

Spell Checker "WSC" dialog plugin for CKEditor 4 stopped working: incessant loading spinner

Problem and symptoms

All of a sudden, starting January 10, 2022, the Spell Checker "WSC" dialog plugin stopped working despite the fact that previously it worked properly. As a result, you see an incessant loading spinner after clicking on the "Check Spelling" under the ABC button on the CKEditor 4 toolbar.



Root cause

As it was [announced](#) more than a year ago, **effective January 10, 2022, the cloud-based version of the WSC plugin for CKEditor 4 was disabled (for both free and paid users)**. This is an official end-of-life (EOL) date of the plugin, it is deprecated and no longer supported.

Users that added WSC plugin to the CKEditor **config.js** file using the **extraPlugins** parameter or still using CKEditor lower than 4.16.0 where this plugin was built-in by default may face an issue with the loading spinner.

Solution

To solve the issue, remove the WSC plugin from the **extraPlugins** parameter (if any) or disable it using the **removePlugins** parameter in the CKEditor **config.js** file:

```
config.removePlugins = 'wsc';
```

Alternatively, instead of the WSC plugin, you can use the free version of the **SCAYT plugin** or commercial version of **WProofreader add-on for CKEditor 4**.