



How to Use FormRedirect to Shorten Long FormsViewer URLs

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Overview

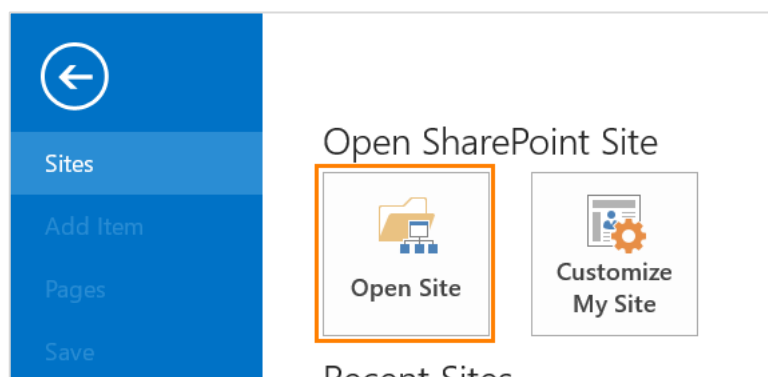
This document explains how to set up and use the FormRedirect page to allow linking to FormsViewer forms without using excessively long URLs.

Pre-requisites

- You must be an administrator in the SharePoint site where you intend to set this page up.
- You must have access to a machine where SharePoint Designer 2013 is installed.

Connect to your site

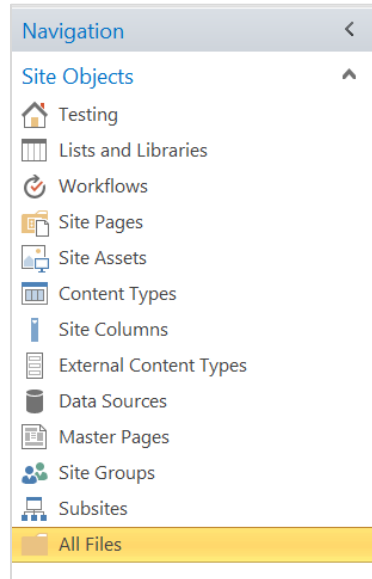
1. Open SharePoint Designer 2013
2. Click **Open Site**



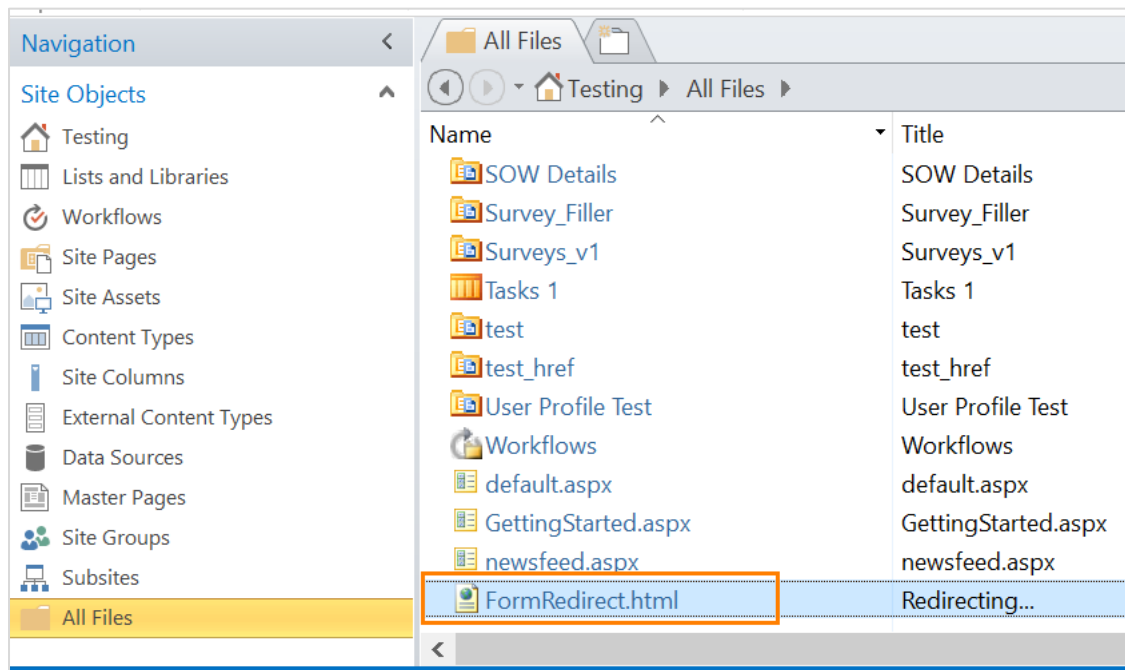
3. Enter the URL of a SharePoint site where you would like to use the FormRedirect page and press **Enter**
4. Wait until the Open dialog has loaded the site's contents, and then press Enter again or click Open

Add the FormRedirect page

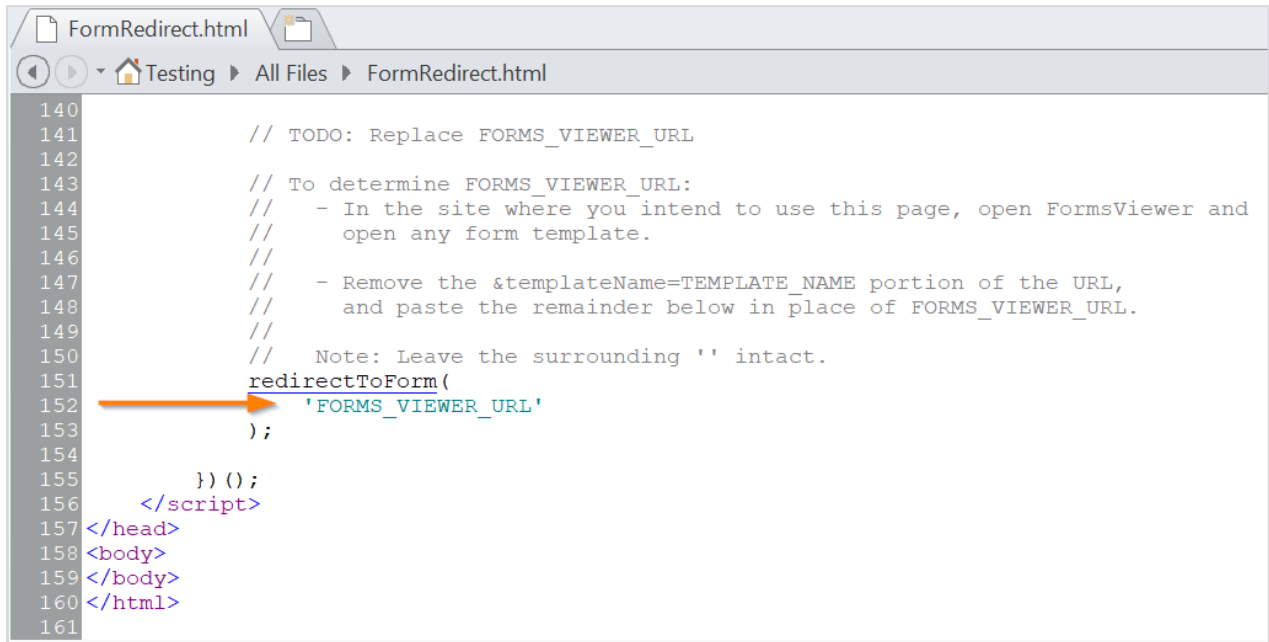
1. In the left sidebar, click **All Files**



2. In Windows Explorer, navigate to the folder that contains the FormRedirect.html file, which should have been included with this document
3. Drag the FormRedirect.html file into the main pane of SharePoint Designer. The file should now be visible among the other files and folders in **All Files**:



4. Double-click the newly uploaded FormRedirect.html file in SharePoint Designer to open it in an editor
5. Scroll to the bottom of the file to find the line that contains 'FORMS_VIEWER_URL'



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141      // TODO: Replace FORMS_VIEWER_URL
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143      // To determine FORMS_VIEWER_URL:
144      //   - In the site where you intend to use this page, open FormsViewer and
145      //     open any form template.
146      //
147      //   - Remove the &templateName=TEMPLATE_NAME portion of the URL,
148      //     and paste the remainder below in place of FORMS_VIEWER_URL.
149      //
150      //   Note: Leave the surrounding '' intact.
151      redirectToForm(
152      'FORMS_VIEWER_URL'
153      );
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155      }) ();
156  </script>
157 </head>
158 <body>
159 </body>
160 </html>
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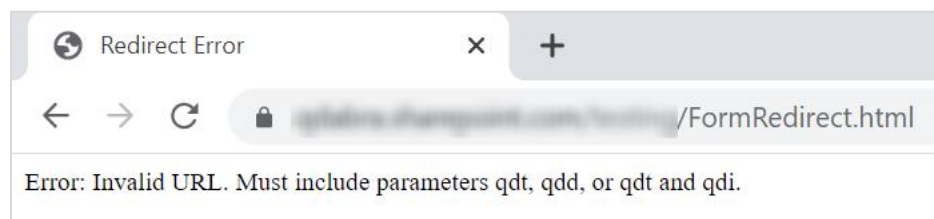
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6. Follow the instructions above that line to add the correct FormsViewer URL to the file
7. Press Ctrl+S or click the Save icon at the top of the window to save the file

Using the FormRedirect page

Once you have set up the FormRedirect page, you can access it by appending FormRedirect.html to your SharePoint site's URL.

If you access it without specifying any URL parameters, you should see the following error page:



You can use the page to open a FormsViewer template, an XML document, or a list form by specifying the **qdt** parameter (for template name), **qdd** parameter (for XML document URL), and/or **qdi** (for indicating a list item ID for list forms)

Examples:

- Form Name Only:
<https://mytenant.sharepoint.com/mysite/FormRedirect.html?qdt=MyTemplate>
- Document Only:
<https://mytenant.sharepoint.com/mysite/FormRedirect.html?qdd=/mysite/mylibrary/mydoc.xml>
- Form Name and Document:
<https://mytenant.sharepoint.com/mysite/FormRedirect.html?qdt=MyTemplate&qdd=/mysite/mylibrary/mydoc.xml>
- Form Name and List Item ID:
<https://mytenant.sharepoint.com/mysite/FormRedirect.html?qdt=MyTemplate&qdi=1>

In this way, you can use this page to link to your FormsViewer forms without using excessively long URLs.

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