
STYLING OUR FORMS



:focus

The **:focus** selector is used to select the element that has focus.

The **:focus** selector is allowed on elements that accept keyboard events or other user inputs.

They're visual markers which show (indicate) which element on a web page is focused.

Great to use for accessibility.

outline

The outline property in CSS draws a line around the outside of an element. It's similar to border except that:

1. It always goes around all the sides, you can't specify particular sides
2. It's not a part of the box model, so it won't affect the position of the element or adjacent elements (nice for debugging!)

```
CSS
a:focus {
  outline: 1px dashed red;
}
```



::placeholder

The placeholder attribute specifies a short hint that describes the expected value of an input field (e.g. a sample value or a short description of the expected format).

The short hint is displayed in the input field before the user enters a value.

The placeholder attribute works with the following input types: text, search, url, tel, email, and password.

CSS [attribute] Selector for styling forms

```
input[type="text"] {  
  width: 150px;  
  display: block;  
  margin-bottom: 10px;  
  background-color: yellow;  
}
```

```
input[type="button"] {  
  width: 120px;  
  margin-left: 35px;  
  display: block;  
}
```

HTML <input> **readonly** Attribute

The **readonly** attribute is a boolean (true/false) attribute. When present, it specifies that an input field is read-only. A read-only input field cannot be modified (however, a user can tab to it, highlight it, and copy the text from it). The readonly attribute can be set to keep a user from changing the value until some other conditions have been met (like selecting a checkbox, etc.).

Note: A form will still submit an input field that is **readonly**, but will not submit an input field that is disabled!

HTML `<input>` disabled Attribute

The **disabled** attribute is a boolean attribute. When present, it specifies that the `<input>` element should be disabled. A disabled input element is unusable and unclickable.

The disabled attribute can be set to keep a user from using the `<input>` element until some other condition has been met (like selecting a checkbox, etc.). Then, a JavaScript could remove the disabled value, and make the `<input>` element usable. Tip: Disabled `<input>` elements in a form will not be submitted!

ANY QUESTIONS?
