
Inclusive design

make forms accessible



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Accessible Forms

Connect labels to form controls

A programmatically identifiable relationship helps people navigating with a screen reader

Group related controls together

The legend and fieldset elements can be used to provide meaning to related controls

Use CSS to hide a label if necessary

Sometimes you may not be able to provide a visible label for form controls

Clearly identify required controls

People may not know what form controls to complete, help them out with what to fill in

Do not trigger extra content on focus

Loading new content when a control has focus is very disorientating if people can't identify the change

Provide data formats in the label

It may not be obvious what data format or data type is required

Do not use the disabled attribute

The disabled attribute affects the screen readers ability to focus and announce form controls