**IBM Cognos Analytics Welcome Page Modifications**



On the ICA Welcome page[[1]](#footnote-1), the following instructions will get rid of the **secondaryWelcomeMsg** ( “*Get started by opening a dashboard, report or story!*” ):



And the **homeReferenceContainer** ( *“Quick reference”* ) menu:



The idea is to locate the Web structures that create these annoying page elements, and modify or remove the structures.

**DISCLAIMER**: Try this procedure at your own risk. I will **NOT** be responsible for any system failures that may occur.

Procedure

**Task 1: Locate the bundle.js File**

1. Locate the **bundle.js** Javascript file buried deep in your Cognos Analytics install location.

<*install location*>\cognos\analytics\webcontent\bi\js\cahome\bundle.js

You will probably need Cognos *System Administrator* privileges to get near this file on your Cognos Application Server.

1. **STOP - IMPORTANT**: Create a **backup** copy of the **bundle.js** file before you go any further.

This will be your fallback recovery file if you screw things up.

1. Open the **bundle.js** file, in a text editor – I just used *NotePad* to do my editing.

**Task 2: Remove the “secondaryWelcomeMsg” Page Structure**

1. Do a search to find 2 instances of **secondaryWelcomeMsg** embedded in <div> tags as shown below:



This should be the first instance of secondary WelcomeMsg that you encounter in your search. There are several other instances scattered throughout the bundle.js file so be sure you locate the 2 instances in the <div> tags as shown above.

When you find the code shown above, **DO NOT** be tempted to hit the ENTER key several times to create more space around the desired code, as this may introduce hidden CRLF[[2]](#footnote-2) characters when the file is saved. And the result will be that the Welcome page will not open because of script errors.



Your task is to just delete only the DIV structure shown above in **red**.

1. Place your curser immediately in front of **<div** and delete everything to the end of **</div>**.

**<div**

**class=”secondaryWelcomeMsg”>{{=it.secondaryWelcomeMsg}}</div>**

This DIV structure is used to generate the “*Get started by opening a dashboard, report or story!*” text at the top of the Welcome page.

1. DO NOT hit the enter key or place any additional spaces in the remaining syntax.
2. **Save** the file, cross your fingers, and **run** Cognos to see the result.

If you did it correctly, the secondary welcome message should be gone!

**Task 3: Remove the “Quick Reference” Menu from the Right Side**

1. Do a search to find the first instance of **homeReferenceContainer** embedded in <div> tags as shown below:



Once again, **DO NOT** hit ENTER or add any additional spaces in the syntax.

1. For the code in **red** above, place your curser immediately in front of **<div** and delete everything to the end of the final **</div>** tag:

**<div**

**class=”homeReferenceContainer”>\n\n {{?**

**it.wasmQuickRefContainerId }}\n <div**

**id=”{{=it.wasmQuickRefContainerId}}”></div>\n {{?}}\n**

**</div>**

This DIV structure is used to generate the entire *“Quick reference”* menu structure at the right-side of the Welcome page.

1. DO NOT hit the enter key or place any additional spaces in the remaining syntax.
2. **Save** the file, cross your fingers, and **run** Cognos to see the result.

If you did it correctly, the secondary welcome message should be gone!



1. Keep your backup bundle.js file in a save, dry place for future use if necessary.
1. These instructions were prepared and tested using IBM Cognos Analytics Release 12 (11.0.12) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. For those of you old enough to remember typewriters, CRLF stands for “Carriage Return Line Feed” (ASCII codes 10 and 13). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)