

# sgapiTrim(%%string)

## Important Update to Custom Scripting

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

### Legacy Custom Scripting Language Deprecation Plans

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.

This is equivalent to the [trim](#) function in PHP. This will remove all trailing and preceding whitespace.

sgapiChop and sgapiTrim are helpful for anytime you need to pull or display variables with no spaces before or after them. For example, lets say you have an open text field that you'd like to pass your answers to another website with. You don't want to pass any blank spaces before or after to make sure the data that's received on the other end is intact. You could use sgapiTrim to make sure no blank spaces show before or after your data!

## Example

The below example will output the following: Text to Leftall this whitespaceText to Right.

```
%% string = '    all this whitespace    ';\n\n%%output .= 'Text to Left'.sgapiTrim(%%string).'Text to Right';
```

To see an example or learn more other PHP functions and PHP programming, visit [PHP Documentation](#).