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## 2 Abstract

This document describes the installation, configuration and usage of the Alkacon OpenCms Add-On Module Package Webform. With the Webform module, it is possible to create highly configurable online input forms without knowledge of HTML.

Once created, configured and published, a Webform may be filled out by website visitors. The data entered may be sent to an email account and / or stored in the OpenCms database.

## 3 General purpose of the Alkacon OAMP Webform Module

The module extends a basic OpenCms installation with the capability to create highly configurable online input forms. It provides the following features:

- Create Webforms by mouse clicks and simple keyboard input. A Webform is a structured XML content which offers a comfortable user interface.
- Complete configuration of a Webform is done in one file.
- Input fields, their labels, default values and options are freely configurable.
- For each input field it is possible to pick from several different field types, like Text input, Text area, Checkbox, Radio buttons, Hidden fields, File upload fields and Email Field.
- Input fields have several configuration options, like defining a default value, control if it is mandatory, define a regular expression for validation and an error message to be shown in case validation was not successful.
- To avoid that spiders use your Webforms (e.g. in order to spread spam to forums or guest books) a CAPTCHA field may be configured. This is an image containing distorted text that has to be entered in a text input to verify that a human is filling out the form.
- The collected data of a submission may be sent to a configurable email account and / or stored in the OpenCms database in separate exclusive tables, which can later be accessed using the API.

## 4 Installation

**Note:** To use the Alkacon OAMP Webform module version 1.3.0, you need at least OpenCms version 7.0.3. The module is not compatible with older OpenCms versions.

**Note:** To use the Alkacon OAMP Webform module version 1.3.1, you need at least OpenCms version 7.5.0. The module is not compatible with older OpenCms versions. Also version 1.3.0 of the OAMP Webform module is not compatible with OpenCms 7.5.0.

**Note:** The OpenCms module `org.opencms.frontend.templateone.form` which is the predecessor and a "lighter" version of this module (no support for database persistence) should be uninstalled before installation of this module. Old email forms that have been created with this module might still work except for the captcha image verification. The used captcha library JCapcha of this module is a newer version and it is required that the older captcha libraries are deleted from the OpenCms web application class path.

Step by step installation procedure:

1. Go to the OpenCms Administration view
2. Click "Module Management" and select either "Import Module from Server" if the module was placed in the **WEB-INF/packages/modules/** folder of your OpenCms installation, or select "Import Module with HTTP" to upload the module from your local file system
3. Select the Alkacon OAMP Webform module zip file **com.alkacon.opencms.formgenerator\_1.0.x.zip** to import
4. Check if the jar file **com.alkacon.opencms.formgenerator.jar** has been deployed in the **WEB-INF/lib/** folder after installation
5. In case you find the libraries **ehcache-1.0.jar**  
**jcaptcha-all-1.0-RC2.0.1.jar**  
in the **WEB-INF/lib/** folder please delete them.
6. Restart your servlet container afterwards

## 4.1 Configuration

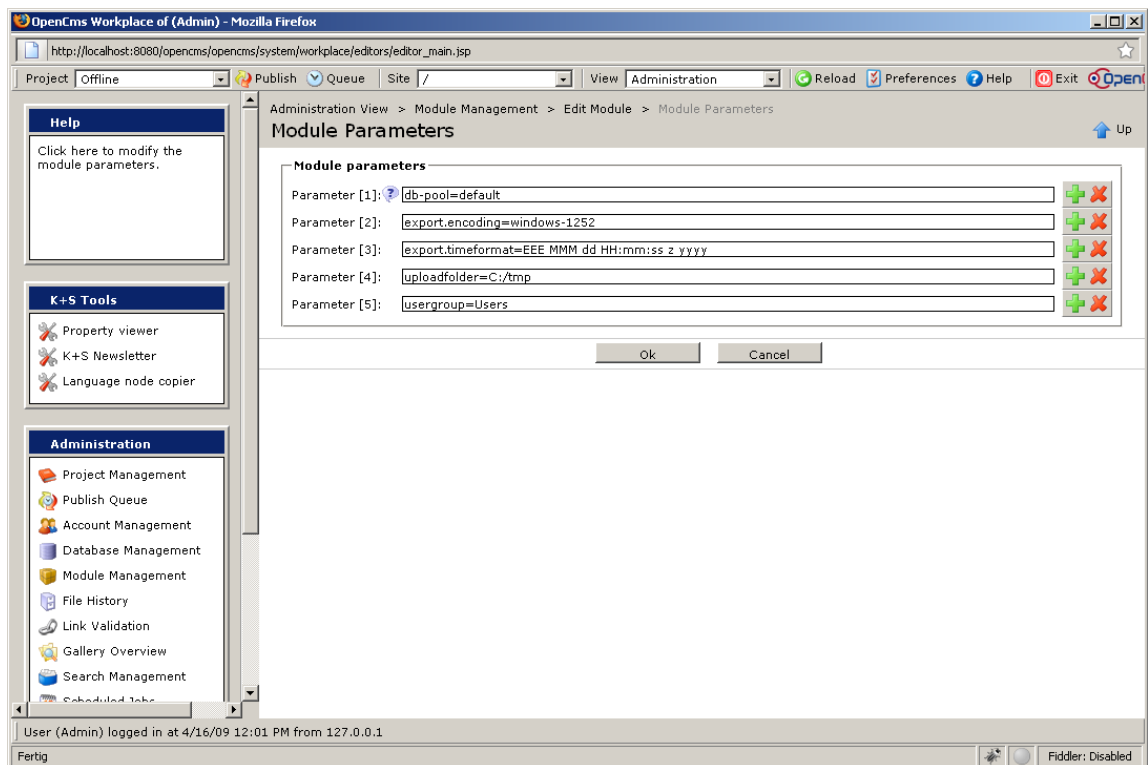
Configuration is necessary to define the database in which the Webform submissions will optionally be stored in. Furthermore the location in the real file system has to be configured where file uploads should be stored in case a Webform is set up that stores its data in the database and has a file upload field. Also the database provider has to be configured.

### 4.1.1 Module Parameters

It is possible that the settings to configure here are chosen wrong. Please have a look at the OpenCms log file (<tomcat>/webapps/<webappname>/WEB-INF/logs/opencms.log) for any errors or warnings if something is not working as expected.

Log in to the OpenCms Workplace.

1. Switch to the Administration View.
2. Go to the Module Management page.
3. In the list of the modules click on the module name of the module **com.alkacon.opencms.formgenerator**.
4. Click on Module Parameters. Adapt the settings for the module parameter **db-pool** and **uploadfolder**. All other parameters are optional to change.



It is possible to use other property files for the module than the default files in `com.alkacon.opencms.formgenerator/classes/com/alkacon/opencms/formgenerator/workplace.properties`, you have to set the module parameter “message” to the bundle to the other property files. If the other files are named `workplace2.properties`, you have to set the “message” parameter to `/com/alkacon/opencms/formgenerator/workplace2`. It is also possible to use specific property files per form. Thereto see field “Property file” in chapter 5.2.

#### 4.1.1.1 db-pool

The `db-pool` parameter value references a database pool configured in `<tomcat-home>/webapps/<webappname>/WEB-INF/config/opencms.properties`. The value “default” should be OK for most applications. If you need to collect your Webform data in a dedicated database you may configure another pool in the `opencms.properties` and refer to it in this module parameter.

#### 4.1.1.2 uploadfolder

The parameter `uploadfolder` is needed whenever you set up a Webform that has to store submissions in the database and contains a file upload field. These uploads are not stored in the database but in a folder that has to be set here. Please select a valid directory and check the log file when setting up and testing such a form.

#### 4.1.1.3 export.timeformat

This parameter allows defining a date and time format for the “Creation date” column in the exported CSV file. The syntax is explained here:

<http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.5.0/docs/api/java/text/SimpleDateFormat.html>.

For an Excel – compatible format like “03.04.2009 11:06:59” one could configure “dd.MM.yyyy hh:mm:ss”.

#### 4.1.1.4 export.encoding

This parameter defines the encoding of the exported CSV file. E.g. for Excel 2003- compatibility choose "windows-1252". Else "utf-8" is recommended. If this parameter is omitted the OpenCms – configured default encoding is used (utf-8).

This setting is helpful if the exported file is directly opened with an external program that is hard wired to a special encoding.

#### 4.1.1.5 export.lineseparator

A setting "windows" will cause "\r\n" in exported CSV files for line breaks. A setting "unix" or "excel" (Microsoft Excel displays a square for carriage return '\r') will cause '\n' in exported CSV files for line breaks.

##### 4.1.1.5.1 usergroup

This controls the visibility of the workplace tool on the top level of the workplace Administration. On the Database Management the tool is visible for Administrators only. On the top level it will be visible for every user of the group that is entered here.

By default every user of the group "Users" may

#### 4.1.1.6 db-provider,index-tablespace

At the moment supported database providers are only MySQL and Oracle. Being MySQL the default. If you are using Oracle as database provider you have to set following module parameters:

**db-provider=oracle** and **index-tablespace=<your tablespace>**, here the default is 'users'. After changing these parameters you will have to restart your servlet container.

## 5 Module usage

After successful installation and configuration of the Webform module, it is ready to use. Webforms can be set up by creating a new resource of the type "**Alkacon Webform**".

### 5.1 Creating an Alkacon OpenCms Webform

To create a new Webform the "new" dialog in OpenCms has to be used:

1. Click "New" in the Top Bar of the OpenCms Workplace.
2. In the following dialog click "Structured content" and then "Continue".
3. Then select "Alkacon Webform" and "Continue".
4. In the following dialog enter the name of the new file and more properties if desired.

→ A new file of type "alkacon-webform" has been created and is visible in the OpenCms Explorer.

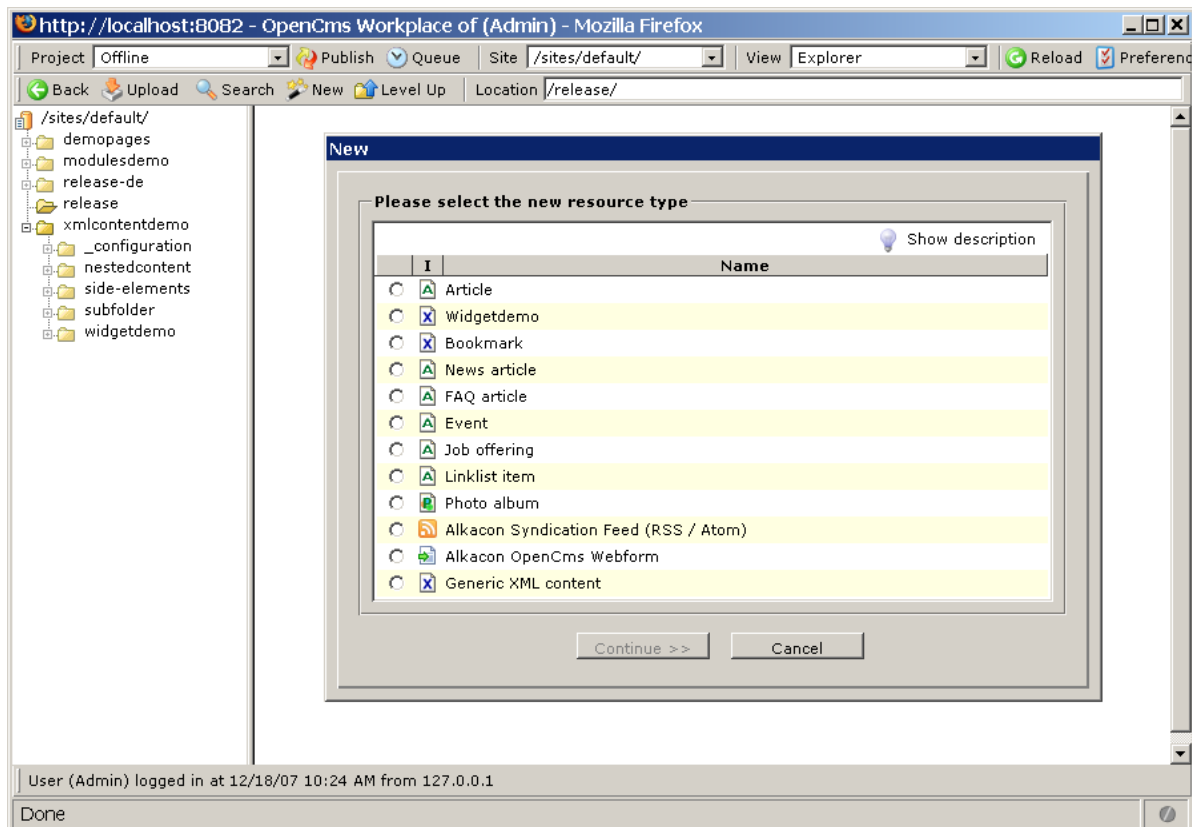
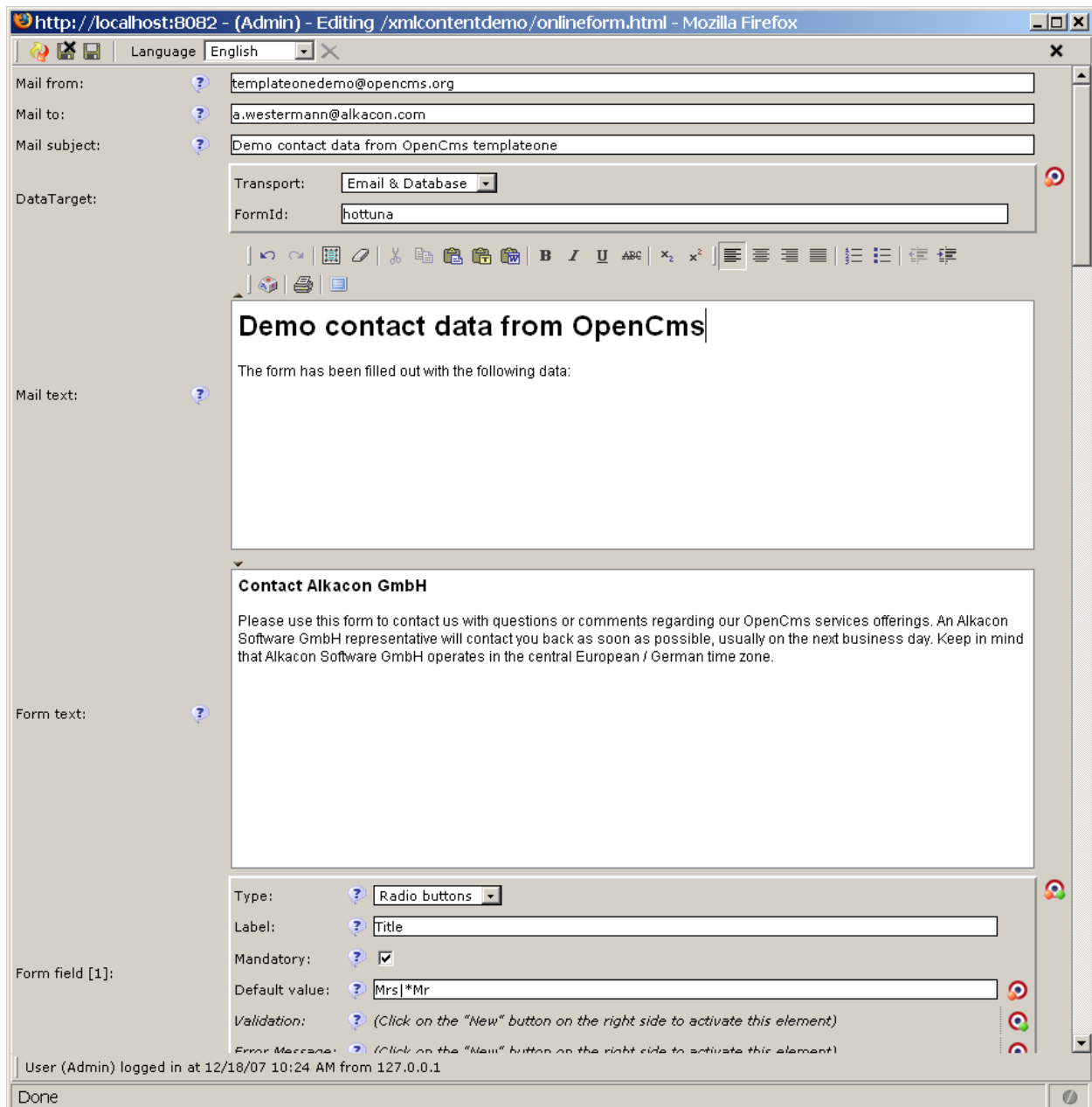


Figure 1: The 2nd stage of the new dialog to create an Alkacon OpenCms Webform.

## 5.2 Editing an Alkacon OpenCms Webform

Webforms are edited by clicking their file symbol in the OpenCms explorer with the right mouse button and choose "edit" from the popup – menu.

The XML content editor for Webforms appears. One can add as many labelled fields as desired to collect data.



**Figure 2: Alkacon OpenCms Webform editor.**

There are **some mandatory** fields that have to be configured to make the resulting Webform work:

- **Mail from:** This has to be a valid email address that should be accepted from the mail server you use.<sup>1</sup>
- **Mail to:** This has to be a valid email address the collected data will be sent to.
- **Mail subject:** The Subject of the Email if email transportation is configured.
- **Form text:** This is the text that will appear on the web page showing the Email form.

The following fields are optional:

<sup>1</sup> The mail server that is used is configured in the OpenCms configuration (file: **opencms-system.xml**). If sending of emails fails please contact your OpenCms System administrator to check the configuration.



- **DataTarget:** This nested box allows configuring how the data is processed. By default (if this box is not added with the plus button) the submitted data will be sent as an email to the configured "Mail to" – address.
  - **Transport:** Controls, which mode of transportation is used. In case "Email & Database" or "Database" is used the 2nd field "FormId" is required for database persistence.
  - **FormId:** In case submitted data is stored in the database this ID will identify which form was submitted. Later on, if OpenCms workplace users want to download the data of a form, they see a "Download Data" Link on the frontend page in the offline project which will produce an excel csv file with all data matching this ID. With this solution it is possible to have several siblings of the same page in different language folders all sharing the same **FormId** thus being exported all into a single csv file.
- **Mail text:** This is some additional text that is sent in the optionally generated Emails. This most often can be left out or some lines (e.g.: "New contact request made on <http://www.alkacon.com> made!") are sufficient as many mails in this form will be received.
- **Form field:** Many form fields may be added. They have a type selector that affects, which widget will be used in the resulting webpage for the data to enter.
  - **Label:** Should be entered. It will be displayed to the left of the input field and also in the generated email to identify the value entered by the website visitor. If you are saving the data to a database it might be helpful to define a locale independent field name, this can be done by entering after the locale dependent label a pipe character ('|') followed by the locale independent name. For instance, instead of "Your Email Address:", if you use "Your Email Address: |email" then the data will be stored in the database as "email" and not as "Your Email Address:". You can also use this special labels for macros in the following fields:
    - **Mail Subject**
    - **Mail Text**
    - **Confirmation Text**
    - **Check Page Text**
    - **Confirmation Mail Subject**
    - **Confirmation Mail Text**
  - **Mandatory:** If the mandatory flag is selected empty fields will not be accepted.
  - **Default value:** This field may be used to preset values for text fields or text area fields. **Especially for checkbox fields, radio button fields or select box fields the default value has to be used to specify the items available for selection:**  
A special syntax:  
"i1:Item 1|i2:Item2|i3:Item3" allows to specify each item separated by pipe symbol ("|"), where you may differ between the internal name for the selection that will be used in the email (here: i1,i2,i3,...) and the visible selection on the webpage (here: Item 1, Item 2, Item 3). You can just specify one value for each item: "Spaghetti|Coca Cola|Cerveza" if you don't require internal

names. The sole purpose is to allow different localized versions that have translated visible items for each language but use the same value in the generated Email (in case a computer program reads those emails).

Preselections (default items) may be marked with an asterisk like Mr in "**Mr**s | **\*Mr**".

- **Field Options:** This field is currently only used in the Alkacon OAMP Survey Module with following options in the format key=value|key=value ...:
  - **showAverage:** If the average of numerical values shall be shown, this key is to set to true
  - **averageDigits:** The number of internal decimal places for the average
  - **averageText:** The text on the average bar
  - **orientation:** Per default the average bar is longer all the more average of the numerical values. This key is set to "desc", when the average bar shall be longer all the less average of the numerical values.
- **Validation:** This field allows specifying a regular expression that has to match the entered value. If the user enters something that does not match such an expression submission will fail with a error message.
- **Error Message:** Allows configuring a custom error message if validation fails.
- **Form middle text:** This text is shown after the form data and before the submit button
- **Form footer text:** This text is shown after the submit button
- **Target Uri:** This most often should be blank. If configured after a successful submission the user's Web browser will be redirected to that URL.
- **Confirmation Text:** This text is shown if the website visitor successfully submitted the Email form.
- **Captcha field:** This is a powerful way to avoid robots / spiders <sup>2</sup> successfully send you Emails by showing an image and a text field below where the user has to type in the same characters as seen in the image.
- **Advanced configuration:** This allows some advanced configurations. These are:
  - **Mail type:** The type of an email can be a text mail or a HTML formatted mail.
  - **Mail CC:** The mail CC recipient(s), use a semicolon to separate the recipients.
  - **Mail BCC:** The mail BCC recipient(s), use a semicolon to separate the recipients.
  - **Enable form check page:** If enabled, an additional check page is shown before finally submitting the form data.
  - **Check page text:** The text displayed above the values on the check page.
  - **Enable mandatory marks:** If enabled, the mandatory marks and the mandatory notes are shown in the form.
  - **Enable reset button:** If enabled, the reset button will be shown on the form page.

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<sup>2</sup> Computer programs that want to send you ads / spam Emails.

- **Form attributes:** Optional node attributes around the form, e.g. to define a CSS class name with class="myformclass".
- **Field attributes:** Optional node attributes for each input field, e.g. to define a CSS class attribute with class="myinputclass".
- **Dynamic fields class:** The class name for the dynamic fields value resolver.
- **Style:** A style sheet class suffix specific for this form. A setting "orange" would result in style sheet class attributes like "webform\_label\_orange" in the generated HTML.
- **Property file:** With this setting a property file per form can be used. The property files are to create analogue to the com.alkacon.opencms.formgenerator/classes/com/alkacon/opencms/formgenerator/workplace\*.properties files. They property files per form can be done in any module. The field has to be set with the bundle name, for example /com/alkacon/opencms/formgenerator/workplace2, if the property files are named workplace2\*.properties.
- **Action class:** The class name for the action which is executed after the form was saved in the database/the mail was sent. This class has to implement the interface com.alkacon.opencms.formgenerator.I\_CmsWebformActionHandler.
- **Confirmation Email:** This is the configuration for the confirmation email.
  - **Enable confirmation mail:** Enables sending a confirmation email to the user.
  - **Selectable confirmation:** The submission of the confirmation mail is selectable by the user by automatically adding a checkbox to the input form.
  - **Label confirmation field:** The label text for the automatically generated confirmation mail checkbox. If not provided, a default text will be used.
  - **Input field number:** Type in the number of the form input field (Form field [x]) that holds the email address the confirmation email should be sent to.
  - **Confirmation mail subject:** The subject of the confirmation email.
  - **Confirmation mail text:** The text of the confirmation email, the macros %(date) for the current date and %(formdata) as placeholder for the form values can be used.
- **Expiry date:** This field is currently only used in the Alkacon OAMP Survey Module. There this field is the date/time when the survey should expire.

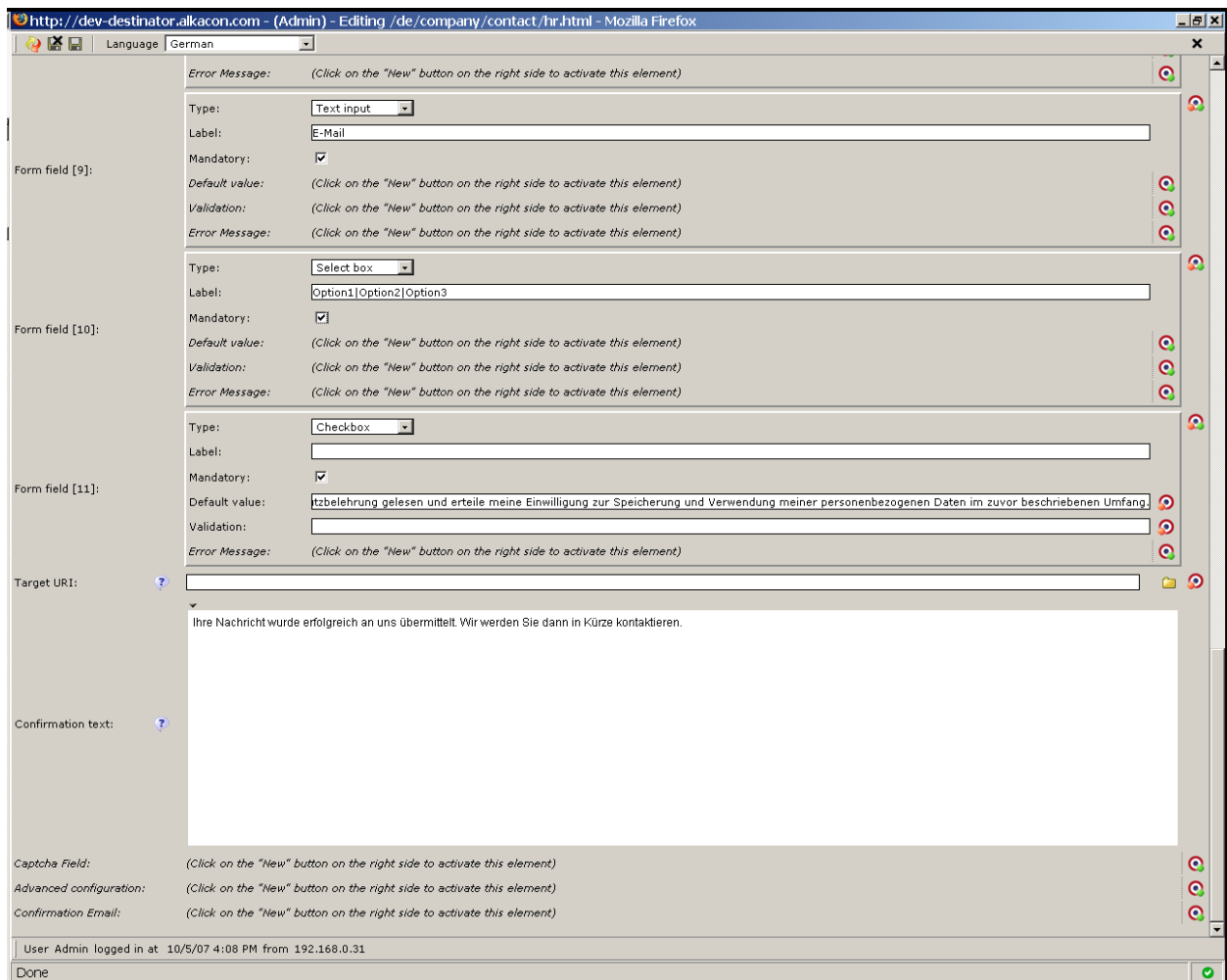


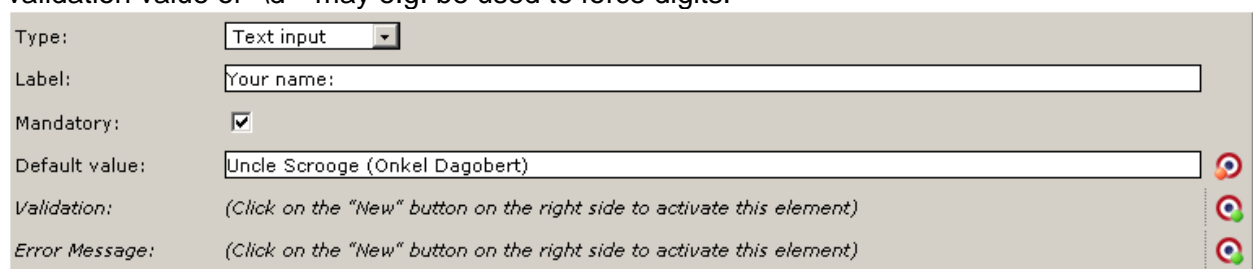
Figure 3: Configurations for Checkbox field and Select box field.

## 5.3 Webform Field Types

Many different types of fields for Webforms are available. They differ in functionality and in the resulting UI controls shown on the frontend of the Webform.

### 5.3.1 Text input

A normal single line input field. This is the best choice for short data to collect like "City". A validation value of "\d\*" may e.g. be used to force digits.



### 5.3.2 Text area

A text area offers more lines for more textual input. Most often it is used as "message" field.

### 5.3.3 Checkbox

Will show up as a group of checkboxes on the frontend webpage. Each **value:displayname** pair like "**value1:Lorem Ipsum**" in the default value configuration will result in a single checkbox.

Type:	<input type="text" value="Checkbox"/>
Label:	<input type="text" value="Area of interest:"/>
Mandatory:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Default value:	<input type="text" value="i0:Contributing to OpenCms i1:Alkacon OpenCms services i2:Alkacon company information i3*:OpenCms"/>
Validation:	(Click on the "New" button on the right side to activate this element)
Error Message:	(Click on the "New" button on the right side to activate this element)

### 5.3.4 Privacy

A privacy field displays a checkbox and a link at the right side of it. It is very special. It may be used to let the website visitor confirm that they have read the "privacy statements" or "accept to the license" while the link will lead to a more detailed explanation. The link has to be site – relative like "/de/index.html" The link text is specified first, a separation colon follows and then the link has to be written in the Default value box: "Linktext:/de/privacy/index.html".

### 5.3.5 Radio Buttons

Will show a group of selectable items, where only one item may be selected.

Type:	<input type="text" value="Radio buttons"/>
Label:	<input type="text" value="Title"/>
Mandatory:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Default value:	<input type="text" value="Mrs *Mr"/>
Validation:	(Click on the "New" button on the right side to activate this element)
Error Message:	(Click on the "New" button on the right side to activate this element)

### 5.3.6 Select Box

It displays a select box with several options. This widget has the same function as radio buttons: Select a single item out of a limited amount of items. But it will use less space if many items have to be offered. Most often it is good to use radio buttons for only two or three alternatives and select boxes for more items.

Type:	<input type="text" value="Select box"/>
Label:	<input type="text" value="Position:"/>
Mandatory:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Default value:	<input type="text" value=":---Please select--- p1:Software Developer p2:Consultant p3:Technical Project Manager p4:Project Man"/>
Validation:	(Click on the "New" button on the right side to activate this element)
Error Message:	(Click on the "New" button on the right side to activate this element)

### 5.3.7 Hidden Field

Hidden fields may be used to let a certain value be in the submission but not be visible or editable by the website visitors. This value (the Default value) will be transmitted in the Email

and / or into the database. This might be used to differ between several forms that have all other fields equal. One could see from which form the submission was made even if all other submitted value names are the same.

Some spiders might crawl the web to find forms to fill out in order to enter their spam messages to forums or guestbooks and fill out even the hidden fields. As humans cannot access these fields a change of value of the hidden field is a proof that a program has submitted the form.

### 5.3.8 File Upload

File upload fields offer to select a file on the local hard drive which will be uploaded to the OpenCms server. A speciality is the possibility to use the validation field for configuration of the maximum upload size in the form "<**xkb**" where "<" and "**kb**" are fixed and **x** is an integer value for the amount of kilo bytes to allow for uploading.

The screenshot shows a configuration form for a 'File upload' field. It includes the following fields:

- Type:** A dropdown menu set to 'File upload'.
- Label:** A text input field containing 'Attachment:'.
- Mandatory:** A checkbox that is currently unchecked.
- Default value:** A text input field containing the instruction '(Click on the "New" button on the right side to activate this element)'.
- Validation:** A text input field containing '<500kb'.
- Error Message:** A text input field containing 'The Size of the attachment is limited to 500kb'.

On the right side of the form, there are three small circular icons: a green one at the top, a red one in the middle, and a blue one at the bottom.

In case of email transport the upload will be attached to the mail. If the submissions are stored to the database the uploaded temporary files will be copied according to the module parameter "uploadfolder" and their full path will be stored in the database.

### 5.3.9 Email Field

Email fields are a comfortable way of validating the input as a valid email address. They are nothing more than a Text input with an internal additional regular expression.

### 5.3.10 Empty Field

Empty fields may be used to have additional space between form rows. Also their Default value will appear in the column together with the other input field: This can be used to show input field group – headlines. No data is produced / submitted by empty fields.

### 5.3.11 Dynamic Field

This field type works in conjunction with the advanced configuration option "Dynamic Field Class", here you have to enter a class implementing the `com.alkacon.opencms.formgenerator.I_CmsDynamicFieldResolver` interface for generating the values of these type of fields.

### 5.3.12 Table Field

This field type allows to create fields composed of several subfields in a n times m matrix.

To define the columns and the rows you use the 'Default Value' field, by giving a comma separated list of column names followed by a 'pipe' symbol and a comma separated list of row names, like:

`colA,colB|rowA,rowB`

In that case the same names will be used for displaying and in the database. If you want

different names you can use the macro notation ‘%(‘ and ‘)’ for the display names, like in:

**% (ColumnA,ColumnB|RowA,RowB) a,b|a,b**

Additionally you have to know that the values are stored in the database in the form **colName\_rowName**. And you can use also macros in the same form.

Type:	<input type="text" value="Table field"/>
Label:	<input type="text" value="Test:"/>
Mandatory:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Default value:	<input type="text" value="% (ColumnA,ColumnB RowA,RowB) a,b a,b"/>
Validation:	(Click on the "New" button on the right side to activate this element)
Error Message:	(Click on the "New" button on the right side to activate this element)

### 5.3.13 Password Field

Password fields may be used to have the possibility to have protected values.

### 5.3.14 New Page Field

This field type allows to create more than one input form page. All fields after this field type

Are shown on a new page. It is possible to browse between the different pages with a “previous” button and a “next” button.

### 5.3.15 Display Field

This field type works in conjunction with the advanced configuration option “Dynamic Field Class”, here you have to enter a class implementing the

**com.alkacon.opencms.formgenerator.I\_CmsDynamicFieldResolver**

interface for generating the values of these type of fields. The difference to the dynamic field is, that the display field is initialized once at the call from the form. The value is displayed in an enabled text field.

### 5.3.16 Hidden Display

This field type works in conjunction with the advanced configuration option “Dynamic Field Class”, here you have to enter a class implementing the

**com.alkacon.opencms.formgenerator.I\_CmsDynamicFieldResolver**

interface for generating the values of these type of fields. The difference to the display field is, that the value is not displayed, but it is used in a hidden field.



## 6 The front end view

Once created an Email field should seamlessly integrate with your web page.

**Contact form - Mozilla Firefox**

File Edit View History Bookmarks Tools Help delicio.us

http://localhost:8082/head/opencms/xmlcontentdemo/onlineform.t

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HOME | TEMPLATEONE DEMO PAGES | MODULES DEMO PAGES | XML CONTENT DEMO | RELEASE NOTES | RELEASE NOTES

- List demo
- Scriptlet list demo
- EL list demo
- Tree Read Demo
- Sub tree folder
- cms:include Test
- Nested XML Content
- Widget Demo
- Side Element Demo
- Contact form**

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Please use this form to contact us with questions or comments regarding our OpenCms services offerings. An Alkacon Software GmbH representative will contact you back as soon as possible, usually on the next business day. Keep in mind that Alkacon Software GmbH operates in the central European / German time zone.

Title\* ☐ Mrs ☒ Mr

Your name:\*

Company:

Position:\*

Street address:\*

Zip code:\*

City:\*

Country:\*

E-Mail:\*

Phone:

Fax:

Area of interest\* ☐ Contributing to OpenCms  
☐ Alkacon OpenCms services  
☐ Alkacon company information  
☒ OpenCms is so great, I want to donate all my money to the project

Your Message:

Attachment:

Confirmation ☐ Send a copy of the form data to my own email address

All fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are mandatory.

Accessible Version Imprint

Done

**Figure 4: Demo frontend view of a Webform**

When looking at a web form in the offline project of OpenCms<sup>3</sup> a "Download data" button is offered that will lead to a page where it is possible to export a Microsoft Excel CSV file with the exported data of the submissions of this form. It is also possible to export the data only in a selected time range.

<sup>3</sup> You view pages in the offline mode when you are logged in to the OpenCms Workplace and have the project slider set to „offline“.



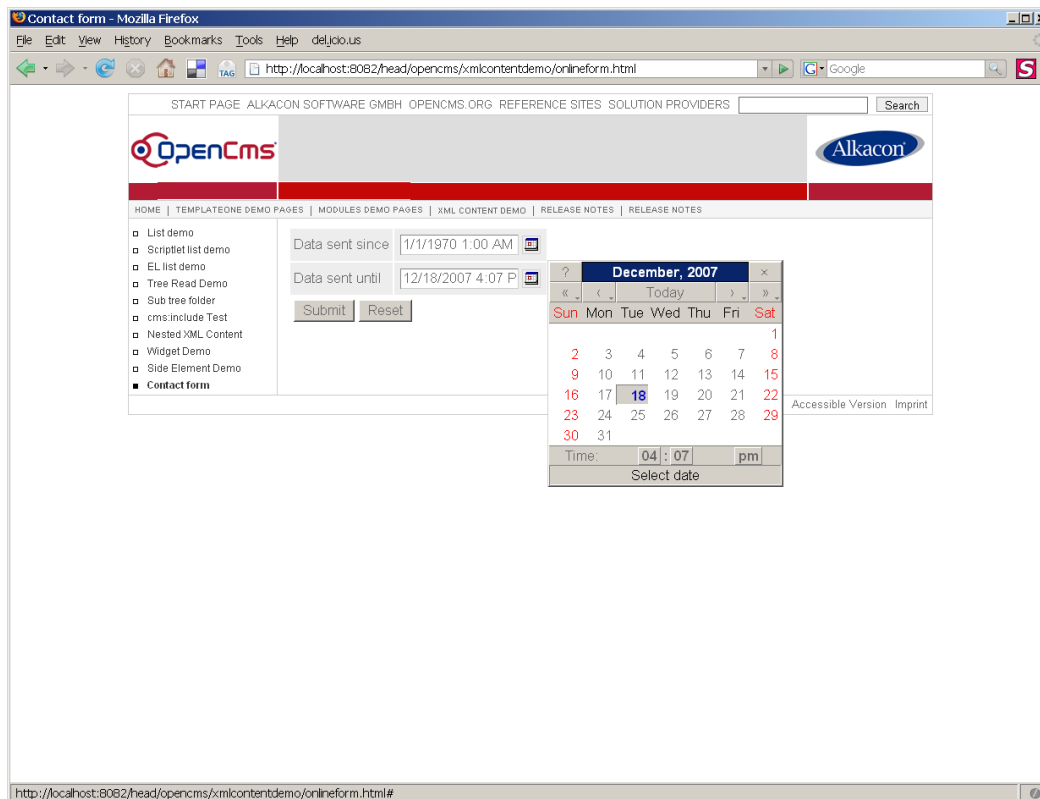


Figure 5: The data download page.

The table field in the frontend:

Your name: \*

Email:

Test:

	ColumnA	ColumnB
RowA	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
RowB	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

## 6.1 Customization of the frontend HTML

In case the layout is not OK you can configure the module parameter **"message"** of the OpenCms module `com.alkacon.opencms.formgenerator` to point at a properties file that contains the HTML snippets used for showing the webform in variations. The default file with these HTML snippets is located in the VFS:

`/system/modules/com.alkacon.opencms.formgenerator/classes/com/alkacon/opencms/formgenerator/workplace.properties`. If a properties file with these HTML snippets and other localizations has been changed it is required to publish it and re-initialize the workplace in the OpenCms Administration.

## 6.2 Customization of the frontend CSS

The HTML generated for webforms contains CSS class attributes that may be attached to style sheet definitions in the CSS file that is linked by the template that is used.

A demo CSS file is located at

/system/modules/com.alkacon.opencms.formgenerator/resources/css/webform.css. To begin writing your own style sheet definitions you may copy the content of that file into your CSS file that is linked to your custom template.

Different webforms may use different style sheet definitions. This is done by setting a value in the webform configuration field "Style". This value is a style sheet class suffix.

(Admin) - Editing /demo\_de/webform2.html - Mozilla Firefox

http://localhost:8080/cms752oamp/opencms/system/workplace/editors/editor.jsp

Language German

Captcha Field: (Click on the "New" button on the right side to activate this element)

Mail type : HTML mail

Mail CC :

Mail BCC:

Enable form check page: ☒

Check page text:

Check page text.

Advanced configuration:

Enable mandatory marks: ☒

Enable reset button: ☒

Form attributes:

Field attributes:

Dynamic fields class:

Style: Orange

Property file: /com/alkacon/opencms/formgenerator/workplace2

Confirmation Email: (Click on the "New" button on the right side to activate this element)

User (Admin) logged in at 4/1/10 9:12 AM from 127.0.0.1

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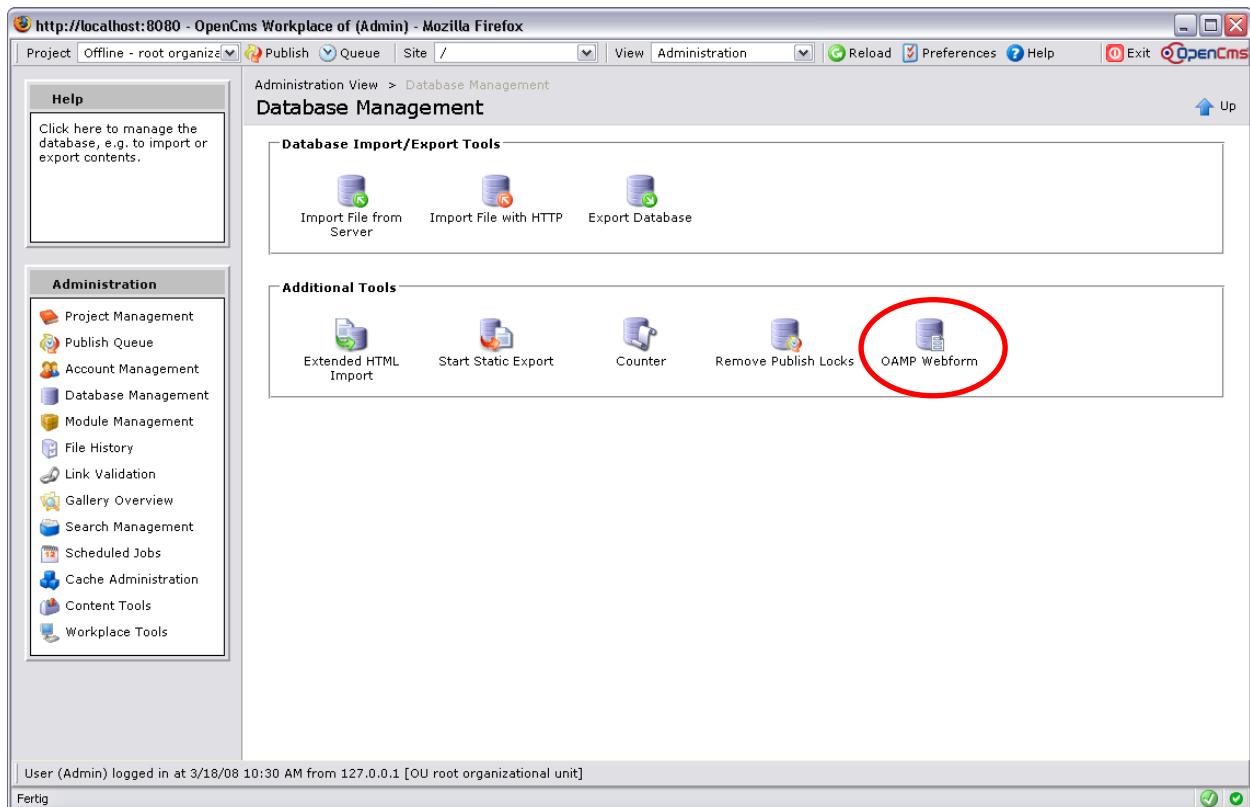
**Figure 6: Custom style sheet class suffix.**

If e.g. the value "Orange" is entered there the HTML will contain additional class attribute values like: "webform\_field\_Orange". So in your CSS file you are free to define specific CSS properties for webform\_field\_<Style>, webfvorm\_label\_<Style>,...

## 7 Administration view

To access the data stored by webforms in the database, an own administration icon "OAMP Webform" can be found in "Database Management" of the administration view. There it is only accessible for Administrators.

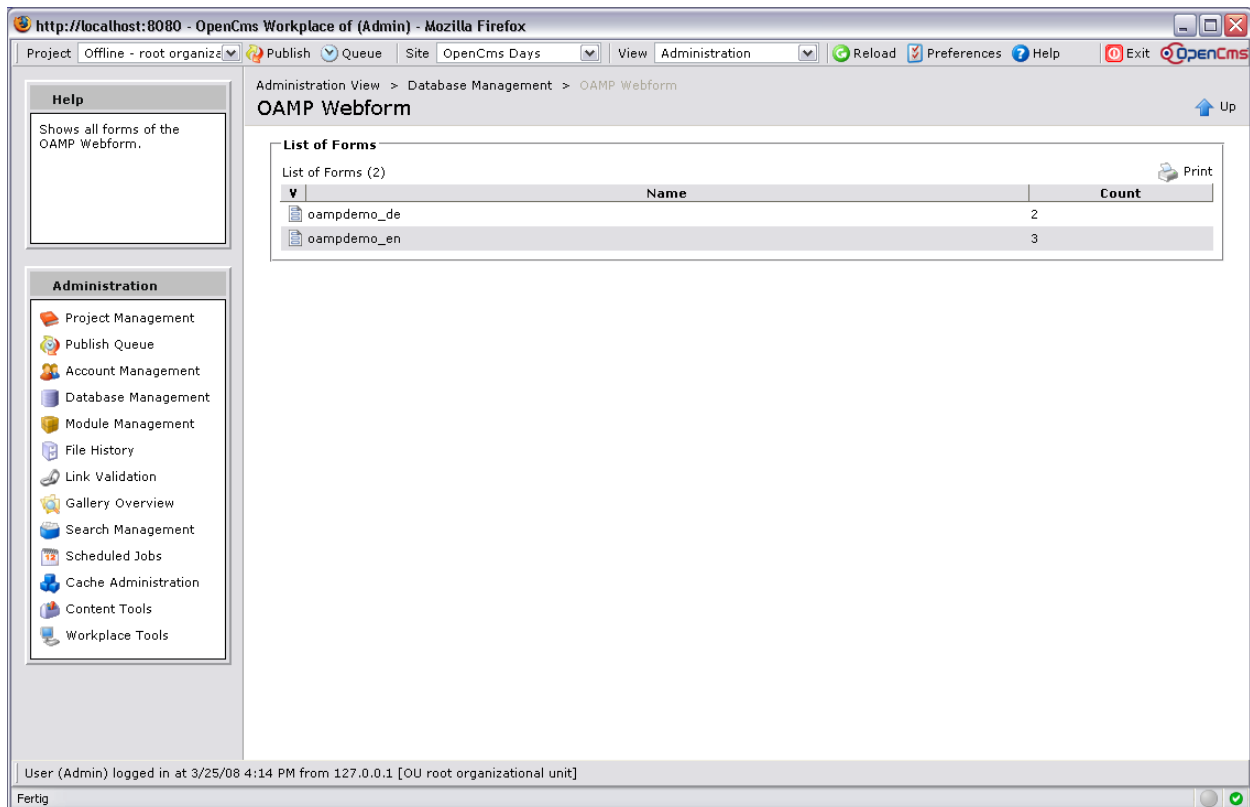
On the top level of the administration it shows up if the value module parameter "usergroups" defines a group the user currently logged in is member of.



**Figure 7: Database Management view with OAMP Webform**

The first view (Figure 8) shows all existing OpenCms Webforms, which have the database transport activated. Only OpenCms Webforms which contains at least one submitted data entry are shown. The following fields are shown in the form overview:

- **View:** Shows the detail view of the selected OpenCms Webform.
- **Name:** The **FormId** of the OpenCms Webform, which is configured in the Data Target.
- **Count:** The number of submitted data entries of the OpenCms Webform with the configured FormId.

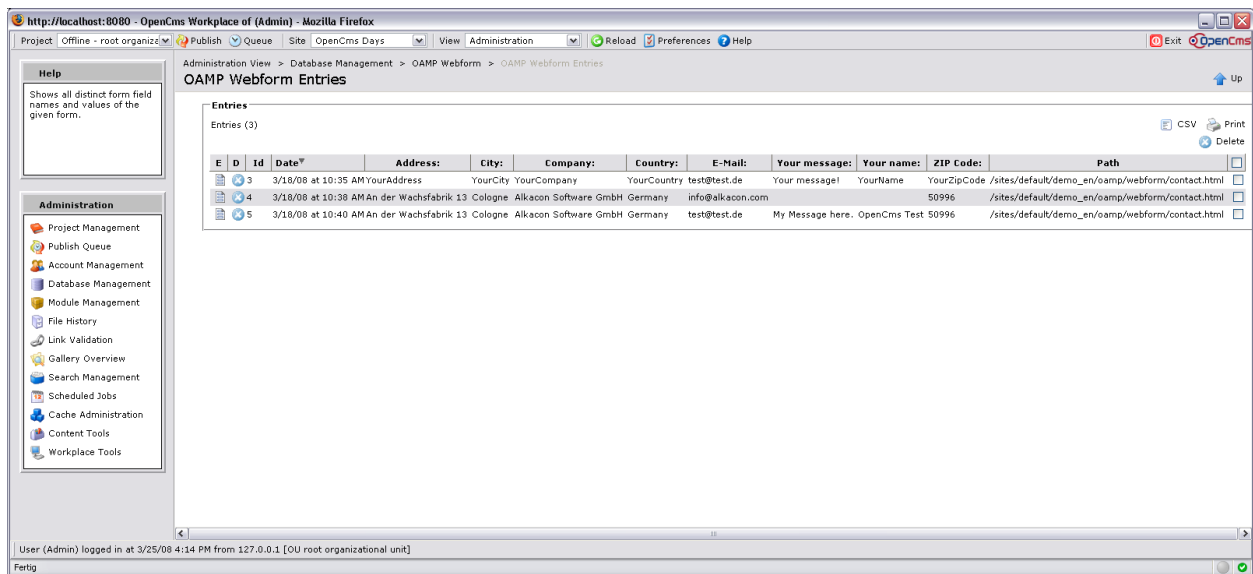


**Figure 8: List of Forms in the Administration View**

The detail view of a selected form contains static and dynamic columns. The dynamic columns are the configured fields in the selected form. The static columns are:

- **Edit:** Allows you to edit an entry. (see Figure 10)
- **Delete:** Allows you to delete an entry.
- **Id:** The id of the submitted data.
- **Date:** The date when the data was submitted.
- **Path:** The VFS-path to the OpenCms Webform, where the data was entered.

The dynamic columns are shown between **Date** and **Path**.



Administration View > Database Management > OAMP Webform > OAMP Webform Entries

OAMP Webform Entries

Entries (3)

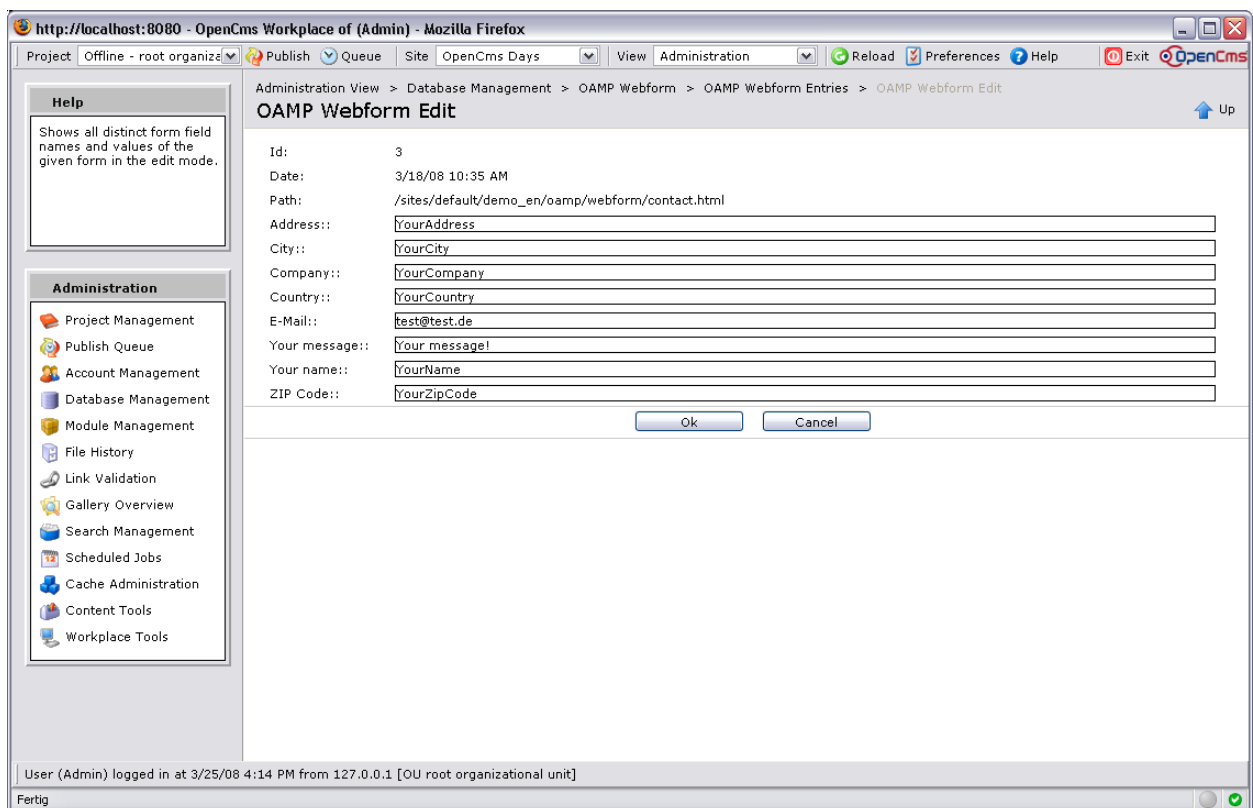
E	D	ID	Date	Address	City	Company	Country	E-Mail	Your message	Your name	ZIP Code	Path
3			3/18/08 at 10:35 AM	YourAddress	YourCity	YourCompany	YourCountry	test@test.de	Your message!	YourName	YourZipCode	/sites/default/demo_en/oamp/webform/contact.html
4			3/18/08 at 10:38 AM	An der Wachsfabrik 13	Cologne	Alkacon Software GmbH	Germany	info@alkacon.com			50996	/sites/default/demo_en/oamp/webform/contact.html
5			3/18/08 at 10:40 AM	An der Wachsfabrik 13	Cologne	Alkacon Software GmbH	Germany	test@test.de	My Message here.	OpenCms Test	50996	/sites/default/demo_en/oamp/webform/contact.html

User (Admin) logged in at 3/25/08 4:14 PM from 127.0.0.1 [OU root organizational unit]  
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Figure 9: Entries of the form with the FormId „oampdemo\_en“

## 7.1 Edit submitted data

The edit action in the detail view of a selected form allows you to edit the dynamic created columns. A Textarea-Widget is taken to edit, when the value of a field contains a large text or line breaks. By “Ok” the changed values are stored in the database.



Administration View > Database Management > OAMP Webform > OAMP Webform Entries > OAMP Webform Edit

OAMP Webform Edit

Id: 3

Date: 3/18/08 10:35 AM

Path: /sites/default/demo\_en/oamp/webform/contact.html

Address::

City::

Company::

Country::

E-Mail::

Your message::

Your name::

ZIP Code::

Ok Cancel

User (Admin) logged in at 3/25/08 4:14 PM from 127.0.0.1 [OU root organizational unit]  
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Figure 10: Edit a submitted data

## 8 Using the module API

All classes used to generate and configure the webforms are part of the packages

`com.alkacon.opencms.formgenerator`,  
`com.alkacon.opencms.formgenerator.database`,  
`com.alkacon.opencms.formgenerator.database.export` and  
`com.alkacon.opencms.formgenerator.database.dialog`.

The package `com.alkacon.opencms.formgenerator` contains the implementation of the webform XML content data access along with the logic to display the webform and process the submission. The following classes are used:

- **I\_CmsDynamicFieldResolver**: Interface for the dynamic field value generation.
- **I\_CmsFormField**: Defines the methods required for form fields.
- **A\_CmsFormField**: The abstract base class of field implementations.
- **CmsCaptchaEngine**: A JCaptcha implementation that allows configuring the captcha deformation of images with the XML contents in the VFS folder `/system/workplace/admin/captcha/`.
- **CmsCaptchaField**: A field implementation for generating captcha images and collection of the response phrase along with validation.
- **CmsCaptchaService**: A JCaptcha implementation to set up the captcha service that uses the **CmsCaptchaEngine**.
- **CmsCaptchaServiceCache**: A cache that avoids reading the captcha engine deformation configuration XML contents from database per request if possible.
- **CmsCaptchaSettings**: Bean for accessing captcha setting XML contents along with routines for reading from the XML contents and from requests.
- **CmsDynamicField**: Dynamic field implementation.
- **CmsEmailField**: Text field implementation with integrated email format validation.
- **CmsCheckboxField**: Form field implementation for checkboxes.
- **CmsEmptyField**: Form field implementation for empty fields.
- **CmsFieldFactory**: A factory to create form field instances for a given type name.
- **CmsFieldItem**: Represents a single item of field implementations with items like **CmsCheckboxField**, **CmsRadioButtonField** and **CmsSelectionField**.
- **CmsFieldValue**: Represents a single input field value of a submitted form.
- **CmsFileUploadField**: Form field implementation for file upload fields.
- **CmsForm**: Bean for accessing webform XML contents along with routines for reading from the XML contents and from requests.
- **CmsFormHandler**: Contains the logic to process the webform (**CmsForm**): which page to show (confirmation, initial,...), where to send the data, error and validation processing,....
- **CmsHiddenField**: Form field implementation for hidden fields.
- **CmsPrivacyField**: Form field implementation for privacy fields: a check box with a link

to a configurable target.

- **CmsRadioButtonField**: Form field implementation for radio buttons.
- **CmsSelectionField**: Form field implementation for select boxes.
- **CmsSelectWidgetXmlcontentType**: A highly configurable select widget used in the XML content editor for webforms to offer the different captcha preset XML contents found in the VFS.
- **CmsTextareaField**: Form field implementation for text areas.
- **CmsTextField**: Form field implementation for text fields.
- **Messages**: convenience class to access the localized messages of the webform package.

Package `com.alkacon.opencms.formgenerator.database` contains the database access layer for storing and reading submissions of webforms. The following classes are used:

- **CmsFileUtil**: Utility class for RFS file access with support for logging and localized exceptions.
- **CmsFormDataAccess**: The database access layer.
- **CmsFormDatabaseFilter**: Powerful filter to configure database queries.
- **CmsFormDatabaseModuleAction**: Module action that ensures that the required tables for webform persistence are created if they do not exist in OpenCms startup process.
- **CmsFormDataBean**: Bean that stores the data of a single submission of a webform.
- **Messages**: convenience class to access the localized messages of the webform database subpackage.

Package `com.alkacon.opencms.formgenerator.database.export` contains a plain forward implementation for exporting webform submissions within a time – range to Microsoft Excel CSV files. The following classes are used:

- **CmsCsvExportBean**: Implementation of the database export that acts as a façade towards the database access layer

Package `com.alkacon.opencms.formgenerator.dialog` contains the dialogs to show the configured webforms in the administration view. The following classes are used:

- **CmsFormDataEditBean**: Bean that stores the data of the fields of a submitted data.
- **CmsFormDataListDialog**: Implementation of the detail view of a selected webform.
- **CmsFormEditDialog**: Implementation of the detail view of a selected submitted data in the edit mode.
- **CmsFormListDialog**: Implementation of all available webforms, which have the database transport activate.
- **Messages**: convenience class to access the localized messages of the webform database subpackage.