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## **Dreamweaver - Forms**

In this exercise, we will learn how to create a form with Dreamweaver. Viewers will be able to submit this form via email.

Dreamweaver Help provides lots of good information about working with the program. Use it.

Sample Page: <u>http://wkr1.comm.msstate.edu/3713/exercises/DW2.html</u>

## **Required elements:**

- Page Title → Your Name | DW Exercise 2 | Forms
- Heading → Exercise 5: Forms in Dreamweaver (use a larger, bold font)
- Body Attributes set via Page Properties
  - Appearance, Links, Headings
  - Use pixels, not points
- Set head tags for keywords and descriptions. See my sample page for examples
  - Insert→HTML→Head Tags
- Subject line for email placed in the Form Action box. "My Name's Form Exercise"
- Links to other exercises ('hide' a link to Exercise 6 for now)
- File name: DW2.html
- Upload the All of the Spry Assets (.js & .css files) created with your form.

# Setting up a Form:

- Type "PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SURVEY: (You can set up a legend to do this. See my code....)
- Add a Form (Insert→Form→Form)
  - action="mailto:netID@msstate.edu?subject= Your Name's Form"
  - method="post"
  - enctype="text/plain" (you need to type this in it's not a selectable option)
- All of the interactive elements need to be in a single form. Make sure you are still inside of the red rectangle (indicates form boundaries) when adding new elements
- Use Insert→Form→*Desired Element* to begin adding the from elements to your form
- Forms have several required elements. You must have an "ID" or "NAME" and a "VALUE" to identify the form object and selection when the form is returned to you. Many form elements also have a "LABEL". Not all elements can be added in the opening dialog box – make sure they are included!
- You must manually add all options for a Select: (List/Menu). Use the Property box.

# EXTRA CREDIT:

Instead of re-creating my form – create your own.

You must have the following properly labeled and 'id'ed elements:

- 1 Spry Validation Radio Group
- 2 Select (List/Menu) with at least 5 options each
- 1 Text Field
- 1 Checkbox Group with 10 items in a table
- 1 Spry Validation Text Field
  (I used the email address option, you can choose something else)
- Buttons to reset and submit the form.
- Adapt the CSS for a more engaging design

### Tips:

Spry assets can be very particular. If things go awry with your Spry elements – delete the entire element and start again.

#### Update Exercises 1-4:

Remove the comment tags from the links to the Exercise 5 page to activate the links and make them visible.

### Turn It In:

Exercise 5 (DW2) should be placed in the "exercises" folder nestled in your "public-html" folder.