

## Manual:Extension/Page Forms

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With **Page Forms**, users without administrator rights can use forms to create and edit pages to query data - without programming knowledge.

The use of the extension is documented on [documented on MediaWiki](#).

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## Main features

- **Definition pages in the namespace *Form*** The New forms can be created using the special page `Special: CreateForm`. Here, users select an existing template which provides the parameters for the form. This means that before a form is created, the required template is always created first. All created form definition pages are saved in the *Form* namespace. Subsequent edits to the form definition page have to be made in source editing mode.
- **Application example: info boxes** Page Forms is often used to add and edit infoboxes on a wiki page. If [Semantic MediaWiki](#) is used, the collected data in the templates can be stored and retrieved.
- **Edit existing forms values via menu item** Existing values in a template can be updated using the menu item "Edit with form" of the page edit button, for example.
- **Automatic completion of fields** Users are offered existing values when entering them, depending on the form input type. This reduces problems with naming ambiguities, spelling, etc.
- **Free text field** Free text on the page that is not part of the template itself can be displayed in a separate input field called "Free text" for editing directly in forms mode.

## BlueSpice input types

In addition to the [default input types](#), BlueSpice offers the following additional input types:

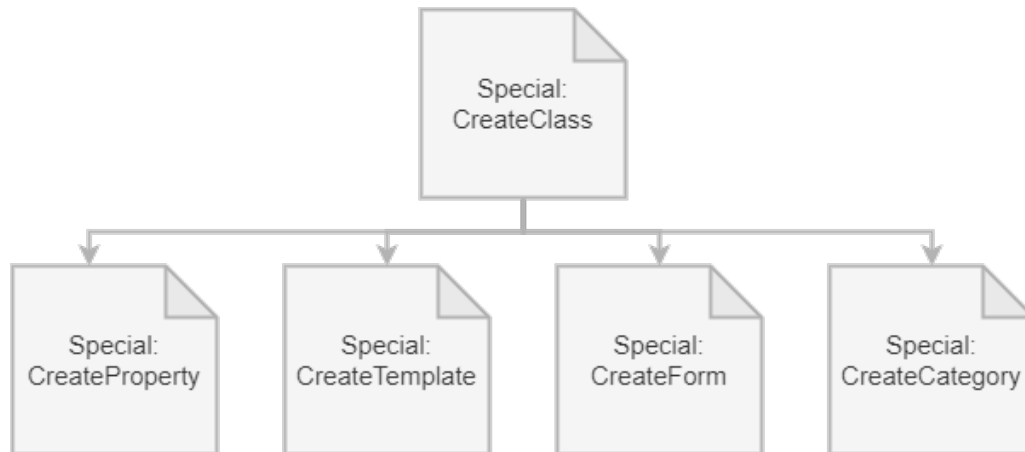
Input type	Result	Function
bs-grid		
bs-usercombo	User name (with link to the profile page)	(Single selection).
bs-usertags	Comma-separated user name	<div>Menu that allows to select existing wiki users (multiple selections possible).</div> <div>Note: To link to the profile page, the corresponding parameter in the template needs to be formatted accordingly:</div> <div><pre>{{#arraymap:{{myParameter }} , @@ [[User: @@@ @@@]]}}</pre></div>
bs-mvvisualeditor	Formatted text	Text box with simplified <a href="#">VisualEditor</a> .
<i>bsvisualeditor</i>	-	<i>Obsolete - replaced by bs-mvvisualeditor</i>

## Special pages

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Page Forms defines some special pages that are used for data input and data maintenance.

Among others, the following special pages are important for data collection:



## Related info

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- [https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Extension:Page\\_Forms/en](https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Extension:Page_Forms/en)