

✅ Day 3: Build Backend-Free Forms Using Netlify Forms

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📌 What is Netlify Forms?

Netlify Forms lets you collect form submissions on your site **without writing any backend code** or setting up a server.

You just add a special attribute in your HTML form — and Netlify handles the rest ✨

🔧 Basic Setup Example:

```
<form name="contact" method="POST" data-netlify="true">

  <input type="text" name="name" placeholder="Your Name" required />

  <input type="email" name="email" placeholder="Your Email" required />

  <textarea name="message" placeholder="Your Message"> </textarea>

  <button type="submit">Send</button>

</form>
```

📦 When this form is submitted on a deployed Netlify site, the data is automatically captured and accessible from the **Netlify dashboard**.

🧠 Important Notes:

- ✅ Add name to the form (e.g., contact)
- ✅ Use method="POST" and data-netlify="true"
- ✅ Each input must have a name attribute
- ✅ Works with React too — just be careful with JSX syntax

💡 Optional: Add a Honeypot Field (Spam Filter)

```
<input type="text" name="bot-field" style="display: none;" />
```

And include:

```
<form ... netlify-honeypot="bot-field">
```

📄 View Submissions

1. Go to your site in the Netlify Dashboard
2. Click **Forms** in the left sidebar
3. Select your form name to see submissions

You can also connect to third-party services like Zapier or get submission notifications via email or Slack.

🔒 Bonus: Add Success & Error Pages

```
<input type="hidden" name="form-name" value="contact" />
```

And redirect with query strings:

html

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```
<form action="/thank-you" ...>
```

📚 Series Repository:

🔗 github.com/Ghinaiya-Deep/Skill-Stack-by-DeepLogic-Labs

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