



## **The Handbook**

### **Codex**

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# Add Link SubPanel

## *Links → Add Link*

As you might expect from its name, this Add Link SubPanel handles the creation of new links.

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## Basics

Just the essentials in this section of the SubPanel.

### URI

Where the link points. The destination of the link. The site you want to go to when you click the link. Whichever description makes more sense to you.

### Link Name

The name of the link is what is actually displayed on your site.

### Short Description

You may optionally enter a description of your link here. How the description is displayed on your site depends on which theme you use and the settings defined by the link's category (see [Link Categories SubPanel](#)). If the category is set to display descriptions, the default [Kubrick Theme](#) (<http://boren.nu/archives/2004/10/10/kubrick-130-rc2/>) displays the description directly below the name of the link on your site, and the classic theme displays the description to the right of the name.

### Category

Select the category in which to add the new link. If that category has **Auto-Toggle** enabled, it will be labelled as such. For more about the **Auto-Toggle** feature, see [this section](#) of the [Link Categories SubPanel](#).

### Add Link

Saves the link. You should wait until you have filled out all of the sections of this SubPanel you intend to before clicking an **"Add Link"** button. Clicking one before you are ready *will* save the link, but you'll have to re-edit it to add any further information.

## Link Relationship (XFN)

[XFN](http://gmpg.org/xfn/) (<http://gmpg.org/xfn/>) stands for XHTML Friends Network. WordPress allows for the generation of XFN attributes automatically so you can show how you are related to the authors/owners of site to which you are linking. XFN tags are an effort to add meaning to the connections (links) on the world wide web, and are gaining in popularity. See [XFN Relationship Definitions](#) for a list of available relationships.

When you add a new link in the link manager, you may specify in this section of the SubPanel the relationship you share in real life with the author of the page to which you're linking. This will automatically add a **rel="X"** attribute to the HTML code for the link (where

**X** is the relationship you specify).

XFN relationships are optional for WordPress links. You can leave everything in this section blank and all your links will still work.

Click the "**Add Link**" button to save the link. Again, you should wait until you have filled out all of the sections of this SubPanel you intend to before clicking an "**Add Link**" button.

## XFN Relationship Definitions

To specify your relationship, use the following.

### identity

Use this checkbox if the link is to another of your own websites. This relationship is exclusive of all others.

### friendship

These radio buttons allow you to specify one of four different types of friendships:

- **acquaintance** - Someone with whom you have exchanged greetings and not much (if any) more -- maybe a short conversation or two.
- **contact** - Someone with whom you know how to get in touch.
- **friend** - Someone you consider a friend. A compatriot, buddy, home(boy|girl) that you know.
- **none** - Use this if you want to leave the friendship category blank.

### physical

Check the **met** checkbox if this is someone whom you have actually met in person.

### professional

These two checkboxes allow you to specify your professional relationship with the author of the link's site.

- **co-worker** - Someone with whom you work or someone who works at the same organization as you.
- **colleague** - Someone in the same field of study or activity.

### geographical

Use these three radio buttons to specify how you relate geographically to the author of the link's site.

- **co-resident** - Someone with whom you share a street address. A roommate. A Flatmate. A member of your family living in the same home.
- **neighbor** - Someone who lives nearby, perhaps only at an adjacent street address or doorway.
- **none** - Use this if you want to leave the geographical category blank.

### family

Six radio buttons to specify your familial relationship.

- **child** - Your genetic offspring. Or someone that you have adopted and take care of.
- **kin** - A relative. Someone you consider part of your extended family.
- **parent** - Your progenitor. Or someone who has adopted and takes care (or took care) of you.
- **sibling** - Someone with whom you share a parent.
- **spouse** - Someone to whom you are married.
- **none** - Use this if you want to leave the family category blank.

romantic

Use these four checkboxes to define how you are "romantically" related to the author of the site.

- **muse** - Someone who brings you inspiration.
- **crush** - Someone on whom you have a crush.
- **date** - Someone you are dating.
- **sweetheart** - Someone with whom you are intimate and at least somewhat committed, possibly exclusively.

Descriptions of the XFN relationships were modified from those found at the XFN [Getting Started](http://gmpg.org/xfn/join) (<http://gmpg.org/xfn/join>) page.

### An XFN Example

Suppose a friend of yours whom you have met in real life owns the site <http://www.example.com/>. When you add that site to your list of links, you can specify that the owner of that site is a friend, and that you have met in real life. The link that is created will be of the form `<a href="http://www.example.com/" rel="friend met">Example</a>`. This link works just the same as a normal link, but contains extra information about your relationship to the site.

### Further XFN Reading

For more information about XFN relationships and examples concerning their use, see the [Official XHTML Friends Network Website](http://gmpg.org/xfn/) (<http://gmpg.org/xfn/>).

## Advanced

The following controls allow more advanced manipulation of your links.

#### Image URI

You can specify a URI of an image to associate with the link. What WordPress does with an image depends on settings defined by the link's category (see [Link Categories SubPanel](#)).

#### RSS URI

RSS is a form of [Syndication](#). If you are linking to a site with an RSS feed, you can enter the feed URI here. Again, what WordPress does with this depends on your theme's template files. Currently, neither the [Kubrick Theme](#) (<http://boren.nu/archives/2004/10/10/kubrick-130-rc2/>) nor the classic theme displays the RSS URI.

#### Notes

Notes to yourself concerning the link.

#### Rating

You may chose to rate a link from 0 to 9, where 0 implies that the link is unrated. What the rating system actually defines on your site is up to you to decide.

#### Target

These radio buttons allow you to decide how the link's destination is displayed when someone clicks the link. **Note:** Specifying anything but **none** will cause validation problems on your page. In this specific case, however, these validation problems will

not cause problems for your viewers' web browsers.

- **\_blank** - The destination will open in a new window.
- **\_top** - If your site uses frames, this option could be handy. The destination will open in the current web browser window instead of the current web page frame. Don't bother with this option if you don't use frames, or if you don't know what frames are; neither the default Kubrick nor the classic theme use frames.
- **none** - The default option. This will open the destination in the current window (or the current frame if your site uses frames).

#### Visible

Do you want this link to be listed on your site or not?

- **Yes** - The link will be visible (the default).
- **No** - The link will *not* be visible.

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