

Automatic Web Forms II

for ACT! 2011 and up



User's manual – part 3

How to customize the look of your form

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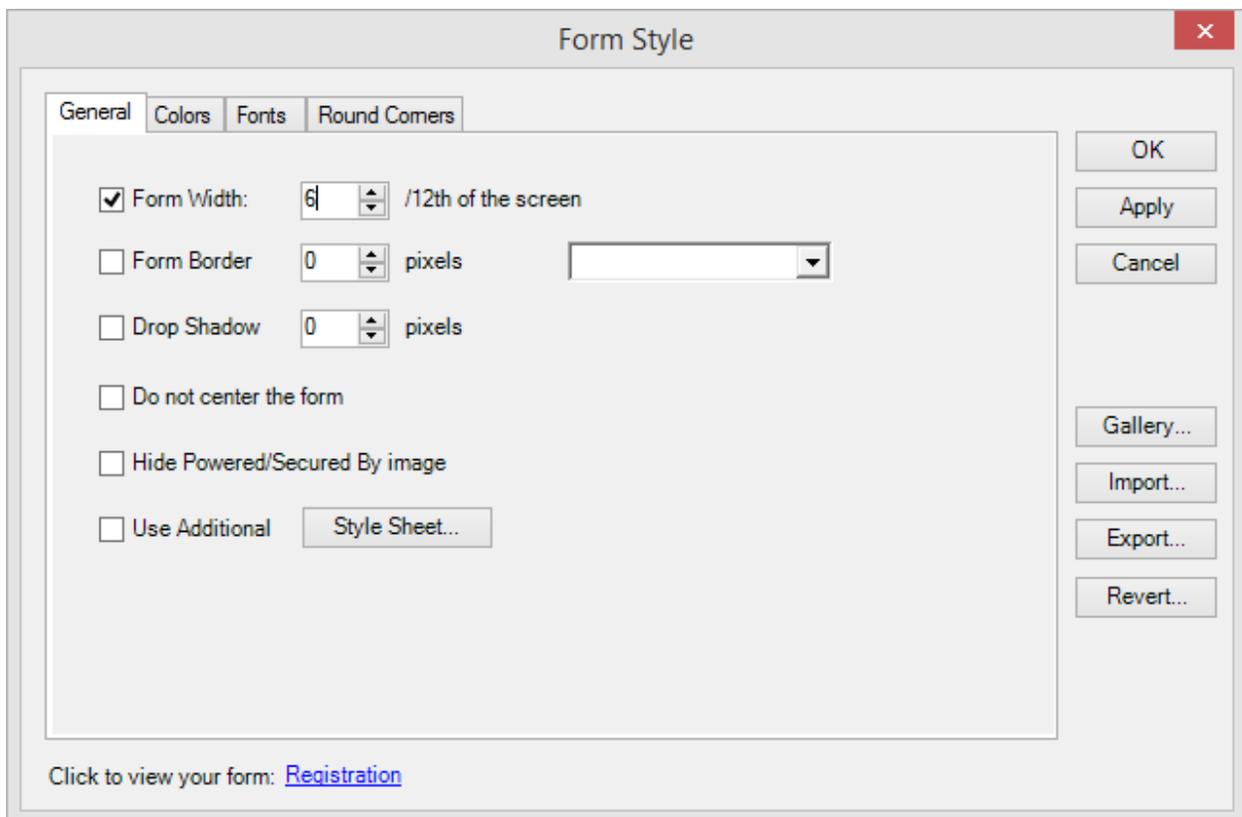
To customize the look of your form, launch the add-on by double-clicking the notification area on your ACT! menu bar, make sure your form is selected in the drop-down list of the main window of Automatic Web Forms, then go to *Forms>Edit Form>Style...*

Width of your form

The width of the form is the first property that you want to set. It is set in 1/12th of the viewers screen (i.e. it is proportional to your viewers screen).

With the multiplication of devices your potential viewers may use, we can't set page widths in pixels anymore. A 1000px-wide form would not render nicely on a tablet or a smart phone... On the other hand, a 400px-wide form seems very narrow on a big desktop monitor.

NOTE: on any screen narrower than 640px, like a smart phone for instance, the form will always appear full-width, no matter the width you choose.



The image shows a screenshot of the 'Form Style' dialog box, which is used for customizing the appearance of a form. The dialog has a title bar with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Below the title bar, there are four tabs: 'General', 'Colors', 'Fonts', and 'Round Corners'. The 'General' tab is currently selected. The main area of the dialog contains several options:

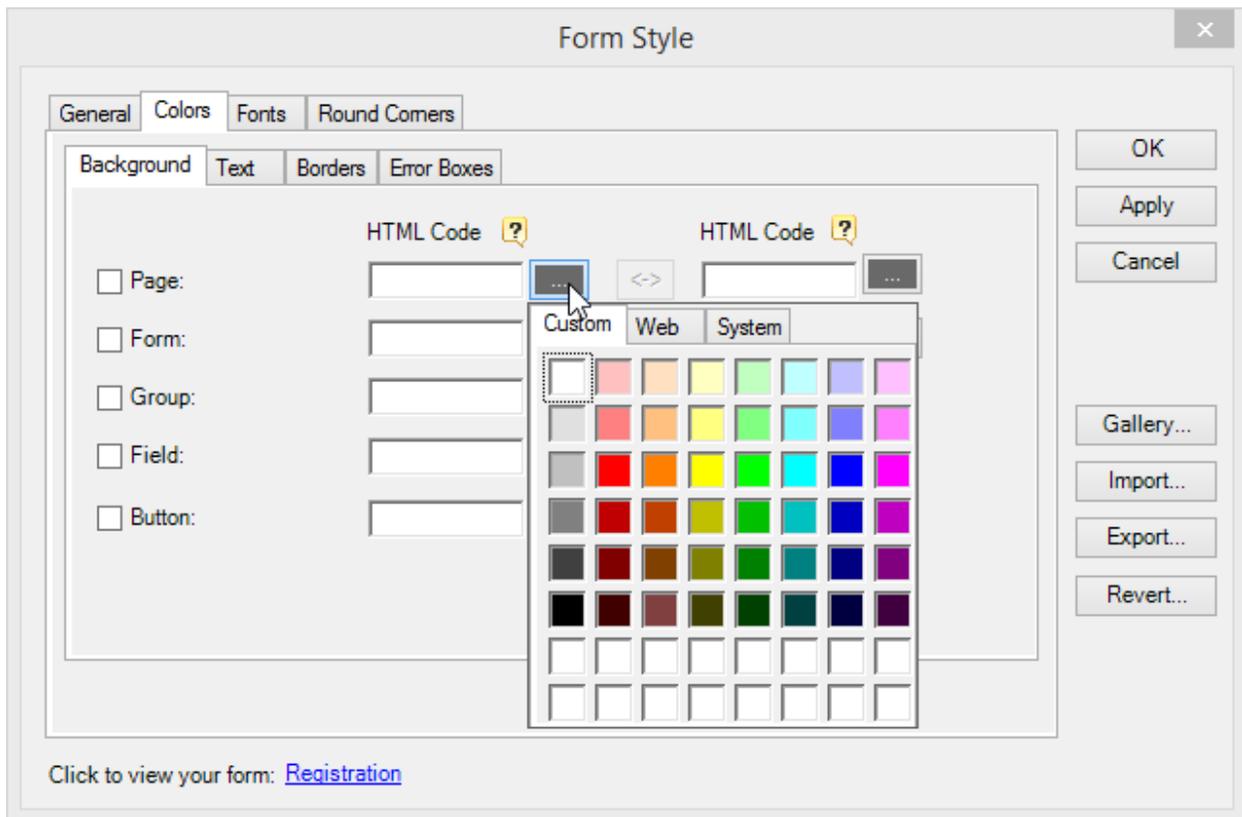
- Form Width: 6 /12th of the screen
- Form Border: 0 pixels
- Drop Shadow: 0 pixels
- Do not center the form
- Hide Powered/Secured By image
- Use Additional [Style Sheet...](#)

On the right side of the dialog, there are several buttons: 'OK', 'Apply', 'Cancel', 'Gallery...', 'Import...', 'Export...', and 'Revert...'. At the bottom left of the dialog, there is a link: 'Click to view your form: [Registration](#)'.

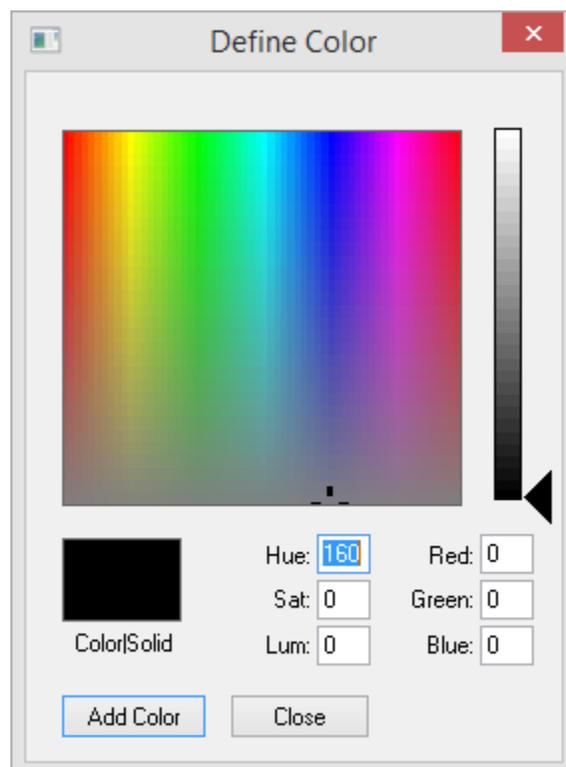
You might want to experiment with the width of the form based on the information that you are providing like labels and other texts.

Colors

Under the *Colors* tab, you may change the color of a number of items starting with the background color of the page and of the form.

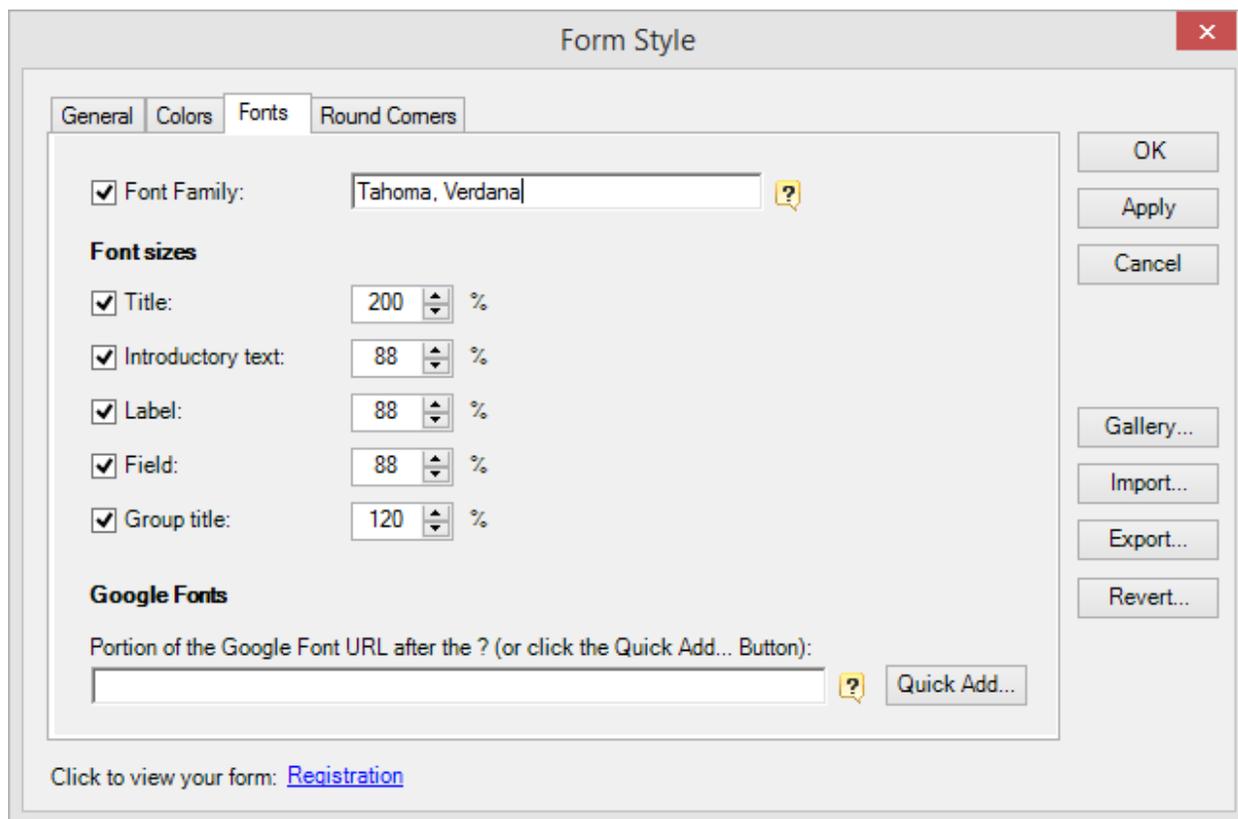


If you are a web designer, you are familiar with the HTML code used to identify colors. If you are not, simply use the buttons next to each text box and select the color of your choice. If you do not find the exact color you are looking for under the 3 tabs of the color selector, right-click one of the white squares at the bottom of the custom tab to pop up this more advanced color selector.



Fonts

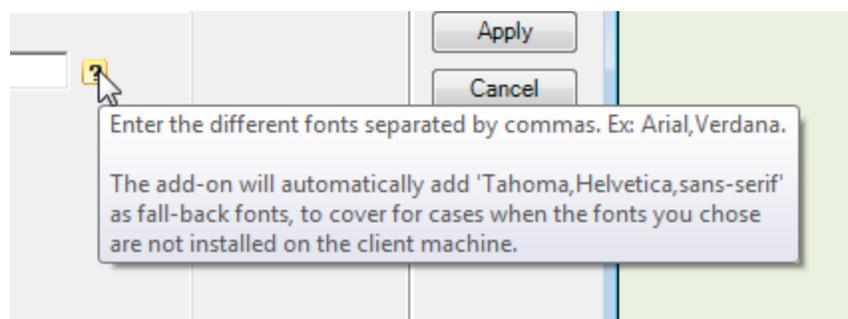
You may play with fonts to give a unique look to your form.



The screenshot shows the 'Form Style' dialog box with the 'Fonts' tab selected. The 'Font Family' field contains 'Tahoma, Verdana'. Under 'Font sizes', the following settings are shown: Title (200%), Introductory text (88%), Label (88%), Field (88%), and Group title (120%). The 'Google Fonts' section has a text input field and a 'Quick Add...' button. On the right side, there are buttons for 'OK', 'Apply', 'Cancel', 'Gallery...', 'Import...', 'Export...', and 'Revert...'. At the bottom, there is a link: 'Click to view your form: [Registration](#)'.

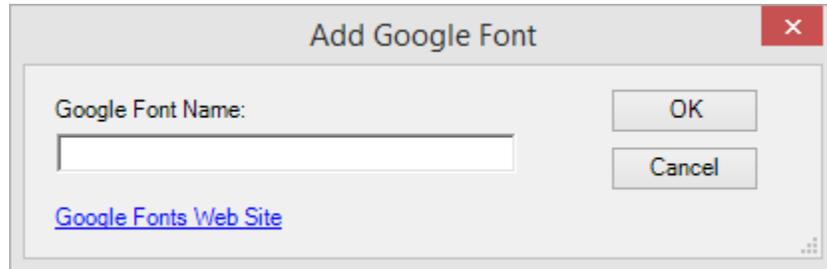
Remember one thing though: fonts are not stored in the web page. So if you choose a very unique font you have on your machine, changes are your visitors will not have it installed on their machine and therefore your form will not look as anticipated when they access it.

This is why web designers always specify more than one font. Automatic Web Forms will always add additional fonts if you do not.



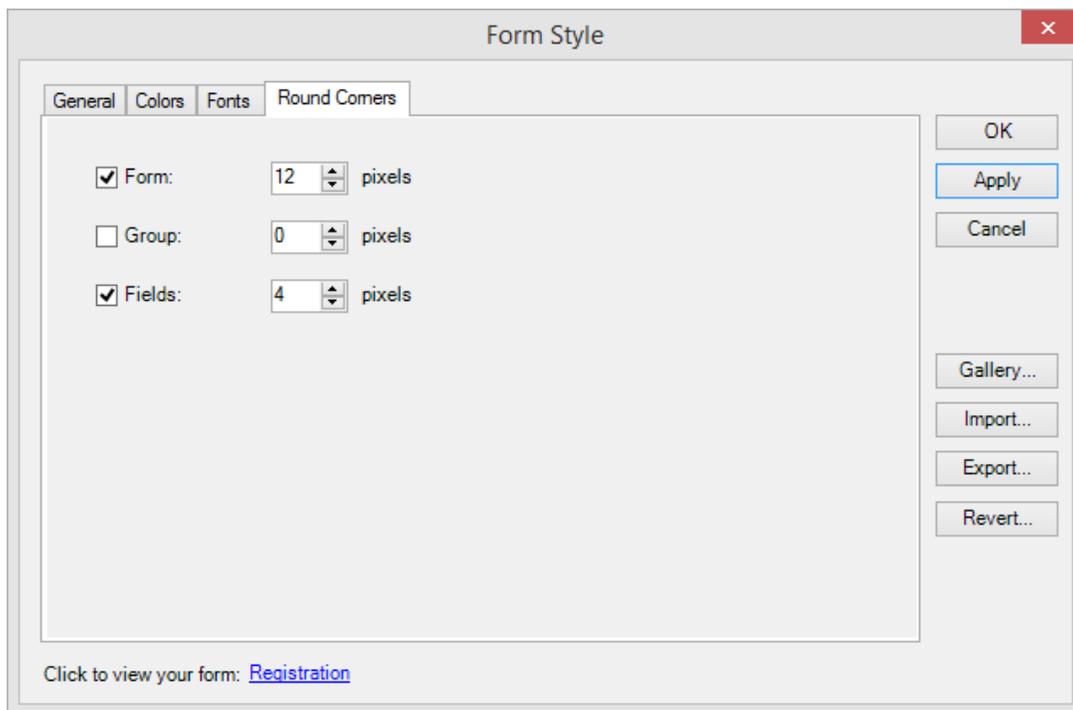
Google fonts

One way around the fact that we don't know which fonts are installed on the viewer's machine is to use Google font. If you choose this option, the font will be downloaded to the viewer's machine with the form. It make take a few milliseconds more for the form to display but if look is really important to you, this is a viable option.



Round Corners

If you want the form or the field to have rounded corners, go to the Round Corners tab.



See how the white block and the fields have round corners now...

The image shows a registration form with a white background and rounded corners, set against a dark grey border. The form is titled "Registration" in a large, bold, black font. Below the title are four input fields: "First Name", "Last Name", "E-mail", and "Please confirm your e-mail address". Each field has a light grey border and rounded corners. Below the input fields is a reCAPTCHA widget with a black background, containing a white square checkbox, the text "I'm not a robot", and the reCAPTCHA logo and text. Below the reCAPTCHA widget is a black button with the text "Send Request" in white. At the bottom of the form is a footer with the text "Powered by AutomaticWebForms.com" and "Secured by 256-bit SSL Encryption" next to a small lock icon.

Embedding your form in a page of your own web site

If you have your own web site, you might want to embed the form in a page of your web site so that it looks completely integrated. Here are the instructions to give to your web designer if you do not know what they mean.

Here is the basic syntax to use:

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<iframe src="https://www.automaticwebforms.com/formV2.aspx?ID=Your_Form_ID" width="560" height="600" frameborder="0" onload="window.parent.parent.scrollTo(0,0)" scrolling="no" style="overflow:hidden" >
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<p>Your browser does not support iframes.</p>

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</iframe>
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Change the width and height values according to the size of your form.

[Make sure the logo at the bottom of the form remains visible. Hiding the logo is a breach of the license agreement if you are using the free version.](#)

If you are embedding the form, you might want to set its background color to the background color of the web page. You might also want to set check the option “Do not center the form”.

Contacting support

Support is provided by e-mail at support@exponencial.com.

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