

Announcements

- **Project #4 due Thursday next week**
- **Please bring laptops on Monday**

Labels

Use the `label` tag to apply a text label to a control

Advantages:

- All labels in the form will look consistent
- The label itself is “clickable”
- You can apply CSS rules to all labels simultaneously

Left side label:

```
<label>Name: <input type="text" /></label>
```

Name:

Right side label:

```
<label><input type="text" />Name</label>
```

Name

Example: [Labels.html](#)

FieldSet and Legend

Surround portions of your form with “FieldSet” to group them visually:

```
<fieldset>
    <input... />
    <input... />
</fieldset>
```

Use the <legend> tag to give the section a legend at the top

```
<fieldset>
    <legend>User Info</legend>
    <input ... />
    <input ... />
</fieldset>
```

Example: [FieldSet.html](#)

Submitting User Information to a Server

- Frequently user data must be sent to a server for processing
 1. Data from a **form** gets submitted to **“server side program”**
 2. Server program sends back a response page
- Typical Uses:
 - Order information
 - Storing user data in a database
 - Information on server is needed to respond to user input
- We are not covering **“server side”** programming!
 - I have written some very simple server side programs for our examples
 - You can learn this yourself! (Find an introductory book on PHP, JSP, ASP, etc. May also want to explore MySQL.)

Setting up a Form for Submission

1. Add **action** and **method** attributes to your form tag:

```
<form  
  action="http://www.mysite.com/myServerProgram.jsp"  
  method="get">
```

2. Give each control a **name** attribute:

```
<input type="text" name="firstname" />
```

3. Add a **submit** control

```
<input type="submit" value="Submit Info" />
```

Example: [FormSubmissionGet.html](#)

[FormAcceptProgramGet.php](#)

Action: get vs. post

Two ways to submit form data to a server-side program:

1. GET

- Form data becomes part of URL:

`http://myhost.com/myscript.jsp?userID=FredSmith&orderNumber=27392`

- Advantage: URL can be bookmarked
- Disadvantage: Ugly URL with visible form data

2. POST

- Form data is embedded in the HTTP header
- Advantage: Form data is hidden from sight (but still **not secure!**)

Example: [FormSubmissionGet.html](#)

[FormAcceptProgramGet.php](#)

QUIZ #4