

Forms

Every group of form fields should reside in a `<form>` element. Bootstrap provides no default styling for the `<form>` element, but there are some powerful browser features that are provided by default.

- New to browser forms? Consider reviewing [the MDN form docs](#) for an overview and complete list of available attributes.
- `<button>` s within a `<form>` default to `type="submit"` , so strive to be specific and always include a `type` .
- You can disable every form element within a form with the `disabled` attribute on the `<form>` .

Since Bootstrap applies `display: block` and `width: 100%` to almost all our form controls, forms will by default stack vertically. Additional classes can be used to vary this layout on a per-form basis.

Utilities

[Margin utilities]({{< docsref "/utilities/spacing" >}}) are the easiest way to add some structure to forms. They provide basic grouping of labels, controls, optional form text, and form validation messaging. We recommend sticking to `margin-bottom` utilities, and using a single direction throughout the form for consistency.

Feel free to build your forms however you like, with `<fieldset>` s, `<div>` s, or nearly any other element.

```
{{< example >}}
```

```
Example label   
Another label   
{{< /example >}}
```

Form grid

More complex forms can be built using our grid classes. Use these for form layouts that require multiple columns, varied widths, and additional alignment options. **Requires the `$enable-grid-classes` Sass variable to be enabled** (on by default).

```
{{< example >}}
```

```
  
  
{{< /example >}}
```

Gutters

By adding [gutter modifier classes]({{< docsref "/layout/gutters" >}}), you can have control over the gutter width in as well the inline as block direction. **Also requires the `$enable-grid-classes` Sass variable to be enabled** (on by default).

```
{{< example >}}
```

```
  
  
{{< /example >}}
```

More complex layouts can also be created with the grid system.

```
{{< example >}}
```

Email

Password

Address

Address 2

City

State

Choose... ▼

Zip

☐ Check me out

Sign in

{{< /example >}}

Horizontal form

Create horizontal forms with the grid by adding the `.row` class to form groups and using the `.col-*-*` classes to specify the width of your labels and controls. Be sure to add `.col-form-label` to your `<label>` s as well so they're vertically centered with their associated form controls.

At times, you maybe need to use margin or padding utilities to create that perfect alignment you need. For example, we've removed the `padding-top` on our stacked radio inputs label to better align the text baseline.

{{< example >}}

Email

Password

Radios

☒ First radio

☐ Second radio

☐ Third disabled radio

☐ Example checkbox

Sign in

{{< /example >}}

Horizontal form label sizing

Be sure to use `.col-form-label-sm` or `.col-form-label-lg` to your `<label>` s or `<legend>` s to correctly follow the size of `.form-control-lg` and `.form-control-sm`.

{{< example >}}

Email

col-form-label-sm

Email

col-form-label

Email

col-form-label-lg

{{< /example >}}

Column sizing

As shown in the previous examples, our grid system allows you to place any number of `.col` s within a `.row` . They'll split the available width equally between them. You may also pick a subset of your columns to take up more or less space, while the remaining `.col` s equally split the rest, with specific column classes like `.col-sm-7` .

{{< example >}}

City

State

Zip

{{< /example >}}

Auto-sizing

The example below uses a flexbox utility to vertically center the contents and changes `.col` to `.col-auto` so that your columns only take up as much space as needed. Put another way, the column sizes itself based on the contents.

{{< example >}}

Name

Jane Doe

Username

@Username

Preference

Choose... ▼

☐ Remember me

Submit

{{< /example >}}

You can then remix that once again with size-specific column classes.

{{< example >}}

Name

Jane Doe

Username

@Username

Preference

Choose... ▼

☐ Remember me

Submit

{{< /example >}}

Inline forms

Use the `.row-cols-*` classes to create responsive horizontal layouts. By adding [gutter modifier classes]({{< docsref "/layout/gutters" >}}), we'll have gutters in horizontal and vertical directions. On narrow mobile viewports, the `.col-12` helps stack the form controls and more. The `.align-items-center` aligns the form elements to the middle, making the `.form-checkbox` align properly.

{{< example >}}

Username

@

Preference

Choose... ▼

☐ Remember me

Submit

{{< /example >}}