AutoFormat.RemoveEmpty

TYPE: bool

VERSION: 3.2.0

DEFAULT: false

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When enabled, HTML Purifier will attempt to remove empty elements that

contribute no semantic information to the document. The following types

of nodes will be removed:

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Tags with no attributes and no content, and that are not empty

elements (remove <code>&lt;a&gt;&lt;/a&gt;</code> but not

<code>&lt;br /&gt;</code>), and

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Tags with no content, except for:<ul>

<li>The <code>colgroup</code> element, or</li>

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Elements with the <code>id</code> or <code>name</code> attribute,

when those attributes are permitted on those elements.

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Please be very careful when using this functionality; while it may not

seem that empty elements contain useful information, they can alter the

layout of a document given appropriate styling. This directive is most

useful when you are processing machine-generated HTML, please avoid using

it on regular user HTML.

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Elements that contain only whitespace will be treated as empty. Non-breaking

spaces, however, do not count as whitespace. See

%AutoFormat.RemoveEmpty.RemoveNbsp for alternate behavior.

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This algorithm is not perfect; you may still notice some empty tags,

particularly if a node had elements, but those elements were later removed

because they were not permitted in that context, or tags that, after

being auto-closed by another tag, where empty. This is for safety reasons

to prevent clever code from breaking validation. The general rule of thumb:

if a tag looked empty on the way in, it will get removed; if HTML Purifier

made it empty, it will stay.

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