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Hide references to Citations

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Posted on 1 Mar 2024 22:52:30 by [volodymyrlesiv](#) 11

I would like to know, how can I hide references in my chatbot?

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[BenBjon](#) 12 on 02 Apr 2024 at 16:40:19

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Re: Hide references to Citations

What I did is pass the answer from Generative AI into a variable and disable the message. Then, right after, I have a variable node that executes this formula. It replaces the original response variable with this formula, and I'm assuming you can then pass that modified variable into an

adaptive card.



[mauldinjonas](#) on 31 Mar 2024 at 03:58:50

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Re: Hide references to Citations

Where does this code go to be implemented into my topic? I have the remove citation code formula in my adaptive card.



[sgupt187](#) 19 on 07 Mar 2024 at 14:22:39

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Re: Hide references to Citations

Thank you, BenBjon, for the solution. It works perfectly.



[BenBjon](#) 12 on 06 Mar 2024 at 23:01:27

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Re: Hide references to Citations

I needed a solution for this because I'm trying to send back a structured JSON reply, and wanted the citations gone.

After working on this for *far* too long, I found a formula that correctly filters out the citations and the trailing [1]'s. It doesn't require an adaptive card, it's just a single formula.

(Note, this only works for up to 3 citations, but it does work)

Here's the formula:

```
Trim(
  Substitute(
    Substitute(
      Substitute(
        Substitute(
          Substitute(
            Substitute(Topic.VARIABLE_HERE, ": cite:1 ""Citation-1""", ""),
              ": cite:2 ""Citation-2""", ""),
```

```
": cite:3 ""Citation-3"", ""),  
"[1]", ""),  
"[2]", ""),  
"[3]", ""  
)
```



[sgupt187](#) ✨19 on 06 Mar 2024 at 22:40:12

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Re: Hide references to Citations

Hi, I am working on citation removal from generative answer node response but not able to do so . In Conversation boosting topic able to do because there is a variable which is of type record but in any other topic when I am trying to create a variable in generative answer node then by default it is of string type . So , not able to apply below formula for citations removal:

```
Substitute(Substitute(Substitute(Substitute(Topic.genRes.Text.Content, "[1]" , ""), "[2]", ""),"[3]", ""),"[4]", ""))
```

Can anyone tell me how can I implement citation removal from the response generated by generative answer node in any other topic other than conversation boosting?



[BenBjon](#) ✨12 on 06 Mar 2024 at 21:55:16

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Re: Hide references to Citations

I have an additional problem. Is there a way to filter out quotation marks from answers you get using Substitute? I can't seem to do any escape characters



[BenBjon](#) ✨12 on 06 Mar 2024 at 21:48:06

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Re: Hide references to Citations

Thank you, this is exactly what I needed as well.



[volodymyrlesiv](#) ✨11 on 06 Mar 2024 at 20:47:39

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Re: Hide references to Citations

Hey hey) You can use SUBSTITUTE formula, if you want to remove all the dangling references, you can do something like this: SUBSTITUTE(SUBSTITUTE(SUBSTITUTE(<variable>, "[1]", ""), "[2]", ""), "[3]", "")



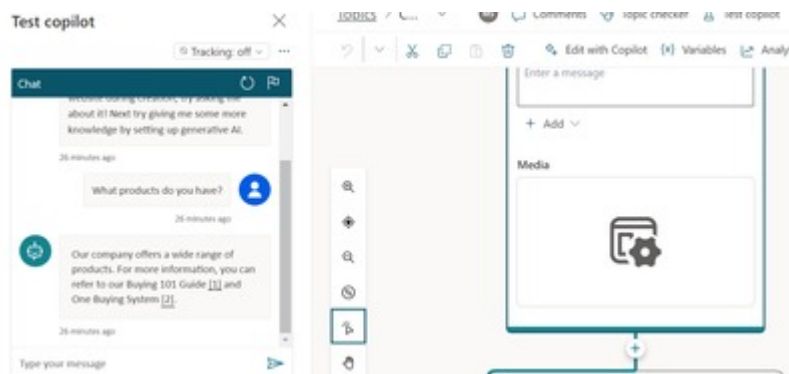
[manojsharmadcx](#) on 06 Mar 2024 at 18:43:56

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Re: Hide references to Citations

Hi [@cchannon](#), thanks for this answer. After removing citation part, the dangling references like [1], [2] etc. still remain. How can those be removed from answer. Tried using PowerFX formula but it apparently doesn't provide regex support.



Verified answer



[cchannon](#) ✨4,706 on 01 Mar 2024 at 23:34:48

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Re: Hide references to Citations

Sure, take a look at this older forum response from [@HenryJammes](#) : [Solved: Re: Citations / references not showing in the chat... - Page 4 - Power Platform Community \(microsoft.com\)](#)

In this forum post, the user had the opposite problem: Citations were not displaying and they wanted them to. Henry's response explains how you can feed a custom definition to an Adaptive Card response that creates an explicit spot for the citations.

In your case, you should be able to follow Henry's instructions, but remove the Citations chunk from his formula so it doesn't display in the card.

Helpful resources

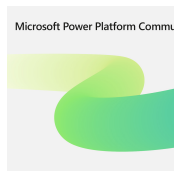
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