

## FORMS EXERCISE – GET METHOD

Using the “GET” method to send information from your website to a web form such as Google or the MBTA.

Create a form in Dreamweaver – Insert\Form\Form

Add 2 text fields and one Button.-Insert\Form\Text Field (twice), and Insert\Form\Button

Now you need to determine both the URL and the name of the text fields from the site you’ll be sending your information to get something in return.

Browse to a web search page like Google Directions and determine the name of the text fields on that form. With Google just type in any address in the from and to fields and then click on the Link to button. If you copy the paste html information out you will see that the from field in Google is named “saddr” and the “To” field is named “daddr”. Name you fields the same. Copy the URL of Google maps:

<http://maps.google.com/maps?>

(Another way for sites like Yahoo and MBTA, save the sites web page complete to your computer, then open the page in Dreamweaver, click on the text fields to determine the name of the field in the properties window.)

Name the fields on your form with the corresponding names on the Google form. For example, name to “From Address” text field on your form the same as the from address on the Google form “saddr”.

Click on the red outline of the form and change the Method in the properties pallet to “GET”.

In the action of the form paste the Goolge Directions URL

<http://maps.google.com/maps?>

Click on the button and change the Value to “Get Directions”

Save and browse to the form. Test the form.

You can also set the “Inti val” property of the form to your address, then change the value of the field from “text” to “hidden” in code view. This way surfers will only have to put the from address in the form.