

Facebook Forms

What You Need To Know

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placeholder

Facebook uses the HTML5-only
`placeholder` attribute

```
<input type="text" name="first_name"  
      size="15" maxlength="100"  
      placeholder="First Name">
```

Grey text disappears automatically
when a user clicks in the text area & types,
& reappears
if the user clicks out of the text area
without filling anything in first

Years

Facebook's Year select list
starts in 1905
& ends in 2013

You don't want to type in 108 years!

You can Google for
`list of years`
& copy the results

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Copy and Paste List for Years Drop Down

POSTED ON [FEBRUARY 1, 2012](#) BY [KT](#)

If you just need a manual list of years for a dropdown going back to 1900, copy and paste the following...

```
001 | Please Select...
002 | 2012
003 | 2011
004 | 2010
005 | 2009
006 | 2008
007 | 2007
008 | 2006
009 | 2005
010 | 2004
011 | 2003
012 | 2002
013 | 2001
014 | 2000
015 | 1999
016 | 1998
017 | 1997
018 | 1996
019 | 1995
020 | 1994
021 | 1993
022 | 1992
023 | 1991
024 | 1990
025 | 1989
026 | 1988
027 | 1987
028 | 1986
029 | 1985
030 | 1984
031 | 1983
```

ARCHIVES



December 2012
 August 2012
 July 2012
 May 2012
 March 2012
 February 2012
 January 2012
 December 2011
 November 2011
 October 2011
 September 2011
 August 2011
 July 2011
 May 2011
 April 2011
 March 2011
 February 2011
 January 2011
 December 2010
 November 2010
 October 2010

OR,

if you really want to nerd out
& learn a skill that will help you,

you need to learn
regular expressions

Basically,
find & replace
on steroids

Use regular expressions
when simple find & replace
won't work

Find & Replace

Imagine a website full of email addresses

Bob just quit

Alice took Bob's position

You need to change bob@foo.com
to alice@foo.com
everywhere on the website

Find & Replace
without regex will work perfectly
in this situation

Regular Expressions

Imagine a webpage full of email addresses

25 different ones at foo.com

» bar@foo.com

» qaz1@foo.com

» corge.1999@foo.com

& 22 more

But also 7 from other domains

» garply@gmail.com

» waldo@outlook.com

& 5 others

You want to change *all* addresses ending in foo.com
to info@foo.com

But all others who are not at foo.com remain the same

Find	Replace With
bar@foo.com	info@foo.com
qaz1@foo.com	info@foo.com
corge.1999@foo.com	info@foo.com
garply@gmail.com	garply@gmail.com
waldo@outlook.com	waldo@outlook.com

How do you match
bar@foo.com
&
qaz1@foo.com
&
corge.1999@foo.com
&
anything.else@foo.com
?

Enter
regular expressions
(AKA *regex* or *regexp*)

Wikipedia:
“...sequence of characters
that forms a search pattern,
mainly for use
in pattern matching with strings,
... i.e. ‘find and replace’-like operations”

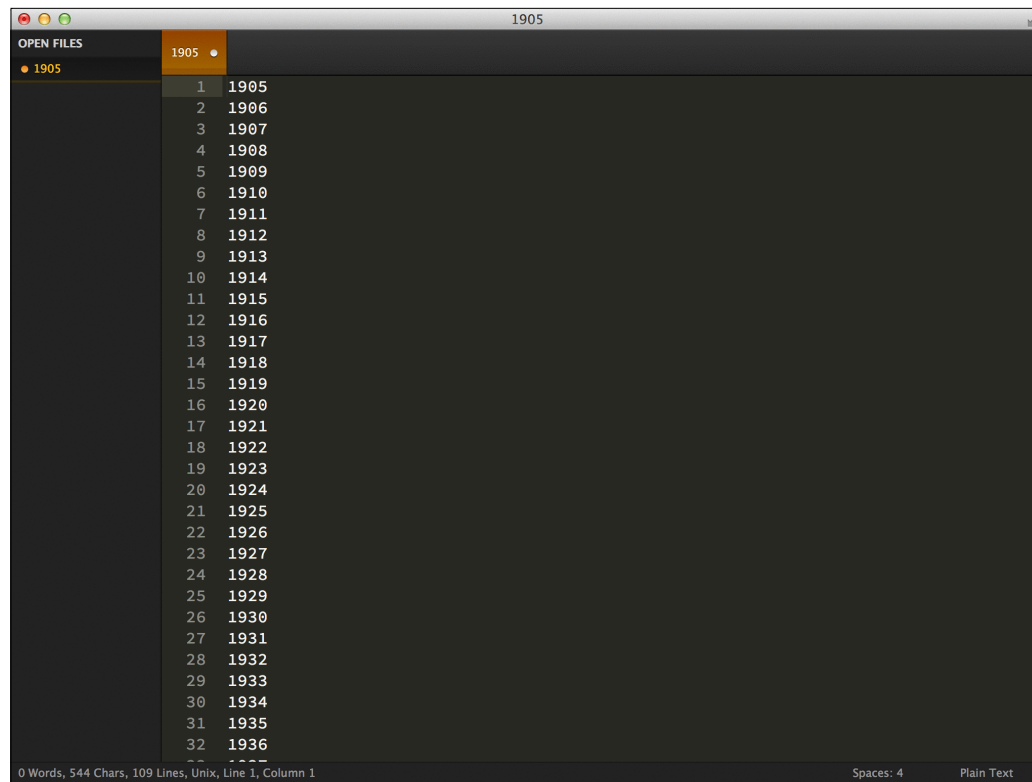
On a UNIX-based computer
(which includes Macs!),
open the Terminal app & type

```
seq 1905 2013
```

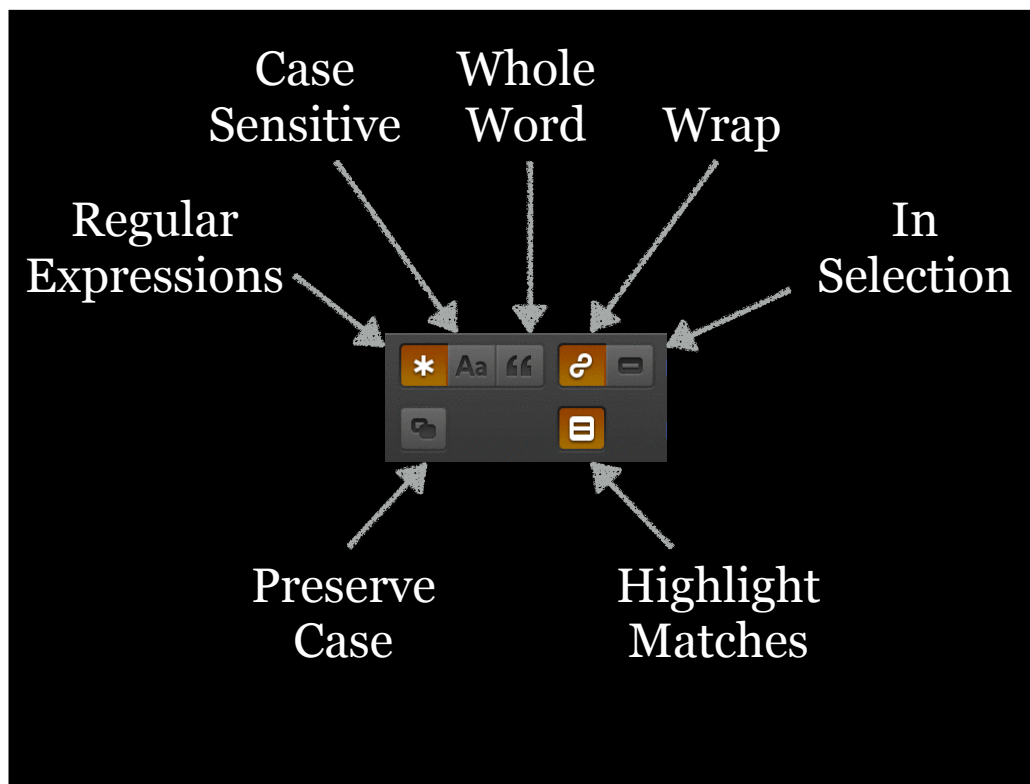
Press Enter

Either way,
paste the list of years
into a new, empty document
in Sublime Text

No spaces before each number
or after each number!



In Sublime Text,
go to Find > Replace
(or press Command+Option+F on Mac
or Ctrl+Alt+F on Windows)



Find What:

(^.*\$)

Replace With:

<option value="\1">\1</option>

Find What:

(^ . * \$)

^ the beginning of a line

\$ the end of a line

. any character

* 1 or more times

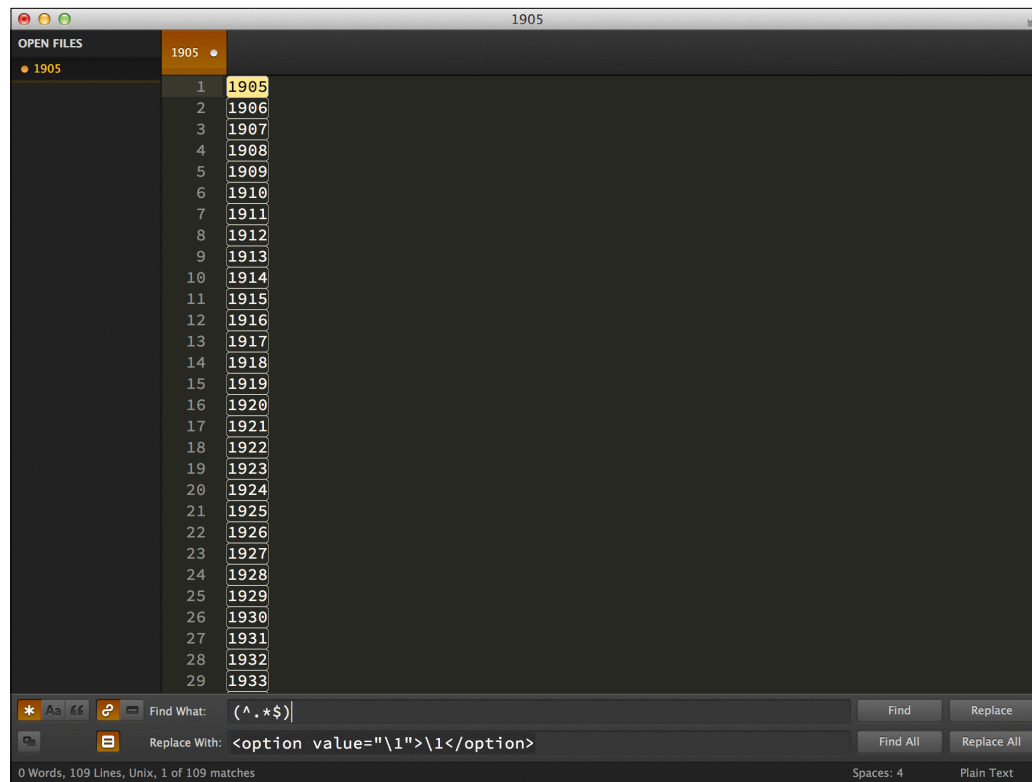
() a *numbered capturing group*
that can be matched
in the Replace With
by \1

Replace With:

```
<option value="\1">\1</option>
```

\1 backreference pointing back
to numbered capturing group
grabbed in the Find What by ()

Sublime Text will highlight
all the years on the page
because they all should match



Press Replace All

Now you have
all of the `<option>` form controls
for the Year done

```
109 Words, 3814 Chars, 109 Lines ~0m, 32s reading time, Unix, Line 1, Column 31
1  <option value="1905">1905</option>
2  <option value="1906">1906</option>
3  <option value="1907">1907</option>
4  <option value="1908">1908</option>
5  <option value="1909">1909</option>
6  <option value="1910">1910</option>
7  <option value="1911">1911</option>
8  <option value="1912">1912</option>
9  <option value="1913">1913</option>
10 <option value="1914">1914</option>
11 <option value="1915">1915</option>
12 <option value="1916">1916</option>
13 <option value="1917">1917</option>
14 <option value="1918">1918</option>
15 <option value="1919">1919</option>
16 <option value="1920">1920</option>
17 <option value="1921">1921</option>
18 <option value="1922">1922</option>
19 <option value="1923">1923</option>
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24 <option value="1928">1928</option>
25 <option value="1929">1929</option>
26 <option value="1930">1930</option>
27 <option value="1931">1931</option>
28 <option value="1932">1932</option>
29 <option value="1933">1933</option>
30 <option value="1934">1934</option>
31 <option value="1935">1935</option>
32 <option value="1936">1936</option>
```


Fonts & Colors

`"Freight Sans Bold", "Lucida
Grande", Tahoma, Verdana, Arial,
sans-serif`

`"Freight Sans", "Lucida Grande",
Tahoma, Verdana, Arial, sans-serif`

Button color

#659d50

Thank you!

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