An HTML form is a **section of a document** which **contains controls** such as

- text fields,
- password fields,
- checkboxes,
- radio buttons,
- submit button,
- menus etc.
- An HTML form facilitates the **user to enter data** that is to be sent to the server for processing such as name, email address, password, phone number, etc. .
- There are various **form elements** available like text fields, text area fields, drop-down menus, radio buttons, checkboxes, etc.



HTML Form Tags:

<form>

The HTML **<form>** element **defines a form** that is used to collect user input:

Sr.No	Attribute & Description action: Backend script ready to process your passed data.		
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2	method: It to be used to upload data. The most frequaently used are GET and POST methods.		
3	target: Specify the target window or frame where the result of the script will be displayed. It takes values like _blank, _self, _parent etc.		

<input> - It defines an input control.

The **<input>** element can be displayed in several ways, depending on the **type** attribute.

Туре		Description
<input type="text"/>		Defines a one-line text input field
<input type="password"/>	•••••	Defines a password field
<input type="checkbox"/>		Defines a checkbox
<input type="button"/>	OK	Defines a clickable button (mostly used with a JavaScript to activate a script)
<input type="file"/>	Choose file No file chosen	Defines a file-select field and a "Browse" button (for file uploads)
<input type="radio"/>	RadioButton 2	Defines a radio button (for selecting one of many choices)
<input type="submit"/>	SUBMIT	Defines a submit button (for submitting the form)

HTML Form Controls

There are different types of form controls that you can use to collect data using HTML form -

- 1. Text field
- 2. Password Field
- 3. Text Area
- 4. Checkbox
- 5. Radio Box
- 6. Select Box
- 7. File Select boxes
- 8. Buttons

1. Text field (or) Single-line text input control

This control is used for items that require only one line of user input, such as search boxes or names.

They are created using HTML <input> tag.

Sr.No	Attribute & Description
type	Indicates the type of input control and for text input.
name	Used to give a name to the control
value	This can be used to provide an initial value
size	Allows to specify the width of the text-input control in terms of characters.
maxlength	Allows to specify the maximum number of characters a user can enter into the text box.

```
<html>
<head>
   <title>Text Input Control</title>
 </head>
 <body>
 <form >
  First name: <input type = "text" name = "first_name" />
     <br>
  Last name: <input type = "text" name = "last_name" />
   </form>
 </body>
 </html>
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                       First name:
                       Last name:
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2. Password Field

- This is also a single-line text input but it masks the character as soon as a user enters it.
- They are also created using HTML <input>tag but type attribute is set to password.

```
User ID : 1221112
Password:
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```
<html>
<head> <title>Password Input Control</title> </head>
<body>
<form>
    User ID : <input type = "text" name = "user_id" />
    <br/>
    <br/>
    <br/>
        <input type = "password" name = "password" />
</form>
</body>
</html>
```

3. Text Area (or) Multiple-Line Text Input Control

This is used when the user is required to give details that may be longer than a single sentence. Multi-line input controls are created using HTML <a href="textarea"

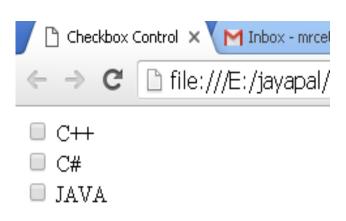
```
Description:

Enter description here...
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```
<html>
 <head>
   <title>Multiple-Line Input Control</title>
 </head>
 <body>
   <form>
     Description :<br>
     <textarea rows = "5" cols = "50" name = "description">
      Enter description here...
     </textarea>
   </form>
 </body>
       </html>
```

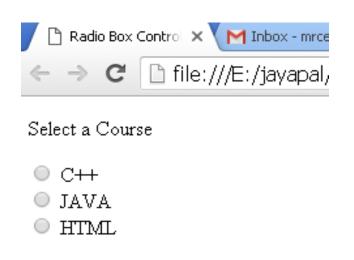
4. Checkbox Control

Checkboxes are used when more than one option is required to be selected. They are also created using HTML <input> tag but type attribute is set to checkbox.



5. Radio Button Control

Radio buttons are used when out of many options, just one option is required to be selected. They are also created using HTML <input> tag but type attribute is set to radio



```
<html>
<head>
<tit le>Radio Box Control
</title> </head>
<body> Select a Course
<form>
    <input type="radio" name="subject" value="C++"> C++
    <br>
    <input type="radio" name="subject" value="JAVA"> JA VA
    <br>
    <input type="radio" name="subject" value="HTML"> HTML
</form> </body> </html>
```

6. Select Box Controls

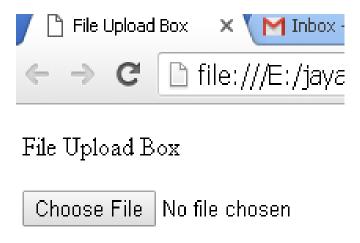
A **select box**, also called **drop down box** which provides option to list down various options in the form of drop down list, from where a user can select one or more options



```
<html>
<head>
<title>Select Box Control</title>
</head>
<body>
<form>
<select name="dropdown">
    <option value="C++" selected>C++</option>
    <option value="JAVA">JA VA</option>
    <option value="HTML">HTML</option>
</select>
</form>
</body>
</html>
```

7. File Select boxes

If we want to allow a user to **upload a file** to web site, we will need to use a file upload box, also known as a file select box. This is also created using the <input > element but type attribute is set to file.



8. Buttons

File Upload Box

No file chosen

Choose File

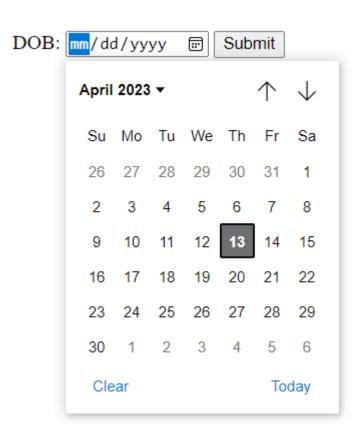
There are various ways in HTML to create clickable buttons. we can also create a clickable button using **<input>** tag by setting its type attribute to **button**. The type

Sr.No	Type & Description	<pre><head> <title>File Upload Box</title> </head> <body> <form> <input name="submit" type="submit" value="Submit"/></form></body></pre>
submit	This creates a button that automatically submits a form.	
reset	This creates a button that automatically resets form controls to their initial values.	
button	This creates a button that is used to trigger a client-side script when the user clicks that button.	
image	This creates a clickable button but we can use an image as background of the button. File Upload Box Inbox	
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Displaying date picker

9. HTML <input type="date">

- The <input type="date"> defines a date picker.
- The resulting value includes the year, month, and day.attribute



```
<html>
<body>
<h1>Show a Date Control</h1>
<form>
 DOB: <input type="date" id="birthday" name="birthday">
 <input type="submit">
</form>
</body>
</html>
```