Set your footer copyright year to automatically update

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> **Browser compatibility**
> If you added this script to your knowledge base before June 2022, we recommend updating it! The old version used a method that Chrome sometimes blocked and Firefox warned about and sometimes blocked (`document.write`). We've updated the script to use a JQuery method that's better supported by all browsers.

If you're using our default theme or the **Minimalist theme**, your knowledge base by displays a footer with a copyright year.

The years used will depend on when you created your knowledge base and whether you've manually edited it.

For example, if you've created your knowledge base recently, the **default Custom HTML** for your knowledge base's footer will set the Copyright to: `Copyright © 2023 - 2024 Your Company, LLC. All rights reserved.`

You might choose to keep this range or set it to the current year.

While you can manually edit the current or ending year, that can be a bit of a pain to remember to update. Here's a quick custom HTML change you can add to make it so you never have to update your copyright year again.

> **PDF limitations**
> This script will not work in the PDF Footer for **Settings > Individual PDFs.**

1. Go to **Settings > Style.**

2. In the **Customize HTML, CSS, and JS** section, select **Custom HTML.**

3. Select **Body** from the **Select HTML section to edit** dropdown.

4. The copyright statement is at or near row 6:

```
<div class="row hg-site-body slideout-new">
 [template("layout")]
 {{snippet.backToTop}}
</div>
<div class="row ko-site-footer text-center xsize">
   <div>Copyright © 2023 – 2024 Your Company, LLC. All rights reserved.
     <br>Made with <a href="https://www.knowledgeowl.com" target="_blank">KnowledgeOwl</a> <img class="
ko-logo" src="https://dyzz9obi78pm5.cloudfront.net/app/image/id/65cbb573a7123f123624c722/n/favicon-32px.svg"
>
   </div>
</div
```

5. **Copy the code below and paste it in below the rest of your Custom HTML:**

```
<!-- Get current year for copyright statement -->
<script>
 $('#spanYear').html(new Date().getFullYear());
</script>
```

6. **Once you've done that, find the year portion of your copyright statement that you'd like to autoupdate. Replace that year with this code:**

```
<span id="spanYear"></span>
```

7. **You can Update Preview to see how it looks.**

8. **Once you're happy with how your dates look, be sure to Save your changes.**

For example, here's what the HTML might look like if we chose to keep the range:

```
<div class="row hg-site-body slideout-new">
   [template("layout")]
 {{snippet.backToTop}}
</div>
<div class="row ko-site-footer text-center xsize">
   <div>Copyright © 2023 – <span id="spanYear"></span> Your Company, LLC. All rights reserved.
     <br>Made with <a href="https://www.knowledgeowl.com" target="_blank">KnowledgeOwl</a> <img class="ko-log
o" src="https://dyzz9obi78pm5.cloudfront.net/app/image/id/65cbb573a7123f123624c722/n/favicon-32px.svg">
   </div>
</div>

<!-- Get current year for copyright statement -->
<script>
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</script>
```

And here's what it might look like if we removed the range and kept it to a single year:

```
<div class="row hg-site-body slideout-new">
  [template("layout")]
 {{snippet.backToTop}}
</div>
<div class="row ko-site-footer text-center xsize">
   <div>Copyright © <span id="spanYear"></span> Your Company, LLC. All rights reserved.
      <br>Made with <a href="https://www.knowledgeowl.com" target="_blank">KnowledgeOwl</a> <img class="ko-logo" src="https://dyzz9obi78pm5.cloudfront.net/app/image/id/65cbb573a7123f123624c722/n/favicon-32px.svg">
   </div>
</div>

<!-- Get current year for copyright statement -->
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