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Using Fieldsets to Group Form Elements

Fieldsets can be used to group related form elements on long forms using a label called a legend. This can make it easier for people with cognitive disabilities to understand the form by splitting it into more manageable sections.

To add a fieldset to a form in Dreamweaver:

- 1. Select the form elements you want to enclose within the fieldset.
- 2. Select Insert, Form, Fieldset.

| Form | • | Form |
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| Hyperlink Email Link Named Anchor ℃≋A Date Server-Side Include Comment HTML | | Text Field Textarea Button Checkbox Radio Button Select (List/Menu) File Field |
| Template Objects Recent Snippets | | Image Field Hidden Field |
| Widget Spry InContext Editing | * | Radio Group Checkbox Group Jump Menu |
| Data Objects | • | Fieldset |
| | | Label |

3. Enter the text for the fieldset's legend in the popup window and choose OK. This is a label that will appear at the top of the fieldset.

| | Fieldset | |
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| Legend: | Personal Information | OK Cancel |

To preview your form in a web browser, choose File, Preview in Browser. You will notice the form elements within the fieldset will be surrounded by a thin border and the legend will appear at the top of the fieldset.

| -Personal Inf | ormation ——— |
|---------------|--------------|
| First Name: | |
| Last Name: | |
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You can use Cascading Style Sheets (CSS) to change the appearance of the border and perform other styling.

For additional tutorials, please visit our website at http://etc.usf.edu/techease/4all/.