

Export Form Contents

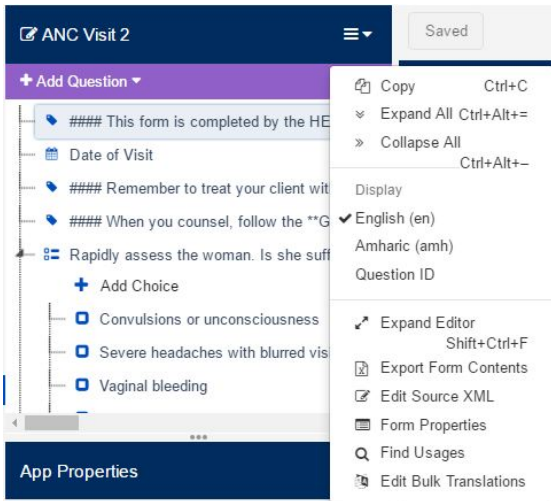
In order to iterate on and discuss the content and structure of a form, it is sometimes easier to view the form contents in an Excel format.

Within Dimagi we frequently use "Excel definition" files that have different forms on each of the tabs of an Excel document. We can then easily share and review the form content without having to use the form builder.

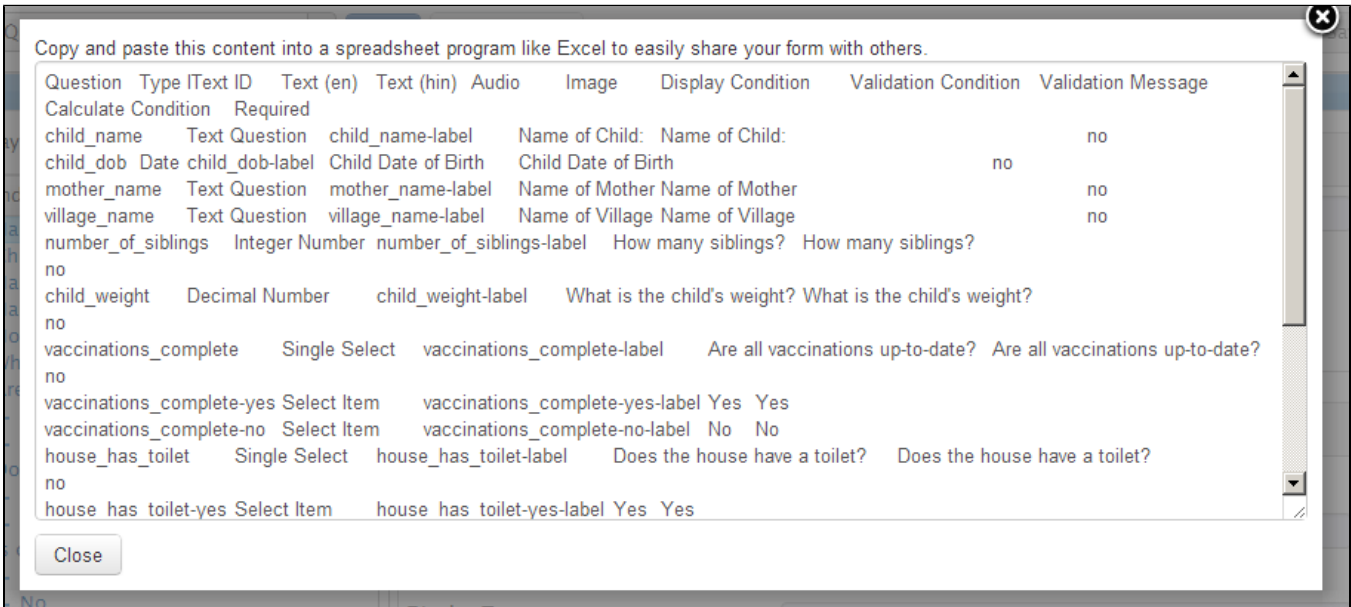
How to Export Form Contents

You can export a form once you have opened the form builder by clicking on "edit" on any form.

On the left side of the screen, within the question tree of form builder, you will see a drop-down menu that looks like three stacked lines. Selecting this will open the formbuilder Tools. One of the options is **Export Form Contents**



After you click on **Export From Contents** a pop-up box will appear:



Put your cursor in the box, select-all, and copy all of the contents.

Then open a blank Excel tab and paste the contents- they should automatically separate into columns:

| | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L |
|----|----------------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------|---|---|-------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 1 | Question ID | Type | IText ID | Text (en) | Text (hin) | Audio | Image | Display Cc | Validator | Validator | Calculate | Required |
| 2 | child_name | Text Ques | child_name | Name of C | Name of Child: | | | | | | | no |
| 3 | child_dob | Date | child_dob | Child Date | Child Date of Birth | | | | | | | no |
| 4 | mother_name | Text Ques | mother_name | Name of M | Name of Mother | | | | | | | no |
| 5 | village_name | Text Ques | village_name | Name of V | Name of Village | | | | | | | no |
| 6 | number_of_siblings | Integer N | number_of_siblings | How many | How many siblings? | | | | | | | no |
| 7 | child_weight | Decimal N | child_weight | What is th | What is the child's weight? | | | | | | | no |
| 8 | vaccination_status | Single Sel | vaccination_status | Are all vac | Are all vaccinations up-to-date? | | | | | | | no |
| 9 | vaccination_status | Select Iter | vaccination_status | Yes | Yes | | | | | | | |
| 10 | vaccination_status | Select Iter | vaccination_status | No | No | | | | | | | |
| 11 | house_has_toilet | Single Sel | house_has_toilet | Does the h | Does the house have a toilet? | | | | | | | no |
| 12 | house_has_toilet | Select Iter | house_has_toilet | Yes | Yes | | | | | | | |
| 13 | house_has_toilet | Select Iter | house_has_toilet | No | No | | | | | | | |
| 14 | child_is_sick | Single Sel | child_is_sick | Is child sic | Is child sick? | | | | | | | no |
| 15 | child_is_sick | Select Iter | child_is_sick | Yes | Yes | | | | | | | |
| 16 | child_is_sick | Select Iter | child_is_sick | No | No | | | | | | | |
| 17 | child_counsel | Label | child_counsel | Advise the | Advise the child: | jr://file/commcare/audio/data/child_counsel.mp3 | | | | | | no |
| 18 | child_picture | Image Qui | child_picture | Take a pic | Take a picture of the child. | | | | | | | no |
| 19 | gps_capture_location | Geopoint | gps_capture_location | Record the | Record the location of the child's house. | | | | | | | no |
| 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

At present, **Export Form Contents** contains the following fields (cells will be blank if not applicable):

- Question ID
- Question Type
- IText ID
- Display Text (for each language)
- Audio Filepath
- Image Filepath
- Display Condition
- Validation Condition
- Validation Message
- Calculation
- Required (whether or not question is required)

NOTES:

- If you make changes to the content in the excel file (i.e. display text, validation, etc.) you will have to manually make these changes in the form builder. That means you cannot update the form by importing the altered excel file. It is possible to do this for display text only by using the [Form Bulk Translation](#) tool. If you want to build forms using an Excel file you can try a tool like [Formhub](#).
- If you want to have a column which cleanly shows the choice value for questions with choices, you can do this in Excel with the formula =IF(B2="Choice", TRIM(MID(A2, FIND("-",A2)+1, 100)), "")