

The alternative forms allow you to create alternative representations of existing forms, which you can then use in different situations.

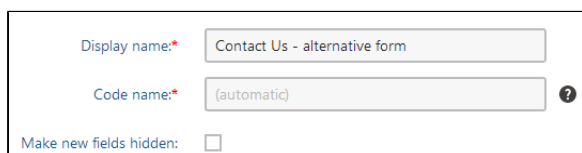
You can also create all types of alternative forms in a similar way in the appropriate sections of the UI:

- **Page type** alternative forms in the **Page types** application.
- **Custom table** alternative forms in the **Custom tables** application.

This example shows you how to create an alternative form of the existing **Contact us** form on the sample **Corporate Site**.

Adding the alternative form

1. In the **Forms** application, **Edit** (✎) the **Contact Us** form.
2. Switch to the **Alternative forms** tab.
3. Click the **Create new form** button.
4. Type in the **Display name**.
5. Check the **Make new fields hidden** check-box (this ensures that any new fields added to the main form are not displayed in the alternative form by default).



6. Click **Save**.

Configuring the form fields and layout

After you create an alternative form for the Contact us form, you can adjust its fields (using the [field editor](#)) and layout.

1. Switch to the **Fields** tab. All fields present in the original form are also available here and you can modify their configuration.
2. Modify the fields according to your needs. For example, disable the **LastName** field:
 - a. Select the **LastName** field in the list on the left.
 - b. Uncheck **Display attribute in the editing form**.
 - c. Click **Save**.
3. Switch to the **Layout** tab.
4. Check the **Use custom form layout** radio button.
 - The system displays the layout editor.
 - Notice that the **LastName** field that we disabled in the previous step is not offered in the drop-down list.
5. Select **HTML** or **ASCX** as the layout type.
6. Click the **Generate default layout** button.
 - The system generates a default table layout in the editing area below.
7. Adjust the default layout using the text editor or ASCX markup.
 - For example, highlight the `$$label:FirstName$$` text in the first row and change its color to red using the text editor.



Insert field

Layout element:


For field:

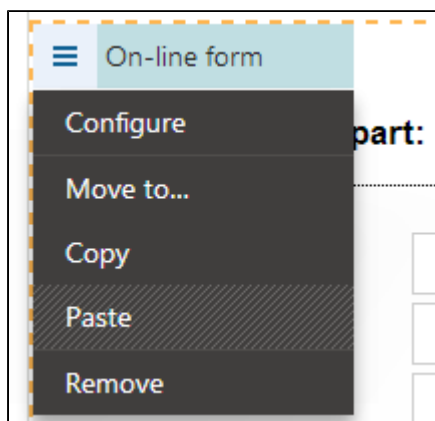
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\$\$label:FirstName\$\$	\$\$input:FirstName\$\$	\$\$validation:FirstName\$\$
\$\$label:Email\$\$	\$\$input:Email\$\$	\$\$validation:Email\$\$
\$\$label:PhoneNumber\$\$	\$\$input:PhoneNumber\$\$	\$\$validation:PhoneNumber\$\$
\$\$label:Message\$\$	\$\$input:Message\$\$	\$\$validation:Message\$\$
\$\$label:NewsletterSubscription\$\$	\$\$input:NewsletterSubscription\$\$	\$\$validation:NewsletterSubscription\$\$
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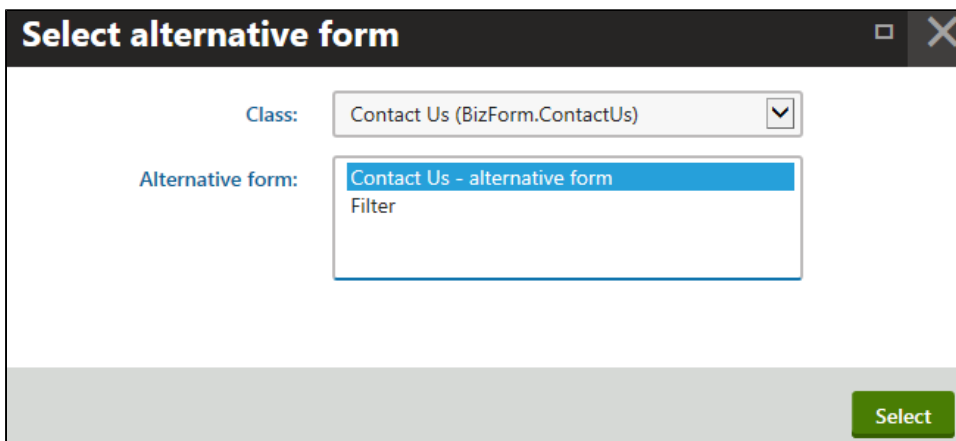
- Click **Save**.

Displaying the alternative form on the website

- Open the **Pages** application.
- Navigate to **Examples -> Web parts -> Forms -> On-line form**. The original version of the **Contact Us** form is displayed on the page.
- Switch to the page's **Design** tab.
- Open the web part menu () next to the **On-line form** web part's properties.
- Click on **Configure**.



- Click the **Select** button next to the **Alternative form name** property. The **Select alternative form** dialog opens.
- Choose the *Contact Us (BizForm.ContactUs)* class and select the previously created alternative form.



8. Click **Select** and **Save & Close** to close the dialogs.

Now when you switch to **Preview** mode, you should see the modified version of the form.

