

Web Forms - facts

It's important to grasp the fundamentals before moving on to more advanced topics.

Trust me, I have learned this the hard way!

I drew up a picture below that reinforces some important facts about forms. I have also made it available for download.

I hope you're enjoying the course (I know it's probably too early for you to tell).

Grab a nice fresh steamy cup of coffee (hmmmm), and see you in the next lecture.

DID YOU KNOW?

Form facts that will blow your mind

CREATING A FORM

All forms start with the `<form>` HTML element, like this:

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<form> ... </form>
```

This element formally defines a form. It's a container element like a `<section>` or `<div>` element, but specifically for containing forms

WHY NOT JUST IGNORE THE `<FORM>` TAG ?

Although your browser will still display your widgets correctly, it's not a good idea to ignore the `<form>` tag

1. it's not semantically correct
2. the `<form>` element allows you to define action and method attributes
3. forms are registered in the DOM

`<FORM>` SUPPORTS UNIQUE ATTRIBUTES

The `<form>` also supports specific attributes to help you define the way you want it to behave

All of the `<form>` attributes are optional, but it's standard practice to always set at least:

action & method