

Alternative forms allow you to create additional versions of editing forms for page types, which you can then use in different situations. See [Creating alternative forms](#) for more information.

In [Code names of automatically used alternative forms](#), you can learn about special code names of alternative forms. If you create an alternative form with one of these names, the system uses the form automatically for a specific purpose.

Example - Creating a custom Page type insert form

The following example demonstrates how to create an alternative form for the **News** page type and use it to customize the editing form displayed when creating news articles.



See [Extending the page type listing filter](#) for another practical example of using alternative forms with page types.

Adding an alternative form

Create an alternative form for the **News** page type:

1. Open the **Page types** application.
2. **Edit** (🔧) the **News** page type.
3. Switch to the **Alternative forms** tab.
4. Click **Create new form**.
5. Set the names of the form to the following:
 - **Display name:** *News creation*
 - **Code name:** *insert* (this is the [automatic alternative form code name](#) used for creating new items)
6. Click **Save**.

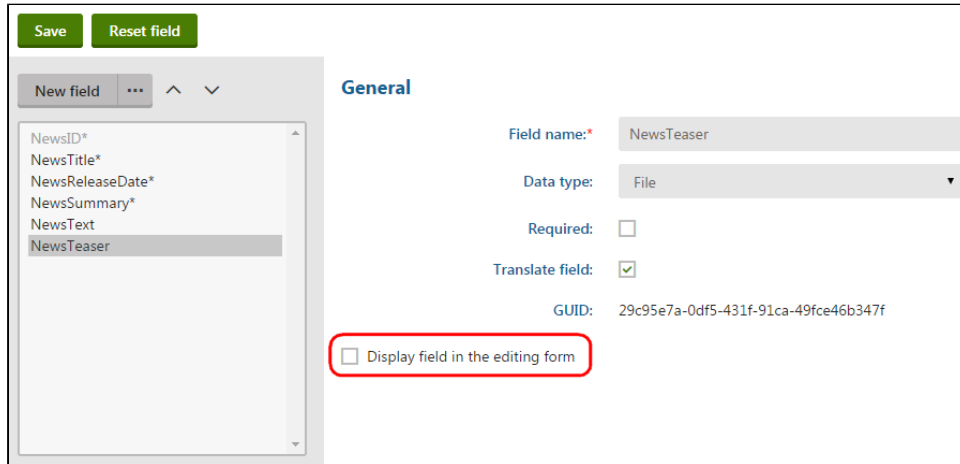
The system creates a new alternative form.

Configuring the alternative form

After you create an alternative form, you can change its fields using the [field editor](#).

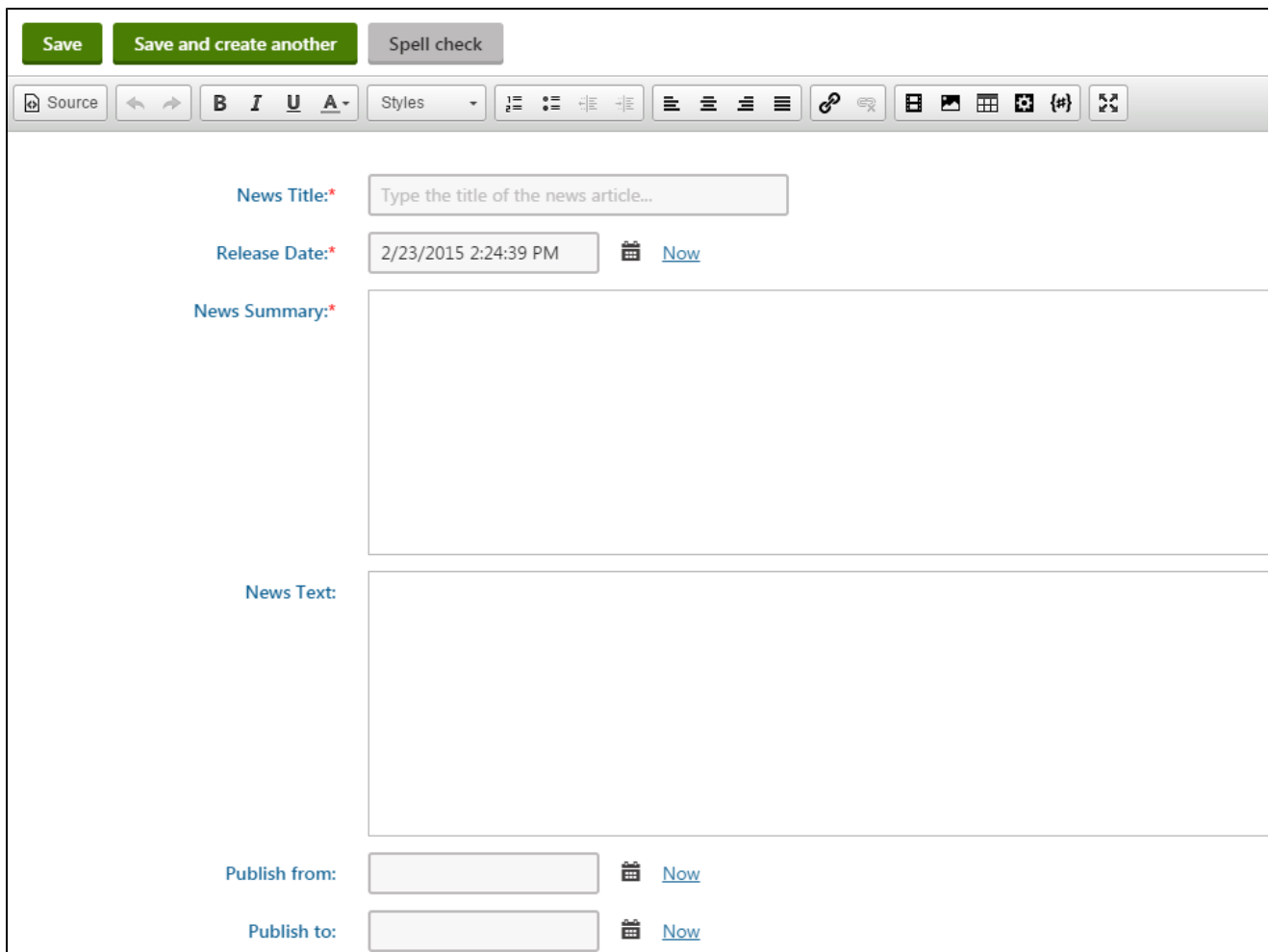
1. Switch to the **Fields** tab.
2. Modify the fields as you desire. For example:
 - a. Select the **NewsTitle** field.
 - b. Type *The title of the news article...* into the field's **Editing control settings** -> **Watermark** -> **Text** setting.
 - c. Click **Save**.
 - d. Select the **NewsReleaseDate** field.
 - e. Click **Edit value** (▶) next to the field's **Default value**.
 - f. Enter the `{% DateTime.Now %}` [macro](#) into the dialog and click **OK**.
 - g. Click **Save**.
 - h. Select the **NewsTeaser** field.
 - i. Clear the **Display field in the editing form** check box.

j. Click **Save**.



The alternative form is ready to be used. If you open the **Pages** application and create a new **News** page, you can see the modifications made in the alternative form:

- The **News title** field displays the entered watermark text
- The **Release Date** field automatically contains the current date and time
- The **Teaser** field is no longer visible (it is only available when editing existing News pages)



If you edit an existing News page on the **Form** tab, the original default editing form is used.





Another example of the usage of page type alternative forms is in the **Contribution list** web part used by the [User contributions](#) feature. In this web part, you can define pages that visitors are allowed to create on the live site.