

Using eForm Plug-in with Mambo to Create Email Forms

eForm 1.0

Introduction

The eForm plug-in for mambo is designed to allow content editors to be able to easily create complex forms using the WYSIWYG editor provided.

eForm takes a series of tags and transforms them into an HTML form, which when submitted emails a predefined email address.

Supported Elements

eForm currently supports the following form element types:

- **input** single line input field
- **textarea** a multi-line input field
- **select** multiple items in a drop down list

Creating a Form

{eform}

When creating an eForm, you must define the form with a start and end form tag: **{eform}** ... **{/eform}**. All other form elements must be placed within the two tags.

{input}

An input tag takes the following form:

{input field name}

The field name is will appear on the form as the description text for the input, e.g.;

Email Address

The field name will also appear on the email which is sent after the form is submitted by the user.

An input may also have a default value, which can be defined using the following syntax:

{input field name=value}

{textarea}

A text area tag takes the following form:

{textarea name}

This will create a multi-line input field.

{select}

A select tag takes the following form:

{select name=option1,option2,option3}

Note that the options are delimited by a comma.

{break line}

A **{break line}** tag will produce a break in the form spacing to help enhance the look of the form.

{title}

A title tag takes the following form:

{title my title}

The title tag will produce a row on the generated table with the selected title in bold.

Email Settings

When creating the form you must define the email address you want the form to be sent to.

You are also able to define the subject of the email which will be sent. These two parameters are set using the input tag and use the field name **email** and **subject**:

{input email=myemail@example.com}

{input subject=Request Form}

If you want the email sent from the users email address, you can cause this to happen by using the input tag with the name **email address**.

Required Fields

If you need to ensure a field is completed by the user, just add an * after the name.
e.g. **{title name*}**

If the user does not complete this field, they will be prompted to. All information filled in will be kept.

Example Form

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{eform}  
{title My First eForm}  
{input email=myemail@exmple.com} ← you will not be able to see this  
{input subject=Eform} ← or this  
{input name}  
{input email address}  
{select country=UK,USA,France,Germany}  
{break line}  
{textarea message}  
{/eform}
```

This form produces the following output:

My First EForm

Name

Email Address

Country

Message