

Spring MVC Form Tags



Review HTML Forms

- HTML Forms are used to get input from the user

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Spring MVC Form Tags

- Spring MVC Form Tags are the building block for a web page
- Form Tags are configurable and reusable for a web page

Data Binding

- Spring MVC Form Tags can make use of data binding
- Automatically setting / retrieving data from a Java object / bean

Spring MVC Form Tags

- Form tags will generate HTML for you :-)

Form Tag	Description
form:form	main form container
form:input	text field
form:textarea	multi-line text field
form:checkbox	check box
form:radiobutton	radio buttons
form:select	drop down list
<i>more</i>	

Web Page Structure

- JSP page with special Spring MVC Form tags

```
<html>  
    ... regular html ...  
    ... Spring MVC form tags ...  
    ... more html ...  
</html>
```

How To Reference Spring MVC Form Tags

- Specify the Spring namespace at beginning of JSP file

```
<%@ taglib prefix="form" uri="http://www.springframework.org/tags/form" %>
```