HTML Forms

Q1. What are HTML forms used for? Describe the purpose of the input, textarea, select, and button elements.

Ans. HTML forms are used to collect data from users and send it to a server for processing such as login details, search queries, etc..

1. <input> :

Used to collect small amounts of user input. The type attribute controls its behavior e.g., text, email, password, checkbox, radio, file, etc..

2. <textarea>:

Used for multi-line text input like comments or messages.

3. <select>:

Creates a drop-down menu for selecting one or more options using <option> tags inside it to define choices.

4. <button> :

Creates a clickable button. Used to submit forms type="submit", reset them type="reset", or trigger custom actions type="button".

Q2. Explain the difference between the GET and POST methods in form submission. When should each be used?

Ans. In HTML form submission, GET and POST are two different HTTP methods used to send data from the browser to the server.

GET:-

- Sends form data appended to the URL as a query string; for e.g., example.com/search?name=Uday&age=21.
- Data is visible in the browser's address bar and can be bookmarked or shared.
- Limited to about 2000 characters.

Less secure, since data is exposed in the URL.

POST:-

- Sends form data in the HTTP request body, not in the URL.
- Data is invisible in the address bar and not stored in browser history.
- Can handle much larger amounts of data like files, long text, etc..
- Slightly more secure than GET

When to use :-

GET:

Request is read-only.

Data you want the result to be bookmarkable/shareable.

Data is small and not private.

POST:

Action changes server data.

You're sending sensitive or large data.

Data is large.

Q3. What is the purpose of the label element in a form, and how does it improve accessibility?

Ans. The <label> element in a form is used to provide a text description for a form control like <input> , <textarea> , <select>. The purpose of <label> is It tells users what information they should enter into the form field.

It improve accessibility:

- For everyone : It makes forms easier to understand users instantly know what to type or select.
- For screen reader users: A screen reader will read the label together with the field, so blind or visually impaired users know exactly what the field is asking for.

• For clickable areas : Clicking the label will focus or activate the field helpful for small checkboxes or radio buttons.