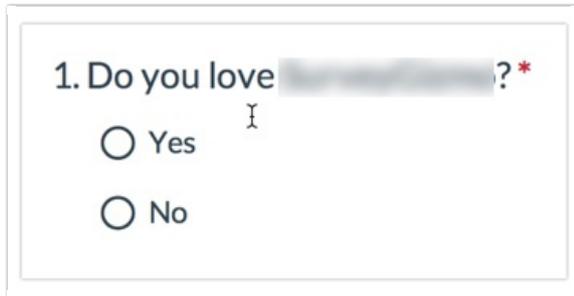


# Remove or Customize Required Asterisk

When you require a question in Alchemer, this automatically places an asterisk image next to the question. This identifies that the question must be answered to proceed through the survey.



1. Do you love [redacted]? \*

Yes

No

If you prefer to hide the asterisk but still have the question be required, you can easily turn off the required asterisks or you can also change the asterisk color or replace the image altogether.



## Best Practice Tip

It is a best practice to identify required questions for respondents. We use an asterisk to identify required questions because it is accessible for respondents using screen readers. The 'alt' text for the image is read out loud as "Required Question" by the screen reader.

## Removing the Required Asterisk

Go to **Style > Text > Text Options** and uncheck the option **Show Required Asterisks**. Click **Apply Changes**.

## Removing the Required Asterisk on Required Other Textboxes

If you find that the required asterisk that displays when you set up your Other Textboxes as required confuses survey takers you can selectively hide just the required asterisks on Other textboxes.

To do so go to the **Style** tab and scroll to the bottom of the survey preview to access the link to the **HTML/CSS Editor**. On the Custom CSS tab copy and paste the below code:

```
.sg-other-li .sg-required-icon {  
display:none;  
}
```

## Customizing the Asterisk Color or Image

If you'd like to replace the asterisk with an image, find the image you'd like to use and upload it to the File Library. See [File Library Tutorial](#) for steps.

1. What is your race/ethnicity? (Select all that apply)

Asian

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Black/African-American

White

Hispanic/Latino

American Indian/Alaska Native

Other - Write In  \*



Next, go to the **Style** tab and scroll to the bottom of the survey preview to access the link to the **HTML/CSS Editor**. On the Custom CSS tab copy and paste one of the below codes:

If you want to replace it with a new image, use this:

```
.sg-required-icon:after {
content:url();
}
.sg-required-icon
{
font-size: 0px !important;
}
```

Make sure to replace with the link to the new image you uploaded to your library :-)

1. Do you love  ? \*

Yes

No

If you just want to change the color of the default asterisk, use this:

```
.sg-required-icon {
color: purple;
}
```

You can change **blue** to any number of colors, such as **red**, **green**, **yellow**, **purple**, hexadecimal codes like **#40E0D0** and more! Check this link for all the colors that CSS supports:

[http://www.w3schools.com/css/css\\_colornames.asp](http://www.w3schools.com/css/css_colornames.asp)

**Note:** This is not compatible with IE7.

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