

What are input controls ?

Input controls in HTML are GUI elements which are used to make our HTML page interactive. That is , if we want to allow the user to provide some inputs to our page then we make use of the input controls.

Overall we have 24 input controls in HTML 4 & 5 combined . 12 in HTML 4 and another 12 in HTML 5.

All these input controls are produced using just 3 tags and they are:

1. **<input>**
2. **<textarea>**
3. **<select>**

Some examples of input controls are: **buttons** , **text boxes**, **password fields** , **drop down list** etc

The <input> Tag

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The <input> tag is the most common input control generation tag and it can produce 9 types of controls.

It's general syntax is:

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<input  
  type="...."  
  name="...."  
  size="....."  
  maxlength="....."  
  value="....."  
  checked/>
```

*Used to send
data to the
server as
key-value pair*

