

# Forms Part2

EGR 223 - SE Approach to HCI

# Today's Topic

- Forms

# Check boxes: <input>

```
<input type="checkbox" name="lettuce" /> Lettuce  
<input type="checkbox" name="tomato" checked="checked" />  
Tomato  
<input type="checkbox" name="pickles" /> Pickles
```

HTML

☐ Lettuce ☒ Tomato ☐ Pickles

- none, 1, or many checkboxes can be checked at same time
- when sent to server, any checked boxes will be sent with value on:
  - `http://web.com/params.php?tomato=on&pickles=on`

# Radio buttons: <input>

```
<input type="radio" name="cc" value="visa"
checked="checked" /> Visa
<input type="radio" name="cc" value="mastercard" />
MasterCard
<input type="radio" name="cc" value="amex" /> American
Express
```

HTML

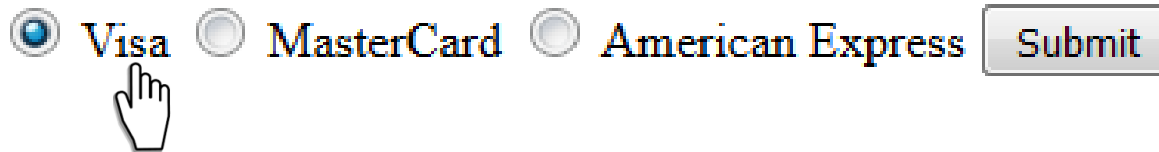
☒ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

- grouped by name attribute (only one can be checked at a time)
- must specify a value for each one or else it will be sent as value "on"
- when sent to server:
  - `http://web.com/params.php?cc=visa`

# Text labels: <label>

```
<label><input type="radio" name="cc" value="visa"  
checked="checked" /> Visa</label>  
<label><input type="radio" name="cc" value="mastercard" />  
MasterCard</label>  
<label><input type="radio" name="cc" value="amex" />  
American Express</label>
```

HTML



- associates nearby text with control, so you can **click text to activate** control
- can be used with checkboxes or radio buttons

# Drop down lists: `<select>`, `<option>`

```
<select name="favoritecharacter">  
  <option>Frodo</option>  
  <option>Bilbo</option>  
  <option selected="selected">Gandalf</option>  
  <option>Galandriel</option>  
</select>
```

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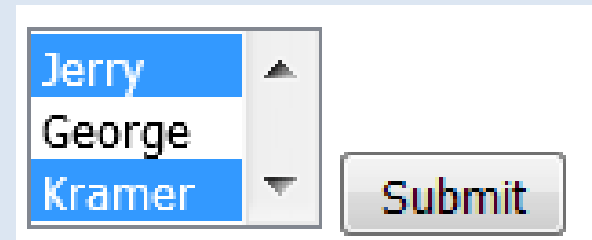


- option element represents each choice
- optional selected attribute sets which one is initially chosen
- *When sent to server:*

*<https://c9.io/m.php?favoritecharacter=Gandalf>*

# Using: <select> for lists

```
<select name="favoritecharacter[]" size="3"
multiple="multiple">
  <option>Jerry</option>
  <option>George</option>
  <option>Kramer</option>
  <option>Elaine</option>
  <option selected="selected">Newman</option>
</select>
```

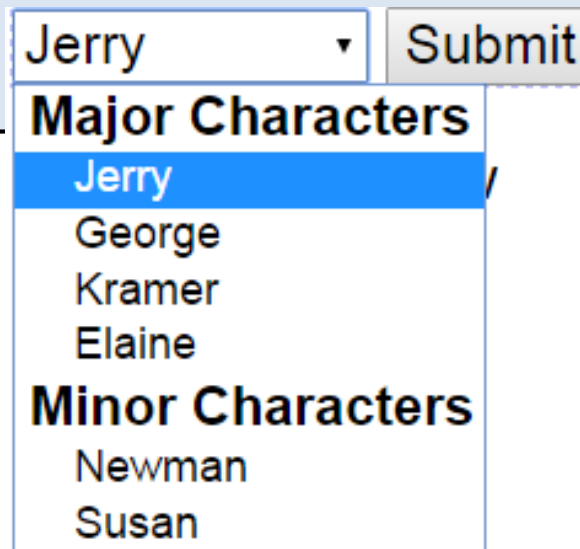


HTML

- optional multiple attribute allows selecting multiple items with shift- or ctrl-click
  - must declare parameter's *name with []* if you allow multiple selections
- option tags can be set to be initially selected
- When sent to server:
  - `https://c9.io/m.php?favoritecharacter[]=Jerry&favoritecharacter[]=Kramer`
- Using PHP `$_GET["favoritecharacter"]`:
  - `Array ( [favoritecharacter] => Array ( [0] => Jerry [1] => Kramer ) )`

# Option groups: <optgroup>

```
<select name="favoritecharacter">  
  <optgroup label="Major Characters">  
    <option>Jerry</option>  
    <option>George</option>  
    <option>Kramer</option>  
    <option>Elaine</option>  
  </optgroup>  
  <optgroup label="Minor Characters">  
    <option>Newman</option>  
    <option>Susan</option>  
  </optgroup>  
</select>
```



The image shows a web browser interface. At the top, there is a dropdown menu with 'Jerry' selected and a 'Submit' button to its right. Below the dropdown, a list of options is displayed, organized into two groups. The first group, 'Major Characters', includes 'Jerry', 'George', 'Kramer', and 'Elaine'. The second group, 'Minor Characters', includes 'Newman' and 'Susan'. The 'Jerry' option is highlighted with a blue background.

Major Characters
Jerry
George
Kramer
Elaine
Minor Characters
Newman
Susan

HTML




# Text boxes: <textarea>

```
<textarea name="entry"  
rows="4" cols="20">  
Type your comments here.  
</textarea>
```

HTML

```
<textarea name="entry"  
rows="4" cols="20" readonly>  
Type your comments here.  
</textarea>
```

HTML



Type your comments  
here.

- initial text is placed inside textarea tag (optional)
- required rows and cols attributes specify height/width in characters
- optional **readonly** attribute means text cannot be modified

# Text boxes: <textarea>

```
<textarea name="entry" rows="4" cols="20"  
placeholder="Enter comments">  
Type your comments here.  
</textarea>
```

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A screenshot of a web form. It features a rectangular text area with a light blue border. Inside the text area, the text 'Enter comments' is displayed in a grey, monospaced font, indicating it is a placeholder. To the right of the text area is a small, rectangular button with a grey gradient and the word 'Enter' in a blue, monospaced font.

- Placeholder attribute will show up as a "hint"
- Greyed out text that will be removed once you type in text

# HW 14 Due Before Next Class

1. [Hello by Adele](#)
2. [Speak Life by TobyMac](#)
3. [All of Me by John Legend](#)
4. [Oceans by Hillsong](#)

☐ Sort by title

Enter new song in this format: Title, Artist, Youtube link

- 0) Create a **new blog entry** with the following requirements
- 1) Use a **checkbox** to have the option to sort the songs
- 2) Add a **textarea** to allow users to enter a new song entry
- 3) Once you submit a new song, write the data to your text file
- 4) Recall the PHP code below to append to a file
- 5) Take screenshot of your PHP and output, upload to Blackboard

```
# add a line to a file
$new_text = "P.S. ILY, GTG TTYL!~";
file_put_contents("poem.txt", $new_text, FILE_APPEND);
```

PHP

# Sample Output

2/27, - Music Musik Musico Musica Musickcoca 2

My faviorite music:

Search for title:  ☐ Sort?

- i. [Hello by Adele](#)
- ii. [Hello by Homer](#)
- iii. [Hello by Bob](#)
- iv. [Speak Life by TobyMac](#)
- v. [All of Me by John Legend](#)
- vi. [Oceans by Hillsong](#)

Enter new song in this format: Title, Artist, Youtubelink

Search for title:  ☒ Sort?

2/27, - Music Musik Musico

My faviorite music:

Search for title:  ☐ Sort?

**My list in sorted order:**

- i. [Hello by Adele](#)
- ii. [Hello by Bob](#)
- iii. [Hello by Homer](#)

Enter new song in this format: Title, Artist, Yo

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[homer, simpsons family, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xqog63KOANc](#)

To handle new data upload:

```
<form action="blog.php">
```

```
  <!-- textarea stuff -->
```

```
</form>
```

```
<?php
```

```
#Step 1: check if new data entered
```

```
#Step 2: Append to text file
```

```
#Step 3: Refresh page to show new list
```

```
header("Refresh:0; url=blog.php");
```

```
?>
```

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- iii. [Hello by Bob](#)
- iv. [Speak Life by TobyMac](#)
- v. [All of Me by John Legend](#)
- vi. [Oceans by Hillsong](#)
- vii. [homer by simpsons family](#)