

Design Tech I

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Forms cheat sheet Forms are pretty straight forward, but below is a quick and dirty review of everything.

Review chapter 9 in *HTML & XHTML: The Definitive Guide, 5th ed.* ISBN: 0-596-00382-x if you have any further questions.

Structure All form elements should be in a `<form>` tag. This is not 100% mandatory. Each name in the form should be unique. This cheat-sheet is just about collecting data, PHP and the like handle what to do once the data is collected.

<form> `<form action="wheretheinstructionsare" method="get/post" name="MyForm" target="_self">`

Text Fields There are three types of text fields, small, large and passwords

Small:

```
<input name="smallText" type="text" size="30" maxlength="30">
```

Large:

```
<textarea name="largeText" cols="3" rows="3"></textarea>
```

Password:

```
<input name="myPassword" type="password" value="" size="30">
```

Checkboxes Check boxes are grouped when all have the same name. Multiple checkboxes can be checked at a time. In this example, "seinfeld" is pre-checked and the user has checked "Firefly" as well.

 Lost

```
<input name="shows" type="checkbox" value="lost">
```

 Seinfeld

```
<input name="shows" type="checkbox" checked="checked"
```

 Firefly

```
value="seinfeld">
```

```
<input name="shows" type="checkbox" value="firefly">
```

Radio Buttons Radio buttons are grouped when all have the same name. Only one button can be selected at once. In this example, "seinfeld" is pre-selected.

 Lost

```
<input name="shows" type="radio" value="lost">
```

 Seinfeld

```
<input name="shows" type="radio" checked="checked"
```

 Firefly

```
value="seinfeld">
```

```
<input name="shows" type="radio" value="firefly">
```