

Re: autocomplete=off is not XHTML compliant

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Hello Amil,

I have a school test site where students enter answers. I want to disable the auto complete feature. You can do this for IE via autocomplete=off to the form or input control. But, this is not XHTML compliant. Does anyone know how to disable this in a XHTML compliant manner?

Amil

Most of these features can also be controlled by a meta tag or a meta server header. Not in this case it seems.

Microsoft documents the autocomplete feature here:

http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/default.asp?url=/workshop/author/forms/autocomplete_ovr.asp

If you want to stay xhtml compliant, then a solution using Javascript is probably the easiest solution. Just set the autocomplete property of the form or the input to off using script, and your HTML will still validate.

<http://chrisholland.blogspot.com/2004/11/banks-protect-privacy-disable.html>

On the other hand, you could also ignore the warning.

As side note, Firefox does not honour the autocomplete=off tag in all versions. They do however now recommend to deviate from the xhtml standard and use the IE tag.

http://developer.mozilla.org/en/docs/How_to_Turn_Off_Form_Autocompletion#Original_Document_Information

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