Fix Action-Rendering Issues with React Applications

Some Monetate actions, such as Insert HTML actions, may not always perform as expected in a single-page React application. React may produce warnings and revert content, depending on the application and the use of these actions.

For this example, your site has a single-page React application on which you want to insert HTML to override the product description on a product page.

There are a few ways to get around the issues that React may cause.

Using CSS Actions to Hide/Show Content

You can use an action that inserts CSS.

- 1. Render a content block (whether it is a <div> or some other HTML element) for each description option.
- 2. Create an experience with CSS actions that toggles the visibility of this content.

Using JavaScript Actions to Trigger a Callback Function

You can use an action that inserts JavaScript.

- 1. Expose a function that makes the changes you want.
 - The code example uses events.
 - If you have jQuery on your site, then you could also use jQuery triggers in this instance.
- 2. Create an experience with JavaScript actions that trigger the defined event(s).

Insert JavaScript Action Code Sample

const productDesc = 'My product description alternate';

// Using initCustomEvent is deprecated but is the

// IE compatible way so using for this example.

// Could use JQuery's triggers or similar http://api.jquery.com/trigger/

const pdpDescEvent = document.createEvent('CustomEvent');

pdpDescEvent.initCustomEvent('pdp-desc', true, true, productDesc);

document.dispatchEvent(pdpDescEvent);

Event Listener on Your Site Code Sample

document.addEventListener('pdp-desc', e => {

// e.detail is your new content

// do whatever you need to with this

// eventually render using dangerouslySetInnerHTML attribute

}, false);