing.

Since HTML5 provides functionalities to assist with accessibility, developers should make a concerted effort to mark up Web based forms. The following two guidelines are to give you a good start to make your forms accessible:

1. For every form field, ensure that a descriptive **label** is provided and use the `<label>` element to identify each form control.
2. For larger or complex forms, use the `<fieldset>` and `<legend>` elements to respectively **group and associate** related form controls.

We will give usage examples for each of these two basic guidelines in the following pages.

FURTHER READING

The WAI Web site hosts a [Forms tutorial](#) where you will find more guidelines to follow in order to make your forms truly accessible: Form Instructions, Validating Input, User Notifications, Multi-Page Forms, and Custom Controls.