

# Usability Best Practices

---



**Mosh Hamedani**

programmingwithmosh.com @moshhamedani

# Labels

Venue

Date

Time

Genre

# Labels

Where are you going to perform?

When are you going to perform? Specify the date.

What time of the day will your performance be?

What genre is this gig going to be?

# Label Alignments

A solid green rectangular block.

Top

A solid blue rectangular block.

Right

A solid orange rectangular block.

Left

# Left Align

First Name

Age

Post Code

**Register**

# Right Align

First Name

Age

Post Code

**Register**

# Top Align

First Name

Age

Post Code

**Register**

# Labels

**Keep them short**

**Be concise**

**Don't use ambiguous words**

**Use top or right align**



# Fields

**Reduce the number of fields**

**Avoid optional fields**

**Separate mandatory and optional fields**

**Group related fields**

**Specify the format**

**Set focus on the first field**

Venue

Date

Time

Genre

**Save**

**Cancel**

Venue

Date

Time

Genre

**Save**

**Cancel**

Venue

Date

Time

Genre

**Save**

[Cancel](#)

## Actions

**Each form should have a primary action**

**Avoid secondary actions if possible**

**Otherwise, visually separate them**

**Align primary actions with input fields**



**MOST ATTENTION**



**LEAST ATTENTION**

# Validation

**Provide clear validation messages**

**Use red to indicate errors**

**Use green to indicate success**

**Provide smart defaults**

Reduce user's stress and  
guess work



# Summary

## **Labels**

- Keep them short and concise
- Use top-aligned or right-aligned labels

## **Input Fields**

- Avoid optional fields
- If not, separate them

## **Actions**

- Separate primary actions

## **Validation Messages**

- Keep them clear
- Use red