

## REMOVING UNWANTED WHITESPACE IN REACT

**The problem:** Unwanted whitespace in the browser in a React app.

I came across this issue when I was working on a project in React. You can see here that there is an extra space added between the words “click” and “here”, and between “here” and the period:

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This is what the code looks like. The indentation is from the text editor.

```
17   <p>
18     For more information on <strong>React Animate On Scroll,</strong>{' '}
19     click
20     <a
21       className='click'
22       href='https://dbramwell.github.io/react-animate-on-scroll/'
23       rel='noopener noreferrer'
24       target='_blank'
25     >
26       here
27     </a>
28     .
29   </p>
```

And even if you remove the whitespace manually in the text editor, the result is the same and you still get the extra spaces in the browser.

```
<p>
  For more information on <strong>React Animate On Scroll,</strong>{' '}
  click<a className='click' href='https://dbramwell.github.io/react-animate-on-scroll/'
  rel='noopener noreferrer' target='_blank'>here</a>.
</p>
```

1. Here is a hack you can try. Put the text that has the extra whitespace in the browser inside a **span** tag. In this example, the word “here” (line 26) and the final period (line 28) have been put inside a **span** tag.

```
17 <p>
18   For more information on <strong>React Animate On Scroll,</strong>{' '}
19   click
20   <a
21     className='click'
22     href='https://dbramwell.github.io/react-animate-on-scroll/'
23     rel='noopener noreferrer'
24     target='_blank'
25   >
26     <span>here</span>
27   </a>
28   <span>.</span>
29 </p>
```

2. Next, add inline styling for each of these and do a **marginLeft** of “-10px” (lines 26 and 28):

```
17 <p>
18   For more information on <strong>React Animate On Scroll,</strong>{' '}
19   click
20   <a
21     className='click'
22     href='https://dbramwell.github.io/react-animate-on-scroll/'
23     rel='noopener noreferrer'
24     target='_blank'
25   >
26     <span style={{ marginLeft: '-10px' }}>here</span>
27   </a>
28   <span style={{ marginLeft: '-10px' }}>.</span>
29 </p>
```

And now the unwanted whitespace has been removed from between the word “click” and the period. But now there is no space between the words “click” and “here”:

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3. The only thing left to do is to manually add a space in the text editor before the word here (line 26):

```
25 | >
26 | | <span style={{ marginLeft: '-10px' }}> here</span>
27 | | </a>
28 | | <span style={{ marginLeft: '-10px' }}>.</span>
29 | </p>
```

And now the problem is solved. Now there is just one space between the words “click” and “here”.

And that’s it! We no longer have unwanted whitespace:

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