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Forms assignment
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## Introduction:

This report was to practice creating readable and user friendly forms. This assignment was to test our ability in creating a simple form that has to take user's input and validate each of the fields. In this report I will cover the steps I took into developing this form and what tools and processes I used to make sure that each of the forms fields were properly validated. Since the class went through many 'exploratory' options creating forms was an assignment that could be used for our portfolio for software engineering skills. By creating a form, we focus on making the form readable and following user centered design practices allowing the user to easily fill out the required information. Many users fill out forms on an everyday basis (e.g. registration forms) so creating a form from scratch shows that we are focusing on making an interface that people are able to understand and not get frustrated over inputting information.

# UI Design Principles and Patterns used

The assignment's guidelines showed that two main categories of information were being collected in the form which were personal information and information about an incident. The use of grouping of similar information helped by having one section filled with the user's information and another section holding the incident report. After grouping these two categories together I wanted to ensure the user is able to input each item in a reasonable method. While most of the inputs are textboxes I thought that the use of radio buttons for the gender and select picker for the 3+ items was a faster way for a user to input the information.

After reading the 10 commandments of good form design I was able to apply the same ideas to creating each input that is required in the incident form. To make it easier for the user I made each entry aligned to the same spot. Users of the form can easily identify what each input was asking for by looking at the left of the input. Each input box is shaped so it would about the same size as the required input and followed 32px height to be easily clickable. This especially helps with the entries for address area. I also used asterisks to help identify the mandatory items that are needed for the form.

### List of Principles Used

- 1. 10 Commandments of Good Form Design
  - i) Clear visible labels
  - ii) 14+px font for readability
  - iii) Input Fields have at least 32px height
  - iv) Size Input fields to expected input
  - v) No customization to checkboxes/radio buttons
  - vi) General Errors with highlighted section and reason
  - vii) Asterisk to show mandatory fields
  - viii) Hide non needed items
  - ix) Minimize user input with autofill options
  - ix) Clear showing of what type of input is needed
- 2. Grouping of similar items (e.g. Personal Information, Relevant topics)
- 3. Alignment of labels on form

# Screen Shots of Final Version

# http://sfsuswe.com/~patbak15/patbak15.github.io/

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# Please record the problem by filling the form below

| Personal Infomation                                   |                         |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|-------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| *required   |                         |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | First Name*             | First Name  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Last Name*              | Last Name   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Gender                  | <ul><li>Female</li><li>Male</li><li>Other</li></ul>       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Education               | Highest Education v                                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Phone*                  | (999)999-9999<br>Format: (999)999-9999                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Email*                  | name@domain.com   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Incident Report                                       |                         |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |                         |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *required   | Date*                   | mm/dd/yyyy  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Location of Incident                                  |                         |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Address*                | 123 Street Ave  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | City/Town*              | city  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | State*                  | Select a state ▼  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Zip*                    | 99999   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Catagory*               | Spillage Broken Pipe Electric Hazard Broken Pathway Other |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Description*            |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |                         |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Limit is 500 characters |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Upload Image*           | Choose File No file chosen                                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |                         | I have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|   |                         | I'm not a robot  reCAPTCHA  Priosy Terms                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |                         | Submit  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

# Verification Page

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#### **VERIFICATION PAGE**

#### Personal Infomation

 First Name\*
 Patrick

 Last Name\*
 Aung

 Gender
 male

 Education\*
 M.S.

 Phone\*
 (555)555-5555

 Email\*
 name@domain.com

Incident Report

ate\* 03/15/2009

Location of Incident

Google Maps



 Address\*
 1600 Holloway Dr

 City/Town\*
 San Francisco

 State\*
 CA

 Zip\*
 94132

 Catagory\*
 Broken Pipe

Description\*
Image\*



### **Software Tools**

#### Lamp Stack (AWS Server)

- Linux: Open source operating system that was used on the host server (Amazon Web Services)
- Apache: Component of the LAMP stack web server
- PHP: Programming language that was used to communicate the information that was inputted into the form and displayed on the result.php page.

#### API's and Frameworks

- jQuery: Javascript open source library that was used to handle the image processing of the form.
- Bootstrap: Front-end framework that handled the format of the initial form to combine all the web frameworks (e.g. JavaScript, HTML, etc.)
- Google Maps API: API to handle displaying the resulting map to display the location of the incident. The API was to take a resulting address and to display a map of the location on the result.php page.

#### **QA** Automation

- Selenium Mozilla Add-on (<a href="https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/selenium-ide/">https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/selenium-ide/</a>)

# Implementation

The techniques I used were to mainly stay within the basic web design languages (e.g. HTML, CSS, Bootstrap). Using these design languages to design a "simple" form allowed me to not have to worry about browser compliance. I frequently checked each API's documentation online and would look at the browser capability. To help with rendering and sizing I used the "<meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1">" line to make sure that the form would keep its size regardless of the device screen.

Status: Done. Document processed in 6.82 seconds.

Checking link http://www.sfsuswe.com/~patbak15/patbak15.github.io/validator.js
HEAD http://www.sfsuswe.com/~patbak15/patbak15.github.io/validator.js fetched in 0.02 seconds

Checking link https://ajax.googleapis.com/ajax/libs/jquery/3.1.1/jquery.min.js
HEAD https://ajax.googleapis.com/ajax/libs/jquery/3.1.1/jquery.min.js fetched in 1.14 seconds

Checking link http://code.jquery.com/jquery-1.5.js
HEAD http://code.jquery.com/jquery-1.5.js fetched in 1.02 seconds

Checking link https://www.google.com/recaptcha/api.js
HEAD https://www.google.com/recaptcha/api.js fetched in 1.21 seconds

Processed in 6.82 seconds.

#### Results

Links

Valid links!

1: W3 validator ouptut

#### Implementation Resources

Filereader API (shows browser compatibility): Used for Images

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/FileReader

W3 Validator (HTML validation)

https://validator.w3.org

# QA Test Plan

| Test<br># | Title                                 | Description   | Input  | Desired<br>Output  | Result |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|--------|
| 1         | Phone<br>Number<br>Input              | Open webpage: <a href="http://sfsuswe.com/~patbak15/patbak15.github.io">http://sfsuswe.com/~patbak15/patbak15.github.io</a>   | (555)555-<br>5555  | "No<br>warning<br>signs"   | PASS   |
| 2         | Indicate<br>Required<br>Fields        | Open webpage:  http://sfsuswe.com/~patbak15/patbak15.github.io  Hit Submit button (No values test)  | "Submit"   | "Warning<br>Required<br>Fields"<br>(site should<br>have labels<br>turn red)                      | PASS   |
| 3         | Open<br>Terms &<br>Conditions<br>Page | Open webpage: http://sfsuswe.com/~patbak15/patbak15.github.io  Open Terms and Conditions Page   | "click page<br>link"                                       | "Page<br>Redirects to<br>black page<br>Titled<br>"Terms and<br>Conditions"                       | PASS   |
| 4         | Incorrect<br>Phone<br>Input           | Open webpage: http://sfsuswe.com/~patbak15/patbak15.github.io  Input into phone number  | 555555555  | "Please match the requested format: Phone Number (Format: (999)999- 9999)." Also Label Turns red | PASS   |
| 5         | Invalid<br>Address                    | Open webpage: <a href="http://sfsuswe.com/~patbak15/patbak15.github.io">http://sfsuswe.com/~patbak15/patbak15.github.io</a> Input all valid fields Then Input nonexistent address | 1600 abc<br>drive, San<br>Francisco<br>California<br>94132 | "Alert" Geocode Failed ZERO_ RESULTS   | PASS   |

# Usability Test Plan

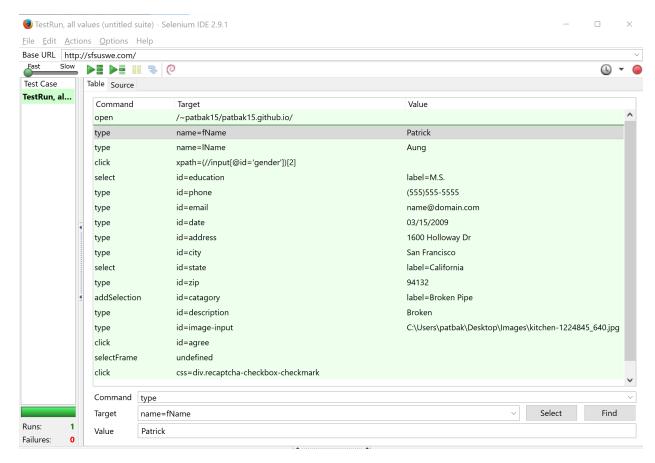
Comments:

Please circle the answer that best describes your feelings to the following statements.

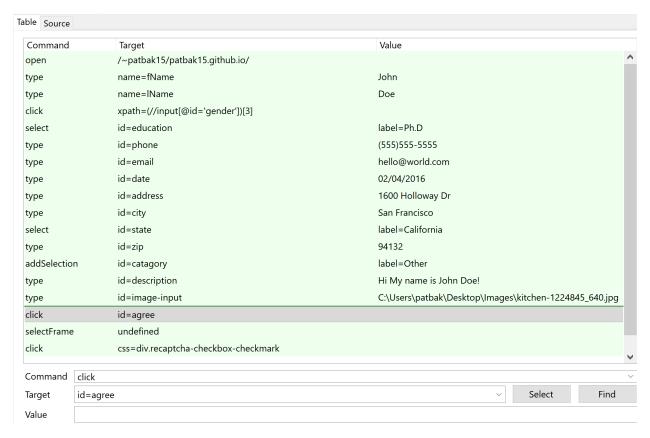
**Question 1**: It was easy to navigate through the form and fill each of the entries.

Strongly Agree Strongly Agree Neutral Disagree Disagree Comments: Question 2: I was able to easily upload and image and it displayed correctly on the result page. Strongly Agree Disagree Strongly Agree Neutral Disagree Comments: **Question 3**: The form indicated the exact format required for each field. Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

# Automated UI QA testing (Selenium)



2. Test Run with Simple Values (No Failures)



3: Selenium Test with different values

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| Personal Infomation  | on                      |   |                     |  |   |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---|---------------------|--|---|
| *required            |                         |   |                     |  |   |
|                      | First Name*             | John  |                     |  |   |
|                      | Last Name*              | Doe   |                     |  |   |
|                      | Gender                  | emale   | Jale                | ther   |   |
|                      | Education               | Ph.D  |                     |  | V |
|                      | Phone*                  | (555)555-5555   |                     |  |   |
|                      | Filone                  | Format: (999)999-9999   |                     |  |   |
|                      | Email*                  | hello@world.com   |                     |  |   |
| Incident Report      |                         |   |                     |  |   |
| *required            |                         |   |                     |  |   |
|                      | Date*                   | 02/04/2016  |                     |  |   |
| Location of Incident |                         |   |                     |  |   |
|                      | Address*                | 1600 Holloway Dr  |                     |  |   |
|                      | City/Town*              | San Francisco   |                     |  |   |
|                      | State*                  | California  |                     |  |   |
|                      | Zip*                    | 94132   |                     |  |   |
|                      | Catagory*               | Spillage<br>Broken Pipe<br>Electric Hazard<br>Broken Pathway<br>Other |                     |  |   |
|                      | Description*            | Hi My name is John Doe!   |                     |  |   |
|                      |                         |   | Select all images w | rith a store front.  |   |
|                      | Upload Image*           | Browse kitchen-1224   | e consult           | 1  |   |
|                      | $\overline{\checkmark}$ | I have read and agree to the  |                     | - CONNECTOR OF THE PARTY OF THE |   |
|                      |                         |   |                     |  |   |
|                      |                         |   | c n o               |  |   |
|                      |                         |   |                     |  |   |

### Resources:

### 10 Commandments of UI design

- <a href="https://mono.company/wp-content/cache/page-enhanced/mono.company//journal/design-practice/the-10-commandments-of-good-form-design-on-the-web/">https://mono.company/wp-content/cache/page-enhanced/mono.company//journal/design-practice/the-10-commandments-of-good-form-design-on-the-web/</a> index.html gzip

#### Selenium

- <a href="http://docs.seleniumhq.org/">http://docs.seleniumhq.org/</a>

#### HTML/PHP Resources

- http://www.w3schools.com/html/
- <a href="http://www.w3schools.com/php/">http://www.w3schools.com/php/</a>

## Google Maps API

- https://developers.google.com/maps/
- https://developers.google.com/maps/documentation/geocoding/intro

### Bootstrap Validator

- https://1000hz.github.io/bootstrap-validator/