

Render Widget Content



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Elementor has a hook that lets developers change a widget's content in the frontend. These changes will be applied to the final HTML content of the widget. In the preview area, they will be shown after the user finishes editing the element.

Hook Details

- **Hook Type:** Filter Hook
- **Hook Name:** `elementor/widget/render_content`
- **Affects:** Frontend

Hook Arguments

Argument	Type	Description
<code>content</code>	<code>string</code>	The widget HTML output
<code>widget</code>	<code>\Elementor\Widget_Base</code>	The widget instance

Change Widget Content

Go over all the `heading` widgets and, if the heading uses external links, add an icon after the links indicating it's an external link:

```

/**
 * Filters heading widgets and change their content.
 *
 * @since 1.0.0
 * @param string $widget_content The widget HTML output.
 * @param \Elementor\Widget_Base $widget The widget instance.
 * @return string The changed widget content.
 */
function change_heading_widget_content( $widget_content, $widget ) {

    if ( 'heading' === $widget->get_name() ) {
        $settings = $widget->get_settings();

        if ( ! empty( $settings['link']['is_external'] ) ) {
            $widget_content .= '<i class="fa fa-external-link" aria-hidden="true"></i>';
        }
    }

    return $widget_content;
}

add_filter( 'elementor/widget/render_content', 'change_heading_widget_content', 10, 2 );

```

Notes

To change the [widget JavaScript template](#) see `elementor/widget/print_template`.

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