Lecture 9 – Forms

Define a form by using <form></form> tag. Form tag requires two attributes (method + action). Action tells browser where to send data. Method is how it will be transmitted. Method has two values (get + post). Get cannot send files, whereas post can.

<form method=“get" action="http://www.ittralee.ie/cgi-bin/myformprog">

To set a specific format for your form use enctype =””

<fieldset> is used to group form data to make it easier to follow. Within the <fieldset> tag you use a sub tag <legend> for the title.

To create an empty text box for an address you use an <input type> tag.

<input type="text" name=“useraddress" value = “Cork” size=“30” maxlength=“10” >

Size sets the size of the box. Maxlength sets the number of characters you can enter in the box.

For passwords and other sensitive information you use <input type=”password”>

<input type=“password" name=“userpassword" size=“30” maxlength=“10” >

To allow for a comment box you use –

<textarea name="comments" rows="3“ cols="65">Comments?</textarea>

Row defines the height

Cols defines the width of a box.

To put a label with your boxes you use –

<label>Name: </label> <input name="name" type="text" size=“20" maxlength=“20">

To link your label and its description for people with visual impairment you use -



To input a check box in your form you use –

<input type="checkbox" name="extras" id=“extrasfoot“ value="foot" checked=“checked” >

<label for=“extrasfoot”>Footboard</label>

To enter multiple checkboxes you use the same name tag.

If you want the user to be limited to one selection you use the radio button –

<input name="size" id=“sizeK”value="K" type="radio" >

<label for=“sizeK”>King </label>

For creating a dropdown menu for a form you use –

<label for=“woodtype”>Type of Wood </label>

<option value="Mahogany”>Mahogany</option>

To have one item in the list selected at the start you use –

<select name="woodtype“ id=“woodtype”> and inside the <option value> tag you add <selected=”selected”> value to it.

To put in buttons such as Submit or Reset you use –

<input name="submit" type="submit" >

<input name="startover" type="reset" >

To put in a customized button you change <input name> to <input value> for example -

<input value="Order Bed" name="submit" type="submit" >

For people who use tab to manoeuvre around webpages you use –

<input type="text" name="Fifth" tabindex="5"><br>

To use an accesskey to activate links without your mouse you use –

<input type=“radio” name=“cats” value=“C” accesskey=“c” >

To make fieldsets attractive use border radius, background colors and alter texts.