

# Prevent Respondents from Selecting Text

## Important Update to Custom Scripting

The CustomScript Action now supports the LUA programming language. Visit our [NEW Lua Scripting Resources!](#)

1. New accounts (created after October 29, 2018) will only have the option to use Lua in scripts.
2. As of October 29, 2018 Custom Scripting Actions will default to Lua as the scripting type in the Custom Scripting Action for accounts created before this date. You will be able to switch to the Legacy Custom Scripting; though we highly encourage using Lua.
3. In the long term, Legacy Custom Scripting Actions will be switched to read-only. The exact date on this is to be determined; we will send notifications well ahead of time.

In some circumstances, users do not want their respondents to be able to select text. This tutorial provides some JavaScript to help prevent that.

[Check it out in an example survey!](#)

OR

[Add a survey with the setup to your account!](#)

## Setup

1. On the page that you'd like to prevent respondents from selecting text go to **Add Action > JavaScript**.
2. Give your action a **Description**.
3. Paste the below code into your new JavaScript Action and **Save Action**.

```
function disableSelection(target){  
  
    if (typeof target.onselectstart!="undefined") //IE route  
        target.onselectstart=function(){return false}  
  
    else if (typeof target.style.MozUserSelect!="undefined") //Firefox route  
        target.style.MozUserSelect="none"  
  
    else //All other route (ie: Opera)  
        target.onmousedown=function(){return false}  
  
    target.style.cursor = "default"  
}  
  
disableSelection(document.body)
```

## Time to Test!

Go to your live link or preview and try to select some text in your survey. This should now be disabled.

### Scripting and Other Custom Solutions

We're always happy to help you debug any documented script that is used as is. That said, we do not have the resources to write scripts on demand or to debug a customized script.

If you have customization ideas that you haven't figured out how to tackle, we're happy to be a sounding board for SurveyGizmo features and functionality ideas that might meet your customization. Beyond this, you might want to consult with someone on our Programming Services Team; these folks might have the scripting chops to help you to achieve what you are looking for!

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