

Organizing and navigating forms

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Outline

Form
organization



Navigating
form fields

Labels

**Text
explicitly
associated
with an input**

**Interaction
with label
moves focus
to input**

Fieldsets

- Groups form input fields
- Optionally label the group

First name:
Last name:
EMail:



Contact information

First name:
Last name:
EMail:



With style

Contact information

First name:

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EMail:

Tab indexes

Tabbing through input fields

- Default = document order
- Use ***tabindex*** attribute to control order

Notes

- Follows low to high
- `tabindex = 0` comes after others
- Disabled elements are skipped

Access keys

Activate labels with keyboard input

- Access Keys = OS modifier key + character
- Windows = ALT
- Mac OS X / Safari = CTRL + Option

Notes

- Not supported in all browsers on all platforms
- Be mindful of conflicts with existing commands

Summary

- Fieldsets provide organization
- Labels reference inputs
- Activating label activates input
- Use tabindex and accesskey to improve keyboard support