UNIT 6

HTML + CSS

Markup Languages and Information Management Systems





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12. FORMS (I)

UNIT 6 HTML + CSS, PART II

- A form is a document intended to collect data in a structured way.
- It is a means of communication with the user.
- Digital forms are more versatile than traditional ones.

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FORMULARIO PARA OFENDIDOS

FORMS (I)

Controls

- Text box
- Password box
- Text area
- Check boxes
- Radio buttons
- Pick list

- Submit button
- Reset button
- Image button
- Regular button
- Attach file button
- Hidden field
- Others (HTML5)

Users will enter data, pick options... by using the form controls.

- Two ways of handling the collected information:
 - Sending by email.
 - Processing. To do this:
 - It must be stored in a DB, XML file, JSON file...
 - A CGI (Command Gateway Interface) is required to send it to the DB.
 - The CGI program must also be present on the web server.
 - A CGI can be coded using PERL, PHP, ASP, C++...

Structure of an HTML form:

- <form> opening tag.
 - Form body (text and controls).
 - Submit button.
 - Optionally, reset button.
- </form> closing tag.
- All data collected in the controls within the <form> element will be sent/processed after the submit button is pressed.
 - Controls could also be outside a <form>
 element, but they would be useless.



Not to be mistaken for "user-agent"

ATTRIBUTES

Important <form> attributes (I):

- action: specifies the name of the agent that will receive the data. Values:
 - If sent by email:

```
mailto:someone@example.com
```

- If processed by a CGI script:
 URI to the script file
- enctype (post method only, see next slide): specifies how the information is encoded. Values:
 - application/x-www-form-urlencoded: default value; characters are encoded.
 - multipart/form-data: required value if the form submission has files attached.
 - text/plain: characters are not encoded (discouraged value).

ATTRIBUTES

Important <form> attributes (II):

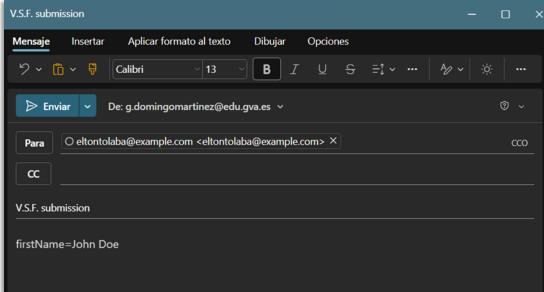
- method: specifies the HTTP method used to send the form data:
 - get: the data is added as a tail to the URI assigned to action.

```
...?name1=value1&name2=value2&...
```

- The CGI script takes the data from the URI.
- Caution! Security and length.
- Does not allow sending attached files.
- Examples: Google, YouTube.
- post: the data is sent via HTTP POST transaction.
 - Not visible.
 - The CGI script takes the data directly from the form.
 - Attachments are allowed.

HTML code





- In <u>slide #5</u> you can find a list of controls likely to appear in a form.
- Only three elements are needed to add all of them:
 - <input>
 - <textarea>
 - <select>

FORMS Controls Text box Password box Text area Check boxes Radio buttons Pick list FORMS Submit button Reset button Image button Regular button Attach file button Hidden field Others (HTML5)

Linputs

General <input> syntax:

```
<input type="_type" name="_name" value="_value"
size="_size" maxlength="_maxlength" checked>
```

- Does not have a closing tag.
- Its most important attribute is type:
 - It determines which control is inserted into the form:
 - text
 - password
 - checkbox
 - radio
 - submit

- reset
- file
- hidden
- image
- button

• ...

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Linputs

Values that the type attribute can take (I):

- text: visible-text box.
 - type default value.
- password: obscured-text box.
- checkbox: allows you to select/deselect single values.
- submit: button that causes the collected info to be sent.
- reset: button that clears the form.
 - All controls take default values.

visible text

 \checkmark

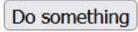
Submit Query

Reset

Linput

Values that the type attribute can take (II):

- button: generic button to which actions can be associated through programming.
- hidden: its value is not displayed, but submitted.
 - Useful for sending data without the user noticing.
- radio: allows you to choose one single value from many.
- file: attaches a file that will be submitted.
- image: graphical submit button.





Browse... No file selected.



~input?

Other attributes of <input> (I):

name: the name to which the value entered in that control will be associated.

- Available for all controls, except for submit, reset and image.
- Everyone else must have it and be unique (special case: radio).
- value: its meaning depends on type.
 - Text boxes and hidden: default value.
 - checkbox and radio: value taken when submitted.
 - submit, reset and generic button: button text.
- size: length (number of characters) in text boxes.
 - Default is 20.
- maxlength: maximum number of characters in text boxes.
 - Default is 2¹⁹.
- minlength: minimum number of characters in text boxes.

see slide #19

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When

submitted, a

key-value pair will be sent for

every such

controls, like name=value

(see slide #10)

zinputz

Other attributes of <input> (II):

- placeholder: used to give a clue or a description about what info is expected in the control
 - In text boxes.
 - Disappears when the user writes anything.
- checked: default check in radio and checkbox.
- required: establish the obligation to fulfill the control.
- disabled: disables the control.
 - Will be unusable and un-clickable.
 - Won't be submitted.
- readonly: its value cannot be changed.
 - Can get focus and be highlighted.
 - Will be submitted.

Special attributes that work with no value assigned (as is)

-input

HTML code

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Password:

```
inputs
```

HTML code

Check your favourite diseases:

□ Diarrhea □ Gonorrhea ✓ Amenorrhea ✓ Rhinorrhea

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inputa

```
<form action="" method="post" enctype="application/x-www-form-urlencoded"
name="myform">
    What color was Santiago's white horse?
    <input type="radio" name="rColor" value="white">White<br>
    <input type="radio" name="rColor" value="green">Green<br/>
    <input type="radio" name="rColor" value="blue">Blue<br/>
    <input type="radio" name="rColor" value="none" checked>None of the above

HTML code
```

Radio buttons are meant to allow the user to select only one option from many.

All the radios in a group have the same name.

What color was Santiago's white horse?

- O White
- O Green
- ○Blue
- None of the above



Typical usage: keeping track
of the database element
to be modified
(the user does not care)

HTML code

Browse... No file selected.

 $START \rightarrow \leftarrow END$

Clear form | Send form

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einput

HTML code

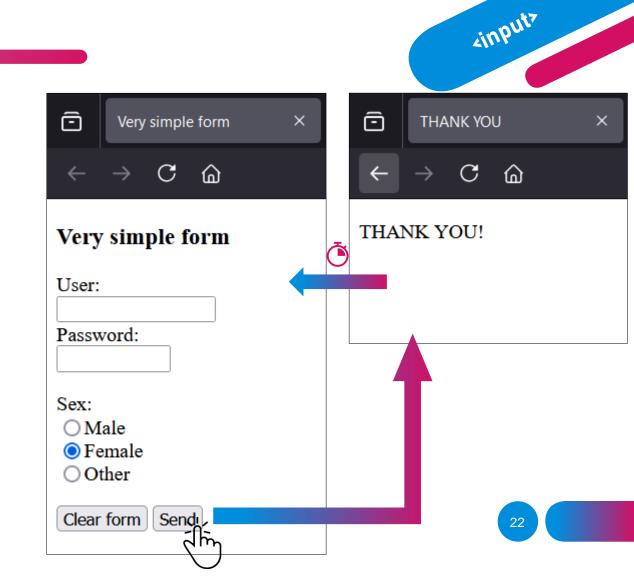


Alternative text for image button (accessibility)

Take on the World!

Training exercise

- Create this form.
- The user box must have a value (required control).
- When the submit button is pressed, it will take the user to thankyou.html:
 - Text "THANK YOU".
 - Redirection back to the form after 3 seconds.



Hextareas

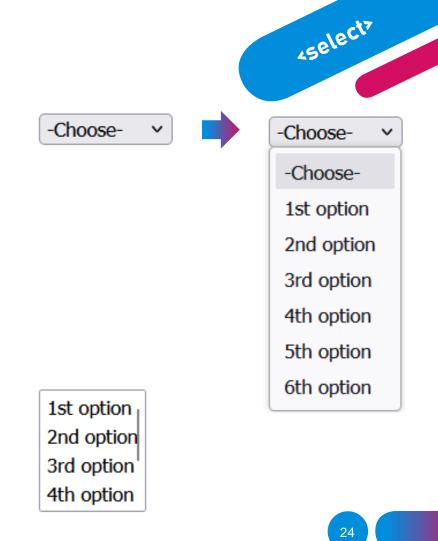
- The <textarea> control displays a multiline text box.
- Syntax:

<textarea name="taName" cols="50" rows="4">Text</textarea>



- Attributes:
 - cols and rows: width and height of the area.
 - placeholder, disabled, readonly, maxlength, minlength, name, required: same as <input>.

- The <select> control displays a vertical list of options.
- <select> and </select> delimit the list of options.
- <option> and </option> delimit each option.
- Drop-down mode by default.
 - Switch to scroll mode using the size attribute.
- Sometimes a dumb option is used as first option.

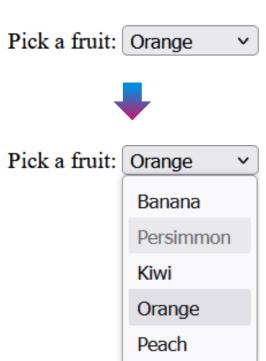


rselecti

- The <select> element must have a name attribute.
- An <option> element may have a value attribute.
 - If omitted, its content will be used as value when submitted.
- Other attributes of <select>:
 - multiple: allows multiple selection (use Ctrl or Shift for this). (As is).
 - size: scroll mode; its value sets the number of options displayed.
 - By default, =1 (if multiple, =4).
 - disabled and required.
- Other attributes of <option>:
 - selected: pre-selected option(s). (As is).
 - disabled.

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HTML code

```
<select name="cars" size=8>
  <optgroup label="Swedish cars">
    <option value="volvo">Volvo</option>
    <option value="saab">Saab</option>
    <option value="polestar">Polestar</option>
  </optgroup>
  <optgroup label="German cars">
    <option value="mercedes">Mercedes</option>
    <option value="audi">Audi</option>
    <option value="vw">Volkswagen</option>
  </optgroup>
</select>
```

HTML code



- Option groups can be created within the <select> element.
 - Using <optgroup>.
 - Its label attribute sets the group title (un-clickable)

Swedish cars

Volvo

Saab

Polestar

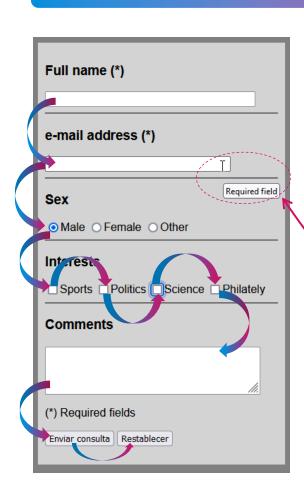
German cars

Mercedes

Audi

Volkswagen





- Users can sequentially focus the interactive elements by pressing the Tab key.
- The natural sequence follows the order of appearance of the controls in the document.
- That sequence can be modified through attributes:
 - autofocus: this element will get the focus on page load (as is).
 - tabindex: can take integer values.
 - Default is 0 (some browser buttons and address box have this value too).
 - Negative value → skipped element when tabbing (but still focusable).
 - Non-negative value:
 - lower value will be focused first.
 - ascending order after that.
 - in case of coincidence, order of appearance prevails.
- title attribute:
 - Makes the browser display its value as a tooltip next to the mouse pointer.
 - User must point for one second over the control for it to display.



- <fieldset> can be used to enclose a group of controls in a box.
 - Aesthetic improvement.
 - Its title is set through a <legend> element.

Group name	
User	
Password	

HTML code



- The <label> element ties a control in with its accompanying text.
 - The control will also activate when that text is clicked.
 - Accessibility improvement: increased clickable area; screen readers.
 - Implicit binding: both control and text are placed inside the <label> element.

```
<label>
     <input type=checkbox name=chkSports value="Sports">Sports
</label>
```

- Explicit binding: the text is placed inside the <label> element; the control is referred through the for attribute.
 - Referred control must have an id.

```
<input type="radio" name="rSex" value="male" checked id="id_male">
<label for="id_male">Male</label>
```

13. FORMS (II)

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- Given the importance of data collection, when HTML5 was released, it came with many more controls for forms.
 - The number of controls is doubled.
 - new <input> types.
 - <input> has new attributes available.
- The new controls were designed with the intention that data collection would be:
 - simpler → benefit for the user.
 - more precise
 benefit for the data recipient.



New controls

- color
- date
- datetime-local
- email
- month
- number

- range
- tel
- time
- url
- week

~input>

Color picker

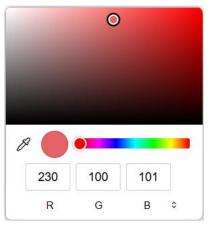
<input type="color" name="cName" value="#e66464">

- value is optional.
 - If given, format should be 7-character RGB format.
 - Otherwise (omitted or erroneous), displayed black.



• The appearance of the picker is browser-dependent.





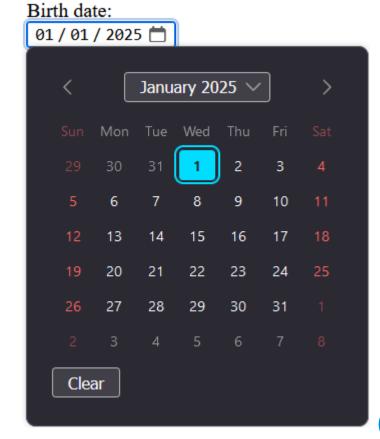


inputz

Date picker

```
<input type="date" name="birthDate">
```

- value attribute is optional.
 - If given, format should be "yyyy-mm-dd"



Date + time picker

```
<input type="datetime-local" name="timestamp"
value="2004-09-22T16:16">
```

- value attribute is optional.
 - If given, format should be "yyyy-MM-ddThh:mm:ss"
 - If seconds are omitted, they will be zero.



Date and time of the accident:

```
      O9 / 22 / 2004 , 04 : 16 PM □

      September 2004 ✓
      >

      Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

      29 30 31 1 2 3 4

      5 6 7 8 9 10 11

      12 13 14 15 16 17 18

      19 20 21 22 23 24 25

      26 27 28 29 30 1 2

      3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Clear
```

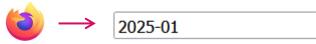
Month picker

<input type="month" name="vMonth">

- value attribute is optional.
 - If given, format should be "yyyy-mm"
- Not supported by all browsers.
 - Not supporters will display a text box instead.

Linputz





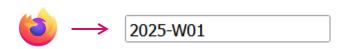
-input>

Week picker

```
<input type="week" name="semana"
value="2025-W01">
```

- value attribute is optional.
 - If given, format should be "yyyy-Www"
- Not supported by all browsers.
 - Not supporters will display a text box instead.





Borrar

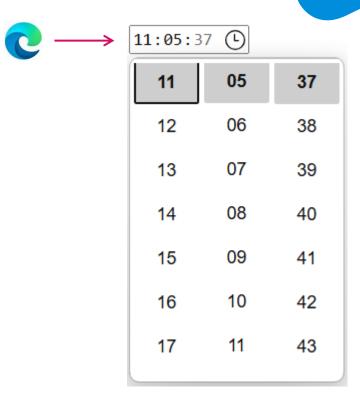
Esta semana

~input>

Time picker

```
<input type="time" name="vAppntmt"
value="11:05:37">
```

- value attribute is optional.
 - If given, format should be "hh:mm:ss"
 - Seconds can be omitted; would be zero.





Linputs

Range slider

```
<input type="range" name="satis" min=1 max=5 step=1>
```

- Useful when:
 - A restricted numerical value needs to be collected.
 - The exact value is not important.
- value attribute is optional.
 - If omitted, it will be halfway the limits.
- Restrictions are optional; default values:
 - min = 0
 - max = 100
 - step = 1

Degree of satisfaction:



inputs

Number input

```
<input type="number" name="score" min="0" max="10" step="0.01">
```

- Text box variant, specific for numbers.
- Optional attributes: value, min, max, step, placeholder, readonly.
 - If step is omitted → integer values.

Final grade: 7.54 🗘

Linput

Telephone input

```
<input type="tel" id="phone" name="phone" pattern="[6-9][0-9]{8}">
```

- Text box variant, specific for telephone numbers.
- Optional attributes: value, minlength, maxlength, size, placeholder, readonly, pattern.
 - pattern: regular expression (RegEx) to check validity.

Browsers hint the validity of the input. This number does not match the pattern.

Input your phone number: 61234567

Please match the requested format.

Linput

Email input

```
<input type=email name=vEmail size=64 maxlength=64 required
    placeholder="Only @alu.edu.gva.es"
    pattern=".+@alu\.edu\.gva\.es"
    title="Only GVA student addresses are valid">
```

- Text box variant, specific for email addresses.
- Entered value is validated before sending.
 - Browsers have a default pattern for checking.
 - A custom pattern can be specified instead.
- Optional attributes: value, minlength, maxlength, size, placeholder, readonly, pattern, multiple.
 - When multiple is used, addresses should be entered comma-separated.

Input your email address:

Only @alu.edu.gva.es

4input?

URL input

```
<input type="url" name="blog" size=30>
```

Text box variant, specific for URLs.

Personal blog: https://eltontolaba.blogspot.com

- Entered value is validated before sending.
 - Browsers have a default pattern for checking.
 - A custom pattern can be specified instead.
- Optional attributes: value, minlength, maxlength, size, placeholder, readonly, pattern, multiple.

ATTRIBUTES

About the new attributes:

- max and min
 - Available in number and date/time related <input> controls.
- pattern
 - Available in text, password, tel, url, email and search.
 - Joint use with user aids is recommended:
 - title and placeholder attributes.
 - See table in next slide.

<input type=search>
Not really intended to
collect data in a form.



Search

	RUTES
ATTR	BUTES

Expresión regular	Carácter especial	Denominación	Descripción
4.	Punto	Comodín	Cualquier carácter (o texto de tamaño 1)
AIB	Pipe	Opciones lógicas	Opciones alternativas (o A o B)
C(A B)	Paréntesis	Agrupaciones	Agrupaciones alternativas (o CA o CB)
[0-9]	Corchetes	Rangos de carácteres	Un dígito (del 0 al 9)
[A-Z]			Una letra mayúscula de la A a la Z
[^A-Z]	^ en corchetes	Rango de exclusión	Una letra que no sea mayúscula de la A a la Z
[0-9]*	Asterisco	Cierre o clausura	Un dígito repetido 0 ó más veces (vacío incluido)
[0-9]+	Signo más	Cierre positivo	Un dígito repetido 1 ó más veces
[0-9]{3}	Llaves	Coincidencia exacta	Cifra de 3 dígitos (dígito repetido 3 veces)
[0-9]{2,4}		Coincidencia (rango)	Cifra de 2 a 4 dígitos (rep. de 2 a 4 veces)
b?	Interrogación	Carácter opcional	El carácter b puede aparecer o puede que no
١.	Barra invertida	Escape	El carácter . literalmente (no como comodín)



PRACTICAL EXERCISE 6.5

14. CSS GENERALITIES

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APPLYING CSS

CSS can be applied to elements in an HTML document in three ways:

- Inline CSS
- Internal CSS
- External CSS

Inline CSS

- CSS code is written in the HTML file, within the specific element opening tag.
- Highest priority, but most troublesome way.
 Use only when there is no alternative and precision is required.
- style attribute, available for any element.

```
(Obviously) selectors
are not used

Text here
```

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APPLYING CSS

Internal CSS

- CSS code is written in the HTML file, within the <head> block.
 - As content of the special <style> element.
- Modifying the styles of all pages involves modifying the HTML code of each page.
- • Giving a specific page a specific style that completes the generic style of the site.
- if few rules.

```
<style>
  p {color: navy;
    font-family: Consolas;
  }
</style>
```

HTML + CSS code

External CSS

- A CSS file containing a list of rules.
 - Plain text; .css extension.
- Linked to the HTML file through the link> element, placed in the <head> block.
 - Multiple CSS files can be linked (using multiple 1ink> elements).

```
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="css/estilos.css">
```

- Most used way by far.
 - Allows you to apply the same style rules to the whole site.
 - Modifying one rule affects all pages.

@-RULES

@-RULES (at-rules)

Syntax:

@identifier rules;

- They provide instructions to follow or ways to behave.
- Some should be placed at the beginning of the CSS code and others can be anywhere.
- @charset "utf-8"; should be placed at the beginning.
- Besides, you will learn @font-face and @media later on.





CASCADING

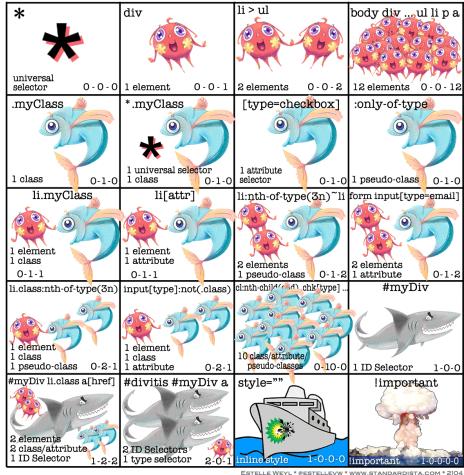
CASCADING

- Style rules are propagated to the children of the affected element.
- The final style for an element is the combination of all the properties that affect it.
- Besides, there is a priority order to consider.
 - 1. Inline CSS overrides both internal and external rules.
 - 2. A more specific selector takes precedence over a less specific one.
 - id selector >> class and attribute selectors >> element selector
 - Combinators: count single selectors separatedly; the most numerous prevails.
 - 3. In case of having the same specificity, rules that appear later in the code override those appearing earlier.
 - 4. A rule with !important always prevails.

Pseudo-classes belong to the class level; -Pseudo-elements belong to the element level· (Studied later)

CSS SPECIFISHITY

WITH PLANKTON, FISH AND SHARKS



X-0-0: The number of ID selectors

O-Y-O: The number of class selectors, attributes selectors, and pseudo-classes

0-0-Z: The number of element (a.k.a. type) selectors and pseudo-elements

 $*, +, >, \sim$: Universal selector and combinators do not increase specificity :not(x): Negation selector has no value. Argument increases specificity



15. TYPOGRAPHY

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THANKS!

Do you have any questions?



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