

COMP6080: Web Front-End Programming

Tutorial 4

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Important facts about form state:

- The submit button remains disabled until both a valid first name and valid email are entered. The state change occurs on `keyup` of either input fields.
- On `blur` of either input fields, if their value is invalid, the background of the input is turned a light red.
- On `focus` of either input fields, we remove any error backgrounds.

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As bonus exercises you may want to explore:

- Using loops as part of rendering.
- Accounting for the 'finish' (goal) state.

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Things I can spot are:

1. The `defaultBoard` is being recreated on every single render.
2. `firstUser` shouldn't be named `firstUser`.
3. The board goes from being an array of arrays to being a dictionary of arrays.
4. `newBoard[x][y]` still updates the existing array in-place.
5. `border="1"` is deprecated.
6. It might be easier to create the table in a loop.