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# **Wagtail Streamforms Documentation**

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Allows you to built forms in the cms admin area and add them to any streamfield in your site. You can create your own types of forms meaning an endless array of possibilities. Templates can be created which will then appear as choices when you build your form. Allowing you to display and submit a form however you want.



# CHAPTER 1

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## What else is included?

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- Customise things like success and error messages, post submit redirects and more.
- Forms are processed via a `before_page_serve` hook. Meaning there is no fuss like remembering to include a page mixin.
- The hook can easily be disabled to provide the ability to create your own.
- Forms are categorised by their class in the cms admin for easier navigation.
- Form submissions are also listed by their form which you can filter by date and are ordered by newest first.
- You can add site wide regex validators for use in regex fields.
- A form and it's fields can easily be copied to a new form.
- There is a template tag that can be used to render a form. In case you want it to appear outside a streamfield.
- Recaptcha can be added to a form.

## Installation

Wagtail Streamform is available on PyPI - to install it, just run:

```
pip install wagtailstreamforms
```

Once thats done you should add both `wagtail.contrib.modeladmin` and `wagtailstreamforms` to your `INSTALLED_APPS` settings:

```
INSTALLED_APPS = [  
    ...  
    'wagtail.contrib.modeladmin',  
    'wagtailstreamforms'  
    ...  
]
```

Run migrations:

```
python manage.py migrate
```

Go to your cms admin area and you will see the `Streamforms` section.

## Basic Usage

Just add the `wagtailstreamforms.blocks.WagtailFormBlock()` in any of your streamfields:

```
body = StreamField([
    ...
    ('form', WagtailFormBlock())
    ...
])
```

And you are ready to go.

## Using the template tag

There is also a template tag you can use outside of a streamfield, within a page.

All this is doing is rendering the form using the same block as in the streamfield.

The tag takes three parameters:

- **slug:** The slug of the form.
- **reference:** This should be a unique string and needs to be persistent on refresh/reload. See note below.
- **action:** The form action url.

**Warning:** The reference is used when the form is being validated.

Because you can have any number of the same form on a page there needs to be a way of uniquely identifying the form beyond its PK. This is so that when the form has validation errors and it is passed back through the pages context, We know what form it is.

This reference **MUST** be persistent on page refresh or you will never see the errors.

Usage:

```
{% load streamforms_tags %}
{% streamforms_form slug="form-slug" reference="some-very-unique-reference" action="."
  <img alt="arrow icon" data-bbox="125 748 138 754"/> %}
```

## Form Templates

You can create your own form templates to use against any form in the system, providing a vast array of ways to create, style and submit your forms.

The default template located at `streamforms/form_block.html` can be seen below:



```
<h2>{{ value.form.name }}</h2>
<form action="{{ value.form_action }}" method="post" novalidate>
    {% csrf_token %}
    {% for hidden in form.hidden_fields %}{{ hidden }}{% endfor %}
    {% for field in form.visible_fields %}
        {% include 'streamforms/partials/form_field.html' %}
    {% endfor %}
    <input type="submit" value="{{ value.form.submit_button_text }}">
</form>
```

**Note:** It is important here to keep the hidden fields as the form will have some in order to process correctly.

Once you have created you own you will need to add it to the list of available templates.

This is as simple as adding it to the `WAGTAILSTREAMFORMS_FORM_TEMPLATES` in settings:

```
# this is the defaults

WAGTAILSTREAMFORMS_FORM_TEMPLATES = (
    ('streamforms/form_block.html', 'Default Form Template'),
)
```

## Deleted forms

In the event of a form being deleted which is still in use in a streamfield the following template will be rendered in its place:

streamforms/non\_existent\_form.html

```
<p>Sorry, this form has been deleted.</p>
```

You can override this by putting a copy of the template in you own project using the same path under a templates directory ie `app/templates/streamforms/non_existent_form.html`. As long as the app is before `wagtailstreamforms` in `INSTALLED_APPS` it will use your template instead.

## Messaging

When the success or error message options are completed in the form builder and upon submission of the form a message is sent to django's messaging framework.

You will need to add `django.contrib.messages` to your `INSTALLED_APPS` setting:

```
INSTALLED_APPS = [
    ...
    'django.contrib.messages'
    ...
]
```

To display these in your site you will need to include somewhere in your page's markup a snippet similar to the following:

```
{% if messages %}
<ul class="messages">
    {% for message in messages %}
```

```
<li{% if message.tags %} class="{ { message.tags } }"{% endif %}>{{ message }}</li>
{% endfor %}
</ul>
{% endif %}
```

Any message from the form will then be displayed.

## Form Customisation

Currently we have defined two different types of forms, one which just enables saving the submission and one to additionally email the results of the submission.

### Custom form model

You can easily add your own all you have to do is create a model that inherits from `wagtailstreamforms.models.BaseForm` add any additional fields or properties and this will be added to the cms admin area.

Example:

```
from wagtailstreamforms.models import BaseForm

class CustomForm(BaseForm):

    def process_form_submission(self, form):
        super(CustomForm, self).process_form_submission(form) # handles the
↳ submission saving
        # do your own stuff here
```

### Custom email form model

If you want to inherit the additional email sending functionality then inherit from `wagtailstreamforms.models.AbstractEmailForm`. The saving of the submission and sending of the email is handled in the `process_form_submission` so be sure to call `super` if overriding that method.

Example:

```
from wagtailstreamforms.models import AbstractEmailForm

class CustomEmailForm(AbstractEmailForm):
    """ As above with email sending. """

    def process_form_submission(self, form):
        super(CustomEmailForm, self).process_form_submission(form) # handles the
↳ submission saving and emailing
        # do your own stuff here
```

### Custom form submission model

If you need to save additional data, you can use a custom form submission model. To do this, you need to:

- Define a model that extends `wagtailstreamforms.models.AbstractFormSubmission`.

- Override the `get_submission_class` and `process_form_submission` methods in your form model.

Example:

```
import json

from django.core.serializers.json import DjangoJSONEncoder
from django.db import models
from django.utils.translation import ugettext_lazy as _

from wagtail.wagtailcore.models import Page
from wagtailstreamforms.models import AbstractFormSubmission, BaseForm


class CustomForm(BaseForm):
    """ A form that saves the current user and page. """

    def get_data_fields(self):
        data_fields = super(ExampleForm, self).get_data_fields()
        data_fields += [
            ('user', _('User')),
            ('page', _('Page'))
        ]
        return data_fields

    def get_submission_class(self):
        return CustomFormSubmission

    def process_form_submission(self, form):
        if self.store_submission:
            self.get_submission_class().objects.create(
                form_data=json.dumps(form.cleaned_data, cls=DjangoJSONEncoder),
                form=self,
                page=form.page,
                user=form.user if not form.user.is_anonymous() else None
            )


class CustomFormSubmission(AbstractFormSubmission):
    user = models.ForeignKey(settings.AUTH_USER_MODEL, null=True, blank=True)
    page = models.ForeignKey(Page)

    def get_data(self):
        form_data = super(CustomFormSubmission, self).get_data()
        form_data.update({
            'page': self.page,
            'user': self.user
        })
        return form_data
```

**Note:** Its important to note here that the `form.page` and `form.user` seen above are passed in via the `before_serve_page` hook `wagtailstreamforms.wagtail_hooks.process_form`.

If you want to use a different method of saving the form and you require these you will need to pass them in yourself when adding `request.POST` to the form.

Example usage can be seen in [Providing your own submission method](#)

## Reference

**class** wagtailstreamforms.models.**BaseForm**(\*args, \*\*kwargs)

A form base class, any form should inherit from this.

**copy**()

Copy this form and its fields.

**get\_data\_fields**()

Returns a list of tuples with (field\_name, field\_label).

**get\_form\_fields**()

Form expects *form\_fields* to be declared. If you want to change backwards relation name, you need to override this method.

**get\_submission\_class**()

Returns submission class.

You can override this method to provide custom submission class. Your class must be inherited from AbstractFormSubmission.

**process\_form\_submission**(form)

Accepts form instance with submitted data. Creates submission instance if self.store\_submission = True.

You can override this method if you want to have custom creation logic. For example, you want to additionally send an email.

**specific**

Return this form in its most specific subclassed form.

**specific\_class**

Return the class that this page would be if instantiated in its most specific form

**class** wagtailstreamforms.models.**AbstractEmailForm**(\*args, \*\*kwargs)

A form that sends and email.

You can create custom form model based on this abstract model. For example, if you need a form that will send an email.

**process\_form\_submission**(form)

Process the form submission and send an email.

**send\_form\_mail**(form)

Send an email.

**class** wagtailstreamforms.models.**AbstractFormSubmission**(\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Data for a form submission.

You can create custom submission model based on this abstract model. For example, if you need to save additional data or a reference to a user.

**get\_data**()

Returns dict with form data.

You can override this method to add additional data.

## Form Submission

Form submissions are handled by the means of a wagtail `before_serve_page` hook. The built in hook at `wagtailstreamforms.wagtail_hooks.process_form` looks for a form in the post request, and either:

- processes it redirecting back to the current page or defined page in the form setup.
- or renders the current page with any validation error.

If no form was posted then the page serves in the usual manner.

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**Note:** Currently the hook expects the form to be posting to the same page it exists on.

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## Providing your own submission method

If you do not want the current hook to be used you need to disable it by setting the `WAGTAILSTREAMFORMS_ENABLE_FORM_PROCESSING` to `False` in your settings:

```
WAGTAILSTREAMFORMS_ENABLE_FORM_PROCESSING = False
```

With this set no forms will be processed of any kind and you are free to process them how you feel fit.

## A basic hook example

```
from django.contrib import messages
from django.shortcuts import redirect
from django.template.response import TemplateResponse

from wagtail.wagtailcore import hooks
from wagtailstreamforms.utils import get_form_instance_from_request

@hooks.register('before_serve_page')
def process_form(page, request, *args, **kwargs):
    """ Process the form if there is one, if not just continue. """

    if request.method == 'POST':
        form_def = get_form_instance_from_request(request)

        if form_def:
            form = form_def.get_form(request.POST, request.FILES, page=page,
↪user=request.user)
            context = page.get_context(request, *args, **kwargs)

            if form.is_valid():
                # process the form submission
                form_def.process_form_submission(form)

                # create success message
                if form_def.success_message:
                    messages.success(request, form_def.success_message, fail_
↪silently=True)

                # redirect to the page defined in the form
                # or the current page as a fallback - this will avoid refreshing and
↪submitting again
                redirect_page = form_def.post_redirect_page or page

                return redirect(redirect_page.get_url(request), context=context)
```

```
        else:
            # update the context with the invalid form and serve the page
            # IMPORTANT you must set these so that the when the form in the_
            ↪streamfield is
                # rendered it knows that it is the form that is invalid
            context.update({
                'invalid_stream_form_reference': form.data.get('form_reference'),
                'invalid_stream_form': form
            })

            # create error message
            if form_def.error_message:
                messages.error(request, form_def.error_message, fail_
            ↪silently=True)

            return TemplateResponse(
                request,
                page.get_template(request, *args, **kwargs),
                context
            )
```

## Supporting ajax requests

The only addition here from the basic example is just the `if request.is_ajax:` and the `JsonResponse` parts. We are just making it respond with this if the request was ajax.

```
from django.contrib import messages
from django.http import JsonResponse
from django.shortcuts import redirect
from django.template.response import TemplateResponse

from wagtail.wagtailcore import hooks
from wagtailstreamforms.utils import get_form_instance_from_request

@hooks.register('before_serve_page')
def process_form(page, request, *args, **kwargs):
    """ Process the form if there is one, if not just continue. """

    if request.method == 'POST':
        form_def = get_form_instance_from_request(request)

        if form_def:
            form = form_def.get_form(request.POST, request.FILES, page=page,
            ↪user=request.user)
            context = page.get_context(request, *args, **kwargs)

            if form.is_valid():
                # process the form submission
                form_def.process_form_submission(form)

                # if the request is ajax then just return a success message
                if request.is_ajax():
                    return JsonResponse({'message': form_def.success_message or
            ↪'success'})
```

```

        # create success message
        if form_def.success_message:
            messages.success(request, form_def.success_message, fail_
↳silently=True)

        # redirect to the page defined in the form
        # or the current page as a fallback - this will avoid refreshing and
↳submitting again
        redirect_page = form_def.post_redirect_page or page

        return redirect(redirect_page.get_url(request), context=context)

    else:
        # if the request is ajax then return an error message and the form
↳errors
        if request.is_ajax():
            return JsonResponse({
                'message': form_def.error_message or 'error',
                'errors': form.errors
            })

        # update the context with the invalid form and serve the page
        # IMPORTANT you must set these so that the when the form in the
↳streamfield is
        # rendered it knows that it is the form that is invalid
        context.update({
            'invalid_stream_form_reference': form.data.get('form_reference'),
            'invalid_stream_form': form
        })

        # create error message
        if form_def.error_message:
            messages.error(request, form_def.error_message, fail_
↳silently=True)

        return TemplateResponse(
            request,
            page.get_template(request, *args, **kwargs),
            context
        )

```

The template for the form might look like:

```

<h2>{{ value.form.name }}</h2>
<form action="{{ value.form_action }}" method="post" id="id_streamforms_{{ form.
↳initial.form_id }}" novalidate>
    {% csrf_token %}
    {% for hidden in form.hidden_fields %}{{ hidden }}{% endfor %}
    {% for field in form.visible_fields %}
        {% include 'streamforms/partials/form_field.html' %}
    {% endfor %}
    <input type="submit" value="{{ value.form.submit_button_text }}">
</form>
<script>
    $("#id_streamforms_{{ form.initial.form_id }}").submit(function(e) {
        $.ajax({
            type: "POST",
            url: ".",

```

```
        data: $(this).serialize(),
        success: function(data) {
            // do something with data
            console.log(data);
        },
        error: function(data) {
            // do something with data
            console.log(data);
        }
    });
    e.preventDefault();
});
</script>
```

## Permissions

Setting the level of access to administer your different types of forms is the same as it is for any page. Your types of forms will appear in the groups section of the wagtail admin > settings area.

Here you can assign the usual add, change and delete permissions.

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**Note:** Its worth noting here that if you do delete a form it will also delete all submissions for that form.

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## Form submission permissions

Because the form submission models are not listed in the admin area the following statement applies.

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**Important:** If you can either add, change or delete a form type then you can view all of its submissions. However to be able to delete the submissions, it requires that you can delete the form type.

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## Enabling reCAPTCHA

Has been enabled via the [django-recaptcha](#) package.

Once you have [signed up for reCAPTCHA](#).

Follow the below and an option will be in the form setup `fields` tab to add a reCAPTCHA.

Just add `captcha` to your `INSTALLED_APPS` settings:

```
INSTALLED_APPS = [
    ...
    'captcha'
    ...
]
```

Add the required keys in your settings:

```
RECAPTCHA_PUBLIC_KEY = 'xxx'
RECAPTCHA_PRIVATE_KEY = 'xxx'
```



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If you would like to use the new No Captcha reCaptcha add the setting `NOCAPTCHA = True`. For example:

```
NOCAPTCHA = True
```

## Settings

Any settings with their defaults are listed below for quick reference.

```
# the label of the forms area in the admin sidebar
WAGTAILSTREAMFORMS_ADMIN_MENU_LABEL = 'Streamforms'

# the order of the forms area in the admin sidebar
WAGTAILSTREAMFORMS_ADMIN_MENU_ORDER = None

# enable the built in hook to process form submissions
WAGTAILSTREAMFORMS_ENABLE_FORM_PROCESSING = True

# the default form template choices
WAGTAILSTREAMFORMS_FORM_TEMPLATES = (
    ('streamforms/form_block.html', 'Default Form Template'),
)
```

## Changelog

### Whats next

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### 1.5.2

- Added `AbstractEmailForm` to more easily allow creating additional form types.

### 1.5.1

- Fix migrations being regenerated when template choices change

### 1.5.0

- Removed all project dependencies except wagtail and recaptcha
- The urls no longer need to be specified in your `urls.py` and can be removed.

### 1.4.4

- The template tag now has the full page context incase u need a reference to the user or page

### **1.4.3**

- Fixed bug where messages are not available in the template tags context

### **1.4.2**

- Removed label value from recaptcha field
- Added setting to set order of menu item in cms admin

### **1.4.1**

- Added an optional error message to display if the forms have errors

### **1.4.0**

- Added a template tag that can be used to render a form. Incase you want it to appear outside a streamfield

### **1.3.0**

- A form and it's fields can easily be copied to a new form from within the admin area

### **1.2.3**

- Fix paginator on submission list not remembering date filters

### **1.2.2**

- Form submission viewing and deleting permissions have been implemented

### **1.2.1**

- On the event that a form is deleted that is still referenced in a streamfield, we are rendering a generic template that can be overridden to warn the end user

### **1.2.0**

- In the form builder you can now specify a page to redirect to upon successful submission of the form
- The page mixin StreamFormPageMixin that needed to be included in every page has now been replaced by a wagtail before\_serve\_page hook so you will need to remove this mixin

### **1.1.1**

- Fixed bug where multiple forms of same type in a streamfield were both showing validation errors when one submitted

## Screenshots

The screenshot displays the Wagtail Streamforms front end. At the top is a teal header with the text "Wagtail Streamforms". Below the header is a red error message box that reads: "Sorry, you may have mistyped something or left some out. Please see below." The main form is titled "Tell us about yourself" and is divided into two columns. The left column contains the "First name" field (with the value "Stuart" and a small icon) and the "Email address" field (with the value "stuart@accentdesign.co.uk"). Below the first name field is the text "Please enter your first name", and below the email address field is the text "We wont be using this for marketing purposes". The right column contains the "Last name" field (which is empty and has a red border) and the "Age" field (which is empty). To the right of the last name field is the text "This field is required", and below the age field is the text "If you would rather keep this to yourself we understand". At the bottom left of the form is a black "Submit" button.

Wagtail Streamforms

Sorry, you may have mistyped something or left some out. Please see below.

Tell us about yourself

First name

Stuart

Please enter your first name

Email address

stuart@accentdesign.co.uk

We wont be using this for marketing purposes

Last name

This field is required

Please enter your last name

Age

If you would rather keep this to yourself we understand

Submit

Fig. 1.1: Example Front End

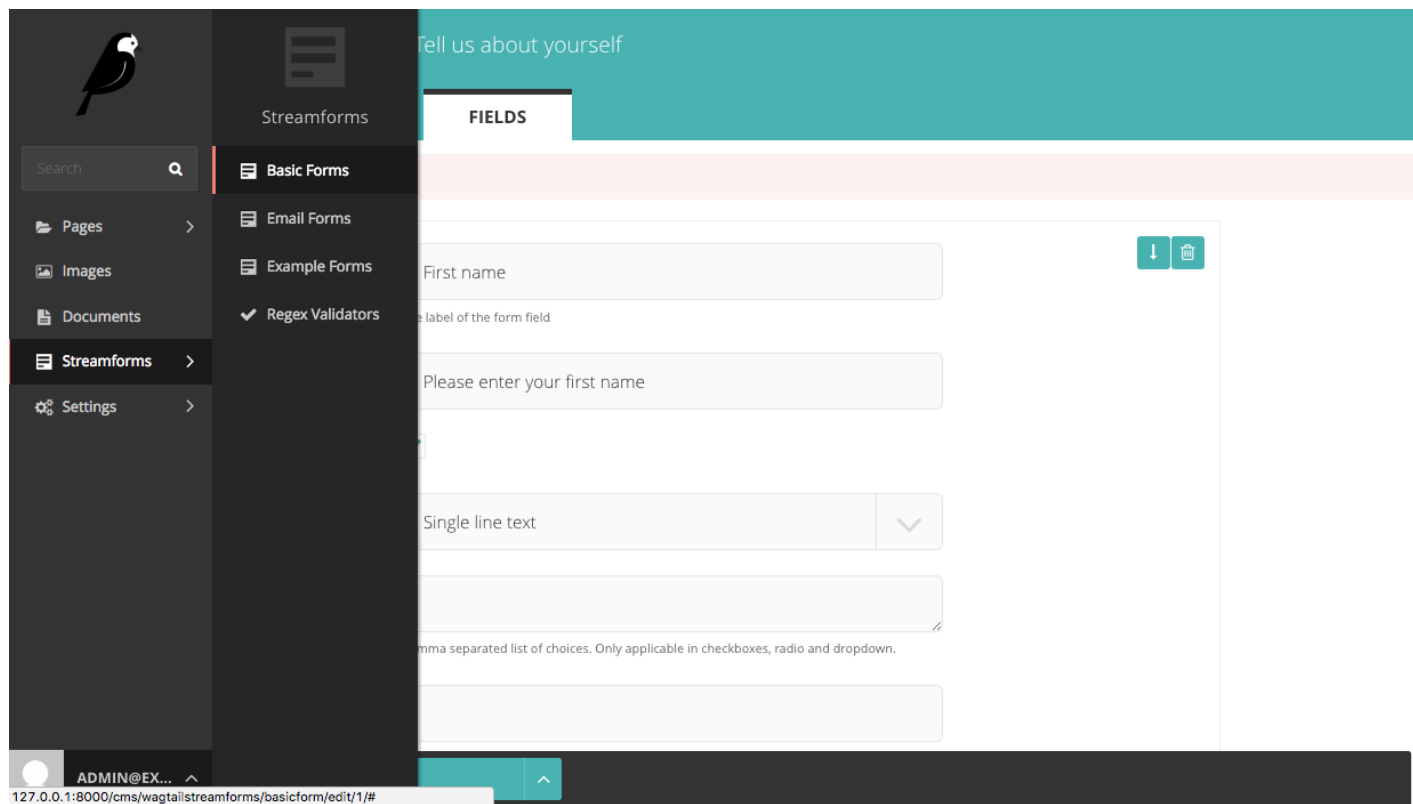
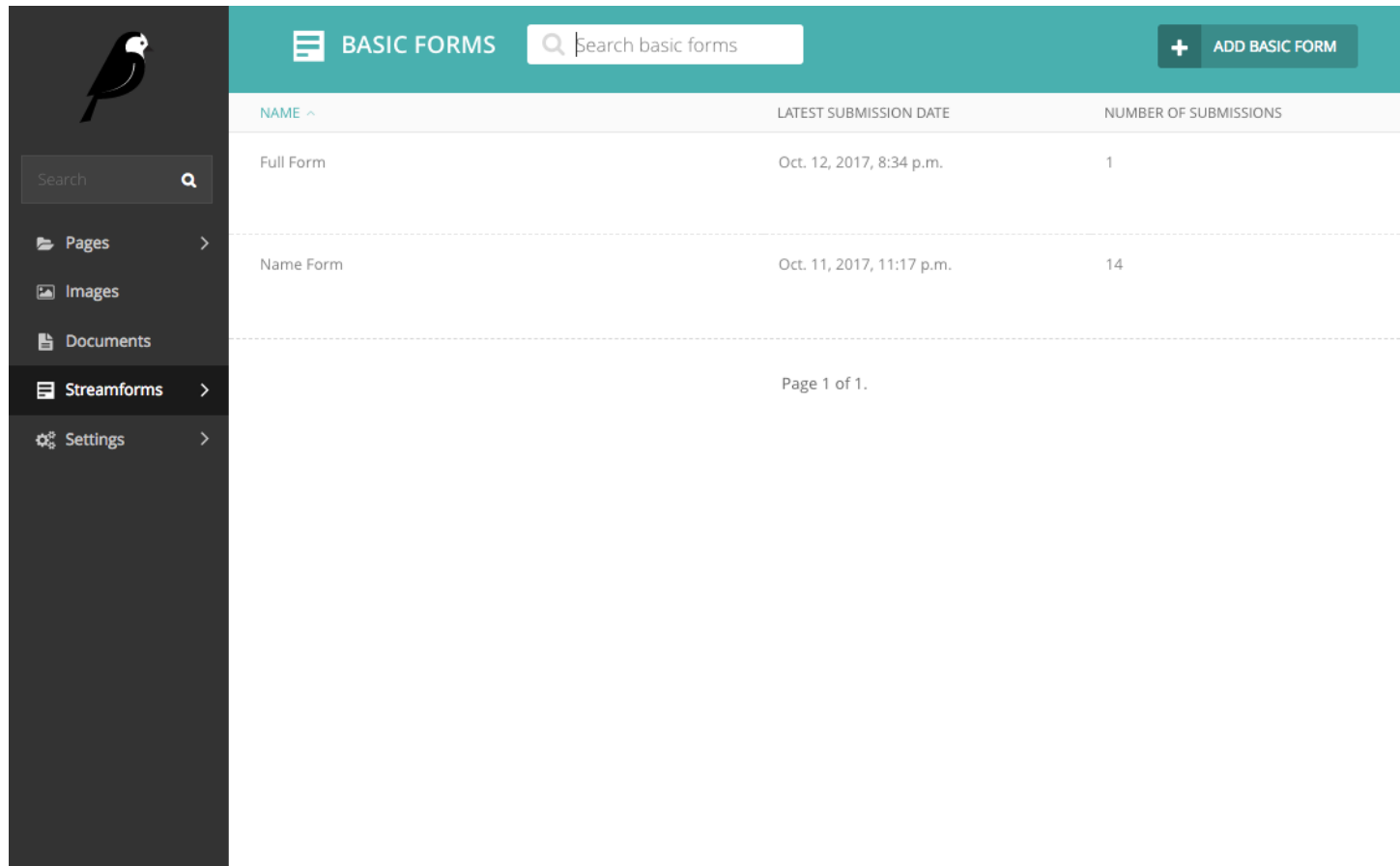


Fig. 1.2: Menu

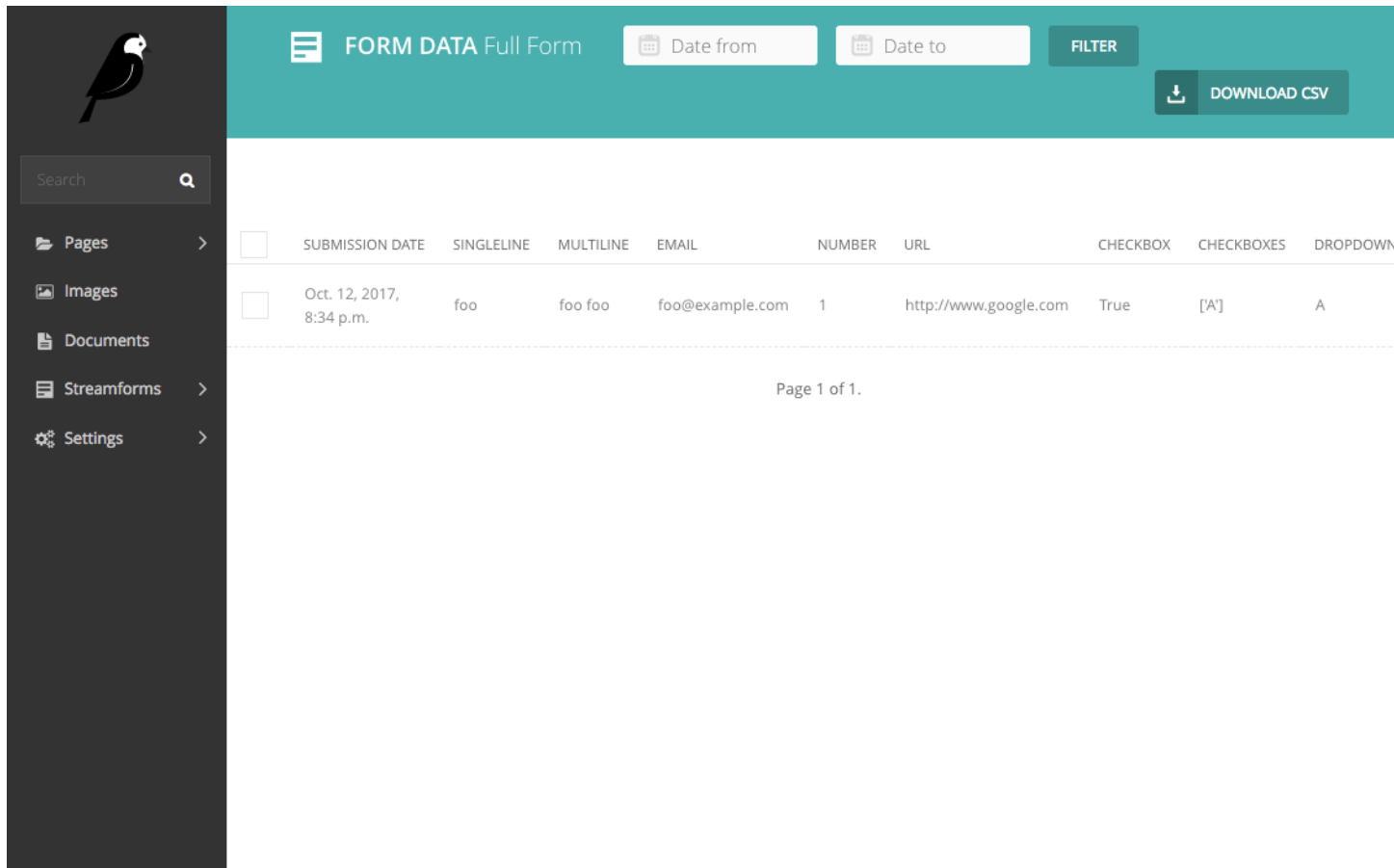


The screenshot shows the Wagtail Streamforms interface. On the left is a dark sidebar with a bird logo and navigation links: Search, Pages, Images, Documents, Streamforms (selected), and Settings. The main content area has a teal header with 'BASIC FORMS', a search bar, and an 'ADD BASIC FORM' button. Below the header is a table listing forms. The table has three columns: NAME, LATEST SUBMISSION DATE, and NUMBER OF SUBMISSIONS. It lists two forms: 'Full Form' and 'Name Form'. Below the table, it says 'Page 1 of 1.'

NAME ^	LATEST SUBMISSION DATE	NUMBER OF SUBMISSIONS
Full Form	Oct. 12, 2017, 8:34 p.m.	1
Name Form	Oct. 11, 2017, 11:17 p.m.	14

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Fig. 1.3: Form Listing



The image shows a web interface for viewing form submissions. On the left is a dark sidebar with a bird logo and navigation links: Pages, Images, Documents, Streamforms, and Settings. The main area has a teal header with the title 'FORM DATA Full Form', date filters, a 'FILTER' button, and a 'DOWNLOAD CSV' button. Below the header is a table with one submission row. The table columns are: SUBMISSION DATE, SINGLELINE, MULTILINE, EMAIL, NUMBER, URL, CHECKBOX, CHECKBOXES, and DROPDOWN. The submission data is: Oct. 12, 2017, 8:34 p.m., foo, foo foo, foo@example.com, 1, http://www.google.com, True, [A], and A. Below the table, it says 'Page 1 of 1.'

<input type="checkbox"/>	SUBMISSION DATE	SINGLELINE	MULTILINE	EMAIL	NUMBER	URL	CHECKBOX	CHECKBOXES	DROPDOWN
<input type="checkbox"/>	Oct. 12, 2017, 8:34 p.m.	foo	foo foo	foo@example.com	1	http://www.google.com	True	[A]	A

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Fig. 1.4: Submission Listing

The screenshot displays the 'NEW Email form' configuration page in Wagtail Streamforms. On the left is a dark sidebar with the Wagtail bird logo, a search bar, and a menu with links to Pages, Images, Documents, Streamforms (active), and Settings. The main content area has a teal header with the title 'NEW Email form' and three tabs: 'GENERAL' (selected), 'FIELDS', and 'EMAIL SUBMISSION'. Below the tabs are several form sections, each with a red expand/collapse icon and a red asterisk indicating a required field:

- NAME \***: A large text input field.
- TEMPLATE \***: A dropdown menu with a placeholder '-----' and a downward arrow.
- SUBMIT BUTTON TEXT \***: A text input field containing the word 'Submit'.
- SUCCESS MESSAGE**: A large text input field.
- STORE SUBMISSION**: A checkbox that is currently unchecked.

Fig. 1.5: Form Editing





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