

# Creating Forms

## Form Objects Palette

In Dreamweaver, form input types are called form objects. You can insert form objects by using the Objects panel's Forms category, or by choosing Insert > Form, and Insert > Form Objects.



The Forms category provides the following buttons:

**Insert Form** inserts a form in the document. Dreamweaver inserts opening and closing `form` tags in the HTML source code. Any additional form objects, such as text fields, buttons, and so on must be inserted between the `form` tags for the data to be processed correctly by all browsers.

**Insert Text Field** inserts a text field in a form. Text fields accept any type of text, alphabetic, or numeric entries. The entered text can be displayed as a single line, as multiple lines, or as bullets or asterisks (for password protection).

**Insert Button** inserts a text button in a form. Buttons perform tasks when clicked, such as submitting or resetting forms. You can add a custom name or label for a button, or use one of the predefined labels—Submit or Reset.

**Insert Checkbox** inserts a checkbox in a form. Checkboxes allow multiple responses in a single group of options, a user can select as many options as apply.

**Insert Radio Button** inserts a radio button in a form. Radio buttons represent exclusive choices. Selecting a button within a group deselects all others in the group, for example a user can select Yes or No.

**Insert List/menus** allows you to create user choices in a list. The List option displays the option values in a scrolling list and allows users to select multiple options in the list. The Menu option displays the option values in a drop-down list and allows users to select only a single choice.

**Insert File field** inserts a blank text field and a Browse button in a document. File fields let users browse to files on their hard disks and upload the files as form data.

**Insert Image Field** allows you to insert an image in a form. Image fields can be used in place of Submit buttons to make graphical buttons.

**Insert Hidden field** inserts a field in the document in which user data can be stored. Hidden fields let you store information entered by a user, such as a name, e-mail address, or purchase preference, and then use that data when the user next visits your site.

**Insert Jump Menu** inserts a navigational list or pop-up menu. Jump menus let you insert a menu in which each option links to a document or file. See [Creating jump menus](#).