

## Re: Do all ASP buttons do submit?

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Randall Parker wrote:

> How do you tell them not to post back? Is there some attribute in a flag?

That's just HTML:

```
<input type="button" onclick="myClientSideFunction()">
```

> Also, you refer to:

```
> <input type=submit runat=server>
```

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> Why would one put runat=server on a tag that will become an HTML page tag? The input

> tag is not asp:input. It is just plain input. I thought runat=server was only used

> for tags that you want the ASP.Net pre-processor to translate into something else.

No. runat=server is available for any HTML tag. `<br id="myBR" runat=server/>` is perfectly valid, and will be available to you as a `HtmlGenericControl` on the server.

Take a look at the HTML generated by `<asp:button>` for an answer to your question. It will render as `<input type=submit>`, plus a bunch of script. The question you will eventually want to ask yourself is, since it's rendering as an INPUT anyway, why not declare it as one?

> Though I'm an ASP.Net novice and I still do not understand some basics. So maybe I'm  
> wrong.

Try to learn a bit about HTML and CGI programming outside of the context of ASP.NET. Seriously, install Perl or PHP on a server and write some simple database tools. It will take away a lot of misconceptions about the things that ASP.NET is doing for you behind the scenes.

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