

The process of user sign-up, or **registration**, is a key element of a Web application. Being able to add or to be added to an online service can be both a primary and a secondary goal. About 80 percent of all Web sites offer some form of registration. In addition, Web applications require that you add some form of user identification to the system. In fact, the very nature of a Web application is that it is a user-driven system.

## Registration

1. **Get the user's name** (and possibly the user's e-mail address) (see Figure 10-10)
2. **Verify** (password) (see Figure 10-11)
3. **Save your information** to the system (if you're allowed to) (see Figure 10-12). It's possible that you have to wait for confirmation with an e-mail address or another e-mailing. If you're not a subscriber, you're not.

The screenshot shows a 'Sign Up' form with the following fields:

- Name:** A text input field with a small 'X' icon on the right.
- E-mail:** A text input field.
- Password:** A text input field.
- Confirm Password:** A text input field.
- Sign Up:** A button at the bottom right of the form.

4. **Verify** (user's e-mail) (if you're allowed to) (see Figure 10-13) (optional, but recommended)

The screenshot shows a confirmation dialog box with the following content:

- Message:** You have been blocked from creating your online user account.
- Buttons:**
- Text:** Always allow alerts. Allowing us to contact you is essential to our services.
- Text:** We're sorry to hear that you've been blocked from creating your account.
- Strength:** Default
- Content:** All rights reserved.