

Forms

Introduction

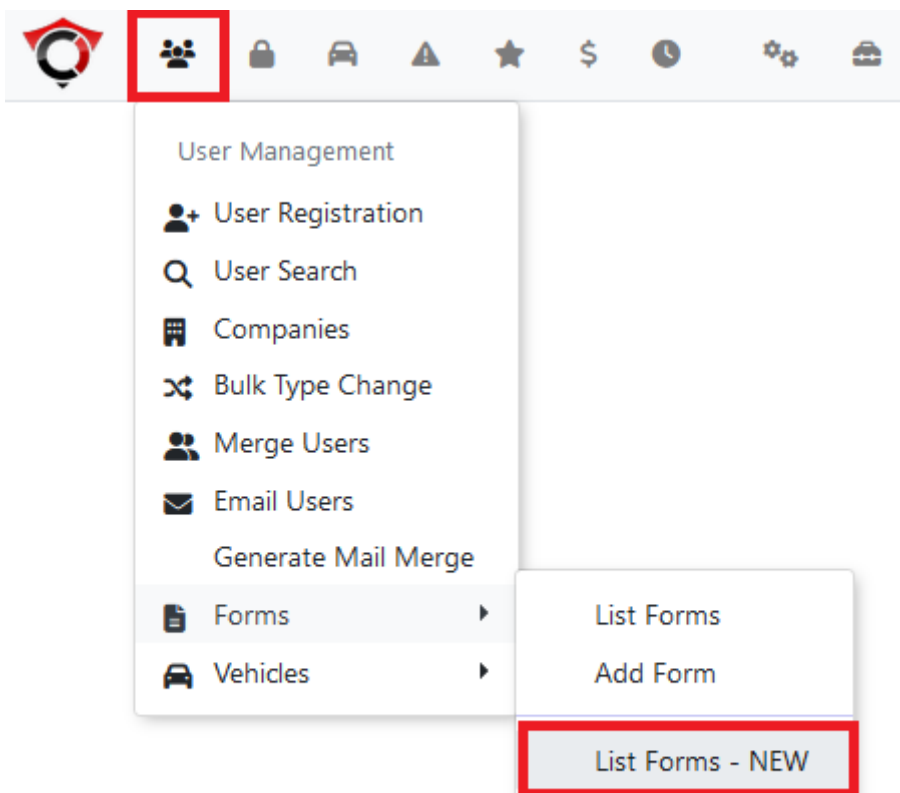
The forms module has been refactored, and has new functionality.

Existing form data is not compatible with the new format, which means any old forms will need to be recreated in the new form format.

Accessing Forms

The forms module can be found under the menu tree:

- **User Management → Forms → List Forms**



Forms List

This will open the forms list page.

The screenshot shows the 'Forms' management interface. At the top right is a '+ Add Form' button. Below is a table with columns: Title, View Entries, Description, and Options. The first row shows a form titled 'Parking Survey...' with a pen icon for editing, a '1 Entries' button, a description 'A general survey on the u...', and three action buttons: 'Copy', 'Archive', and 'Export'. A red box highlights the 'Options' column, and a red line connects it to a callout box labeled 'Options'. Similarly, red lines connect the pen icon to 'Edit Form', the '1 Entries' button to 'View Entries', and the '+ Add Form' button to 'Add New'.

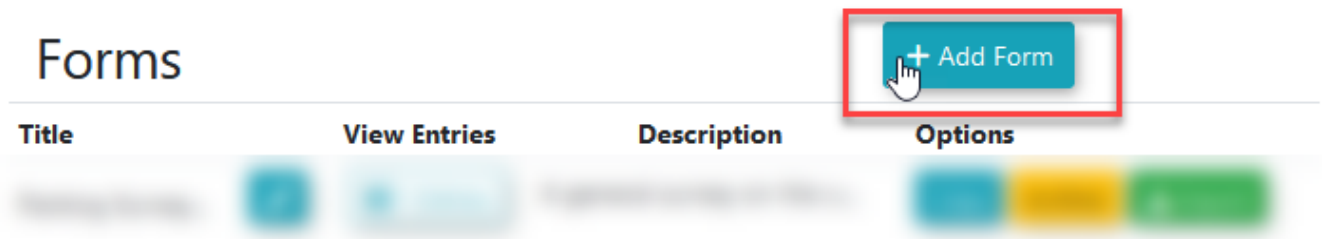
Title	View Entries	Description	Options
Parking Survey...	1 Entries	A general survey on the u...	Copy Archive Export

Several options are presented to the user from this page.

- **Add new** - creates a new form.
- **Edit form** - existing forms can be edited by clicking on the pen icon next to the form title.
- **View entries** - entries submitted by users for a form can be viewed by clicking the buttons in the column.
- Options:
 - **Copy** - this will create a duplicate of the form without any of the entries. Useful when changes are to be made to the form structure without affecting existing entries.
 - **Archive** - this will archive the form and all its entries, removing them from view.
 - **Export** - this will export the form and all entry data to an Excel file.

Creating a New Form

To create a new form, click on the **Add Form** button.



Upon opening the add new form screen, the user is presented with a menu with three tabs.

- Form Basics
- Post Form Actions
- Questions

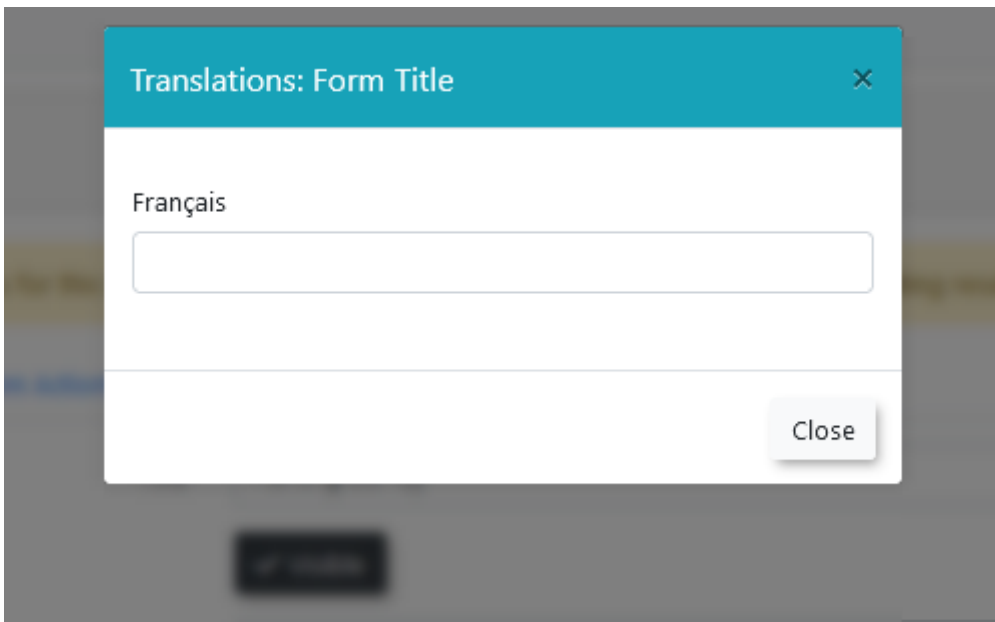
Form Basics

The initial form setup.

A screenshot of a web application interface for editing a form titled 'Parking Survey'. The screen has a header with the title 'Editing Form: Parking Survey' and a 'Back' button. Below the header, there are three tabs: 'Form Basics', 'Post Form Actions', and 'Questions'. The 'Form Basics' tab is selected. The form fields are as follows: 'Title' is 'Parking Survey' with a yellow '1' icon; 'Description' is 'A general survey on the user parking experience.' with a yellow '1' icon; 'Show At' is 'May 01, 2024 @ 16:28'; 'Hide At' is 'Jun 30, 2024 @ 16:28'; and 'External Form' is an empty field. At the bottom, there is a blue 'Save Changes' button.

- **Title** - the name of the form. The orange box to the right of the text field is used to set the title in each language installed on the site.
- **Visible** - whether or not the form is visible to users.
- **Description** - text describing the purpose of the form. The orange box to the right of the text field is used to set the description in each language installed on the site.
- **Show At** - the date and time at which the form becomes visible to users.
- **Hide At** - the date and time at which the form becomes hidden from users.
- **External Form** - a URL to a form on an external site. If this field is provided, below sections can be ignored.

Clicking one of the orange boxes next to a text field will open a modal where the translation for the field can be set for each language installed on the site.



Post Form Actions

Set the actions to take after the user submits the form.

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Perform After Submit

Action to take on submitting the form:

✓ Mail to specified email.

✓ Show the form submission back to the user.

Email Subject

Parking Survey - New User Entry

Email To

test@opscom.com

Email From

no-reply@opscom.com

Completion Text

To show the form selections back to the user after they submission, include the "Form Results" token somewhere in the completion text below.

Depending on the user side technology, the token is:

- [%%FORM_RESULTS%%] - ARO user side (user paths end in .aro)
- {\$FORM_RESULTS} - PHP user side (user paths end in .php)

{FORM_RESULTS}

Save Changes

- **Perform After Submit**

- **Mail to specific email** - after a submission is made, a notification email will be sent to the email address specified below in the email to field.
- **Show form back to user** - after a submission is made, the form data will be shown back to the submitter.

- **Email Subject** - the subject line of the email notification to be sent back to the creator of the form when a submission is made by a user.
- **Email To** - the email address the notification email is sent to.
- **Email From** - the from address assigned to the notification email.
- **Completion Text** - the message shown back to the user after making a submission.

Questions

Under this tab is where the form questions are built.

Creating a New Form

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Drag a field from the right to this area

- Checkbox Group
- Date Field
- Header
- Number
- Paragraph
- Radio Group
- Select
- Text Field
- Text Area

Save Changes

The right side of the form builder contains the field types that can be added to the form. This can be done by dragging and dropping the fields from the box on the right into the questions area on the left.

After the question has been created, the details can be filled in.

Each field can be **removed**, **edited**, or **copied** by using these buttons:

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Number

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Question Types

For a detailed breakdown of form field types, refer to the [Form Fields Type](#) wiki documentation.

Checkbox Group - presents the user with a list of checkboxes, from which they can choose multiple options.

- **Date Field** - a selectable date time for user input.
- **Header** - a header or title to present information to the user. No information is entered by the user.
- **Number** - a number for the user to input.
- **Paragraph** - a paragraph of text to present information to the user. No information is entered by the user.
- **Radio Group** - presents the user with a list of radio buttons, from which they can choose one.
- **Select** - presents the user with a dropdown menu of multiple pre-defined options. Multiple items can be selected if enabled, or only a single when not.
- **Text Field** - a short text field used for user input.
- **Text Area** - a long text field used for user input.

Question Options

When editing a field, there are some common attributes to lookout for:

- **Required** - enabling this will make it so the user must answer the question before they are able to submit the form.
 - **Label** - the name or title of the question.
 - **Help Text** - will give the user additional information or context about the question. Makes a question mark icon appear next to the question that will display the text in a tooltip when clicked.
 - **Placeholder** - for a question where the user provides the answer, will display the text in the background of the text field before the user enters a value.
 - **Value** - the default value for a question.
 - **Searchable** - this enables the field contents to be searched on when searching through form entries.
 - **Admin Only** - questions marked as admin-only will not be shown to users. It is used for admins to add comments or notes to a form entry submitted by a user, such as if an application was approved or denied.
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Form Options

Editing a Form

A form should only be edited when it doesn't have any user entries, as it may cause existing entries to display their data incorrectly.

If changes need to be made to an existing form, it should be copied first, and the changes be made on the copy while it doesn't have any entries.

Archiving a Form

Archiving acts as a form of deletion for forms.

When a form has been archived, the form and all its entries will be removed from view and can no longer be accessed.

Exporting a Form

Exporting a form will take all user entries given for a form and place the contents into an Excel document that will be downloaded by the browser.

Viewing Form Entries

User form submissions can be viewed by clicking on the view entries button next to the form title.

Further details can be found in the [Viewing Form Entries](#) wiki documentation.

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