Query String Parameters

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Create unique links for your supporters, so when they go to your form, such as from an email, their information is already populated in the form.

Please note, this may be considered a more advanced option available to you. If you have concerns understanding the material, talk to your web developer about it.

Standard Form URL		URL with Query String Parameters				
https://fundraise.givemart.com/form/RRRbiA		https://fundraise.givemart.com/form/RRRbiA?init[amo 1543&init[first_name]=John&init[last_name]=Smith&ini [email]=training@mobilecause.com&init[state]=CA&ini				
		[zip]=91301&init[greetings]= <h1>Hello%20John!</h1>				
		Nonprofit .org				
Hello fantastic de	onor	Hello John!				
Choose amount		Choose amount				
\$ 25	5.00	\$	1543.00			
Make your gift recurring		Make your gift recurring				
One Time Weekly	Monthly Quarterly	One Time Weekly	Monthly Quarterly			
Contact i	information	Contac	t information			
First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name			
First Name	Last Name	John	Smith			
Mobile Number	Email	Mobile Number	Email			
Mobile xxx-xxx-xxxx	name@example.com	Mobile xxx-xxx-xxxx	training@mobilecause.com			
Address		Address				
123 Address Blvd		123 Address Blvd				
City		City				
Your City		Your City				
State	Zip	State	Zip			
Your State	12345	California				

By adding items to the web link or URL, you can personalize the form and auto-populate fields in the form.

https://fundraise.givemart.com/form/RRRbiA <mark>?</mark>	
init[amount]=1543 <mark>&init[first_name]=John</mark> &init[l	ast_name]=Smith <mark>&init[email]=training@</mark>
mobilecause.com <mark>&init[state]=CA</mark> &init[zip]=9130	&init[greetings]= <h1>Hello%20John!</h1>

Any variable (Reporting Label from a Form element) can be used with this feature.

Reporting Labels: Query string parameters work by manipulating the information in the reporting labels

of your form Elements. So if you want to start a form that has two hats selected for purchase from an Item element, then use that Item element's reporting label in the same format. *Example: ?[hats]=2*

Limitations

- Maximum URL Length: 2048 characters
 - This is a save limit based on what various browsers can handle. Creating a longer link will usually not be followed when clicked or selected.
- Number formatting: No commas.
 - If you are adding a donation amount, enter it without commas, like 1500 vs. 1,500.
- Text Box (Long or Short) Maximum: 250 characters
 - There may be a lesser maximum, so be sure to test this if you have a long entry.
- Browser Autocorrects: Various characters in your link may appear to change when you follow the link.
 - A space will change to %20
 - The brackets will change to %5B and %5D
 - Most modern browsers should be able to resolve the URL either way, but the browser resolved version (the one with the % items) should be most compatible.

Basic Options - Pre populate form fields

Start with your Form's base URL:

https://fundraise.givemart.com/form/RRRbiA

Add items to your URL to personalize it using the following format:

- First value in the url: ?init[Reporting_label]=value
- Any additional value in the url: &init[Reporting_label]=value

https://fundraise.givemart.com/form/RRRbiA?

init[amount]=1543&init[email]=training@mobilecause.com

Default Variables:

- [amount] this will populate the donation amount
- [first_name]
- [last_name]
- [phone]
- [email]
- [street_address]
- [city]
- **[state]** Case sensitive, use capital letters only. Even though it is displayed with the full state name, the URL will only accept the two character state code (CA, NY, IL, etc.)
- **[zip]** this is set up to use a 5-digit zip code. Even if you put in a 9-digit zip, it will still only resolve to a 5-digit one.
- [gender] this IS case sensitive and is defined by:
 - M or Male: male
 - F or Female: female
 - Intersex: intersex
 - Non-Binary: non-binary
 - Transgender%20Male: transgender male

- Transgender%20Female: transgender female
- I%20prefer%20not%20to%20say: I prefer not to say
- **[recurring_frequency]** this chooses the different frequencies in your recurring donation section. Note that the identifier is all lower case to work properly:
 - weekly
 - monthly
 - quarterly
 - ∘ yearly
- [recurring_limit] if you are using either the Fixed Term or Pay Over Time options in your recurring donations, you can also set the numerical value based on the number available in the drop down you create. Make sure to stay within your choices in your drop down, though.
 - Example: If, in your Recurring Donations options, you Set Max Number of Allowed
 Payments to 12, and you try to use ?init[recurring_limit]=13, then it will revert to the Select option on the drop down.

Advanced Options - Form Formatting

One very exciting feature of this functionality is that you can also personalize different design elements on your form. For example, as shown above, your default form may say "Hello fantastic donor" but you can have a personalized form with your donor's name and have it say, "Hello John!" This can be accomplished because of the Reporting Labels within your added Form Elements, as described here.

Note: This does require basic HTML formatting knowledge, but it is still simple enough to follow here.

Step 1: Add the Form Element

All form elements, whether they are for data collection or design have a reporting label when you create it. This is what you will use for the Query String Parameter. In the example below, our Text element is labeled as "Greetings"

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Reporting Label 🛛		
Greetings		
ext Field Value*		
$\Leftrightarrow \Rightarrow \text{Helvetica Neue } \bullet 11 \text{pt} \bullet \text{Formats } \bullet \textbf{B} I \ \ $		
Characters: 21 Word	s: 3	
Cancel Sa	ve	
Greetings Text		



Step 2 - Create and test the basic new label

With a text element, you will likely want to use HTML formatting, but it is a good idea to first try it as just text to make sure it works as you want.

In this example, we're setting the reporting label, "Greetings," on the form from whatever it was for the default donor, to something specific for our special donor. Since it is the only element we'll change in this example, we will add it as **?init[Greetings]=Hello John!** for a full URL of:

https://fundraise.givemart.com/form/RRRbiA <mark>?init[Greetings]=Hello John!</mark>
Nonprofit .org
Hello John! Choose amount
\$ 25.00
Note, this is one, especially, that you may want to use what the browser resolves it to, because spaces in a link are probably the most problematic items. https://fundraise.givemart.com/form/RRRbiA?init%5BGreetings%5D=Hello+John%21&vid=ensp

Step 3 - Formatting with HTML

The example in Step 2 changes or adds the special/personal text to the form, but you may want to format it so it will stand out or look better on your form. You do this by adding HTML code to the parameter value:

https://fundraise.givemart.com/form/RRRbiA <mark>?init[Greetings]=<mark>-h2></mark>Hello John!<mark>=/em></mark></mark>
Nonprofit .org
Hello John!
Choose amount
\$ 25.00