

Often when creating forms on a website it is helpful to place descriptive text with some of the form fields to help the user understand what they should type in the box. If this *descriptive text* is not cleared automatically when the user begins to type, sometimes this will hinder them more than it helps.

Using a simple **JavaScript** function you can automatically clear the example values from the **input box** when the user clicks into the field.



This technique can easily be used to clear the contents of any input box. All you have to do, is add a small bit of **JavaScript** to your input like this:

HTML Version

```
<input value="Your Comment" onclick="this.value=' ' " type="text">
```

PHP Version

```
<input value="Your Comment" onclick="this.value='\'' " type="text">
```

Alternative (by HeelpBook Staff)

If you want to enable an *advanced* version of this event, you could use the following solution, always using **Javascript** in the input form:

HTML Version

```
<input type="text" value="Search" onfocus="if (this.value == 'Search')
{this.value = ' ' ;}" onblur="if (this.value == ' ') {this.value = 'Search' ;}" />
```

PHP Version

```
<input type="text" value="Search" onfocus="if (this.value == \'Search\')
{this.value = '\'' ;}" onblur="if (this.value == '\'' ) {this.value = \'Search\'
;}" />
```

NOTE: in PHP the ' character is not interpreted *AS IS*, but you should tell PHP to **NOT** use it as a command delimiter by using the form \'